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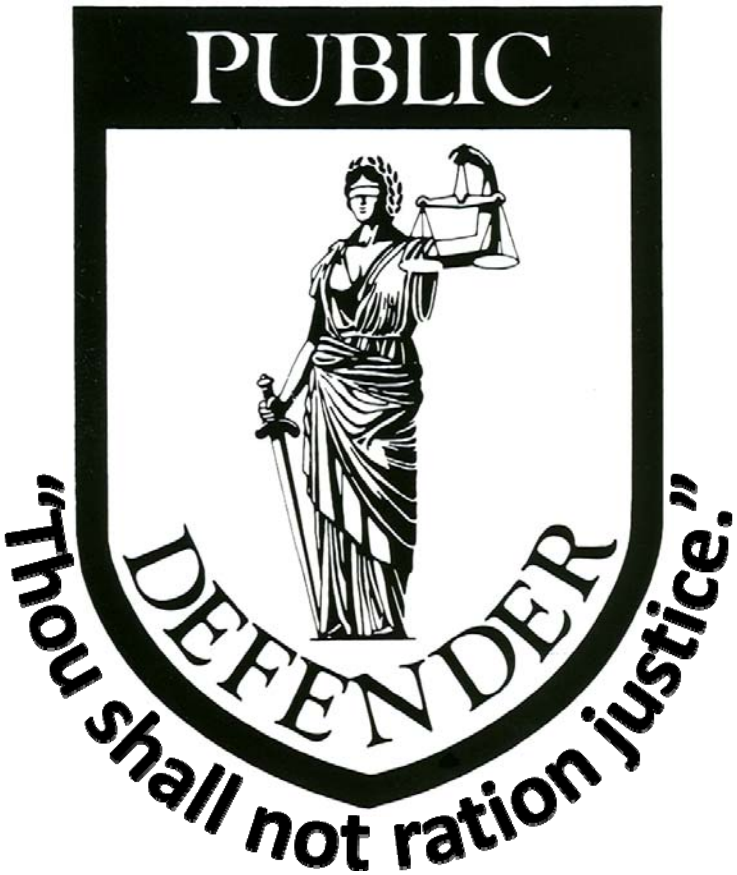

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Fiscal Year 2014
Annual Report

The Right to Counsel and the State Public Defender System in Missouri

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A message from the Director*….*

Cat Kelly
State Public Defender

Recent events in Ferguson, MO and other places around the nation have raised serious questions about how criminal justice is administered in our state and country – not just in terms of what constitutes responsible policing and where those boundaries lie, but also about the justice, or lack thereof, being dispensed within our courts. Inequities and abuses within a number of Missouri's municipal courts have made national headlines, prompting one Missouri legislator to pen an editorial entitled, "Who's Watching the Watchers?"

I can think of no better description of what public defenders do than that: We Watch the Watchers.

Everyone would like to believe that those entrusted with law enforcement, prosecution, and judging never make mistakes, never have agendas or biases that interfere with their objectivity, and never abuse the tremendous power they hold to destroy lives. But the founding fathers knew that not to be true. Even the most well-intentioned officers, prosecutors, and judges are not infallible. They are people and people make mistakes. No one is always objective. There will be times when corners are cut, shortcuts are taken, rules are ignored, and abuses occur. That is why there must be Watchers. There are no public defenders provided in Missouri's municipal courts. Even in our state courts where public defenders do serve, more resources are needed for them to be the effective check and balance that the citizens of Missouri and the cause of justice need them to be.

Public defenders both investigate the case for the defense and re-investigate the case the state claims it has against the accused. Sometimes the defenders uncover evidence that things are not what the state claimed. Sometimes they uncover evidence that there is more to the story than the police or prosecutors knew and the situation is very different than all assumed. And sometimes the defense investigation confirms that the state got it right, that the defendant did cross the line and has been justly brought before the court. Then the job of the public defender is to figure out why and what would best ensure that this person gets back on the right track. Mental illness and developmental disabilities, substance abuse and addiction, homelessness or other dire economic circumstances, lack of education or job skills – any and all of these may be among the mix that brings a particular defendant into the criminal justice system. Public defenders develop and advocate for solutions that address these problems and get people back on their feet.

Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it's the presence of justice." Public defenders are equal parts Watchers and Problem-Solvers, Educators and Advocates. When they are able to do their jobs well, the result is a justice system and a justice that Missourians can trust.

Missouri Public Defenders:
Who We Are & What We Do…

What is the Missouri Public Defender System?

The Missouri State Public Defender System [MSPD] is a statewide system, providing direct representation to indigent defendants accused or convicted of state crimes in Missouri's trial, appellate, and Supreme courts. It is an independent department of state government, located within, but not supervised by, the judicial branch. Instead, it is governed by a seven-member Public Defender Commission, each of whom is appointed by the governor. Commissioners serve six year terms and no more than four may be of the same political party. The Director of the Missouri State Public Defender System, Cathy R. Kelly and Deputy Director, Joel Elmer, are appointed by the Public Defender Commission.

Who qualifies for a public defender?

The Public Defender Commission sets indigence guidelines, which are used to determine who is eligible for public defender services. Currently, those guidelines match the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Strictly applied, that would mean an individual making only $11,000 a year would not qualify for a public defender. According to recent reports, Missouri ranks 50th out of 50 states in income eligibility standards for public defender services, leaving a wide gap of ineligible defendants who, in reality, still lack the means to retain private counsel in the market. Defendants have the right to appeal MSPD's denial of their application to the court for an independent review of their eligibility. If the court finds they are unable to afford private counsel, the court can overrule the public defender denial.

Who works for MSPD?

MSPD employs 587 employees, 376 of whom are attorneys. All attorneys employed by MSPD are prohibited from practicing law other than on behalf of clients of MSPD. The department is divided into a Trial Division, an Appellate/Post-Conviction Division and a Capital Division, each of which is described in greater detail in a on pages 16, 55, and 60, respectively.

Non-attorney district office staff is made up of investigators, capital mitigation specialists, paralegals, legal assistants and clerks. An operations staff provides centralized information technology support, fiscal, and human resources services for the 44 district offices located around the state, as well as managing MSPD's contracting of conflict cases to private counsel described in greater detail on page 64

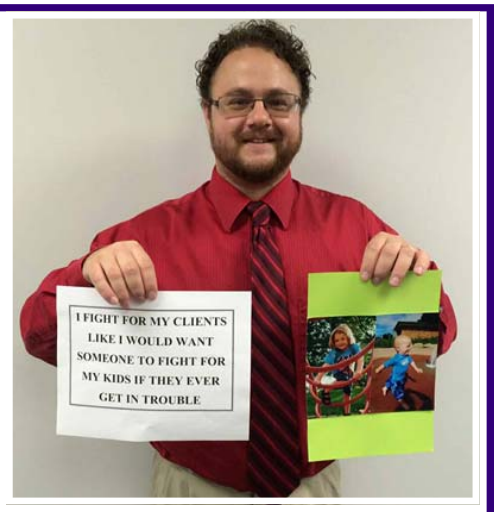
Mission Statement

The mission of the Missouri State Public Defender System is to provide high quality, zealous advocacy for indigent people who are accused of crime in the State of Missouri.

The lawyers, administrative staff, and support staff of the Public Defender System will ensure that this advocacy is not comprised.

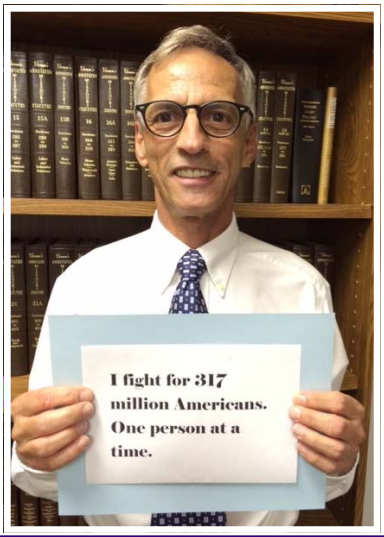
To provide this uncompromised advocacy, the Missouri State Defender System will supply each client with a high-quality, competent, ardent defense team at every stage of the process in which public defenders are necessary.

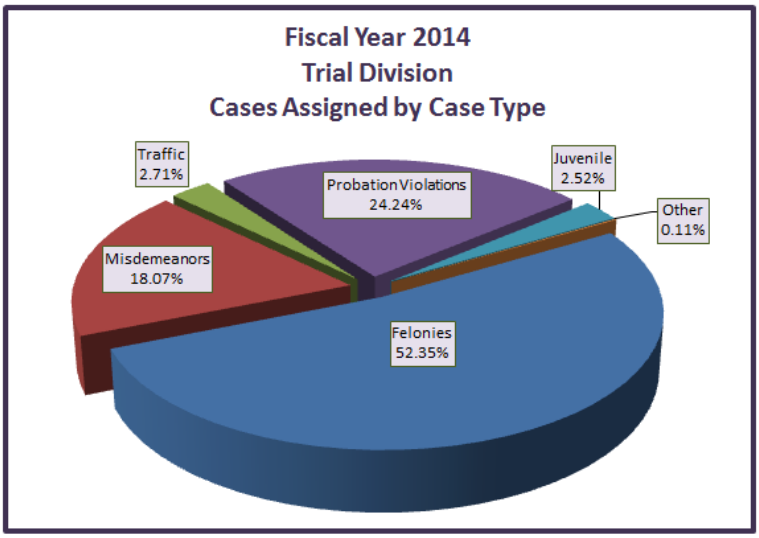
WHAT PUBLIC DEFENDERS FIGHT FOR EVERYDAY…



"In every criminal prosecution, the accused shall enjoy the right to the assistance of counsel for his defense."

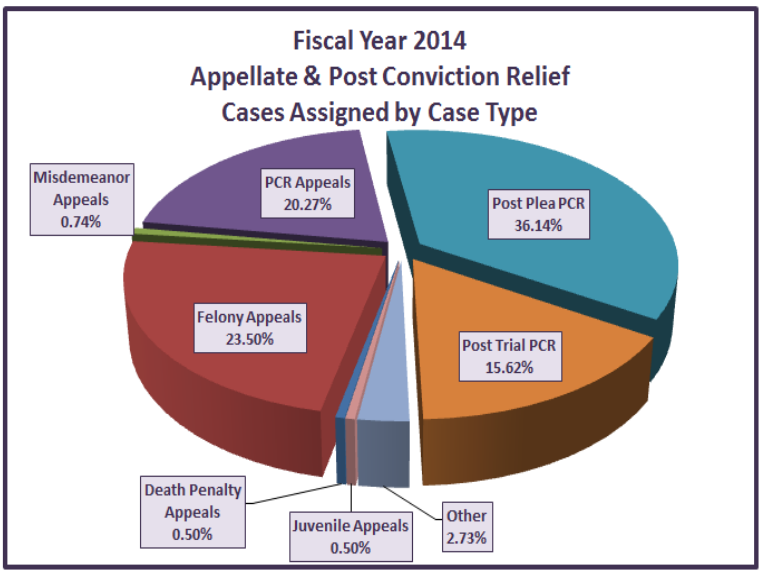
U.S. Constitution,

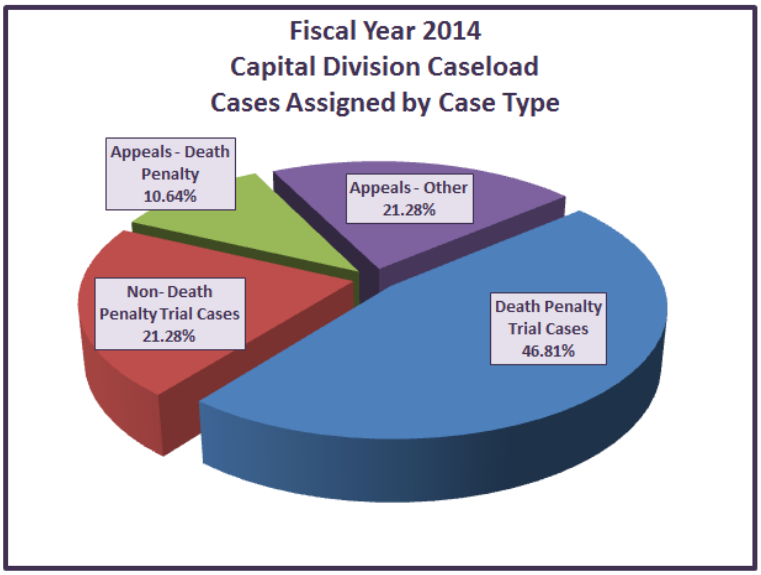




Trial Division	
# of Offices	33
Cases Carried Forward into Fiscal Year 2014	26,279
# of Assigned Cases	71,070
# of Attorney FTE	313.00

Appellate/PCR Division	
# of Offices	6
Cases Carried Forward into Fiscal Year 2014 (Does not include those waiting opinions)	1,160
# of Opened Cases	1,613
# of Attorney FTE	36.50





Capital Division	
# of Offices	3
Cases Carried Forward into Fiscal Year 2014	62
# of Opened Cases	47
# of Attorney FTE	16.00

Missouri Public Defender Caseload Relief Efforts Timeline

2005

MO Bar Task Force on the Public Defender was created in response to years of increasing caseload and turnover rates with no corresponding increase in staffing

2006

ABA Ethics Advisory Opinion on Public Defender Caseload Issued

Senate Interim Committee on the Public Defender

MO Bar Volunteer Attorney Program Instituted

Mo Personnel Advisory Board report shows MO PD salaries approximately 35% lower than comparable positions in surrounding states

2007

Exploration of Court Operating Rule to Limit Public Defender Appointment

$1.15M to contract case overload was added to PD budget by Legislature

2008

PD Commission enacts administrative rule regarding excessive caseload.

Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association Initiates volunteer attorney project

Western District Court of Appeals rules Public Defenders enjoy no immunity from malpractice liability lawsuits by virtue of being state employees

2009

Mo Legislature adopts and Governor vetoes – caseload Limit legislation

Legislature authorizes conversion of contracting funds to hire 12 new attorneys

Second MO Bar study completed

US Attorney General cites MO as an example of a broken indigent defense system

Mo Supreme Court rules Public Defenders can refuse excess cases, but not by type of case

2010

MSPD receives $250,000 in additional funds to hire support staff

Notice of impending defender unavailability given to 22 Judicial Circuits

First Public Defender Offices close to new cases. Litigation ensues.

2011

MSPD receives an additional $250,000 to hire support staff

Office closures to new cases on hold pending outcome of writ litigation

2012

MSPD receives $441,941 in additional contracting funds

Missouri Supreme Court Rules Judge erred in overriding Public Defender's notice of unavailability for additional cases

2013

MSPD begins limiting availability of offices to take on new cases under new Supreme Court ruling. 25 Judicial Circuits adopted administrative orders to triage cases.

Auditor releases audit critical of PD reliance on "unsupported" national caseload standards for determining office closures to new cases.

Legislation enacted that voids the Public Defender Commission's excessive caseload rule and establishes a new procedure that requires judicial approval for public defenders to turn away excess cases.

National Juvenile Defender Center Assessment of Missouri reveals significant deficiencies in juvenile defense representation.

2014

$700,000 of contracting funds moved from MSPD to OSCA for pilot projects. OSCA declines to spend funds citing conflict of interest.

RubinBrown completes ABA funded MSPD Workload Study.The Missouri Project.

2015

MSPD receives $3.4 million from General Assembly for for contracting out conflicts to Private Attorneys. Vetoed by the Governor Veto override by the General Assembly

2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015

Missouri State Public Defender System

Cases Assigned by Case Type

Fiscal Year	Murder 1st	Other Homicide	Felony	Murder + Felony Caseload	Misdemeanor	Juvenile	PCR	Other	Probation Violation	Appeals	Total Opened	Total Closed
FY14	129	138	38,554	38,821	15,228	1,830	939	166	17,460	752	75,196	72,197
FY13	152	207	38,785	39,144	16,692	1,670	986	238	18,477	792	77,999	79,985
FY12	121	197	38,551	38,869	20,948	1,923	1,212	159	20,320	966	84,397	81,871
FY11	148	149	35,753	36,050	22,767	1,893	1,088	119	20,066	913	82,896	80,137
FY10	161	164	34,781	35,106	24,768	2,393	1,141	131	20,147	930	84,616	81,346
FY09	121	180	33,226	33,527	25,181	2,513	1,264	181	19,518	898	83,082	81,704
FY08	158	154	34,766	35,078	26,098	2,715	1,061	182	19,555	716	85,405	85,116
FY07	174	161	35,109	35,444	27,816	3,380	828	129	19,157	743	87,497	85,133
FY06	138	146	35,339	35,623	28,227	3,676	838	46	19,412	710	88,532	83,260
FY05	156	124	33,282	33,562	28,931	3,881	937	120	20,012	688	88,131	87,180
FY04	154	140	34,422	34,716	28,018	4,258	807	98	20,263	756	88,916	86,356
FY03	195	114	35,425	35,734	25,807	4,147	806	103	18,479	832	85,908	81,059
FY02	163	132	33,183	33,478	25,147	3,918	802	64	18,047	750	82,206	77,165
FY01	182	125	29,934	30,241	22,903	4,488	711	82	17,663	698	76,786	73,438
FY00	147	109	28,019	28,275	24,119	4,998	763	76	16,768	739	75,738	69,591
FY99	182	108	28,892	29,182	23,721	4,629	797	112	14,488	809	73,738	74,570
FY98	196	87	31,591	31,874	24,676	4,270	674	138	14,141	689	76,462	74,495
FY97	169	79	29,663	29,911	21,912	4,075	513	156	13,437	839	70,843	67,870
FY96	175	88	30,198	30,461	23,069	3,612	707	178	11,444	1,038	70,509	70,664
FY95	256	109	27,688	28,053	17,696	3,916	719	165	9,362	1,138	61,049	61,710
FY94	255	152	25,338	25,745	17,852	3,374	682	201	8,225	1,017	57,096	52,453
FY93	301	136	24,402	24,839	15,883	3,146	766	249	7,301	872	53,056	52,363
FY92	282	37	25,458	25,777	19,974	3,372	1,129	167	5,321	569	56,309	55,651
FY91	193	63	21,304	21,560	13,941	2,713	588	169	5,051	820	44,842	49,038
FY90	227	109	23,336	23,672	14,627	3,300	732	369	5,834	1,094	49,628	46,425
FY89	193	149	20,838	21,180	12,902	3,298	1,342	418	5,074	1,243	45,457	42,532
FY88	202	161	20,640	21,003	12,427	3,455	1,006	470	4,475	920	43,756	40,117
FY87	199	145	19,254	19,598	11,736	3,564	755	443	4,308	728	41,132	37,081
FY86	166	175	17,042	17,383	10,602	3,328	612	611	3,815	608	36,959	34,491
FY85	152	172	15,397	15,721	9,126	3,500	543	522	3,293	632	33,337	32,410
FY84	176	175	15,048	15,399	9,256	3,058	534	499	2,878	506	32,130	31,730

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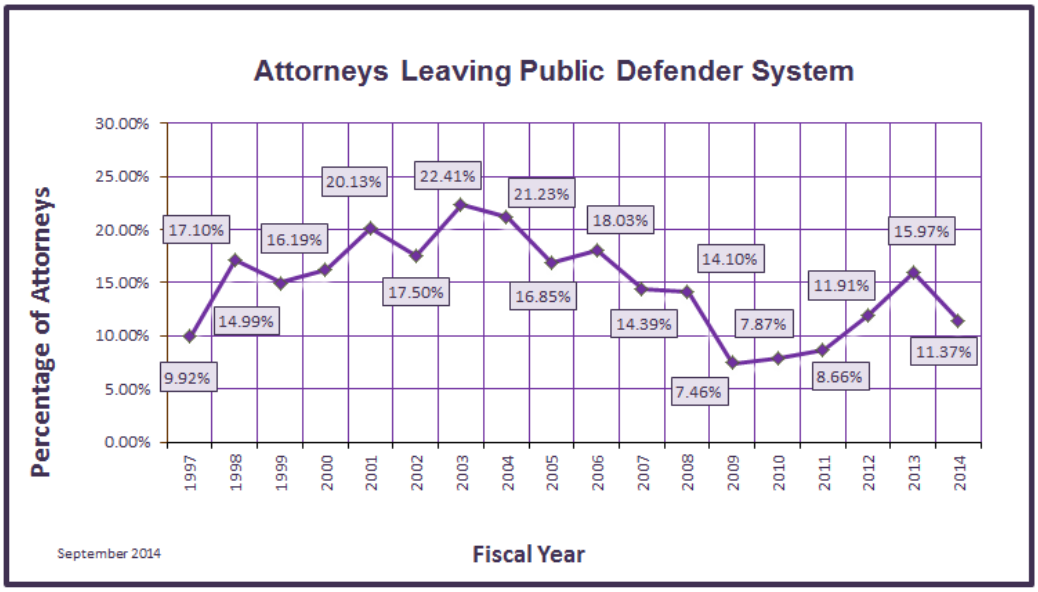
Missouri Public Defenders:
Salary Information

Assistant Public Defender Starting Salaries July 1, 2014	
Assistant Public Defender I	$38,544
Assistant Public Defender II	$45,612
Assistant Public Defender III	$50,592
Assistant Public Defender IV	$62,040

Providing effective assistance of counsel in each case demands a well-trained, highly experienced corps of dedicated attorneys and support staff. High turnover makes this difficult, if not impossible, to provide. After MSPD began hitting turnover rates of 20-22% in the mid-2000's, repositioning salary adjustments were enacted to bring salaries to the levels shown above. The fact that just these small changes were enough to make MSPD's attorney turnover drop several significant percentage points is proof that most public defenders do want to remain in public service if at all possible. However, staggering student debt loans ($60,000—$200,000) make it extremely difficult for even those who are passionate about public interest employment to work for MSPD, make their loan payments, and provide for themselves and their families.



The recession that hit in 2008 was actually much more effective in reducing attorney turnover. Private law firms stopped hiring and senior attorneys on the verge of setting up their own private practice put plans on hold, given the state of the economy. The combination has given MSPD a bit of reprieve from the revolving door, but the underlying factors that have perennially caused high attorney turnover have not been resolved -- Missouri's public defenders still struggle with staggering student loan debt and still are paid less than what their counterparts in criminal justice are receiving. Caseloads are still overwhelming and lawyers still enjoy no immunity from either civil liability or disciplinary action for their failures to handle that caseload effectively, no matter how impossible that task might be.

The District Defenders who head each of MSPD's District offices around the state are equally far behind the counterparts, both within the Missouri criminal justice system and in the field of public defense nationally. Missouri's full-time elected prosecuting attorneys are required by state statute to be paid the same as an Associate Circuit Judge, $133,716. By comparison their Public Defender counterparts are paid an average of a mere $79,491. This level of pay inequity between the defense and prosecution sides of the criminal justice system is neither equitable nor sustainable.

Public Defender Appropriations

General Revenue: Missouri State Public Defender (MSPD) funding is almost entirely from state general revenue. It comes in three appropriations:

Personal Service: Used to pay the salaries of all MSPD employees.

Expense & Equipment: Used to pay the overhead costs of operations, such as office supplies and equipment, employee travel expenses, and rent and utilities for the statewide offices.

Litigation & Contracting Expenses: Used to pay the cost of contracting cases out to private counsel and litigation expenses on both MSPD cases and those cases contracted out to private counsel. Litigation expenses include the cost of experts, depositions, transcripts, exhibits, independent testing of evidence, etc.

Legal Defense and Defender Fund: This appropriation is not money given to MSPD but the authorization to spend money collected by MSPD up to the ceiling of the appropriation. The collections associated with fund are the result of Section 600.090 RSMo, which requires public defenders to assess liens against the clients receiving public defender service. Payments made on those liens are deposited into the Legal Defense and Defender Fund and used to fund all public defender training as well as pay for such miscellaneous expenditures as computer lines, WestLaw, bar dues for the system's 376 attorneys, etc. In FY14 MSPD collected $1.344 million through lien repayments.

The personal service component of the LDDF appropriation authorizes MSPD to pay the salaries of two employees, the system's Director of Training and the Training Assistant, out of the lien moneys collected rather than through the general revenue personal service appropriation.

Debt Offset Escrow Fund: This again, is not an appropriation of actual money, but an authorization for MSPD to collect funds through the state's debt offset program. Under this program, taxpayers due a refund of state income tax who owe a debt to the state may have their refund intercepted and used to pay down the debt instead. MSPD participates in this program to collect payments on the liens described above. The money collected through this program is not in addition to the LDDF collections, but a subset thereof.

Grants: Another 'permission' appropriation, rather than actual money appropriation, this authorizes MSPD to collect up to $125,000 in grants from the federal government or other sources. The last time MSPD collected a federal grant was in the mid-1990's to help begin an Alternative Sentencing Program of social workers to develop client-specific sentencing plans as a way to reduce recidivism. That program proved successful and was picked up and funded by the state after the federal grant expired. Unfortunately, the growing caseload crisis and attorney shortage this past decade required MSPD to dismantle the program in order to turn the social worker FTE into more attorney positions.

Actual Funding: In all, in FY14, MSPD received a total of $36.635 million from the combination of general revenue ($35.291M) and actual collections under the LDDF program ($1.344M).

State Public Defender General Revenue Appropriations		
Fiscal Year	Total Amount	Total FTE
1994	$13,770,464	410.38
1995	$15,744,183	424.38
1996	$18,480,875	437.88
1997	$22,354,019	478.38
1998	$22,935,946	507.13
1999	$26,918,367	527.38
2000	$28,473,301	548.88
2001	$29,713,513	556.13
2002	$29,808,922	556.13
2003	$29,808,922	556.13
2004	$28,111,874	558.13
2005	$28,463,282	558.13
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2007	$30,493,582	558.13
2008	$32,680,606	558.13
2009	$34,069,815	558.13
2010	$34,207,100	570.13
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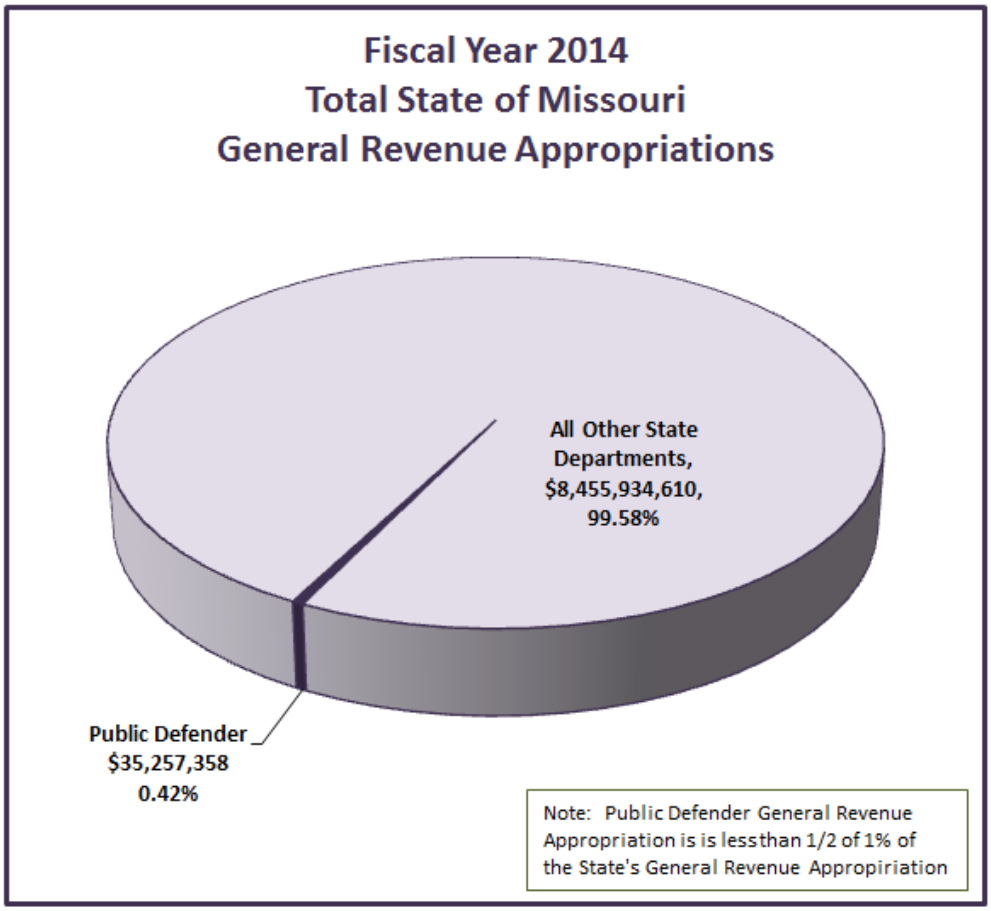
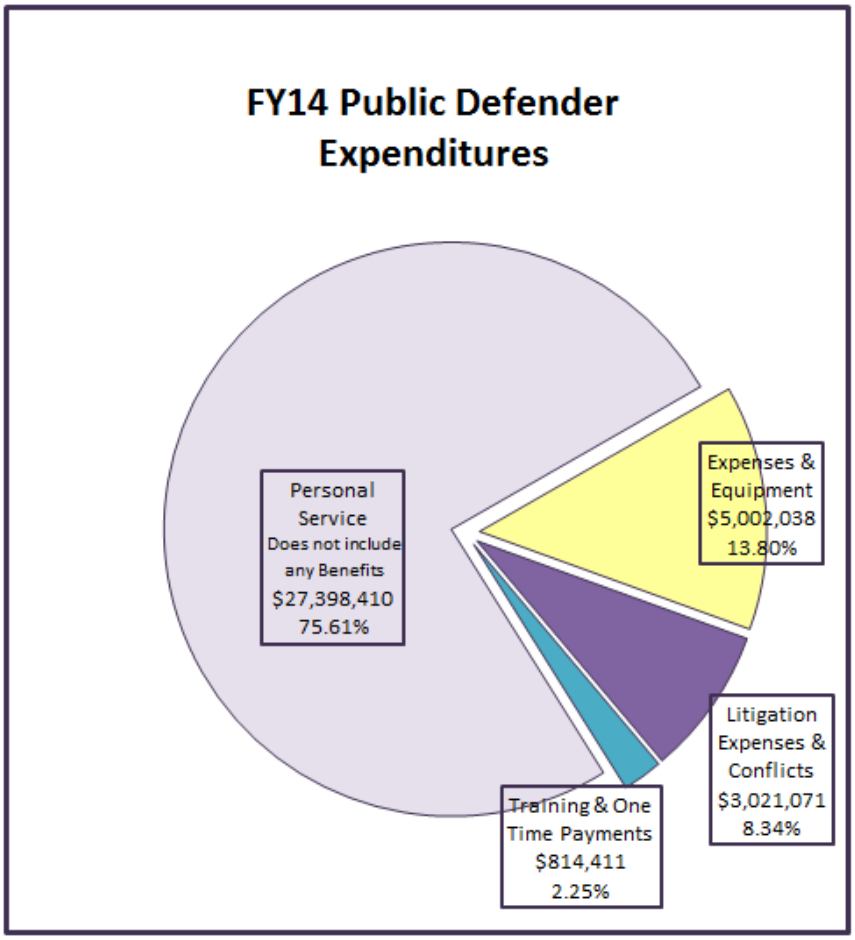
2012	$34,707,100	585.13
2013	$36,321,545	585.13
2014	$35,290,793	585.13

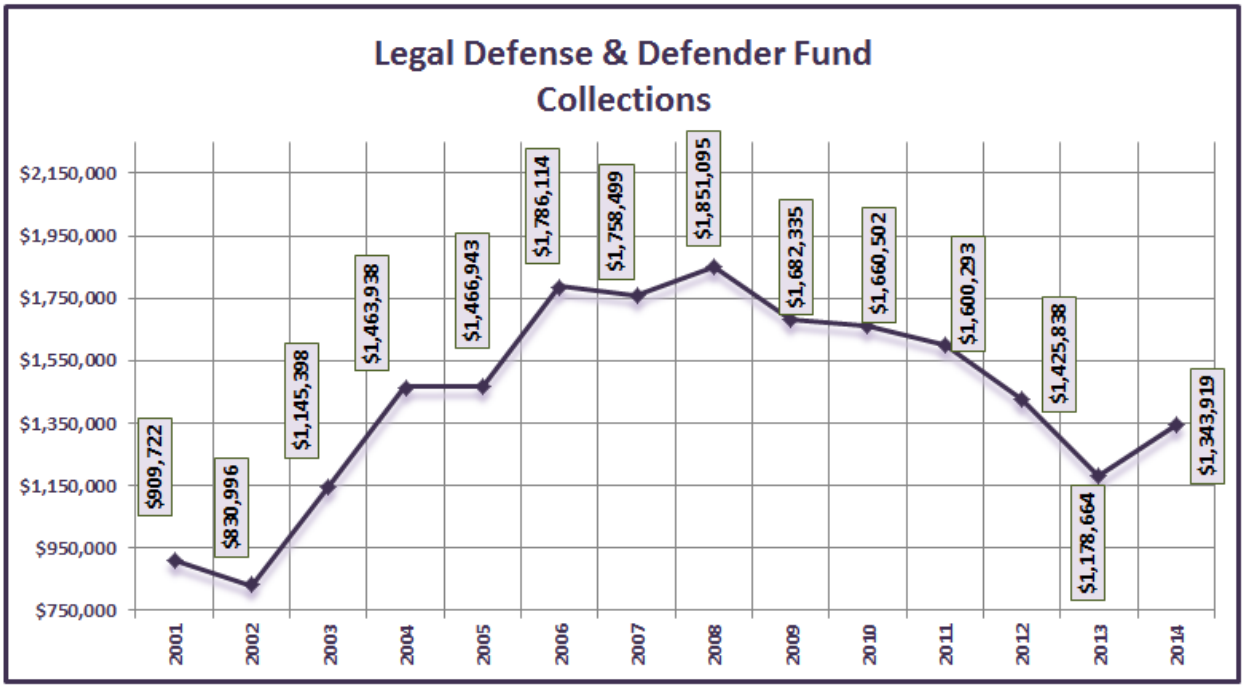

Fiscal Year 2014
Total State of Missouri
General Revenue Appropriations
All Other State Departments, $8,455,934,610, 99.58%
Public Defender $35,257,358 0.42%
Note: Public Defender General Revenue Appropriation is is lessthan 1/2 of 1% of the State's General Revenue Appropiriation


FY14 Public Defender Expenditures
Personal Service Does not include any Benefits $27,398,410 75.61%
Expenses & Equipment $5,002,038 13.80%
Litigation Expenses & Conflicts $3,021,071 8.34%
Training & One Time Payments $814,411 2.25%

Collections from clients for the indigent defense services provided to them are generally collected through two revenue streams. Approximately 40% of collections comes through state income tax refund intercepts by the Department of Revenue. The remainder is generally collected by courts who collect payments of the Public Defender fees along with court costs at the close of a case. As the chart reflects, collections overall have steadily declined since the onset of the latest recession, which has of course negatively impacted revenues across the board, both within Missouri and across the nation.

Nonetheless, this past fiscal year MSPD aggressively explored options for improving collections. Actions adopted and soon to be implemented include improved district office communication with clients re the debts owed and accepting debit and credit card payments via both the internet and telephone.

Retention of a collection agency to pursue collection remedies against clients with outstanding judgments was also explored, but proved to be much less tenable. $20.5 million of the outstanding debt owed to MSPD is due from former MSPD clients who are currently incarcerated in the Missouri Department of Corrections. No collections agency was even willing to explore the possibility of collections activities against those individuals. Excluding the incarcerated debtors still left approximately 252,000 unincarcerated individuals with outstanding debts to MSPD and MSPD spent several months in meetings and conversation with collections entities exploring collections actions against these individuals. At the end of the process, however, the unanimous conclusion of all ten or so collection entities contacted in this process was that attempting legal collections efforts against this population -- those at or below the federal poverty level at the time of representation and most with criminal convictions hampering still further any future employment opportunities -- would inevitably wind up costing significantly more than it would return. Not one was willing to undertake the project, even on a trial basis. With only two clerks handling all of the accounts payable and receivable for MSPD, pursing more aggressive collections efforts *in-house* is simply not an option; nor, according to the private industry experts, is it likely to be profitable for the state in the long run.



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97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fiscal Year 2014

Section 12.400. To the Office of the State Public Defender

For the purpose of funding the State Public Defender System

Personal Service and/or Expense and Equipment	$32,236,287
For payment of expenses as provided by Chapter 600, RSMo, associated with the defense of violent crimes and/or the contracting of criminal representation with entities outside of the Missouri State Public Defender System	$3,021,071
From General Revenue Fund	$35,257,358
For expenses authorized by the Public Defender Commission as provided by Section 600.090, RSMo	
Personal Service	$130,726
Expense and Equipment	$2,850,756
From Legal Defense and Defender Fund	$2,981,482
For refunds set-off against debts as required by RSMo 143.786, From Debt Offset Escrow Fund	$1,200,000E
For all grants and contributions of funds from the federal government or from any other source which may be deposited in the State Treasury for the use of the Office of the State Public Defender From Federal Funds	$125,000
Total (Not to exceed 587.13 F.T.E.)	$39,563,840

The average direct cost of all cases disposed by the State Public Defender (including Death Penalty Representation) in Fiscal Year 2014 was $417.58. The Trial Division Average was $345.34.

Fiscal Year 2014 Trial Division Average Cost Per Case						
District	Location	Total Costs	FY14 Cases Assigned	Cost Per Assignment	FY14 Cases Disposed	Cost Per Disposition
2	Kirksville	$236,684	622	$380.52	600	$394.47
4	Maryville	$252,468	494	$511.07	553	$456.54
5	St. Joseph	$532,531	1,671	$318.69	1,730	$307.82
7	Liberty	$836,419	2,764	$302.61	2,656	$314.92
10	Hannibal	$434,929	1,101	$395.03	1,063	$409.15
11	St. Charles	$624,641	1,474	$423.77	1,469	$425.22
12	Fulton	$502,884	1,949	$258.02	1,729	$290.85
13	Columbia	$1,052,591	3,584	$293.69	3,582	$293.86
14	Moberly	$473,819	1,479	$320.36	1,599	$296.32
15	Sedalia	$487,226	2,245	$217.03	2,242	$217.32
16	Kansas City	$2,640,225	4,418	$597.61	4,601	$573.84
17	Harrisonville	$647,769	2,375	$272.74	2,131	$303.97
19	Jefferson City	$477,050	2,710	$176.03	2,759	$172.91
20	Union	$429,976	843	$510.05	880	$488.61
21	St. Louis County	$1,516,167	4,913	$308.60	4,831	$313.84
22	St. Louis City	$2,247,468	3,521	$638.30	4,108	$547.10
23	Hillsboro	$460,172	1,159	$397.04	1,279	$359.79
24	Farmington	$806,216	2,504	$321.97	2,570	$313.70
25	Rolla	$986,151	3,367	$292.89	3,359	$293.58
26	Lebanon	$529,068	1,884	$280.82	1,771	$298.74
28	Nevada	$415,038	1,621	$256.04	1,582	$262.35
29	Carthage	$1,220,019	2,899	$420.84	2,662	$458.31
30	Bolivar	$538,094	1,454	$370.08	1,492	$360.65
31	Springfield	$1,467,457	5,280	$277.93	5,129	$286.11
32	Jackson	$915,405	2,548	$359.26	2,541	$360.25
34	Caruthersville	$350,606	1,168	$300.18	1,035	$338.75
35	Kennett	$370,254	1,339	$276.51	1,273	$290.85
36	Poplar Bluff	$484,089	2,230	$217.08	1,894	$255.59
37	West Plains	$413,798	1,238	$334.25	1,267	$326.60
39	Monett	$559,867	1,954	$286.52	1,943	$288.15
43	Chillicothe	$717,336	2,221	$322.98	2,179	$329.20
44	Ava	$279,800	978	$286.09	1,028	$272.18
45	Troy	$475,167	1,063	$447.01	1,064	$446.59
	Trial Division Totals	$24,381,382	71,070	$343.06	70,601	$345.34

Cost variances between offices often occur due to the range of conflict county assignments.

Fiscal Year 2014 Commitment Defense Unit Average Cost Per Case						
District	Location	Total Costs	FY14 Cases Assigned	Cost Per Assignment	FY14 Cases Disposed	Cost Per Disposition
71	Civil Commitment Unit	$399,672.76	39	$10,248.02	45	$8,881.62

Fiscal Year 2014 Appellate Division Average Cost Per Case						
District	Location	Total Costs	FY14 Cases Assigned	Cost Per Assignment	FY14 Cases Disposed	Cost Per Disposition
50	Columbia Appellate	$682,155	315	$2,165.57	275	$2,480.56
51	St. Louis Appellate	$679,327	390	$1,741.86	362	$1,876.59
52	Kansas City Appellate	$374,216	127	$2,946.58	143	$2,616.89
67	Appellate/PCR Central A	$687,077	352	$1,951.92	321	$2,140.43
68	Appellate/PCR Eastern B	$355,296	294	$1,208.49	299	$1,188.28
69	Appellate/PCR Western B	$261,985	135	$1,940.63	139	$1,884.78
	Appellate Division Totals	$3,040,056	1,613	$1,884.72	1,539	$1,975.35

Fiscal Year 2014 Capital Division Average Cost Per Case						
District	Location	Total Costs	FY14 Cases Assigned	Cost Per Assignment	FY14 Cases Disposed	Cost Per Disposition
53	Columbia Capital	$789,056	5	$157,811.22	6	$131,509.35
54	St. Louis Capital	$1,011,255	15	$67,416.99	10	$101,125.48
55	Kansas City Capital	$530,638	7	$75,805.36	6	$88,439.59
		$2,330,948	27	$86,331.42	22	$105,952.20

Note: In Fiscal Year 2014, the Capital Division also provided representation in some Non-Death Appeals; as follows:

District 53 - 3 Assigned and 4 Disposed; District 54 - 14 Assigned and 4 Disposed; District 55 - 3 Assigned and 7 Disposed

These numbers are not included in the Assigned or Disposed Case Totals

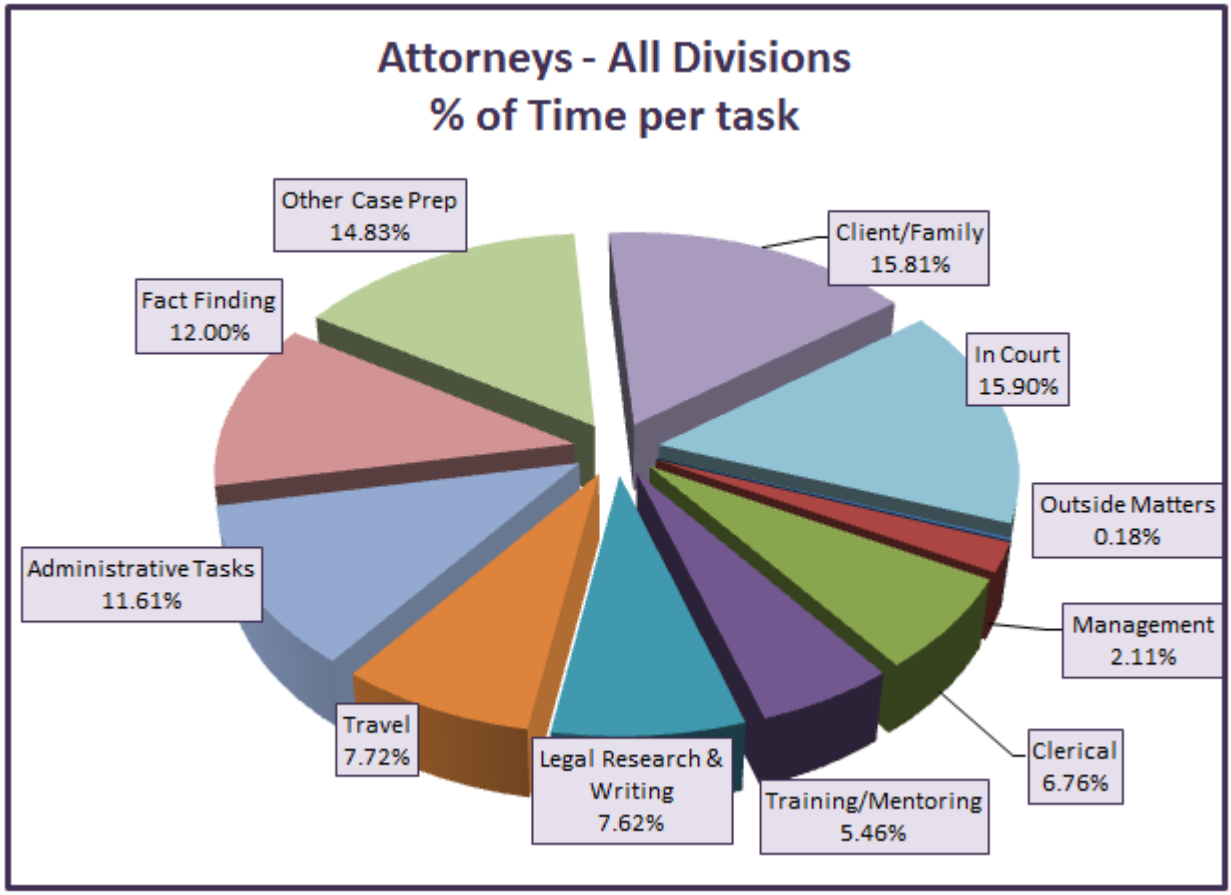
Time-Keeping

Attorney Tasks	% of Time per task
Administrative Tasks	11.61%
Clerical	6.76%
Client/Family	15.81%
Fact Finding	12.00%
In Court	15.90%
Legal Research & Writing	7.62%
Management	2.11%
Other Case Prep	14.83%
Outside Matters	0.18%
Training/Mentoring	5.46%
Travel	7.72%
Grand Total	**100.00%**

On March 1, 2013, MSPD began recording their time according to task and case type. While public defender time-keeping had been instituted once before, in 2006, as part of a twelve-week workload study, this new time-keeping approach is not a one-time study, but a permanent change in MSPD's way of doing business. Employee time-logs are kept in five-minute increments and are completed by MSPD attorneys, investigators and mitigation specialists.

The time-keeping program in use was designed to allow MSPD management to expand or collapse the number of categories and tasks tracked. This flexibility permits the periodic collection of much more detailed data for use in workload studies or tracking a particular issue of concern, while also permitting the collapse of multiple tasks into simpler-to-use broader categories for the ongoing tracking of time.

Initial data from the new time-keeping system reveals the following breakdown of attorney time within the Public Defender System:



Missouri Public Defenders:
Trial Division

These are the trial lawyers, the ones Missouri's indigent defendants first turn to upon being arrested and charged with a crime. The lawyers usually enter on their cases at or soon after a defendant's first appearance in associate circuit court following an arrest and will continue representing the defendant through the entire associate and circuit court process – up to and including the plea or trial and, if convicted, the sentencing hearing. The division consists of 33 district trial offices providing representation in 94.5% of the cases that make up the system's caseload.

MSPD's Trial Division attorneys handle every type of state criminal case in which the law includes a possible jail sentence among the penalty options for the court to consider -- from traffic offenses, conservation, and 'Minor in Possession of Alcohol' offenses up to and including non-capital murder cases. (Capital Murder cases are handled by the MSPD Capital Division.) The Trial Division also provides representation in petitions for release from the Department of Mental Health which is discussed further below.

An MSPD Trial Division Attorney's practice will generally include:

- bond hearings for those defendants who are confined pre-trial and seeking release, which can include verifying a place to stay, finding a sponsor the court is likely to trust, verifying an employer will take them back to work, etc.;
- preliminary hearings;
- tracking down and reviewing all of the state's discovery – police reports, lab reports, witness statements, hospital records, etc.;
- interviewing or deposing the key state's witnesses;
- locating and interviewing potential defense witnesses;
- tracking down records and evidence that may help establish the defendant's innocence;
- visiting crime scenes or re-enacting a described crime to see if the real thing matches up with what witnesses described;
- reviewing the results and original notes and data from forensic tests conducted by the state, determining whether an independent analysis by an expert who doesn't work for the state is warranted, and if so, finding that expert and arranging for the testing of the evidence;
- making initial assessments of the defendant's ability to understand the legal proceedings and, when the defendant exhibits developmental or mental disabilities, arranging for an expert to evaluate the defendant to make that determination;
- researching the law applicable to the defendant's case and litigating motions where it appears the defendant has not been properly charged, the law has not been followed, or the state is seeking to put on evidence of questionable admissibility or reliability;
- negotiating plea agreements with the prosecutor, as well as locating and litigating for sentencing options that could effectively address the problems that resulted in the defendant getting into trouble in the first place and thus reduce the likelihood of recidivism; or

- if the case is one that goes to a trial, conducting that trial, before either a judge or jury, as well as being present and advising the client concerning all the court appearances a defendant will be required to make as his case progresses through the criminal justice system;
- and of course meeting with and advising the client, and perhaps the client's family members if the client requests it, throughout each of the above processes.

As the above list indicates, an attorney's appearance in court on behalf of a defendant is a very small portion of the work they must do on a case. When they have too many cases, some of these steps are skipped or fall by the way side. The state's evidence is taken at face value, assumed by all to be accurate and mistakes fall through the cracks, uncaught and uncorrected. The result is that individual defendants and justice as a whole suffer.

Types of Cases Handled by the Trial Division

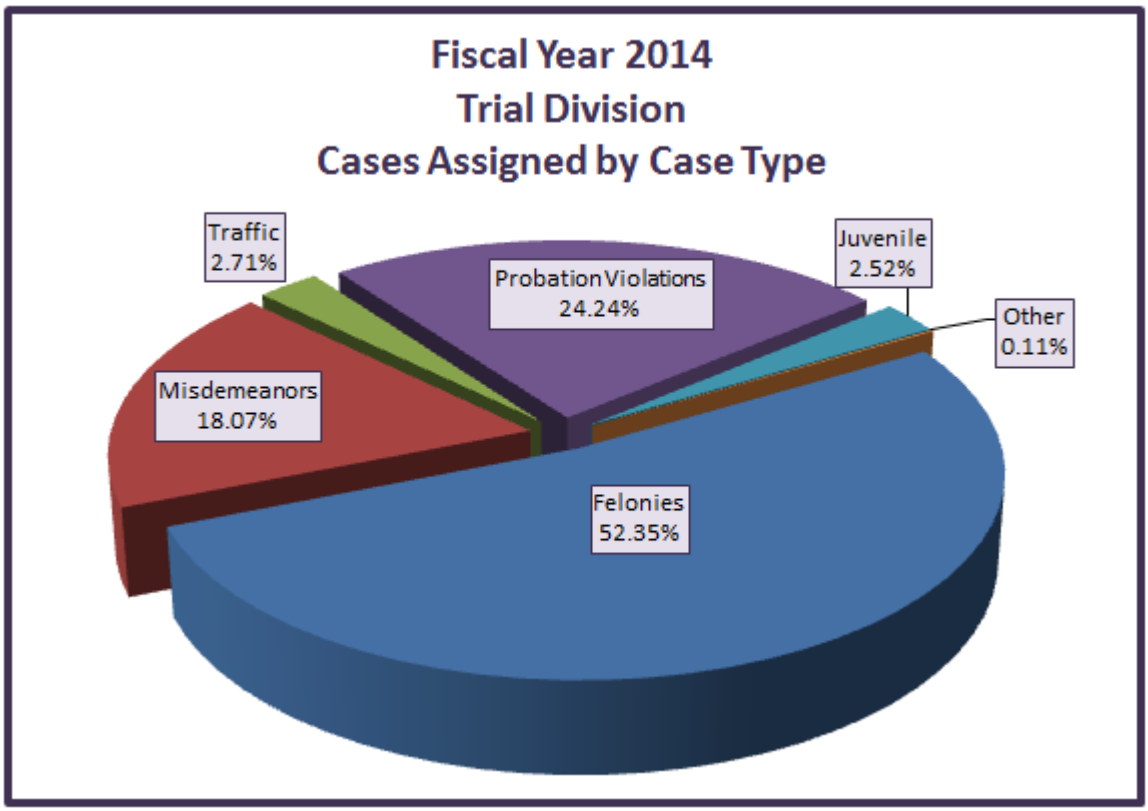
FELONY OFFENSES: As the pie chart on the following page shows, 52.35% of the Trial Division caseload in FY14 was made up of felony offenses. These are charges which carry penitentiary time, ranging from one to four years of imprisonment for the lowest level felonies up to life in prison without the possibility of probation or parole for the most serious offenses.

MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES: Misdemeanor offenses are those which carry jail time as a possible sentence, but any jail time imposed would be served in the county jail rather than the state's penitentiary. The maximum sentence on the highest level misdemeanor offenses is one year incarceration.

JUVENILE CASES: Missouri's juvenile courts have jurisdiction over anyone under the age of 17 who is accused of committing an offense that would be a crime if that person were an adult. They also have jurisdiction over various 'status offenses' – things that apply only to juveniles and not to adults. Examples of these would be Truancy and Incorrigibility. Some Missouri courts appoint private attorneys for juveniles who cannot hire their own attorneys, but a number of counties, particularly those in the urban areas with more significant juvenile caseloads, continue to rely on the public defender to provide defense representation to these children.

PROBATION VIOLATION CASES: These are cases in which the defendant has already been through the court system on an underlying charge and placed on probation. The new case arises from the allegation that the defendant has in some way violated the conditions of his/her probation. Violations can arise from new criminal behavior, whether or not any criminal charges were filed; so an arrest alone can be grounds for a probation violation. A defendant may also face a violation proceeding for what are known as technical violations, which are violations of conditions put in place at the time of the probation. These can include such things as failing a drug test, failure to report to the probation officer as instructed, failure to complete an ordered treatment or education program, etc.

