

**Vermont Criminal and
Juvenile Justice System Data
(SAS Context, December 2025)**



**Department of
State's Attorneys
and Sheriffs**

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December 10, 2025

Row Labels	Felony	Misd.	F&W	Civil		Juv.		Civil				ERPO	JBA	Ord.	PCR	Grand Total	
				Susp.	YO	Delinq.	CHINS A	CHINS B	CHINS C	CHINS D	Misc						
Addison	221	508		2	12	8	23	2	69	2	1	2			2	852	
Bennington	497	689			23	40	71	2	95	16	13	2		1	28	1,477	
Caledonia	290	653		5	40	24	22	3	44		1	4			4	1,090	
Chittenden	947	2,008		3	61	62	132	24	128	8	22	9		7	25	3,436	
Essex	120	151		1	6	3	1		3	1		2			2	290	
Franklin	474	1,319		16	17	142	301	5	106	12	6	30			7	2,435	
Grand Isle	33	91		2	4	5	9		8		1				2	155	
Lamoille	218	469		1	38	6	23	2	21	7	5				3	793	
Orange	147	344		1	17	17	21	1	28	1	3	1		1	2	584	
Orleans	376	697		3	16	12	96	15	35	5	3	2	1		13	1,274	
Rutland	752	1,348		2	35	23	80	9	91	10	15	4		1	20	2,390	
Washington	681	1,685		9	58	46	161	8	72	6	12	12	1	1	6	9	2,767
Windham	789	1,918		4	59	6	29	3	56	2	3	7			13	2,889	
Windsor	551	1,124		3	45	13	48	7	76	6	5	7	1		6	1,892	
Grand Total	6,096	13,004		52	431	407	1,017	81	832	76	90	82	3	11	6	136	22,324

The system has 810 fewer cases than this time last year. A 3.5% decrease.

22,324 Pending Cases



Pending Docket Narrative (Page 1)

2023-2025 Snapshot

In December 2023, the State faced a high-water mark of **26,119 pending cases**. From Dec. 2023—Dec. 2025 **3,800 cases** were disposed of by plea agreement, conviction by trial, acquittal, or dismissal.

- **Year 1 (Dec. 2023): 26,119 pending dockets**
- **Year 2 (Dec. 2024): 23,134 pending dockets —11.43% reduction.**
- **Year 3 (Dec. 2025): 22,324 pending dockets—3.50% decrease** from the previous year.

In total, from Dec. 2023—Dec. 2025 there has been a **14.53% decrease in pending dockets**.

Metric	Dec. 2023	Dec. 2025	Total Change	% Decrease
Pending Cases	26,119	22,324	-3,795	14.53%



Pending Docket Narrative (Page 2)

2023-2025 Snapshot

- In 2024, 13,801 criminal cases (felonies and misdemeanors) were filed.
- In 2025, year to date, 12,803 criminal cases filed. At the same point in 2024, 12,726 cases had been filed.
- In December 2023, the State faced a high-water mark of 26,119 pending cases.
- Between Dec. 2023—Dec. 2025, 3,800 cases were disposed of by plea agreement, conviction by trial, acquittal, or dismissal.
- As of Dec. 10, 2025, there were 22,324 pending cases, including:
 - 6,096 felonies (111 pending homicides)
 - 13,004 misdemeanors
 - 52 Fish and Wildlife cases
 - 431 Civil Suspension cases
 - 407 YOs
 - 1,017 Juvenile Delinquencies
 - 81 CHINS A (Abuse)
 - 832 CHINS B (Neglect)
 - 76 CHINS C (Unmanageable)
 - 90 CHINS D (Truancy)
 - 3 ERPOs (Firearm Removal Cases)
 - 136 PCRs (Postconviction Relief Cases)



Dec. 2023 to Dec. 2025 Changes

	Civil		Juv.		CHINS				Civil		Ord.	PCR	Grand		
	Felony	Misd.	F&W	Susp.	YO	Delinq.	A	B	C	D	Misc	JBA			
Addison	17	-19	-5	-6	-23	-62	0	-97	-9	-5	-2	0	0	1	-210
Bennington	-185	-501	-1	-33	8	27	0	10	1	-11	2	1	0	13	-669
Caledonia	-196	-517	-2	-42	-16	-25	3	-43	-1	-12	-2	-1	-1	4	-851
Chittenden	-200	-544	-8	-18	-21	-55	-5	-81	-5	1	-9	-1	-1	19	-928
Essex	6	-20	-1	3	0	-3	-1	-14	1	0	-2	0	0	-1	-32
Franklin	-37	115	-5	-44	-20	-5	-4	-221	-38	-37	24	0	0	2	-270
Grand Isle	-2	-3	0	0	0	4	-3	-16	-1	-4	-3	-1	0	2	-27
Lamoille	-62	-220	-6	-12	0	-25	-1	-26	4	-6	-1	0	0	1	-354
Orange	-28	-55	-1	-5	9	4	1	2	1	-7	-6	1	0	2	-82
Orleans	-224	-452	-12	-39	-6	50	-4	-39	-7	2	-8	0	0	2	-736
Rutland	-37	-357	-7	-34	-3	-56	6	-78	-16	-6	0	-1	0	8	-581
Washington	183	522	0	8	-18	-8	3	-16	2	6	0	1	0	5	689
Windham	56	142	0	6	-19	-112	2	-45	-5	-3	1	0	0	8	31
Windsor	57	141	1	9	0	10	0	12	2	0	-1	-1	0	-6	225
Grand Total	-652	-1768	-47	-207	-109	-256	-3	-652	-71	-82	-7	-2	-2	60	-3795

Delta

Dec.2023 to

Dec. 2025 **10.27%** **-13.11%** **65.28%** **42.59%** **27.32%** **25.60%** **-3.19%** **73.59%** **88.75%** **83.67%** **-8.43%** **14.29%** **25.00%** % **-14.53%**

NOTE: Green is a decrease of more than five cases. Red is an increase of more than five cases.



