EL PASO COUNTY

EL PASO COUNTY JUDICIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT

FY 2015

(OCTOBER 2014 – SEPTEMBER 2015)

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Court Table

El Paso County Courts - Cases Breakdown
(Based on Odyssey Criminal Cases Disposed Report)
4th Quarter – FY 2015

		Civil	Criminal	Family
120th District Court	Judge Maria Salas-Mendoza	21.76%	78.24%	0.00%
168th District Court	Judge Marcos Lizarraga	31.48%	68.52%	0.00%
171st District Court	Judge Bonnie Rangel	15.51%	84.49%	0.00%
205th District Court	Judge Francisco X. Dominguez	32.18%	67.82%	0.00%
210th District Court	Judge Gonzalo Garcia	28.19%	71.81%	0.00%
243rd District Court	Judge Luis Aguilar	28.74%	71.26%	0.00%
327th District Court*	Judge Linda Chew	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
346th District Court	Judge Angie Juarez Barill	36.89%	63.11%	0.00%
	***The 346th District Court includes a specialty court.**			
34th District Court	Judge William E. Moody	26.51%	73.49%	0.00%
383rd District Court*	Judge Mike Herrera	0.33%	0.00%	99.67%
384th District Court	Judge Patrick M. Garcia	16.22%	83.78%	0.00%
	***The 384th District Court includes a specialty court.**			
388th District Court*	Judge Laura Strathmann	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
409th District Court	Judge Sam Medrano	10.12%	89.88%	0.00%
41st District Court	Judge Anna Perez	25.12%	74.88%	0.00%
448th District Court*	Judge Sergio Enriquez	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
65th District Court*	Judge Yahara Lisa Gutierrez	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
County Court at Law 1	Judge Ricardo Herrera	8.89%	91.11%	0.00%
County Court at Law 2	Judge Julie Gonzalez	11.25%	88.75%	0.00%
County Court at Law 3*	Judge Javier Alvarez	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
County Court at Law 4	Judge Alejandro Gonzalez	14.09%	85.91%	0.00%
County Court at Law 5*	Judge Carlos Villa	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
County Court at Law 6*	Judge M. Sue Kurita	96.67%	3.33%	0.00%
County Court at Law 7	Judge Thomas Spieczny	13.57%	86.43%	0.00%
County Criminal Court 1	Judge Alma Trejo	11.35%	88.65%	0.00%
County Criminal Court 2	Judge Robert Anchondo	5.78%	94.22%	0.00%
	***County Criminal Court 2 includes a specialty court.**			
County Criminal Court 3	Judge Carlos Carrasco	13.87%	86.13%	0.00%
County Criminal Court 4	Judge Jesus Herrera	12.54%	87.46%	0.00%
Criminal District Court 1	Judge Diane Navarrete	29.75%	70.25%	0.00%

**The 327th, 383rd, 388th, 448th, 65th, CC3, CC5, CC6, and the jail magistrate will be left out of the analysis.*

General Assumptions for All Measures

The following assumptions were used with regards to all measures:

1. The measures will only report on criminal data.
2. The measures are reporting on cases that originated in Odyssey (cases that were filed after August 5th, 2013).
3. A disposition will be counted based on the Statistical Closure field and will include all possible dispositions (will not exclude deceased dispositions).
4. In the event there are active warrants for a defendant the number of days the warrant is active will not be attributed to the case's age. The warrants issue date, serve date, and warrants statuses are used to ascertain whether a warrant is active or inactive.
5. In counting Jail Bed Days, Inmates that have cases with multiple courts are placed into a multiple court category until only one court has a case assigned to them.
6. A case with multiple dispositions will count each disposition as a separate event. Except in the situation where a case has multiple dispositions on the same day. In this situation only one disposition will be counted for that case.
7. Disposed cases can originate from an earlier quarter, but will still be restricted to only cases filed after August 5th, 2013 or later.
8. Measures do not include data from pre-filed cases.
9. The measures will be run on quarterly basis 30 days after the close of the financial quarter.
10. Data for specialty courts will be included in the reports for their parent court.
11. Taking all other measures into consideration, the age of cases with probation will be counted from the file date to the date of disposition or end of the reporting period (whichever comes first).
12. Grand jury cases are included in the report data.
13. Test data will not impact the reports.

Measure 1: Cost per Disposition

Definition: The net cost of disposing of a single case.

Analysis and Interpretation: The following graph and table show a court by court comparison of Cost per Disposition for Indigent Defense. The graphs show a court by court comparison of Cost per Disposition as well as Net Cost per Disposition by quarter.

Differences in the net cost per disposition are mostly explained by the differences in the revenue collection and in the number of dispositions of the type that generate fees. For example, the defendant in case dismissal is not assessed fees.

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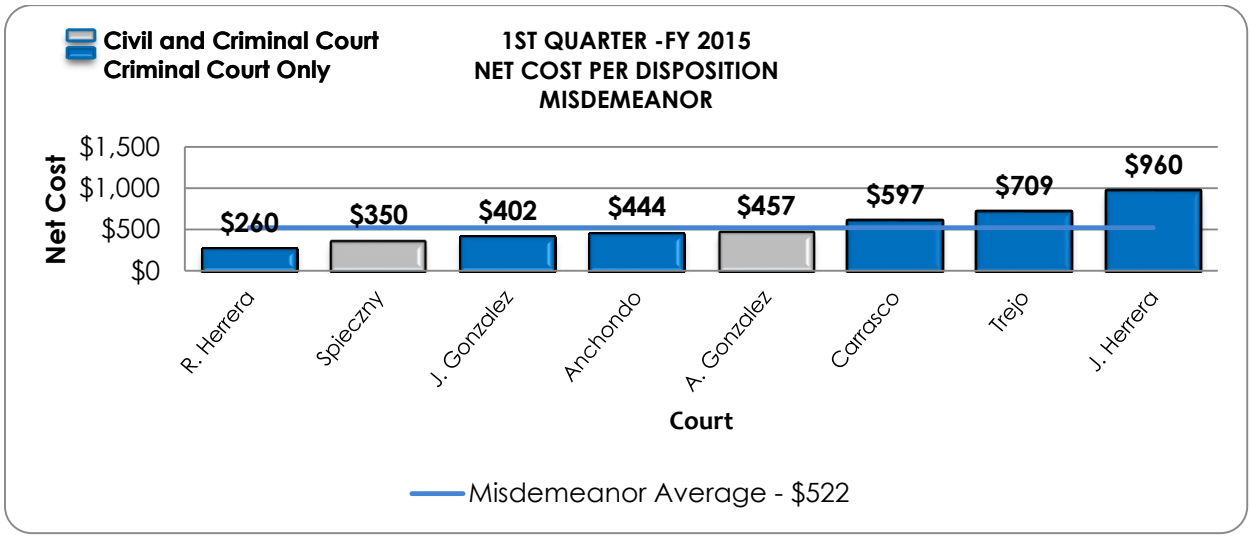
Net Cost per Disposition



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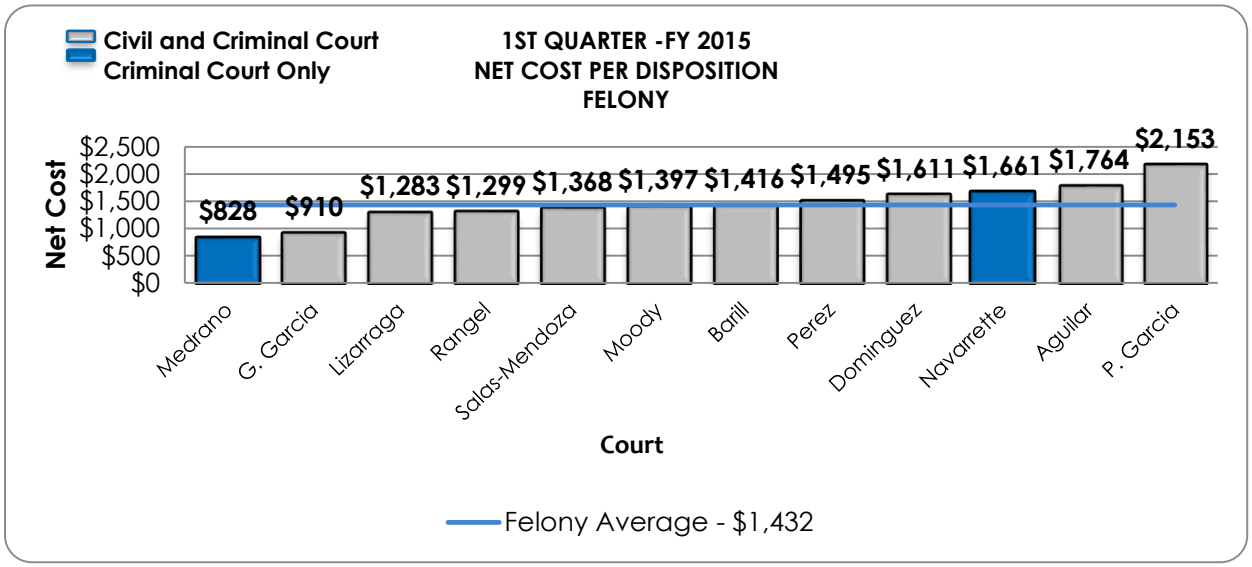

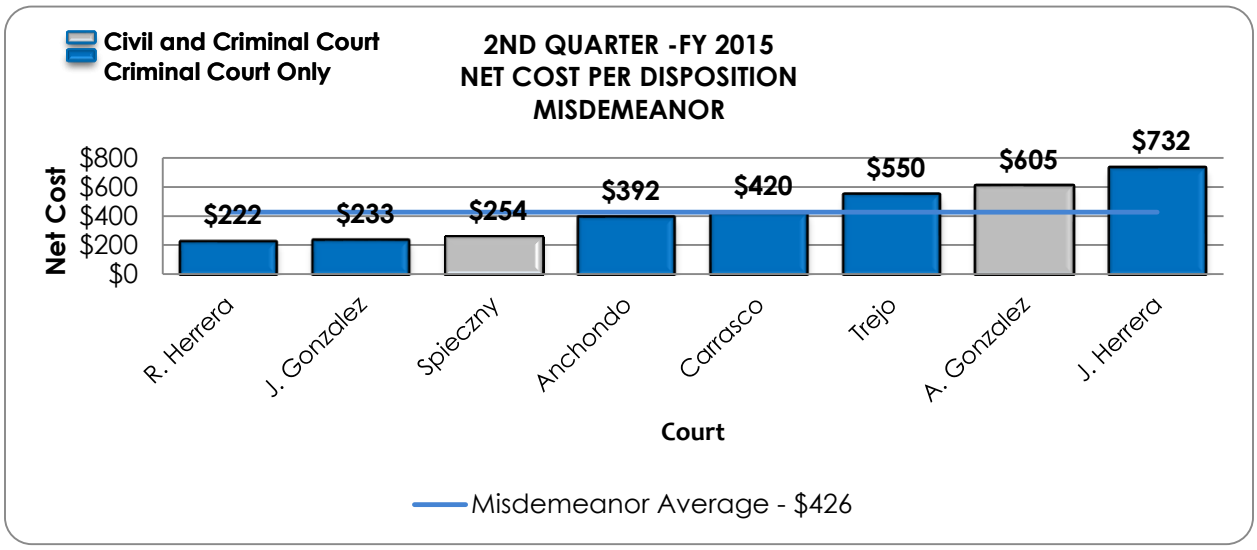

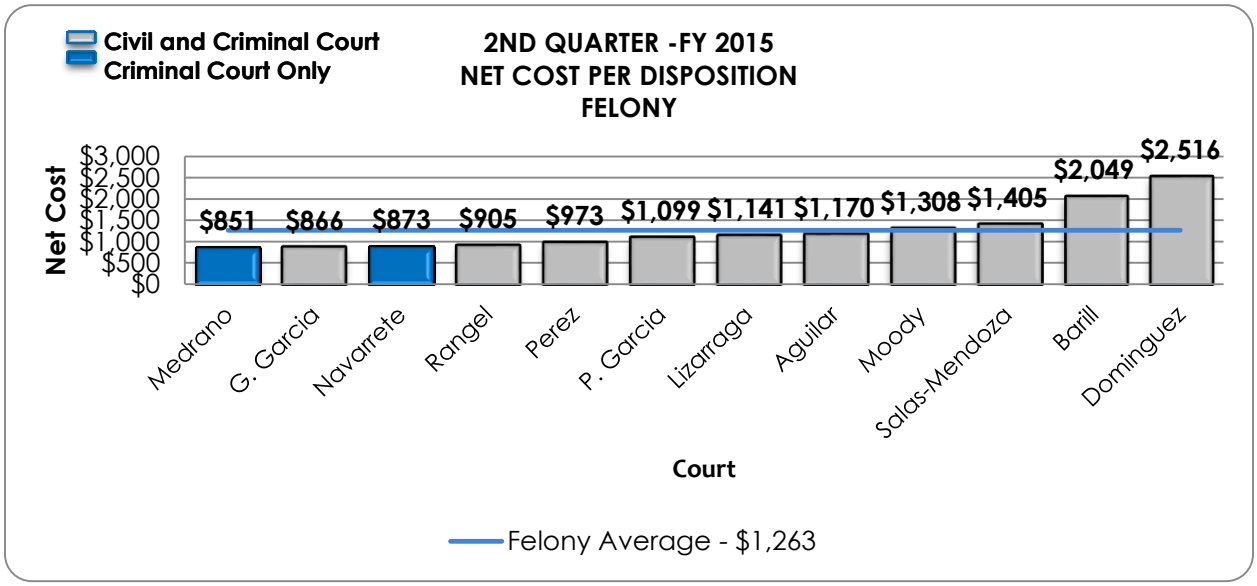

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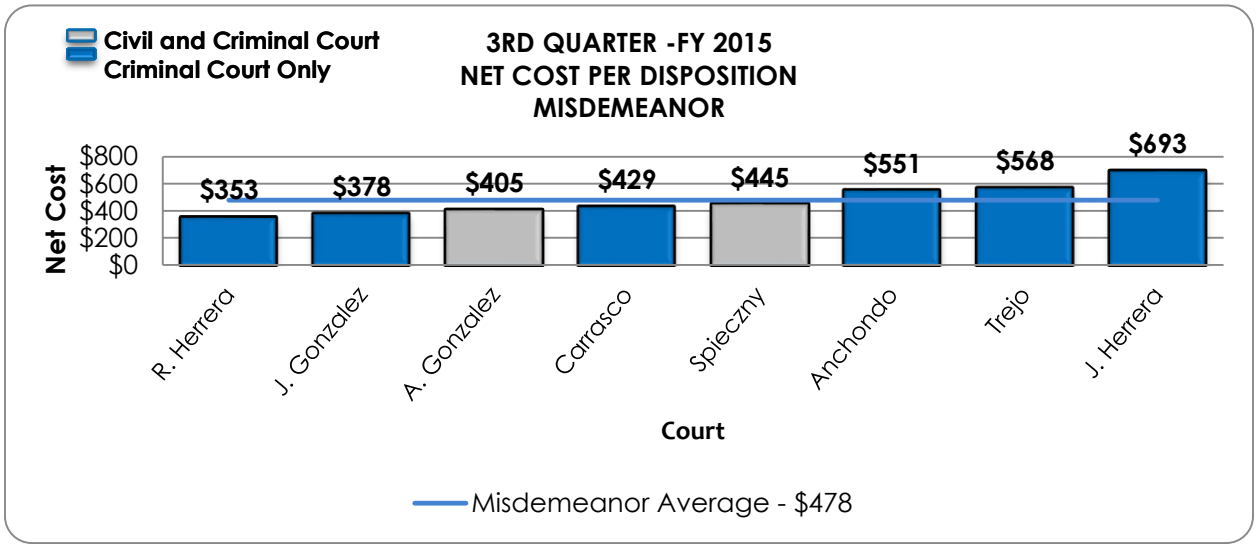

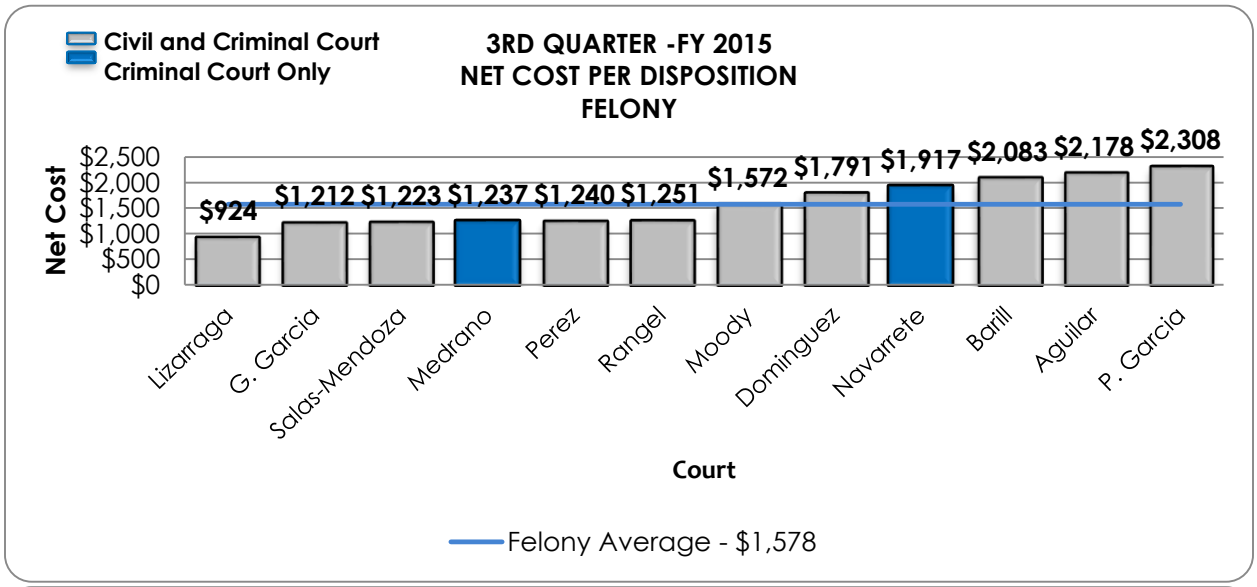

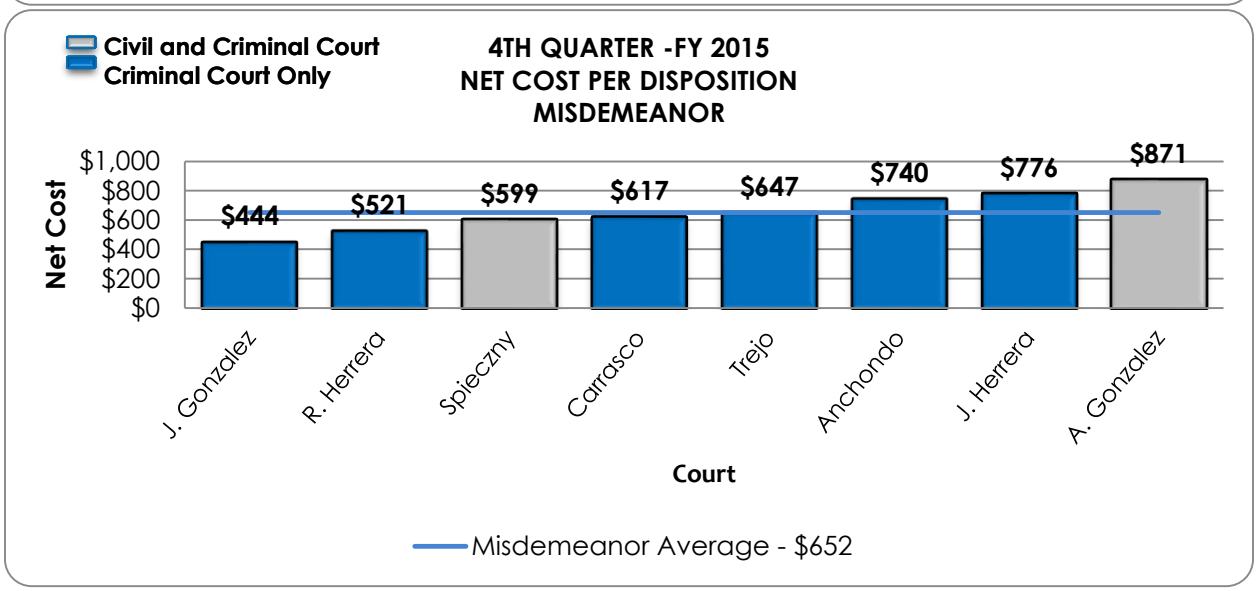

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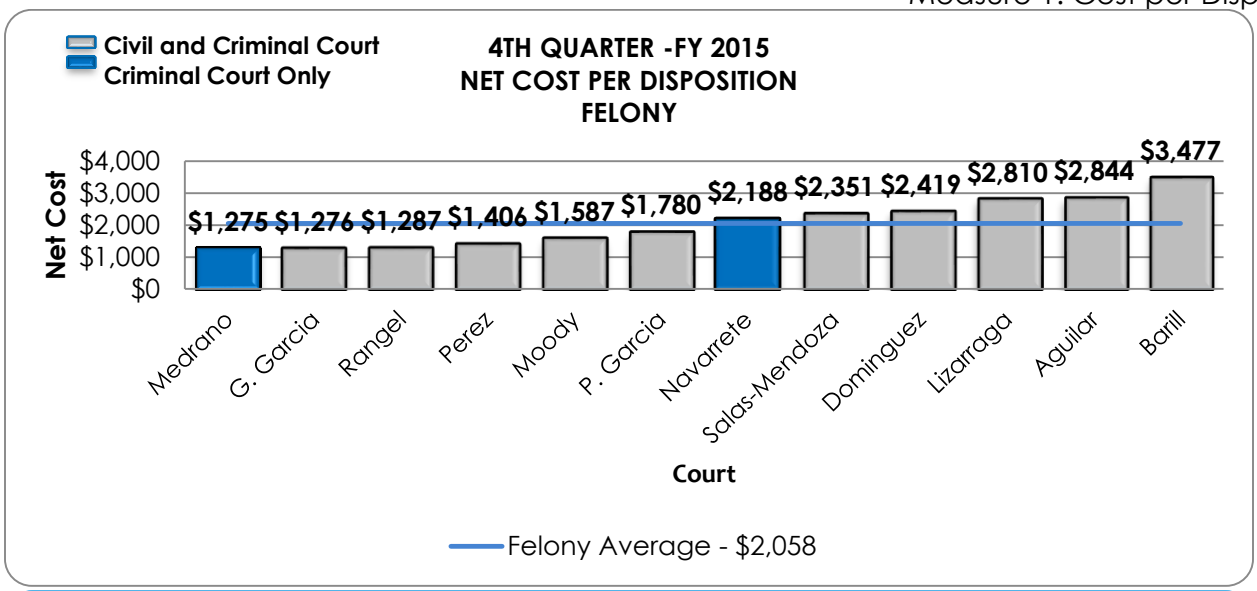

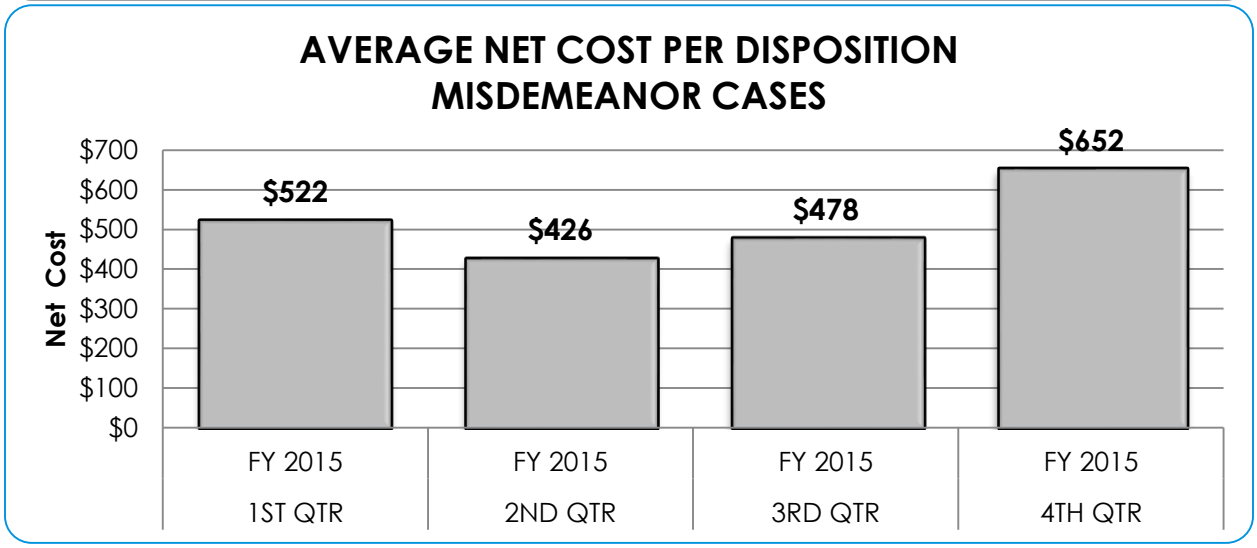

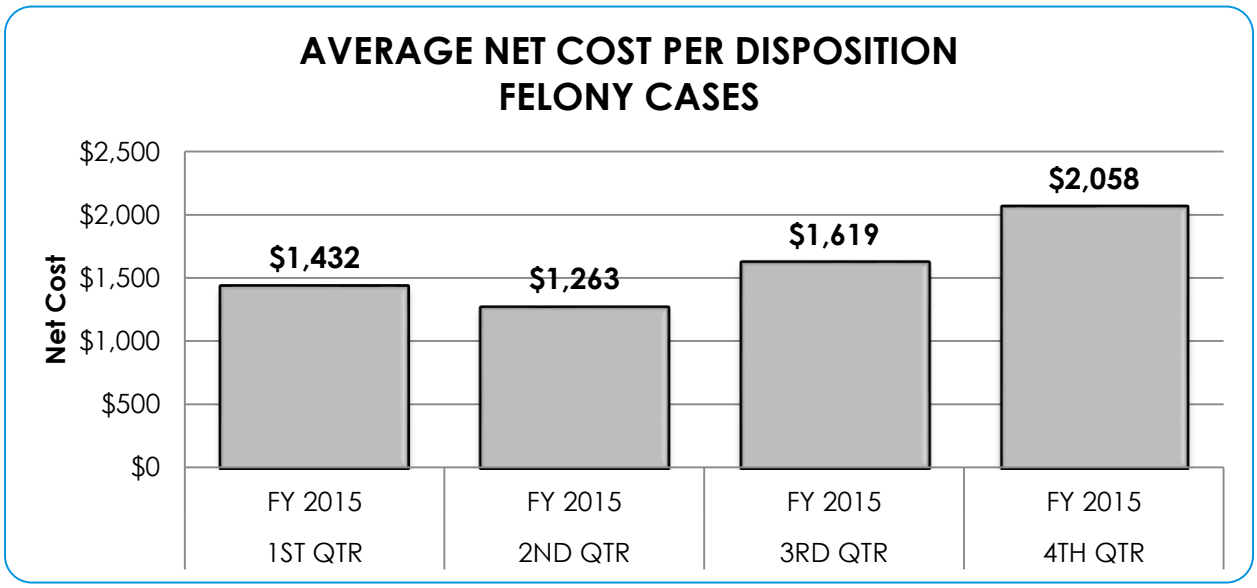

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Measure 2: Jail Bed Days

Definition: The number of jail bed days consumed.

Several graphs are displayed below:

1. The first set of charts below show a court by court comparison of Jail Bed Days from the least to the greatest number of jail bed days as well as the number of jail bed days consumed court wide for each of the last two quarters.
2. The second set of charts below shows the average length of stay for from the least to greatest as well as the average length of stay for the last two quarters.

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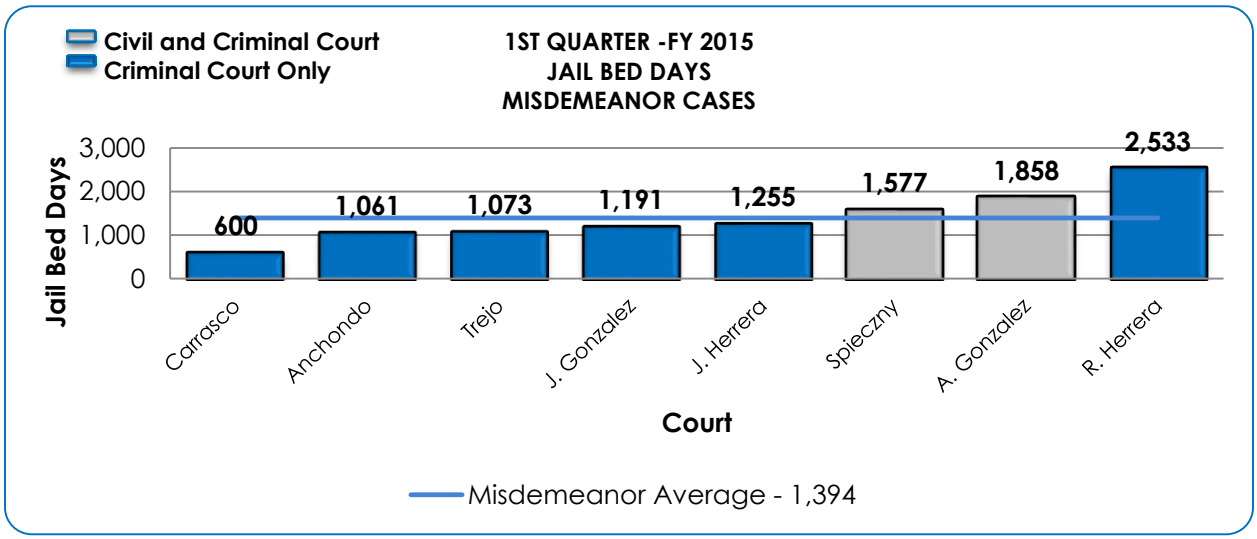
Jail Bed Days



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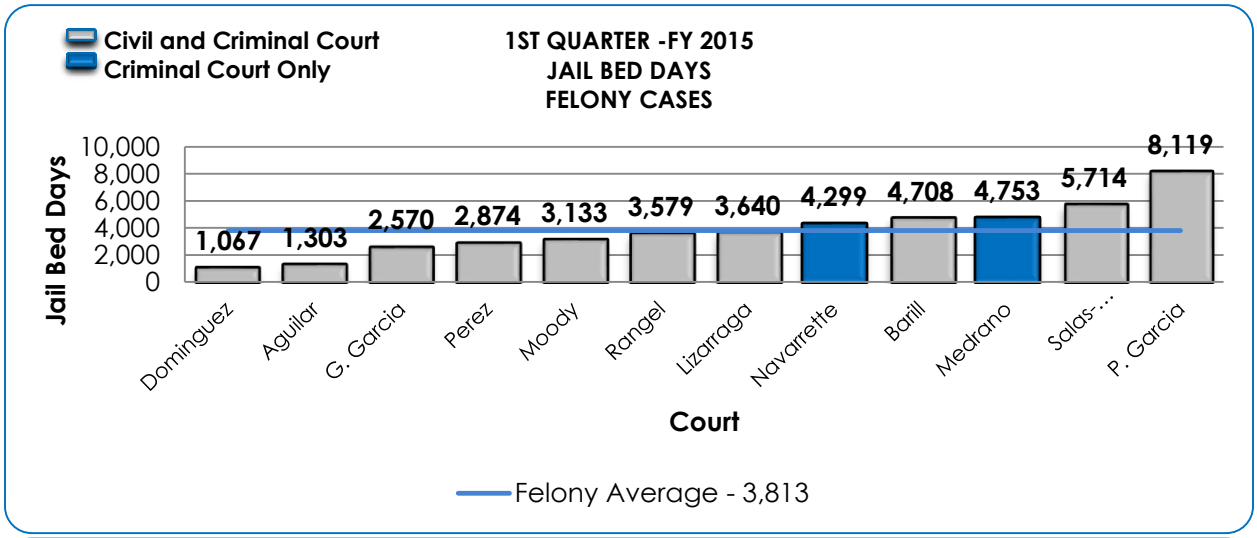

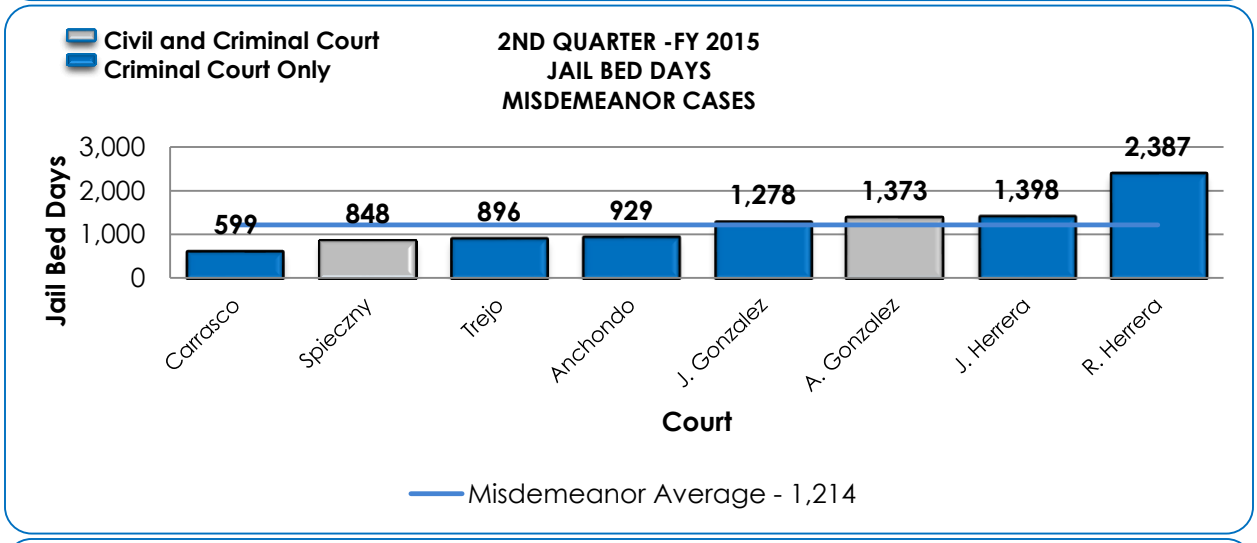

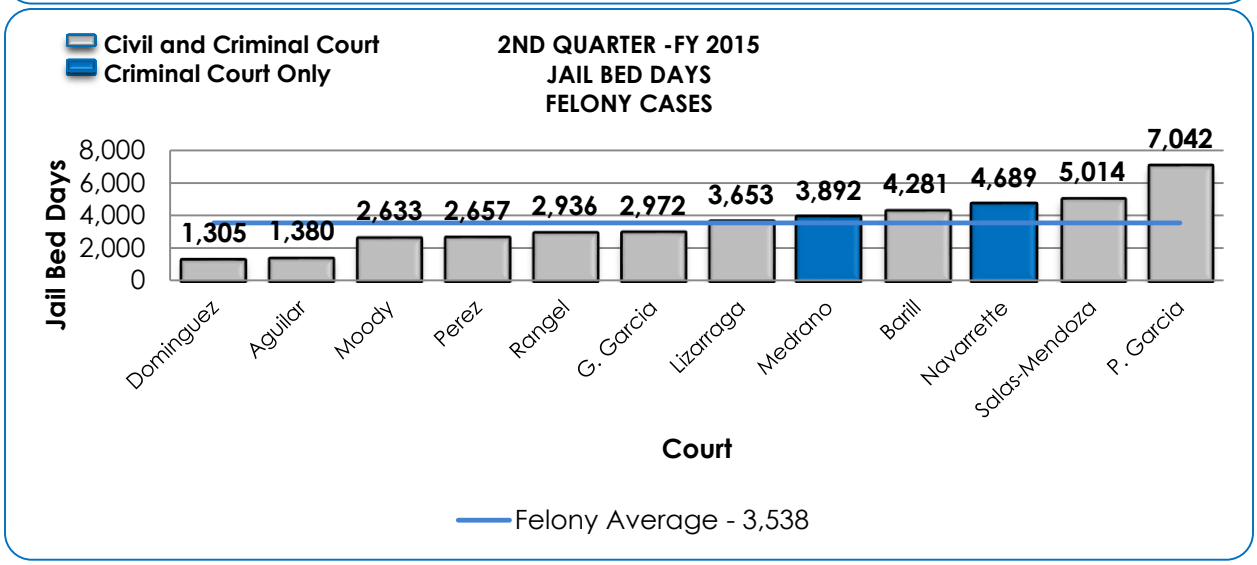

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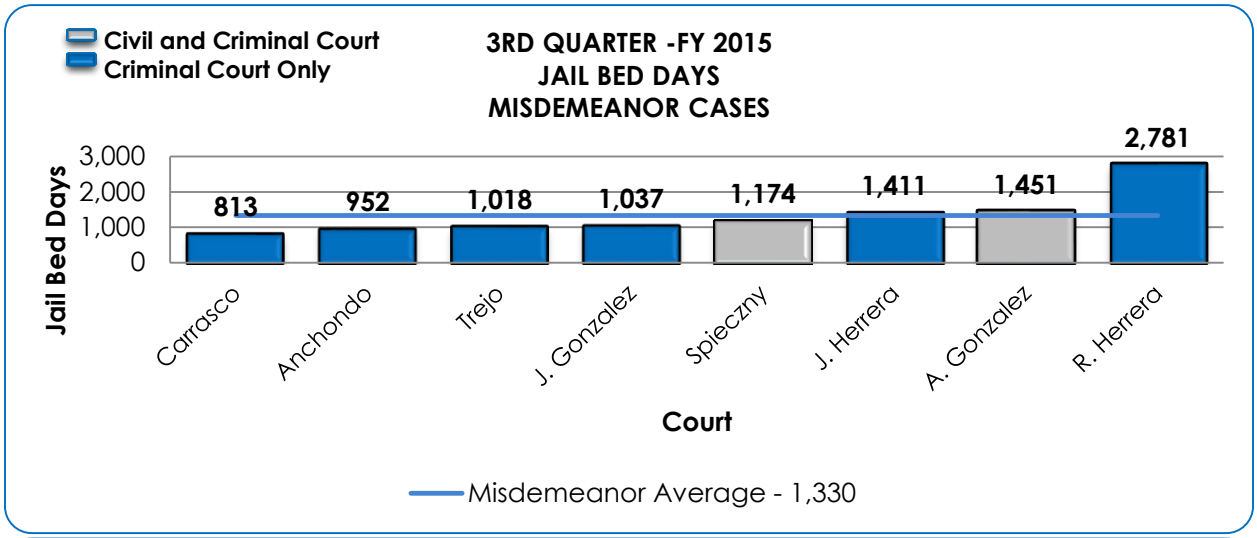

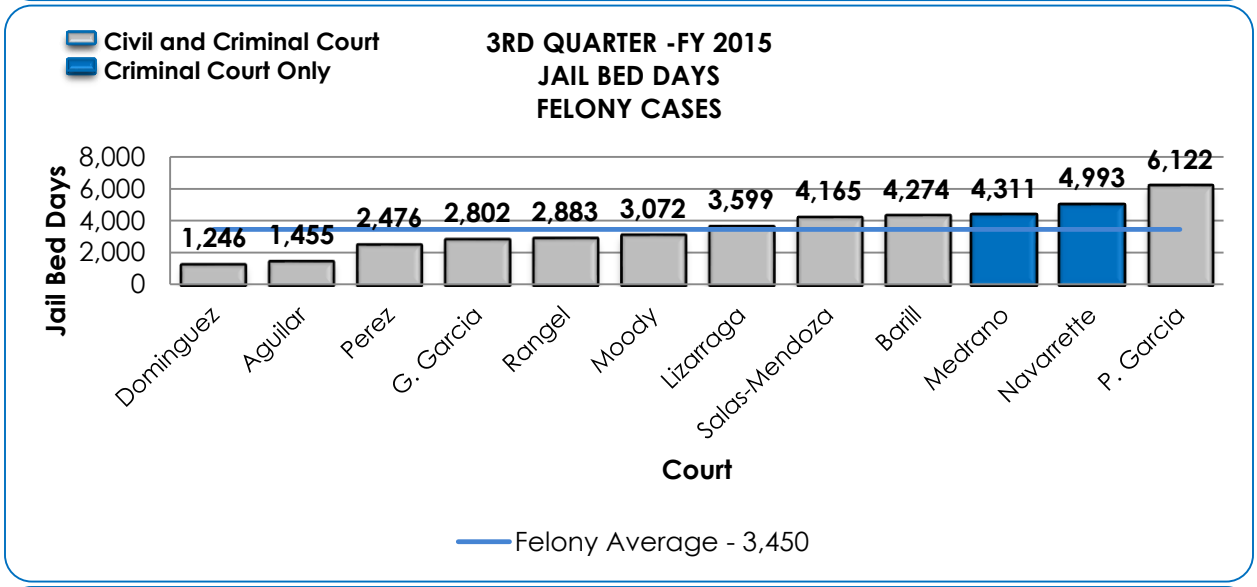

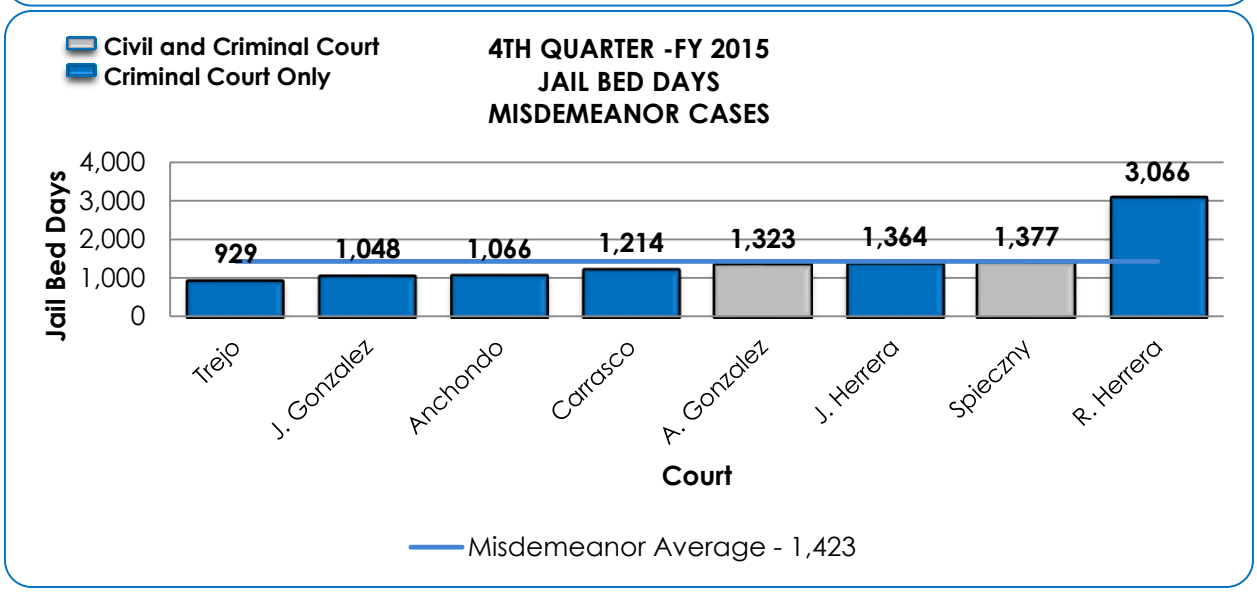

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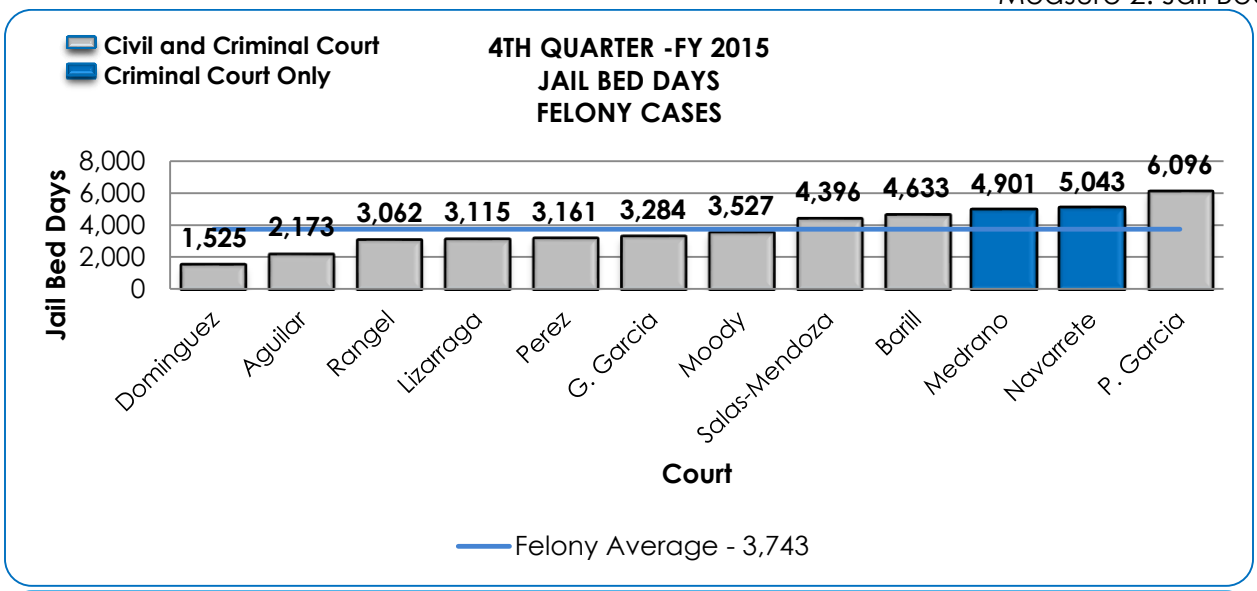

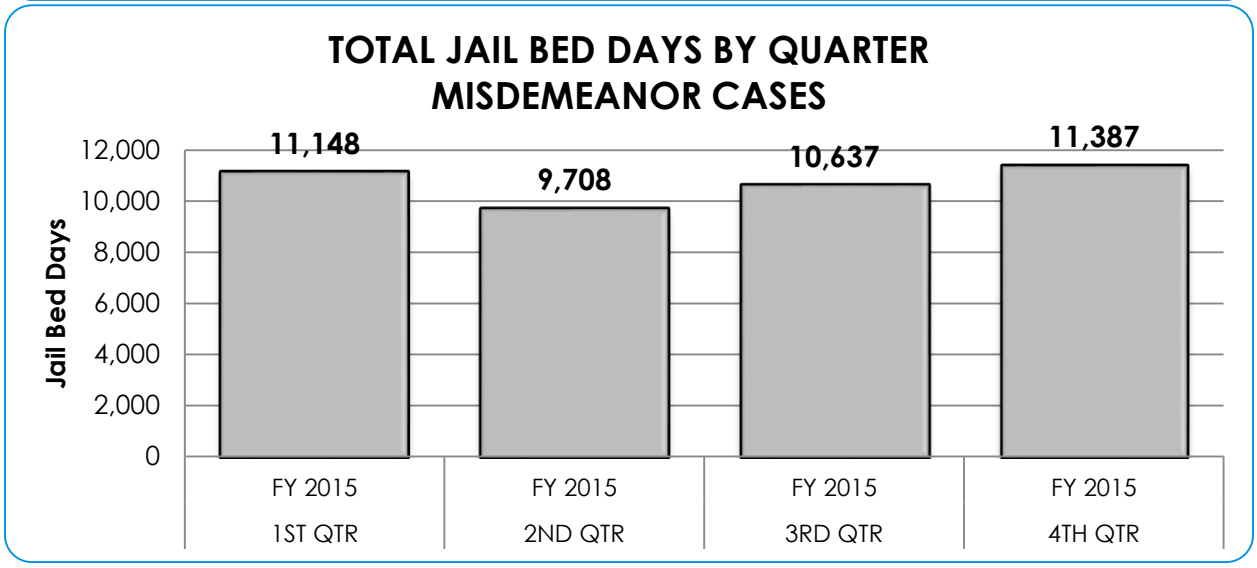

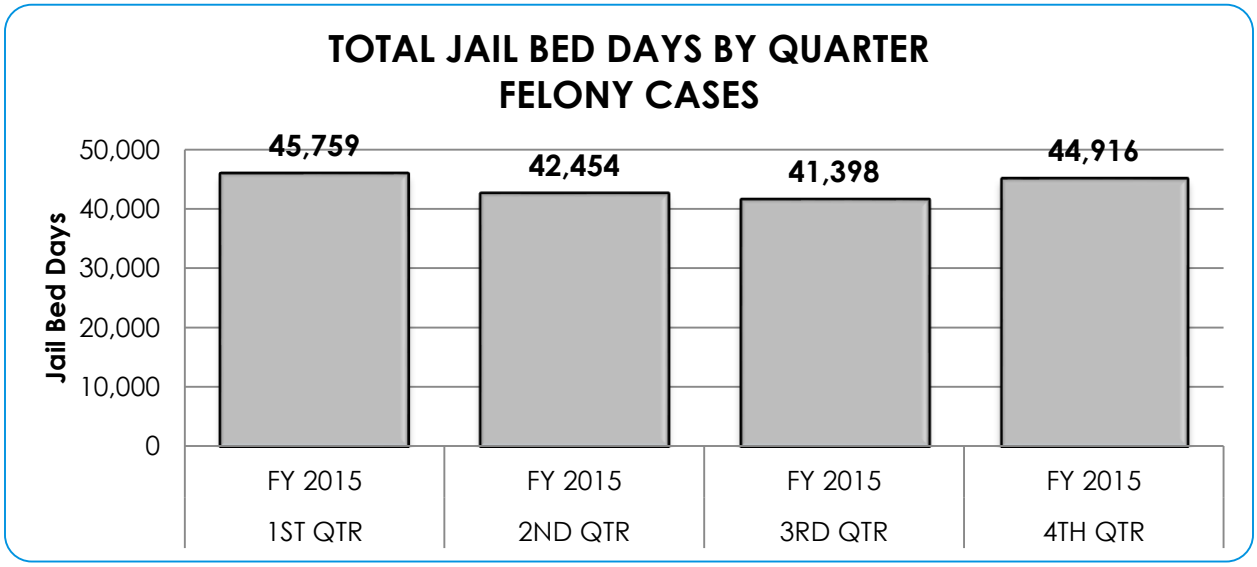

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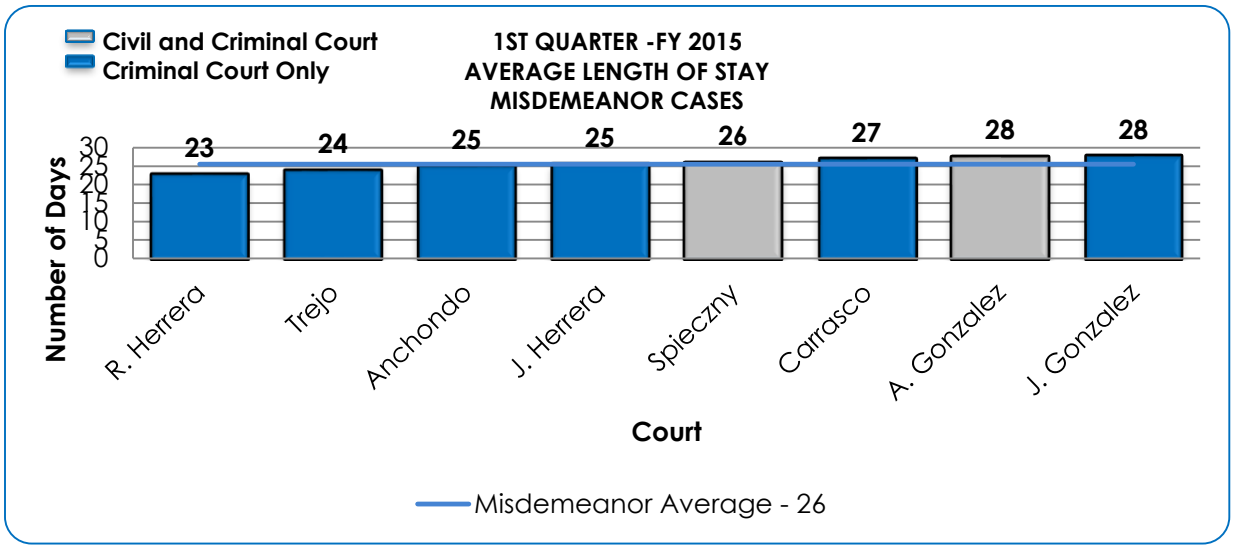
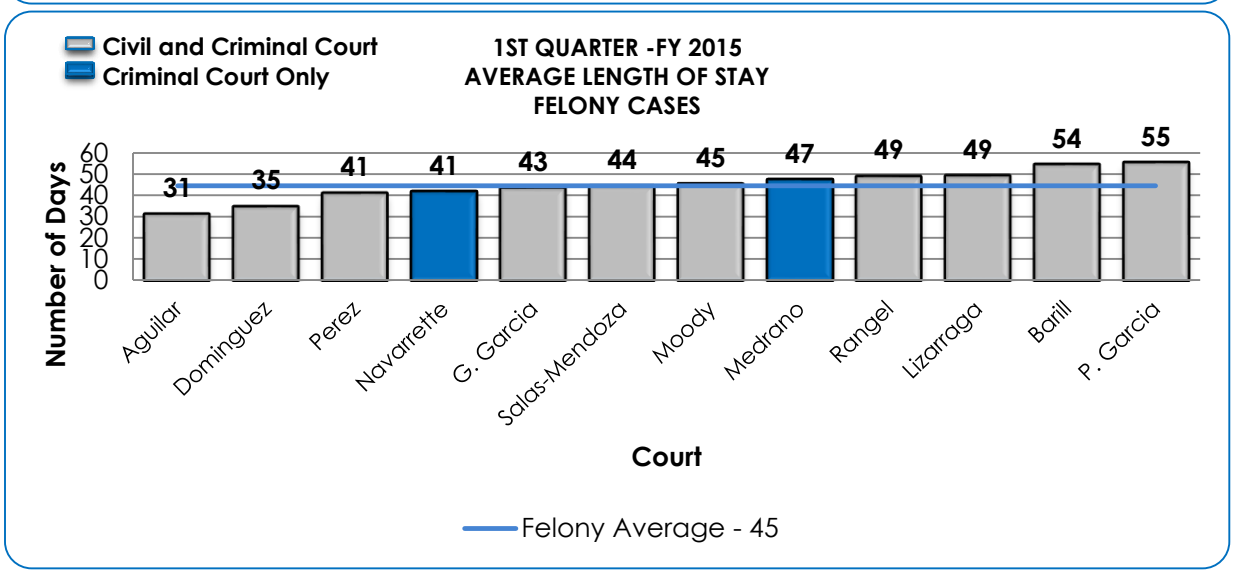
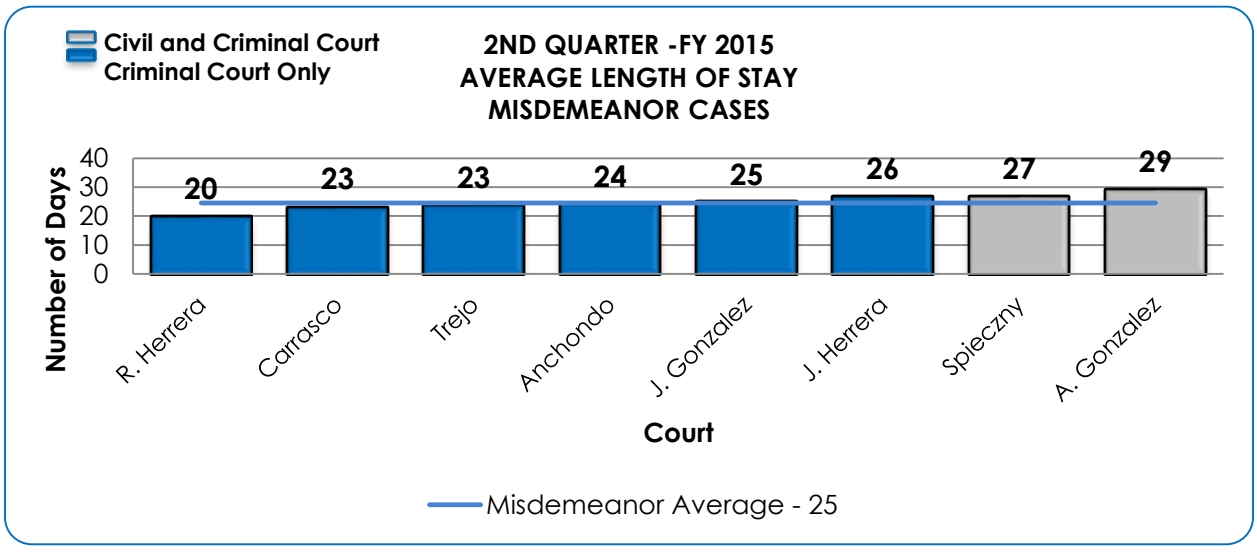
Average Length of Stay







