

Gwinnett Judicial Circuit 2011 Budget Presentation



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2011 Budget Request – Judiciary

	Total
2010 Adopted Budget	\$ 12,478,479
Contribution to Capital	\$ -
Recon Adj Contribution to Capital	\$ -
Reconciliation Adjustments	\$ (229,395)
2010 Reconciliation Base	\$ 12,249,084
2011 Base Budget	\$ 11,466,944
Difference in budget from 2010	\$ (782,140)

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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.

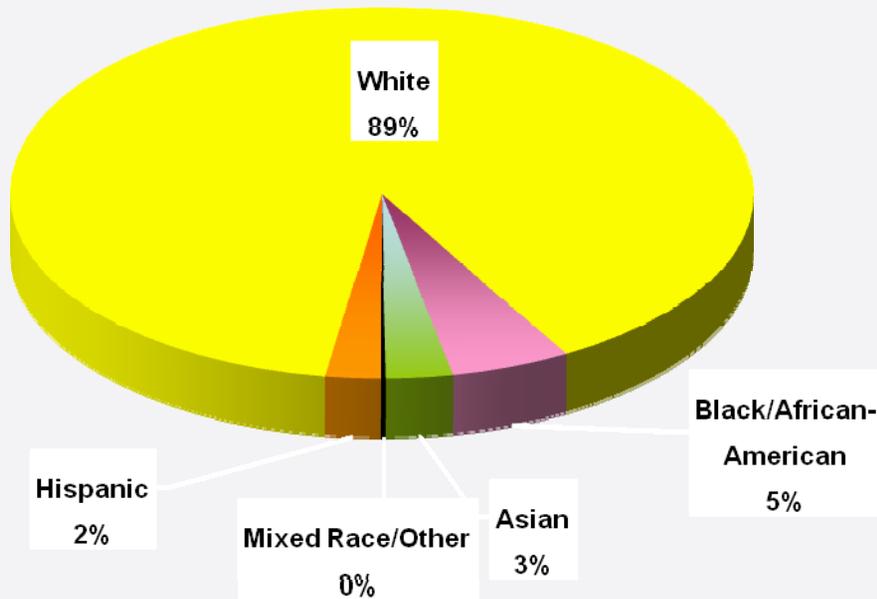
Core Services

- **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.

