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Summary

Filings:

ITA filings continue to increase and remain at a high level in recent years. In 2022, the total ITA filings reached a historical high of 5,665 cases. The average filings were 472 cases per month in 2022.

In 2023, a total of 5,541 ITA cases were filed, just a slightly lower than the historical high in 2022. Of the 5,541 ITA cases received in 2023, 82 ITA petitions were filed by families, and 668 were from other jurisdictions. The monthly average of filings in 2023 were 462 cases.

In 2024, 5,438 ITA cases were filed, averaging 453 cases per month, a comparable filing volume with the last three years. This compares with the monthly average of 472 and 462 cases filed in 2022 and 2023, respectively.

In the first three quarters of 2025, 4,224 ITA cases were filed, with a monthly average of 469 cases. This compares with the monthly average of 472, 462 and 453 cases filed in 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively.

Resolutions:

The median time (50%tile) to reach resolution has consistently been under 2 weeks.

In 2024, the court resolved 5,476 ITA cases, averaging 456 cases per month. This compares with an average of 493 and 451 cases resolved per month in 2022 and 2023, respectively. In 2024, the resolution pace matched the filing volume.

In the first three quarters of 2025, the court resolved 4,003 ITA cases, with a monthly average of 445 cases. This compares with the monthly average of 493, 451 and 456 cases in 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively.

Pending:

The resolution pace in 2025 has fallen behind the filing pace. At the end of September 2025, there were 733 ITA cases pending resolution, a large volume when compared to previous months.

Orders:

There have been a significant number of ITA orders every quarter. There were 4,650 and 4,532 ITA orders entered per quarter in 2021 and 2022, respectively. In 2023, an average of 4,260 ITA orders were entered per quarter. In 2024, the court issued a total of 17,967 ITA orders, with an average of 4,491 per quarter.

In the first three quarters of 2025, the court signed 15,130 orders for ITA cases, averaging 5,043 orders per quarter. This compares with an average of 4,532, 4,260 and 4,491 ITA orders per quarter in 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively.

Hearings:

The number of ITA hearings varies from quarter to quarter. In 2022, there were 255 ITA hearings per quarter on average. In 2023, the court held 287 ITA hearings per quarter on average. In 2024, there were 1,071 ITA hearings, averaging 267 hearings per quarter.

In the first three quarters of 2025, the court had 875 ITA hearings, with an average of 291 hearings per quarter. This compares with an average of 255, 287 and 267 ITA hearings per quarter in 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively.

Terminology

Filing

The number of petitions filed, initiating new ITA cases during the reporting period.

Resolution

The number of petitions (cases) resolved, either by “approval” or “dismissal” order during the reporting period.

An ITA case has been resolved when the Court enters a 14-Day, 90-Day, or 180-Day Order of Detention, Less Restrictive Alternative, or when the Court enters an Order of Dismissal.

Unlike the definition of “resolution” for other Superior Court case types, the “resolution” for these case categories may not indicate the end of judicial involvement when the petition is approved.

Pending Resolution

The number of active cases that have not been resolved, namely, the petition has neither been approved nor dismissed yet.

Completion

ITA cases are completed when a Notice of Release, Notice of Completion of Program, or an Order of Dismissal are filed. When an Order of Dismissal or Notice of Release is filed, and the case has not been resolved by a previous Order, the Order of Dismissal or Notice of Release will resolve and complete the case.

Pending Completion

Indicates the number of cases for which the petition has been approved, but issues (sometimes significant issues) remain in which the court may become actively involved.

Resolution Age

Is the time (days) from filing to resolution, less suspense time if applicable.

Pending Resolution Case Age

Indicates the time (days) from filing to the last day of the reporting period for these cases that remain unresolved (no approval or dismissal of the petition), less suspense time, if applicable.

Number of Petitions

The total number of petitions entered during the reporting period.

Number of Orders

The total number of orders entered during the reporting period.

Number of Hearings

The total number of hearings held other than fact-findings during the reporting period.

