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PERSONAL INJURY CASES FILED 1/1/2003 – 7/31/2022 STATEWIDE

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Statistics Request Overall Description

On August 16, 2021, Research & Statistics received a request for a report of the number of Personal Injury cases filed within the last 20 years. It was also requested that the report of cases filed since the 1/1/2021 implementation of the civil cover sheet include separate totals for each Case Type.

CourtNet, which provides a summary of court cases statewide, was queried for Circuit and District Civil cases (Case Number Types *CI* and *C*) filed from 1/1/2003 to 7/31/2022 including case type codes *PI* (*Personal Injury*), *MDML* (*Medical Malpractice*), *AUTO* (*Automobile*), *BCPI* (*Business Court Personal Injury*), *INTENT* (*Intentional Tort*), *MLOTH* (*Malpractice – Other*), *PIOTH* (*Tort – Other*), *PREM* (*Premises Liability*), *PROD* (*Product Liability*), and *SLAND* (*Slander/Libel/Defamation*).

All case records have been kept in the CourtNet database, making this the earliest date for which comprehensive records can be compiled. The *Personal Injury* Case Type Code has been in use since the implementation of this database until December 31, 2020. The *Medical Malpractice* code was created on July 3, 2017. Prior to this date, these types of cases were categorized as *Personal Injury*. On January 1, 2021, the *Personal Injury* code was deprecated in favor of several more specific codes based on the Tort categories prescribed by the Court Statistics Project of the National Center for State Courts:¹

- Automobile Tort
- Intentional Tort
- Malpractice – Other (Other than Medical Malpractice, implemented 7/3/17)
- Premises Liability
- Product Liability
- Slander/Libel/Defamation
- Tort – Other

The category Business Court Personal Injury was also created January 1, 2021 to indicate Circuit Court cases involving complex litigation between businesses.

Statistical Report 22_RS8019

The statistical report includes two pages. The first page presents the number of *Personal Injury* cases filed from 1/1/2003 through 7/31/2022. A line chart presents the number of cases filed in each court jurisdiction (Circuit and District Court) each year, and a table at the bottom of the page includes the same counts as well as totals.

¹ State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting <https://www.courtstatistics.org/pub-and-def-second-row-cards/guide-to-statistical-reporting> retrieved 8/26/2022

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The second page is limited to cases filed from 1/1/2021 through 7/31/2022 following the implementation of the civil cover sheet. This page includes a cross-tabulation presenting the number of *Personal Injury* cases filed each month with totals provided for each Case Type and the month and year of Case Filing Date. The shading of each cell corresponds to the number of cases.

Statistical Analysis Considerations:

- These statistics represent a snapshot in time as of the date the data was queried (8/26/2022).
- Reports of cases filed during CY 2022 include cases filed from 1/1/2022 through 7/31/2022.

Data Fields

Database	Data Variable	Description
CourtNet	Jurisdiction	Indicates whether the case was filed in Circuit or District Court.
	Case Filing Date	The date the case was filed. Case Filing Date is reported using the Calendar Year (CY) and month. The Calendar Year is January 1 st through December 31 st .
	Tort Category (Case Type)	The type indicated in KYCourts by the case type code. This generally corresponds to the selection of case category made at filing on the civil cover sheet.
	Cases	A count of distinct court cases.