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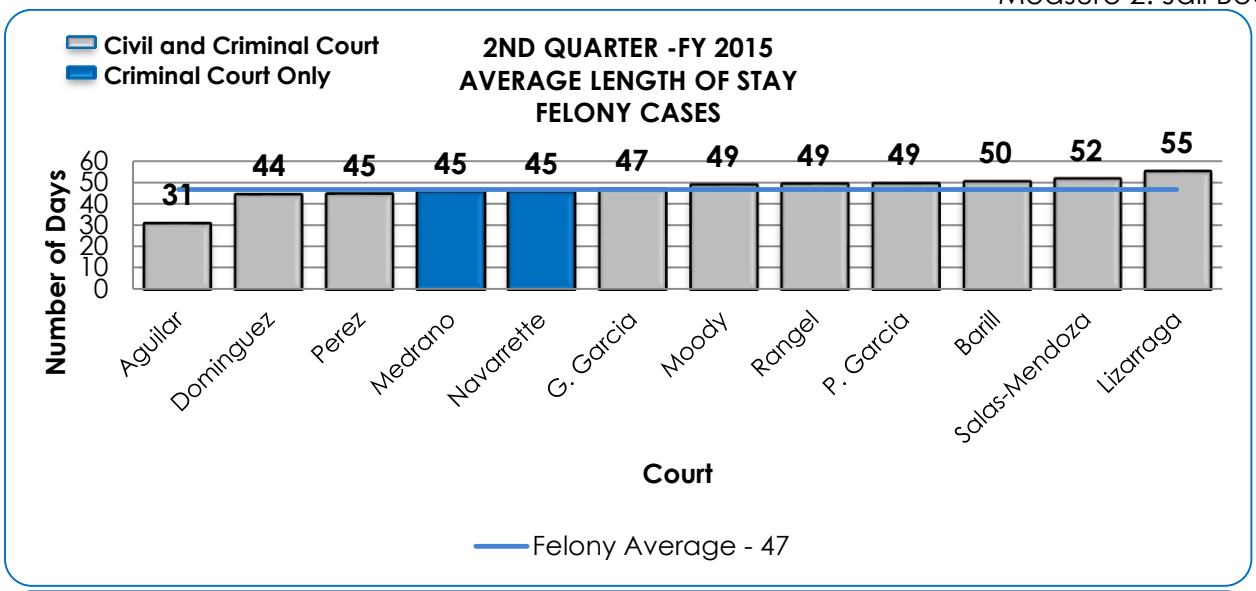

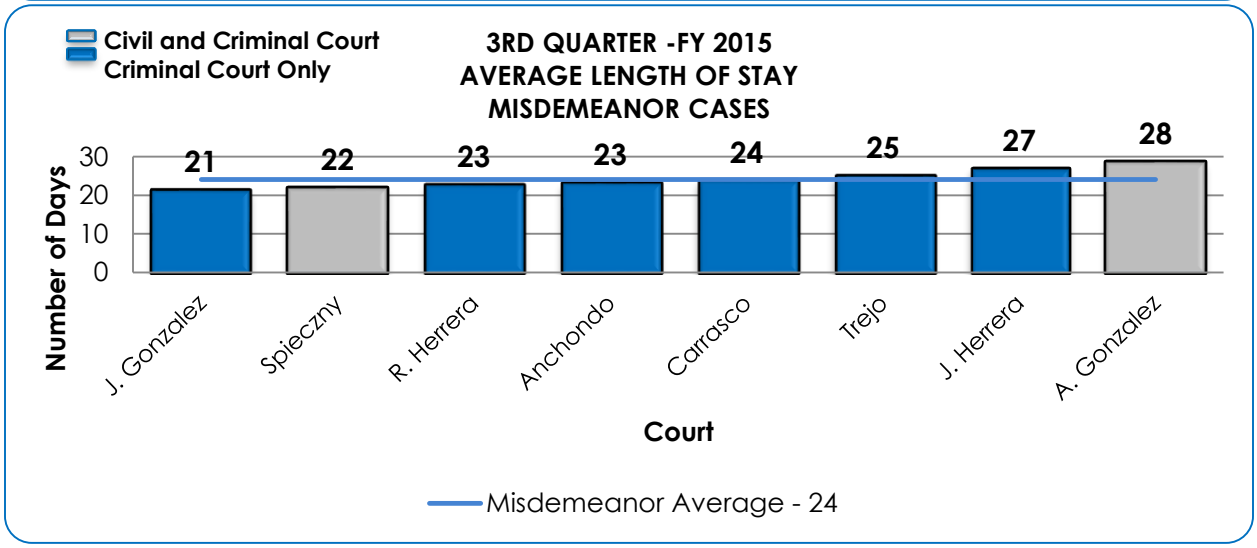

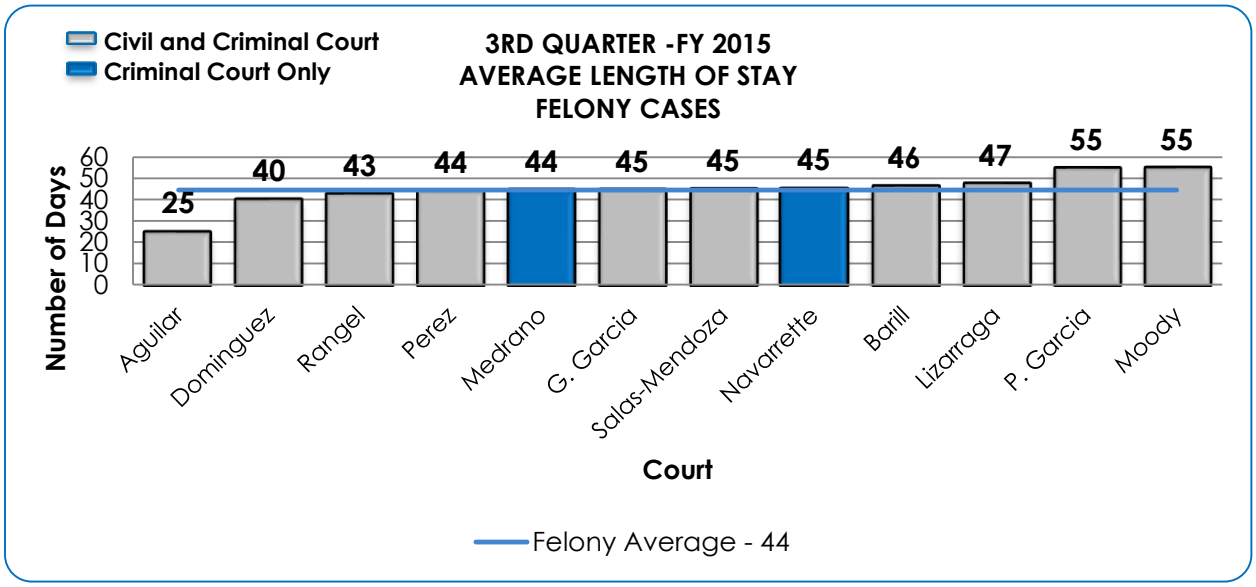

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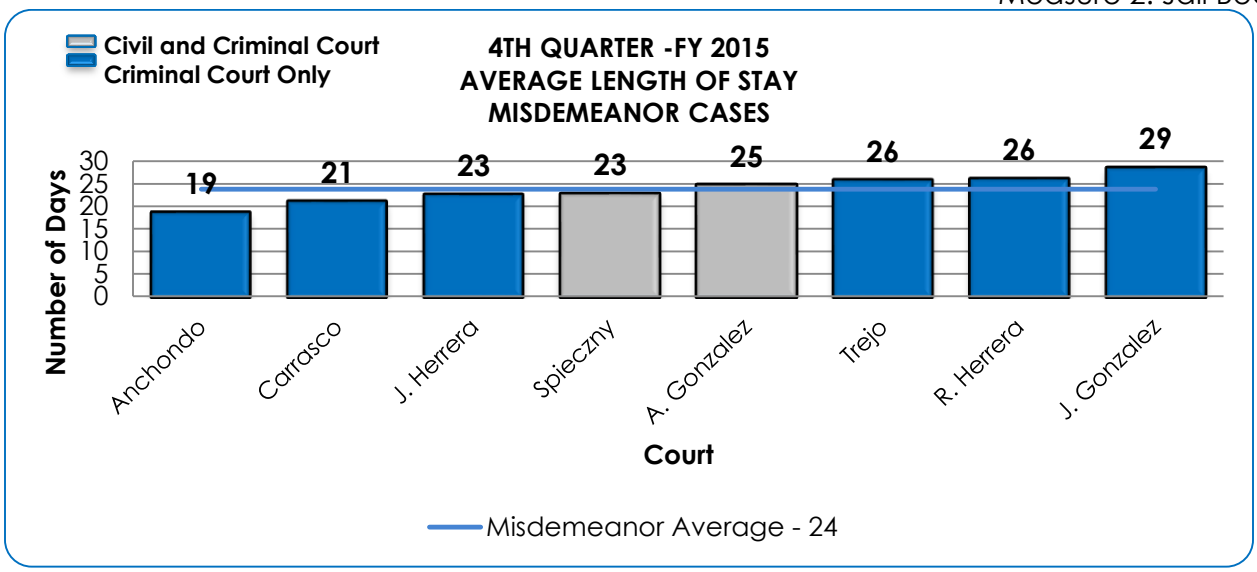

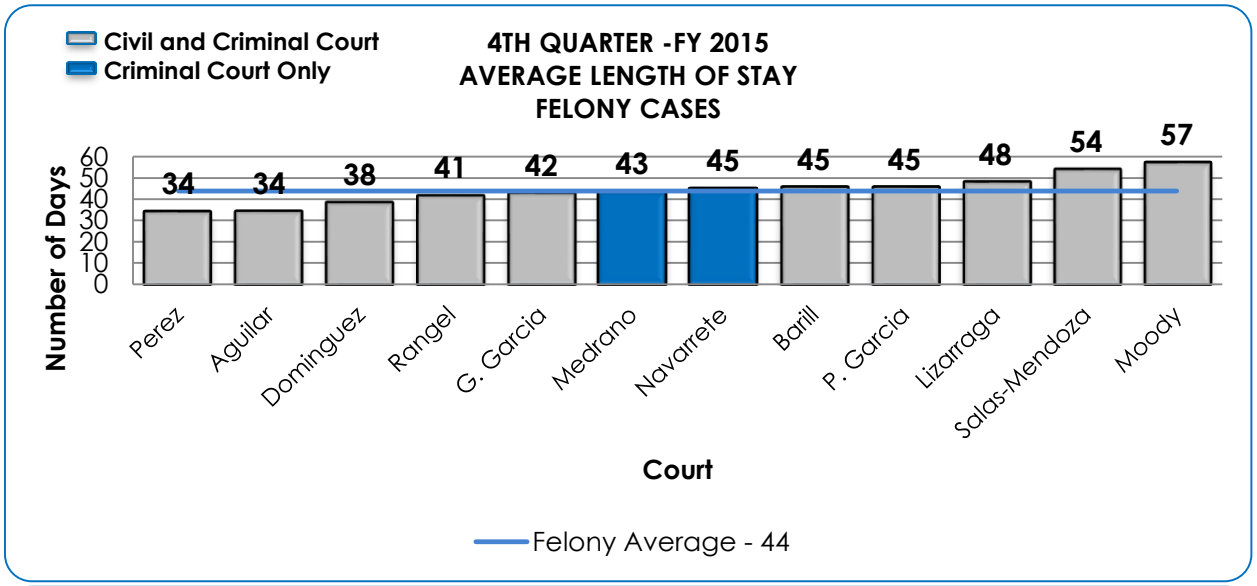

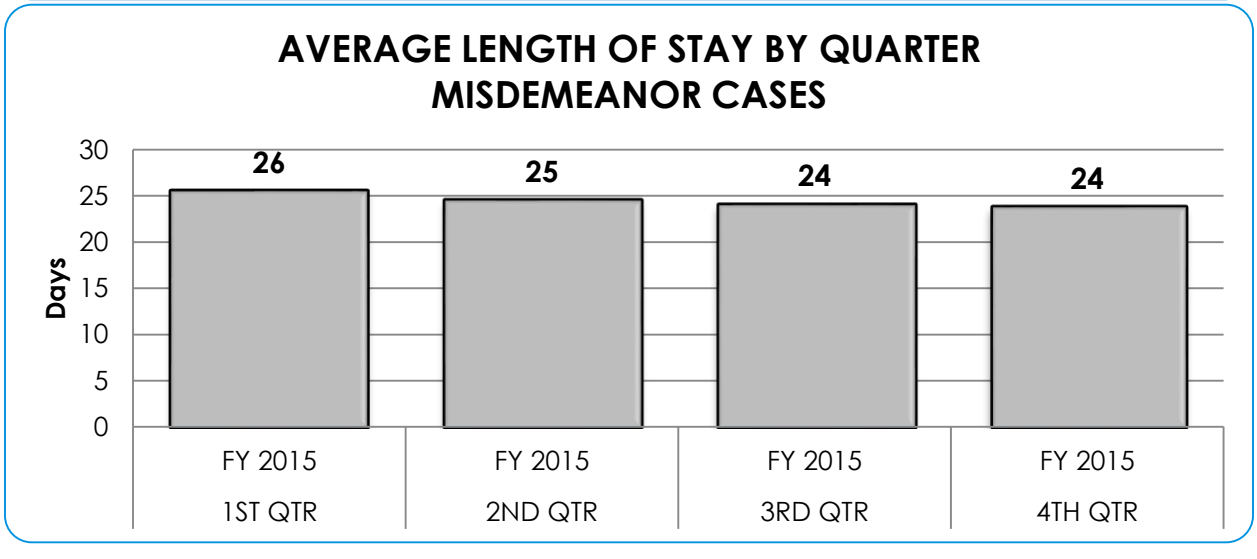

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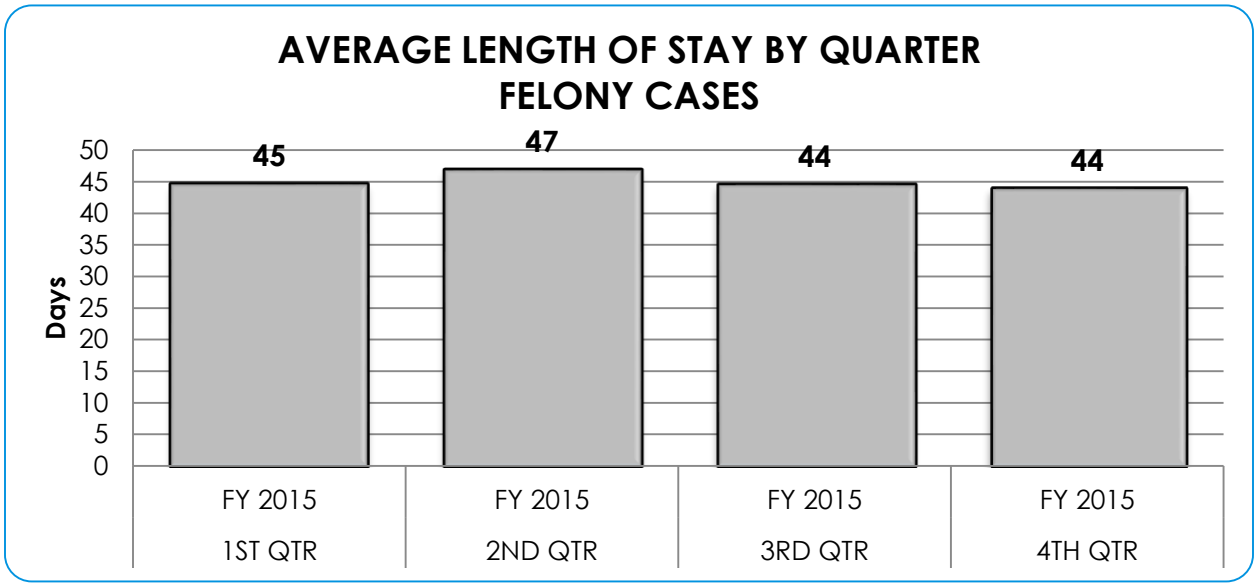

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Measure 3: Clearance Rates

Definition: The number of disposed cases as a percentage of the number of incoming cases.

Analysis and Interpretation: The clearance rate is a measure of the incoming cases a court receives in a quarter compared to the total cases disposed of during the same quarter. This measure portrays the court's ability to balance current caseload and incoming cases. A clearance rate of 100% represents a court that is disposing of the same number of cases it is receiving. Above 100% represents a court that is disposing of more cases than it is receiving. Below 100% represents a court that is disposing of fewer cases than it is receiving. This measure may be helpful in addressing case management decisions related to backlog.

Several graphs are displayed below.

1. The first set of graphs show the number of incoming cases, which indicates the incoming workload.
2. The second set of graphs show the total dispositions by court.
3. The third set of graphs show the clearance rate by court.

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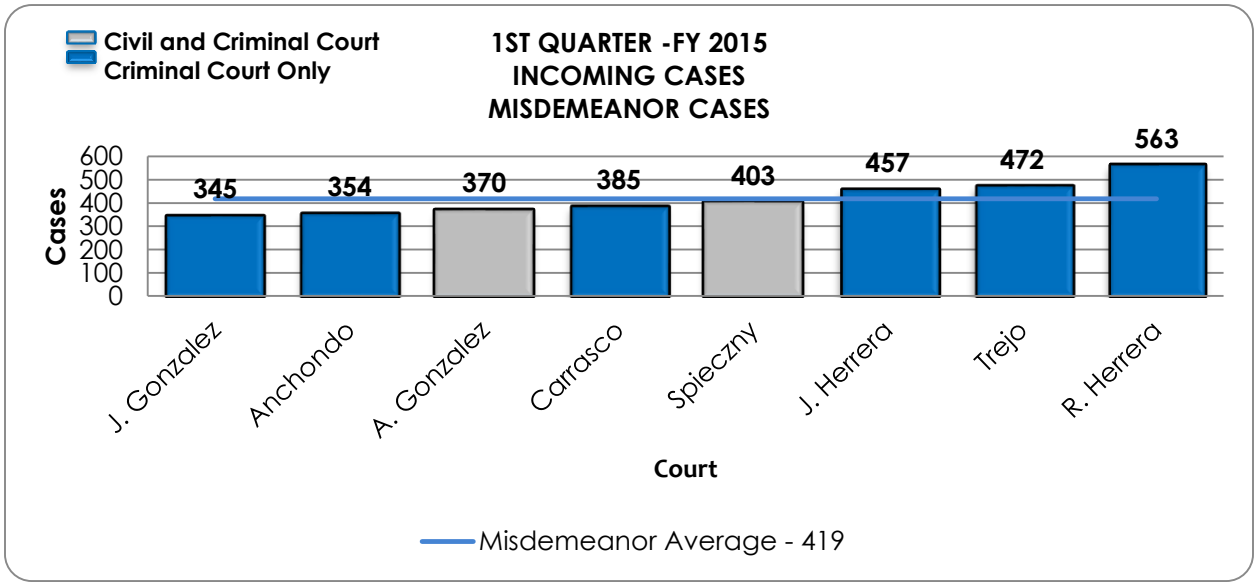
Incoming Cases



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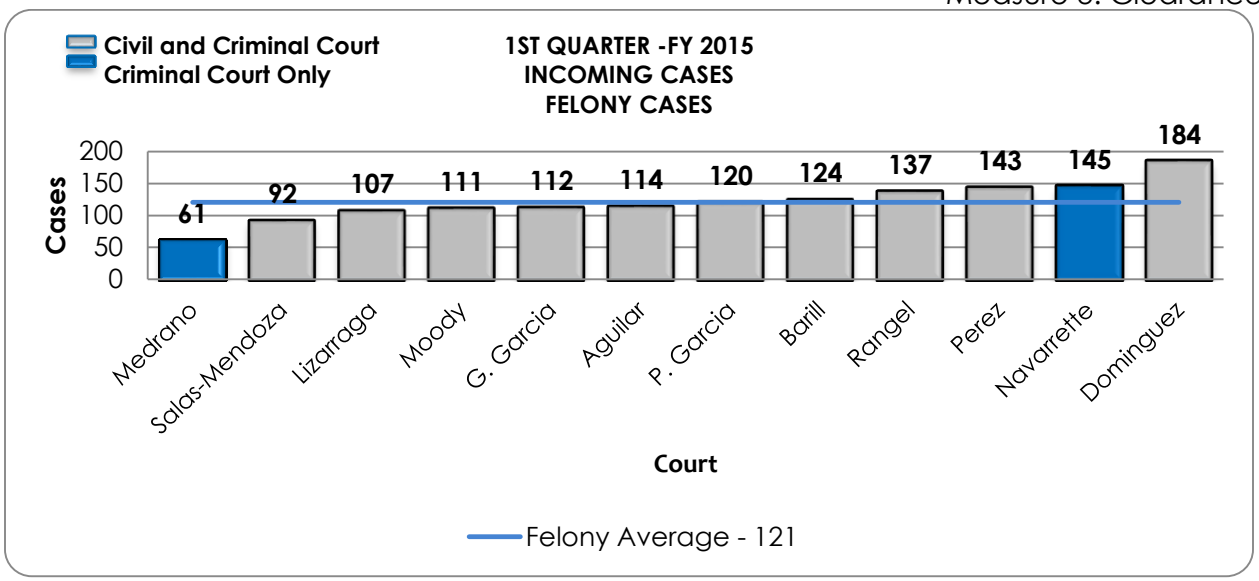

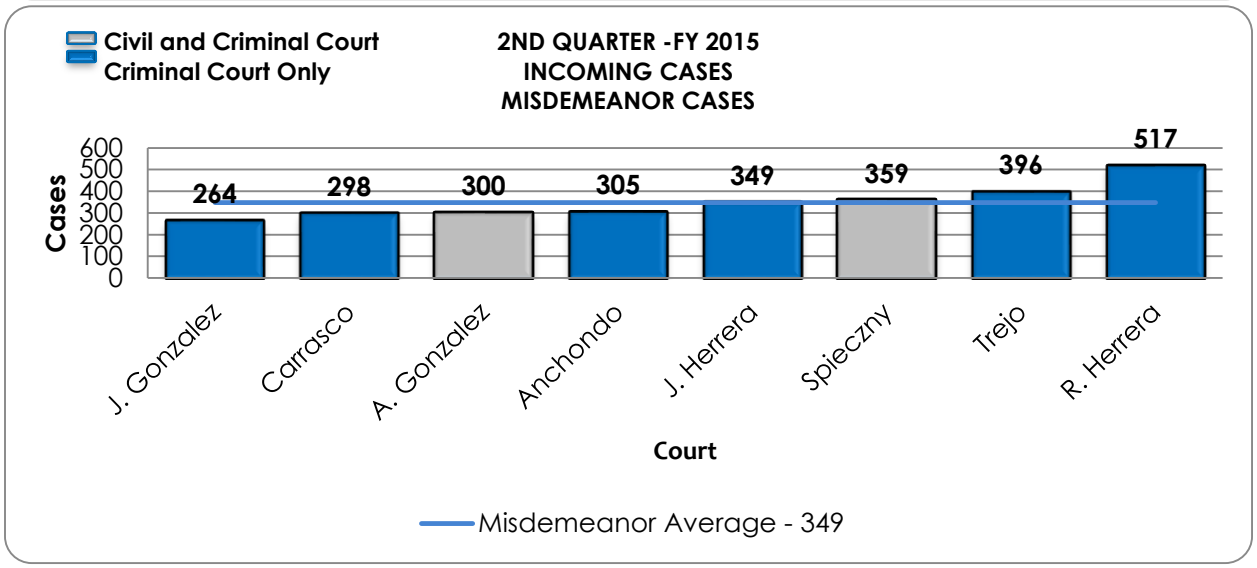

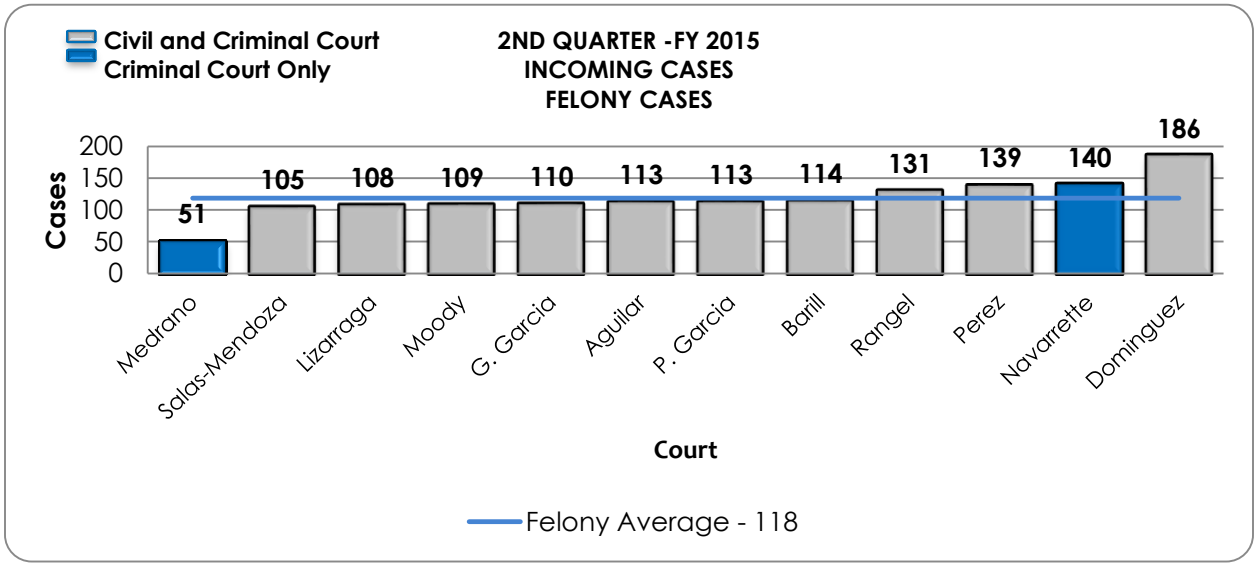

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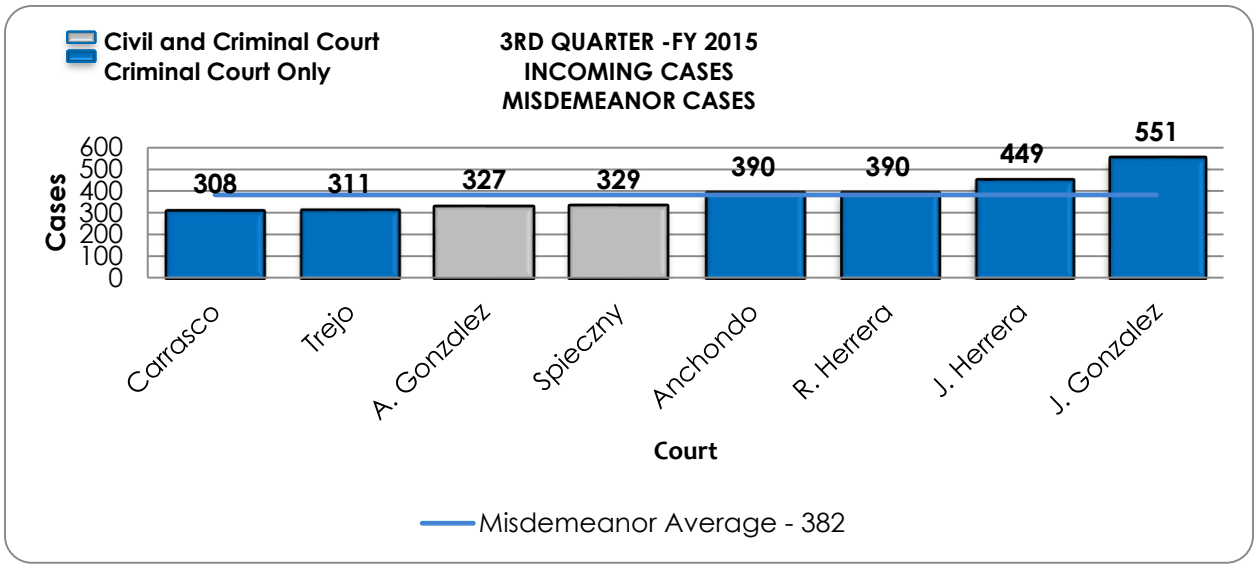

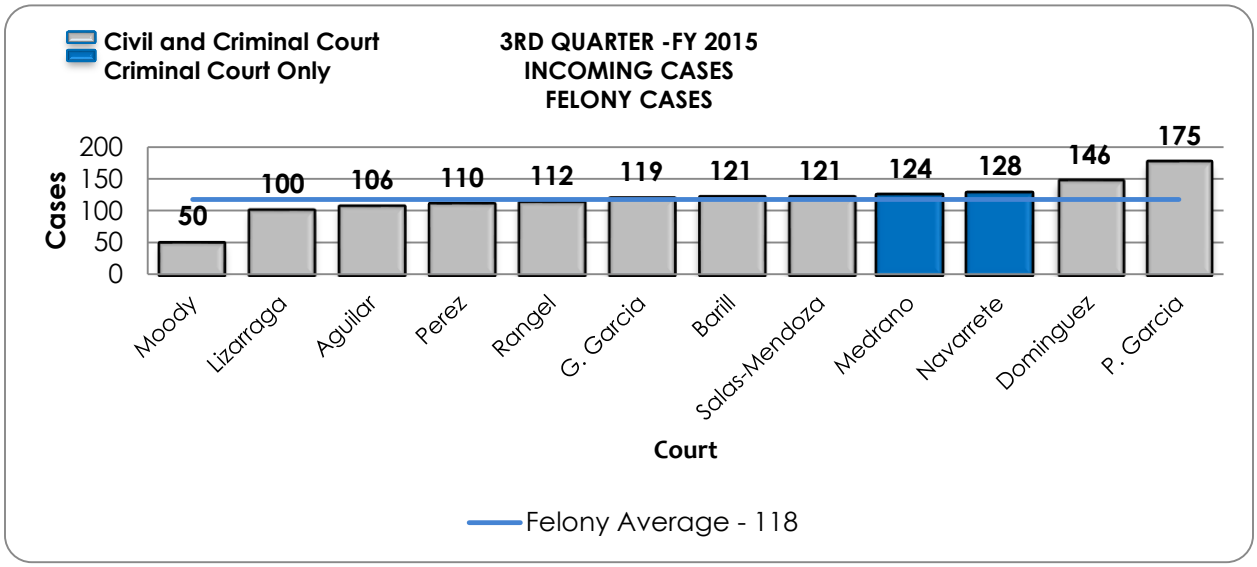

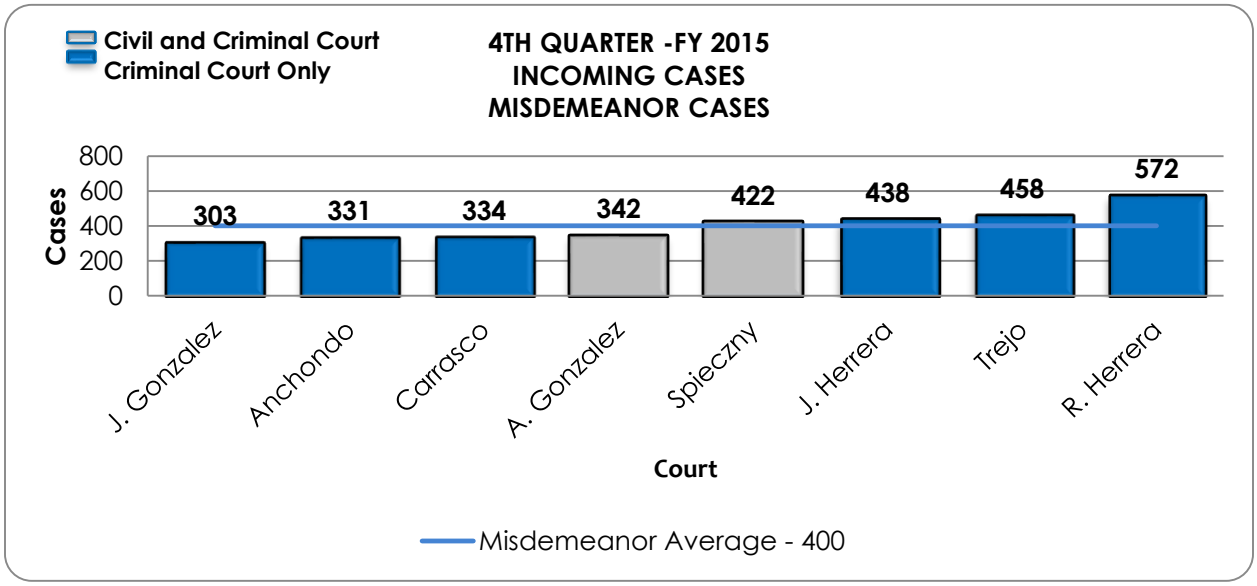

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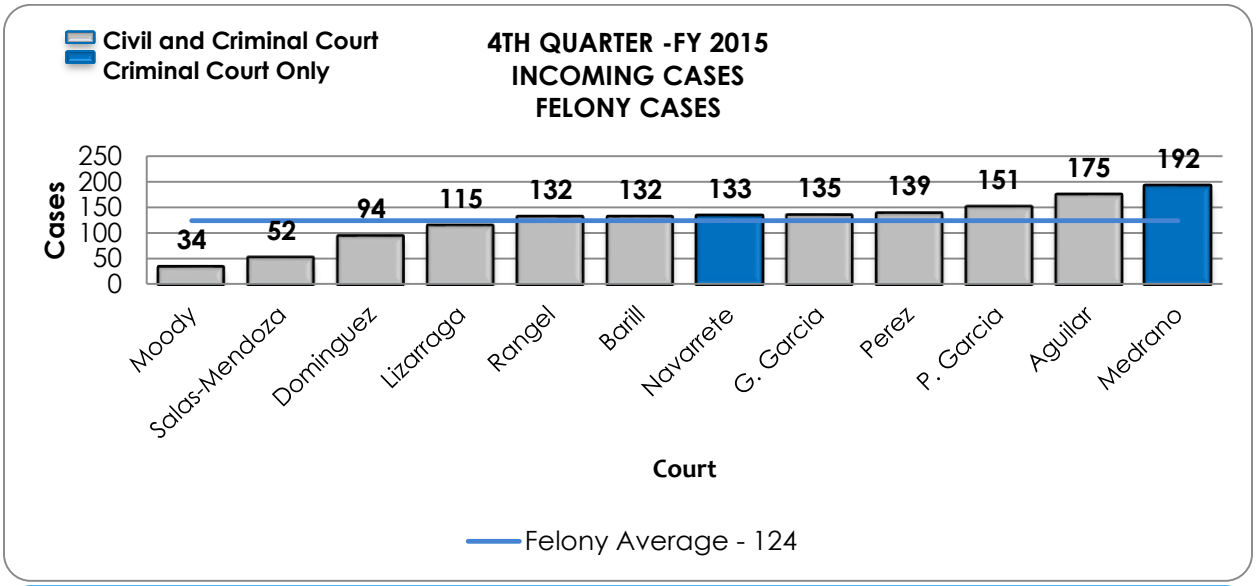

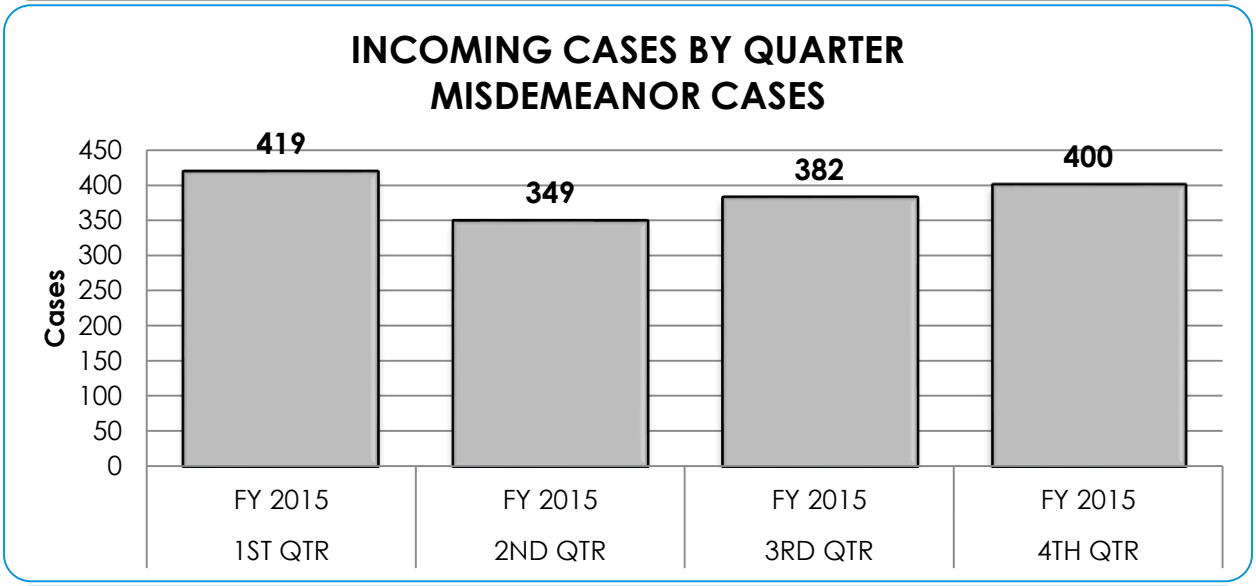

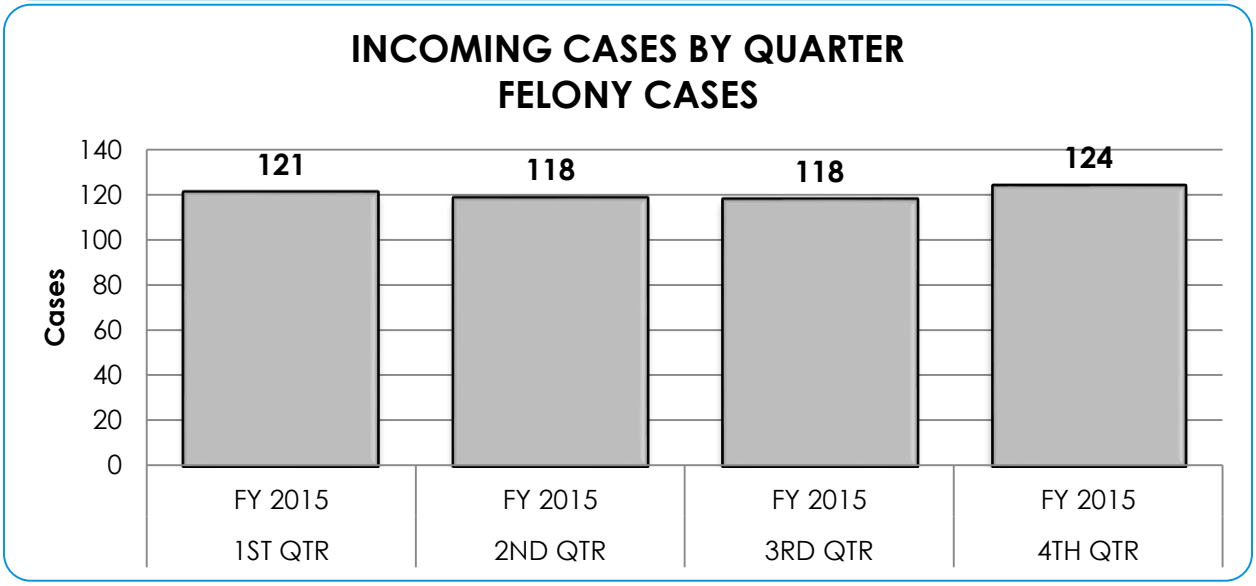

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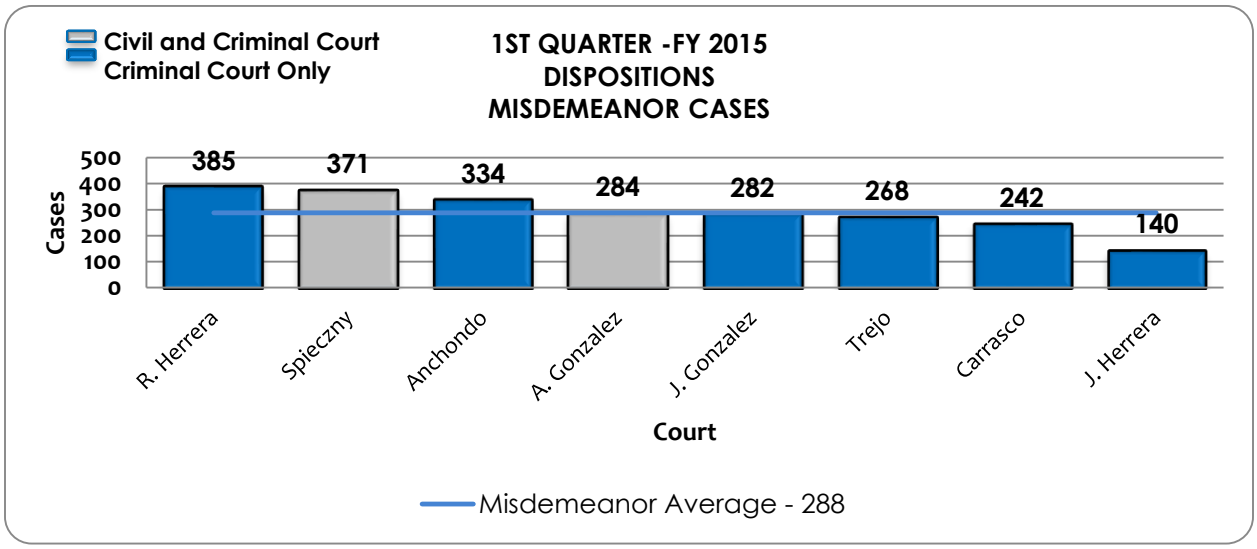

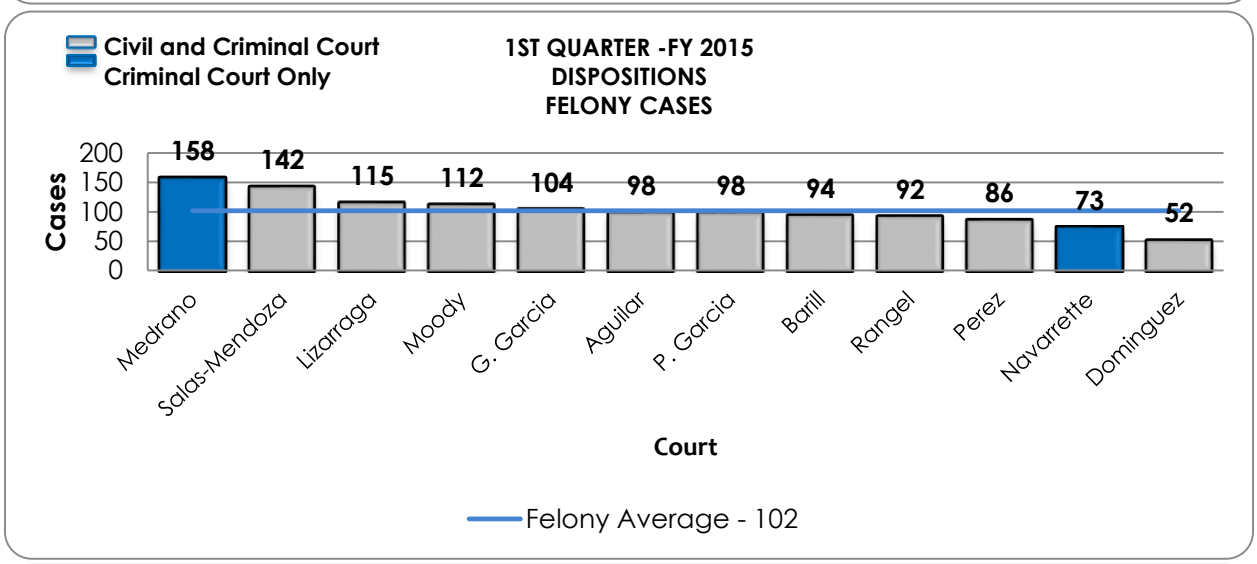

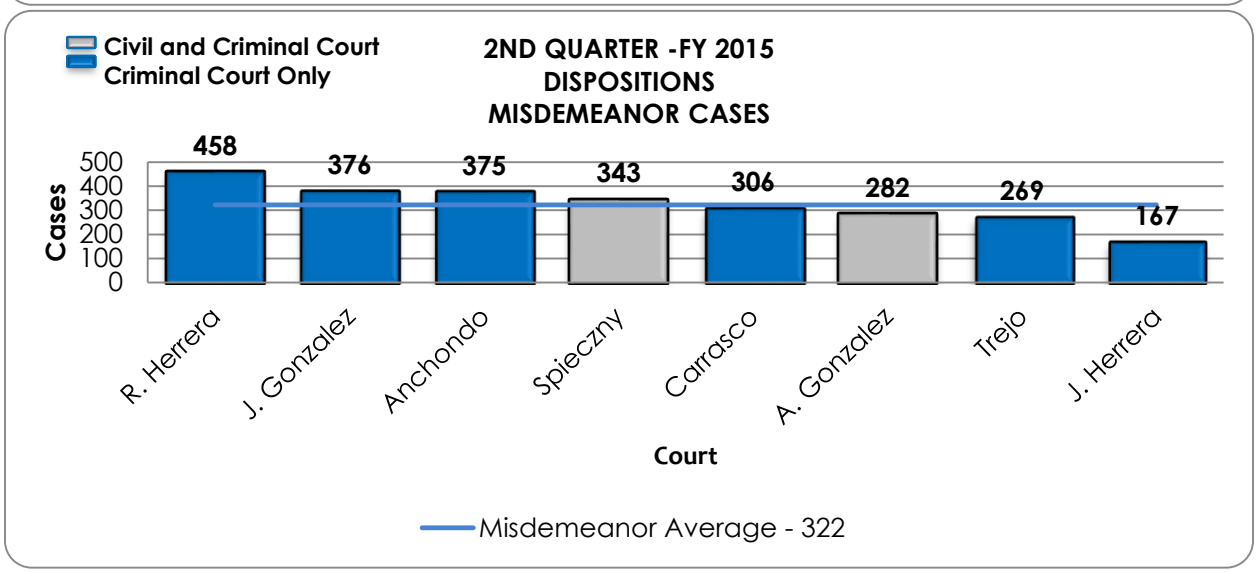

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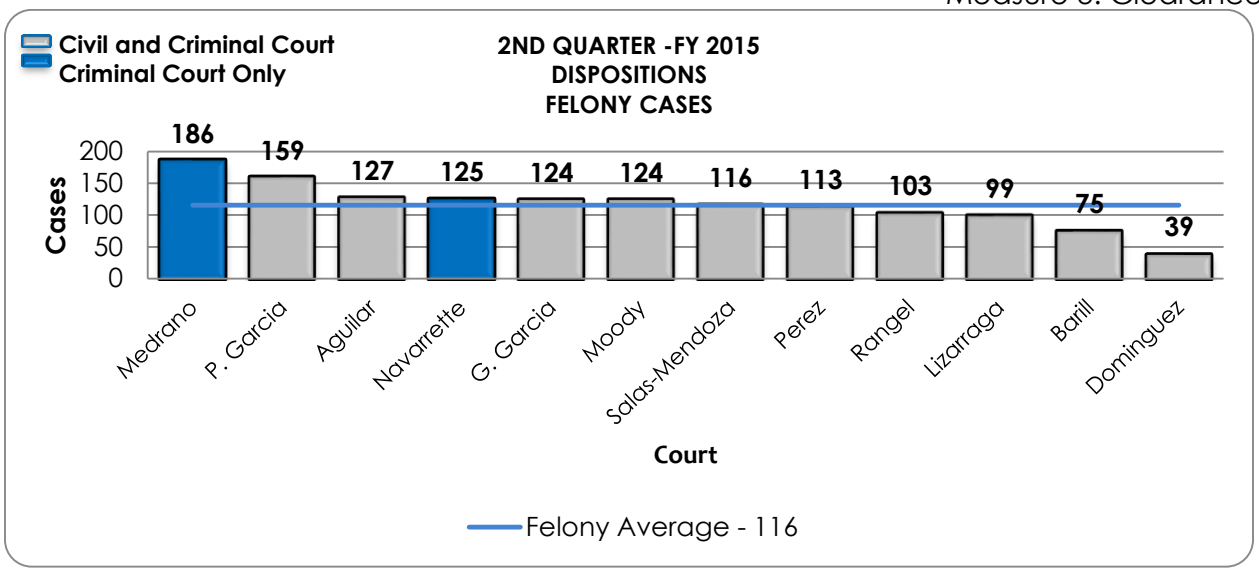

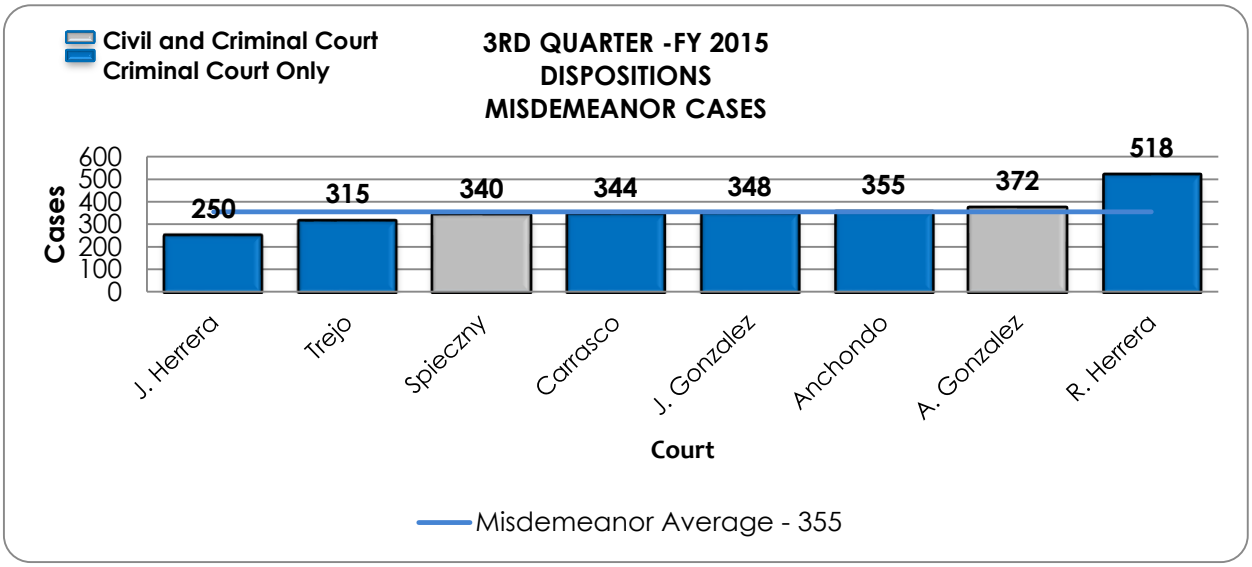

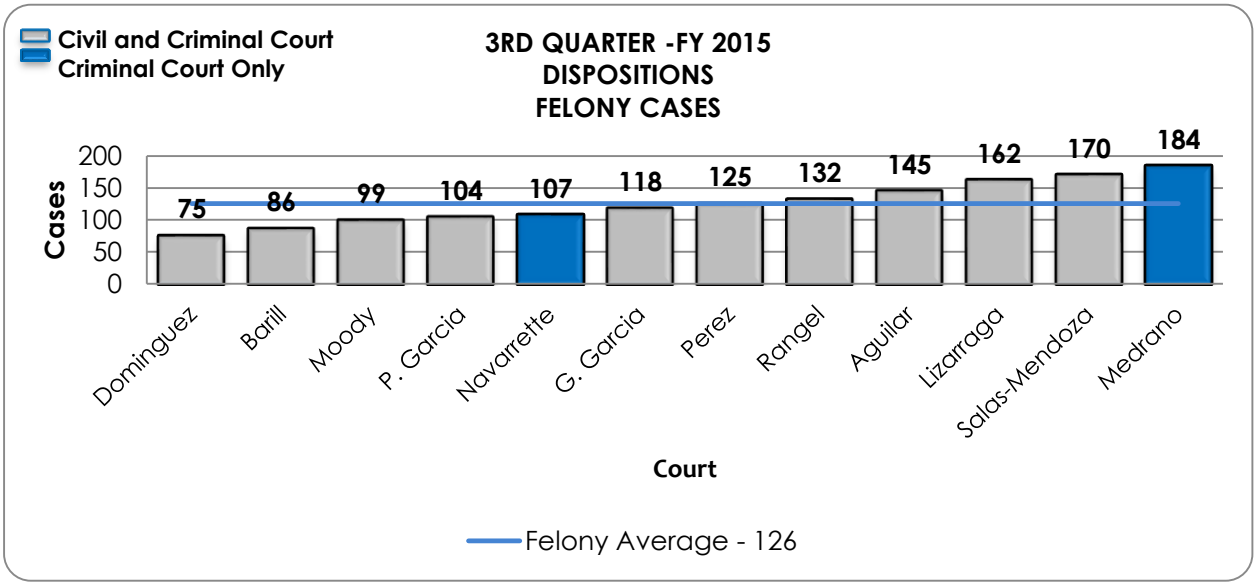

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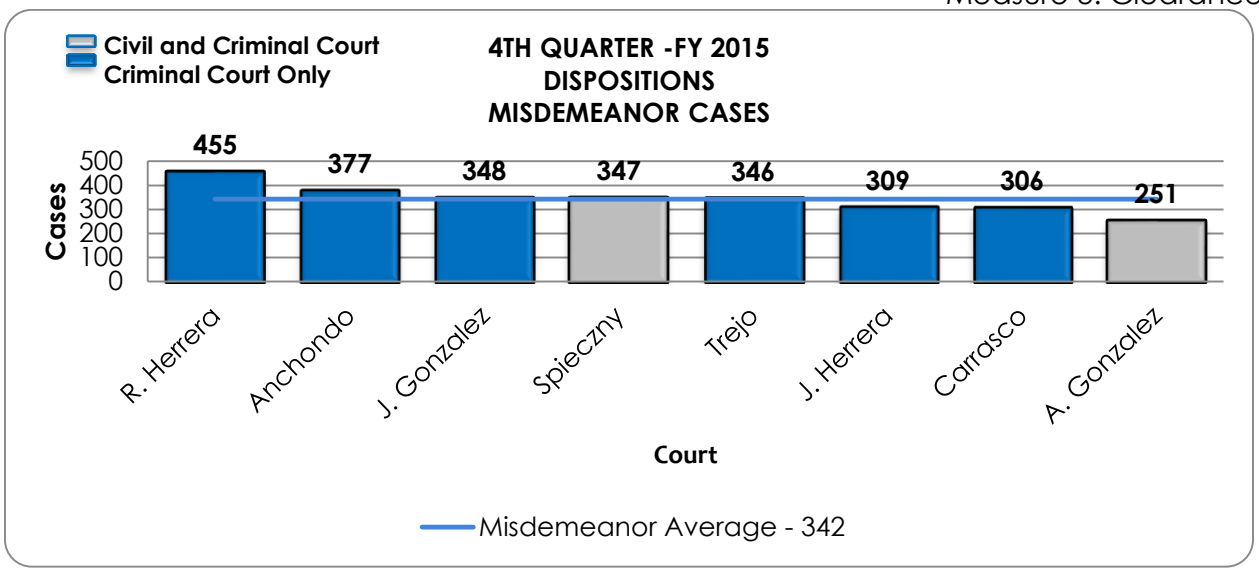

