

Summary of Superior Court Activity

Mecklenburg County

District 26

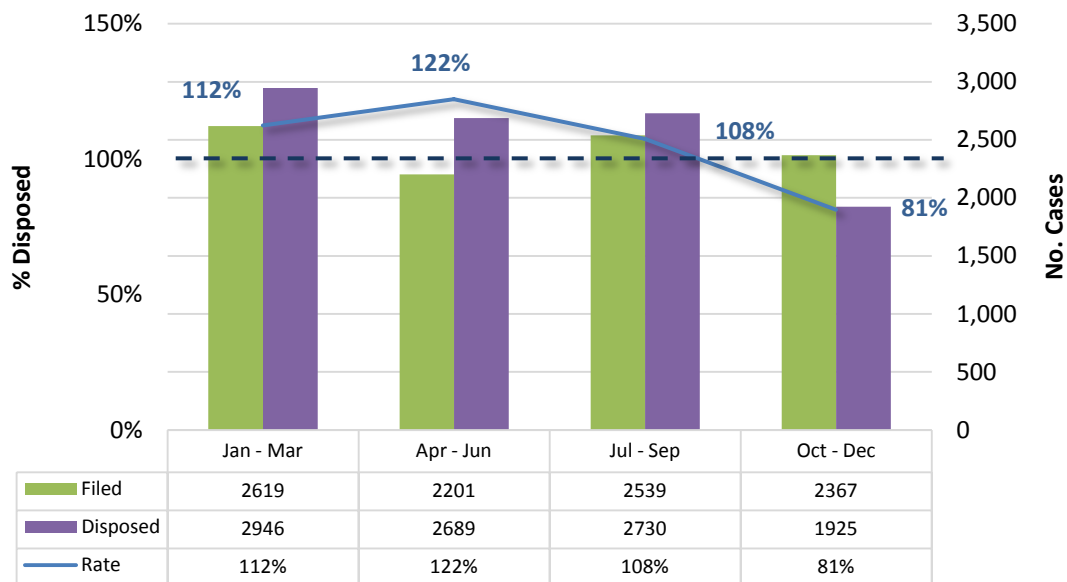


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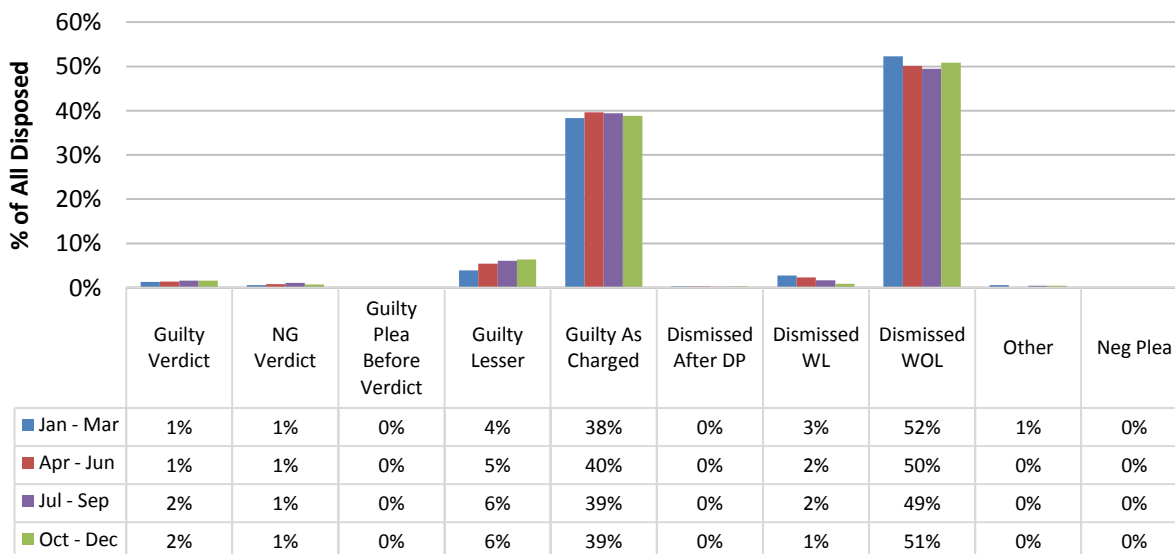


