

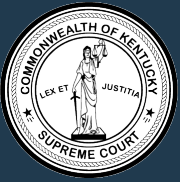


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Judicial Branch Update

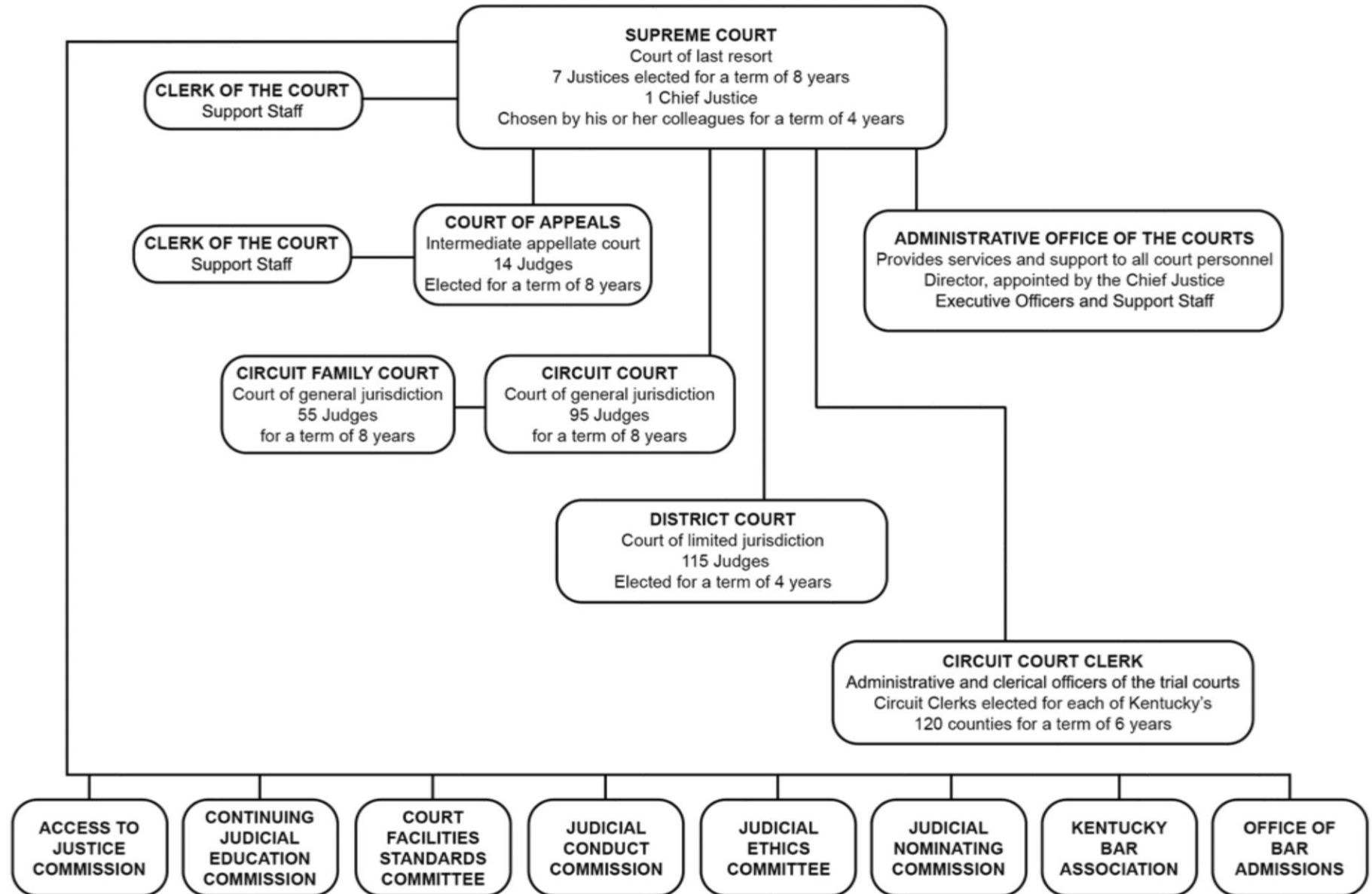
**Interim Joint Judiciary Committee
June 3, 2021**

