

Virginia Civil Lawsuit Filings Increase in 2022

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CPSS - GCMS 10.01 CASELOAD STATISTICS OF THE GENERAL DISTRICT COURTS January 2022 thru December 2022 Filings (Compared to January 2021 thru December 2021)

Virginia

2022 Overall GRAND TOTAL	Distribution of Caseload		Change*		Percentage (%) of Caseload	
1,951,596 +71,499					2021	2022
2022	Criminal	274,710	14%	7.8% ▲ +19,828	Criminal	13.6%
2021	Traffic	1,088,391	56%	1.1% ▲ +11,333	Traffic	55.8%
	Civil	539,711	28%	9.0% ▲ +44,608	Civil	27.7%
	Civil Commitments	48,784	2%	-8.0% ▼ -4,270	Civil Commitments	2.5%
	GRAND TOTAL	1,951,596	100%	3.8% ▲ +71,499	GRAND TOTAL	100%

Civil lawsuit filings in Virginia's General District Courts increased 9% during 2022. The biggest increase? Unlawful detainer (eviction) filings. Meanwhile, civil lawsuit filings in Virginia's Circuit Courts decreased, with domestic case filings (including divorces) seeing a notable decrease. Full data from the Supreme Court of Virginia can be found [here](#) & [here](#).

If you or your organization are served with a civil lawsuit, don't make any decisions about how to proceed before talking with a trusted attorney in your area. Offit Kurman attorneys are available to advise and counsel you. Reach out to [Anders Sleight](#) | [Offit Kurman](#) today to discuss your specific situation.