



**(MARCH 2024) 3/1/24 STATEWIDE<sup>4</sup> PENDING SAS CASELOAD CHART FOR ALL CASE TYPES:  
RANKED BY AVERAGE CASELOAD BY COUNTY**

(Criminal, Family, and Civil cases (excluding Appeals and Investigation-Related Work)) (But now including 5 pending ERPOS)

COUNTY (SAS ATTY POSITIONS IN SAO)	STATE'S ATTORNEY	DEPUTY STATE'S ATTORNEYS (DSAS)	AVERAGE CASELOAD PER SAS ATTY AS OF 3/1/24	TOTAL PENDING CASES AS OF 12/10/23 (INCLUDES SAS FAMILY, CRIMINAL, AND CIVIL CASE TYPES, EXCLUDING APPEAL AND INVESTIGATION RELATED WORKLOAD, but now includes 5 pending ERPOS)	PENDING CASELOAD BY RANK ACCORDING TO AVERAGE ATTY CASELOAD	NOTES: 91 pending murder, manslaughter (including attempts)
Lamoille (2 SAS ATTYS)	1	1	530.5	1,061	1	3
Windham (6 SAS ATTYS)	1	5	450.833	2,705	2	6
Franklin (6 SAS ATTYS)	1	5	389.33	2336	4	3
Rutland (7 SAS ATTYS)	1	6	397.42	2,782	3	5
Orleans (5 SAS ATTYS)	1	4	385	1,925	5 & 6 (tie)	8
Caledonia (5 SAS ATTYS)	1	4	385	1,925	5 & 6 (tie)	10
Bennington (6 SAS ATTYS)	1	5	352.833	2,117	7	21
Addison (3 SAS ATTYS)	1	2	326	978	8	3
Essex (1 SAS ATTY)	1	0	318	318	9	Part time SA.
Chittenden (15 SAS ATTYS)	1	14	294.46	4,417	10	19
Washington (7 SAS ATTYS)	1	6	290.4	2,033	11	7
Windsor (6 SAS ATTYS)	1	5	282	1,692	12	3
Orange (2 SAS ATTYS)	1	1	280.5	561	13	3
Grand Isle (1 SAS ATTY)	1	0	148	148	14	Part time SA.

<sup>4</sup> Excluding appeals and investigations workload (now includes ERPOS).



# Relevant Definitions / Notes

- Charge: a charge is each allegation of the commission of a crime. Crimes are categorized at the most general level as felonies and misdemeanors.
- Felony: a crime punishable by two or more years in jail.
- Misdemeanor: A crime punishable by less than two years in jail.
- Docket or docket number: The court assigns a docket number to every case filed. A case can include a single charge or multiple charges.
- Assigned Prosecutor: The judiciary dataset only includes the lead prosecutor. If the SAO and AGO both have attorneys prosecuting a case, only the lead attorney will be displayed in the data.
- NOTE: Pending “criminal” data does not include cases in the Family Division (CHINS, ERPOS, Juvenile Delinquency, Youthful Offender) or the Civil Division (e.g., PCRs), assigned to SAS ATTYS. Pending criminal data also does not include appeals or investigation-related workload. As such, a better metric of workload must include “all” case types, including “family” and “civil” cases currently pending.
- SAS believes that the best metric for the current workload and caseload is the number of “pending” cases – rather than the differentiation between “active” and “inactive.”
- Active: While the judiciary does not offer a specific definition, an active case is one that is on a “routine” path towards trial disposition and, if a conviction occurs, towards sentencing: Post-arraignment cases; Active Pre-Trial and Ready for Trial; Active Under Advisement; Active Ready for Sentence.
- Inactive: “Inactive” is a misnomer because it includes any status that is something other than an active case. It could include:
  - Cases in treatment court.
  - Cases pending a court-ordered evaluation for competence to stand trial.
  - Cases with an order of hospitalization (following a determination the defendant is not competent to stand trial or was not guilty by reason of insanity) or order of non-hospitalization.
  - Cases on arrest warrant status.
  - Diversion / Tamarack Cases that are pending.
  - VOPs (Probation Cases).
  - Arrest Warrants. ARREST WARRANTS.
  - Pre-arraignment (docketed but not yet arraigned).
  - Other post-judgment cases still being litigated.



# Relevant Definitions

- Clearance Rate: Measurement of cases resolved against cases filed. (e.g., in a month where 100 cases are filed, resolving 100 cases would result in a 100% clearance rate.)



# Judicial Dispositional Guidelines

## Criminal Case Disposition Guidelines

- a. Misdemeanors  
Track I (standard track): 120 days  
Track II (complex track): 180 days
  
- b. Felonies and Other Misdemeanors:  
Track I (standard track): 180 days  
Track II (complex track): 365 days  
Track III (super complex track): 455 days

- Administrative Directive 24, dated November 23, 2010, provided guidelines for case disposition but not definitive deadlines or an actionable date for bringing of the case to trial.
  
- The guideline ranges themselves are, however, largely aspirational – assuming disposition of misdemeanors in 120-days and complex felonies within 15-months. The Supreme Court may be interested in revising this, in lieu of a legislative solution – and appears to have authority to do so.



