

Texas Office of Court Administration DATA & RESEARCH NEWSLETTER



Announcements

WEBINARS

MSJ Worksheet Tutorial
Wednesday, April 22, 2026
@10:00am CST

(To be recorded & posted)

[https://txcourts.zoom.us/
j/86348809544#success](https://txcourts.zoom.us/j/86348809544#success)

MSJ Recorded Webinars
[Motion for Summary
Judgment Reporting
web page](#)

Welcome to the OCA Data & Research Newsletter

This newsletter is here to keep you informed on the latest reporting changes and to provide troubleshooting tips, common reporting issues, trainings, webinars, fun facts, and more.

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New Human Trafficking Reporting

[House Bill 1778](#) amended [Section 71.0353](#) of the Texas Government Code, creating new human trafficking reporting requirements for **District and Statutory County Courts**. These updates impact the OCA Monthly Court Activity Report.

The new trafficking fields are now available for reporting in OCA's reporting [system](#). The first report will cover activity for the month of **April 2026** and is due with the Monthly Court Activity Reports submitted by May 20, 2026.

XML specifications now include the new human trafficking elements. OCA has provided documentation to all case management system (CMS) vendors. Verify your April 2026 XML upload contains the required data and contact your CMS provider if changes are needed.

For updated District and Statutory County Courts Monthly Activity Report reporting instructions, go to the [District & County Court Reports](#) web page.

What's New?

District Court - Criminal Section

INFORMATION ON TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS	TOTAL
29. CASES FILED FOR TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS	<input type="text"/>
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Statutory County Court - Misdemeanor Section

INFORMATION ON TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS	Total
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Motions for Summary Judgment



In early April OCA notified **Business, District, and Statutory County Court** clerks, judges, court coordinators, and other court personnel of new Motions for Summary Judgment (MSJ) reporting requirements.

[Section 23.303](#) of the Texas Government Code requires the clerk of a **Business, District, and Statutory County Court(s)** to report each court's compliance with prescribed MSJ timelines to OCA quarterly.

Reports must include:

1. The number of MSJs with both requirements met:
 - Hearing/submission date falls within 60 or 90 days of the motion's filing; and
 - Judgment/ruling filing date falls within 90 days of the hearing/consideration docket entry date; AND
2. The number of MSJs with one or both requirements not met.

Reports must be submitted to OCA on the 20th of the month following the end of a quarter. The first report, covering FY 2026 Q3 (March – May 2026), will be due by September 20, 2026, along with FY 2026 Q4 (June – August 2026). All future reports are due after each quarter.

For the most current reporting guidance and recorded webinar links, go to the [Motion for Summary Judgment Reporting](#) web page.



Check Your CMS-Generated Performance Measures Report

As FY 2026 ends (September 2025 – August 2026), it is imperative to review the accuracy of your CMS-generated Performance Measures Report (PMR).

You can utilize OCA's [NEW Clearance Rate Calculation Worksheet](#) to:

- Validate CMS-generated PMR
- Identify discrepancies
- Calculate clearance rates
- Communicate effectively with courts



Common inaccuracies in CMS PMRs include mismatched totals for active pending, filed, and disposed cases; missing data; and mapping issues.

For assistance, please contact your [Regional Data Coordinator](#).

FY 2026 Probate, Guardianship, and Mental Health Guidance

Guidance for reporting probate, guardianship, and mental health cases has not changed from the FY 2025 PMR.

See the [Probate, Guardianship, and Mental Health Reporting Guidance](#) document found on the [PMR Reporting Instructions & Guidance](#) page.

New Reporting Dashboards

Missing Monthly Court Activity Reports Dashboard

Not sure if you've submitted last's month's Monthly Court Activity Report? The new [Missing Monthly Court Activity Reports Dashboard](#) displays OCA reporting accounts missing reports by:

- Fiscal year
- Court type
- County; and
- Administrative Judicial Region

Missing Monthly Court Activity Reports - District
Last Updated: 04/21/2026

Instructions:

- Select the required Court type and set the Fiscal Year to the required year, by default the latest fiscal year is selected.
- No section as required: This means the specific OCA reporting account does not report for any case type.
- For Municipal courts, due to the size of the data, AJR is locked to a single selection. Try changing the jurisdiction if the required court is not displayed.

Section 71.035(b) of the Texas Government Code and Chapter 171 of the Texas Administrative Code requires monthly submission of court activity reports to the Texas Judicial Council/ Office of Court Administration (OCA). Reports must be submitted to OCA no later than 30 days following the end of the month for which data are reported. The list below displays reports which have not been submitted to OCA as of the updated date shown. "OK" means all required sections have been received for that month.

District	Statutory County	County	Justice	Municipal						
Fiscal Year		County Name		Administrative Judicial Region						
2026		All		All						
County Name	OCA Reporting Account	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May
Anderson	District Clerk Office	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	Missing All required sections	Missing All required sections	Missing All required sections
Andrews	District Clerk Office	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	Missing All required sections	Missing All required sections

District & County Court Activity Summary Dashboard

The [District and County Court Activity Summary Dashboard](#) is now live. This dashboard shows case activity by county, including pending cases at the beginning and end of each reporting period. It features totals for added, reactivated, disposed, and inactive cases. It also provides clearance rates that can be separated by case type.



Texas Fun Facts



Don't forget...



Do you have a new clerk, judge, coordinator, attorney, or other court personnel?

Judicial Directory updates are accepted year-round. Email

judinfo@txcourts.gov.



Surprising History Behind the Texas State Capitol

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas State Capitol may be a familiar landmark, but a few lesser-known details about the building continue to surprise even longtime residents.

For starters, the Capitol is **the largest state capitol in the nation**—and it even stands taller than the **U.S. Capitol** in Washington, D.C. Its iconic dome is topped by the **Goddess of Liberty**, though the figure seen today is a **1986 replica**; the original was removed after decades of weather exposure. Another long circulating myth involves a crack in the Rotunda floor. Contrary to the dramatic tale of a painter falling from the dome, historians say the damage was caused simply by the building settling over time.

Has your email account been compromised? PLEASE let us know asap by sending an email from an unaffected account to judinfo@txcourts.gov or calling (512) 463-1625 (ask that Data & Research Division be notified). Thank you!



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