PETITIONS FOR RELEASE: Another type of civil commitment in which public defender is involved are those following a finding of Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity [NGRI]. A defendant found to be NGRI is automatically committed to the Department of Mental Health for treatment. Petitions for Release are the requests by those so committed to now be released from the Department of Mental Health. Some who have already been released from the mental institution on a conditional release are asking to be unconditionally released, free of the ongoing supervision and conditions of the Department of Mental Health. The issue in both such petitions is whether the defendant's mental illness is sufficiently under control that he or she no longer poses a threat to themselves or to others. These petitions are litigated before a judge, rather than a jury.



FAQ: Why does MSPD count probation violations as separate cases when the courts and prosecutors do not?

It is the practice of Missouri's prosecutors and courts to hold open the original case out of which probation arose, for the duration of the probationary period. As a result, they then treat probation violations as simply another proceeding within the original case.

By contrast, it is the practice of MSPD and the defense bar as whole to close out a case once the defendant is placed on probation. Neither group of defense attorneys, private or public, is willing or able to commit to continuing to represent, counsel, or maintain contact with that client over the course of his / her probation (which on a felony case can last up to five years) as would be ethically required of them as defense counsel if they maintained these as open cases for the duration of the probationary period.

If a probation violation is later filed, private defense attorneys generally expect a separate retainer in order to

represent the defendant on that probation violation. This is why MSPD winds up with many probation violation cases in which the defendant had private counsel on the underlying charge. The defendant cannot come up with the additional money to pay the private attorney to handle the new probation violation matter. By the same token, MSPD is seldom in a position to re-assign to the defendant the same attorney who handled the underlying charge in his case. In either situation, therefore, a new attorney-client relationship must be established just as in any other new case.

The evidence of violation is gathered and reported to the court and prosecutor by the probation officer. The review of that evidence, investigation of its accuracy, the review of the law that applies to the circumstances of this revocation proceeding and the investigation into and presentation to the judge of other sentencing alternatives in lieu of revocation is the obligation of defense counsel. If done correctly, this is very comparable to the work that is required in any other criminal case and therefore MSPD counts it as a case in its own right.

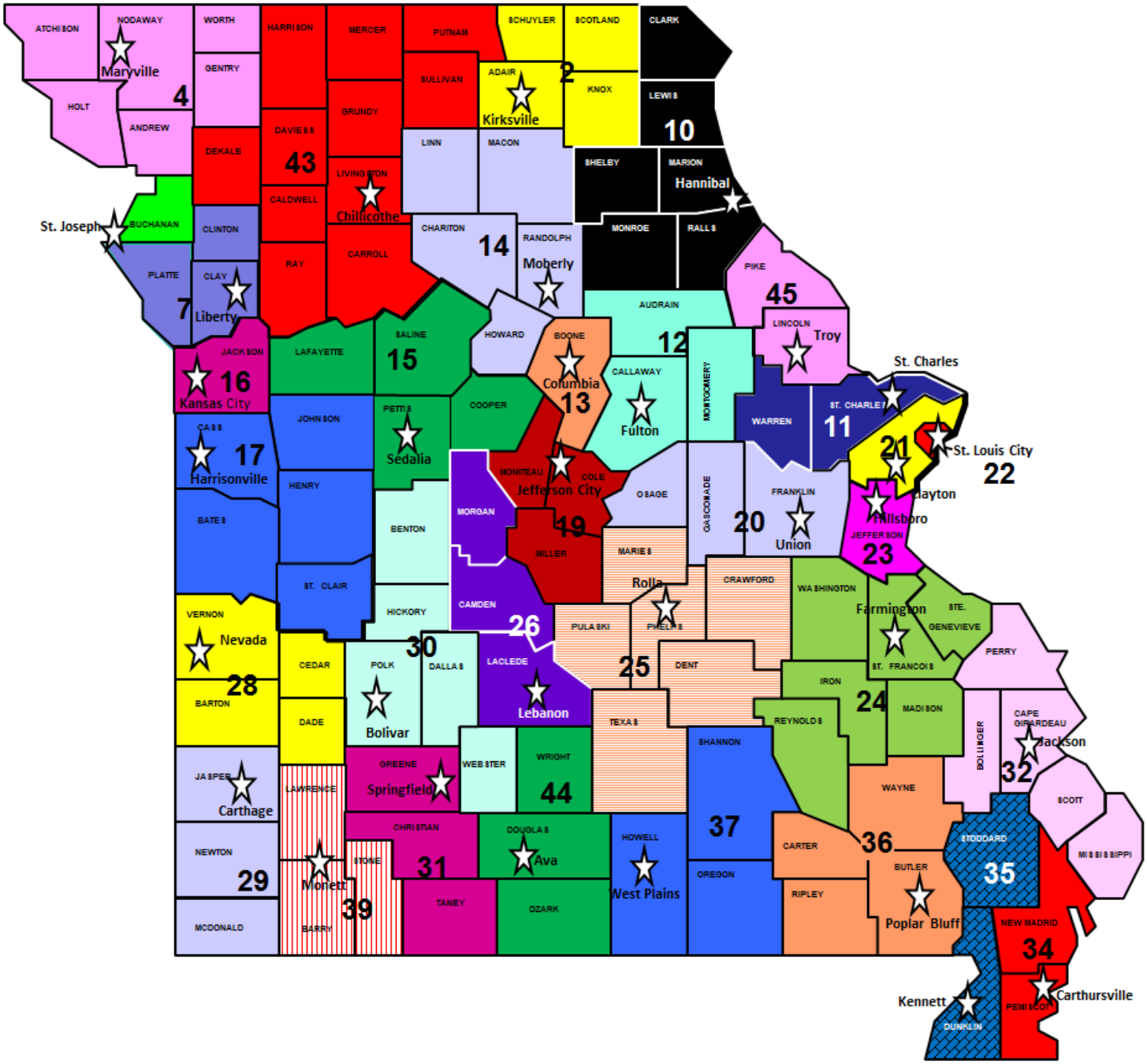
COUNTY VS CIRCUIT SYSTEMS

Missouri's 33 trial offices provide defense representation to indigent defendants in all of Missouri's 114 counties plus the City of St. Louis. Some of the urban offices serve only one county, but most of the offices serving rural counties are responsible for several counties. The office with the largest geographic spread is District 43, located in Chillicothe, which serves eleven counties. Most offices, however, cover between three and five counties.

Currently, the geographic areas covered by defender offices do not coincide with Missouri's judicial circuits, even though the district numbers assigned to each office will often be the same as that of one of the judicial circuits the office serves. For example, one public defender office may serve only two of the three counties in a particular judicial circuit, while also providing service in two counties from an adjoining judicial circuit.

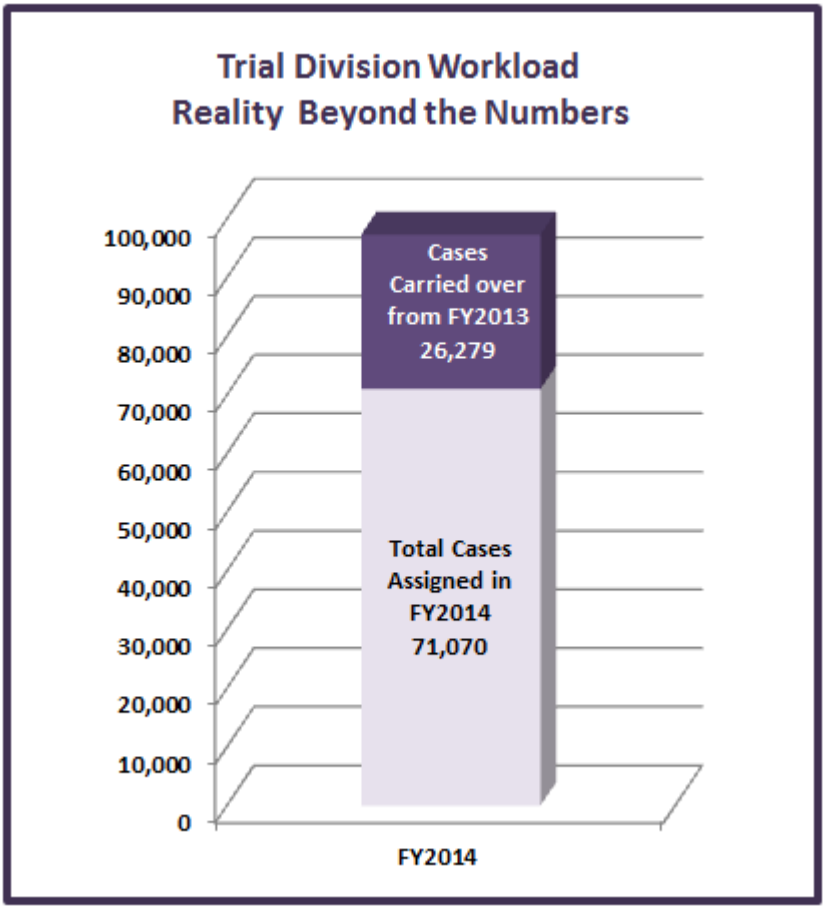
This arrangement will be changing as the result of legislation enacted in the Spring of 2013. HB215 requires that the Missouri Public Defender Commission, which is responsible for determining where public defender offices are established and their boundaries of service, begin the move toward making public defender districts congruent with judicial circuits. A plan for implementing that change is due to the legislature by December 31 of 2015 and final implementation of the revised districts is to be completed by December 31, 2018. Under the legislation, one district office may serve more than one judicial circuit, but circuits may not be split between more than one district office.

Public Defender Trial Division
District Map
Fiscal Year 2014



Fiscal Year 2014
- Trial Division -
Cases by Case Type

Case Type	Description	Opened Cases	Closed Cases
15	Murder - 1st Degree	104	120
20	Other Homicide	117	144
30D	A - B Felony Drug	2,951	3,042
30F	A - B Felony Other	3,816	3,734
30X	A - B Felony Sex	647	614
35D	C - D Felony Drug	7,597	7,278
35F	C - D Felony Other	21,592	21,382
35X	C - D Felony Sex	382	366
45M	Misdemeanor	12,840	12,799
45T	Misd. - Traffic	1,925	1,922
50N	Juvenile Non-violent	923	824
50S	Juvenile Status	139	141
50V	Juvenile Violent	730	655
60	Mental Health Release Petiti	20	14
65F	Probation Violation - Felony	13,911	14,093
65M	Probation Violation - Misd.	3,315	3,416
75	Special Writ	1	2
82	Appeal - Other	0	1
99	Unknown	60	54
		71,070	70,601



MSPD tracks both assigned and disposed of cases for each fiscal year, and both of those numbers for FY2014 can be found within this Annual Report. However, those two numbers are generally not tracking the same cases. Many cases take more than a year from assignment to disposition and many more do not fall neatly, start to finish, within a single fiscal year. The above chart reflects the reality that no lawyer begins the fiscal year with an empty file drawer. At the start of FY2014, Missouri's Trial Division public defenders had over 26,000 pending cases already on their desks, to which another 71,070 new cases were assigned over the course of the fiscal year.

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Fiscal Year 2014 Trial Division Cases Assigned and Disposed			
District #	**District Name**	Cases Assigned	Cases Disposed
2	Kirksville	622	600
4	Maryville	494	553
5	St. Joseph	1,671	1,730
7	Liberty	2,764	2,656
10	Hannibal	1,101	1,063
11	St. Charles	1,474	1,469
12	Fulton	1,949	1,729
13	Columbia	3,584	3,582
14	Moberly	1,479	1,599
15	Sedalia	2,245	2,242
16	Kansas City	4,418	4,601
17	Harrisonville	2,375	2,131
19	Jefferson City	2,710	2,759
20	Union	843	880
21	St. Louis County	4,913	4,831
22	St. Louis City	3,521	4,108
23	Hillsboro	1,159	1,279
24	Farmington	2,504	2,570
25	Rolla	3,367	3,359
26	Lebanon	1,884	1,771
28	Nevada	1,621	1,582
29	Carthage	2,899	2,662
30	Buffalo	1,454	1,492
31	Springfield	5,280	5,129
32	Cape Girardeau	2,548	2,541
34	Caruthersville	1,168	1,035
35	Kennett	1,339	1,273
36	Poplar Bluff	2,230	1,894
37	West Plains	1,238	1,267
39	Monett	1,954	1,943
43	Chillicothe	2,221	2,179
44	Ava	978	1,028
45	Troy	1,063	1,064
Trial Division Totals		71,070	70,601

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Fiscal Year 2006 to Fiscal Year 2014

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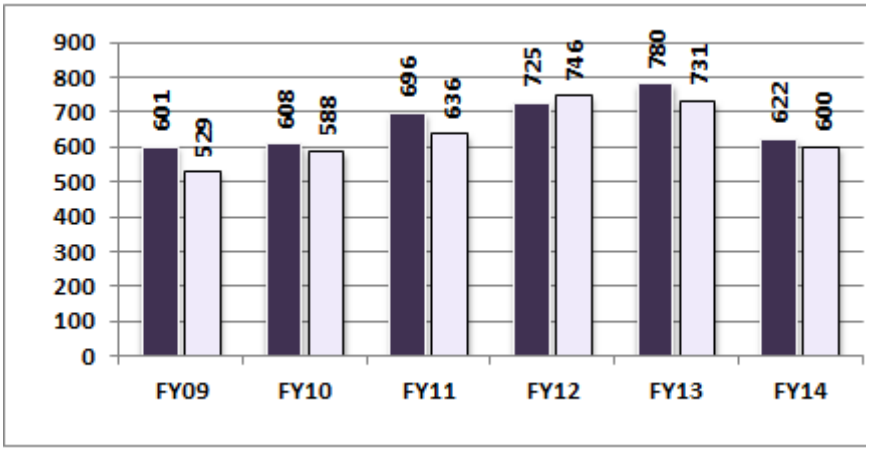

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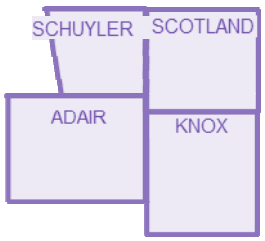

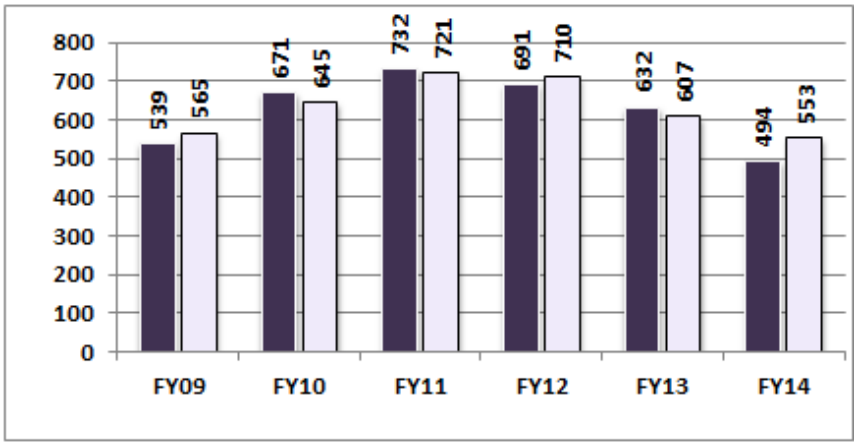

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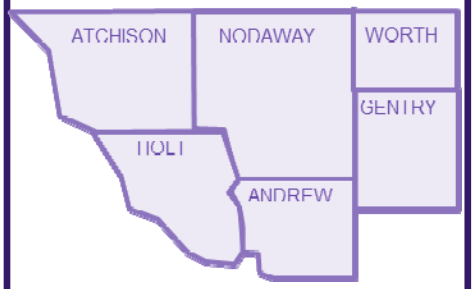

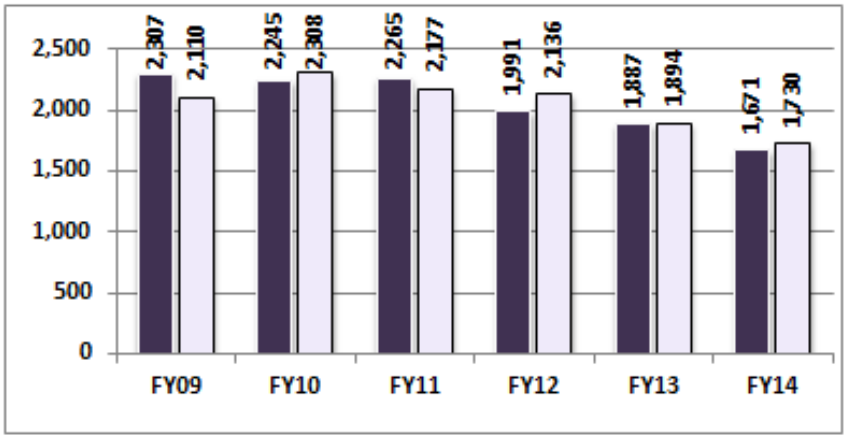

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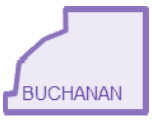

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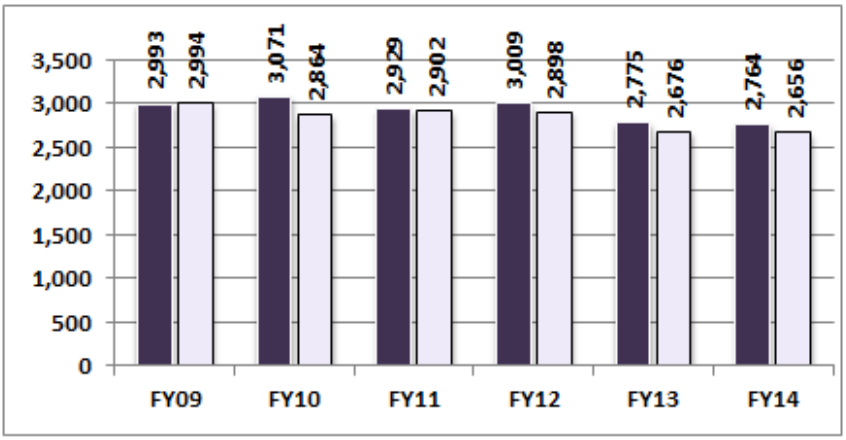

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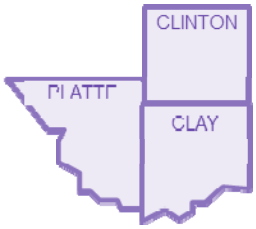

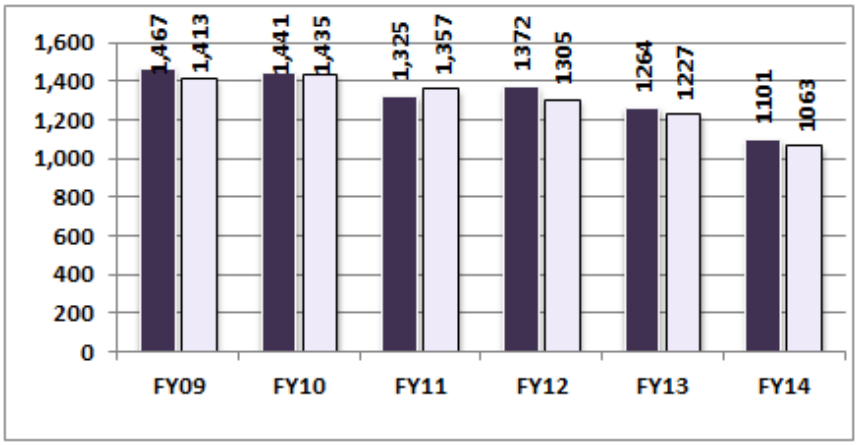

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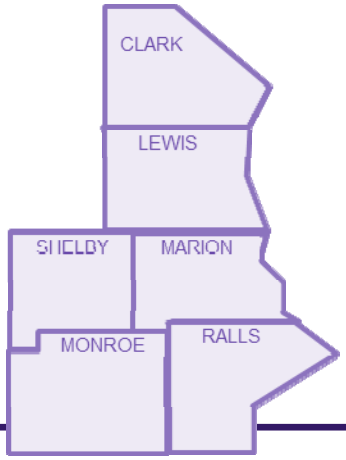

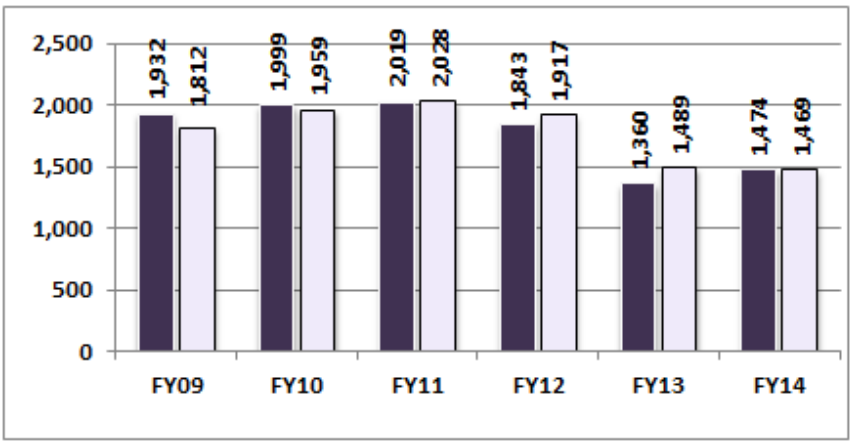

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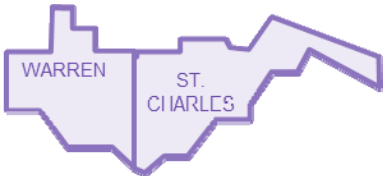

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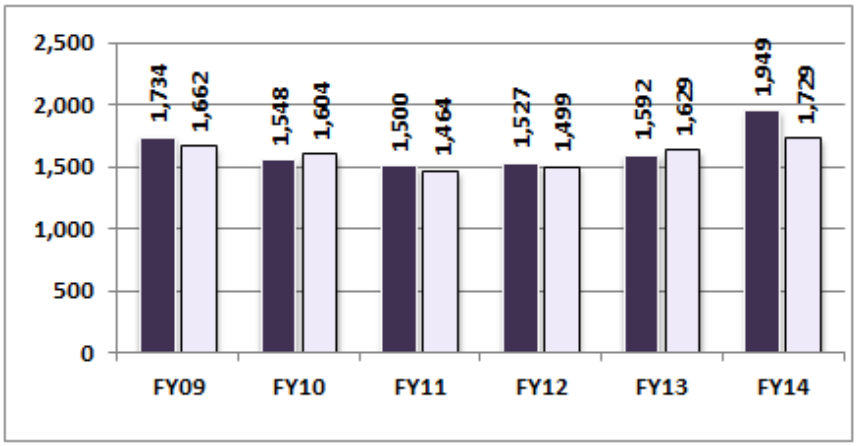

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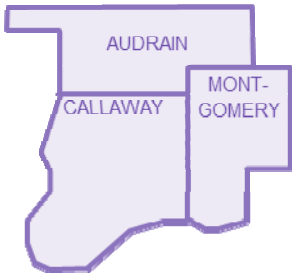

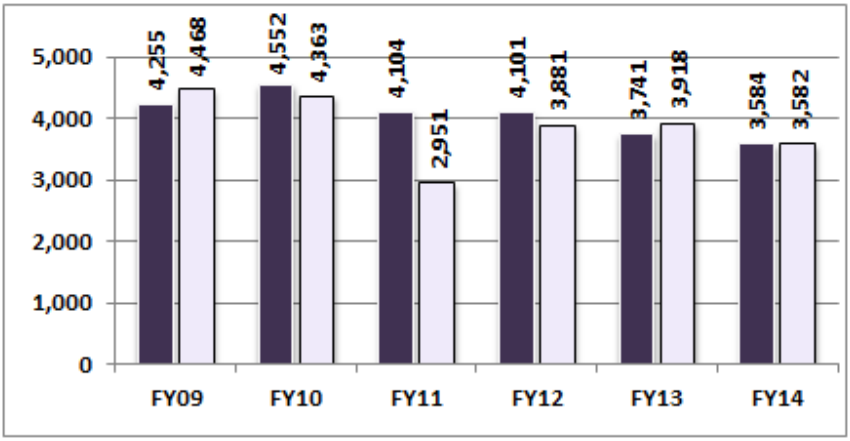

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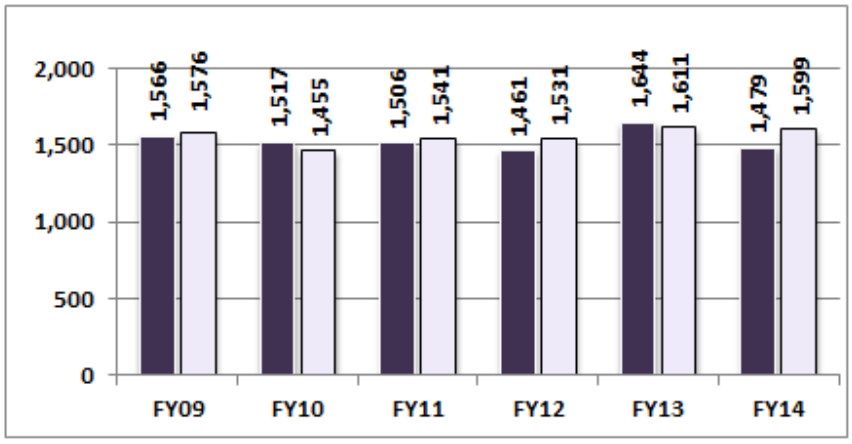

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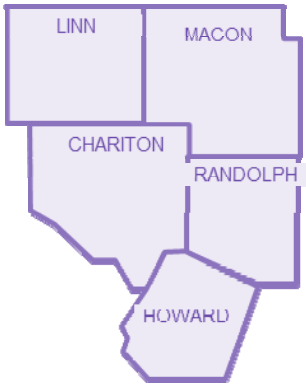

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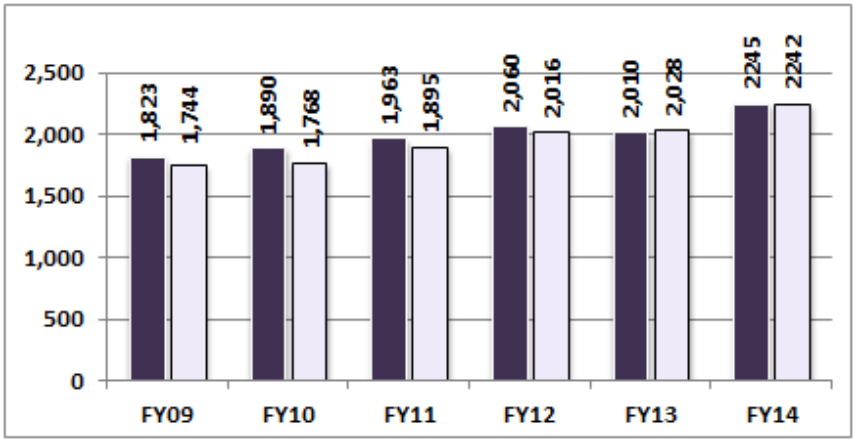

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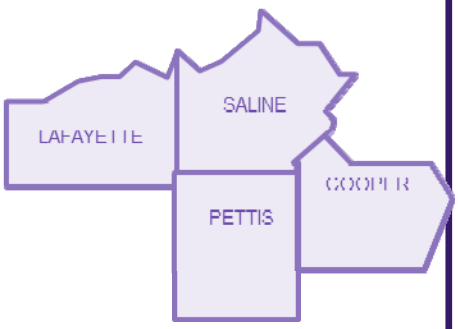

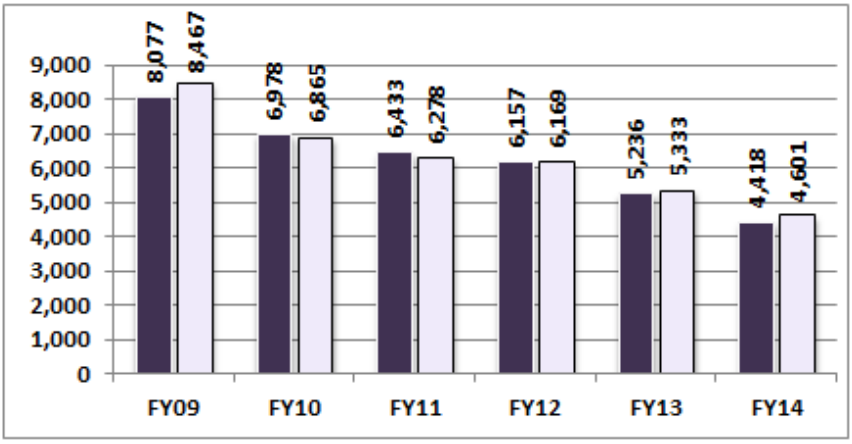

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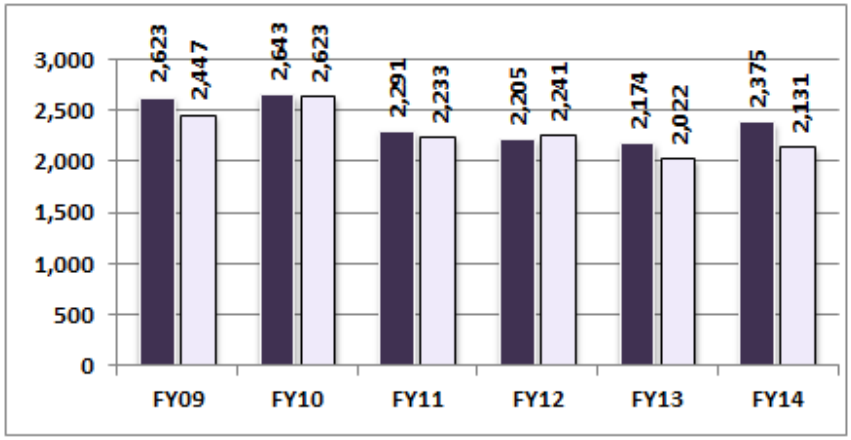

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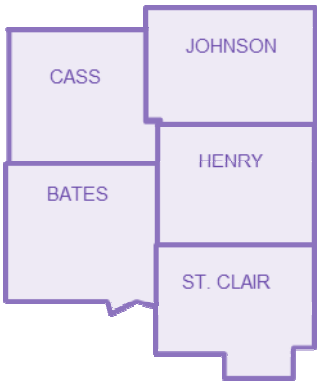

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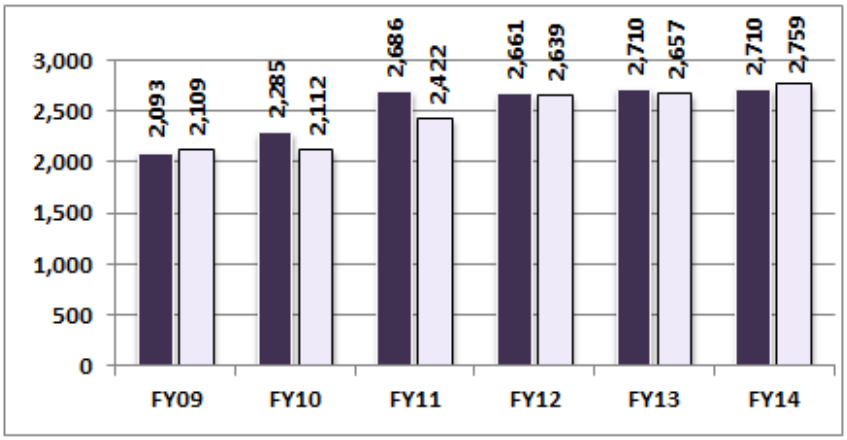

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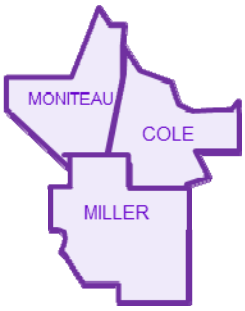

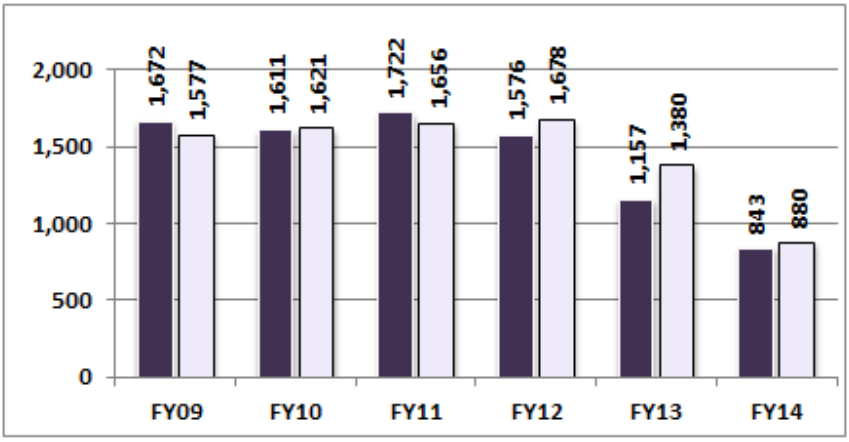

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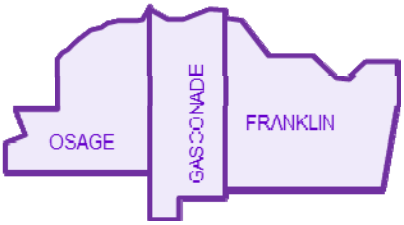

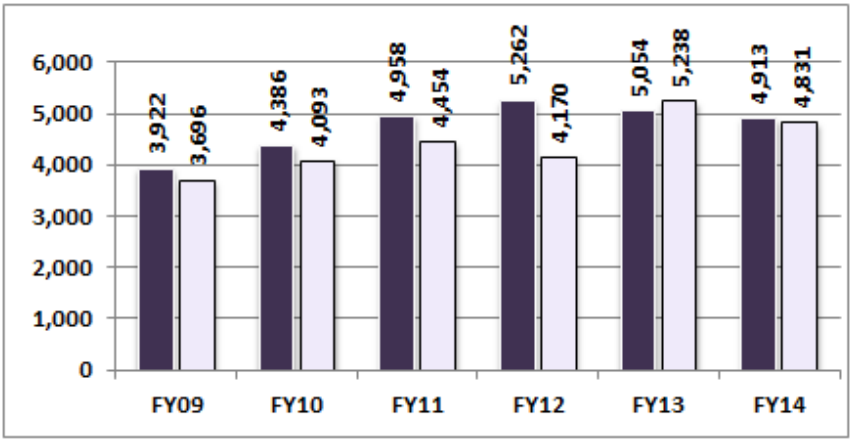

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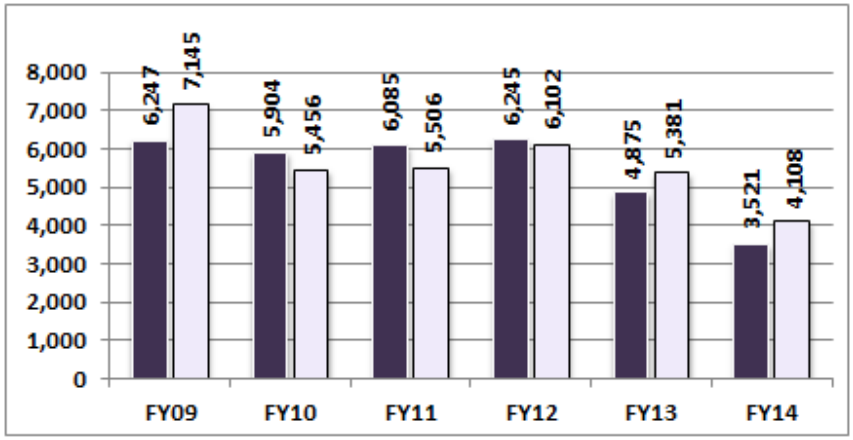

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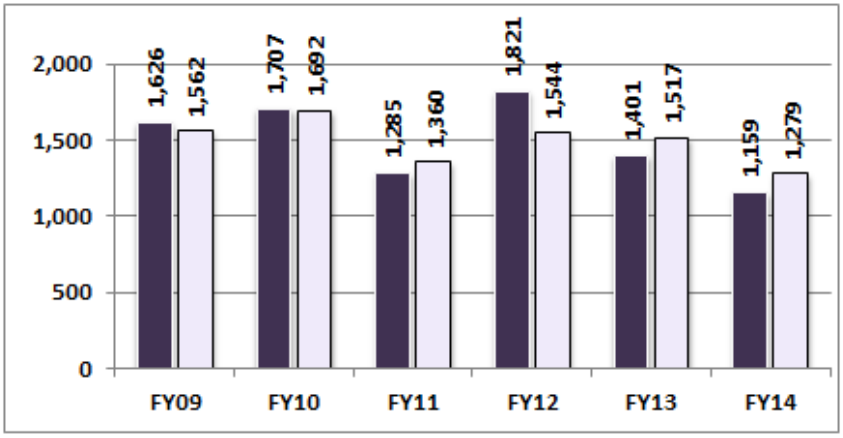

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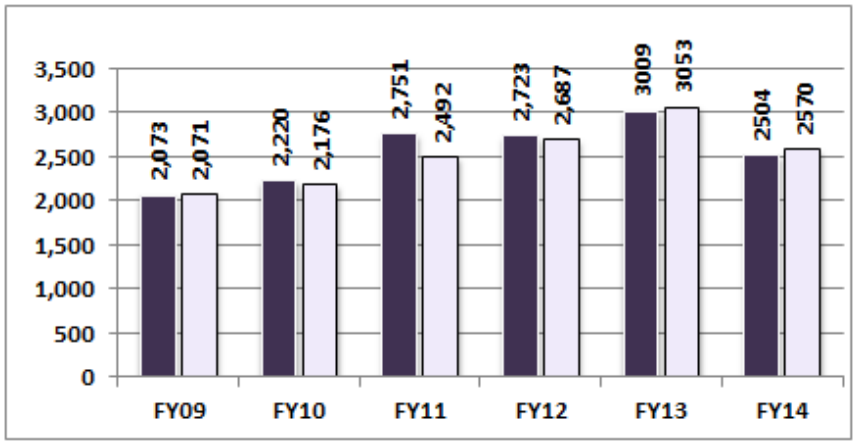

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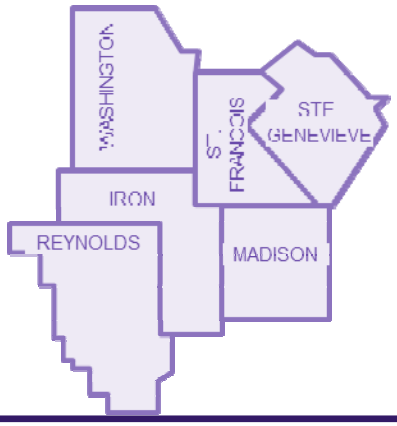

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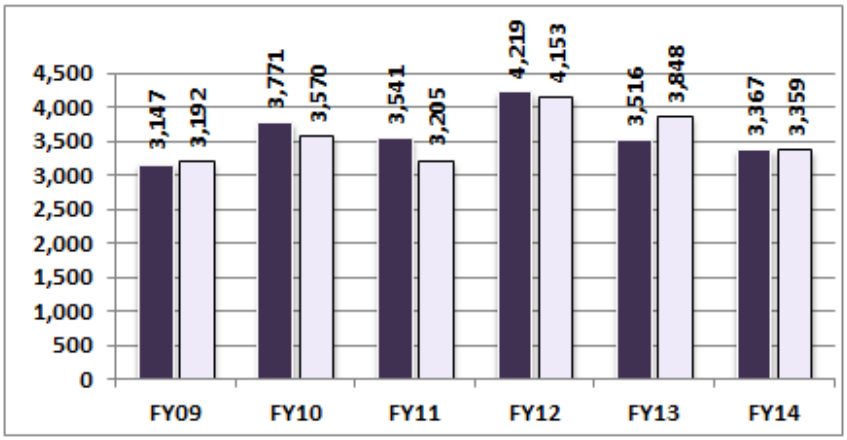

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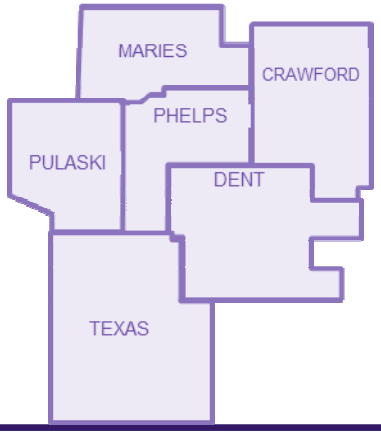

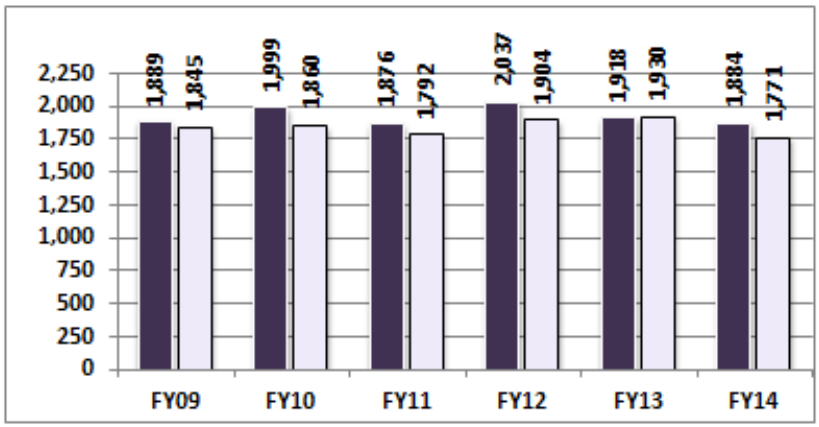

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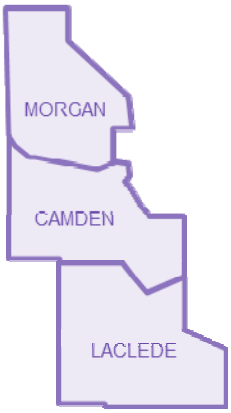

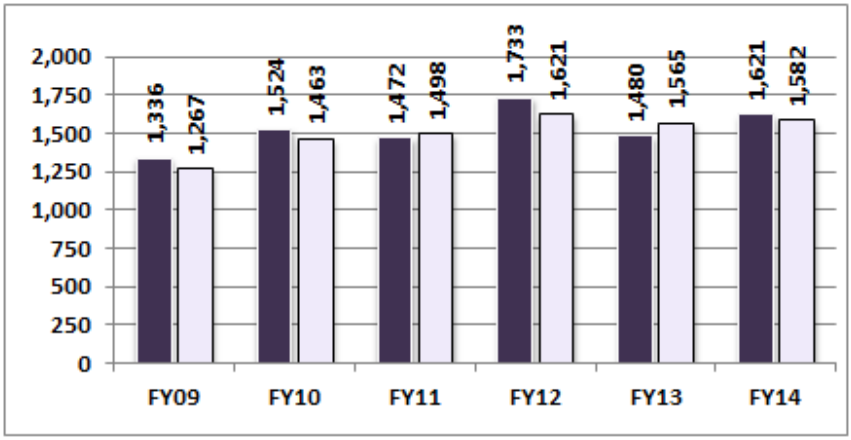

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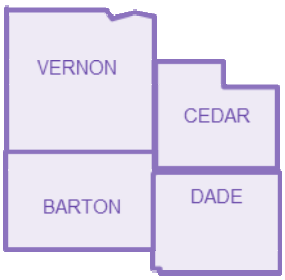

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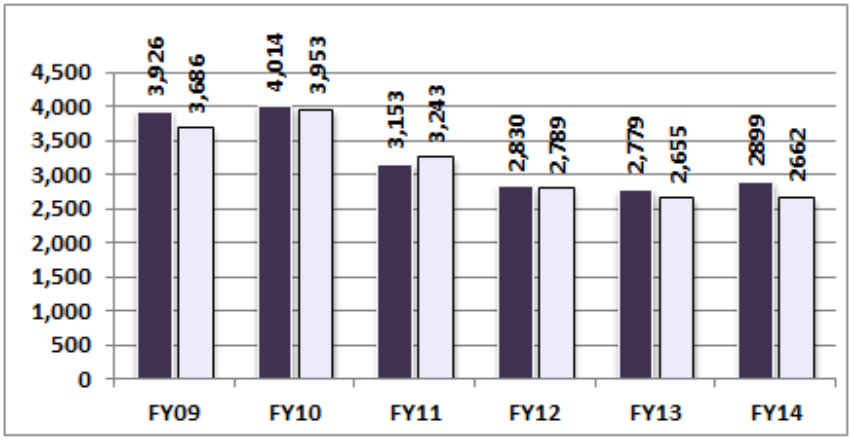

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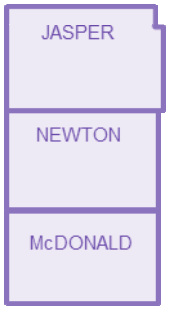

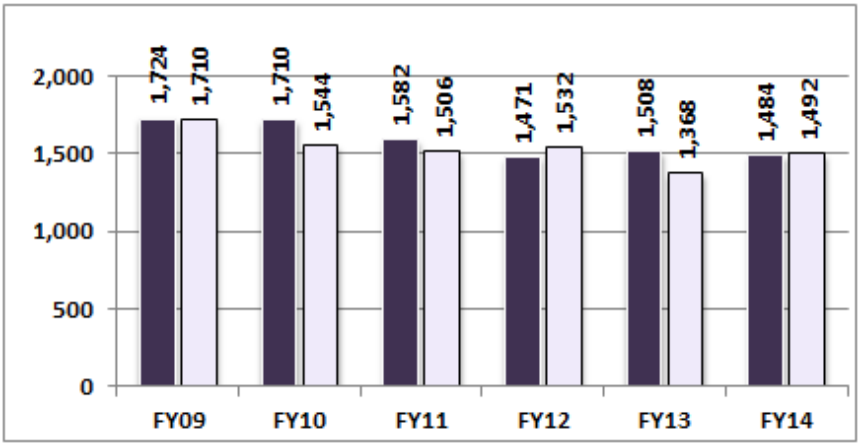

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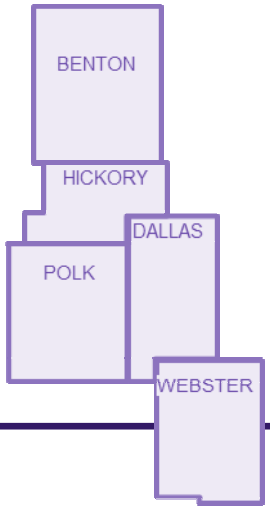

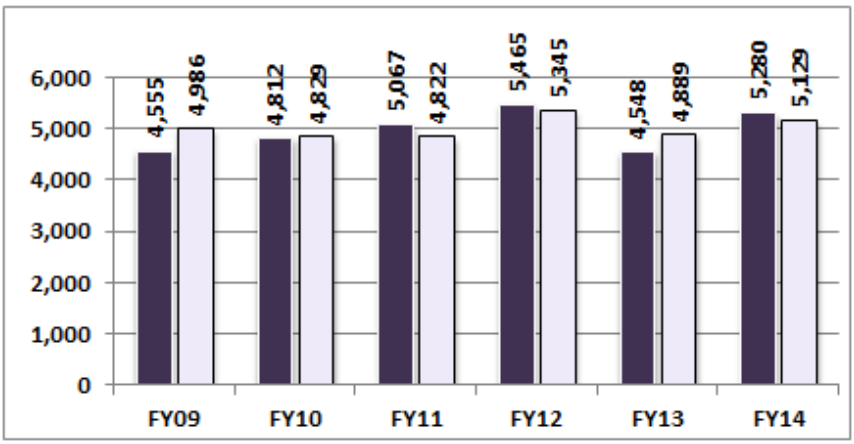

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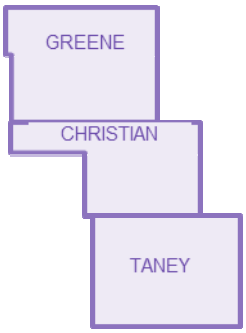

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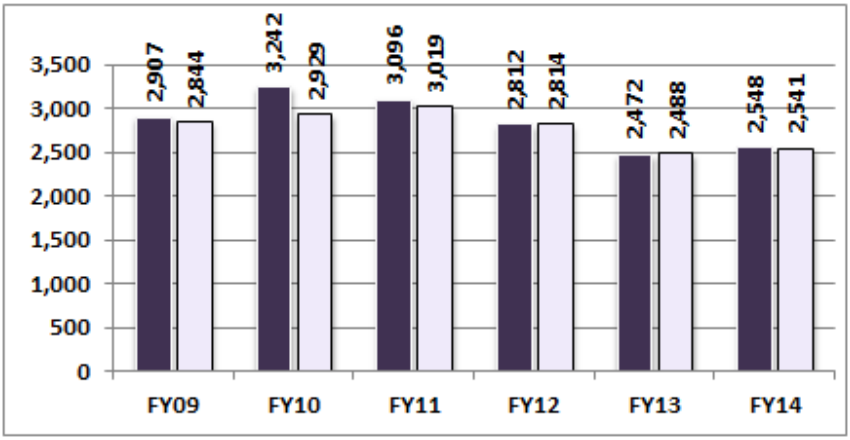

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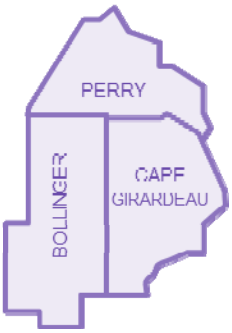

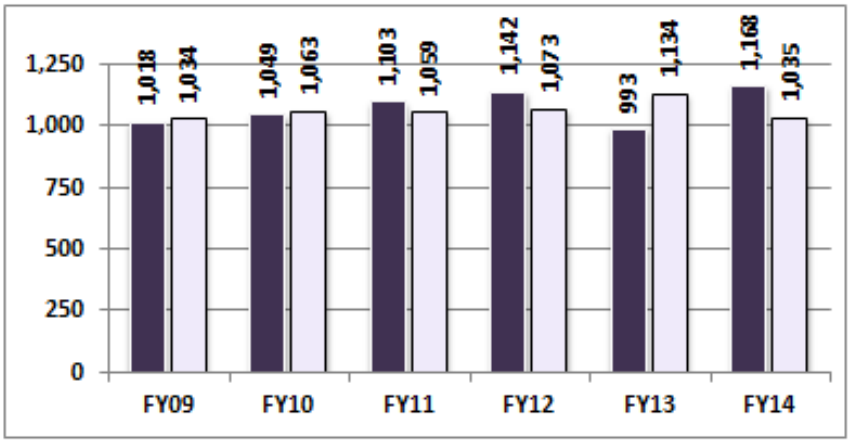

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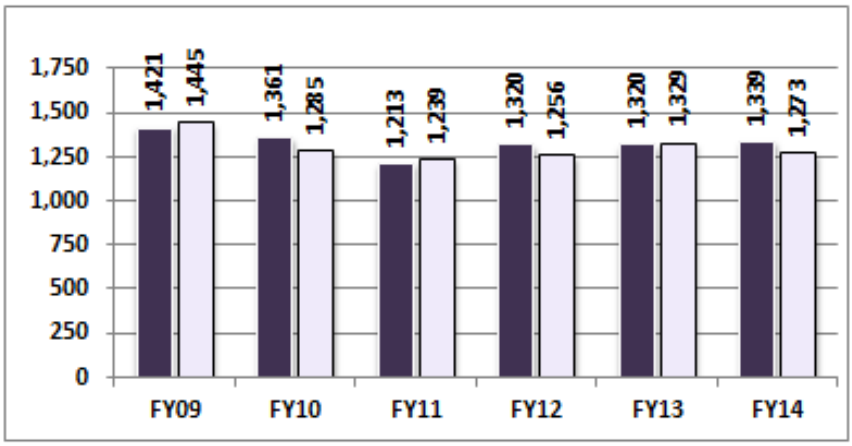

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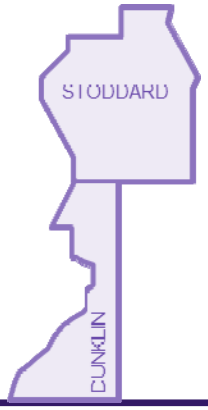

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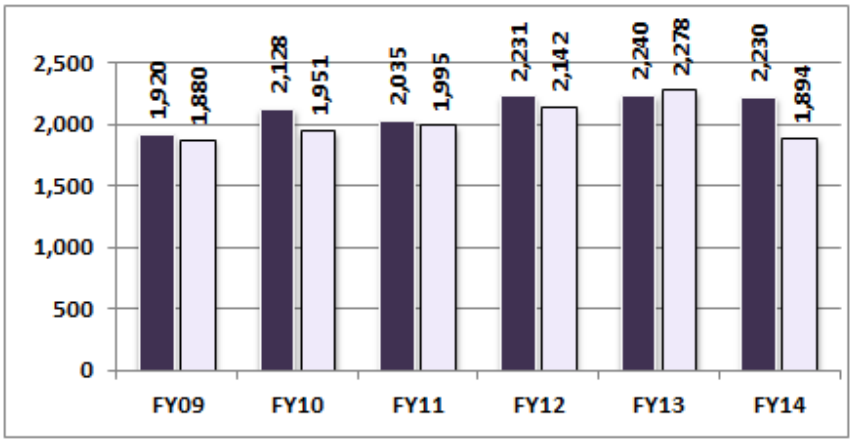

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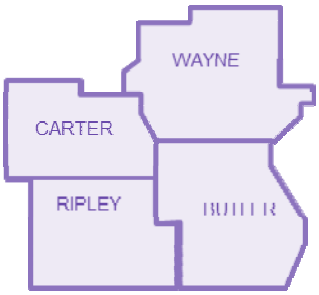

