

# Fairfax County Benchmarking Charts

## ***Judicial Administration Program Area Benchmarking Charts***

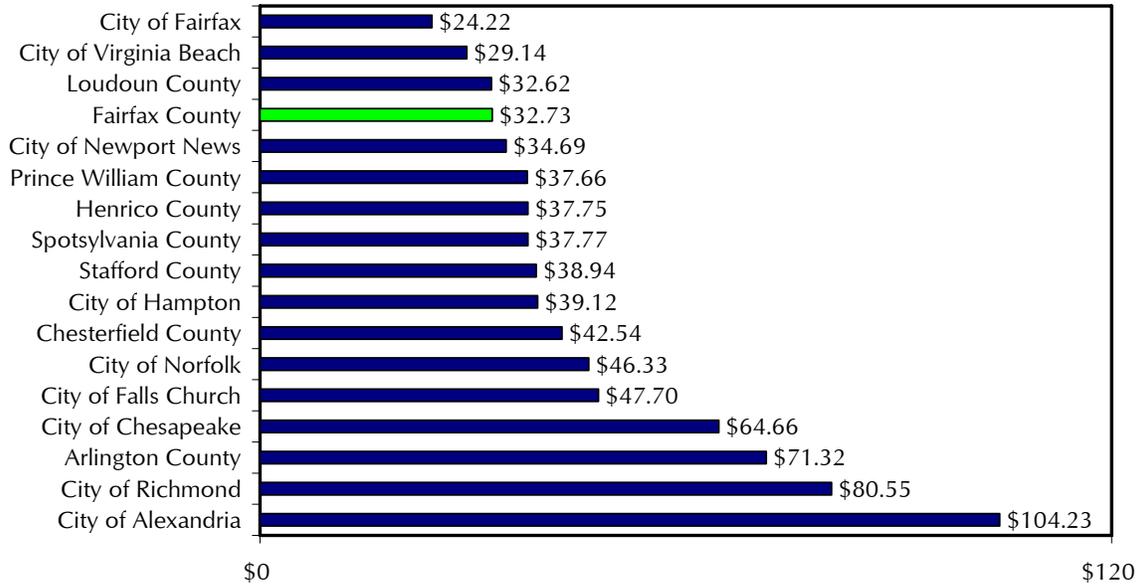
As a means of demonstrating accountability to the public for results achieved, benchmarking data have been included in the annual budget since the FY 2005 Budget. These data are included in each of the Program Area Summaries in Volume 1 (General Fund) and Volume 2 (Other Funds) as available. To illustrate program efficiency, data collected by the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) for the Commonwealth of Virginia that show cost per capita in each of the seven program areas are included. FY 2005 represents the most recent year for which data are available due to the time required to collect and verify the data. An advantage to including these APA data is comparability. In Virginia, local governments follow stringent guidelines regarding the classification of program area expenses. Cost data are provided annually to the APA for review and compilation in an annual report. Since these data are not prepared by any one jurisdiction, their objectivity is less questionable than they would be if collected by one of the participants. In addition, a standard methodology is consistently followed, allowing comparison over time. For each of the program areas, these comparisons of cost per capita are the first benchmarks shown in these sections. As seen below, Fairfax County has among the lowest cost per capita rates in the Judicial Administration program area for Northern Virginia localities and other large Virginia jurisdictions.

While a major portion of Fairfax County's comparative performance data for other program areas comes from the International City/County Management Association's (ICMA) benchmarking effort, judicial administration is not a service area that is addressed in that program. However, the State Supreme Court produces an extensive report on the annual "State of the Judiciary." The most recent report available is for Calendar Year 2005. This report provides detailed data for each of the districts in the Commonwealth of Virginia and addresses Circuit, General District, and Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts. Trends within each district are provided, as are comparisons to state averages. The charts shown below reflect data from this report.

As can be seen on the following page, 66.9 percent of felony cases in Fairfax's Nineteenth Circuit in 2006 were tried/adjudicated within 120 days of arrest. Among all 31 circuits in the Commonwealth, the Nineteenth ranked third in 2005 and was considerably above the statewide average of 47.1 percent. In terms of the percentage of misdemeanors tried/adjudicated within 60 days of arrest, Fairfax County ranked first in the state at 80.4 percent. The statewide average was 48.7 percent.