Table 1. ITA Statistics by Quarter

	2023				2024				2025			
Reporting Category	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Filings (Total)	1449	1423	1328	1341	1391	1356	1368	1323	1332	1424	1468	
Alcohol Drug Treatment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Mental Illness	1214	1203	1156	1162	1320	1240	1256	1180	1225	1190	1274	
Mental Illness Family Initiated	35	18	12	17	11	18	20	12	22	27	28	
Mental Illness Juvenile	23	15	8	10	15	14	13	11	13	16	8	
Mental Health /Other Venue	177	187	152	152	45	84	79	120	72	191	157	
Resolutions (Total)	1471	1390	1277	1273	1437	1304	1311	1424	1295	1369	1339	
Alcohol Drug Treatment	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	1	
Mental Illness	1251	1173	1107	1099	1345	1219	1200	1271	1196	1163	1168	
Mental Illness Family Initiated	33	20	12	18	6	12	15	18	13	22	12	
Mental Illness Juvenile	23	17	4	11	15	12	12	12	15	12	6	
Mental Health /Other Venue	164	180	154	145	71	61	84	123	71	172	152	
<i>Median Time (days) to Resolution</i>	10	11	10	10	13	11	13	14	10	11	12	
<i>Average Time (days) to Resolution</i>	19	20	20	19	26	19	21	32	18	18	19	
Resolution Types (Total)	1471	1390	1277	1273	1437	1304	1311	1424	1295	1369	1339	
Court Decision To Commit	292	307	315	277	290	318	309	332	351	345	318	
Dismissal Without Trial	208	191	173	160	141	110	118	146	134	176	133	
Uncontested Resolution	971	892	789	836	1006	876	884	946	810	848	888	
Quarter End Pending Resolution (Total)	274	309	356	333	362	414	505	452	527	605	733	
Alcohol Drug Treatment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Mental Illness	224	259	305	281	323	348	435	388	456	505	609	
Mental Illness Family Initiated	4	3	3	4	8	12	14	12	17	23	40	
Mental Illness Juvenile	4	2	5	4	5	6	8	7	5	9	11	
Mental Health /Other Venue	42	45	43	44	26	48	48	45	49	68	73	
<i>Median Time (days) Since Filing</i>	25	26	38	49	41	44	67	42	42	60	72	
<i>Average Time (days) since Filing</i>	102	112	127	161	175	188	198	240	243	255	258	
Quarter End Pending Completion (Total)	721	826	976	1056	837	1021	1243	1005	1231	1464	1682	
Alcohol Drug Treatment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Mental Illness	592	669	794	870	701	862	1042	813	1015	1194	1360	
Mental Illness Family Initiated	5	4	4	3	2	1	1	2	2	1	3	
Mental Illness Juvenile	19	21	18	19	18	19	24	18	21	26	26	
Mental Health /Other Venue	105	132	160	164	116	139	176	172	193	243	293	

Table 2. Year-to-Date (YTD) Comparison by Quarter

	2023 YTD				2024 YTD				2025 YTD			
Reporting Category	Q1 YTD	Q2 YTD	Q3 YTD	Annual	Q1 YTD	Q2 YTD	Q3 YTD	Annual	Q1 YTD	Q2 YTD	Q3 YTD	Annual
Filings (Total)	1449	2872	4200	5541	1391	2747	4115	5438	1332	2756	4224	
Alcohol Drug Treatment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Mental Illness	1214	2417	3573	4735	1320	2560	3816	4996	1225	2415	3689	
Mental Illness Family Initiated	35	53	65	82	11	29	49	61	22	49	77	
Mental Illness Juvenile	23	38	46	56	15	29	42	53	13	29	37	
Mental Health /Other Venue	177	364	516	668	45	129	208	328	72	263	420	
Resolutions (Total)	1471	2861	4138	5411	1437	2741	4052	5476	1295	2664	4003	
Alcohol Drug Treatment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Mental Illness	1251	2424	3531	4630	1345	2564	3764	5035	1196	2359	3527	
Mental Illness Family Initiated	33	53	65	83	6	18	33	51	13	35	47	
Mental Illness Juvenile	23	40	44	55	15	27	39	51	15	27	33	
Mental Health /Other Venue	164	344	498	643	71	132	216	339	71	243	395	
Resolution Types (Total)	1471	2861	4138	5411	1437	2741	4052	5476	1295	2664	4003	
Court Decision To Commit	292	599	914	1191	290	608	917	1249	351	696	1014	
Dismissal Without Trial	208	399	572	732	141	251	369	515	134	310	443	
Uncontested Resolution	971	1863	2652	3488	1006	1882	2766	3712	810	1658	2546	

