

Office of State Public Defender

Legislative Finance Committee Report

*Submitted to the Governor
and Legislative Fiscal
Division*

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Mission

We provide effective professional legal services with equal access to quality client-centered representation.

Vision

As trained legal professionals, we strive to represent our clients in an effective and efficient manner to ensure a more fair and balanced justice system. We are dedicated and committed to improving overall outcomes for our clients and addressing the conditions that led to their involvement with the justice system.

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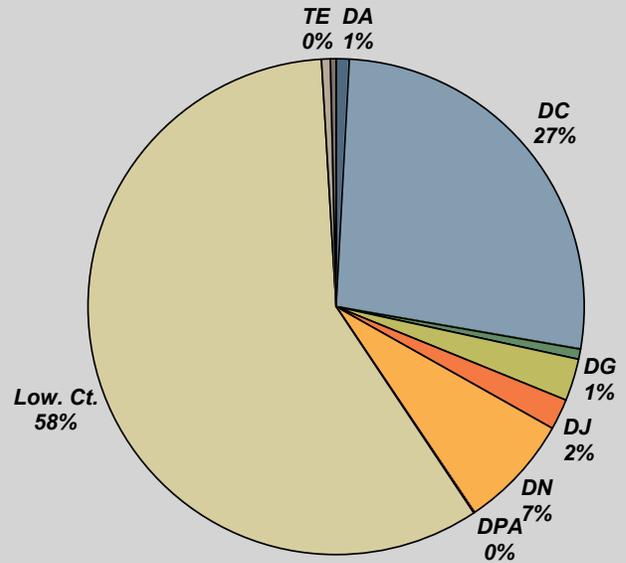
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Agency Matter and Assignment Types

OPD Represents Clients in the Following Matter Types in All Courts Across the State

Matter Type Code	Matter Type Name
DA	Appeal
DC	District Court Criminal
DD	Developmental Disability
DG	Guardianship
DI	Involuntary Commitment
DJ	Juvenile
DN	Dependency & Neglect
DV	Post-Conviction
SR	Sentence Review
TE	Treatment Court
Low. Ct.	Lower Court
DPA	Private Adpotion

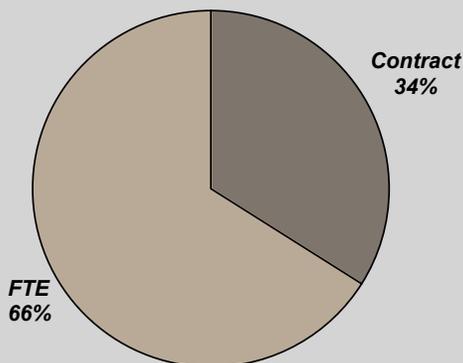
Overall Matters Received by Matter Type FY 2022



