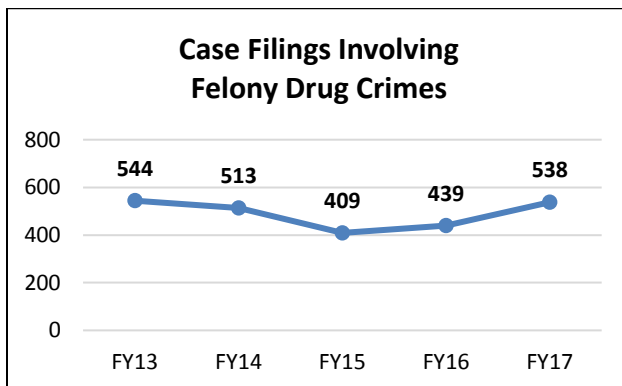
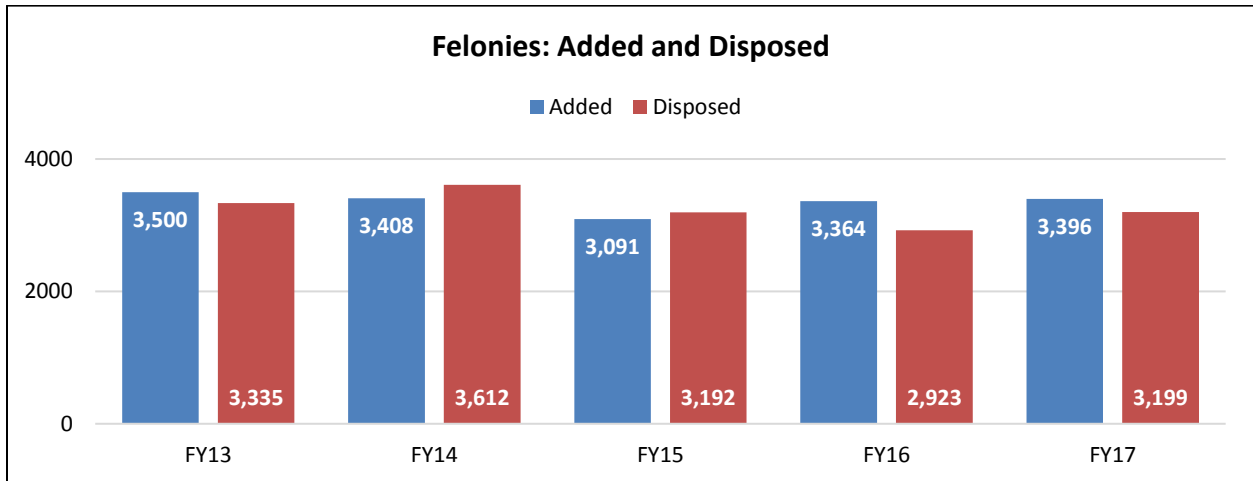


## Trends

### Felonies

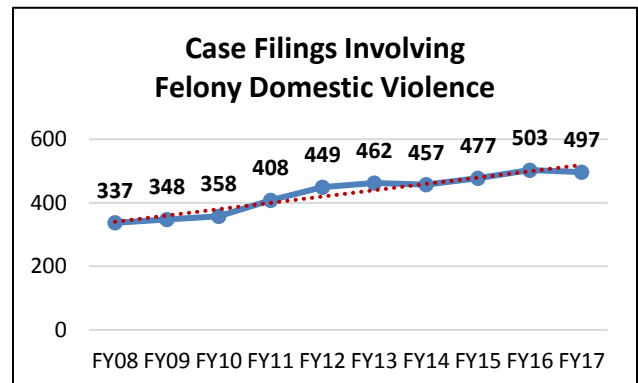
A crime is considered a felony offense in Vermont if the maximum sentence that can be imposed is more than 2 years. The chart below indicates the trends over the past five years in cases added and disposed.



Overall, felony filings have risen nearly 10% in the last year. This increase is primarily due to an increase in filings involving drug crimes (23%) which have begun to rebound in the last few years. There was also a slight increase in public order crimes (5%).

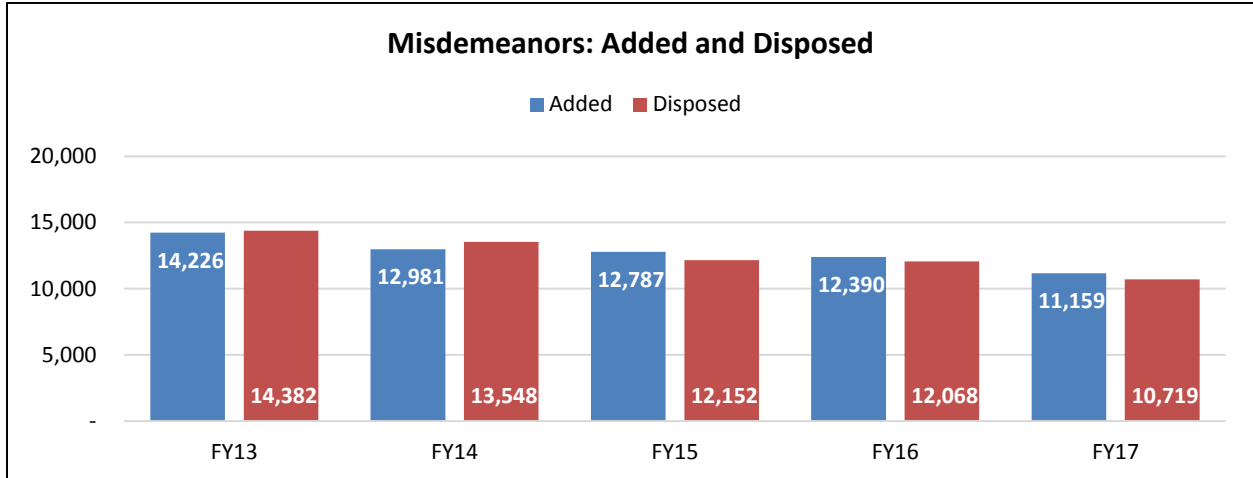
Filings of all other felony case types decreased in FY17.

Although the number of felony domestic violence cases decreased slightly in the past year, case filings in this area are 47% higher than they were a decade ago.



## Misdemeanors

A crime is considered a misdemeanor in Vermont if the maximum sentence that can be imposed is 2 years or less. The chart below shows the number of charges added and disposed between FY13 and FY17.



Overall, misdemeanor filings declined 10% in the last year. Drug offenses are the only misdemeanor case type for which filings increased (13%). Crimes against property decreased 22%, while motor vehicle offenses (excluding DWI/DUI) decreased 19%. Misdemeanor domestic violence case filings declined 3% from the previous year and 12% over the last five years.