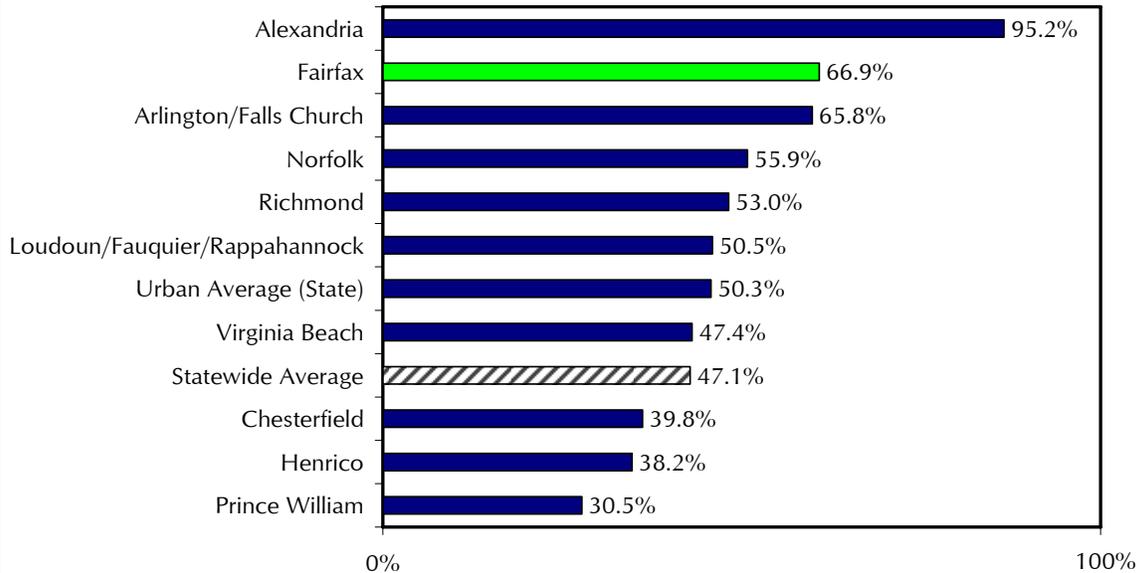
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## JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION: Judicial Administration Cost Per Capita



