

**GRAPHICAL PRESENTATION  
OF  
FIVE-YEAR TRENDS  
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TOTAL CASELOAD  
AND  
SELECTED CASE CATEGORIES  
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CIRCUIT COURTS OF ILLINOIS**

# DEFINITION OF CASE CATEGORIES

Effective January 1, 1996

## Civil and Juvenile Case Categories

**AD** An Adoption case number shall be assigned to every adoption case.

**AR** An Arbitration case number shall be assigned to every arbitration-eligible case at the time it is filed. NOTE: This case category shall be used only by counties that have initiated Mandatory Arbitration as defined by Supreme Court Rules 86 through 95. Cook County does not use the AR category.

**CH** A Chancery case number shall be assigned to a complaint for equitable relief in matters such as foreclosures, trusts, and title to real property.

**D** A Dissolution case number shall be assigned to a complaint for dissolution of marriage, annulment, or separate maintenance.

**ED** An Eminent Domain case number shall be assigned to proceedings involving compensation to an owner for property taken for public use.

**F** A Family case number shall be assigned to a variety of matters including proceedings to establish the parent-child relationship, notice to putative fathers, and certain actions relating to child support. NOTE: Petitions for orders of protection filed as separate cases are filed under the OP category.

**J** A Juvenile case number shall be assigned to any proceeding initiated under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 (705 ILCS 405/1-1 et seq.) except those defined by the JA and JD categories below.

**JA** A Juvenile Abuse and Neglect case number shall be assigned to all cases involving a neglected or abused minor as defined by the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 (705 ILCS 405/2-3(1) and (2)).

**JD** A Juvenile Delinquency case number shall be assigned to all cases involving a delinquent minor as defined by the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 (705 ILCS 405/5-105).

**L** A Law case number shall be assigned to tort, contract, and a variety of other actions in which the damages sought are greater than \$50,000.

**LM** A Law Magistrate case number shall be assigned to tort, contract, and a variety of other actions in which the damages sought are \$50,000 or less.

**MC** Each municipal corporation shall have one permanent case number and file folder for routine matters to be considered by the court. This file will contain such matters as organization, appointment of officers, approval of bonds, and routine orders confirming annexation.

**MH** A Mental Health case number shall be assigned to proceedings involving commitment, discharge, or restoration to legal status.

**MR** A Miscellaneous Remedy case number shall be assigned to complaints seeking review of administrative decisions (other than of a tax commission) and a variety of other actions that include change of name, habeas corpus, and extradition.

**OP** An Order of Protection case number shall be assigned to any petition for an order of protection or civil no contact order that is filed separately from an existing case. NOTE: If it is the practice of a county or circuit not to file orders of protection in existing criminal or civil cases, that practice may be continued and all petitions for orders of protection should be given an OP number.

**P** A Probate case number shall be assigned to estates of decedents and guardianship matters.

**SC** A Small Claim case number shall be assigned to "... a civil action based on either tort or contract for money not in excess of \$10,000\*, exclusive of interest and costs, or for the collection of taxes not in excess of that amount" (Supreme Court Rule 281). \*Small Claim amount increased to \$10,000 effective January 1, 2006 per amended Supreme Court Rule 281.

**TX** A Tax case number shall be assigned to the annual tax sale and a variety of other actions relating to the collection of taxes. Petitions for tax deeds and objections are part of the annual tax sale proceeding and will be assigned sub-numbers of the annual tax sale case number.

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## Criminal, DUI, Traffic, Ordinance, and Conservation Case Categories

**CF** A Felony case number shall be assigned when a complaint, information or indictment is filed in which at least one count charges a felony.

**CM** A Misdemeanor case number shall be assigned when a case is filed in which the most serious charge carries a penalty of less than one year imprisonment.