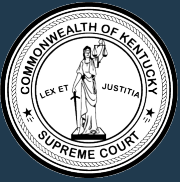
**Chief Justice John D. Minton, Jr.
Laurie K. Dudgeon**



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Structure of the Kentucky Court of Justice



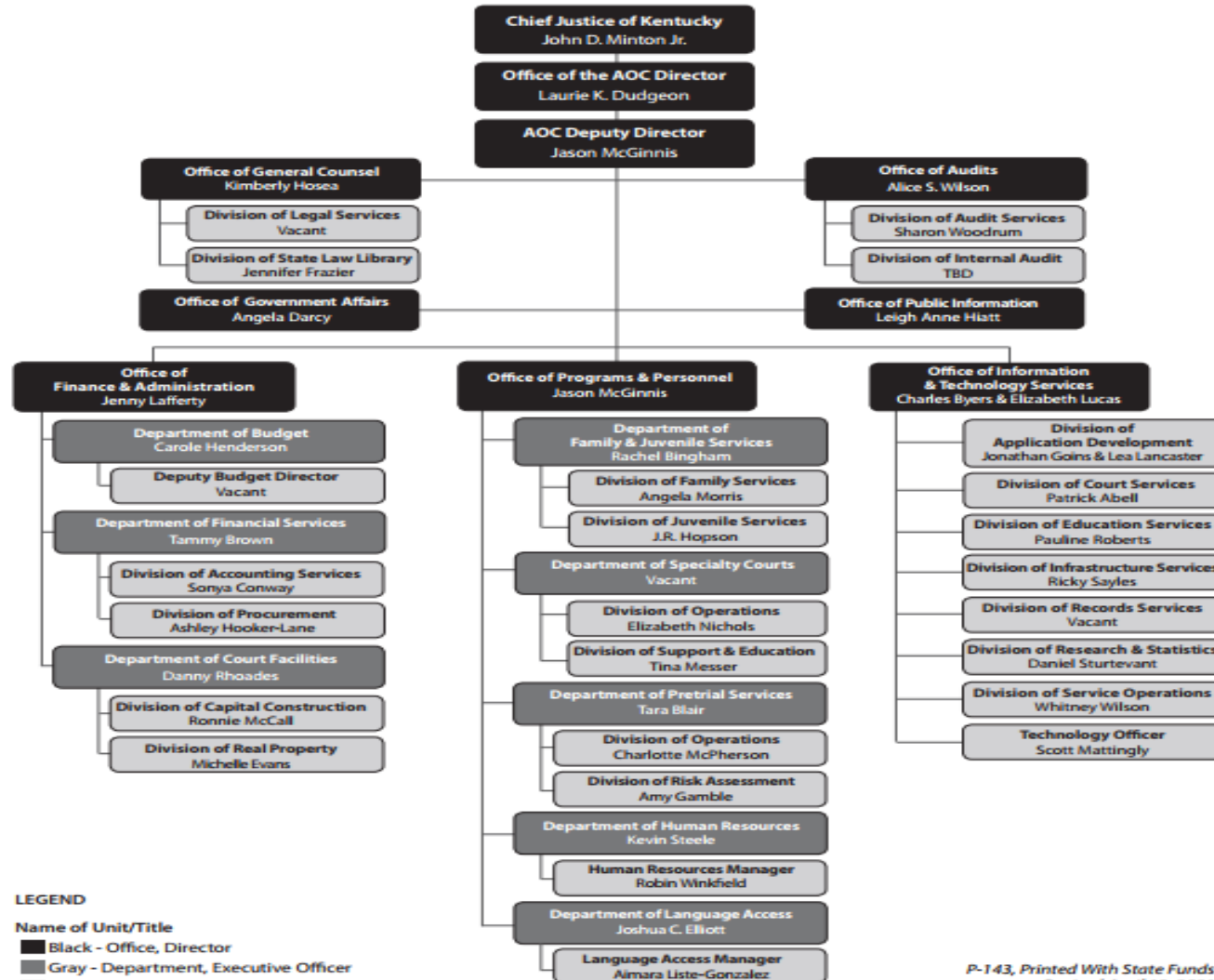


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Structure of the Administrative Office of the Courts