Figure 1. Clearance Rate- All Felonies



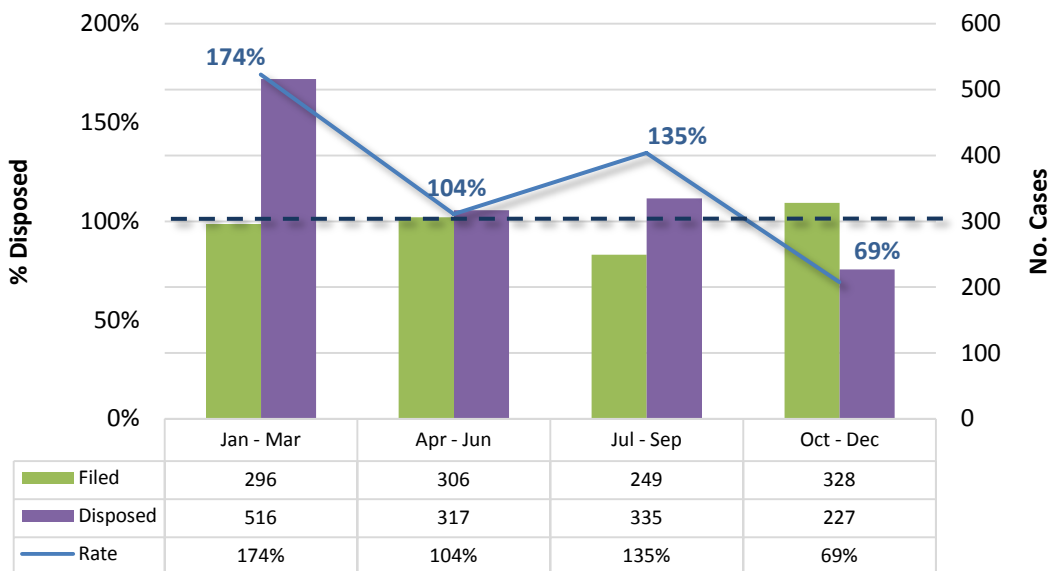
- Overall average clearance rate during 2009 was 106 percent.
- Clearance rate dropped significantly October - December, a result of a large drop in the number of cases disposed.

Figure 2. Method of Disposal- All Felony Cases



- 2 percent of all felony cases were disposed by trial during 2009.
- 51 percent of all felony disposals were dismissed without leave by the District Attorney.
- 39 percent of felony disposals were by guilty plea before trial.

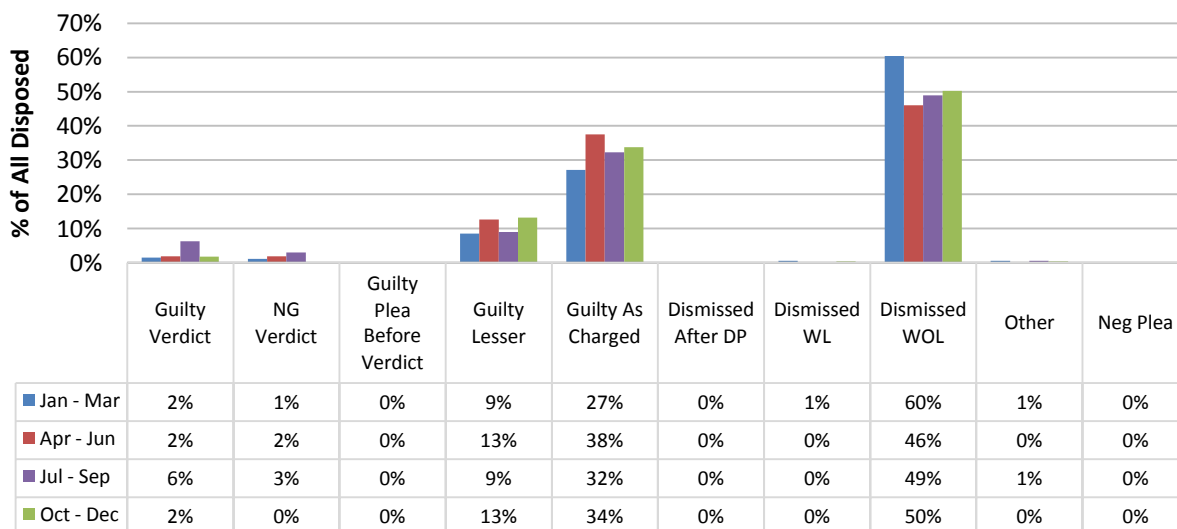
Figure 3. Clearance Rate- Persons



- Overall, the clearance rate for Persons cases was 118 percent, driven by an exceptionally high number of disposals January - March.
- At 69 percent during October - December, Persons recorded the lowest quarterly clearance rate.

