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San Francisco Superior Court Launches Online Civil Case Data Dashboard

The new interactive tool updates daily and shows pending caseloads, filings, resolution time, clearance rates, and more for civil cases back to 2019

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The San Francisco Superior Court announced today the launch of a new public, interactive dashboard that highlights data on civil cases from filing to resolution. The Civil Case Data Dashboard is updated daily and allows the public to see how many cases are filed, how many are resolved, how many remain pending, and how long cases take to resolve, among other metrics. Developed by the Court's Data & Business Analytics team, the dashboard is available on the Court's website here: https://sf.courts.ca.gov/divisions/civil-division/data-dashboard-civil

The dashboard covers civil case types, including asbestos, unlawful detainer (eviction), unlimited and limited general civil cases, small claims, appellate matters, and probate cases, including conservatorships and guardianships. To provide users a view of the Court's work before, during, and after the COVID-19 pandemic, the data presented on the dashboard goes back to 2019.

"Civil cases touch people's homes, health, families, and livelihoods," said Presiding Judge Rochelle C. East. "The public deserves to understand how the Court handles matters that have such a profound impact on the lives of San Franciscans. This dashboard makes that work more transparent, giving everyone who wants it direct access to timely information about how civil cases move through the Court."

The Civil Case Data Dashboard is organized by case type. Its home page shows a card for each of the eight featured case types, with a short description for each. Each card on the home page links directly to that case type's pages, which can include "Top Indicators," "Trials," "Dispositions," and "Annual Totals."

For each type of case, “Top Indicators” pages show monthly filings, clearance rates (cases resolved compared with cases filed), and pending caseloads. Depending on case type, dashboard users can also open pages on dispositions, including median time to disposition, and on trials, including the number of trials held, median trial length, and future scheduled trials. Some case types show settlement conference outcomes, and annual pages compare totals for the last five years.

Users can also filter the data by date range and, where available, by case subtype or hearing type. Clicking any part of a chart highlights the matching data across the page.

“This dashboard reflects our commitment to transparency and to making information accessible to the public,” said Brandon E. Riley, Court Executive Officer. “Putting this information online answers questions we regularly receive from the public, the bar, and our justice partners. And it does so without anyone having to submit a formal request and wait for staff to compile the numbers.”

The Civil Case Data Dashboard builds on the Criminal Case Data Dashboard launched by the Court in November 2024, which made the San Francisco Superior Court the first California court to publish real-time criminal data metrics on a public website. The civil dashboard also introduces features the criminal dashboard does not yet offer, including filters by case subtype and pending caseloads broken down by hearing type. The Court plans to bring many of these improvements to the criminal dashboard in 2027.

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