SUPREME COURT OF MISSISSIPPI

2000 ANNUAL REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Executive Summary of the 2000 Annual Report of the Supreme Court of Mississippi provides

a synopsis of the appellate court system consisting of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals and the trial court system including chancery, circuit, county, and youth courts.

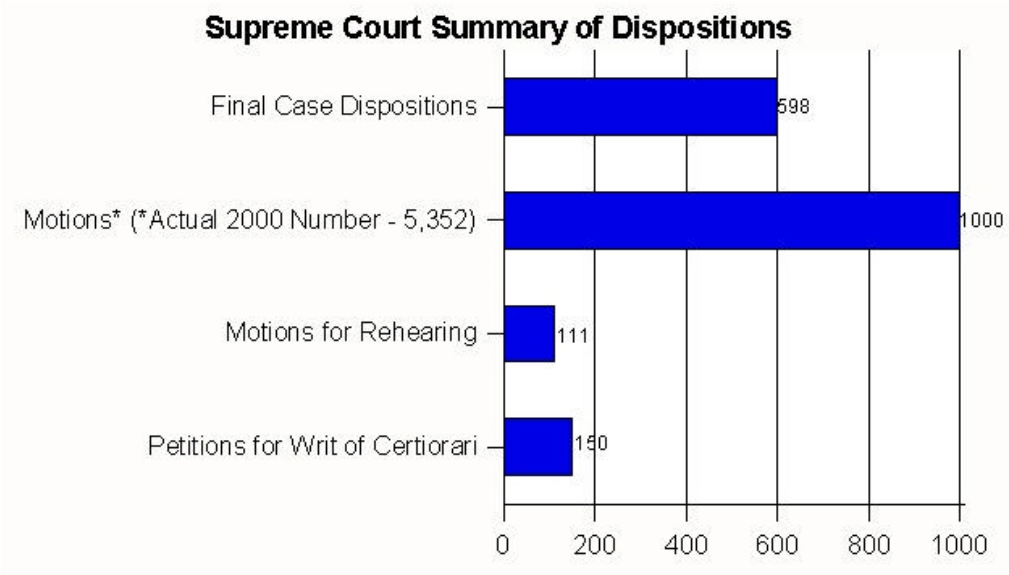
APPELLATE COURTS

There were 1,142 new filings in 2000. The Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals disposed of 1,193 cases in 2000. Of this number, 861 involved decisions on the merits. The remaining 332 were dismissed. In civil dispositions on the merits, the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals affirmed 332 (or 60%), reversed 201 (or 37%), and had other dispositions in 19 (or 3%), for a total of 552 civil disposition on the merits. In criminal dispositions on the merits, the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals affirmed 257 (or 83%) and reversed 52 (or 17%) for a total of 309 criminal dispositions on the merits. There were 1,670 cases on the merits pending before the Appellate Courts as of December 31, 2000.

SUPREME COURT

The 2000 Supreme Court disposed of 598 cases. Of this number, 282 involved decisions on the merits. The remaining 316 were dismissed. Of the cases disposed of on the merits, 222 (or 79%) were civil and 60 (or 21%) were criminal. Overall, the Court affirmed 137 (or 49%) of the cases disposed of in 2000, while reversing 131 (or 46%), and had 14 (or 5%) as other dispositions. In civil dispositions, the Court affirmed 94 (or 43%), reversed 114 (or 51%) and had 14 (or 6%) as other dispositions, for a total of 222 cases. In criminal dispositions, the Court affirmed 43 (or 72%) and reversed 17 (or 28%) for a total of 60 criminal dispositions.

The Supreme Court disposed of 111 motions for rehearing in 2000; 101 were denied, 7 were granted and 3 were dismissed. The number of other motions disposed of in 2000 by the Court was 5,352. Pursuant to M.R.A.P. 5, this Court disposed of 128 petitions for interlocutory appeal in 2000; 34 were granted, 75 were denied, and 19 had other dispositions. The Court disposed of 150 Petitions for Writ of Certiorari: 101 were denied, 41 were granted, and 8 were dismissed. The following chart represents a summary of the cases, motions, and petitions disposed of by the Supreme Court in 2000.