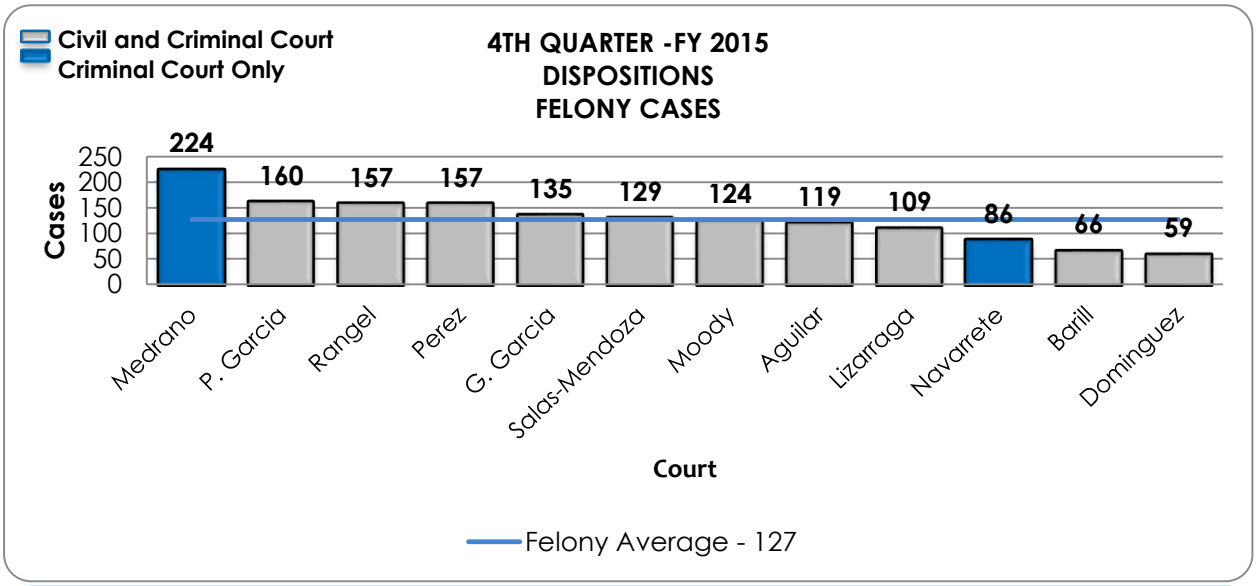

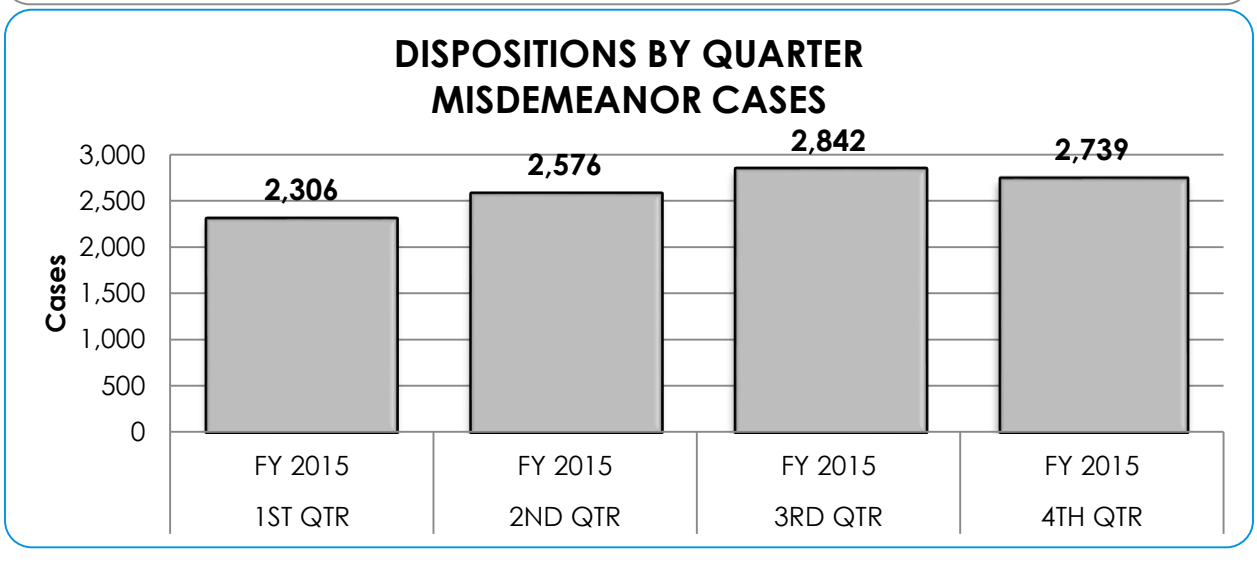

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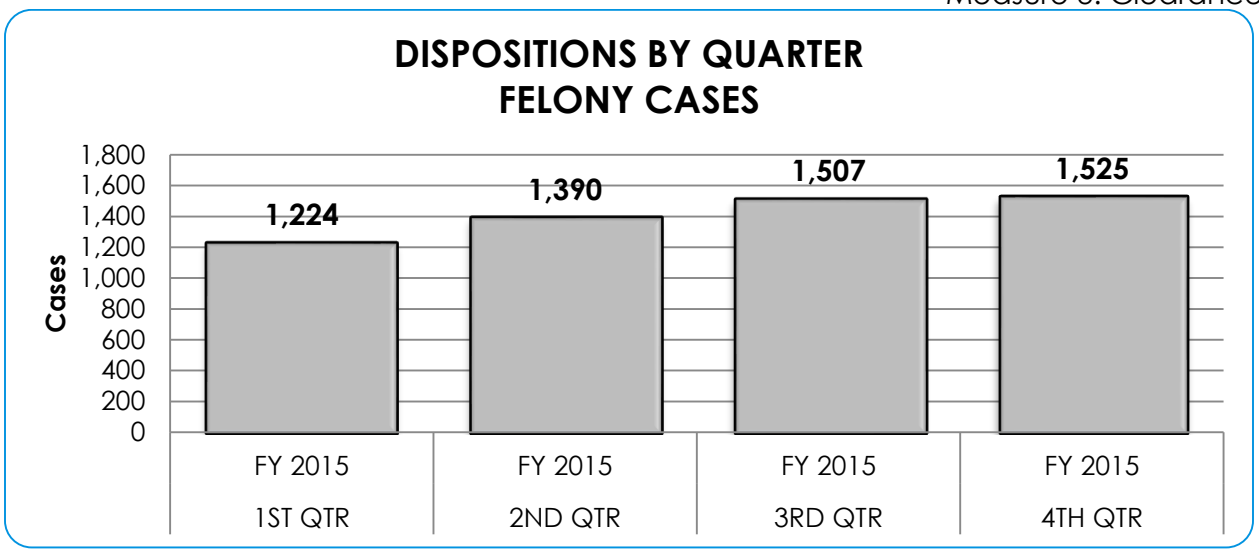

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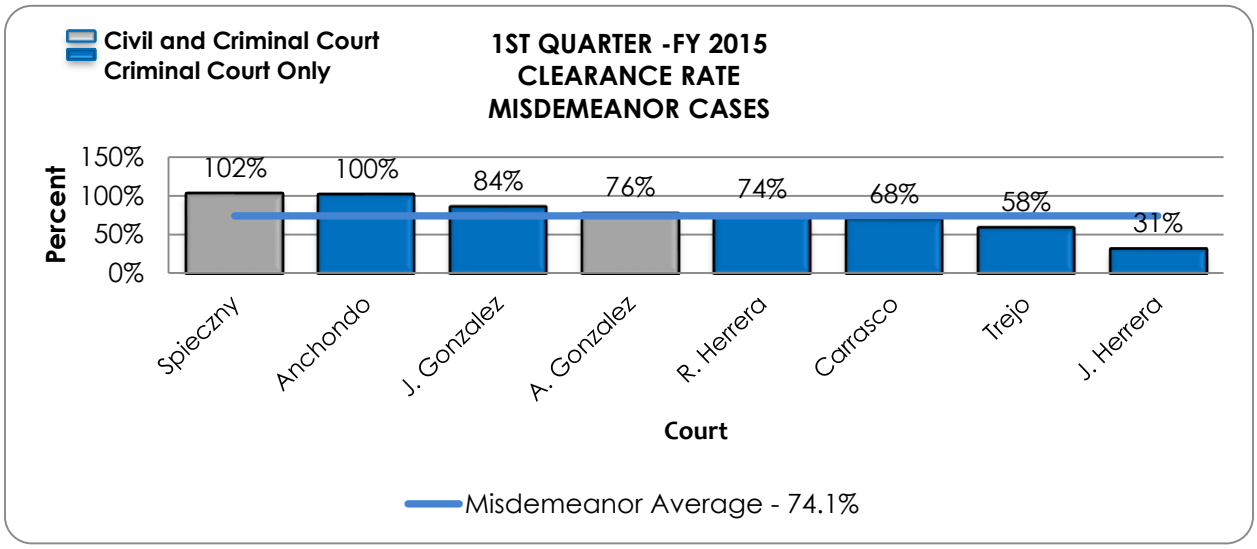

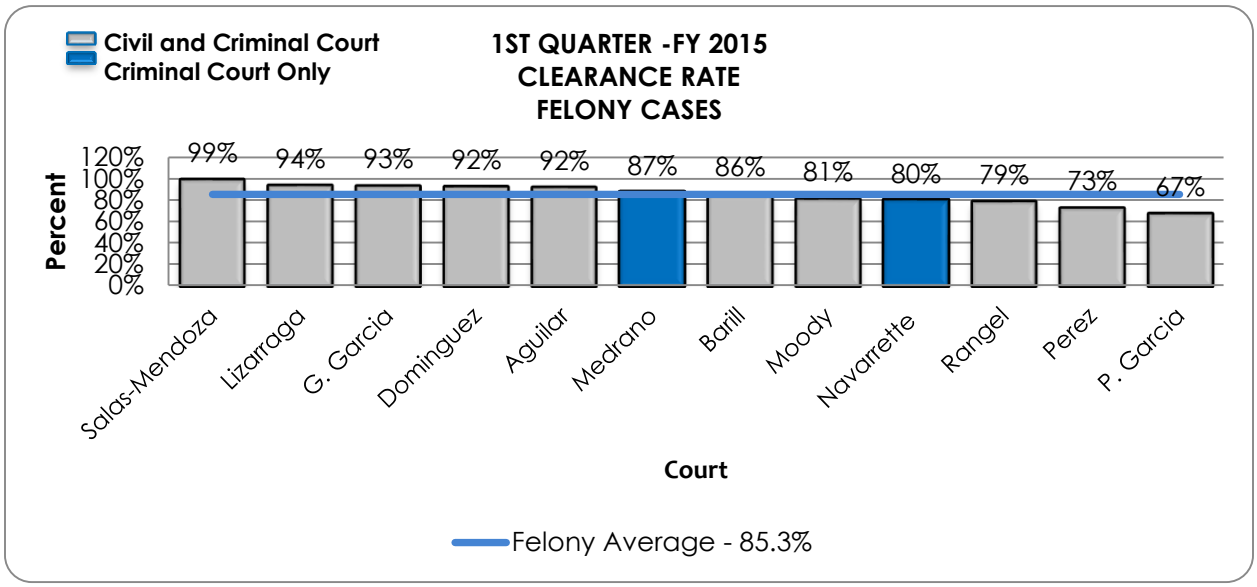

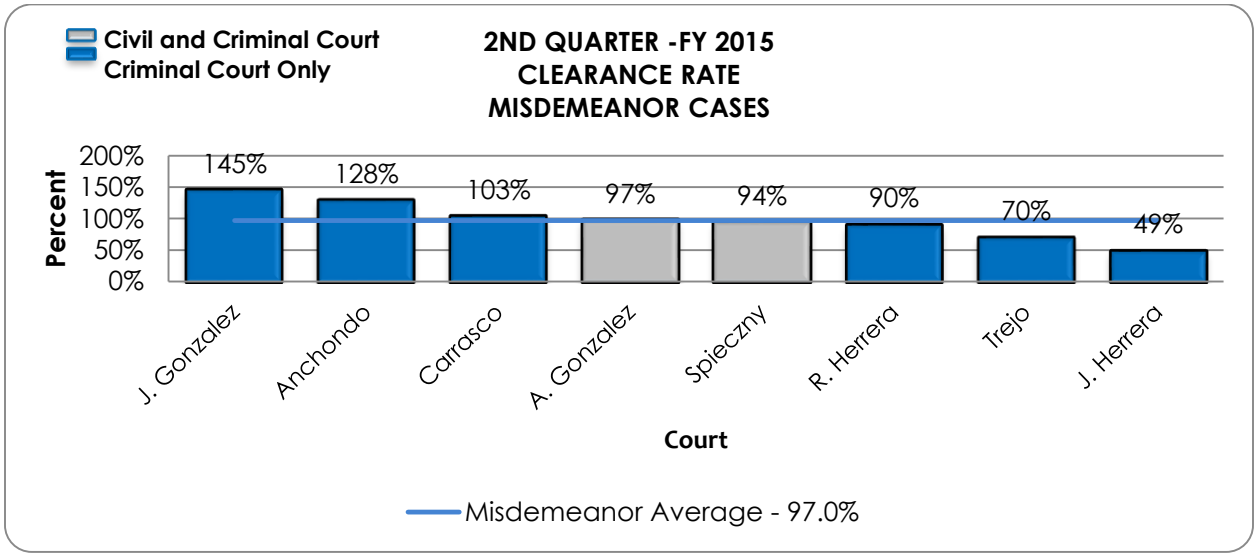

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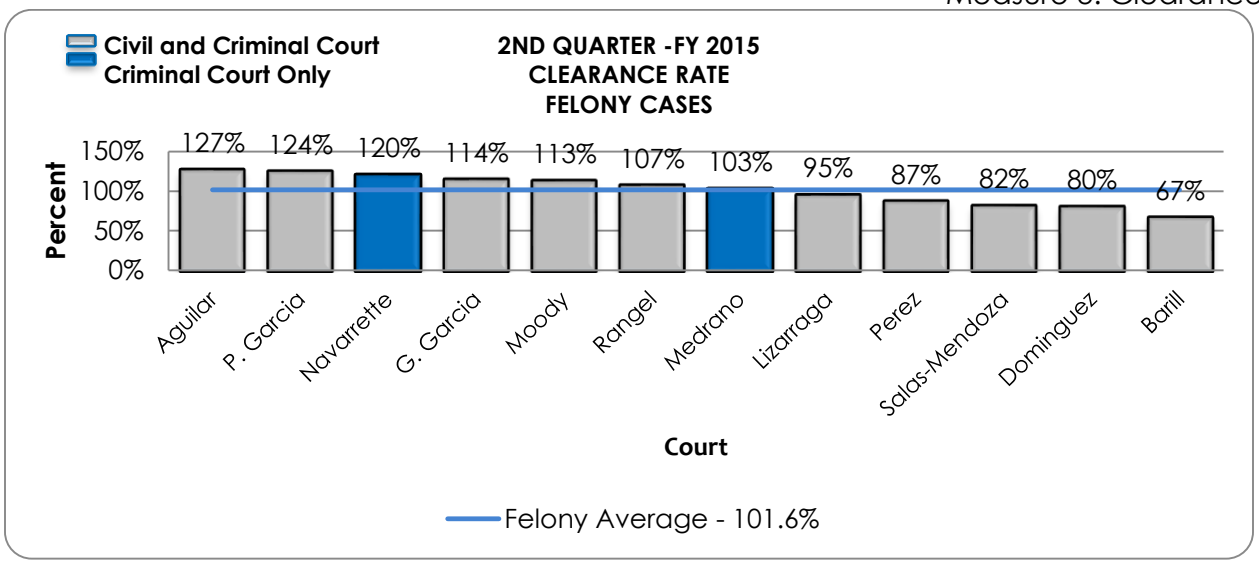

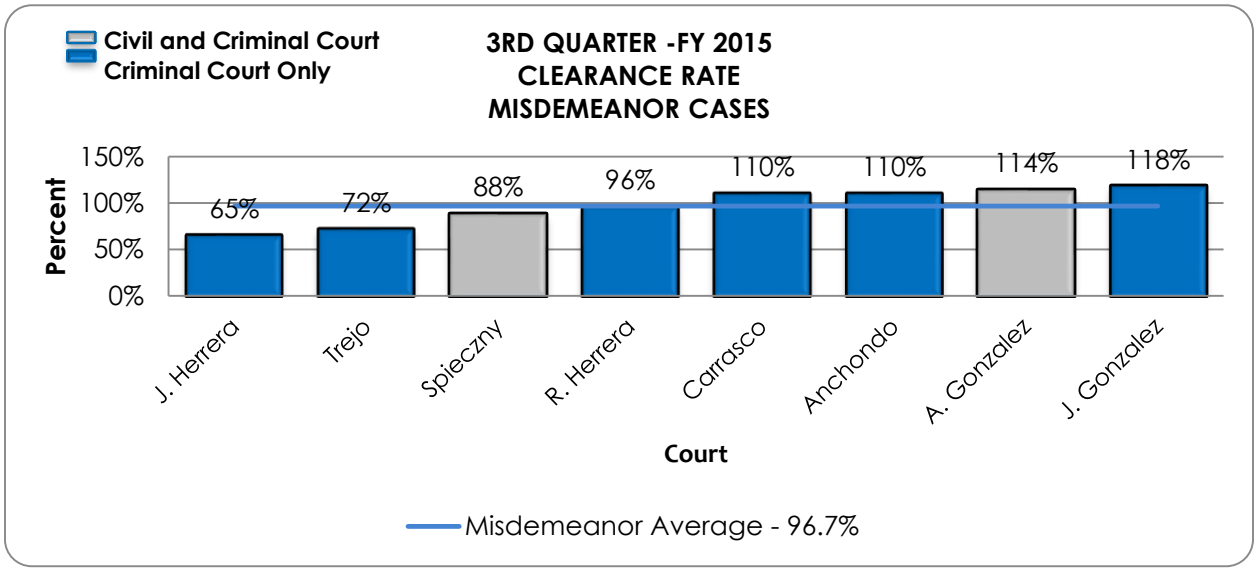

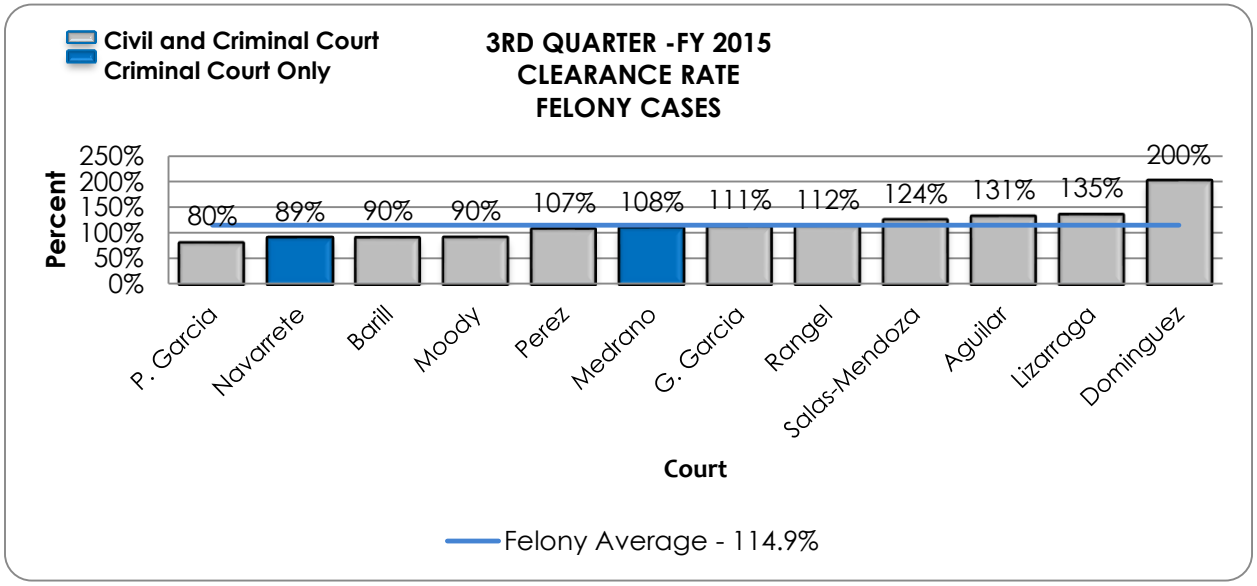

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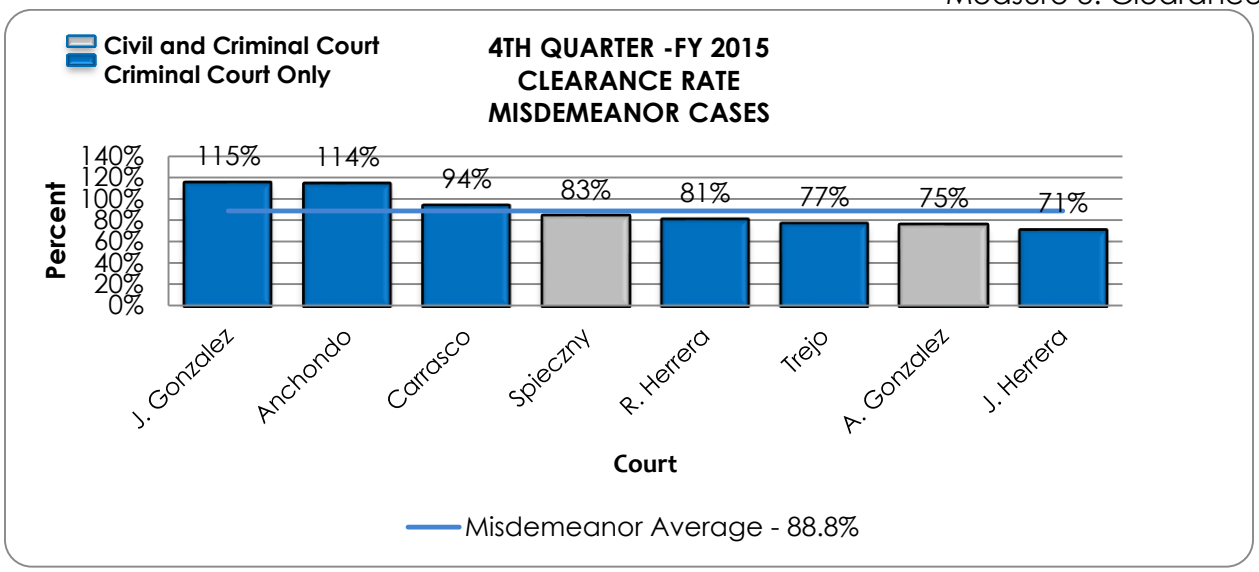

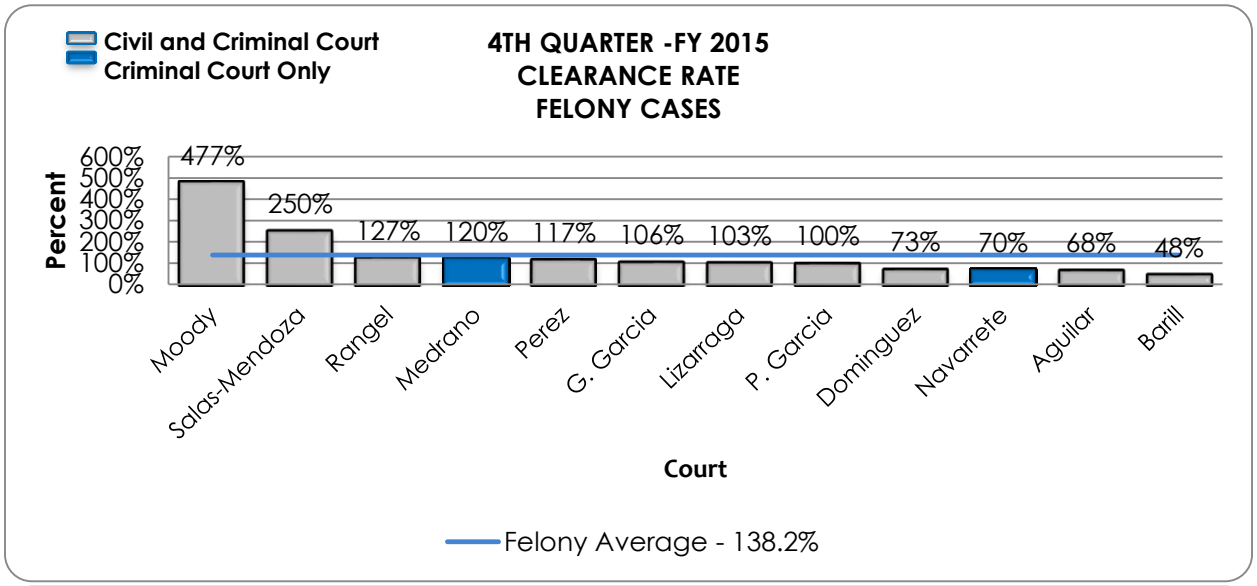

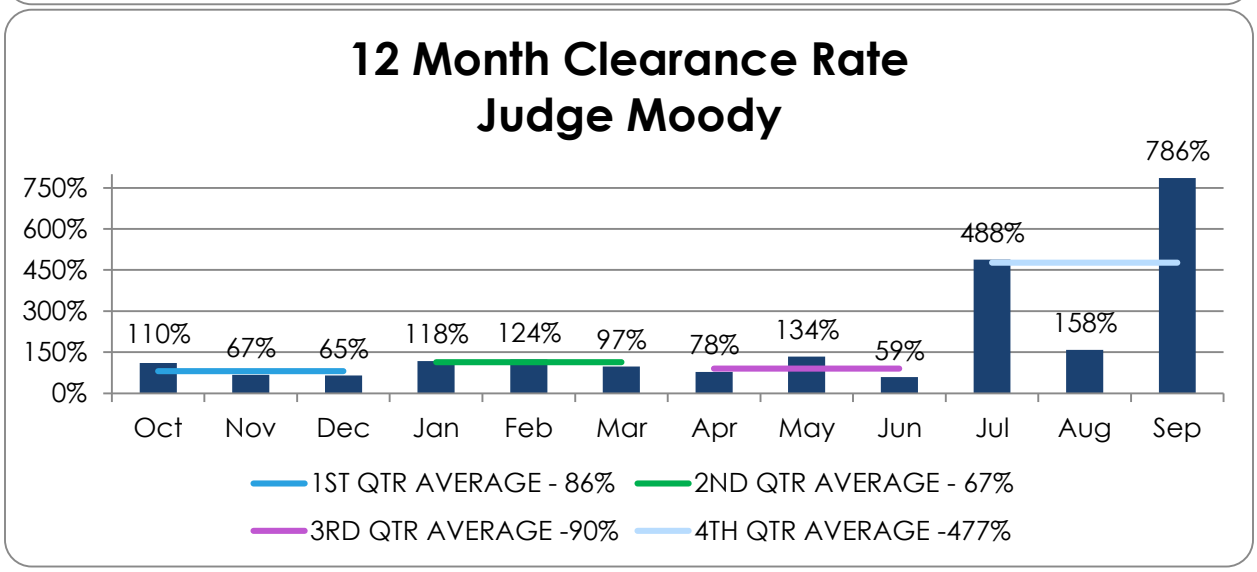

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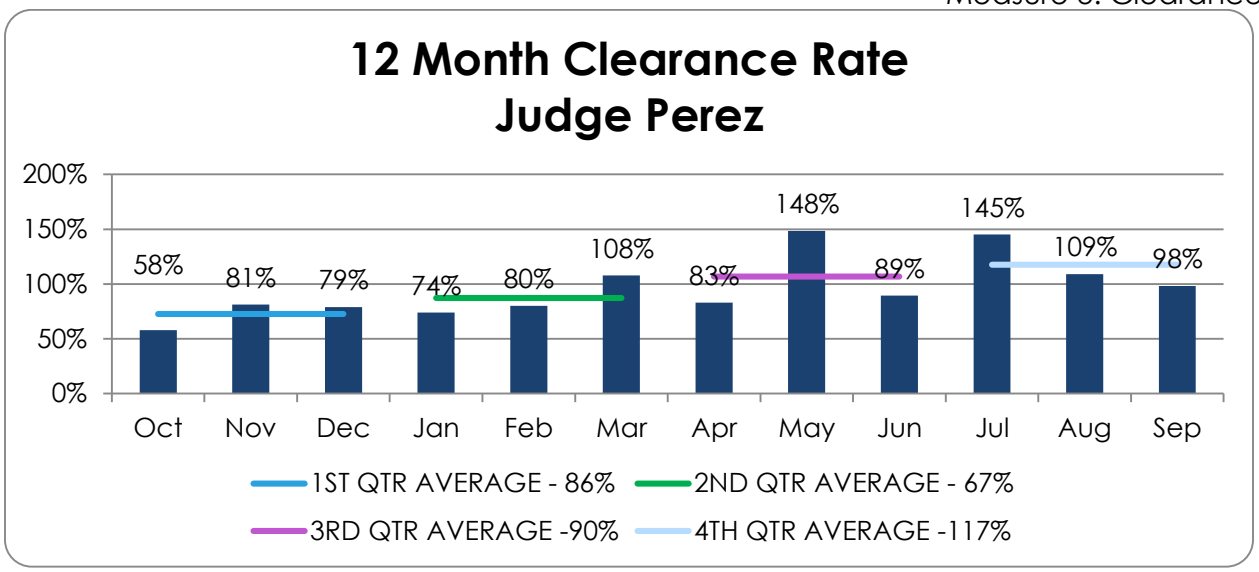

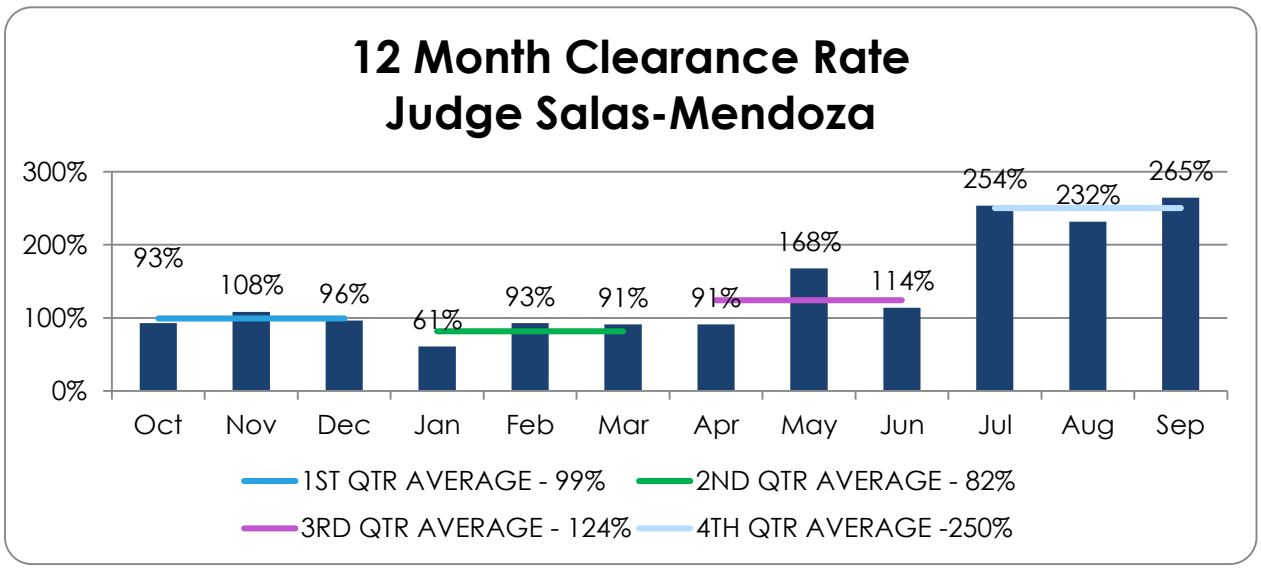

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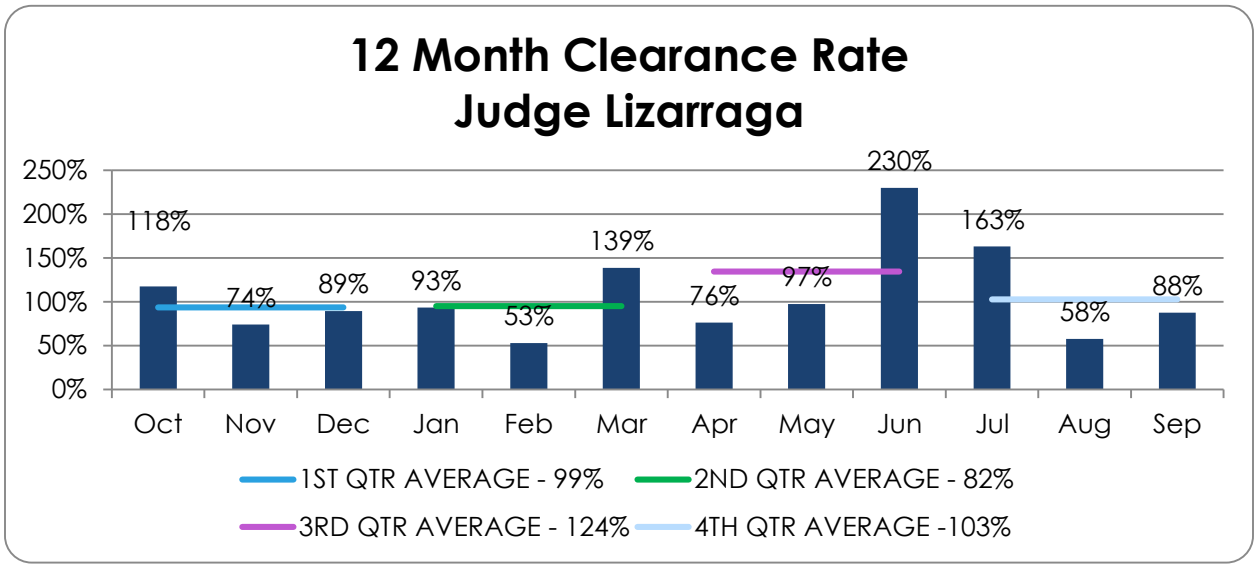

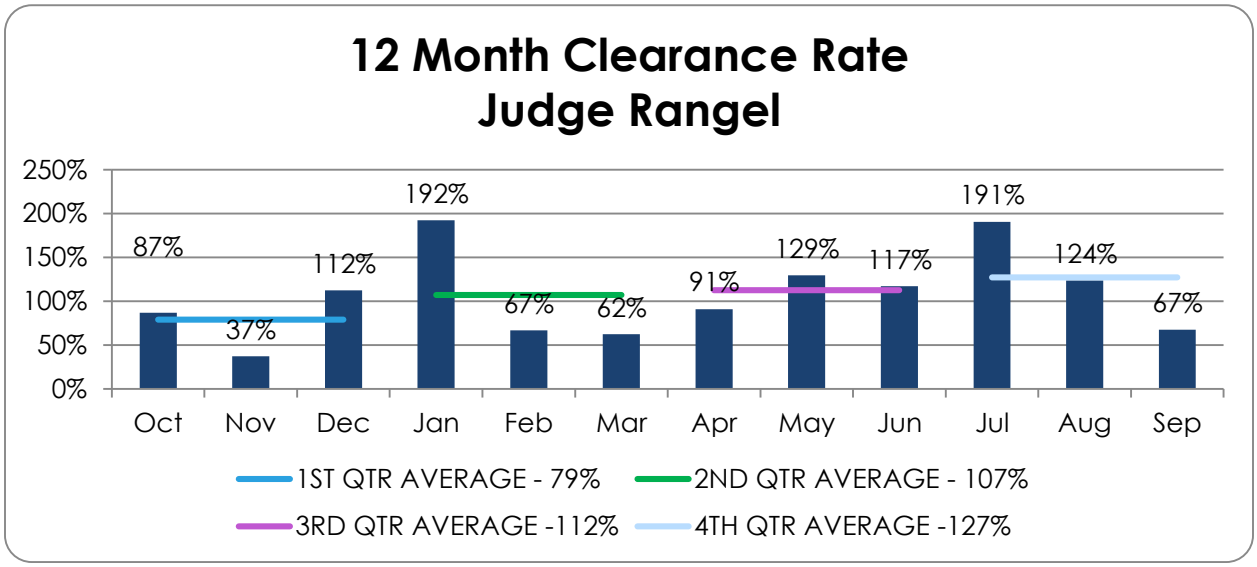

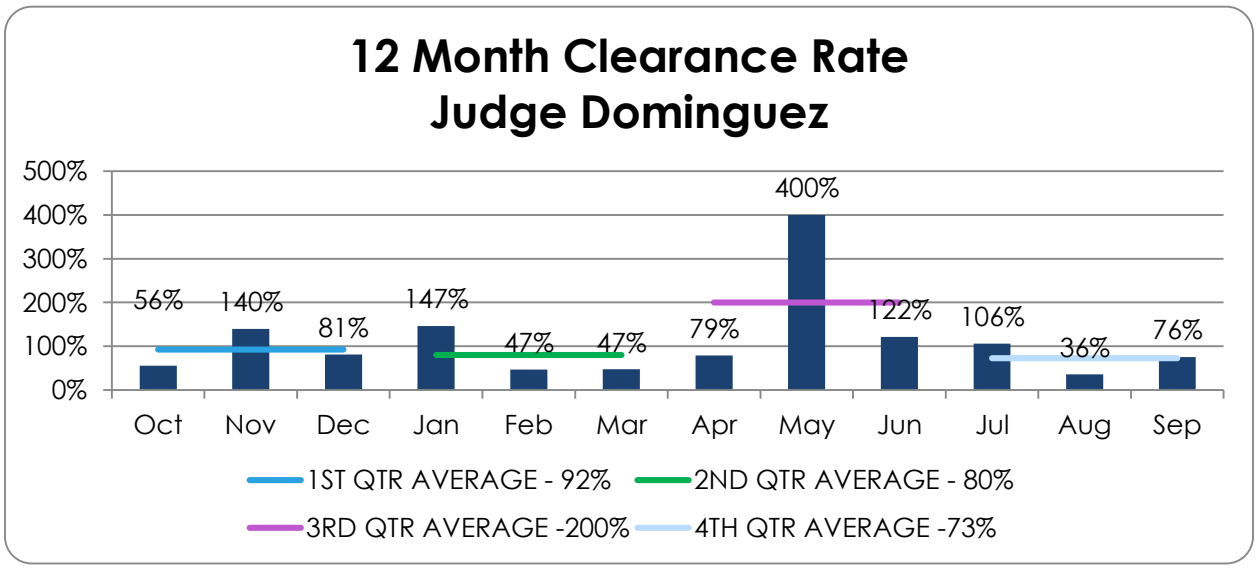

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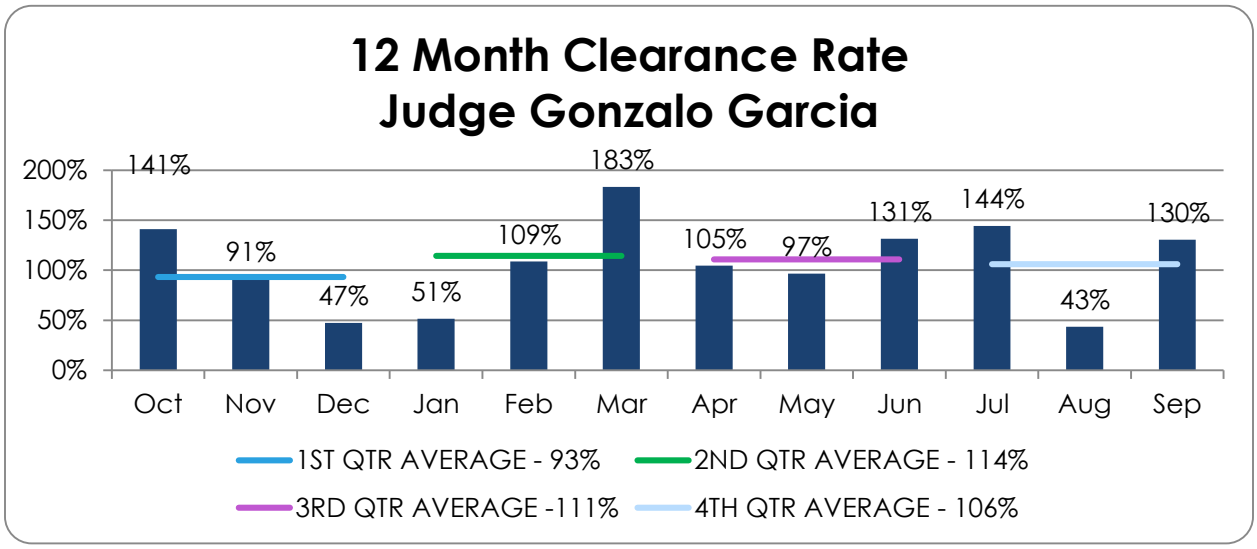

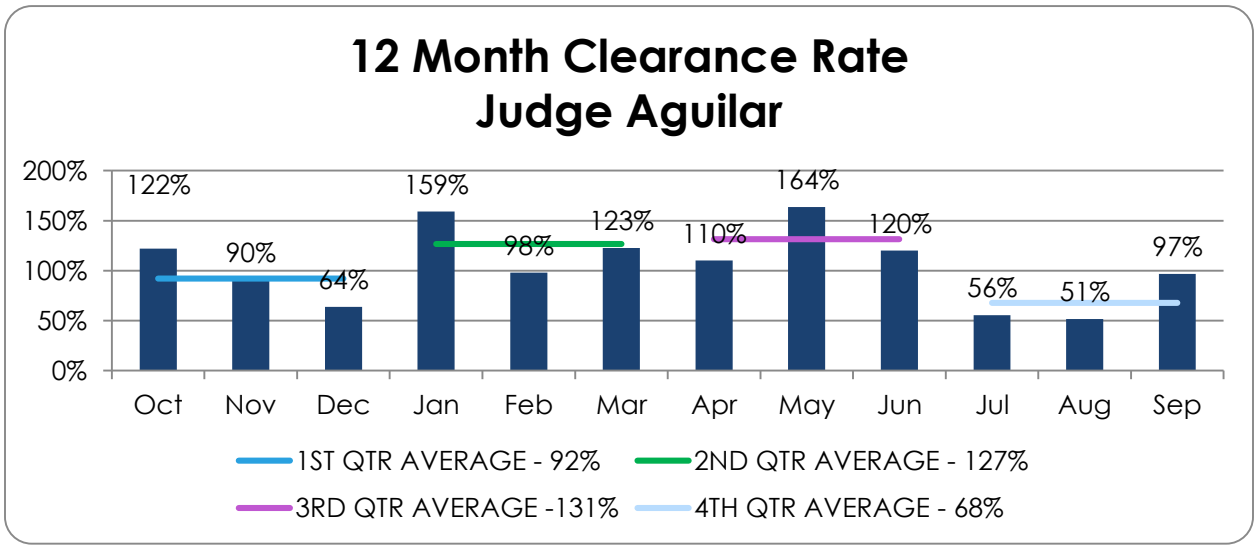

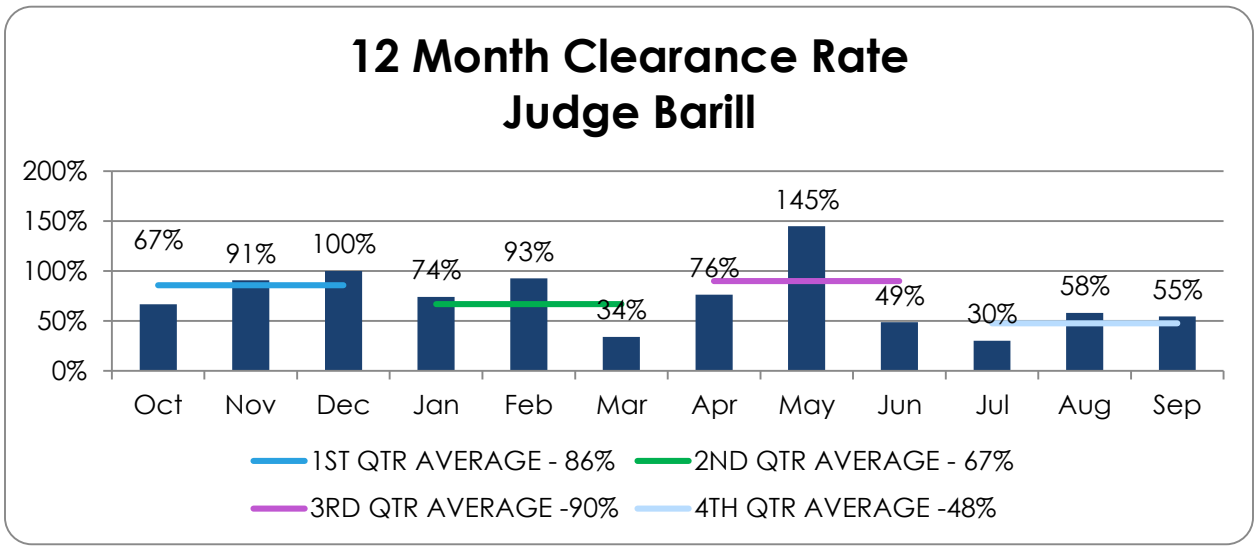

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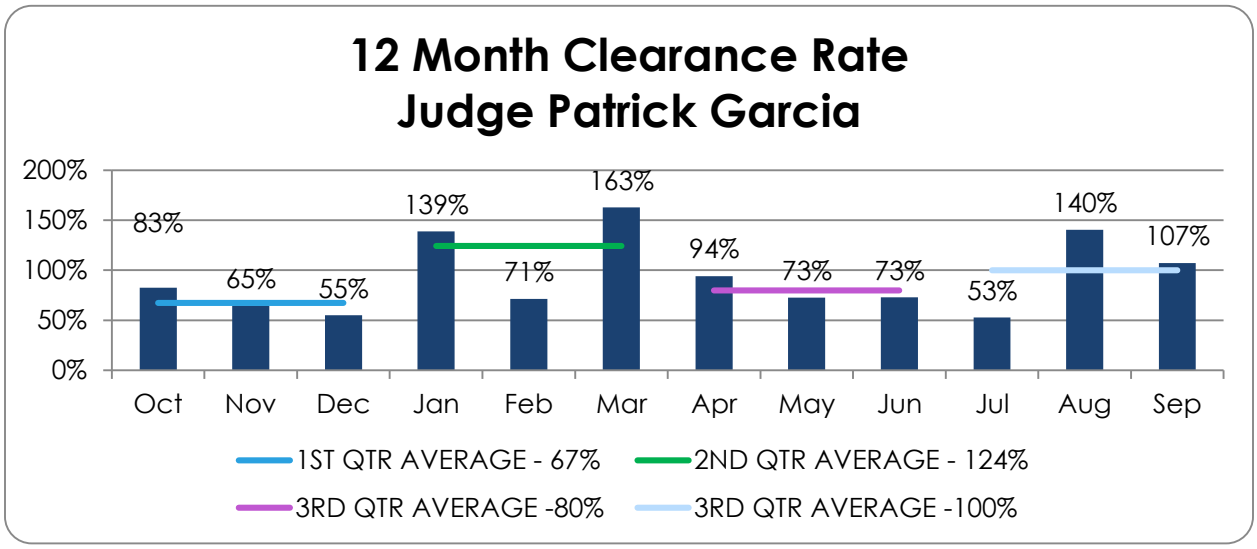

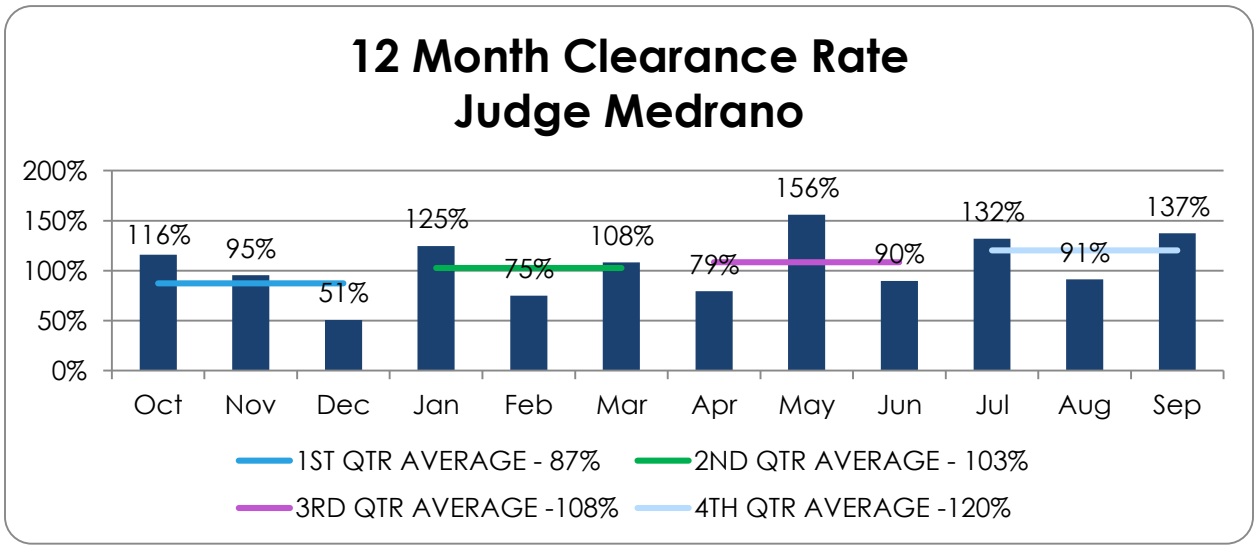

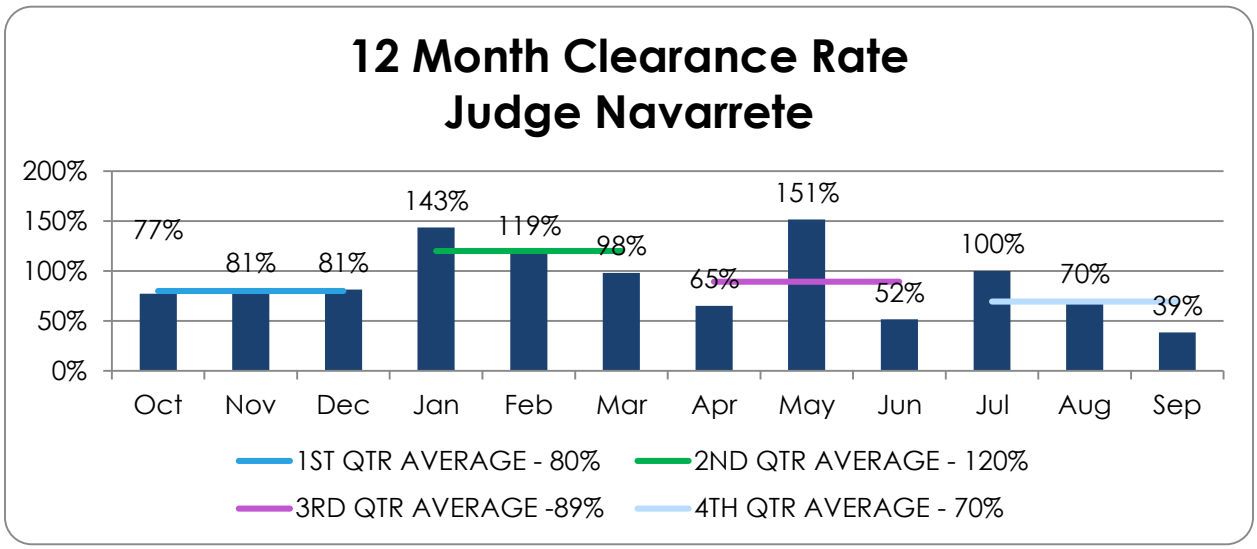

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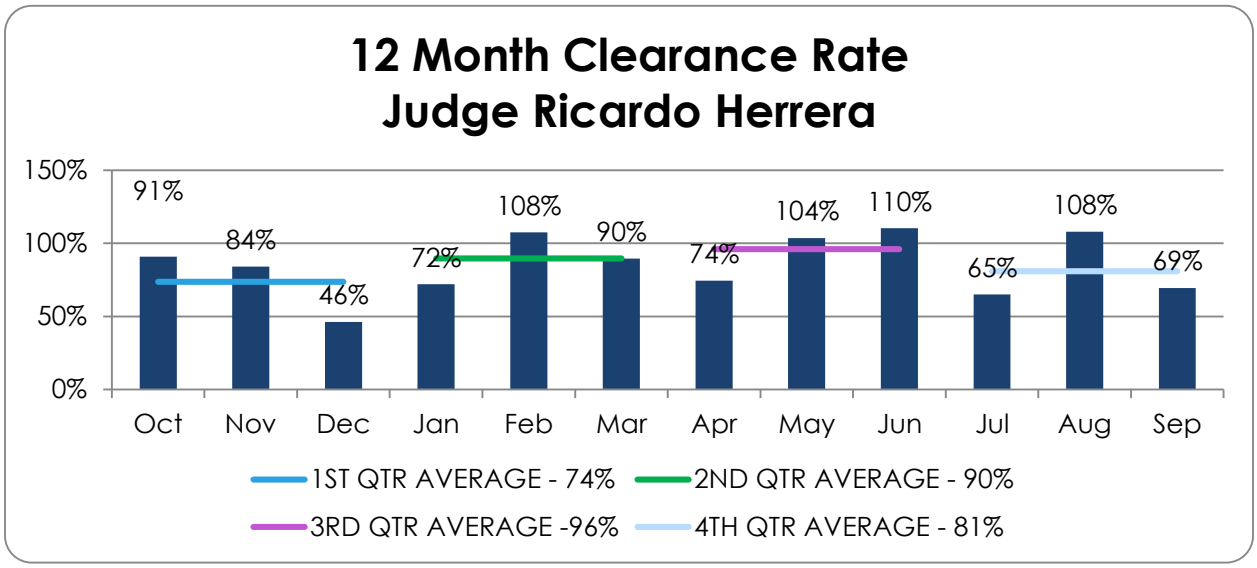

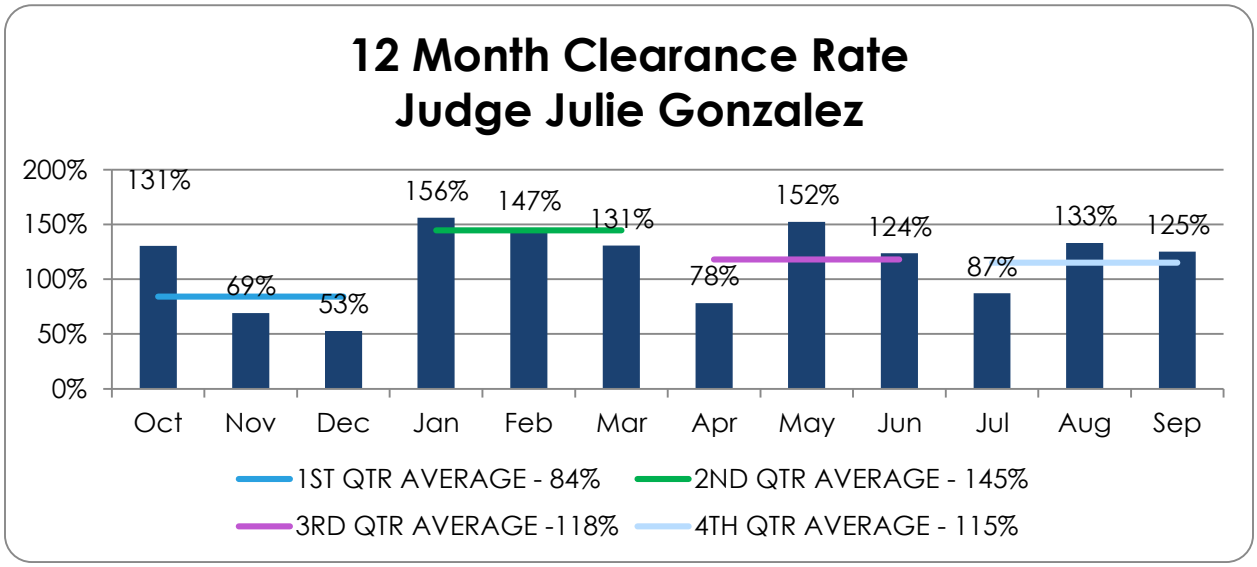

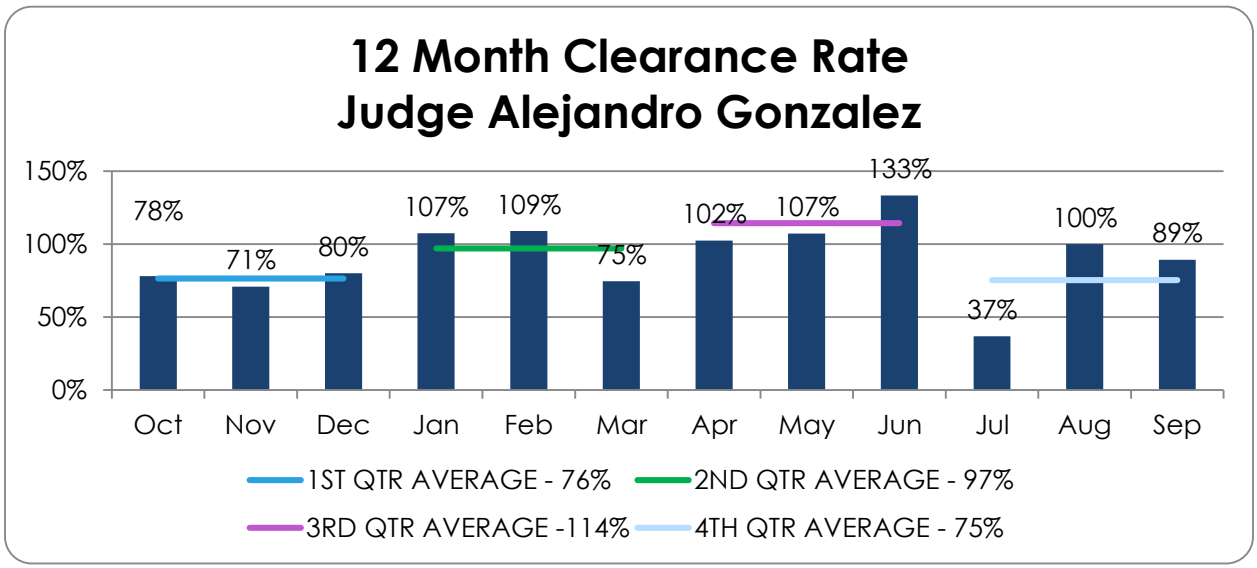

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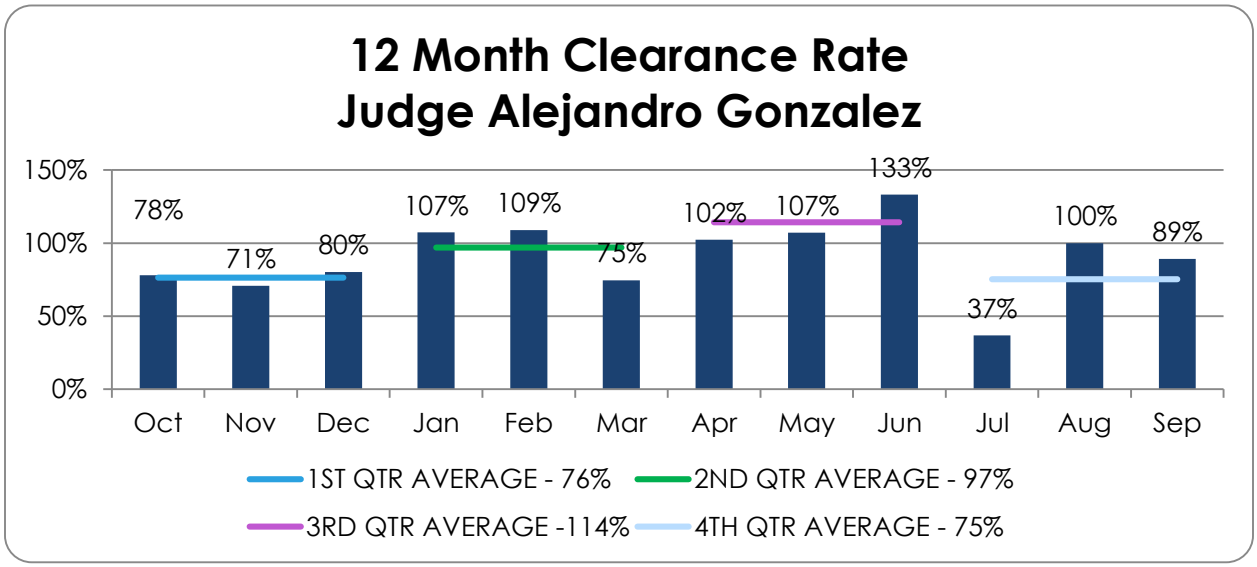

