

Gwinnett Judicial Circuit 2012 Budget Presentation



Superior Court
State Court
Magistrate Court
Administrative Office of the Courts



MISSION STATEMENT

The Georgia Constitution established the Courts of the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit to enforce and administer the laws of this State and of the United States. As a separate and distinct branch of government, the Courts are under a constitutional mandate to resolve disputes and enforce laws in a fair and impartial manner.

VISION

The judges of the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit are committed to professional, efficient, and impartial case resolution.

VALUES

- **QUALITY**: The Courts will strive to provide the highest quality of justice.
- **STRATEGIC THINKING**: The Courts commit to implementing programs and processes that promote the continuation of effective case flow management to meet the challenges of the future.
- **ACCESS**: Courthouses will be safe environments where citizens can conduct their business promptly.

VALUES

- **INNOVATION**: The Courts will implement innovative programs that use modern technology.
- **SERVICE**: The Courts will meet the challenges of providing services to our increasing and diverse population with a commitment to ensuring public trust and confidence in the judicial system.
- **STEWARDSHIP**: The Courts will act as responsible caretakers of the financial and human resources entrusted to them.

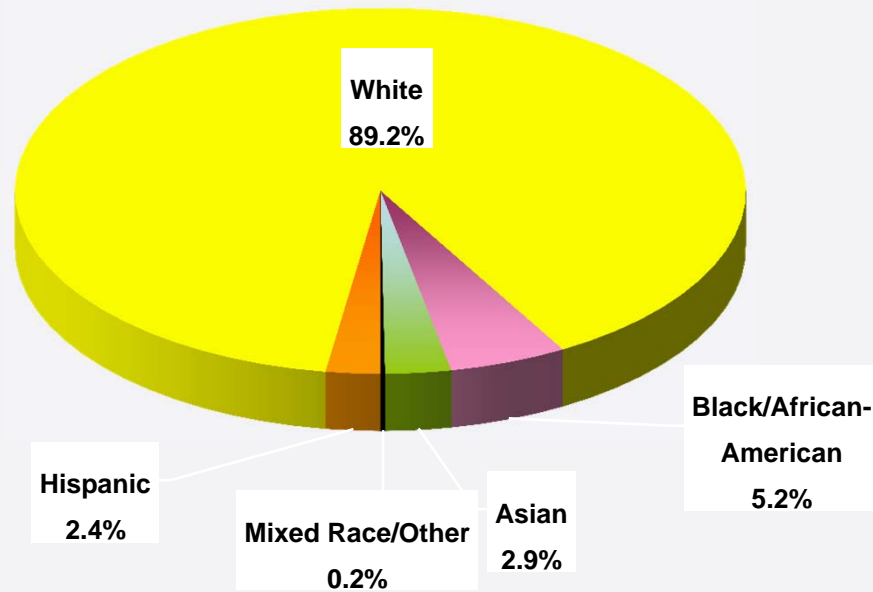
CORE SERVICES

- **CRIMINAL:** Ensuring all criminal defendants have a public and speedy trial by an impartial jury and providing a forum for victims of crime to be heard.
- **DOMESTIC:** Resolving all divorce, custody and child support disputes brought before the court for the betterment of families and children.
- **CIVIL:** Adjudicating all civil and equitable disputes brought before the court.