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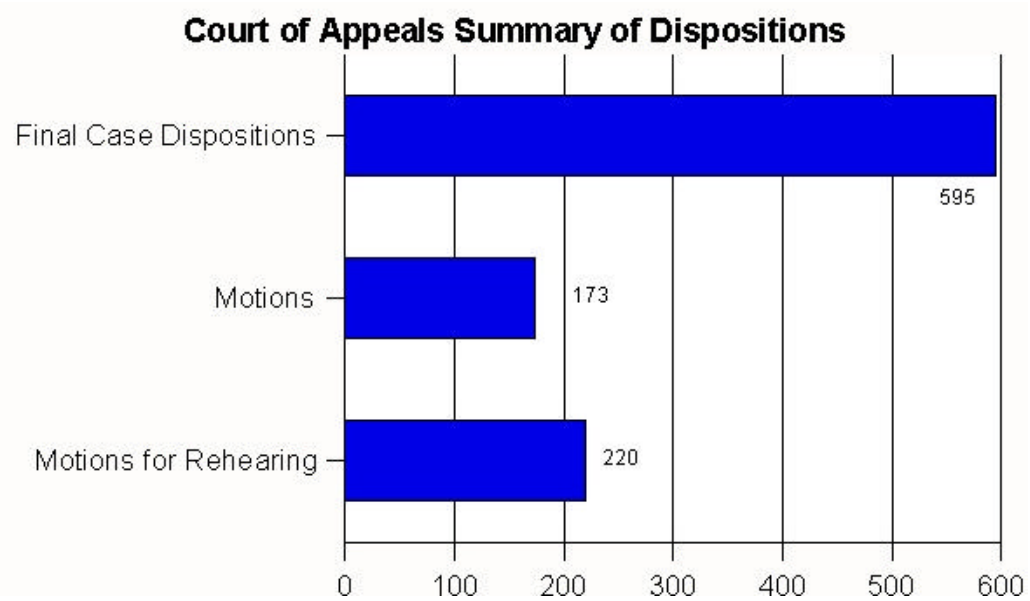
COURT OF APPEALS

In 2000, the Court of Appeals disposed of 595 cases. Of this number, 579 involved decisions on the merits. The remaining 16 were dismissed. Of the cases disposed of on the merits, 330 (or 57%) were civil and 249 (or 43%) were criminal. Overall, the Court of Appeals affirmed 452 (or 78%) of the cases disposed of in 2000, while reversing 122 (or 21%), with 5 (or 1%) with other dispositions. In civil dispositions, the Court of Appeals affirmed 238 (or 72%) and reversed 87 (or 26%) and had 5 (or 2%) with other dispositions, for a total of 330 civil dispositions. In criminal dispositions, the Court of Appeals affirmed 214 (or 86%) and reversed 35 (or 14%), for a total of 249 criminal dispositions. Sixty-six (66) cases originated in the Workers' Compensation Commission, Employment Security Commission, State Personnel Board, or other state agency.

The Court of Appeals disposed of 220 motions for rehearing in 2000: 196 were denied, 12 were granted and 12 were dismissed. Opinions were written on 21 motions for rehearing. Of the total decisions, 37% had motions for rehearing filed. The number of other motions disposed of in 2000 was 173. The following chart represents a summary of the cases and motions disposed of by the Court of Appeals in 2000.



