

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS

Narrative Summary

Justice Courts experienced a decrease in total filings (including transfers in) in FY 2004, from 862,413 to 848,721. This is a decrease of 1.6% total filings. 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 61.2% of the workload in Justice Courts, went from 539,145 to 519,235, a 3.7% decrease from FY 2003 to FY 2004. Non-Traffic criminal filings (misdemeanors and felonies) decreased 3.7%, from 149,100 last year to 143,590 in FY 2004. Civil filings increased from 171,836 in FY 2003 to 183,455 this year, an increase of 6.8%.

Petitions for orders of protection relating to domestic violence increased this year by 1.8%, from 10,820 in FY 2003 to 11,015. In FY 2004, petitions for injunctions against harassment increased from 9,940 in FY 2003 to 10,097 in FY 2004. This is an increase of 1.6%.

Total dispositions (including transfers out) decreased by 1.7%, from 825,594 last year to 811,694 in FY 2004. Criminal and civil traffic dispositions together decreased by 2.0%, from 515,639 to 505,488. Criminal dispositions (misdemeanors and felonies) decreased by 9.7%, from 147,041 in FY 2003 to 132,717 in FY 2004. Civil dispositions increased by 6.6%, from 160,527 to 171,185.

Total end of year pending cases increased from 635,786 in FY 2003 to 640,162 in FY 2004, an increase of 0.7%. Most of the increase was in misdemeanor cases, which increased from 144,465 in FY 2003 to 147,324 in FY 2004, an increase of 2.0%.

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 2004

STATEWIDE TOTAL

ALL CASES ON FILE

CASE TYPE	PENDING 7/1/2003	CASES FILED			TOTAL ON FILE	FISCAL YEAR 2003	
		ORIGINAL FILINGS	TRANSFER IN	TOTAL FILED		PENDING 7/1/2002	TOTAL FILED
DUI	28,411	26,906	200	27,106	55,517	25,811	26,094
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	4,169	3,196	6	3,202	7,371	4,094	3,331
OTHER TRAFFIC	111,825	74,894	75	74,969	186,794	105,747	75,549
TOTAL CR TRAF	144,405	104,996	281	105,277	249,682	135,652	104,974
TOTAL CV TRAF	149,835	392,622	21,336	413,958	563,793	147,363	434,171
MISDEMEANOR	119,012	74,857	156	75,013	194,025	112,840	74,078
MISDEMEANOR FTA	45,405	8,345	122	8,467	53,872	44,816	9,940
TRAFFIC FTA	89,720	33,076	26	33,102	122,822	85,734	38,873
TOTAL MISD	254,137	116,278	304	116,582	370,719	243,390	122,891
TOTAL FELONY	20,160	27,004	4	27,008	47,168	34,642	26,209
SMALL CLAIMS	26,969	32,747	238	32,985	59,954	24,733	31,506
FORCIBLE DETAINER	5,915	102,014	2,296	104,310	110,225	4,958	97,548
OTHER CIVIL	33,626	45,169	991	46,160	79,786	29,273	42,782
TOTAL CIVIL	66,510	179,930	3,525	183,455	249,965	58,964	171,836
NC PARKING	727	2,435		2,435	3,162	785	2,314
NC NON-PARKING	12	6		6	18	17	18
TOTAL NON-CR ORD	739	2,441		2,441	3,180	802	2,332
TOTAL	635,786	823,271	25,450	848,721	1,484,507	620,813	862,413
ORD PROTECTION				11,015			10,820
INJ HARASSMENT				10,097			9,940

TRIALS COMMENCED

CASE TYPE	NON-JURY	JURY	TOTAL	FISCAL YEAR 2003		
				NON-JURY	JURY	TOTAL
CRIMINAL TRAFFIC	1,561	286	1,847	1,823	176	1,999
MISDEMEANOR	2,077	254	2,331	2,090	29	2,119
CIVIL	54,909	16	54,925	37,166	8	37,174
TOTAL	58,547	556	59,103	41,079	213	41,292

