

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS

Narrative Summary

Justice Courts experienced an increase in total filings (including transfers in) in FY 2001, from 848,713 to 862,924. This is an increase of 1.7%. Beginning in FY 1996, Justice Courts reported Non-Criminal Local Ordinances as a separate category. Many of these were reported as part of other categories in the previous years, but their numbers are not comparatively large.

Traffic filings (criminal and civil), which accounted for 64.1% of the workload in Justice Courts, went from 543,158 to 552,876, a 1.8% increase from FY 2000 to FY 2001. Non-Traffic criminal filings (misdemeanors and felonies) decreased 5.9%, from 165,991 last year to 156,223 in FY 2001. Civil filings rose significantly from 134,026 in FY 2000 to 148,616 this year, an increase of 10.9%.

Petitions for orders of protection relating to domestic violence increased this year by 4.4%, from 8,147 in FY 2000 to 8,506. In FY 2001 petitions for injunctions against harassment decreased from 8,569 in FY 2000 to 8,143 in FY 2001, an decrease of 5.0%.

Total dispositions (including transfers out) increased by 1.9%, from 786,836 last year to 801,557 in FY 2001. Criminal and civil traffic dispositions together increased by 2.8%, from 504,861 to 519,059. Criminal dispositions (misdemeanors and felonies) decreased by 3.8%, from 144,344 in FY 2000 to 138,818 in FY 2001. Civil dispositions increased by 4.9%, from 132,068 to 138,540.

Total end of year pending cases increased from 555,389 in FY 2000 to 594,400 in FY 2001, an increase of 7.0%. Most of the increase was in civil traffic, which increased from 135,119 in FY 2000 to 146,649 in FY 2001, an increase of 8.5%.

ABBREVIATIONS
(Justice of the Peace Courts)

CR TRAF	Criminal Traffic
CV TRAF	Civil Traffic
DISP.	Dispositions
D.U.I.	Driving Under the Influence
Forcible Det.	Forcible Detainer
F.T.A.	Failure-to-Appear
Hear Offcr	Hearing Officer
LOCAL ORD	Non-Criminal Local Ordinances
MISD/Misd	Misdemeanor
Ord. of Protect	Order of Protection
Small Clm	Small Claims
Stat. Corr	Statistical Correction
Trans. In	Transfers In
Trans. Out	Transfers Out

JUSTICE COURT CASE ACTIVITY
FISCAL YEAR 2001

STATEWIDE TOTAL

ALL CASES ON FILE							
CASE TYPE	PENDING 7/1/2000	CASES FILED			TOTAL ON FILE	FISCAL YEAR 2000	
		ORIGINAL FILINGS	TRANSFER IN	TOTAL FILED		PENDING 7/1/1999	TOTAL FILED
DUI	23,633	19,654	105	19,759	43,392	19,708	19,116
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	3,242	3,415	8	3,423	6,665	2,706	3,453
OTHER TRAFFIC	96,260	69,190	260	69,450	165,710	96,313	70,790
TOTAL CR TRAF	123,135	92,259	373	92,632	215,767	118,727	93,359
TOTAL CV TRAF	135,119	435,834	24,410	460,244	595,363	123,363	449,799
MISDEMEANOR	100,187	71,530	179	71,709	171,896	90,062	76,066
MISDEMEANOR FTA	39,715	9,279	11	9,290	49,005	39,854	8,202
TRAFFIC FTA	79,485	35,357	15	35,372	114,857	79,611	40,183
TOTAL MISD	219,387	116,166	205	116,371	335,758	209,527	124,451
TOTAL FELONY	32,942	39,768	84	39,852	72,794	29,906	41,540
SMALL CLAIMS	19,859	28,681	201	28,882	48,741	21,465	29,049
FORCIBLE DETAINER	3,890	87,227	1,110	88,337	92,227	3,673	77,798
OTHER CIVIL	20,140	30,617	780	31,397	51,537	21,163	27,179
TOTAL CIVIL	43,889	146,525	2,091	148,616	192,505	46,301	134,026
NC PARKING	911	5,198		5,198	6,109	950	5,520
NC NON-PARKING	6	11		11	17	2	18
TOTAL NON-CR ORD	917	5,209		5,209	6,126	952	5,538
TOTAL	555,389	835,761	27,163	862,924	1,418,313	528,776	848,713
ORD PROTECTION				8,506			8,147
INJ HARASSMENT				8,143			8,569