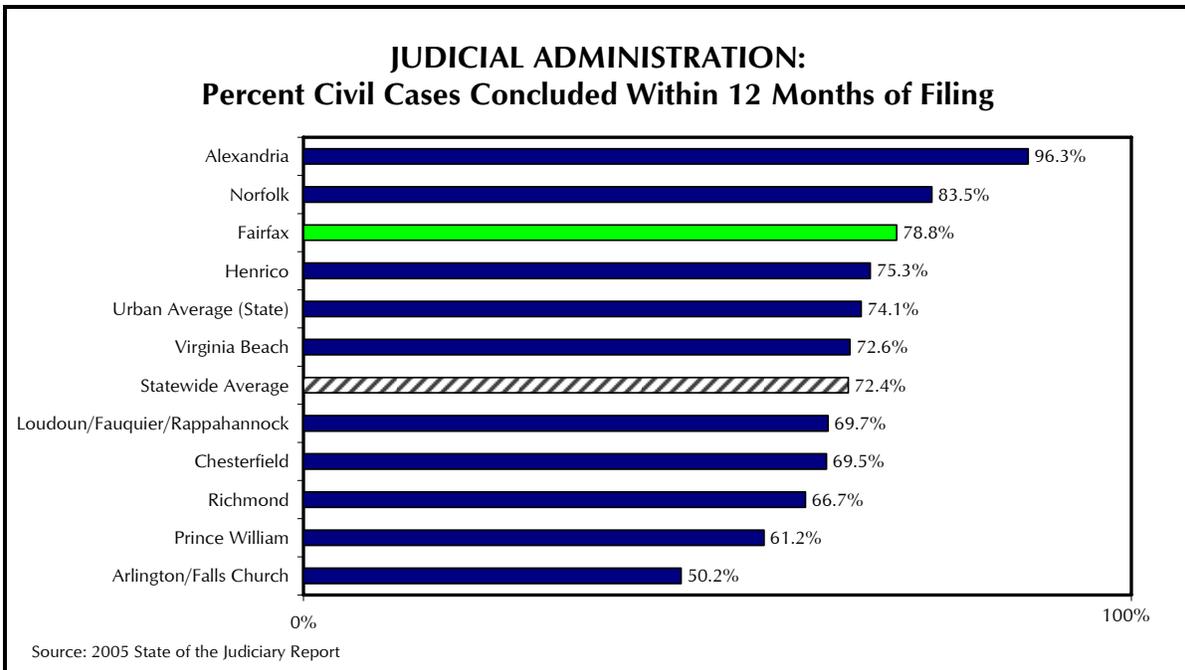
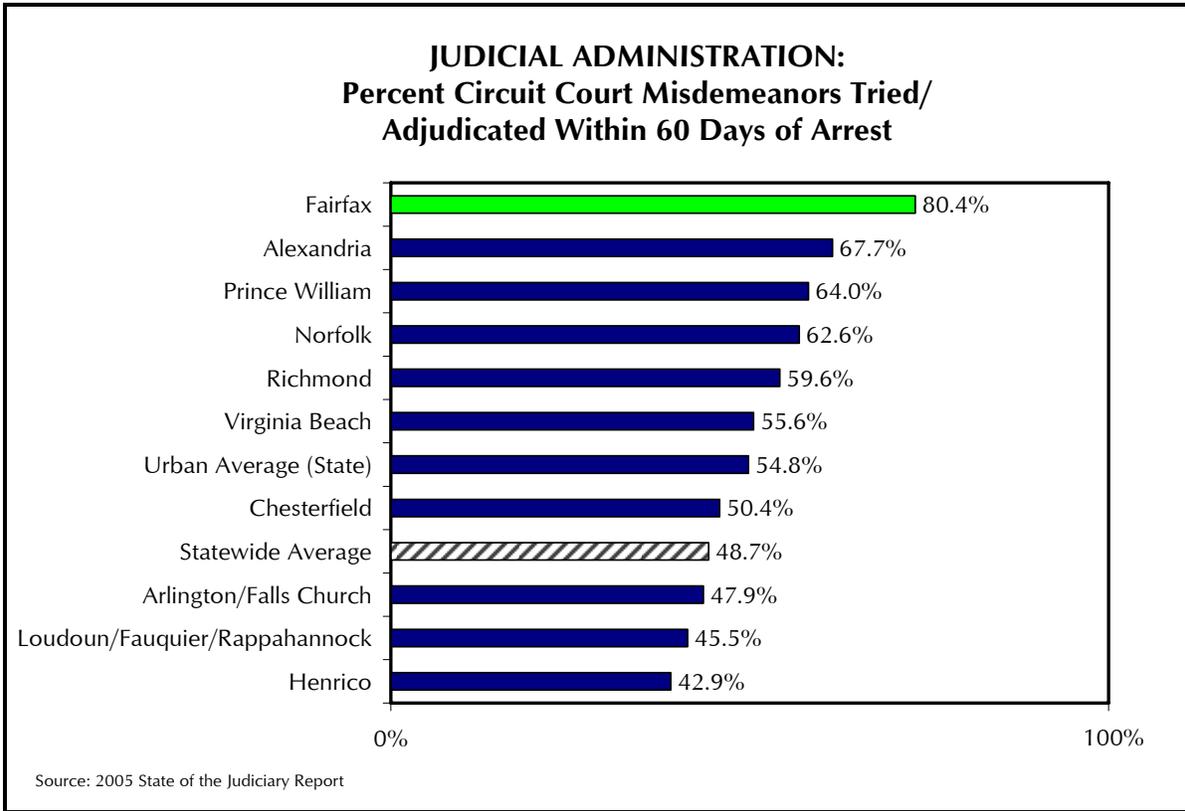
Source: Virginia Auditor of Public Accounts - FY 2005 Data

## JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION: Percent Circuit Court Felonies Tried/ Adjudicated Within 120 Days of Arrest