Dec. 2024 to Dec. 2025 Changes

Row Labels	Felon	Civil	Juv.	CHINS	CHINS	CHINS	Civil	ERP	Grand							
	y	Misd.	F&W	Susp.	YO	Delinq.	A	B	C	D	Misc	O	JBA	Ord.	PCR	Total
Addison	25	9	0	-4	-13	-5	1	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	23
Bennington	-119	-318	-1	-17	21	-1	-5	14	6	4	0	0	-2	-1	17	-402
Caledonia	-89	-334	0	-7	-1	-7	-1	-7	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	-1	-450
Chittenden	-112	-316	-1	-15	0	-5	-10	3	-1	-3	-15	-1	4	0	18	-454
Essex	-2	9	1	3	0	-4	0	-4	0	0	-3	0	0	0	-1	-1
Franklin	-12	77	-3	-10	3	7	0	-11	-2	1	26	-1	0	0	4	79
Grand Isle	3	34	-4	3	1	5	0	-4	0	-2	0	0	0	0	2	38
Lamoille	-31	-81	-8	0	2	-16	1	-13	2	-4	-1	0	0	0	0	-149
Orange	-20	13	-3	-1	1	-10	0	5	-2	-4	-3	0	0	0	-1	-25
Orleans	-90	-175	0	-12	-7	43	-7	-15	-2	3	0	1	0	0	-1	-262
Rutland	19	-32	-4	-7	2	-8	6	-27	-6	-3	2	-1	0	0	6	-53
Washington	134	479	1	21	4	22	1	-1	0	4	0	1	-1	0	4	669
Windham	10	63	1	-9	-2	0	2	-22	-3	1	0	0	-3	0	6	44
Windsor	32	94	1	0	-3	-4	-1	20	4	-4	-7	1	-1	0	1	133
Grand Total	-252	-478	-20	-55	8	17	-13	-54	-4	-8	-1	0	-3	-2	55	-810
Delta Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2024 to Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025	3.97%	-3.55%	27.78%	-11.32%	2.01%	1.70%	-13.83%	-6.09%	-5.00%	-8.16%	-1.20%	0.00%	21.43%	25.00%	67.90%	-3.50%

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Distribution of Criminal-Only Court Cases

December 10, 2025

Row Labels	Felony	Misd.	Civil Susp.	Civil Misc.	F&W	JBA	Ord.	Grand Total
Addison	221	508	12	2	2			745
Bennington	497	689	23	2		1		1,212
Caledonia	290	653	40	4	5			992
Chittenden	947	2,008	61	9	3	7		3,035
Essex	120	151	6	2	1			280
Franklin	474	1,319	17	30	16			1,856
Grand Isle	33	91	4		2			130
Lamoille	218	469	38		1			726
Orange	147	344	17	1	1	1		511
Orleans	376	697	16	2	3			1,094
Rutland	752	1,348	35	4	2	1		2,142
Washington	681	1,685	58	12	9	1	6	2,452
Windham	789	1,918	59	7	4			2,777
Windsor	551	1,124	45	7	3			1,730
Grand Total	6,096	13,004	431	82	52	11	6	19,682



Pending Homicides Narrative

One of the most critical pressure point on the system is the surge in the most serious violent crimes. Homicide cases are uniquely resource-intensive; they often require significant expert witness dollars, extensive litigation and motion practice, and—increasingly—complex interstate extraditions as well as work with sensitive witnesses.

- The trajectory of pending homicides in the Vermont court system shows a sharp and concerning upward trend:
 - 2023: 90 pending homicides
 - 2024: 96 pending homicides
 - 2025: 111 pending homicides

2023-2025 represents a 23.3% increase in pending filed homicides.

As of the December 10, 2025, snapshot:

- 34 new homicide cases were filed in 2025
- 33 pending homicide cases from 2024
- 23 pending homicide cases from 2023
- 9 pending from 2022.

NOTE: Homicide filing data is generated using literal terms “murder” or “manslaughter” in the charge. The results can include attempts, accessory liability, conspiracies, and completed crimes.



Pending Homicide Dockets

As of December 10, 2025 (**111 pending**)

Row Labels	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2017	2016	2005	2001	1999	1987	Grand Total
Addison	2	1	1											4
Bennington	1	6	5	1	1									14
Caledonia	6	4	2											12
Chittenden	10	3	2	5	1	1	1					1		24
Franklin	2	3	2											7
Grand Isle	1													1
Lamoille	1	1	1											3
Orange	1	1												2
Orleans		3		1										4
Rutland	3	5	2	2					1	1	1	1		16
Washington	3	3	3			1								10
Windham	1	2	5		1									9
Windsor	3	1										1		5
Grand Total	34	33	23	9	3	2	1	111						

Of the 111 pending homicides (includes attempt, conspiracy, etc. variations, 103 are staffed by an SAS prosecutors, 8 are staffed by an AAG prosecutor. Meaning 93% of all pending homicides are staffed primarily by an SAS prosecutor. The Judiciary data reports only the primary "prosecutor of record" for each case. Consequently, any legal professional serving as co-counsel or second chair—including AAGs, SAs, or DSAs—is excluded from the dataset provided to SAS.