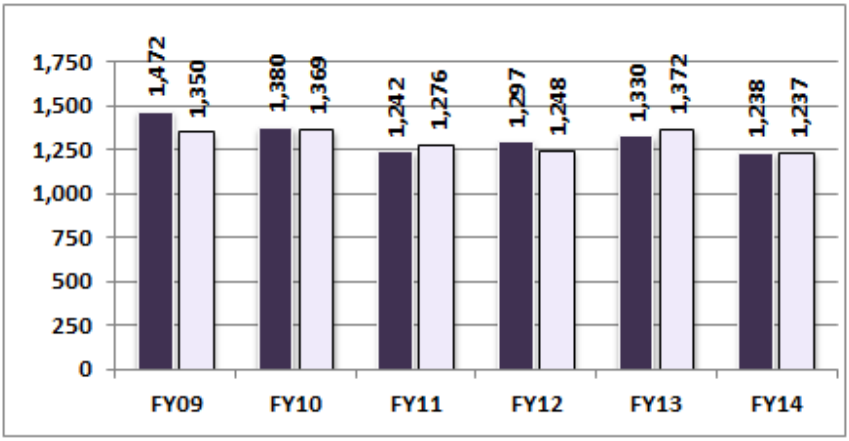

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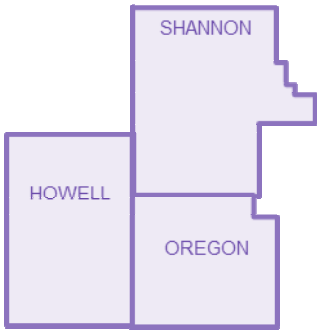

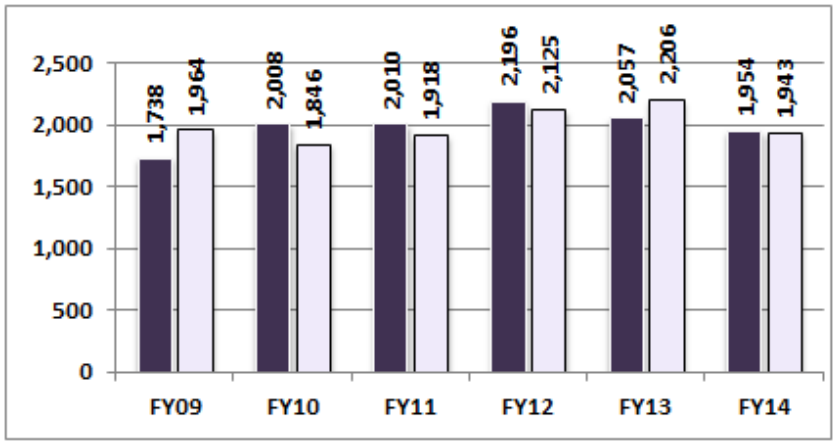

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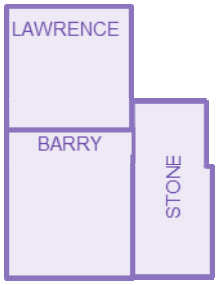

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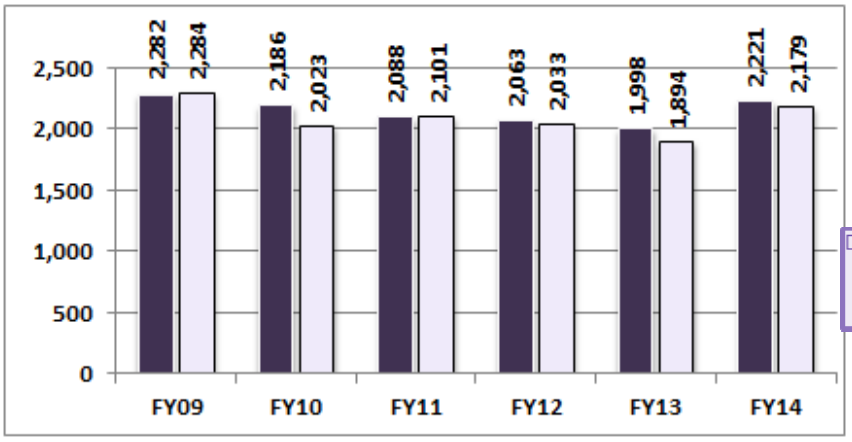

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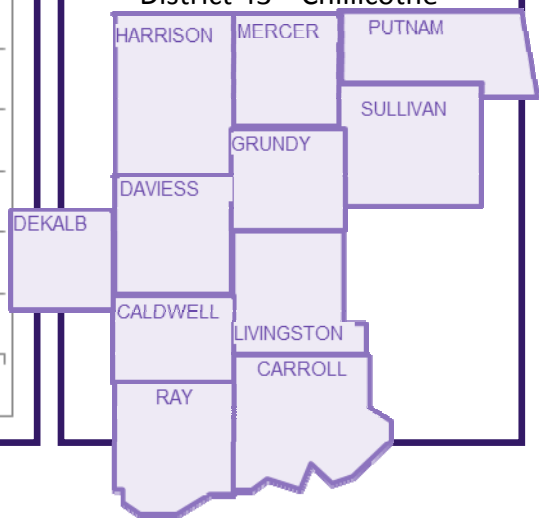

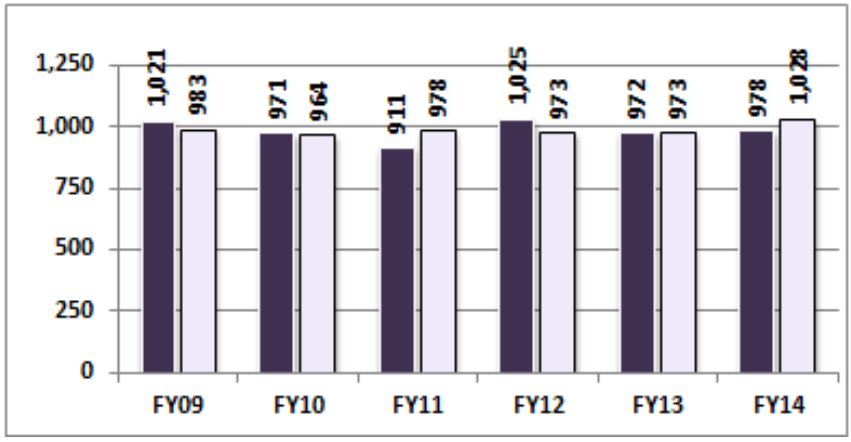

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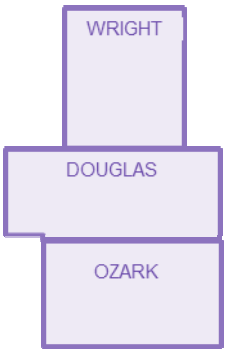

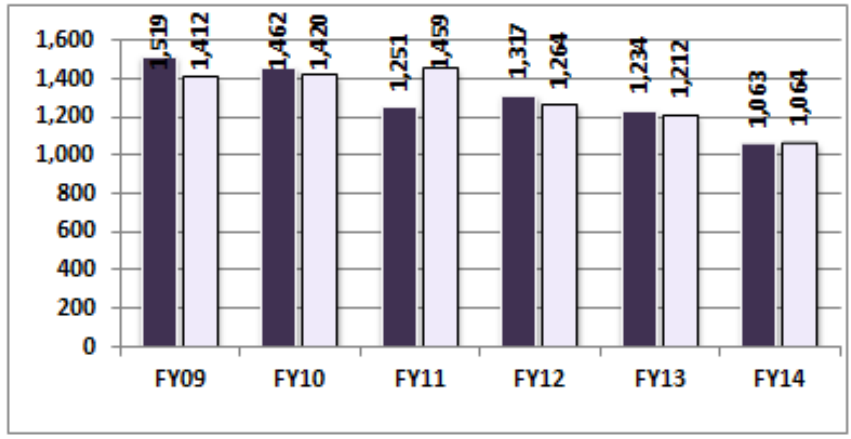

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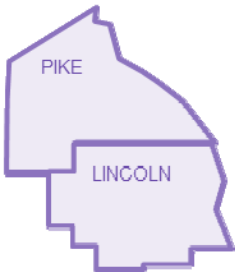

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Trial Division
Opened and Closed by County

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ANDREW	133	146	GRUNDY	216	234	PEMISCOT	674	582
ATCHISON	56	60	HARRISON	231	224	PERRY	200	206
AUDRAIN	801	779	HENRY	364	343	PETTIS	901	846
BARRY	591	610	HICKORY	69	84	PHELPS	935	930
BARTON	170	173	HOLT	42	47	PIKE	288	269
BATES	388	349	HOWARD	167	159	PLATTE	608	612
BENTON	271	262	HOWELL	875	908	POLK	297	373
BOLLINGER	175	163	IRON	209	197	PULASKI	951	956
BOONE	3,384	3,373	JACKSON	4,564	4,743	PUTNAM	98	97
BUCHANAN	1,726	1,778	JASPER	2,049	1,872	RALLS	191	181
BUTLER	1,163	1,056	JEFFERSON	1,235	1,365	RANDOLPH	656	727
CALDWELL	185	193	JOHNSON	670	605	RAY	424	389
CALLAWAY	855	758	KNOX	40	37	REYNOLDS	81	93
CAMDEN	660	615	LACLEDE	692	685	RIPLEY	511	348
CAPE GIRARDEAU	970	949	LAFAYETTE	543	554	SALINE	417	447
CARROLL	155	148	LAWRENCE	805	754	SCHUYLER	54	54
CARTER	140	122	LEWIS	130	118	SCOTLAND	60	54
CASS	821	725	LINCOLN	825	848	SCOTT	758	808
CEDAR	371	357	LINN	321	347	SHANNON	182	158
CHARITON	100	97	LIVINGSTON	499	498	SHELBY	71	76
CHRISTIAN	914	991	MACON	285	271	ST. CHARLES	1,135	1,083
CLARK	78	91	MADISON	237	268	ST. CLAIR	159	143
CLAY	1,628	1,518	MARIES	80	73	ST. FRANCOIS	1,294	1,357
CLINTON	275	274	MARION	605	578	ST. LOUIS CITY	3,098	3,710
COLE	1,891	1,951	MCDONALD	252	207	ST. LOUIS COUNTY	4,926	4,818
COOPER	417	425	MERCER	79	97	STE. GENEVIEVE	263	266
CRAWFORD	763	731	MILLER	612	539	STODDARD	612	581
DADE	152	135	MISSISSIPPI	483	430	STONE	439	413
DALLAS	197	194	MONITEAU	154	170	SULLIVAN	115	106
DAVIESS	163	141	MONROE	80	83	TANEY	1,308	1,330
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DENT	393	368	MORGAN	419	377	VERNON	1,001	984
DOUGLAS	232	237	NEW MADRID	432	394	WARREN	304	320
DUNKLIN	808	756	NEWTON	750	755	WASHINGTON	382	393
FRANKLIN	852	888	NODAWAY	155	185	WAYNE	491	457
GASCONADE	77	97	OREGON	161	186	WEBSTER	372	376
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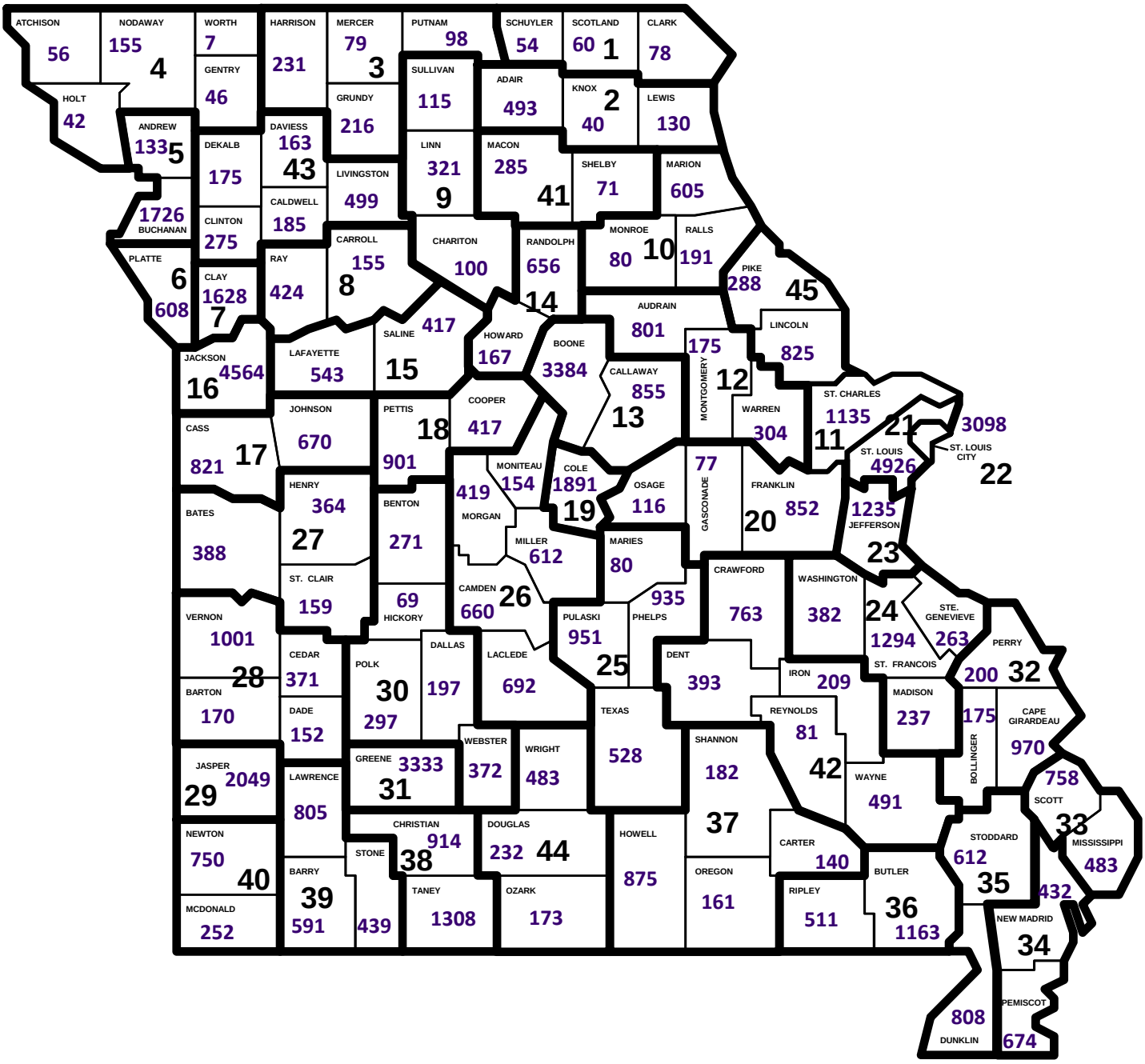

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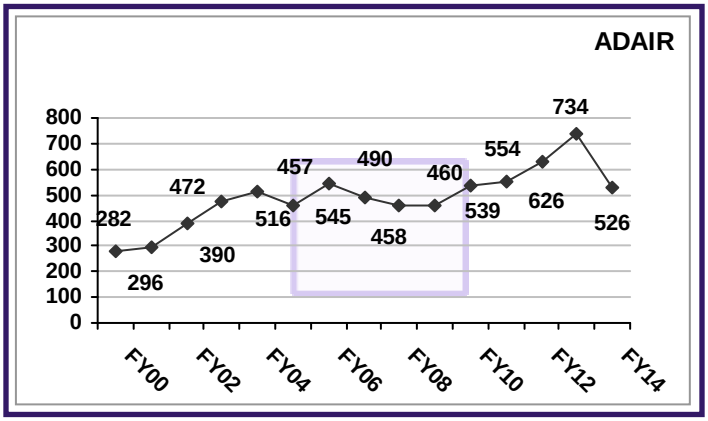

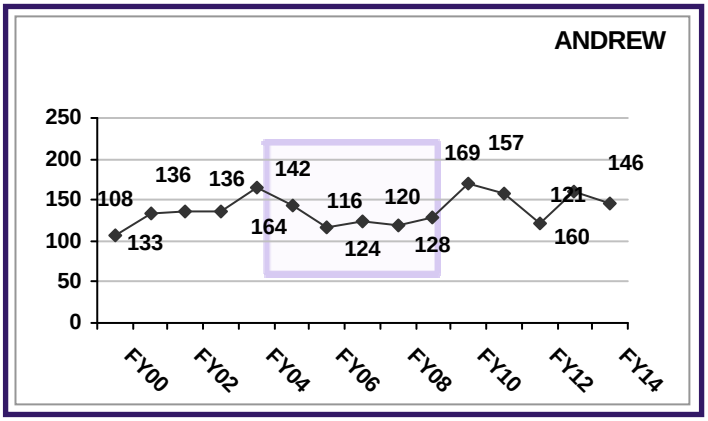

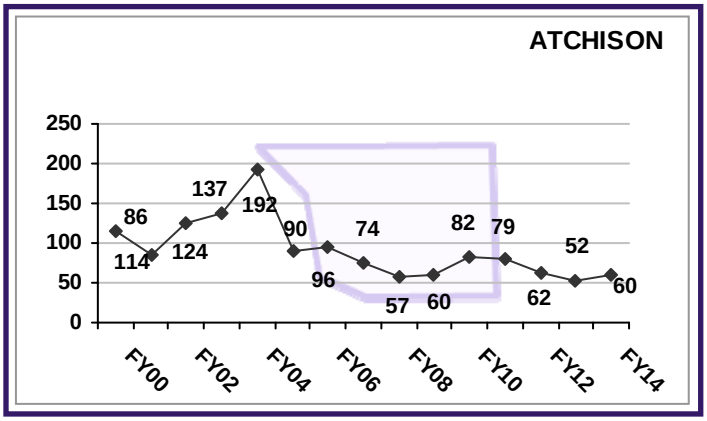

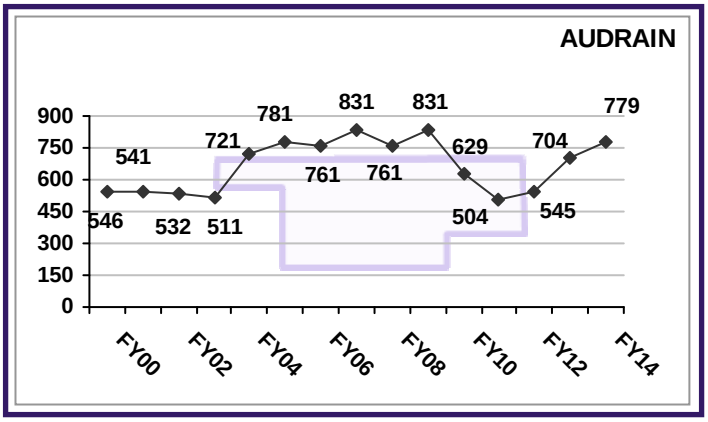

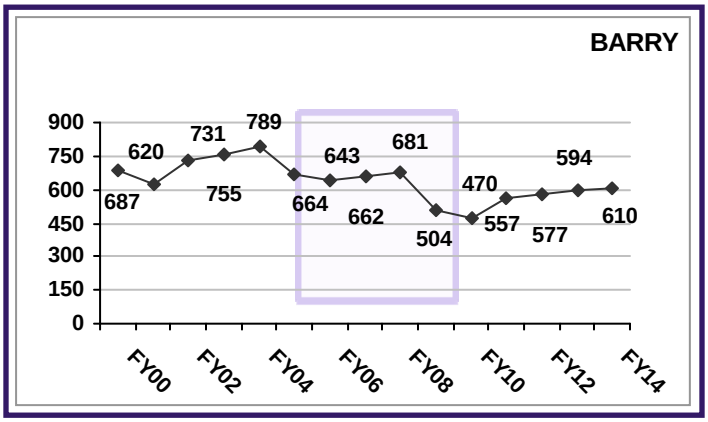

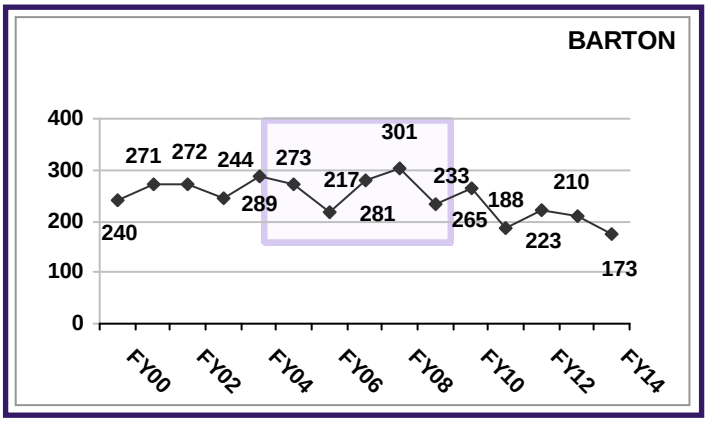

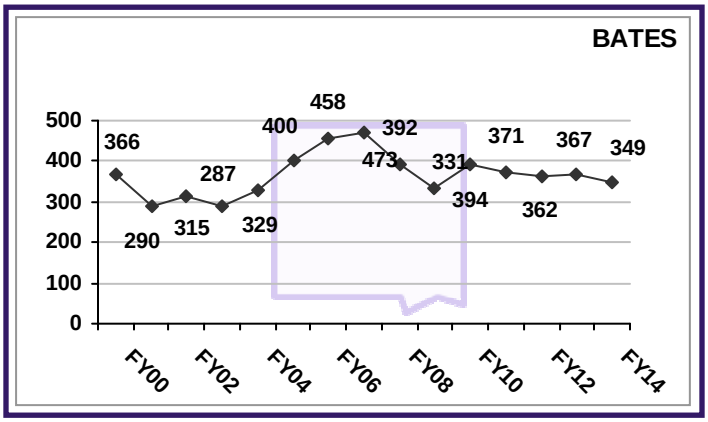

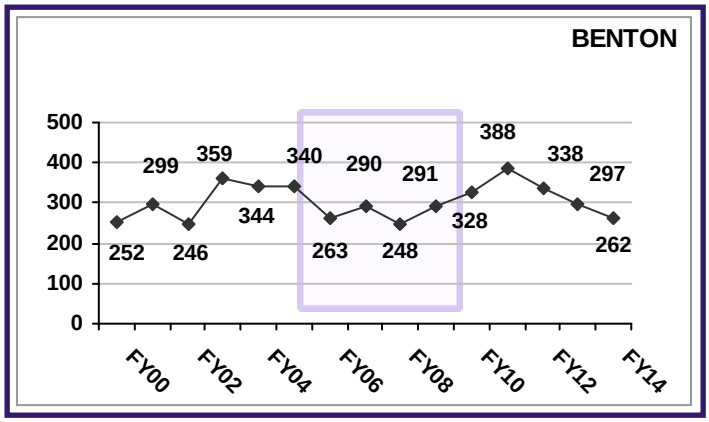

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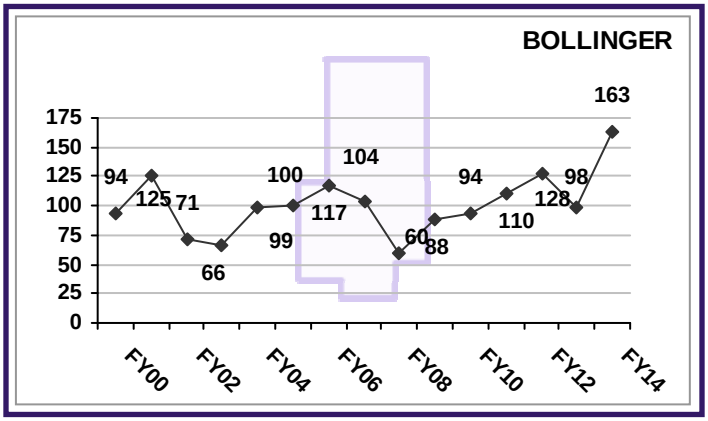

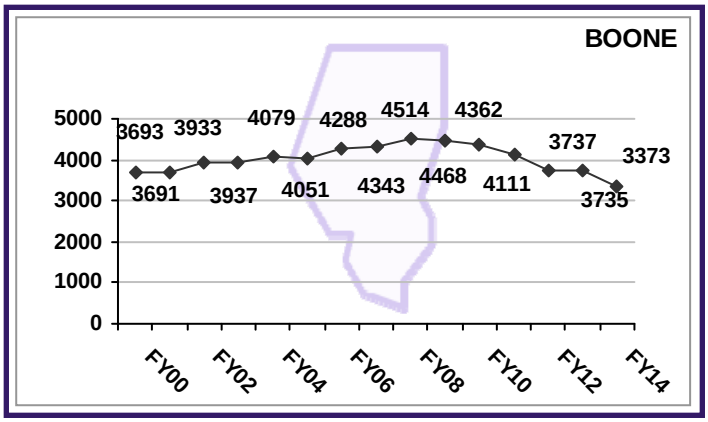

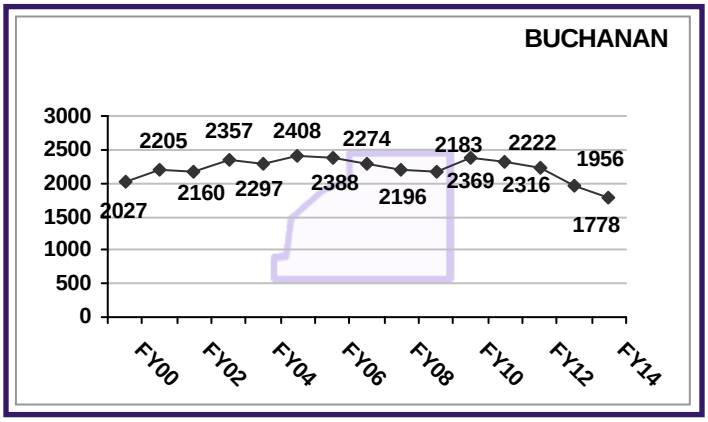

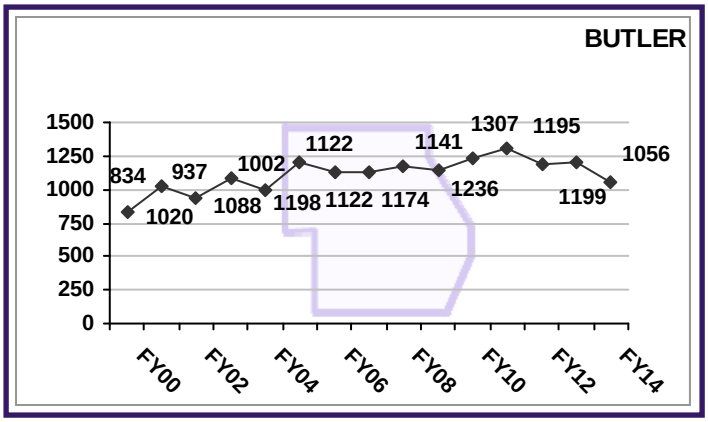

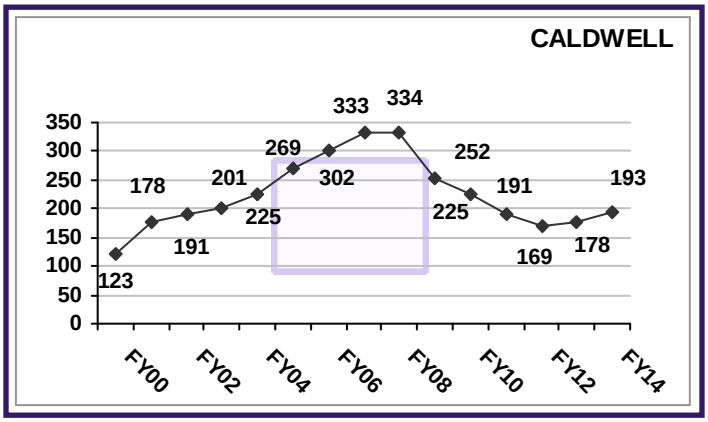

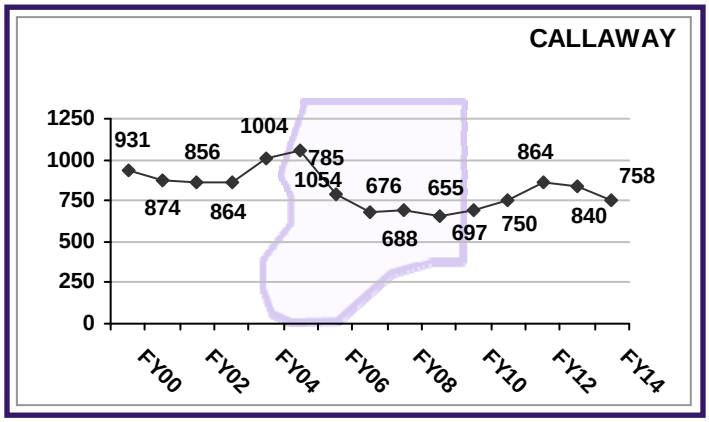

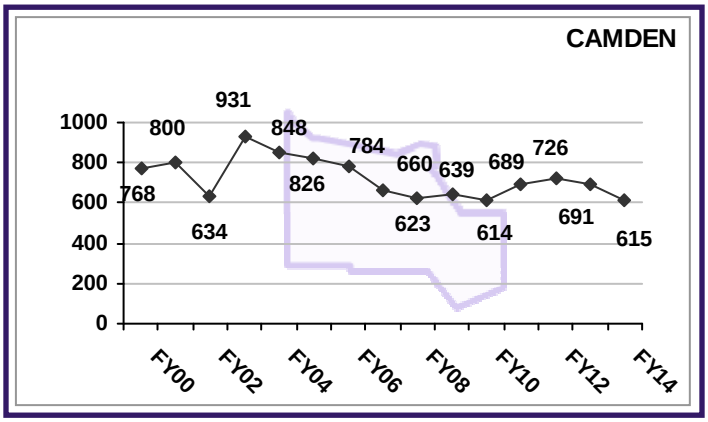

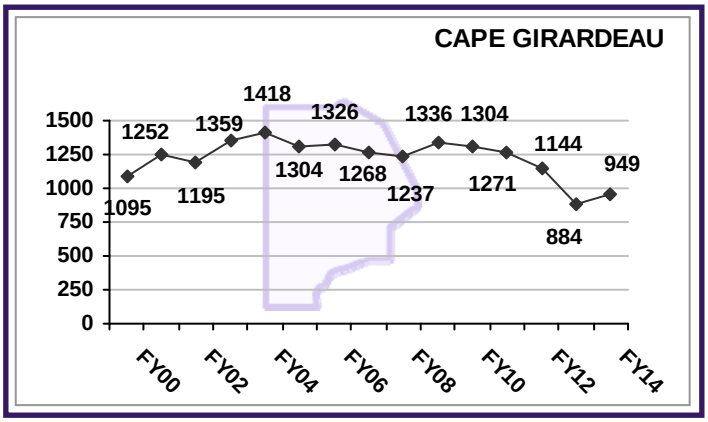

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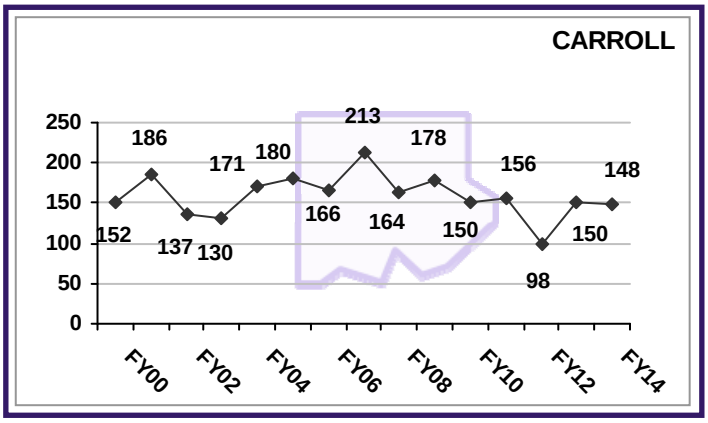

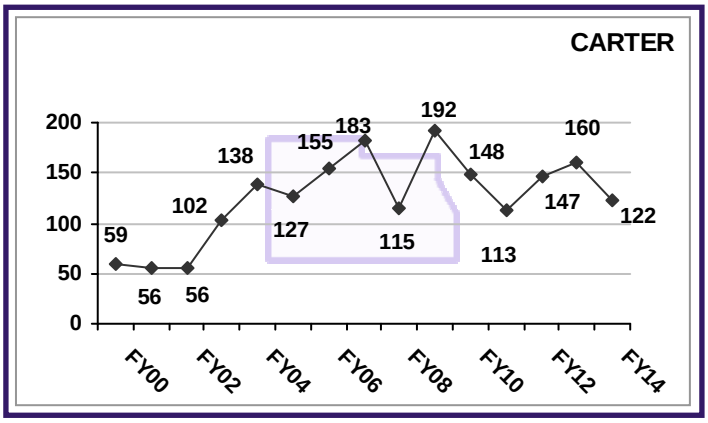

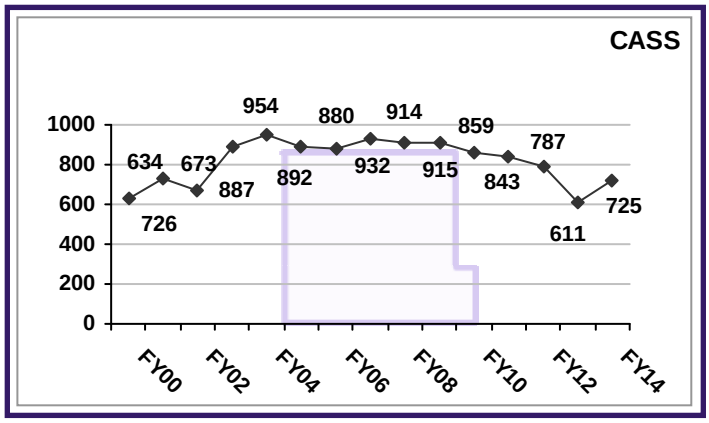

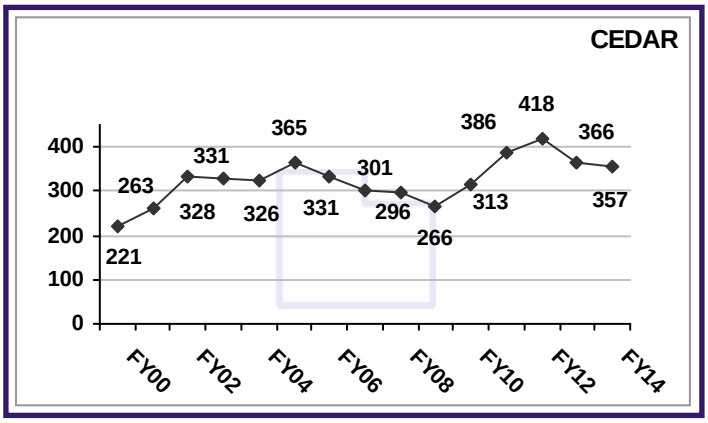

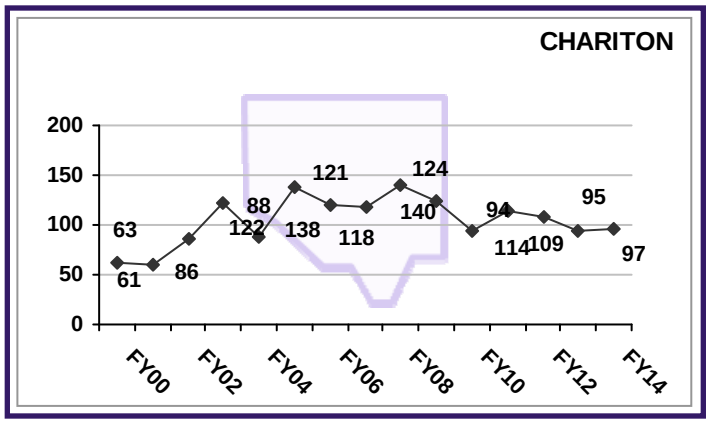

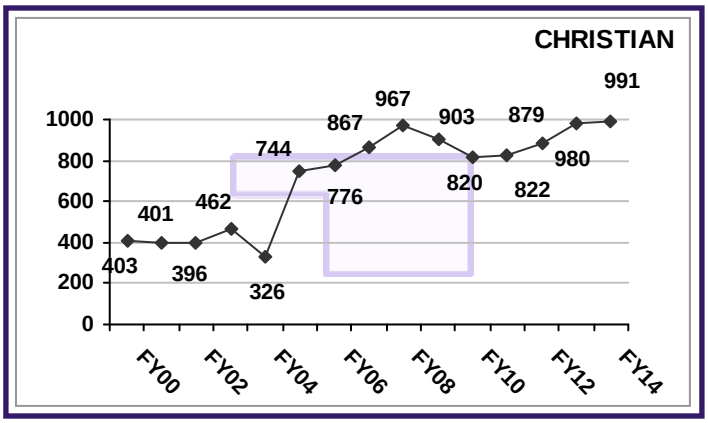

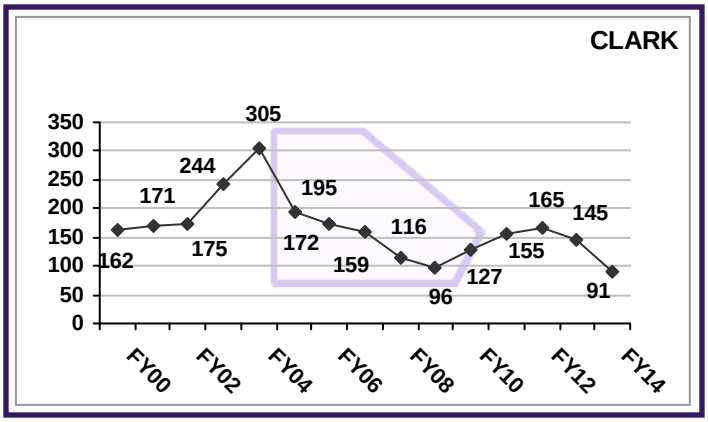

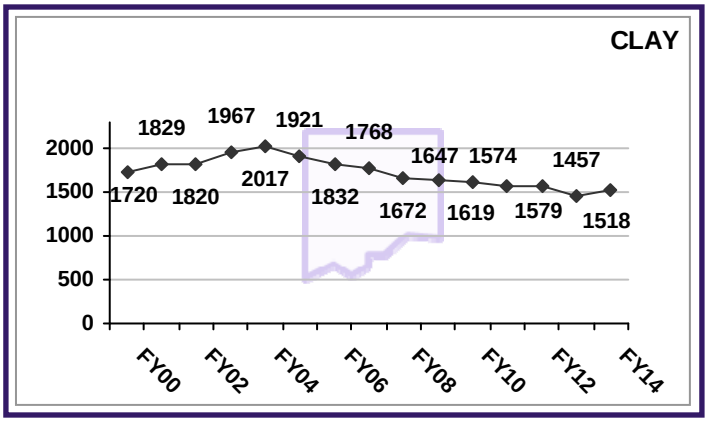

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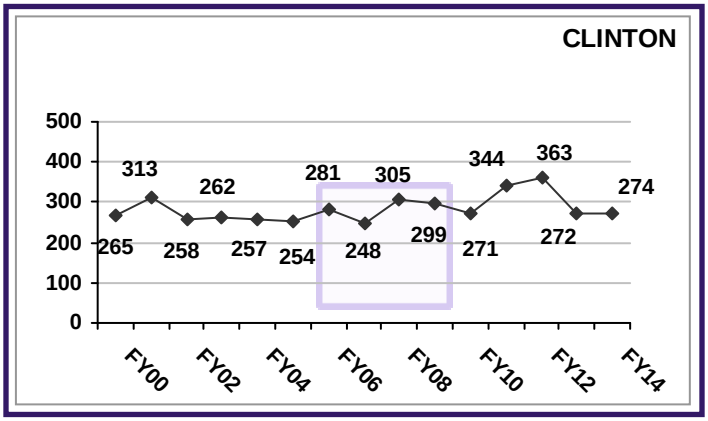

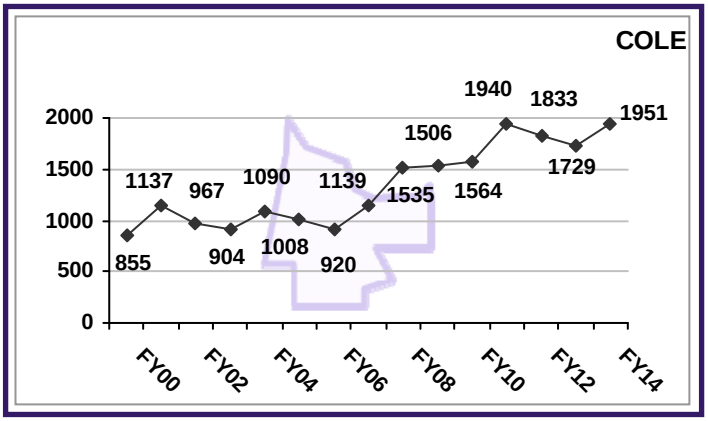

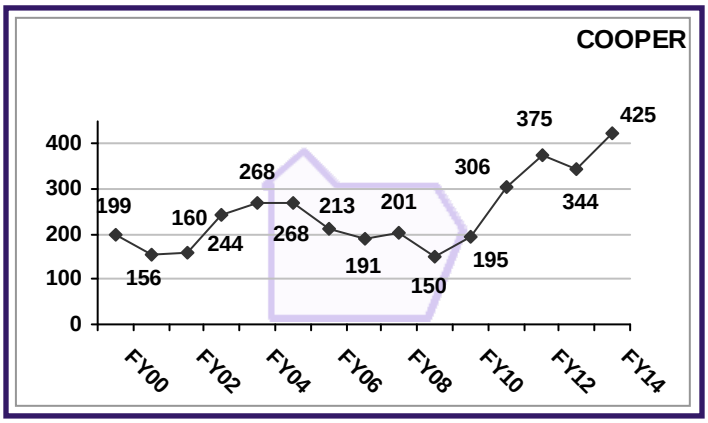

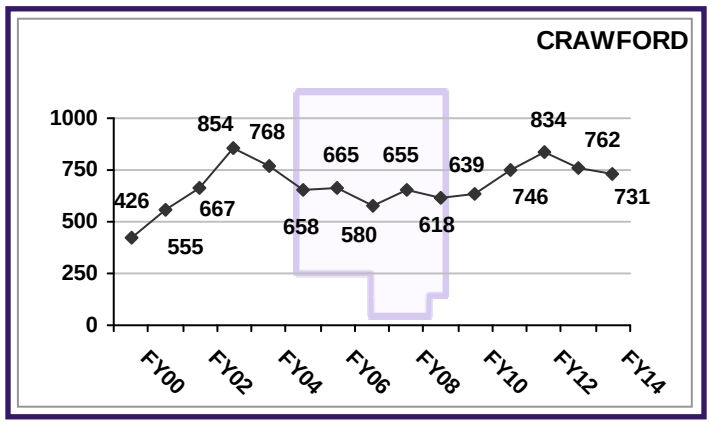

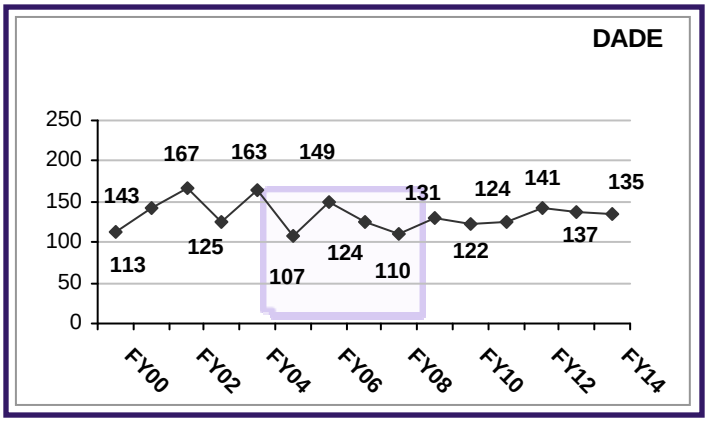

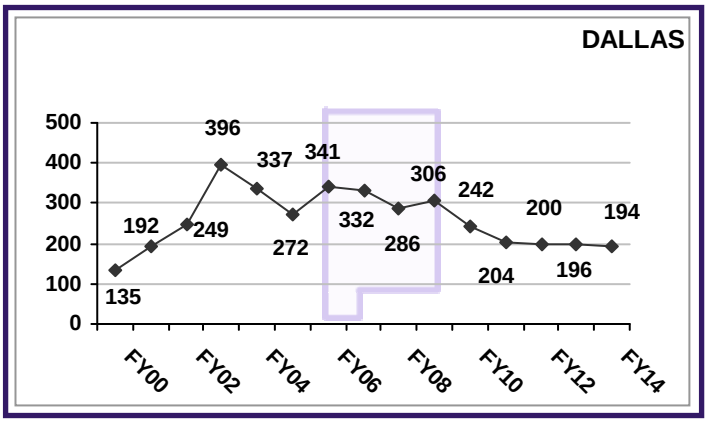

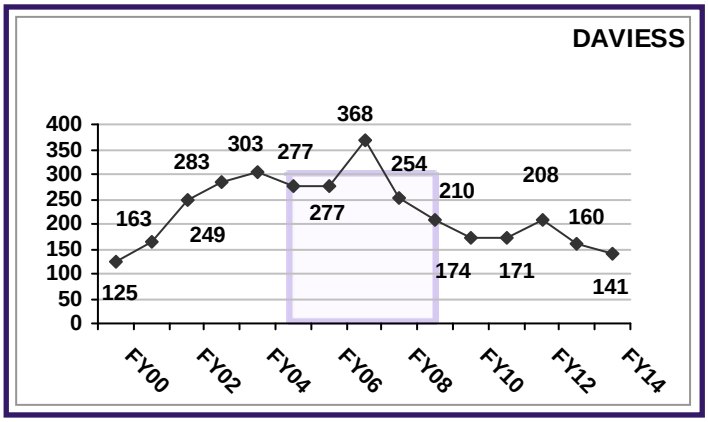

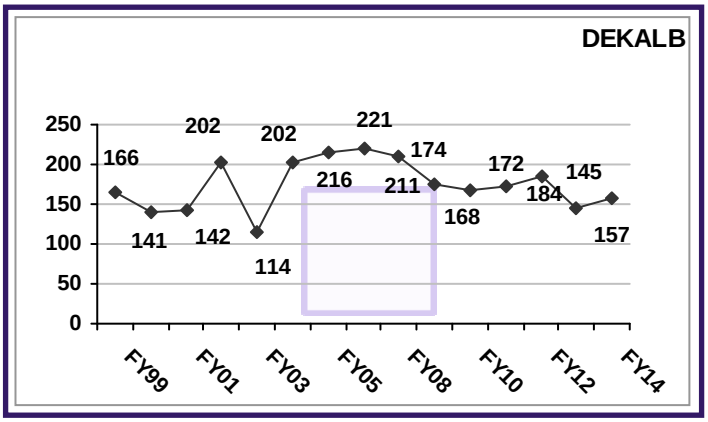

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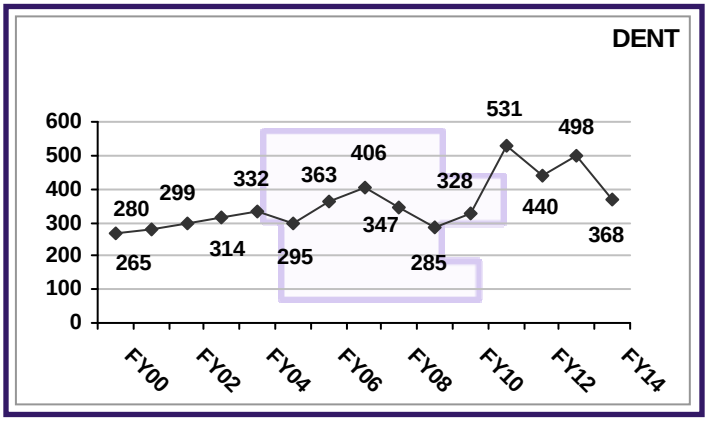

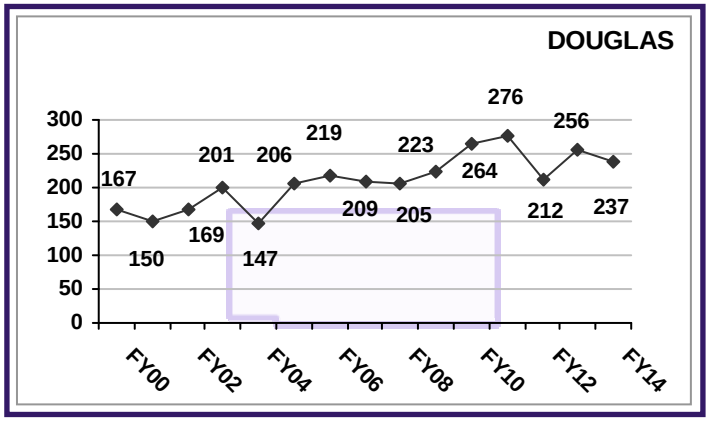

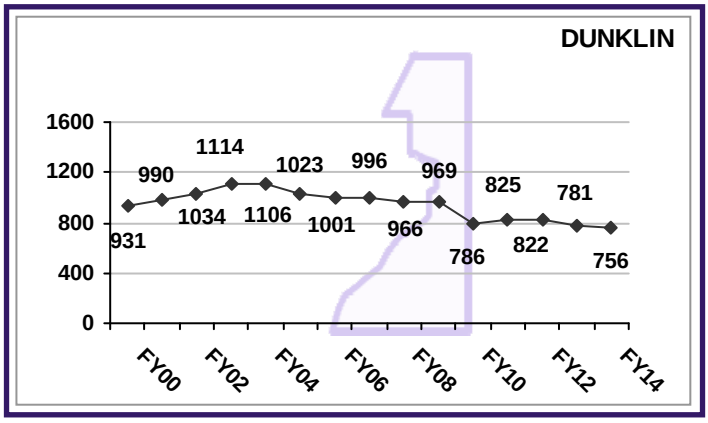

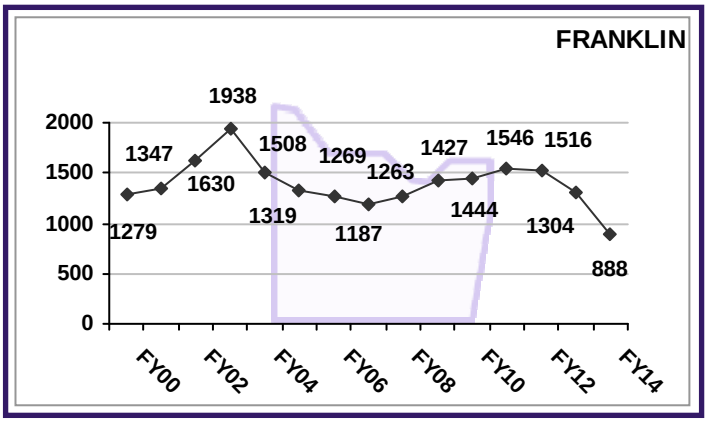

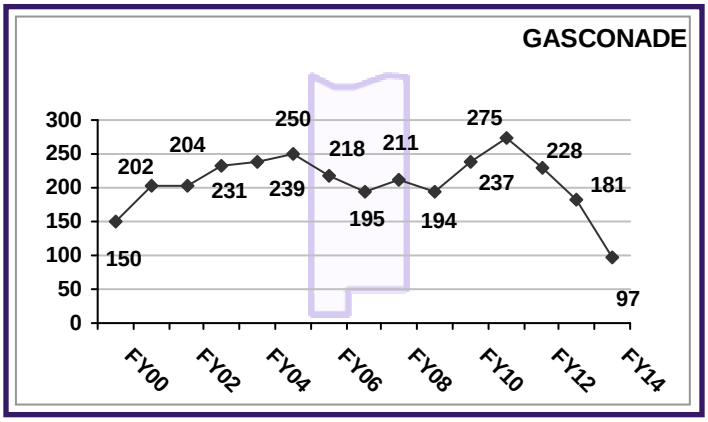

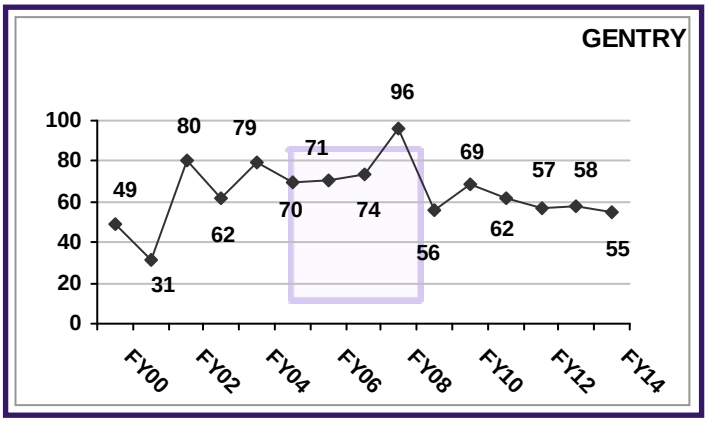

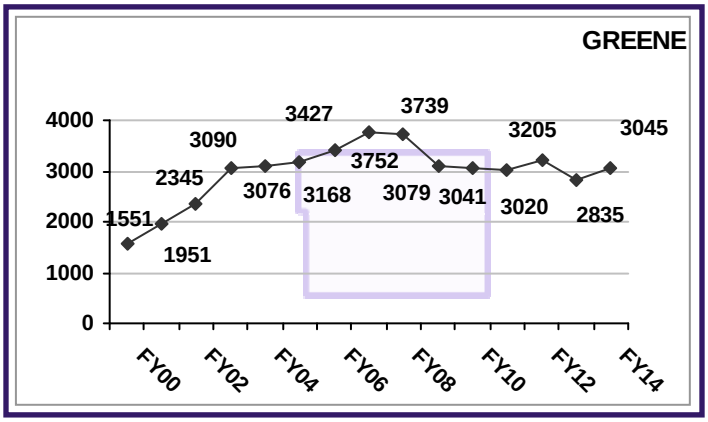

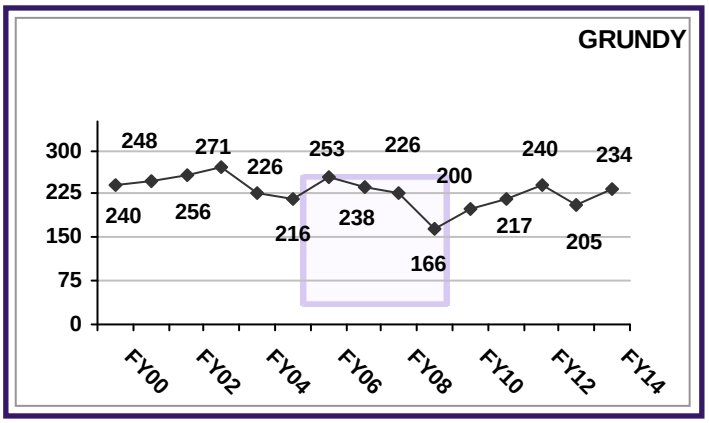

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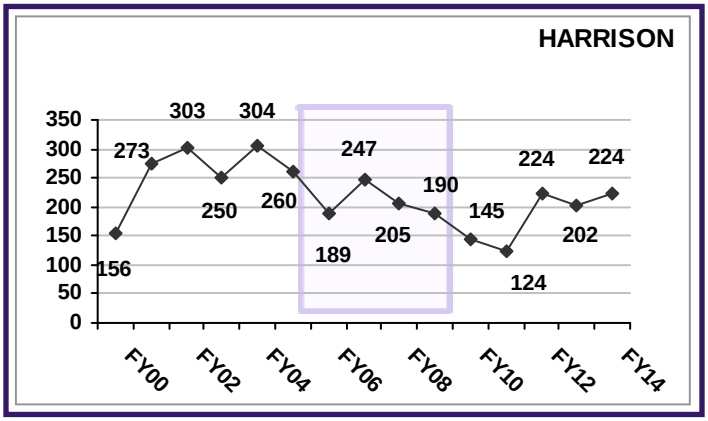