Please note that Lower Court includes both TK and CR Matter Cause Numbers

OPD Assigns Both Internal and External Attorneys

Overall Attorney Assignments by Type FY 2022

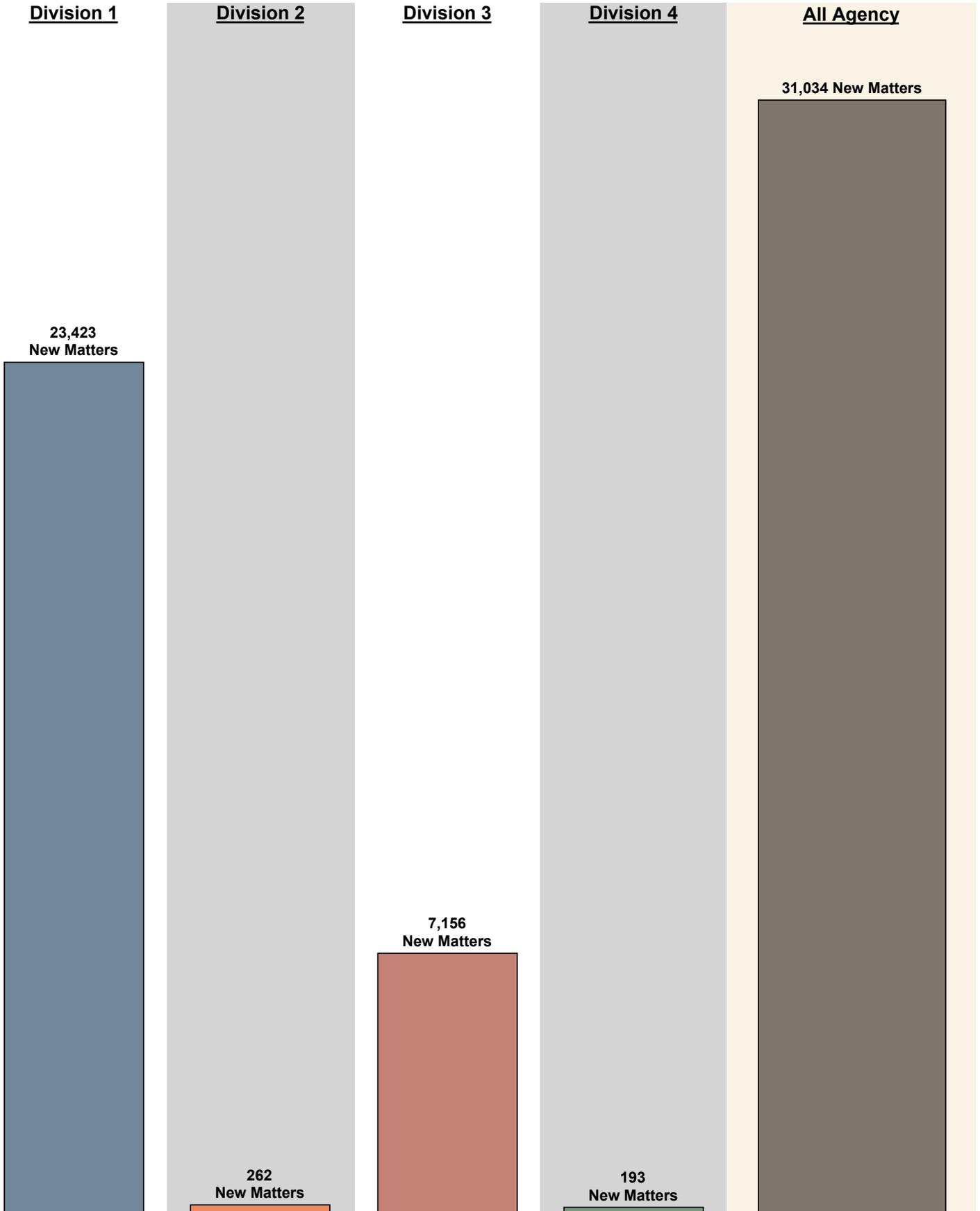


Attorney Assignments by Matter Type FY 2022

	FTE	Contract
Appeal	43.2%	56.8%
District Court Criminal	71.3%	28.7%
Developmental Disability	100.0%	
Guardianship	94.9%	5.1%
Involuntary Commitment	98.3%	1.7%
Juvenile	70.0%	30.0%
Dependency & Neglect	40.0%	60.0%
Post-Conviction	50.0%	50.0%
Sentence Review	21.4%	78.6%
Treatment Court	58.2%	41.8%
Lower Court	65.4%	34.6%
Private Adpotion	75.0%	25.0%