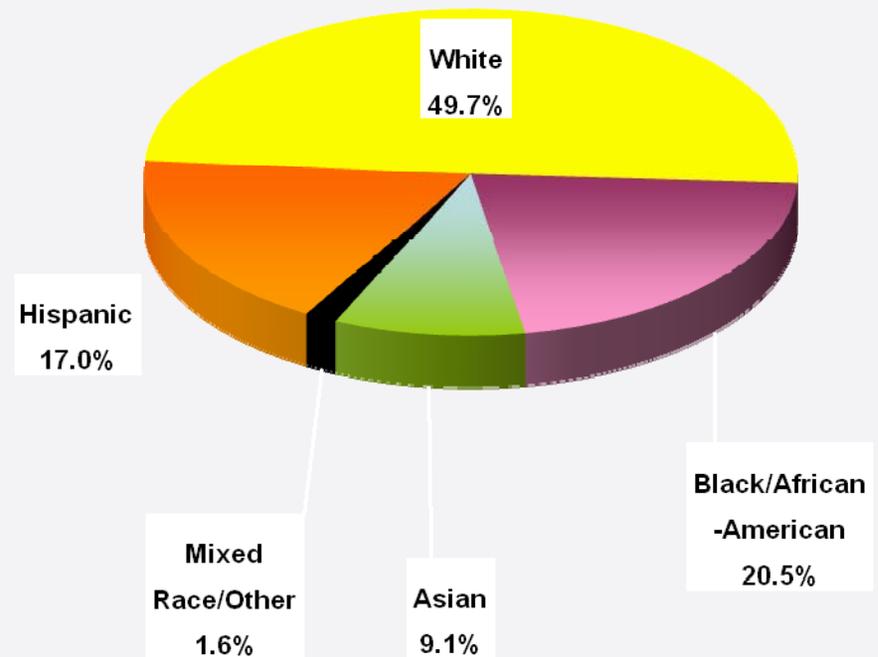
Gwinnett County Ethnic Distribution

1990-2009

1990



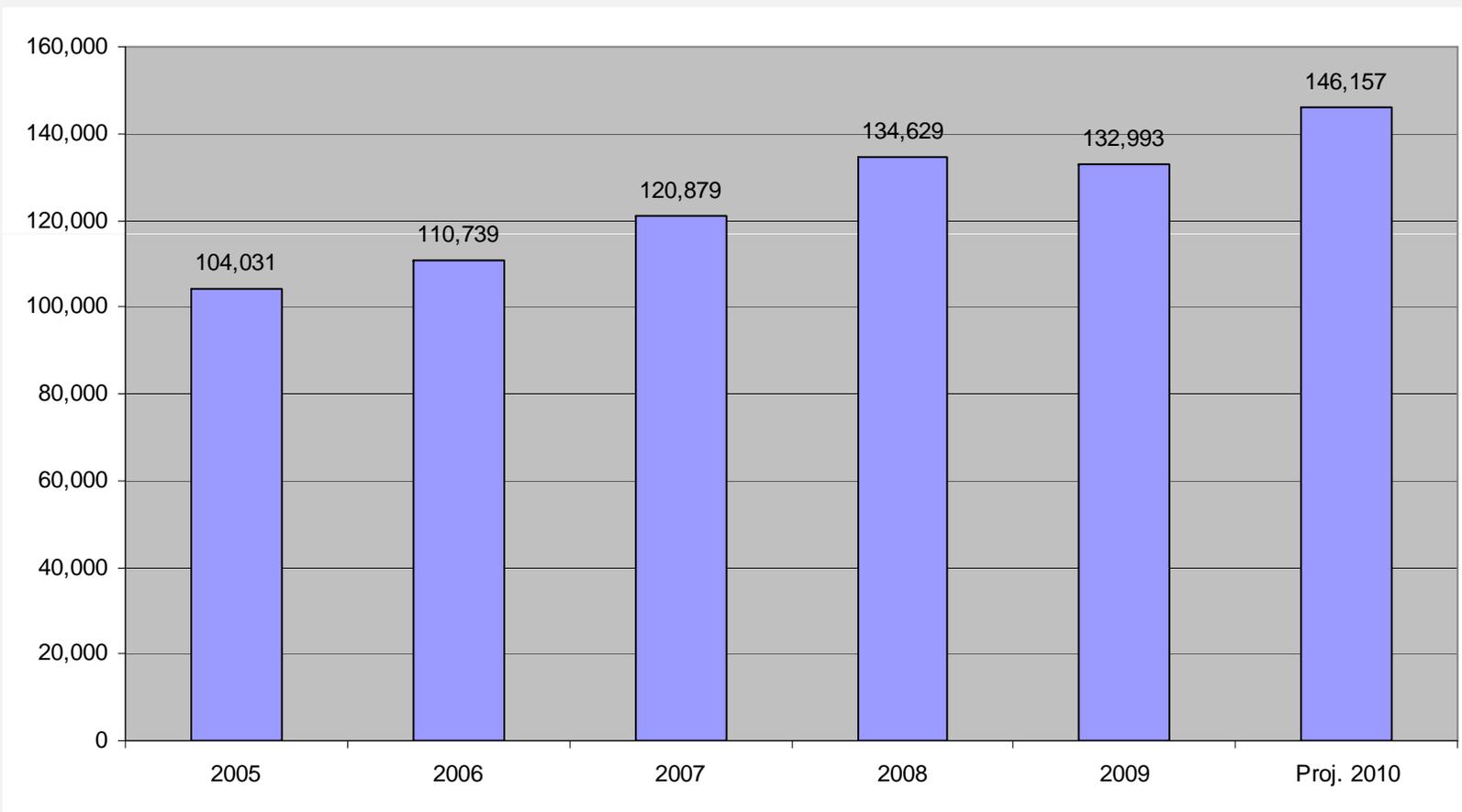
2009



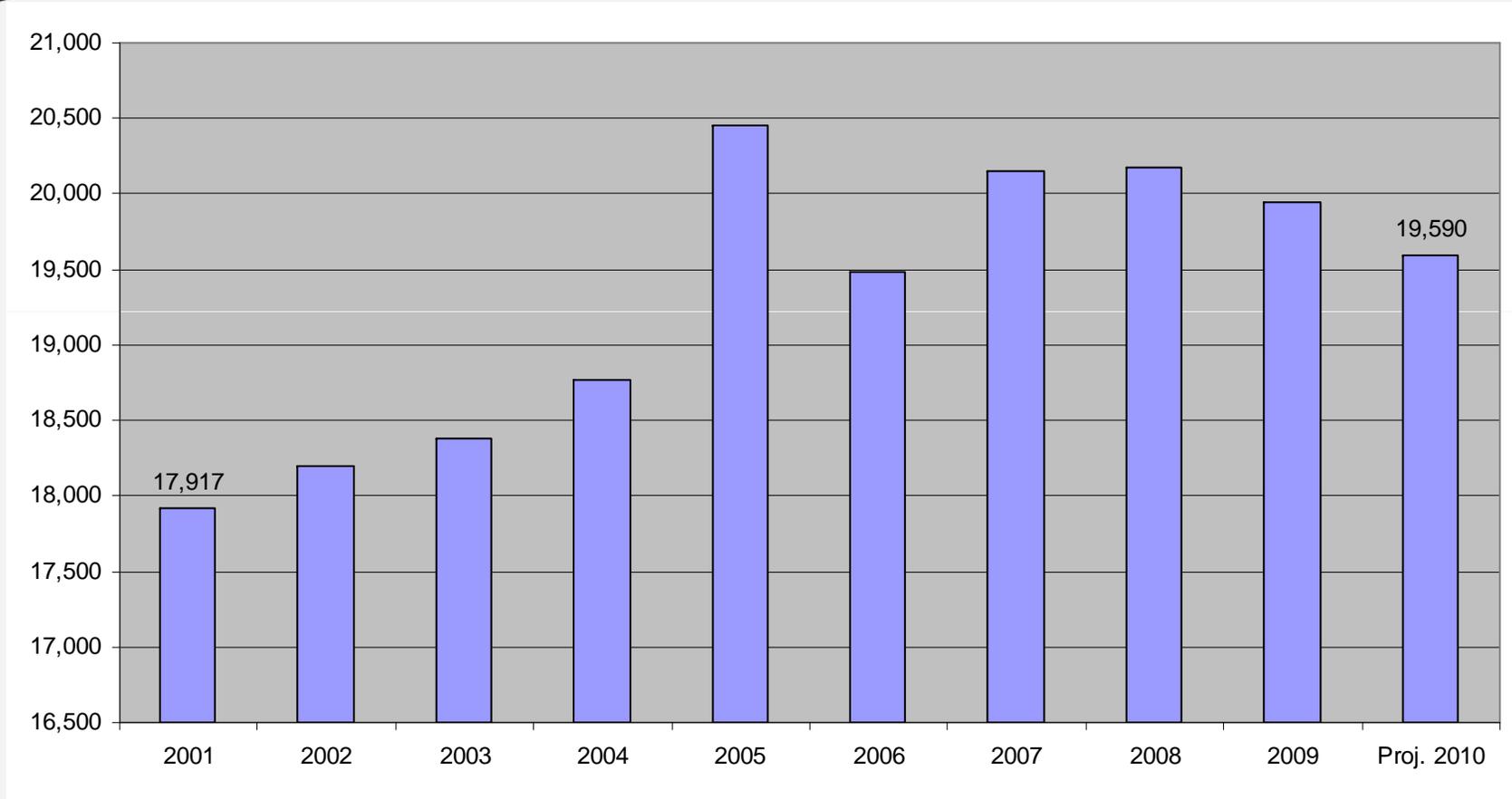
Source: Census

Combined Caseload Chart