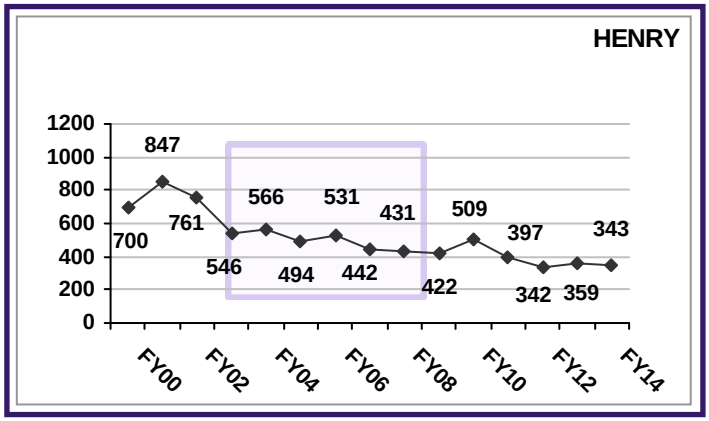

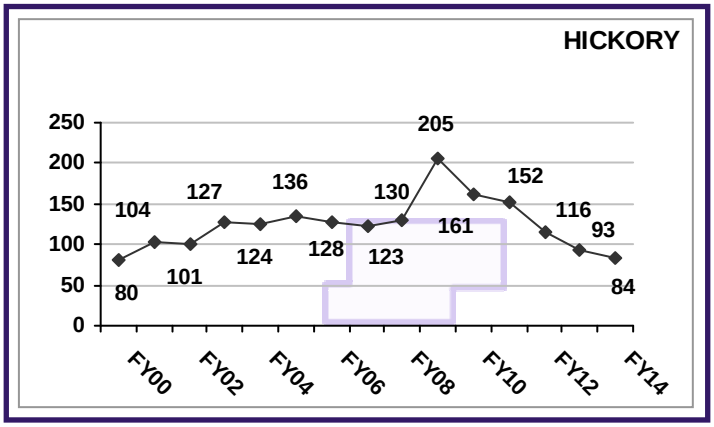

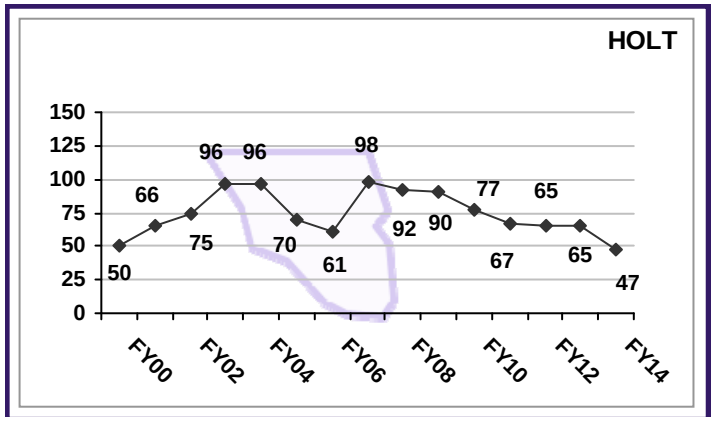

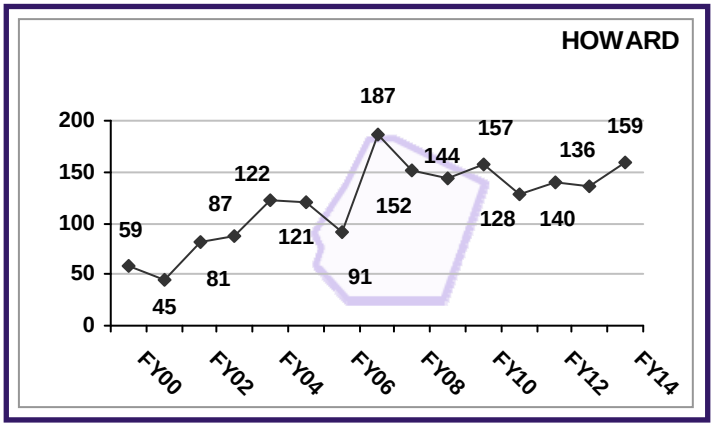

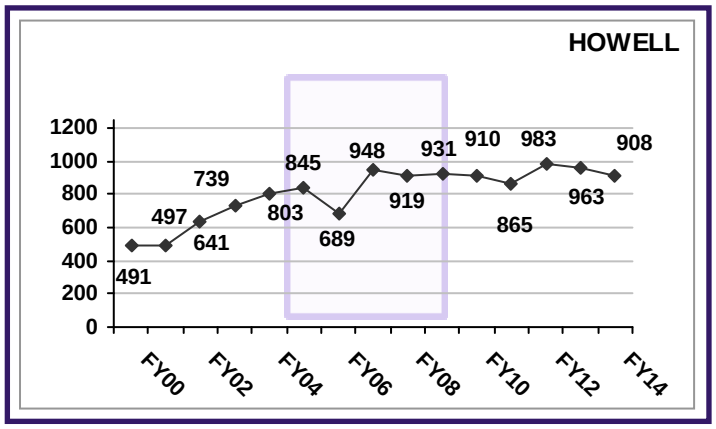

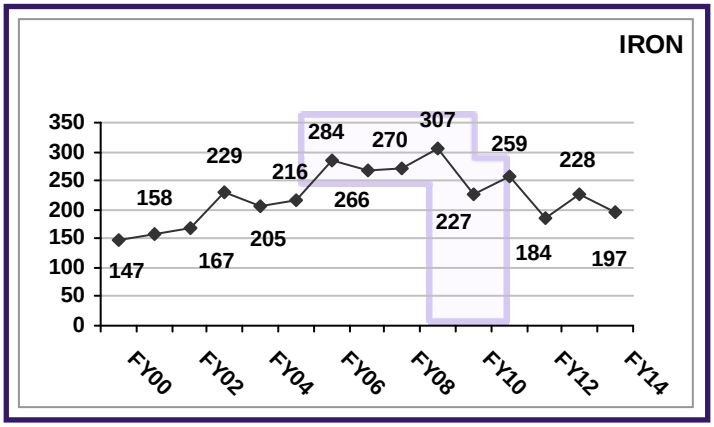

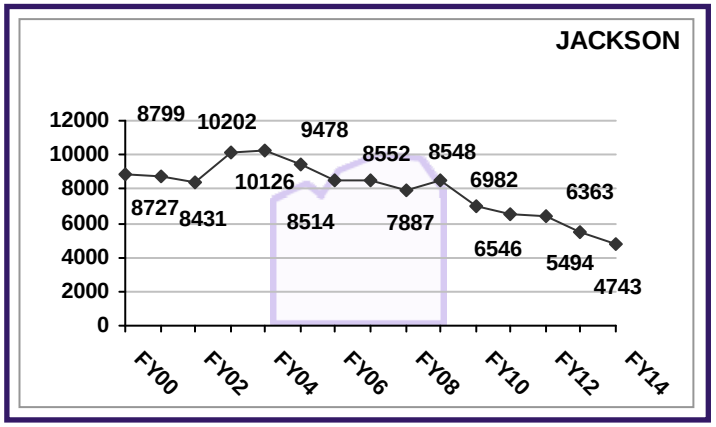

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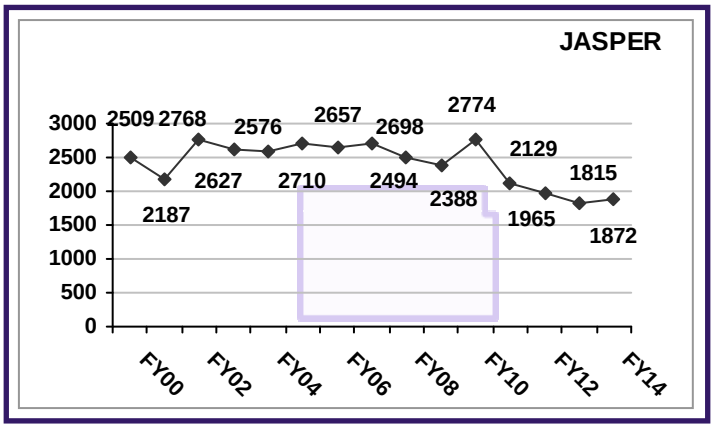

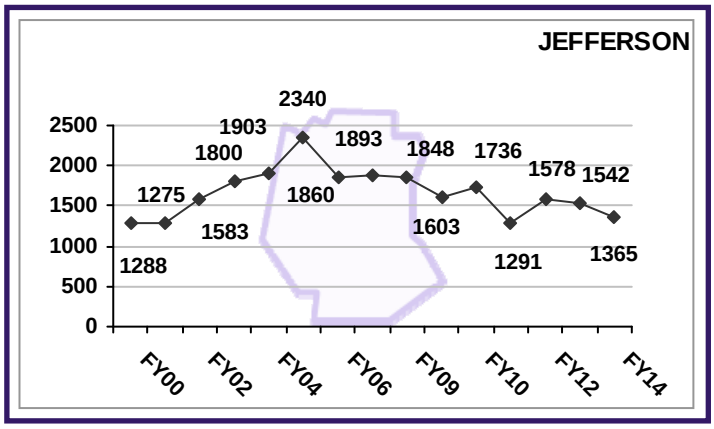

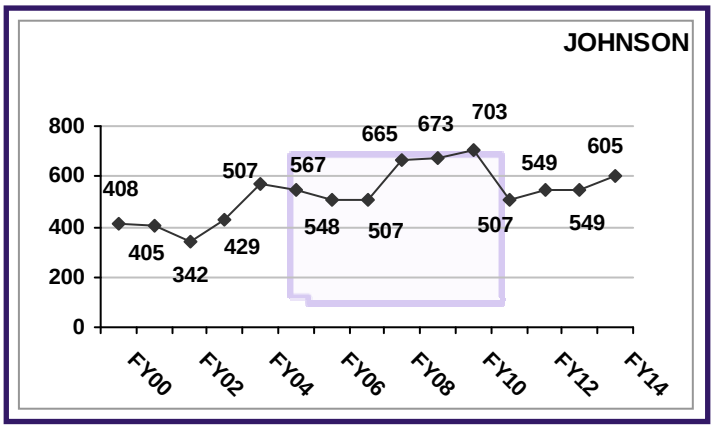

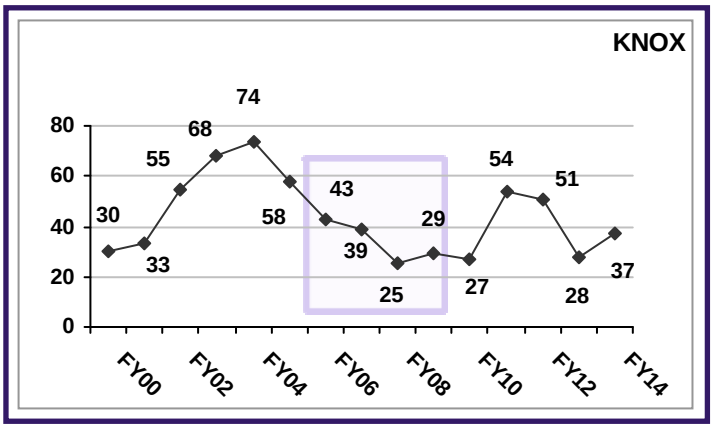

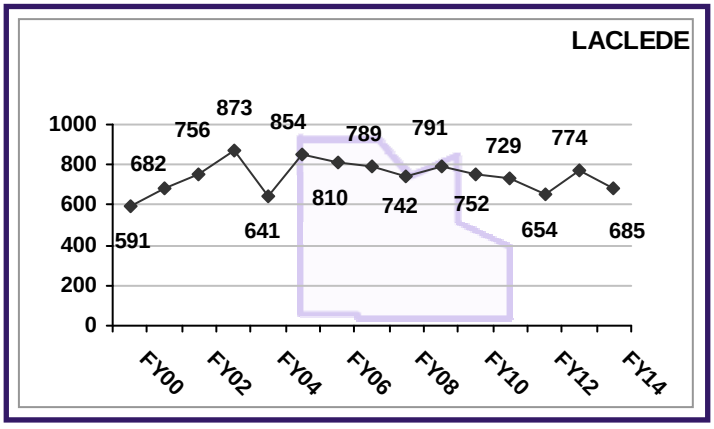

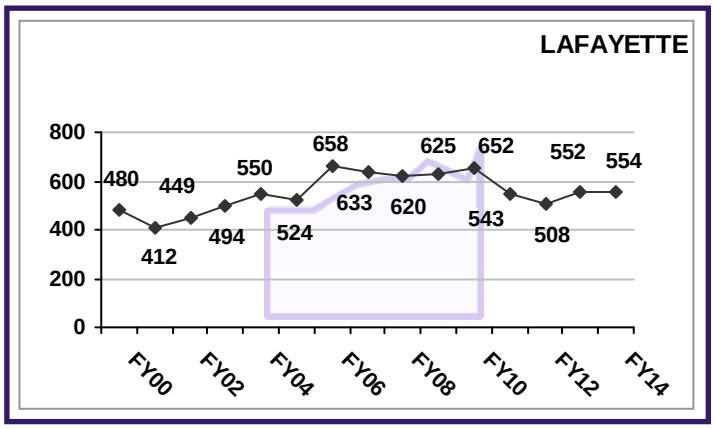

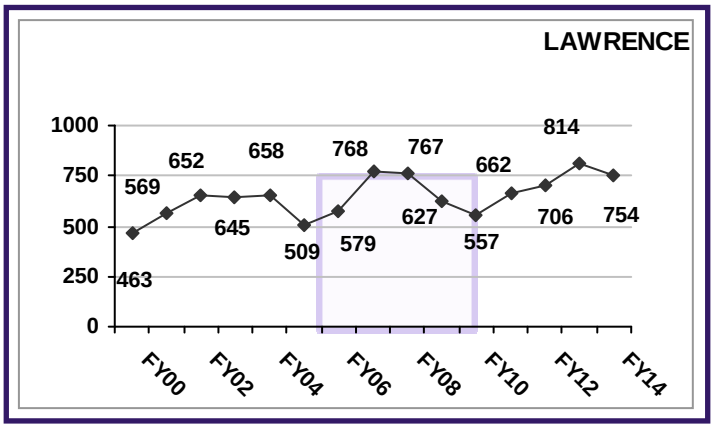

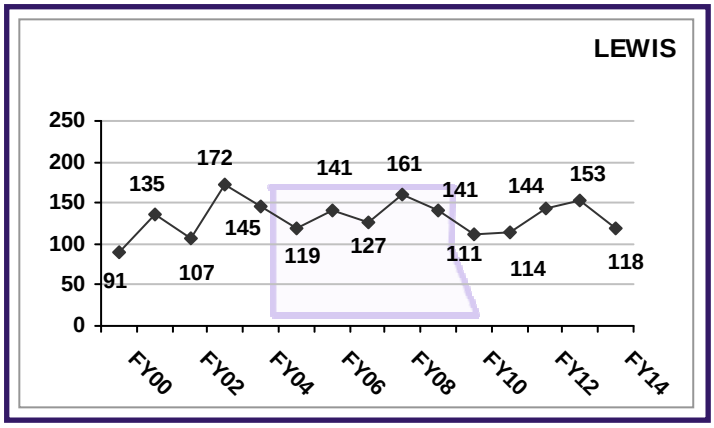

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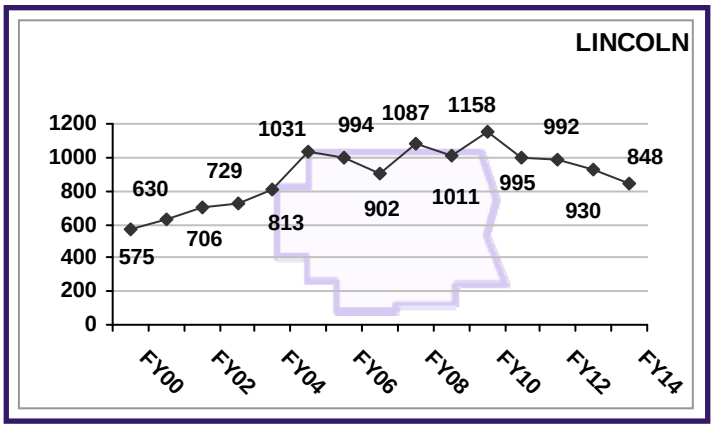

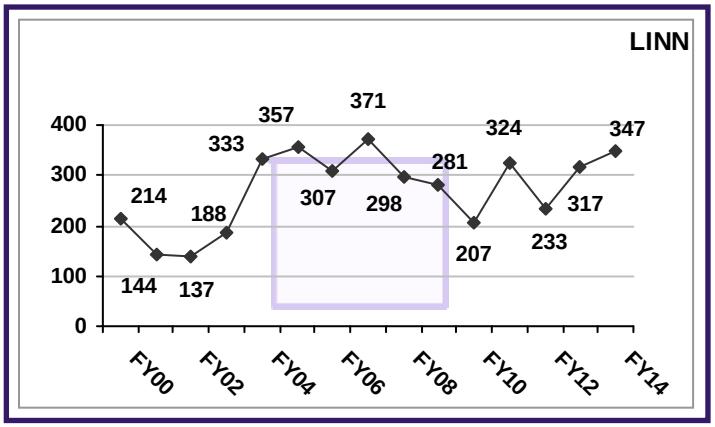

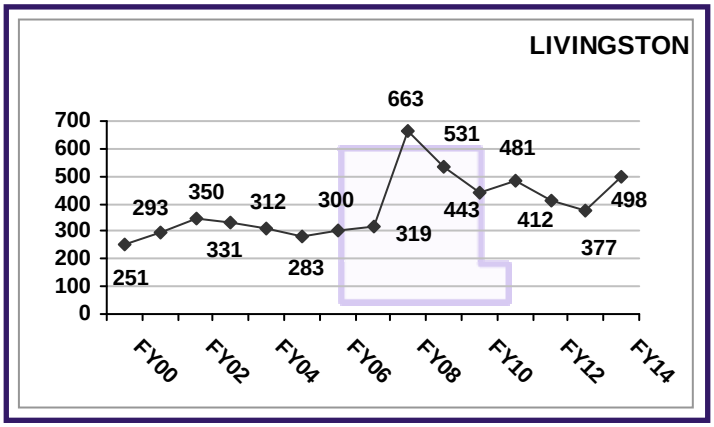

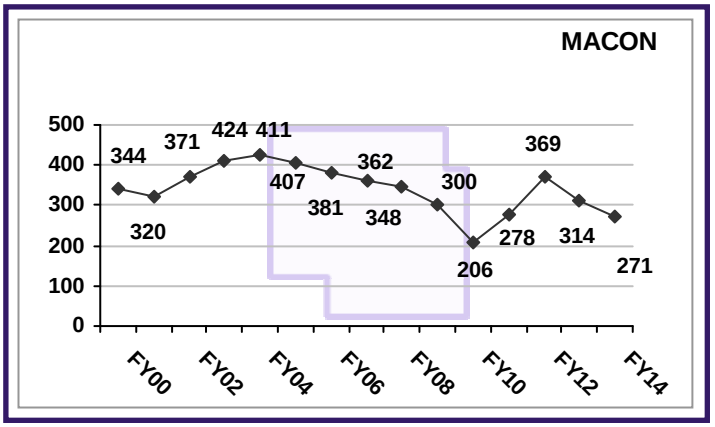

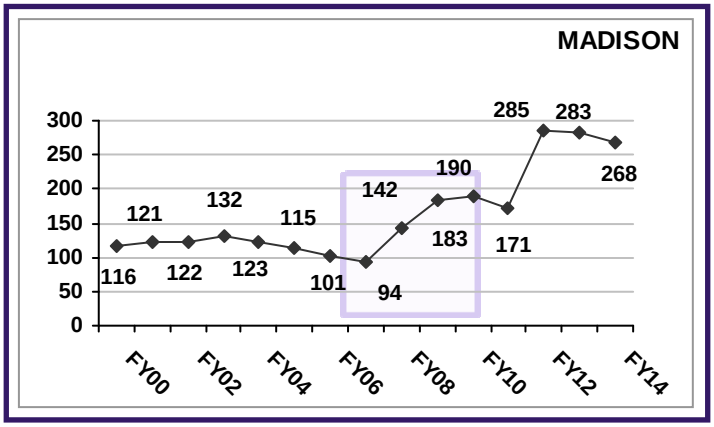

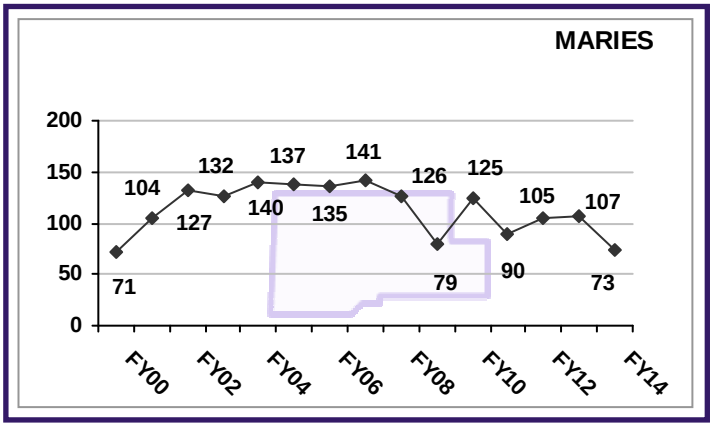

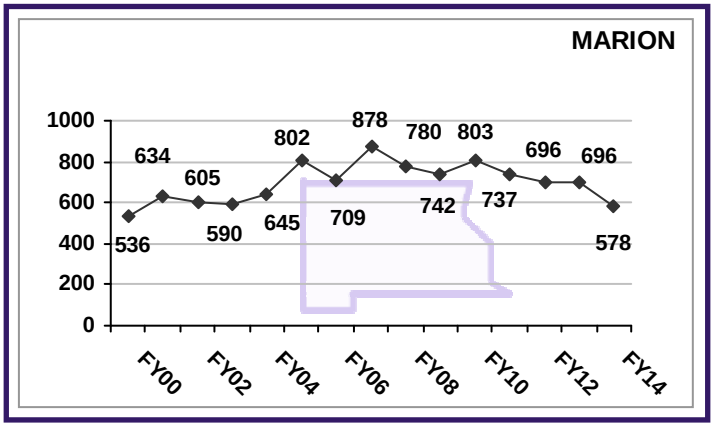

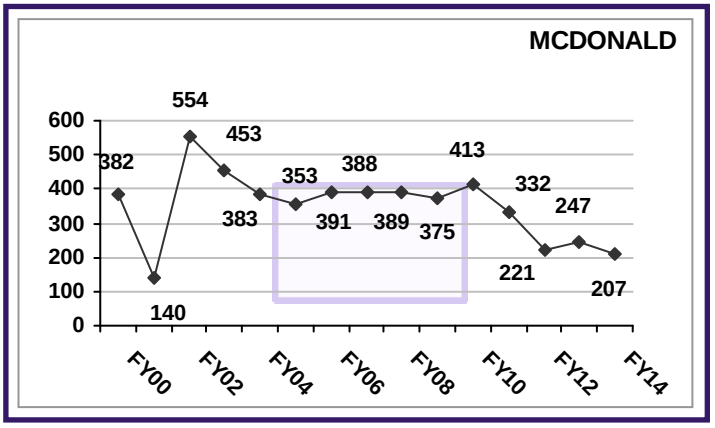

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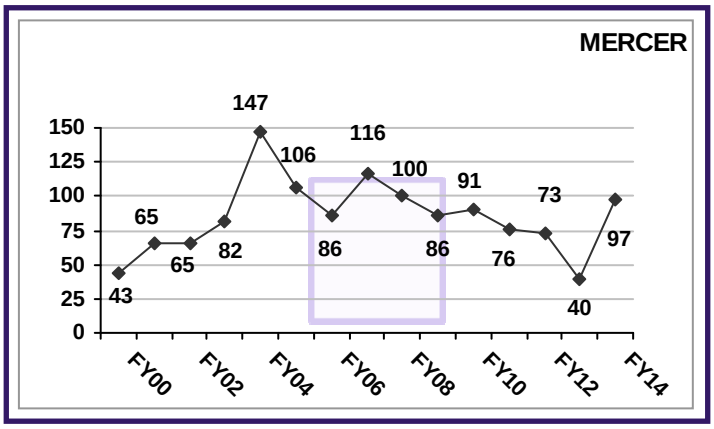

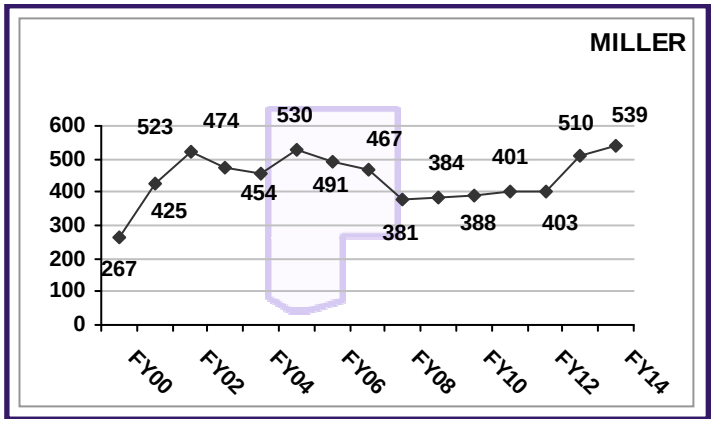

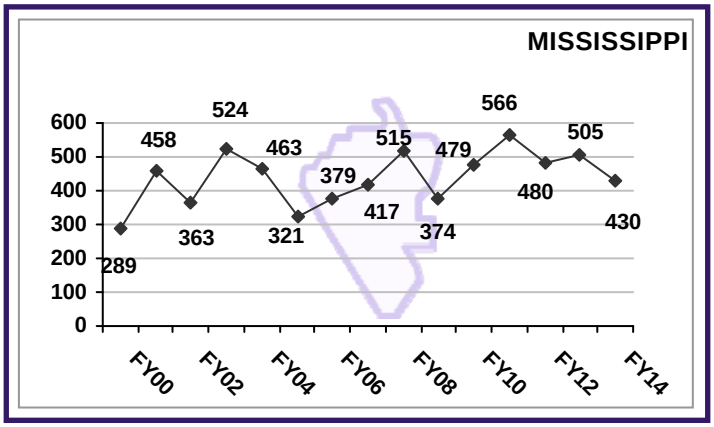

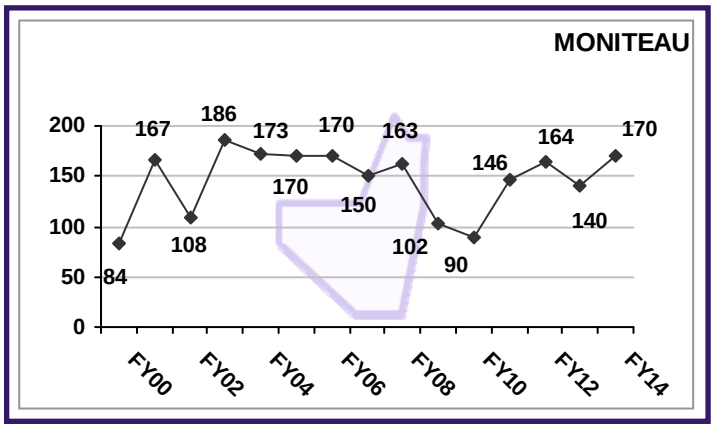

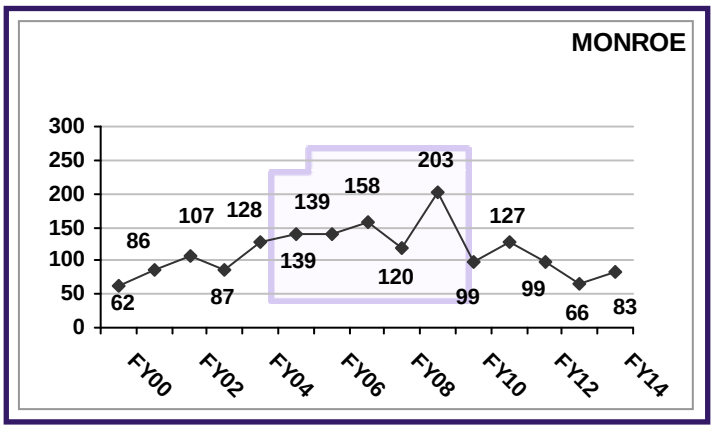

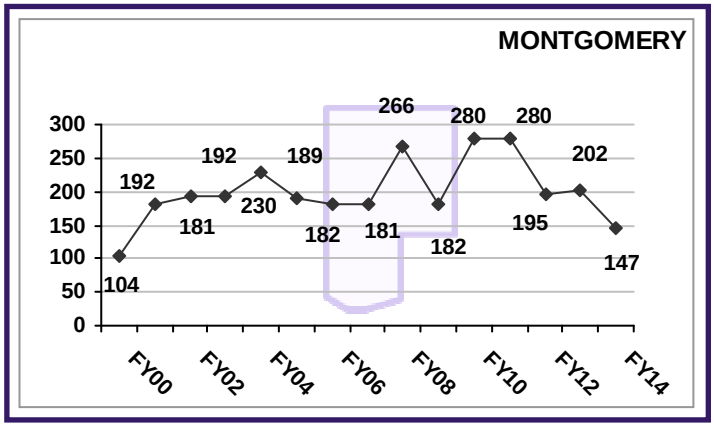

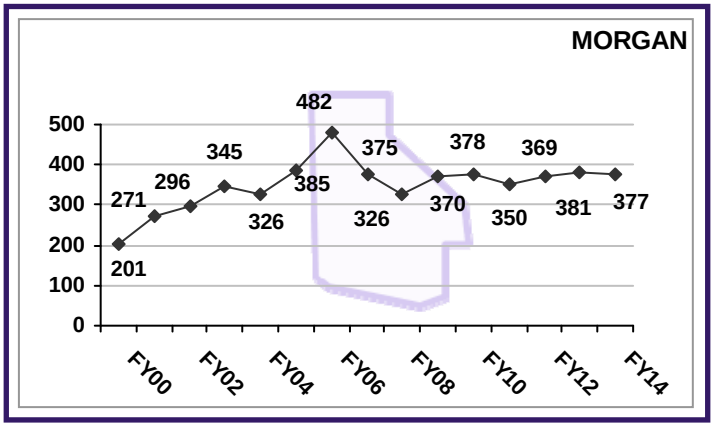

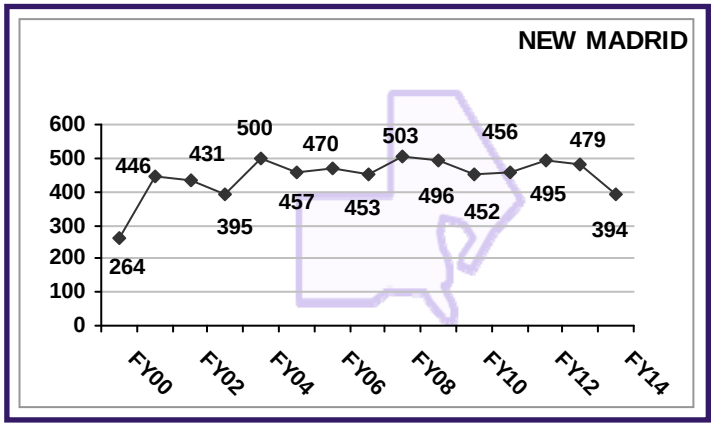

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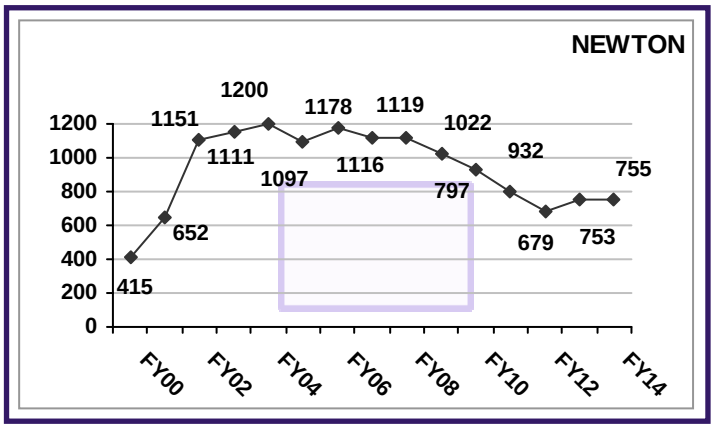

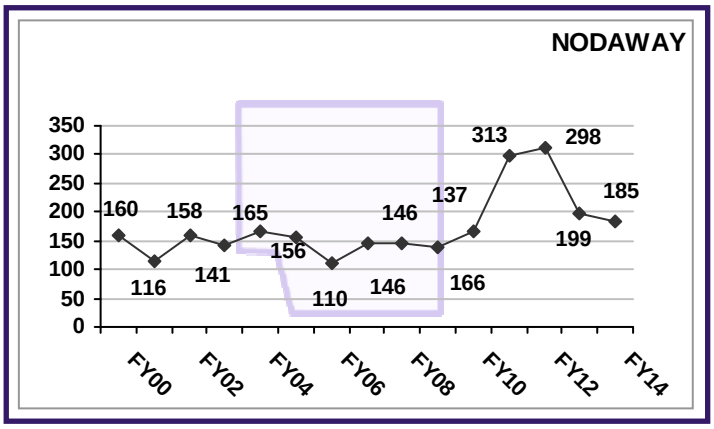

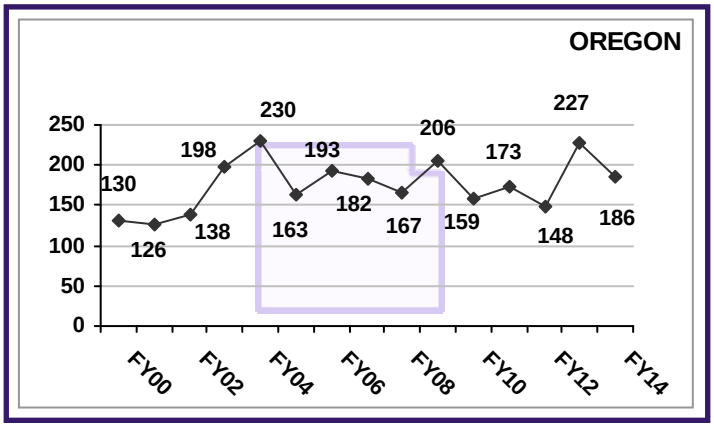

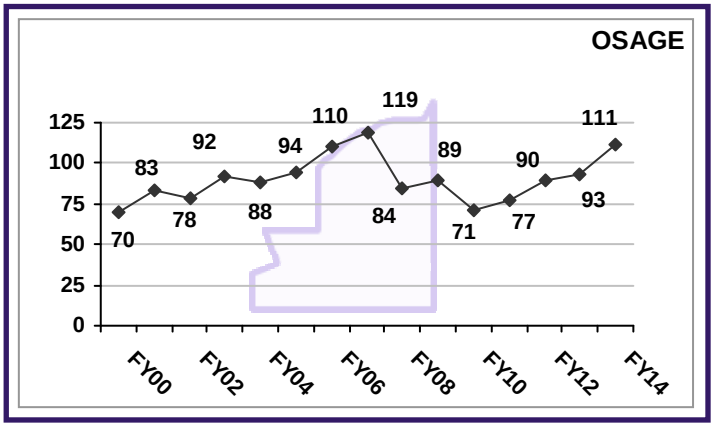

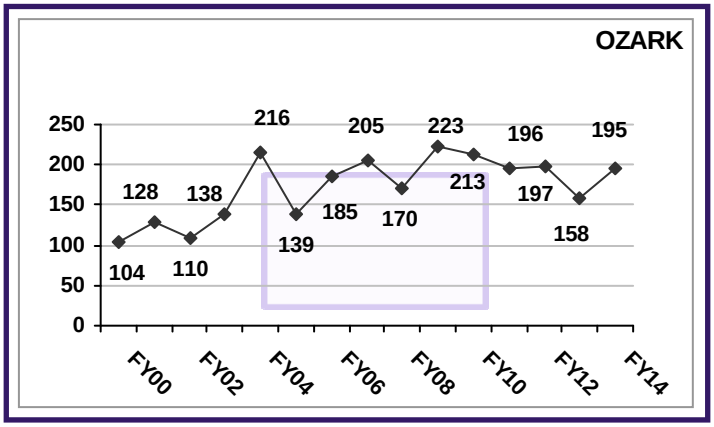

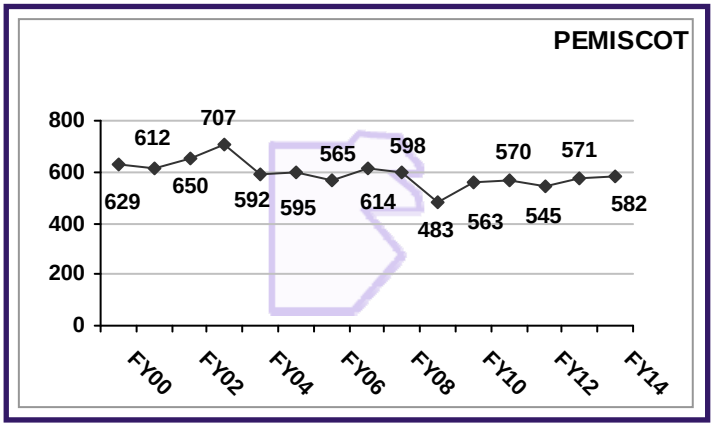

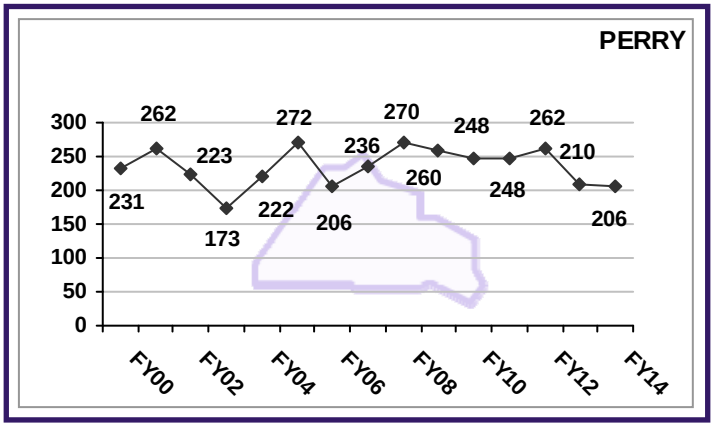

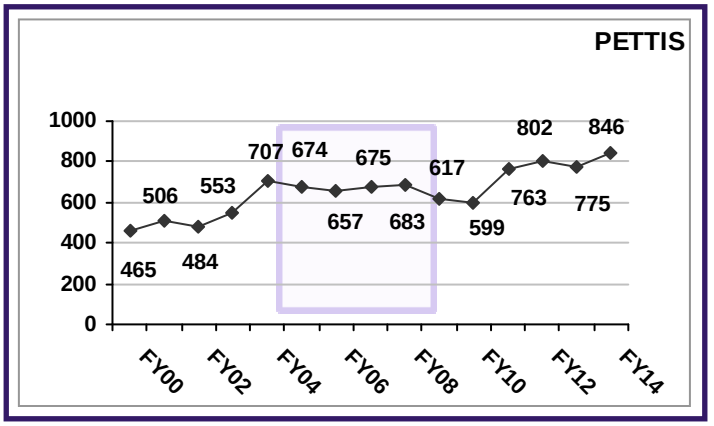

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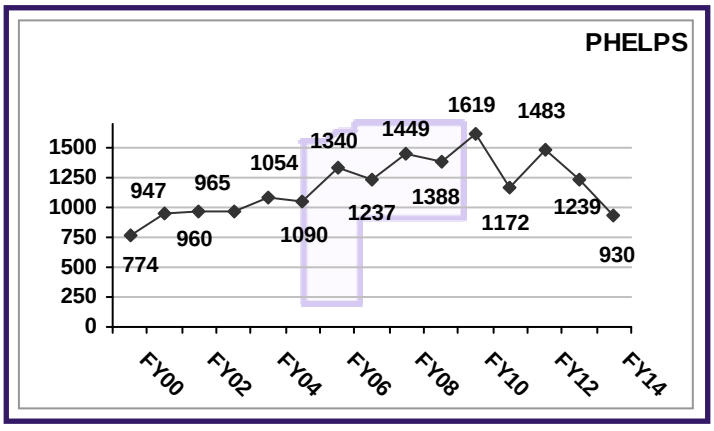

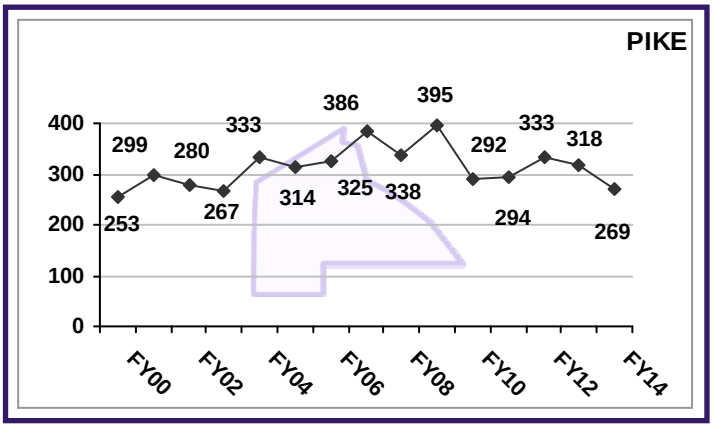

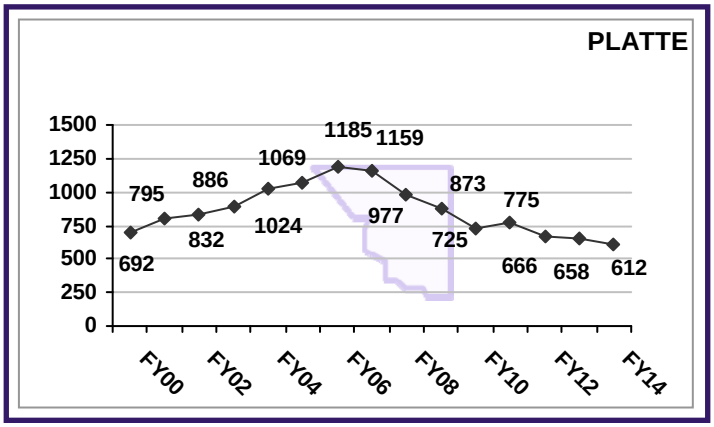

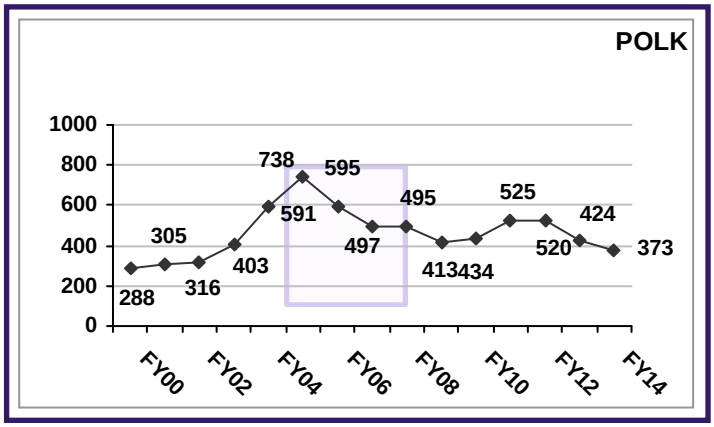

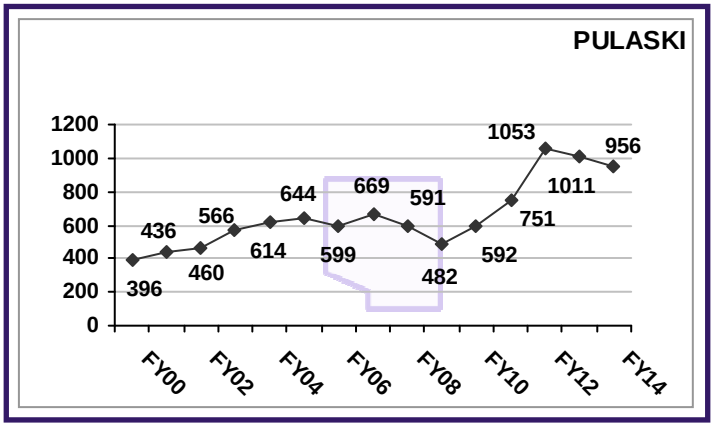

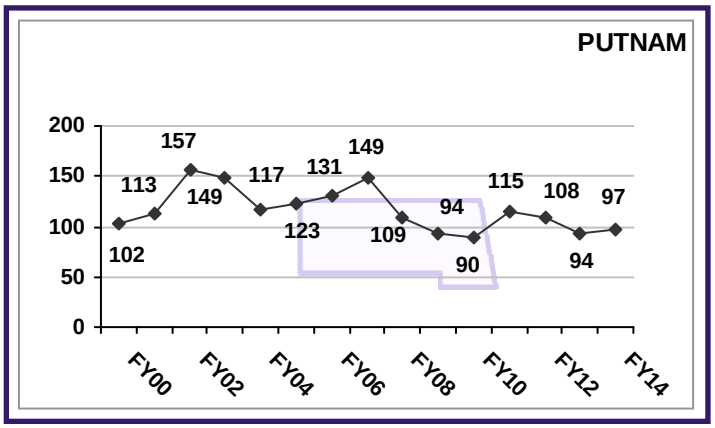

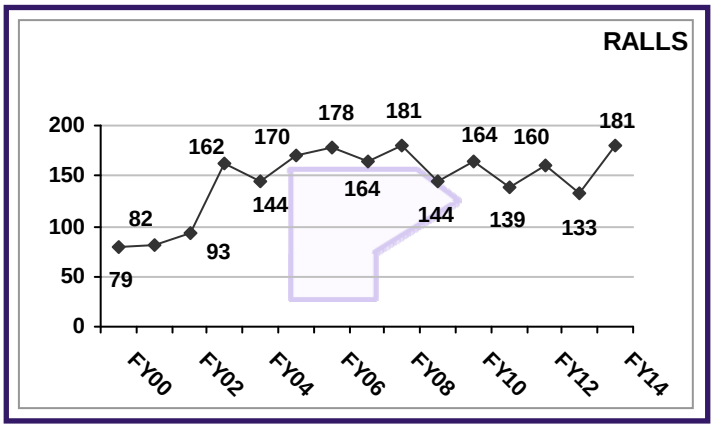

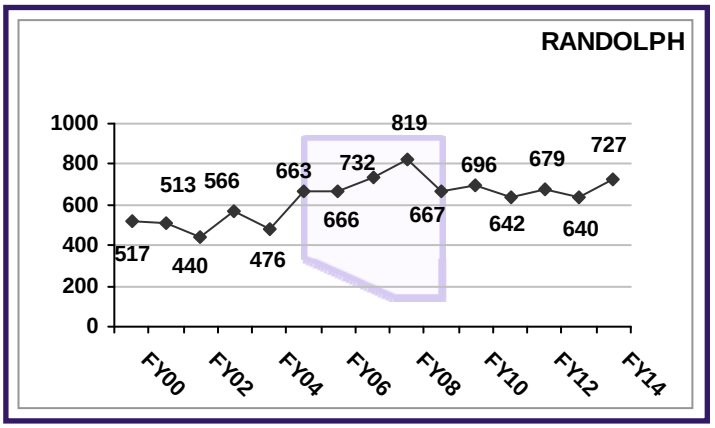

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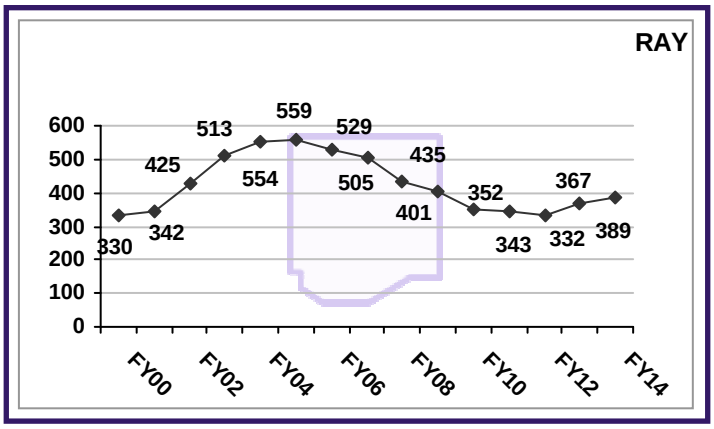