Administrative Office of the Courts Kentucky Court of Justice

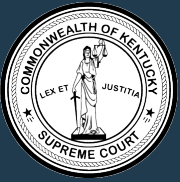




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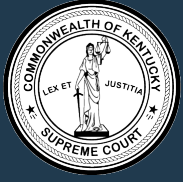
Judicial Branch Budget

- One central appropriation by the General Assembly
 - FY 2022 appropriation: \$382 million
- Three separate budget units:
 - **Court Operations**
 - Covers the salary and benefits of all elected and non-elected personnel along with operating costs such as office supplies, travel, and computer equipment.
 - FY 2022 appropriation: \$260.33 million
 - **Local Facilities Fund**
 - Pays for the debt service on the judicial centers or courthouses that we are constitutionally required to maintain in each county, along with the operating costs, maintenance and repairs on those buildings.
 - FY 2022 appropriation: \$114.6 million.
 - **Judicial Retirement**
 - Judicial Branch Budget serves as a pass through for the Judicial Form Retirement System.
 - FY 2022 appropriation: \$7.1 million



HB 556 (2021)

7 ➔ Section 13. The Court of Justice shall prepare a report detailing the existing
8 budget processes of the Court of Justice and the actual expenditure of funds from fiscal
9 year 2020-2021 and budgeted expenditures for fiscal year 2021-2022, by fund source and
10 individual location or office, for the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Circuit Court,
11 Family Court, District Court, Administrative Office of the Courts, Judicial Retirement,
12 Local Facilities Fund, Local Facilities Use Allowance Contingency Fund, and for services
13 performed by the Circuit Court Clerks' offices. This report shall be submitted to the
14 Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue by September 1, 2021.



Poll Results: Continued Use of Remote Proceedings

Total number of voters: 764

Civil Motion Hour: 688 (90%)

Criminal Motion Hour: 301 (39%)

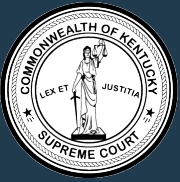
Civil Hearing: 433 (57%)

Criminal Hearing: 152 (20%)

Arraignments: 268 (35%)

Bench Trials: 150 (20%)

Oral Arguments: 304 (40%)



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HB 556 (2021): Appropriation for Technology Upgrades

15 ➔ Section 14. (1) There is hereby appropriated General Fund moneys in the
16 amount of \$14,700,000 in fiscal year 2021-2022 to the Court Operations and
17 Administration budget unit to provide technology upgrades for virtual hearing equipment
18 between county jails and courts in the amounts specified below:

- 19 (a) \$6,000,000 to expand video arraignment systems to all courtrooms;
- 20 (b) \$4,600,000 to support videoconferencing systems to permit a hybrid court
21 model;
- 22 (c) \$2,000,000 to incorporate a self-represented litigant portal;
- 23 (d) \$1,100,000 to procure redaction system software; and
- 24 (e) \$1,000,000 to procure self-service kiosks.

25 (2) Pursuant to KRS Chapter 45A, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall
26 issue requests for proposals for the items listed in subsection (1) of this section by
27 September 30, 2021.



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AOC Information and Technology Projects

Video Arraignments & Video Conferencing

Stakeholders: AOC, JAVS, DPA Jailer's Association

Funding: \$6,000,000 & \$4,600,000

Objective: To ensure that the court record is complete by integrating the videoconferencing solution(s) that are used for remote appearances into the existing statewide in-court recording solution. Video arraignments will be added to every courtroom while also expanding the capability to conduct and include a full videoconference into the court record.