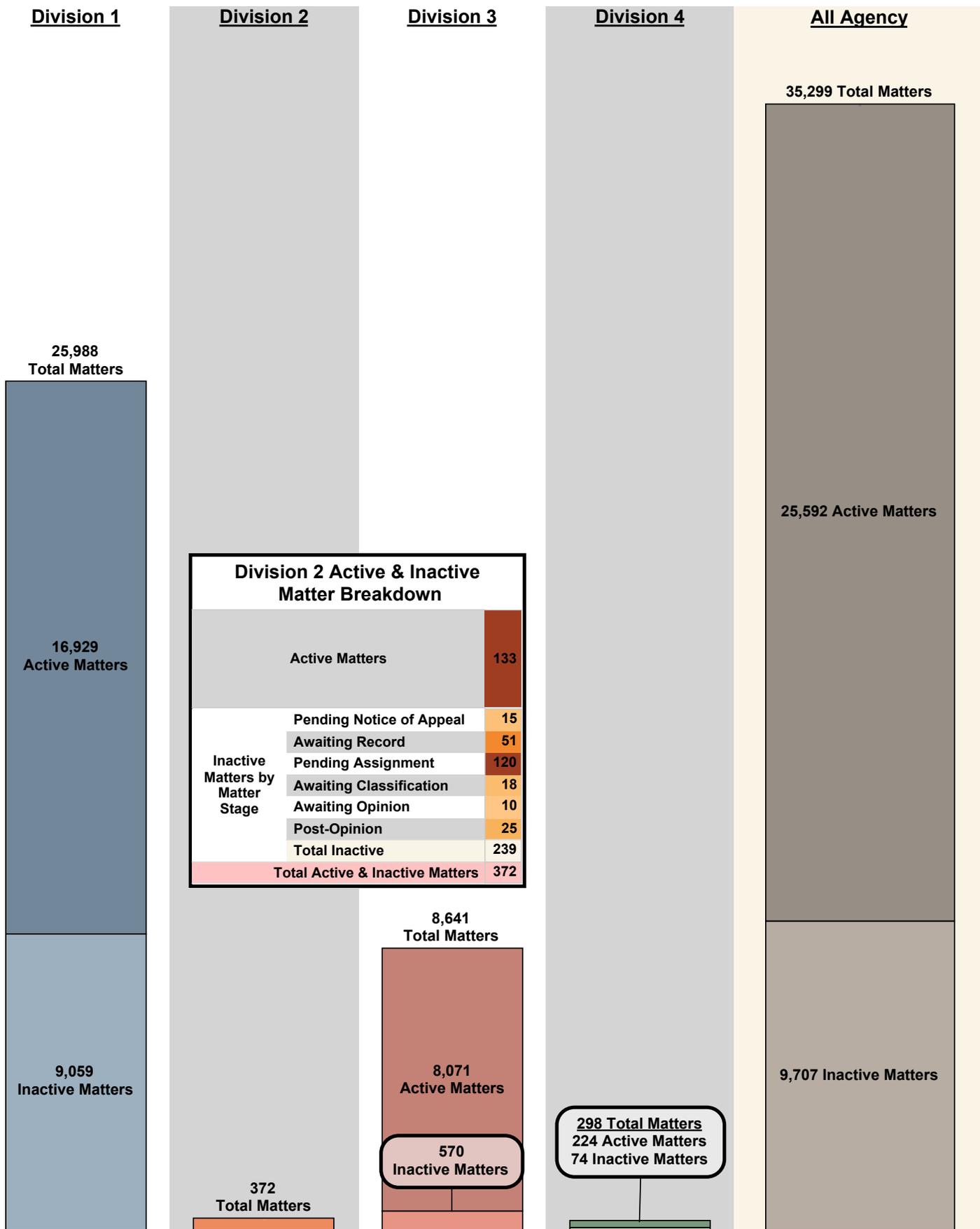
New Matters Received

This data displays all new matters received from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022