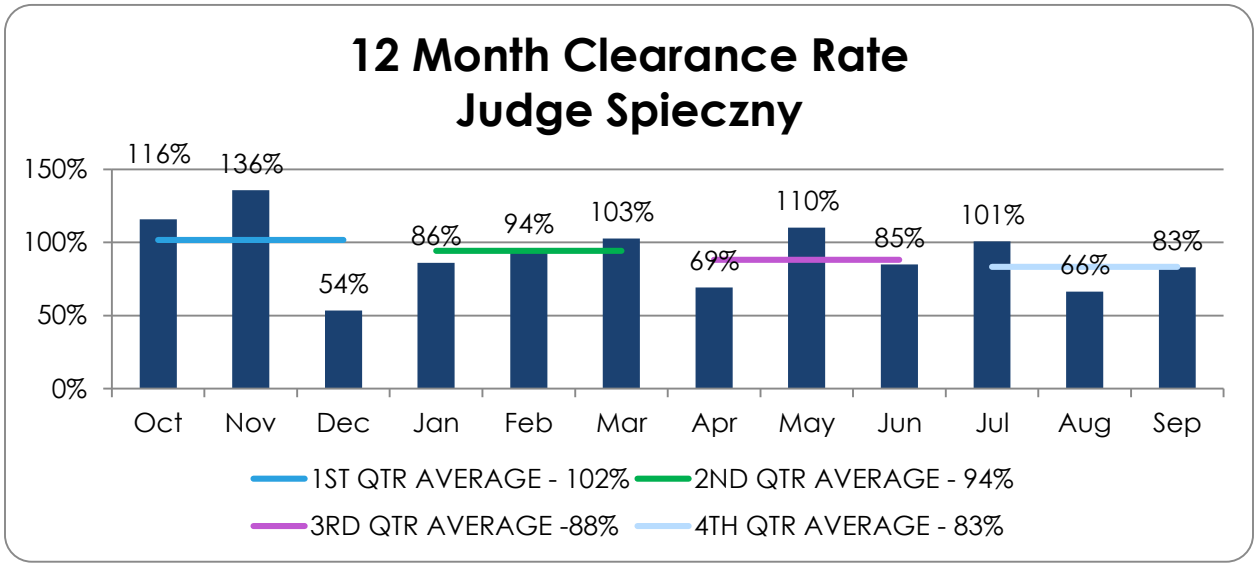

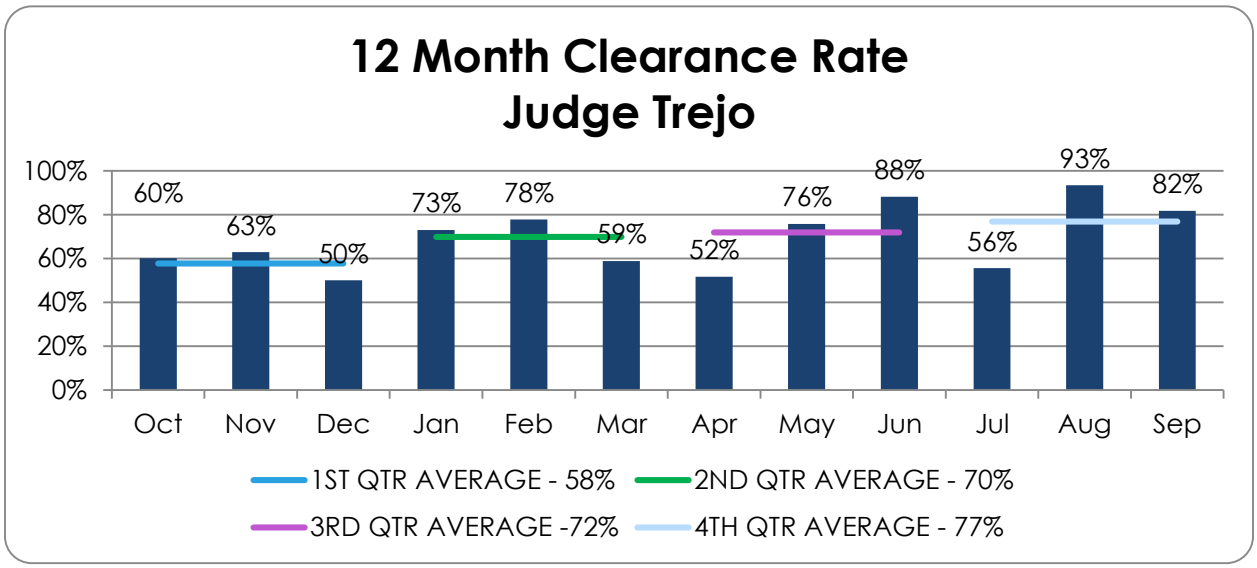

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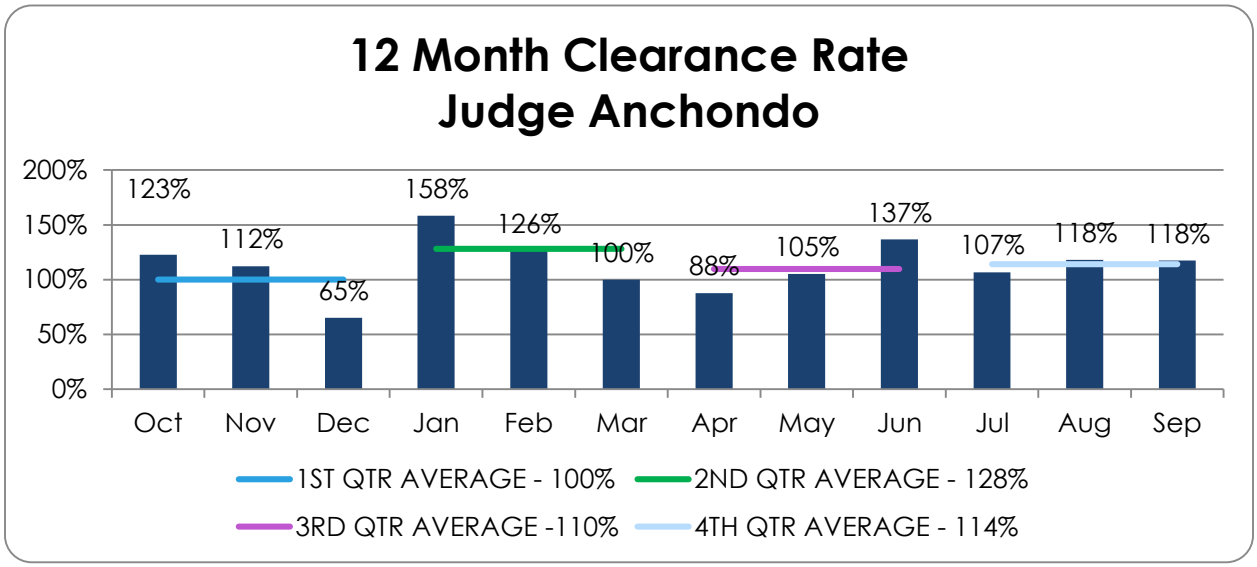

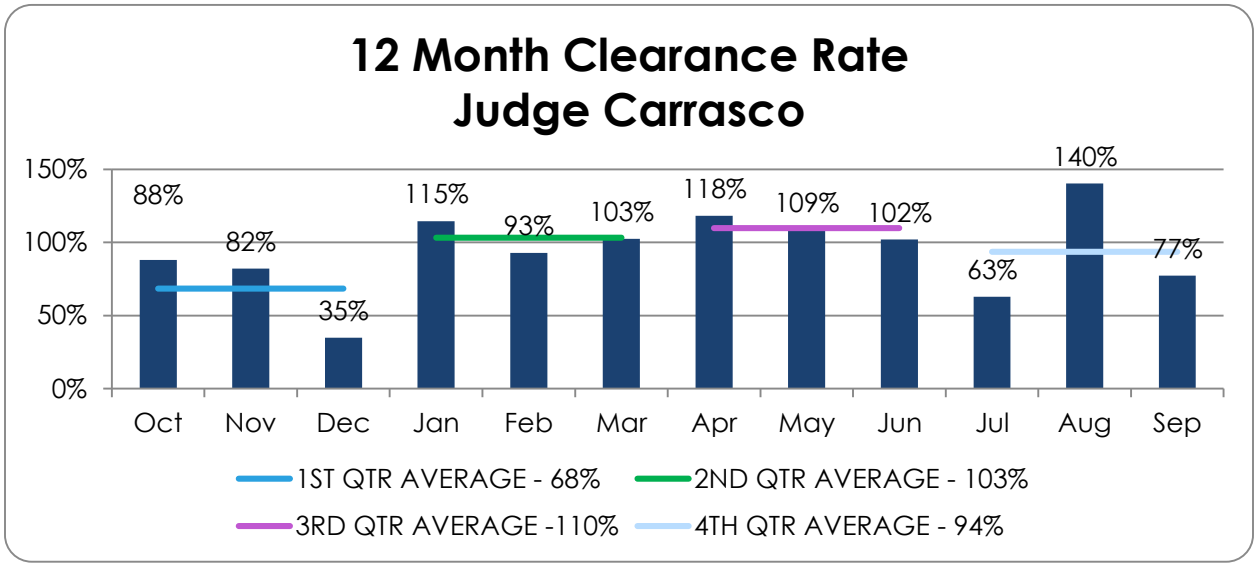

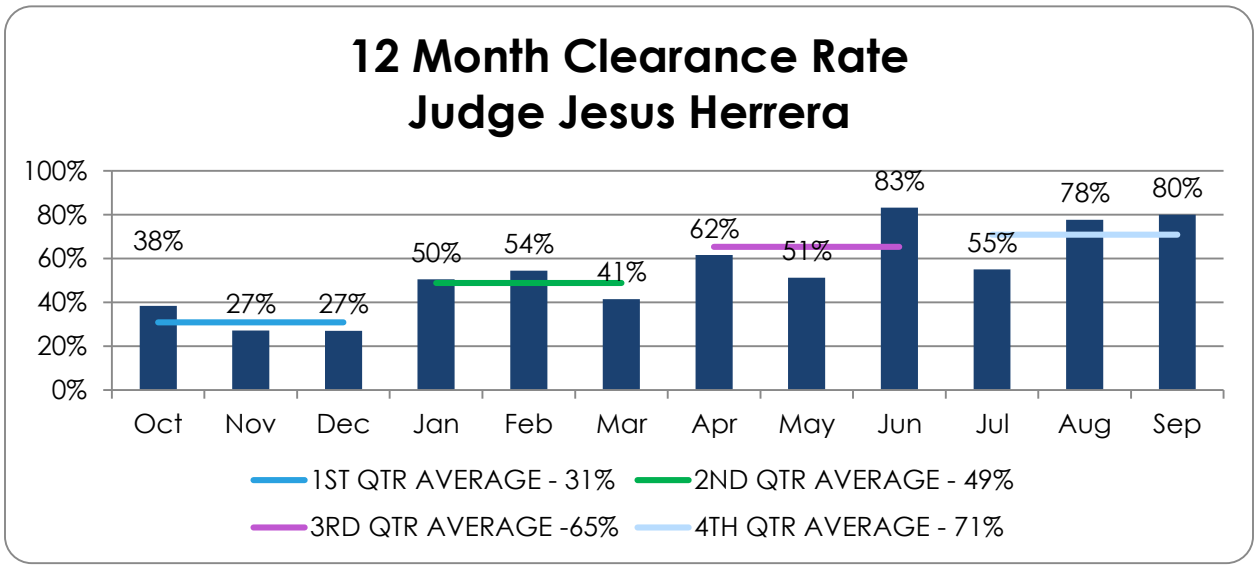

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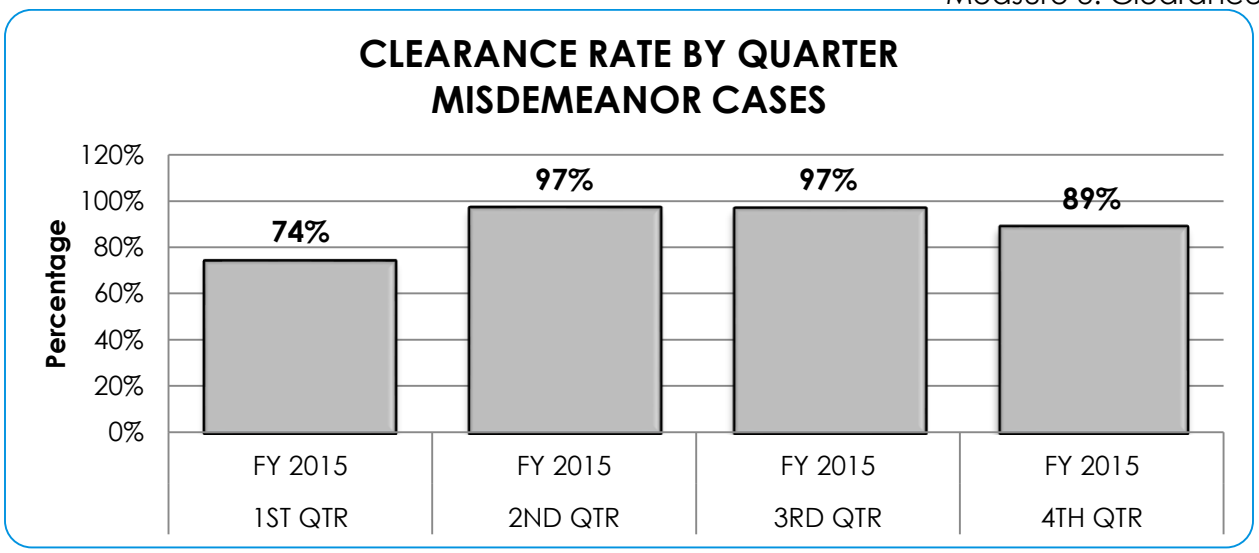

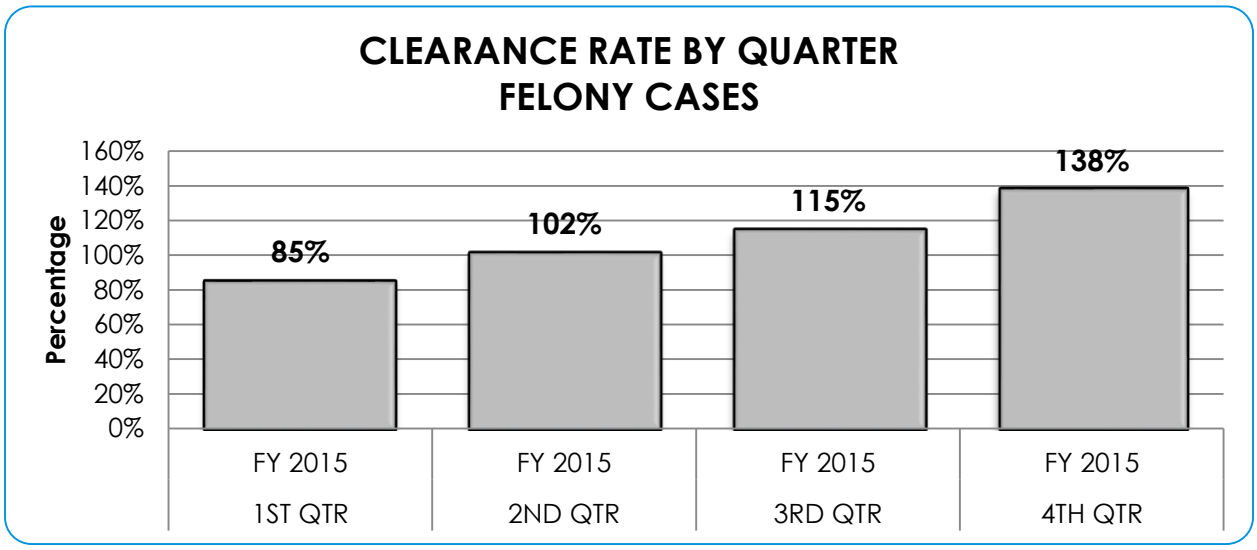

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Definition: The number of disposed cases as a percentage of the Active Caseload.

Analysis and Interpretation: The disposition rate is a measure of the cases a court disposed in the quarter compared to the average active case load during the same quarter. This is a measure of the judicial workload and represents the actual day to day workings for the Court. This calculation takes into consideration the disposition of cases on the active docket in addition to the other matters addressed by the Court on an average day. The disposition rate portrays the flow of the variety of judicial proceedings routinely before the Court.

Several graphs are displayed below.

1. The first set of graphs show the number of active cases by court from least to greatest as well as total active cases by quarter.
2. The second set of graphs show the disposition rate by court, from highest to lowest as well as the average disposition rate by quarter.

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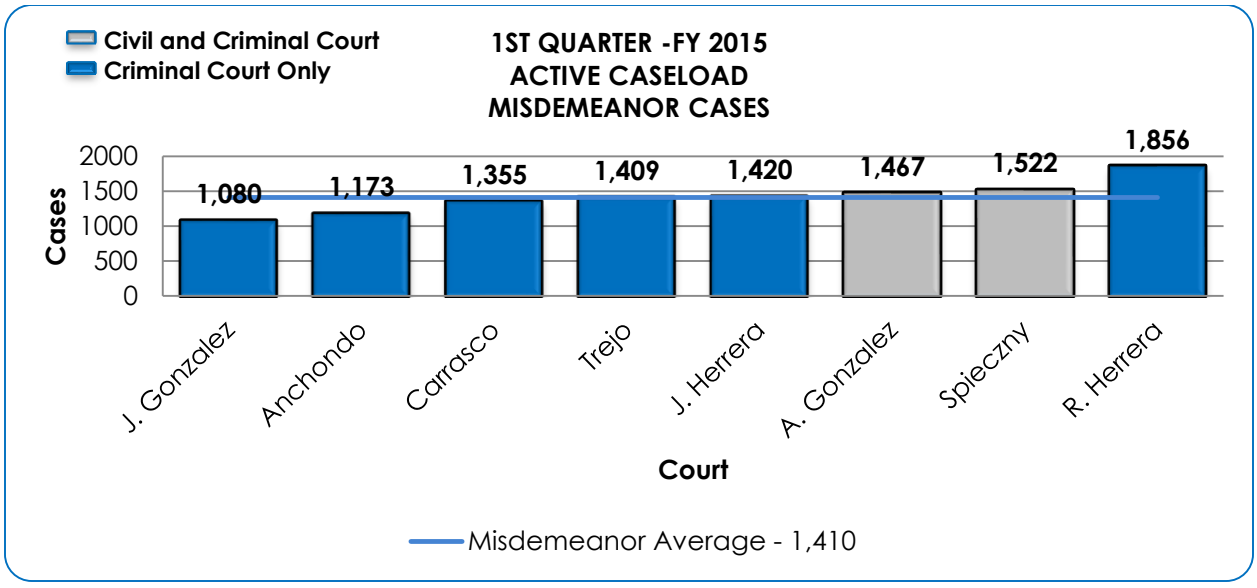

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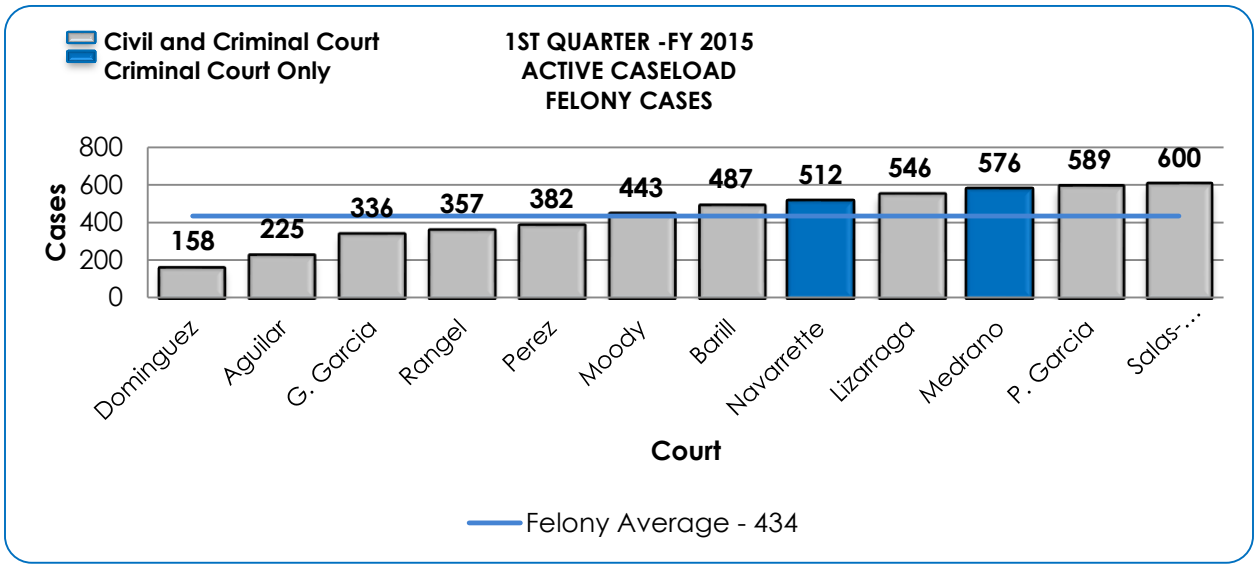

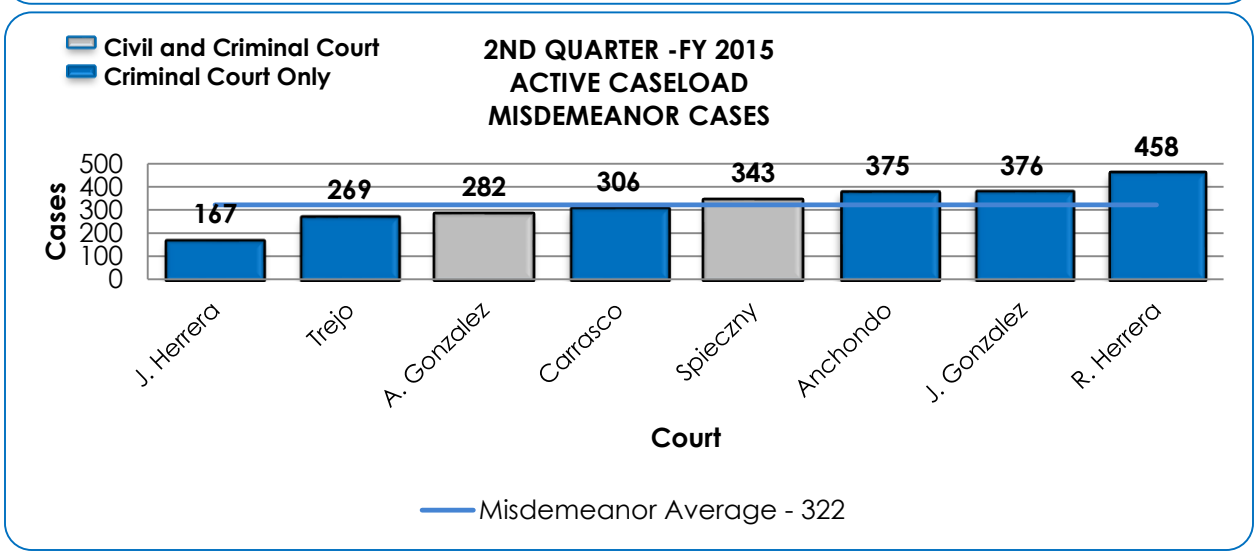

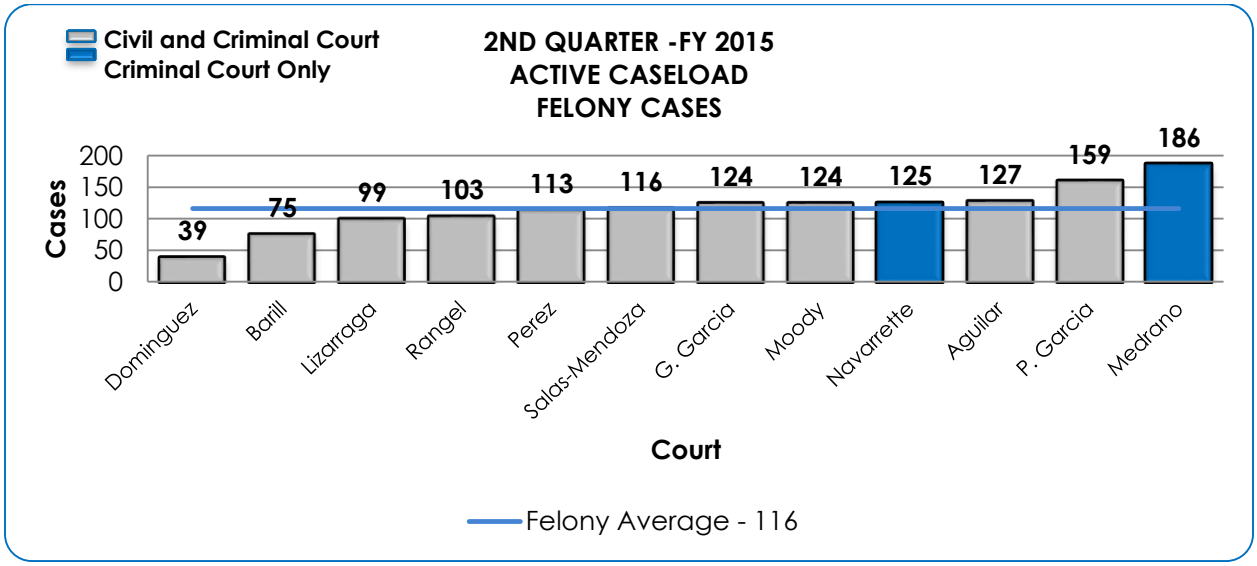

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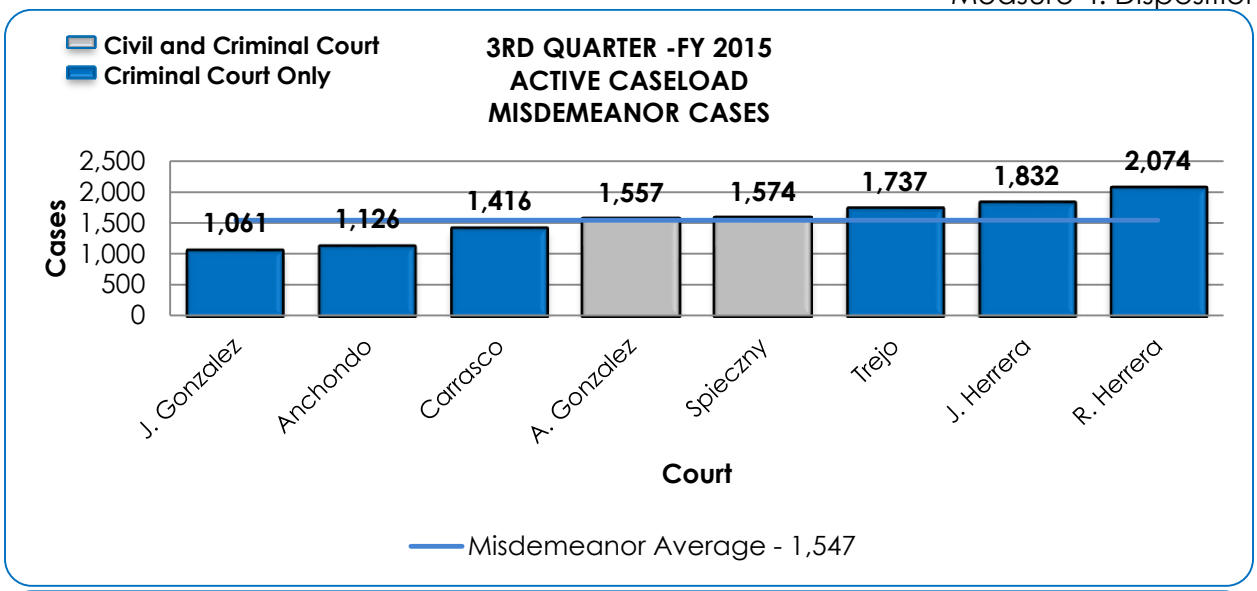

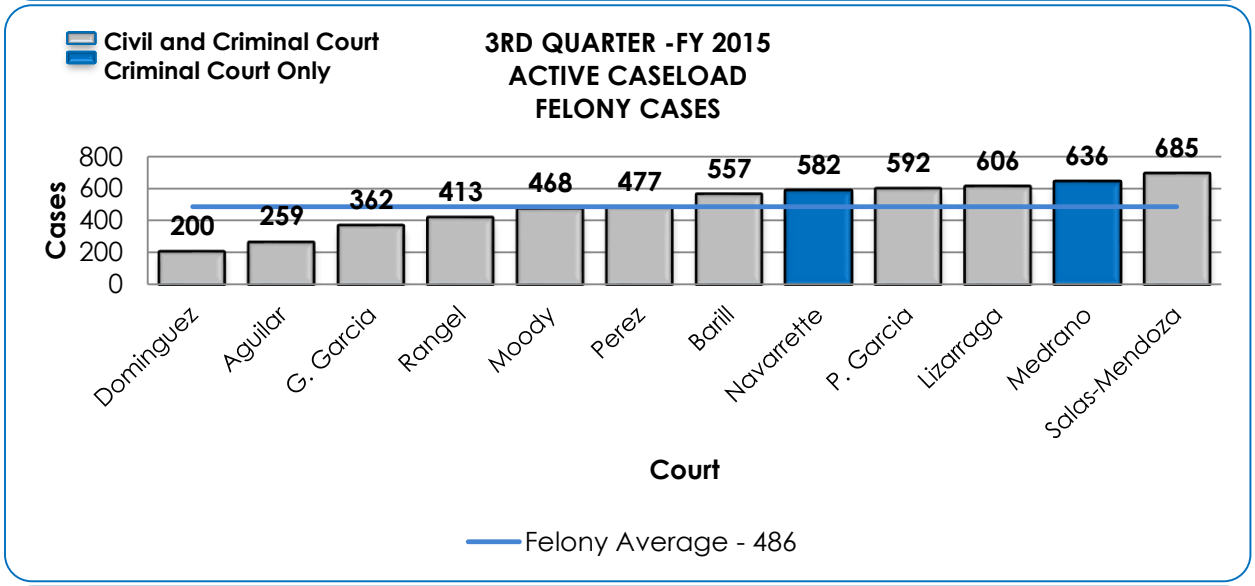

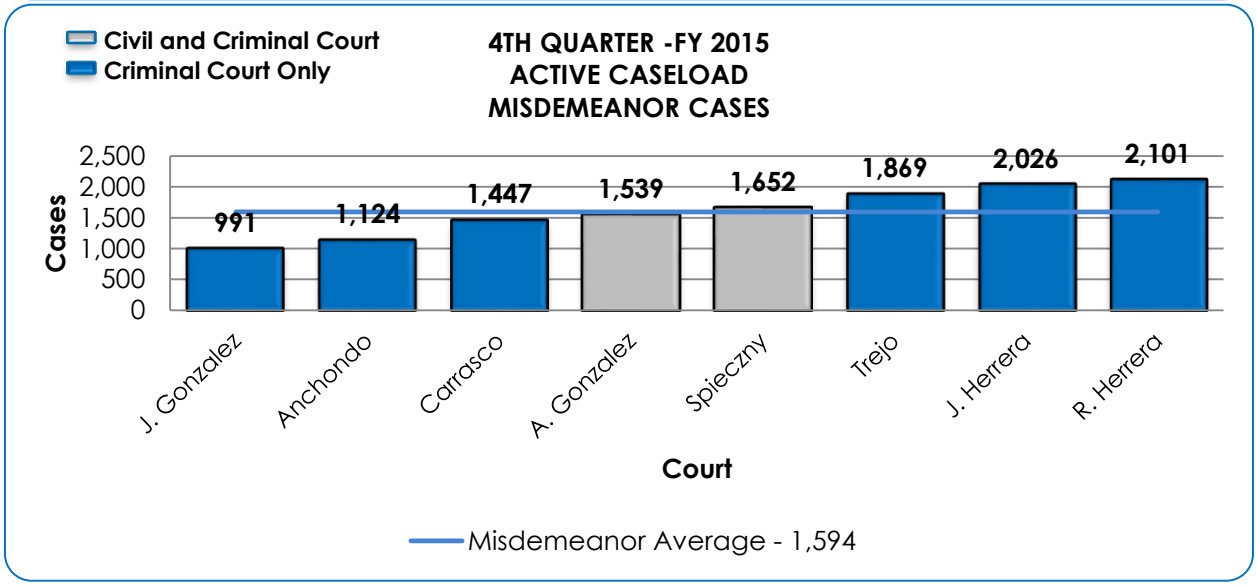

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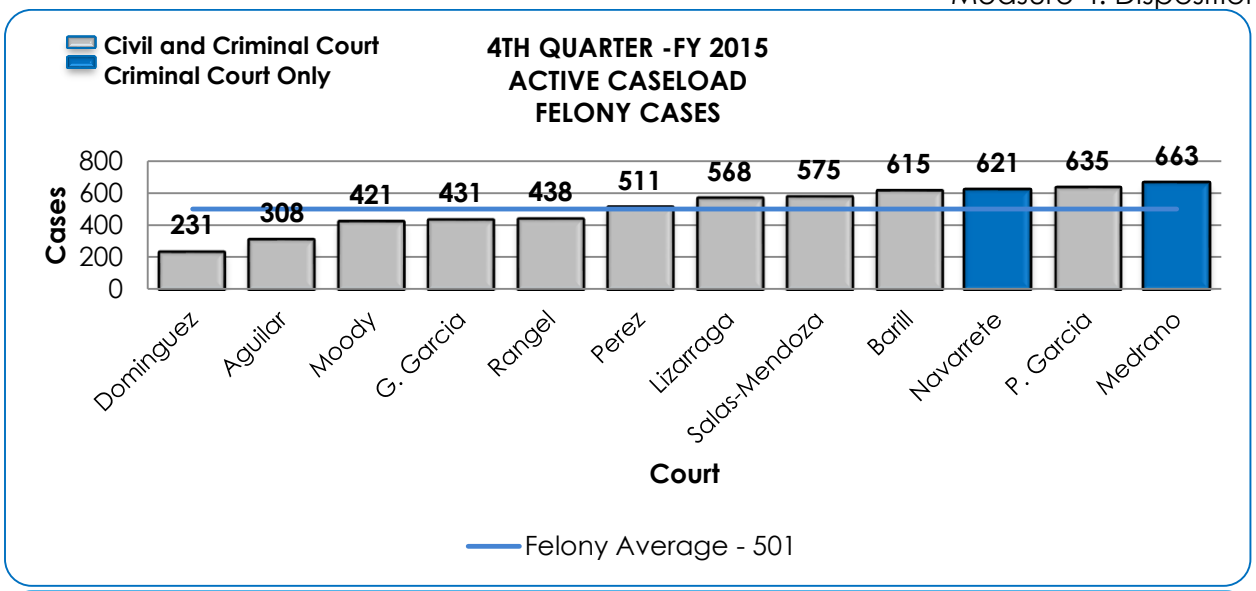

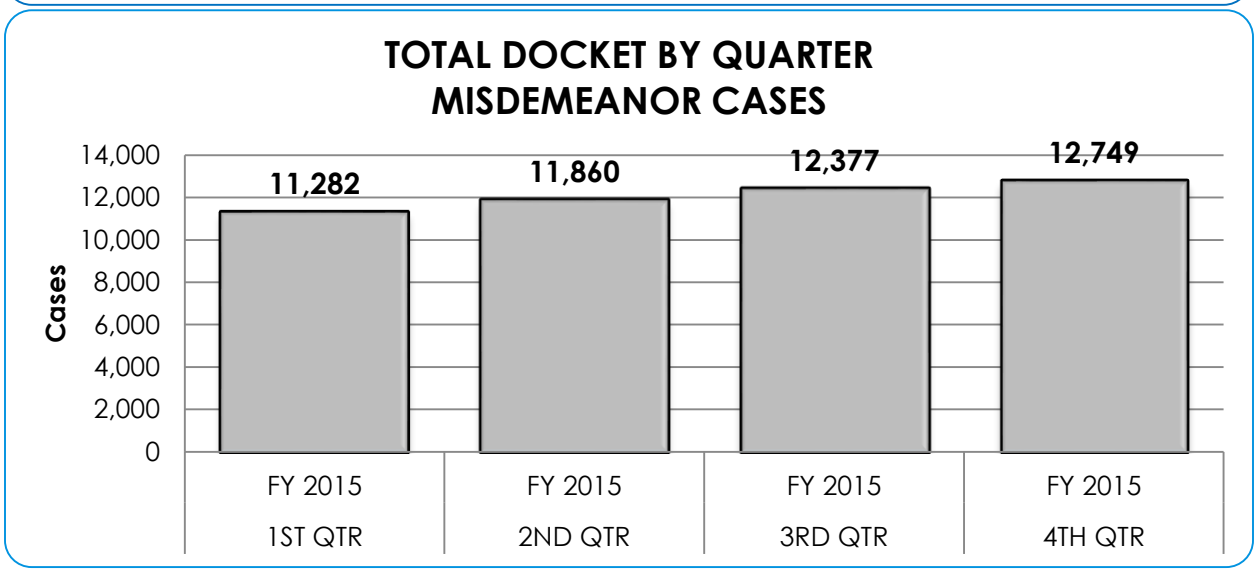

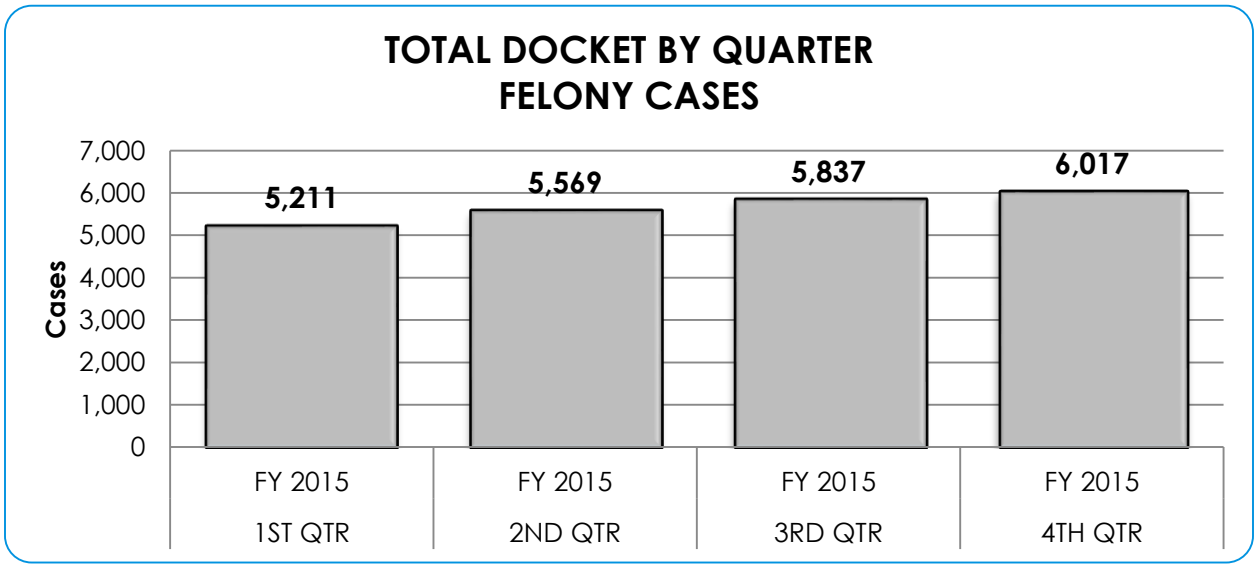

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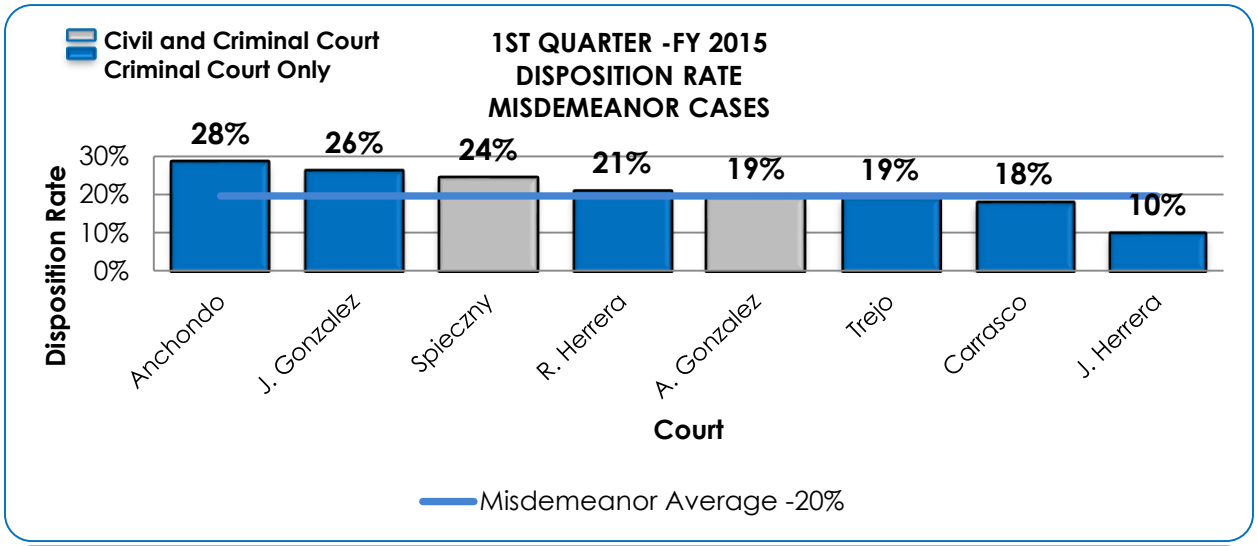

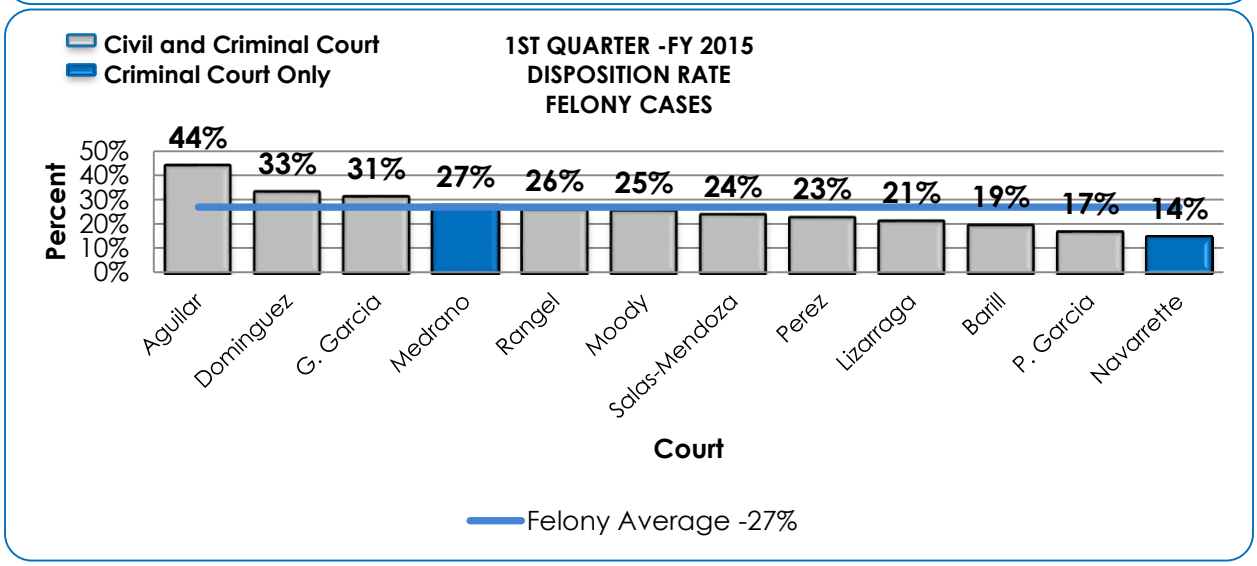

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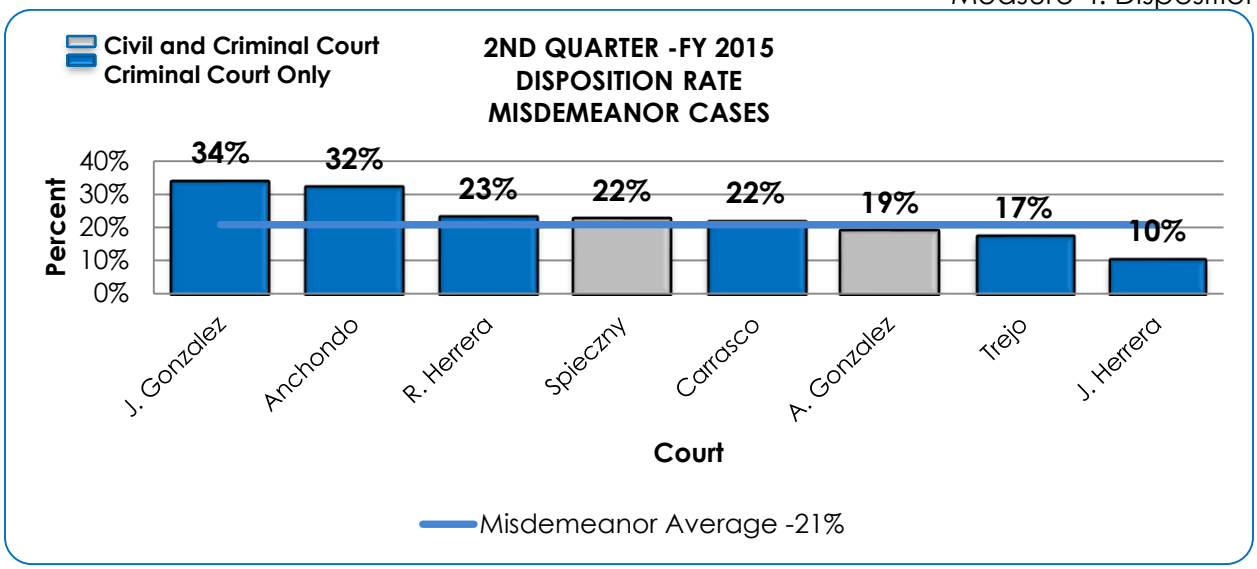

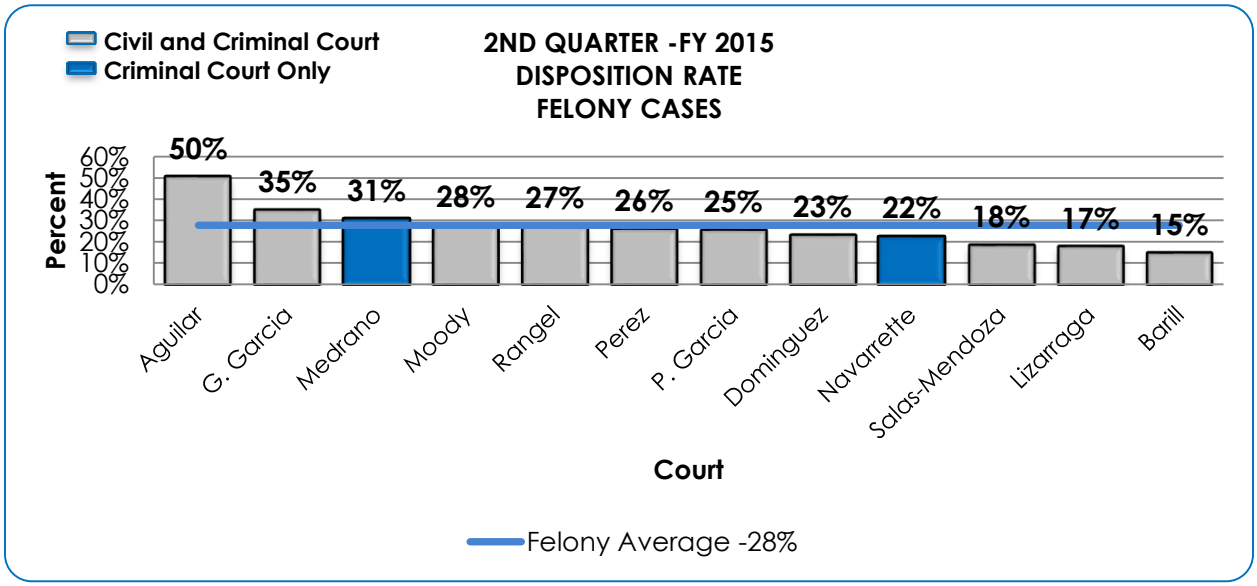

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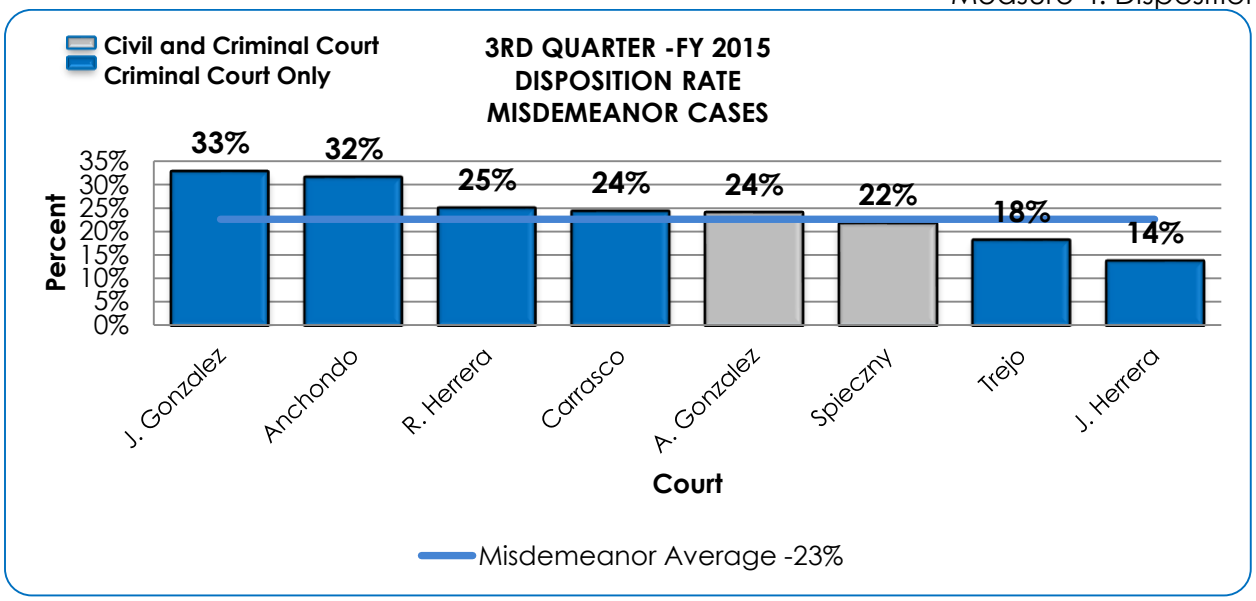

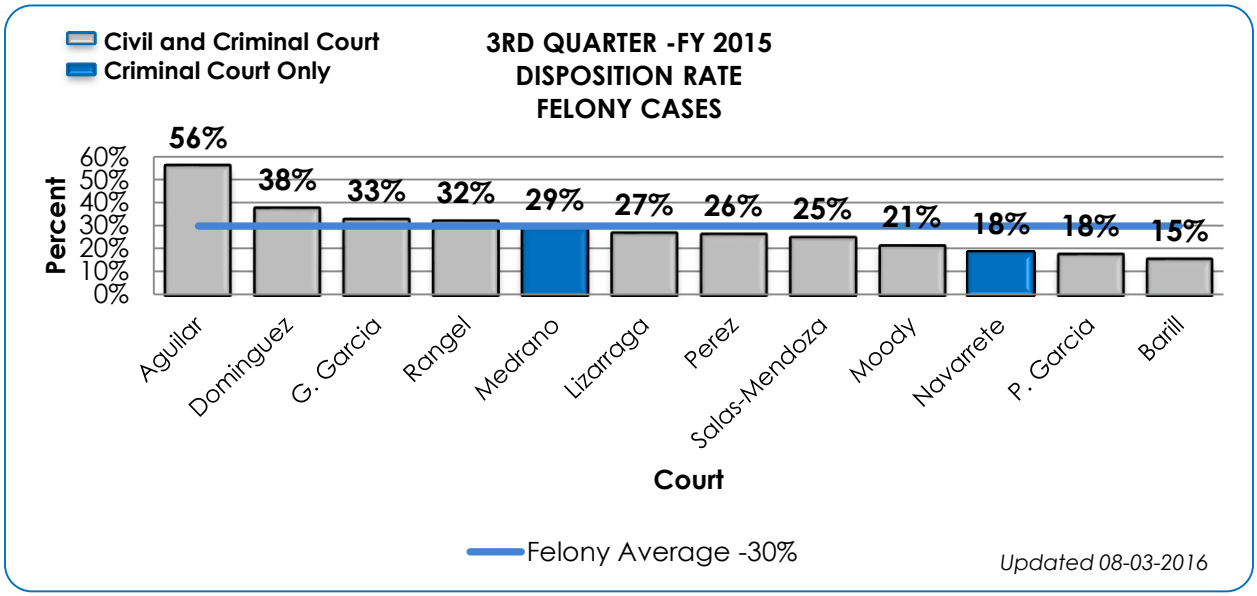

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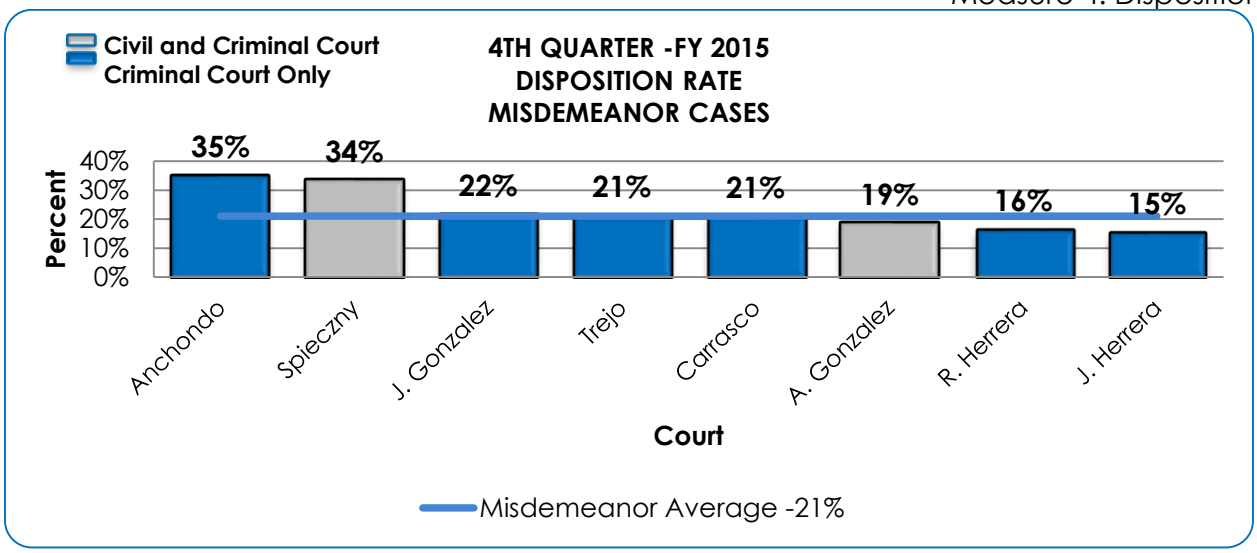

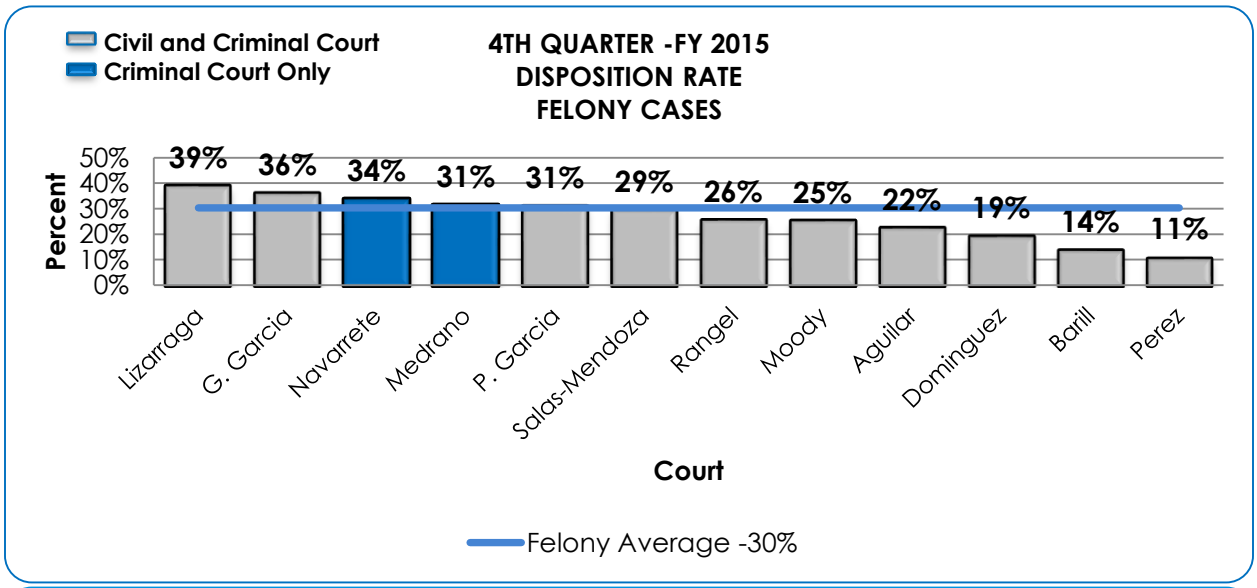

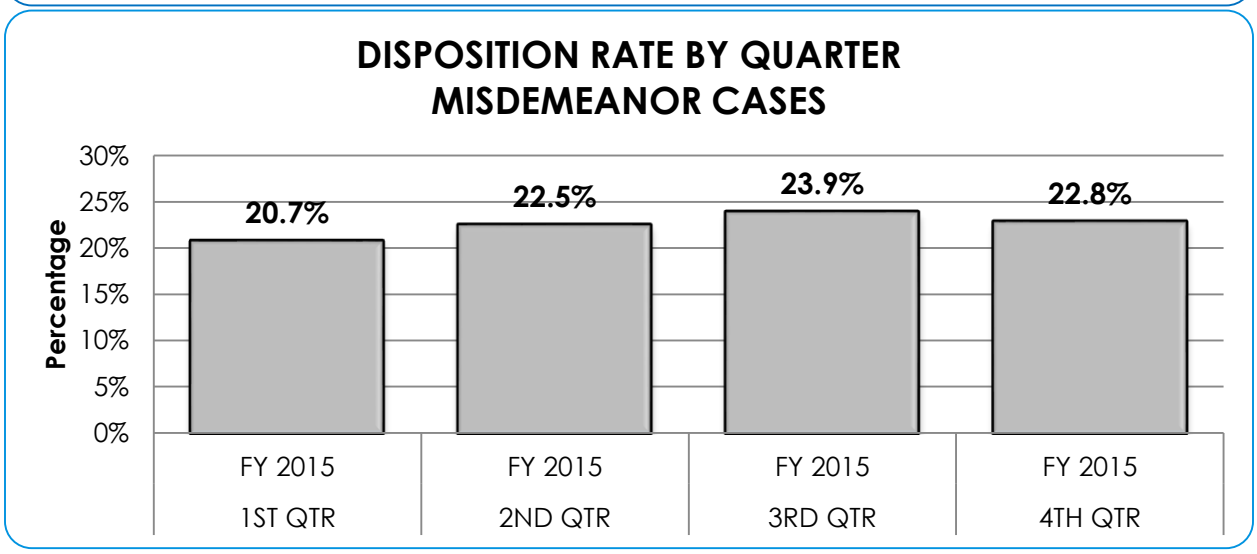

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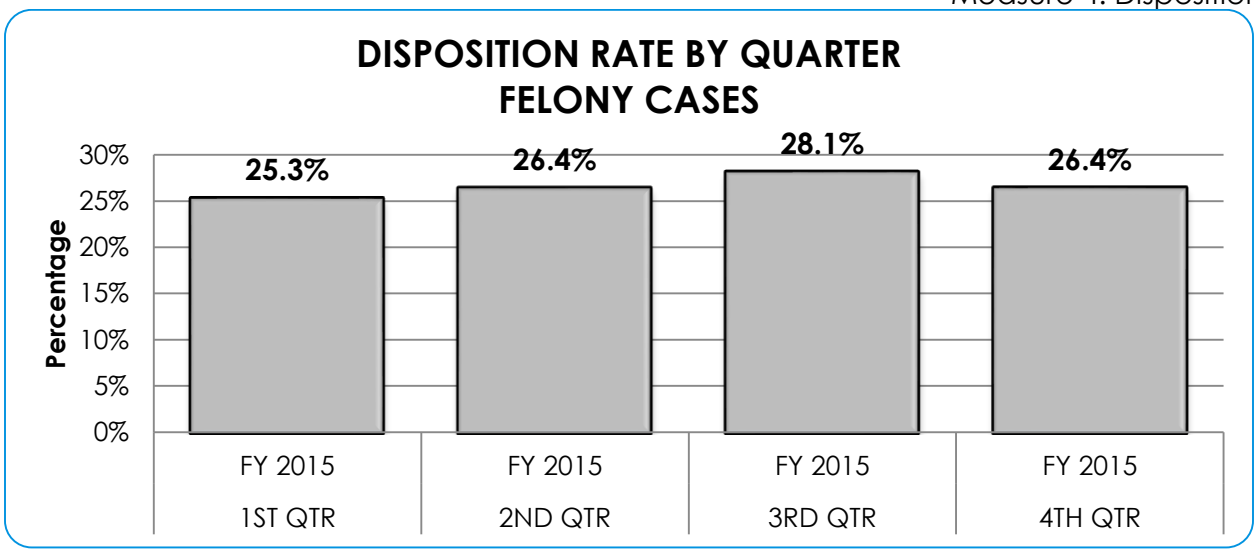

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Measure 5: Time to Disposition

Definition: The percentage of cases disposed or otherwise resolved within established time frames. This is a comparison of data from *age of disposed cases* and only considers cases that are disposed, not the full docket.

