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- Cases filed but not disposed make up a courts pending caseload.

- The number of days from filing until the time of measurement determine the age of the active cases that are pending in the court.

- When the age of the case is determined, the court can begin to identify the needed requirements to bring the case to completion within reasonable timeframes.

Question ?

What percentage of cases exceeds the time standard?

Methodology

- Using the court case management system, produce a report that calculates the time, in days, from filing of the case until the date established for the reporting period being examined.

- Identify cases that have been *Placed on Inactive Status*.

  - **Placed on Inactive Status** – A count of cases that were changed by the court to inactive because no further action will be taken until the case is restored to the courts active pending caseload.

- Return inactive cases to active status, if the case has been *Reactivated*.

  - **Reactivated** – A count of cases that were previously placed in inactive pending status that can now resume and proceed to disposition.

- Ensure inactive cases are removed from the pending inventory since they are not comparable to active cases.

Which Cases are Included?

Case Status	Case Charactersitics	Analysis
Active Pending	Cases without interruption at date of report	Included in analysis
Reactivated	Cases with period of inactivity at date of report	Excluded from analysis
Reopened	Previous disposed cases with a request to modify or enforce judgements	Included in analysis
Inactive Pending	Cases in period of inactivity at the end of the reporting period	Excluded from analysis

CourTools Resources

- To learn more about Trial Court Performance Measures and Model Time Standards for State Courts, visit http://www.courtools.org/.

- Age of Active Pending Caseload Analysis Worksheet http://www.courtools.org/~/media/Microsites/Files/CourTools/CourTools_Trial_Measure4_Age_of_Active_Pending_Caseloads.ashx.