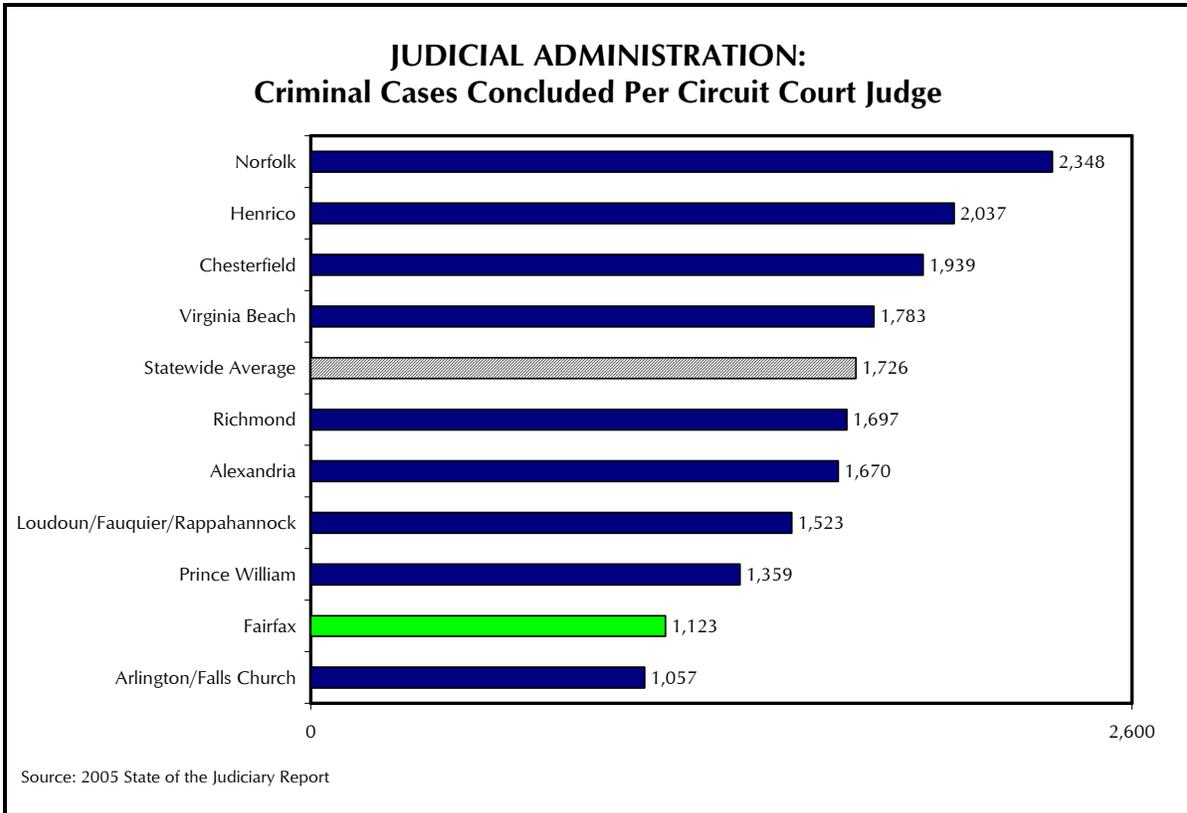
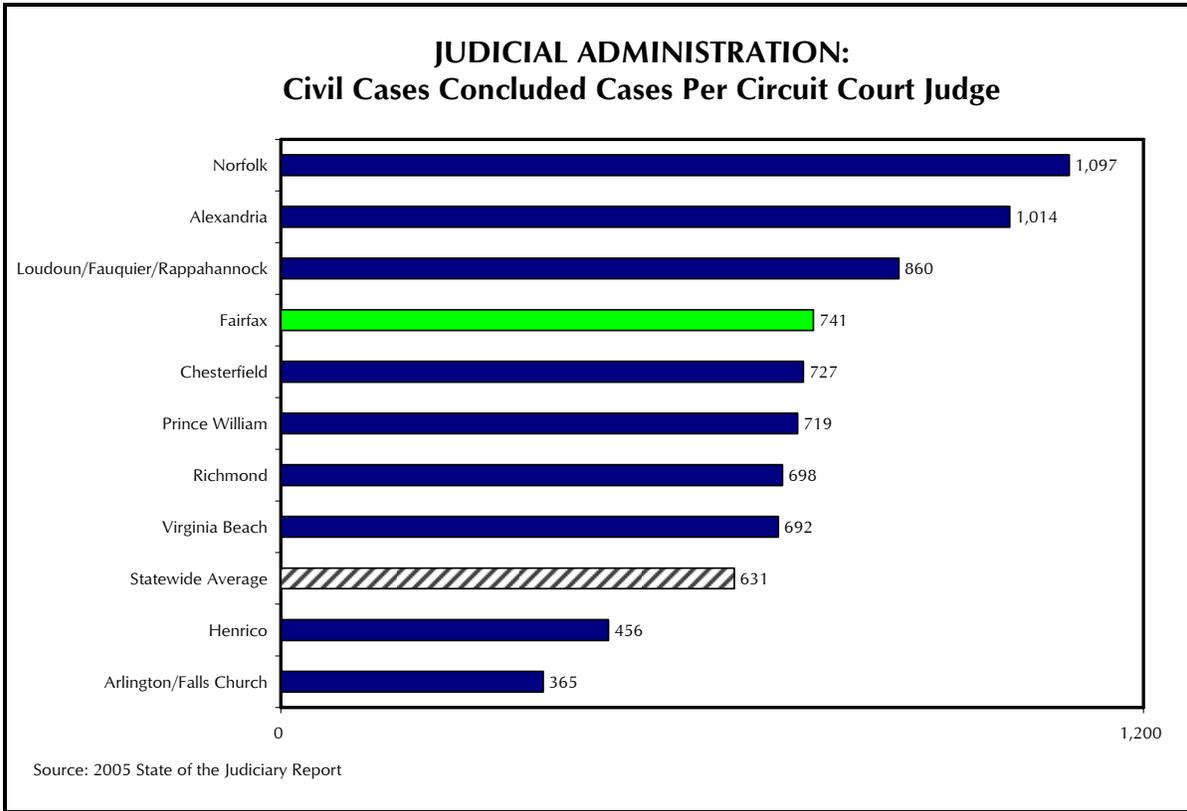