Timeline:

July-August 2021

- Statement of Work Review and Approval
- Product Selection and Recommendation

September-December 2021

- Pilot Implementation (Counties TBD)
- Assess and plan for statewide implementation

January 2022

- Begin statewide rollout



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AOC Information and Technology Projects

Self-Represented Litigant (SRL) Portal

Stakeholders: AOC, Access to Justice Commission, KBA, Legal Aid, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives

Funding: \$2,000,000

Objective: To create a portal for self-represented litigants to interact with the court, receive assistance, and potentially create/file court documents. This will ensure an increased level of service to the public and make a SRL's court experience less daunting and more user-friendly. Pilot phase will focus on SRL filing of an uncontested divorce (English/Spanish options)

Timeline:

July-August 2021

- Work team Formation
- Charter development and approval

September-December 2021

- Development and testing

January 2022

- Pilot Implementation (Counties TBD)
- Assess and plan for next project phase including more case-type options, additional pilots, and statewide implementation.



AOC Information and Technology Projects

Redaction System Software

Stakeholders: AOC, Access to Justice Commission, eCourts Program Management Committee, Electronic Case Record Subcommittee, Clerks, KBA

Funding: \$1,100,000

Objective: To protect personally-identifiable information in the electronic court record through the integration of redaction software. AOC personnel will assume responsibility to oversee the creation and operation of the system.

Timeline:

July-August 2021

- Work team Formation
- Charter development and approval
- Proof of concept and requirements

September-February 2023

- Development and testing

March 2023

- Begin statewide implementation



AOC Information and Technology Projects

Self-Service Kiosks

Stakeholders: AOC, Access to Justice Commission, Clerks

Funding: \$1,000,000

Objective: To establish self-service kiosks throughout the state. Pilot phase will establish kiosks in strategic locations throughout state based on caseloads. Initially, individuals who owe money to the court will be able to pay court costs, fines, and fees at the courthouse kiosk. If any funding remains, the AOC will provide kiosks at commercial locations and an entry point to the SRL Portal and Language Access Services, if technically feasible

Timeline:

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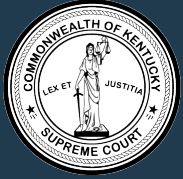
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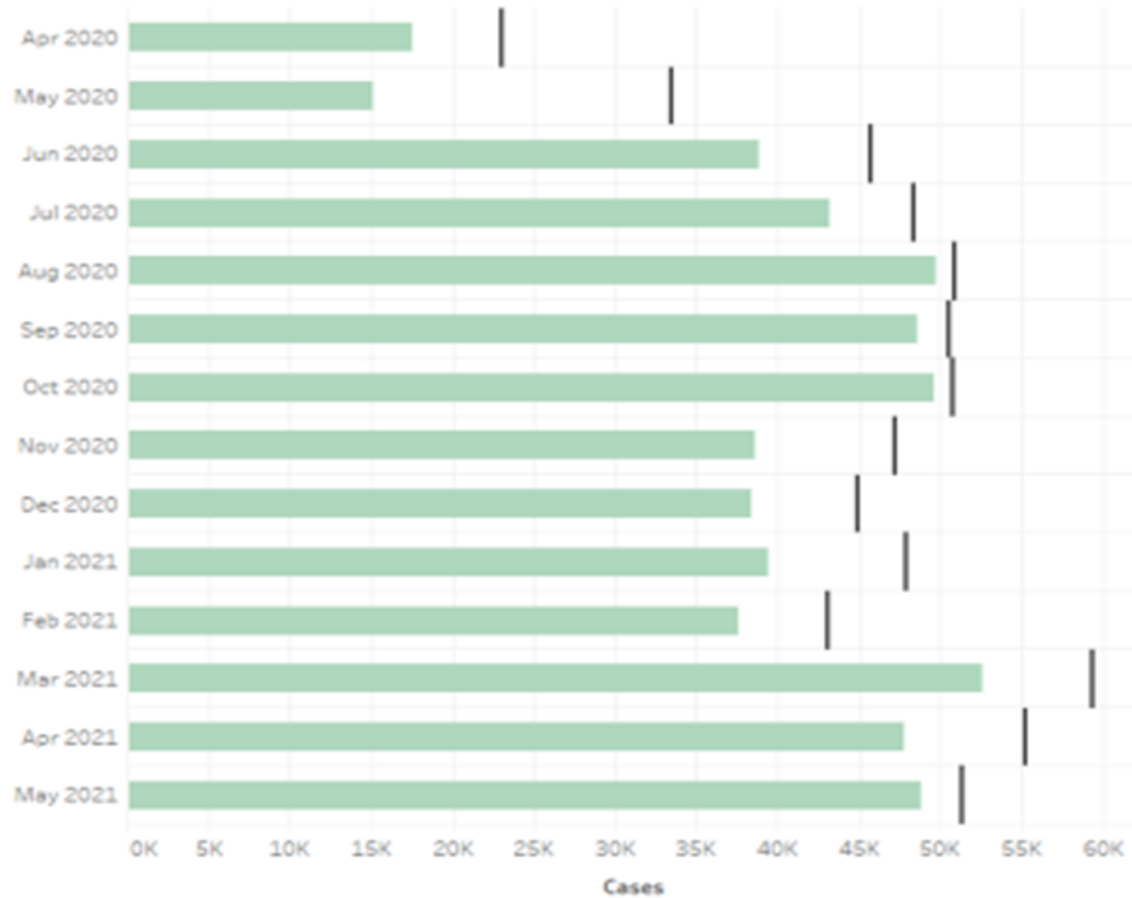