Table 3. ITA Statistics by Quarter

	2023				2024				2025			
Reporting Category	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Petitions Filed (Total)	2785	2708	2557	2554	2638	2569	2608	2715	2718	2966	2953	
Petition for Initial Detention	1431	1411	1350	1349	1448	1304	1371	1354	1366	1472	1469	
Petition for Involuntary Treatment - 14 Day	1091	1036	978	981	977	996	938	1052	1040	1166	1168	
Petition for Involuntary Treatment -90 Day	140	140	130	129	109	119	143	157	145	148	157	
Petition for Involuntary Treatment - 180 Day	22	21	21	22	21	67	74	73	82	81	73	
Petition / Motion for Revocation	85	72	62	58	74	69	56	63	76	82	72	
Other Petitions	16	28	16	15	9	14	26	16	9	17	14	
Orders Entered (Total)	4569	4361	4090	4023	4263	4367	4719	4618	4660	5285	5185	
Order of Continuance	2735	2606	2288	2318	2445	2420	2614	2589	2649	2933	3054	
Order of Detention / 90 Day Less Restrictive	222	227	229	223	253	206	188	196	231	239	233	
Order of Detention / 180 Day Less Restrictive	17	8	12	13	9	21	35	32	33	48	33	
Order of Detention / 14 Day Commitment	138	137	153	124	111	135	152	140	166	157	141	
Order of Detention / 90 Day Commitment	26	22	31	15	28	31	41	46	48	53	40	
Order of Detention / 180 Day Commitment	11	5	7	5	4	29	32	23	23	21	24	
Order Revoking / Rescinding	16	19	15	14	7	15	12	14	13	24	17	
Order Setting Trial Date	106	83	79	93	84	130	132	120	119	141	120	
Order of Dismissals	223	204	180	169	159	126	129	163	161	205	154	
Other Orders	1075	1050	1096	1049	1163	1254	1384	1295	1217	1464	1369	
Hearings Held (Total)	304	302	287	258	215	299	277	280	272	313	290	
Commitment Hearings	172	163	185	174	166	198	231	216	211	244	211	
Dismissal Hearings	0	0	0	0	5	3	4	0	2	1	4	
Continuance Hearings	92	92	56	37	28	28	19	24	21	17	29	
Medication Hearings	0	2	3	3	0	1	4	6	1	0	4	
Other Hearings (motion, revocation & review)	41	47	42	39	16	69	19	34	37	51	42	

Table 4. Year-to-Date (YTD) Comparison by Quarter

	2023 YTD				2024 YTD				2025 YTD			
Reporting Category	Q1 YTD	Q2 YTD	Q3 YTD	Annual	Q1 YTD	Q2 YTD	Q3 YTD	Annual	Q1 YTD	Q2 YTD	Q3 YTD	Annual
Petitions Filed (Total)	2785	5493	8050	10604	2638	5207	7815	10530	2718	5684	8637	
Petition for Initial Detention	1431	2842	4192	5541	1448	2752	4123	5477	1366	2838	4307	
Petition for Involuntary Treatment - 14 Day	1091	2127	3105	4086	977	1973	2911	3963	1040	2206	3374	
Petition for Involuntary Treatment -90 Day	140	280	410	539	109	228	371	528	145	293	450	
Petition for Involuntary Treatment - 180 Day	22	43	64	86	21	88	162	235	82	163	236	
Petition / Motion for Revocation	85	157	219	277	74	143	199	262	76	158	230	
Other Petitions	16	44	60	75	9	23	49	65	9	26	40	
Orders Entered (Total)	4569	8930	13020	17043	4263	8630	13349	17967	4660	9945	15130	
Order of Continuance	2735	5341	7629	9947	2445	4865	7479	10068	2649	5582	8636	
Order of Detention / 90 Day Less Restrictive	222	449	678	901	253	459	647	843	231	470	703	
Order of Detention / 180 Day Less Restrictive	17	25	37	50	9	30	65	97	33	81	114	
Order of Detention / 14 Day Commitment	138	275	428	552	111	246	398	538	166	323	464	
Order of Detention / 90 Day Commitment	26	48	79	94	28	59	100	146	48	101	141	
Order of Detention / 180 Day Commitment	11	16	23	28	4	33	65	88	23	44	68	
Order Revoking / Rescinding	16	35	50	64	7	22	34	48	13	37	54	
Order Setting Trial Date	106	189	268	361	84	214	346	466	119	260	380	
Order of Dismissals	223	427	607	776	159	285	414	577	161	366	520	
Other Orders	1075	2125	3221	4270	1163	2417	3801	5096	1217	2681	4050	
Hearings Held (Total)	305	609	895	1148	215	514	791	1071	272	585	875	
Commitment Hearings	172	335	520	694	166	364	595	811	211	455	666	
Dismissal Hearings	0	0	0	0	5	8	12	12	2	3	7	
Continuance Hearings	92	184	240	277	28	56	75	99	21	38	67	
Medication Hearings	0	2	5	8	0	1	5	11	1	1	5	
Other Hearings (motion, revocation & review)	41	88	130	169	16	85	104	138	37	88	130	