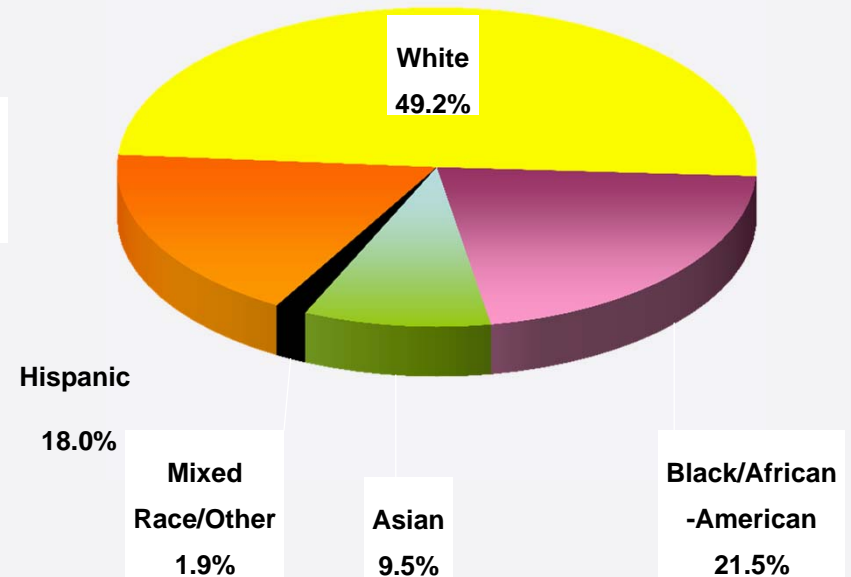
Gwinnett County Ethnic Distribution

1990-2010

1990



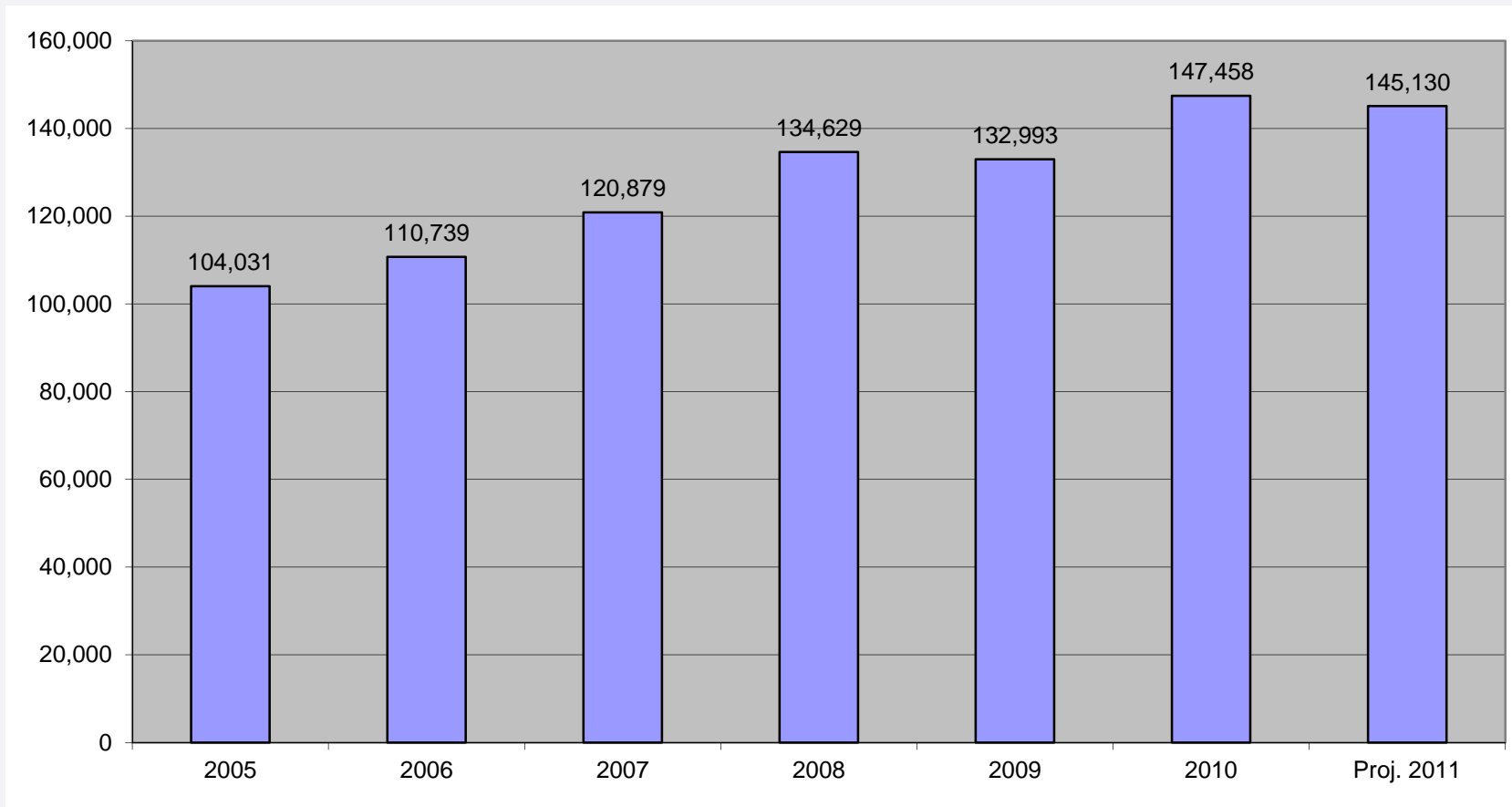
2010



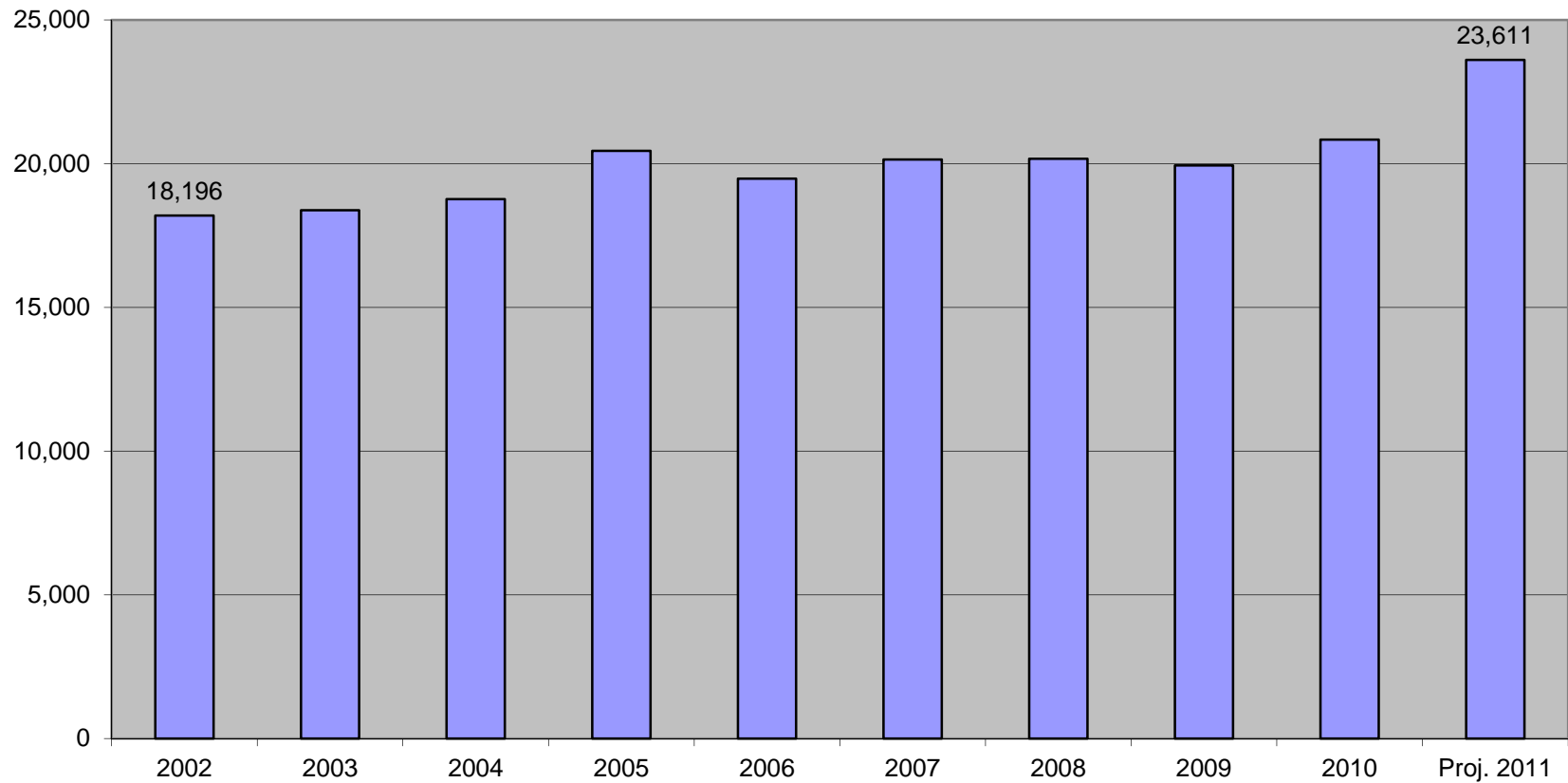