# April 2024

## CRIMINAL BACKLOG INFORMATION

4.1.24

Pending cases by county:

COUNTY	NEW FELONIES FILED	NEW MISD FILED	TOTAL CASES FILED	Under dispo guidelines	Near dispo guideline *	Over dispo guideline	N/A**	Total Pending Cases	Clearance rate For past month
Addison	7	26	33	151	38	110	91	390	143%
Bennington	31	53	84	445	85	561	252	1343	139%
Caledonia	11	28	39	244	64	696	171	1175	241%
Chittenden	55	228	283	1,321	189	887	547	2944	109%
Essex	4	9	13	50	5	100	66	221	59%
Franklin	10	96	106	501	67	173	361	1102	84%
Grand Isle	0	1	1	17	12	22	16	67	160%
Lamoille	15	25	40	198	35	211	137	581	68%
Orange	8	37	45	120	26	132	89	367	65%
Orleans	14	62	76	274	78	924	159	1435	110%
Rutland	44	96	140	509	123	777	212	1621	122%
Washington	27	63	90	471	106	255	448	1280	96%
Windham	23	88	111	439	104	574	232	1349	73%
Windsor	16	39	55	306	56	259	135	756	105%



# March 2024

24,968 Pending Cases

Roughly 99% of all cases are staffed by SAS Attorneys & 100% of the homicide related cases are staffed by SAS Attorneys.

Count of Case Column			Fish and	Civil	Youthful	Juv.					Civil				Grand	
Row Labels	Felony	Misdemeanor	Game	Susp.	Offender	Delinq.	CHINS A	CHINS B	CHINS C	CHINS D	Misc.	ERPO	JBA	Ordinance	PCR	Total
Addison	200	524	4	16	32	72	4	84	7	3	1				1	948
Bennington	689	1,152	1	58	22	47	2	75	14	26	12	2		1	16	2,117
Caledonia	500	1,198	7	74	32	38	1	51	2	14	5		1	1	1	1,925
Chittenden	1,166	2,649	7	70	80	179	28	179	12	22	12		7		6	4,417
Essex	120	160	2	4	2	5	1	16		1	4				3	318
Franklin	477	1,081	21	38	145	296	9	193	26	35	11				4	2,336
Grand Isle	30	74	2	4	6	5	2	15	1	5	3		1			148
Lamoille	261	640	5	53	5	40	2	39	4	10					2	1,061
Orange	147	326	5	22	7	22		19		10	3					561
Orleans	566	1,093	13	49	15	66	20	67	12	1	9	1			13	1,925
Rutland	775	1,571	7	66	23	123	2	147	20	29	2		3		14	2,782
Washington	507	1,129	10	43	52	152	10	83	5	14	14		2	6	6	2,033
Windham	725	1,758	4	63	6	32	2	89	5	6	8		3		4	2,705
Windsor	495	1,013	2	36	15	33	8	57	4	4	11	2	4		8	1,692
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6,658</b>	<b>14,368</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>1,110</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>1,114</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>24,968</b>

14 State's Attorneys and 58 Deputy State's Attorneys make up a total of 72 total SAS Attorneys in SAOs.

**12/10/23 SAS Attorney Caseload Average.** As of 12/10/23 for most SAS case types (excluding Appeals, ERPOs, and investigation related work), there were 26,039 pending cases. There is a distinction between SAS criminal-only cases and SAS cases for all case types. As of 12/10/23 for most pending SAS case types, the statewide SAS attorney average was:

- **361.652 per SAS Attorney**

Note:

It is estimated that the SAS Victim Advocate Caseload Average is over **600 cases per Victim Advocate** based on a survey of Victim Advocates in **December 2023**.

**3/1/24 SAS Attorney Caseload Average.** As of 3/1/24 for most SAS case types (excluding Appeals and investigation related work, [but now including 5 pending ERPOs]), there were 24,968 pending cases. As of 3/1/24 for most pending SAS case types, the statewide SAS attorney average was:

- **346.77 per SAS Attorney**

# March 2024

Active Murder or Manslaughter Prosecutions.

100% staffed by SAOs.

	+ 2024	+ 2023	+ 2022	+ 2021	+ 2020	+ 2019	+ 2018	+ 2000	Grand Total
Row Labels <input type="button" value="v↓"/>									
+ Bennington	3	9	7	1					20
+ Chittenden		7	7	1	1	3			19
+ Caledonia	1	5	2	1				1	10
+ Orleans		2	2	3	1				8
+ Washington		3	3	1					7
+ Rutland		1	2			1	2		6
+ Windham		4	1	1					6
+ Orange		2		1					3
+ Windsor		1	1				1		3
+ Franklin		1	1		1				3
+ Addison		2	1						3
+ Lamoille		1	2						3
Grand Total	4	38	29	9	3	4	3	1	91

Note: Essex and Grand Isle did not have any pending homicide-related cases as of 3/1/24





# March 2024

## Active Sexual Assault Prosecutions by County.

97.8% staffed by SAOs

	+ 2024	+ 2023	+ 2022	+ 2021	+ 2020	+ 2019	+ 2018	+ 2017	+ 2013	Grand Total
<b>Row Labels</b>										
+ Rutland	2	7	9	7	6	4		1	1	37
+ Windsor		9	7	4	1	3	3	4		31
+ Chittenden		10	7	2	3	3				25
+ Washington		9	8	4			1			22
+ Windham	1	9	4	1	2	3				20
+ Caledonia	1	3	6	1	4	2	1			18
+ Orleans	1	6	5	1	1	2		1		17
+ Franklin		5	1	9						15
+ Bennington	2	4	3		2					11
+ Lamoille		2	5	1	1	1				10
+ Addison		5	1	1	1			2		10
+ Essex	1	1	1	1		2		1		7
+ Orange		1	2		1					4
+ Grand Isle		1								1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>228</b>