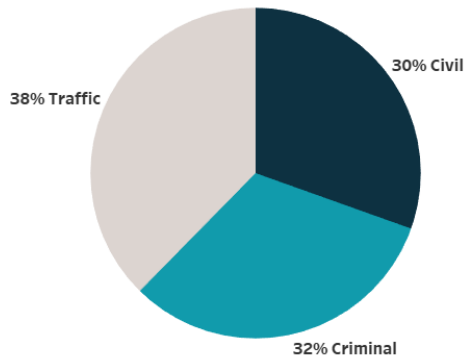
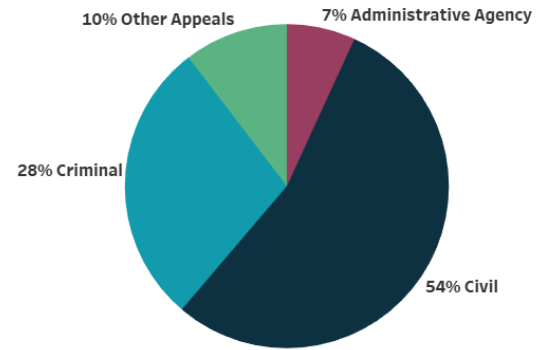


Figure 3

Trial Case Types- 2022



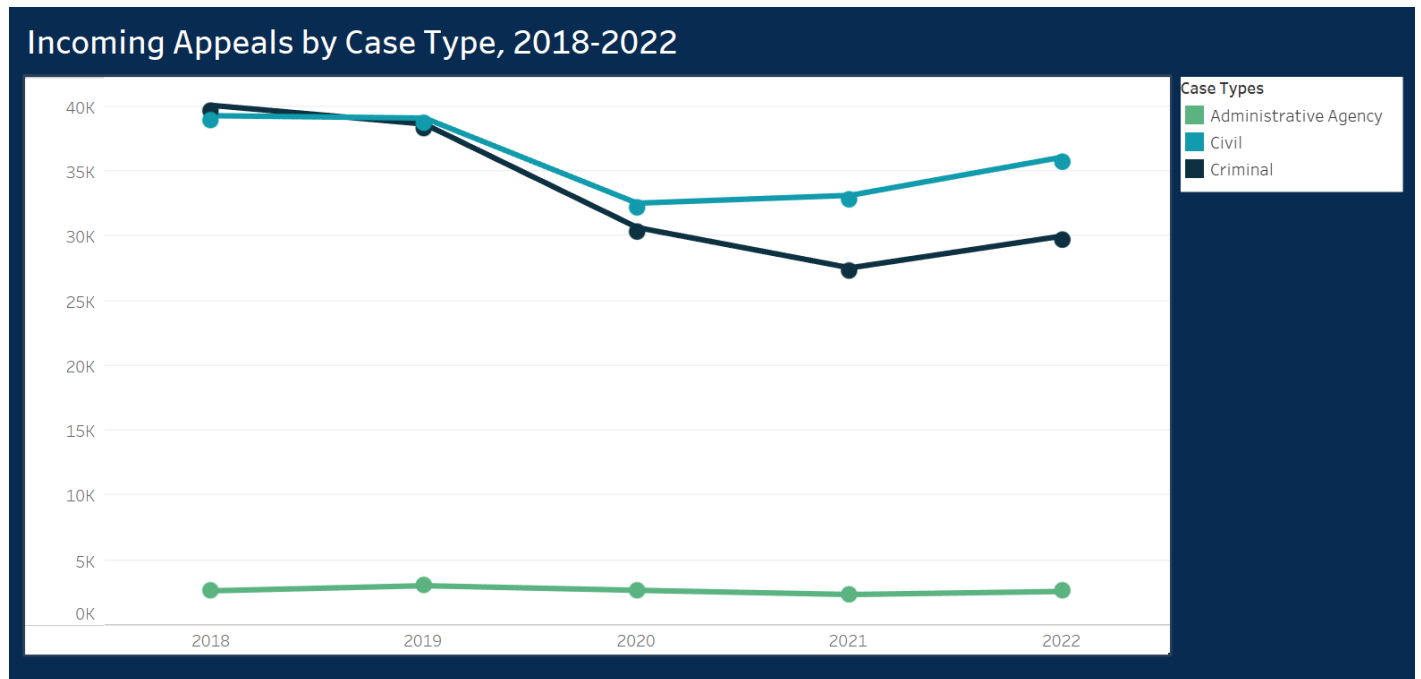
Appeal Case Types- 2022



In 2022, over half of incoming appeals were civil appeals, while 42% were criminal appeals, and 5% were administrative agency appeals (Figure 3). This is a different pattern than seen in trial courts, where 24% of incoming cases were criminal cases, and 21% were civil cases. Criminal cases are proportionately less likely to be appealed than civil cases, likely due to the widespread use of plea agreements.

All three of the main appeal case types had increases in incoming appeals from 2021 to 2022, as seen in Figure 4. Incoming civil and criminal appeals increased 9% from 2021 to 2022 to 36,069 cases in 27 states and 29,986 cases in 30 states, respectively. Administrative agency appeals decreased 10% from 2021 to 2022. Compared to 2018, civil appeals are down 8% in 2022, criminal appeals have decreased 25%, and administrative appeals have decreased 2%.

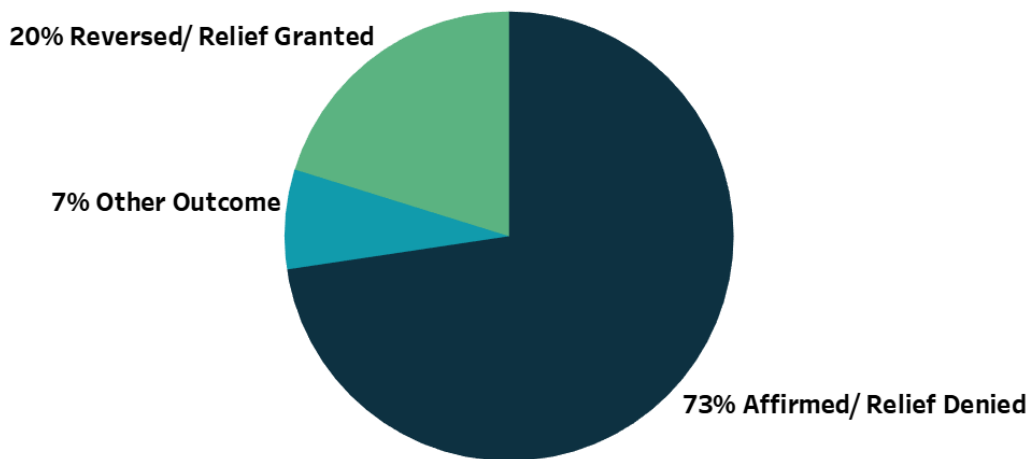
Figure 4



In 2022, 55% of appeals were decided on the merits, 34% were disposed prior to decision, and 11% were denied permission to appeal. Of the decided cases, the vast majority were affirmed/relief denied; in these cases the appellate court upheld the result of the lower court or administrative agency decision (Figure 5). Approximately 73% of appeals were affirmed/relief denied, 20% were reversed/relief granted, and 7% had another outcome. According to CSP reporting definitions, other outcomes include case outcomes that are not attributable to one of the other previously defined case outcomes.

Figure 5

Decided Cases by Outcome- Total Appeals



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