Superior, State, and Magistrate Courts



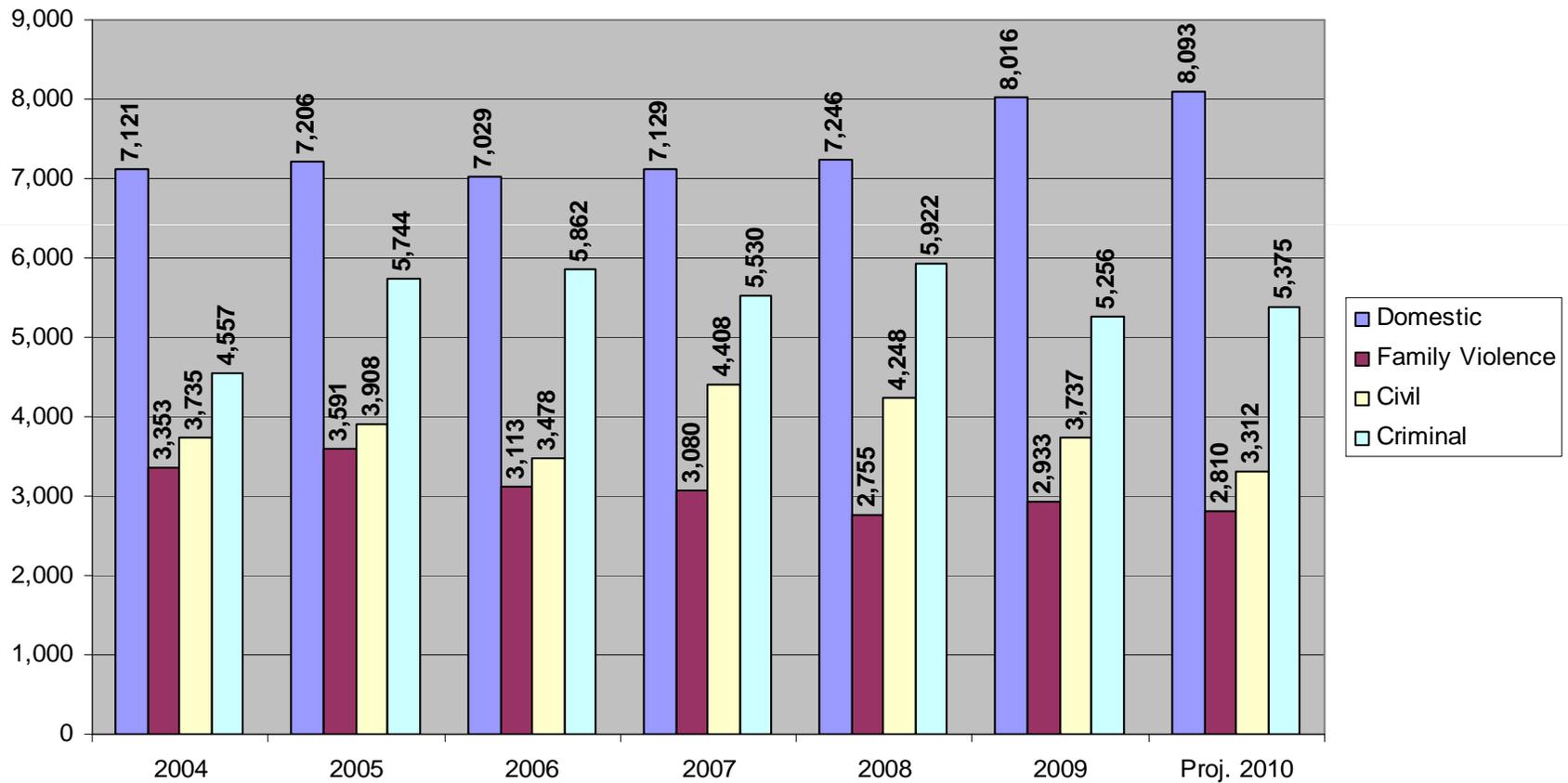
Superior Court Filings



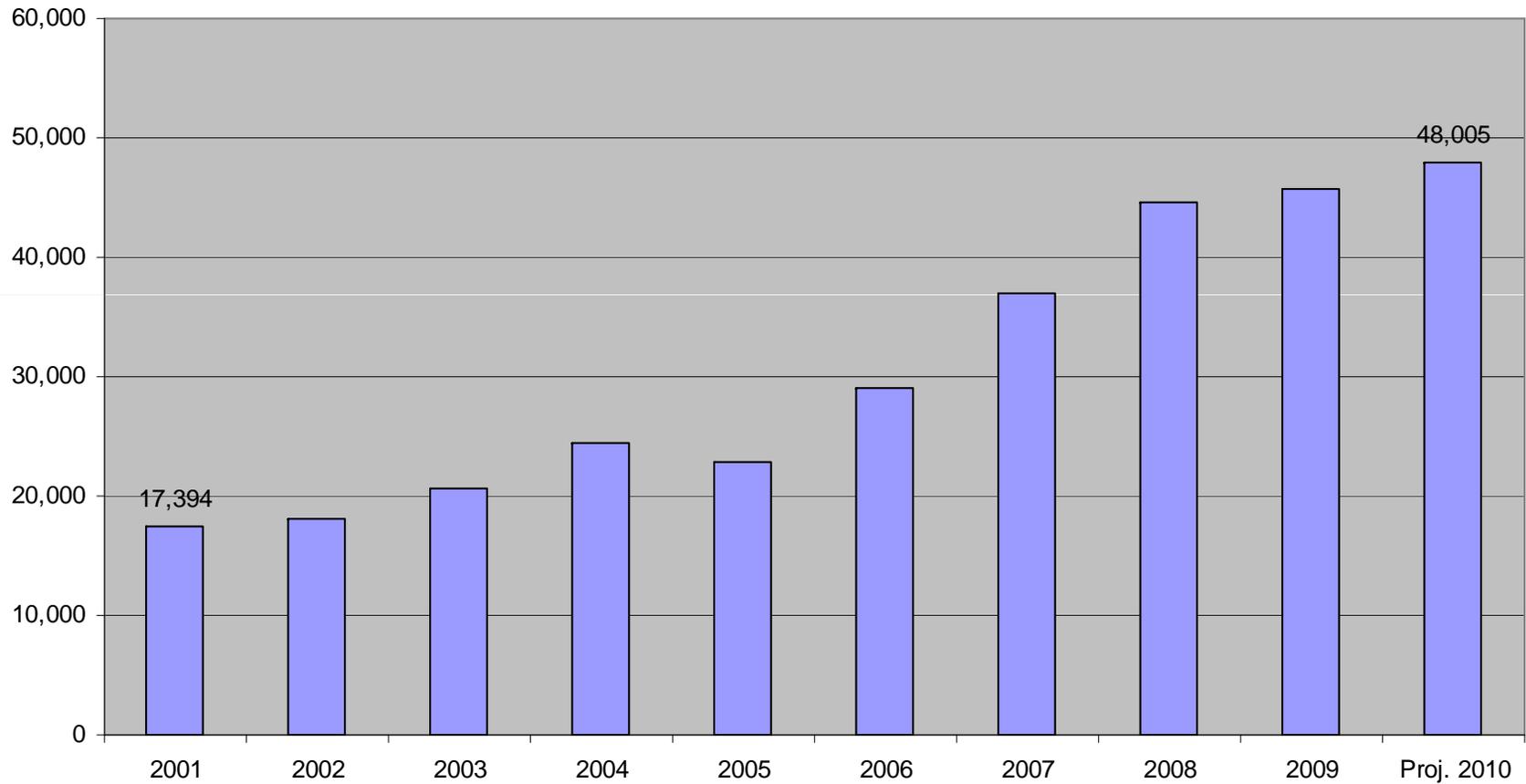
9% increase in cases filed since 2001

2010 Projected		
