

**Summary of District Court
Financial and Caseload Activity**

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INTRODUCTION

In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 84-304 R.S. Supp., 2002, and 84-305 R.R.S. 1999, we have conducted certain procedures related to the scope and procedures enumerated below, regarding Nebraska clerks of the district court and district court activity.

Nebraska clerks of the district court are responsible for providing for the administration of the district courts, the record keeping of criminal and civil cases, maintenance of the court's dockets and processing judgments. Until December 2001, the clerks of the district court were also responsible for handling child support collections and disbursements.

Beginning in December 2001, all child support collection and disbursement functions shifted to being performed centrally by the State Disbursement Unit under the direction of the Nebraska State Treasurer. Centralization of child support collection and disbursement was mandated by the Federal government through the Welfare Reform legislation of 1996 – Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996. The purpose of the mandate was to reduce the need to remit multiple child support payments to multiple state and county offices.

Scope of Accumulated Information

The scope of the accumulated information was to summarize financial and caseload activity of the district courts in Nebraska. The objectives of the accumulation were to:

1. Document the financial activity of each district court for the past three fiscal years.
2. Document the caseload activity of each district court for the past three calendar years.
3. Compile comparative data based on the information obtained.
4. Document how the changes in child support collection have affected the financial activity of each clerk of the district court.

Procedures

We performed certain procedures considered necessary to meet the objectives enumerated above. Those procedures consisted primarily of obtaining an understanding of the responsibilities of the clerks of the district court, obtaining an understanding of the changes in child support collection in Nebraska, obtaining the financial and caseload activity of each district court in Nebraska, and summarizing, evaluating, comparing, and compiling the information obtained.

Contents

The following information has been accumulated:

- **Background Information** – Information pertaining to the responsibilities of the clerks of the district court and the establishment of the State Disbursement Unit. Describes how the information was collected.
- **Summary of Activity** – Summarizes some of the financial and caseload activity compiled.

- **Schedule of District Court Receipts** – A comparative summary of the receipts for each county’s district court for fiscal years 2001, 2002, and 2003.
- **Schedule of District Court Disbursements** – A comparative summary of the disbursements for each county’s district court for fiscal years 2001, 2002, and 2003.
- **Schedule of District Court Cases Filed** – A comparative summary of the cases filed in each county’s district court for calendar years 2000, 2001, and 2002.
- **Charts** – A graphical analysis of each of the Schedules noted above.

We have not audited, examined, or reviewed the accompanying data, and accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on this data. This report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Auditor of Public Accounts’ office at (402) 471-2111.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Clerks of the District Court

District courts are organized into 12 judicial districts with 55 district court judges to serve all 93 counties in the State. Each county in the State of Nebraska has a clerk of the district court performing the administrative duties associated with the court. Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 32-524 R.R.S. 1998 states that counties having a population of seven thousand inhabitants or more shall elect one clerk of the district court. In counties having a population of less than seven thousand inhabitants, the county board and district judge for the county shall determine whether such officer should be elected. If the decision is made not to elect an officer, the county clerk shall be the ex officio clerk of the district court. The 2003 Directory of County Officials in Nebraska, published by the Nebraska Association of County Officials, identifies 55 counties having a separate clerk of the district court and 38 counties where the county clerk is the ex officio clerk of the district court.

Child Support

As noted in the Introduction, a Federal government mandate required the State of Nebraska to establish one central location where all child support payments would be received. Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 43-3342 R.S. Supp., 2002 created this centralized collection and disbursement location called the State Disbursement Unit (SDU). The SDU is operated by the Nebraska State Treasurer's Office. The SDU became functional in December 2001, taking over the collection and disbursement responsibilities of child support from the clerks of the district court. Approximately 96,000 receipts are processed monthly. However, the clerks of the district court remain the official record keeper of the files pertaining to child support cases and are required by state law to provide the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) monthly statistical information and any other information required by HHS to properly account for support payments.

Collection of Information

Receipts – All district courts, excluding Douglas County District Court, utilize the Judicial Users System To Improve Court Efficiency (JUSTICE). JUSTICE is the State's court automation system developed by the State Court Administrator's office. JUSTICE maintains case management and financial activity. Receipt information was obtained from JUSTICE and used to prepare the Schedule of District Court Receipts.

Douglas County District Court utilizes an in house automation system so we were unable to use JUSTICE to obtain the Douglas County information. The fiscal year 2001 receipts were obtained from the Douglas County audit report. The receipts for fiscal years 2002 and 2003 were obtained directly from the Douglas County Clerk of the District Court's office.

Disbursements – Every county is required to file an annual budget with the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA). The budget includes three years of information. The 2002-2003 budget filed with the APA was used to prepare the Schedule of District Court Disbursements. The 2002-2003 budget included actual disbursements for fiscal years 2001 and 2002 and budgeted disbursements for fiscal year 2003.

Total disbursements on the schedule consist of dollar amounts coded to certain funds and functions determined to be applicable to the operations of the clerks of the district court. The following funds and functions were determined to be applicable:

1. General Fund, Function 621 (Clerk of the District Court)
2. General Fund, Function 631 (Clerk of the District Court Child Support)
3. General Fund, Miscellaneous General – District Court Costs (Code 22601)
4. Clerk of the District Court Child Support Fund (Fund 980)

Each county did not use all of the funds and functions noted above. The disbursement amounts were obtained from any of the funds or functions noted depending on how the county had their budget prepared.

Cases Filed – The district courts are required to file statistical reports documenting the number of cases filed with the Nebraska Supreme Court Administrative Office of Courts/Probation. The Schedule of District Court Cases Filed was prepared from the Annual Caseload Report prepared by the Nebraska Supreme Court Administrative Office of Courts/Probation. The Annual Caseload Report is completed by calendar year. The Schedule of District Court Cases Filed does have some footnotes based on how some district courts filed their information. Some reports were not filed by district courts and some were filed for only a portion of the year.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY

Clerks of the district court were responsible for the collection and disbursement of child support until December 2001. The Federal government mandated centralization of child support collection and disbursement. The purpose of the mandate was to reduce the need to remit multiple child support payments to multiple state and county offices. The SDU became functional in December 2001, taking over the collection and disbursement responsibilities of child support from the clerks of the district court.

The procedures performed reflect how the changes in child support collection affected the financial activity of the district courts. The following changes were noted:

District Court Receipts

- Statewide district court receipts decreased from \$263,665,810 in fiscal year 2001 to \$160,535,353 in fiscal year 2002, a 39% decrease.
- Statewide district court receipts decreased from \$160,535,353 in fiscal year 2002 to \$57,237,573 in fiscal year 2003, a 64% decrease.
- A total decrease of \$206,428,237 in district court receipts from fiscal year 2001 to fiscal year 2003. This represents a 78% decrease.

District Court Disbursements

- Statewide district court disbursements increased from \$10,496,955 in fiscal year 2001 to \$10,813,995 in fiscal year 2002, a 3% increase.
- Statewide district court disbursements increased from \$10,813,995 in fiscal year 2002 to a budget amount of \$12,793,987 for fiscal year 2003, an 18% increase.
- A total increase of \$2,297,032 in district court disbursements from fiscal year 2001 to fiscal year 2003. This represents a 22% increase.