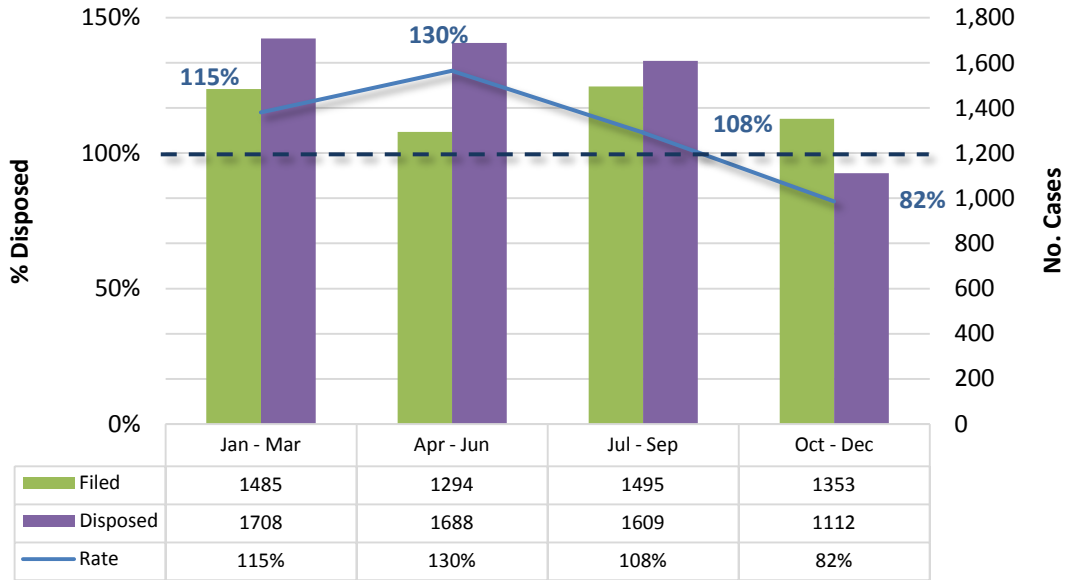
Figure 4. Method of Disposal- Persons

(Does not include murder or manslaughter cases)



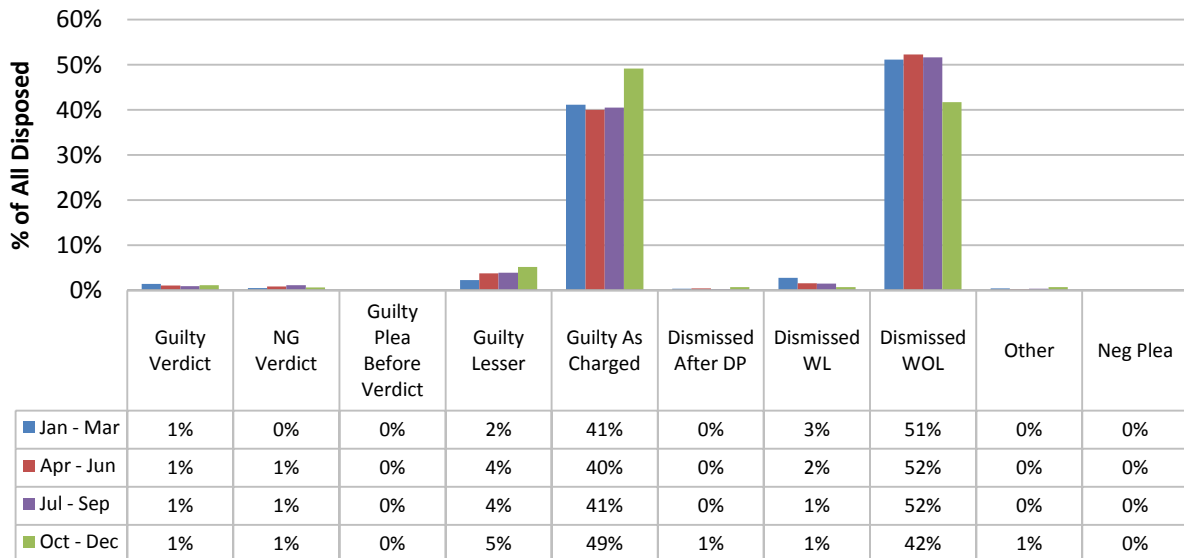
- 60 percent of Person cases disposed January - March were dismissed without leave by the District Attorney.
- 9 percent of Person disposals during July - September occurred at trial.