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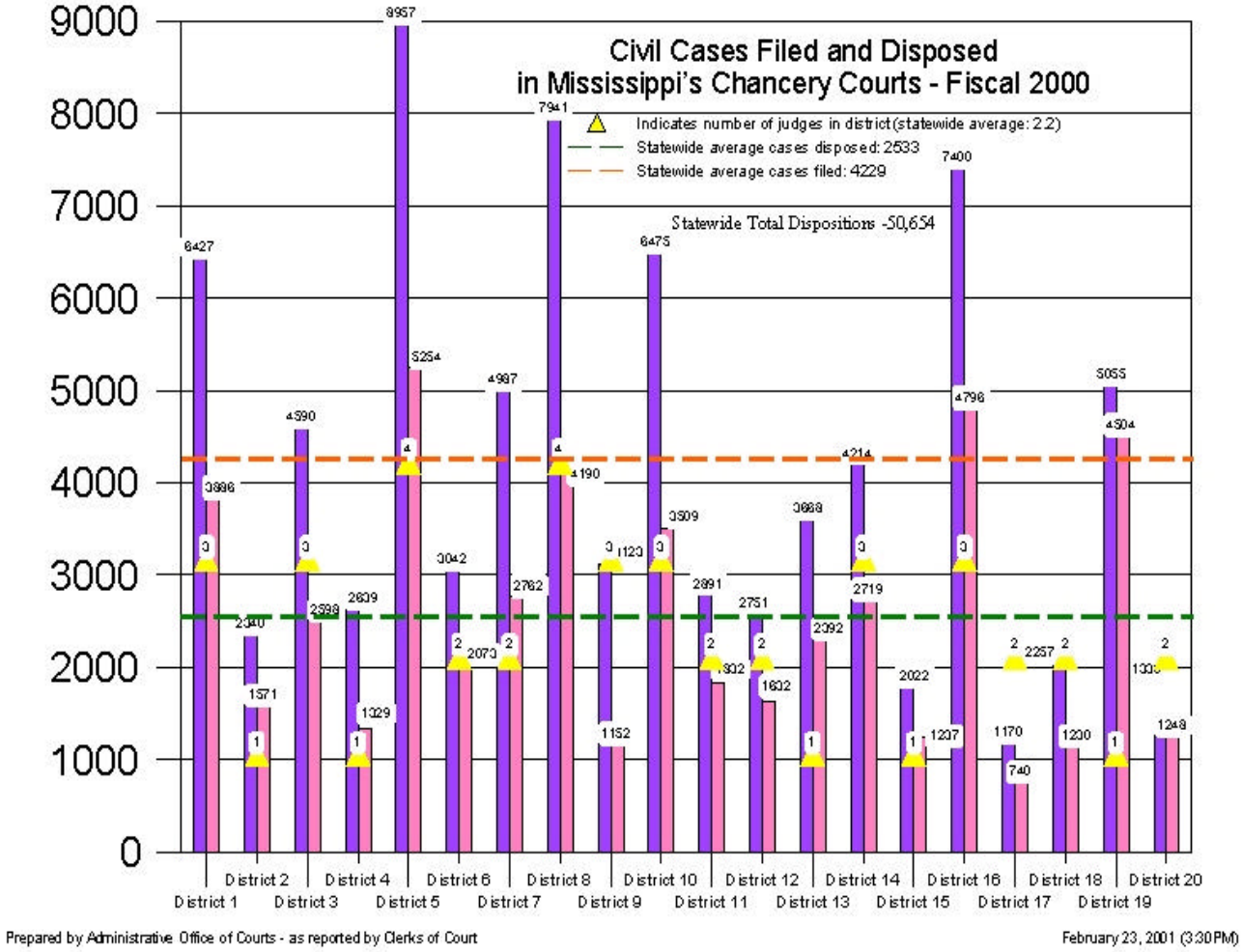
Civil Cases Filed and Disposed
in Mississippi's Chancery Courts - Fiscal 2000
Indicates number of judges in district (statewide average: 2.2)
Statewide average cases disposed: 2533
Statewide average cases filed: 4229
Statewide Total Dispositions -50,654