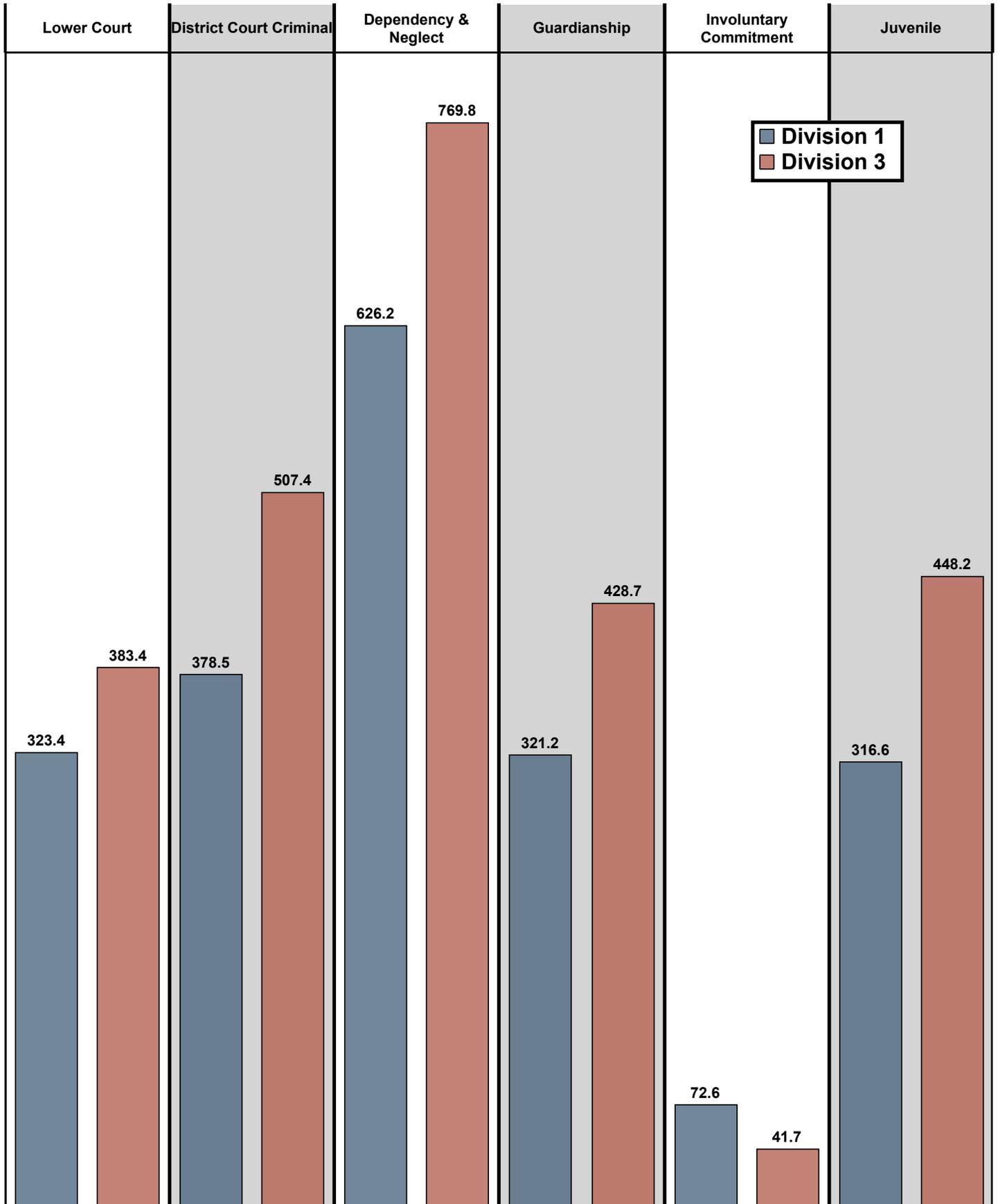
Matters by Status

This data displays matters by status as of June 30, 2022.