Source: Census

COMBINED CASELOAD CHART

Superior, State, and Magistrate Courts



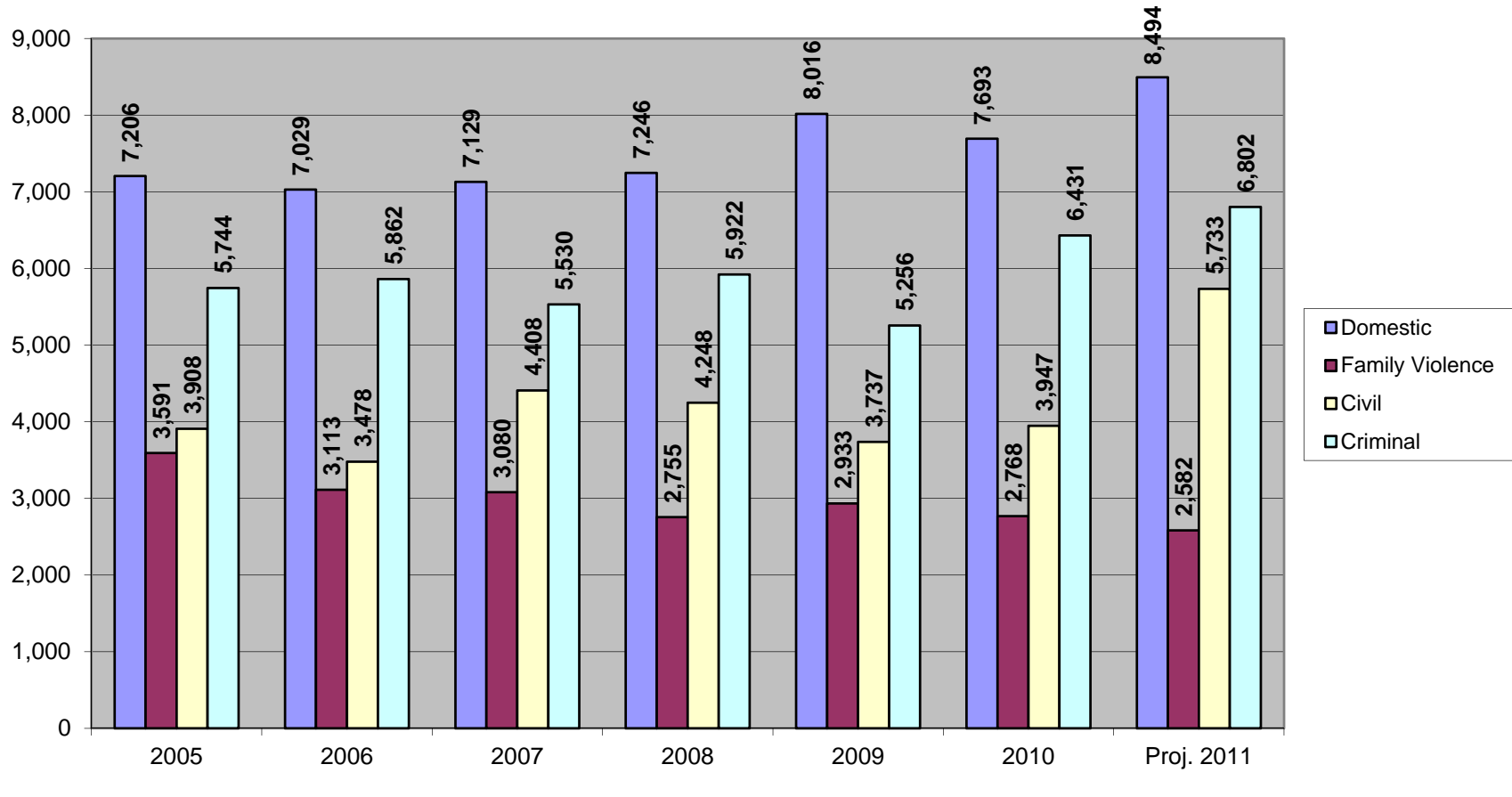
Superior Court Filings



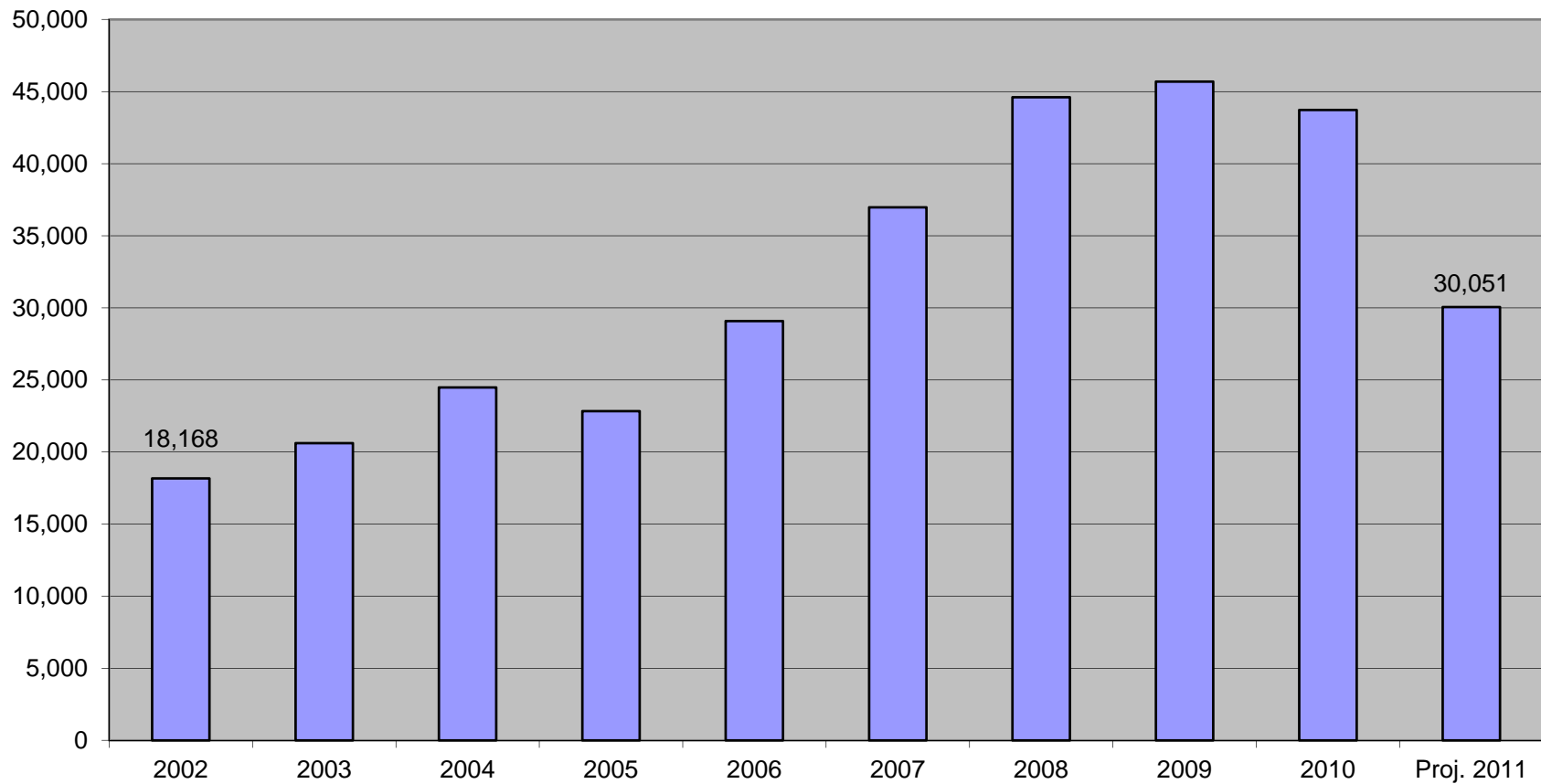
