

# OFFICE OF THE DEFENDER GENERAL

- OVERVIEW OF HISTORY OF "COVID BACKLOG"  
2022-2023
  - Criminal Backlog
  - Clearance Rates
  - Juvenile Cases
  - Pending Criminal Cases in Public Defense

# STATE WIDE CRIMINAL BACKLOG, December 1, 2023

CRIMINAL BACKLOG INFORMATION - JUDICIARY											
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# Massive Statewide Decline in Backlog

## March, 2023 - April, 2023

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# Significant increase with plateau May 2023 - July 2023

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# Significant increase back in August 2023 to almost March 2023 levels

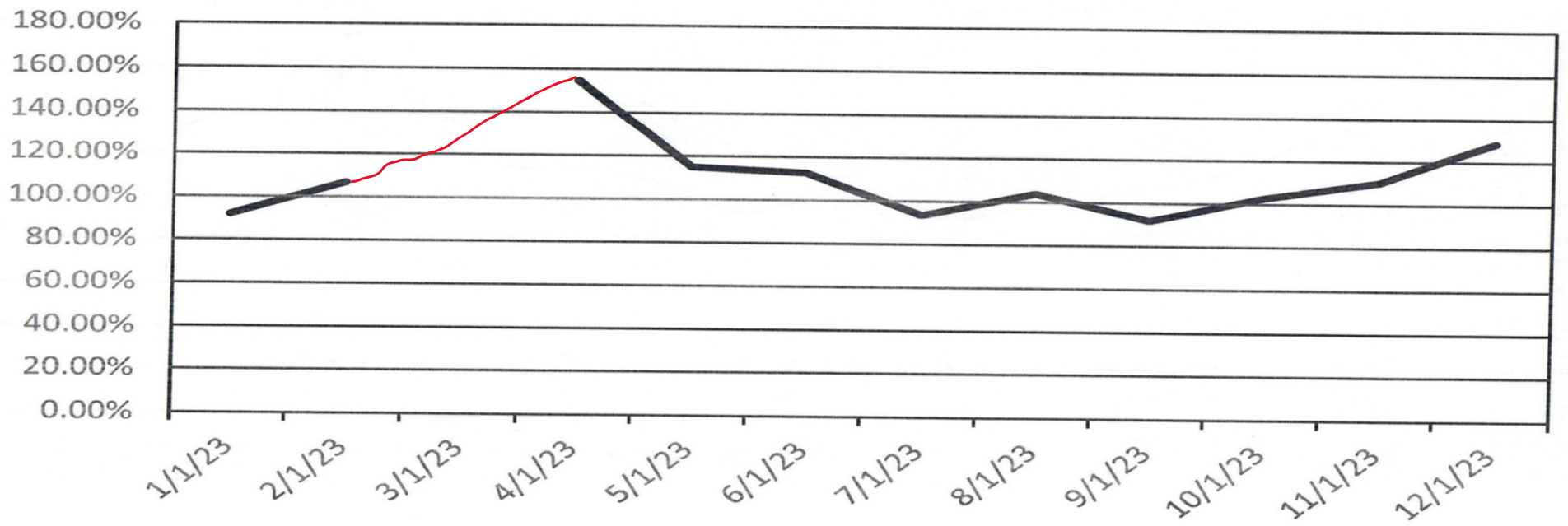
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# CLEARANCE RATE TREND CRIMINAL CASES January-December 2023