District Court Cases Filed

- Statewide district court cases filed increased from 39,201 in calendar year 2000 to 39,435 in calendar year 2001, a .6% increase.
- Statewide district court cases filed increased from 39,435 in calendar year 2001 to 40,796 in calendar year 2002, a 3% increase.
- A total increase of 1,595 in district court cases from fiscal year 2001 to fiscal year 2003. This represents a 4% increase.

In summary, district court receipts have decreased since the inception of the SDU while district court disbursements have steadily increased.

Schedule of District Court Receipts
Fiscal Years 2001, 2002, and 2003

District Court by County	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	\$ Amount Changed	Percent Changed	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	\$ Amount Changed	Percent Changed
	2001 Actual	2002 Actual			2002 Actual	2003 Actual		
Adams County	\$ 5,619,299	\$ 2,562,780	\$ (3,056,519)	-54%	\$ 2,562,780	\$ 1,124,079	\$ (1,438,701)	-56%
Antelope County	\$ 964,868	\$ 817,894	\$ (146,974)	-15%	\$ 817,894	\$ 228,472	\$ (589,422)	-72%
Arthur County	\$ 8,191	\$ 5,144	\$ (3,047)	-37%	\$ 5,144	\$ 2,528	\$ (2,616)	-51%
Banner County	\$ 62,308	\$ 50,088	\$ (12,220)	-20%	\$ 50,088	\$ 4,280	\$ (45,808)	-91%
Blaine County	\$ 41,536	\$ 16,492	\$ (25,044)	-60%	\$ 16,492	\$ 21,781	\$ 5,289	32%
Boone County	\$ 621,131	\$ 395,560	\$ (225,571)	-36%	\$ 395,560	\$ 43,002	\$ (352,558)	-89%
Box Butte County	\$ 2,820,959	\$ 1,546,201	\$ (1,274,758)	-45%	\$ 1,546,201	\$ 608,886	\$ (937,315)	-61%
Boyd County	\$ 155,016	\$ 97,455	\$ (57,561)	-37%	\$ 97,455	\$ 21,537	\$ (75,918)	-78%
Brown County	\$ 568,000	\$ 738,675	\$ 170,675	30%	\$ 738,675	\$ 60,636	\$ (678,039)	-92%
Buffalo County	\$ 6,579,429	\$ 4,041,760	\$ (2,537,669)	-39%	\$ 4,041,760	\$ 2,606,393	\$ (1,435,367)	-36%
Burt County	\$ 910,958	\$ 553,945	\$ (357,013)	-39%	\$ 553,945	\$ 86,030	\$ (467,915)	-84%
Butler County	\$ 883,307	\$ 460,301	\$ (423,006)	-48%	\$ 460,301	\$ 137,829	\$ (322,472)	-70%
Cass County	\$ 3,757,990	\$ 2,164,100	\$ (1,593,890)	-42%	\$ 2,164,100	\$ 535,700	\$ (1,628,400)	-75%
Cedar County	\$ 635,217	\$ 314,504	\$ (320,713)	-50%	\$ 314,504	\$ 171,878	\$ (142,626)	-45%
Chase County	\$ 384,326	\$ 476,485	\$ 92,159	24%	\$ 476,485	\$ 55,321	\$ (421,164)	-88%
Cherry County	\$ 654,011	\$ 408,415	\$ (245,596)	-38%	\$ 408,415	\$ 215,945	\$ (192,470)	-47%
Cheyenne County	\$ 1,594,713	\$ 978,283	\$ (616,430)	-39%	\$ 978,283	\$ 388,499	\$ (589,784)	-60%
Clay County	\$ 771,921	\$ 482,179	\$ (289,742)	-38%	\$ 482,179	\$ 288,800	\$ (193,379)	-40%
Colfax County	\$ 1,071,030	\$ 565,796	\$ (505,234)	-47%	\$ 565,796	\$ (11,841)	\$ (577,637)	-102%
Cuming County	\$ 868,567	\$ 449,349	\$ (419,218)	-48%	\$ 449,349	\$ 275,159	\$ (174,190)	-39%
Custer County	\$ 1,638,840	\$ 1,024,586	\$ (614,254)	-37%	\$ 1,024,586	\$ 314,185	\$ (710,401)	-69%
Dakota County	\$ 2,756,173	\$ 1,523,530	\$ (1,232,643)	-45%	\$ 1,523,530	\$ 459,217	\$ (1,064,313)	-70%
Dawes County	\$ 1,127,414	\$ 803,685	\$ (323,729)	-29%	\$ 803,685	\$ 296,753	\$ (506,932)	-63%
Dawson County	\$ 3,421,533	\$ 1,979,452	\$ (1,442,081)	-42%	\$ 1,979,452	\$ 1,070,438	\$ (909,014)	-46%
Deuel County	\$ 172,572	\$ 82,313	\$ (90,259)	-52%	\$ 82,313	\$ 33,161	\$ (49,152)	-60%
Dixon County	\$ 545,621	\$ 306,058	\$ (239,563)	-44%	\$ 306,058	\$ 186,947	\$ (119,111)	-39%
Dodge County	\$ 5,929,735	\$ 3,304,061	\$ (2,625,674)	-44%	\$ 3,304,061	\$ 588,681	\$ (2,715,380)	-82%
Douglas County (1)	\$ 81,840,678	\$ 49,896,529	\$ (31,944,149)	-39%	\$ 49,896,529	\$ 15,815,797	\$ (34,080,732)	-68%
Dundy County	\$ 331,808	\$ 257,324	\$ (74,484)	-22%	\$ 257,324	\$ 119,040	\$ (138,284)	-54%
Fillmore County	\$ 686,668	\$ 356,592	\$ (330,076)	-48%	\$ 356,592	\$ 86,649	\$ (269,943)	-76%
Franklin County	\$ 487,212	\$ 185,531	\$ (301,681)	-62%	\$ 185,531	\$ 45,331	\$ (140,200)	-76%
Frontier County	\$ 263,784	\$ 197,517	\$ (66,267)	-25%	\$ 197,517	\$ 120,740	\$ (76,777)	-39%
Furnas County	\$ 342,630	\$ 331,205	\$ (11,425)	-3%	\$ 331,205	\$ 33,361	\$ (297,844)	-90%
Gage County	\$ 3,117,173	\$ 1,672,956	\$ (1,444,217)	-46%	\$ 1,672,956	\$ 578,287	\$ (1,094,669)	-65%

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Schedule of District Court Receipts
Fiscal Years 2001, 2002, and 2003