Pending Arrest Warrants by year of case filing, 2025-2015

4,380 pending

Row Labels	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Addison	42	25	22	17	8	12	8	10	12	16	9
Bennington	73	86	55	36	34	35	21	9	3		
Caledonia	32	32	27	21	31	5	3	7		1	
Chittenden	164	125	76	79	42	29	26	18	9	10	1
Essex	5	5	5	6	5	3	1	2	2		
Franklin	83	55	44	28	25	17	10	27	8	4	1
Grand Isle	7	3	3	6		2	4				
Lamoille	20	19	24	38	16	20	12	8	3	6	4
Orange	41	35	23	8	8	5	8	2	4	2	
Orleans	42	47	44	44	14	7	9	5	1		1
Rutland	97	81	50	41	41	29	41	25	33	19	5
Washington	96	44	49	40	15	12	8	9	5	2	3
Windham	105	108	95	115	76	89	66	61	38	41	50
Windsor	106	69	76	63	63	62	59	63	33	22	23
Grand Total	913	734	593	542	378	327	276	246	151	123	97

This graphic only goes back to 2015. Looking at all the years - there are **5,164** dockets with arrest warrants.



People with Multiple Dockets

All case status, December 10, 2025

# people	with ___ or more dockets	representing ___ total dockets	which is ___% of the overall docket
13	20	381	1.94%
37	15	782	3.97%
122	10	1,763	8.96%
665	5	5,148	26.16%
1700	3	8,624	43.82%
10,980	1	19,682	100%

43.82 % of the dockets pending involve people
with three or more dockets.



People with Multiple Dockets Narrative - Analysis

May – December 2025

- 2025 data shows that the percentage of the overall dockets tied to repeat defendants has remained mostly static. Note: in Chittenden County SAS, working with the Governor's Office, has made great strides in moving more than half of the pending 800 dockets related to persons with 5 or more pending between October 2025 and December 2025 (*as of December 2025, pilot is slated to end in Feb. 2026*).
- The "Three or more" Group: As of December 10, 2025, 43.82% of all pending dockets involve individuals with three or more cases. This is almost identical to the 44.22% from May.
- The "Five or more" Group: As of December 10, 2025, over a quarter of the entire system's capacity (26.16%) is dedicated to a small group of 665 people who each have five or more pending dockets.
- The primary issue facing the courts is the sheer volume generated by this concentration. While there are 10,980 total people in the system (with at least one pending criminal case) as of December, 2025 a mere 15% of those people (those with 3+ dockets) are responsible for nearly 44% of the workload.



People with Multiple MH Dockets

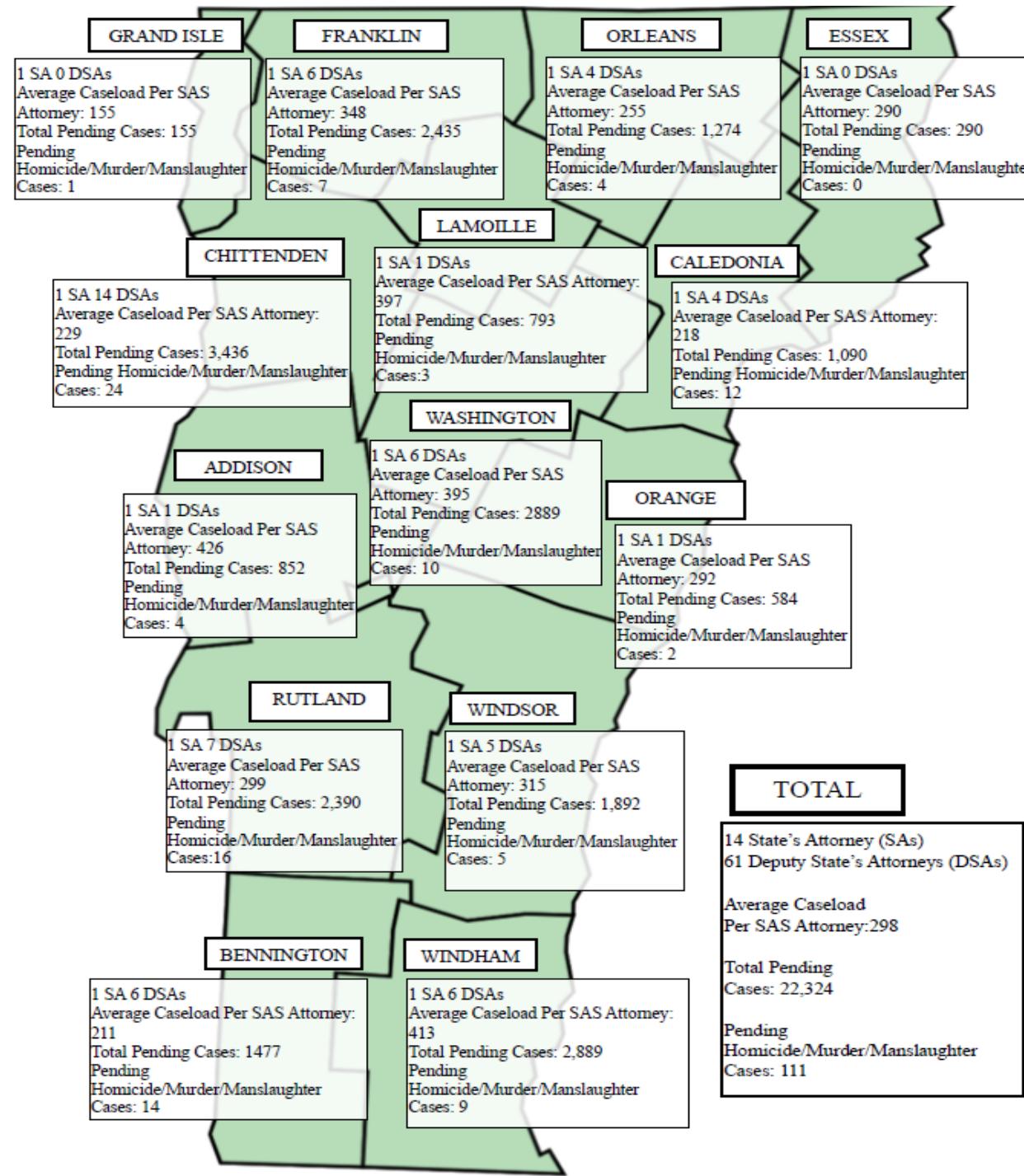
("Inactive" MH Status as of December 10, 2025)

