

Supreme Court Statistical Highlights 2018

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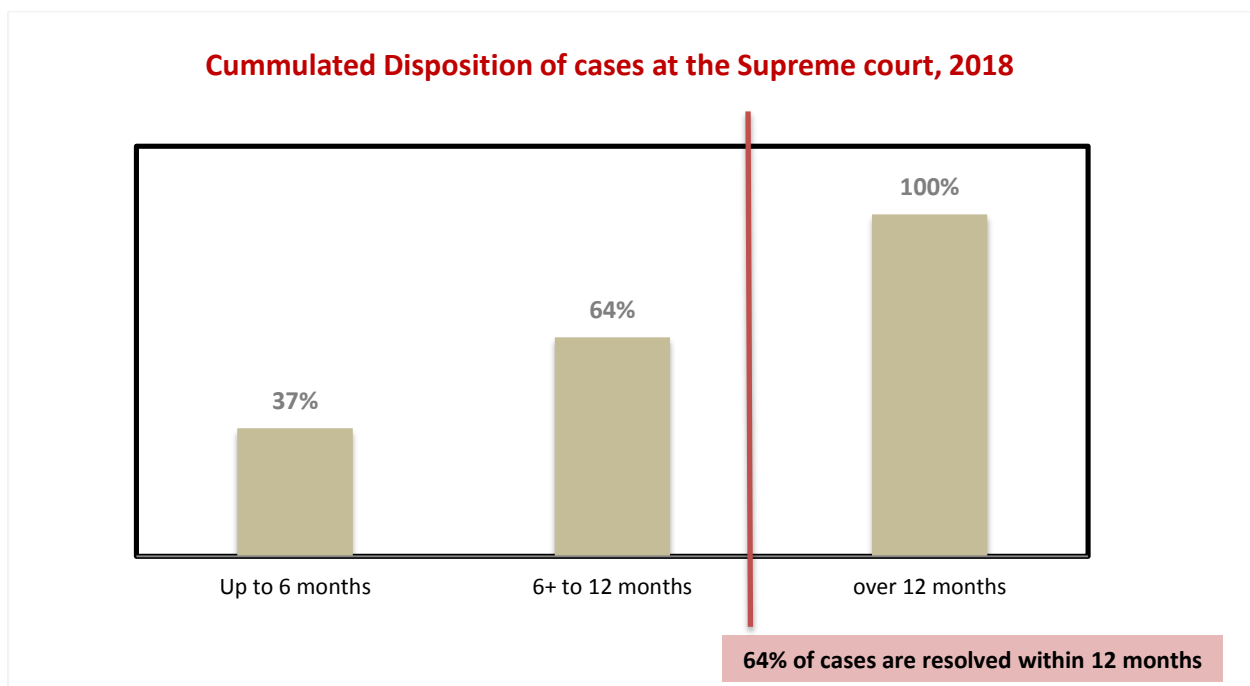
This issue presents some statistics relating to the Supreme Court of Mauritius for the year 2018.

1. Summary statistics

Summary statistics for the year ended 31 December 2018

Number of cases pending at the beginning of year 2018		8,065
New Cases Lodged	Commercial Court	1,487
	Family Division	4,047
	Registry*(Excluding appeals)	1,107
	Civil Appeals	214
	Criminal Appeals	133
	Total	6,988
Cases were heard	up to 6 months	3,135
	6 ⁺ to 12 months	2,228
	over 12 months	3,006
	Total	8,369
Cases outstanding at the end of year 2018		6,684
The average duration of the examination of cases in months		4.1

- 6,988 new cases were lodged during the year, with Family Division having the highest number of cases filled.
- 6,684 cases were outstanding for the year ended 31 December 2018.
- Out of 8,369 cases heard, 64% of cases were disposed of within 1 year.



2. Time to disposition report

- 19 new criminal cases were lodged at the Supreme Court, while 18 cases were disposed of.
- At the Appellate Jurisdiction, 347 new appeals were lodged whereby 133 cases, related to criminal appeals (38%) followed by 214 civil appeals (62%). On the other hand, 577 appeals were disposed of during the year. (222 criminal and 355 civil cases respectively)
- There were 1,088 civil proceedings lodged during the year, with 2,334 cases disposed of.
- At the Family Division, 4,047 new cases were received in 2018 and 4,026 cases were disposed of.
- 1,487 new cases were filled at the Commercial Court of the Supreme Court, whilst 1,414 were disposed of.

Time to Disposition report of cases at the Supreme Court, 2018

	Supreme Court Registry Le Greffe					
	Criminal Trials	Criminal Appeals	Civil Appeals	Civil Proceedings	Family Division	Commercial Division
New Cases Lodged	19	133	214	1,088	4,047	1,487
Disposals	18	222	355	2,334	4,026	1,414
≤ 3 months	2	5	14	559	623	909
3 ⁺ months - 6 months	0	0	6	76	808	133
6 ⁺ months - 12 months	8	37	50	230	1,743	160
> 12 months	8	180	285	1,469	852	212
<i>of which</i>						
Disposals by trial adjudication	16	152	282	1,818	3,019	573
Disposals by non-trial adjudication	2	70	73	516	1,007	841

3. Age of Pending Cases Report

Age of Pending Cases at the Supreme Court, 2018	
Total number of cases outstanding at end of the year	6,684
<i>Out of which Civil Cases*</i>	6,507
≤ 3 months	6%
3 ⁺ months - 6 months	4%
6 ⁺ months - 12 months	6%
> 12 months	84%
<i>Out of which Criminal Cases</i>	177
≤ 3 months	29%
3 ⁺ months - 6 months	23%
6 ⁺ months - 12 months	25%
> 12 months	23%

*Civil Cases also include Commercial & Family matters

- As at 31 December 2018, a total number of 6,684 cases were pending, out of which 177 of them were criminal cases.
- Civil cases pending as at end of December 2018 amounted to 6,507 cases.

4. Land disputes statistics by categories

Number of cases according to different categories of land disputes for the year ended 2018

Category	Number of cases pending at beginning of the year	New Cases Lodged	Cases heard (Disposed of)	Cases outstanding at end of the year	The case hearing lasted		
					up to 6 months	6+ to 12 months	over 12 months
1.1 Ownership	36	42	2	76	1	1	0
1.2 Prescription	27	50	5	72	5	0	0
1.3 Division in kind	8	6	0	14	0	0	0
1.4 Easements/Boundary disputes	11	4	0	15	0	0	0
1.5 Conflict in land use/sale	28	25	0	53	0	0	0
Total	110	127	7	230	6	1	0

- A total number of 127 new land disputes cases were lodged during the year meanwhile, 230 cases remained outstanding at end of 2018.