Clearance Rates - Criminal Cases



# Interesting notes about particular counties - Lamoille, Rutland & Windsor

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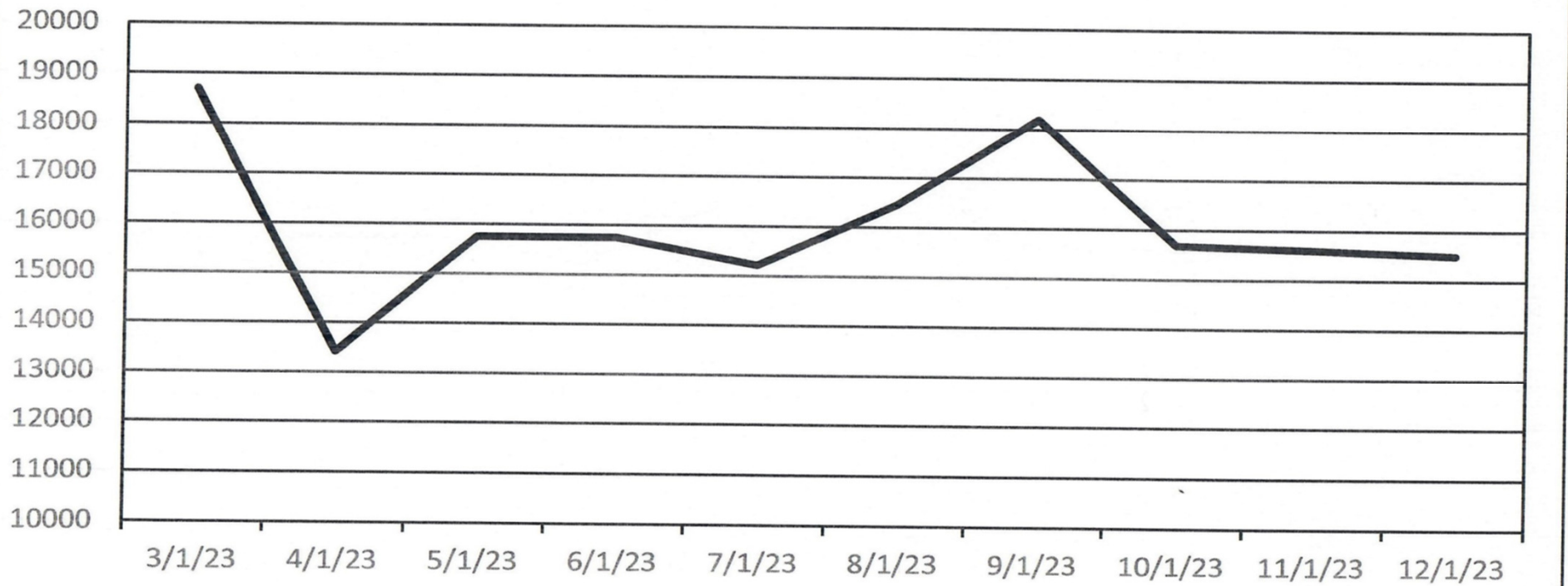


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# SUMMARY: We are making progress

Statewide - Criminal Backlog



# CRIMINAL CLEARANCE RATE DATA - VT

## JUDICIARY 12/2022 - 11/2023

	CRIMINAL			
StartOfMonth	ClearanceRate	Total Incoming	Total Outgoing	
2022-12	110%	1,539	1,696	
2023-01	112%	1,919	2,142	
2023-02	110%	1,674	1,840	
2023-03	107%	1,956	2,101	
2023-04	119%	1,627	1,939	
2023-05	111%	1,852	2,051	
2023-06	94%	1,914	1,797	
2023-07	102%	1,640	1,666	
2023-08	95%	2,072	1,969	
2023-09	107%	1,793	1,924	
2023-10	107%	2,027	2,161	
2023-11	100%	1,361	1,366	
Average	106%			

# JUVENILE CLEARANCE RATE DATA - VT

## JUDICIARY 12/2022-11/2023

	JUVENILE			
StartOfMonth	ClearanceRate	Total Incoming	Total Outgoing	
2022-12	79%	165	131	
2023-01	123%	152	187	
2023-02	113%	125	141	
2023-03	85%	163	138	
2023-04	99%	142	140	
2023-05	92%	165	151	
2023-06	79%	172	136	
2023-07	90%	121	109	
2023-08	87%	128	111	
2023-09	112%	124	139	
2023-10	85%	171	146	
2023-11	103%	100	103	
Average	96%			

# CURRENT PENDING CASELOAD IN PUBLIC DEFENSE - January 8, 2024

- TOTAL CRIMINAL CASES PENDING IN PUBLIC DEFENSE - 5,228
- TOTAL PENDING JUVENILE CASES IN PUBLIC DEFENSE - 867
- PRIMARY PUBLIC DEFENSE LAWYERS - 35
  
- PENDING CASES PER LAWYER - 174/Attorney (1/8/2024)
  
- PRE-PANDEMIC AVERAGE PENDING CASES PER LAWYER - 85/Attorney
- (Counties varied from 75-95/attorney)