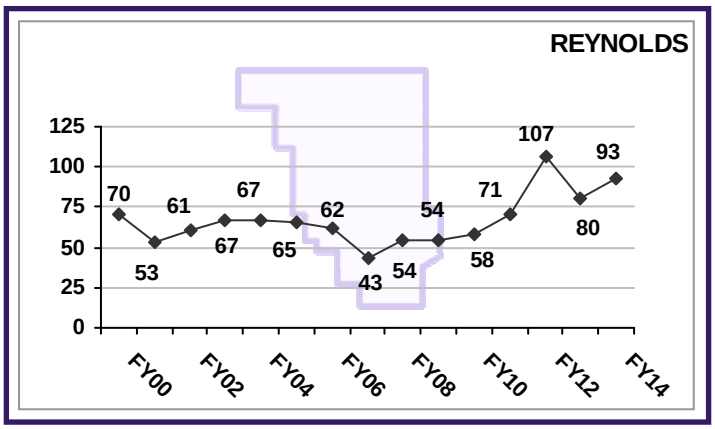

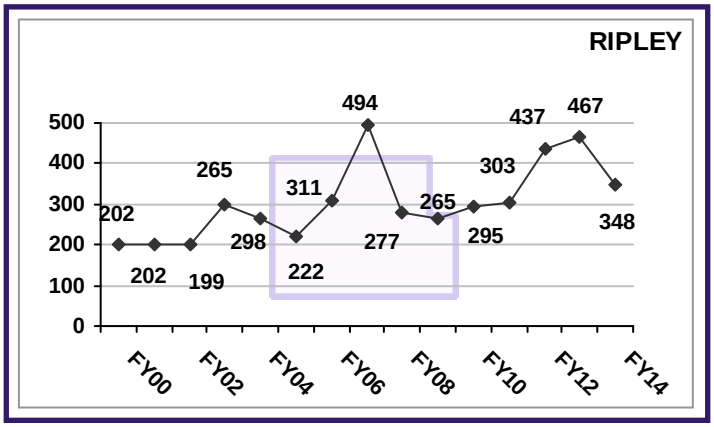

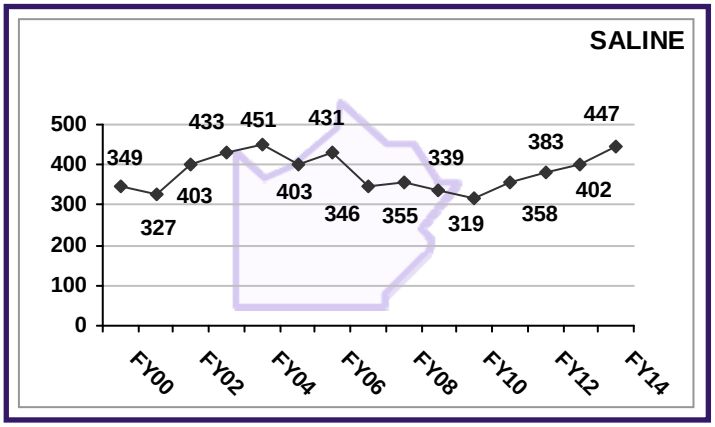

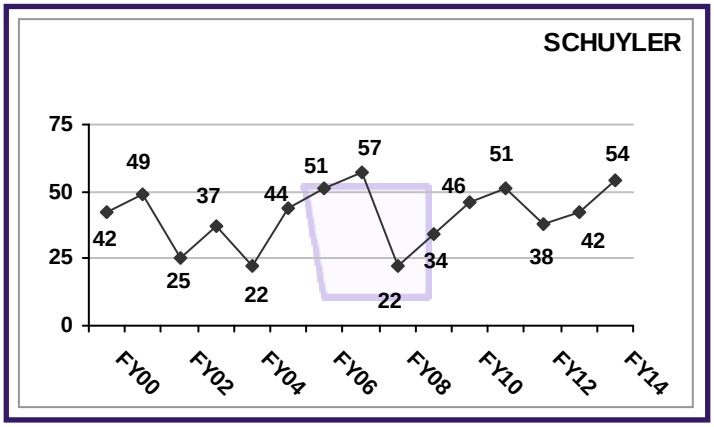

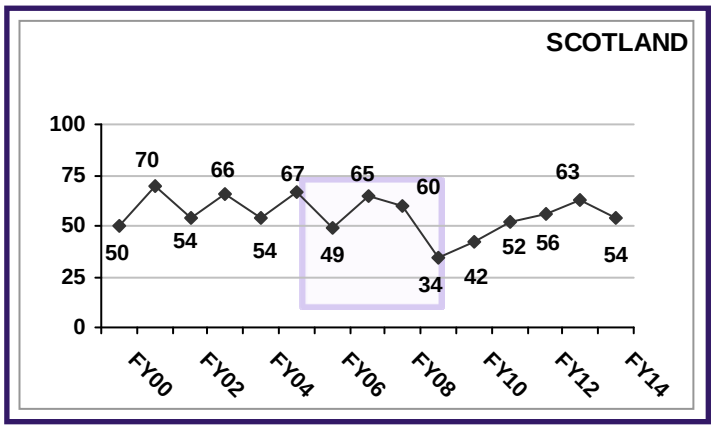

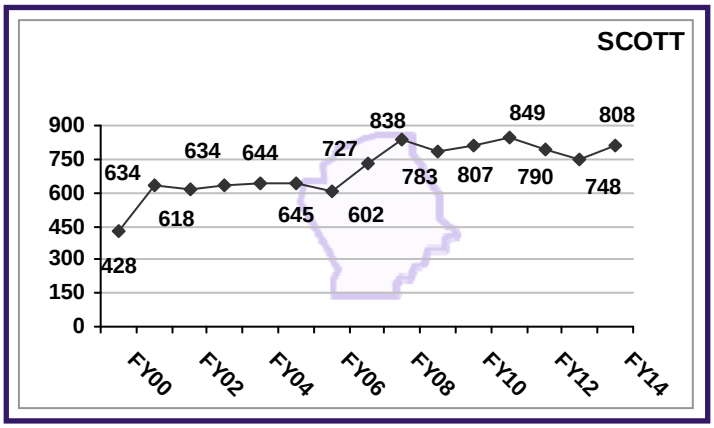

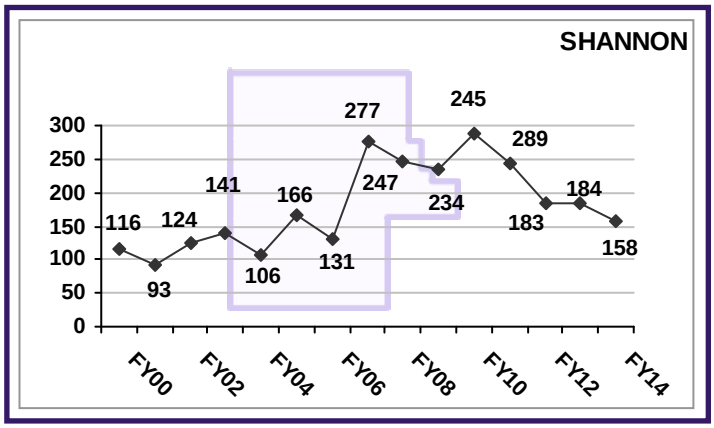

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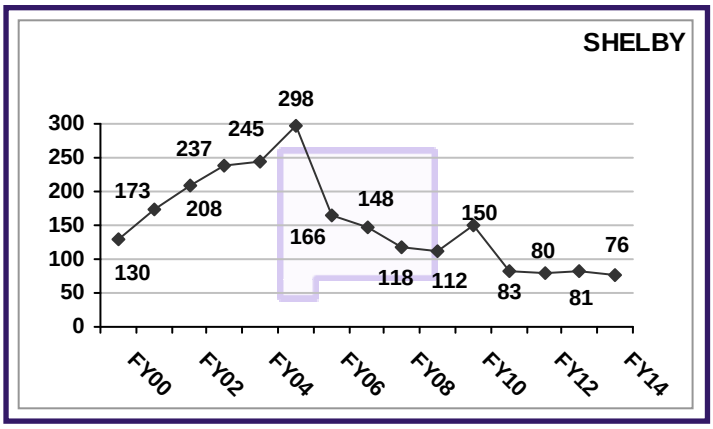

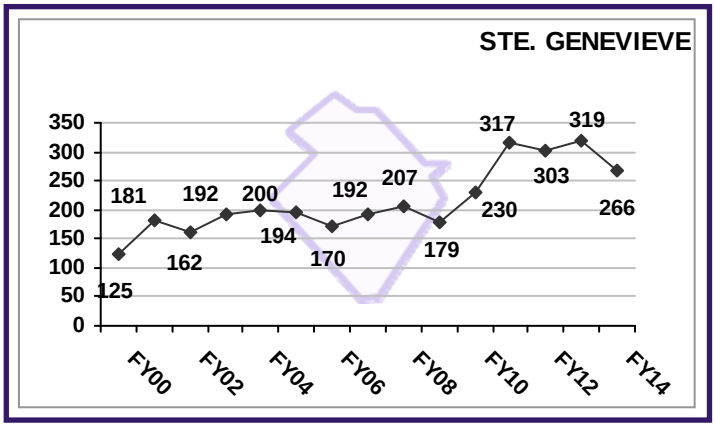

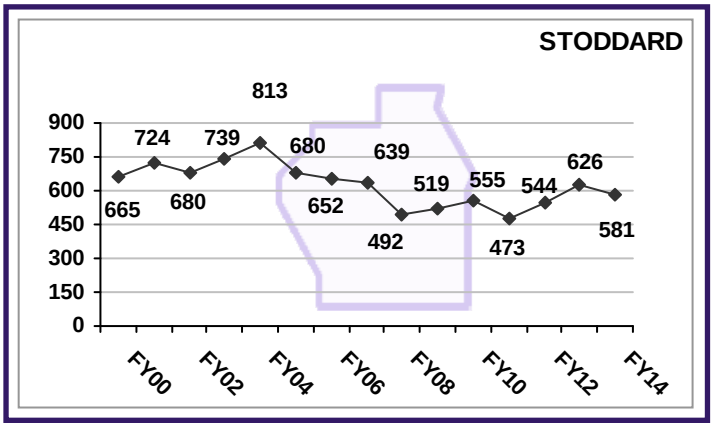

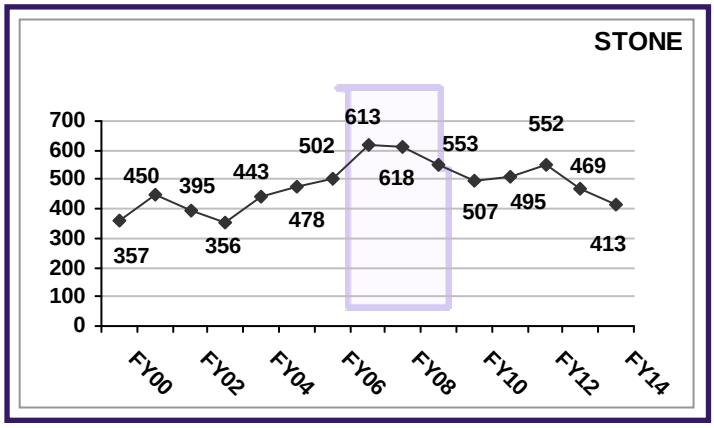

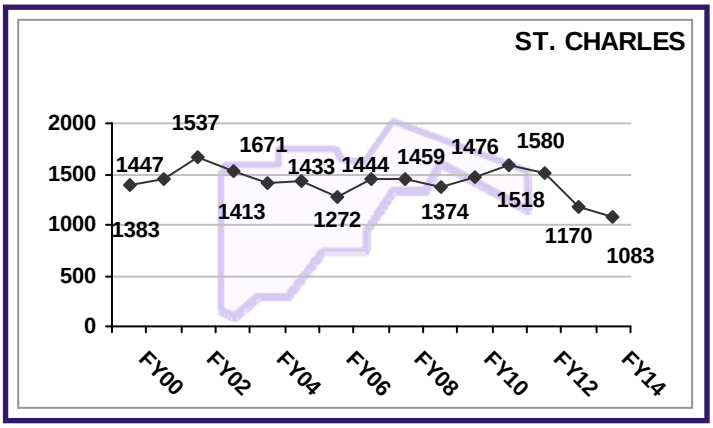

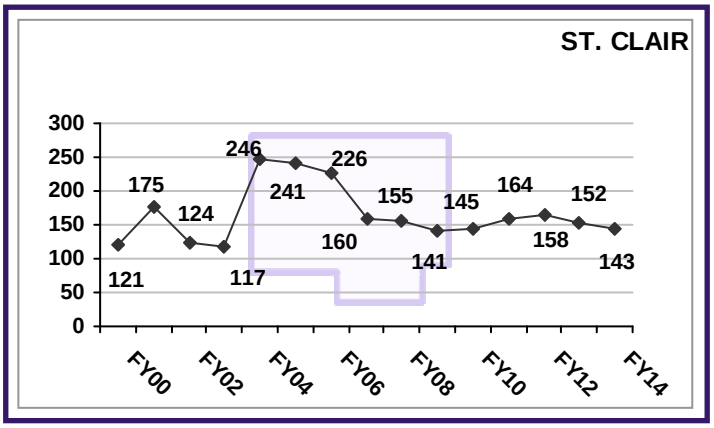

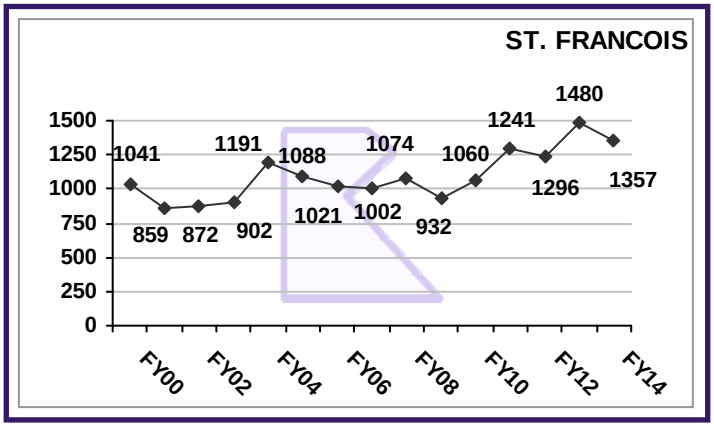

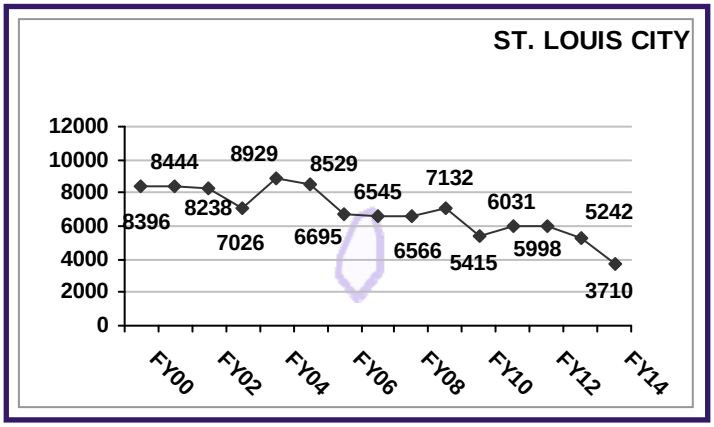

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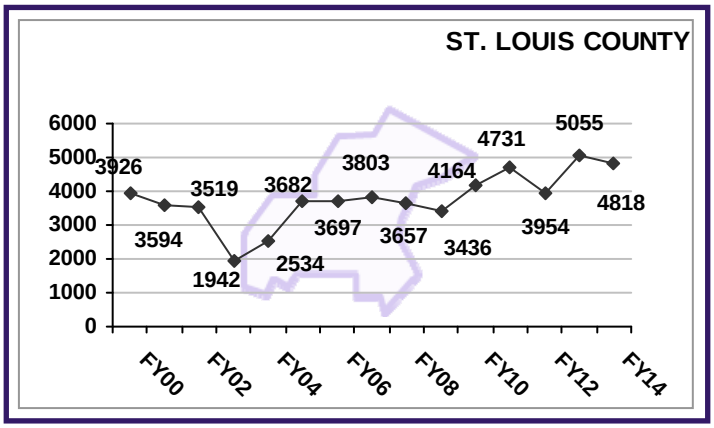

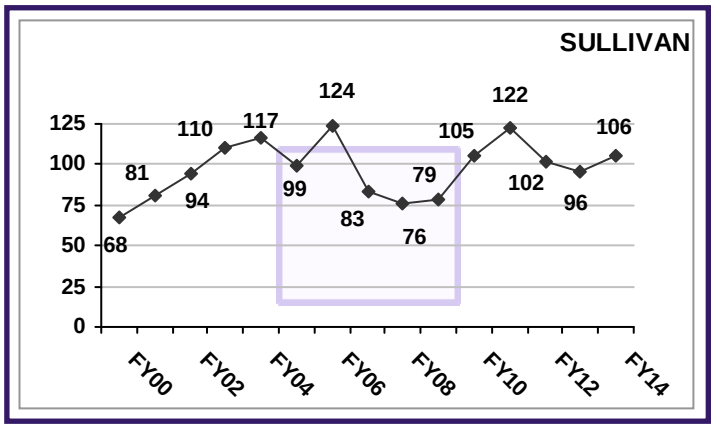

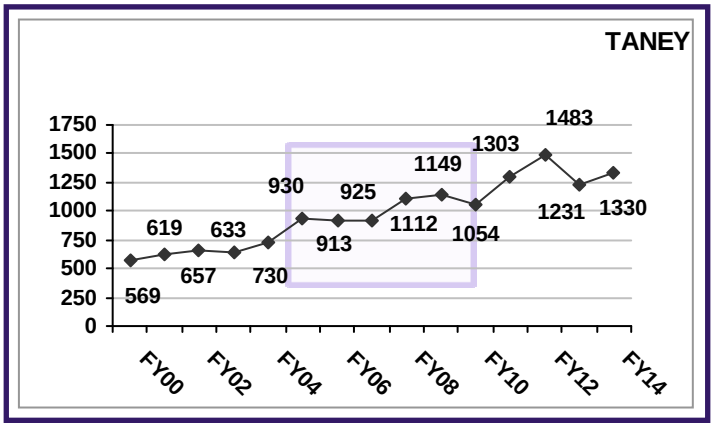

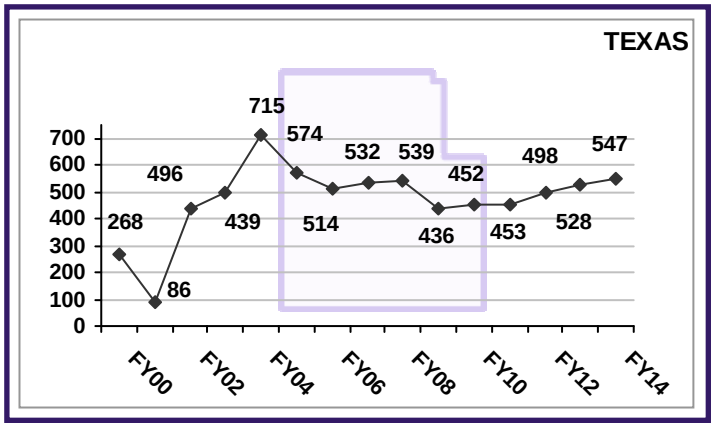

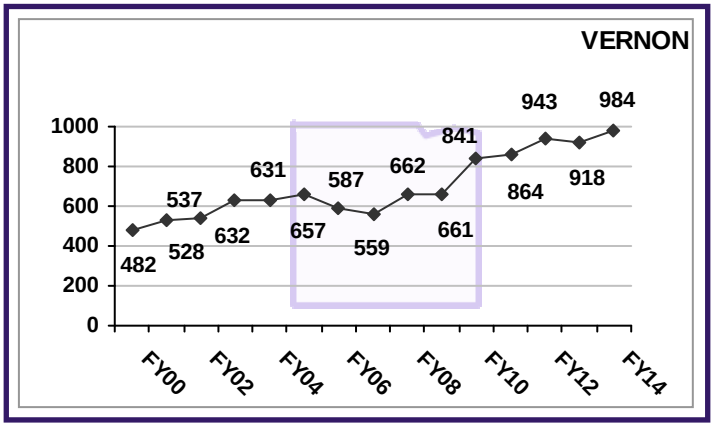

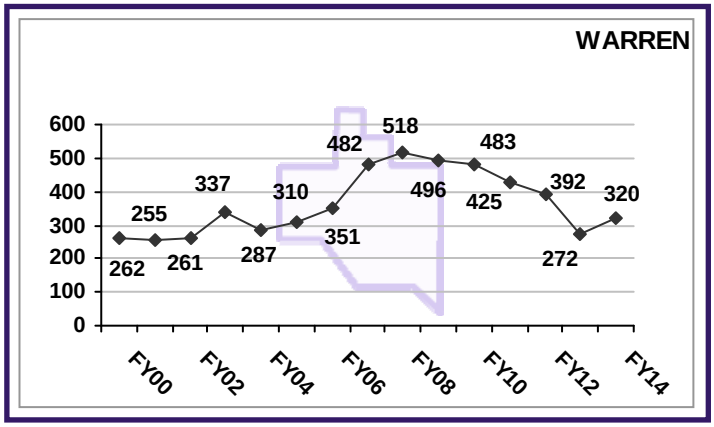

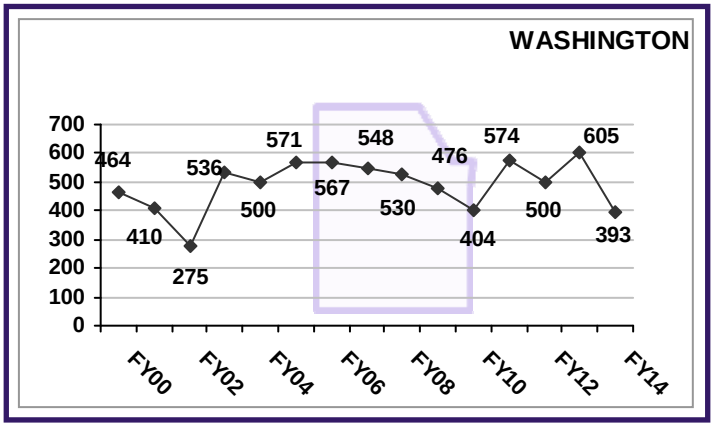

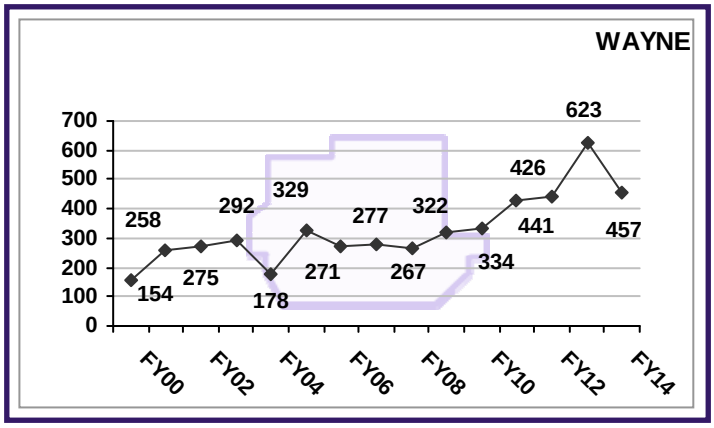

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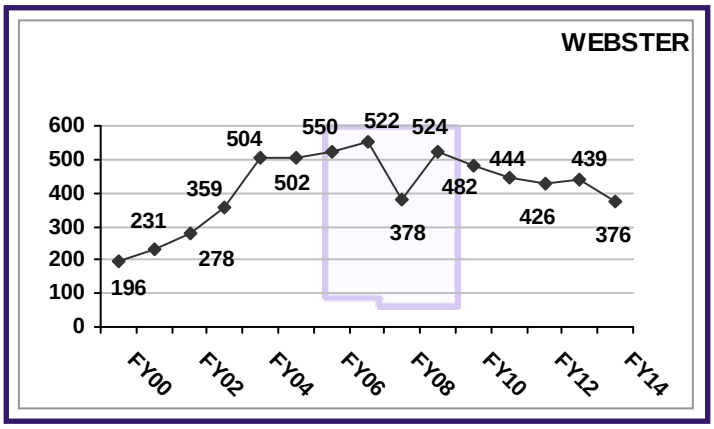
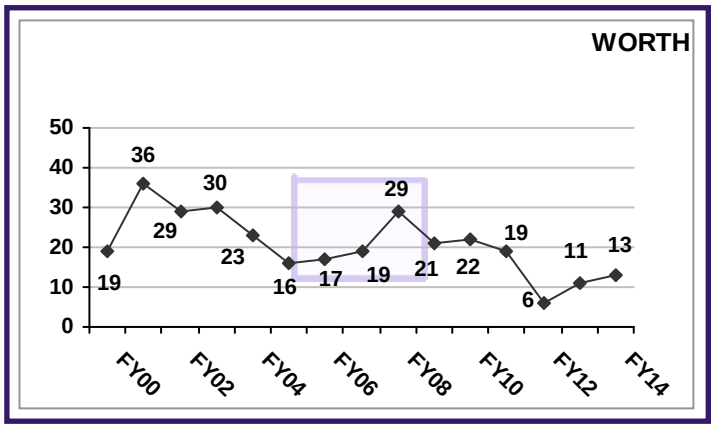
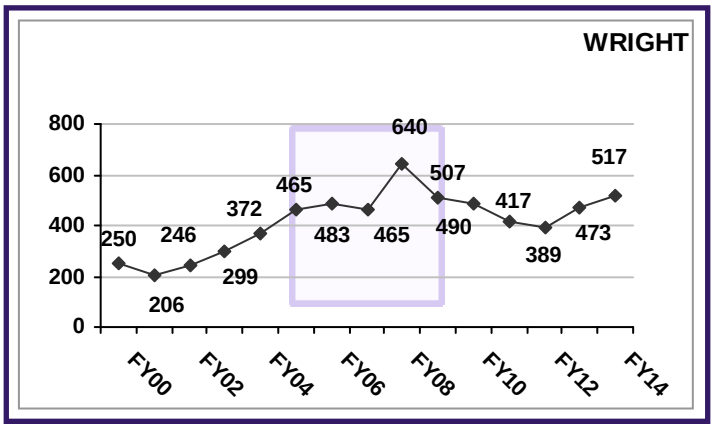






Public Defender
Appellate/Post Conviction Relief Division

MSPD's Appellate/PCR Division consists of six offices, with two offices located in St. Louis, two in Columbia, and two in Kansas City. In St. Louis and Kansas City, both offices do both appeals and PCR's and handle conflict cases for one another. Having a second office down the hall avoids having to transfer conflict cases to an attorney on the other side of the state. In Columbia, one office handles exclusively appeals and the other office handles exclusively post-conviction cases.

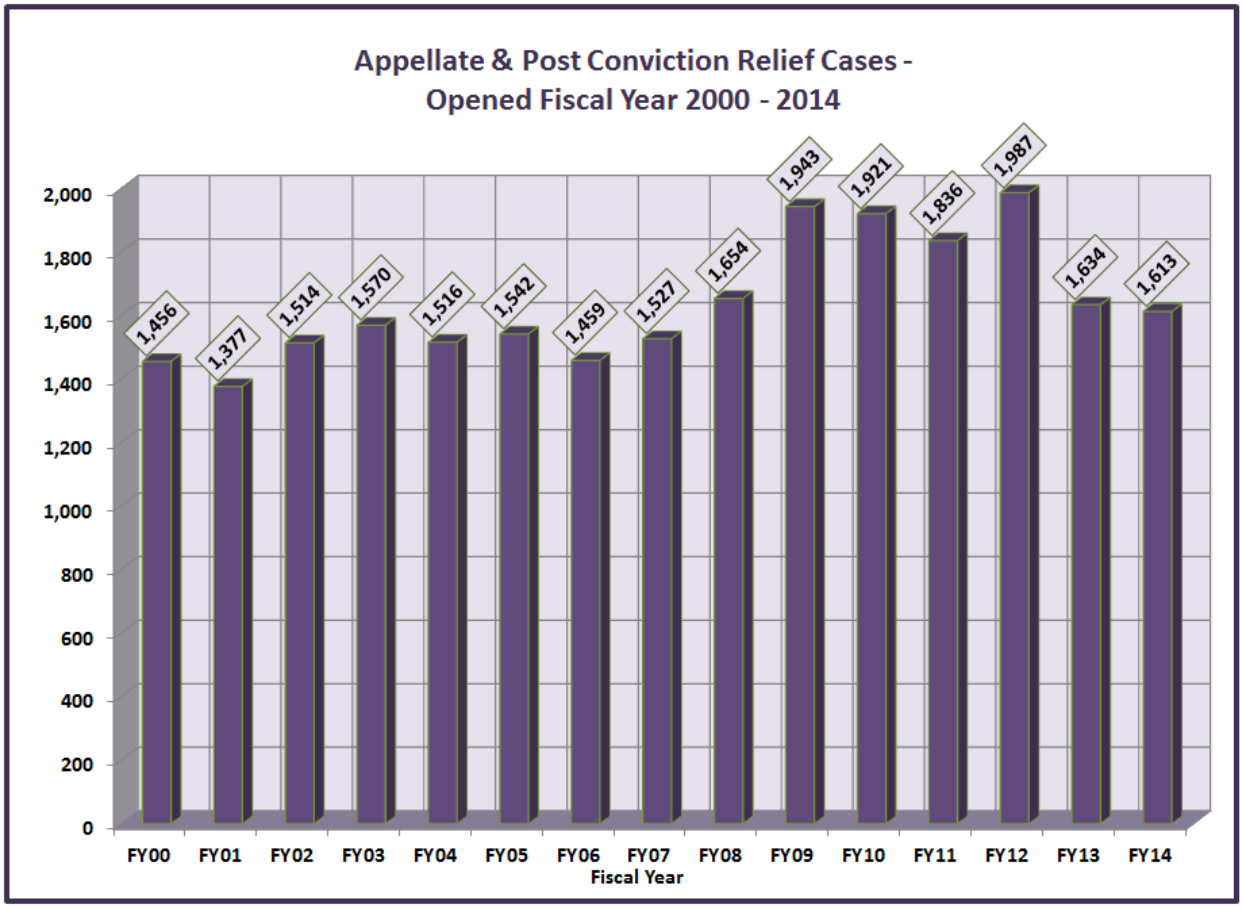
Appeals: Direct appeals are the first step in seeking to set aside or overturn a conviction after a trial. The process involves asking the Court of Appeals and /or the Missouri Supreme Court, to review and grant relief because of mistakes made by the trial court. The attorneys review the trial transcript, the trial court file, all the legal documents , and evidence introduced in the case and then present to the appellate courts, through written briefs and oral argument, the errors that were made in the lower court and the law supporting relief. MSPD's appellate attorneys handle cases in the Eastern, Western, and Southern Courts of Appeal and in both the Missouri and U.S. Supreme Court.

Post-conviction Cases: Post-Conviction cases (or PCR's) are collateral attacks on a conviction after the appellate process has been exhausted, and can include challenges to the legitimacy of the appellate process in a case as well as of the trial court proceedings. Unlike an appeal, which can only follow a trial, a PCR can also be filed after a guilty plea. These proceedings are conducted in the circuit courts in all 114 counties across the state + the City of St. Louis and include capital as well as non-capital cases.

In a post-conviction case, the focus is on constitutional violations that could not be corrected at the appellate level. E.g, if an attorney fails to object at the right time at a trial, the trial court's mistake is not preserved for appeal and the appellate court will usually not review it. However, through a PCR proceeding , a court can examine the attorney's failure to make the right objection and the likelihood the defendant would have gotten relief on appeal had the attorney done it correctly. If the court in the PCR hearing finds that, but for the attorney's ineffectiveness, the defendant likely would have had a different result, relief may be granted.

Attorneys handling PCR cases must do much of the same work as their appellate counterparts -- reviewing the trial transcript, the trial court file, all the legal documents , and evidence introduced in the case; but instead of then writing briefs and doing oral arguments for the appellate court, they draft motions to set aside the conviction and conduct evidentiary hearings at the circuit court level. To prepare for these, the PCR attorneys must figure out what the trial attorney should have done, but didn't, and then do it themselves. This can include a fair amount of case re-investigation, such as locating and presenting witnesses the trial attorney failed to locate or present, presenting the testimony of an expert the trial attorney failed to obtain, or putting on new evidence of innocence that was never provided by the state prior to trial. If a post-conviction claim is denied at the lower court level, there is a right to an appeal of that denial.

Private Attorney Cases: In addition to the direct appeals and post-conviction matters arising out of cases initially handled at the trial level by public defenders, our Appellate/PCR attorneys get many cases from the private bar. It is frequently the case that the money to pay counsel has run out by the time a trial is complete and the appellate and post-conviction processes therefore fall back to the public defender.



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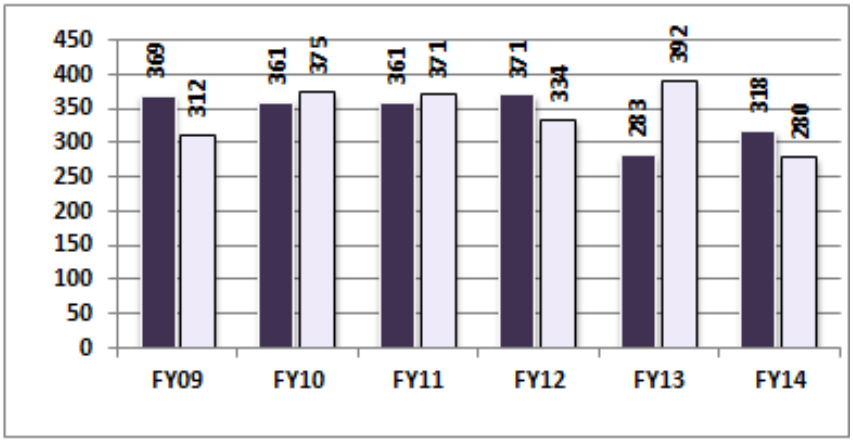
As of October 1, 2014

Fiscal Year 2014
APPELLATE DIVISION CASELOAD
Cases Opened and Closed

	Central		Eastern		Western		Totals
	Columbia		St. Louis		Kansas City		
	Area 50	Area 67	Area 51	Area 68	Area 52	Area 69	
Death Penalty							
Opened	4	1	2		1		**8**
Closed	2		2				**4**
Felony Appeals							
Opened	214		72	51	20	22	**379**
Closed	183		60	46	30	18	**337**
Misdemeanor Appeals							
Opened	10		1		1		**12**
Closed	13						**13**
Juvenile Appeals							
Opened	1		2		5		**8**
Closed			1		4	1	**6**
Post Plea PCR							
Opened		227	153	98	48	57	**583**
Closed		201	130	99	54	63	**547**
Post Trial PCR							
Opened		97	64	49	21	21	**252**
Closed		91	60	54	16	22	**243**
PCR Appeals							
Opened	66	23	89	93	30	26	**327**
Closed	66	24	103	96	38	29	**356**
Other (DNA, 29.07, 29.13, Rule 87, State's Appeals, 29.27, Writs, CDUs, et**c**)							
Opened	23	4	4	3	1	9	**44**
Closed	16	5	1	4	1	6	**33**
Appellate Division Totals							
Opened	**318**	**352**	**387**	**294**	**127**	**135**	**1613**
Closed	**280**	**321**	**357**	**299**	**143**	**139**	**1539**
Totals							
Opened	**670**		**681**		**262**		**1613**
Closed	**601**		**656**		**282**		**1539**
	Central		Eastern		Western		
	Columbia		St. Louis		Kansas City		

Cases Opened and Closed – By District
Fiscal Year 2007 to Fiscal Year 2014

Opened | Closed



District 50

Columbia

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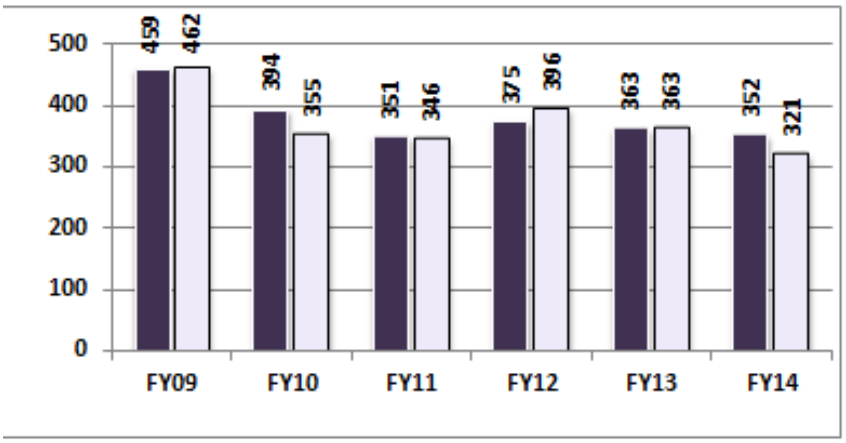

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Columbia

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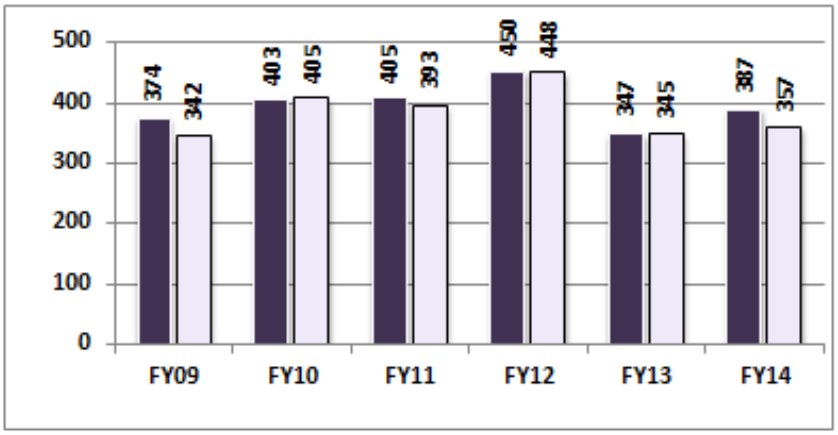

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St. Louis

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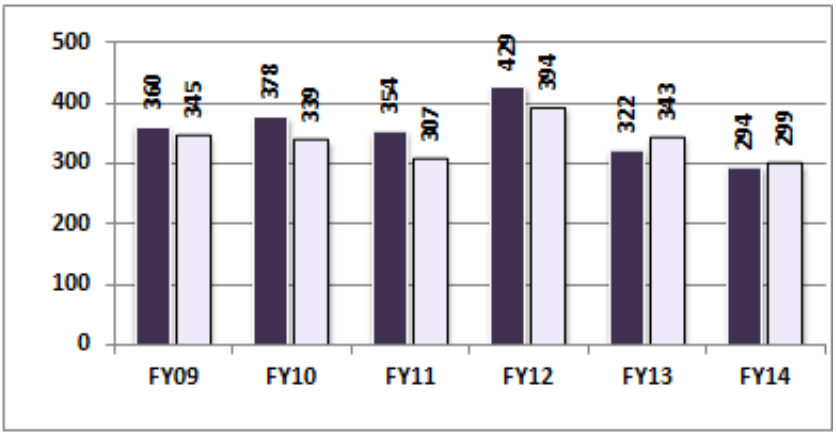

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St. Louis

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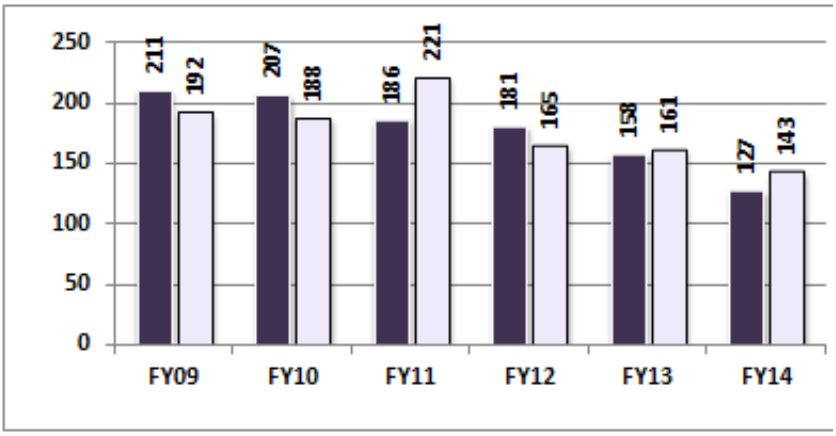

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Kansas City

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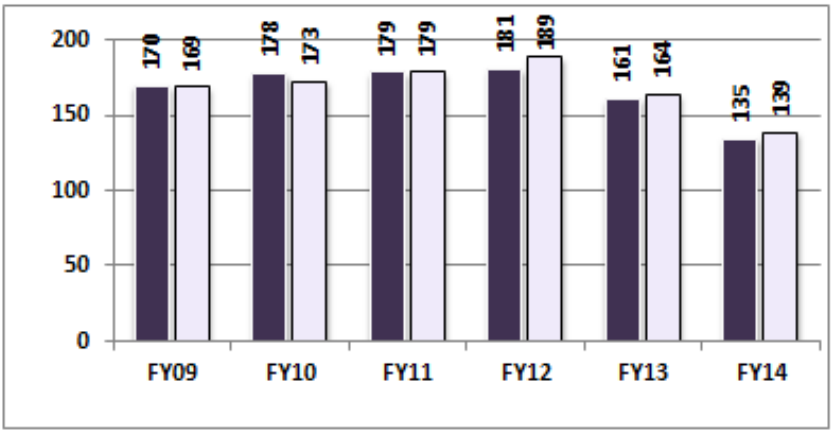

District 69

Kansas City

Western Appellate/
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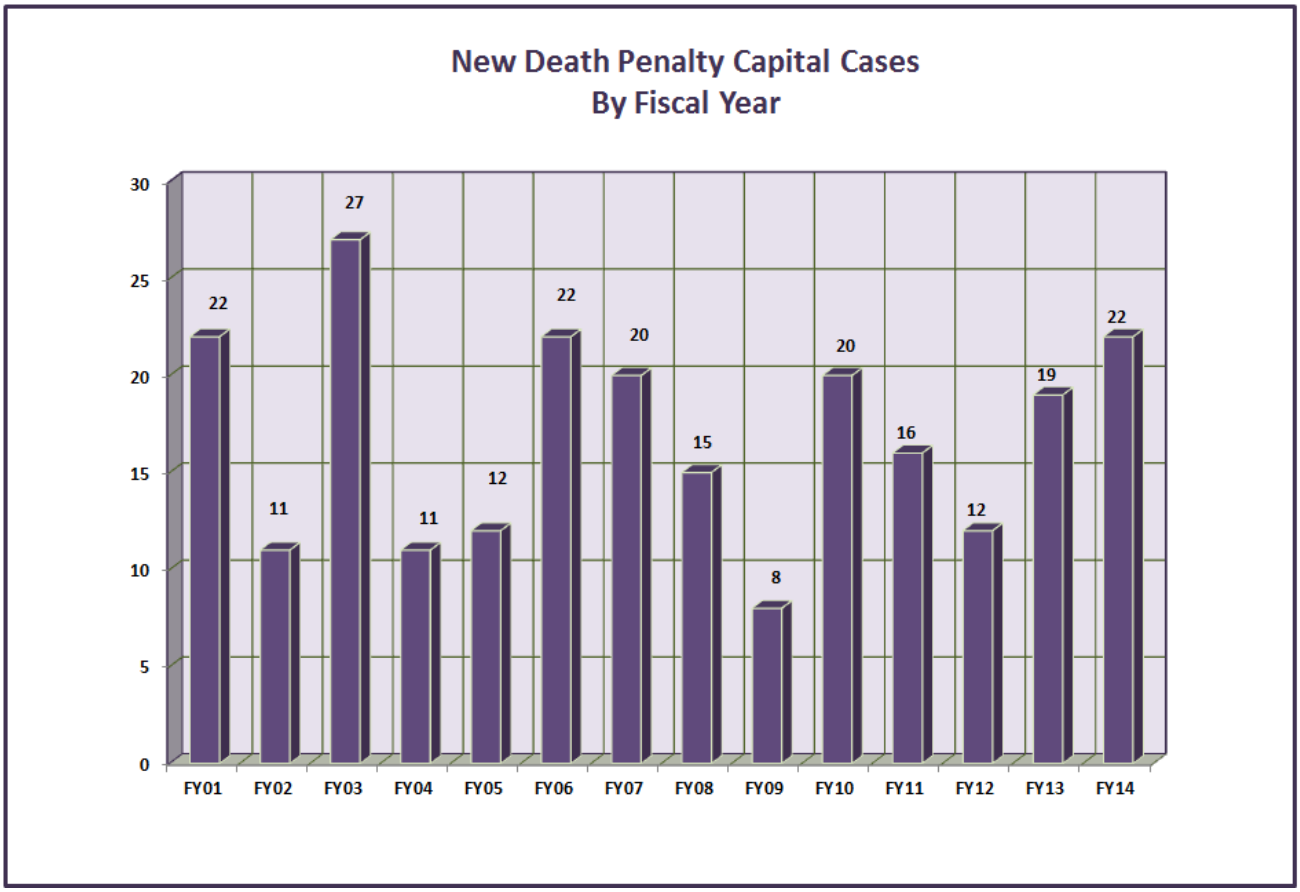
Missouri Public Defenders
Capital Division

MSPD's Capital Division provides defense representation in Murder First Degree cases in which the state is seeking the death penalty, as well as for juveniles facing the possibility of life without parole in non-capital murder first degree cases. They also handle direct appeals in cases in which a sentence of death has been imposed. If their caseloads permit, they may occasionally also take on a non-capital murder case from an overloaded trial office.

The division consists of three offices, one in St. Louis, one in Columbia, and one in Kansas City. Because of the complexity of death penalty cases, attorneys handling capital cases are limited to no more than six open capital cases at a time. Two attorneys, an investigator, and a mitigation specialist are assigned to each case.

Fiscal Year 2014
CAPITAL DIVISION
Caseload

	FY13 Carryover into FY2014	Assigned	Disposed	Current as of June 30, 2014
Central Office - Columbia				
Death Penalty Trial Cases		2	7	7
Non- Death Penalty Trial Cases		2	1	5
Appeals - Death Penalty		3		3
Appeals Other		1	1	3
Totals	17	8	9	18
Eastern Office - St. Louis City				
Death Penalty Trial Cases		13	10	20
Non- Death Penalty Trial Cases		8	4	7
Appeals - Death Penalty		2	2	0
Appeals Other		6	12	0
Totals	23	29	28	27
Western Office - Kansas City				
Death Penalty Trial Cases		7	5	6
Non- Death Penalty Trial Cases		0	5	6
Appeals - Death Penalty		3		2
Appeals - Other		0	6	7
Totals	17	10	16	21
Total Capital Division				
Death Penalty Trial Cases	0	22	22	33
Non- Death Penalty Trial Cases	0	10	10	18
Appeals - Death Penalty	0	8	2	5
Appeals - Other	0	7	19	10
Division Totals	57	47	53	66



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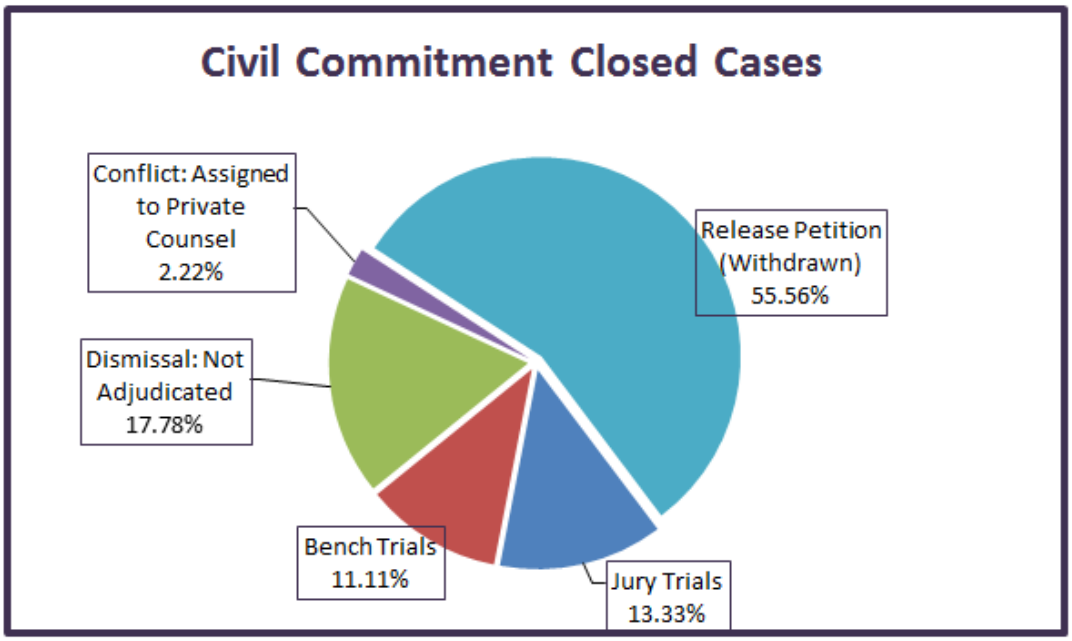
Missouri Public Defenders
Commitment Defense Unit

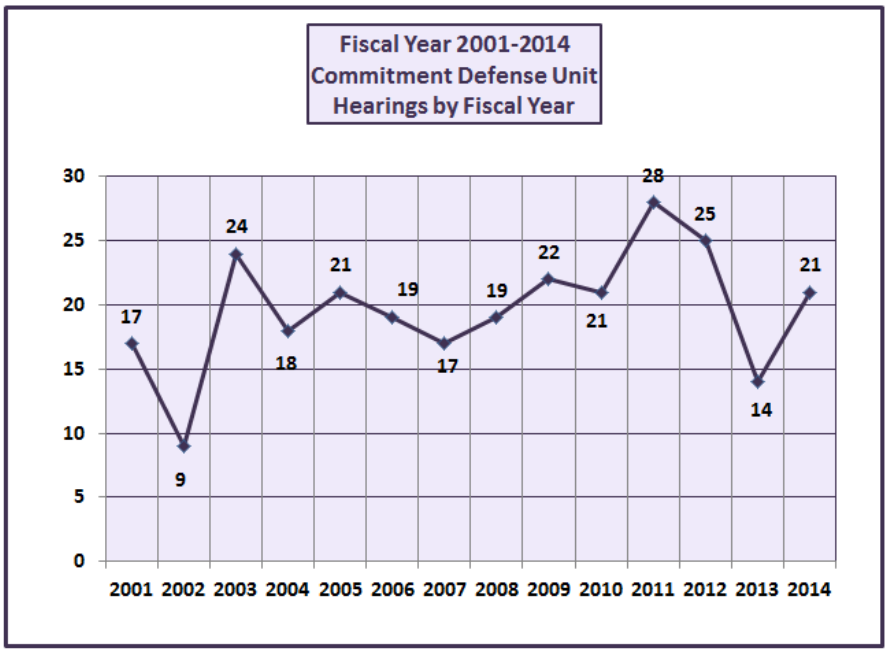
MSPD's Civil Commitment Defense Unit was created 2003 in response to Missouri's adoption of new 'Sexually Violent Predator' civil commitment laws. After a person convicted of certain sexual offenses has completed his prison sentence, the state may seek to have him adjudicated as a 'sexually violent predator' and have him civilly committed to the state's Sex Offender Rehabilitation and Treatment Services institution. The public defenders working in MSPD's Civil Commitment Defense Unit [CDU] provide defense representation to these defendants during both their initial commitment hearing and jury trial and thereafter, at a new jury trial every year for each inmate to determine whether he or she remains a danger to the community.

At the time this program was created, MSPD received two additional attorneys to handle the anticipated increase in workload from these new commitment proceedings. Today, MSPD has had to pull three more lawyers from the overloaded Trial Division to help handle the growing CDU caseload.

Fiscal Year 2014
Commitment Defense Unit
Caseload Statistics

	FY13 Carryover into FY14	# of Cases Assigned in FY2014
Petitions for Commitment	29	19
Petitions for Release	65	20
Total Opened for 2014		39
		# of Cases Closed in FY2014
Jury Trials		6
Bench Trials		5
Dismissal: Not Adjudicated		8
Conflict: Assigned to Private Counsel		1
Release Petition (Withdrawn)		25
Total Closed for 2014		45





MISSOURI STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER SYSTEM
Civil Commitment Unit

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As of October 1, 2014

Missouri Public Defender
Case Contracting

Historically, MSPD has contracted less than 2 percent of its annual caseload to private attorneys. Contracted cases generally fall into one of two categories:

(1) **Conflicts:** The majority of the cases contracted out to private attorneys are second and third-level conflict cases. A conflict case is one in which the local defender office ethically cannot provide representation – usually because they already represent a co-defendant or perhaps a witness in the same case. In that circumstance, the local office sends the client they cannot represent to one of the next nearest defender offices for representation. These are called first-level conflict cases. Where there are more than just two individuals needing representation who are involved in a conflict, (i.e. second and third level conflicts), representation of the additional clients is more likely to be provided by private panel attorneys, who are paid to provide representation on a case-by-case basis. This is more practical and efficient than assigning these clients to yet other defender offices which are even further away from the county in which the case is being heard.

(2) **Caseload Relief:** Occasionally, MSPD is able to use vacancy savings to contract out excess cases to private counsel to give especially overloaded or short-staffed offices some workload relief. Funds for these kinds of contracts are not sufficient to solve the work overload, but when available, can provide some relief in especially pressurized offices.

Private criminal defense practitioners can apply to be a panel attorney for MSPD, designating both the counties in which they practice and the types of cases for which they are qualified. Once accepted onto the Panel, they are asked to enter into a Panel Attorney Memorandum of Agreement with MSPD, after which they will be placed in the rotation to receive case assignments in their areas of availability. More information for those interested in participating in MSPD's Panel Attorney Program can be found at http://publicdefender.mo.gov/contracts/MSPD_Contracting.html.

Fee Schedule for Contracting

MSPD utilizes a modified flat fee rate for contract cases. This is a base fee corresponding to the type of case with provisions for additional payment if the case should go to trial. The base fee may also be negotiated upward if the case is a particularly complex one or has special circumstances that may require work above and beyond the norm for its case type or if we are unable to locate a qualified attorney who will take the case at the rate on the schedule, as does sometimes happen. The typical contract fee schedule used by MSPD in FY14 is shown below

Litigation expenses (expert witness fees and travel costs, depositions, transcripts, case investigation, etc) are not included in the attorney's fee. Those types of expenditures are approved separately and must each be submitted to MSPD for approval by MSPD's Deputy Director prior to being incurred.

Missouri State Public Defender
Private Counsel
Fee Schedule

Case Type	Description	Contract Rates
15	Murder 1st Degree	$10,000
20	Other Homicide	$6,000
30D	AB Felony Drug	$750
30F	AB Felony Other	$1,500
30X	AB Felony Sex	$2,000
35D	CD Felony Drug	$750
35F	CD Felony Other	$750
35X	CD Felony Sex	$1,500
45M	Misdemeanor	$375
45T	Misdemeanor - Traffic	$375
50N	Juvenile - Non Violent	$500
50S	Juvenile - Status	$500
50V	Juvenile - Violent	$750
65F	Probation Violation - Felony	$375
65M	Probation Violation - Misd	$375
110F	Direct Appeals - Felony	$3,750
110S	Direct Appeal - Misdemeanor	$500
124A	Rule 24.035 Appeal	$500
124M	Rule 24.035 Motion	$500
129A	Rule 29.15 Appeal	$3,750
129M	Rule 29.15 Motion	$500

Note: MSPD will pay additional compensation in cases resolved by trial:
Jury Trial - $1,500 for the first day and $750 for each additional day
Bench Trial - $750 per day prorated

In FY14, MSPD contracted approximately 3.23% of its total caseload to the private bar. In FY14, MSPD spent $1,819,860.45 to contract out 2,427 cases, at an average cost per case of $749.84.

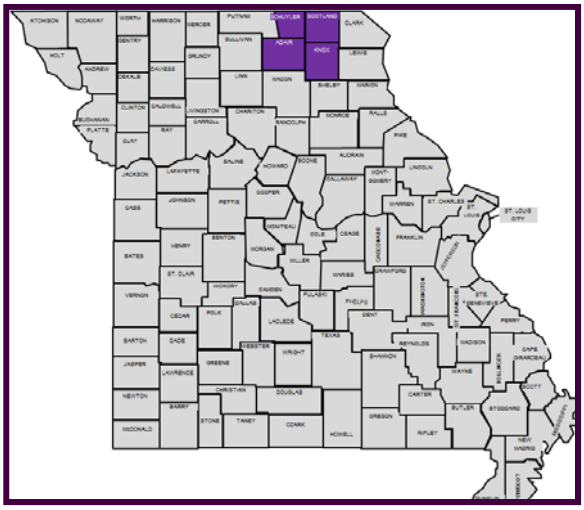
During the 2014 Legislative Session, the legislature truly agreed to and finally passed funding $3,472,238, to permit MSPD to contract out ALL of its conflict cases, including first-level conflicts, to private counsel as part of its FY2015 budget. The Governor line item vetoed these additional funds. During the Legislative Veto Session, this line item veto was overridden by the General Assembly and the funds added to MSPD's core budget. As of October 1, 2014, the Governor is withholding theses funds.

