

IOWA DISTRICT COURT FILINGS 2000-2008

| Calendar Year | Civil | Serious Criminal | Simple Misdemeanors | Juvenile | MH/SA Commitment | Probate | Small Claims Infractions | Total |
|---------------------|--------|------------------|---------------------|----------|------------------|---------|--------------------------|-----------|
| 2000 | 68,858 | 82,356 | 827,441 | 12,130 | 8,648 | 17,979 | 86,909 | 1,104,321 |
| 2001 | 73,107 | 85,466 | 786,191 | 14,109 | 9,698 | 18,775 | 92,980 | 1,080,326 |
| 2002 | 75,615 | 87,921 | 783,273 | 14,253 | 7,803 | 17,019 | 92,550 | 1,078,434 |
| 2003 | 74,784 | 87,007 | 763,335 | 14,068 | 8,184 | 16,446 | 92,355 | 1,056,179 |
| 2004 | 72,658 | 87,844 | 746,020 | 14,009 | 8,772 | 16,108 | 96,786 | 1,042,197 |
| 2005 | 71,723 | 89,858 | 725,036 | 14,756 | 9,215 | 15,742 | 98,108 | 1,024,438 |
| 2006 | 73,210 | 80,901 | 784,945 | 14,443 | 9,883 | 15,359 | 105,073 | 1,083,814 |
| 2007 | 74,532 | 84,577 | 739,239 | 13,165 | 10,058 | 14,763 | 107,540 | 1,043,874 |
| 2008 | 76,867 | 82,570 | 709,170 | 12,179 | 10,600 | 14,684 | 116,334 | 1,022,404 |
| Change 2000-2008 | 12.0% | 0.0% | -14.0% | 0.4% | 22.6% | -18.3% | 33.9% | - 7.4% |
| Change 2007-2008 | 3.1% | - 2.4% | - 4.1% | - 7.5% | - 5.4% | - 0.5% | 8.2% | - 2.1% |

Notes:

- 1) Table data updated October 8, 2009.
- 2) Civil filings include civil contract and personal injury cases over \$5,000, domestic relations, real property, mortgage foreclosures, and small claims appeals. The data does not include civil actions identified as: distress warrants, foreign judgments, liens, seized property hearings, and transcripts of judgment.
- 3) Serious criminal filings include felonies and serious and aggravated misdemeanors.
- 4) Simple misdemeanor filings include mostly state traffic violations, plus other simple misdemeanors.
- 5) Juvenile filings include juvenile delinquency, child in need of assistance (CINA), family in need of assistance (FINA), and parental notification cases. The data does not include juvenile commitment cases.
- 6) MH/SA commitment filings are juvenile and adult mental health (MH) or substance abuse (SA) hospitalization/commitment cases filed.
- 7) The Judicial Branch stopped including contempt actions and probation revocations with "filings" on July 1, 2006, which accounts for most of the reduction in criminal filings in 2006. The 2007 and 2008 data include probation revocations in criminal filings. Data for contempt filings are included in civil and small claims filings in 2007 and 2008.
- 8) Total filings decreased by 7.4% between CY 2000 and CY 2008. However, if simple misdemeanor filings are excluded, total filings increased by 13.1% during that time period.
- 9) Total filings decreased by 2.1% between CY 2007 and CY 2008. However, if simple misdemeanor filings are excluded, total filings increased by 2.8% during that time period.

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