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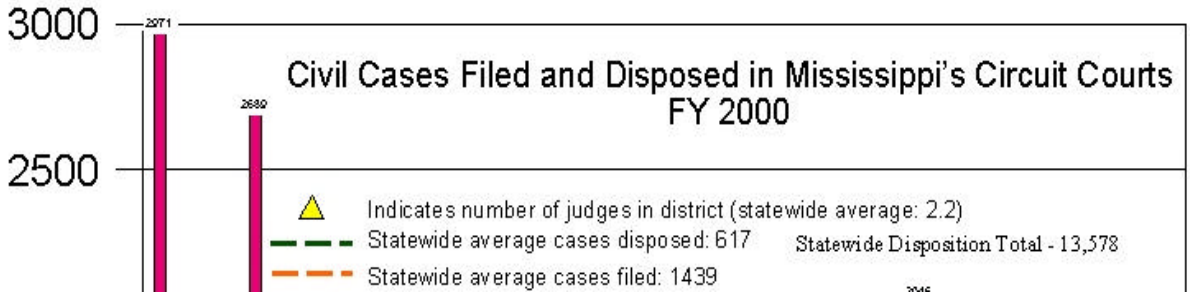
Civil Cases Filed and Disposed in Mississippi's Circuit Courts
FY 2000
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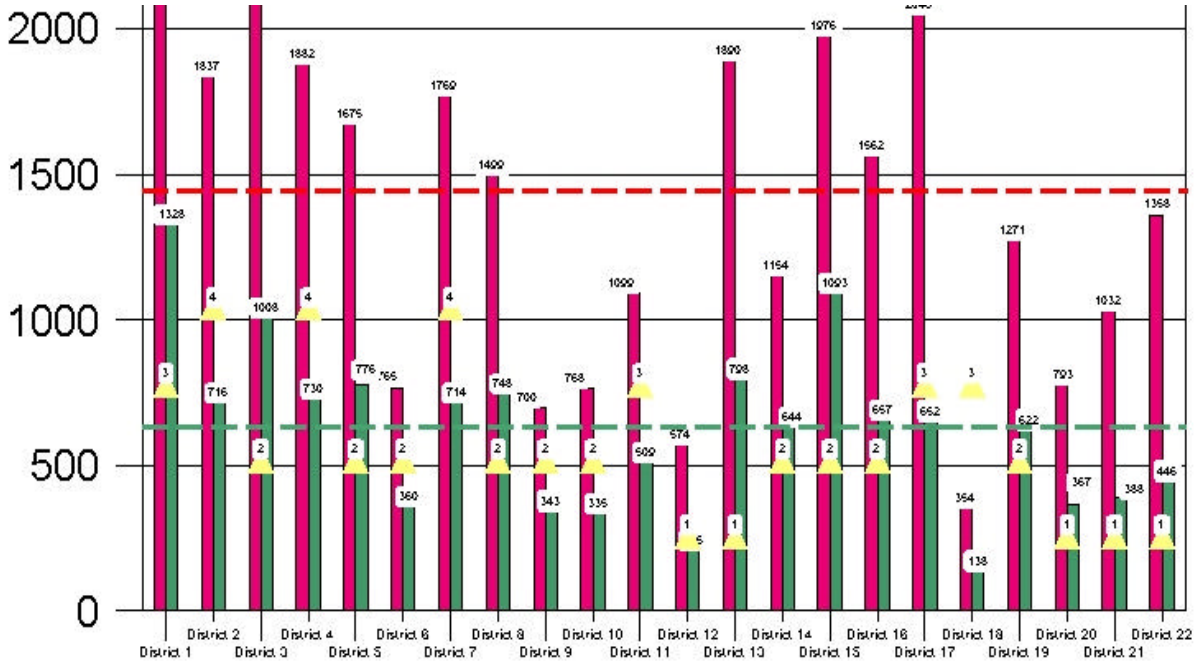
Indicates number of judges in district (statewide average: 2.2)
Statewide average cases disposed: 617
Statewide average cases filed: 1439
Statewide Disposition Total - 13,578