FISCAL YEAR 2014
NUMBER OF CASES TO PRIVATE COUNSEL
BY DISTRICT AND COUNTY

	District #	Total	District Totals		District #	Total	District Totals
ADAIR	02	28		CRAWFORD	25	23	
KNOX	02	1		DENT	25	26	
SCHUYLER	02	6		MARIES	25	3	
			35	PHELPS	25	19	
ANDREW	04	3		PULASKI	25	40	
ATCHISON	04			TEXAS	25	25	
GENTRY	04						
HOLT	04						136
NODAWAY	04	9		CAMDEN	26	8	
SCOTLAND	04			LACLEDE	26	11	
WORTH	04			MORGAN	26	9	
			12				28
BUCHANAN	05	32		BARTON	28	7	
			32	CEDAR	28	9	
CLAY	07			DADE	28	8	
CLINTON	07			VERNON	28	27	
PLATTE	07	1					51
			1	JASPER	29	64	
CLARK	10	5		MCDONALD	29	4	
LEWIS	10	2		NEWTON	29	40	
MARION	10	16					108
MONROE	10	3		BENTON	30	1	
RALLS	10	15		DALLAS	30	10	
SHELBY	10	3		HICKORY	30	1	
			44	POLK	30	3	
ST. CHARLES	11	9		WEBSTER	30	23	
WARREN	11	4					38
			13	CHRISTIAN	31	15	
AUDRAIN	12	13		GREENE	31	77	
CALLAWAY	12	5		TANEY	31	27	
MONTGOMERY	12	2					119
			20	BOLLINGER	32	18	
BOONE	13	49		CAPE GIRARDEAU	32	33	
			49	MISSISSIPPI	32	26	
CHARITON	14			PERRY	32	16	
HOWARD	14	3		SCOTT	32	43	
LINN	14	6					136
MACON	14	21		NEW MADRID	34	5	
RANDOLPH	14	22		PEMISCOT	34	12	
			52				17
COOPER	15	50		DUNKLIN	35	22	
LAFAYETTE	15	42		STODDARD	35	33	
PETTIS	15	54					55
SALINE	15	30		BUTLER	36	29	
			176	CARTER	36	3	
JACKSON	16	22		RIPLEY	36	10	
			22	WAYNE	36	13	
BATES	17	41					55
CASS	17	98		HOWELL	37	45	
HENRY	17	13		OREGON	37	6	
JOHNSON	17	24		SHANNON	37	11	
ST. CLAIR	17	15					62
			191	BARRY	39	19	
COLE	19	257		LAWRENCE	39	36	
MILLER	19	10		STONE	39	35	
MONITEAU	19	1					90
OSAGE	19	6		CALDWELL	43	3	
			274	CARROLL	43	3	
FRANKLIN	20	19		DAVIESS	43	1	
GASCONADE	20			DEKALB	43	1	
			19	GRUNDY	43	9	
ST. LOUIS COUNTY	21	103		HARRISON	43	5	
			103	LIVINGSTON	43	18	
				MERCER	43	2	
ST. LOUIS CITY	22	47		PUTNAM	43	2	
			47	RAY	43	21	
JEFFERSON	23	7		SULLIVAN	43	1	
			7				66
IRON	24	7		DOUGLAS	44	11	
MADISON	24	13		OZARK	44	8	
REYNOLDS	24			WRIGHT	44	29	
ST. FRANCOIS	24	112					48
STE. GENEVIEVE	24	11		LINCOLN	45	32	
WASHINGTON	24	33		PIKE	45	4	
			176				36
				APPELLATE & OTHERS		109	
							109
						2427	2427

Fiscal Year 2014
CONFLICT and CONTRACT ASSIGNMENTS
- By Case Type -

Code	Case Type Description	# of Conflict Cases Contracted	# of Overload Cases Contracted	Total
110F	Direct Appeal - Felony	0	1	1
110I	Direct Appeal - Interlocutory	0	0	0
110J	Direct Appeal - Juvenile	0	4	4
110S	Direct Appeal - Misdemeanor	0	0	0
124A	Rule 24.035 Appeal - PCR Appeal	0	2	2
124M	Rule 24.035 Motion - Post Plea PCR	8	84	92
124SA	Rule 24.035 Appeal - State's Appeal	0	0	0
129A	Rule 29.15 Appeal - PCR Appeal	0	0	0
129M	Rule 29.15 Motion - Post Trial PCR	7	1	8
10	Murder 1 - Death Penalty	0	0	0
15	Murder 1 - Non-Death Penalty	6	0	6
20	Other Homicide	8	0	8
30D	A - B Felony Drug	227	28	255
30F	A - B Felony Other	144	32	176
30X	A - B Felony Sex	12	1	13
35D	C - D Felony Drug	230	99	329
35F	C - D Felony Other	542	247	789
35X	C - D Felony Sex	3	4	7
45M	Misdemeanor (other than Traffic)	172	254	426
45T	Misd. - Traffic (RSMo. 301-307)	12	25	37
50N	Juvenile Non-violent (all other)	15	11	26
50S	Juvenile Status	1	0	1
50V	Juvenile Violent (crimes against persons)	5	6	11
62	Sexual Predator Trial	2		2
65F	Probation Violation - Felony	125	69	194
65M	Probation Violation - Misd.	26	14	40
99	None			0
		1545	**882**	
	Total Private Counsel Conflict & Contract Assignments			**2427**



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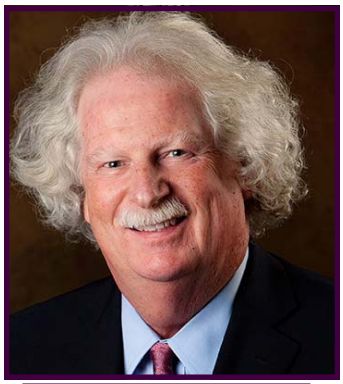

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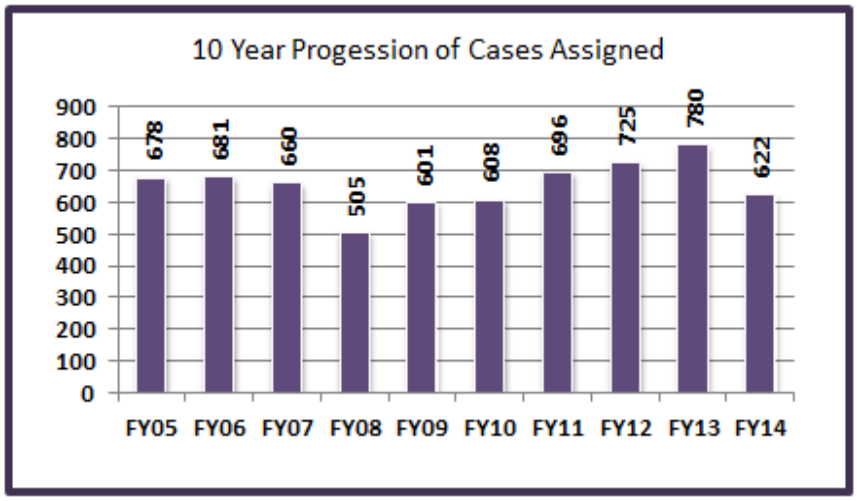

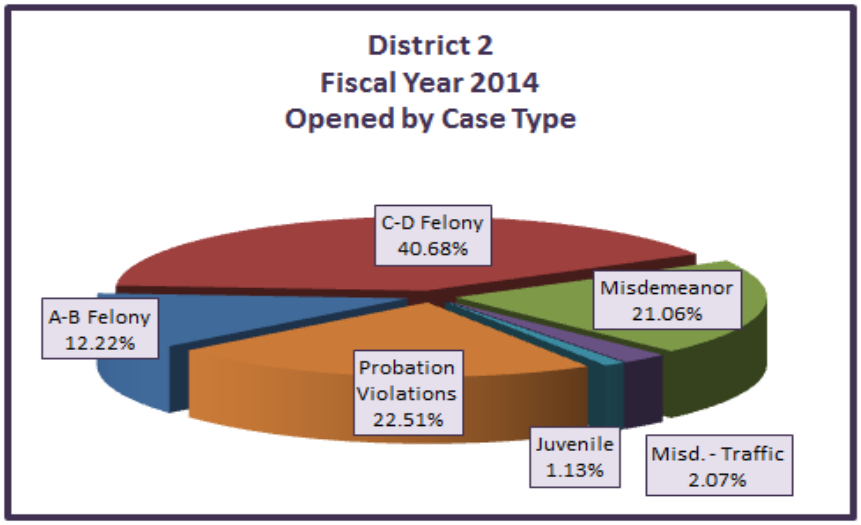

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C - D Felony Other	197
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Misdemeanor	131
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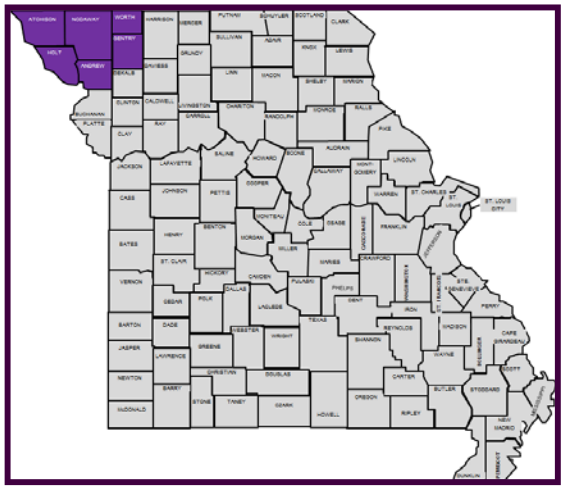

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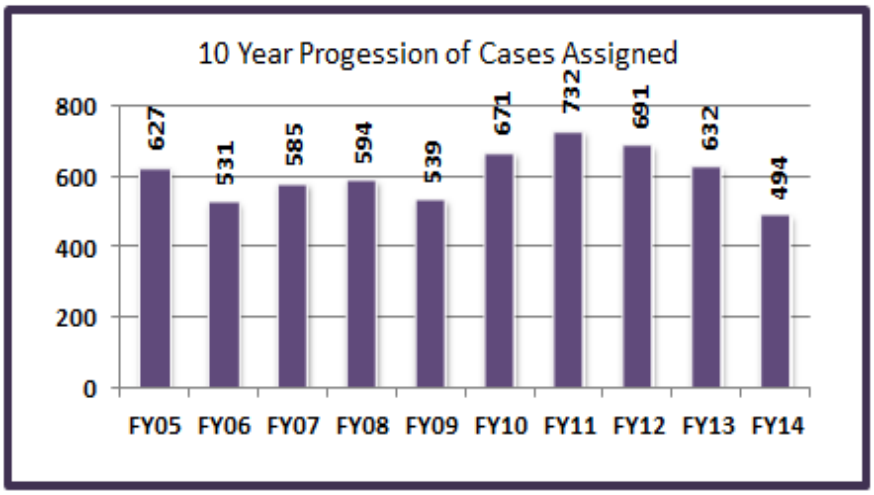

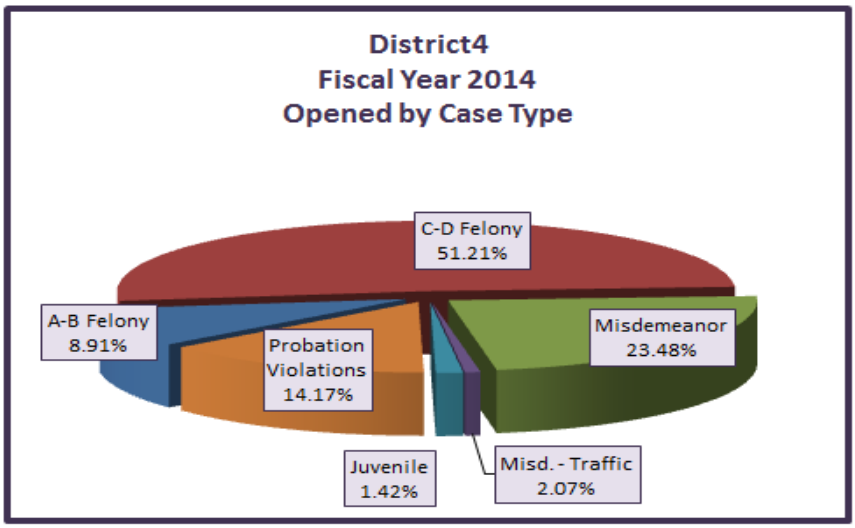

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C - D Felony Drug	70
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C - D Felony Sex	2
Misdemeanor	116
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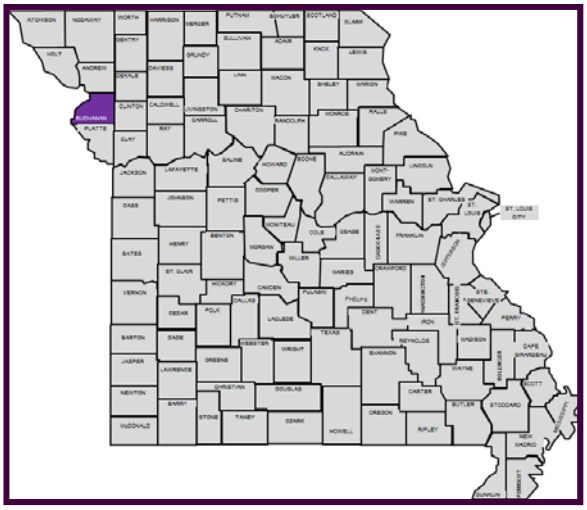
Total	494



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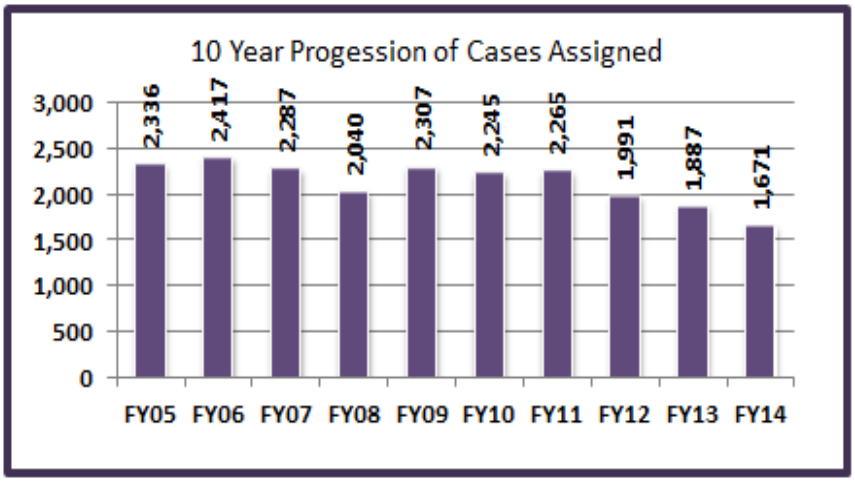

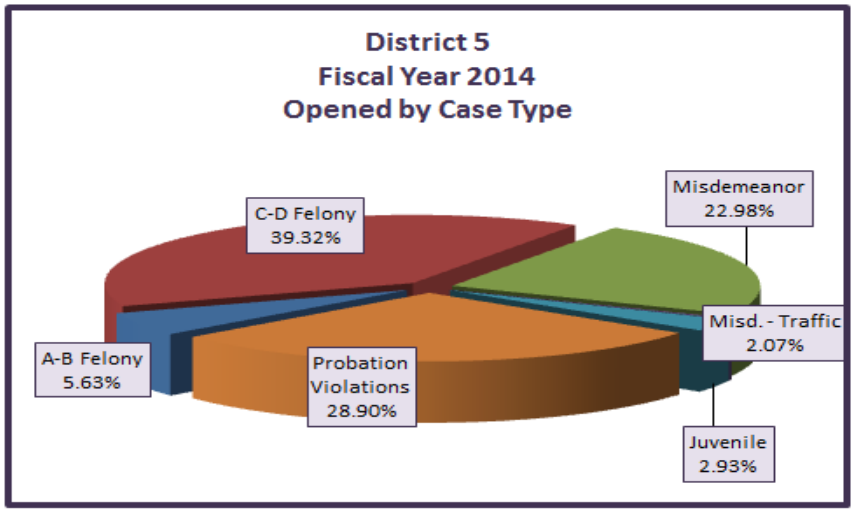

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A - B Felony Sex	3
C - D Felony Drug	182
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C - D Felony Sex	6
Misdemeanor	384
Misd. - Traffic	4
Juvenile Non-Violent	12
Juvenile Status	30
Juvenile Violent	7
Probation Violation - Felony	371
Probation Violation - Misd.	112
Total	1,671

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Public Defender's Office
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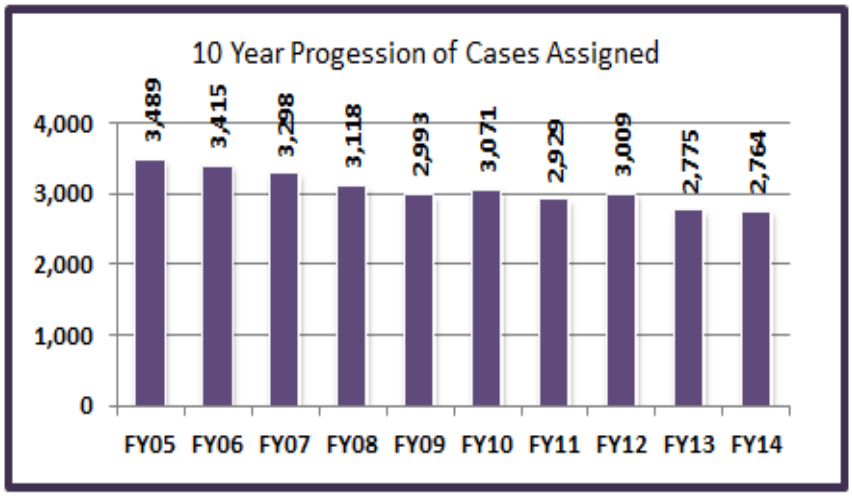
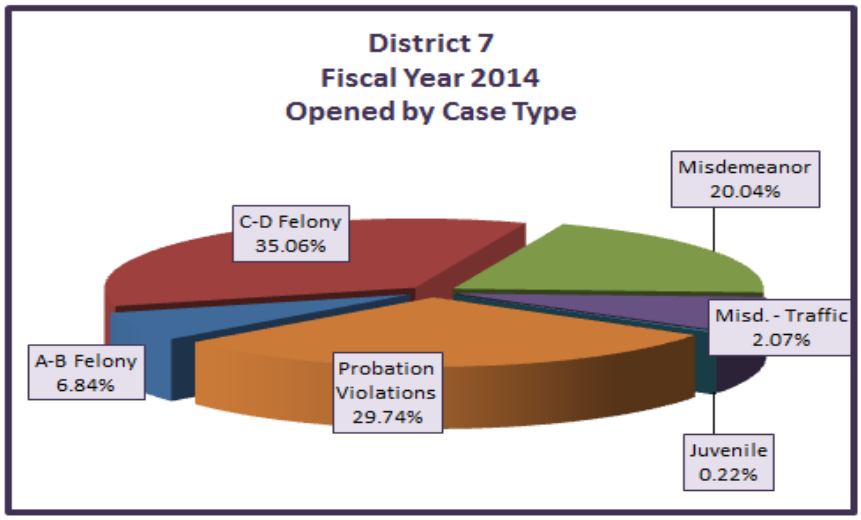
Anthony Cardarella
District Defender





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C - D Felony Drug	203
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C - D Felony Sex	10
Misdemeanor	554
Misd. - Traffic	224
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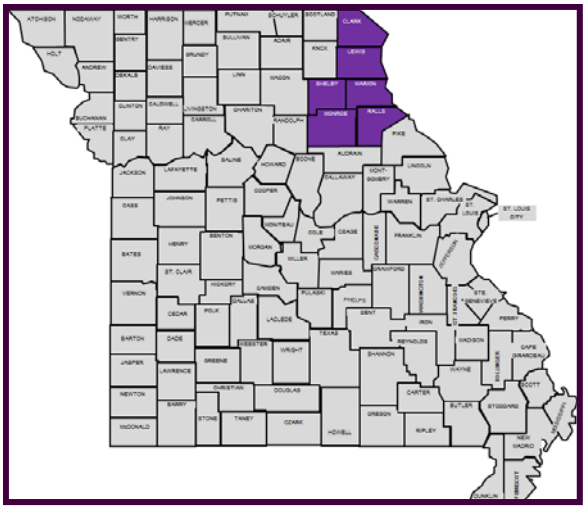

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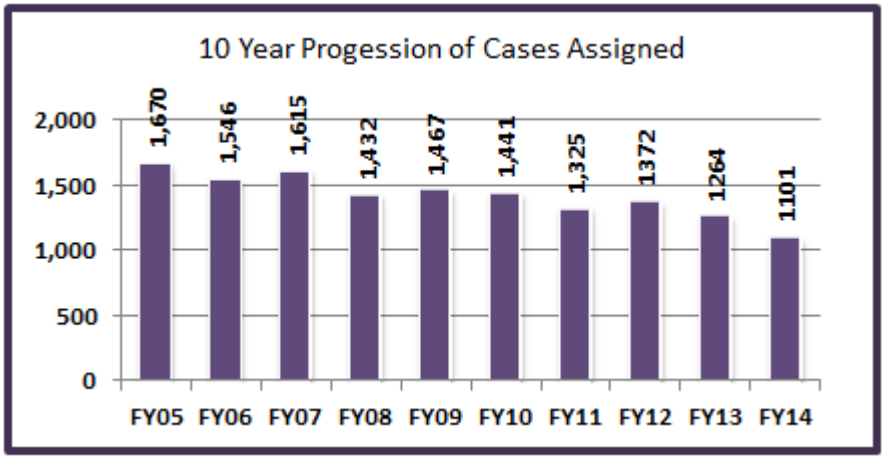
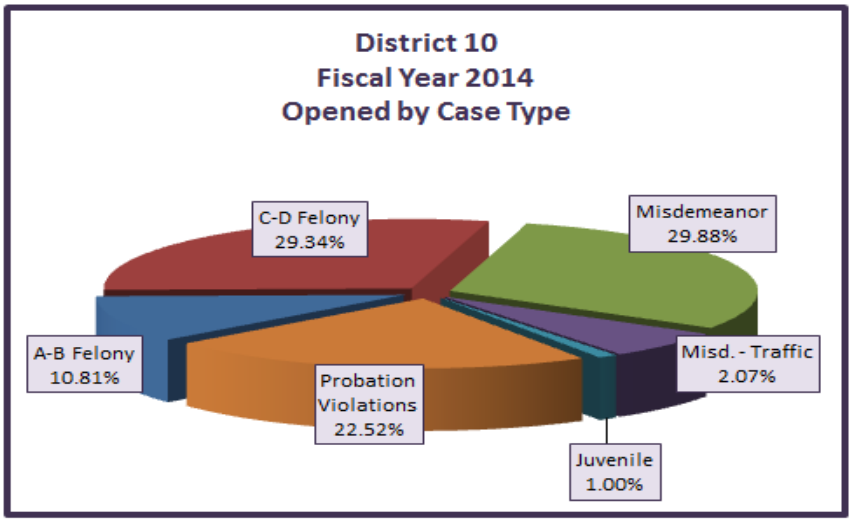
Todd Schulze
District Defender





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A - B Felony Other	39
A - B Felony Sex	3
C - D Felony Drug	86
C - D Felony Other	231
C - D Felony Sex	6
Misdemeanor	329
Misd. - Traffic	71
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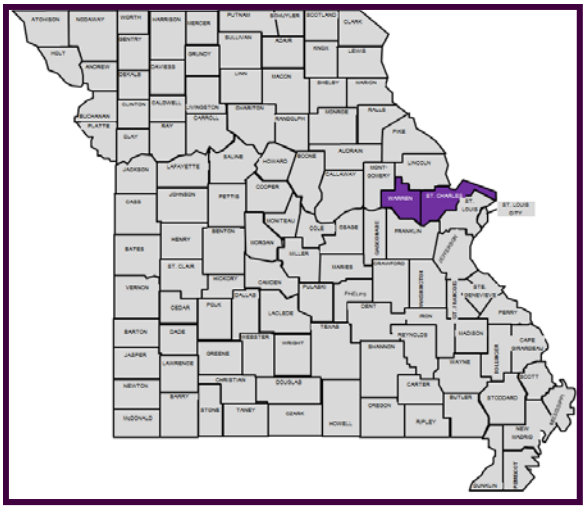

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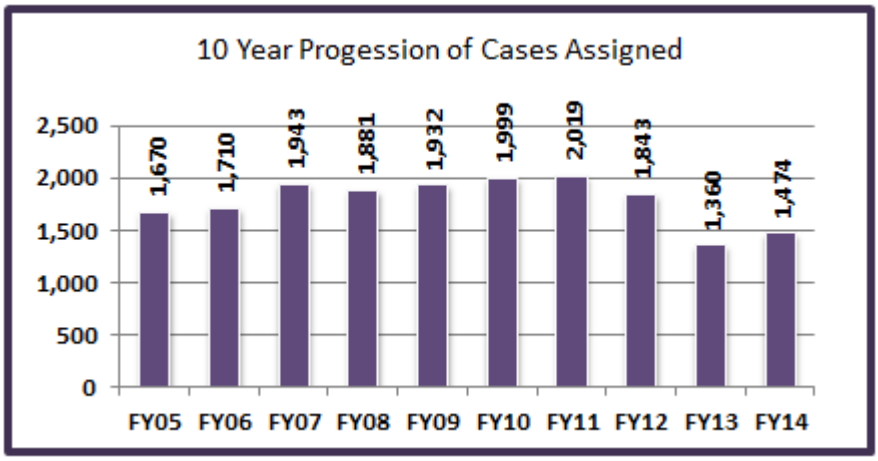

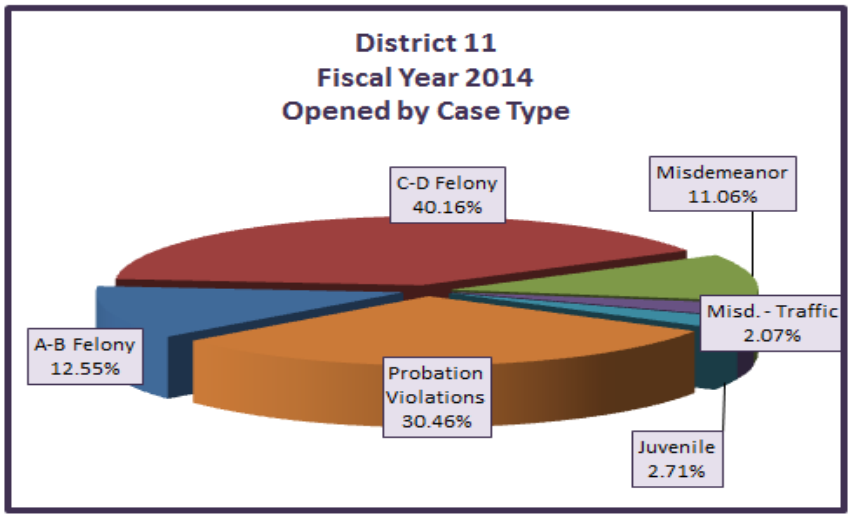

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A - B Felony Sex	19
C - D Felony Drug	131
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C - D Felony Sex	13
Misdemeanor	163
Misd. - Traffic	45
Juvenile Non-Violent	19
Juvenile Status	21
Juvenile Violent	-
Probation Violation - Felony	414
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Total	1,474

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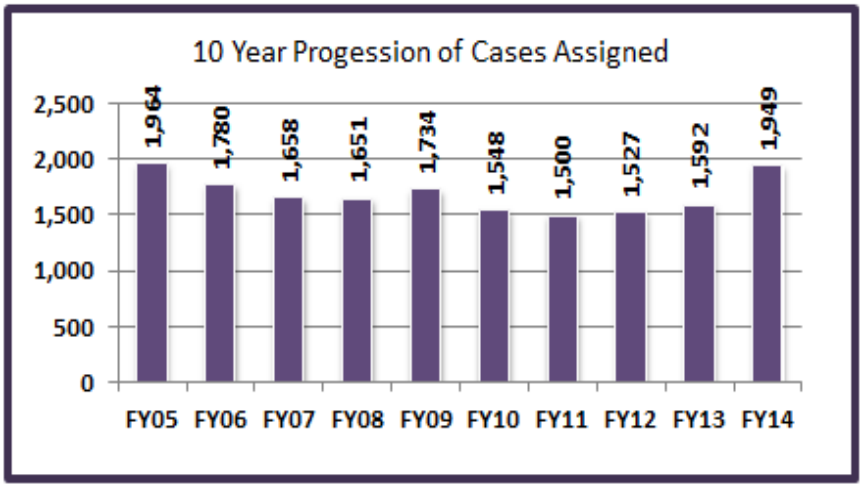

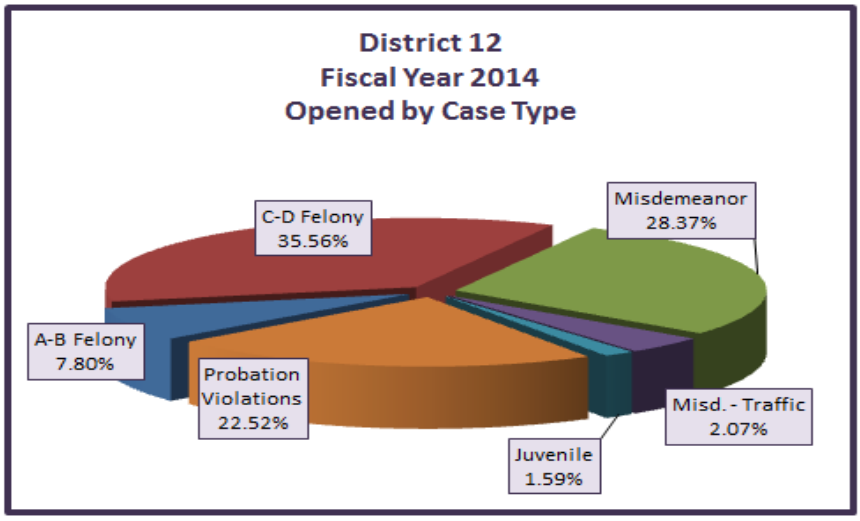

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A - B Felony Sex	23
C - D Felony Drug	113
C - D Felony Other	550
C - D Felony Sex	30
Misdemeanor	553
Misd. - Traffic	81
Juvenile Non-Violent	15
Juvenile Status	5
Juvenile Violent	11
Probation Violation - Felony	347
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Total	1,949

District 13
Public Defender's Office
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Columbia, MO 65201
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David Wallis
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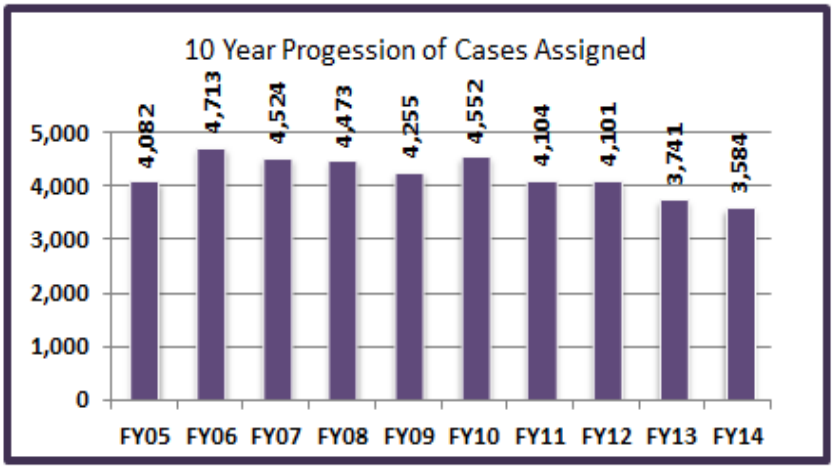

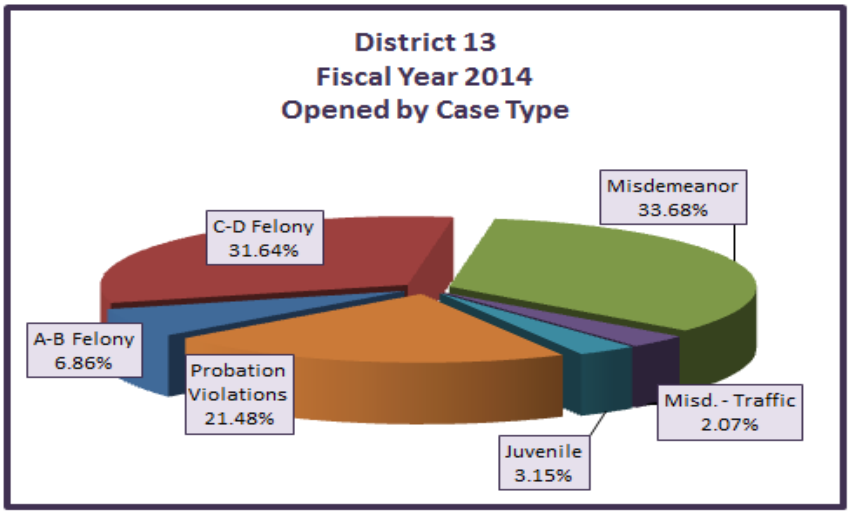

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A - B Felony Sex	21
C - D Felony Drug	198
C - D Felony Other	910
C - D Felony Sex	26
Misdemeanor	1,207
Misd. - Traffic	114
Juvenile Non-Violent	67
Juvenile Status	2
Juvenile Violent	44
Probation Violation - Felony	449
Probation Violation - Misd.	321
Total	3,584

District 14
Public Defender's Office
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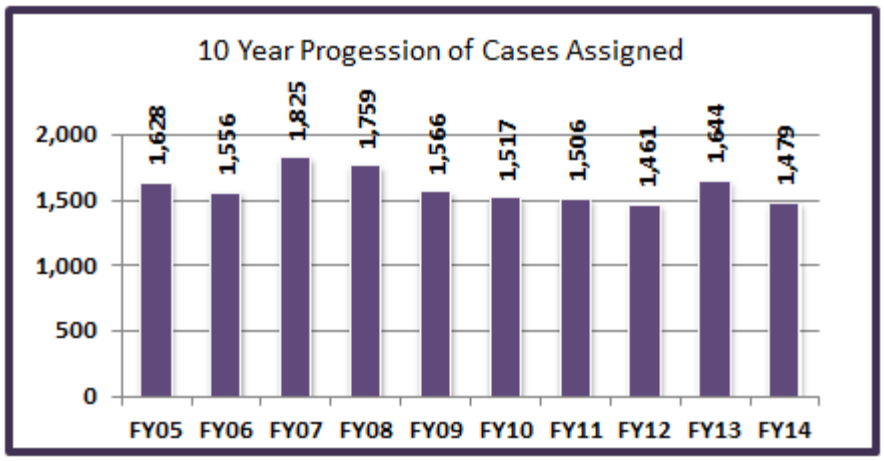
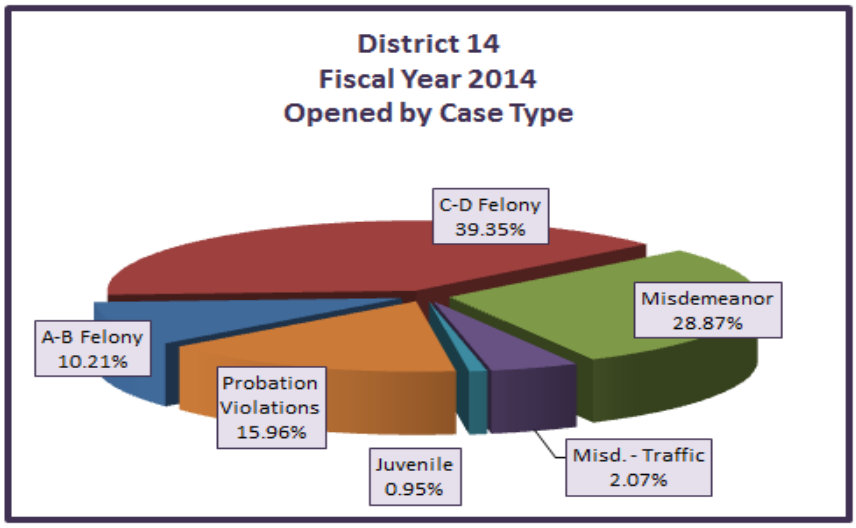
Ray Legg
District Defender





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A - B Felony Sex	14
C - D Felony Drug	120
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C - D Felony Sex	4
Misdemeanor	427
Misd. - Traffic	69
Juvenile Non-Violent	8
Juvenile Status	1
Juvenile Violent	5
Probation Violation - Felony	190
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Total	1,479

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Max Mitchell
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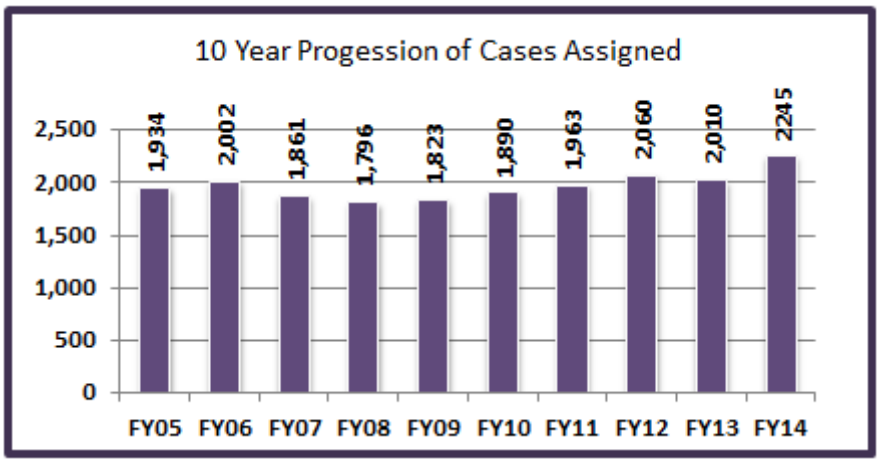

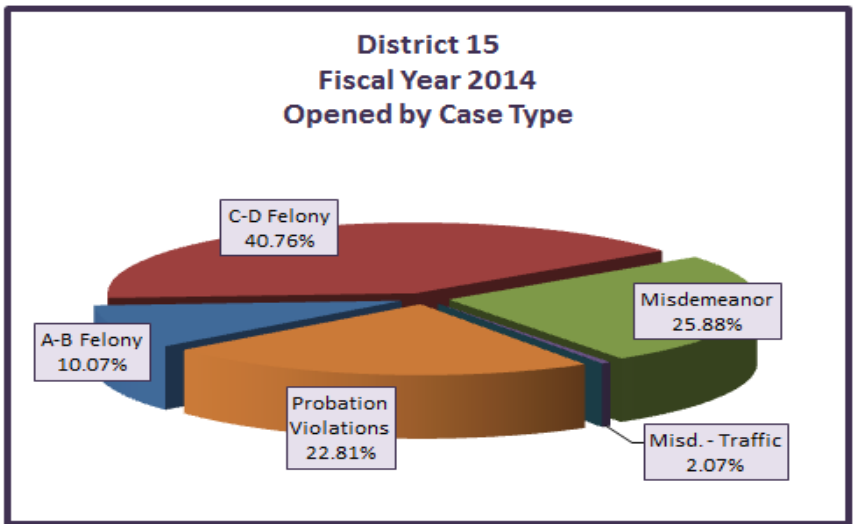

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A - B Felony Sex	20
C - D Felony Drug	246
C - D Felony Other	659
C - D Felony Sex	10
Misdemeanor	581
Misd. - Traffic	11
Juvenile Non-Violent	-
Juvenile Status	-
Juvenile Violent	-
Probation Violation - Felony	404
Probation Violation - Misd.	108
Total	2,245

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Public Defender's Office
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Ruth Petsch
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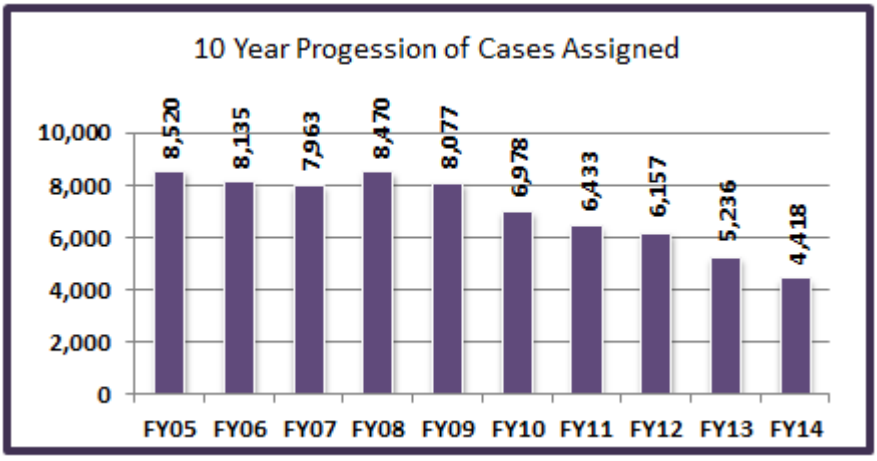

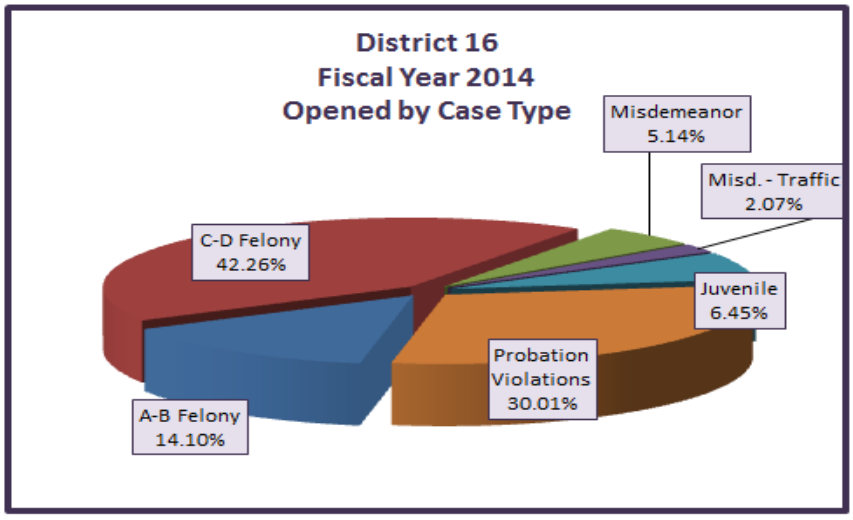

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A - B Felony Sex	55
C - D Felony Drug	443
C - D Felony Other	1,413
C - D Felony Sex	11
Misdemeanor	227
Misd. - Traffic	90
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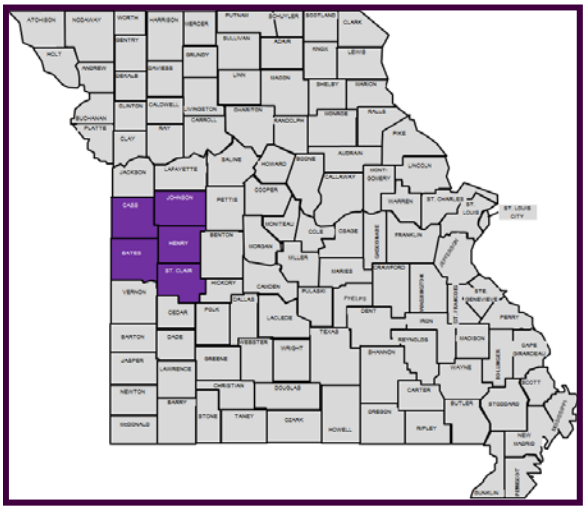

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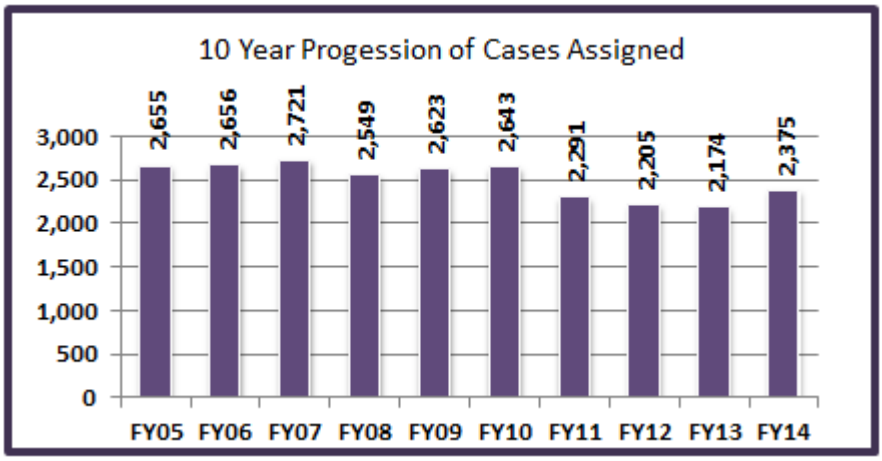

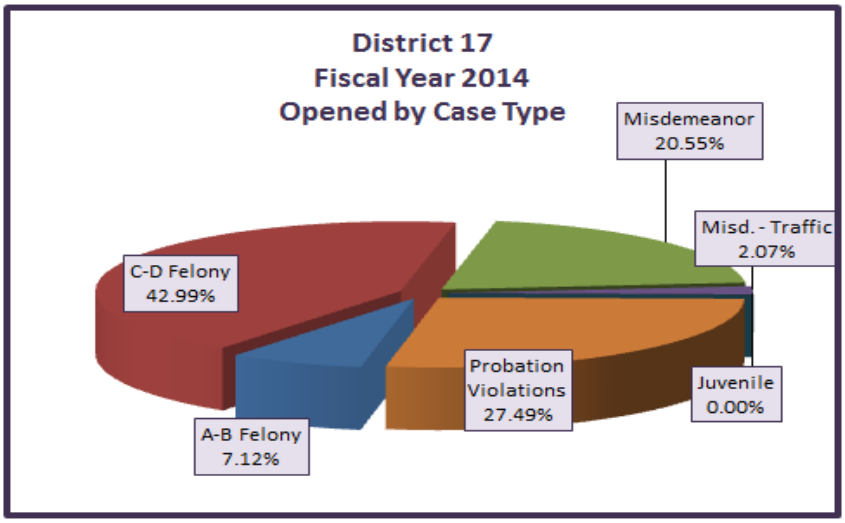

FY2014 Cases Assigned By Case Type	
A - B Felony Drug	52
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A - B Felony Sex	16
C - D Felony Drug	261
C - D Felony Other	740
C - D Felony Sex	20
Misdemeanor	488
Misd. - Traffic	44
Juvenile Non-Violent	-
Juvenile Status	-
Juvenile Violent	-
Probation Violation - Felony	561
Probation Violation - Misd.	92
Total	2,375

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Public Defender's Office
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Justin Carver
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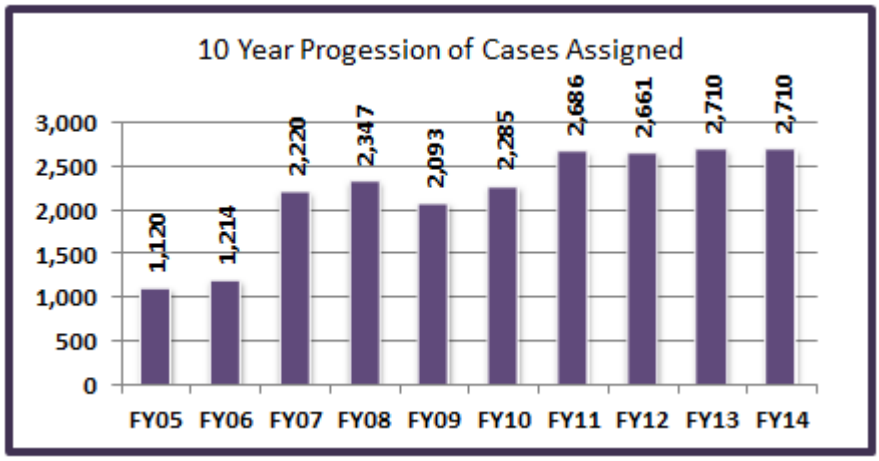

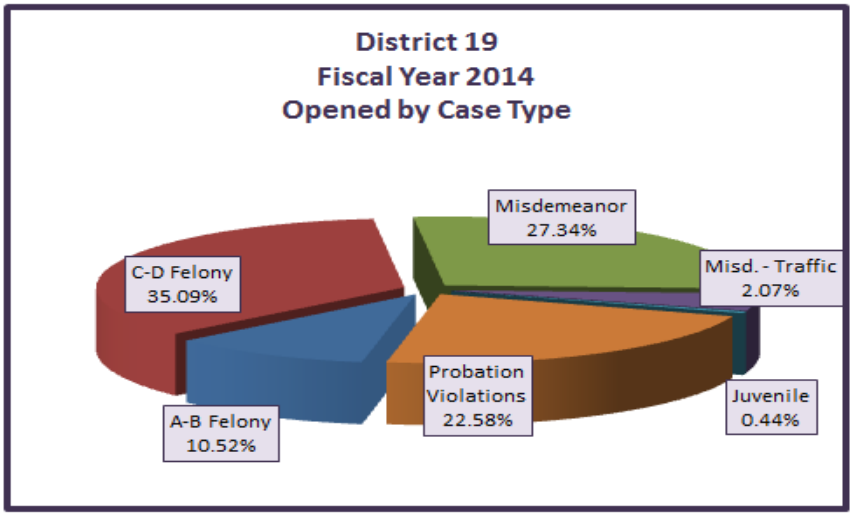

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A - B Felony Other	131
A - B Felony Sex	6
C - D Felony Drug	284
C - D Felony Other	667
C - D Felony Sex	-
Misdemeanor	741
Misd. - Traffic	109
Juvenile Non-Violent	9
Juvenile Status	2
Juvenile Violent	1
Probation Violation - Felony	434
Probation Violation - Misd.	178
Total	2,710

District 20
Public Defender's Office
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Lisa Preddy
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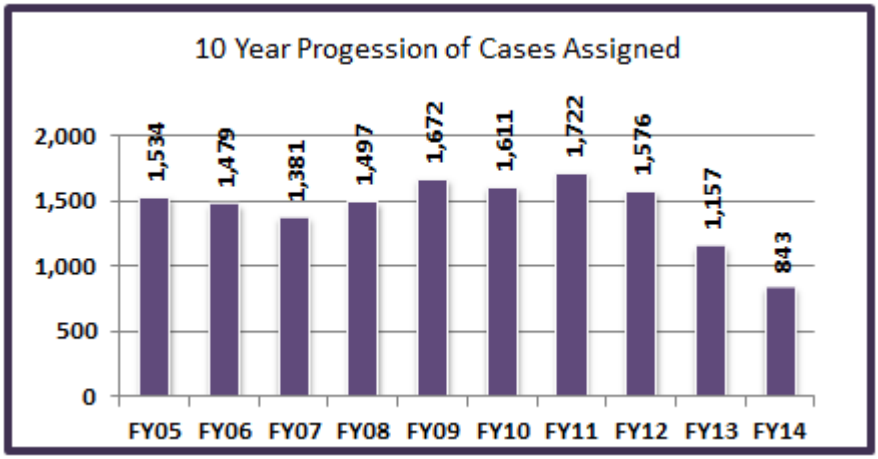

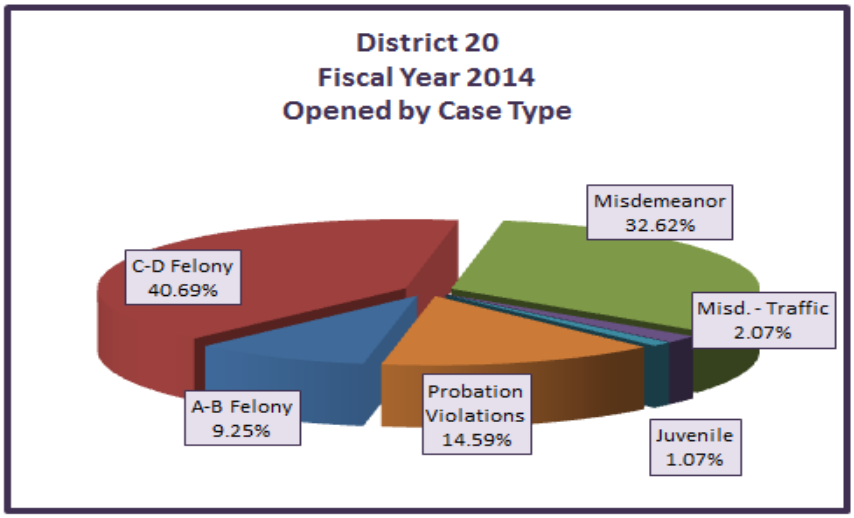

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C - D Felony Drug	97
C - D Felony Other	246
C - D Felony Sex	-
Misdemeanor	275
Misd. - Traffic	15
Juvenile Non-Violent	3
Juvenile Status	-
Juvenile Violent	6
Probation Violation - Felony	115
Probation Violation - Misd.	8
Total	843

