

## Comparison of Urban Counties \* Clearance Rate and Backlog Index

Sept 1, 2023 - Aug 31, 2024	2023 Population	Civil Cases		Family Cases		Criminal Cases		Juvenile Cases
		Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate
Tarrant	2,182,947	87.6%	0.9	107.6%	0.7	104.8%	0.2	98.1%
Bexar	2,087,679	75.8%	2.7	90.9%	1.8	91.7%	0.3	96.2%
Dallas	2,606,358	95.5%	0.7	100.8%	1.9			116.2%
Harris	4,835,125	89.5%	1.3	110.5%	0.8	99.2%	0.4	89.4%
Travis	1,334,961	106.0%	2.1	90.1%	1.4	95.1%	0.6	102.1%

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Tarrant	2,182,947	98.6%	0.8	105.3%	0.7	113.5%	0.4	107.5%
Bexar	2,087,679	73.7%	2.7	89.2%	1.6	114.0%	0.4	109.1%
Dallas	2,606,358	93.6%	0.7	102.6%	1.9	102.5%	0.7	91.8%
Harris	4,835,125	93.2%	1.2	101.4%	0.8	108.2%	0.5	96.1%
Travis	1,334,961	81.1%	3.1	89.8%	1.3	111.1%	0.7	76.3%

Sept 1, 2021 - Aug 31, 2022	2021 Population	Civil Cases		Family Cases		Criminal Cases		Juvenile Cases
		Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate
Tarrant	2,126,477	98.1%	0.8	113.0%	0.8	108.7%	0.5	99.0%
Bexar	2,028,236	82.2%	2.5	88.7%	1.5	104.1%	0.4	103.4%
Dallas	2,586,050	106.2%	0.7	97.1%	2.1	90.0%	0.5	72.3%
Harris	4,728,030	94.0%	1.2	109.5%	0.9	102.3%	0.6	98.5%
Travis	1,305,154	97.3%	3.2	94.5%	1.2	87.8%	0.5	67.5%

Sept 1, 2020 - Aug 31, 2021	2020 Population	Civil Cases		Family Cases		Criminal Cases		Clearance Rate
		Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate
Tarrant	2,102,515	90.5%	0.8	101.8%	0.9	91.1%	0.6	102.1%
Bexar	2,003,554	80.3%	4.2	78.1%	2.8	97.7%	0.5	135.5%
Dallas	2,635,516	99.2%	0.7	99.9%	1.8	110.6%	0.6	125.2%
Harris	4,713,325	82.3%	1.4	109.5%	0.9	79.8%	0.7	115.8%
Travis	1,273,954	73.5%	3.4	91.7%	1.1	100.1%	0.6	170.5%

## Comparison of Urban Counties \* Clearance Rate and Backlog Index

Sept 1, 2019 - Aug 31, 2020	2019 Population	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate
Tarrant	2,102,515	98.2%	0.7	82.4%	0.7	81.2%	0.4	100.2%
Bexar	2,003,554	77.5%	1.8	83.9%	1.2	83.6%	0.4	69.1%
Dallas	2,635,516	100.7%	0.7	88.5%	1.8	94.3%	0.5	73.9%
Harris	4,713,325	90.2%	1.2	82.2%	0.9	72.6%	0.6	94.3%
Travis	1,273,954	73.6%	3.0	86.7%	1.0	103.9%	0.5	119.8%

  

Sept 1, 2018 - Aug 31, 2019	2018 Population	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate
Tarrant	2,084,931	100.0%	0.7	103.4%	0.6	95.0%	0.3	94.0%
Bexar	1,986,049	85.0%	1.4	107.4%	0.9	99.5%	0.3	101.1%
Dallas	2,637,772	101.1%	0.6	101.1%	1.3	97.3%	0.4	100.9%
Harris	4,698,619	83.2%	1.0	100.3%	0.7	92.8%	0.4	91.1%
Travis	1,248,743	83.3%	2.4	99.6%	0.7	98.1%	0.3	117.0%

  

Sept 1, 2017 - Aug 31, 2018	2017 Population	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate
Tarrant	2,054,475	99.0%	0.8	97.3%	0.5	94.2%	0.2	98.2%
Bexar	1,958,578	95.4%	1.3	103.0%	0.9	97.8%	0.3	102.2%
Dallas	2,618,148	99.9%	0.5	98.5%	1.4	106.2%	0.4	77.4%
Harris	4,652,980	79.4%	0.8	98.4%	0.6	56.9%	0.6	96.7%
Travis	1,226,698	95.2%	2.2	101.1%	0.7	97.9%	0.4	109.4%

\*Taken from Office of Court Administration website <http://www.courts.state.tx.us/oca/ocahome.asp>

\*Clearance Rate is a measure of how effectively a court is disposing the cases added to its docket.

A Clearance Rate of 100 percent indicates that the court disposed of the same number of cases during the year as were added to the docket during the year, resulting in no changes to the court's case backlog.

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\*Backlog Index is a calculation used to measure the size of the court's backlog.

It measures the pending caseload against the court's capacity to dispose of the caseload during a given time period. Specifically, it is the number of cases (of a given case type) pending at the beginning of the year.

A Backlog Index of 1.0 means that the court disposed of the equivalent of the pending caseload in one year. A court should have a minimum goal of achieving a civil backlog index of 1.0 or less. On average, criminal cases should be disposed more quickly than major civil cases, so courts should maintain a lower backlog index for criminal cases than civil cases.

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**Note: OCA combines Family cases in with Civil cases as one category.**