Source: 2005 State of the Judiciary Report

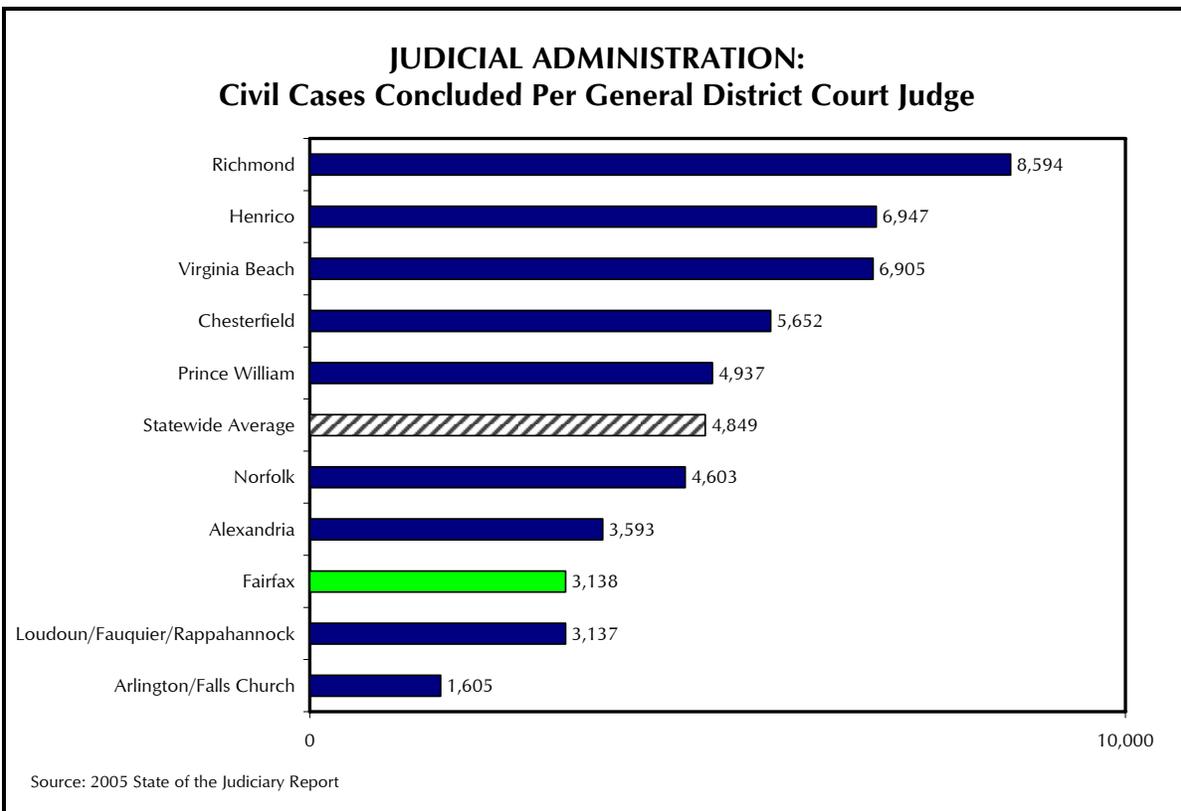
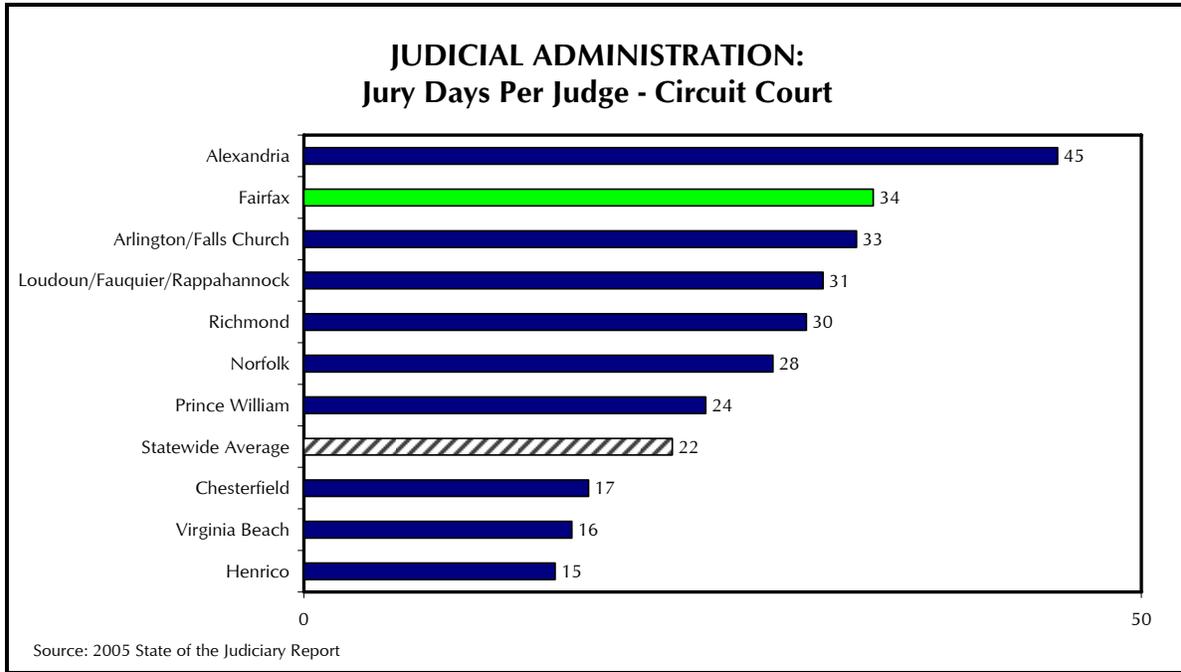
