

JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

January 22, 2025

The Judicial Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in the lower-level meeting room of the former Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on January 22, 2025, at 7:46 a.m.

BOARD PRESENT

Theo McCalvin, Chairperson
Kelley Durham, Vice Chair
Keith Berkshire
Kent Cattani*
Kelli Flinchbaugh
Sonia Martinez
Joshua Rogers

BOARD ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Anderson
Britanee Hudson
Carrie Pile
Alfred Smith

(*Participated in the meeting through the use of video conference equipment.)

Items on the agenda were discussed out of order, but for the purpose of clarity will remain as listed on the agenda.

1. Meeting called to order and roll call.

Chairperson McCalvin called the meeting to order at 7:46 a.m. and conducted a roll call.

(At 8:12 a.m., Chairperson McCalvin excused Boardmember Cattani from the remainder of the Judicial Advisory Board meeting.)

2. Approve minutes from October 30, 2024, Judicial Advisory Board meeting.

It was moved by Boardmember Martinez, seconded by Vice Chairperson Durham, that the October 30, 2024, Judicial Advisory Board meeting minutes be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – McCalvin–Durham–Berkshire–Flinchbaugh–Martinez–Rogers

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Cattani

Chairperson McCalvin declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. Items from citizens present.

There were no items from citizens present.

4. Hear a presentation and discuss the State of the Court by Presiding Magistrate Stephen Umpleby.

Presiding Magistrate Stephen Umpleby displayed a PowerPoint presentation to discuss the State of the Court. **(See Attachment 1)**

Judge Umpleby noted that court filings have been gradually increasing since the onset of COVID-19. He mentioned the Mesa Municipal Court handles approximately 93,000 cases each year, resulting in an average of 11,000 cases per judge, compared to 5,300 in Phoenix and 3,400 in Gilbert. (See Page 2 of Attachment 1)

Judge Umpleby stated that three areas were prioritized: Expanding Specialty Courts, Increasing Access to Justice, and Exploring Innovative Approaches to Justice. (See Page 3 of Attachment 1)

Judge Umpleby highlighted the role and statistics of Community Court, Domestic Violence (DV) Court, Veterans Court, and Rule 11 competency proceedings. (See Pages 4 through 9 of Attachment 1)

Judge Umpleby stated Increased Access to Justice focused on improving and enhancing counseling services, and offering courthouse tours. He added the objective is not to impose jail time but to encourage and assist individuals to complete their requirements. (See Pages 10 through 12 of Attachment 1)

Judge Umpleby reported 99% of ex-parte hearings are heard within 24 hours, 96% of civil traffic cases are resolved within 90 days, and 95% of misdemeanors are concluded within 180 days. He added 76% of DUIs are resolved within 180 days which leaves room for improvement. (See Pages 13 through 16 of Attachment 1)

Judge Umpleby described virtual court and the use of digital fingerprints and signatures to reduce the need to scan thousands of documents as well as new audio recording technology and upgraded cameras to improve the virtual court process. He mentioned the importance of community involvement, noting that the judges actively engage in community activities. (See Pages 17 through 19 of Attachment 1)

Judge Umpleby expanded on the need to improve the Case Management System. The current system lacks the ability to provide data or information to operate as a data-informed court and is also unable to generate statistical reports. (See page 20 of Attachment 1)

Chairperson McCalvin thanked staff for the presentation.

5. Convene an executive session.

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Durham, seconded by Boardmember Flinchbaugh, that the Board enter into an executive session at 7:48 a.m.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – McCalvin–Durham–Berkshire–Cattani–Flinchbaugh–Martinez–Rogers

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

- a. Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion or resignation of a public officer, appointee, or employee of the City. (A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1));
 - i. Review and discuss application and background materials for the reappointment of Magistrate Umayok Novell.

(At 8:13 a.m. the Executive Session adjourned, and the Board reconvened their regular meeting.)

6. Review and discuss items related to the reappointment of Magistrate Umayok Novell, whose term expires June 30, 2025.

There was no further discussion.

7. Scheduling meetings and general information.

Next meeting:

March 19, 2025, 7:45 a.m.
Former Council Chambers
Lower-Level
57 E. First Street

8. Adjourn.

Without objection, the Judicial Advisory Board adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Judicial Advisory Board meeting of the City of Mesa, Arizona, held on January 22, 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.