# people	with __ or more dockets	representing __ total dockets	which is __% of the overall docket
2	20	101	0.51%
9	6	149	0.76%
21	5	245	1.24%
47	3	332	1.69%

Cases include inactive hospitalization or non-hospitalization and inactive pending evaluation status types.



Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs Pending Caseload Map As of Dec. 10, 2025





Dec. 10, 2025, SAS

Average Caseload by County and Total

SAS Attorneys with the highest caseloads, those with 300 or more pending cases, are carrying an average of **411 cases each.**

SAS Attorneys, statewide, are carrying an average of **298 cases each.**

SAS Attorneys are prosecuting 99.2% all pending criminal cases (19,529 of 19,682 cases are staffed by SAS Attorneys).

SAS Victim Advocates (SAS VAs) are carrying an estimated average of **600 cases each.**

SAS Administrative Professionals are handling an estimated average of **800 cases each.**

See Northwestern University School of Law. "THE STATE (NEVER) RESTS: HOW EXCESSIVE PROSECUTORIAL CASELOADS HARM CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS." 2011; Prosecutor Workload Report (centerforjusticeresearch.org) ("Prosecutors should not handle more than 150 felonies or 400 misdemeanors per year." Vermont SAS prosecutors often handle much more on both fronts and handle more than criminal cases (Criminal- Felonies, Fish and Wildlife, and Misdemeanors) (Family-CHINS, Juvenile Delinquencies, YO cases, and ERPOS) (Appeals) (Civil-PCRs). SAS also handles the majority of criminal division appeals and a number of family division appeals.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S ATTORNEYS AND SHERIFFS (SAS OR THE DEPARTMENT)¹ PENDING CASeload CHART: (Includes: Criminal, Family, and Civil cases. Does not include appeals or investigative caseload.)

COUNTY (SAS ATTY POSITIONS IN SAO)	STATE'S ATTORNEY (SAs)	DEPUTY STATE'S ATTORNEYS (DSAs) ²	AVERAGE CASELOAD PER SAS ATTY AS OF 12/10/25	TOTAL PENDING CASES AS OF 12/10/25 (INCLUDES SAS FAMILY, CRIMINAL, ERPOS, AND CIVIL CASE TYPES, EXCLUDING APPEALS, AND INVESTIGATION RELATED CASeload)	Pending Homicide/Murder/ Manslaughter cases, as of 12/10/25:
Addison (2 SAS ATTYS)	1	1	426	852	4
Bennington (7 SAS ATTYS)	1	6	211	1477	14
Caledonia (5 SAS ATTYS)	1	4	218	1090	12
Chittenden (15 SAS ATTYS)	1	14	229	3436	24
Essex (1 SAS ATTY)	1	0	290	290	0
Franklin (7 SAS ATTYS)	1	6	348	2435	7
Grand Isle (1 SAS ATTY)	1	0	155	155	1
Lamoille (2 SAS ATTYS)	1	1	397	793	3
Orange (2 SAS ATTYS)	1	1	292	584	2
Orleans (5 SAS ATTYS)	1	4	255	1274	4
Rutland (8 SAS ATTYS)	1	7	299	2390	16
Washington (7 SAS ATTYS)	1	6	395	2767	10
Windham (7 SAS ATTYS)	1	6	413	2889	9
Windsor (6 SAS ATTYS)	1	5	315	1892	5
TOTAL	14	61	298	22,324	111

1. EXCLUDING APPEALS, AND MOST OF THE INVESTIGATION WORKLOAD. CURRENT STATE'S ATTORNEY & DEPUTY STATE'S ATTORNEY STAFFING BY COUNTY [61 DSAs + 14 SAs = 75 total SAS Attorneys].

2. FTEs assigned.



Trial Date Utilization Analysis 2023-2025

- 2023: 143 trial dates
- 2024: 219 trial dates (+54% increase)
- 2025: 178 trial dates (24% higher than the 2023)

Total = **540** trial dates between Jan 1, 2023—Dec. 10, 2025.



Trial Date Utilization 2025 Detail

- 105 defendants making up 178 trial days.
- 68 single-day trials.
- 23 two-day trials.
- 3 defendants with trials that lasted longer than a week.
- 2023 saw trials in 12 counties.
- 2024 saw trials in every county.
- 2025 saw trials in 13 counties.
- For the first time in 3 years, a F&W trial.
- Windham continues to be the County with the highest volume of trial days used.
- 119 of the 178 trial days were used for felonies
- 58 of the 178 trial days were used for misdemeanors (1 for F&W).

- Murder & Manslaughter Trials:
 - Chittenden: 4 trials
 - Orleans: 2 trials
 - Bennington: 1 trial
 - Windham: 1 trial
- Sexual Assault Trials happened in Bennington, Chittenden, Franklin, Lamoille, Orleans, Rutland, and Washington.