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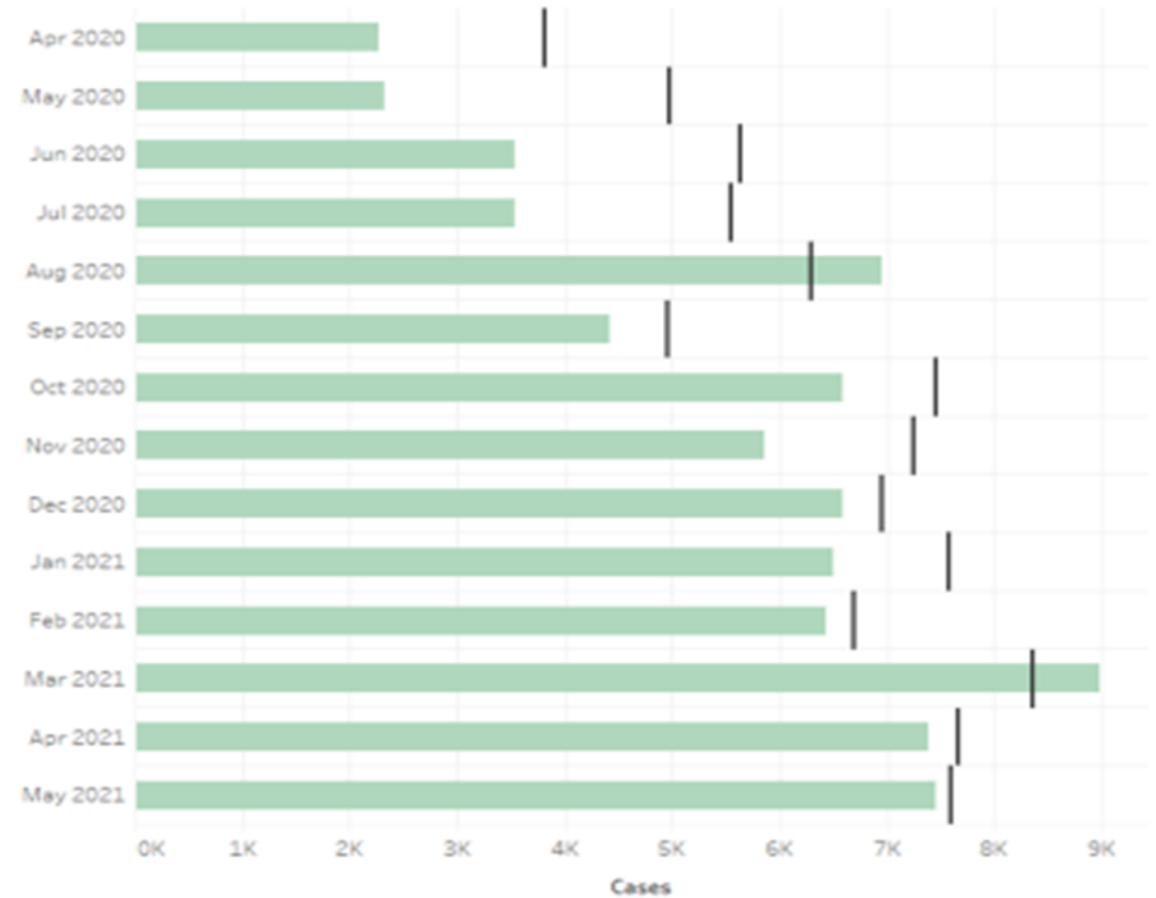
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Excludes Prepayable Cases & Denied Protection Petitions

