

Clearance Rates

Office of Research and Data Analysis

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Clearance rates are the number of outgoing cases as a percentage of the number of incoming cases.

- Ideally, clearance rates will be 100% or more, indicating a court is keeping up with its incoming caseload.
- Clearance rate below 100% indicates a court has a backlog of cases.

Clearance Rate Methodology

Computing clearance rates requires a count of incoming cases and outgoing cases during a given time period (year, quarter, or month).

- Step 1- Sum incoming cases.
- Step 2- Sum outgoing cases.
- Step 3- Divide outgoing cases results by the incoming cases results.

Analyzing and Interpreting Clearance Rates

Analysis	Interpretation
Monthly	Managing Criminal and Civil caseloads
Yearly	Assess Comparative Performances
3-Year	Analyzing Trends

CourTools Resources

- To learn more about Clearance Rates and other Trial Court Performance Measures, visit <http://www.courtools.org/Trial-Court-Performance-Measures.aspx>.
- Clearance Rate Analysis Worksheet
<http://www.courtools.org/~media/Microsites/Files/CourTools/Measure-2-Clearance-Rates-version2.ashx>.

ORDA Resources

- To view clearance rate data for your court, visit the Georgia Caseload Dashboard <http://research.georgiacourts.gov/georgia-caseload-dashboard/>.

Clearance Rate Excellence Award

- The Office of Research and Data Analysis created the Clearance Rate Excellence Awards in 2018 to recognize the efforts of Georgia courts as they successfully manage their incoming caseload.
- ORDA use a 3-year clearance rate methodology to determine clearance rates.
- The top 10% of courts from each court class will receive the Clearance Rate Excellence Award.