30% increase in cases filed since 2002

2011 Projected		
Total cases filed	Cases per day	Cases per week
23,611	91	454

Superior Court Filings

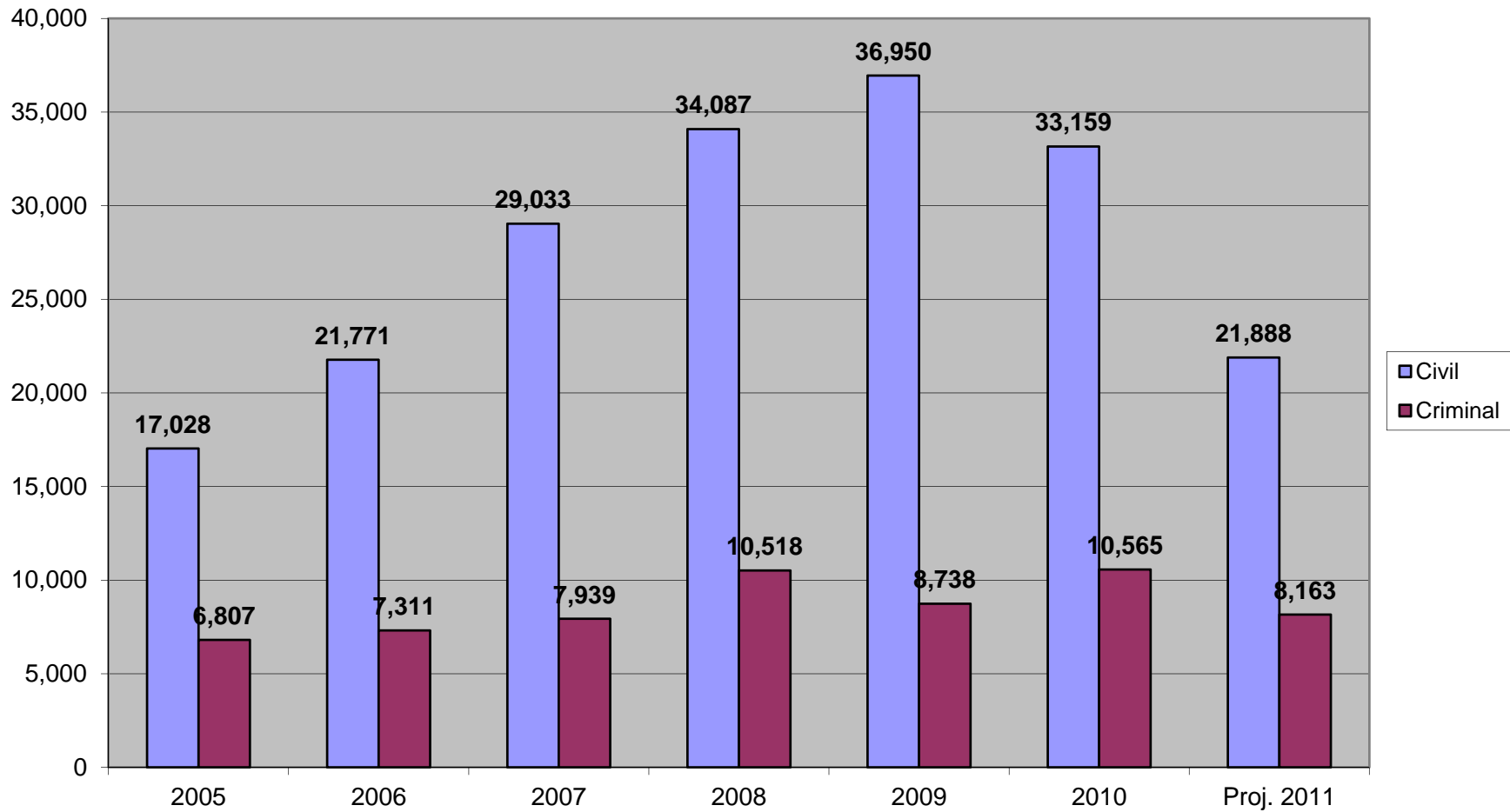