TRIALS COMMENCED						
CASE TYPE	NON-JURY	JURY	TOTAL	FISCAL YEAR 2000		
				NON-JURY	JURY	TOTAL
CRIMINAL TRAFFIC	2,099	129	2,228	1,875	126	2,001
MISDEMEANOR	3,369	19	3,388	3,157	19	3,176
CIVIL	34,608	18	34,626	37,516	14	37,530
TOTAL	40,076	166	40,242	42,548	159	42,707

OUTSTANDING WARRANTS - END-OF-YEAR					
TRAFFIC	6/30/2001	6/30/2000	CRIMINAL	6/30/2001	6/30/2000
DUI	9,913	8,719			
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	1,322	1,025	FELONY	22,772	21,716
OTHER TRAFFIC	54,687	47,383	MISDEMEANOR	56,250	52,275
SUBTOTAL	65,922	57,127	SUBTOTAL	79,022	73,991
TOTAL ALL WARRANTS				144,944	131,118

JUSTICE COURT CASE ACTIVITY
FISCAL YEAR 2001

STATEWIDE TOTAL (CONTINUED)

ALL CASES TERMINATED						FISCAL YEAR 2000	
CASE TYPE	CASES TERMINATED			STAT CORR	PENDING 6/30/2001	TOTAL	PENDING
	TERMIN- ATIONS	TRANSFER OUT	TOTAL TERM			TERM	6/30/2000
DUI	17,330	185	17,515	-911	24,966	14,577	23,633
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	2,799	43	2,842	-56	3,767	2,692	3,242
OTHER TRAFFIC	61,417	237	61,654	-2,895	101,161	61,000	96,260
TOTAL CR TRAF	81,546	465	82,011	-3,862	129,894	78,269	123,135
 TOTAL CV TRAF[1]	 436,444	 604	 437,048	 -11,666	 146,649	 426,592	 135,119
MISDEMEANOR	65,946	1,449	67,395	2,117	106,618	66,706	100,187
MISDEMEANOR FTA	5,381	8	5,389	-719	42,897	4,818	39,715
TRAFFIC FTA	28,537	25	28,562	-4,470	81,825	35,161	79,485
TOTAL MISD	99,864	1,482	101,346	-3,072	231,340	106,685	219,387
 TOTAL FELONY	 32,656	 4,816	 37,472	 -753	 34,569	 37,659	 32,942
SMALL CLAIMS	24,432	1,305	25,737	-957	22,047	28,454	19,859
FORCIBLE DETAINER	84,620	1,202	85,822	-1,361	5,044	76,414	3,890
OTHER CIVIL	26,638	343	26,981	-686	23,870	27,200	20,140
TOTAL CIVIL	135,690	2,850	138,540	-3,004	50,961	132,068	43,889
NC PARKING	5,129		5,129	1	981	5,557	911
NC NON-PARKING	11		11	0	6	6	6
TOTAL NON-CR ORD	5,140		5,140	1	987	5,563	917
 TOTAL	 791,340	 10,217	 801,557	 -22,356	 594,400	 786,836	 555,389
	ISSUED	DENIED					
ORD PROTECTION	7,175	782	7,957			7,563	
INJ HARASSMENT	6,578	1,028	7,606			8,087	

[1] TERMINATIONS INCLUDE DEFAULT JUDGMENTS.