OUTSTANDING WARRANTS - END-OF-YEAR

TRAFFIC	6/30/2004	6/30/2003	CRIMINAL	6/30/2004	6/30/2003
DUI	14,408	12,575			
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	1,429	1,315	FELONY	8,380	7,681
OTHER TRAFFIC	65,595	60,568	MISDEMEANOR	64,976	59,981
SUBTOTAL	81,432	74,458	SUBTOTAL	73,356	67,662
TOTAL ALL WARRANTS				154,788	142,120

JUSTICE COURT CASE ACTIVITY
FISCAL YEAR 2004

STATEWIDE TOTAL (CONTINUED)

ALL CASES TERMINATED						FISCAL YEAR 2003	
CASE TYPE	CASES TERMINATED			STAT CORR	PENDING 6/30/2004	TOTAL TERM	PENDING 6/30/2003
	TERMIN- ATIONS	TRANSFER OUT	TOTAL TERM				
DUI	22,530	410	22,940	-1,760	30,817	22,185	28,411
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	2,917	31	2,948	-74	4,349	3,161	4,169
OTHER TRAFFIC	64,948	290	65,238	-9,398	112,158	63,225	111,825
TOTAL CR TRAF	90,395	731	91,126	-11,232	147,324	88,571	144,405
TOTAL CV TRAF[1]	413,674	688	414,362	-2,491	146,940	427,068	149,835
MISDEMEANOR	70,427	2,021	72,448	2,250	123,827	69,230	119,012
MISDEMEANOR FTA	6,276	17	6,293	-6,123	41,456	6,640	45,405
TRAFFIC FTA	28,711	106	28,817	-5,825	88,180	32,760	89,720
TOTAL MISD	105,414	2,144	107,558	-9,698	253,463	108,630	254,137
TOTAL FELONY	19,999	5,160	25,159	721	22,730	38,411	20,160
SMALL CLAIMS	28,382	1,071	29,453	-2,517	27,984	28,373	26,969
FORCIBLE DETAINER	99,946	148	100,094	-3,957	6,174	94,715	5,915
OTHER CIVIL	41,189	449	41,638	-3,467	34,681	37,439	33,626
TOTAL CIVIL	169,517	1,668	171,185	-9,941	68,839	160,527	66,510
NC PARKING	2,296		2,296	-6	860	2,373	727
NC NON-PARKING	8		8	-4	6	14	12
TOTAL NON-CR ORD	2,304		2,304	-10	866	2,387	739
TOTAL	801,303	10,391	811,694	-32,651	640,162	825,594	635,786
	ISSUED	DENIED					
ORD PROTECTION	9,078	1,314	10,392			10,114	
INJ HARASSMENT	7,772	1,749	9,521			9,185	