State Court Filings

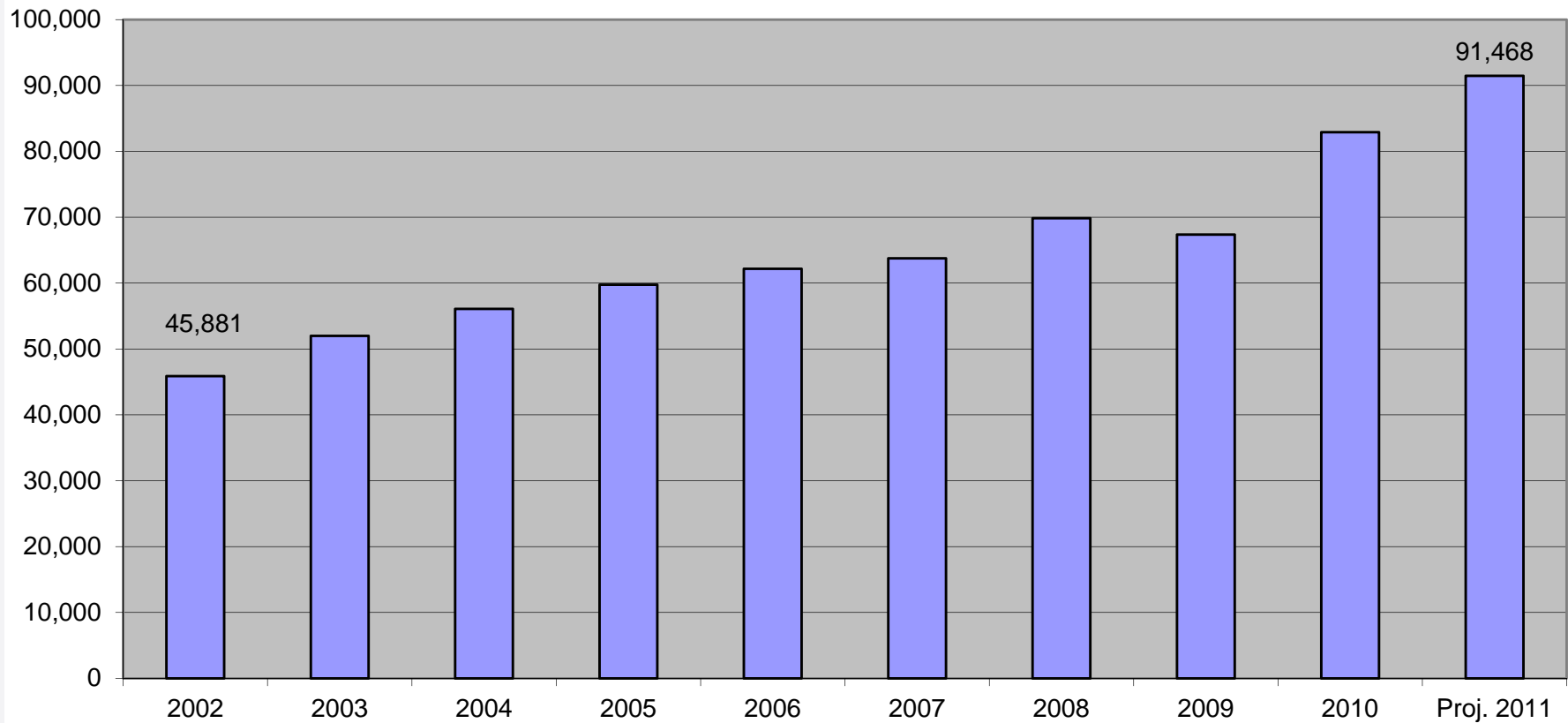


65% increase in cases filed since 2002

State Court Filings



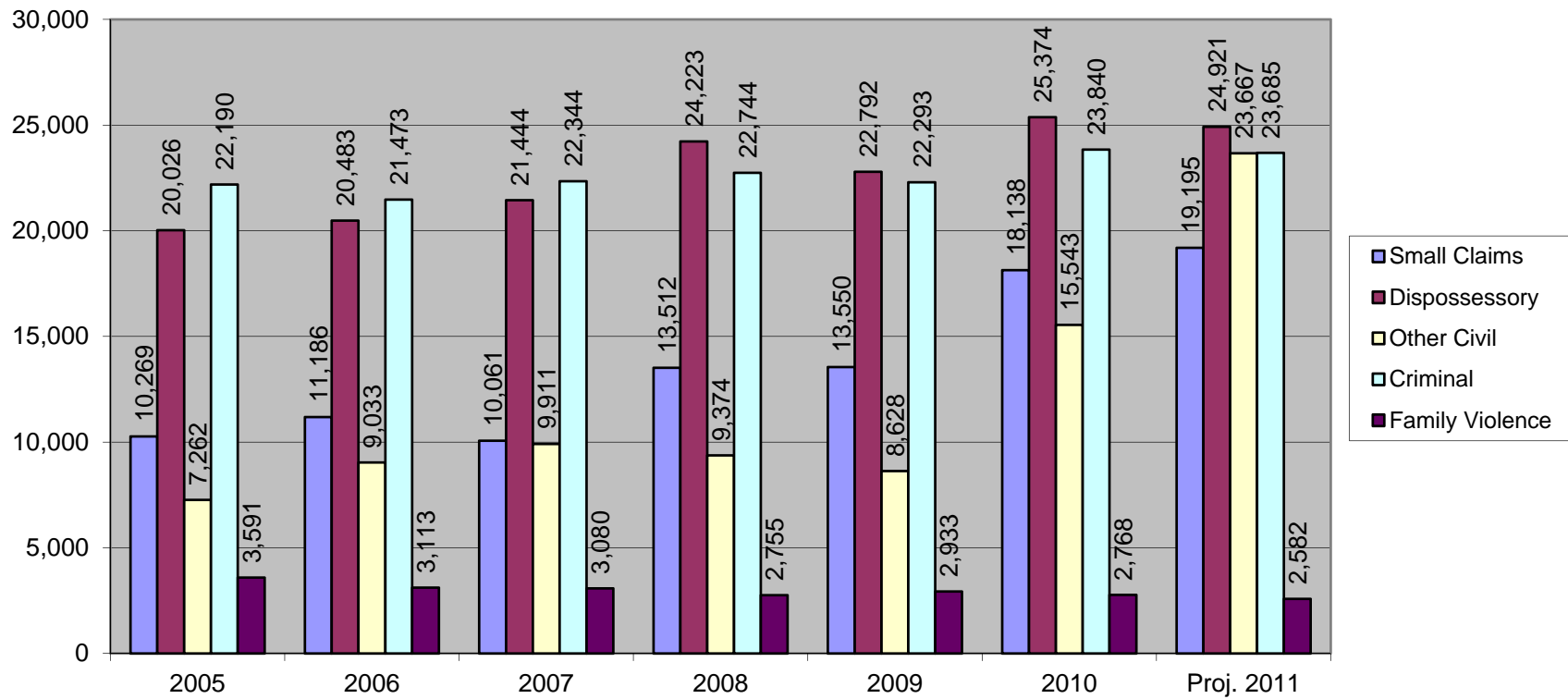