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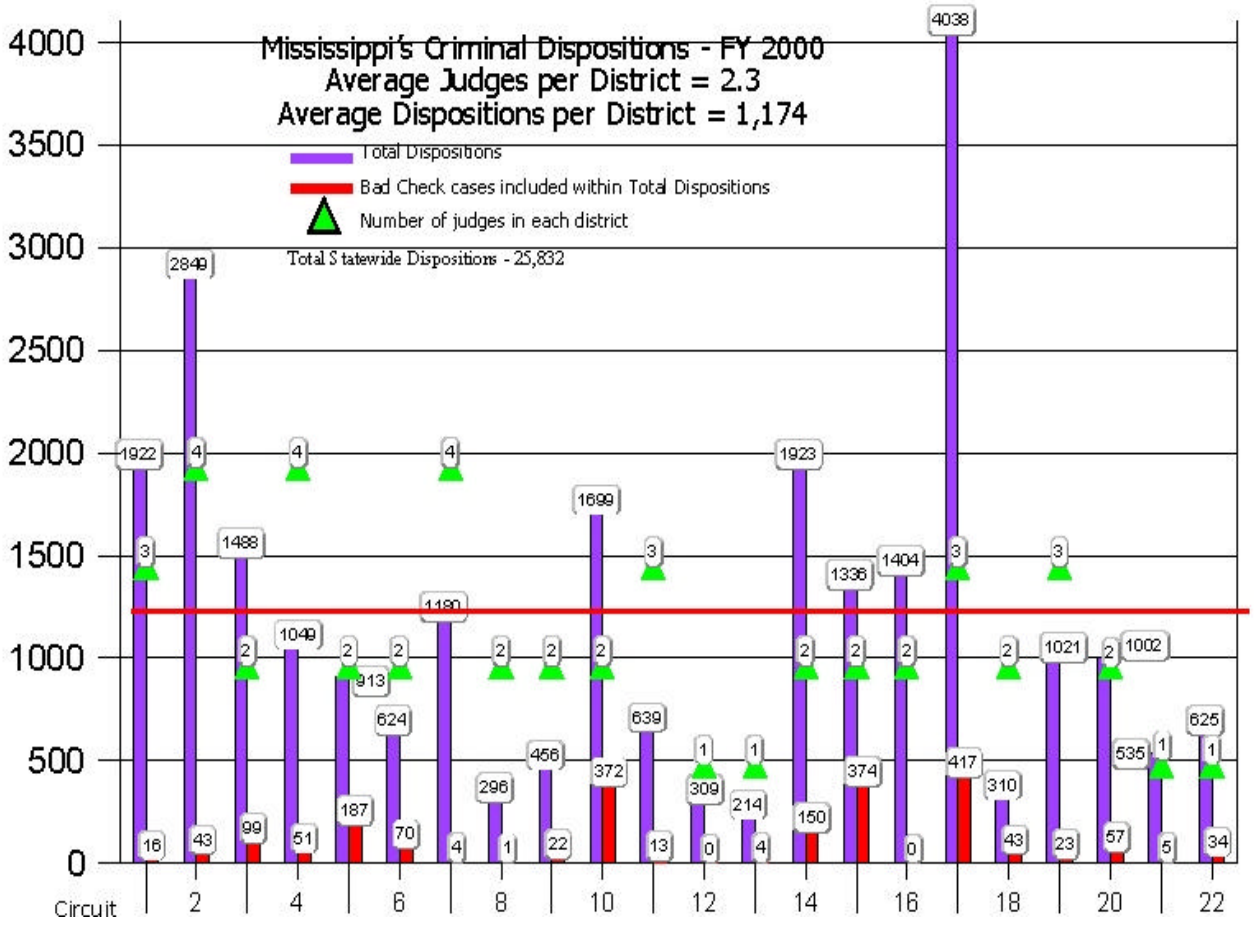

