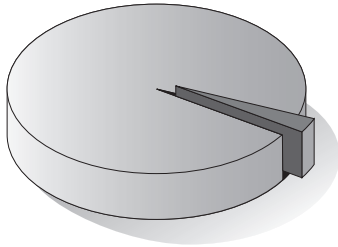


The Phoenix Municipal Court handles cases ranging from minor traffic violations to Class 1 misdemeanors that carry a maximum penalty of six months in jail and/or a \$2,500 fine. The court is a separate branch of city government and a part of the statewide court system, subject to the authority of the Supreme Court.



Criminal Justice

The Criminal Justice Program Represents 2.8% of the Total Budget.



The Criminal Justice program budget includes the Municipal Court and Public Defender.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Program Goal

The Municipal Court provides with integrity, to all individuals who come before this court: equal access, professional and impartial treatment, and just resolution of all court matters.

Budget Allowance Explanation

The Municipal Court 2005-06 operating budget allowance of \$38,062,000 is \$2,232,000 or 6.2 percent more than 2004-05 estimated expenditures. The increase is due to normal inflationary

Municipal Court Major Performance Measures and Service Trends

The following significant performance measures and service trends will be achieved with the 2005-06 budget allowance:

	2003-04	2004-05*	2005-06
Criminal filings	74,850	77,000	78,000
Civil filings	269,314	285,000	280,000
Average number of days from arraignment to hearing for minor traffic cases	36.7	36.0	36.0
Average volume of criminal cases with a pending trial date	2,200	2,000	2,000
Percent of trials/hearings appealed	1.0%	2.8%	2.8%
Percent of appeals affirmed	95.0%	97.0%	97.0%
Average cycle time for sending out restitution and bail refund checks	1.0 days	1.8 days	1.8 days
Average hold time for incoming information calls to the Customer Call Center	5.0 minutes	5.0 minutes	5.5 minutes**

*Based on 10 months actual experience.

**The projected increase in hold time is due to expected increases in the volume of calls related to the new F.A.R.E. program.

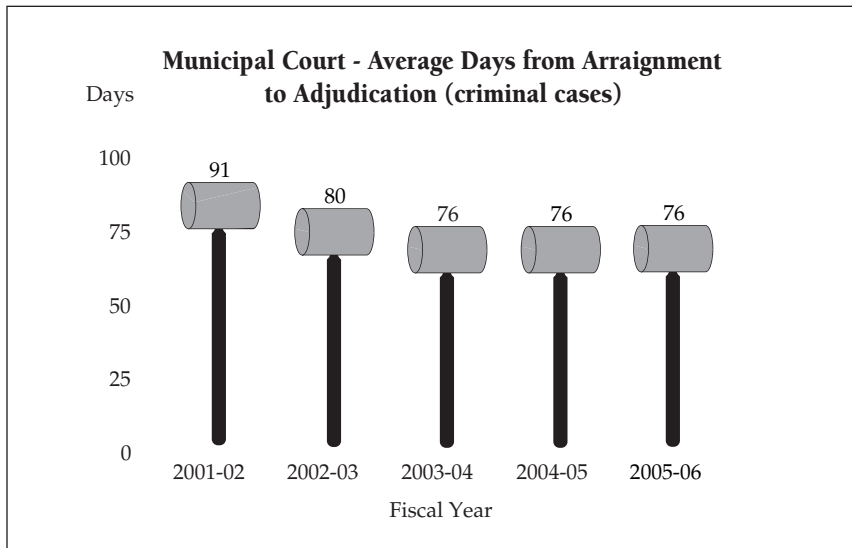




increases and is offset by savings in data entry costs resulting from participation in the Arizona State Court System Fine, Fees and Restitution Enforcement program (FARE).

Expenditure and Position Summary

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Operating Expense	\$31,886,000	\$35,830,000	\$38,062,000
Total Positions	374.9	374.9	374.9
Source of Funds:			
General	\$27,264,000	\$28,996,000	\$30,757,000
Grants	14,000	102,000	-
Other Restricted	394,000	928,000	1,501,000
City Improvement	4,214,000	5,804,000	5,804,000



In Phoenix, the term Veteran's Stand Down refers to a community-based intervention program to help the city's homeless veteran population, many of whom suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder. This year, a volunteer team from Phoenix Municipal Court provided veterans with legal assistance, helped them resolve pending misdemeanor charges, and in some cases, had criminal arrest warrants quashed. The unresolved legal problems meant veterans couldn't take advantage of social services, job training or employment opportunities.