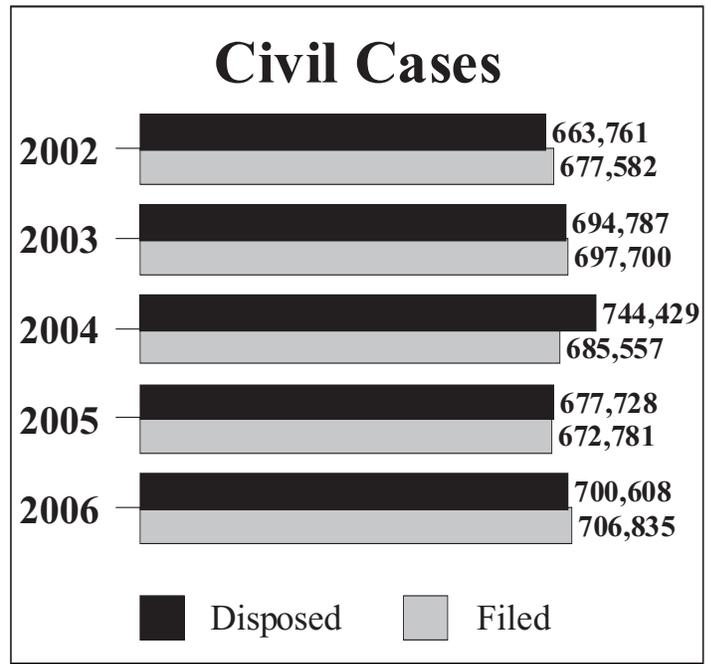
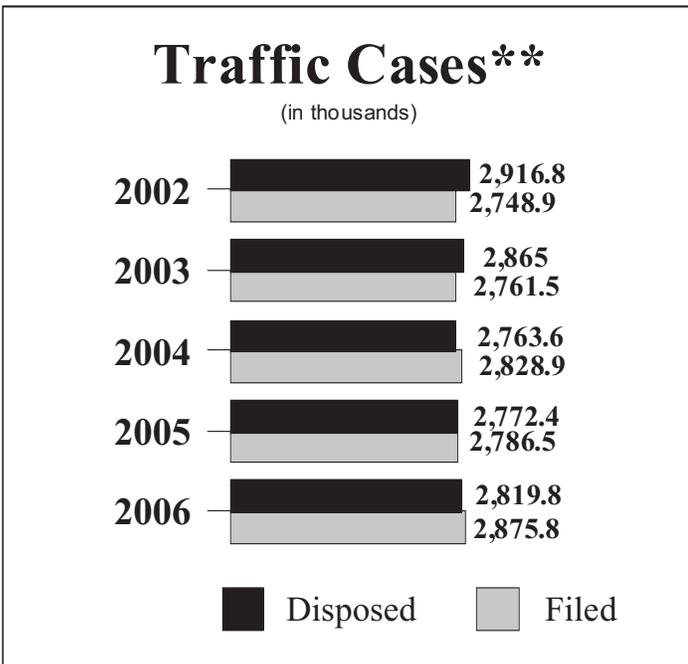
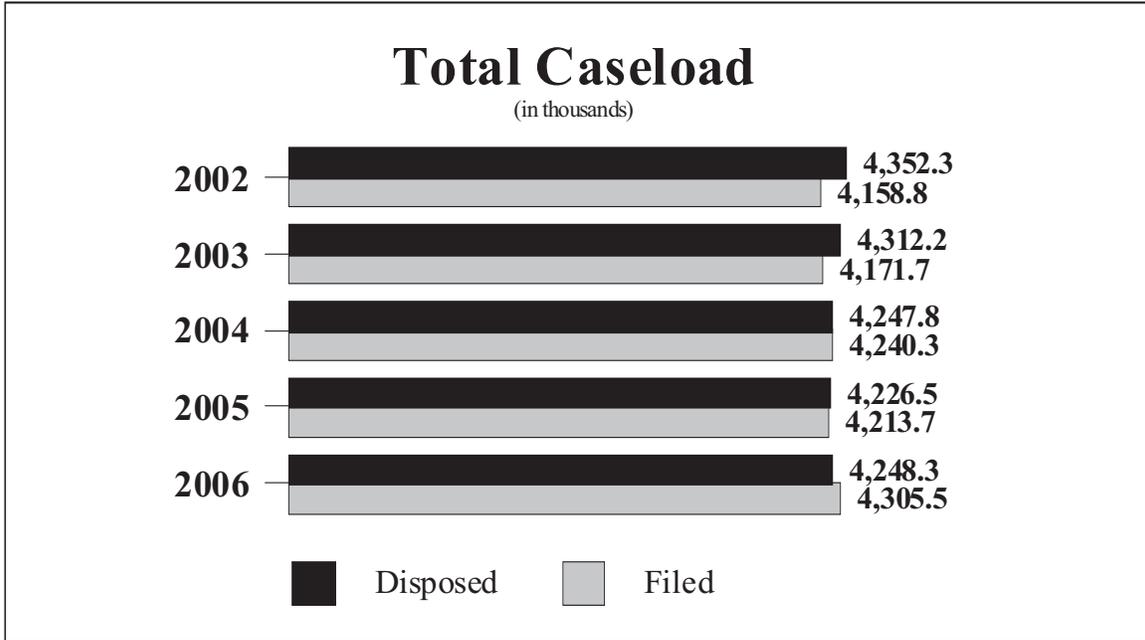
**CV** A Conservation case number shall be assigned to any case defined by Supreme Court Rule 501(c).

**DT** A Driving Under the Influence case number shall be assigned to any case charging a violation of a statute, ordinance, or regulation governing driving under the influence of alcohol, other drug, or combination thereof.

**OV** An Ordinance Violation case number shall be assigned to any case in which violation of a local ordinance is charged. However, violation of a traffic ordinance as defined by Supreme Court Rule 501(f) shall be given a TR or DT number, as appropriate.