Magistrate Court Filings



99% increase in cases filed since 2002

2011 Projected		
Total cases filed	Cases per day	Cases per week
91,468	352	1,759

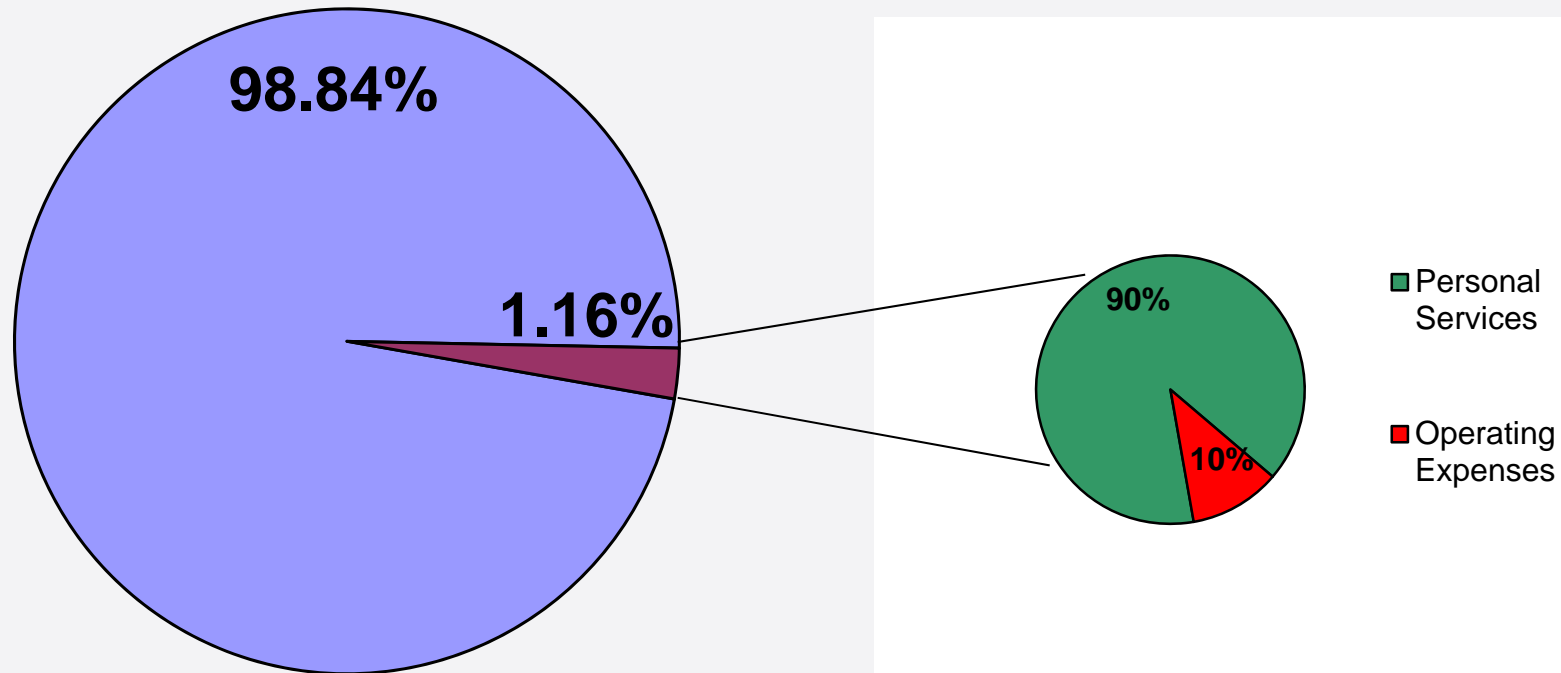
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Percentage of Department General Fund Utilized by Superior, State, Magistrate Court and Administrative Office of the Courts