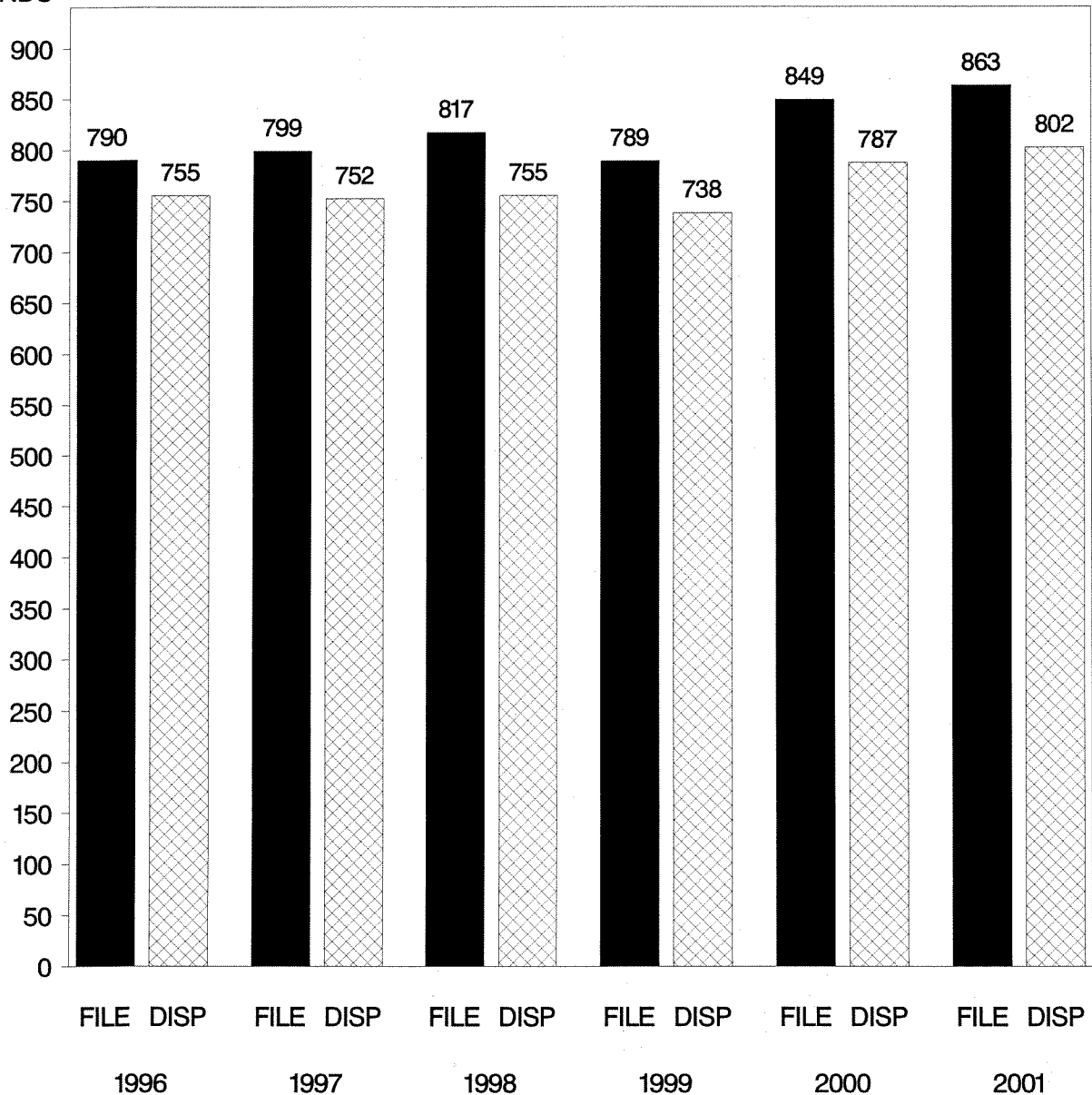
OTHER PROCEEDINGS		
	FY 2001	FY 2000
SMALL CLAIMS HEARINGS/DEFAULTS	8,999	11,162
SMALL CLAIMS HEARINGS (W/HEARING OFFICER)	4,886	5,130
CIVIL TRAFFIC HEARINGS	8,924	8,482
FELONY PRELIMINARY HEARINGS	2,108	1,768
INITIAL APPEARANCES	52,633	49,003
ORDER OF PROTECTION REVIEW HEARINGS	1,446	1,271
INJUNCTION AGAINST HARASSMENT REVIEW HEARINGS	1,493	1,552
PEACE BOND COMPLAINTS	7	1
FUGITIVE COMPLAINTS	330	234
JUVENILE HEARINGS	119	138
SEARCH WARRANTS ISSUED	4,207	4,643