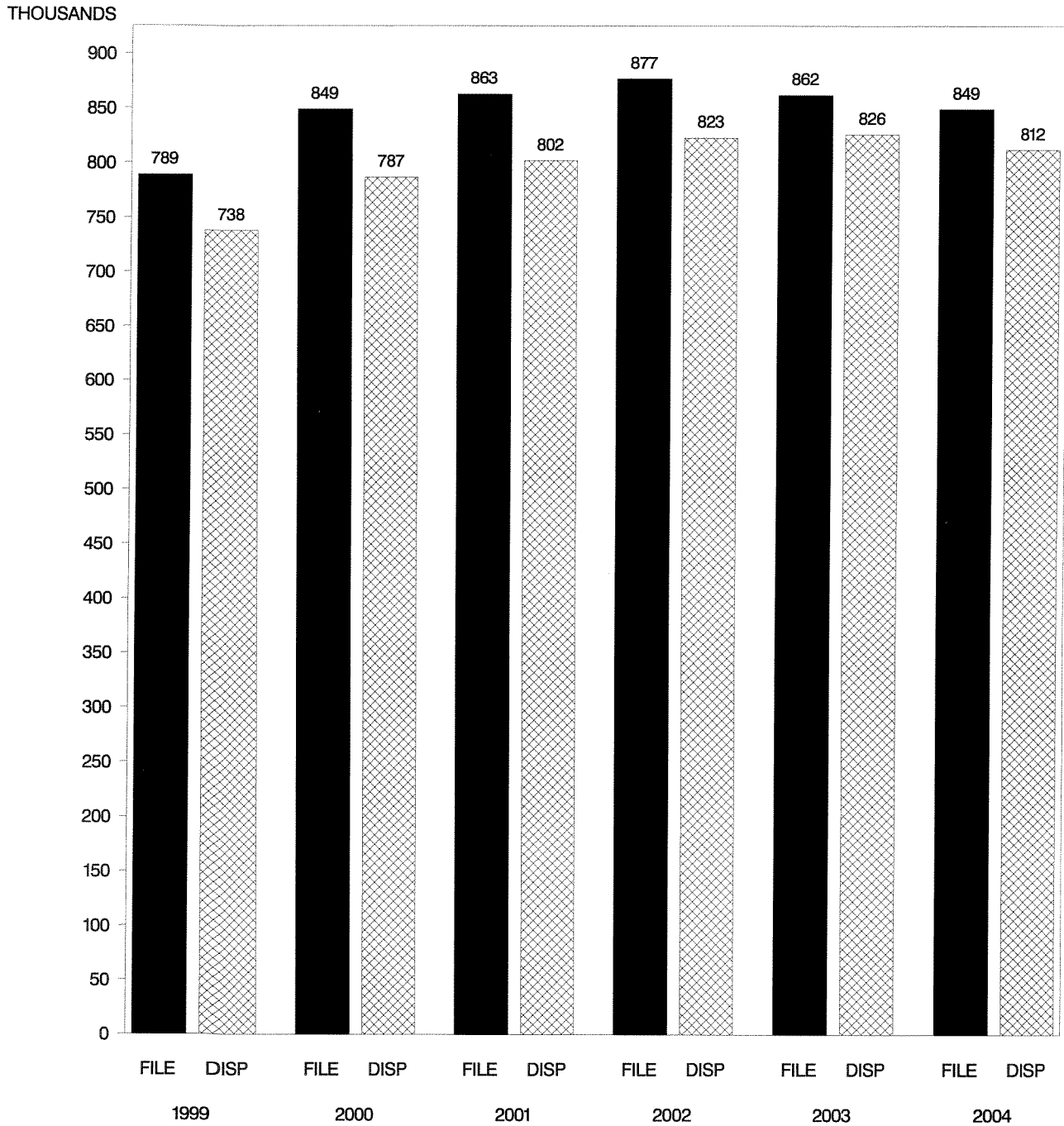
[1] TERMINATIONS INCLUDE DEFAULT JUDGMENTS.

OTHER PROCEEDINGS		
	FY 2004	FY 2003
SMALL CLAIMS HEARINGS/DEFAULTS	9,429	8,846
SMALL CLAIMS HEARINGS (W/HEARING OFFICER)	4,144	4,841
CIVIL TRAFFIC HEARINGS	8,482	8,412
FELONY PRELIMINARY HEARINGS	1,591	1,487
INITIAL APPEARANCES	52,419	50,227
ORDER OF PROTECTION REVIEW HEARINGS	2,098	1,608
INJUNCTION AGAINST HARASSMENT REVIEW HEARINGS	2,004	1,582
PEACE BOND COMPLAINTS	12	0
FUGITIVE COMPLAINTS	544	469
JUVENILE HEARINGS	111	69
SEARCH WARRANTS ISSUED	4,663	5,117