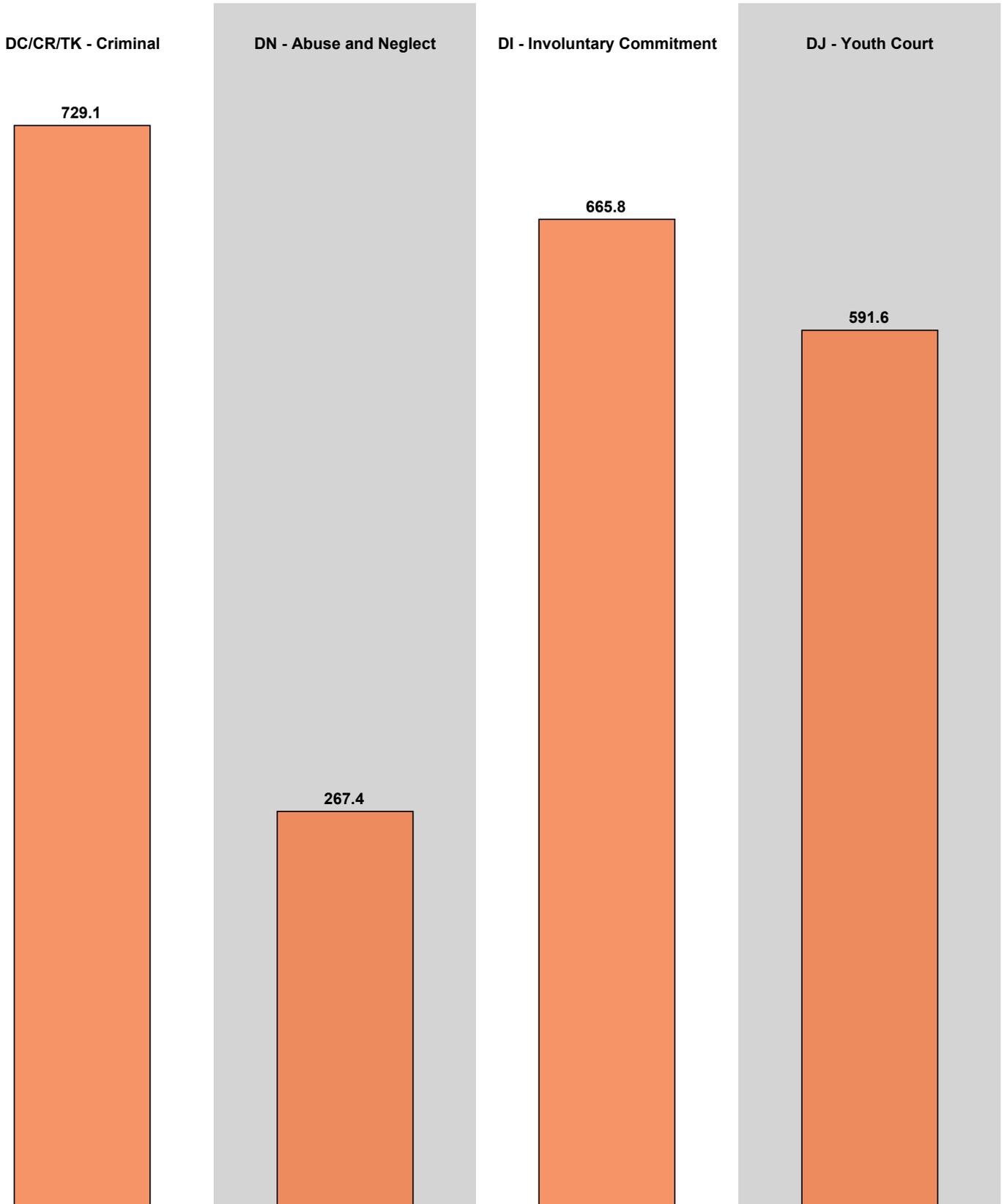
Matters Durations for Divisions 1 & 3

This data displays the average number of days matters were open before being closed in FY 2022.



