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Abstract (Attachment IV)

Hidalgo County is 1,588 square miles and is located at the south most tip of the state of Texas. Its southern border covers seventy-eight miles of Texas/Mexico border along the Rio Grande River. As per most recent census estimates, Hidalgo County reflects a population of slightly over 774,769.

The Hidalgo County criminal justice system is comprised, at the moment, of eleven (11) district courts, six county courts at law and two auxiliary courts (auxiliary court A and auxiliary court B). The auxiliary courts main purpose is to provide support to the district courts. This support is managed by having the auxiliary courts hear and dispose of the overflow of criminal cases from all of the eleven district courts.

Hidalgo County data reflects the immense support the auxiliary courts have provided to all eleven district courts. This support has translated into having a more manageable criminal caseload for all eleven Hidalgo County District Courts thus improving Hidalgo County's stance in complying with an individuals' right guaranteed in the Sixth Amendment.