District Court by County	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	\$ Amount Changed	Percent Changed	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	\$ Amount Changed	Percent Changed
	2001 Actual	2002 Actual			2002 Actual	2003 Actual		
Garden County	\$ 227,910	\$ 123,735	\$ (104,175)	-46%	\$ 123,735	\$ 39,044	\$ (84,691)	-68%
Garfield County	\$ 188,581	\$ 138,457	\$ (50,124)	-27%	\$ 138,457	\$ 54,738	\$ (83,719)	-60%
Gosper County	\$ 155,535	\$ 119,882	\$ (35,653)	-23%	\$ 119,882	\$ 19,128	\$ (100,754)	-84%
Grant County	\$ 87,322	\$ 81,989	\$ (5,333)	-6%	\$ 81,989	\$ 27,859	\$ (54,130)	-66%
Greeley County	\$ 258,483	\$ 161,716	\$ (96,767)	-37%	\$ 161,716	\$ 57,980	\$ (103,736)	-64%
Hall County	\$ 8,598,176	\$ 6,349,639	\$ (2,248,537)	-26%	\$ 6,349,639	\$ 1,793,400	\$ (4,556,239)	-72%
Hamilton County	\$ 1,214,125	\$ 863,446	\$ (350,679)	-29%	\$ 863,446	\$ 416,203	\$ (447,243)	-52%
Harlan County	\$ 376,537	\$ 323,439	\$ (53,098)	-14%	\$ 323,439	\$ 135,381	\$ (188,058)	-58%
Hayes County	\$ 30,371	\$ 22,130	\$ (8,241)	-27%	\$ 22,130	\$ 15,314	\$ (6,816)	-31%
Hitchcock County	\$ 247,965	\$ 210,503	\$ (37,462)	-15%	\$ 210,503	\$ 19,507	\$ (190,996)	-91%
Holt County	\$ 1,670,304	\$ 1,106,700	\$ (563,604)	-34%	\$ 1,106,700	\$ 349,617	\$ (757,083)	-68%
Hooker County	\$ 32,576	\$ 13,768	\$ (18,808)	-58%	\$ 13,768	\$ 1,533	\$ (12,235)	-89%
Howard County	\$ 707,219	\$ 379,151	\$ (328,068)	-46%	\$ 379,151	\$ 89,494	\$ (289,657)	-76%
Jefferson County	\$ 918,655	\$ 774,855	\$ (143,800)	-16%	\$ 774,855	\$ 284,086	\$ (490,769)	-63%
Johnson County	\$ 387,165	\$ 317,033	\$ (70,132)	-18%	\$ 317,033	\$ 201,818	\$ (115,215)	-36%
Kearney County	\$ 1,270,161	\$ 814,877	\$ (455,284)	-36%	\$ 814,877	\$ 230,008	\$ (584,869)	-72%
Keith County	\$ 1,146,618	\$ 739,890	\$ (406,728)	-35%	\$ 739,890	\$ 144,997	\$ (594,893)	-80%
Keya Paha County	\$ 53,710	\$ 49,054	\$ (4,656)	-9%	\$ 49,054	\$ 102,400	\$ 53,346	109%
Kimball County	\$ 647,351	\$ 337,867	\$ (309,484)	-48%	\$ 337,867	\$ 39,424	\$ (298,443)	-88%
Knox County	\$ 783,682	\$ 437,976	\$ (345,706)	-44%	\$ 437,976	\$ 149,972	\$ (288,004)	-66%
Lancaster County	\$ 36,377,072	\$ 22,255,412	\$ (14,121,660)	-39%	\$ 22,255,412	\$ 10,991,219	\$ (11,264,193)	-51%
Lincoln County	\$ 6,882,717	\$ 4,624,939	\$ (2,257,778)	-33%	\$ 4,624,939	\$ 1,330,464	\$ (3,294,475)	-71%
Logan County	\$ 49,380	\$ 32,919	\$ (16,461)	-33%	\$ 32,919	\$ 4,670	\$ (28,249)	-86%
Loup County	\$ 29,594	\$ 23,531	\$ (6,063)	-20%	\$ 23,531	\$ 16,108	\$ (7,423)	-32%
Madison County	\$ 5,641,385	\$ 3,647,633	\$ (1,993,752)	-35%	\$ 3,647,633	\$ 961,895	\$ (2,685,738)	-74%
McPherson County	\$ 22,344	\$ 51,946	\$ 29,602	132%	\$ 51,946	\$ 41,891	\$ (10,055)	-19%
Merrick County	\$ 820,874	\$ 464,997	\$ (355,877)	-43%	\$ 464,997	\$ 118,809	\$ (346,188)	-74%
Morrill County	\$ 610,179	\$ 369,115	\$ (241,064)	-40%	\$ 369,115	\$ 724,474	\$ 355,359	96%
Nance County	\$ 491,114	\$ 294,434	\$ (196,680)	-40%	\$ 294,434	\$ 80,034	\$ (214,400)	-73%
Nemaha County	\$ 1,248,398	\$ 665,904	\$ (582,494)	-47%	\$ 665,904	\$ 76,788	\$ (589,116)	-88%
Nuckolls County	\$ 638,927	\$ 326,096	\$ (312,831)	-49%	\$ 326,096	\$ 128,766	\$ (197,330)	-61%
Otoe County	\$ 2,049,096	\$ 1,077,292	\$ (971,804)	-47%	\$ 1,077,292	\$ 376,313	\$ (700,979)	-65%
Pawnee County	\$ 260,941	\$ 161,417	\$ (99,524)	-38%	\$ 161,417	\$ 60,554	\$ (100,863)	-62%
Perkins County	\$ 292,694	\$ 852,223	\$ 559,529	191%	\$ 852,223	\$ 77,682	\$ (774,541)	-91%

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Schedule of District Court Receipts
Fiscal Years 2001, 2002, and 2003