JUSTICE COURT

ANNUAL CASE ACTIVITY, FY 1996–2001

CASES FILED AND DISPOSED

THOUSANDS

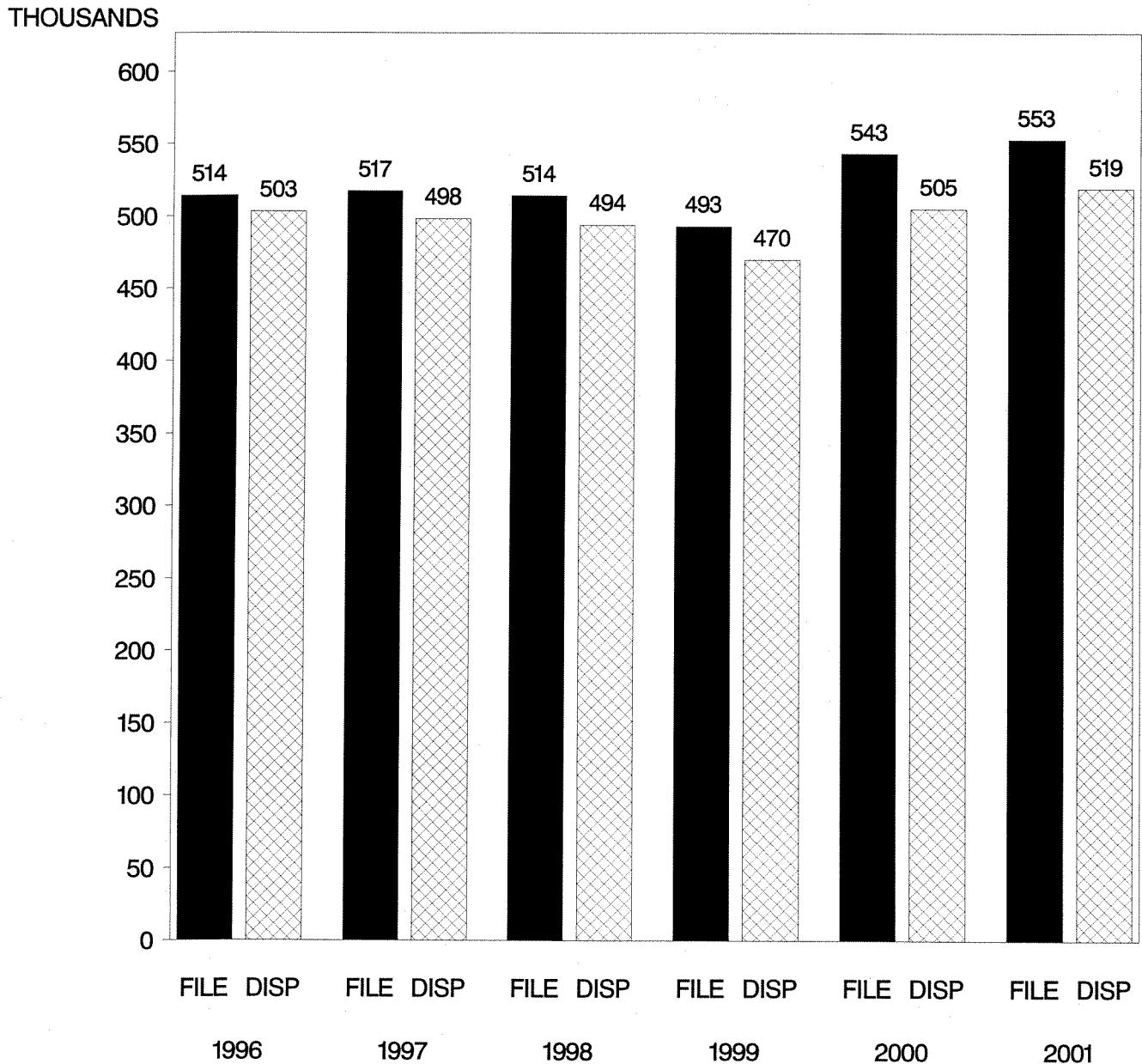


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JUSTICE COURT