Figure 5. Clearance Rate- Property



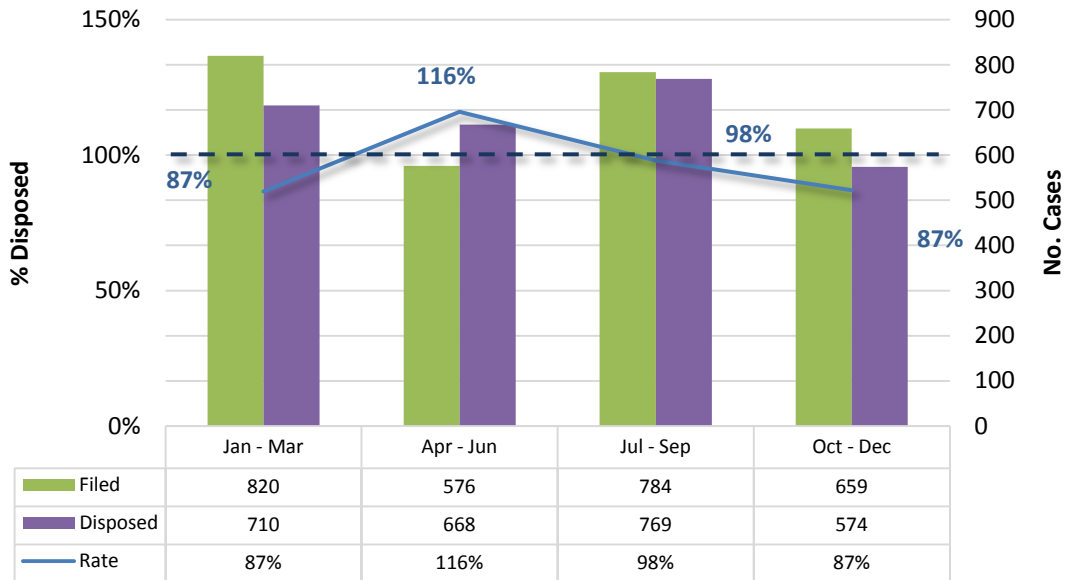
- Overall clearance rate for Property cases was 111 percent.
- The clearance rate peaked at 130 percent April - June, driven by a lower than average number of filings.

Figure 6. Method of Disposal- Property



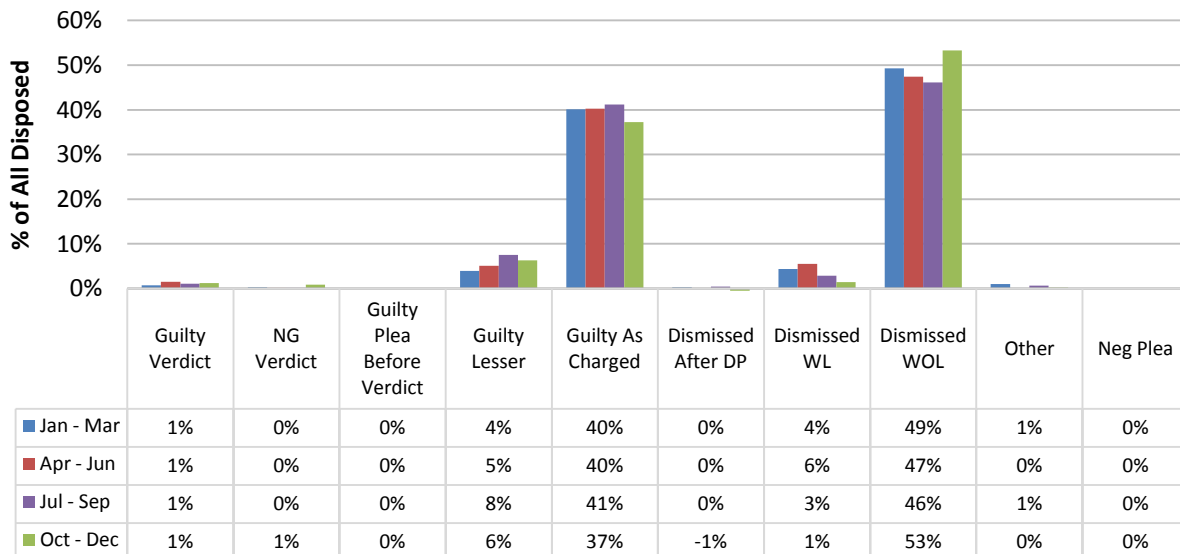
- Half of all disposed property cases were dismissed without leave by the District Attorney.
- 42 percent of disposed property cases occurred as a result of a guilty plea.