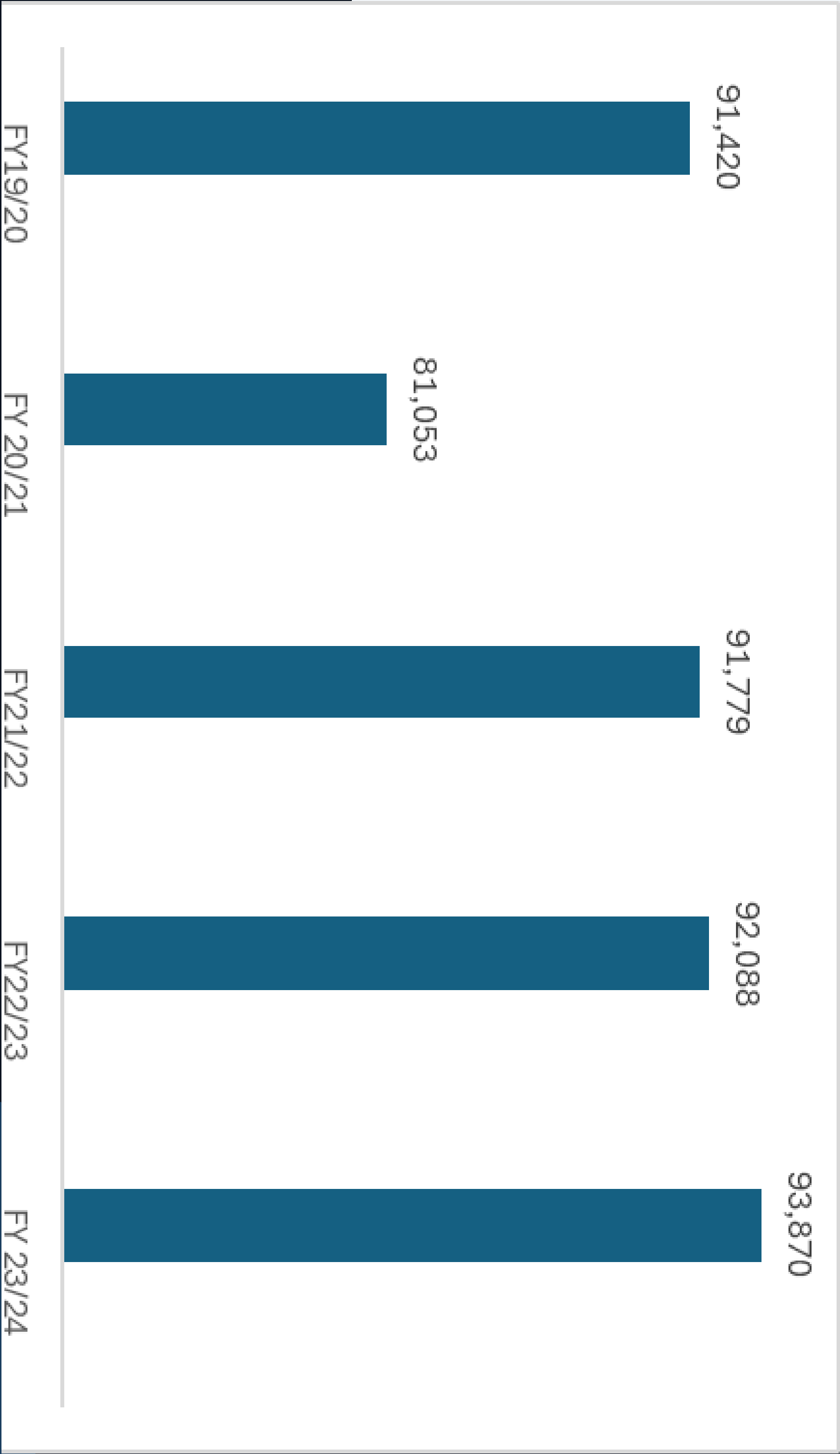
HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK

STATE OF THE COURT

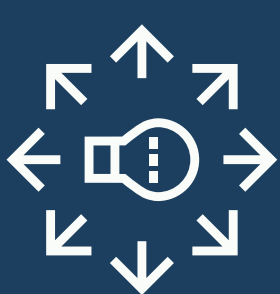
2025

Stephen S. Umpleby
Presiding Magistrate

Court Filings



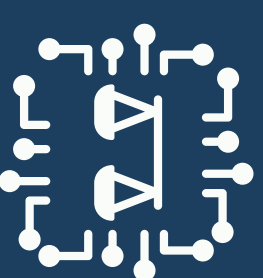
Priorities



Expand Specialty
Courts



Increase Access
to Justice



Explore Innovative
Approaches to
Justice



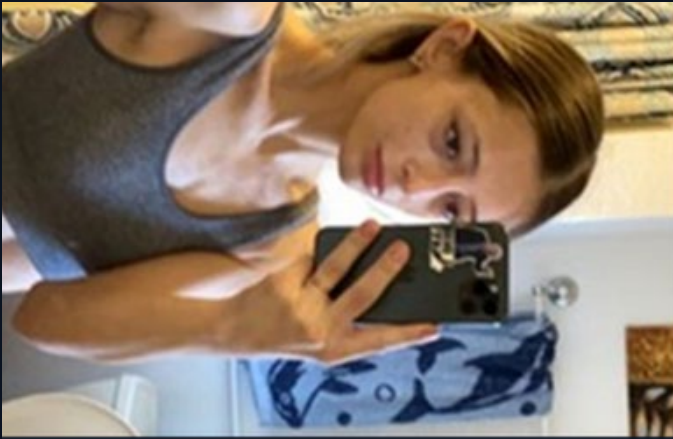
Expand Specialty Courts

Community Court

From July - December 2024

Success Story

Natalie



Before:

Living in car
Using meth,
fentanyl &
LSD



After:

1.5 years sober,
working as
peer support
in addiction
recovery



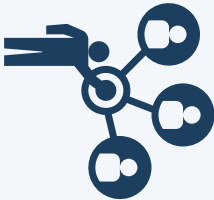
Vital records (BC/SSN/ID): 661



Peer counseling: 348



Emergency Shelter: 166



Connected to mental health provider: 24



Received health care: 130

Domestic Violence Statistics

32% re-arrested for violent offense before completing probation supervision

[Olson and Stalans \(2001\)](#)