Total cases filed	Cases per day	Cases per week
19,590	75	377

Superior Court Filings



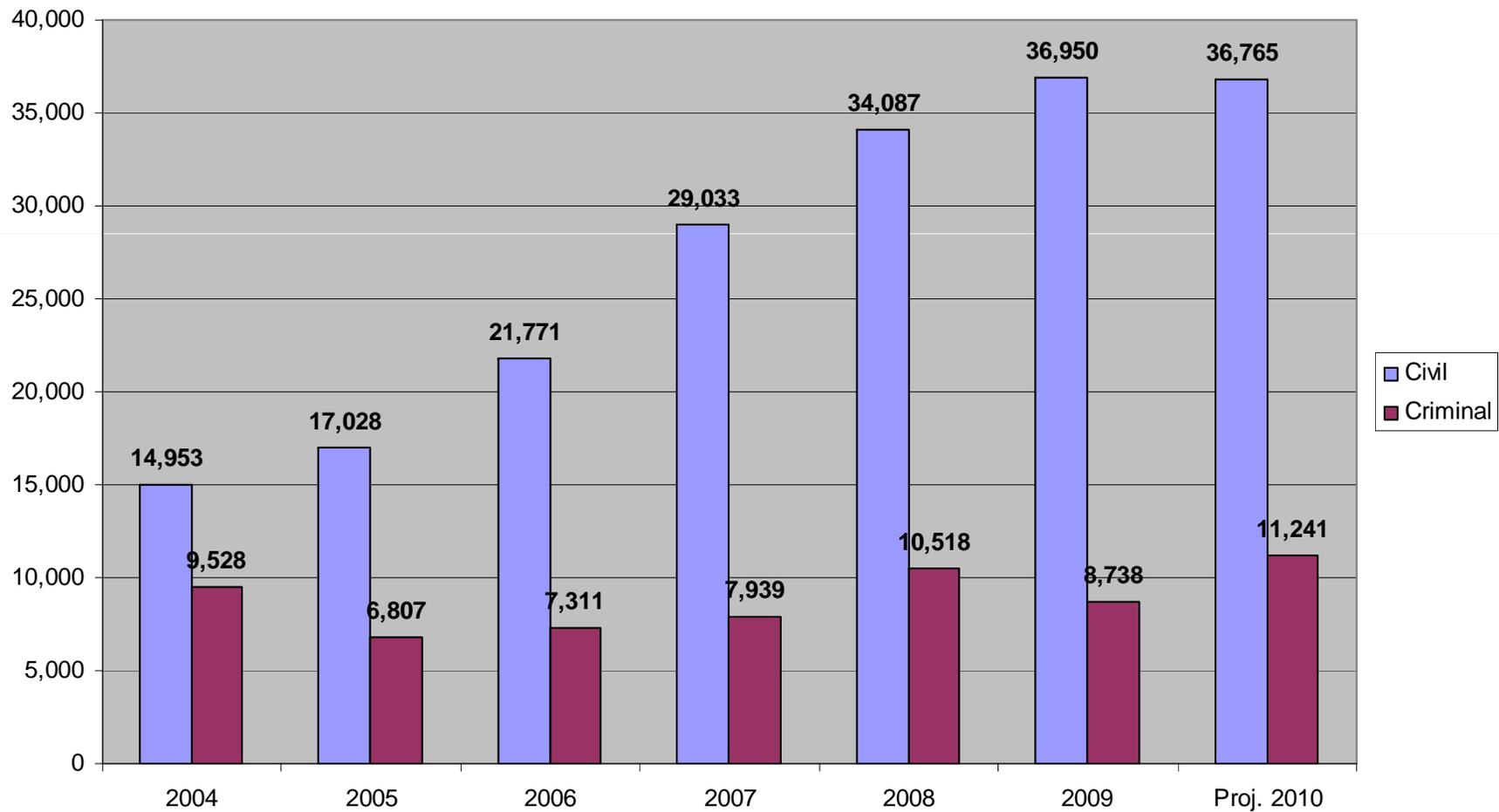
State Court Filings



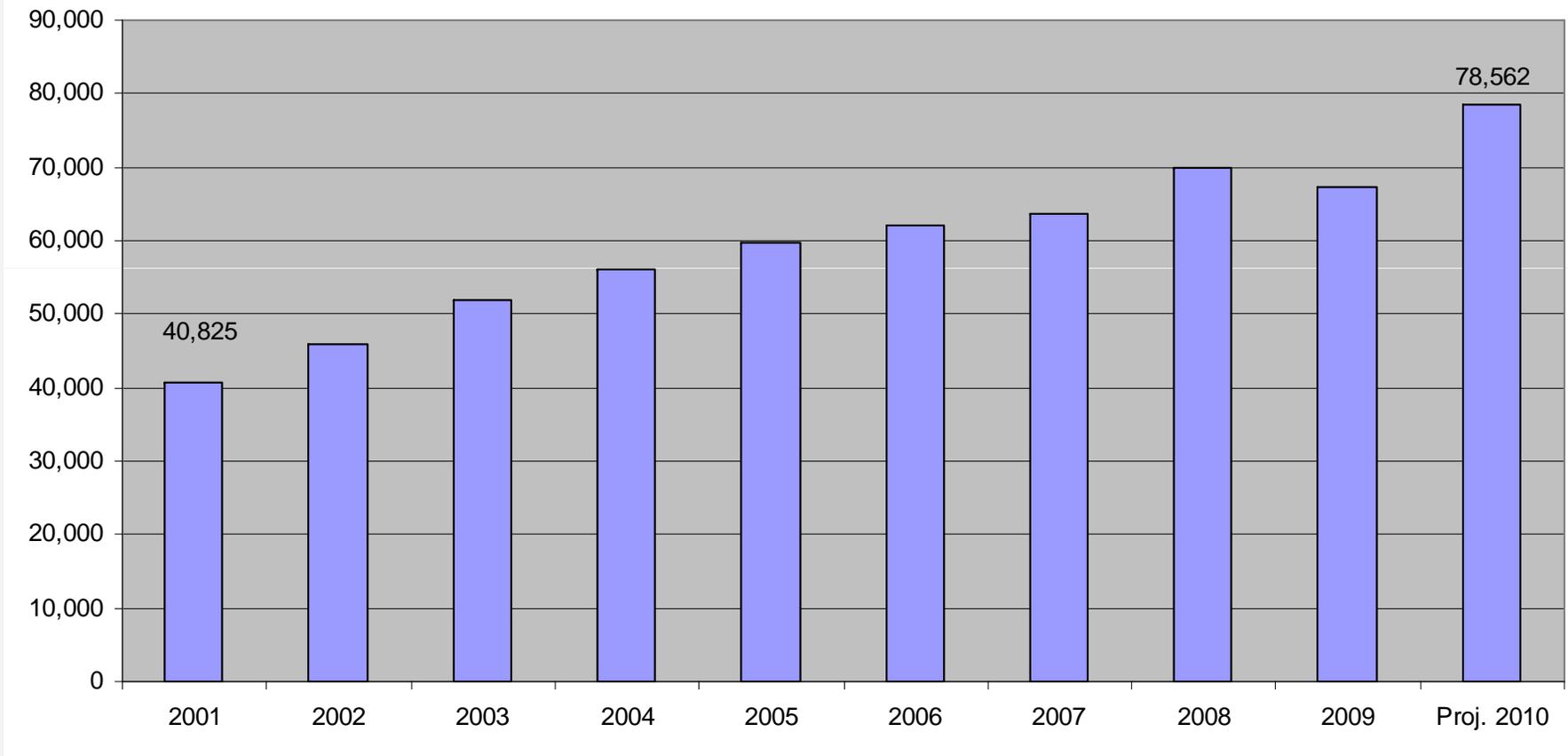
176% increase in cases filed since 2001

