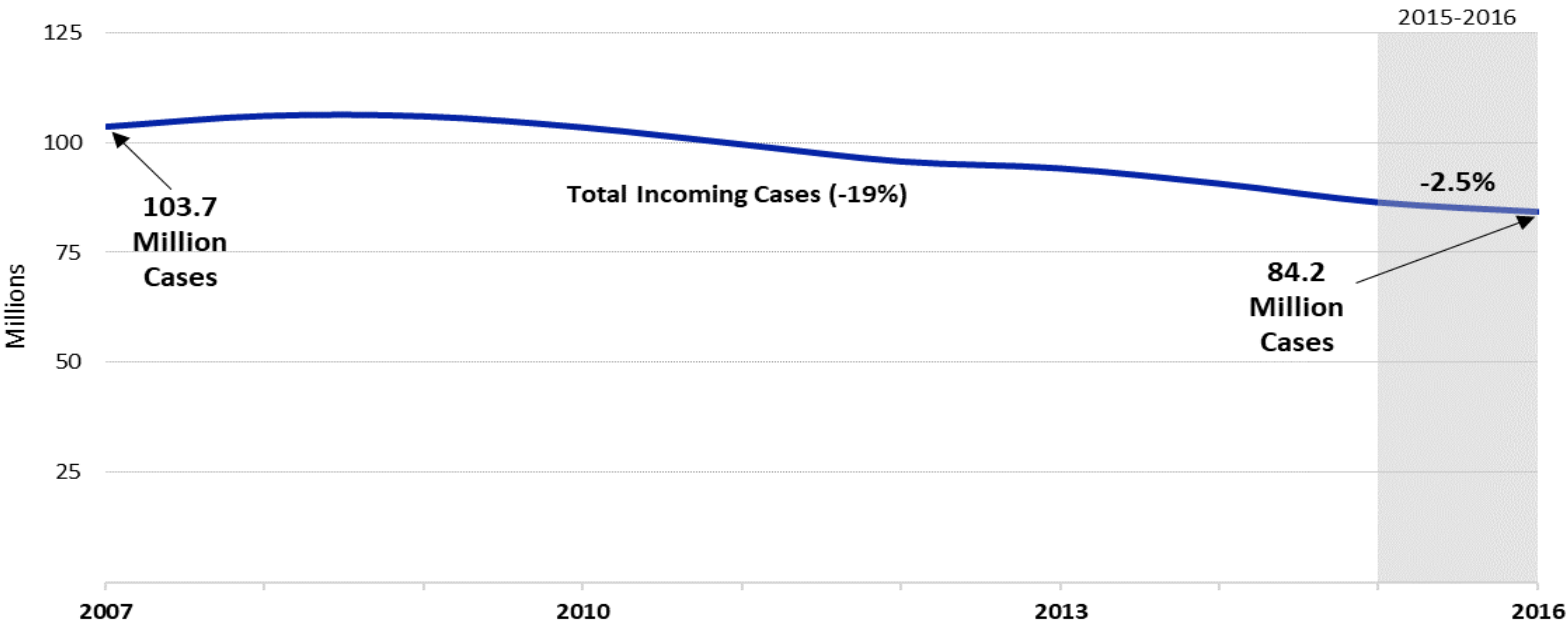


**Total Incoming Cases in State Courts, 2007-2016**



Total incoming caseloads in state courts reached an apex of just over 106.1 million cases at the onset of the Great Recession in 2008. Between 2009 and 2015, aggregate caseloads declined at an average annual rate of nearly 3.5 percent. However, in 2016, that rate fell to a 2.5 percent decrease overall.