District 21
Public Defender's Office
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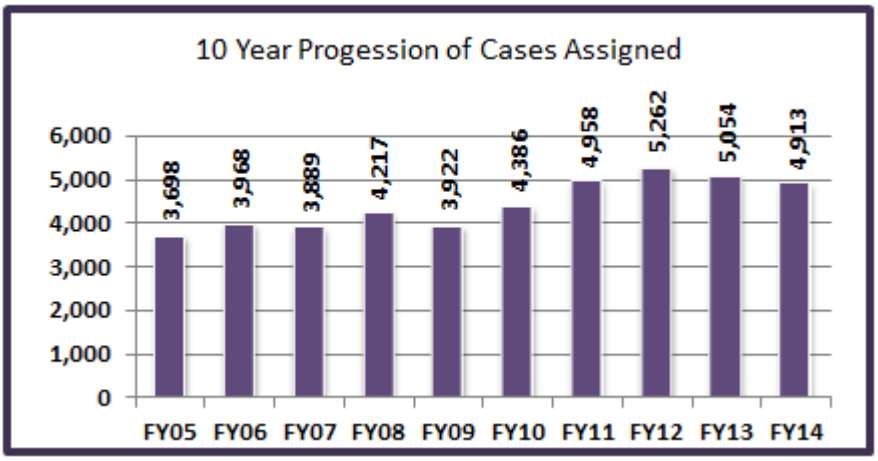
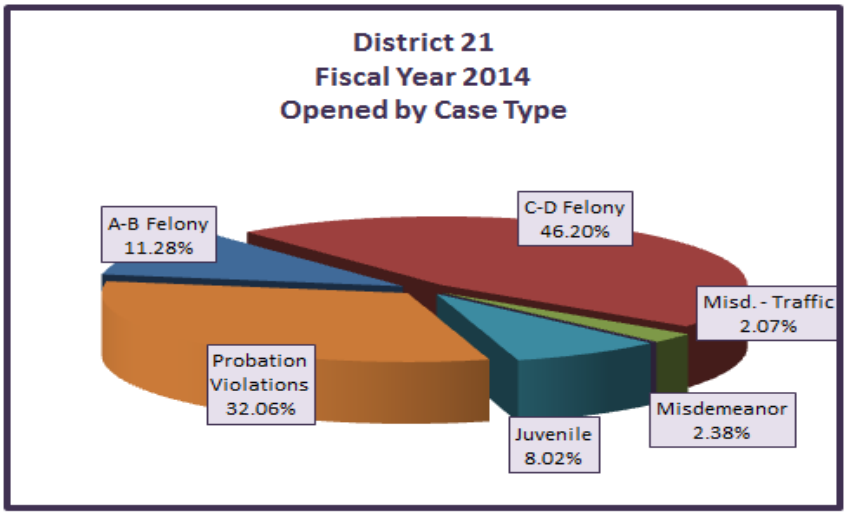
Stephen Reynolds
District Defender





FY2014 Cases Assigned By Case Type	
A - B Felony Drug	132
A - B Felony Other	386
A - B Felony Sex	36
C - D Felony Drug	547
C - D Felony Other	1,683
C - D Felony Sex	40
Misdemeanor	117
Misd. - Traffic	3
Juvenile Non-Violent	234
Juvenile Status	4
Juvenile Violent	156
Probation Violation - Felony	1,564
Probation Violation - Misd.	11
Total	4,913

District 22
Public Defender's Office
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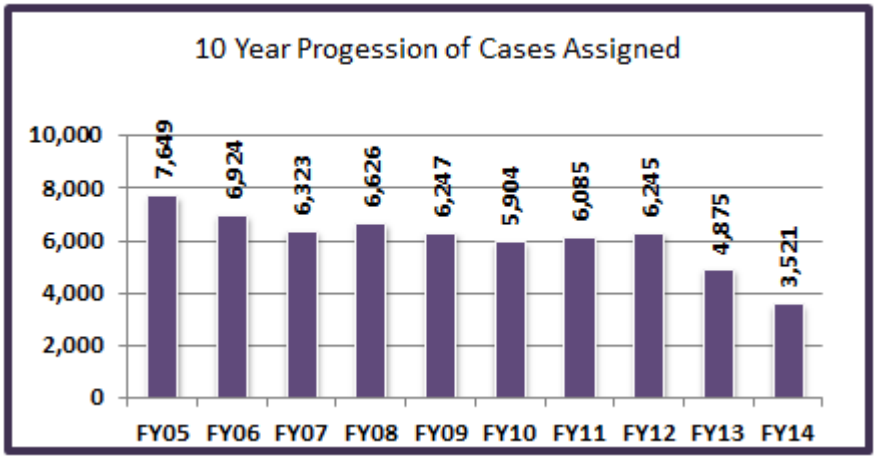

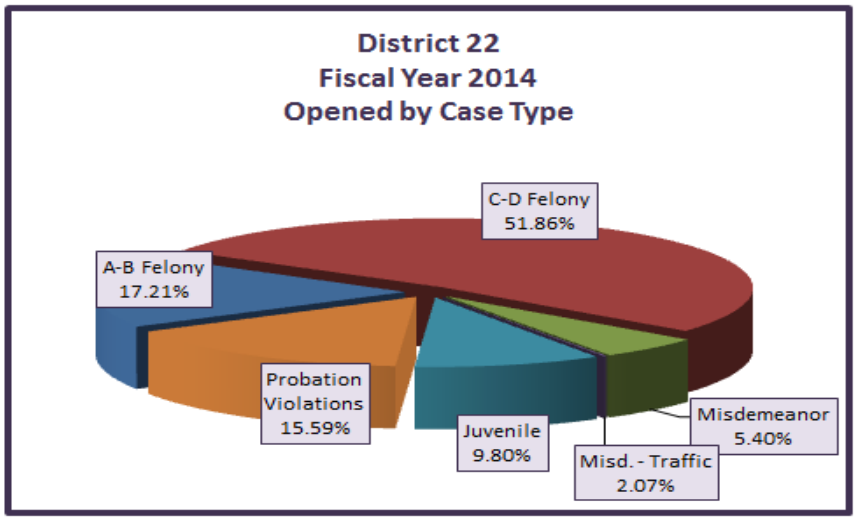

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C - D Felony Other	1,241
C - D Felony Sex	19
Misdemeanor	190
Misd. - Traffic	5
Juvenile Non-Violent	176
Juvenile Status	39
Juvenile Violent	130
Probation Violation - Felony	528
Probation Violation - Misd.	21
Total	3,521

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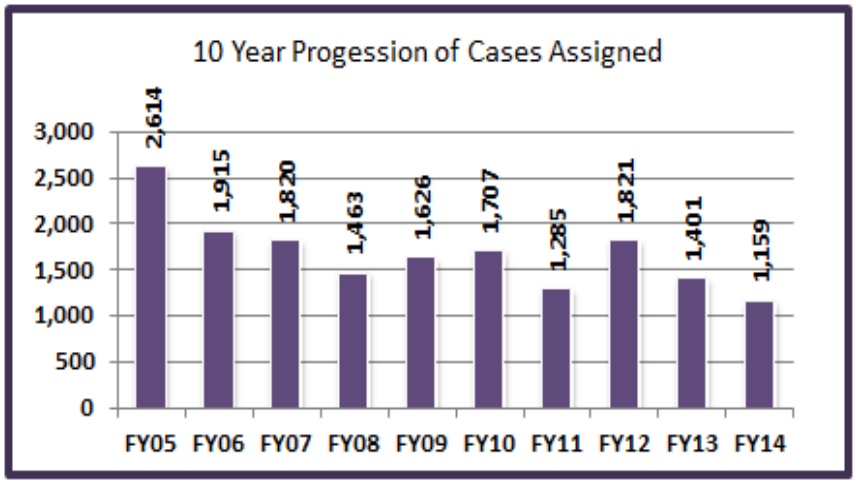

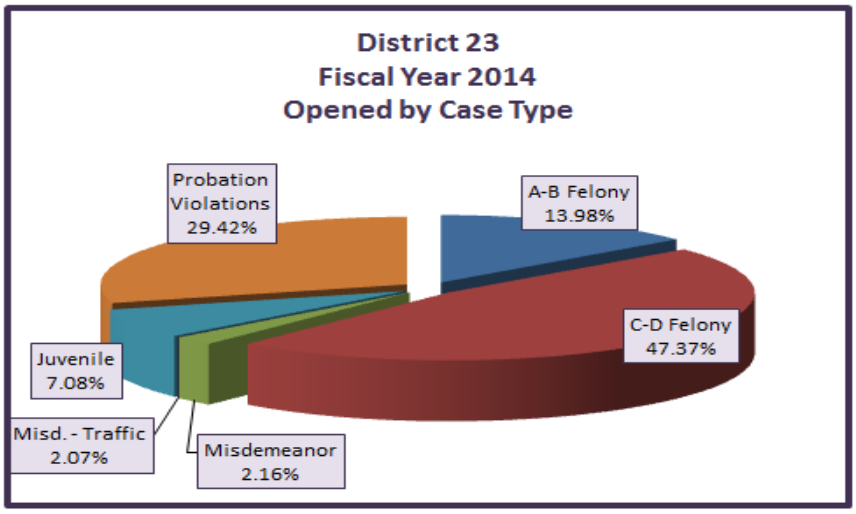

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A - B Felony Other	39
A - B Felony Sex	11
C - D Felony Drug	237
C - D Felony Other	309
C - D Felony Sex	3
Misdemeanor	25
Misd. - Traffic	-
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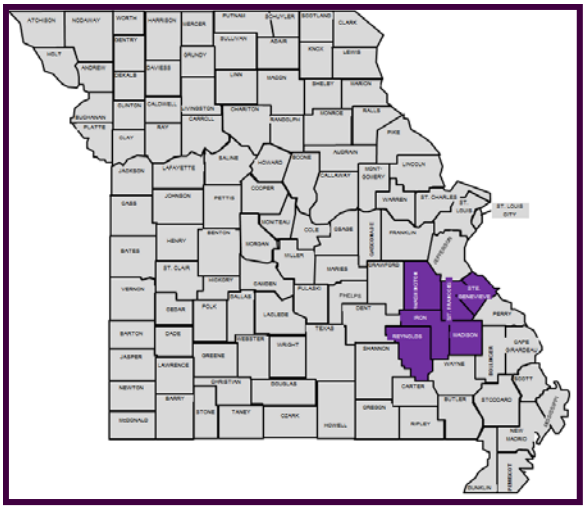

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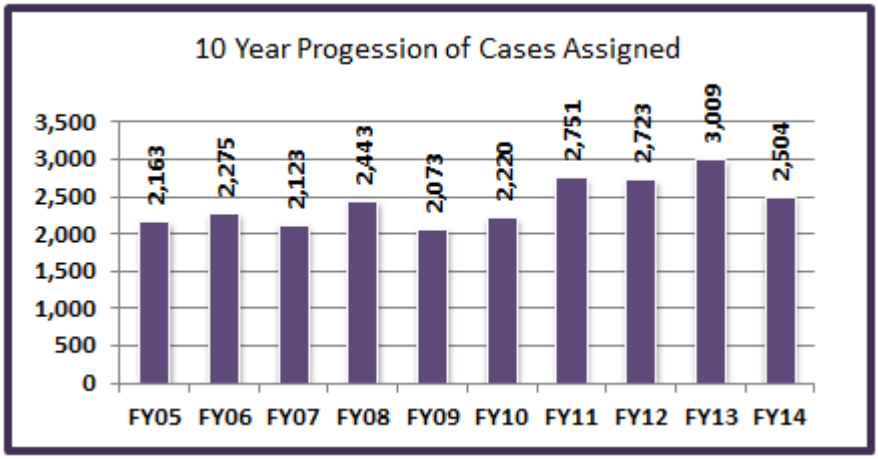

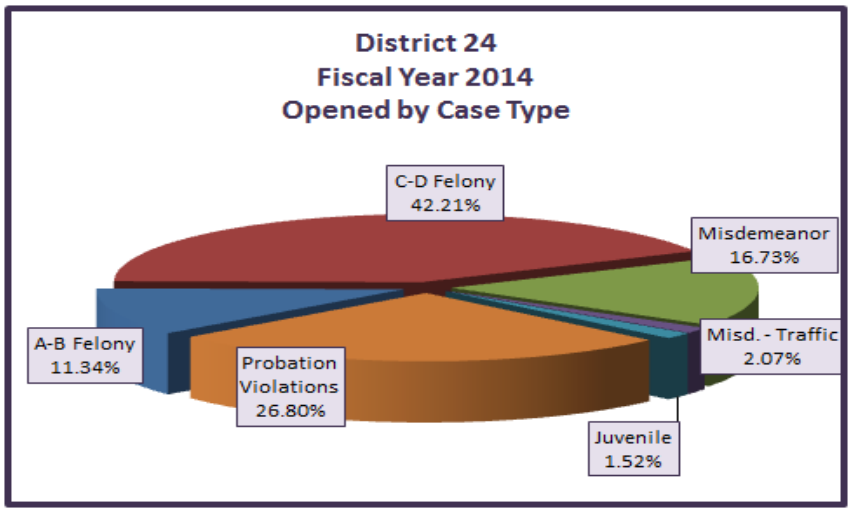

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A - B Felony Sex	30
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Misd. - Traffic	35
Juvenile Non-Violent	14
Juvenile Status	1
Juvenile Violent	23
Probation Violation - Felony	592
Probation Violation - Misd.	79
Total	2,504

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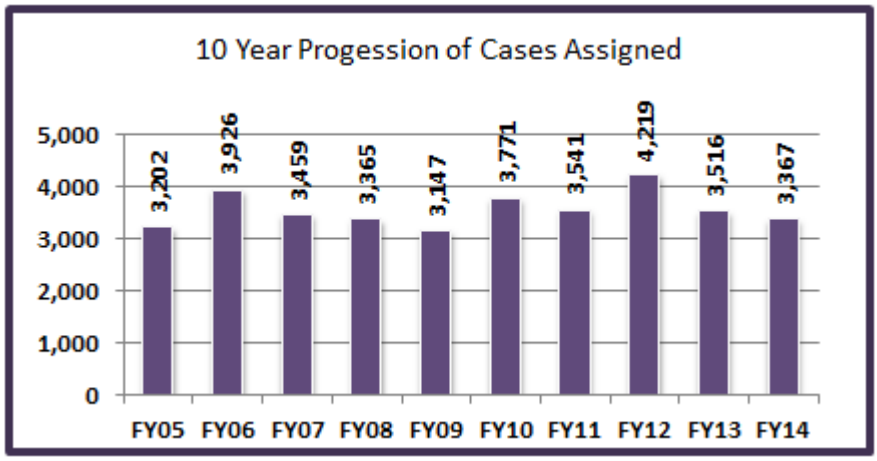

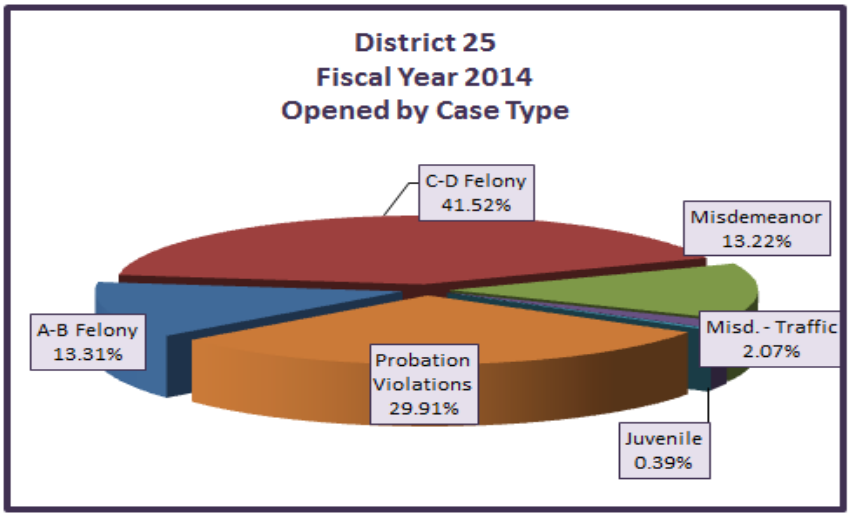

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C - D Felony Sex	31
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Misd. - Traffic	56
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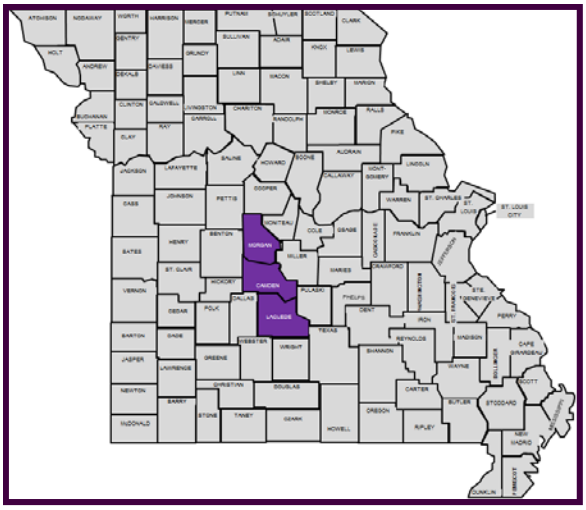

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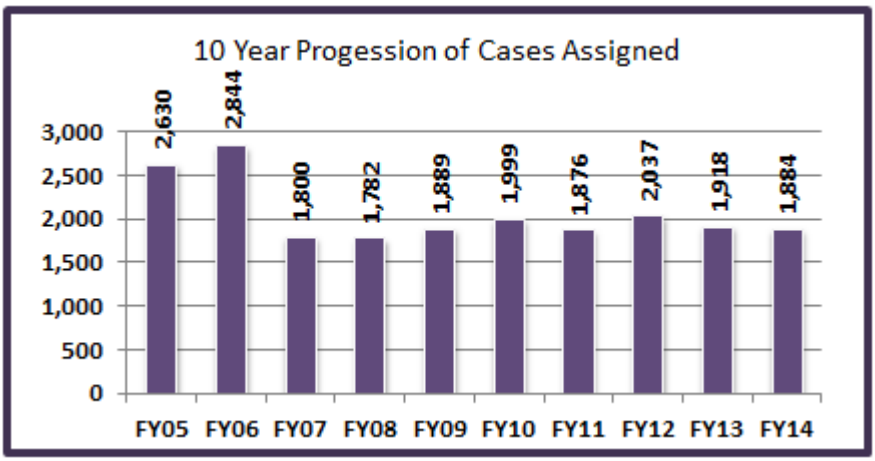
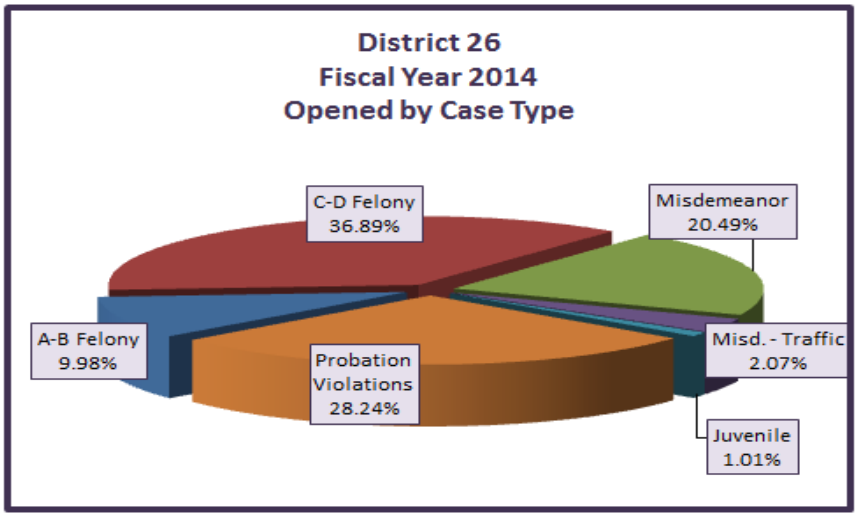
Karie Comstock
District Defender





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A - B Felony Sex	13
C - D Felony Drug	219
C - D Felony Other	475
C - D Felony Sex	1
Misdemeanor	386
Misd. - Traffic	64
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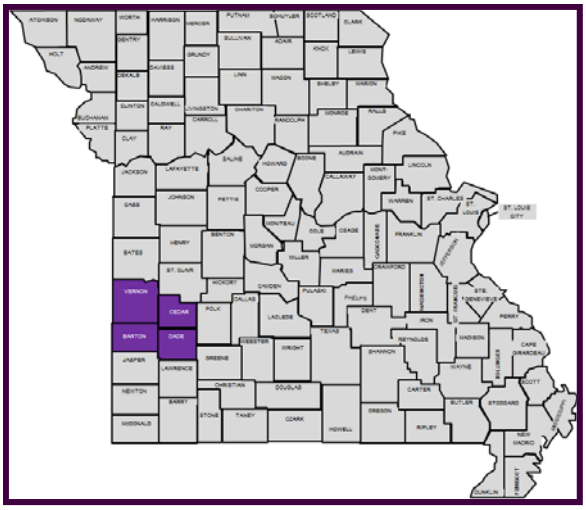
Total	1,884



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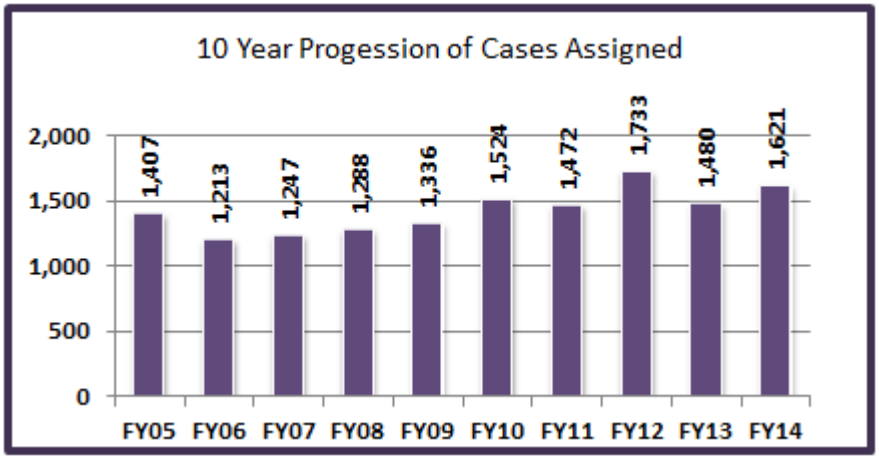
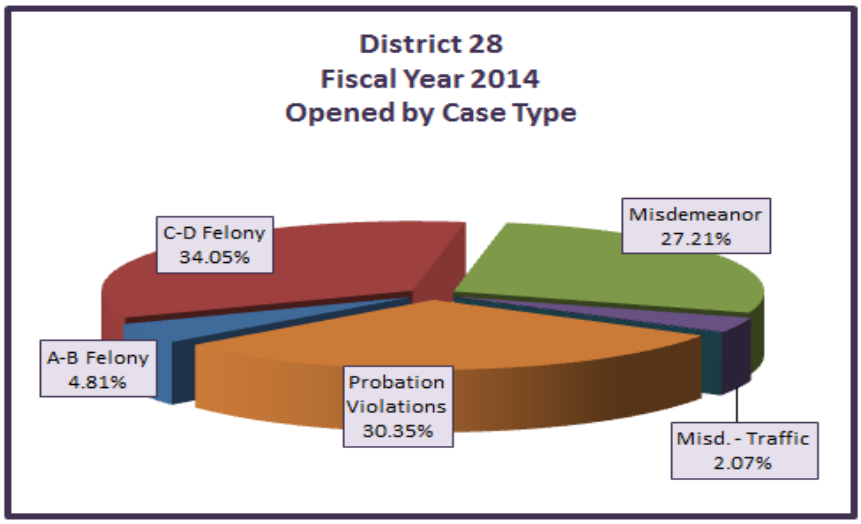
District Defender





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A - B Felony Other	41
A - B Felony Sex	6
C - D Felony Drug	124
C - D Felony Other	425
C - D Felony Sex	3
Misdemeanor	441
Misd. - Traffic	57
Juvenile Non-Violent	-
Juvenile Status	1
Juvenile Violent	-
Probation Violation - Felony	382
Probation Violation - Misd.	110
Total	1,621

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Public Defender's Office
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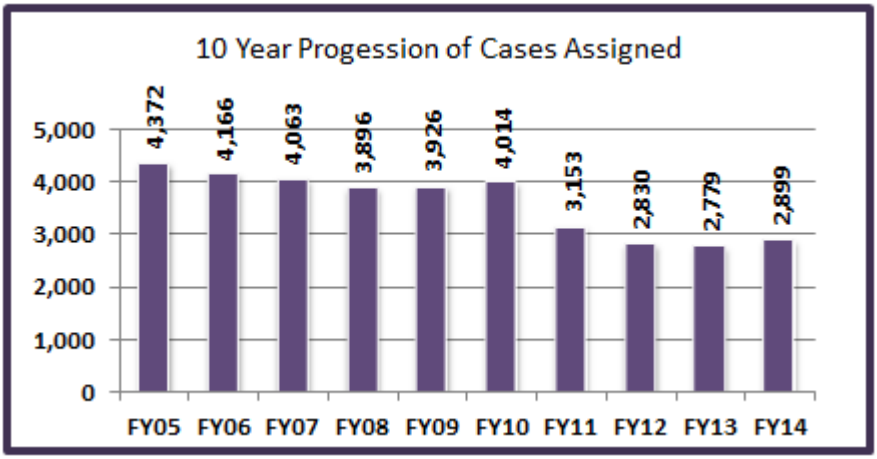
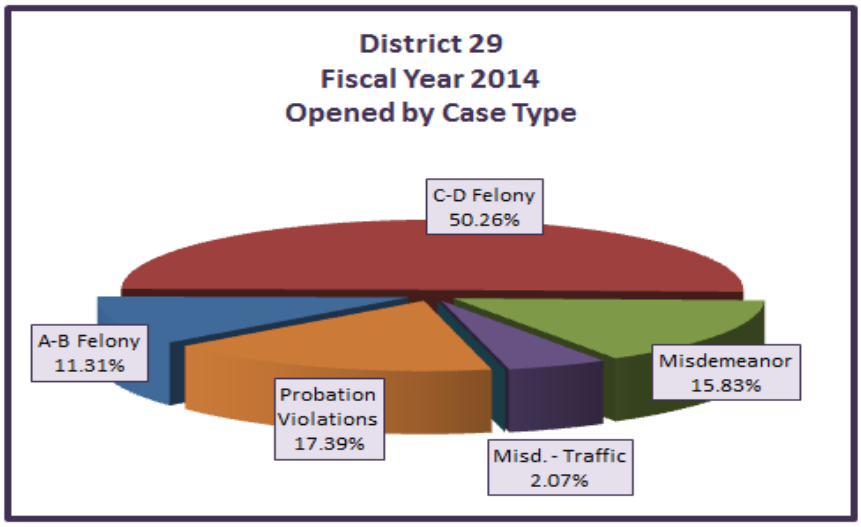
Darren Wallace
District Defender





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A - B Felony Sex	39
C - D Felony Drug	430
C - D Felony Other	1,014
C - D Felony Sex	13
Misdemeanor	459
Misd. - Traffic	151
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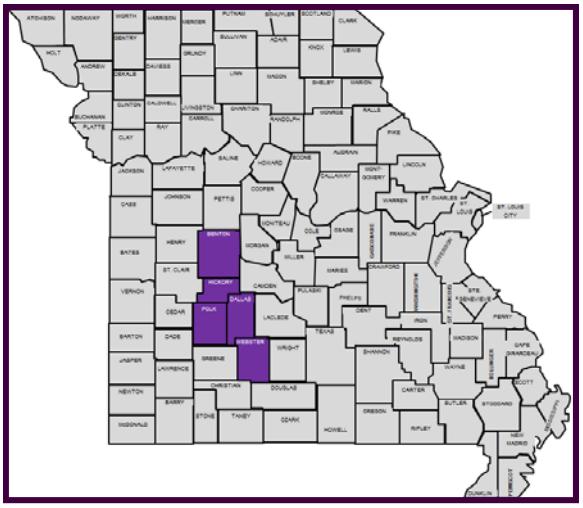
Total	2,899



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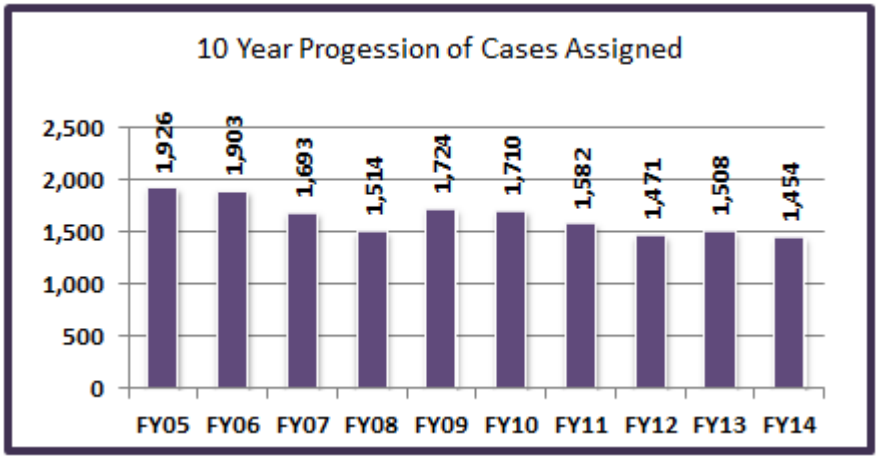

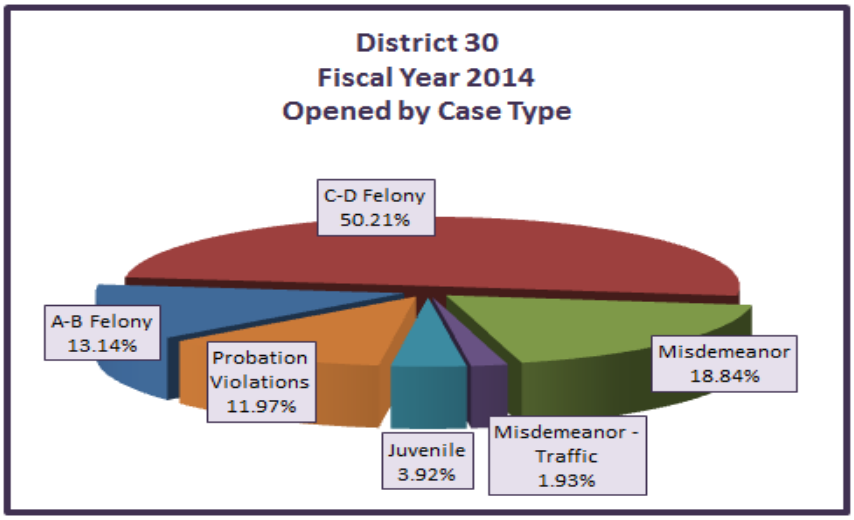

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A - B Felony Drug	91
A - B Felony Other	81
A - B Felony Sex	19
C - D Felony Drug	187
C - D Felony Other	539
C - D Felony Sex	4
Misdemeanor	274
Misd. - Traffic	28
Juvenile Non-Violent	29
Juvenile Status	-
Juvenile Violent	28
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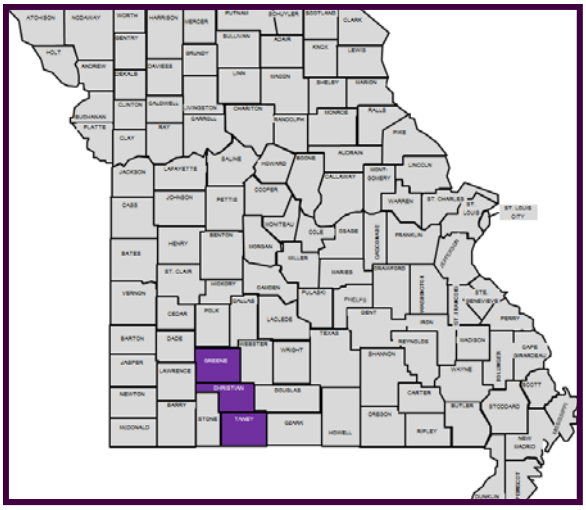
Probation Violation - Misd.	13
Total	1,454



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Rodney Hackathorn
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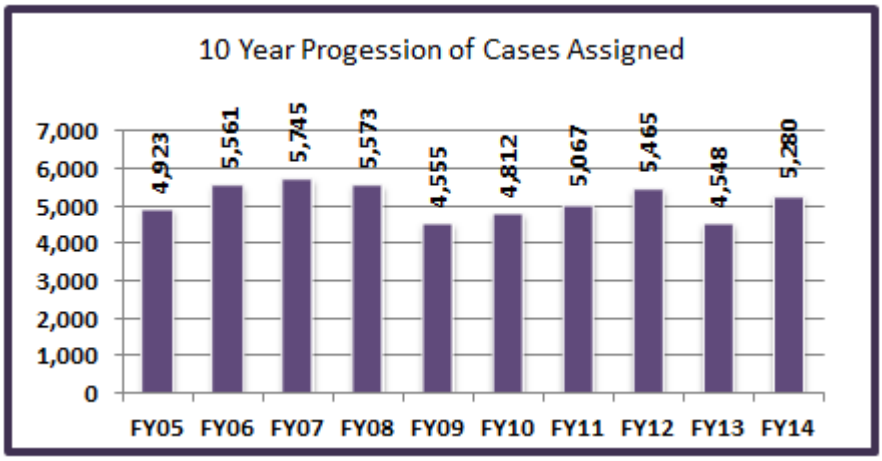

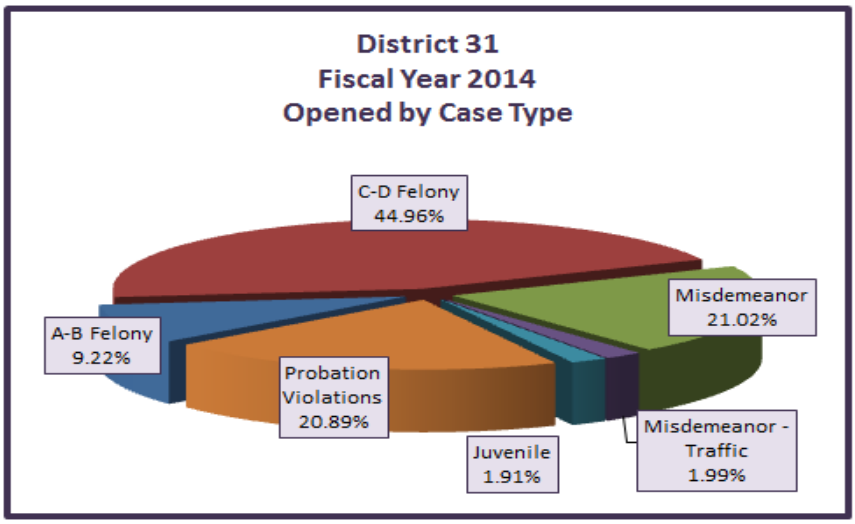

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A - B Felony Drug	174
A - B Felony Other	281
A - B Felony Sex	32
C - D Felony Drug	580
C - D Felony Other	1,761
C - D Felony Sex	33
Misdemeanor	1,110
Misd. - Traffic	105
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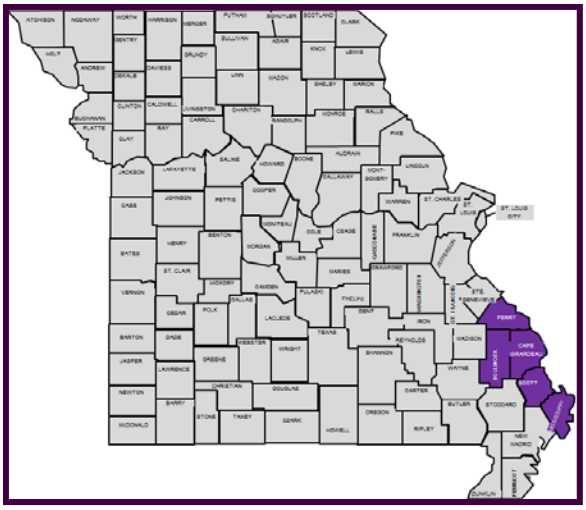
Probation Violation - Misd.	178
Total	5,280



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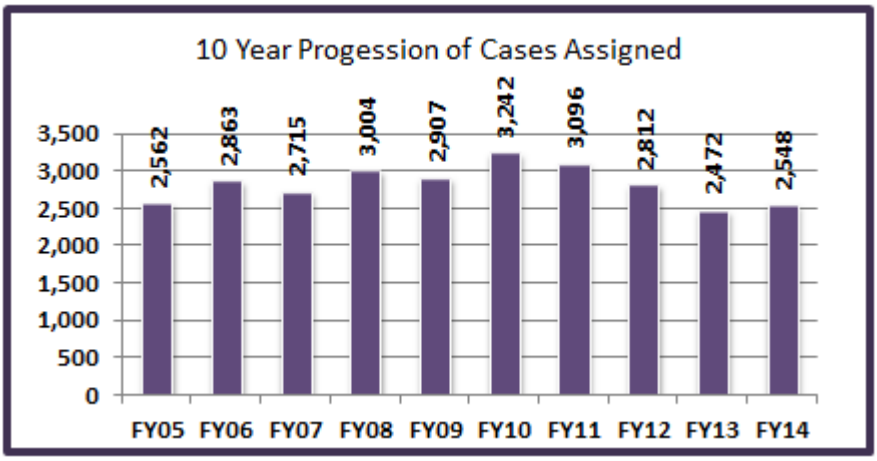

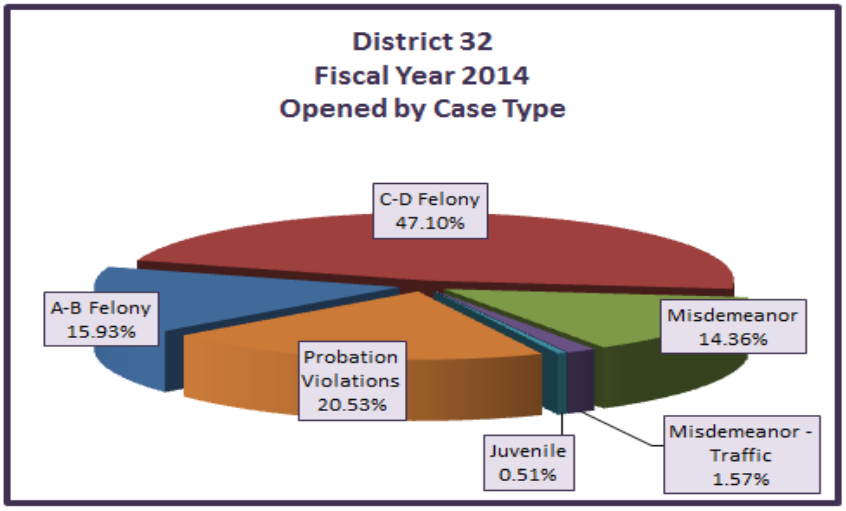

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A - B Felony Other	199
A - B Felony Sex	28
C - D Felony Drug	283
C - D Felony Other	909
C - D Felony Sex	8
Misdemeanor	366
Misd. - Traffic	40
Juvenile Non-Violent	9
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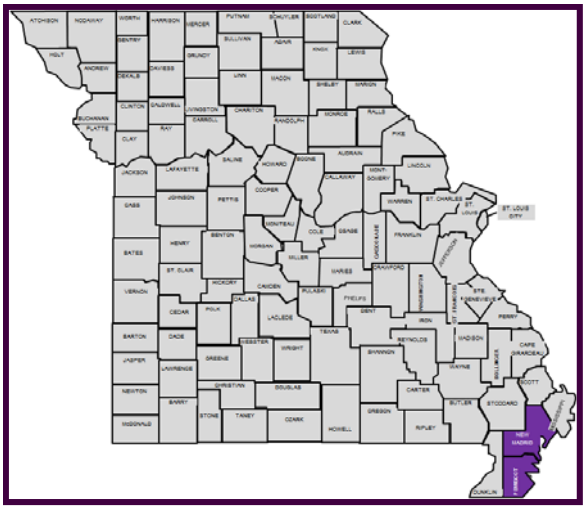
Total	2,548



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Brandon Sanchez
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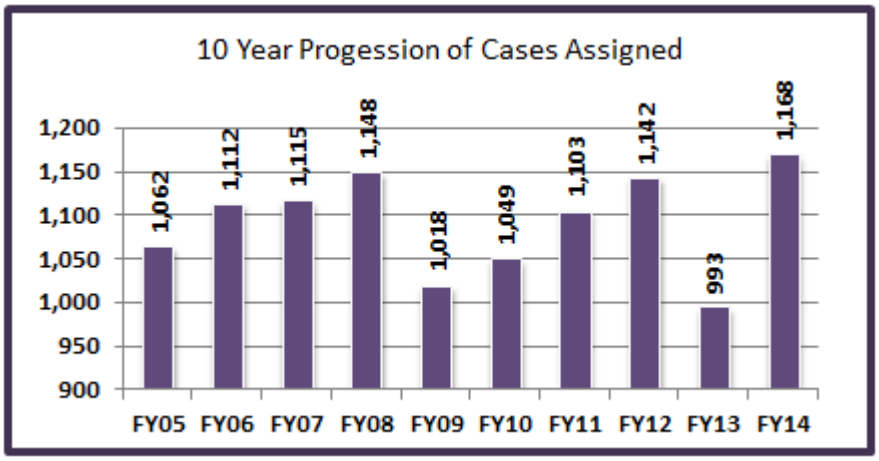

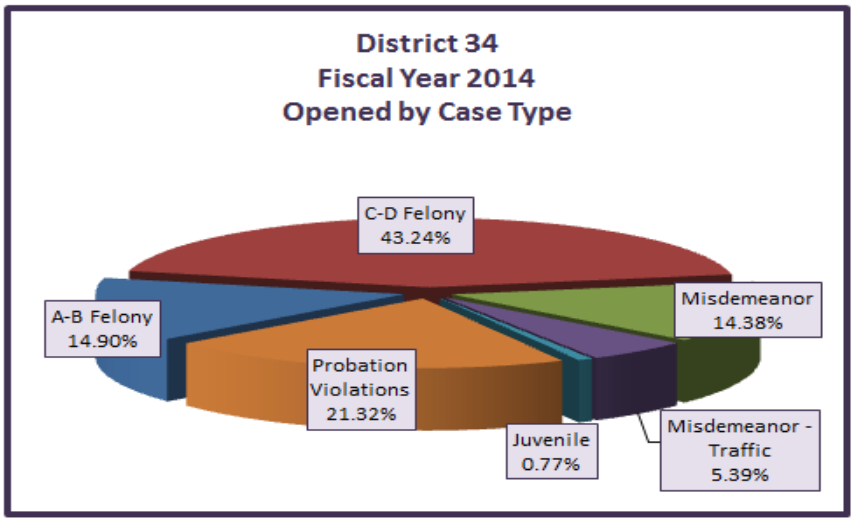

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A - B Felony Other	83
A - B Felony Sex	17
C - D Felony Drug	109
C - D Felony Other	393
C - D Felony Sex	3
Misdemeanor	168
Misd. - Traffic	63
Juvenile Non-Violent	5
Juvenile Status	-
Juvenile Violent	4
Probation Violation - Felony	195
Probation Violation - Misd.	54
Total	1,168

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Public Defender's Office
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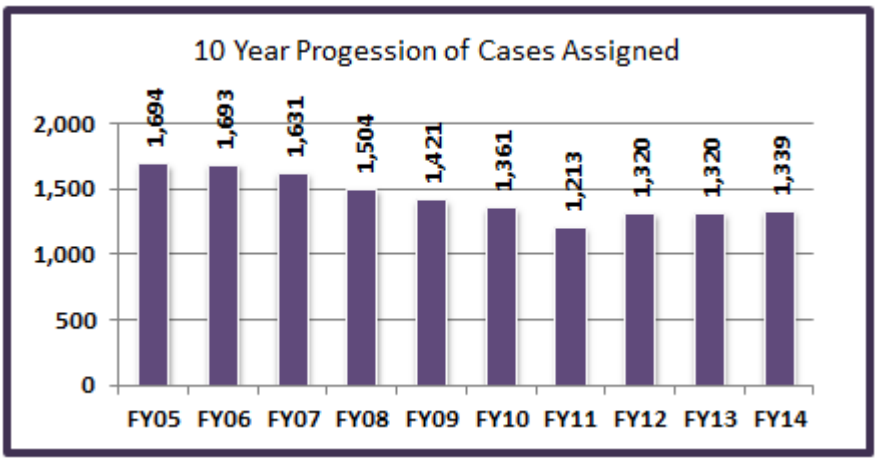

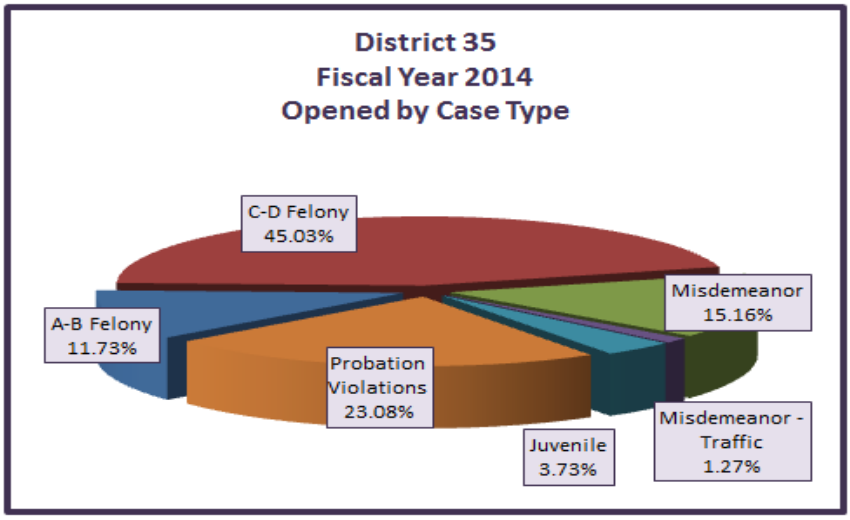

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A - B Felony Drug	62
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A - B Felony Sex	9
C - D Felony Drug	173
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C - D Felony Sex	7
Misdemeanor	203
Misd. - Traffic	17
Juvenile Non-Violent	30
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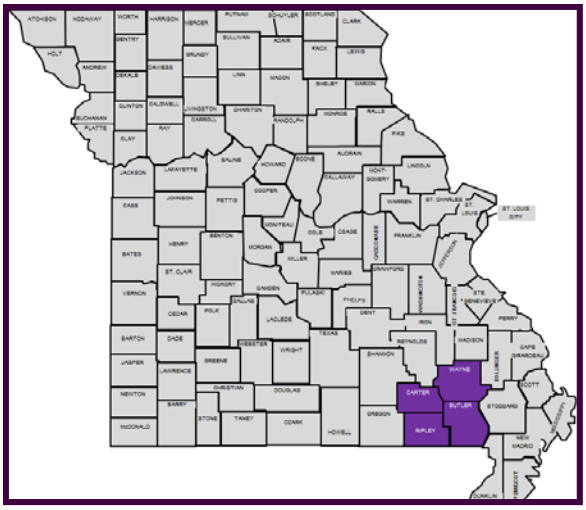
Total	1,339



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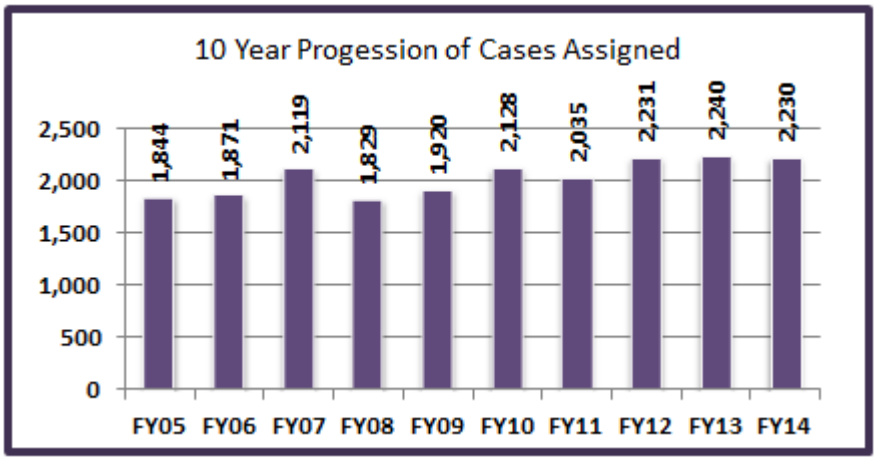
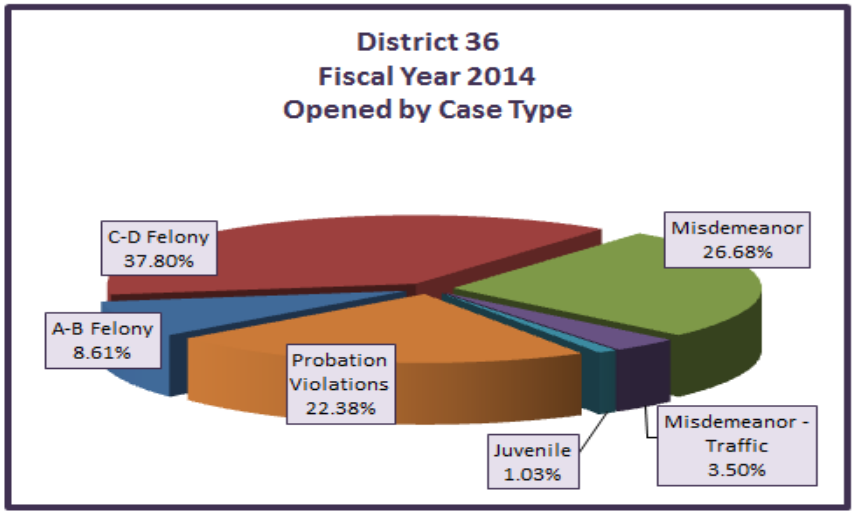
Steven Lynxwiler
District Defender





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A - B Felony Drug	71
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A - B Felony Sex	9
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C - D Felony Sex	9
Misdemeanor	595
Misd. - Traffic	78
Juvenile Non-Violent	12
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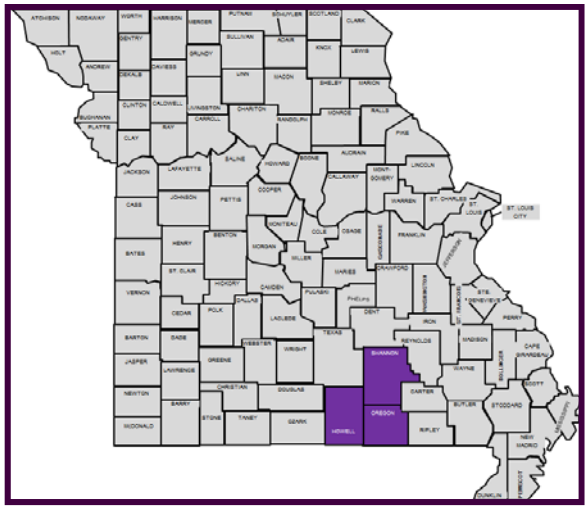
Total	2,230



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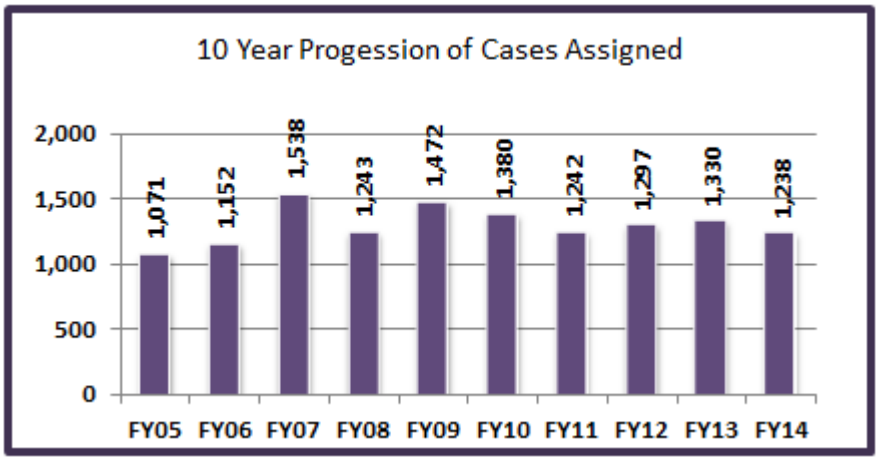
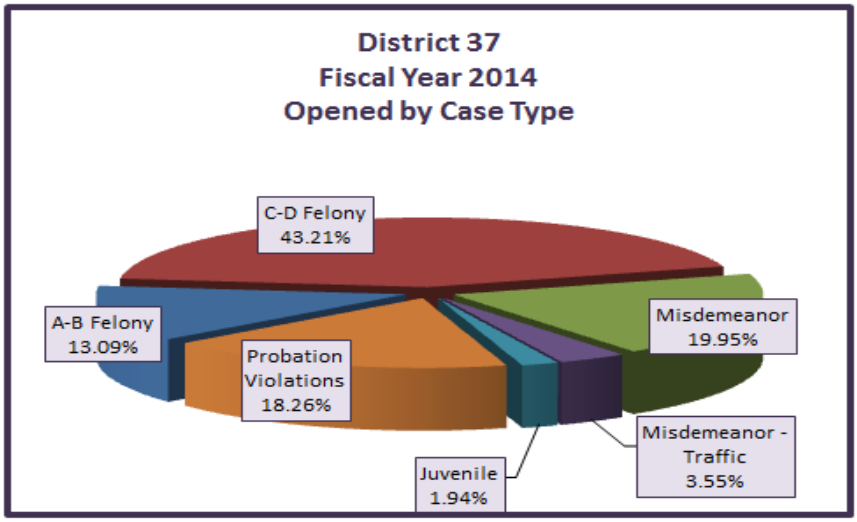
District Defender