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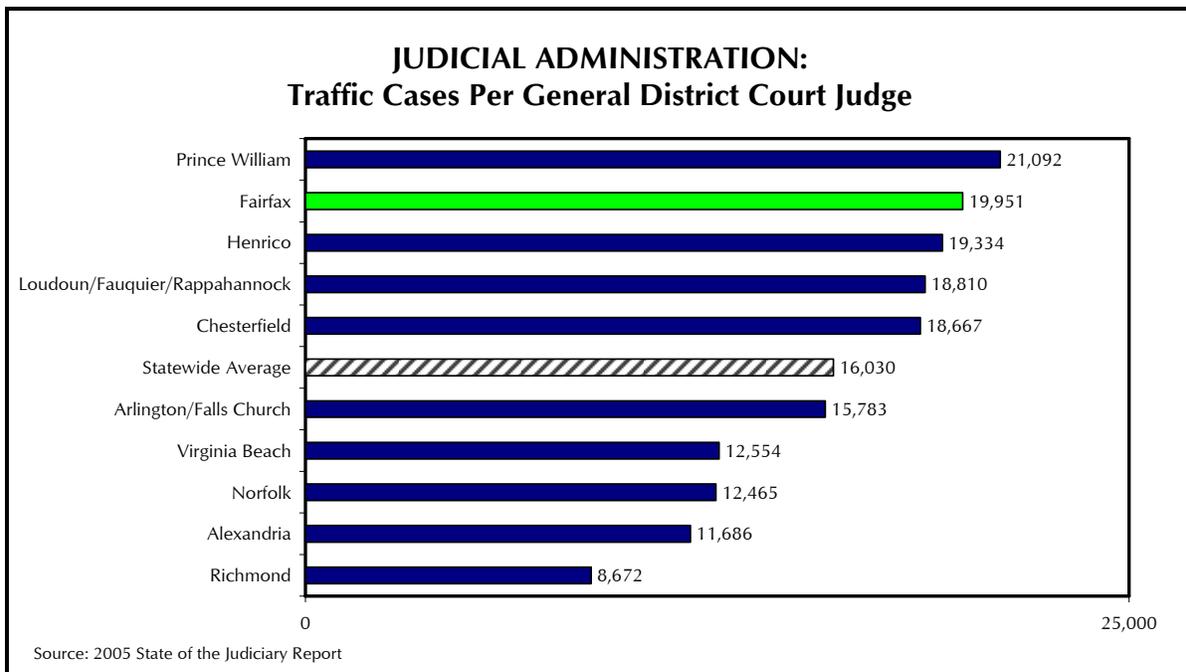