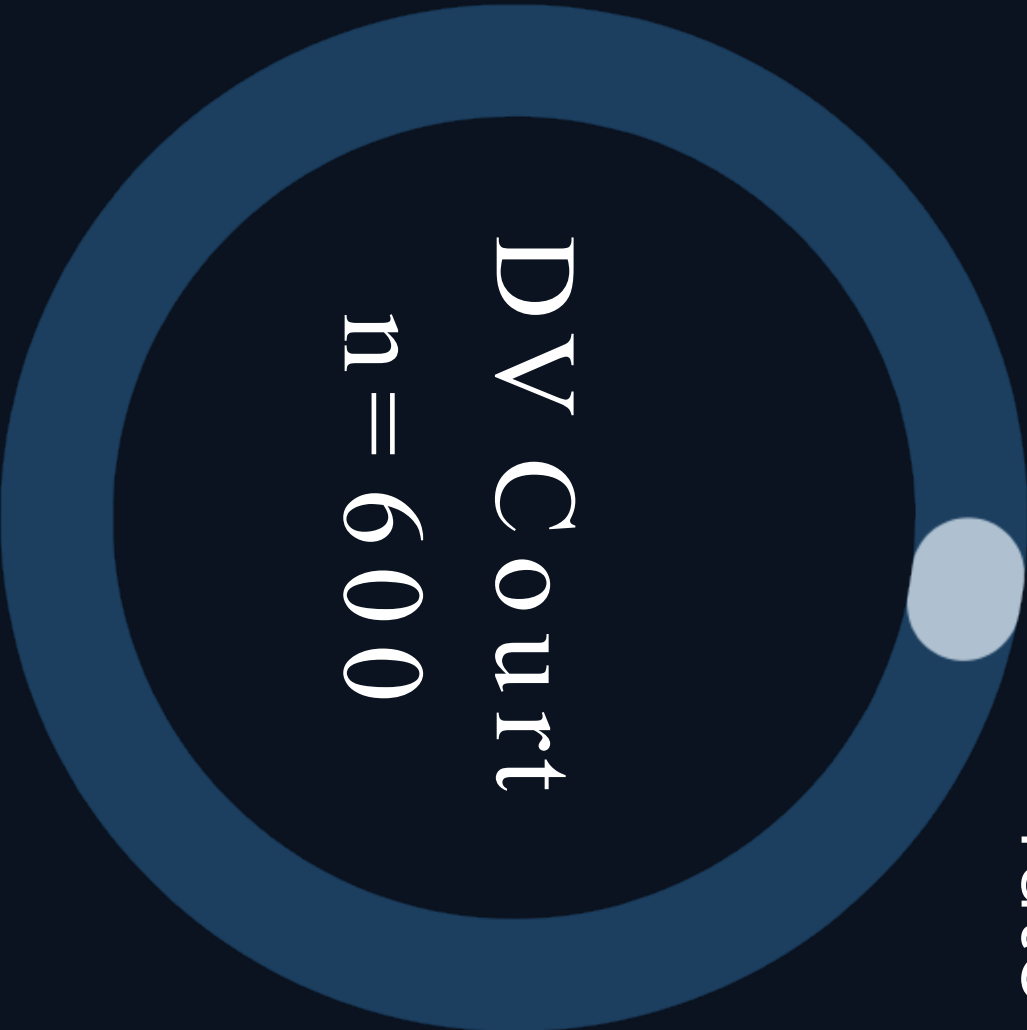
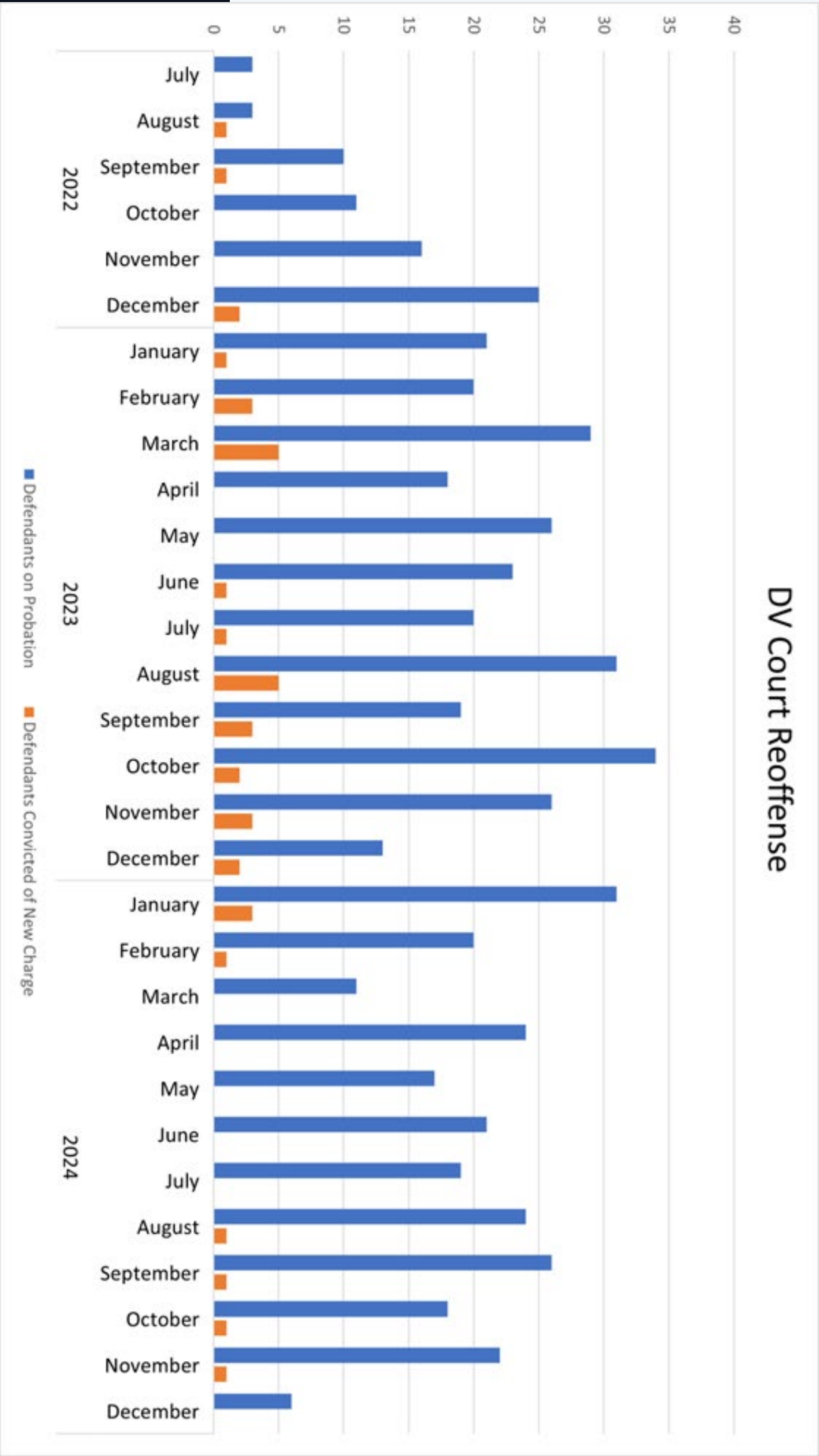
20 - 33% domestic violence offenders recidivate *(many within 6 months of initial assault)*