The Criminal District Courts have implemented a Felony Case Plan (CASE) that sets the time standards for El Paso County. The applied time frame for this measure will use the Standard Track time frame, in which a case can be disposed of between 275 days and 285 days. The most similar range in the reported data is between 181 and 365 days, which will be used for this measure.

Analysis and Interpretation: For each case, the report calculates the time, in days, from filing of the case in the Court until the date the case was disposed. The case processing time standards published by the American Bar Association (ABA), those published by the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) and the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) provide a starting point for determining guidelines. The following charts display for each court the time periods required to dispose of their cases.

Note: Although the time to disposition is measured only using active cases that have been disposed, the case time that elapsed when the defendant was a fugitive is included in this measure. (NCSC only counts the time the case was active)

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COSCA Case Processing Standards – Criminal District Court and Misdemeanor Courts

COSCA Case Processing Standards	4th Quarter - El Paso County
Felony – 100% within 180 days	**44%**
Misdemeanor – 100% within 90 days	**25%**

ABA Case Processing Standards – Criminal District Court and Misdemeanor Courts

ABA Case Processing Standards	4th Quarter - El Paso County
Felony - 90% within 120 days	**27%**
Felony - 98% within 180 days	**44%**
Felony -100% within 365 days	**76%**
Misdemeanor – 90% within 30 days	**12%**
Misdemeanor – 100% within 90 days	**25%**

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National Center for State Courts Model Case Processing Standards – Criminal District Court and Misdemeanor Courts

NCSC Case Processing Standards	4th Quarter - El Paso County
Felony - 75% within 90 days	**20%**
Felony - 90% within 180 days	**44%**
Felony - 98% within 365 days	**76%**
Misdemeanor – 75% within 60 days	**17%**
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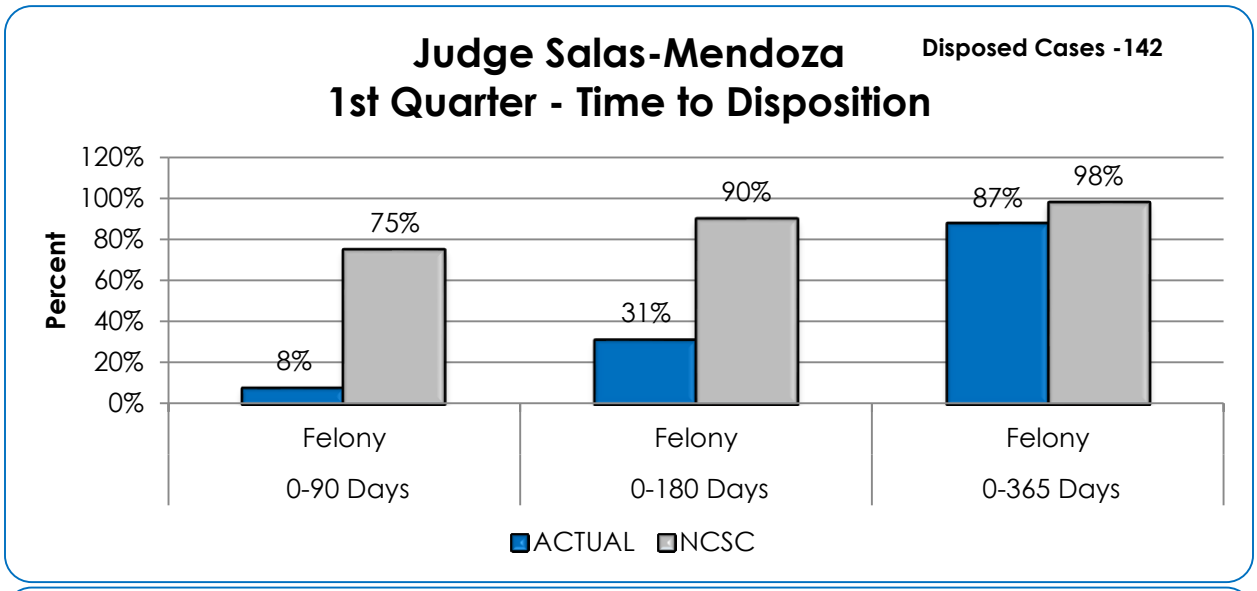
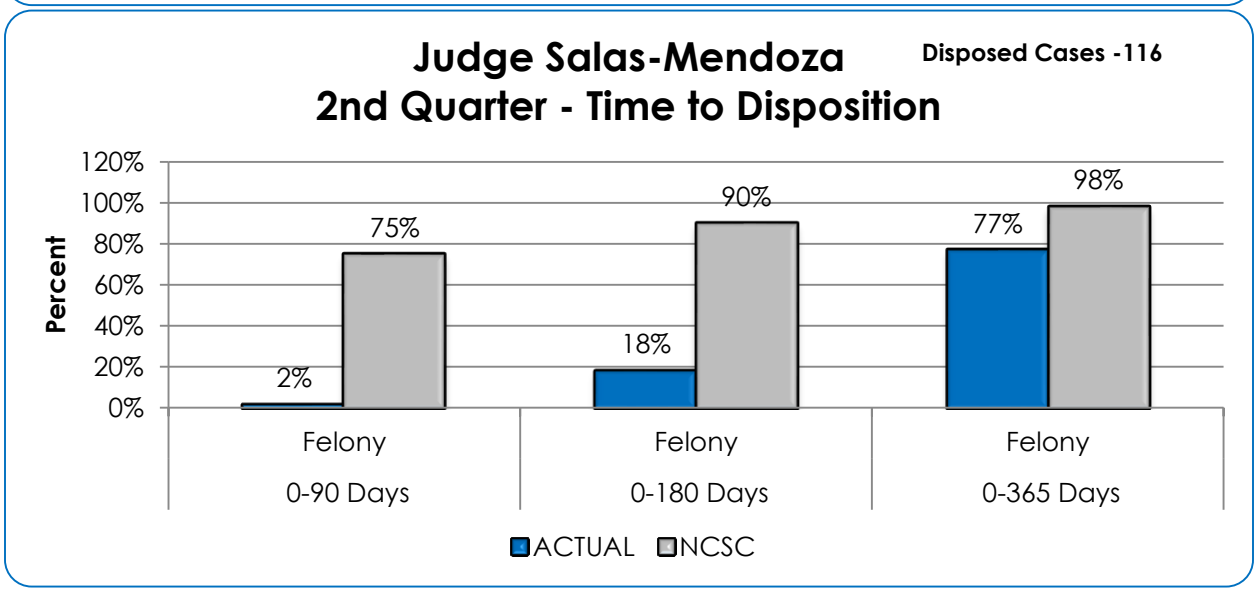
Misdemeanor – 98% within 180 days	**46%**





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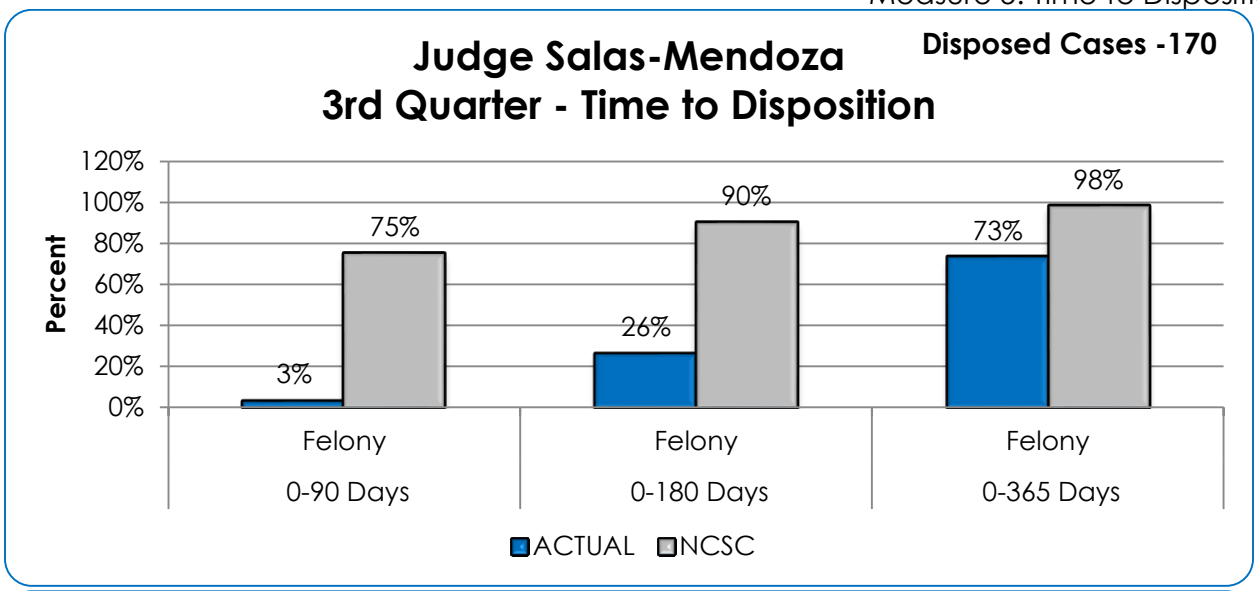

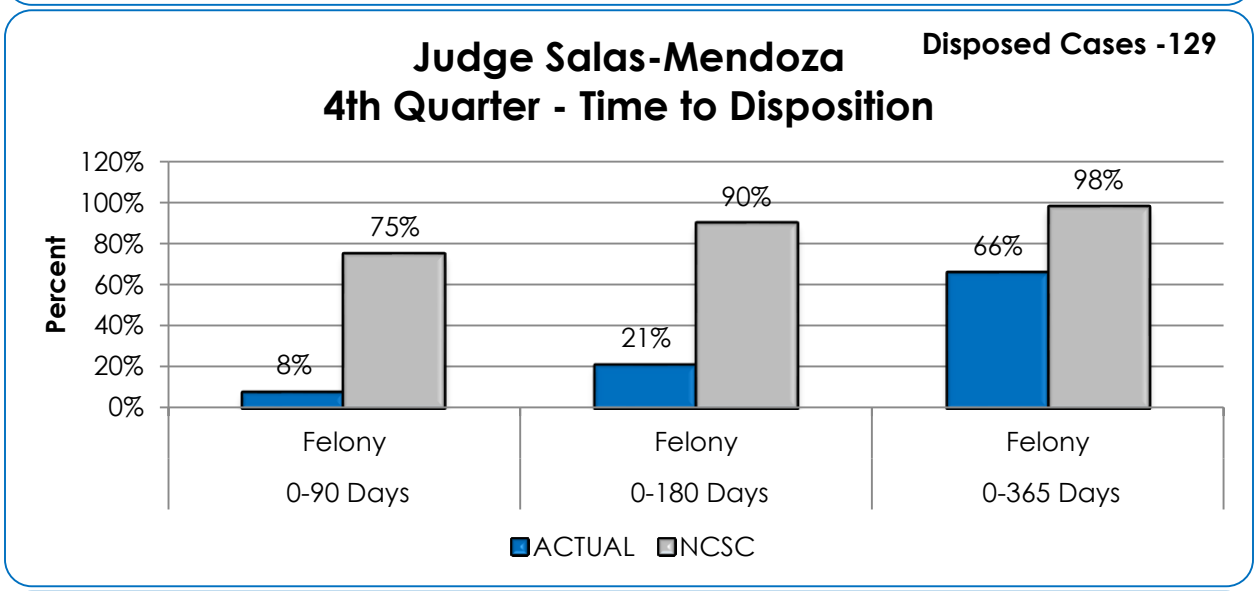

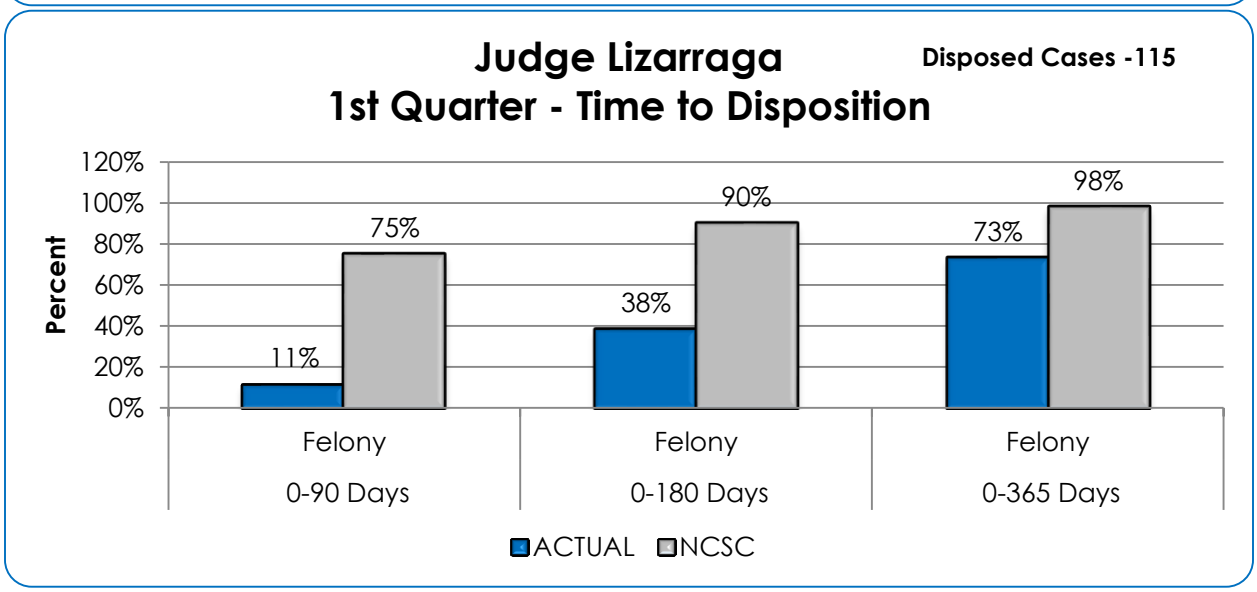

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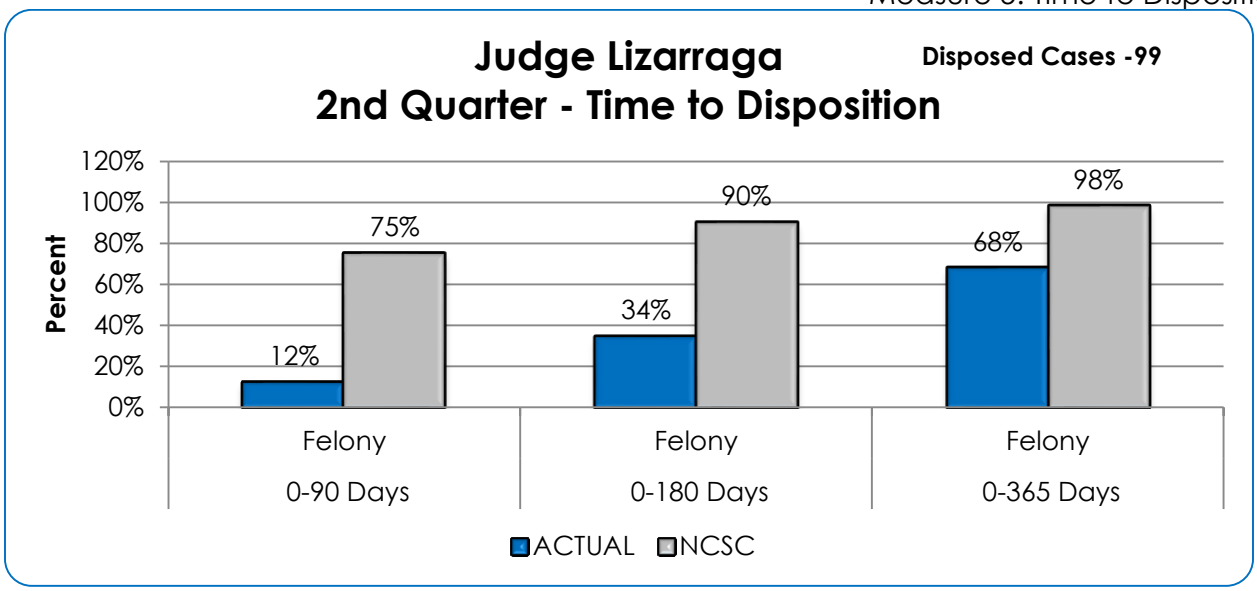

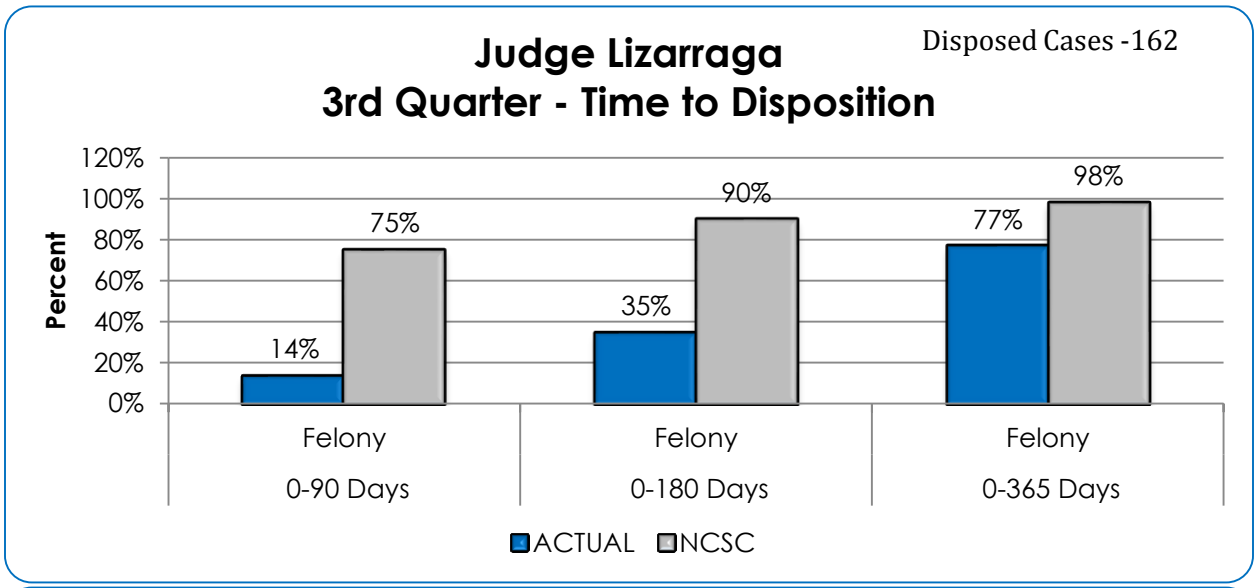

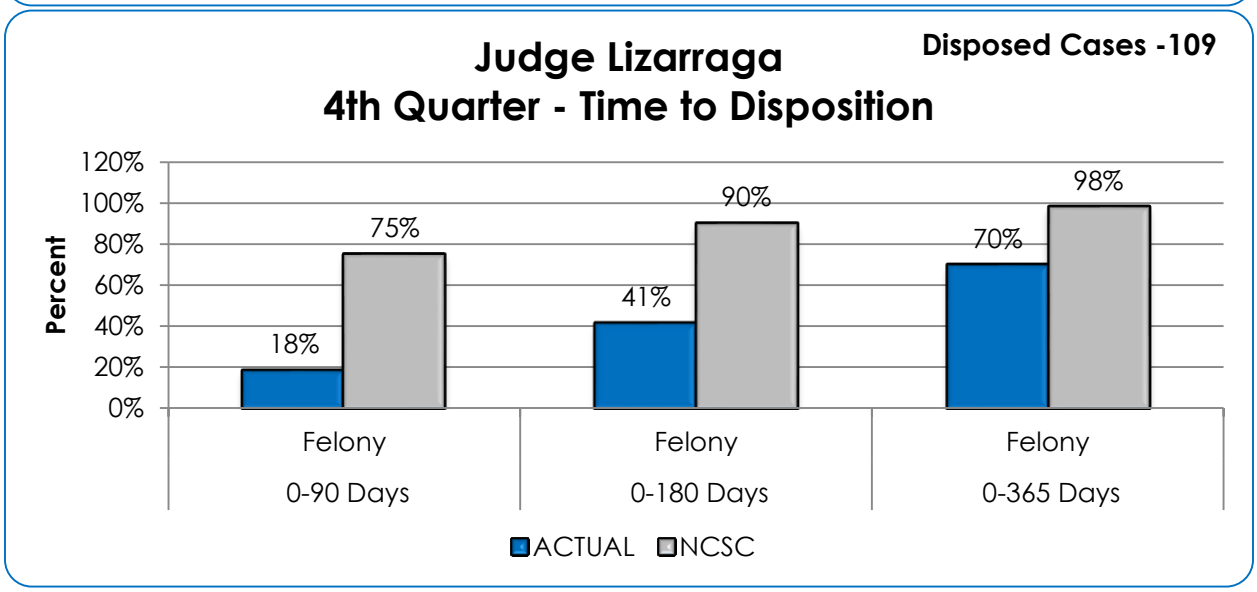

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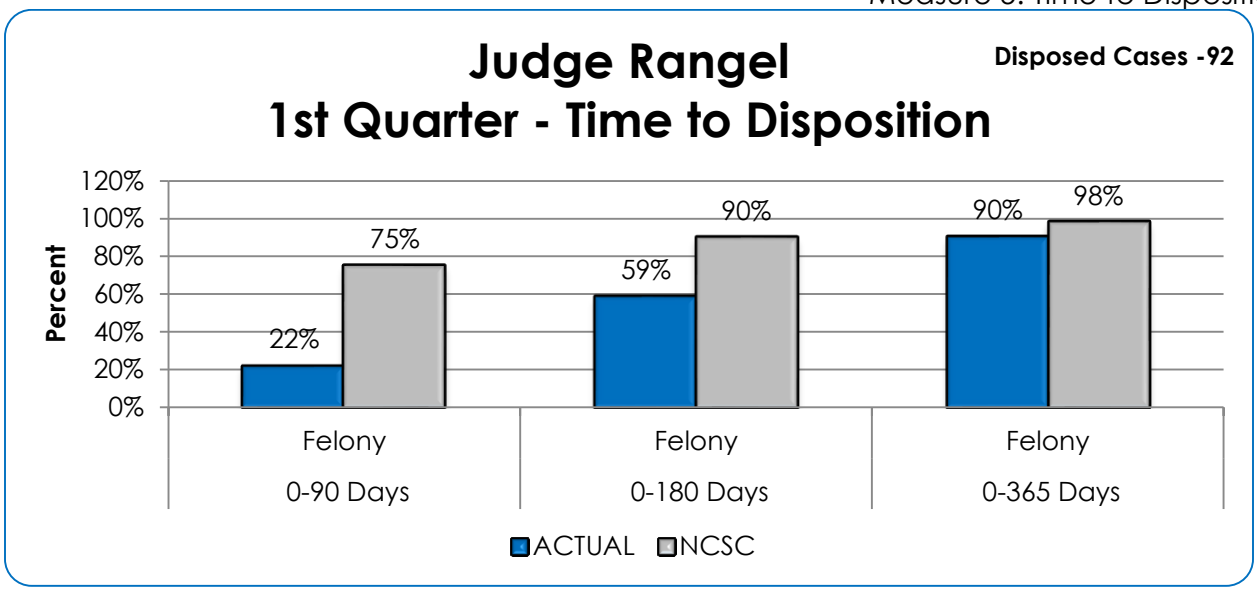

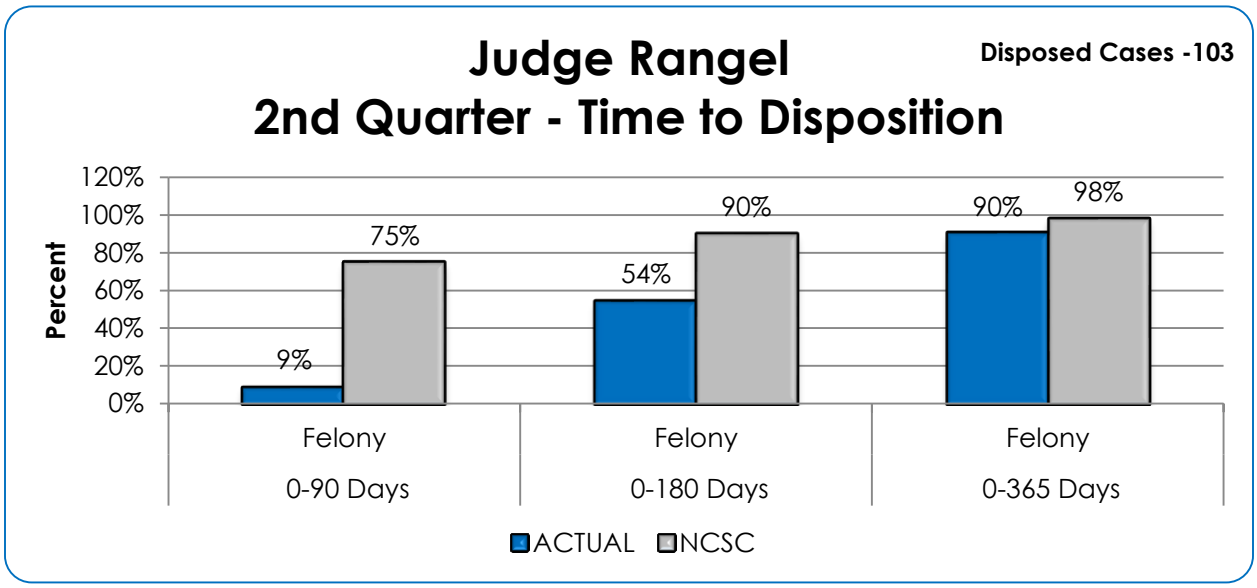

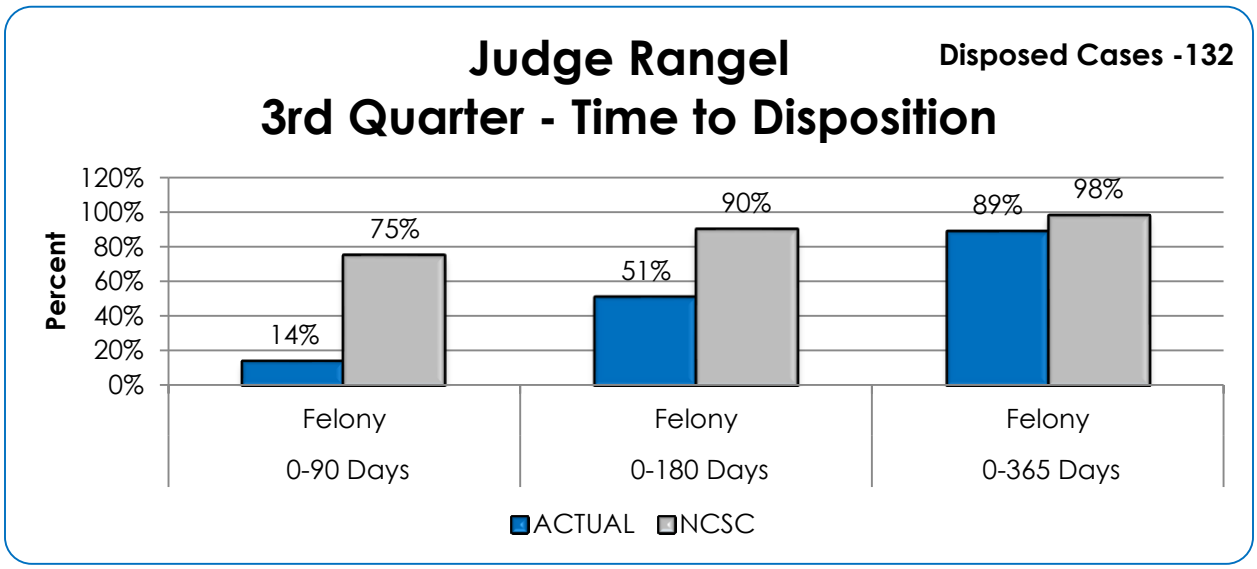

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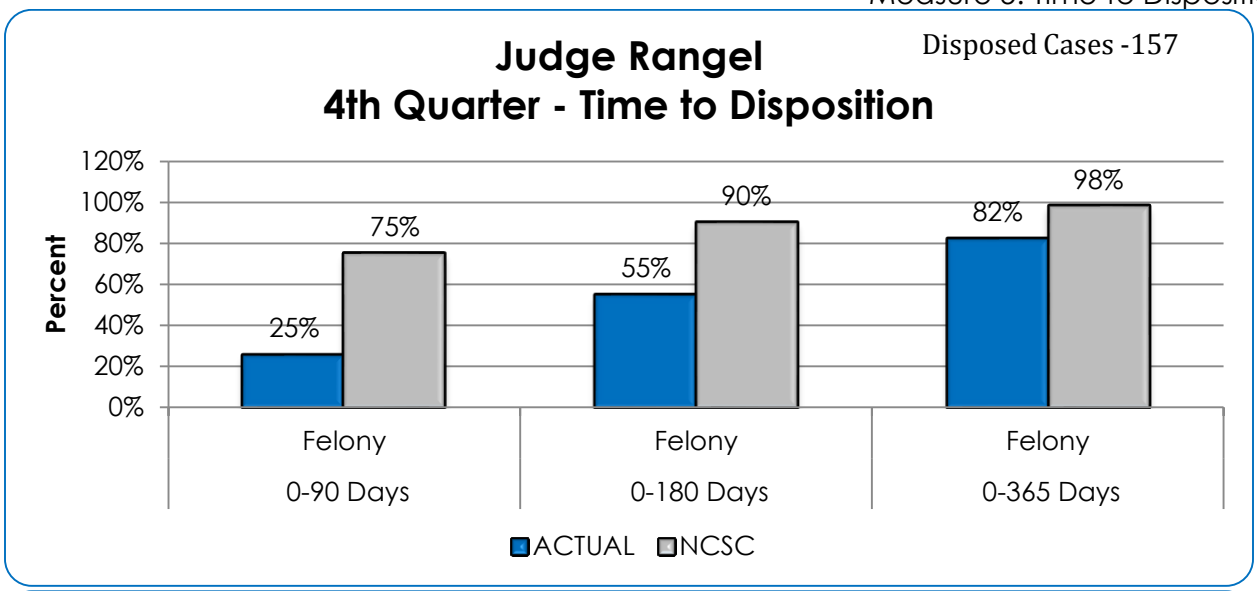

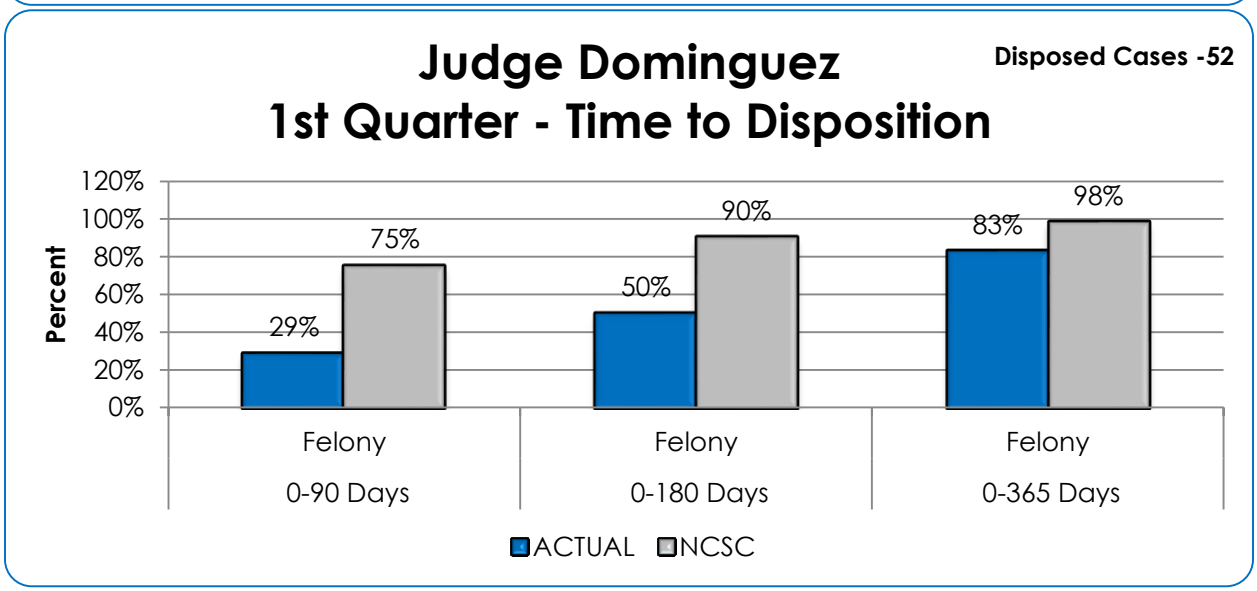

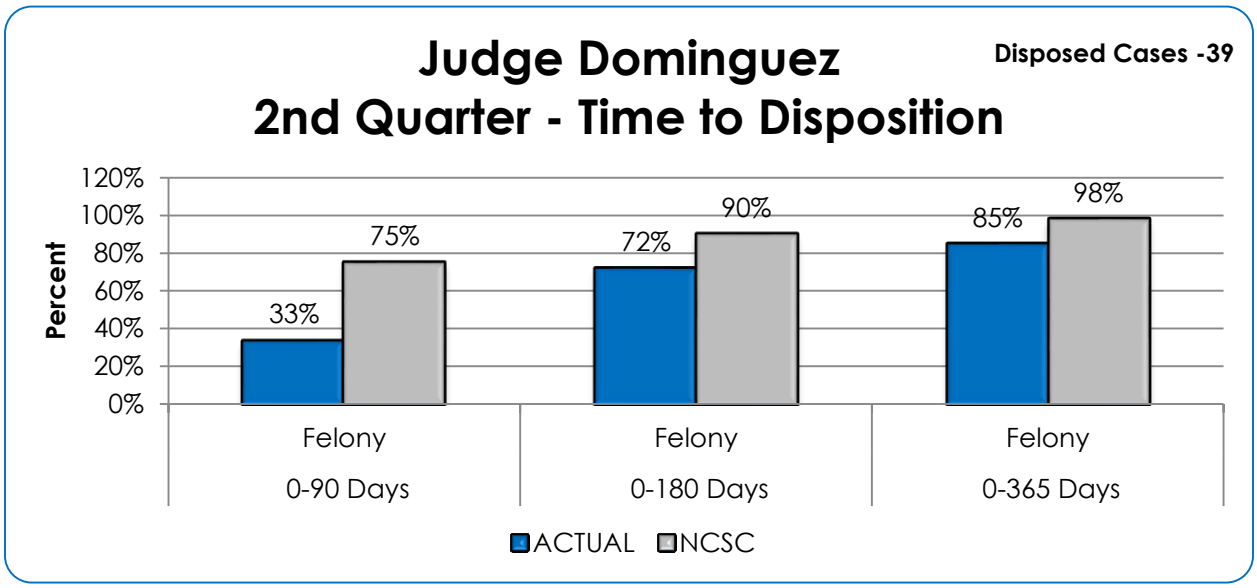

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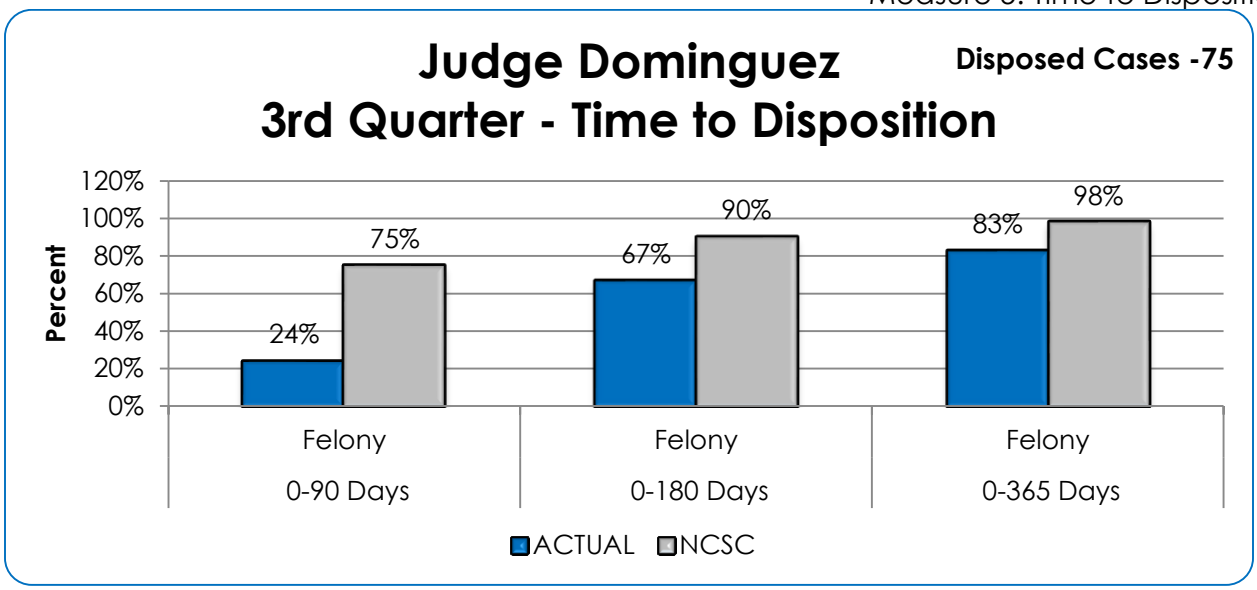

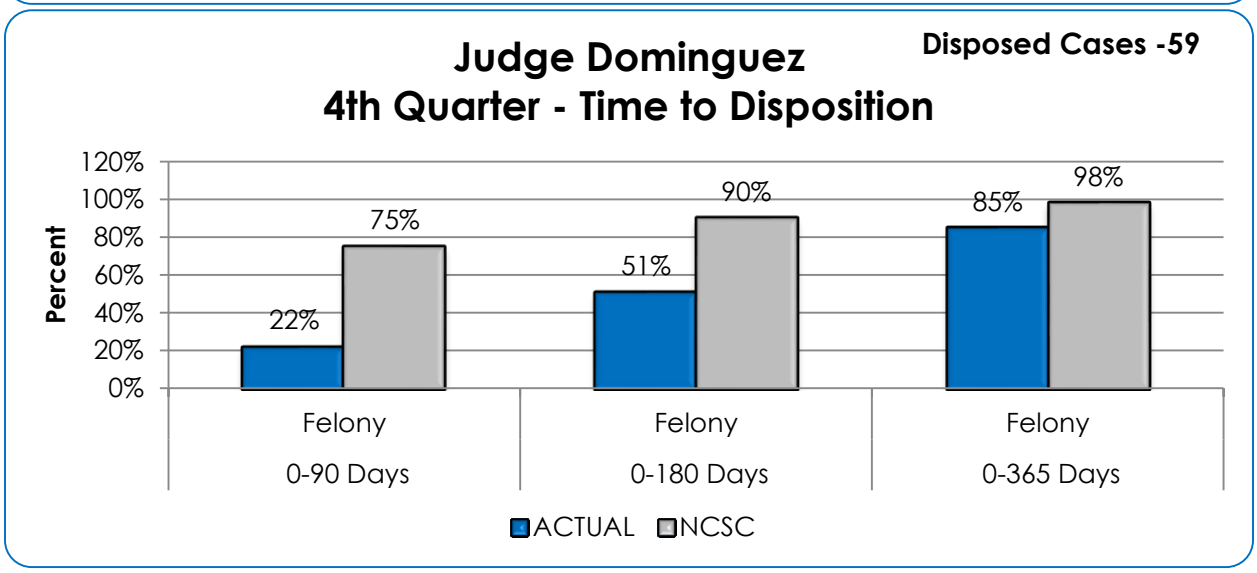

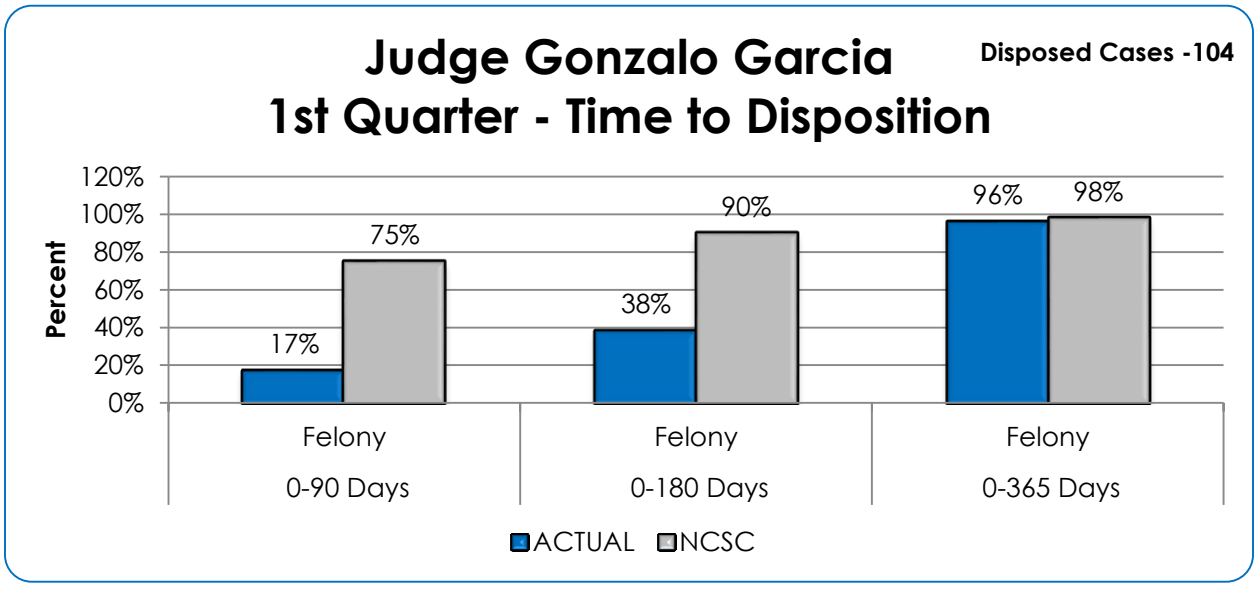

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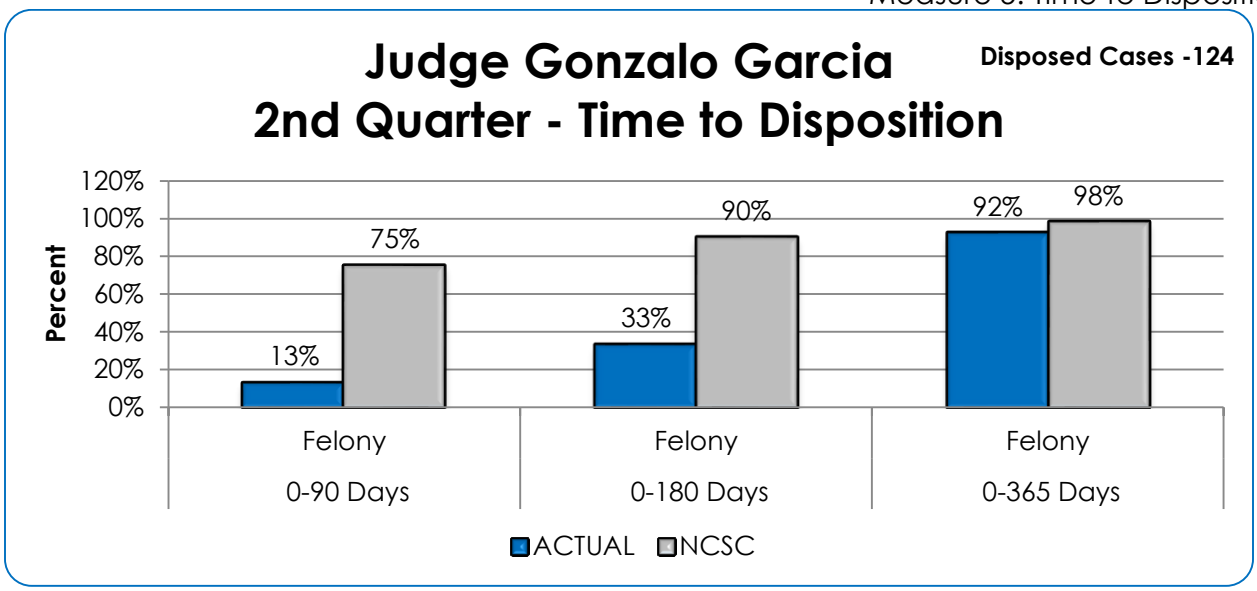

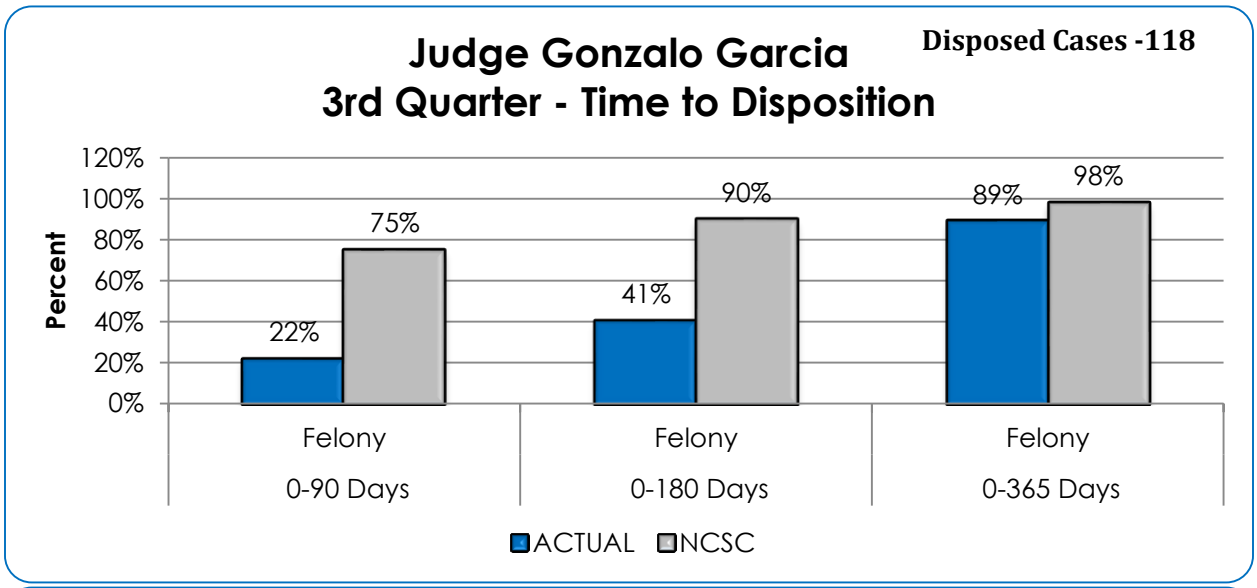

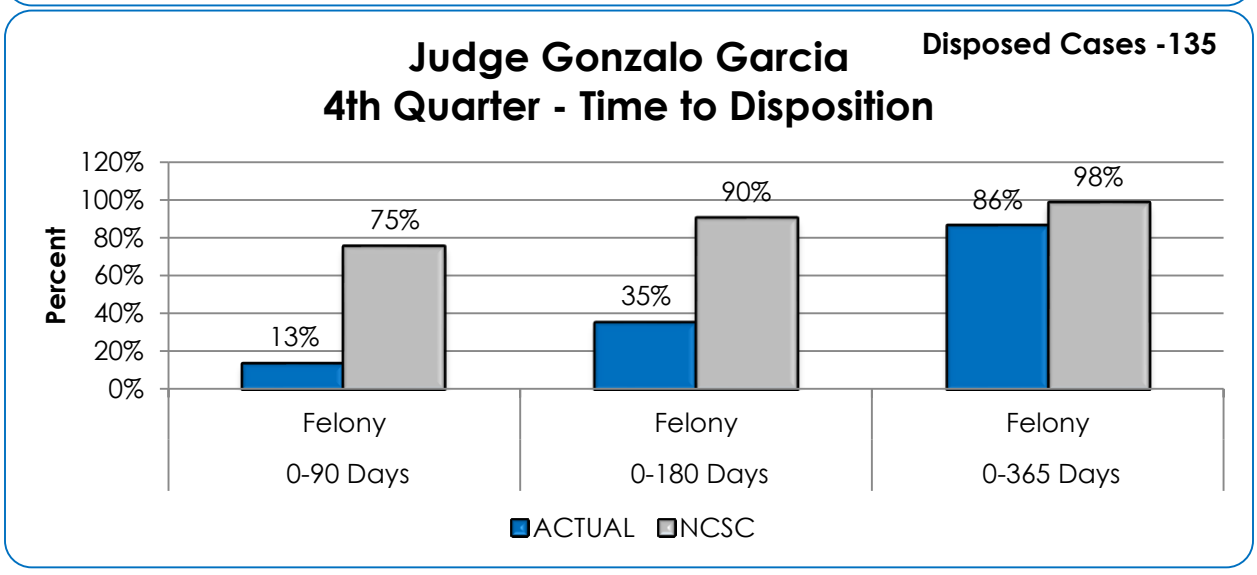

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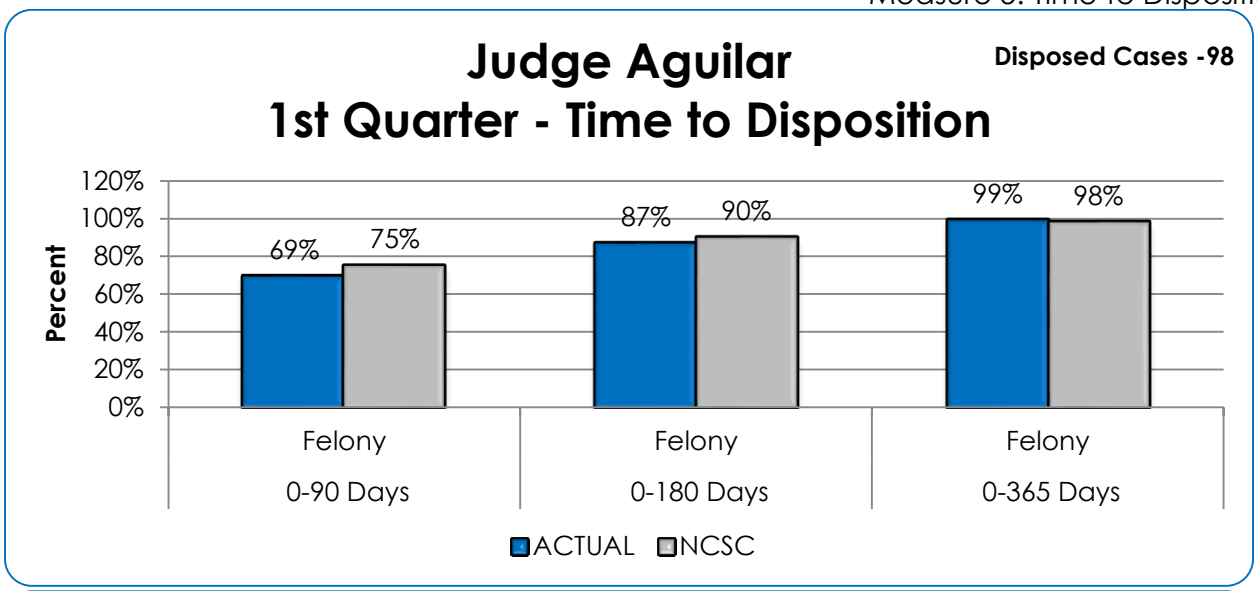