JUSTICE COURT

ANNUAL CASE ACTIVITY, FY 1999 – 2004

CASES FILED AND DISPOSED

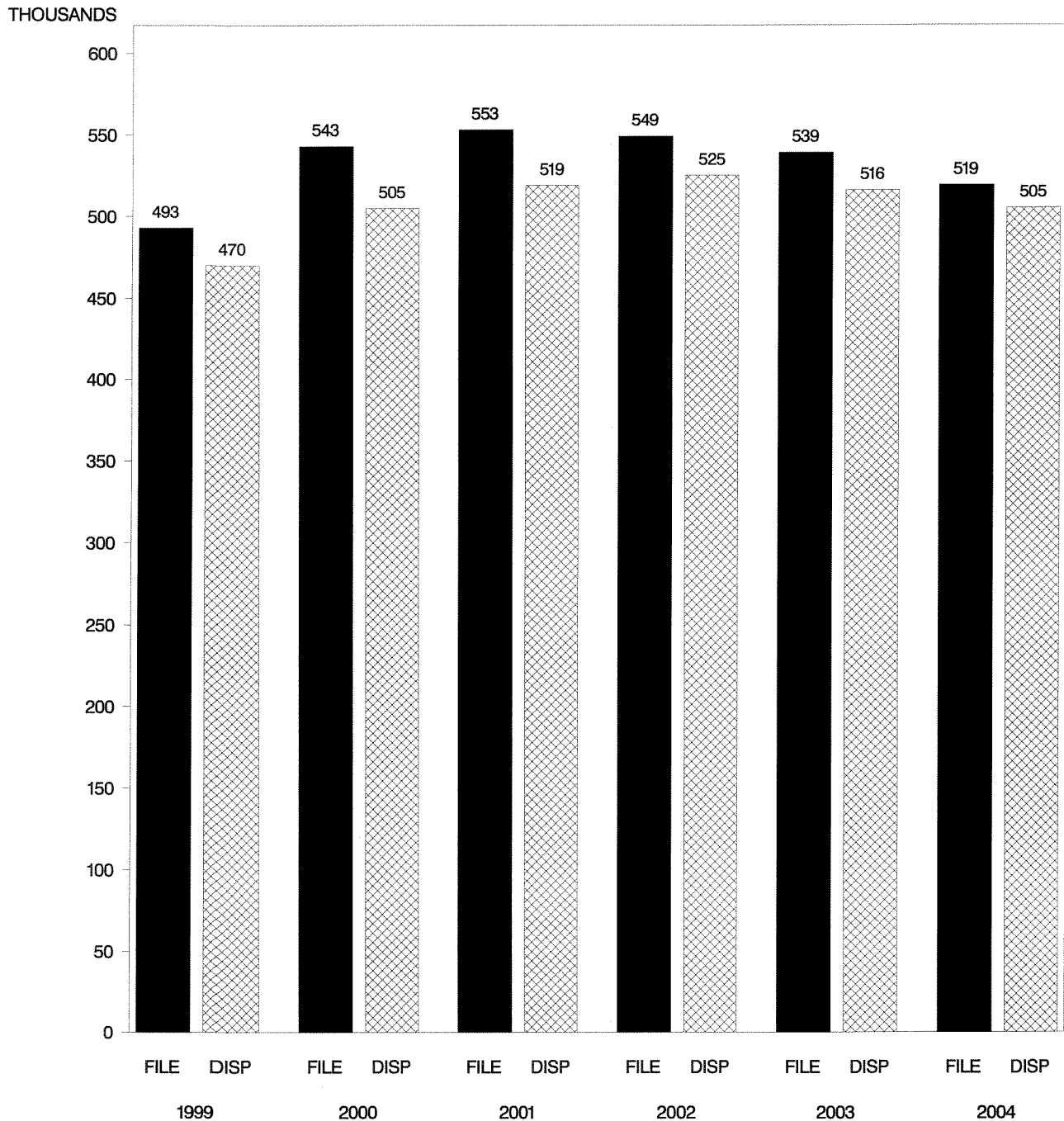


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JUSTICE COURT

