

# Supreme Court Statistical Highlights 2019

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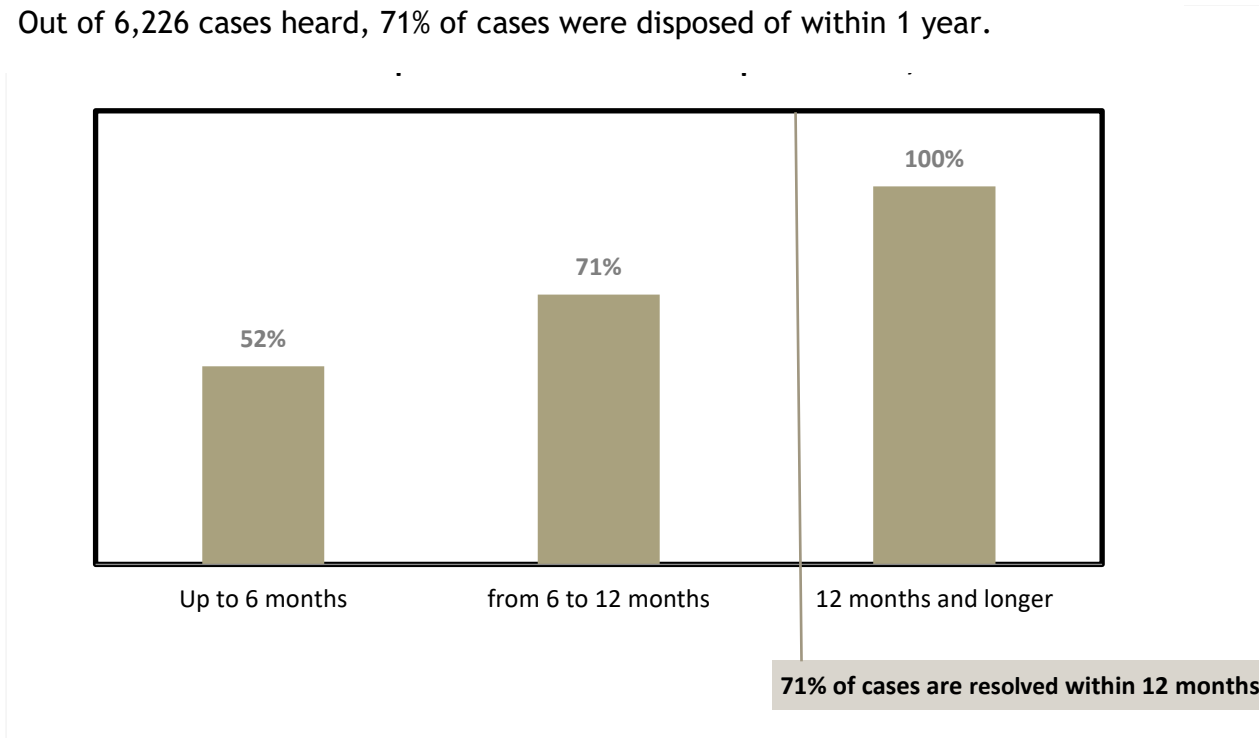
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Statistics relating to the Supreme Court of Mauritius, January to December 2019. (The statistics exclude figures from the Master's Court and Chambers Judges' Secretaries)

### 1. Summary statistics - Year ended 31 December 2019

<b>Number of cases pending at the beginning of year 2019</b>		<b>6,994</b>
<b>New Cases Lodged</b>	Commercial Court	1,007
	Family Division	4,037
	Registry*(Excluding appeals)	868
	Civil Appeals	167
	Criminal Appeals	101
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,180</b>
<b>Cases were heard</b>	up to 6 months	3,264
	6+ to 12 months	1,182
	over 12 months	1,780
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,226</b>
<b>Cases outstanding at the end of year 2019</b>		<b>6,948</b>
The average duration of the examination of cases in months		4.0

- 6,180 new cases were lodged during the year, with Family Division having the highest number of cases.
- 6,948 cases were outstanding for the year ended 31 December 2019.
- Out of 6,226 cases heard, 71% of cases were disposed of within 1 year.



**1. Time to disposition report**

- 23 new criminal cases were lodged at the Supreme Court, while 21 cases were disposed of.
- At the Appellate Jurisdiction, 268 new appeals were lodged whereby 101 cases, related to criminal appeals (38%) followed by 167 civil appeals (62%). On the other hand, 290 appeals were disposed of during the year. (124 criminal and 166 civil cases respectively).
- There were 845 civil proceedings lodged during the year, with 822 cases disposed of.
- At the Family Division, 4,037 new cases were lodged in 2019 and 3,819 cases were disposed of.
- 1,007 new cases were filed at the Commercial Court of the Supreme Court, whilst 1,274 were disposed of.

**Time to Disposition report of cases at the Supreme Court, 2019**

	Supreme Court Registry (Grefte)					
	Criminal Trials	Criminal Appeals	Civil Appeals	Civil Proceedings <sup>1</sup>	Family Division	Commercial Division
<b>New Cases Lodged</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>4,037</b>	<b>1,007</b>
<b>Disposals</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>3,819</b>	<b>1,274</b>
≤ 3 months	2	3	11	195	918	629
3+ months - 6 months	2	3	1	39	1343	118
6+ months - 12 months	6	32	26	75	885	158
> 12 months	11	86	128	513	673	369
<i>of which</i>						
<b>Disposals by trial adjudication</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>2,041</b>	<b>357</b>
<b>Disposals by non-trial adjudication</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>1,778</b>	<b>917</b>

<sup>1</sup> comprising of plaint with summons and judicial review applications.

**2. Age of Pending Cases Report**

<b>Age of Pending Cases at the Supreme Court, 2019</b>	
<b>Total number of cases outstanding at end of the year</b>	<b>6,948</b>
<b><i>Out of which Civil Cases*</i></b>	<b>6,792</b>
≤ 3 months	20%
3+ months - 6 months	16%
6+ months - 12 months	19%
> 12 months	45%
<b><i>Out of which Criminal Cases</i></b>	<b>156</b>
≤ 3 months	33%
3+ months - 6 months	12%
6+ months - 12 months	6%
> 12 months	49%

\*Civil Cases also include Commercial & Family matters

- As at 31 December 2019, a total number of 6,948 cases were pending, out of which 156 of them were criminal cases.
- Civil cases pending as at end of December 2019 amounted to 6,792 cases.

### 3. Land disputes statistics by categories

#### Number of cases according to different categories of land disputes for the year ended 2019

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
<b>1.1 Ownership</b>	76	39	3	112	2	1	0
<b>1.2 Prescription</b>	72	2	0	74	0	0	0
<b>1.3 Division in kind</b>	14	1	0	15	0	0	0
<b>1.4 Easements/Boundary disputes</b>	15	0	0	15	0	0	0
<b>1.5 Conflict in land use/sale</b>	53	12	0	65	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

- A total number of 54 new land disputes cases were lodged during the year meanwhile, 281 cases remained outstanding at end of 2019.