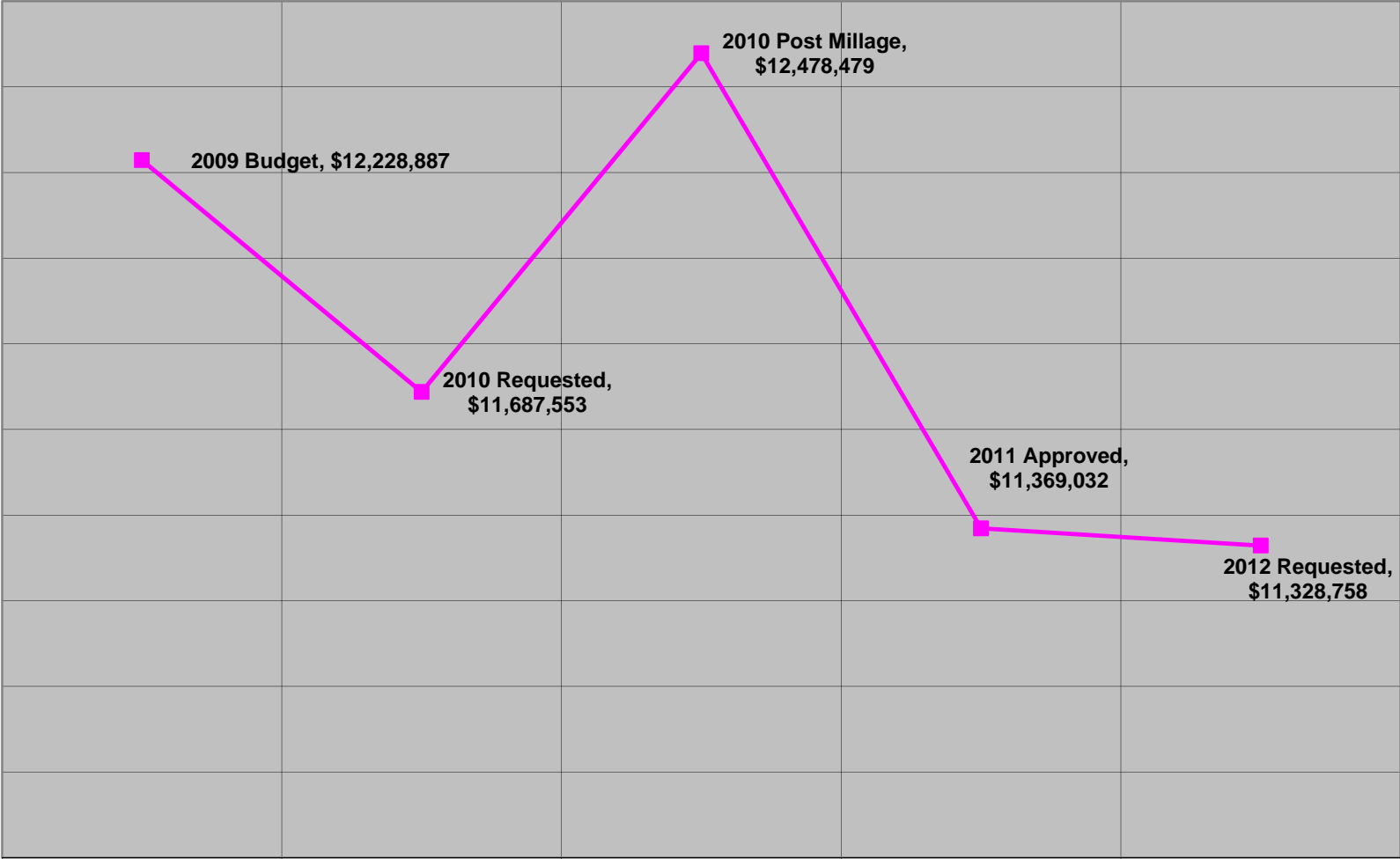
■ County Department General Fund

■ Superior, State, Magistrate Court & AOC



Budget Comparison

Superior – State - Magistrate



2009 Budget

2010 Requested

2010 Post Millage

2011 Approved

2012 Requested

Interpreters

- In 2010, there were 2,340 requests for interpreters in the Superior, State, and Magistrate courts, an average of 8.78 requests per work day. Of these requests, 80.81 percent were for Spanish, 7.05 percent for Korean, 5.56 percent for Vietnamese, and the other 6.58 percent included 32 different languages.
- The diversity in Gwinnett County continues to grow. We are currently attempting to research and locate a Kosraean interpreter (a Micronesian language) of which there are only 8,000 known speakers in the world.

Overflowing Jury Assembly



Increasing number of multi-defendant cases

