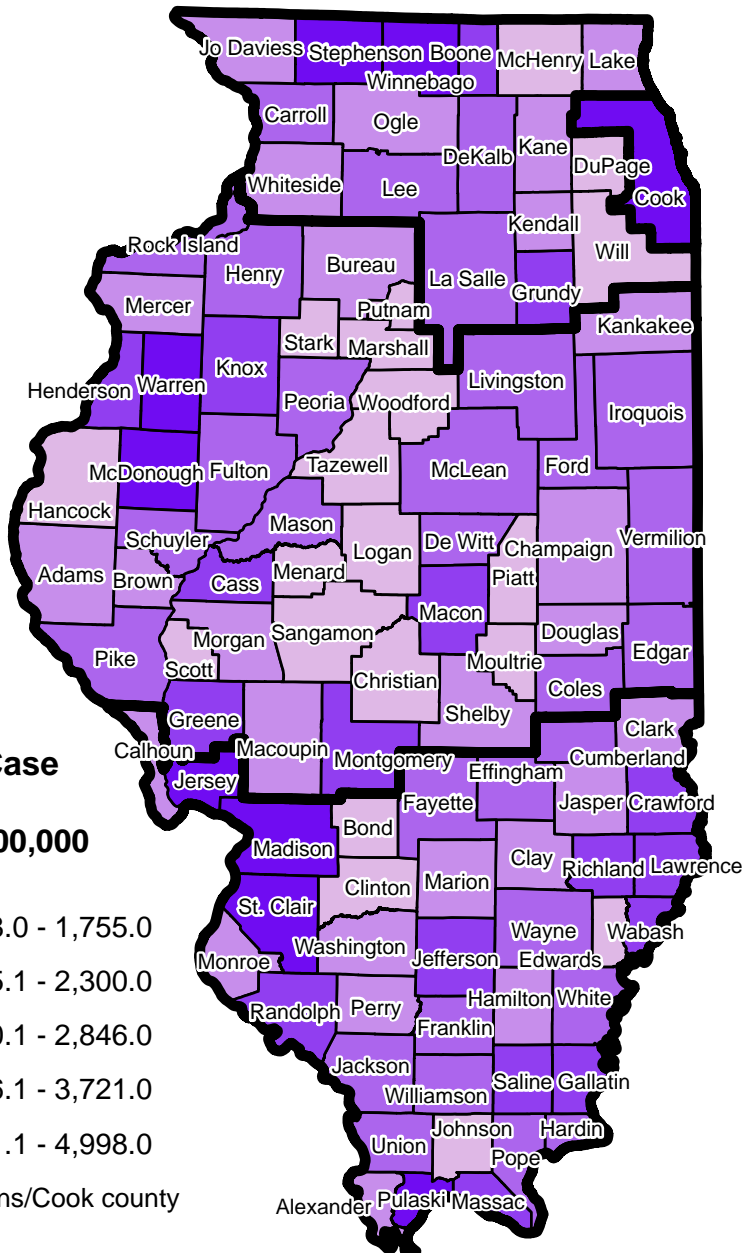
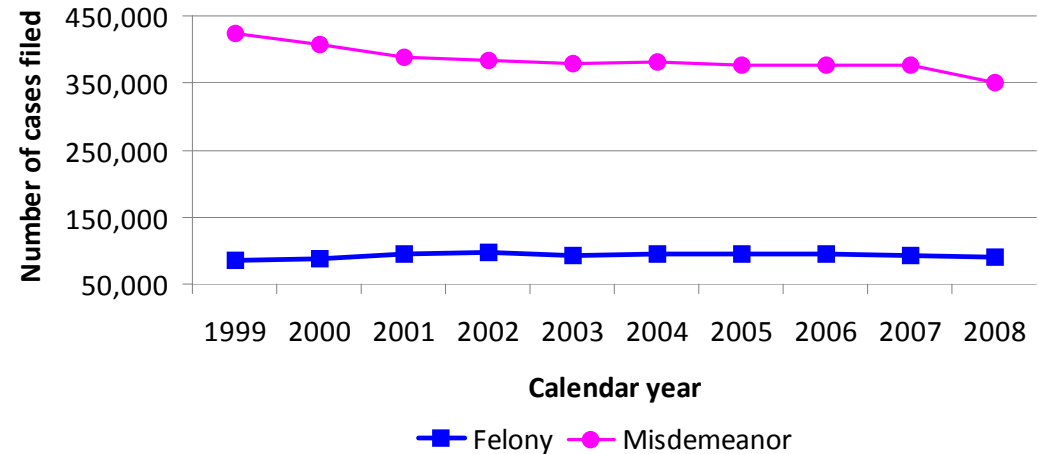


Criminal Case Filings Rate Per 100,000 People CY2008



Number of Criminal Case Filings CY1999-2008



- According to the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts (AOIC), there were 440,481 criminal (felony and misdemeanor) cases filed in Illinois courts in 2008. These accounted for 10.4 percent of all cases filed. The map shows the distribution of total criminal cases by county, in terms of the number filed per 100,000 people.
- In 2008, there were 90,466 felony cases filed, and 350,015 misdemeanor cases filed in Illinois.
- From 1999 through 2008, the total number of criminal cases filed remained fairly steady, demonstrating an annual average decrease of two percent over the 11-year period. During that time period, felony case filings increased by six percent whereas misdemeanor case filings decreased by 17 percent).
- Between 1999 and 2008, misdemeanor case filings in Illinois decreased across all regions of Illinois: 20 percent in the Central region; seven percent in the Northern region outside Cook County; four percent in the Southern Region; and 21 percent in Cook County. (See map for geographic regions.)
- In contrast, across all Illinois regions (except for Cook county) the number of felony case filings increased between 1999 and 2008. For instance, the Northern region outside Cook County increased 23 percent and 11 percent in both the Central and Southern regions whereas the number of felony case filings in Cook County decreased by 8 percent.