TRAFFIC CASE ACTIVITY, FY 1999 – 2004

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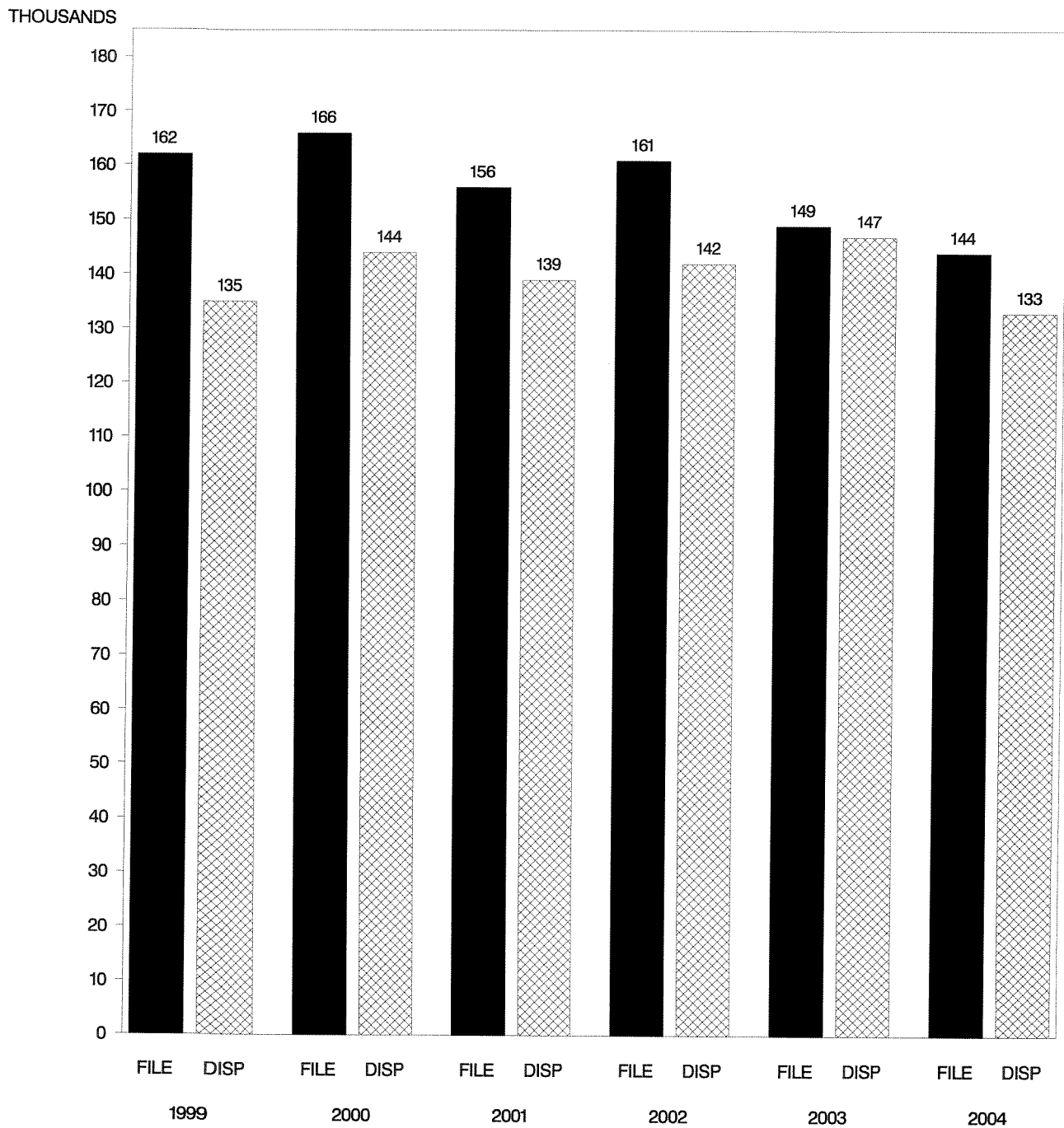


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CRIMINAL CASE ACTIVITY, FY 1999 – 2004