2010 Projected		
Total cases filed	Cases per day	Cases per week
48,005	185	923

State Court Filings



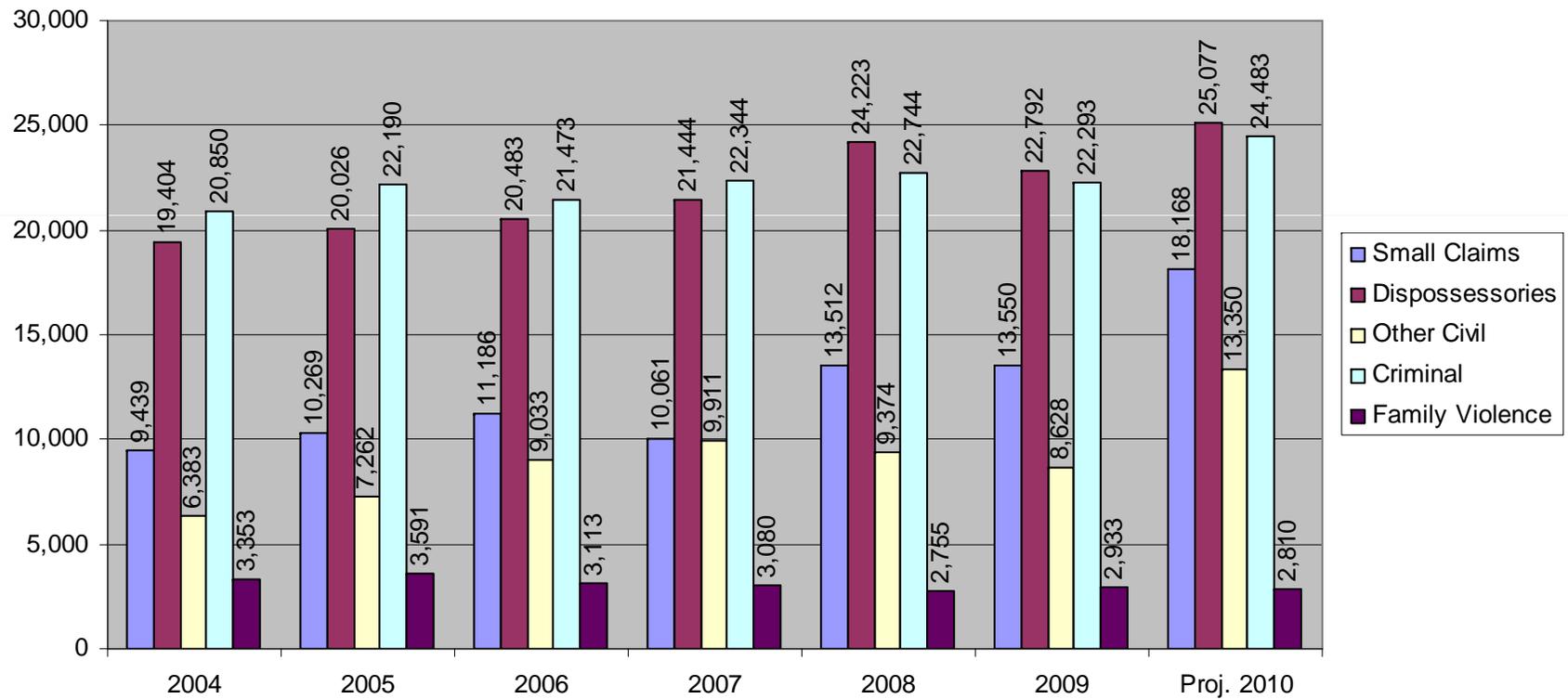
Magistrate Court Filings



92% increase in cases filed since 2001