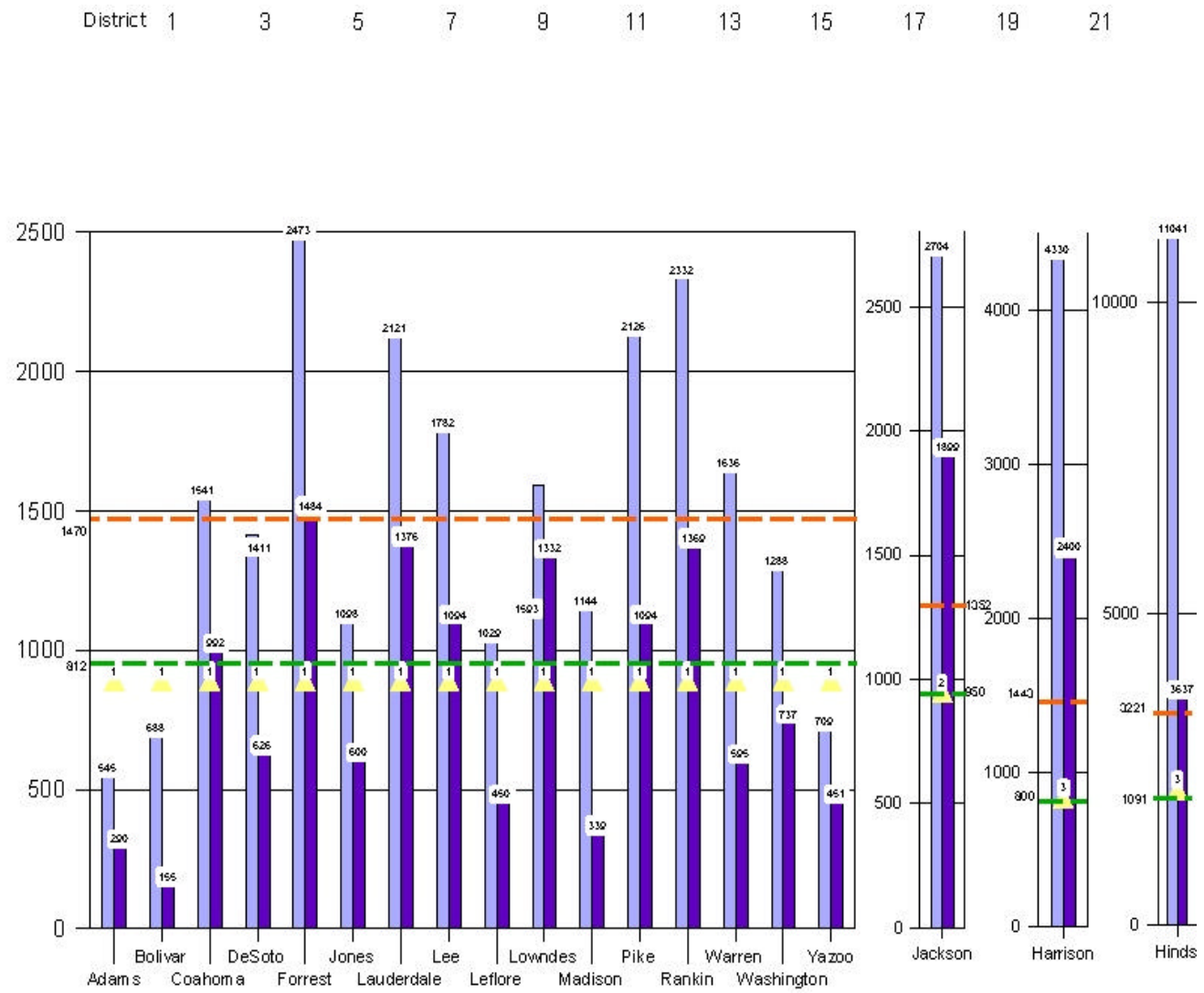

Civil Cases Filed and Disposed in Mississippi's County Courts
FY 2000

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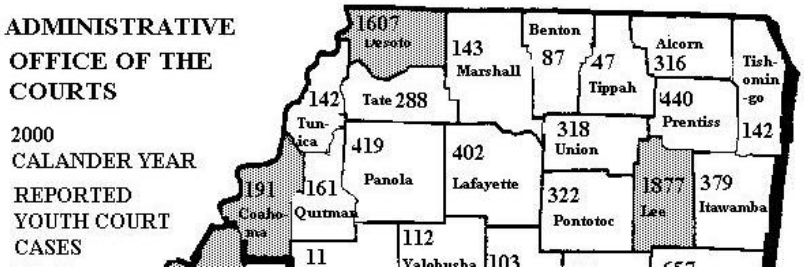

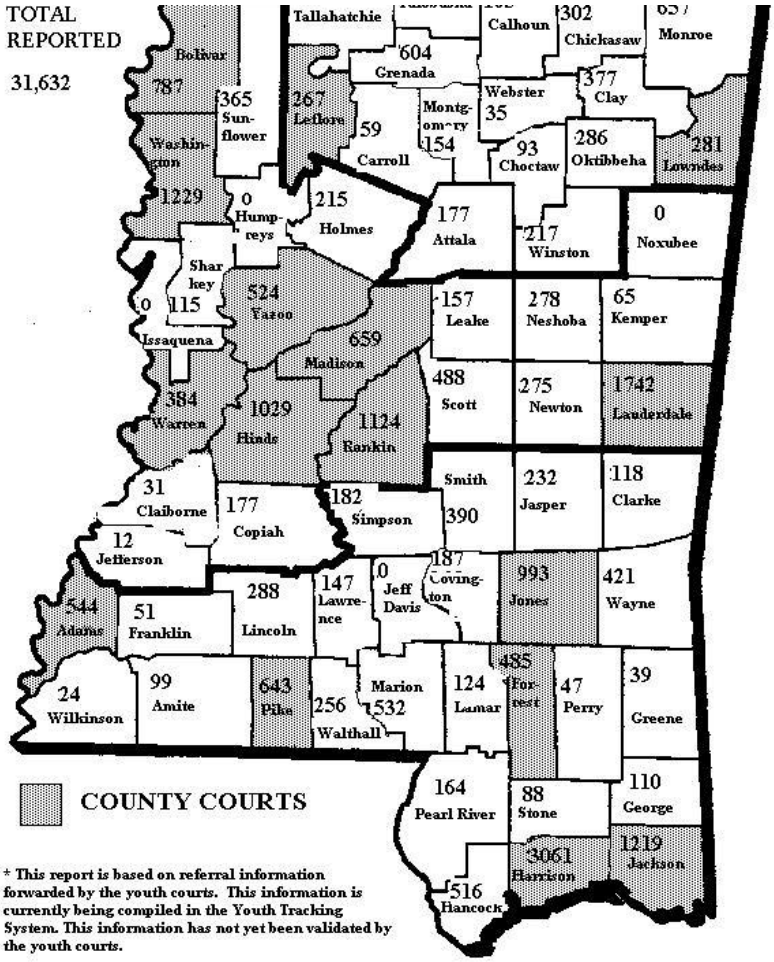

* This report is based on referral information forwarded by the youth courts. This information is currently being compiled in the Youth Tracking System. This information has not yet been validated by the youth courts.