TRAFFIC CASE ACTIVITY, FY 1996–2001

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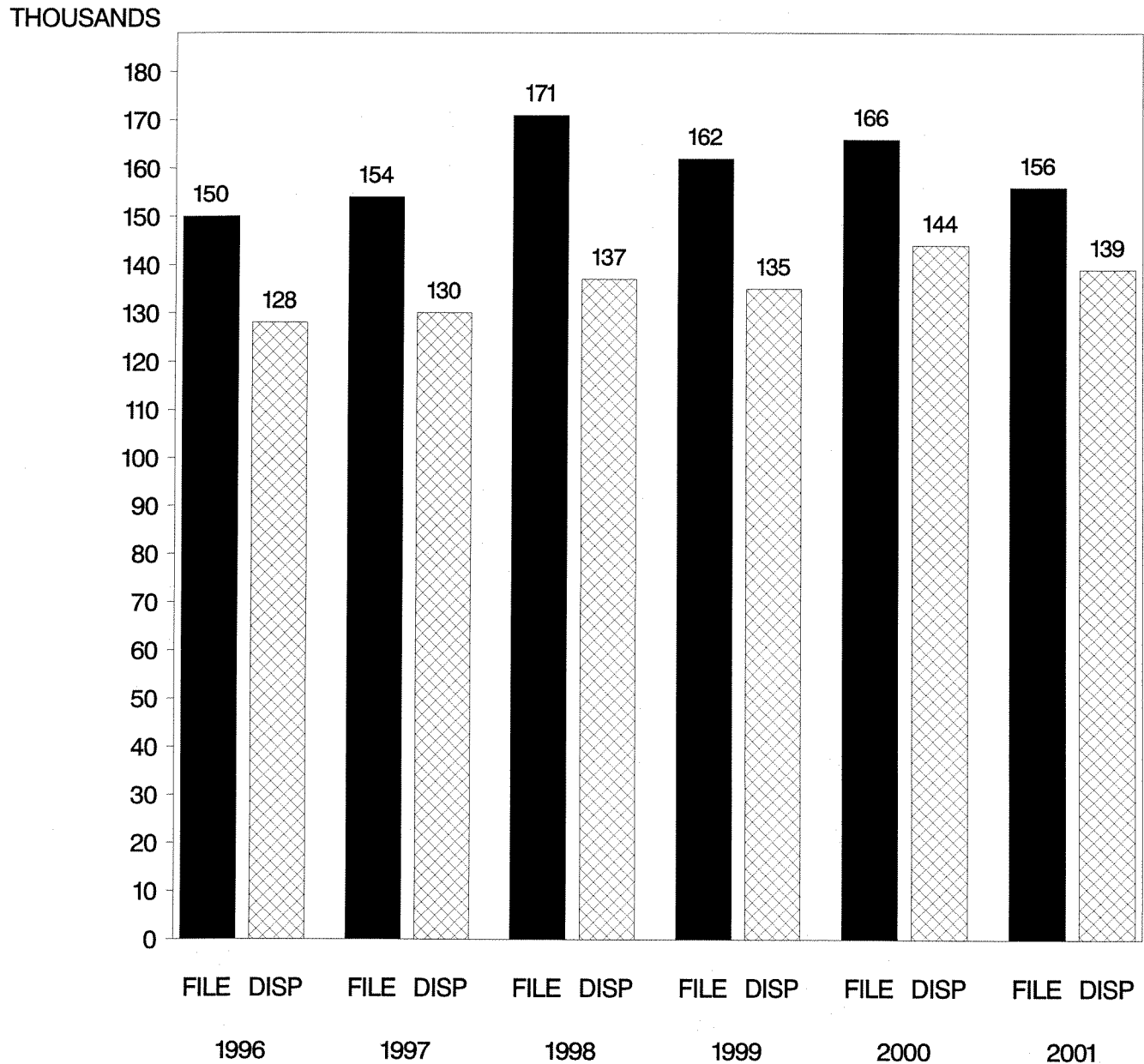


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CRIMINAL CASE ACTIVITY, FY 1996–2001