2010 Projected		
Total cases filed	Cases per day	Cases per week
78,562	302	1511

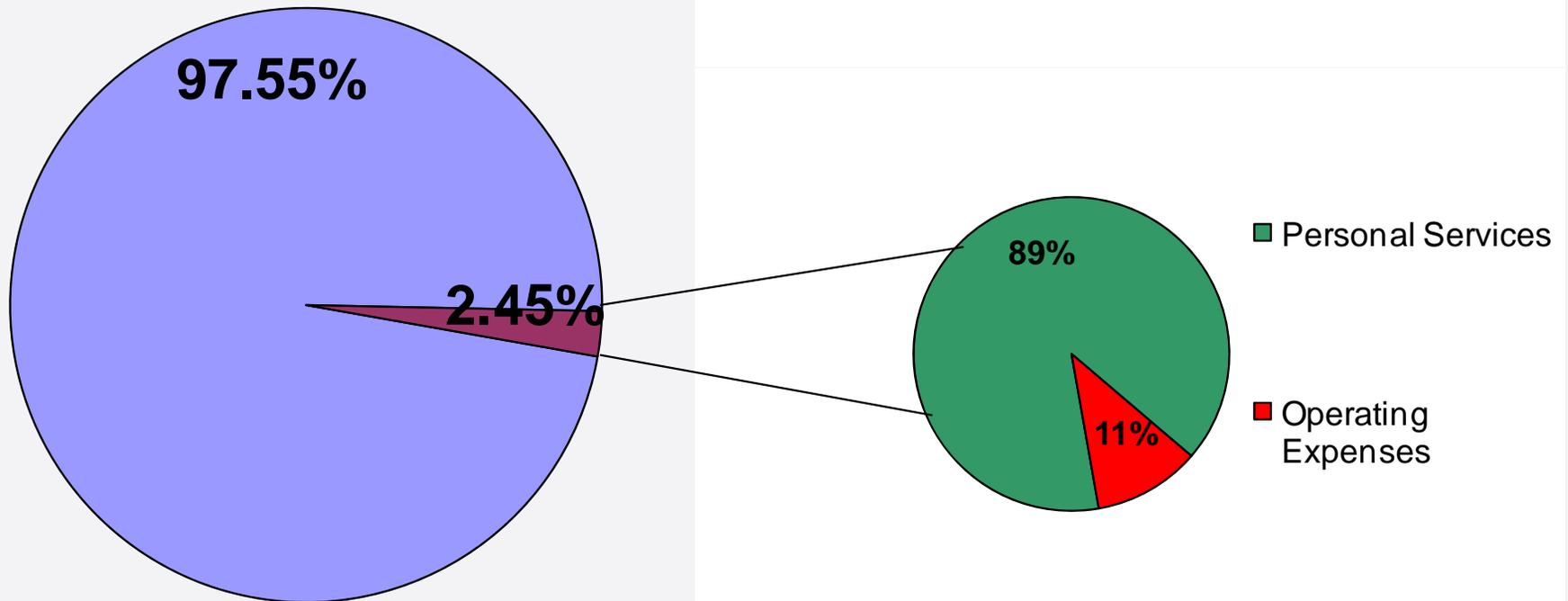
Magistrate Court Filings



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

