

CSP STAT User Guide

About CSP STAT Dashboards

The CSP STAT dashboards provide users with an interactive tool to access and explore aggregate caseload data that are provided to CSP annually by each state. The dashboards are broken down by Trial and Appellate Court with Trial divided further into major CSP case type categories (Civil, Domestic Relations, Criminal, Juvenile, and Traffic/Violations). Any questions or concerns related to the dashboards can be directed to the CSP staff through the contact link on the CSP homepage.

How to Use CSP STAT Dashboards

Navigating and Using the Dashboards

Each dashboard contains five tabs located at the top of the display (Trends, Composition, Caseload Detail, Jurisdiction Table, and Data Table) that together present a comprehensive overview of annual state court caseloads. The Civil dashboard also contains a map representing small claims limits for the most current data collection year, for each state.

Tooltips, Filters, and Highlighting

Tooltips, filters, and data highlighting functionality are available throughout all CSP STAT dashboards.

Tooltips - More information on each data point is available in a tooltip text box that can be accessed by hovering or clicking on specific data points, bars, or states within a map graphic. This will provide added context to the information being shown in the graphic.

Filters – Filters are located at the top of each dashboard allowing for either a single or multiselect option. Due to the data and format of the visualizations, allowing multiselect for some filters is not appropriate. An example of this is Case Type where only one case type can be selected.

Highlighting – Highlighting functionality is used in the composition displays to easily see information for a specific case type. Clicking on any data point will highlight all the data for that case type across all graphics.

Downloading Data

To download a graphic or data, locate the Tableau toolbar at the bottom of the dashboard.



The download icon is highlighted above and allows users to download both images of the graphics and the data displayed within any graphics in a number of different formats. Currently, data can only be downloaded in PDF format.

Notes About the Data

Data Source

The Court Statistics Project provides comparable, national-level data on state court caseloads supplied by the offices of court administration in each state. A set of reporting guidelines are outlined in the [State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting](#) to standardize the unit of count, case type definitions, and structure of caseload data collected for the CSP, allowing for cross-state analysis and comparisons. A state's data may be necessarily transformed to adhere to CSP reporting guidelines, and as a result, may appear inconsistent with statistics from a state's annual report or official record.

While the CSP statistical reports provide the authoritative source for national caseload statistics, the official authoritative version of any single state's data can only be provided by that state.

Missing States/Jurisdictions

The CSP relies on states to indicate whether their data conform to the guidelines in the [State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting](#) by indicating whether provided data are publishable (conform to Guide definitions) or not publishable (do not conform to Guide definitions). Only caseload data defined as publishable by the administrative office of the courts appear in displays. If a state or jurisdiction within a state does not appear in one or more of the tables or charts, those data were either unavailable (not reported), or deemed "not publishable". Reasons for not publishable data may include:

Incomplete – Not all cases from all court locations were reported to the administrative office and therefore an incomplete estimate was reported to CSP.

Incompatible – The state or courts data do not conform to the reporting guidelines in the [State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting](#) and therefore cannot be used for cross-state comparisons. For example, the CSP unit of count for criminal cases is the defendant, not the charge(s). If a state reports criminal charges and not criminal cases by defendant, criminal data would be excluded from criminal caseload tables and charts.

Data Updates

Although infrequent, revisions of data by the administrative offices may occur when corrections are needed. Therefore, these data are subject to change. Data downloads or graphics may vary from what was viewed previously if the underlying data is updated.

Totals and Subtotals

CSP data are reported with a hierarchy of totals and subtotals within specific case type areas of interest and where a broader view of case type categories is helpful. The table below shows the hierarchy of case types and the individual case types included within each total or subtotal. Please review this information to prevent inadvertently double counting a specific case type that is already included in a total or subtotal.

Not all states are able to report a level of detail at the individual case type level resulting in a total or subtotal being the most granular level of detail provided. For definitions of case types please see the [State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting](#).

