
Message from the State Court Administrator

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Dear Friends:



It is my pleasure to present the twelfth edition of the Statistical Reference Guide to Florida's Trial Courts (Guide). It is a priority for the Office of the State Courts Administrator (OSCA) to provide a timely and accurate accounting of trial court statistics to court managers, policy makers, the legislature, our justice system partners and the public.

The Guide is a compilation of Summary Reporting System data as reported by each of the 67 county clerks of court and maintained by the OSCA, and provides a comprehensive view of cases filed, cases disposed, and other statistics in our circuit and county courts during fiscal year 2011-12. The Guide also includes expanded case and disposition types in the circuit civil and family court divisions, which capture more thorough case type information pertaining to negligence, foreclosure, repeat violence and domestic relations cases.

I sincerely appreciate those in the field who have diligently worked with the OSCA to make this Guide a precise and reliable instrument of accounting for Florida's trial court activity. I am grateful to the trial court judges, clerks of court, and judicial branch staff for their assistance in supplying the statistical information reported in this Guide as this data is fundamental to understanding the work of the state courts system. As always, I am proud of the accomplishments of my staff, and I thank them and others who played key roles in preparing this document.

Sincerely,

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