District Court by County	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	\$ Amount Changed	Percent Changed	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	\$ Amount Changed	Percent Changed
	2001 Actual	2002 Actual			2002 Actual	2003 Actual		
Phelps County	\$ 1,310,776	\$ 754,227	\$ (556,549)	-42%	\$ 754,227	\$ 173,807	\$ (580,420)	-77%
Pierce County	\$ 1,044,238	\$ 671,670	\$ (372,568)	-36%	\$ 671,670	\$ 299,329	\$ (372,341)	-55%
Platte County	\$ 4,815,940	\$ 2,692,170	\$ (2,123,770)	-44%	\$ 2,692,170	\$ 479,340	\$ (2,212,830)	-82%
Polk County	\$ 608,753	\$ 428,913	\$ (179,840)	-30%	\$ 428,913	\$ 112,243	\$ (316,670)	-74%
Red Willow County	\$ 1,607,811	\$ 1,006,517	\$ (601,294)	-37%	\$ 1,006,517	\$ 386,486	\$ (620,031)	-62%
Richardson County	\$ 1,343,714	\$ 887,730	\$ (455,984)	-34%	\$ 887,730	\$ 291,173	\$ (596,557)	-67%
Rock County	\$ 163,205	\$ 113,166	\$ (50,039)	-31%	\$ 113,166	\$ 37,592	\$ (75,574)	-67%
Saline County	\$ 2,478,924	\$ 1,054,465	\$ (1,424,459)	-57%	\$ 1,054,465	\$ 246,394	\$ (808,071)	-77%
Sarpy County	\$ 23,338,937	\$ 13,378,799	\$ (9,960,138)	-43%	\$ 13,378,799	\$ 3,617,844	\$ (9,760,955)	-73%
Saunders County	\$ 2,458,565	\$ 1,408,990	\$ (1,049,575)	-43%	\$ 1,408,990	\$ 261,859	\$ (1,147,131)	-81%
Scotts Bluff County	\$ 6,446,961	\$ 3,928,981	\$ (2,517,980)	-39%	\$ 3,928,981	\$ 3,088,865	\$ (840,116)	-21%
Seward County	\$ 1,938,151	\$ 1,235,681	\$ (702,470)	-36%	\$ 1,235,681	\$ 332,401	\$ (903,280)	-73%
Sheridan County	\$ 740,536	\$ 425,368	\$ (315,168)	-43%	\$ 425,368	\$ 166,189	\$ (259,179)	-61%
Sherman County	\$ 318,495	\$ 208,224	\$ (110,271)	-35%	\$ 208,224	\$ 69,784	\$ (138,440)	-66%
Sioux County	\$ 23,672	\$ 29,651	\$ 5,979	25%	\$ 29,651	\$ 3,502	\$ (26,149)	-88%
Stanton County	\$ 1,566,092	\$ 450,940	\$ (1,115,152)	-71%	\$ 450,940	\$ 276,757	\$ (174,183)	-39%
Thayer County	\$ 717,814	\$ 388,351	\$ (329,463)	-46%	\$ 388,351	\$ 105,099	\$ (283,252)	-73%
Thomas County (2)	\$ 85,416	\$ (7,068)	\$ (92,484)	-108%	\$ (7,068)	\$ 3,058	\$ 10,126	143%
Thurston County	\$ 507,096	\$ 321,197	\$ (185,899)	-37%	\$ 321,197	\$ 32,035	\$ (289,162)	-90%
Valley County	\$ 797,838	\$ 400,914	\$ (396,924)	-50%	\$ 400,914	\$ 171,189	\$ (229,725)	-57%
Washington County	\$ 2,086,821	\$ 1,337,905	\$ (748,916)	-36%	\$ 1,337,905	\$ 591,212	\$ (746,693)	-56%
Wayne County	\$ 888,991	\$ 517,307	\$ (371,684)	-42%	\$ 517,307	\$ 112,402	\$ (404,905)	-78%
Webster County	\$ 287,343	\$ 346,075	\$ 58,732	20%	\$ 346,075	\$ 246,634	\$ (99,441)	-29%
Wheeler County	\$ 94,889	\$ 40,155	\$ (54,734)	-58%	\$ 40,155	\$ 9,770	\$ (30,385)	-76%
York County	\$ 1,943,053	\$ 1,254,315	\$ (688,738)	-35%	\$ 1,254,315	\$ 347,538	\$ (906,777)	-72%
TOTALS	\$ 263,665,810	\$ 160,535,353	\$ (103,130,457)	-39%	\$ 160,535,353	\$ 57,237,573	\$ (103,297,780)	-64%
TOTAL CHANGE	\$ 263,665,810					\$ 57,237,573	\$ (206,428,237)	-78%

Source: Nebraska State Court Administrator's JUSTICE system.

(1) - I

audit report. The receipts for fiscal years 2002 and 2003 were obtained from the Douglas County Clerk of the District Court.

(2) - Receipts for fiscal year 2002 are negative because

the case involved had receipt activity in the prior year and the voided checks did not happen until fiscal year 2002.

Schedule of District Court Disbursements
Fiscal Years 2001, 2002, and 2003

District Court by County	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	\$ Amount Changed	Percent Change	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	\$ Amount Changed	Percent Change
	2001 Actual	2002 Actual			2002 Actual	2003 Budget		
Adams County	\$ 269,832	\$ 294,991	\$ 25,159	9%	\$ 294,991	\$ 337,140	\$ 42,149	14%
Antelope County	\$ 59,161	\$ 58,240	\$ (921)	-2%	\$ 58,240	\$ 103,228	\$ 44,988	77%
Arthur County	\$ 1,183	\$ 175	\$ (1,008)	-85%	\$ 175	\$ 2,225	\$ 2,050	1171%
Banner County	\$ 3,703	\$ 2,214	\$ (1,489)	-40%	\$ 2,214	\$ 4,925	\$ 2,711	122%
Blaine County	\$ 1,995	\$ 2,240	\$ 245	12%	\$ 2,240	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,260	235%
Boone County	\$ 75,663	\$ 77,086	\$ 1,423	2%	\$ 77,086	\$ 83,796	\$ 6,710	9%
Box Butte County	\$ 82,841	\$ 68,337	\$ (14,504)	-18%	\$ 68,337	\$ 81,240	\$ 12,903	19%
Boyd County	\$ 2,667	\$ 2,117	\$ (550)	-21%	\$ 2,117	\$ 15,000	\$ 12,883	609%
Brown County	\$ 13,479	\$ 15,064	\$ 1,585	12%	\$ 15,064	\$ 14,325	\$ (739)	-5%
Buffalo County	\$ 377,445	\$ 364,646	\$ (12,799)	-3%	\$ 364,646	\$ 419,135	\$ 54,489	15%
Burt County	\$ 63,557	\$ 62,840	\$ (717)	-1%	\$ 62,840	\$ 68,042	\$ 5,202	8%
Butler County	\$ 96,001	\$ 108,130	\$ 12,129	13%	\$ 108,130	\$ 115,441	\$ 7,311	7%
Cass County	\$ 160,078	\$ 163,972	\$ 3,894	2%	\$ 163,972	\$ 166,631	\$ 2,659	2%
Cedar County	\$ 82,922	\$ 101,027	\$ 18,105	22%	\$ 101,027	\$ 103,600	\$ 2,573	3%
Chase County	\$ 26,147	\$ 22,014	\$ (4,133)	-16%	\$ 22,014	\$ 25,600	\$ 3,586	16%
Cherry County	\$ 53,058	\$ 54,104	\$ 1,046	2%	\$ 54,104	\$ 60,670	\$ 6,566	12%
Cheyenne County	\$ 93,977	\$ 95,482	\$ 1,505	2%	\$ 95,482	\$ 123,448	\$ 27,966	29%
Clay County	\$ 109,600	\$ 92,269	\$ (17,331)	-16%	\$ 92,269	\$ 119,269	\$ 27,000	29%
Colfax County	\$ 76,378	\$ 82,136	\$ 5,758	8%	\$ 82,136	\$ 95,613	\$ 13,477	16%
Cuming County	\$ 84,794	\$ 86,241	\$ 1,447	2%	\$ 86,241	\$ 105,718	\$ 19,477	23%
Custer County	\$ 89,704	\$ 91,319	\$ 1,615	2%	\$ 91,319	\$ 187,326	\$ 96,007	105%
Dakota County	\$ 146,524	\$ 150,460	\$ 3,936	3%	\$ 150,460	\$ 152,721	\$ 2,261	2%
Dawes County	\$ 70,658	\$ 68,027	\$ (2,631)	-4%	\$ 68,027	\$ 67,519	\$ (508)	-1%
Dawson County	\$ 218,332	\$ 211,053	\$ (7,279)	-3%	\$ 211,053	\$ 252,000	\$ 40,947	19%
Deuel County	\$ 34,080	\$ 33,228	\$ (852)	-3%	\$ 33,228	\$ 45,825	\$ 12,597	38%
Dixon County	\$ 54,135	\$ 50,081	\$ (4,054)	-7%	\$ 50,081	\$ 45,253	\$ (4,828)	-10%
Dodge County	\$ 116,702	\$ 116,196	\$ (506)	0%	\$ 116,196	\$ 110,090	\$ (6,106)	-5%
Douglas County	\$ 2,330,728	\$ 2,504,096	\$ 173,368	7%	\$ 2,504,096	\$ 2,679,657	\$ 175,561	7%
Dundy County	\$ 3,570	\$ 6,353	\$ 2,783	78%	\$ 6,353	\$ 8,000	\$ 1,647	26%
Fillmore County	\$ 67,021	\$ 69,197	\$ 2,176	3%	\$ 69,197	\$ 64,825	\$ (4,372)	-6%
Franklin County	\$ 21,390	\$ 13,363	\$ (8,027)	-38%	\$ 13,363	\$ 24,350	\$ 10,987	82%
Frontier County	\$ 16,875	\$ 16,139	\$ (736)	-4%	\$ 16,139	\$ 18,669	\$ 2,530	16%
Furnas County	\$ 38,162	\$ 30,392	\$ (7,770)	-20%	\$ 30,392	\$ 32,750	\$ 2,358	8%
Gage County	\$ 91,207	\$ 92,754	\$ 1,547	2%	\$ 92,754	\$ 96,021	\$ 3,267	4%