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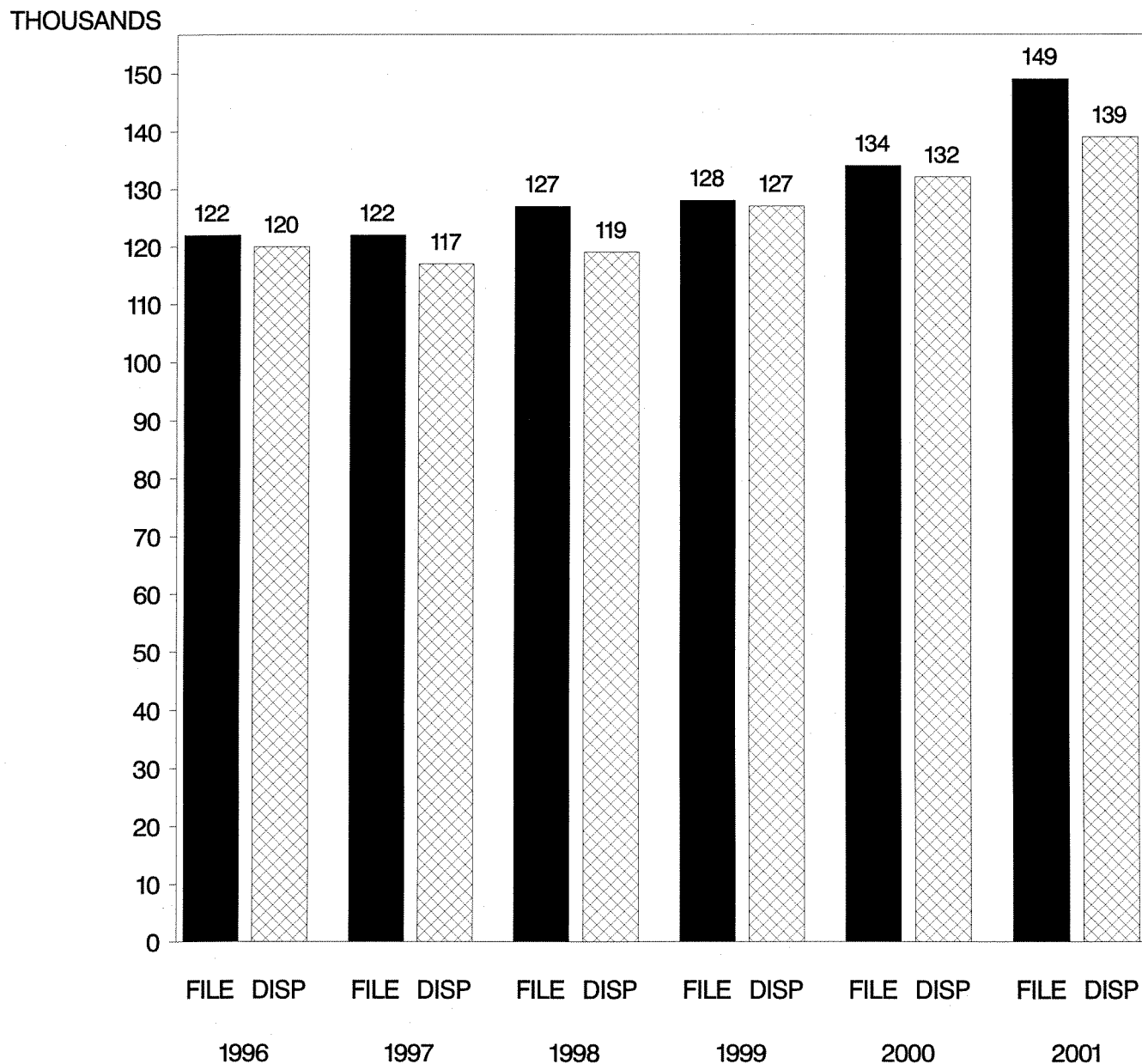


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CIVIL CASE ACTIVITY, FY 1996–2001

CASES FILED AND DISPOSED



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JUSTICE COURT

ORDER OF PROTECTION – HARASSMENT, FY 1996 – 2001 PETITIONS FILED

