

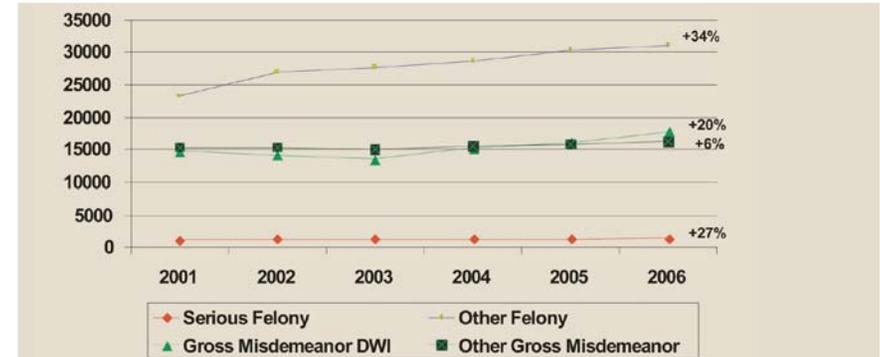
CASELOAD TRENDS

The number of cases brought to Minnesota’s state courts has been rising dramatically. Judges spend about 78 percent of their time on what are called “major cases” (felonies, gross misdemeanors, juvenile, family, probate and other complex civil matters). Major cases, which require considerable judge interaction have increased by more than eight percent in the past decade.

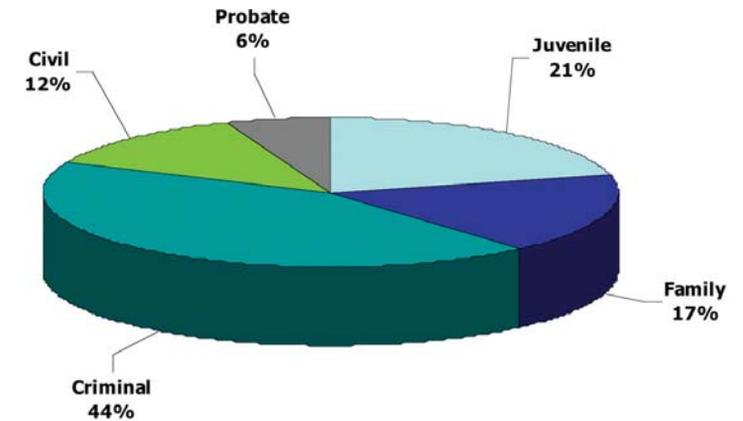
Criminal cases have increased 22 percent just in the past five years. Felonies have increased 34 percent in the same five-year period. The largest growth has occurred in drug-related case filings, which now make up 17 percent of all felonies. A majority of these cases currently involve the drug methamphetamine. The number of methamphetamine related cases increased by 638 percent between 1999 and 2006.

We have seen a similar increase at the appellate level, with the Court of Appeals reporting delays of up to six months between the filing of briefs and the scheduling of oral arguments.

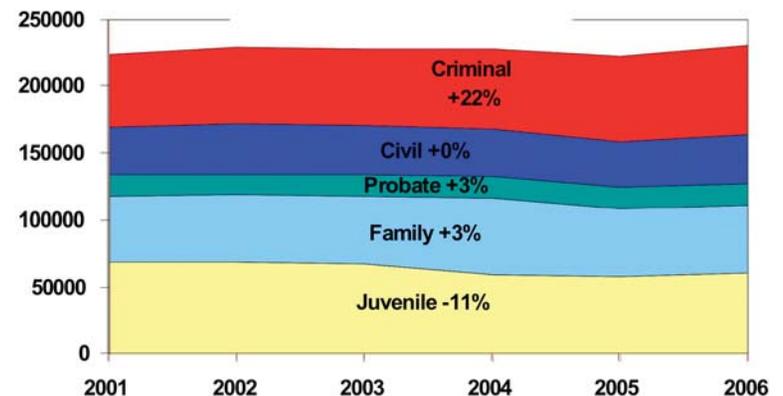
Major Criminal Filings 2001 - 2006



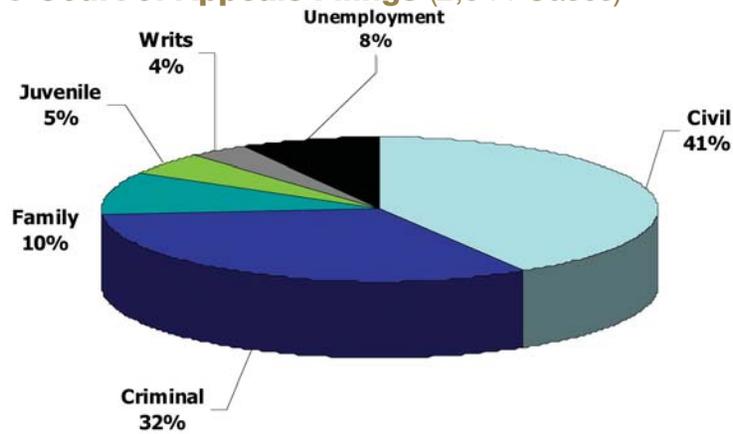
District Court 2006 Major Case Filings (289,363 Cases)



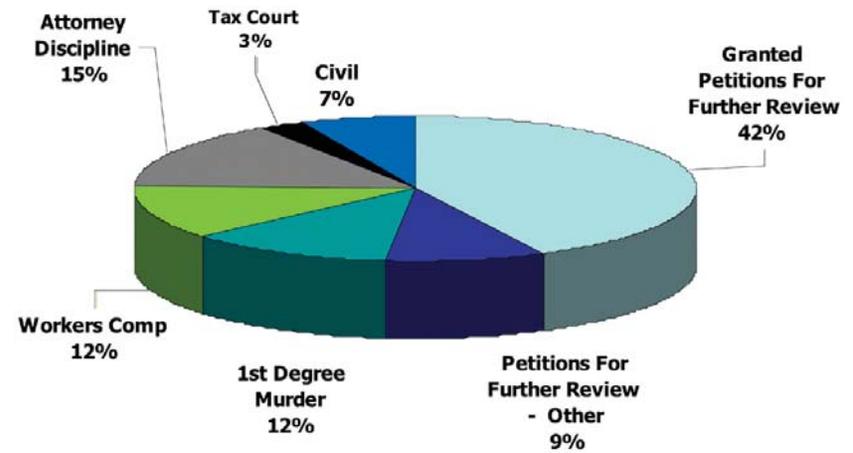
Major Case Filings 2001 - 2006 Total Filings 230,769 (+3%)



2006 Court of Appeals Filings (2,344 Cases)



2006 Supreme Court Filings 798 Cases Filed (273 Accepted)



Court of Appeals Dispositions

	2005	2006
Total	2,170	2,288
Affirmed	1,048	1,154
Mixed	178	177
Reversed	256	254
Dismissed	635	637
Other	53	66

Supreme Court Dispositions

	2005	2006
Petitions For Review	753	821
Denied	528	589
Affirmed	82	104
Reversed	51	64
Mixed	16	13
Other /Dismiss	81	51