Hanson, Helmus & Bourgon (2007)
Hendricks, Werner, Shipway & Turinetti (2006)
Ventura & Davis (2004)

40^{est.} - 80% repeat violence (when victims are followed longitudinally)

Garner, Fagan & Maxwell (1995)
Shepard (1992)

DV Court



5% re-offense rate

National Re-Offense Rate: 30%

Veteran's Treatment Court

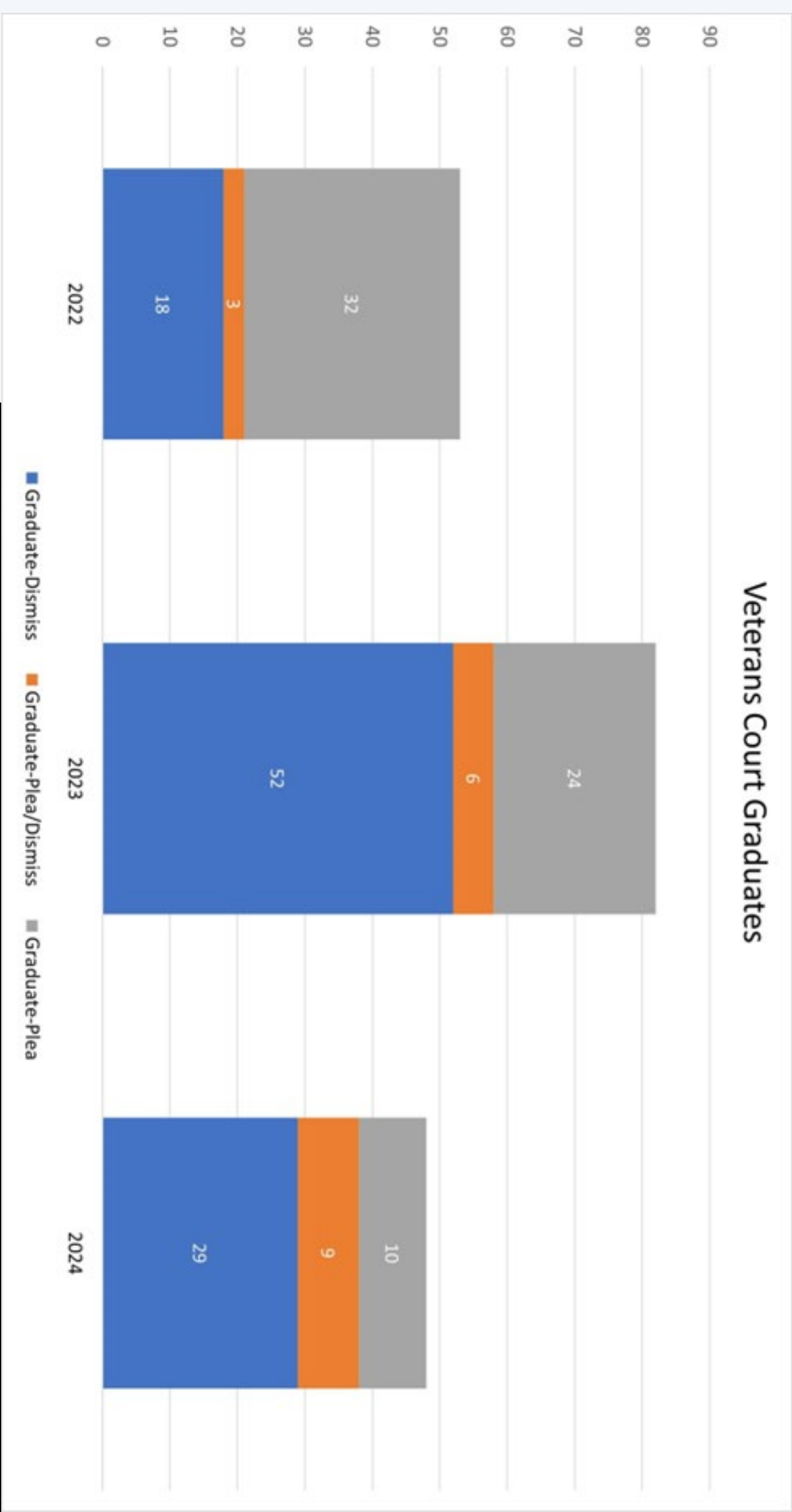
+ Peer Navigator

↓ Participants

↓ Recidivism

↑ Counseling Options

Veterans Court Graduates



Rule 11






Virtual Court



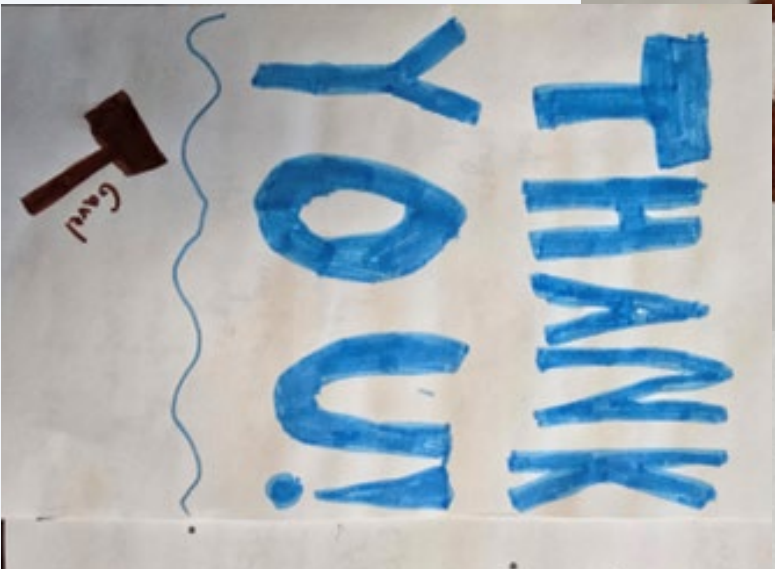


Increase Access to Justice

Counseling

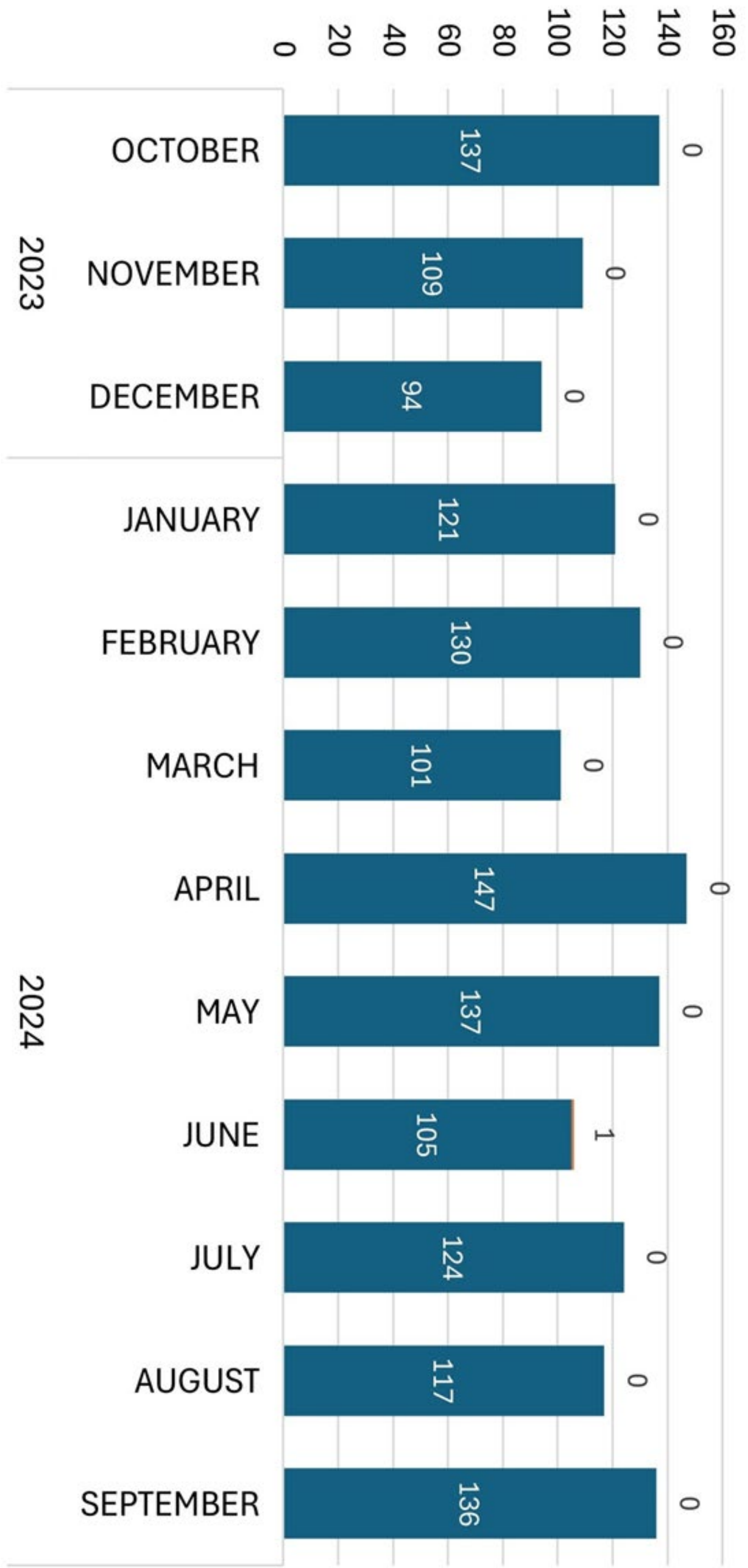
<div> Lifeline Behavioral Health</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accepts all AHCCCS plans (or at intake will work with clients to assist with signing up for AHCCCS).• Accepts over 300 Insurances <p>Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Domestic Violence Program• DUI/MIC/Substance Abuse Program• Shoplifting• Anger Management <p>Set up Appointment within 48 hours: (480) 641-1165 or schedule online Home - Lifeline (lifelinepcs.com)</p> <p>Locations:</p> <p>335 N Alma School Rd, Chandler, AZ 85224 17235 N 75th Ave, Glendale, AZ 85308 5040 E Shea Blvd, Phoenix, AZ 85028 4515 S McClintock Dr, Tempe, AZ 85282 10320 W McDowell Rd, Avondale, AZ 85392 7565 E Eagle Crest Dr, Mesa, AZ 85207</p>	<div> PRODIGY HEALTHCARE CHANGING THE HEALTHCARE LANDSCAPE</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ask about insurance and/or Fee Reduction. <p>Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DUI• Domestic Violence• Substance Abuse• Relapse Prevention• Anger Management• Shoplifting / Theft• Underage Drinking• Parenting• Mental Health• Life Skills• Career Criminal <p>Set up Appointment within 48 hours: (480) 949-8871 Spanish Line: (480) 237-7222 prodigyhealthcareaz.com</p> <p>Location: 460 North Mesa Drive, Ste 101, Mesa AZ 85201</p>	<div> SAGE Counseling <i>Social Accountability Guidance & Education</i></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contract with all seven (7) AHCCCS plans, both RBHA plans and accepts American Indian Health Plan.• During admission, if qualify for AHCCCS will help with application. <p>Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Substance Abuse Education & Treatment• Domestic Violence Counseling• Anger Management• Underage Drinking• Misdemeanor DUI Program <p>Set up Appointment within 48 hours: (480) 649-3352 https://sagecounseling.net</p> <p>Location: Multiple Locations listed on website.</p>
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Courthouse Tours