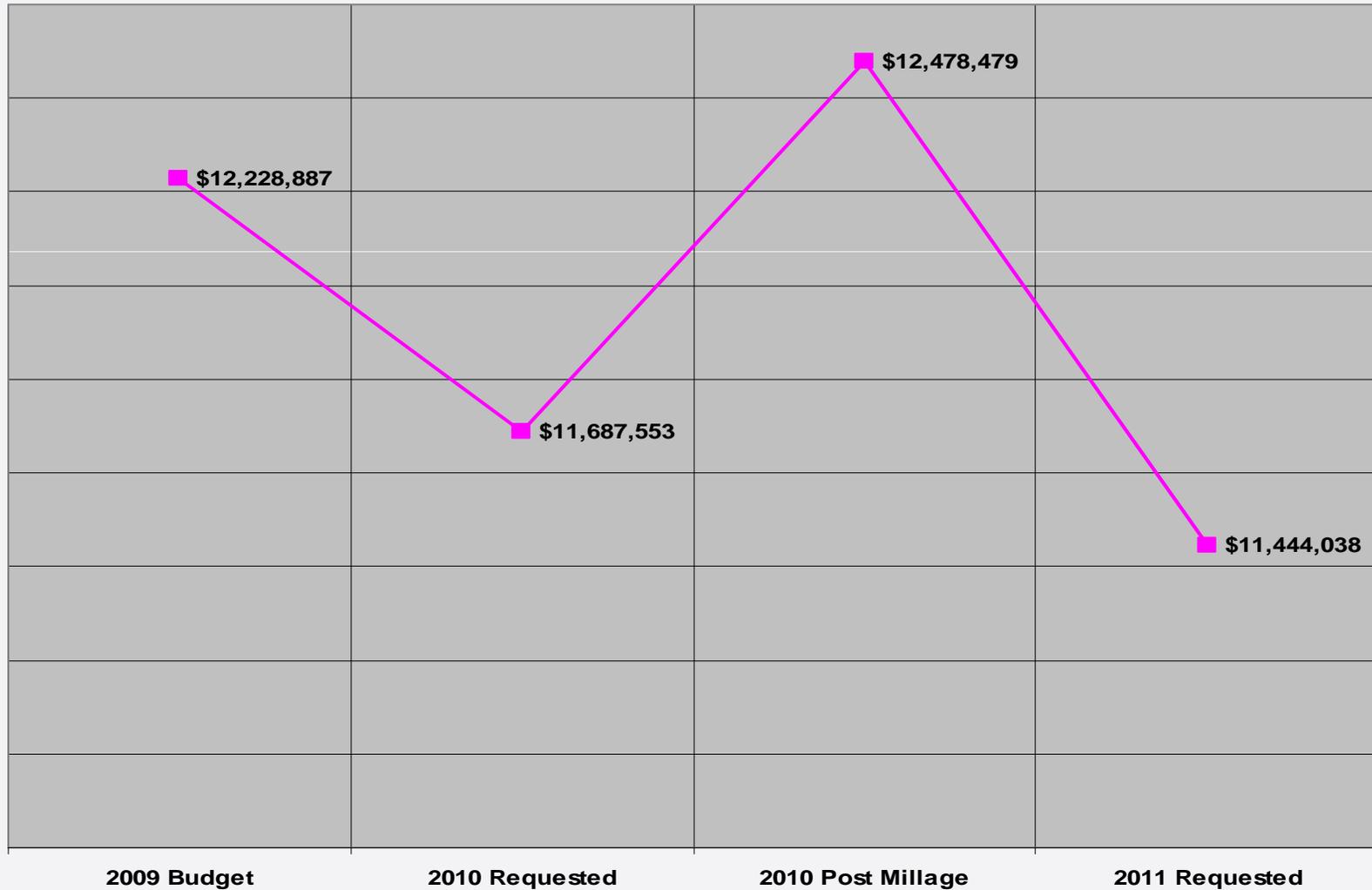
■ County Department General Fund

■ Superior, State, Magistrate Court & AOC



Budget Comparison

Superior – State – Magistrate



Interpreters

- In 1990, one of the first requests the Gwinnett Courts received was for a Farsi interpreter.
- In 2008, there were 2456 interpreter requests for 42 different languages. The top three languages requested were Spanish, Korean, and Vietnamese.



