

Travis County Justice System Profile

Fiscal Years 2010 - 2014

Travis County Justice and Public Safety

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Courts and Attorneys

	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Criminal District Courts					
- New Felony Cases (Indictment / Information) – Total	9,196	9,917	8,232	9,750	10,053
Capital murder	13	10	13	7	4
Murder	32	20	32	27	18
Other homicides (category added FY 2011)	0	14	13	16	18
Assault or attempted murder	1,663	1,108	837	1,132	1,092
Sexual assault	100	79	78	67	46
Indecency/Sexual assault of a child	176	146	158	292	235
Family violence assault (category added FY 2011)	0	709	629	787	769
Robbery	333	353	230	276	279
Burglary	679	853	789	750	726
Theft (over \$1,500)	918	1,105	945	1,158	1,058
Auto Theft	154	156	159	204	250
Arson (category removed FY 2011)	23	0	0	0	0
Drug sale/manufacture	898	754	503	577	715
Drug possession	1,909	1,904	1,560	1,747	2,367
Felony DWI	553	598	567	677	682
Other Felony	1,745	2,108	1,719	2,033	1,794
- Motions to Revoke Probation / Other Cases Added¹	2,865	2,907	2,715	2,656	2,381
- Cases disposed – Original Dispositions²	7,957	9,110	8,575	8,461	8,755
Convictions	6,148	5,934	5,605	5,445	5,725
Deferred adjudication	1,702	1,390	1,310	1,272	1,189
Acquittals	41	39	16	15	16
Dismissals (post-indictment)	1,768	1,747	1,644	1,729	1,825
- Other Dispositions¹	3,720	3,589	3,171	2,971	3,039
- Cases Pending	23,300	19,217	18,463	19,294	19,882
- New Drug Court Clients (pre-indictment)³	152	225	164	83	104

	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Criminal County Courts at Law					
- New Misdemeanor Cases Filed - Total	34,085	34,062	30,482	31,268	33,069
DWI	6,336	6,523	6,091	6,902	6,493
DWI - first offense	5,367	5,496	3,935	4,329	3,963
DWI - second offense	969	963	954	976	1,001
DWI - 0.15 or above ⁴	0	64	1,202	1,597	1,529
-Family Violence	3,681	3,254	3,015	2,739	3,393
-All Other Misdemeanors	24,068	24,285	21,376	21,627	23,183
-Misdemeanor Cases Disposed	36,124	38,124	34,375	33,435	33,592
Convictions	15,453	15,153	14,260	12,821	12,611
Deferred adjudication	1,571	1,589	1,672	1,542	1,475
Deferred prosecution	2,759	2,857	2,623	2,538	2,344
Considered in other case	2,951	3,003	2,706	2,619	3,079
Defendant found incompetent	116	162	209	215	238
Dismissed ⁵	13,112	15,205	12,744	13,399	13,326
Not Guilty	35	33	21	12	22
Reduced to Class C	109	90	116	243	475
Convicted - fine only	10	17	14	13	11
On appeal	2	10	2	19	11
Mistrial	3	2	2	3	0
Other	3	3	6	11	0

¹ Includes case transfers, probation following shock commitment to TDCJ (felonies only), Probation revocation, and appeals from lower courts.

² Original dispositions do not include probation revoked/ other dispositions.

³ Please note, there are occasions where clients may sign into program who are indicted, currently the Drug Court is unable to identify those clients.

⁴ DWI - 0.15 or above offense created in 2011 legislative session.

⁵ Includes cases that were dismissed and refiled as a different offense and cases placed in diversion.