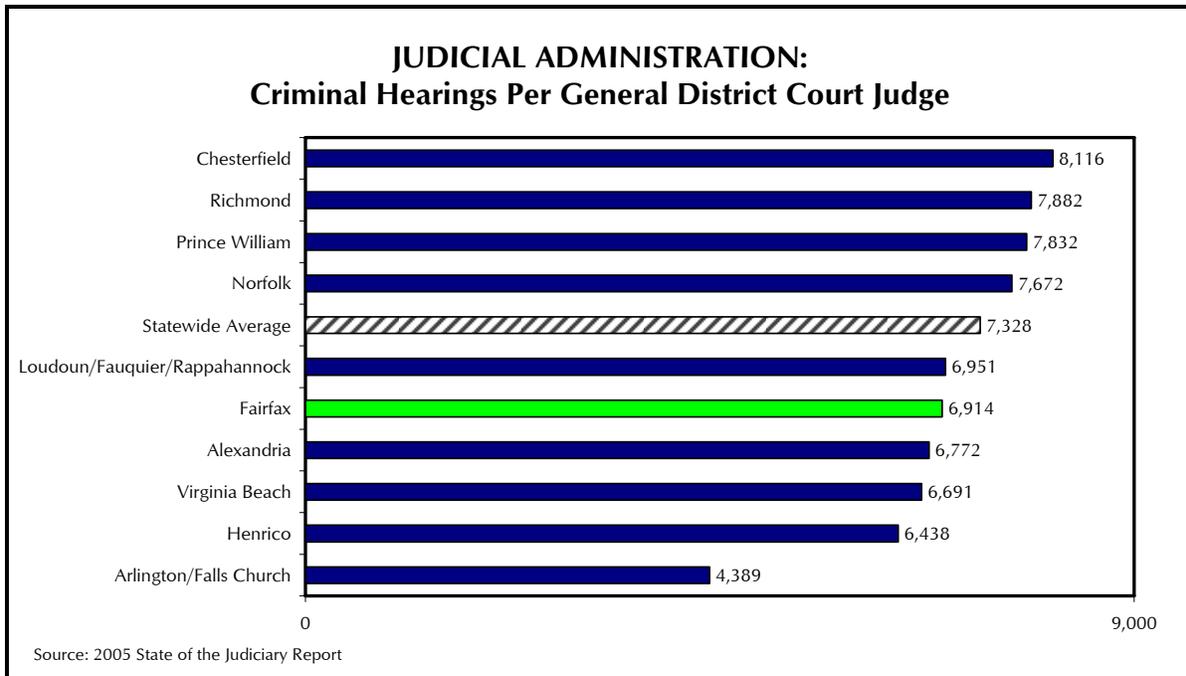
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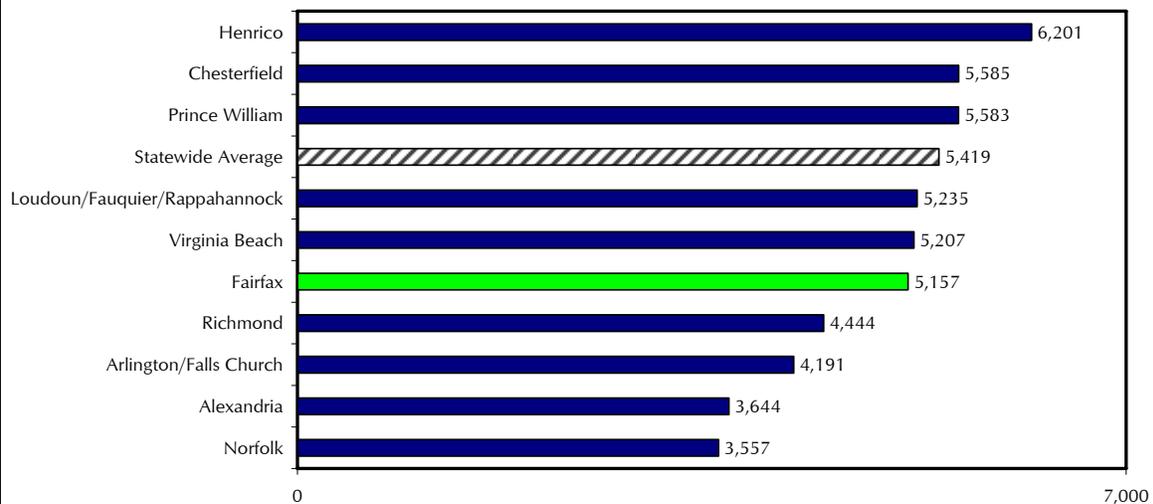