Protective Orders

Ex-Parte Hearings

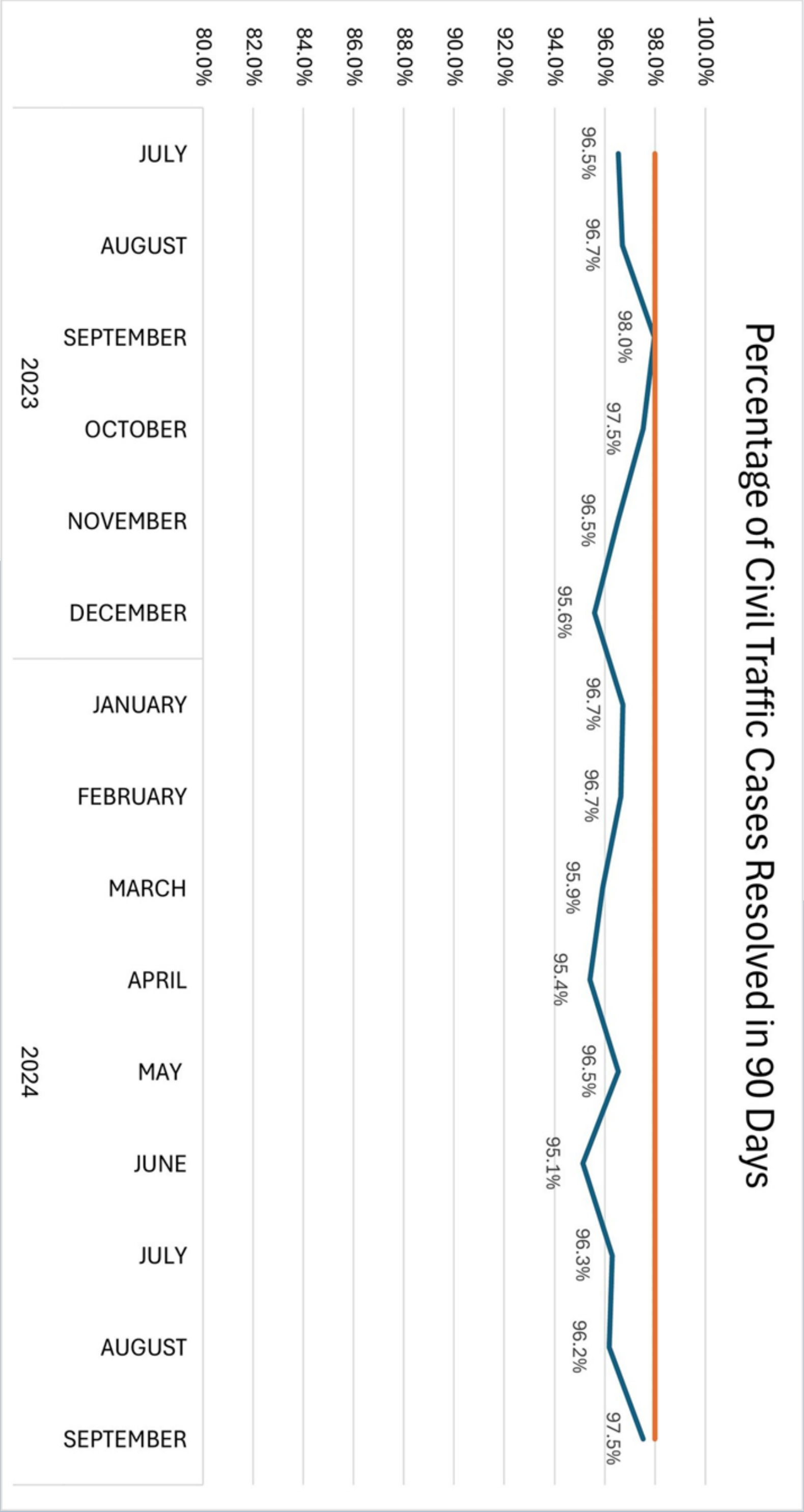


99%
heard
within
24 hours

Civil Traffic

Mesa
96%
dispositioned
within 90 days

Arizona
92%
dispositioned
within 90 days

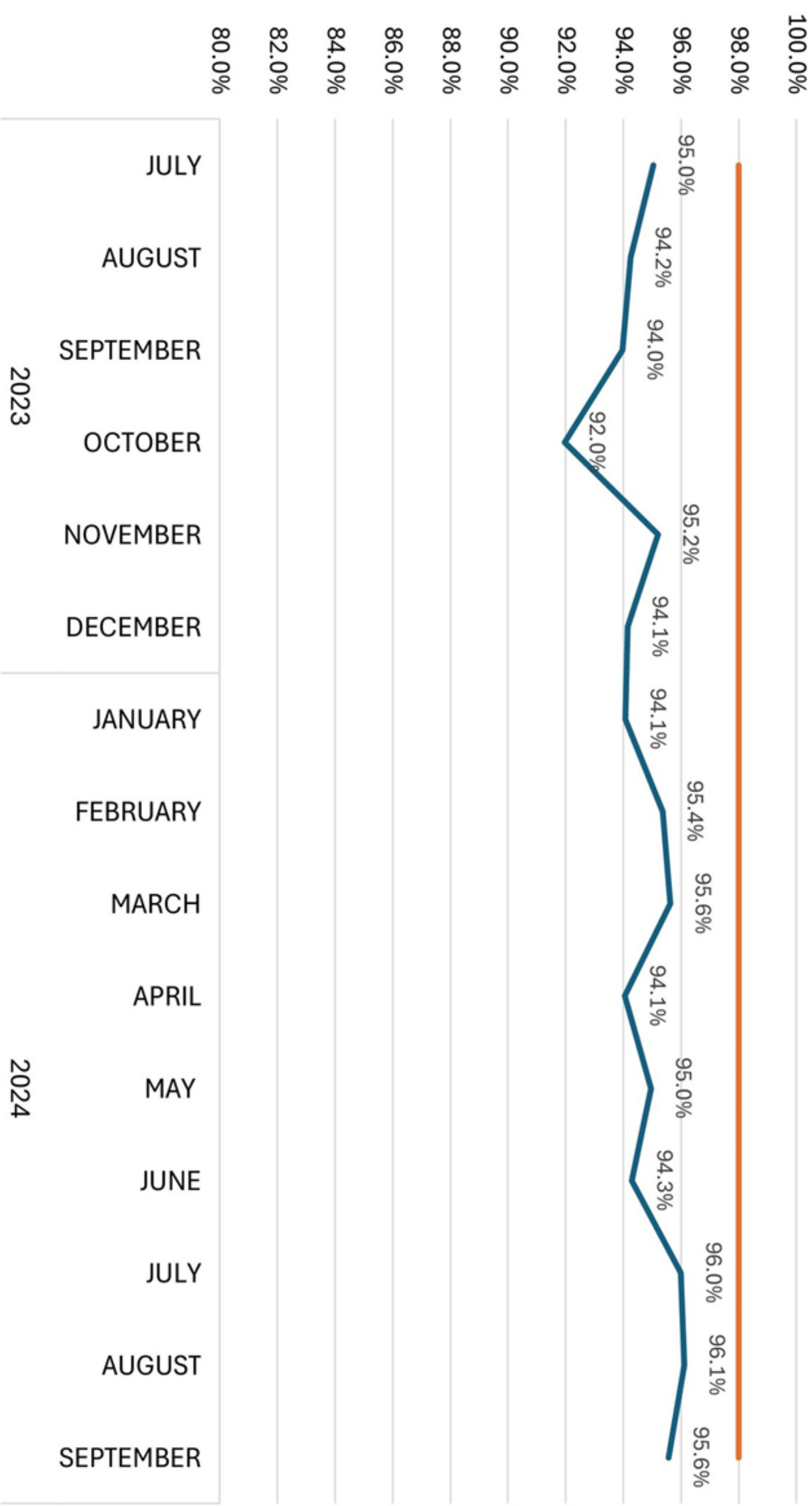


Misdemeanors

Percentage of Criminal Cases Resolved in 180 Days

Mesa
95%
dispositioned
within 180 days

Arizona
82%
dispositioned
within 180 days



DUIs