Justices of the Peace

	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Justices of the Peace					
- Traffic Cases Filed	59,577	61,329	49,665	54,843	46,261
- Non-Traffic Cases Filed	18,140	18,672	20,612	22,582	21,568

Juvenile Probation

	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Juvenile Probation					
- Total Referrals (Felony and Misdemeanor) ⁶	5,415	4,202	3,906	3,981	4,072
Felony Referrals ^{7,8}	726	659	681	666	762
Misdemeanor Referrals – Total ⁹	4,689	3,543	3,225	3,315	3,310
Misdemeanor A or B	2,065	1,727	1,722	1,701	1,811
CINS-Other than Status	771	588	410	429	201
Violation of Probation	1,031	762	645	734	805
Status Violations	482	259	258	284	290
Other Violations ¹⁰	340	207	190	167	203
- Juveniles Under Intensive Supervision	264	213	160	125	134
- Juveniles Under Regular Supervision ⁵	1,495	1,262	1,188	1,199	1,131
- Average Daily Population in Detention	75	58	54	59	64

Adult Jail Incarceration

	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Sheriff's Office					
- Total Peopled Booked into Jail	60,735	58,484	54,391	53,768	50,374
City of Austin arrests ¹¹	45,211	42,189	38,632	38,672	35,660
Other agency arrests ¹²	15,524	16,265	15,759	15,096	15,074
- Average Daily Population in County Jail ¹³	2,408	2,416	2,294	2,301	2,362
% Pretrial offenders ¹⁴	67.8	67.9	69.8	71	70.4
% Convicted offenders ¹³	12.2	18.9	16.7	15.2	15.9
% Parole violators-technical ¹³	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.1
% Parole violators-new offenses ¹³	8.4	8.3	8.4	8.5	9

⁶ Supervision is after adjudication.

⁷ Includes new offenses only (no probation violations, administrative actions, or status offenses).

⁸ The expanding number of Felony referrals drives a great deal of the Juvenile Probation workload.

⁹ It is important to note Class C Misdemeanors have a good deal of variation.

¹⁰ Includes violations of conditions of release, warrant issued, and temporary detention.

¹¹ City of Austin arrests are those made by the Austin Police Department, Municipal Courts, Airport Police, and Austin Park Police.

¹² Other Arrests are those made by the Travis County Sheriff's Office, school or college police, State or Federal agents, or the police of any city in Travis County except Austin.

¹³ Average Daily population does not include Sheriff's alternative Program (SWAP) inmates.

¹⁴ This information is taken from the Texas Commission on Jail Standard's monthly reports.

Adult Probation

Adult Probation¹⁵	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
- Total Probation Placements (Felony and Misdemeanor)	6,334	5,316	5,271	4,937	4,853
Felony placements	1,692	1,487	1,406	1,364	1,183
Misdemeanor placements	4,642	3,829	3,865	3,573	3,670
- Average Monthly Direct Supervision Caseload¹⁶	12,374	11,380	10,700	10,323	9,900
- Average Monthly Indirect Supervision Caseload¹⁷	7,990	7,304	6,586	6,311	6,028

Data Sources

Data	Fiscal Year Type	Source
Criminal District Courts	County Fiscal Year (October – September)	Texas Judicial Council Monthly and Annual Reports
County Courts	County Fiscal Year (October – September)	Travis County Attorney’s Office Vicki Ashley
Justice of the Peace	County Fiscal Year (October – September)	Texas Judicial Council Monthly and Annual Reports
Drug Court	County Fiscal Year (October – September)	Travis County Drug Court Sharon Caldwell-Hernandez
Juvenile Probation	County Fiscal Year (October – September)	Travis County Juvenile Probation Lisa Eichelberger
Sheriff’s Office	County Fiscal Year (October – September)	Travis County Sheriff’s Office (TCSO) Meg Seville
Community Supervision and Corrections Department	State Fiscal Year (September – August)	Travis County CSCD Sigrid Levi-Baum

¹⁵ Data based on State Fiscal Year.

¹⁶ Direct supervision includes offenders receiving a minimum of one face-to-face contact every 3 months.

¹⁷ Indirect supervision includes offenders transferred to another state, CSCD or county; those who report by mail; absconders and offenders incarcerated in jail, prison, or state jail (that have a term of community supervision to complete upon release from incarceration). The indirect population also includes offenders who are residing in substance abuse felony punishment facilities (SAFPF) that are not directly supervised by their local community supervision officers.