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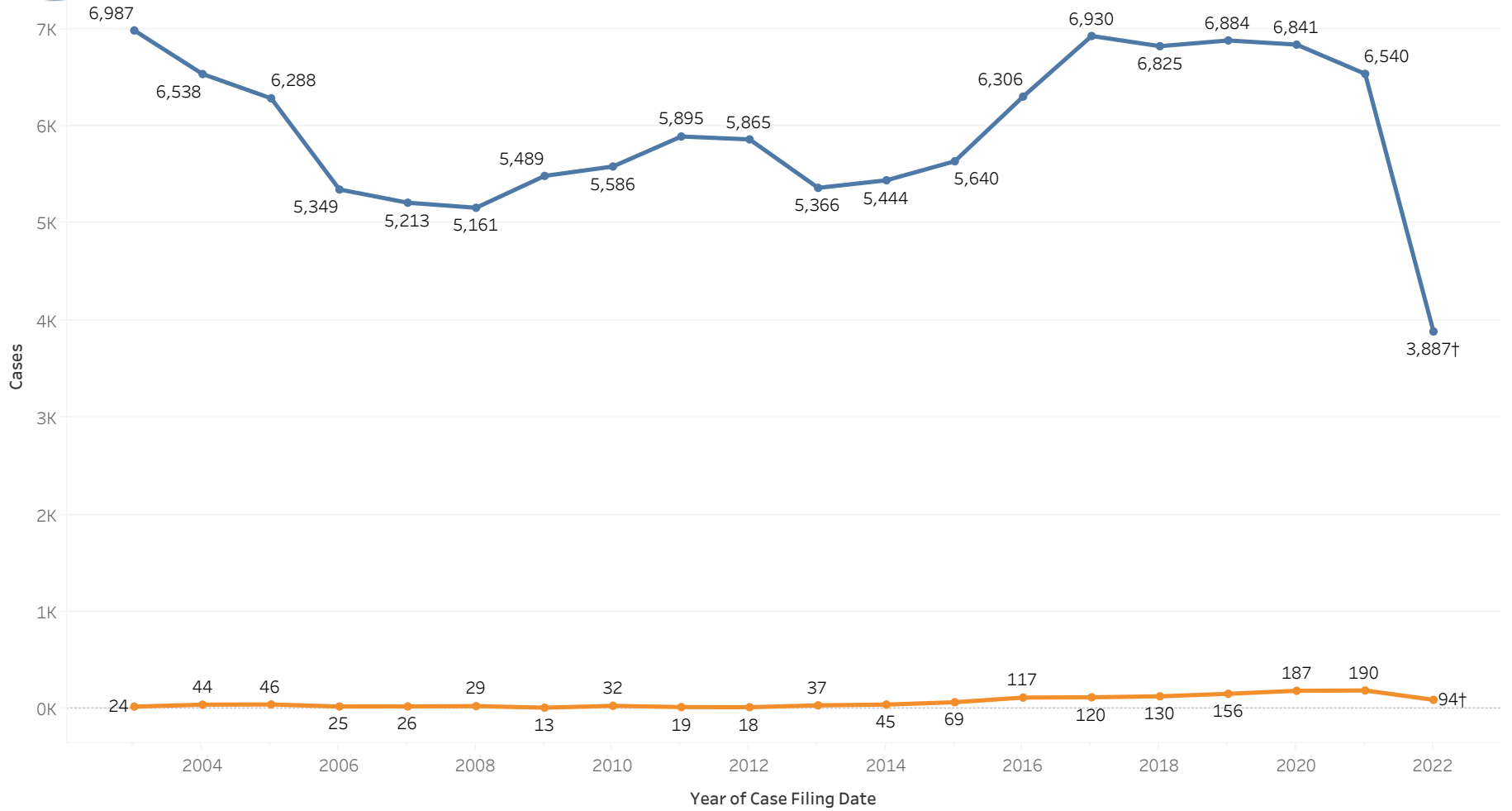
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Jurisdiction
■ Circuit Court
■ District Court



Jurisdiction	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022†	Total
Circuit Court	6,987	6,538	6,288	5,349	5,213	5,161	5,489	5,586	5,895	5,865	5,366	5,444	5,640	6,306	6,930	6,825	6,884	6,841	6,540	3,887	119,034
District Court	24	44	46	25	26	29	13	32	19	18	37	45	69	117	120	130	156	187	190	94	1,421
Total	7,011	6,582	6,334	5,374	5,239	5,190	5,502	5,618	5,914	5,883	5,403	5,489	5,709	6,423	7,050	6,955	7,040	7,028	6,730	3,981	120,455

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† Calendar Year 2022 Includes January 1st through July 31st.

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Cases Filed 1/1/2021 - 7/31/2022 by Case Type

Tort Category	Year	Case Filing Date												Total
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Automobile Tort	2021	335	333	369	388	338	366	399	386	335	329	328	296	4,202
	2022†	334	312	360	291	380	410	321						2,408
Intentional Tort	2021	11	10	3	13	11	15	17	17	14	9	10	13	143
	2022†	7	11	11	11	6	14	9						69
Malpractice - Medical	2021	25	11	23	14	18	22	22	22	25	17	19	13	231
	2022†	22	22	25	18	28	23	25						163
Malpractice - Other	2021	5	3	3	10	2	4	6	5	14	2	3	5	62
	2022†	6	4	4	4	6	12							36
Premises Liability	2021	75	53	83	45	62	84	75	66	91	60	70	65	829
	2022†	103	98	90	56	87	82	72						588
Product Liability	2021	12	13	8	15	9	19	10	16	17	24	21	6	170
	2022†	13	8	13	12	9	11	5						71
Slander/Libel/Defamation	2021	3	2	4	1	2	1	7	7	5	5	1	4	42
	2022†	2		2	4	4	1	4						17
Business Court Tort	2021	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	3	3	3		3	22
	2022†	2	1	2	2	5	1	4						17
Tort - Other	2021	76	85	88	86	76	92	92	83	91	85	104	71	1,029
	2022†	85	89	93	88	67	89	101						612

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* Table above includes both Circuit and District Court jurisdictions.

† Calendar Year 2022 Includes January 1st through July 31st.