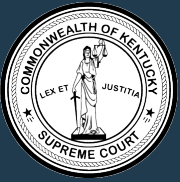
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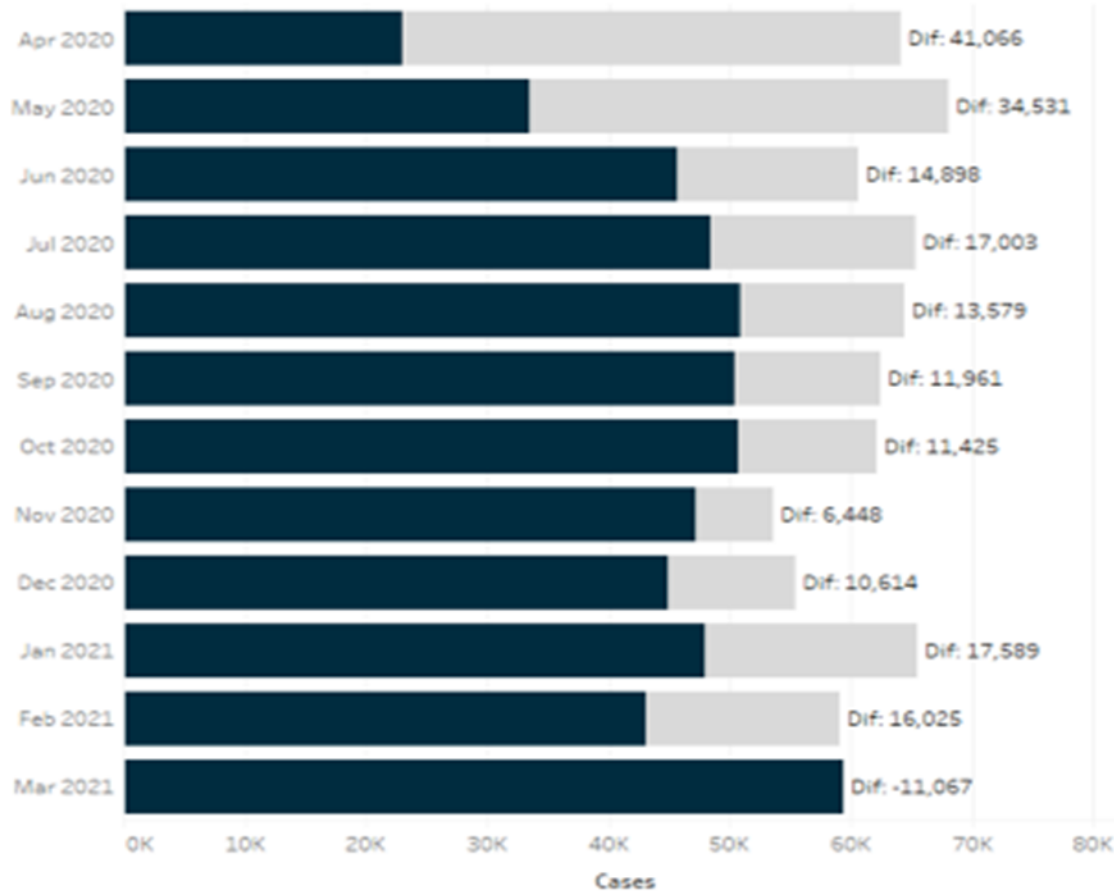
Cases Filed Apr 2020 - Mar 2021 Compared to Cases Filed Apr 2019 - Mar 2020

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■ Pandemic Year (Apr 2020 - Mar 2021)

■ Baseline Year (Apr 2019 - Mar 2020)

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