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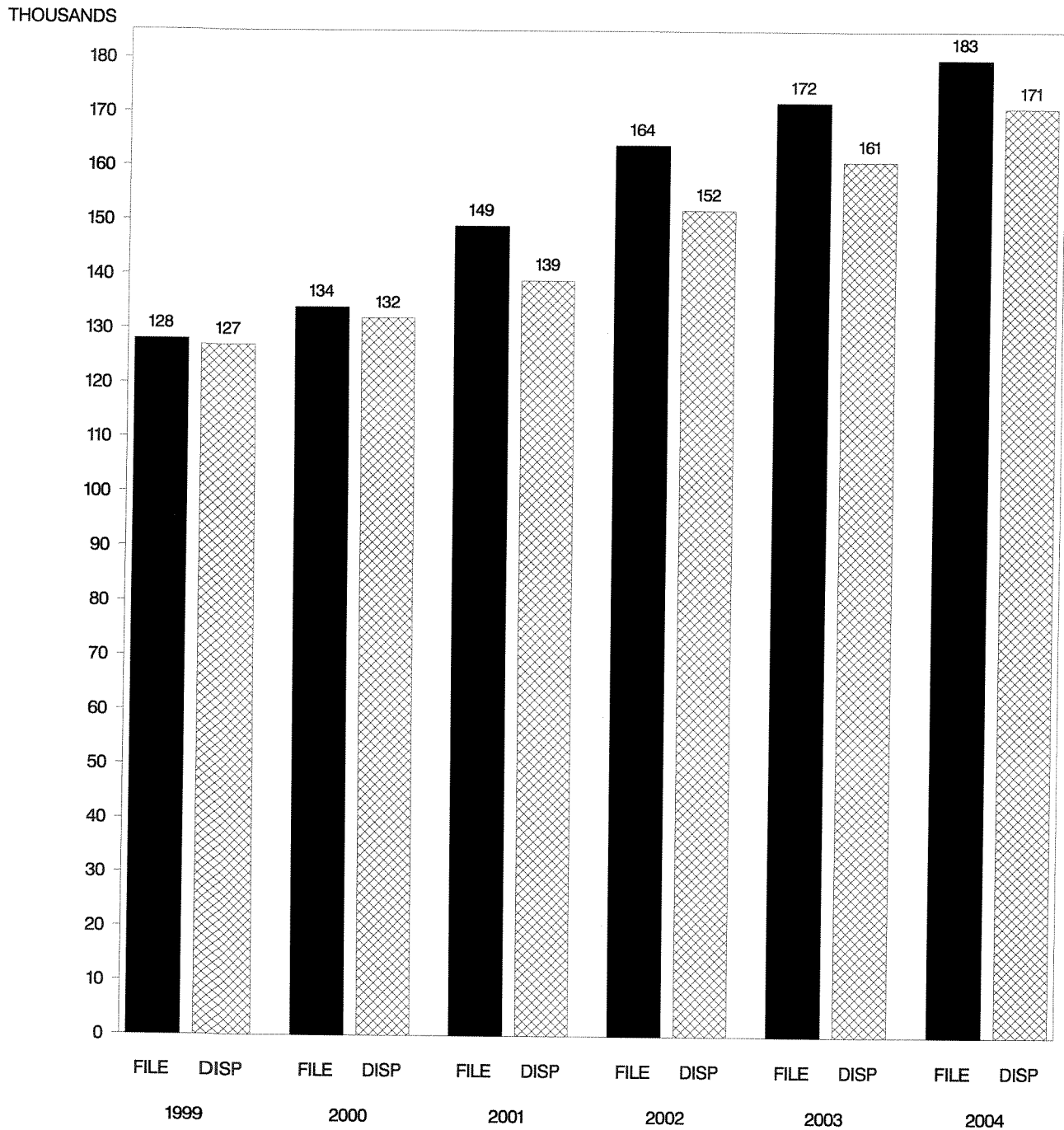


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CIVIL CASE ACTIVITY, FY 1999–2004

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JUSTICE COURT

ORDER OF PROTECTION – HARASSMENT, FY 1999 – 2004 PETITIONS FILED