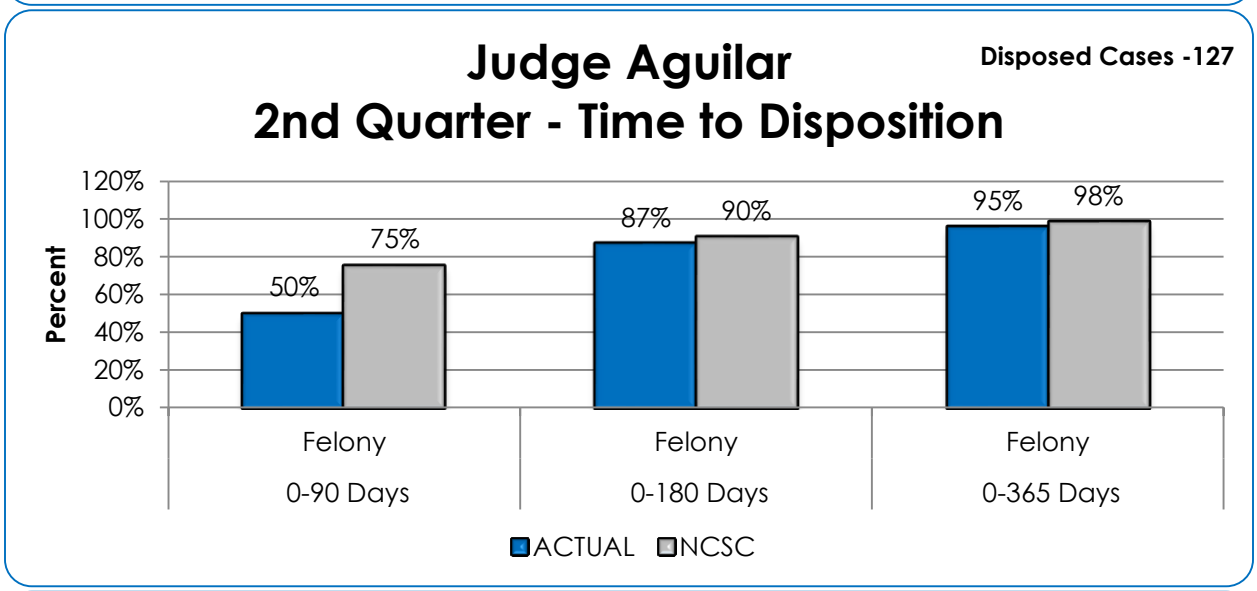

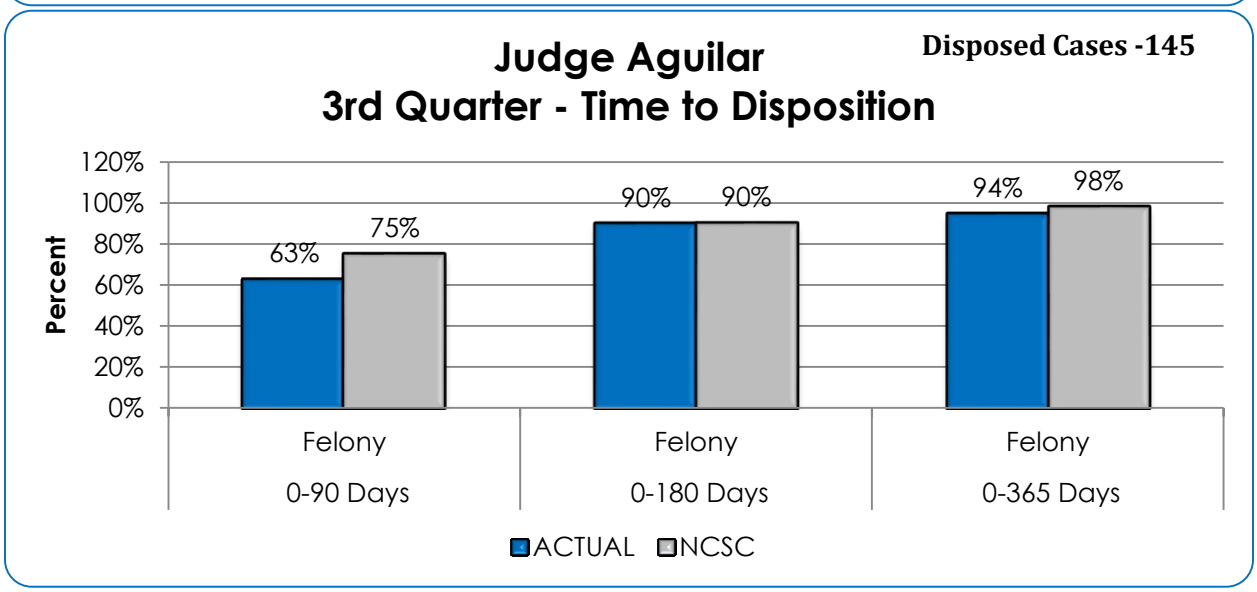

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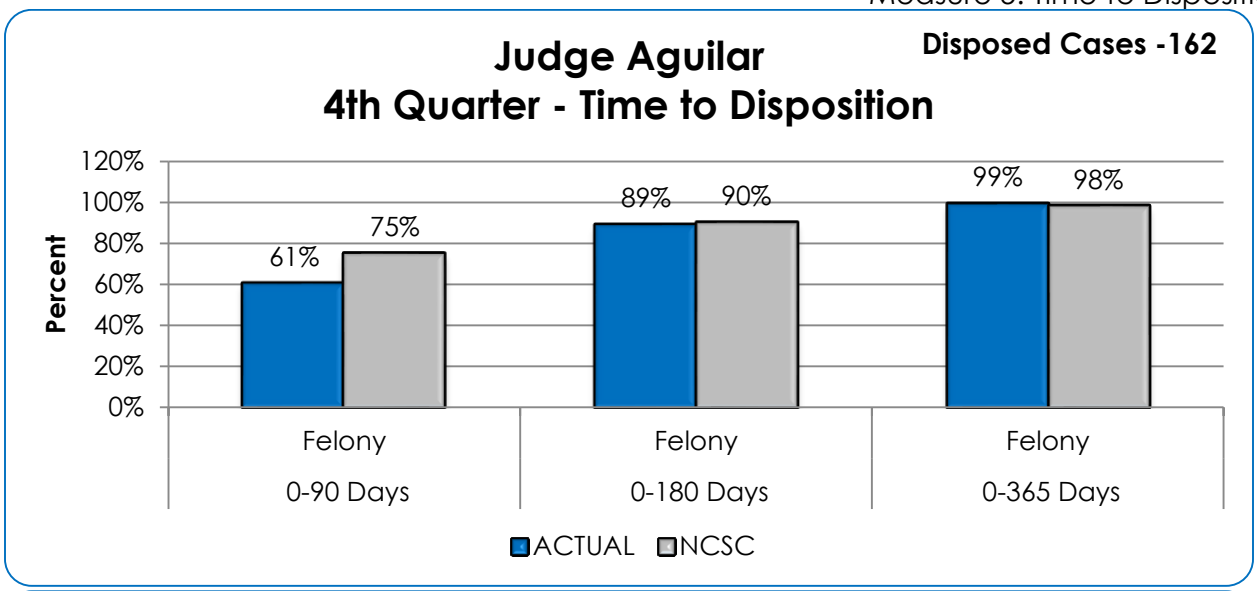

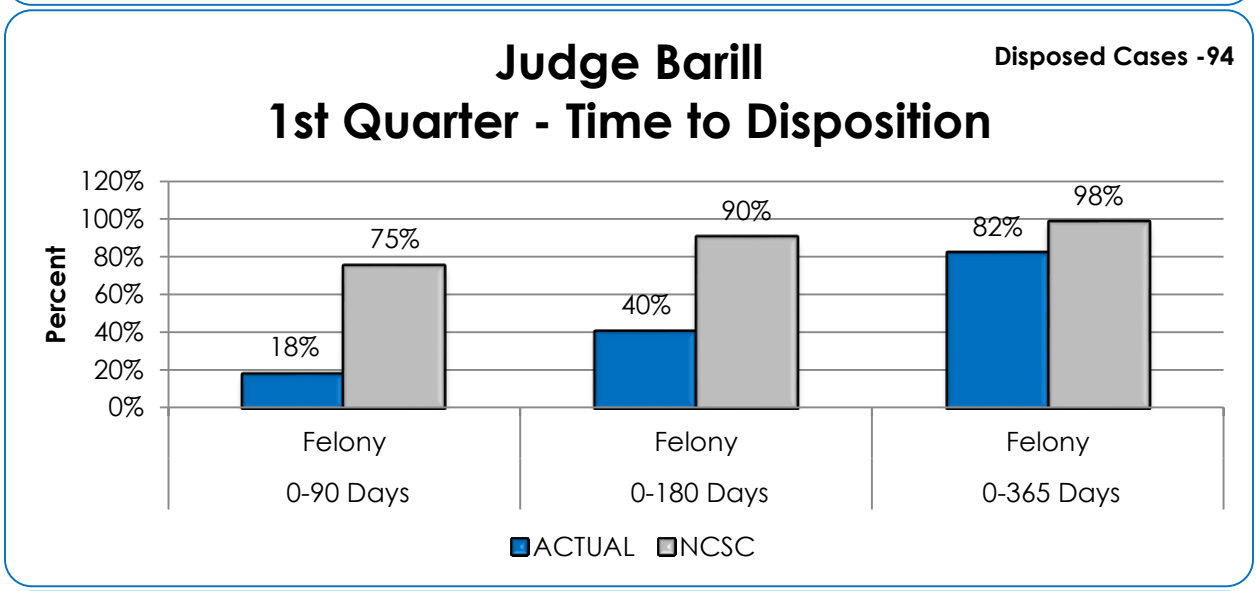

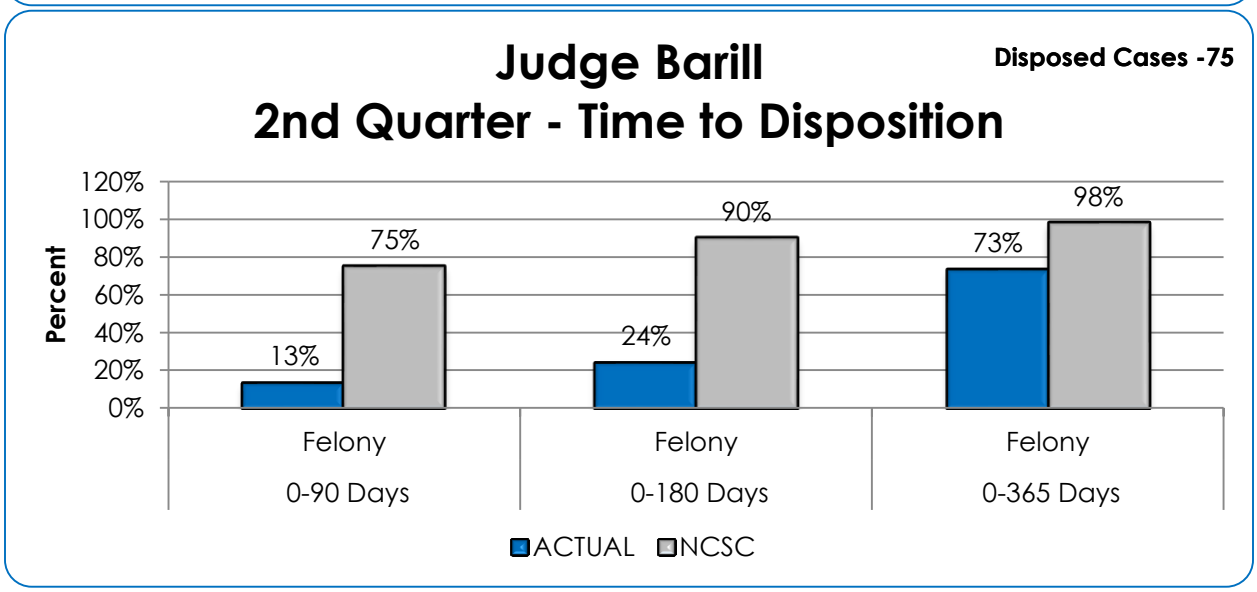

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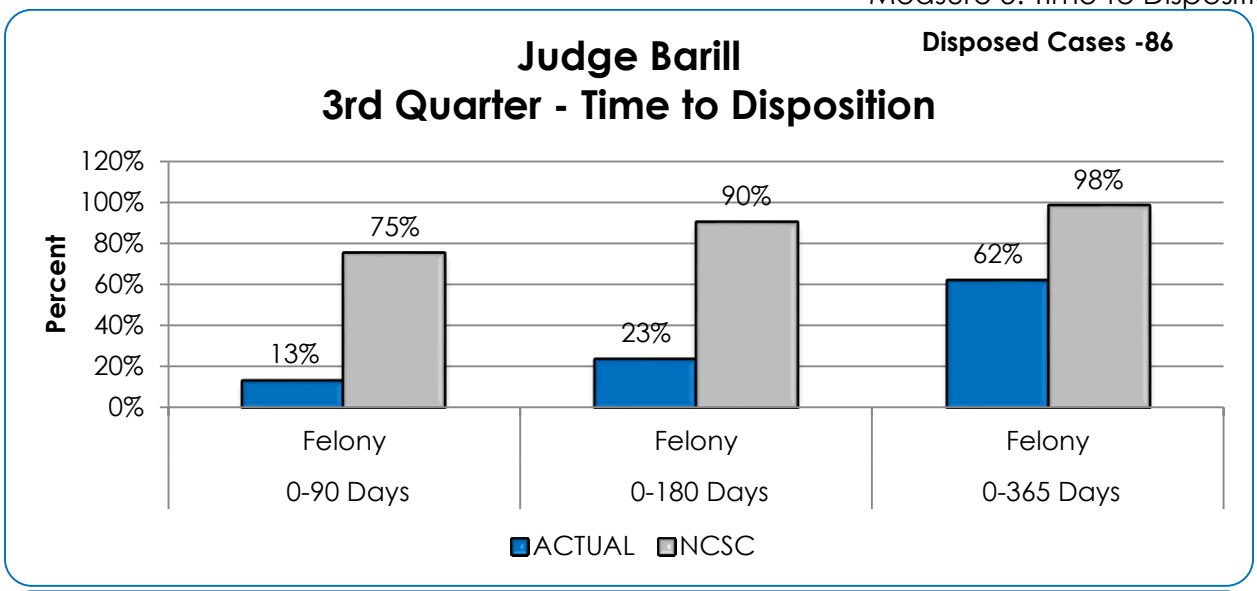

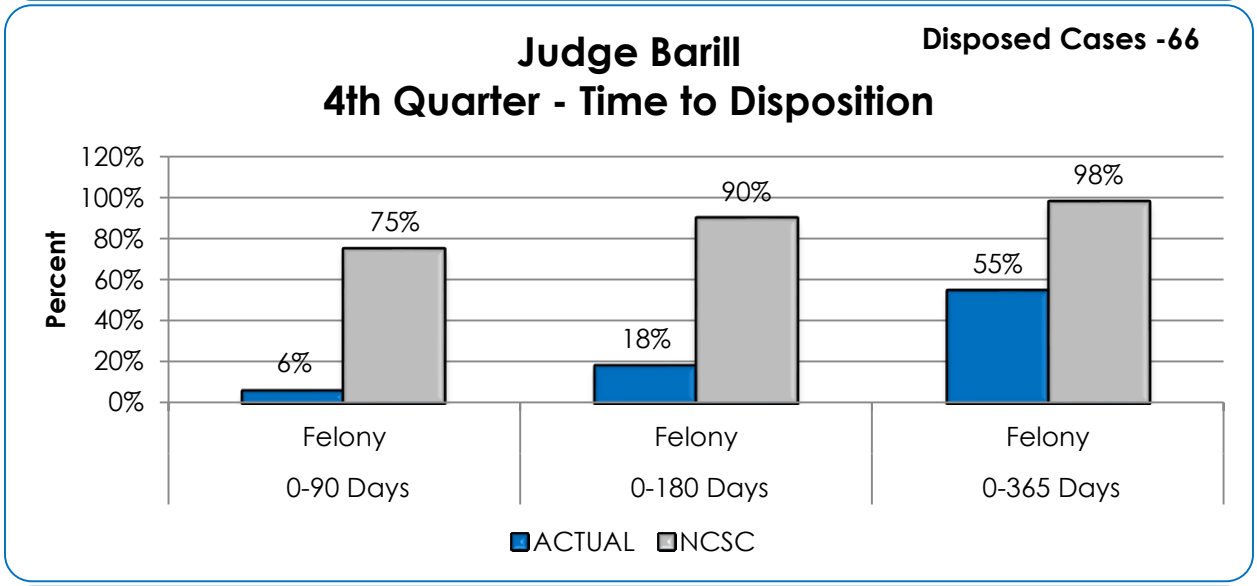

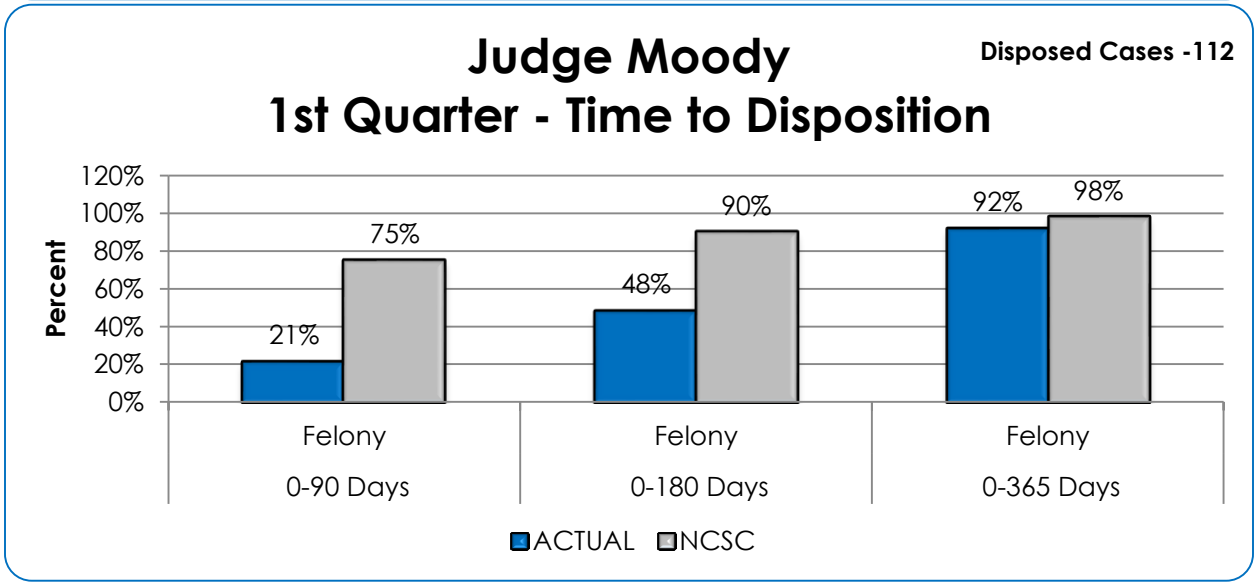

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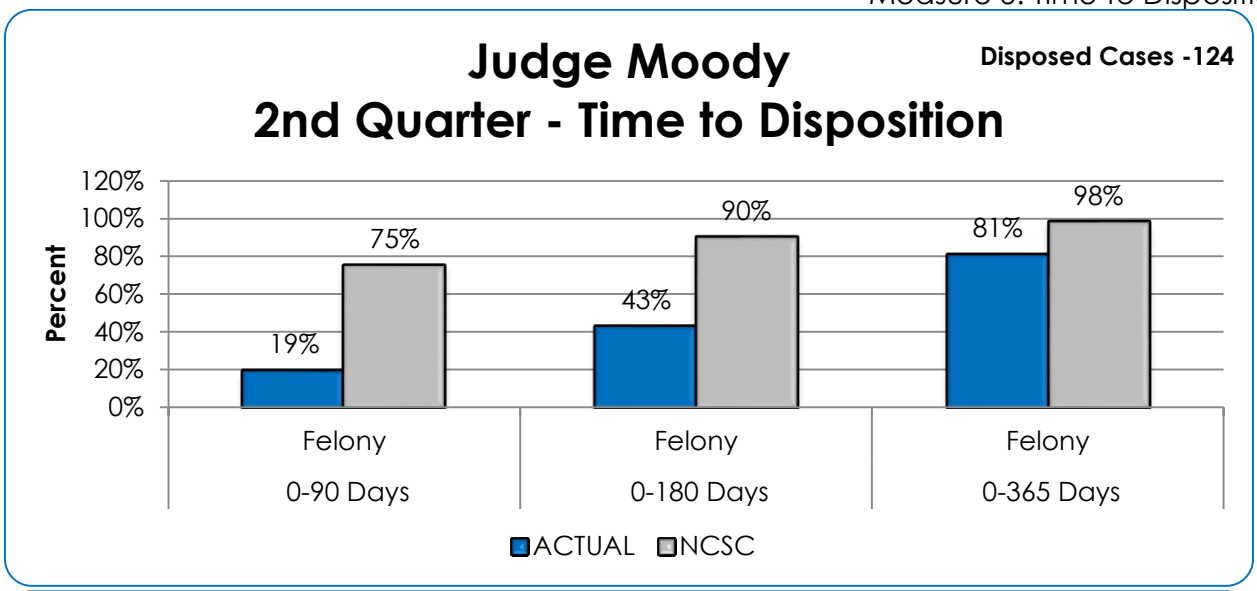

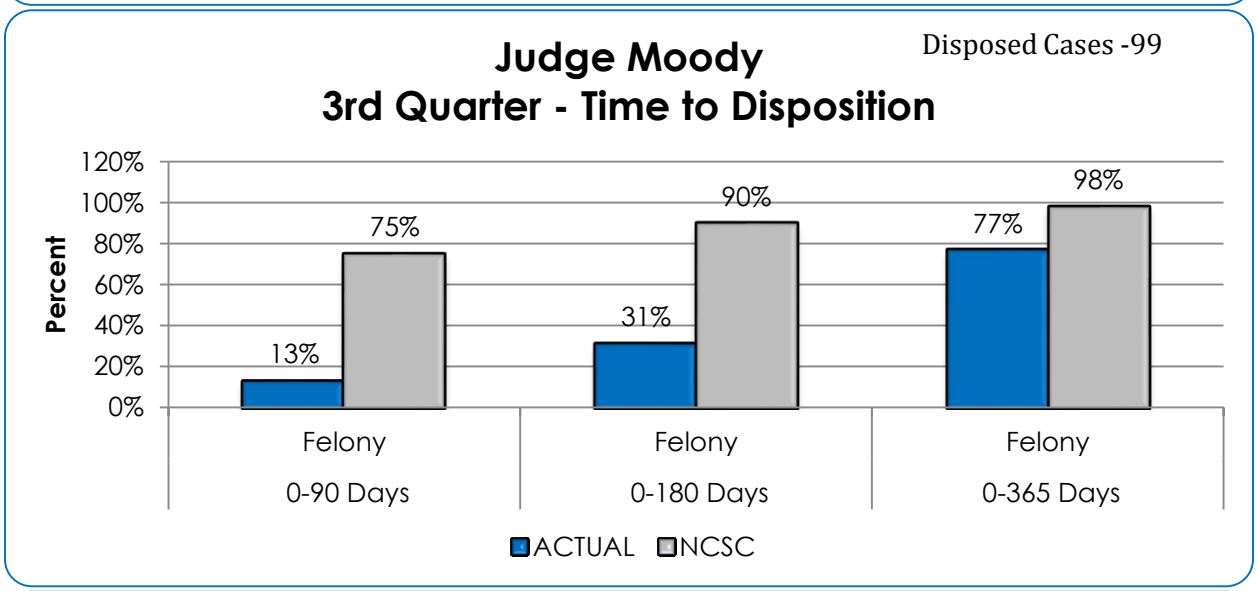

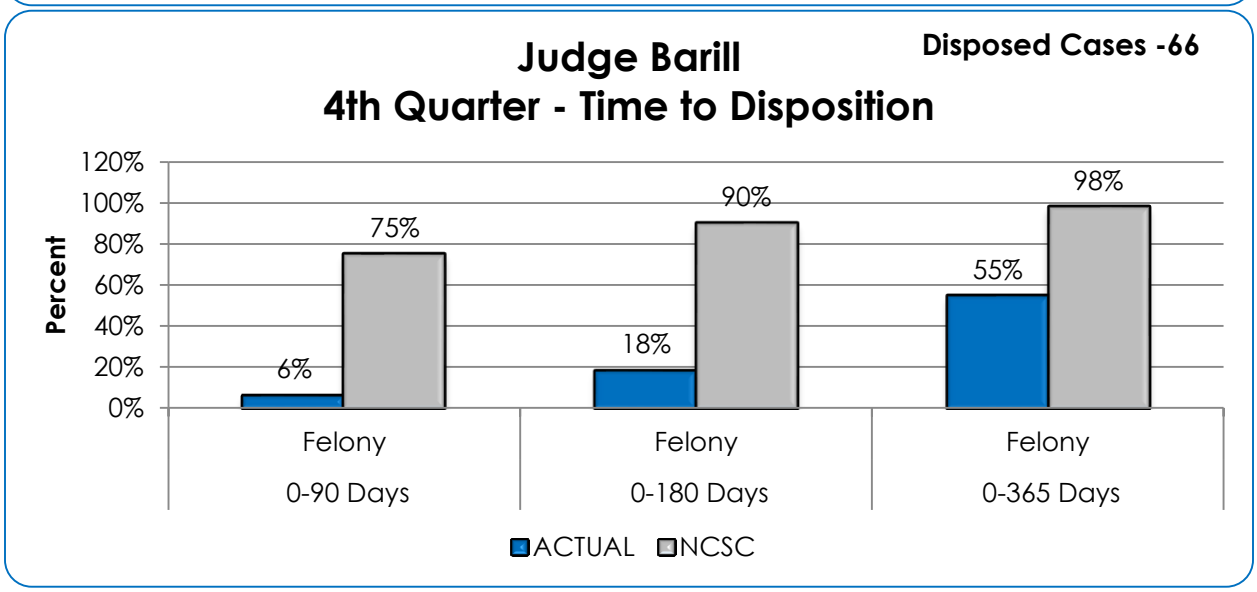

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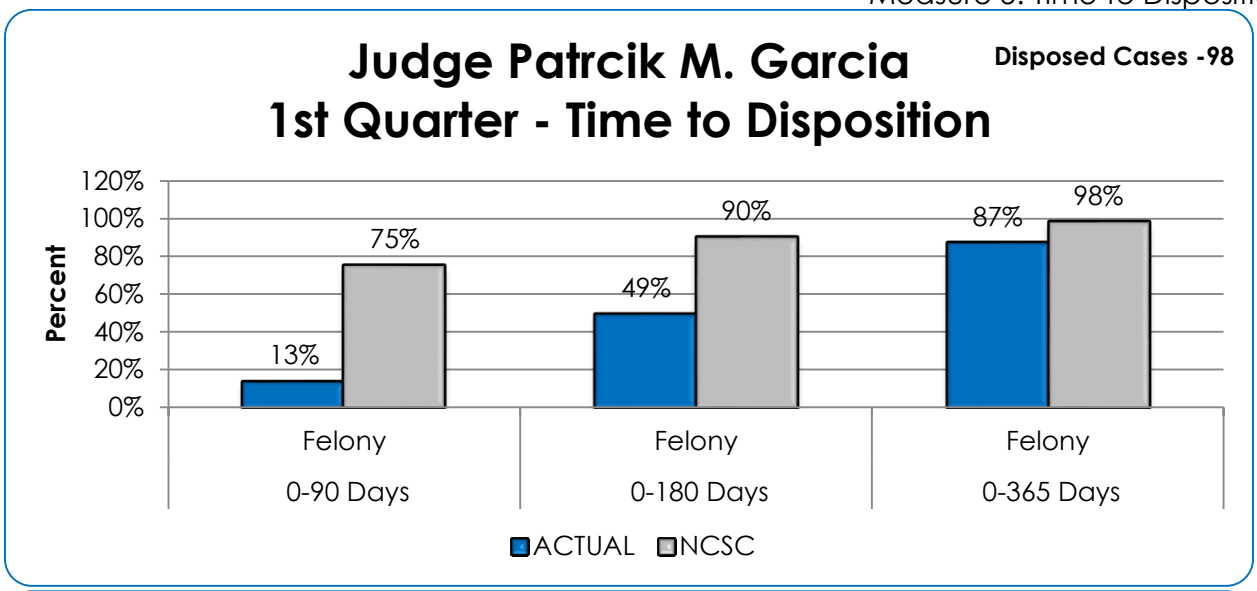

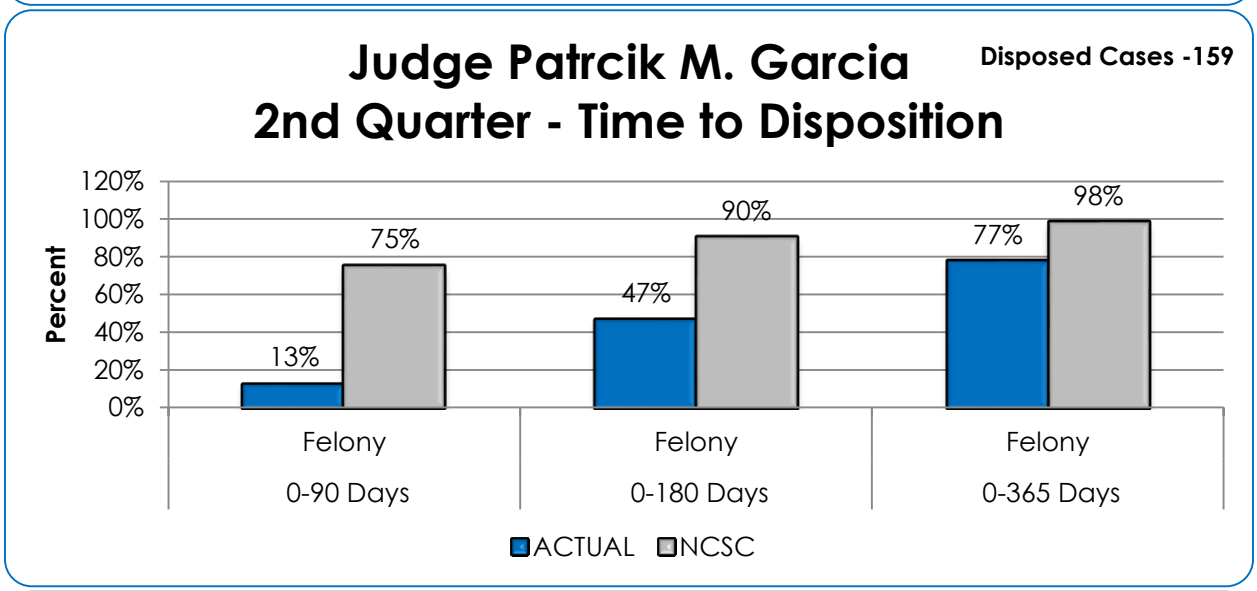

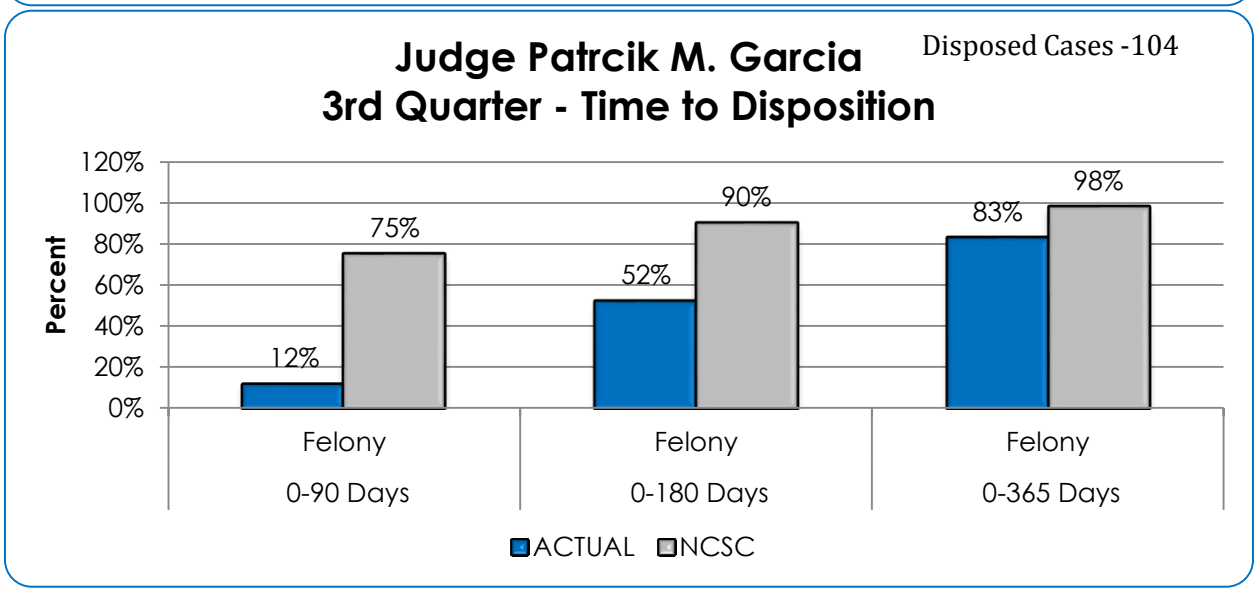

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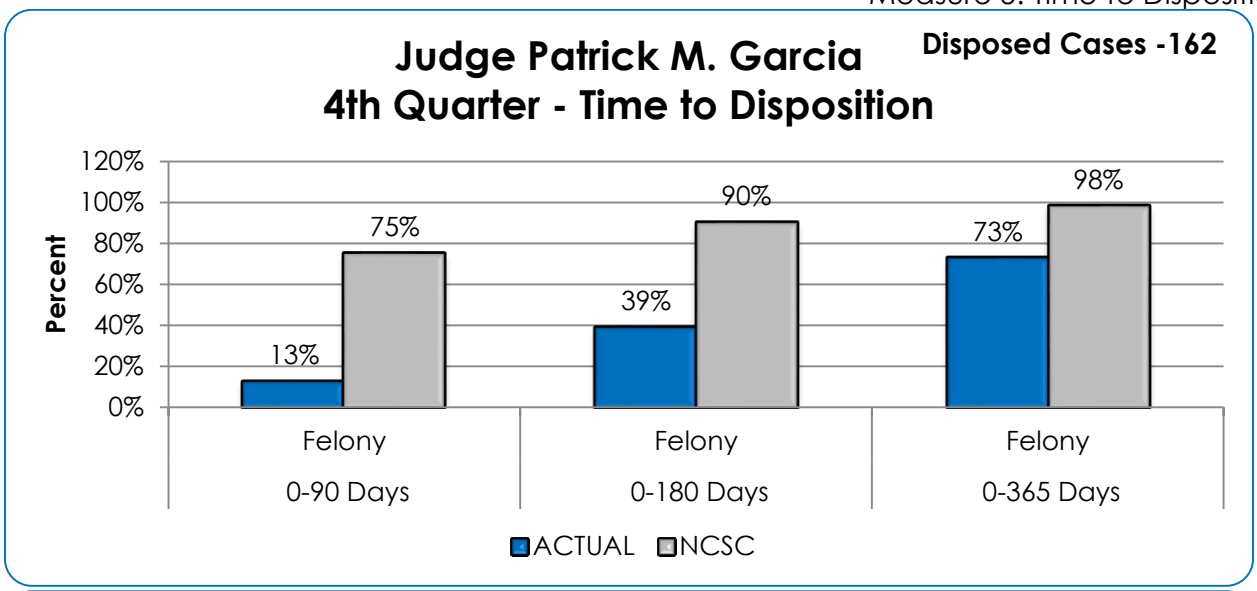

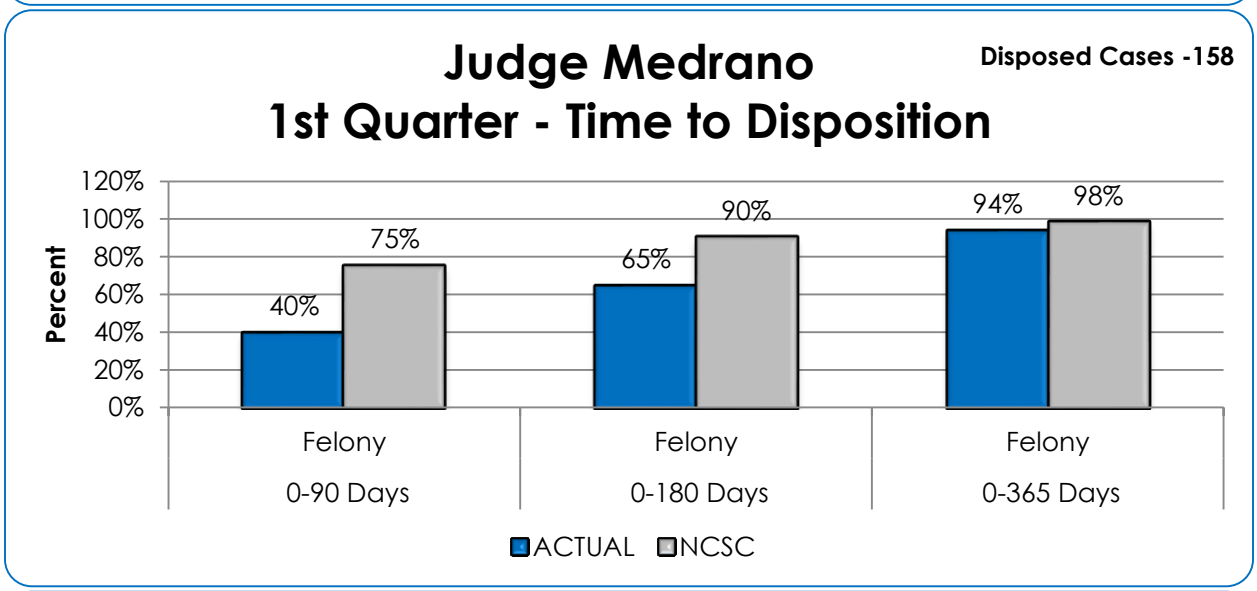

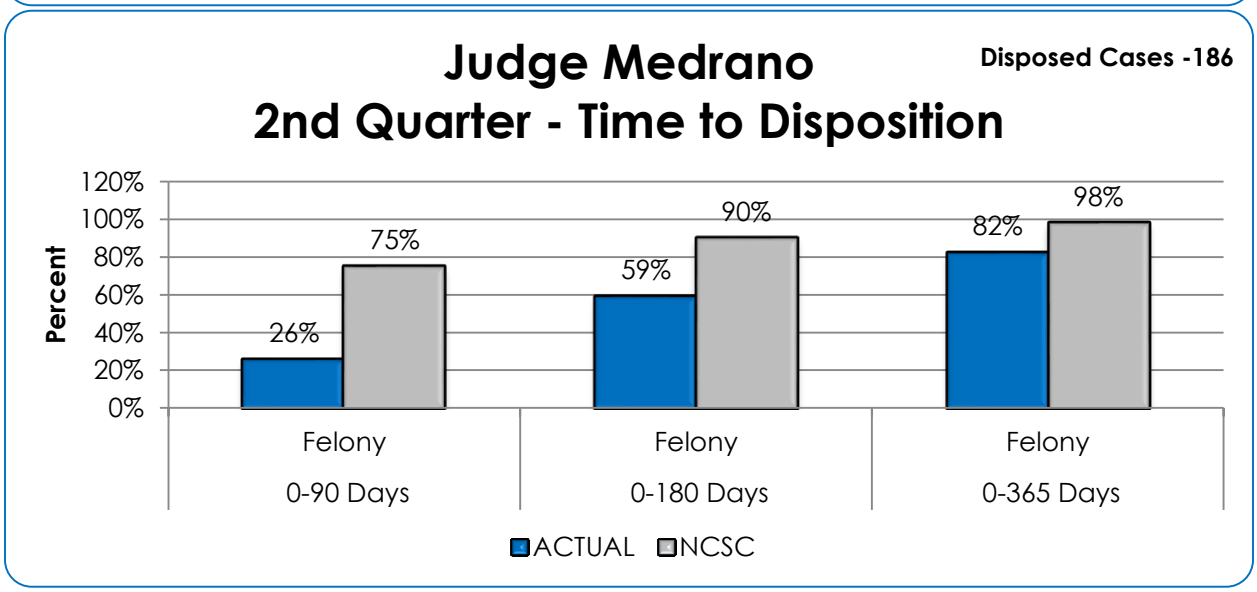

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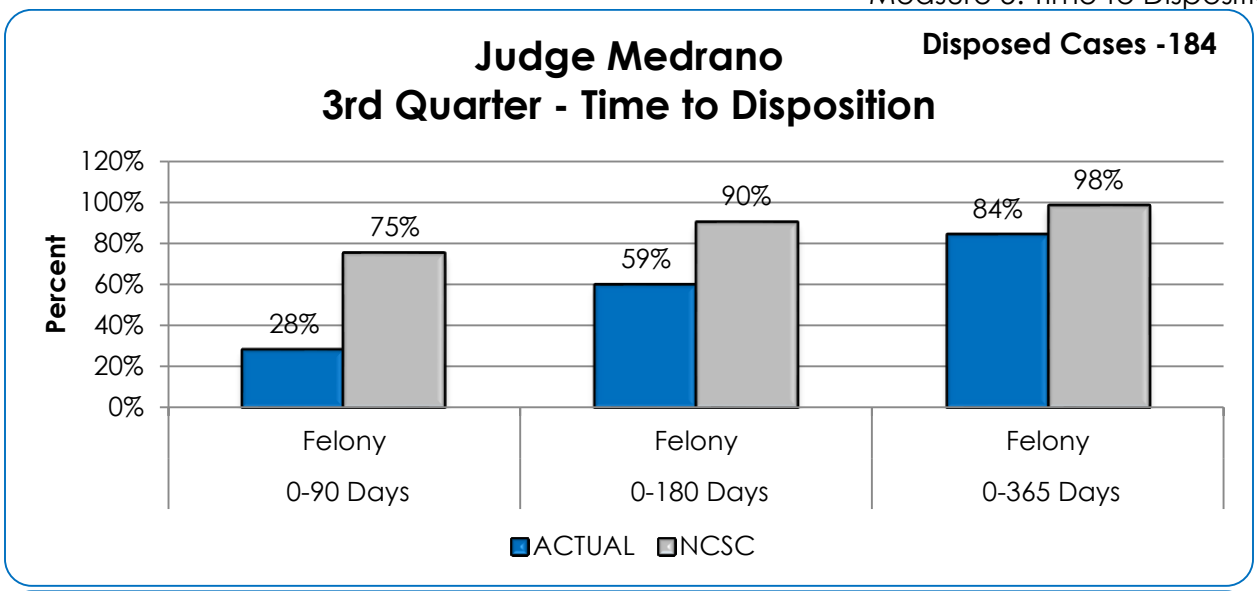

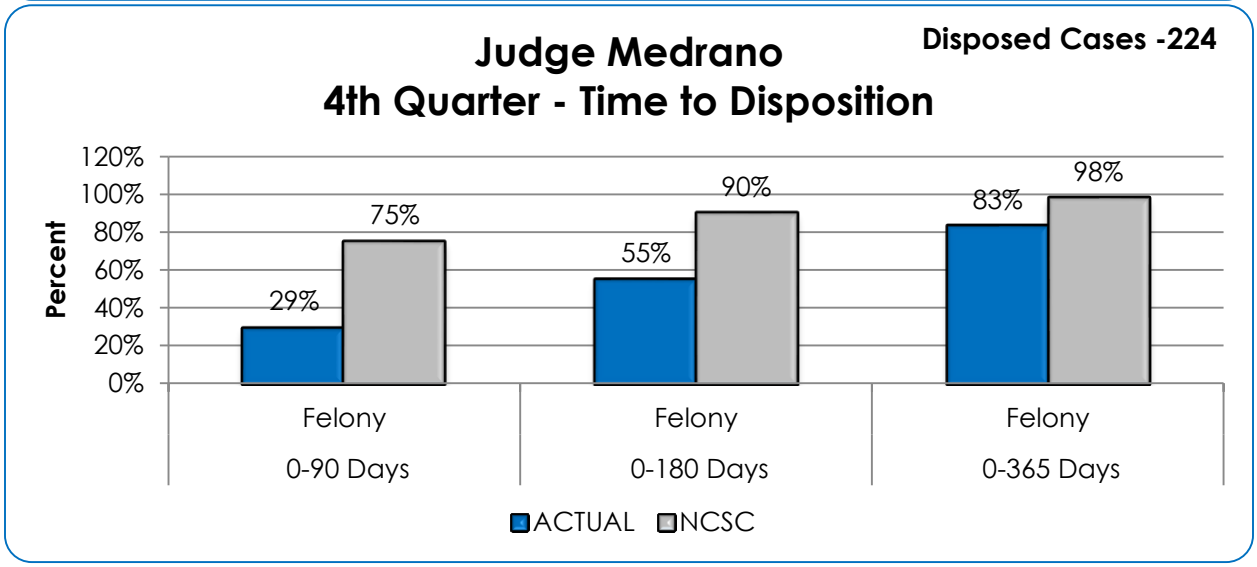

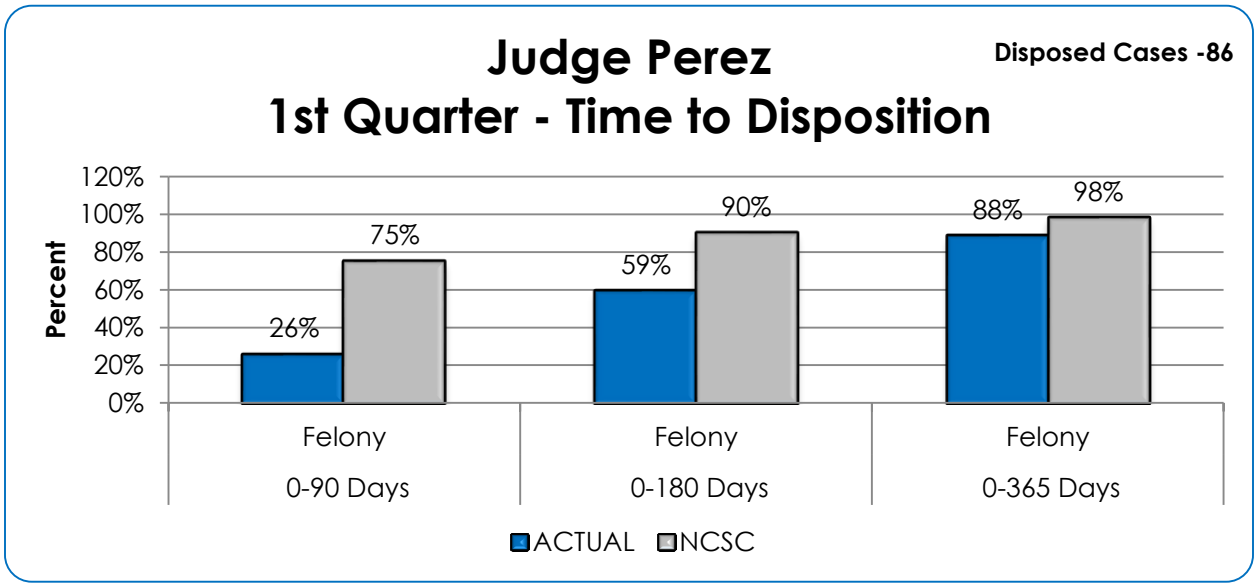

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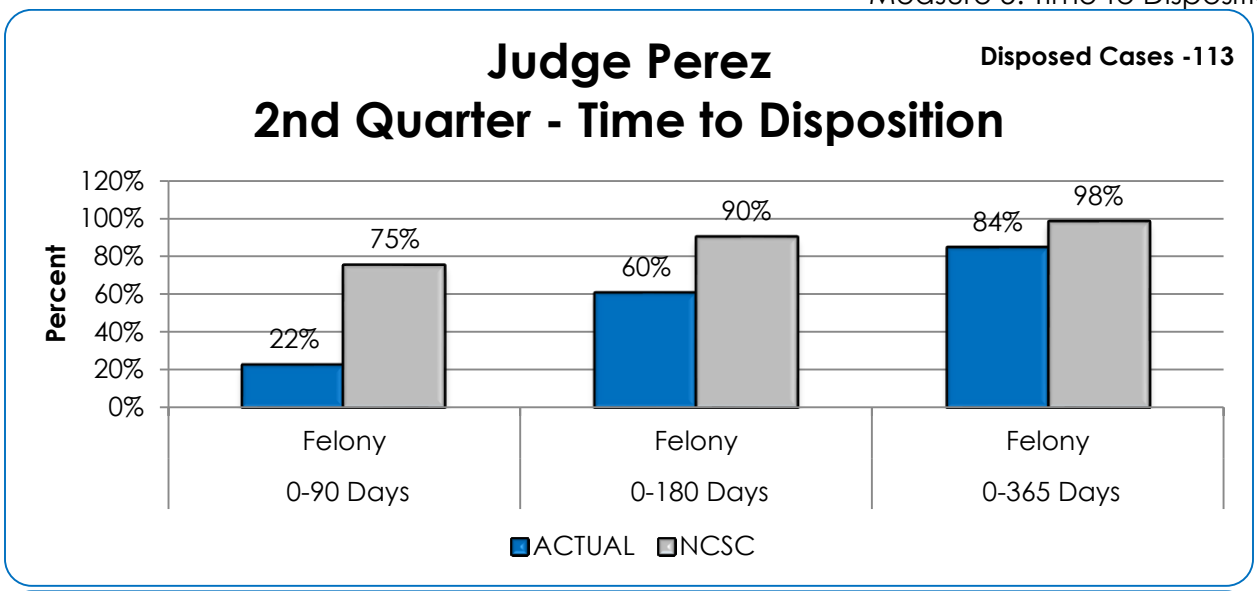

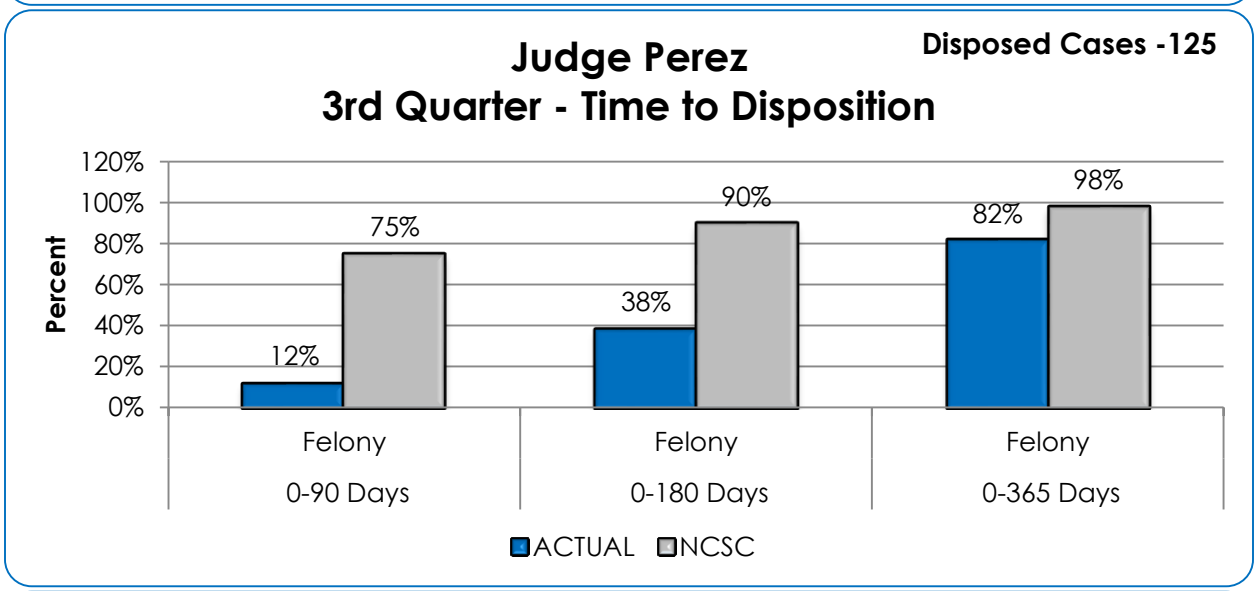

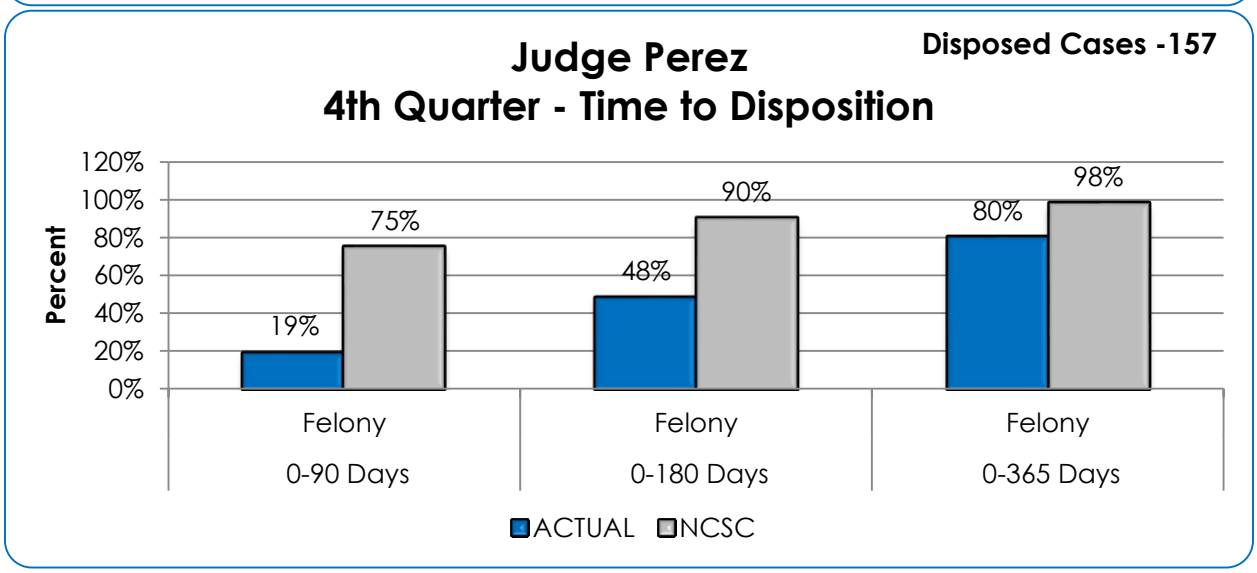

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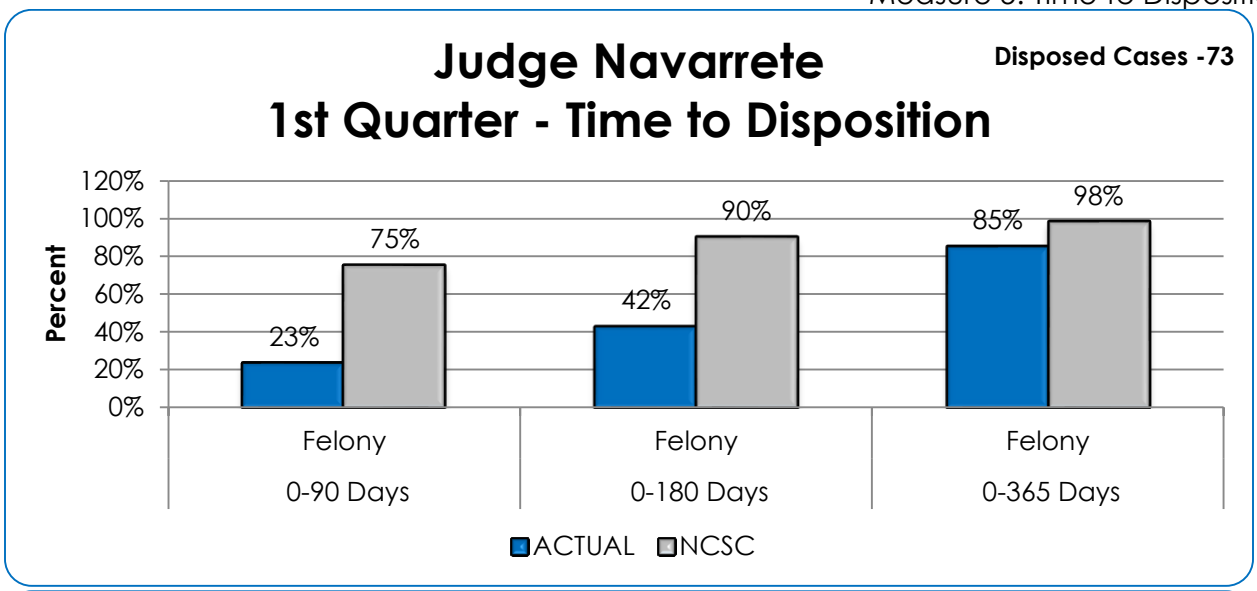