Figure 7. Clearance Rate- Controlled Substances



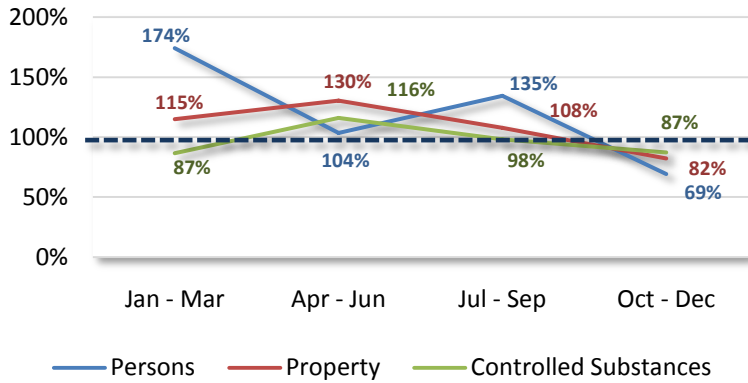
- At 96 percent, Controlled Substance cases recorded the lowest overall average clearance rate of the groups considered in this report.
- Only April - June was a positive (>100 percent) clearance rate recorded. This coincides with a lower than average number of filings during the same period.

Figure 8. Method of Disposal- Controlled Substances



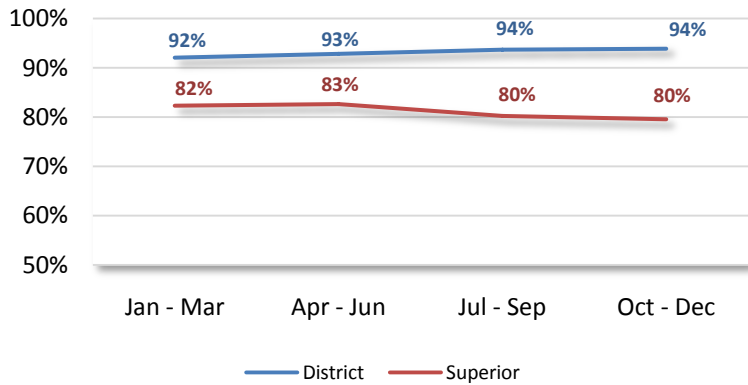
- 49 percent of disposed Controlled Substance cases were dismissed without leave by the District Attorney.
- 40 percent of disposed Controlled Substance cases occurred by guilty plea.

Figure 9. Clearance Rate by Case Type



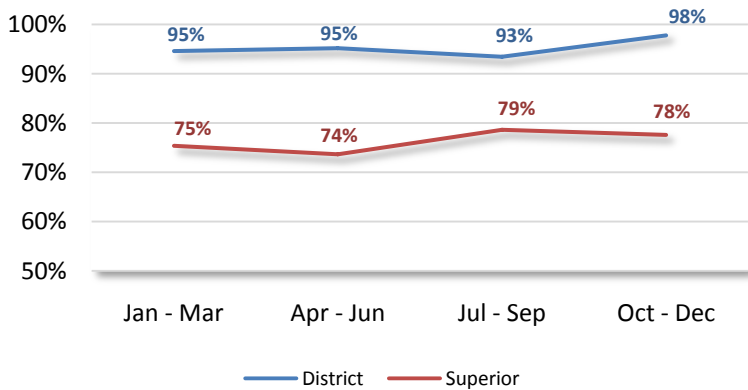
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Figure 10. % Cases Pending <=365 Days



On average, 81 percent of active, pending cases in Superior Court were 365 days old or less. District Court data is provided for context.

Figure 11. % Cases Disposed <=365 Days



On average, 76 percent of felony cases disposed in Superior Court were 365 days old or less. District Court data is provided for context.