Trial Date Utilization 2025

- Trial resource allocation is currently inverted, with serious felony cases consuming the vast majority of trial time despite representing a smaller portion of the total backlog.
- Conversely, misdemeanors account for the highest volume of pending dockets but receive a disproportionately small share of available trial days.
- This concentration of resources highlights a significant operational imbalance between case volume and courtroom utilization.

Row Labels	Count of CaseNumber
Felony	119
Misdemeanor	58
Fish and Game	1
Grand Total	178



Clearance Rates

- 36 months in the dataset
- On average, about **6.89 counties exceed 100% clearance rate each month.**
- Between Nov. 2024-November 2025, **average clearance rate = 104%**

	# of months over 100% Clearance Rate
Addison	14
Bennington	19
Caledonia	20
Chittenden	20
Essex	17
Franklin	12
Grand Isle	16
Lamoille	20
Orange	16
Orleans	24
Rutland	27
Washington	12
Windham	15
Windsor	16



Clearance Rates (Dec. 2022-Nov. 2025)

Between Dec. 2022-November 2025, average clearance rate = **107%**



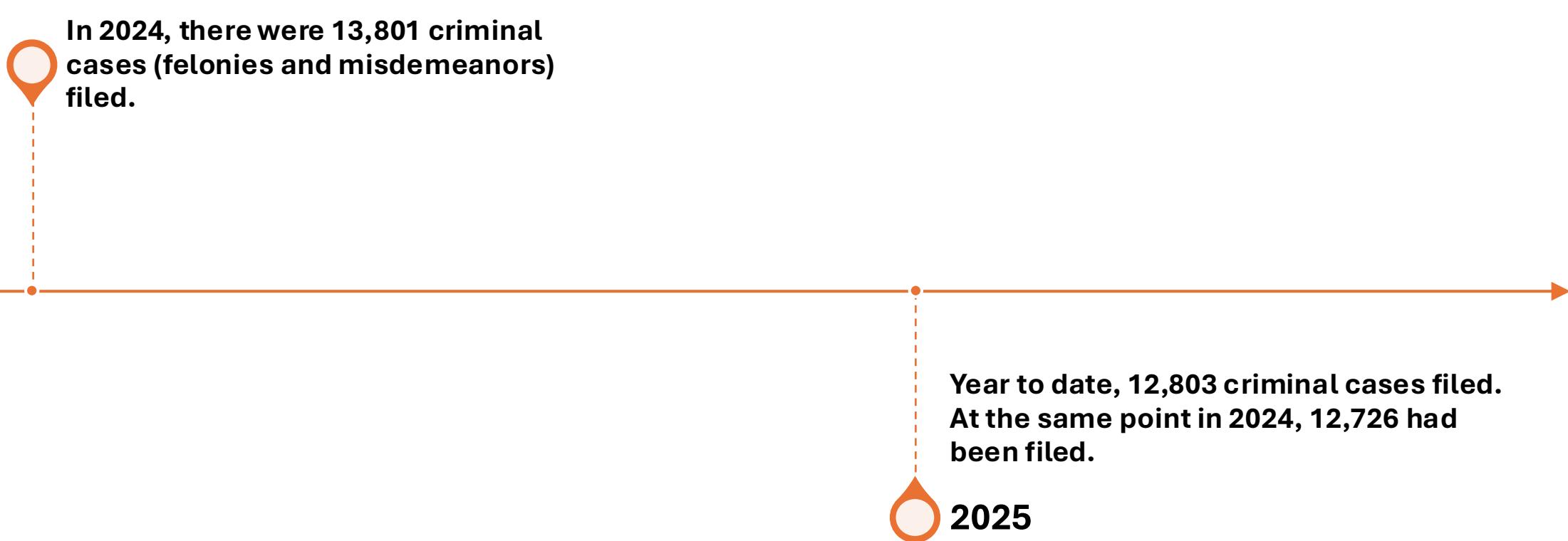
Clearance Rates (Nov. 2024-Nov. 2025)

	2024 November	2024 December	2025 January	2025 February	2025 March	2025 April	2025 May	2025 June	2025 July	2025 August	2025 September	2025 October	2025 November
Addison	69%	103%	61%	112%	148%	71%	83%	149%	66%	90%	60%	155%	92%
Bennington	150%	100%	134%	217%	132%	108%	124%	136%	103%	97%	108%	90%	80%
Caledonia	117%	71%	107%	133%	104%	117%	117%	129%	98%	91%	110%	127%	127%
Chittenden	78%	92%	123%	83%	106%	95%	122%	97%	86%	103%	115%	135%	104%
Essex	213%	120%	88%	143%	80%	153%	108%	133%	82%	135%	17%	56%	67%
Franklin	97%	77%	82%	85%	119%	109%	116%	94%	68%	70%	104%	100%	93%
Grand Isle	100%	525%	350%	143%	69%	78%	67%	47%	39%	50%	77%	67%	82%
Lamoille	58%	79%	203%	121%	95%	78%	147%	101%	87%	67%	78%	110%	115%
Orange	80%	89%	77%	107%	89%	117%	62%	111%	92%	91%	133%	162%	145%
Orleans	124%	131%	106%	132%	122%	141%	130%	135%	85%	99%	137%	95%	93%
Rutland	157%	95%	92%	135%	115%	106%	101%	100%	91%	74%	83%	115%	91%
Washington	71%	62%	74%	75%	113%	76%	72%	98%	73%	79%	96%	80%	68%
Windham	120%	81%	90%	88%	117%	90%	87%	61%	94%	80%	92%	128%	111%
Windsor	110%	89%	96%	87%	81%	106%	123%	62%	83%	92%	99%	104%	95%
Counties over 100% Clearance Rate	7	4	6	9	9	8	9	7	1	2	6	8	5