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Schedule of District Court Disbursements
Fiscal Years 2001, 2002, and 2003

District Court by County	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	\$ Amount Changed	Percent Change	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	\$ Amount Changed	Percent Change
	2001 Actual	2002 Actual			2002 Actual	2003 Budget		
Garden County	\$ 24,654	\$ 41,216	\$ 16,562	67%	\$ 41,216	\$ 53,700	\$ 12,484	30%
Garfield County	\$ 4,538	\$ 4,578	\$ 40	1%	\$ 4,578	\$ 30,480	\$ 25,902	566%
Gosper County	\$ 11,997	\$ 10,936	\$ (1,061)	-9%	\$ 10,936	\$ 21,310	\$ 10,374	95%
Grant County	\$ 1,837	\$ 2,553	\$ 716	39%	\$ 2,553	\$ 54,625	\$ 52,072	2040%
Greeley County	\$ 21,595	\$ 18,956	\$ (2,639)	-12%	\$ 18,956	\$ 33,366	\$ 14,410	76%
Hall County	\$ 283,626	\$ 259,549	\$ (24,077)	-8%	\$ 259,549	\$ 326,869	\$ 67,320	26%
Hamilton County	\$ 91,981	\$ 93,183	\$ 1,202	1%	\$ 93,183	\$ 97,686	\$ 4,503	5%
Harlan County	\$ 10,003	\$ 15,567	\$ 5,564	56%	\$ 15,567	\$ 25,495	\$ 9,928	64%
Hayes County	\$ 10,907	\$ 6,984	\$ (3,923)	-36%	\$ 6,984	\$ 8,200	\$ 1,216	17%
Hitchcock County	\$ 6,301	\$ 6,258	\$ (43)	-1%	\$ 6,258	\$ 11,064	\$ 4,806	77%
Holt County	\$ 62,835	\$ 55,221	\$ (7,614)	-12%	\$ 55,221	\$ 58,098	\$ 2,877	5%
Hooker County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Howard County	\$ 7,393	\$ 22,378	\$ 14,985	203%	\$ 22,378	\$ 24,800	\$ 2,422	11%
Jefferson County	\$ 70,859	\$ 67,590	\$ (3,269)	-5%	\$ 67,590	\$ 65,675	\$ (1,915)	-3%
Johnson County	\$ 12,939	\$ 18,079	\$ 5,140	40%	\$ 18,079	\$ 22,115	\$ 4,036	22%
Kearney County	\$ 47,616	\$ 50,481	\$ 2,865	6%	\$ 50,481	\$ 50,576	\$ 95	0%
Keith County	\$ 119,319	\$ 135,678	\$ 16,359	14%	\$ 135,678	\$ 131,570	\$ (4,108)	-3%
Keya Paha County	\$ 1,457	\$ 1,329	\$ (128)	-9%	\$ 1,329	\$ 2,200	\$ 871	66%
Kimball County	\$ 55,838	\$ 57,175	\$ 1,337	2%	\$ 57,175	\$ 124,023	\$ 66,848	117%
Knox County	\$ 64,973	\$ 66,510	\$ 1,537	2%	\$ 66,510	\$ 269,647	\$ 203,137	305%
Lancaster County	\$ 1,143,761	\$ 1,134,068	\$ (9,693)	-1%	\$ 1,134,068	\$ 1,073,897	\$ (60,171)	-5%
Lincoln County	\$ 231,579	\$ 242,702	\$ 11,123	5%	\$ 242,702	\$ 245,220	\$ 2,518	1%
Logan County	\$ 1,312	\$ 635	\$ (677)	-52%	\$ 635	\$ 3,450	\$ 2,815	443%
Loup County	\$ 900	\$ 527	\$ (373)	-41%	\$ 527	\$ 1,100	\$ 573	109%
Madison County	\$ 170,035	\$ 192,718	\$ 22,683	13%	\$ 192,718	\$ 214,600	\$ 21,882	11%
McPherson County	\$ 27	\$ 62	\$ 35	130%	\$ 62	\$ 500	\$ 438	706%
Merrick County	\$ 100,948	\$ 112,951	\$ 12,003	12%	\$ 112,951	\$ 112,480	\$ (471)	0%
Morrill County	\$ 74,806	\$ 71,514	\$ (3,292)	-4%	\$ 71,514	\$ 112,748	\$ 41,234	58%
Nance County	\$ 30,205	\$ 30,243	\$ 38	0%	\$ 30,243	\$ 25,885	\$ (4,358)	-14%
Nemaha County	\$ 67,066	\$ 69,273	\$ 2,207	3%	\$ 69,273	\$ 72,774	\$ 3,501	5%
Nuckolls County	\$ 73,306	\$ 80,277	\$ 6,971	10%	\$ 80,277	\$ 99,555	\$ 19,278	24%
Otoe County	\$ 126,690	\$ 131,555	\$ 4,865	4%	\$ 131,555	\$ 137,583	\$ 6,028	5%
Pawnee County	\$ 944	\$ 1,284	\$ 340	36%	\$ 1,284	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,216	173%
Perkins County	\$ 9,943	\$ 7,251	\$ (2,692)	-27%	\$ 7,251	\$ 28,713	\$ 21,462	296%

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Schedule of District Court Disbursements
Fiscal Years 2001, 2002, and 2003