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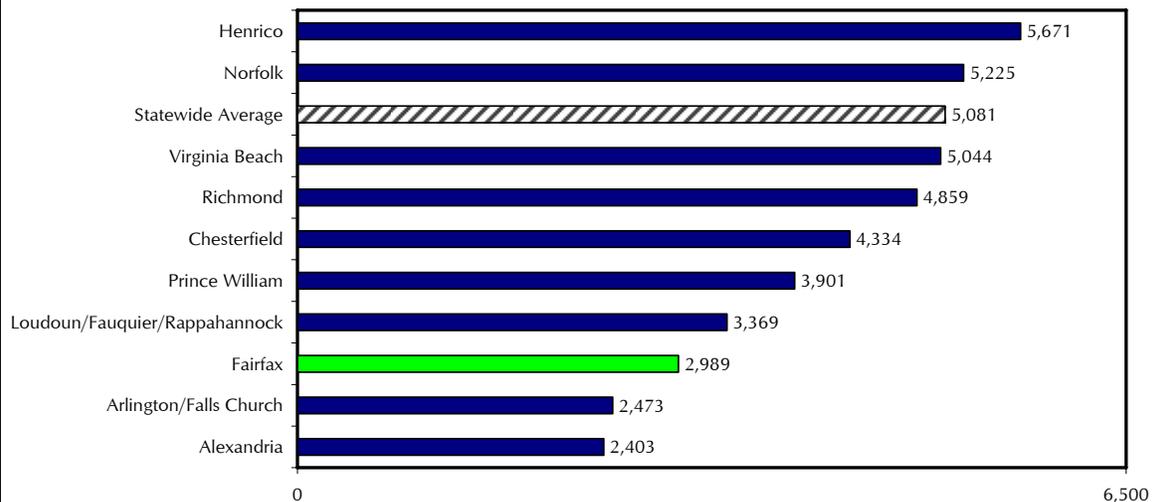
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## JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION: Juvenile Hearings Per Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Judge



Source: 2005 State of the Judiciary Report

## JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION: Domestic Hearings Per Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Judge



Source: 2005 State of the Judiciary Report