Between Nov. 2024-November 2025, average clearance rate = **104%**



Criminal Filing Data





Criminal Filing Data

Felonies

	Average Monthly by County	Average Percentile	2024 Total	2025 Total (Year to date)
Addison	9.17	23.00%	95	117
Bennington	30.13	84.60%	408	293
Caledonia	11.67	38.40%	112	157
Chittenden	55.17	100.00%	672	601
Essex	2.88	7.60%	34	28
Franklin	21.00	61.50%	267	219
Grand Isle	1.21	0.00%	14	15
Lamoille	10.21	30.70%	130	100
Orange	8.46	15.30%	119	79
Orleans	14.71	46.10%	183	157
Rutland	31.58	92.30%	370	356
Washington	26.42	76.90%	307	290
Windham	22.96	69.20%	260	273
Windsor	20.42	53.80%	241	235



Criminal Filing Data

(Total-Felonies and Misdemeanors)

COUNTY	Average Monthly Total	Average Percentile	2024 Total	2025 Total (Year to date)
Addison	41.92	23.00%	450	523
Bennington	92.71	61.50%	1,291	860
Caledonia	51.67	38.40%	547	607
Chittenden	250.17	100.00%	3,029	2,744
Essex	8.13	7.60%	95	83
Franklin	110.71	69.20%	1,411	1,220
Grand Isle	5.33	0.00%	42	84
Lamoille	44.00	30.70%	538	476
Orange	33.46	15.30%	429	373
Orleans	69.42	46.10%	925	693
Rutland	120.46	84.60%	1,463	1,354
Washington	129.46	92.30%	1,431	1,544
Windham	111.96	76.90%	1,301	1,286
Windsor	77.33	53.80%	849	956



Monthly Criminal Filing Data

(Total-Felonies and Misdemeanors)

COUNTY	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025
	January	February	March									
Addison	63	43	37	55	61	42	60	32	54	35	35	41
Bennington	87	66	78	76	87	56	86	76	79	93	93	76
Caledonia	62	41	55	54	57	61	49	55	64	55	55	54
Chittenden	202	196	238	264	241	242	339	260	245	277	277	240
Essex	12	3	7	8	6	7	11	10	9	3	3	7
Franklin	104	78	113	113	102	103	104	122	102	152	152	127
Grand Isle	0	3	7	6	3	11	15	8	9	9	9	13
Lamoille	38	31	31	53	37	36	68	43	50	52	52	37
Orange	38	33	32	29	50	29	21	46	31	37	37	27
Orleans	71	67	56	57	62	46	77	77	49	74	74	57
Rutland	101	138	123	131	117	109	131	114	122	137	137	131
Washington	151	129	100	139	159	101	181	141	148	149	149	146
Windham	114	99	121	119	119	119	143	130	130	114	114	78
Windsor	95	90	70	79	71	99	100	99	85	87	87	81
Statewide												
Total	1,138	1,017	1,068	1,183	1,172	1,061	1,385	1,213	1,177	1,274	1,274	1,115



Criminal Filing Data

(Total-Felonies and Misdemeanors)

Chittenden County:

Approximately double the filing volume of any other county.

Growth in case filings in Addison, Washington, and Windsor: Addison experienced a notable 25.3% year-over-year increase from 2024 to 2025. While Washington and Windsor counties saw high raw volume gains (200+ increases each), their percentage growth—17% and 23% respectively—was less pronounced than Addison.

COUNTY	2024 Total	2025 Total	Change from 2024 to 2025
Addison	450	564	114
Bennington	1,291	949	-342
Caledonia	547	648	101
Chittenden	3,029	3,001	-28
Essex	95	94	-1
Franklin	1,411	1,316	-95
Grand Isle	42	98	56
Lamoille	538	503	-35
Orange	429	402	-27
Orleans	925	778	-147
Rutland	1,463	1,526	63
Washington	1,431	1,675	244
Windham	1,301	1,425	124
Windsor	849	1,051	202



Comparison of March 1, 2023, to July 1, 2025, Backlog Snapshot

NOTE: After July 1, 2025, the Judiciary changed the format for data reporting on backlog snapshots. As such, apples-to-apples is only available from 2023—July 1, 2025.

COUNTY	Comparison of pending case values from 3-1-23 to 07-1-25								Percent change in over Disposition guidelines cases from 3-1-23 to 07-1-25	Ranked change in over disposition cases based on percentage reduction		
	Under dispo guidelines	Near dispo guideline *	Over dispo guideline	N/A**	Total Pending (per judiciary)	Total pending (per math)	Total percent change in case from 3-1-23 to 07-1-25	Ranked total change in volume				
Addison	139	4	-142		-70	-69	-69	-16%	10	-73%		
Bennington	90	-43	-745		-196	-894	-894	-56%	3	-78%		
Caledonia	110	-8	-705		-205	-808	-808	-51%	5	-66%		
Chittenden	637	1	-894		-370	-356	-626	-20%	9	-59%		
Essex	47	3	-94		-51	-95	-95	-35%	7	-57%		
Franklin	466	48	-232		-274	8	8	1%	13	-49%		
Grand Isle	7	7	-70		-8	-64	-64	-55%	4	-100%		
Lamoille	29	-23	-700		-95	-789	-789	-68%	1	-90%		
Orange	113	18	-73		-85	-27	-27	-6%	12	-37%		
Orleans	59	-21	-887		-185	-1034	-1034	-57%	2	-68%		
Rutland	299	-12	-1326		-312	-1351	-1351	-50%	6	-76%		
Washington	541	74	-304		-300	11	11	1%	14	-44%		
Windham	411	53	-305		-293	-136	-134	-8%	11	-33%		
Windsor	209	14	-289		-186	-252	-252	-21%	8	-50%		
Total	3157	115	-6766		-2630	-5856	-6124					