District Court by County	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	\$ Amount Changed	Percent Change	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	\$ Amount Changed	Percent Change
	2001 Actual	2002 Actual			2002 Actual	2003 Budget		
Phelps County	\$ 56,465	\$ 61,650	\$ 5,185	9%	\$ 61,650	\$ 60,232	\$ (1,418)	-2%
Pierce County	\$ 59,254	\$ 60,161	\$ 907	2%	\$ 60,161	\$ 63,565	\$ 3,404	6%
Platte County	\$ 264,086	\$ 241,548	\$ (22,538)	-9%	\$ 241,548	\$ 262,430	\$ 20,882	9%
Polk County	\$ 30,403	\$ 29,201	\$ (1,202)	-4%	\$ 29,201	\$ 37,020	\$ 7,819	27%
Red Willow County	\$ 81,529	\$ 83,494	\$ 1,965	2%	\$ 83,494	\$ 101,716	\$ 18,222	22%
Richardson County	\$ 61,988	\$ 72,942	\$ 10,954	18%	\$ 72,942	\$ 158,028	\$ 85,086	117%
Rock County	\$ 1,985	\$ 1,264	\$ (721)	-36%	\$ 1,264	\$ 1,500	\$ 236	19%
Saline County	\$ 115,959	\$ 119,171	\$ 3,212	3%	\$ 119,171	\$ 443,526	\$ 324,355	272%
Sarpy County	\$ 672,213	\$ 680,897	\$ 8,684	1%	\$ 680,897	\$ 711,440	\$ 30,543	4%
Saunders County	\$ 114,873	\$ 117,872	\$ 2,999	3%	\$ 117,872	\$ 122,074	\$ 4,202	4%
Scotts Bluff County	\$ 312,386	\$ 330,136	\$ 17,750	6%	\$ 330,136	\$ 342,716	\$ 12,580	4%
Seward County	\$ 155,513	\$ 153,284	\$ (2,229)	-1%	\$ 153,284	\$ 167,611	\$ 14,327	9%
Sheridan County	\$ 54,042	\$ 59,065	\$ 5,023	9%	\$ 59,065	\$ 62,449	\$ 3,384	6%
Sherman County	\$ 20,357	\$ 23,384	\$ 3,027	15%	\$ 23,384	\$ 25,300	\$ 1,916	8%
Sioux County	\$ 5,066	\$ 10,737	\$ 5,671	112%	\$ 10,737	\$ 27,282	\$ 16,545	154%
Stanton County	\$ 6,652	\$ 6,263	\$ (389)	-6%	\$ 6,263	\$ 8,500	\$ 2,237	36%
Thayer County	\$ 63,586	\$ 65,974	\$ 2,388	4%	\$ 65,974	\$ 73,431	\$ 7,457	11%
Thomas County	\$ 939	\$ 858	\$ (81)	-9%	\$ 858	\$ 11,500	\$ 10,642	1240%
Thurston County	\$ 55,508	\$ 46,680	\$ (8,828)	-16%	\$ 46,680	\$ 127,856	\$ 81,176	174%
Valley County	\$ 27,274	\$ 34,580	\$ 7,306	27%	\$ 34,580	\$ 40,234	\$ 5,654	16%
Washington County	\$ 94,702	\$ 96,765	\$ 2,063	2%	\$ 96,765	\$ 108,099	\$ 11,334	12%
Wayne County	\$ 93,685	\$ 92,807	\$ (878)	-1%	\$ 92,807	\$ 114,483	\$ 21,676	23%
Webster County	\$ 21,086	\$ 22,190	\$ 1,104	5%	\$ 22,190	\$ 23,700	\$ 1,510	7%
Wheeler County	\$ 464	\$ -	\$ (464)	-100%	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	100%
York County	\$ 151,181	\$ 187,808	\$ 36,627	24%	\$ 187,808	\$ 317,239	\$ 129,431	69%
TOTALS	\$ 10,496,955	\$ 10,813,995	\$ 317,040	3%	\$ 10,813,995	\$ 12,793,987	\$ 1,979,992	18%
TOTAL CHANGE	\$ 10,496,955					\$ 12,793,987	\$ 2,297,032	22%

Source: 2002-2003 Budgets filed with the Auditor of Public Accounts. Fiscal Years 2001 and 2002 are actual disbursements and Fiscal Year 2003 is the adopted budget of disbursements.

Note: Total Disbursements consist of dollar amounts coded to certain funds and functions determined to be applicable to the operation of the Clerks of the District Court. The following funds and functions were determined to be applicable:

- (1) - General Fund, Function 621 (Clerk of the District Court); (2) - General Fund, Function 631 (Clerk of the District Court Child Support)
(3) - General Fund, Miscellaneous General - District Court Costs (Disbursement Code 22601); (4) - Clerk of the District Court Child Support Fund (Fund 980)

Each county did not use all of the funds and functions noted above. The disbursement amounts were obtained from any of the four items used by the county.

Schedule of District Court Cases Filed
Calendar Years 2000, 2001, and 2002

District Court by County	Calendar Year 2000	Calendar Year 2001	Number Changed	Percent Change	Calendar Year 2001	Calendar Year 2002	Number Changed	Percent Change
Adams County	778	859	81	10%	859	897	38	4%
Antelope County	126	105	(21)	-17%	105	105	0	0%
Arthur County	7	3	(4)	-57%	3	4	1	33%
Banner County (1)	5	0	(5)	-100%	0	0	0	0%
Blaine County	6	4	(2)	-33%	4	9	5	125%
Boone County	71	74	3	4%	74	82	8	11%
Box Butte County	361	320	(41)	-11%	320	283	(37)	-12%
Boyd County	25	10	(15)	-60%	10	18	8	80%
Brown County	71	64	(7)	-10%	64	56	(8)	-13%
Buffalo County	861	925	64	7%	925	1,024	99	11%
Burt County	105	119	14	13%	119	140	21	18%
Butler County	119	131	12	10%	131	153	22	17%
Cass County	546	603	57	10%	603	602	(1)	0%
Cedar County	99	107	8	8%	107	85	(22)	-21%
Chase County	72	45	(27)	-38%	45	54	9	20%
Cherry County	122	94	(28)	-23%	94	84	(10)	-11%
Cheyenne County	292	266	(26)	-9%	266	267	1	0%
Clay County	122	170	48	39%	170	158	(12)	-7%
Colfax County	153	145	(8)	-5%	145	198	53	37%
Cuming County	127	128	1	1%	128	147	19	15%
Custer County	173	171	(2)	-1%	171	222	51	30%
Dakota County	399	452	53	13%	452	468	16	4%
Dawes County	166	155	(11)	-7%	155	168	13	8%
Dawson County	642	650	8	1%	650	637	(13)	-2%
Deuel County	51	43	(8)	-16%	43	40	(3)	-7%
Dixon County	91	74	(17)	-19%	74	73	(1)	-1%
Dodge County	702	757	55	8%	757	680	(77)	-10%
Douglas County	13,947	13,554	(393)	-3%	13,554	14,217	663	5%
Dundy County	27	35	8	30%	35	34	(1)	-3%
Fillmore County	104	111	7	7%	111	106	(5)	-5%
Franklin County	64	57	(7)	-11%	57	51	(6)	-11%
Frontier County	41	48	7	17%	48	42	(6)	-13%
Furnas County	70	90	20	29%	90	95	5	6%
Gage County	451	469	18	4%	469	527	58	12%
Garden County	46	58	12	26%	58	39	(19)	-33%

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Schedule of District Court Cases Filed
Calendar Years 2000, 2001, and 2002