FY2014 Cases Assigned By Case Type	
A - B Felony Drug	90
A - B Felony Other	60
A - B Felony Sex	12
C - D Felony Drug	166
C - D Felony Other	363
C - D Felony Sex	6
Misdemeanor	247
Misd. - Traffic	44
Juvenile Non-Violent	19
Juvenile Status	-
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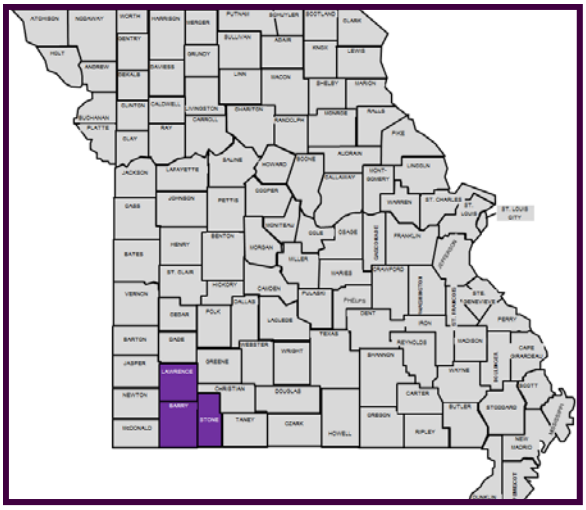
Probation Violation - Felony	173
Probation Violation - Misd.	53
Total	1,238



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Pamela Musgrave
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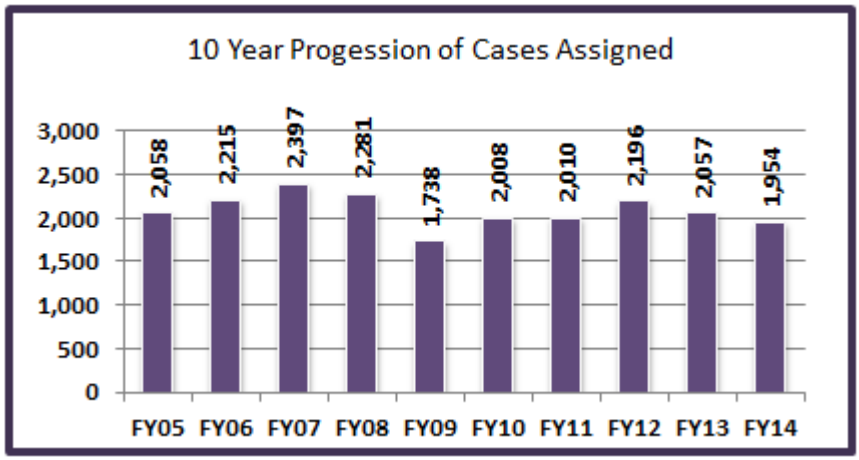

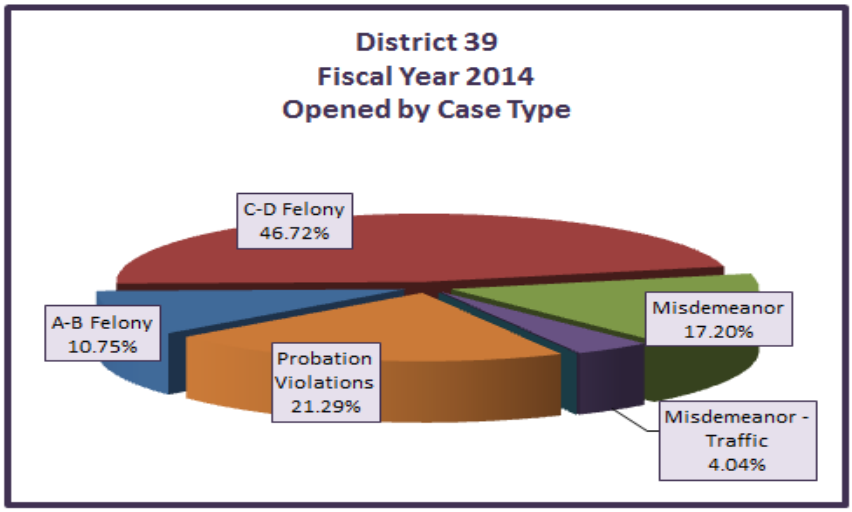

FY2014 Cases Assigned By Case Type	
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A - B Felony Other	87
A - B Felony Sex	21
C - D Felony Drug	225
C - D Felony Other	671
C - D Felony Sex	17
Misdemeanor	336
Misd. - Traffic	79
Juvenile Non-Violent	-
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Juvenile Violent	-
Probation Violation - Felony	400
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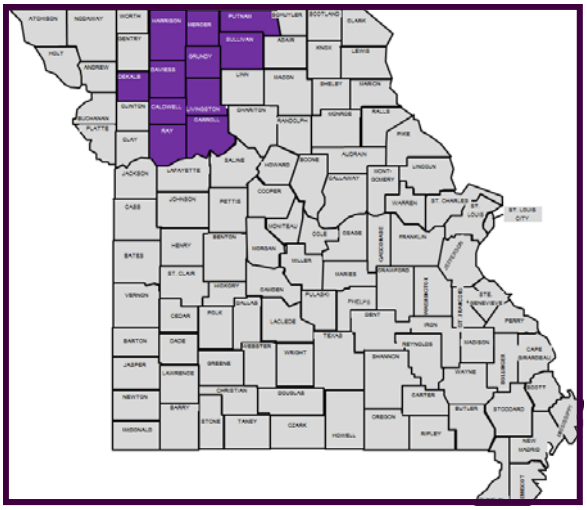
Total	1,954



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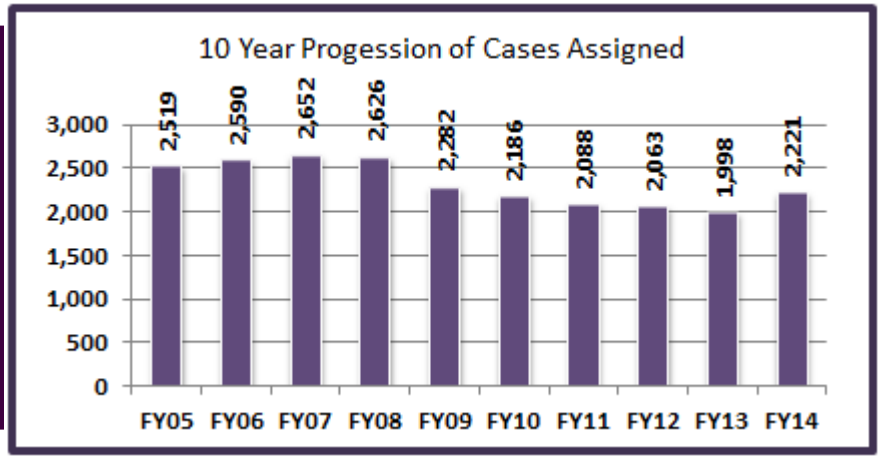
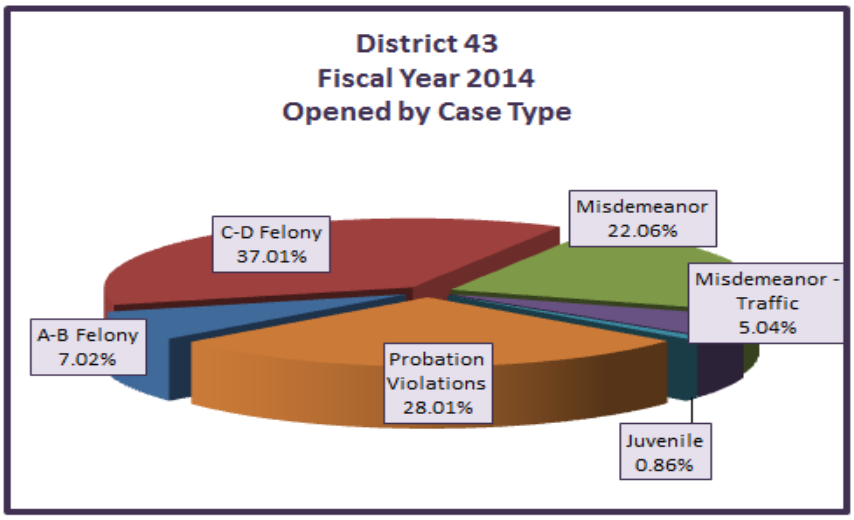
Kelly Miller
District Defender





FY2014 Cases Assigned By Case Type	
A - B Felony Drug	61
A - B Felony Other	73
A - B Felony Sex	22
C - D Felony Drug	193
C - D Felony Other	615
C - D Felony Sex	14
Misdemeanor	490
Misd. - Traffic	112
Juvenile Non-Violent	4
Juvenile Status	12
Juvenile Violent	3
Probation Violation - Felony	484
Probation Violation - Misd.	138
Total	2,221

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Kate Welborn
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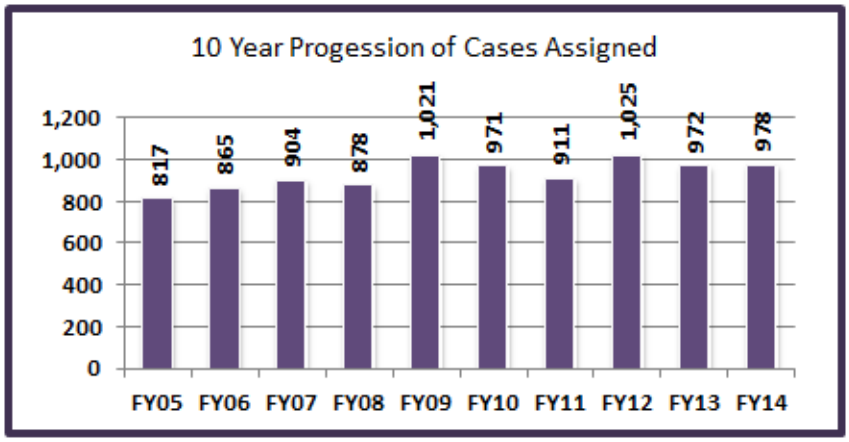

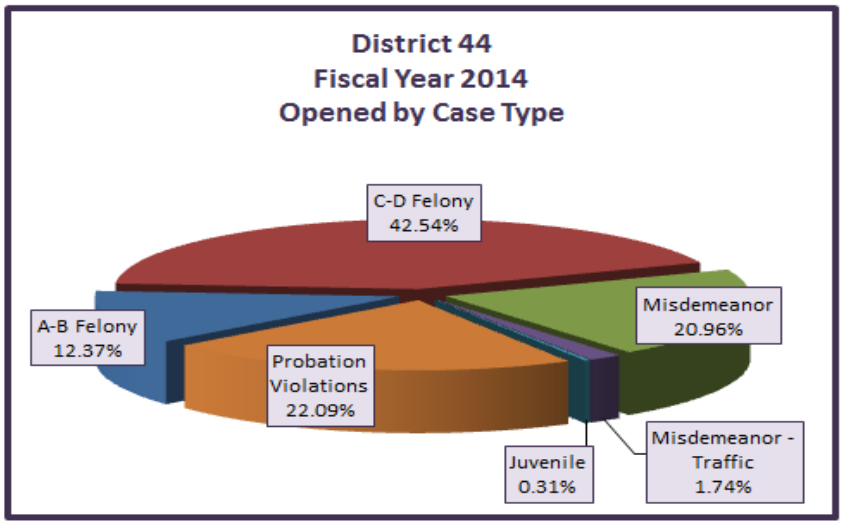

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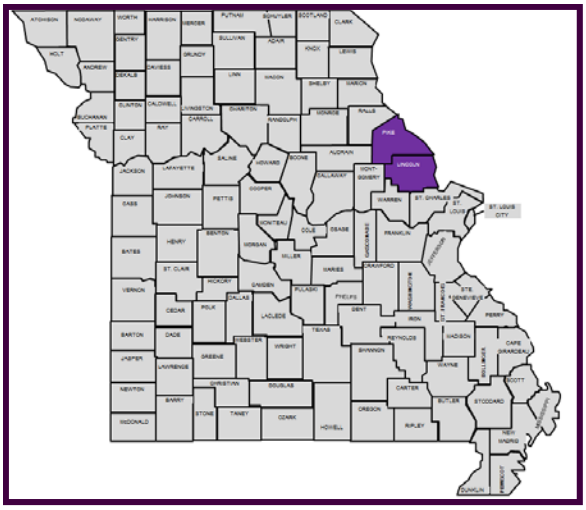
A - B Felony Drug	65
A - B Felony Other	46
A - B Felony Sex	10
C - D Felony Drug	115
C - D Felony Other	294
C - D Felony Sex	7
Misdemeanor	205
Misd. - Traffic	17
Juvenile Non-Violent	2
Juvenile Status	1
Juvenile Violent	-
Probation Violation - Felony	160
Probation Violation - Misd.	56
Total	978



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Public Defender's Office
240 West College
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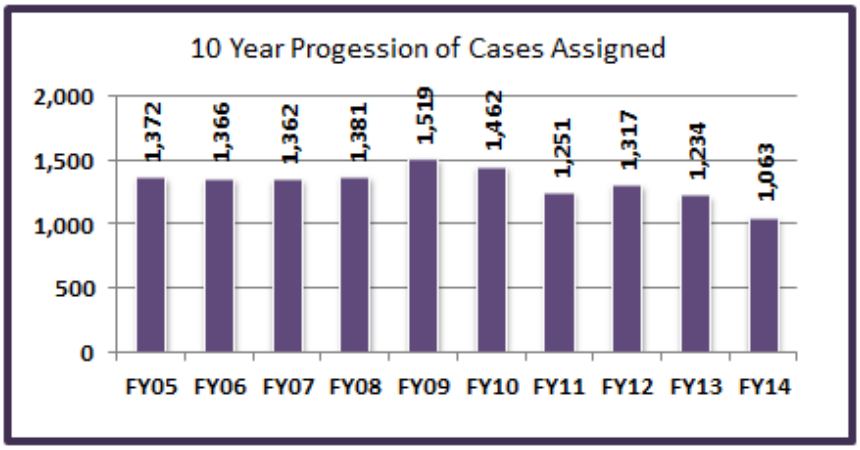
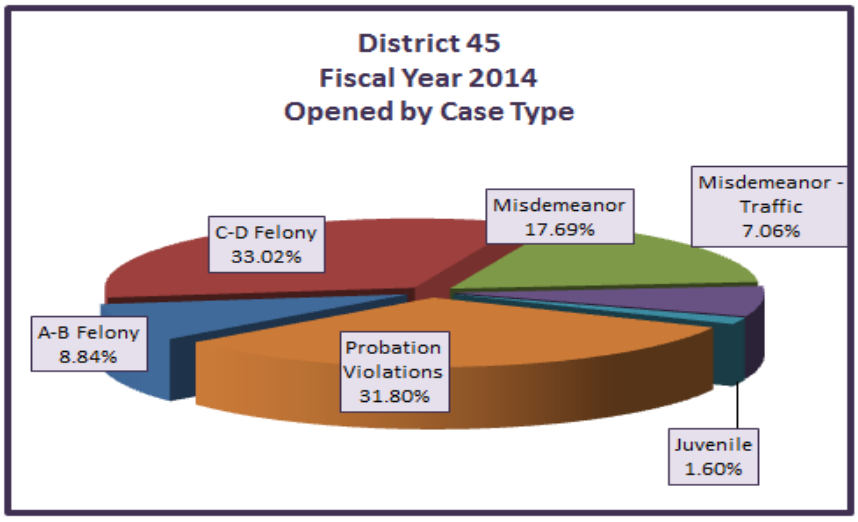
Tom Crocco
District Defender





FY2014 Cases Assigned By Case Type	
A - B Felony Drug	55
A - B Felony Other	27
A - B Felony Sex	12
C - D Felony Drug	76
C - D Felony Other	267
C - D Felony Sex	8
Misdemeanor	188
Misd. - Traffic	75
Juvenile Non-Violent	8
Juvenile Status	-
Juvenile Violent	9
Probation Violation - Felony	255
Probation Violation - Misd.	83
Total	1,063

District 50
Central Appellate
Public Defender's Office
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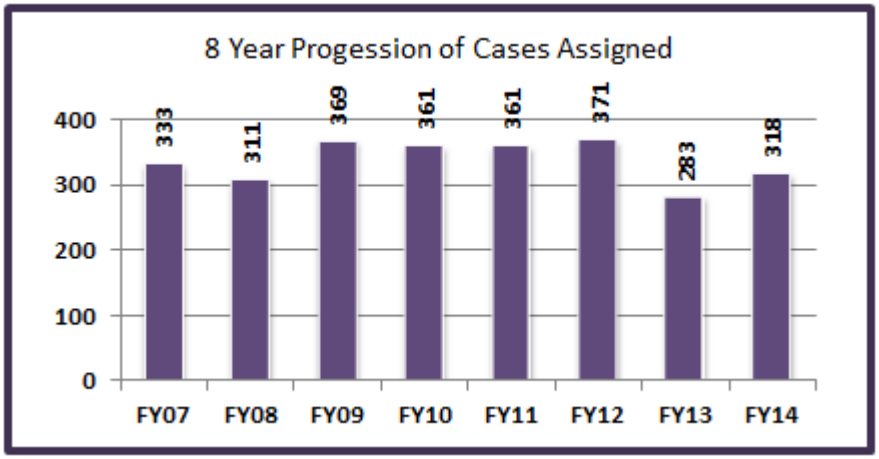
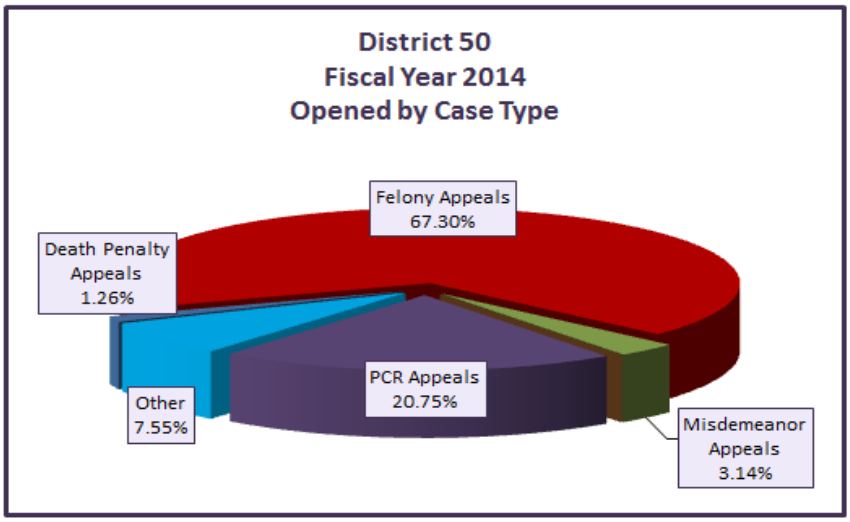
Ellen Flottman
District Defender





FY2014 Cases Assigned By Case Type	
Death Penalty Appeals	4
Felony Appeals	214
Misdemeanor Appeals	10
Juvenile Appeals	1
Post Plea PCR	-
Post Trial PCR	-
PCR Appeals	66
Other	23
Total	318

District 51
Eastern Appellate/Post Conviction A
Public Defender's Office
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St. Louis, MO 63101
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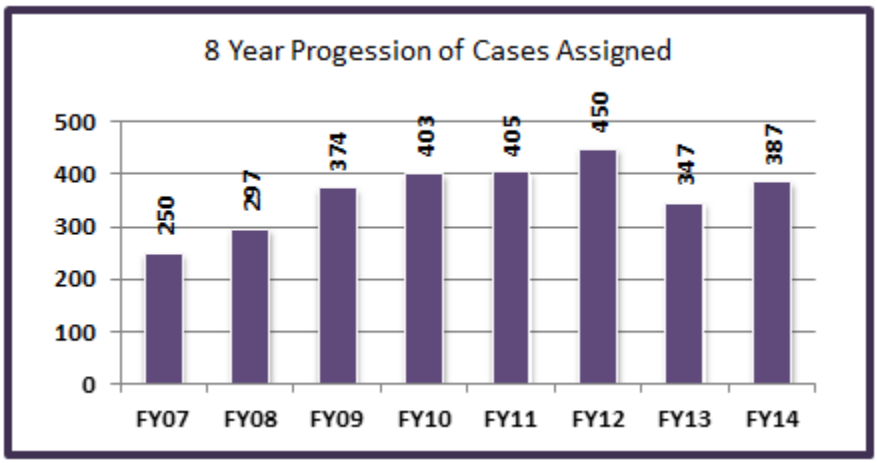
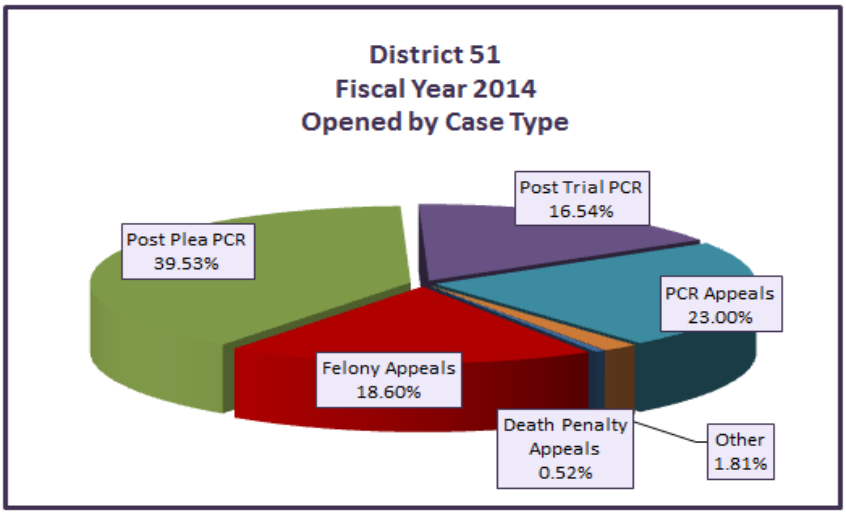
Scott Thompson
District Defender





FY2014 Cases Assigned By Case Type	
Death Penalty Appeals	2
Felony Appeals	72
Misdemeanor Appeals	1
Juvenile Appeals	2
Post Plea PCR	153
Post Trial PCR	64
PCR Appeals	89
Other	4
Total	387

District 52
Western Appellate/Post Conviction A
Public Defender's Office
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Kansas City, MO 64105
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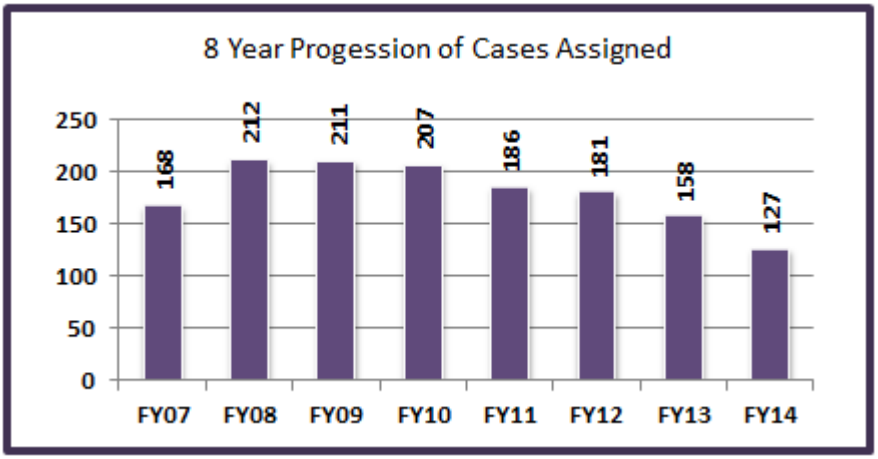
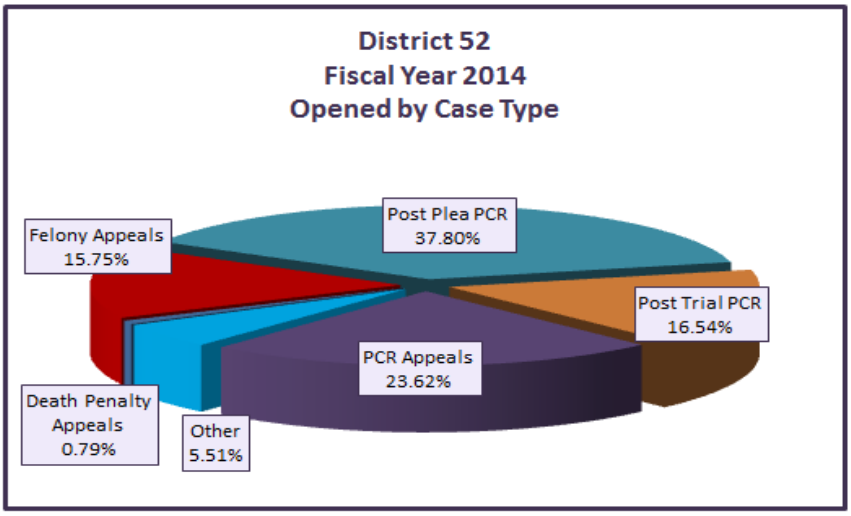
Susan Hogan
District Defender



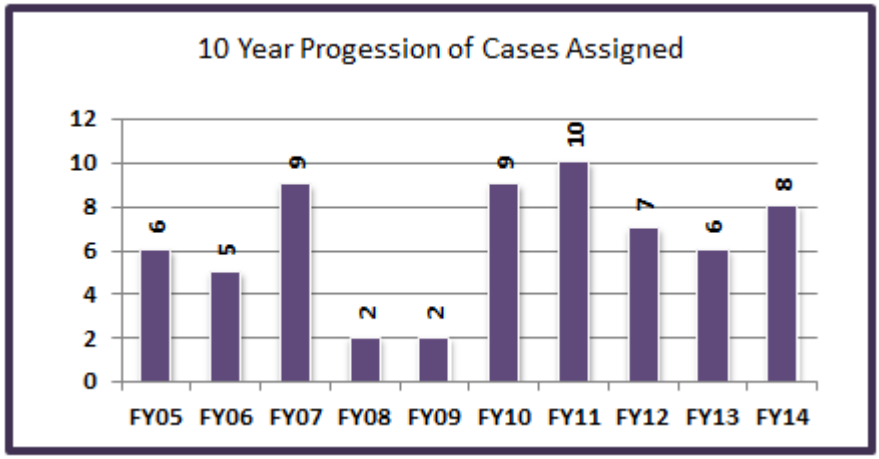


FY2014 Cases Assigned By Case Type	
Death Penalty Appeals	1
Felony Appeals	20
Misdemeanor Appeals	1
Juvenile Appeals	5
Post Plea PCR	48
Post Trial PCR	21
PCR Appeals	30
Other	1
Total	127

District 53
Central Capital
Public Defender's Office
100 West Nifong—Bldg 7
Suite 100
Columbia, MO 65203
573-777-9977

Donald Catlett
District Defender

Fiscal Year 2014 CENTRAL CAPITAL Caseload				
	FY13 Carryover into FY2014	Assigned	Disposed	Current as of June 30, 2014
Central Office - Columbia				
Death Penalty Trial Cases		2	7	7
Non- Death Penalty Trial Cases		2	1	5
Appeals - Death Penalty		3		3
Appeals Other		1	1	3
Totals	17	8	9	18



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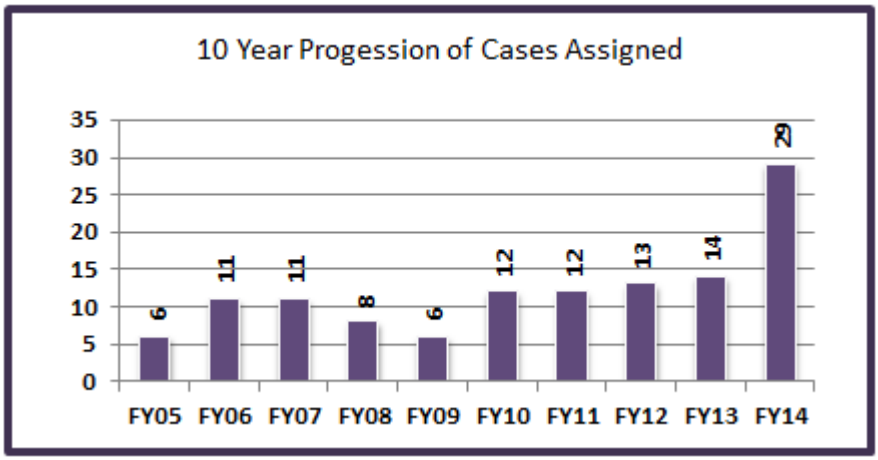
Sharon Turlington
District Defender

Fiscal Year 2014 EASTERN CAPITAL Caseload				
	FY13 Carryover into FY2014	Assigned	Disposed	Current as of June 30, 2014
Eastern Office - St. Louis City				
Death Penalty Trial Cases		13	10	20
Non- Death Penalty Trial Cases		8	4	7
Appeals - Death Penalty		2	2	0
Appeals Other		6	12	0
Totals	23	29	28	27



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Western Capital
Public Defender's Office
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Suite 500
Kansas City, MO 64105
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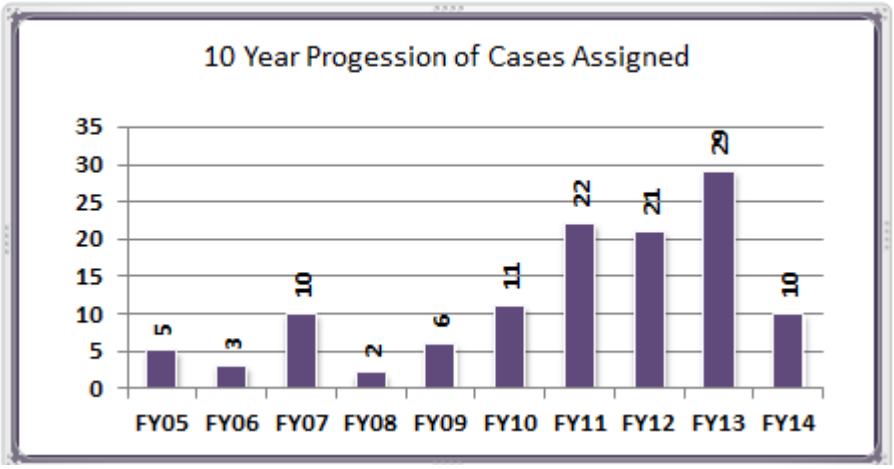
Tom Jacquinot
District Defender

Fiscal Year 2014 WESTERN CAPITAL Caseload				
	FY13 Carryover into FY2014	Assigned	Disposed	Current as of June 30, 2014
Western Office - Kansas City				
Death Penalty Trial Cases		7	5	6
Non- Death Penalty Trial Cases		0	5	6
Appeals - Death Penalty		3		2
Appeals - Other		0	6	7
Totals	17	10	16	21



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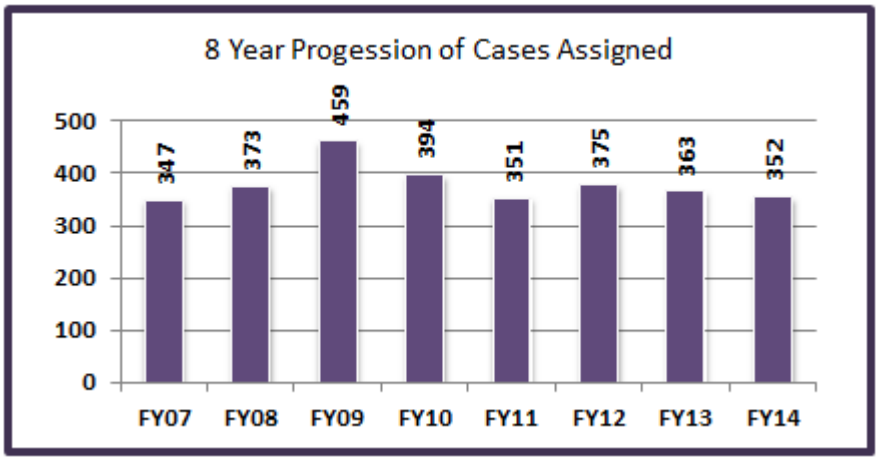

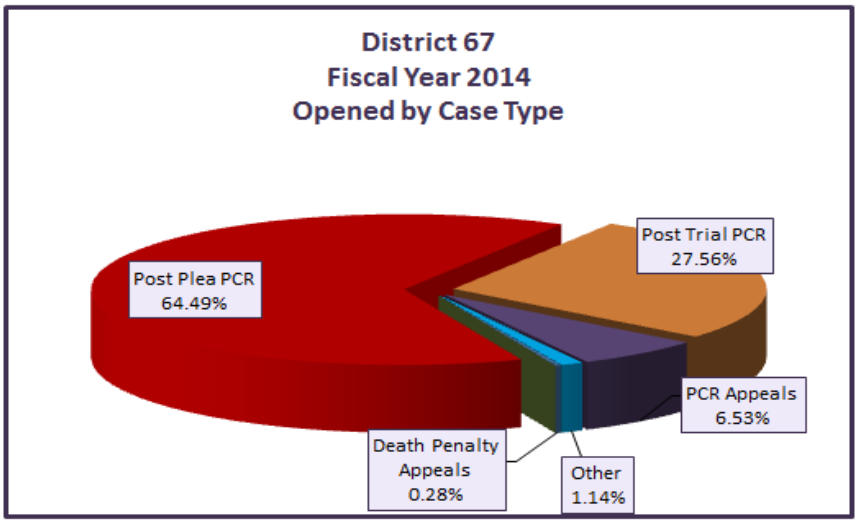

FY2014 Cases Assigned By Case Type	
Death Penalty Appeals	1
Felony Appeals	-
Misdemeanor Appeals	
Juvenile Appeals	
Post Plea PCR	227
Post Trial PCR	97
PCR Appeals	23
Other	4
Total	352

District 68
Eastern Appellate/
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Public Defender's Office
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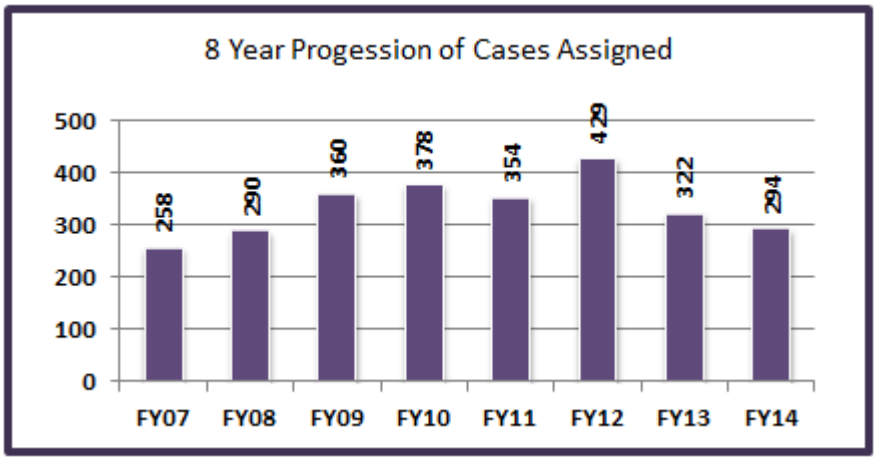
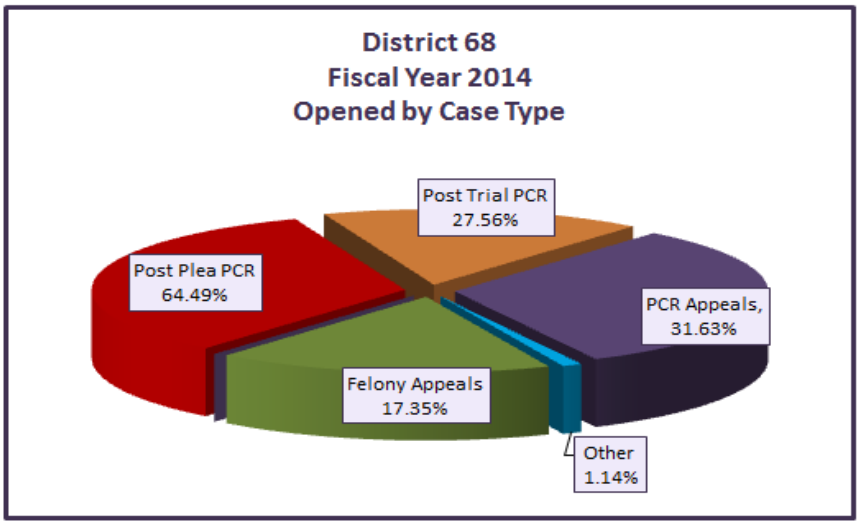
G. Renee Robinson
District Defender





FY2014 Cases Assigned By Case Type	
Death Penalty Appeals	-
Felony Appeals	51
Misdemeanor Appeals	
Juvenile Appeals	
Post Plea PCR	98
Post Trial PCR	49
PCR Appeals	93
Other	3
Total	294

District 69
Western Appellate/
Post Conviction B
Public Defender's Office
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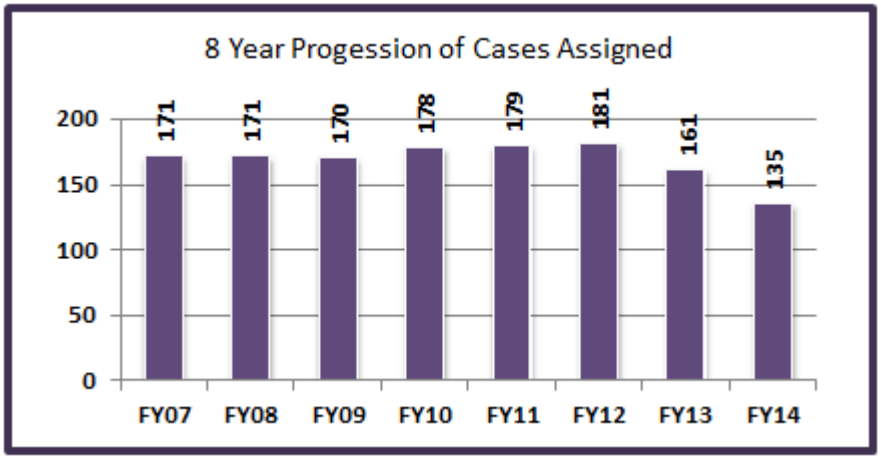
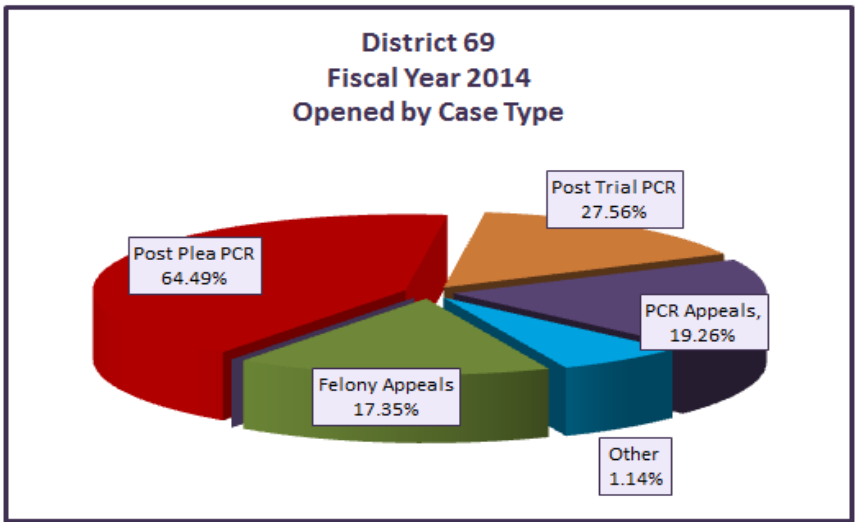
Laura Martin
District Defender



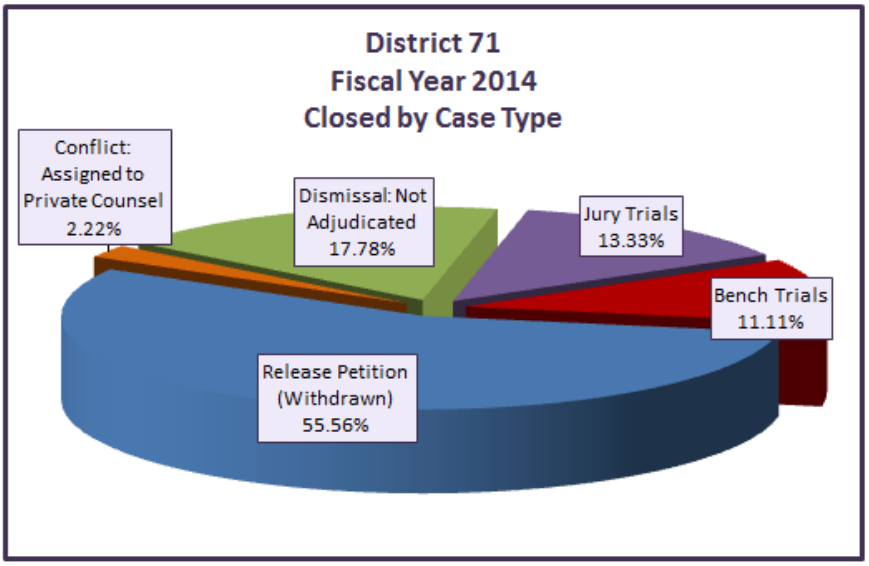


FY2014 Cases Assigned By Case Type	
Death Penalty Appeals	-
Felony Appeals	22
Misdemeanor Appeals	
Juvenile Appeals	
Post Plea PCR	57
Post Trial PCR	21
PCR Appeals	26
Other	9
Total	135

District 71
Commitment Defense Unit
Public Defender's Office
920 Main Street
Suite 500
Kansas City, MO 64105
816-889-7699

Jeff Stephens
District Defender

Fiscal Year 2014 Commitment Defense Unit Caseload Statistics		
	FY13 Carryover into FY14	# of Cases Assigned in FY2014
Petitions for Commitment	29	19
Petitions for Release	65	20
Total Opened for 2014		39
		# of Cases Closed in FY2014
Jury Trials		6
Bench Trials		5
Dismissal: Not Adjudicated		8
Conflict: Assigned to Private Counsel		1
Release Petition (Withdrawn)		25
Total Closed for 2014		45



MSPD
SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

Joel Elmer
Deputy Director

The Deputy Director is appointed by the Commission. As right hand to the Director and second-in-charge of the Department, the Deputy Director is involved in all policy decisions involving the Department. He oversees MSPD's Division Directors as well as the Case Contracting Unit *(see p. 64),* and works closely with the Operations Director to facilitate effective interaction between the Legal Services Divisions and Statewide Services. He also assists the Director in the presentation of and advocacy for the budget request at the legislature and serves as the system's liaison to the Missouri Bar and other organizations and entities as the need arises.

Michael Barrett
General Counsel

The General Counsel oversees litigation in which the Missouri State Public Defender System is or may become a party. He advises the Director and the Public Defender Commission on legal issues pertinent to the operations of the Commission and Department, and works closely with the Human Resources Manager and local District Defenders on issues of employment law. He also assists the Director and Deputy Director in policy making for the system and serves as a resource to the legislature on both MSPD issues and criminal justice policy.

MSPD has three legal services divisions: Trial, Appellate/Post-Conviction, and Specialty Practices, which encompasses capital, juvenile, and the civil commitment of defendants under Missouri's sexually violent predator laws. Each of these divisions has a Division Director that oversees and supports the District Defenders within that division and advises the Director and Deputy Director on needs and issues at the District office level. Because the Trial Division encompasses 33 district offices all around the state, the Trial Division Director also has a Deputy to assist with the oversight and support necessary for that span of service.

Karen Kraft
Specialty Practices
Director

Greg Mermelstein
Appellate Post Conviction
Director

Ellen Blau
Trial Division
Director

Leon Munday
Trial Division
Deputy Director

Public Defender
Statewide Services

Jane Duncan
Operations Director

Operations & Information Technology Support:

Keeping MSPD's 44 district offices operating and as efficient as possible is the Operations Department. This is where bills are paid, supplies are ordered, inventory is maintained, and payroll, benefits, and hiring are all handled. It is the place the front line people call for help when their computers don't work or they have a case involving computer or cell phone forensics that requires a specialist to examine it; where all of MSPD's electronic databases and services, including its case management system, were developed and are maintained. In short, it is the home of MSPD's Human Resources, Information Technology, Accounting, and Purchasing Departments.

Training:

With ongoing turnover always a challenge, quality training programs are essential in bringing new attorneys and staff up to speed quickly and efficiently, as well as assuring our attorneys comply with Missouri's minimum of fifteen hours of continuing legal education for attorneys to retain their license to practice law. To meet these needs, MSPD's Training Director, Melinda Pendergraph, organizes a number of in-house training programs for new attorneys and programs for experienced attorneys. Recent program agendas have included training on Pretrial Practice, Trial Skills, Forensic Evidence, Mental Health Issues, Advanced Advocacy Skills, Juvenile Practice, and Research and Writing. All of MSPD's training is funded through client contributions to the Legal Defense & Defender Fund.

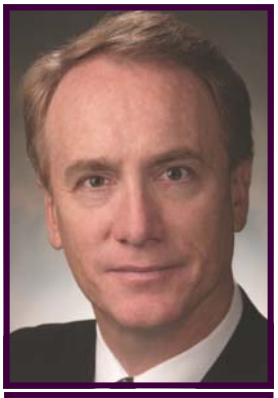
Melinda Pendergraph
Training Director

Kathleen Lear
Comptroller

Comptroller / Facilities:

The Comptroller tracks MSPD's internal operating budget, prepares the annual budget requests and all mandatory reports, and completes fiscal notes for hundreds of proposed bills each legislative session. She also serves as MSPD's facilities coordinator, conducting lease negotiations with 114 county governments concerning district office space, and overseeing all of MSPD's facilities and office moves, and as the system's Internal Auditor, ensuring our operations procedures and processes, at both the state and district levels, comply with best practices.

THE MISSOURI PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION



Douglas Copeland
Chair

Douglas C. Copeland, Chair – Doug Copeland is a founding member and principal in the St. Louis law firm of Copeland, Thompson, and Farris, where his primary concentrations are in education law, estate planning, probate and trust, commercial real estate, and copyright infringement litigation. He also serves as general counsel to Missouri Baptist University, Missouri Baptist Children's Home, St. Louis Metro Baptist Association, the Webster Groves and Valley Park School Districts, and the Midwest Theological Seminary. He has been very active in the Missouri Bar, serving over the course of his career as Chair of the Young Lawyers Section, Vice Chair of the Education Committee, and Chair of the Public Information Committee, as well as Trustee for the Missouri Bar Foundation. He was a member of the Board of Governors for 11 years, serving on the Executive Committee and as Vice President before being elected to serve as President of the Missouri Bar for 2005-2006. In that role, he chaired what would become the first of several Mo Bar Task Forces on the Public Defender, and became an active advocate on behalf of Missouri's Public Defender System. He is a past president of the St. Louis County Bar Association and a Life Fellow of the American Bar Association, where he served in the House of Delegates from 2009-2013. A two time winner of the Missouri Bar President's Award of Merit and recipient of the Dunlop Distinguished Service Award from the St. Louis County Bar Association, he was just named a recipient of the 2014 Missouri Bar *Pro Bono* Award. Mr. Copeland has served on a number of boards and commissions, including the Board of Trustees of the Missouri Baptist Medical Center, the Pillsbury Foundations, the St. Louis Sigma Chi Alumni Association, the Endowment Council of the St. Louis Art Museum, and the Howard Park Early Childhood Center, which provides therapeutic services to children with special needs. He is a former Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Missouri Baptist Healthcare Foundation and the Council of School Attorneys of the Missouri School Boards Association and the current chair of the Missouri Baptist Center Community Advisory Board. Mr. Copeland holds degrees from the University of Missouri and St. Louis University School of Law. He was appointed to the Public Defender Commission in April, 2008 and is in his second term as chair.

H. Riley Bock, Vice Chair – A fifth generation attorney, Riley Bock is a life-long resident of New Madrid, MO, a graduate of the University of Missouri, and a former Captain in the Missouri National Guard. He served as the New Madrid County elected Prosecuting Attorney for 4 terms while also maintaining a small civil practice representing a number of county and regional public entities. Post-retirement from private practice and prosecution, he served as the New Madrid County Public Administrator for five years and taught American History, English Composition, and Literature at the New Madrid County Central High School for six. He has also served on a number of boards and commissions, including The State Historical Society of Missouri, the Trail of Tears National Advisory Board, the Board of Directors for Camp Marymount, The Optimist Club, and the New Madrid Historical Museum. He is currently the president of the Three Rivers College Foundation Trust and serves as both volunteer and chair of the Higgerson School Historical Site, a one-room school that once served the Higgerson Landing community along the Mississippi River. Mr. Bock was appointed to the Public Defender Commission in January, 2014.

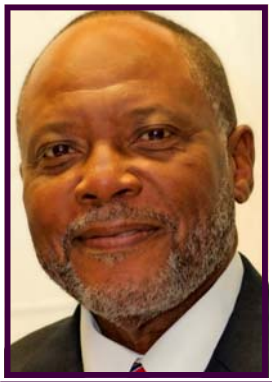
H. Riley Bock
Vice Chair

THE MISSOURI PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION

A. Crista Hogan
Member

A. Crista Hogan – Named one of Springfield's 20 Most Influential Women by the Springfield Business Journal, Crista Hogan is the Executive Director of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association. Prior to accepting that appointment in 2001, Crista served as Vice President of Hogan Land Title Company and as Corporate Counsel for O'Reilly Automotive. She also owned and operated RCT Realty, as well as maintaining a solo legal practice for three years, where she specialized in real estate, estate planning and probate. She taught Managerial Economics and Personal Effectiveness as an adjunct professor in Webster University's M.B.A. program and served on Webster University's Advisory Board. She is a past President of the Springfield Junior League, PAGE (Parents and Advocates of Gifted Education), and the Kitchen Foundation, as well as former Chair of the Greene County Young Republicans. She has served on the Board of Directors for the Ozarks Literacy Council, Habitat for Humanity, T.A.R.G.E.T., and the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, and was appointed by Governor Blunt to the Hispanic Business Trade and Culture Commission. She is the recipient of a Luminary Award from the National Association of Bar Executives and a Community Leader Award from the Daughters of the American Revolution. Ms. Hogan holds degrees from George Washington University and Tulsa University and is a graduate of the Greater Ozarks Leadership Development Program. She was appointed to the Public Defender Commission in July, 2014.

Charles R. Jackson – One of Missouri's first African-American highway patrolmen, Charles Jackson spent 30 years in law enforcement. During that time, he rose to serve as the Captain and Commanding Officer of Troop F, the Patrol's Director of Public Information, and Director of the State Traffic Division before topping off his career with a gubernatorial appointment to serve as Missouri's Director of the Department of Public Safety. In that role, he oversaw 15,000 employees and administered a $600 million budget spanning Missouri's Highway Patrol, Water Patrol, Capitol Police, State Fire Marshal, Alcohol and Tobacco Control Division, Veteran's Commission, Gaming Commission, the State Emergency Management Agency, and the Missouri National Guard. He also developed Missouri's statewide 'Amber Alert' system and was granted national security secret clearance from the Department of Homeland Security. A graduate of the FBI National Academy and the U.S. Army War College, as well as Lincoln University, Mr. Jackson is a past President of the Association of Retired Missouri State Employees and served on Advisory Boards to both Fulton State Hospital and the University of MO School of Social Work. He currently resides in Jefferson City, MO and is the founder and current pastor of The Guiding Light Missionary Baptist Church of Christ in Fulton, MO. Mr. Jackson was appointed to the Public Defender Commission in July, 2014.



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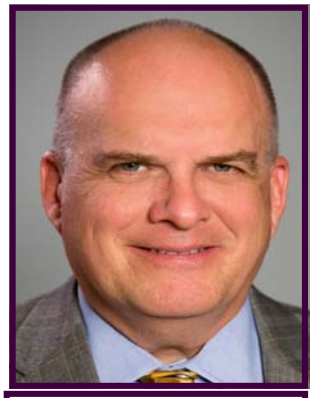

Craig Chval
Member

Craig Chval – A graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Illinois Institute of Technology/Chicago-Kent College of Law, Craig Chval is Associate General Counsel for Veterans United Home Loans in Columbia, MO. He began his practice of law as a civil trial associate in Chicago, before joining the prosecuting attorney's office in Illinois' second-largest county of DuPage, where he became chief of the gang crimes prosecution unit. He went on to serve as Special Counsel and Criminal Justice Policy Advisor to the Illinois Attorney General, and staffed the Governor's Commission on Street Gangs, ultimately becoming the first executive director of the Illinois Gang Prevention Center, which developed and implemented pilot gang-prevention programs across Illinois. In 2002, he accepted a position with the National Association of Attorneys General in Washington, D.C., where he reviewed and developed legislative proposals for Congress and assisted in the development of cybercrime training for prosecuting attorneys. When his wife accepted a faculty position at the University of Missouri, he joined the Office of the Missouri Attorney General. There he led a unit specializing in the investigation and prosecution of computer-related crimes. A founding member of the National Steering Committee for the FBI's Regional Computer Forensic Laboratory program, he became a well-known author and presenter on topics pertaining to cybercrime, electronic discovery and data management and security. Upon leaving he Attorney General's Office, he co-founded the Chval Law Group in Columbia, MO specializing in legal issues pertaining to computer security. In 2011, he made the move to Veterans United, and was appointed to the Public Defender Commission in July, 2014.

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