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Alaska Trial Court Caseload FY 2007–2018

ANCHORAGE, AK—The Alaska Justice Information Center (AJiC), housed at the University of Alaska Anchorage Justice Center, has released the 19-02 (June 2019) issue of the AJiC Fact Sheet. This research report presents data from the Alaska Court System’s annual reports for the fiscal years 2007 through 2018, focusing specifically on case filings in Alaska trial courts within this timeframe.

In its analysis, AJiC found the following to have occurred between fiscal years 2007 and 2018:

- The number of filings in Alaska trial courts decreased steadily.
- Violent and property crime filings either stayed stable or decreased.
- However, weapons cases increased by 24.7% at the misdemeanor level and 94.3% at the felony level.
- Other types of cases decreased: Public order cases decreased by 71.8%, drug cases by 44.1%, DUI cases by 29.8%, and other motor vehicle cases by 79.2%.

The AJiC Fact Sheet is a series of brief reports that describe findings from the descriptive analysis of publicly available data relating to the Alaska criminal justice and legal systems. The Fact Sheet is designed to assist with decision-making by practitioners and policymakers, and to provide a basis for further analysis.

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