



Goodyear Municipal Court FY25 Executive Summary

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FY25 Summary:

- A detailed executive summary report has been provided to the City Council in addition to this presentation
- The Court will discuss key Court programs and services, FY25 charge filing volume, and current plans to address growth



Court Programs & Language Access Services

Mental Health Court

(program currently under evaluation)

Veterans Court

Current programs: West Valley Regional Veterans Court; Regional StandUp & StandDown Veterans Court events

Homeless Court

Current program: Maricopa County Regional Homeless Court

Inmate Release Court (IRC) Program

Current program: partnership with AZ Department of Corrections, Second Chance Center & Administrative Office of the Courts

Language Access (Interpreters & Translators) & Accessibility Services

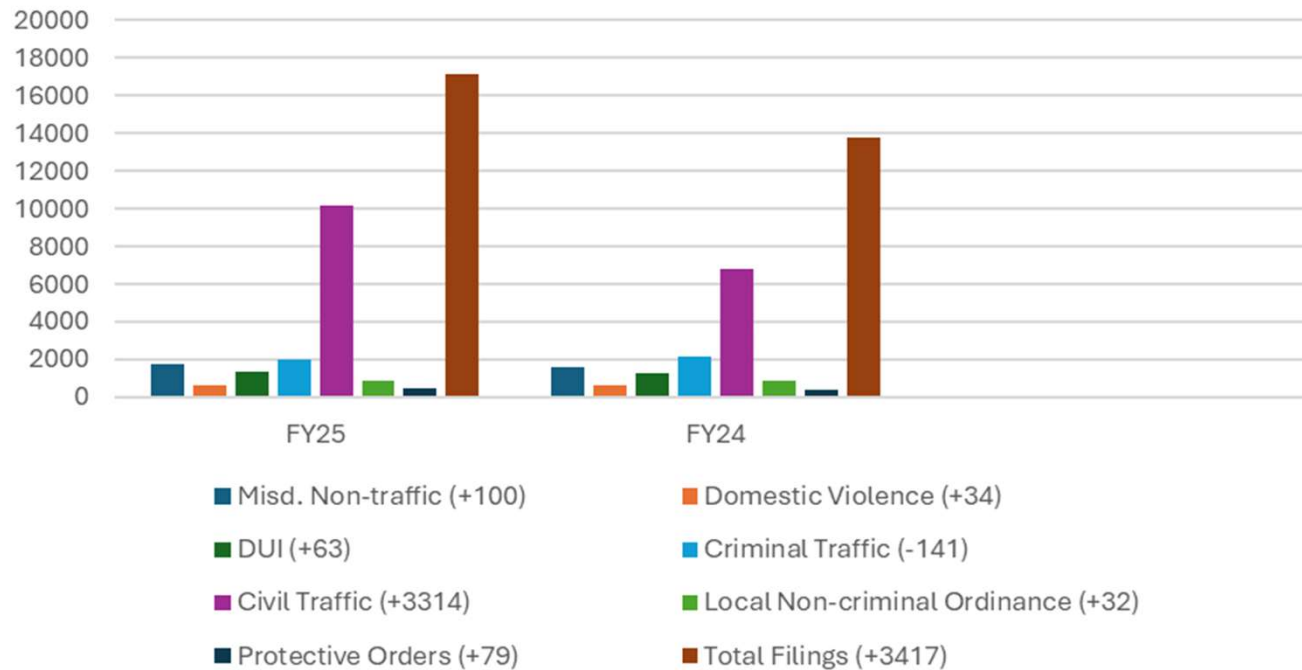
On-going interpreter services for Limited-English proficient Court customers and individuals requiring an ASL interpreter



Operating Highlights: Charge Filings

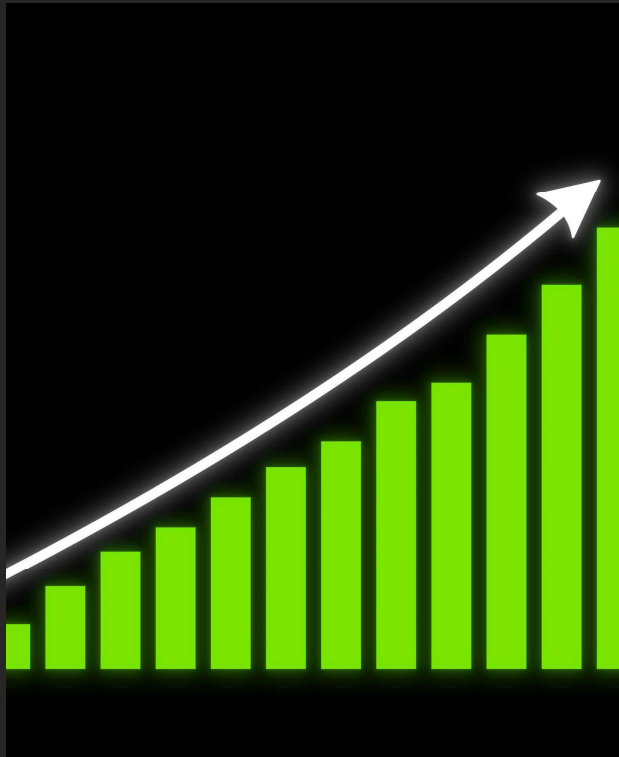
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Charge Filings by Charge Type FY25 vs FY24





Filing & Caseload Volume



Court experiencing substantial growth year over year.

