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ADOPTION/TERMINATION CASES FILED 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2024 STATEWIDE

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Statistics Request Overall Description

On December 12, 2025, Research and Statistics received a request for a report on the count of Adoption and Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) cases filed over the last five calendar years (CY) statewide.

CourtNet, which provides a summary of cases statewide was queried for Adoption/Termination (AD) cases filed from 1/1/2021 through 12/25/2025 including any of the following case type codes:

CODE	DESCRIPTION
AD	ADOPTION / TERMINATION
ADPT	ADOPTION
ITPR	INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS
TPR	TERMINATION
VTPR	VOLUNTARY TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

Categories of Cases

The case type code TPR was used until 2/25/2021 to indicate cases in which a petition is filed for the termination of parental rights. Starting 2/25/2021, cases involving voluntary termination of parental rights began being captured separately from cases involving involuntary termination of parental rights with the case type codes VTPR and ITPR respectively. For the purposes of this report, all three types of TPR are reported.

The codes ADPT (Adoption) and AD (Adoption/Termination) are both available for use in cases in which adoption is petitioned. These cases may or may not also consider the termination of parental rights. Only the code ADPT (Adoption) is prescribed for use by the Circuit Clerks manual, but the code AD (Adoption/Termination) is still used frequently. It is common for users to distinguish those cases in which an Adoption is petitioned prior to the termination of parental rights by using the code AD (Adoption/Termination) and cases in which parental rights have already been terminated by using the code ADPT (Adoption). However, local practices vary and orders terminating parental rights may appear in cases filed with either of these codes.

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Statistical Report (25_RS3202)

Report 25_RS3202 presents the statistics of the number of Adoption and Termination of Parental Rights cases filed from 1/1/2021 through 12/25/2025 statewide.

The cross table (Table 1) at the top of the page provides counts of all Adoption/Termination cases filed by case type group and Calendar Year.

The horizontal bar chart (Chart 1) provides cases filed by each case type group with color coded bars representing each case type group.

Statistical Analysis Considerations:

- The statistical table is a snapshot in time, as of the run date.
- CY 2025 is an incomplete year and is indicated by a dagger (†); it includes up to 12/25/2025.
- Counts of cases do not necessarily represent counts of unique individuals, an individual can have more than one case.
- TPR case type was the original classification and has been deprecated. It has been replaced by ITPR (Involuntary Termination) and VTPR (Voluntary Termination) to track termination of parental rights.

Data Variables Requested

Database	Data Variable	Description
CourtNet	Calendar Year	A calendar year (CY) is January 1 to December 31. The calendar year refers to the case disposition date. This report includes cases filed, CY 2021 – 2024 (1/1/2021 – 12/25/2025).
	Case Number Type	The case number type code. Report includes AD case number type indicating Adoption/Termination Cases.
	Case Filing Date	The date in which the case was filed.
	Cases	A count of distinct cases.
	Case Type Code	For the purposes of reporting, court matters are reported by case type. Each case type is identified by a two-digit to six-digit code entered in the case management system to classify a case. Certain case type codes should be restricted to certain case number types, but these restrictions are not guaranteed. This report is limited to the Adoption/Termination case type codes listed above.

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Table 1: Adoption/Termination Cases Filed by Case Type and CY

	ADOPTION (ADPT)	TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS (IPTR/VTPR)	ADOPTION / TERMINATION (AD)	Grand Total
CY 2021	2,853	1,672	384	4,909
CY 2022	2,760	1,445	286	4,491
CY 2023	2,550	1,779	153	4,482
CY 2024	2,598	1,491	40	4,129
CY 2025†	2,374	1,460	26	3,860
Grand Total	13,135	7,847	889	21,871

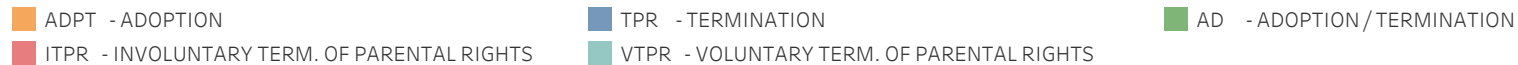
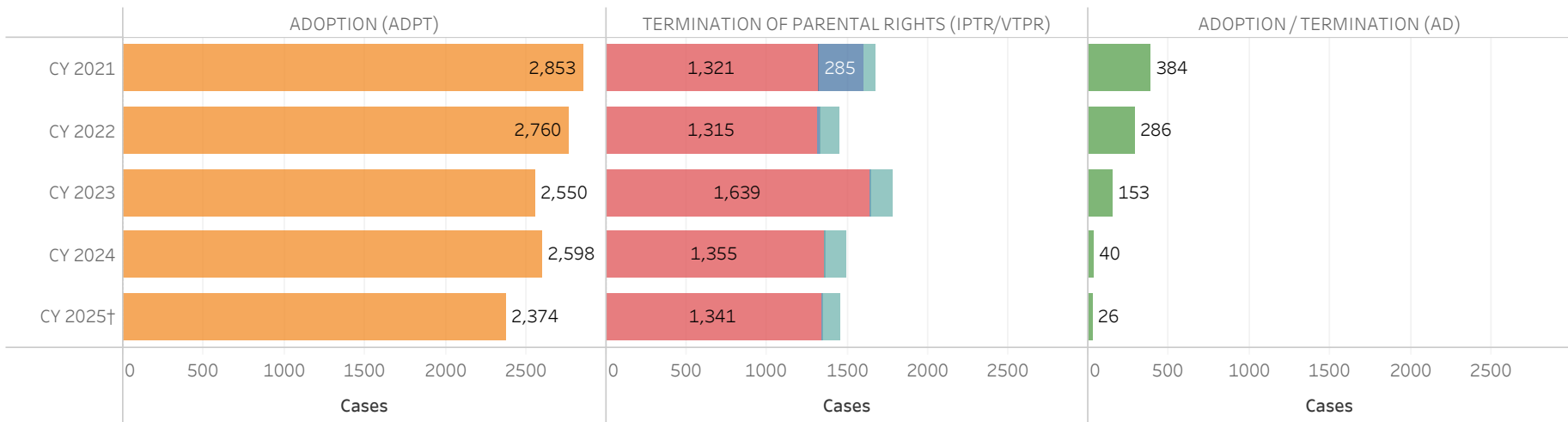


Chart 1: Adoption/Termination Cases Filed by Case Type and CY



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