District Court by County	Calendar Year 2000	Calendar Year 2001	Number Changed	Percent Change	Calendar Year 2001	Calendar Year 2002	Number Changed	Percent Change
Garfield County	20	17	(3)	-15%	17	31	14	82%
Gosper County	35	39	4	11%	39	46	7	18%
Grant County	23	10	(13)	-57%	10	7	(3)	-30%
Greeley County	41	57	16	39%	57	36	(21)	-37%
Hall County	1,673	1,550	(123)	-7%	1,550	1,793	243	16%
Hamilton County	166	196	30	18%	196	218	22	11%
Harlan County	50	78	28	56%	78	45	(33)	-42%
Hayes County	7	13	6	86%	13	15	2	15%
Hitchcock County	31	41	10	32%	41	50	9	22%
Holt County (2)	128	148	20	16%	148	179	31	21%
Hooker County (3)	0	12	12	100%	12	0	(12)	-100%
Howard County	95	95	0	0%	95	118	23	24%
Jefferson County	139	137	(2)	-1%	137	169	32	23%
Johnson County	61	81	20	33%	81	215	134	165%
Kearney County	81	80	(1)	-1%	80	113	33	41%
Keith County	214	222	8	4%	222	246	24	11%
Keya Paha County (4)	14	5	(9)	-64%	5	10	5	100%
Kimball County	102	98	(4)	-4%	98	116	18	18%
Knox County	163	136	(27)	-17%	136	140	4	3%
Lancaster County	5,233	5,294	61	1%	5,294	5,116	(178)	-3%
Lincoln County	1,028	1,033	5	0%	1,033	1,032	(1)	0%
Logan County	7	4	(3)	-43%	4	9	5	125%
Loup County	10	3	(7)	-70%	3	8	5	167%
Madison County	952	908	(44)	-5%	908	823	(85)	-9%
McPherson County	7	2	(5)	-71%	2	2	0	0%
Merrick County	115	169	54	47%	169	225	56	33%
Morrill County	108	104	(4)	-4%	104	96	(8)	-8%
Nance County (5)	0	90	90	100%	90	73	(17)	-19%
Nemaha County	137	138	1	1%	138	152	14	10%
Nuckolls County	70	88	18	26%	88	67	(21)	-24%
Otoe County	286	325	39	14%	325	378	53	16%
Pawnee County	32	39	7	22%	39	69	30	77%
Perkins County (6)	34	46	12	35%	46	33	(13)	-28%
Phelps County	223	204	(19)	-9%	204	186	(18)	-9%
Pierce County	130	103	(27)	-21%	103	130	27	26%

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Schedule of District Court Cases Filed
Calendar Years 2000, 2001, and 2002

District Court by County	Calendar Year 2000	Calendar Year 2001	Number Changed	Percent Change	Calendar Year 2001	Calendar Year 2002	Number Changed	Percent Change
Platte County	724	724	0	0%	724	744	20	3%
Polk County	86	71	(15)	-17%	71	86	15	21%
Red Willow County	210	217	7	3%	217	205	(12)	-6%
Richardson County	252	274	22	9%	274	281	7	3%
Rock County	17	24	7	41%	24	41	17	71%
Saline County	250	237	(13)	-5%	237	258	21	9%
Sarpy County	2,208	2,226	18	1%	2,226	2,263	37	2%
Saunders County	339	305	(34)	-10%	305	352	47	15%
Scotts Bluff County	1,192	1,118	(74)	-6%	1,118	1,110	(8)	-1%
Seward County	170	261	91	54%	261	270	9	3%
Sheridan County	108	120	12	11%	120	101	(19)	-16%
Sherman County	30	40	10	33%	40	35	(5)	-13%
Sioux County	12	23	11	92%	23	11	(12)	-52%
Stanton County	101	122	21	21%	122	156	34	28%
Thayer County	84	131	47	56%	131	65	(66)	-50%
Thomas County (7)	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Thurston County (8)	146	175	29	20%	175	213	38	22%
Valley County	70	74	4	6%	74	70	(4)	-5%
Washington County	241	313	72	30%	313	317	4	1%
Wayne County	135	88	(47)	-35%	88	87	(1)	-1%
Webster County	57	67	10	18%	67	60	(7)	-10%
Wheeler County	12	8	(4)	-33%	8	6	(2)	-25%
York County	300	356	56	19%	356	354	(2)	-1%
TOTALS	39,201	39,435	234	0.6%	39,435	40,796	1,361	3%
TOTAL CHANGE	39,201				40,796	1,595	4%	

Source: Annual Caseload Report prepared by the Nebraska Supreme Court Administrative Office of Courts/Probation.

(1) - 2000 - Reported January through June only.
2002 - Banner County did not report.

(2) - 2000 - Reported January through September only.

(3) - 2000 - Hooker County did not report.
2002 - Hooker County did not report.

(4) - 2000 - Reported January through August only.

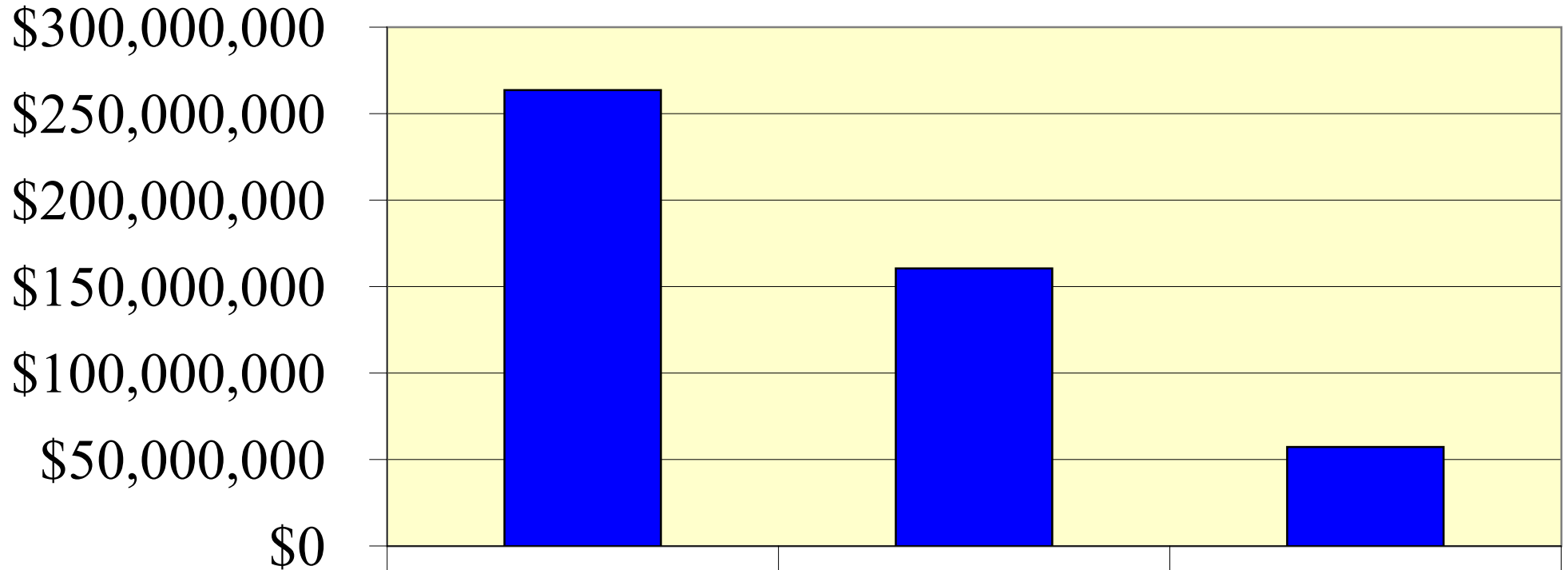
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(6) - 2000 - Reported January through August only.

(7) - 2000 - Thomas County did not report.
2002 - Thomas County did not report.

