

Comparison of Urban Counties * Clearance Rate and Backlog Index

		Civil Cases		Family Cases		Criminal Cases		Juvenile Cases
Sept 1, 2019 - Aug 31, 2020	2019 Population	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate
Tarrant	2,102,515	98.2%	0.7	82.4%	0.7	81.2%	0.4	100.2%
Bexar	2,003,554	77.5%	1.8	83.9%	1.2	83.6%	0.4	69.1%
Dallas	2,635,516	100.7%	0.7	88.5%	1.8	94.3%	0.5	73.9%
Harris	4,713,325	90.2%	1.2	82.2%	0.9	72.6%	0.6	94.3%
Travis	1,273,954	73.6%	3.0	86.7%	1.0	103.9%	0.5	119.8%
Sept 1, 2018 - Aug 31, 2019	2018 Population	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate
Tarrant	2,084,931	100.0%	0.7	103.4%	0.6	95.0%	0.3	94.0%
Bexar	1,986,049	85.0%	1.4	107.4%	0.9	99.5%	0.3	101.1%
Dallas	2,637,772	101.1%	0.6	101.1%	1.3	97.3%	0.4	100.9%
Harris	4,698,619	83.2%	1.0	100.3%	0.7	92.8%	0.4	91.1%
Travis	1,248,743	83.3%	2.4	99.6%	0.7	98.1%	0.3	117.0%
Sept 1, 2017 - Aug 31, 2018	2017 Population	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate
Tarrant	2,054,475	99.0%	0.8	97.3%	0.5	94.2%	0.2	98.2%
Bexar	1,958,578	95.4%	1.3	103.0%	0.9	97.8%	0.3	102.2%
Dallas	2,618,148	99.9%	0.5	98.5%	1.4	106.2%	0.4	77.4%
Harris	4,652,980	79.4%	0.8	98.4%	0.6	56.9%	0.6	96.7%
Travis	1,226,698	95.2%	2.2	101.1%	0.7	97.9%	0.4	109.4%
Sept 1, 2016 - Aug 31, 2017	2016 Population	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate
Tarrant	2,016,872	107.8%	0.8	94.0%	0.5	97.8%	0.2	94.8%
Bexar	1,928,680	85.7%	1.3	96.9%	0.9	97.1%	0.2	99.0%
Dallas	2,574,984	98.9%	0.6	98.5%	1.4	106.1%	0.5	86.6%
Harris	4,589,928	91.0%	0.8	99.0%	0.6	103.8%	0.3	95.9%
Travis	1,199,323	91.0%	2.4	101.1%	0.7	94.0%	0.4	115.2%

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Sept 1, 2015 - Aug 31, 2016	2015 Population	Civil Cases		Family Cases		Criminal Cases		Juvenile Cases
		Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate
Tarrant	1,982,498	97.0%	0.6	N/A	N/A	100.4%	0.3	N/A
Bexar	1,897,753	100.1%	2.0	N/A	N/A	105.2%	0.4	N/A
Dallas	2,553,385	103.1%	0.7	N/A	N/A	117.6%	0.3	N/A
Harris	4,538,028	101.6%	0.4	N/A	N/A	100.6%	0.2	N/A
Travis	1,176,558	105.5%	6.3	N/A	N/A	102.5%	0.5	N/A

Sept 1, 2014 - Aug 31, 2015	2014 Population	Civil Cases		Family Cases		Criminal Cases		Juvenile Cases
		Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate
Tarrant	1,945,360	91.7%	0.5	N/A	N/A	100.1%	0.3	N/A
Bexar	1,855,866	124.5%	2.3	N/A	N/A	100.3%	0.4	N/A
Dallas	2,518,638	97.2%	0.7	N/A	N/A	104.3%	0.4	N/A
Harris	4,441,370	111.5%	0.4	N/A	N/A	99.5%	0.2	N/A
Travis	1,151,145	124.4%	5.8	N/A	N/A	95.1%	0.4	N/A

Sept 1, 2013 - Aug 31, 2014	2013 Population	Civil Cases		Family Cases		Criminal Cases		Juvenile Cases
		Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate
Tarrant	1,911,541	101.6%	1.2	100.5%	0.5	98.0%	0.2	96.4%
Bexar	1,817,610	94.4%	1.4	90.4%	1.0	96.2%	0.3	102.9%
Dallas	2,480,331	101.5%	0.7	94.9%	1.4	100.4%	0.6	93.6%
Harris	4,336,853	99.0%	0.9	98.8%	0.6	97.5%	0.3	91.8%
Travis	1,120,954	93.3%	2.7	99.9%	0.8	90.9%	0.3	90.4%

*Taken from Office of Court Administration website <http://www.courts.state.tx.us/oca/ocahome.asp>

*Clearance Rate is a measure of how effectively a court is disposing the cases added to its docket.

A Clearance Rate of 100 percent indicates that the court disposed of the same number of cases during the year as were added to the docket during the year, resulting in no changes to the court's case backlog.

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*Backlog Index is a calculation used to measure the size of the court's backlog.

It measures the pending caseload against the court's capacity to dispose of the caseload during a given time period. Specifically, it is the number of cases (of a given case type) pending at the beginning of the year. A Backlog Index of 1.0 means that the court disposed of the equivalent of the pending caseload in one year. A court should have a minimum goal of achieving a civil backlog index of 1.0 or less. On average, criminal cases should be disposed more quickly than major civil cases, so courts should maintain a lower backlog index for criminal cases than civil cases.

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