

Funds and Fees of Office Report

County of El Paso October 2020 – September 2021

Directly linked to the County Strategic Plan

Goal 1 - Financially Sound County Government

Funds and Fees report shows detailed collections of County and State court costs and County fines, including trends in collections by department.

This report is required by the Texas Local Government Code §114.025.

Comparative Summary

Allocation of Collections to Courts (Collected by District Clerk, County Clerk, Sheriff and EPC CSCD)

	2021	2020	Differences	Percentage Variance
District Courts	\$3,888,569	\$4,326,577	(\$438,088)	(10.12%)
County Courts	\$1,978,158	\$2,508,054	(\$529,896)	(21.13%)
Probate Courts	\$800,403	\$649 <i>,</i> 923	\$150,480	23.15%
Mental Health Courts	\$93,760	\$133,571	(\$39,811)	(29.81%)
Jury Duty Court	\$3,931	\$102,695	(\$98,764)	(96.17%)

Comparative Summary

(Collecting Departments)

	2021	2020	Difference	Percentage Variance
District Clerk*	\$3,507,266	\$5,203,906	(\$1,696,640)	(32.60%)
County Clerk*	\$13,649,607	\$10,468,705	\$3,180,902	30.38%
County Attorney	\$68,177	\$120,242	(\$52,065)	(43.30%)
County Sheriff	\$18,698,133	\$19,893,384	(\$1,195,251)	(6.01%)
County Tax Office	\$407,571,195	\$394,958,610	\$12,612,585	3.19%
Domestic Relations	\$770 <i>,</i> 657	\$868 <i>,</i> 835	(\$98,178)	(11.30%)
EPC CSCD	\$3,070,458	\$3,112,600	(\$42,142)	(1.35%)
Justice Courts	\$4,534,014	\$4,584,193	(\$50,179)	(1.09%)
Financial Recovery	\$1,371,728	\$1,906,987	(\$535,259)	(28.07%)
Constables**	\$1,002,449	\$926,146	\$76,303	8.24%

*Includes regular fees and miscellaneous fees

Individual Collecting Departments With Increases or Decreases Greater than \$100,000

Department	Dollar Amount	Variance
County Tax Assessor-Collector	\$12,612,585	Increase
County Clerk*	\$3,180,902	Increase
County Court at Law No. 5	\$209,305	Increase
Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 6-2	\$121,521	Increase
Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 6-1	\$110,560	Increase
District Clerk*	\$1,696,640	Decrease
County Sheriff	\$1,195,251	Decrease
Financial Recovery Division	\$535,259	Decrease
County Court at Law No. 2	\$137,898	Decrease
Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5	\$137,294	Decrease
Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 7	\$127,923	Decrease
County Criminal Court No. 3	\$120,200	Decrease
County Criminal Court No. 4	\$108,302	Decrease
Criminal District Court No. 1	\$107,446	Decrease

*Includes regular fees and miscellaneous fees

Increase/Decrease Explanations

- Increase of \$12,612,585 or 3.19% in County Tax Assessor collections is a combination of an increase of vehicle sales tax, properties built, and an increase of property values.
- Increase of \$3,180,902 or 30.38% in County Clerk collections is due to an increase of 31% of County Clerk fees collected.
- Increase of \$209,305 or 50.09% in County Court at Law No. 5 due to an increase of 31.59% in cases filed.
- Increase of \$121,521 or 13.17% in Justice of Peace No. 6-2,
- Increase of \$110,560 or 11.67% in Justice of Peace No. 6-1,

These increase are netted with decreases and all the Justice of Peace offices reflect a 5.18% average increase in civil cases filed and a 4.38% average decrease in criminal cases adjudicated due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Increase/Decrease Explanations

- District Clerk decrease of (\$1,696,640) or 32.60% is attributed to 88.37% decrease in passport acceptance fees due to COVID-19 travel restrictions. Jury Fines decrease of 96.48% and a 27.23% decrease in District Clerk fees primarily resulting from COVID-19 restrictions.
- County Sheriff decrease by (\$1,195,251) or 6.01% attributed to a decrease in federal inmate population thus there was a decrease of federal inmate collections in the amount of 7.13% resulting from COVID-19 restrictions.
- Financial Recovery Division decrease by (\$535,259) or 28.07% attributed to an overall decrease in cases filed and cases adjudicated related to a COVID-19 courts restrictions.
- County Court at Law No. 2 decrease of (\$137,898) or 53.27% in due to a decrease of 57.30% in civil cases filed and a decrease of 8.50% in cases adjudicated primarily resulting from COVID-19 restrictions.

- Decrease of \$137,294 or 33.54% in Justice of Peace No. 5,
- Decrease of \$127,923 or 20.25% in Justice of Peace No. 7,

These decrease are netted with increases and all the Justice of Peach offices reflect a 5.18% average increase in civil cases filed and a 4.38% average decrease in criminal cases adjudicated due to COVID-19 restrictions.

- Decrease of (\$120,200) or 70.47% in County Criminal Court No. 3 due to a decrease of 53.54% in civil cases filed and a decrease of 11.14% in cases adjudicated primarily resulting from COVID-19 restrictions.
- Decrease of (\$108,302) or 64.65% in County Criminal Court No. 4 due to a decrease of 7.89% in civil cases filed, primarily resulting from COVID-19 restrictions and an increase of 49.31% in cases adjudicated by dismissal.
- Decrease of (\$107,446) or 36.82% in Criminal District Court No. 1 due to a decrease of 33.87% in civil cases filed and a decrease of 62.62% in cases adjudicated primarily resulting from COVID-19 restrictions.