

District Court Filings in Iowa (2005-2019)

Calendar Year	Civil	Serious Criminal	Simple Misdemeanors	Juvenile	MH/SA Commitment	Probate	Small Claims & Infractions	Total
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
2009	82,769	83,817	718,370	11,954	11,190	14,360	110,947	1,033,407
2010	83,243	87,739	647,921	12,569	11,419	14,199	94,830	951,920
2011	81,535	86,891	635,034	12,668	11,904	14,297	83,112	925,441
2012	73,621	88,462	626,791	12,668	12,470	14,051	80,307	908,370
2013	68,221	87,691	580,533	12,407	12,706	14,051	73,022	848,631
2014	64,127	83,868	542,344	11,303	13,087	14,292	70,463	799,484
2015	60,436	83,156	490,655	10,883	13,501	14,446	66,896	739,973
2016	59,511	85,829	491,309	11,172	14,133	13,943	69,968	745,865
2017	65,603	87,731	491,165	12,128	14,197	14,394	79,727	764,945
2018	61,744	93,105	475,723	12,088	13,709	14,325	87,380	758,074
2019	61,520	90,789	469,812	11,304	13,421	13,446	86,808	747,100

Percent Change in Court Filings, 2005-2019

Civil	Serious Criminal	Simple Misdemeanors	Juvenile	MH/SA Commitment	Probate	Small Claims & Infractions	Total
-14.2%	1.0%	-35.2%	-23.4%	45.6%	-14.6%	-11.5%	-27.1%
				<i>Excluding Simple Misdemeanors</i>			-7.4%

Percent Change in Court Filings, 2018-2019

Civil	Serious Criminal	Simple Misdemeanors	Juvenile	MH/SA Commitment	Probate	Small Claims & Infractions	Total
-0.4%	-2.5%	-1.2%	-6.5%	-2.1%	-6.1%	-0.7%	-1.4%
				<i>Excluding Simple Misdemeanors</i>			-1.8%

Notes:

- 1) Table data updated for the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) by State Court Administration on January 27, 2020.
- 2) Civil filings include civil contract and personal injury cases over \$5,000, domestic relations, real property, mortgage foreclosures, small claims appeals, and contempt actions. They do not include filings for distress warrants, foreign judgments, liens, seized property hearings, and transcripts of judgment.
- 3) Serious criminal filings include felonies, serious and aggravated misdemeanors, and probation revocations.
- 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. They do not include juvenile commitment cases.
- 6) MH/SA commitment filings refer to 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, and this accounts for most of the reduction in filings in 2006. The 2007 through 2019 data includes probation revocations in criminal filings. Data for contempt filings is included in civil and small claims filings from 2007 through 2019.