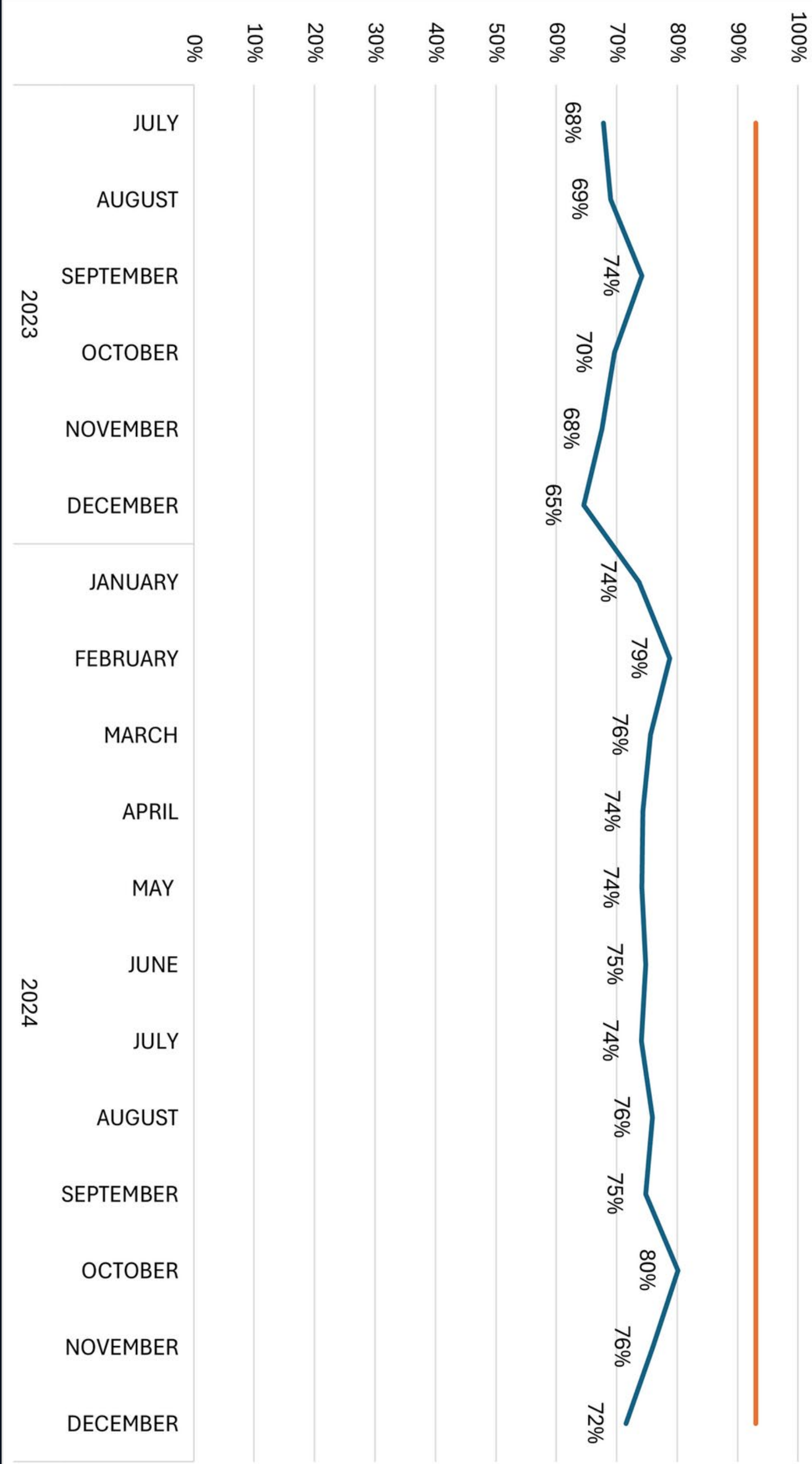
Percentage of DUI Cases Resolved in 180 Days

dispositioned
within 180 days

Mesa
76%

Arizona
67%

dispositioned
within 180 days





Explore Innovative Approaches to Justice

2024-2025



Virtual Court



Digital Fingerprints & Signatures



Liberty Audio Recorder



Electronic Motions



Community Involvement



Case Management System



Looking Ahead

Thank You!