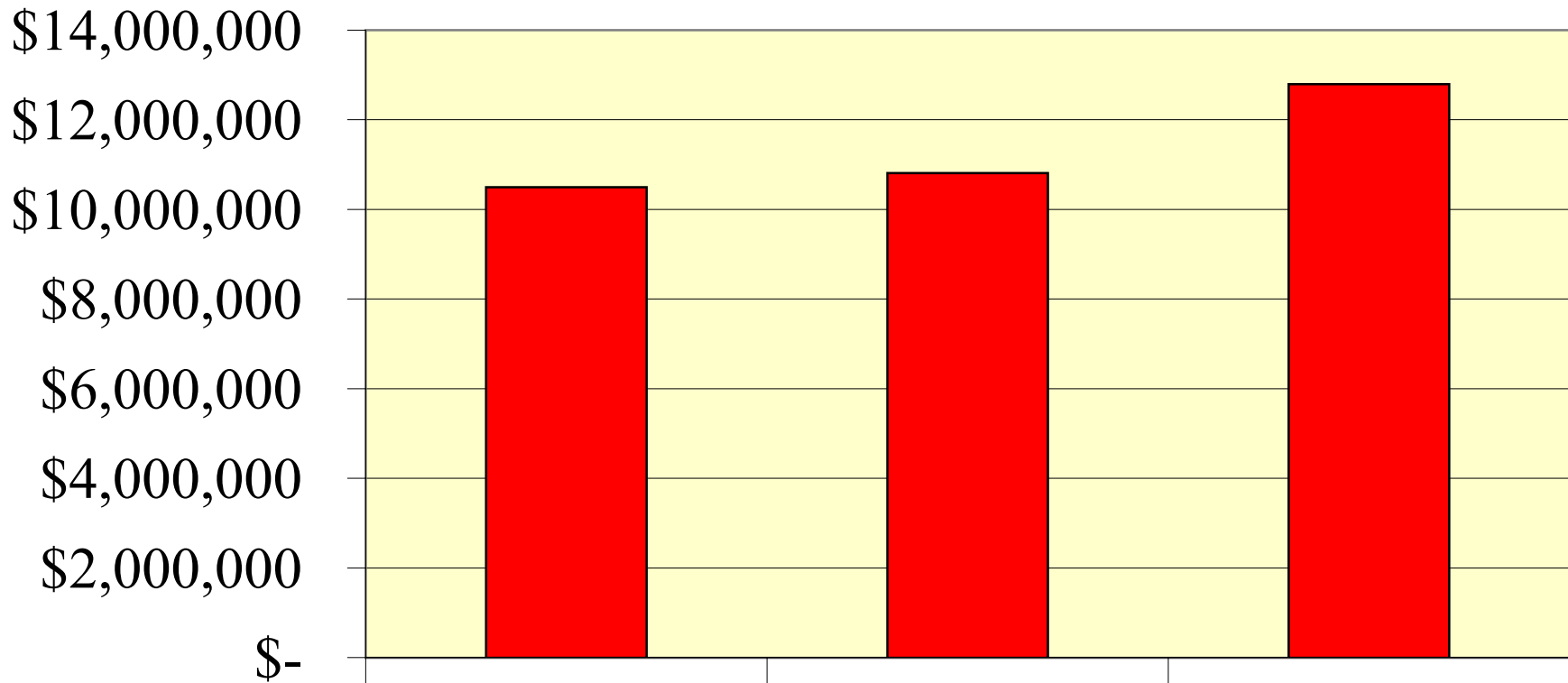
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District Court Receipts by Fiscal Year



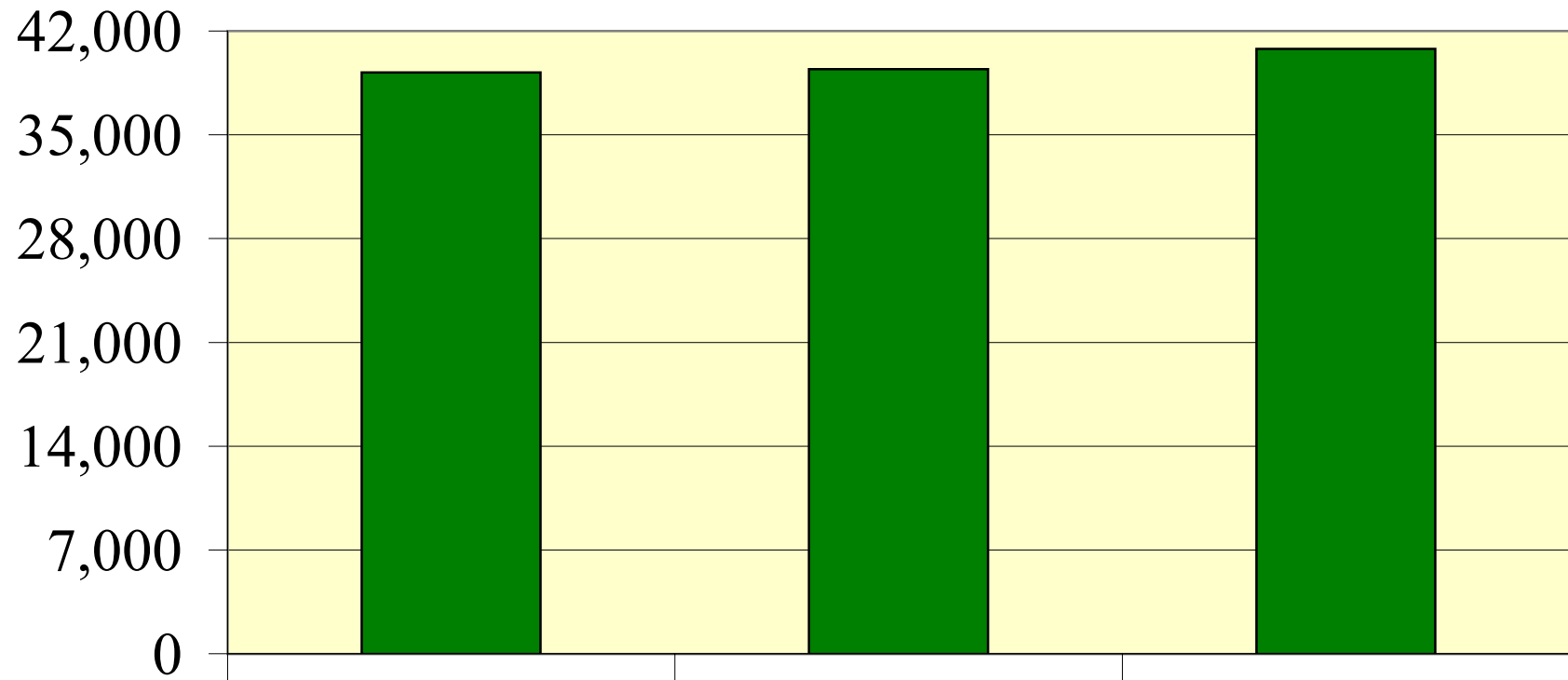
	2001	2002	2003
Receipts	\$263,665,810	\$160,535,353	\$57,237,573

District Court Disbursements by Fiscal Year



	2001 Actual	2002 Actual	2003 Budget
Disbursements	\$10,496,955	\$10,813,995	\$12,793,987

District Court Cases Filed by Calendar Year



Cases Filed	39,201	39,435	40,796
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