**TR** A Traffic case number shall be assigned to any case defined by Supreme Court Rule 501(f), except DUI cases. Note that a violation of a traffic ordinance as defined by Rule 501(f) is given a TR number.

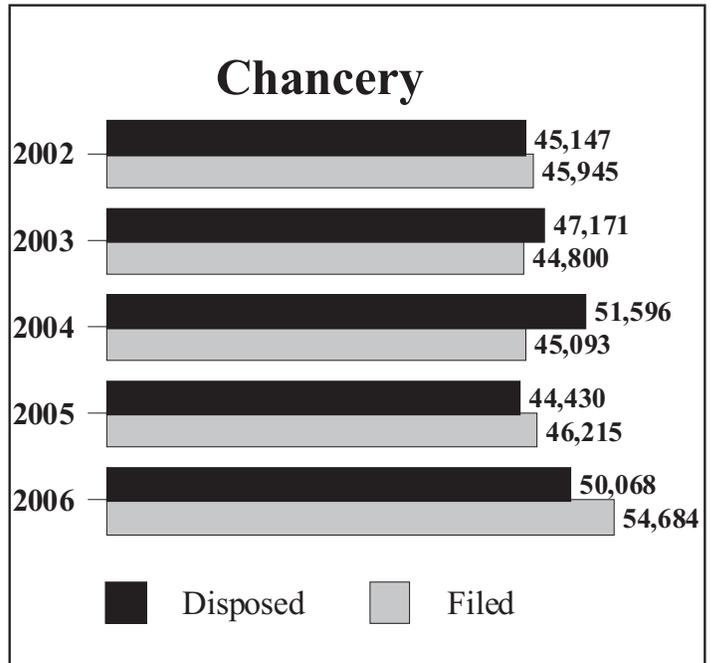
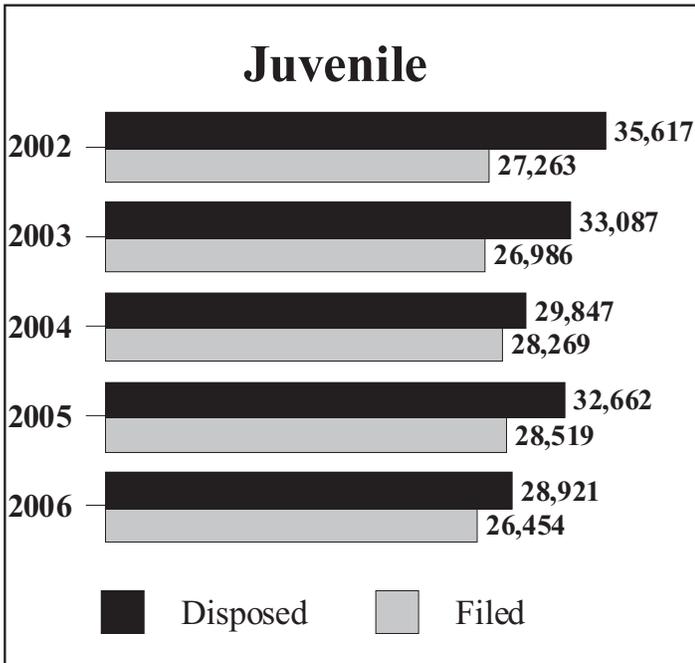
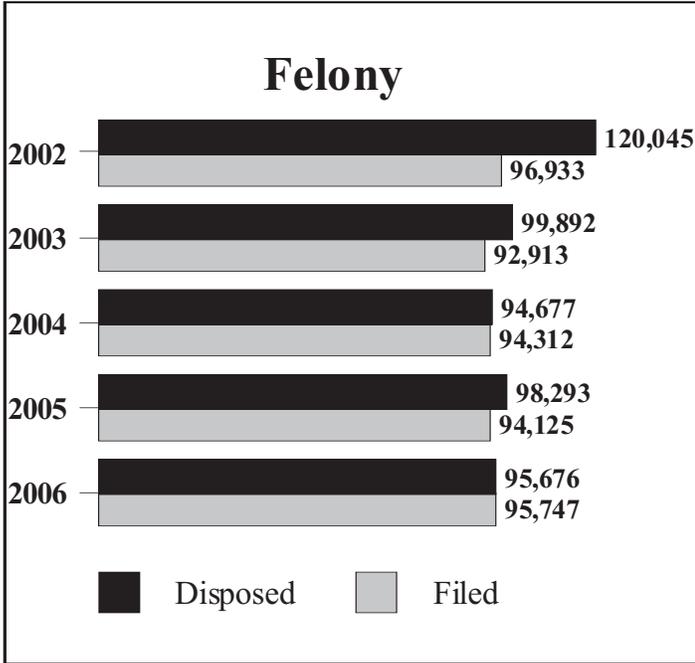
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\*\* Excluding parking tickets and DUI

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