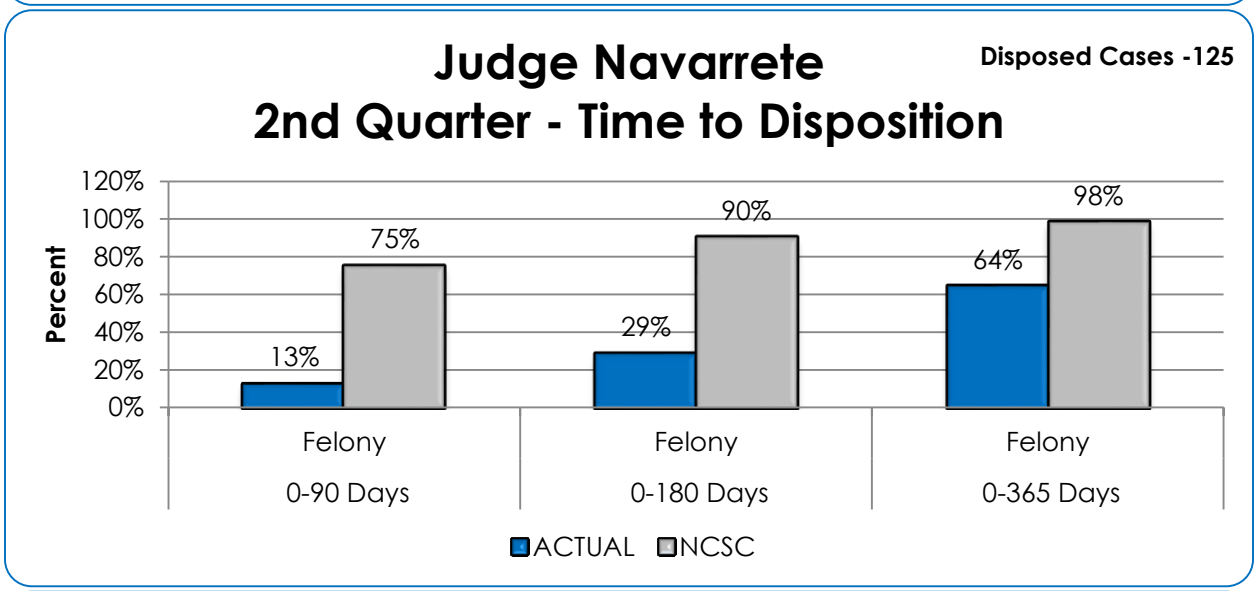

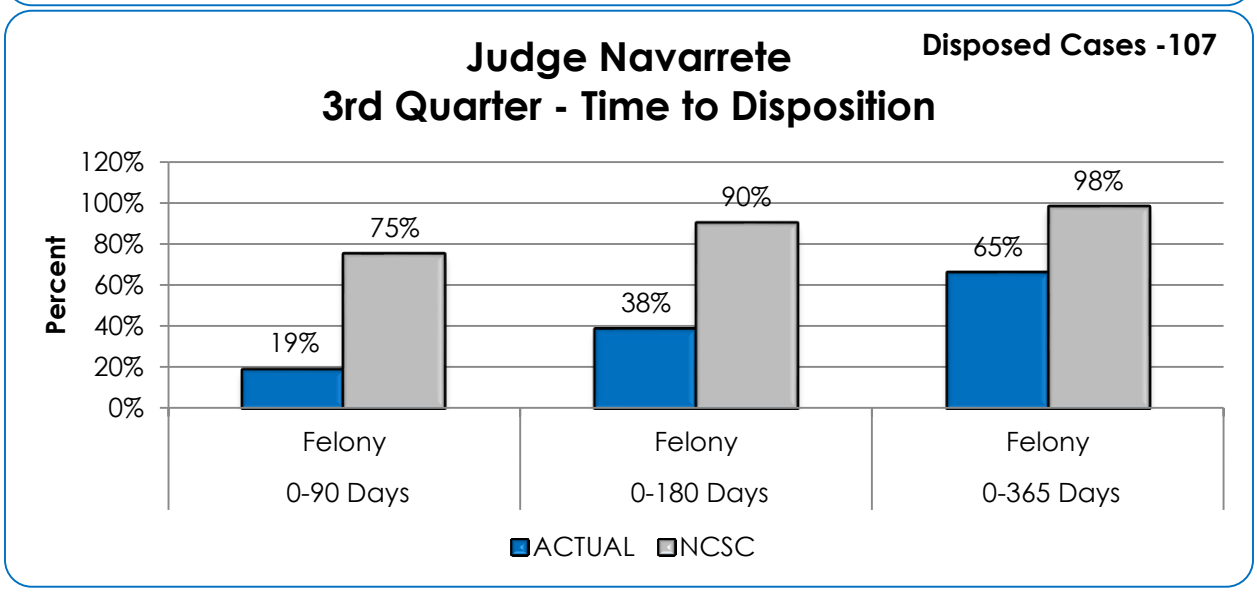

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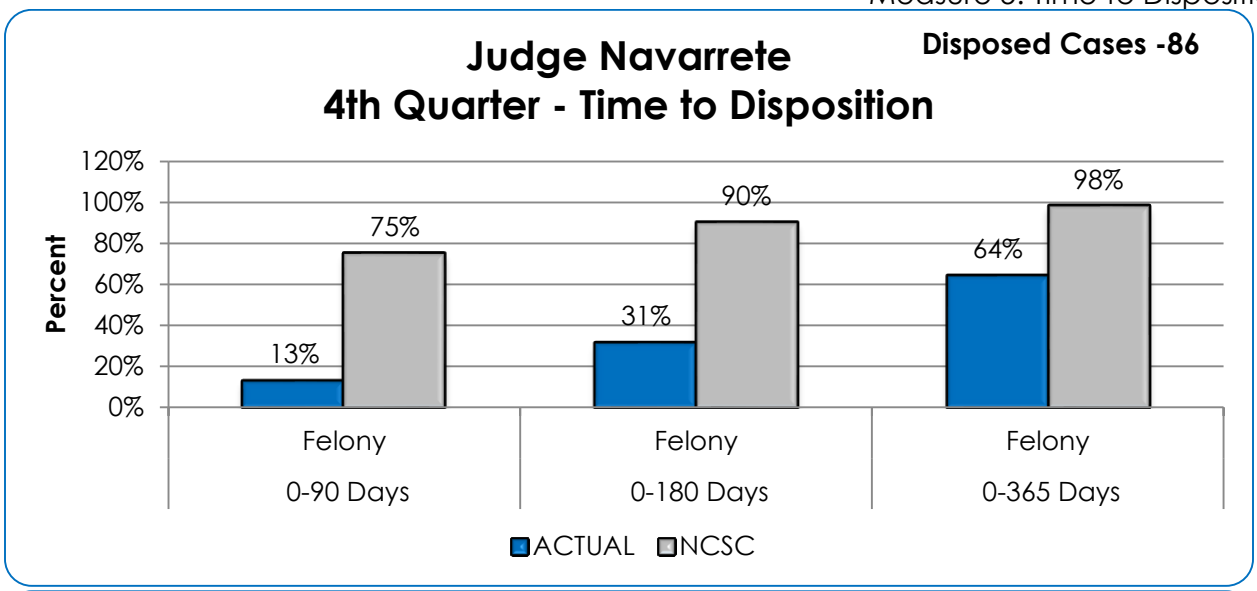

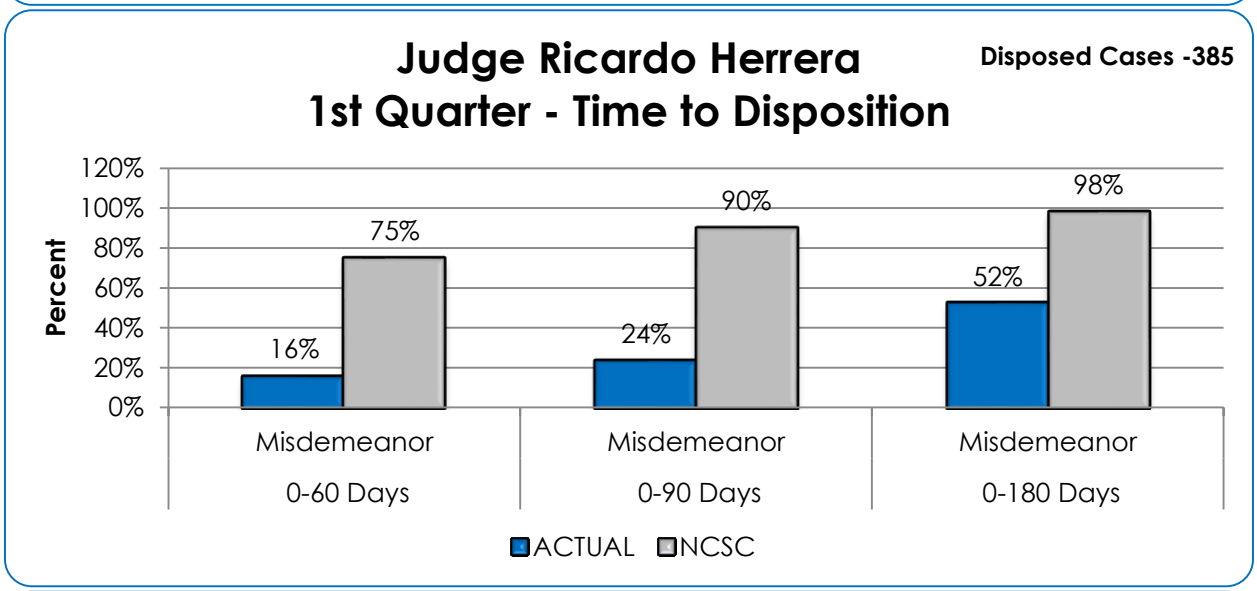

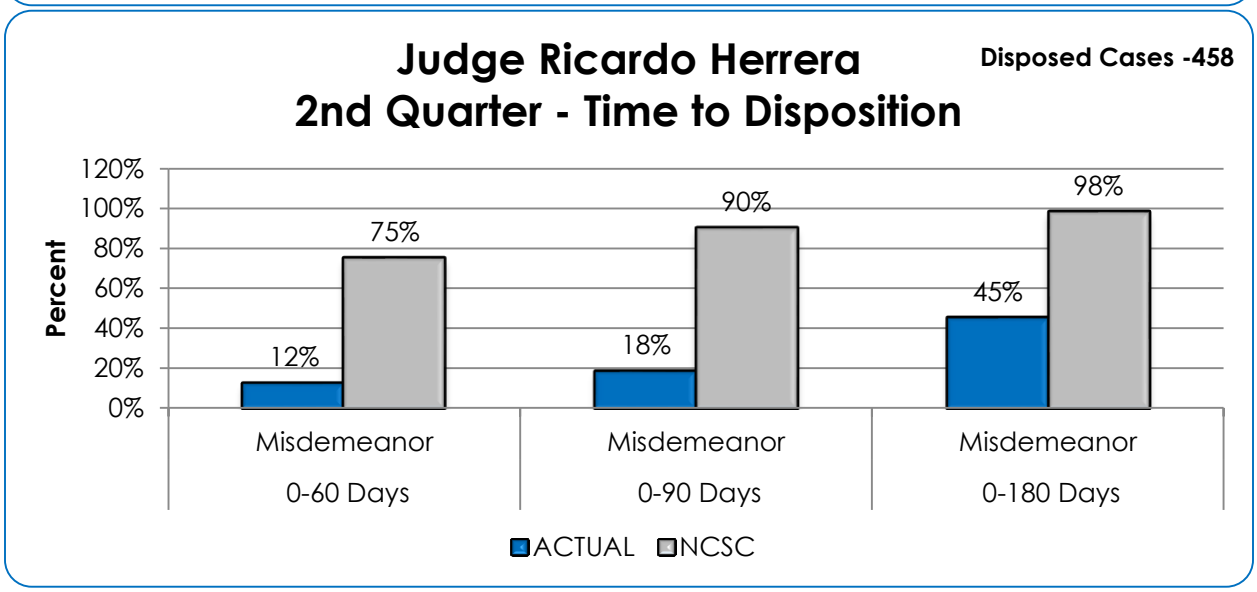

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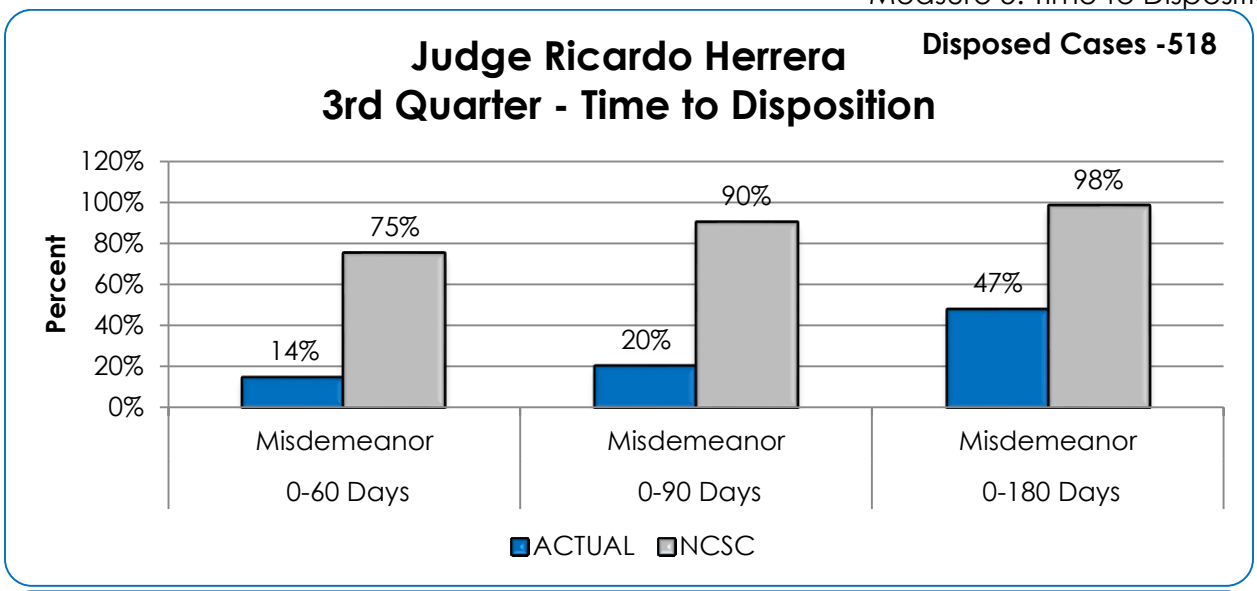

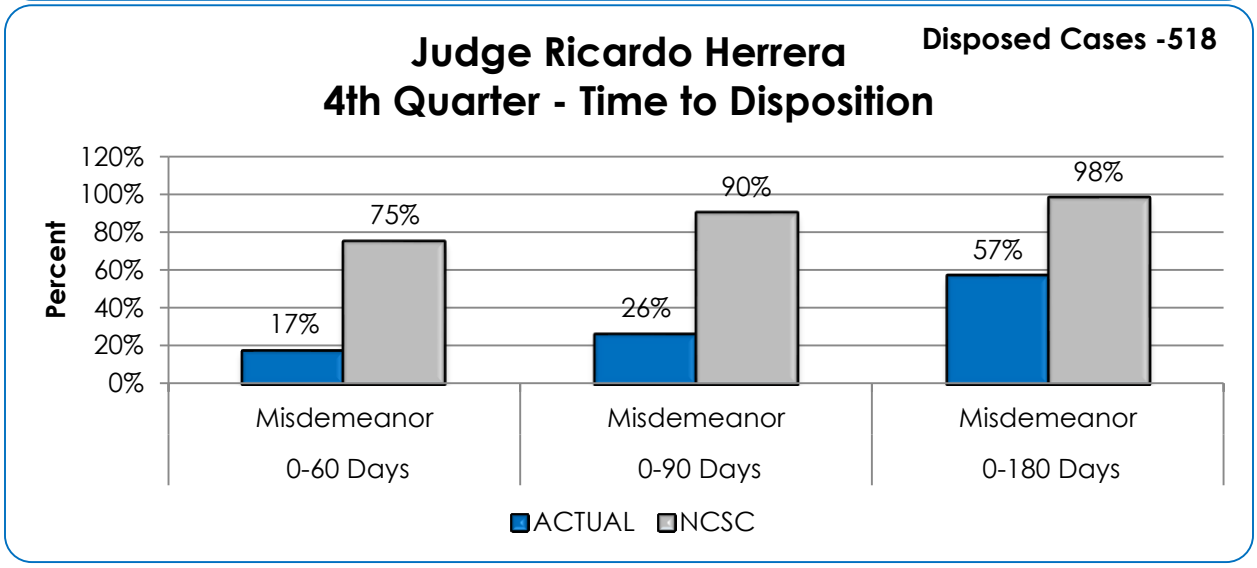

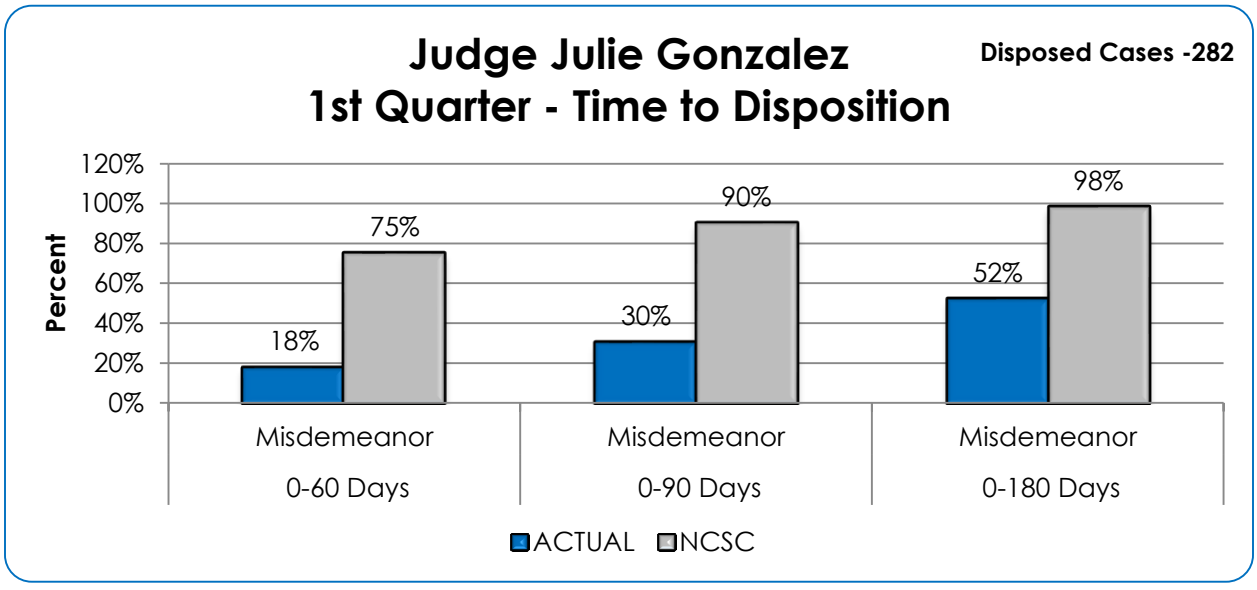

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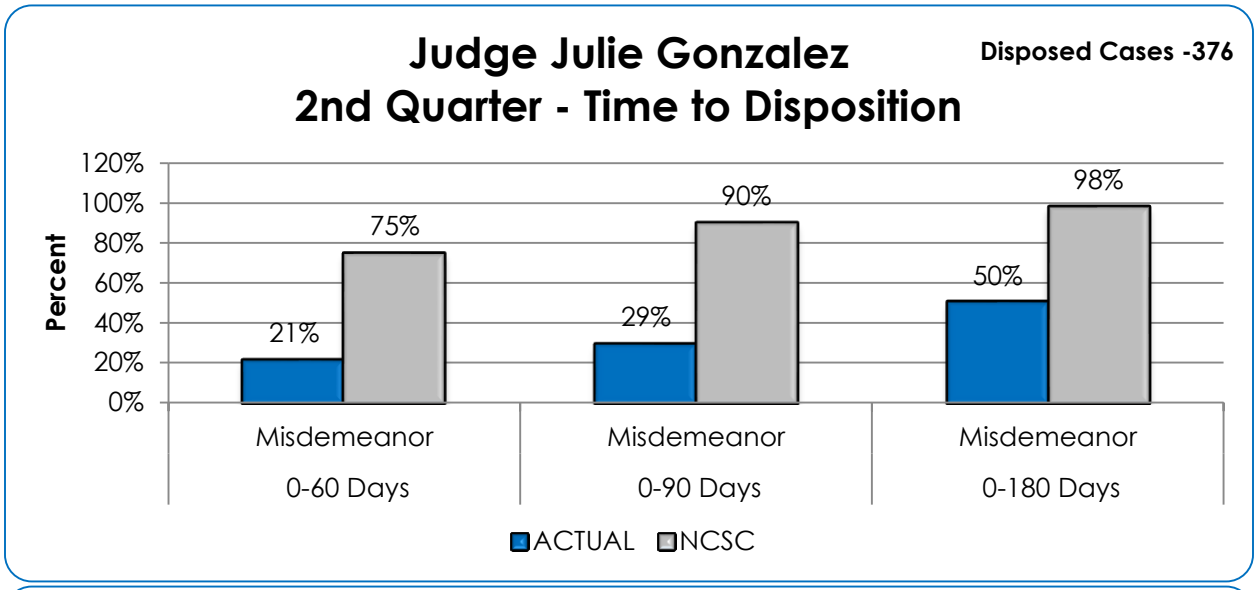

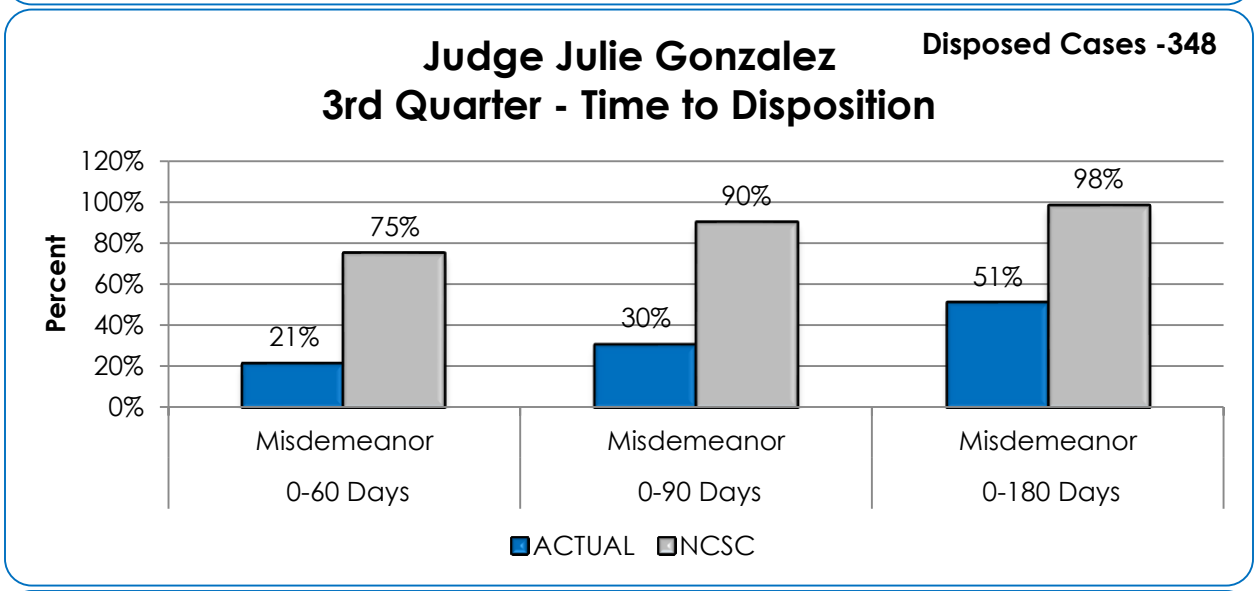

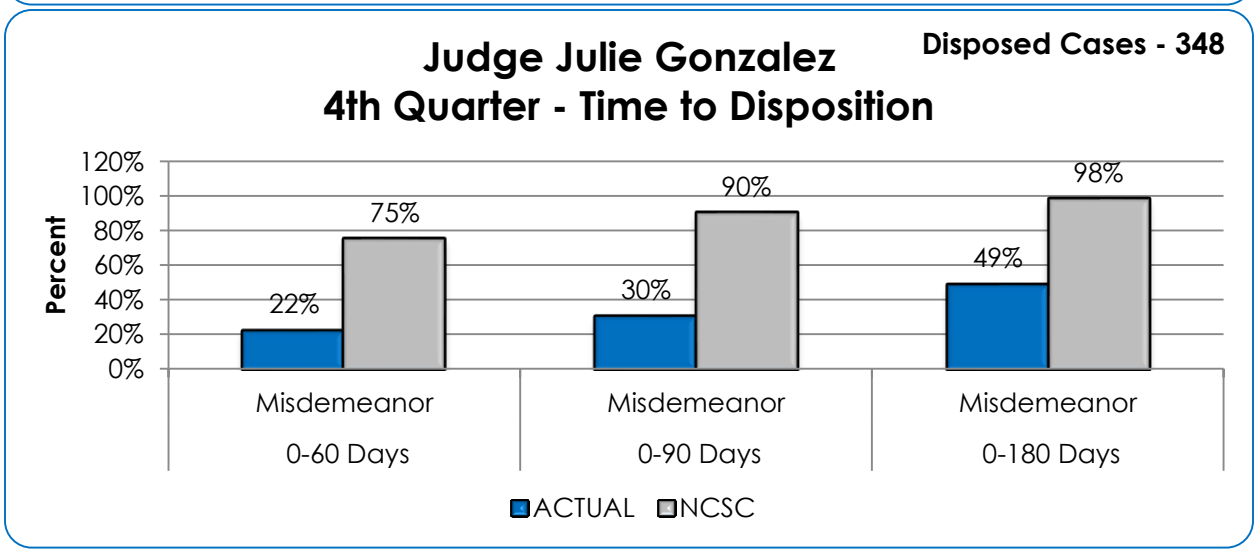

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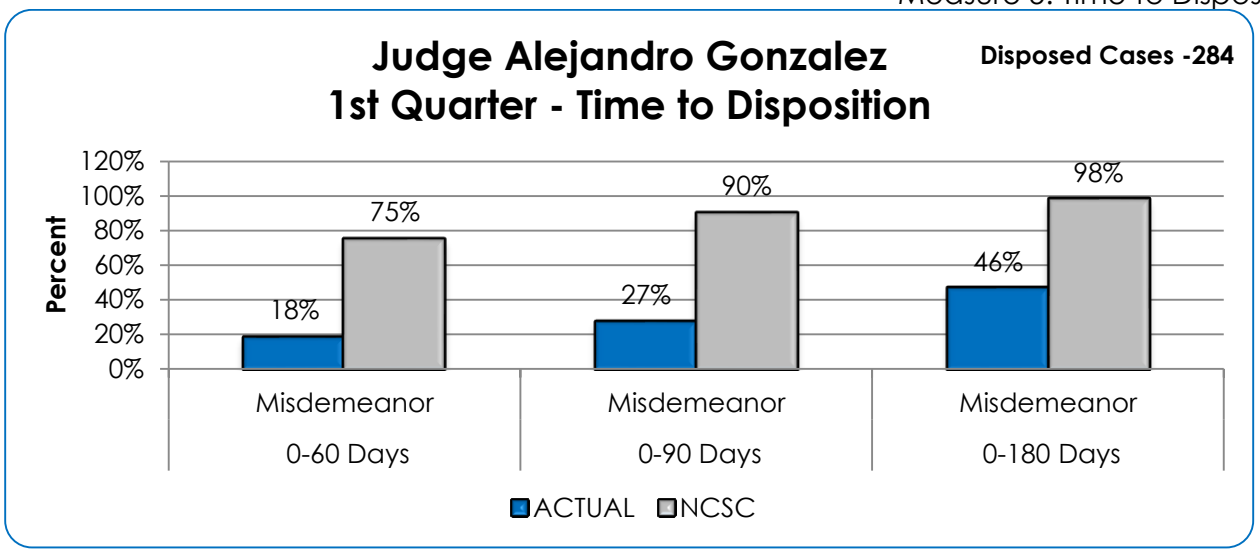

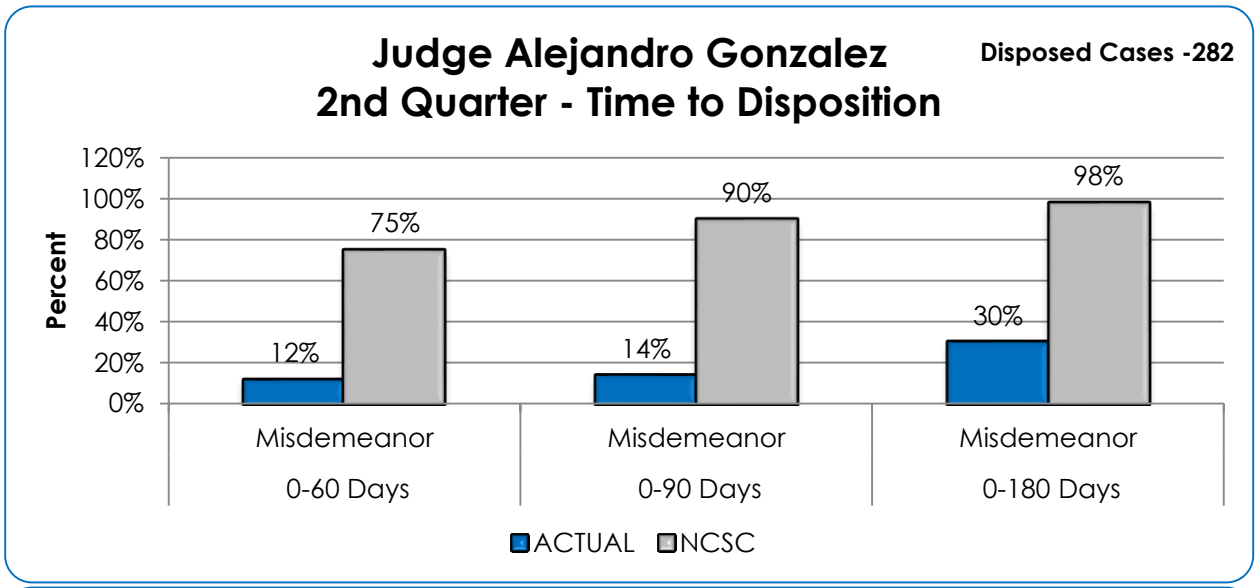

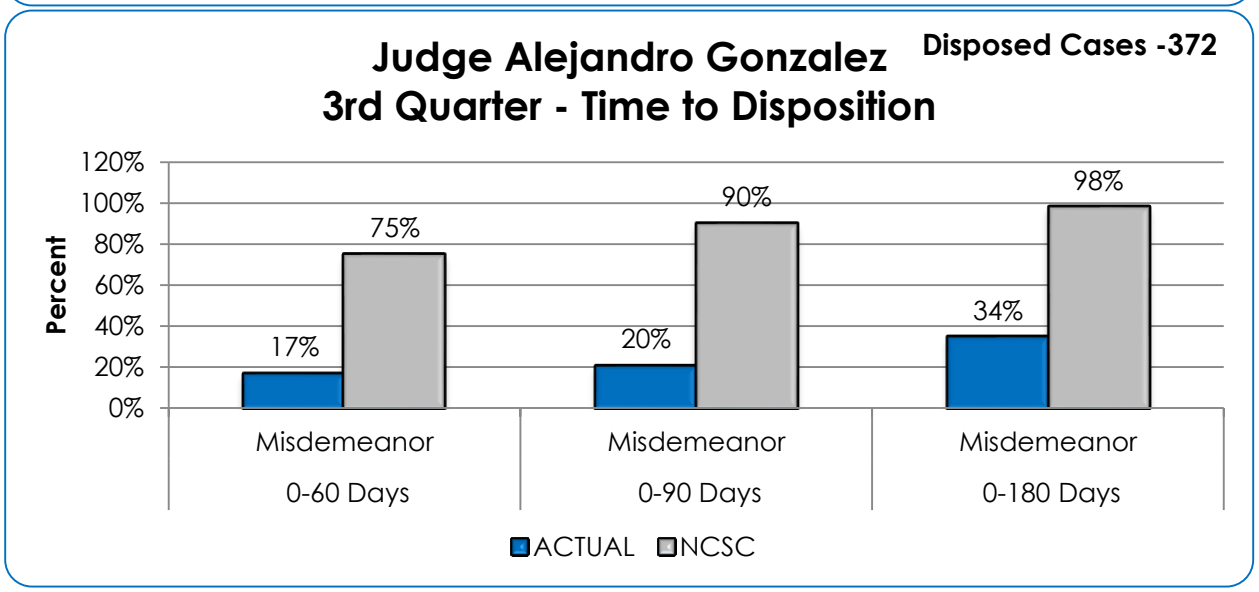

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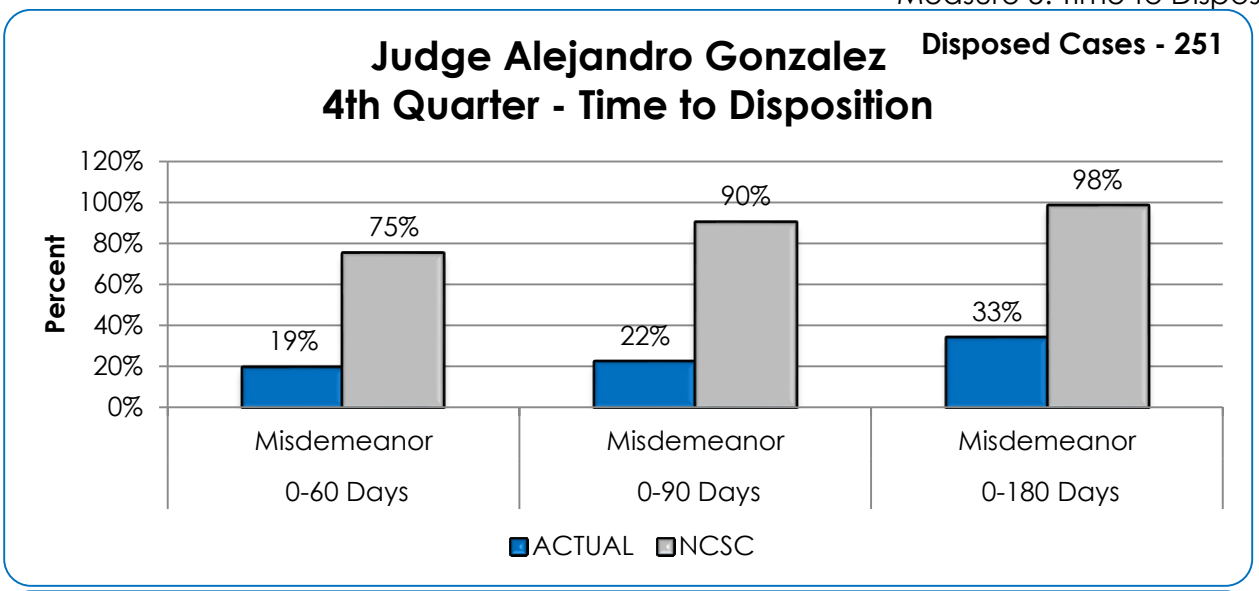

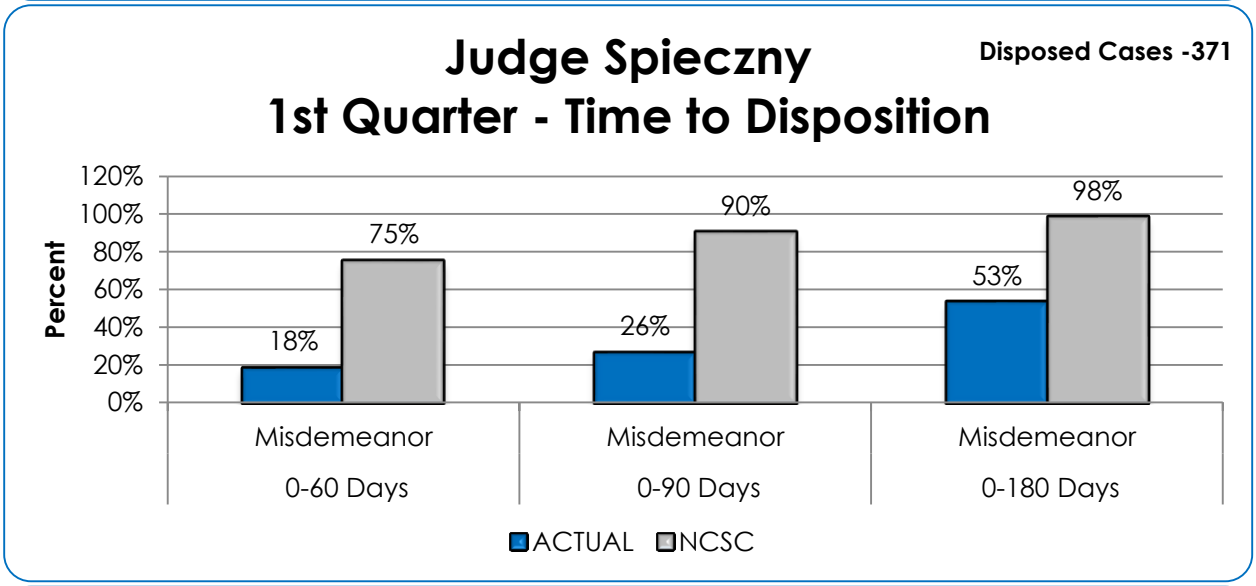

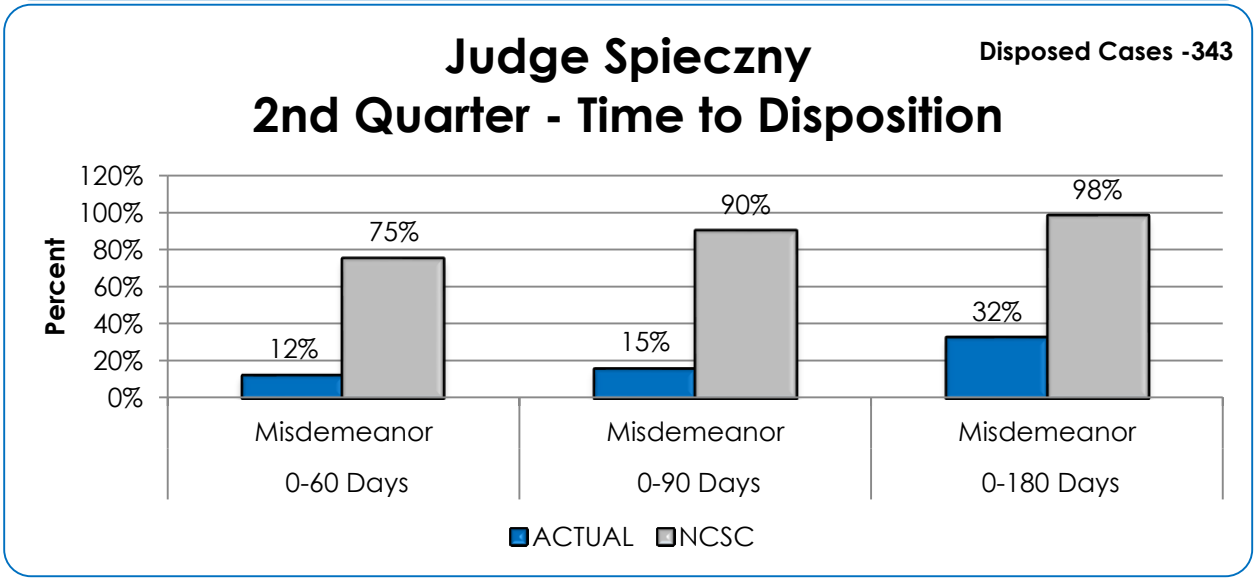

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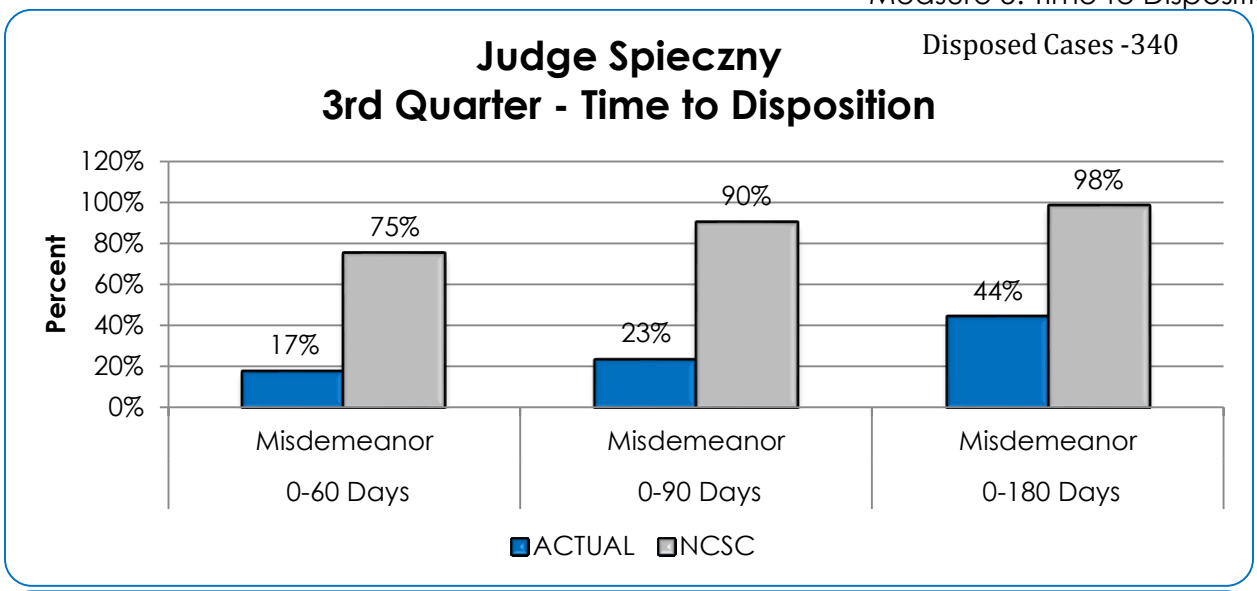

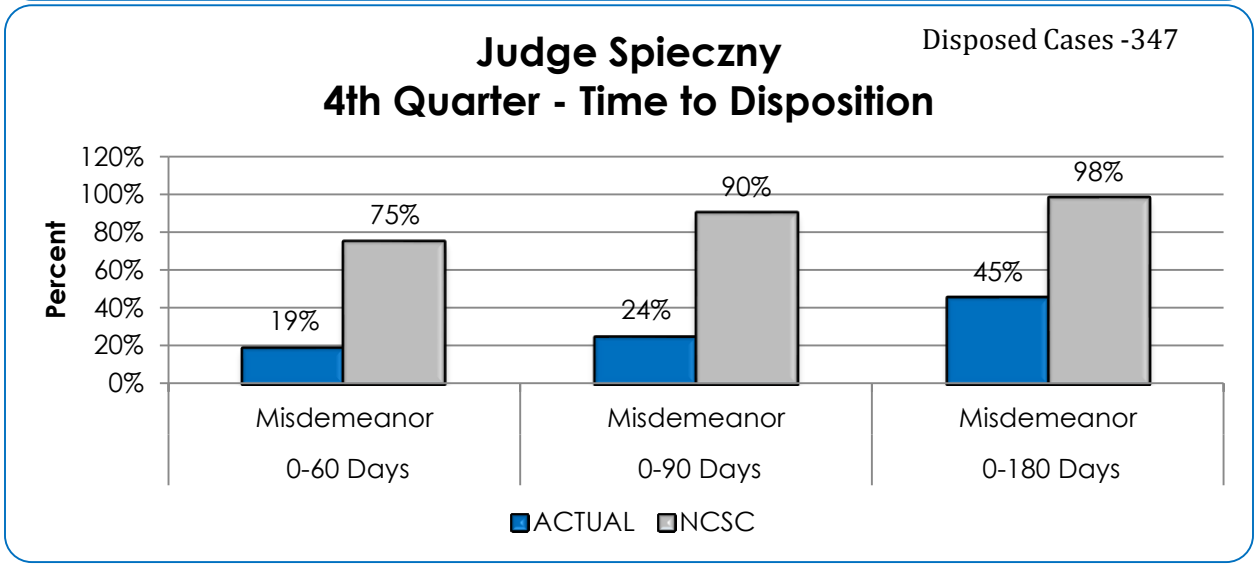

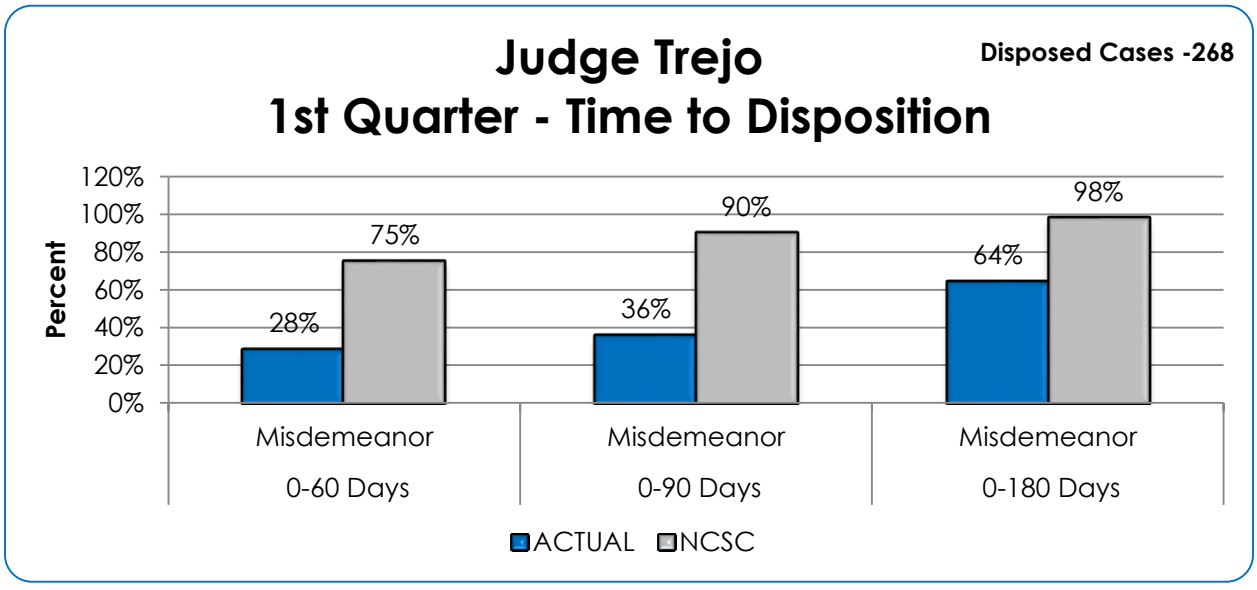

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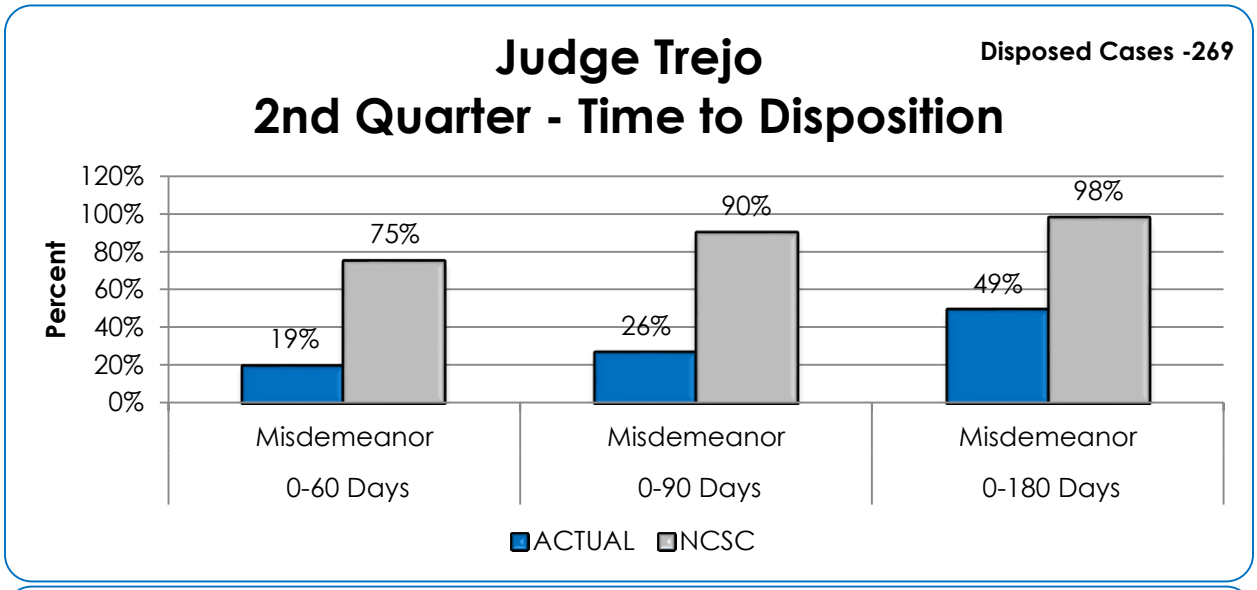

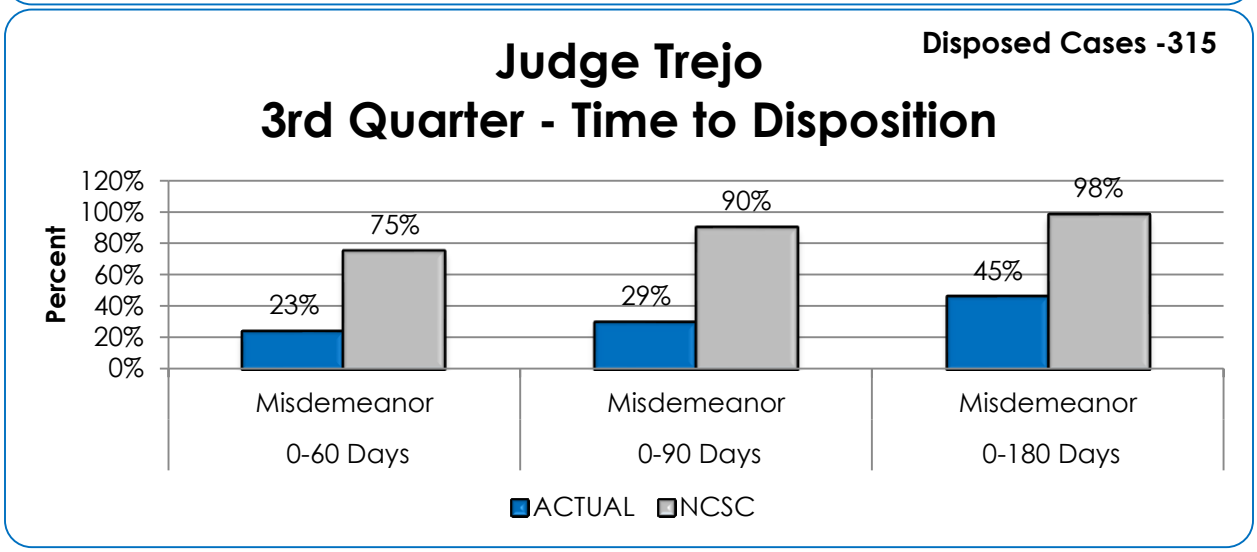

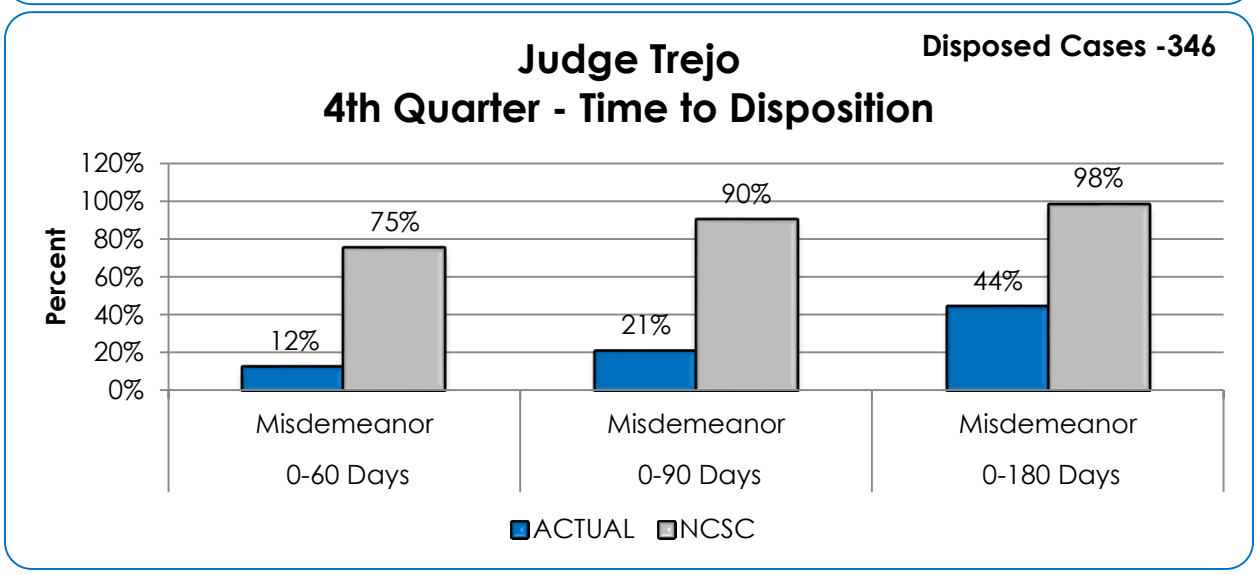

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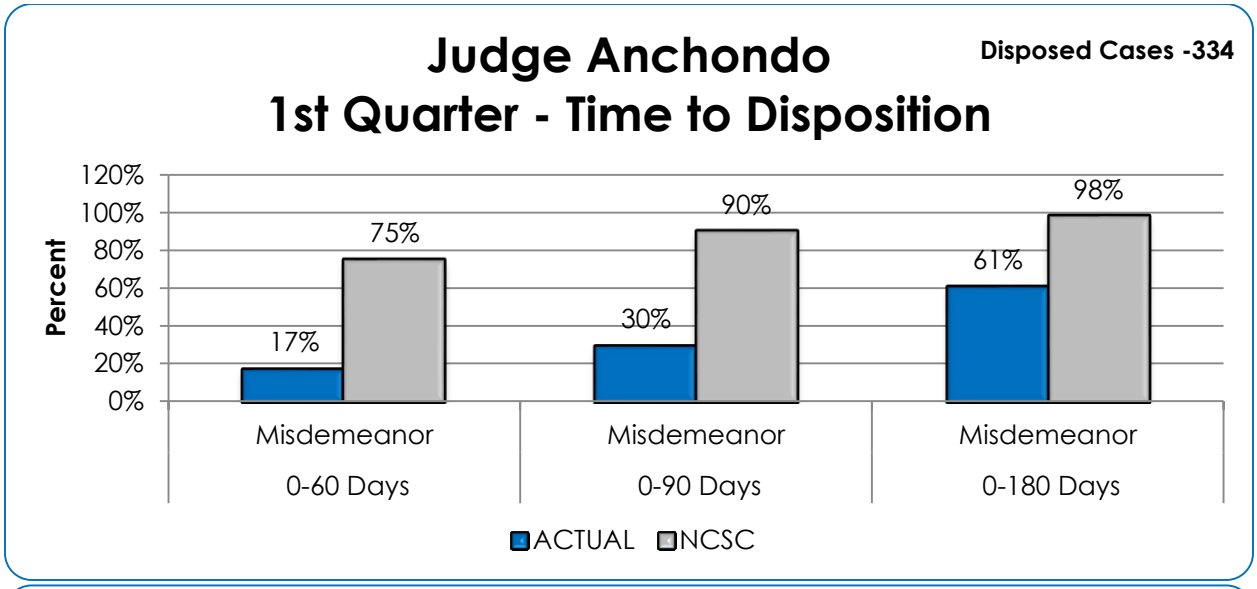