Charge Filings for FY25 reflect a 34% increase from FY24.

5-year trend analysis:

- Filings in FY21 were 10,990.
- Filings for FY26 are currently 7,946, trending to reach 19,689 by July 2026.
- 10,000 (nearly double) charge volume growth.



Limited Jurisdiction Court Ranking

Arizona Supreme Court AOC



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Court	Total Filings	Rank by Filings
Phoenix Municipal Court	138,585	1
Scottsdale Municipal Court	91,845	2
Mesa Municipal Court	81,011	3
Tucson Municipal Court	80,335	4
Paradise Valley Municipal Court	44,534	5
Chandler Municipal Court	44,505	6
Tempe Municipal Court	42,142	7
Glendale Municipal Court	32,855	8
Gilbert Municipal Court	30,083	9
Avondale Municipal Court	22,963	10
Peoria Municipal Court	14,710	11
Surprise Municipal Court	14,146	12
Goodyear Municipal Court	13,618	13
Buckeye Municipal Court	11,460	14
Flagstaff Municipal Court	10,691	15
Prescott Municipal Court	9,520	16
Yuma Municipal Court	9,311	17
Lake Havasu Municipal Court	8,543	18
Casa Grande Municipal Court	8,257	19

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STATEWIDE COURT RANKING

Ranked #13 out of 80 Municipal Courts in the state. (see image)

County-wide
Goodyear ranks as the 12th largest out of 21 Municipal Courts.



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Court	Total Filings	Rank by Filings
Phoenix Municipal Court	5,663	1
Mesa Municipal Court	4,734	2
Scottsdale Municipal Court	3,121	3
Gilbert Municipal Court	2,843	4
Tempe Municipal Court	1,904	5
Chandler Municipal Court	1,855	6
Goodyear Municipal Court	1,218	7
Glendale Municipal Court	1,086	8
Peoria Municipal Court	906	9
Surprise Municipal Court	508	10
Buckeye Municipal Court	502	11
Avondale Municipal Court	471	12
Tolleson Municipal Court	292	13
El Mirage Municipal Court	137	14
Wickenburg Municipal Court	92	15
Paradise Valley Municipal Court	82	16
Litchfield Park Municipal Court	30	17
Fountain Hills Municipal Court	24	18
Carefree/Cave Creek Municipal Court	21	19
Yountown Municipal Court	10	20

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STATEWIDE COURT RANKING – DUI'S

Ranked #7 out of 21 Municipal Courts in Maricopa County for DUI filings.

DUI case processing can be a lengthy and resource-intensive process for the Court, requiring numerous calendar settings and involving complex mandatory sentencing requirements if a conviction is entered.

AREAS OF FOCUS

Clearance Rate

The Clearance Rate is a measurement of the number of charges terminated/competed, as compared to the number of charges filed.

The Court publishes this data quarterly on the City's Performance Dashboard.
In addition to the quarterly reporting, the rate is tracked monthly when the Court compiles charge filing data for the Arizona Supreme Court.

- Historically, the Court has reported a clearance rate of 100% or higher.
- Due to recent increases in filings, monthly clearance rates dropped as low as 89%, indicating a backlog is occurring.

Time Standards

The Arizona Supreme Court issued Administrative Orders to adopt standards for Court proceedings, including percentages of cases that should be concluded within specific timeframes, which is essential for timely resolution and swift delivery of justice.

The Court is compliant with several Time Standards requirements however work is still to be done in meeting both the 'Criminal Misdemeanor' and 'DUI' Time Standards categories.



Jail Court

Jail Court – inmate transport increased volume

- Increase in volume of weekly inmate transport
- Compliance with Rule 6.1 of the Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure requiring appointment of Counsel
- Impact felt by the Court, Court Appointed Counsel, Prosecutors and Police Department
- Video remote appearances were explored but not a viable solution with the jail
- Alternative solutions explored with Police and Prosecution leadership team, including re-designing the courtroom docket to alleviate congestion in the holding cells and create more efficient time spent with Prosecutors, defense attorneys, and the Judge.



Planning for continued Growth

Space challenges & staffing projections

- Staffing Plan – 3-5 year staffing plan scheduled with Human Resources department, to include evaluation of other Courts.
- Courtroom proceedings: the Court is currently competing for courtroom time when Jury Trials are scheduled. The issue will be addressed in the Facility study.
- Phase I initiated – Feasibility Assessment with the National Center for State Courts – kickoff held 12/10/2025. Project involves the assessment of old City Hall. Phase II - FY27 Strategic Plan item 'Court Facility Study'.
- Network upgrade with the Administrative Office of the Courts – March 2026.

Coming to Court on Your Own



Goodyear Arizona, Municipal Court Project Schedule	Weeks																							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Task 1: Kick-off	★ Kickoff 12-10-2025																							
Task 2: Data Collection and Analysis																								
Task 3: Court Operations Observation/Survey and Interviews																								
Task 4: Develop Long-Term Court System Projection and Considerations	<																							



FY26 Goals

The Executive Summary details FY25 and FY26 goals and objectives set by the Court.



The Goodyear Municipal Court serves the community with professionalism, empathy, and competence, each and every day.