January 1, 2026, Backlog Snapshot

“Active” Only Cases

COUNTY	FEL UNDER GOAL	FEL OVER GOAL	MISD UNDER GOAL	MISD OVER GOAL	VOPS	TOTAL PENDING CASES (INCLUDING VOPS)
Addison	78	24	112	69	26	309
Bennington	140	55	129	90	90	504
Caledonia	114	64	148	262	43	631
Chittenden	303	116	576	377	103	1475
Essex	25	39	24	49	11	148
Franklin	138	85	258	326	69	876
Grand Isle	11	5	24	8	10	58
Lamoille	74	21	93	60	33	281
Orange	46	23	69	58	17	46
Orleans	108	146	297	127	50	728
Rutland	214	212	316	235	108	1085
Washington	206	106	492	471	111	1386
Windham	178	173	282	388	60	1081
Windsor	132	99	214	199	24	668
Totals:	1767	1168	3034	2719	755	9276



Appendix: SAS Appellate Services

Three-Year Filing Trends

Fiscal Year	New Dockets Filed
2023	30 Dockets
2024	21 Dockets
2025 (to date)	24 Dockets

Caseload and Systemic Impact (FY23–FY25) and Key Performance Indicators (As of Dec. 2025):

- Total Volume: 100 appeals managed since October 2022.
- Currently maintaining 18 pending appeals and 13–15 active briefings at any given time.
- 81 appeals have closed via briefing, dismissal, or resolution since Fall 2022.
- Lifecycle: Average of 12 months from filing to final resolution.

Mission & Operational Overview - SAS Appellate Services for Vermont's State's Attorneys

The Role of SAS-EDO Appellate Practice

- Provides specialized legal services to all 14 State's Attorneys' Offices in matters before the Vermont Supreme Court.
- Alleviates heavy litigation burdens on county offices, allowing local prosecutors to focus on trial-level work and victim services.
- Direct handling of appeals, advisory support for county-staffed appeals, and statewide training on judicial decisions.
- Ensures the State presents a cohesive legal voice before the Supreme Court.
- Centralizes complex research and brief writing.

Caseload Composition and Staffing

- Predominantly Criminal (75–85%), with the remainder covering Family Court matters.
- Centralized appellate services provided by the SAS-EDO are currently managed by a single Deputy State's Attorney (DSA) with no dedicated support staff.
- TSRP staff provide assistance or staffing concerning driving-related appeals.



Appendix: SAS Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP) Program context (Page 1)

Housed within the SAS Executive Director's Office, two TSRP Deputy State's Attorneys provide legal support to all 14 Vermont State's Attorneys' Offices and all 14 Sheriffs – and to other law enforcement agencies, as well as the Vermont Police Academy.

Core Focus: Prosecution of impaired driving (DUI/DUI-D) and complex traffic and driving related crimes, particularly those involving fatality or serious injury.

Strategic Objectives:

- **Specialized Litigation:** Managing resource-heavy cases, including those requiring forensic toxicology and crash reconstruction.
- **Technical Assistance:** Providing immediate legal research and litigation support concerning DUI statutes and case law.
- **Statewide Training:** Equipping law enforcement and prosecutors with skills in prosecuting and investigating driving related criminal activity, including SFSTs, DRE practice, and evidence collection, amongst other practice areas.

Pending Driving Cases (as of Dec. 2025):

- 3,528 pending DUI-related cases (18% of all pending criminal cases in VT).
- 1,304 cases involving Negligent Operation.
- 62 cases involving serious injury.
- 385 cases involving "eluding" charges.

As of December 31 in each calendar year shown:		
Year	Fatalities (People)	Fatal Crashes
2025	61	58
2024	59	53
2023	69	63
2022	76	73
2021	74	69

Fatality Trends:

- Fatalities reached a 5-year peak in 2022 with 76 fatalities.
- From the 2022 peak, there has been a 19.7% decrease, with 61 fatalities recorded in 2025.
- 72% of deaths were vehicle operators (44), followed by pedestrians (9).



Appendix: SAS TSRP Program (Page 2)

Specialized Instruction: In the last year, 11 intensive sessions delivered, including "DUI School" for Police Academy recruits and "Wet-Lab" trial skills for prosecutors.

Direct Support: Provided **550+ instances of technical assistance** to local agencies and offices, including case evaluations, BWC footage review, and expert witness coordination.

Case Highlights:

- *State v. Gillespie*: Guilty verdict for Gross Negligent Operation (2 victims).
- *State v. Senif*: Resolution of DUI-Death Resulting.
- *State v. Kapitanski*: Complex crash reconstruction of a cruiser-related fatality.
- *State v. Stevenson*: Secured conviction and accountability in a case involving 3 DUIs within 20 days.



Appendix: DPS/NIBRS Reported Crime Data

Source: National
Incident Based
Reporting System
(NIBRS) Data via
Crime Research
Group (CRG) -
Updated for 2024 via
the Vermont
Department of
Public Safety (DPS)

Analysis of the reported homicide data (including murder and manslaughter) for Vermont from 2017 to 2024 reveals a period of volatility with a general upward trend. Note, reported homicides are distinct from accepted Judicial filings (filings often lag behind reported incidents).