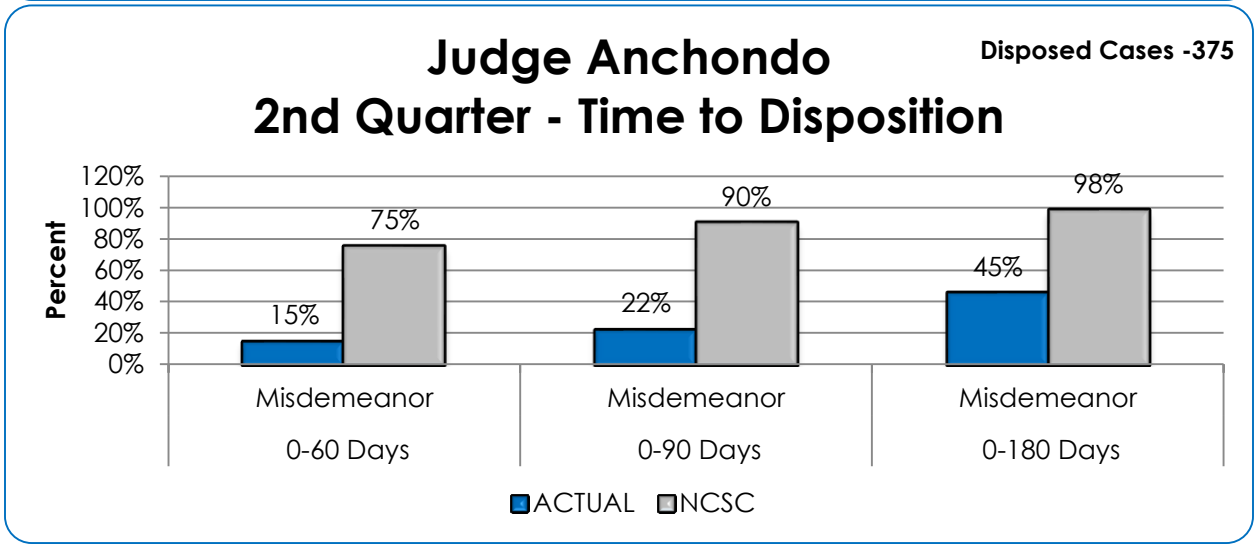

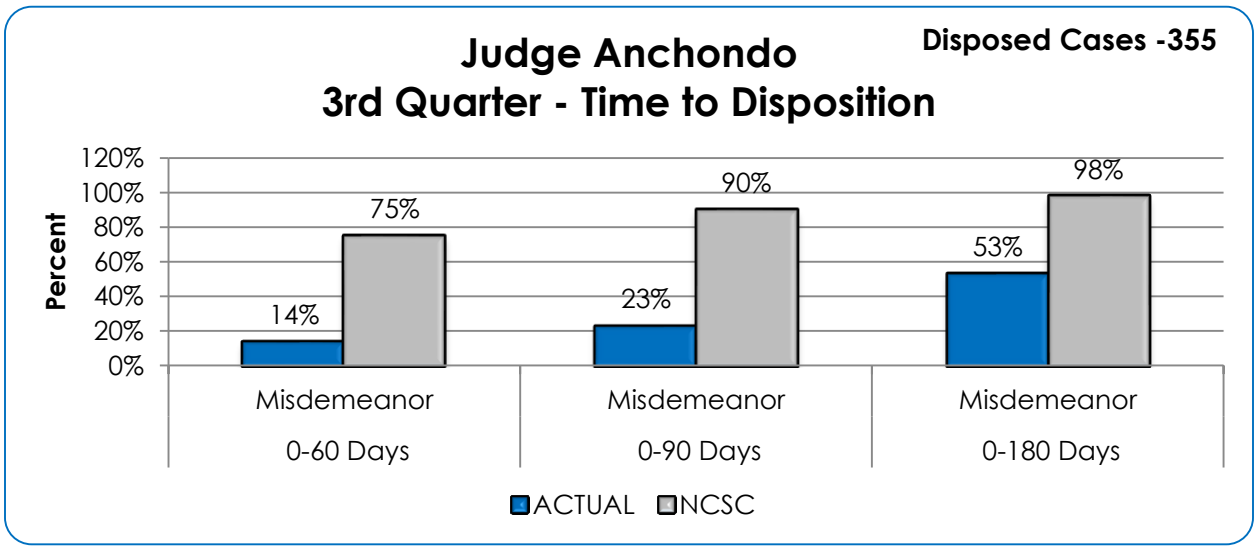

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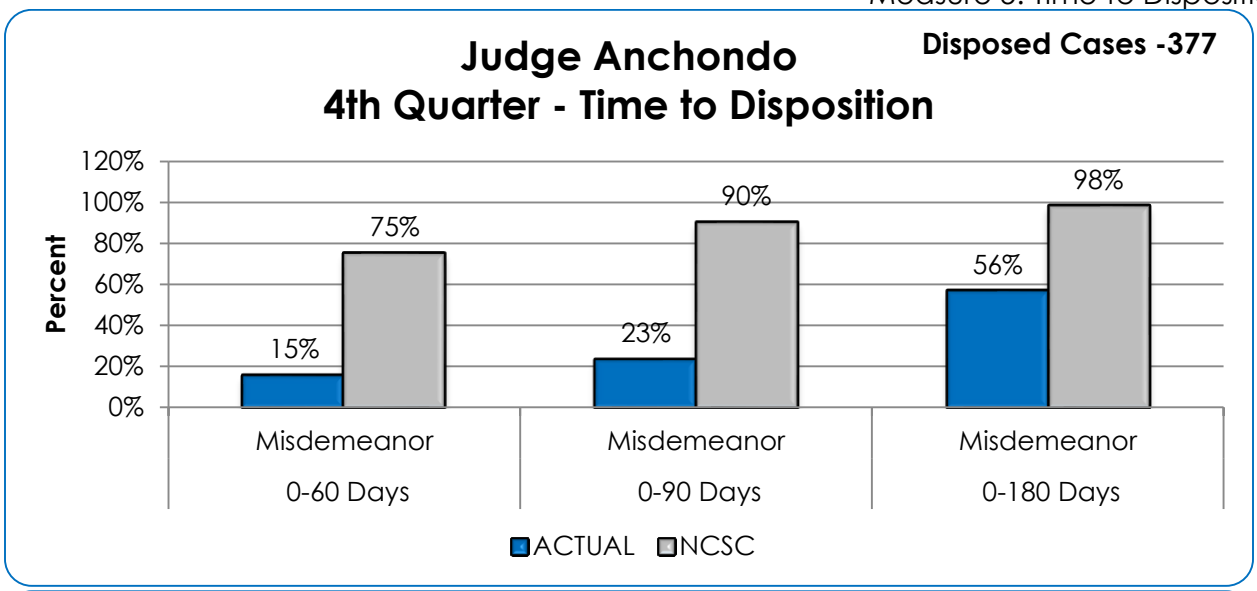

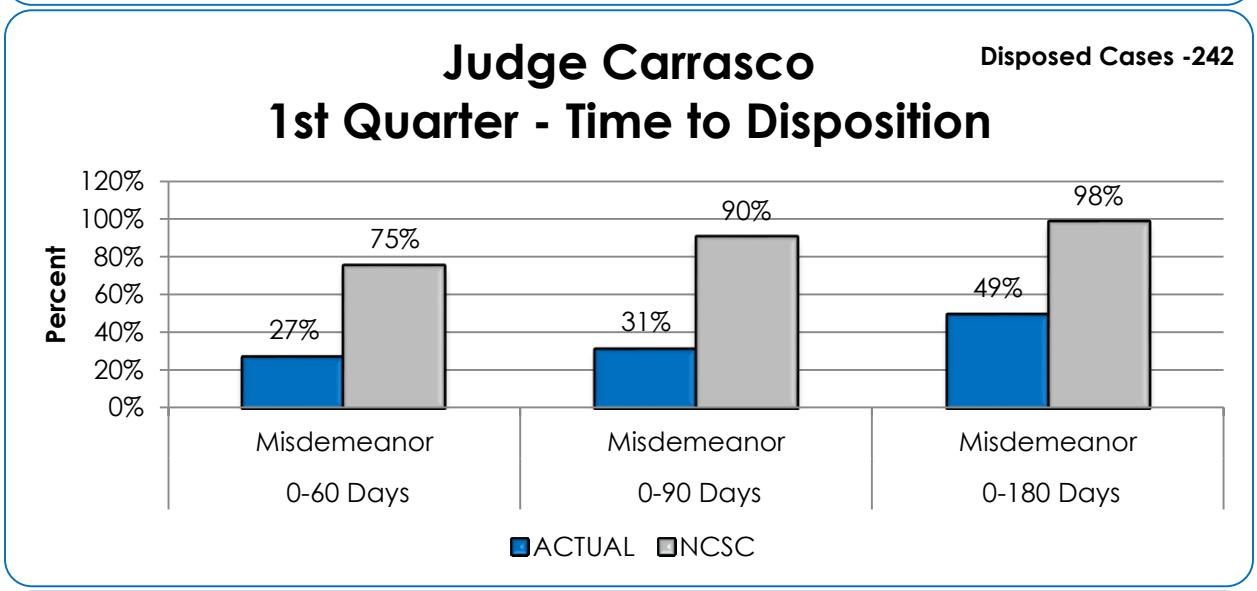

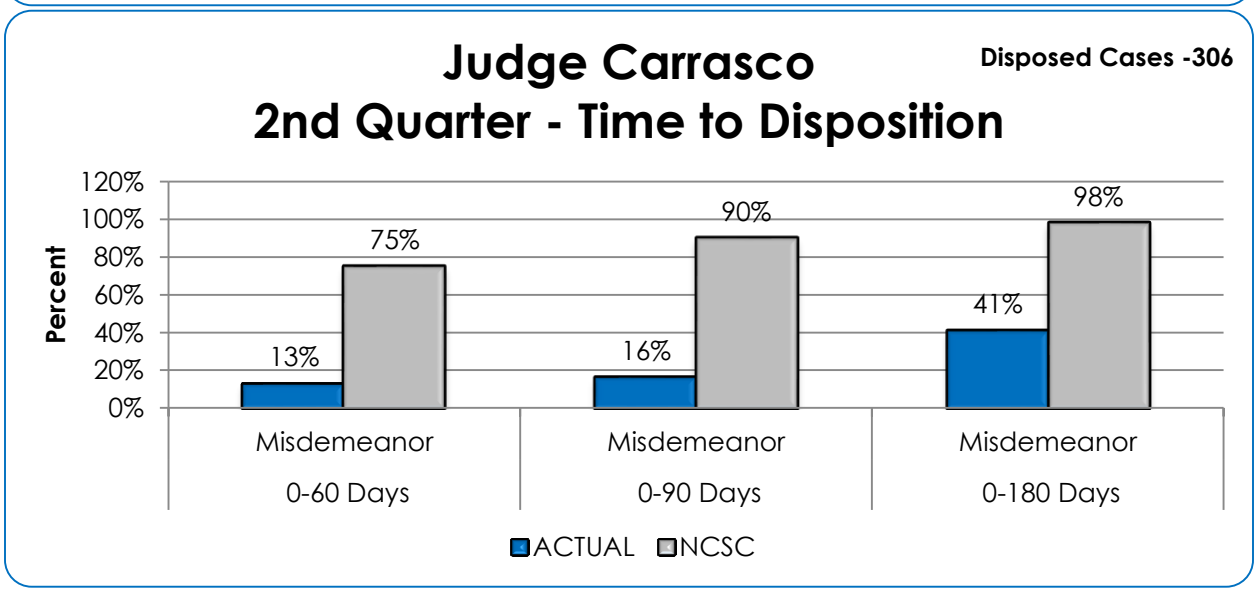

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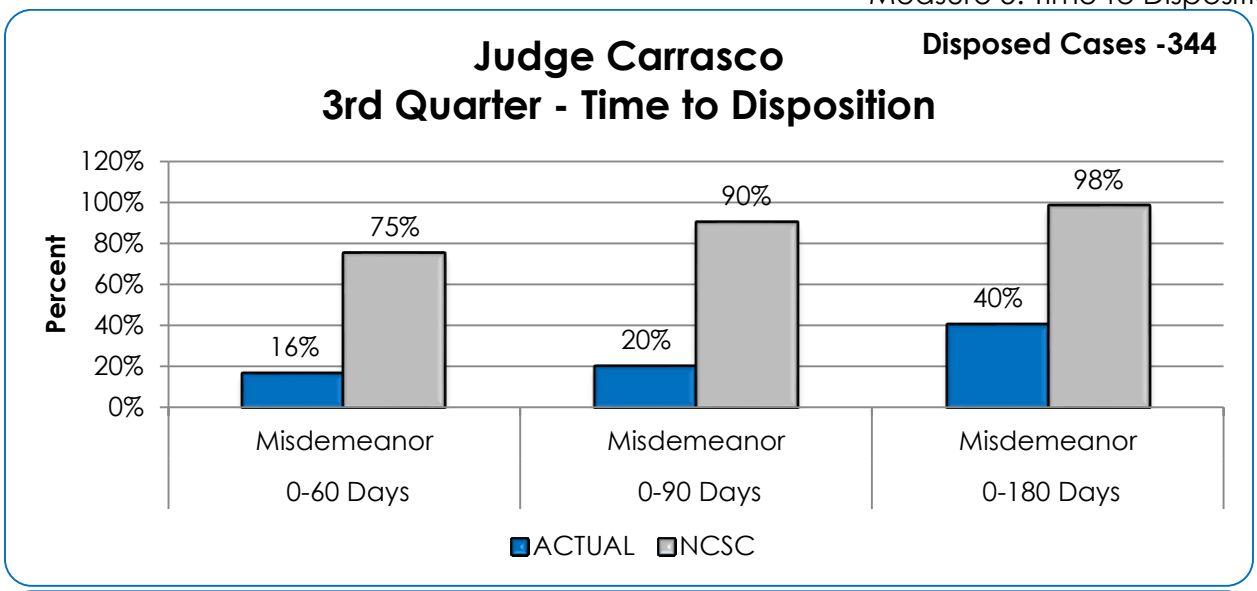

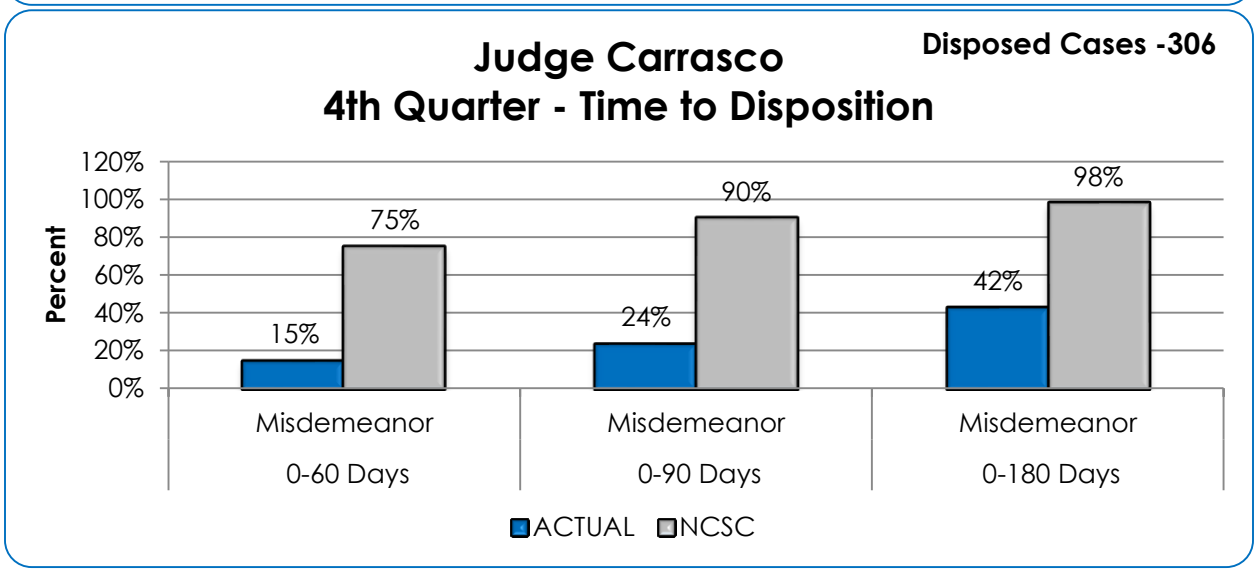

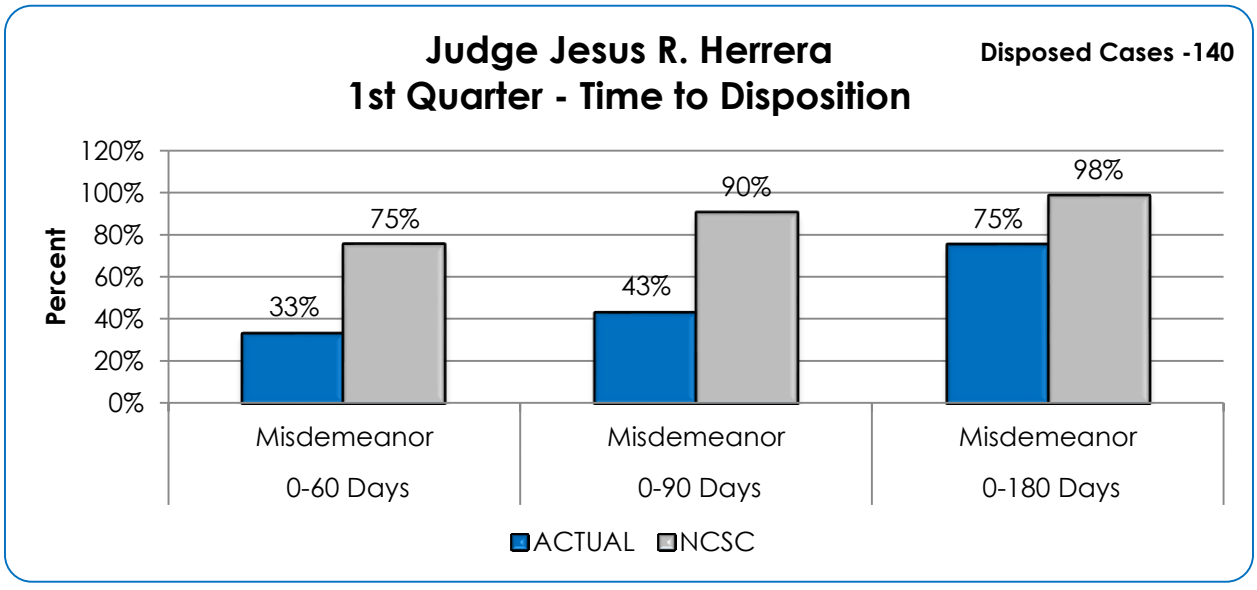

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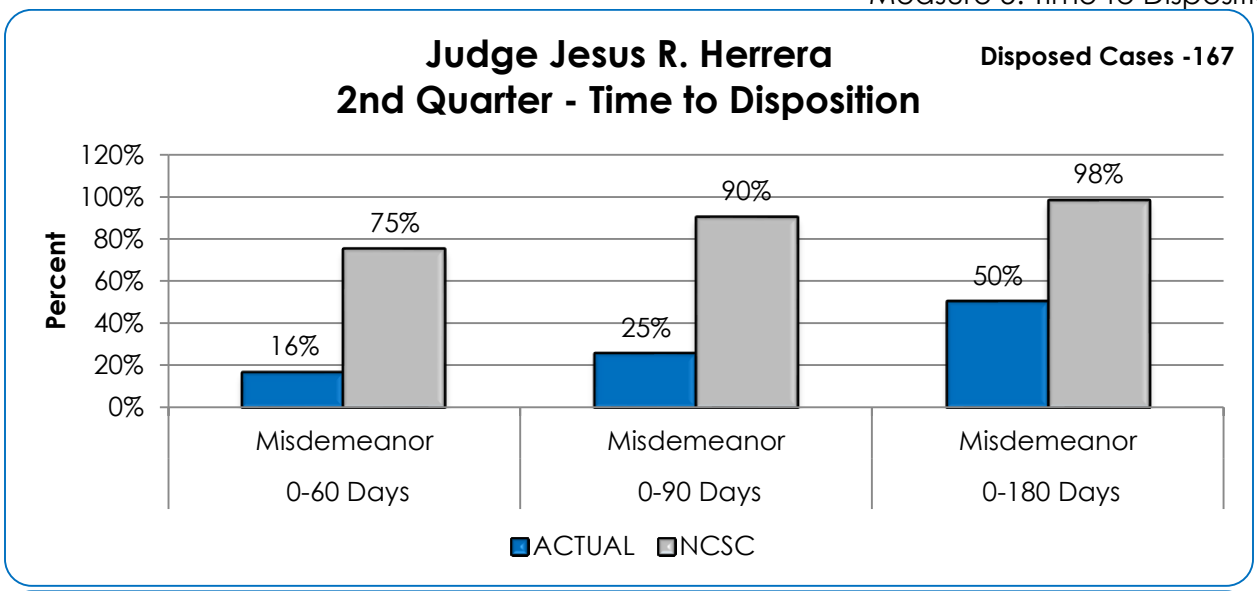

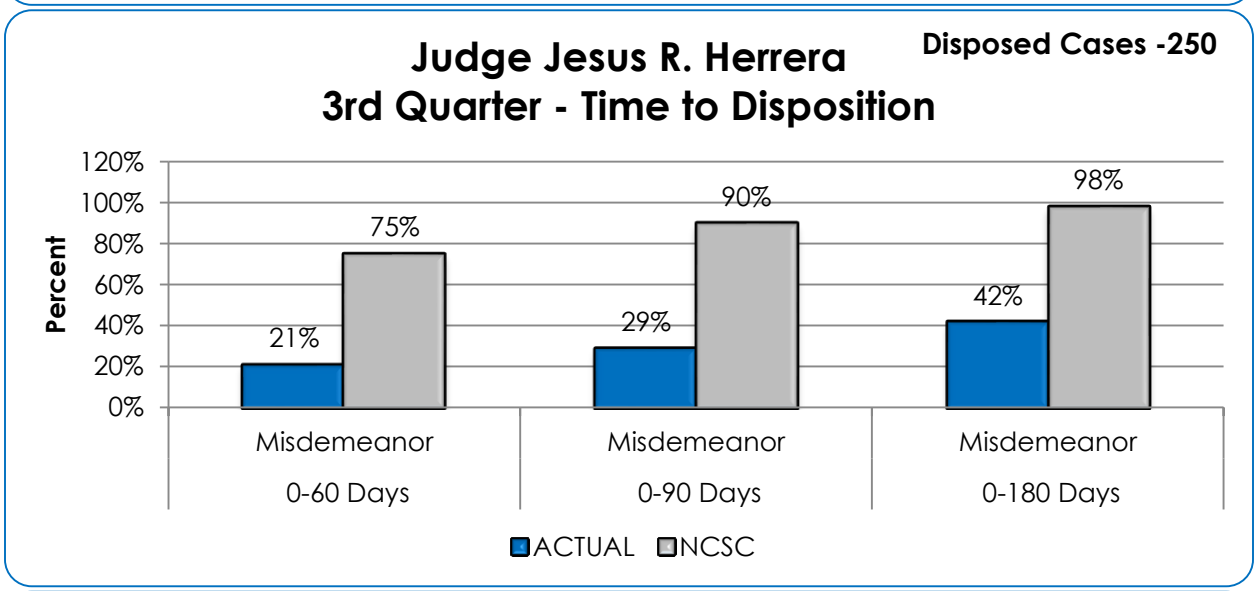

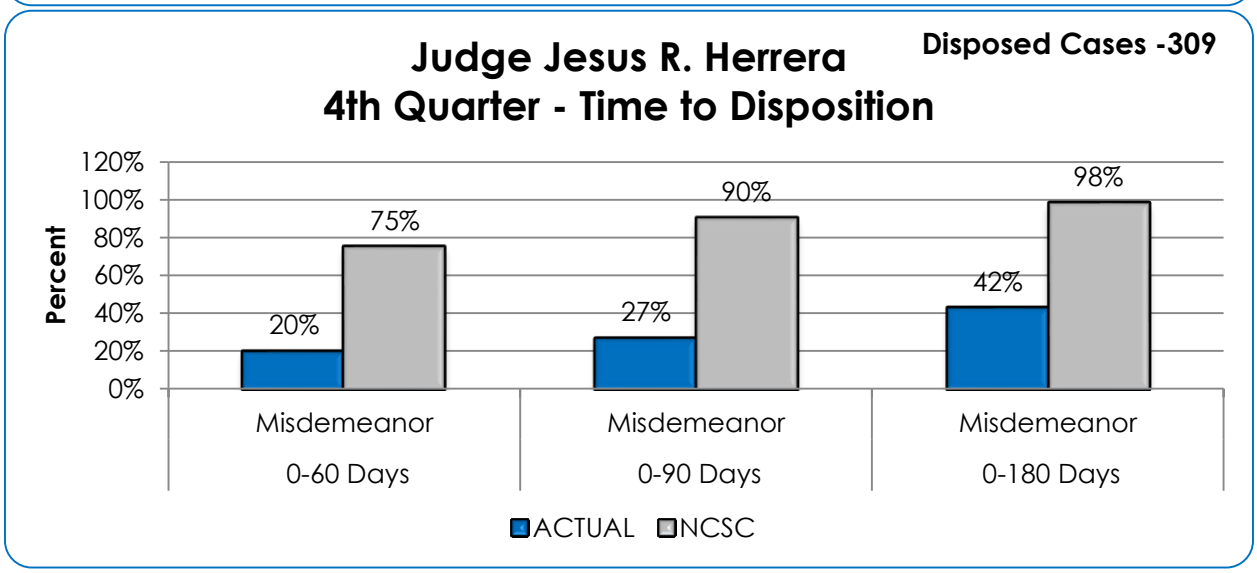

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Measure 6: Age of Active Cases Pending

Definition: The age of active cases pending before the court is measured as the number of days from filing until the time of measurement.

Analysis and Interpretation: This measure allows a court to view their progress in achieving a time-to-disposition more in line with the ABA standards. It is a helpful tool in docket management allowing the court to make the necessary adjustments in case administration to achieve a reduction in the time to dispose of a case in line with ABA standards. The first chart displays the percent of active cases that are over a year old for each of the courts. The second chart shows the court-wide average percent of active cases over 365 days for the past quarter. *Note: Fugitives are not included in the data. Cases include what district courts consider open felony cases.*

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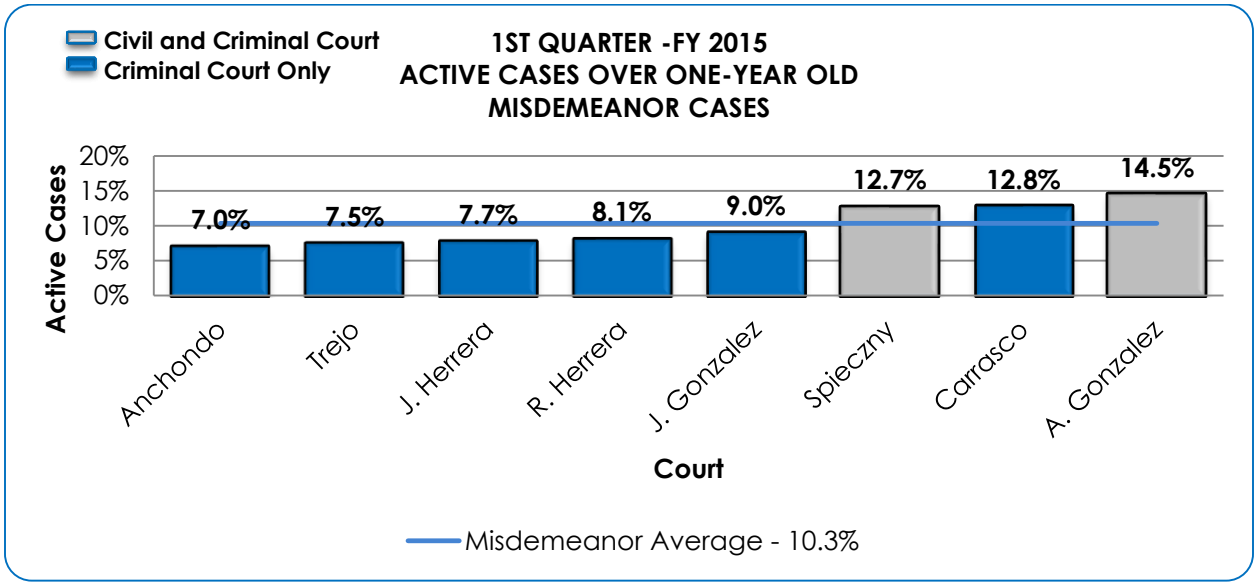

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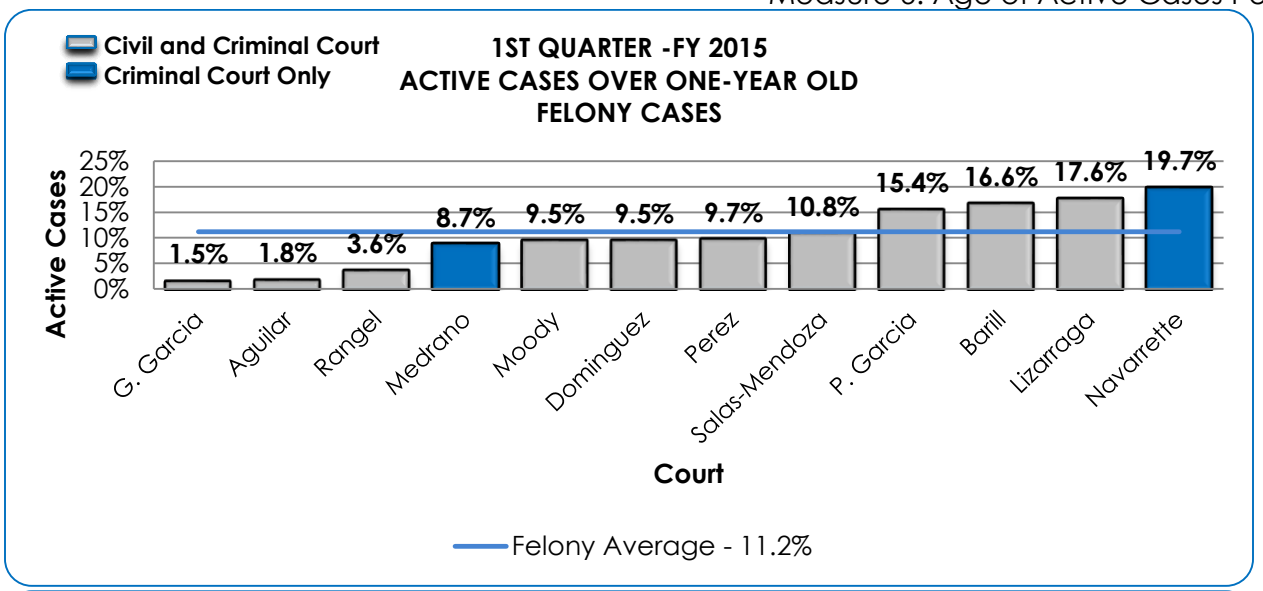

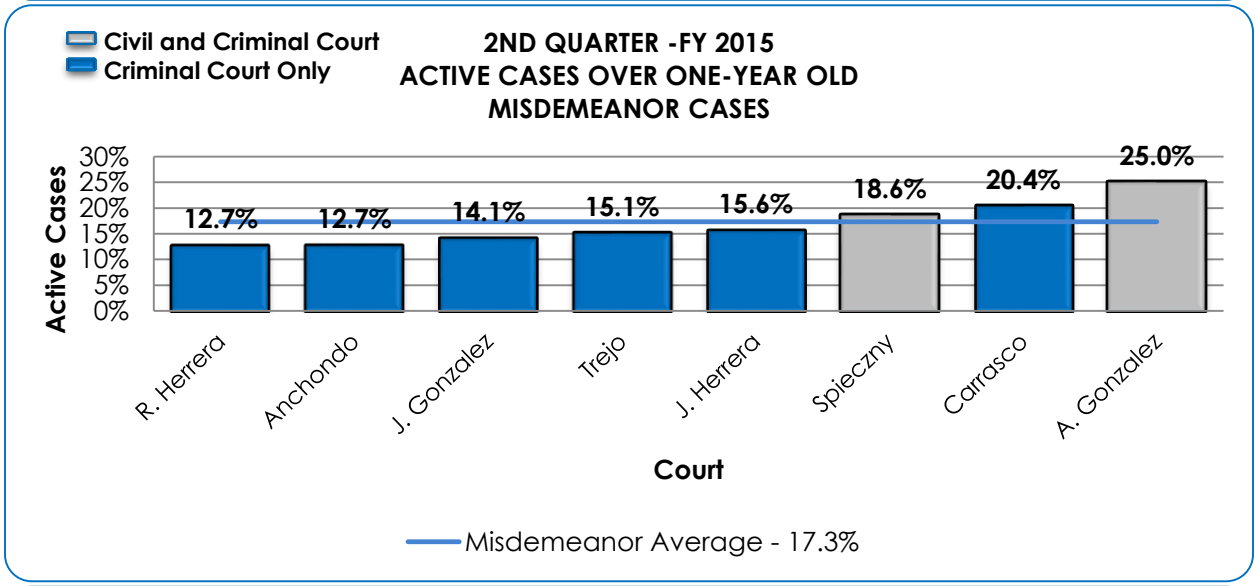

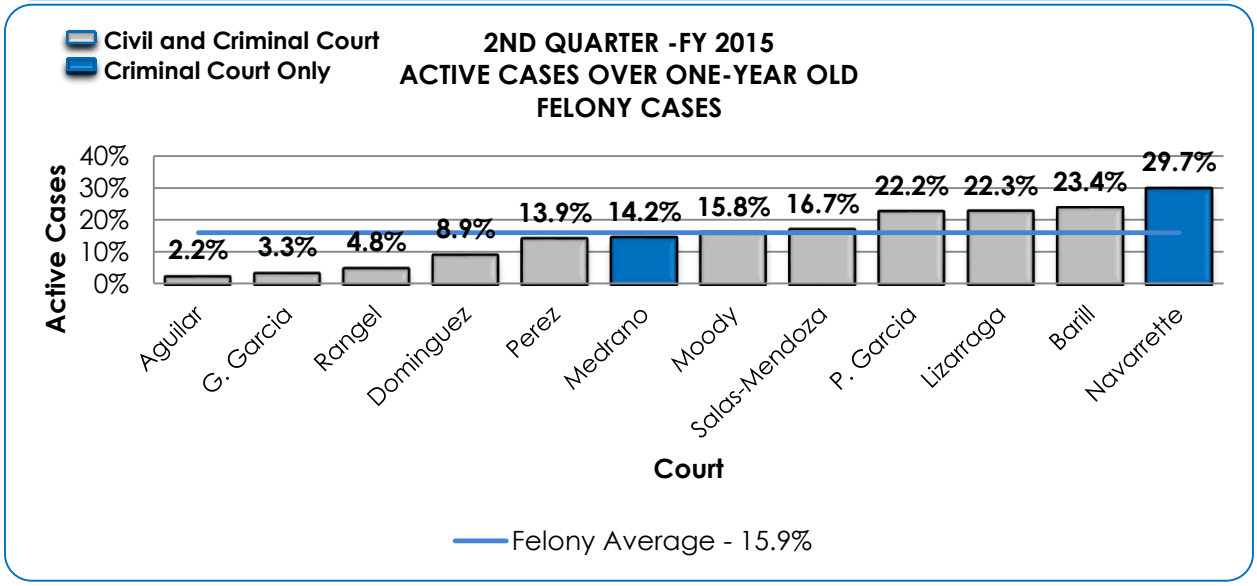

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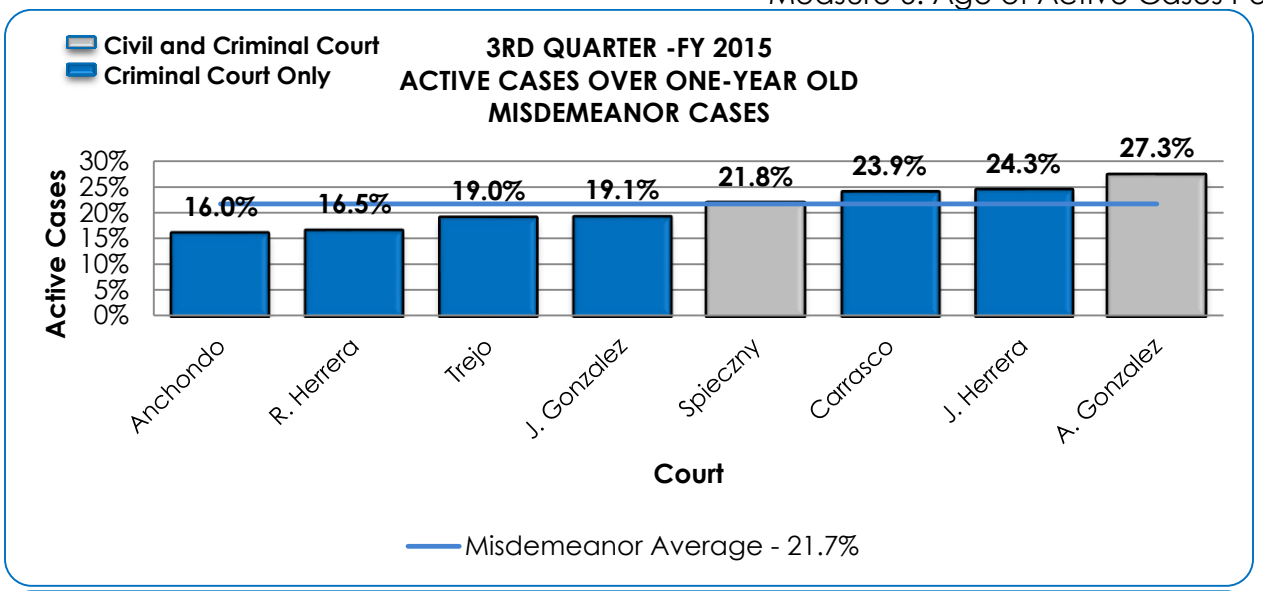

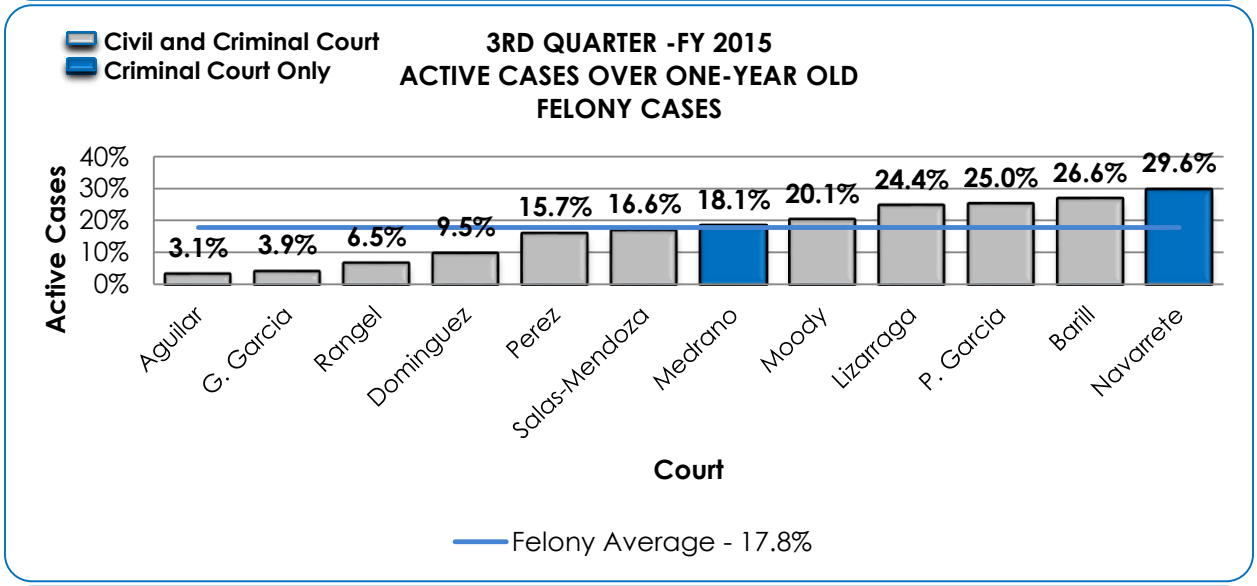

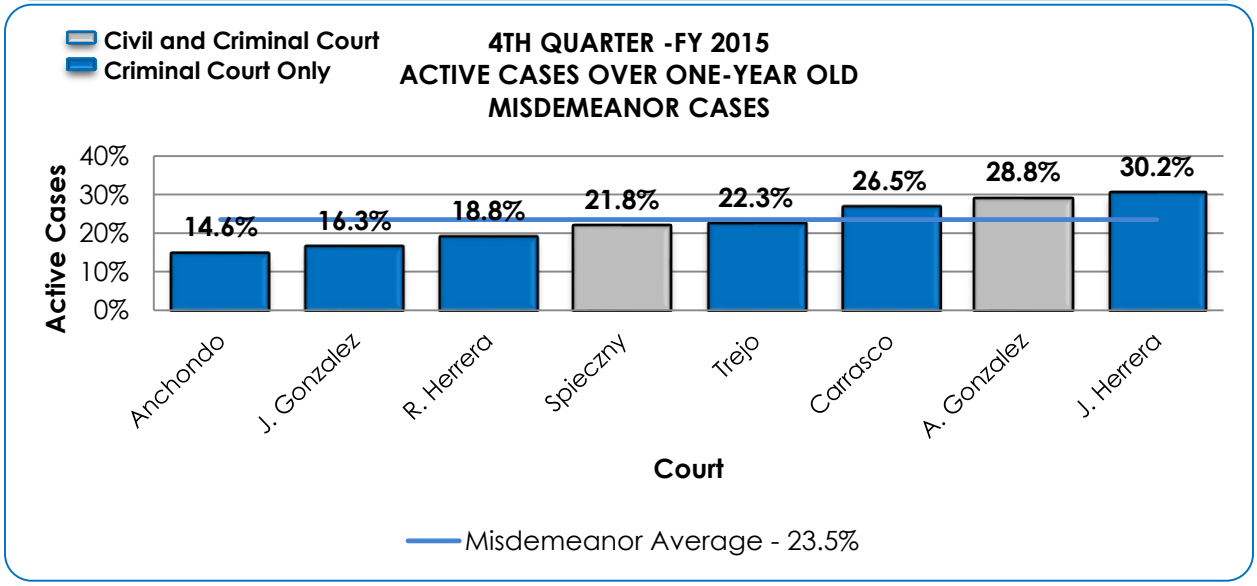

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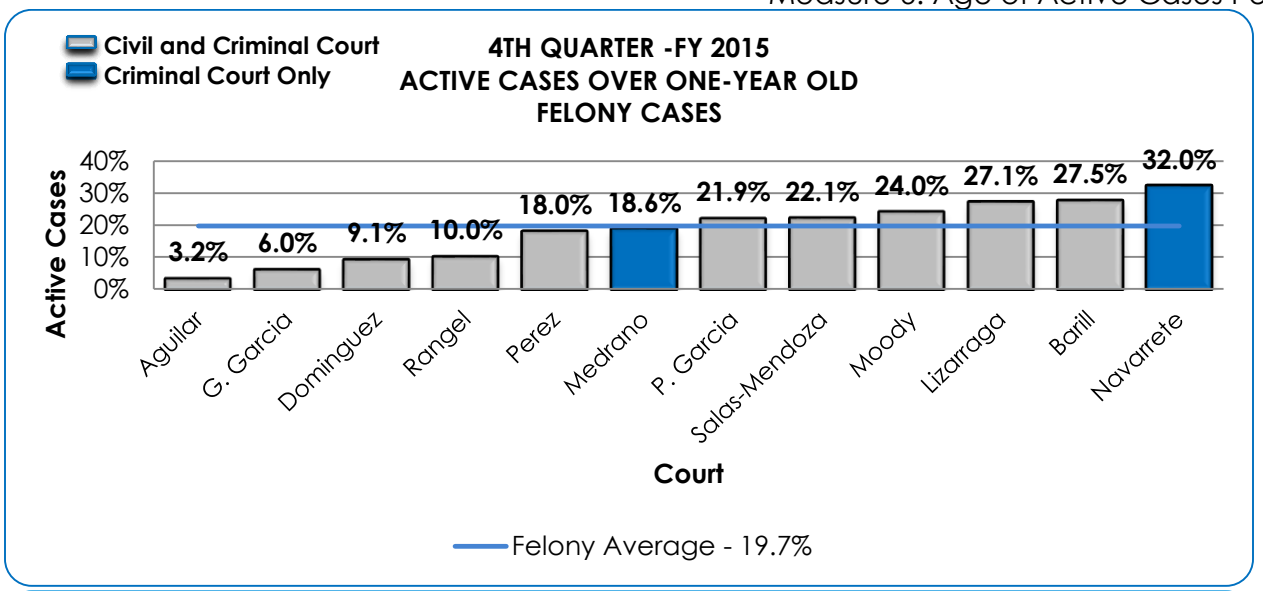

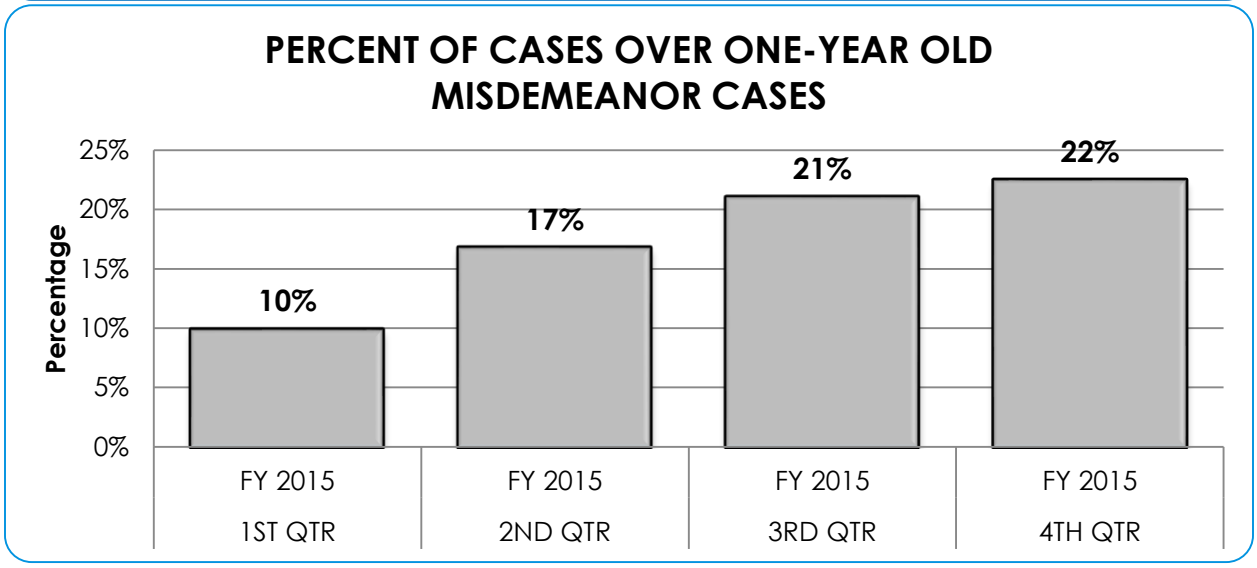

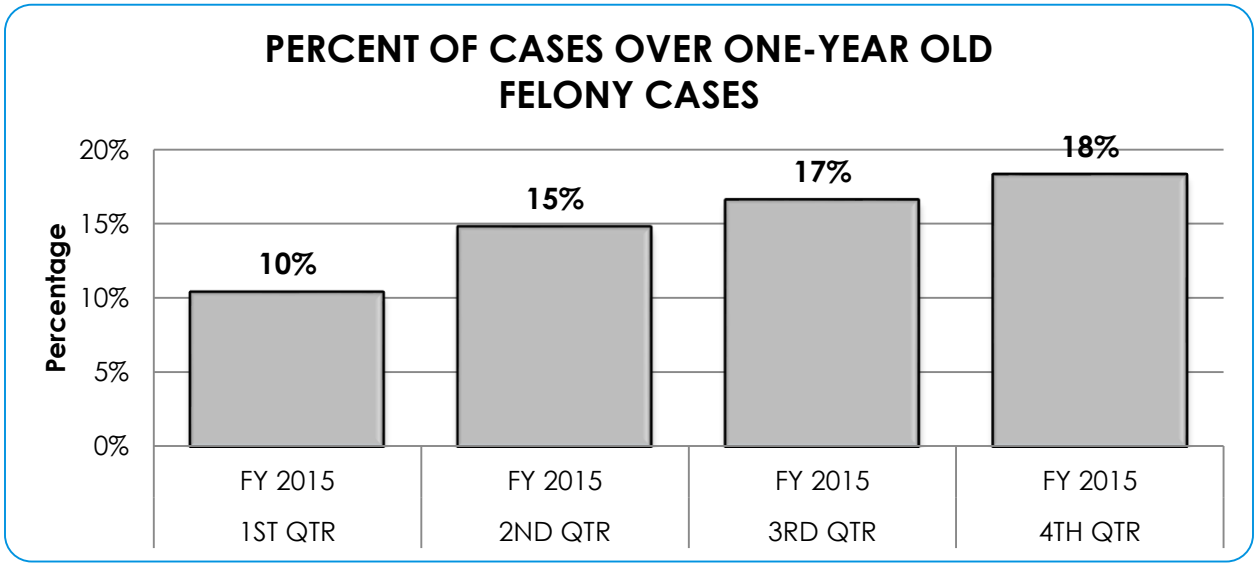

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Appendix A: Explanation and Method of Collection for Different Measures

General Assumptions for All Measures

The following assumptions were used with regards to all measures:

- The measures will only report on criminal data.
- The measures are reporting on cases that originated in Odyssey (cases that were filed after August 5th, 2013).
- A disposition will be counted based on the Statistical Closure field and will include all possible dispositions (will not exclude deceased dispositions).
- In the event there are active warrants for a defendant the number of days the warrant is active will not be attributed to the case's age. The warrants issue date, serve date, and warrants statuses are used to ascertain whether a warrant is active or inactive.
- In counting Jail Bed Days, Inmates that have cases with multiple courts are placed into a multiple court category until only one court has a case assigned to them.
- A case with multiple dispositions will count each disposition as a separate event. Except in the situation where a case has multiple dispositions on the same day. In this situation only one disposition will be counted for that case.
- Disposed cases can originate from an earlier quarter, but will still be restricted to only cases filed after August 5th, 2013 or later.
- Measures do not include data from pre-filed cases.
- The measures will be run on quarterly basis 30 days after the close of the financial quarter.
- Data for specialty courts will be included in the reports for their parent court.
- Taking all other measures into consideration, the age of cases with probation will be counted from the file date to the date of disposition or end of the reporting period (whichever comes first).
- Grand jury cases are included in the report data.
- Test data will not impact the reports.

Measure 1: Cost per Disposition

Definition: The net cost of disposing of a single case.
Method: Cost per disposition is the net cost of the court divided by the number of dispositions. Net cost per disposition includes revenue collected and costs between October 2014 and March 2015 from each court. This measure allows the court to compare its average cost per case to other courts, enabling the participants to make adjustments to court practices where applicable. Other personnel are budgeted within other respective County departments, such as the District Attorney's Office, El Paso County Sheriff's Office, and the District Clerk's Office are not included in the calculation for net Court cost per disposition.

Measure 2: Jail Bed Days

Definition: The number of jail bed days consumed.
Method: This information is retrieved from Odyssey. Analysis of jail bed days is helpful when making case management decisions regarding disposition. The ultimate goal is expedited case disposition where appropriate, and the benefit is a reduction in jail bed days consumed. Jail bed days are considered as days individuals spend past midnight in jail. The days count will only be applicable to the quarter or date range's reported against. This means that in the case of a quarter one inmate can only count for a maximum of 90 days. Inmates that have cases with multiple courts are placed into a multiple court category until only one court has a case assigned to them. A jail bed day is counted and associated to a specific court only when a case has been filed and does not have an active disposition or statistical closure on or before the day of counting or when a case has an active case status prior to the day of counting.

The average length of stay for inmates is calculated by totaling the number of jail bed days consumed from indictment to release and dividing by the number of inmates incarcerated.

Measure 3: Clearance Rates

Definition: The number of disposed cases as a percentage of the number of incoming cases.
Method: Clearance rates are measured using two variables, incoming cases and the number of cases disposed monthly. Incoming cases includes any cases filed within the reporting period. Disposed cases are any cases that have a statistical closure during the reporting period and would be reported to OCA. Cases with multiple dispositions will count toward the court as multiple dispositions. This report will include all possible dispositions (will not excluded deceased dispositions). Disposed cases that appear in a quarter can originate from a prior reporting period. Data for clearance rates does not include anything from pre-filed cases.

Measure 4: Disposition Rates

Definition: The number of disposed cases as a percentage of the Active Caseload.
Method: Disposition rates are measured using two variables, active caseload and the number of cases disposed. The active caseload includes any cases which have been assigned to the Court and the defendant is not a fugitive with an active warrant for arrest. Disposed cases are counted based on the statistical closure field. Active statuses are statuses deemed by the National Center for State Courts (NCSC). Pre-file cases are not included in these counts. When warrants are issued with a length of time greater than the length of the court the number of active days will be set to 0.

Measure 5: Time to Disposition Rate

Definition: The percentage of cases disposed or otherwise resolved within established time frames. This is a comparison of data from *age of disposed cases* and only considers cases that are disposed, not the full docket.
Method: For each case the time is calculated, in days, from filing of the case until the date the case was disposed. The case processing time standards published by the American Bar Association (ABA) and those published by the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) and the National Center for State Courts provide a starting point for determining guidelines.

http://www.ncsc.org/Services-and-Experts/Technology-tools/~/media/Files/PDF/CourtMD/Model-Time-Standards-for-State-Trial-Courts.ashx

Measure 6: Age of Active Cases Pending

Definition: The age of active cases pending before the court is measured as the number of days from filing until the time of measurement at the end of the Quarter.
Method: For each case type being analyzed, the report calculates the time, in days, from filing of the case until the end date established for the reporting period being examined. In the event there are active warrants for a defendant the number of days the warrant is active will not be attributed to the case's age. The warrants issue date, serve date, and warrants statuses are used to ascertain whether a warrant is active or inactive.

Appendix B: Source Documents for the Different Measures

Measure 1: Cost per Disposition

El Paso County Financial System (FAMIS)
Odyssey Receipt Journal
Public Defender Disposed Cases – Provided by El Paso County Public Defender Department

Measure 2: Jail Bed Days

Odyssey Enterprise Custom Reports

- CM-JT Average Length of Stay
- CM-JT Inmates in Jail By Court/Date

Measure 3: Clearance Rate

Odyssey Enterprise Custom Reports

- CM-JT Criminal Cases Disposed
- CM-JT New Filed Cases

Measure 4: Disposition Rate

Odyssey Enterprise Custom Reports

- CM-JT Criminal Cases Disposed
- CM-JT Age of Active Cases

Measure 5: Time to Disposition

Odyssey Enterprise Custom Reports

- CM-JT Criminal Cases Disposed

Measure 6: Age of Active Cases Pending

Odyssey Enterprise Custom Reports

- CM-JT Age of Active Cases Pending