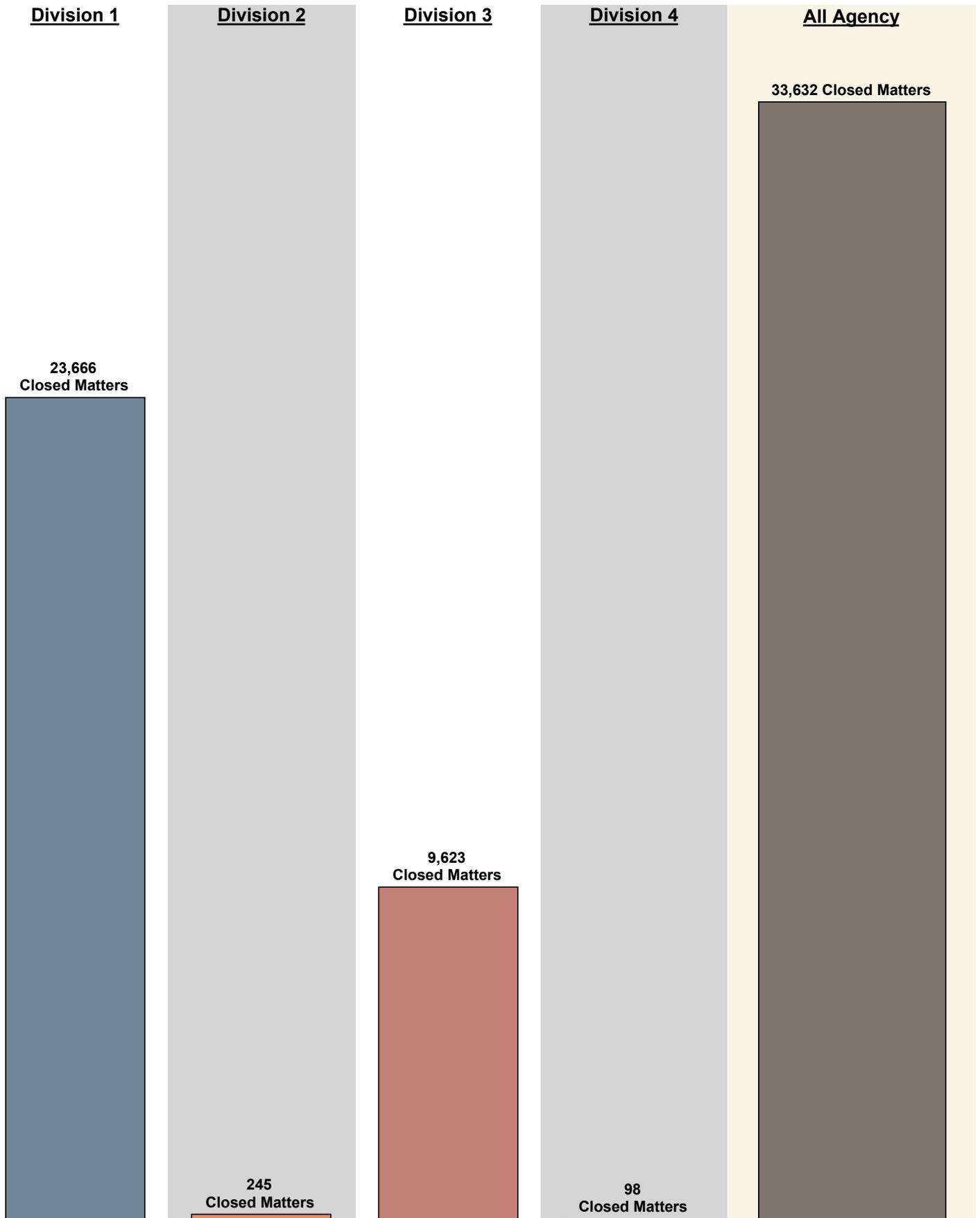
Matter Durations for Division 2

This data displays the average number of days matters were open before being closed in FY 2022. Please note these matter durations include time matters spend in inactive stages, such as Awaiting Record, Pending Assignment, and Awaiting Opinion.



Matters Closed

This data displays the number of matters closed from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.



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