- **Statistical Summary (2017–2024)**

- **Average (Mean):** (17.5) cases per year between 2017-2024.
- **Median:** (18)
- **Peak Year:** 2022 (27)
- **Lowest Year:** 2018 (11).
- **Total Increase (2017 vs. 2024):** +35.71%.

Vermont Reported Homicide Data Table: The percent increase in reported homicides in Vermont from 2017 to 2024 is **35.71%**.

2022 : The most notable feature of this dataset is the dramatic surge in 2022, where homicides jumped from 13 to 27—a **107.7% increase** in a single year.

Recent Trajectory (Post-2022): The 2024 figure (19) remains notably higher than the levels seen in 2017 (14), 2018 (11), and 2021 (13).

Long-Term Growth: The calculated trend line shows a slope of approximately **+1.21% homicides per year**. Vermont is experiencing a gradual long-term increase in reported homicides over the last eight years.

The 2024 data (19) indicates that while the "spike" of 2022 has subsided, the baseline for homicides in the 2020s appears higher than it was in the late 2010s.

Year	Homicides
2017	14
2018	11
2019	18
2020	18
2021	13
2022	27
2023	20
2024	19

**See below for reported data from NIBRS from
2016-2024**

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2016/2017 to 2024 Percentage Change
Identity Theft	0	40	129	222	208	208	275	280	223	>150%
Theft From Motor Vehicle	842	863	1152	1369	1464	1759	2419	2718	2121	152%
Motor Vehicle Theft	179	213	263	300	260	450	595	585	405	126%
Shoplifting	1712	1626	1672	2022	1579	1548	2416	3388	3514	105%
Stolen Property Offenses	162	171	160	163	145	165	239	266	258	59%
Credit Card/Automated Teller Machine Fraud	203	190	286	265	190	218	411	411	314	55%
Aggravated Assault	-	639	661	784	711	773	969	936	970	52%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	140	198	201	210	189	179	310	244	196	40%
Murder and Manslaughter	-	14	11	18	18	13	27	20	19	36%
Rape	-	210	270	242	202	222	215	182	212	1%
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	561	782	930	981	908	900	578	625	544	-3%
Robbery	-	97	71	72	64	65	88	93	92	-5%
All Other Larceny	4097	3833	2944	3274	2828	2873	3956	3817	3549	-13%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	3193	3339	2684	3062	2874	3249	2681	2805	2620	-18%
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	1834	1938	1489	1285	976	1129	1004	902	859	-53%
Theft From Building	625	748	558	561	371	386	323	246	218	-65%

Crime Category	2018 Reports	2024 Reports	% Change
Shoplifting/Retail Theft	1,672	3,514	+110%
Identity Theft	129	223	+73%
Aggravated Assault	661	970	+46%

Source: NIBRS.

Recent Comparative Data Summary (2022–2024)

Category	2022	2023	2024	3-Year Analysis
Shoplifting/Retail Theft	2,416	3,388	3,514	Increasing with a three-year average = 3,106/year
Aggravated Assault	969	936	970	Increasing with a three-year average = 958.33/year
Theft from Motor Vehicle	2,419	2,718	2,121	Three-year average = 2,419.33/year. 2024 data is nearly double 2018 levels.
Motor Vehicle Theft	450	585	405	Three-year average = 480/year. 2024 data is 54% higher than 2018 levels.
Homicide (Murder/Manslaughter)	27	20	19	Three-year average = 22/year

Source: NIBRS.



Appendix: SAS State Transport Program

	FY25 Full Year	FY26 YTD (Dec 2025, Data incomplete)
Total Transports	4,035	1,641
Per Diem Hours	3,355	1,291

High Volume Transport Counties: Chittenden (511),
Rutland (260), Windham (238), and Bennington (169).
Correlating with trial date utilization.



Dec. 10, 2025, Snapshot of Pending Caseload by Prosecutor

Row Labels	Felony	Misd.	Civil Misc.	Civil Susp.	F&W	JBA	Ord.	Grand Total
Names of prosecutors have been removed.	201	440		37		1		679
	188	314	3	22		4		531
	193	315	2	9		1		520
This list represents the pending snapshot of dockets assigned to SAS prosecutors with 300 or more cases each. There are 28 SAS prosecutors on this list.	121	353	3	26				503
	138	325	1	26		2		492
	96	363		29				488
	90	391	1	4				486
	123	325	1	2		2		453
Those 28 SAS prosecutors with the highest caseloads, those with 300 or more pending cases, are carrying an average of <u>411 cases each</u> .	94	325	3	14				436
	73	344		17				434
	95	322	2	10				429
	104	309						413
	89	322						411
The total sum of dockets assigned to SAS prosecutors with caseloads of 300 or more = <u>11,507</u> .	148	251		2		1		402
	133	251		10		1		395
	133	256	1	4				394
	135	238	1	5				379
45 SAS prosecutors have more than 200 criminal cases. Collectively, this group of 45 carries 15,870 criminal cases, <u>averaging 352.667 per attorney</u> .	152	223	1	2				378
	104	261	2	5		2		374
	109	248		2				359
	108	232	1	12		1	1	355
	134	218						352
	134	194		3			1	332
Those same 45 prosecutors, those with 200 or more criminal cases each, carry <u>4,833 felonies</u> , which is an average of <u>107.4</u> .	57	261		7				325
	115	178	1	11		1		306
	160	145	1					306
	81	219		2		1		303
	104	195		2				301