CSP Case Types, Totals, Subtotals

The table below contains the full list of CSP trial case types, subtotals, and totals included in CSP STAT dashboards. Each line represents an option within the case type filter. Each case type has one or more asterisks (*) denoting that the case type or category is included in the subtotal/total columns as indicated.

Grand Total

* **Total Civil**

* * **Total Tort**

* * * Automobile Tort

* * * Intentional Tort

* * * **Subtotal Malpractice**

* * * * Malpractice Medical

* * * * Malpractice Other

* * * Premises Liability

* * * Product Liability

* * * Slander/Libel/Defamation

* * * Tort Other

* * **Total Contract**

* * * Buyer Plaintiff

* * * **Subtotal Employment**

* * * * Employment Discrimination

* * * * Employment Other

* * * Fraud

* * * **Subtotal Landlord/Tenant**

* * * * Landlord Tenant Unlawful Detainer

* * * * Landlord Tenant Other

* * * Mortgage Foreclosure

* * * Seller/Plaintiff

* * * Contract Other

* * **Total Real Property**

* * * Eminent Domain

* * * Real Property Other

* * Small Claims

* * **Total Probate/Estate**

* * * **Subtotal Guardianship**

* * * * Guardianship Adult

* * * * Guardianship Juvenile

* * * * Guardianship Unknown

* * * Conservatorship/Trusteeship

* * * Probate/Wills/Intestate

* * * Probate/Estate Other

Total/Subtotal Key

***Grand Total**

***Major Case Category Total**

***Major Case type Total**

***Minor Case type Subtotal**

Individual Case type

- * * Mental Health
- * * **Total Civil Appeals**
- * * * Appeal from Administrative Agency
- * * * Appeal from Limited Jurisdiction (Civil)
- * * * Civil Appeals Other
- * * **Total Miscellaneous Civil**
- * * * Habeas Corpus
- * * * Non-Domestic Relations Restraining Order
- * * * Tax
- * * * Writs
- * * Civil Other
- * **Total Domestic Relations**
- * * Dissolution/Divorce
- * * Paternity
- * * Custody
- * * **Subtotal Support**
- * * * Support IVD
- * * * Support Private/Non-IVD
- * * * Support Other
- * * Visitation
- * * Adoption
- * * Civil Protection Restraining Orders
- * * Domestic Relations Other
- * **Total Criminal**
- * * **Total Felony**
- * * * Felony Person
- * * * Felony Domestic Violence
- * * * Felony Elder Abuse
- * * * Felony Property
- * * * Felony Drug
- * * * Felony Weapon
- * * * Felony Public Order
- * * * **Subtotal Felony Motor Vehicle**
- * * * * Felony Motor Vehicle DWI/DUI
- * * * * Felony Motor Vehicle Other
- * * * Felony Other
- * * **Total Misdemeanor**
- * * * Misdemeanor Person
- * * * Misdemeanor Domestic Violence
- * * * Misdemeanor Elder Abuse
- * * * Misdemeanor Property
- * * * Misdemeanor Drug
- * * * Misdemeanor Weapon

- * * * Misdemeanor Public Order
- * * * **Subtotal Misdemeanor Motor Vehicle**
- * * * * Misdemeanor Motor Vehicle DWI/DUI
- * * * * Misdemeanor Motor Vehicle Other
- * * * Protection Order Violation
- * * * Misdemeanor Other
- * * Appeal from Limited Jurisdiction Court (Criminal)
- * * Criminal Other
- * **Total Juvenile**
- * * **Total Delinquency**
- * * * Delinquency Person
- * * * Delinquency Property
- * * * Delinquency Drug
- * * * Delinquency Public Order
- * * * Delinquency Other
- * * **Total Dependency**
- * * * Dependency Abuse/Neglect
- * * * Dependency No Fault
- * * * Dependency Termination of Parental Rights
- * * * Dependency Other
- * * Status Offense
- * * Juvenile Other
- * **Total Traffic**
- * * Non-Criminal Traffic Violations
- * * Parking Violations
- * * Ordinance Violations
- * * Violations Other