

# The Circuit Courts

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The circuit courts are Maryland's trial courts of general jurisdiction. They are the highest common law and equity courts of record exercising original jurisdiction within the State. There is a circuit court in each county of the State and Baltimore City. They are grouped into eight geographical circuits with the first seven circuits comprising two or more counties. The Eighth Circuit only consists of Baltimore City. As of July 1, 2004, there were 146 circuit court judgeships, with at least one judge for each county and 30 in Baltimore City. The circuit courts also have masters who hear domestic and juvenile matters and make recommendations based on their findings to the judge of their respective court. The circuit courts generally handle the major civil cases, the more serious criminal matters, and all family matters, including juvenile. They also decide appeals from the District Court and certain administrative agencies. In addition to their judicial functions, the courts are responsible for recording the State's land records transactions, as well as issuing a number of business licenses. The judges and clerks often are called upon to perform civil marriage ceremonies.

The following charts and tables provide a statistical delineation of the workload of the circuit courts during Fiscal Year 2005.



Stream in Oakland, Maryland



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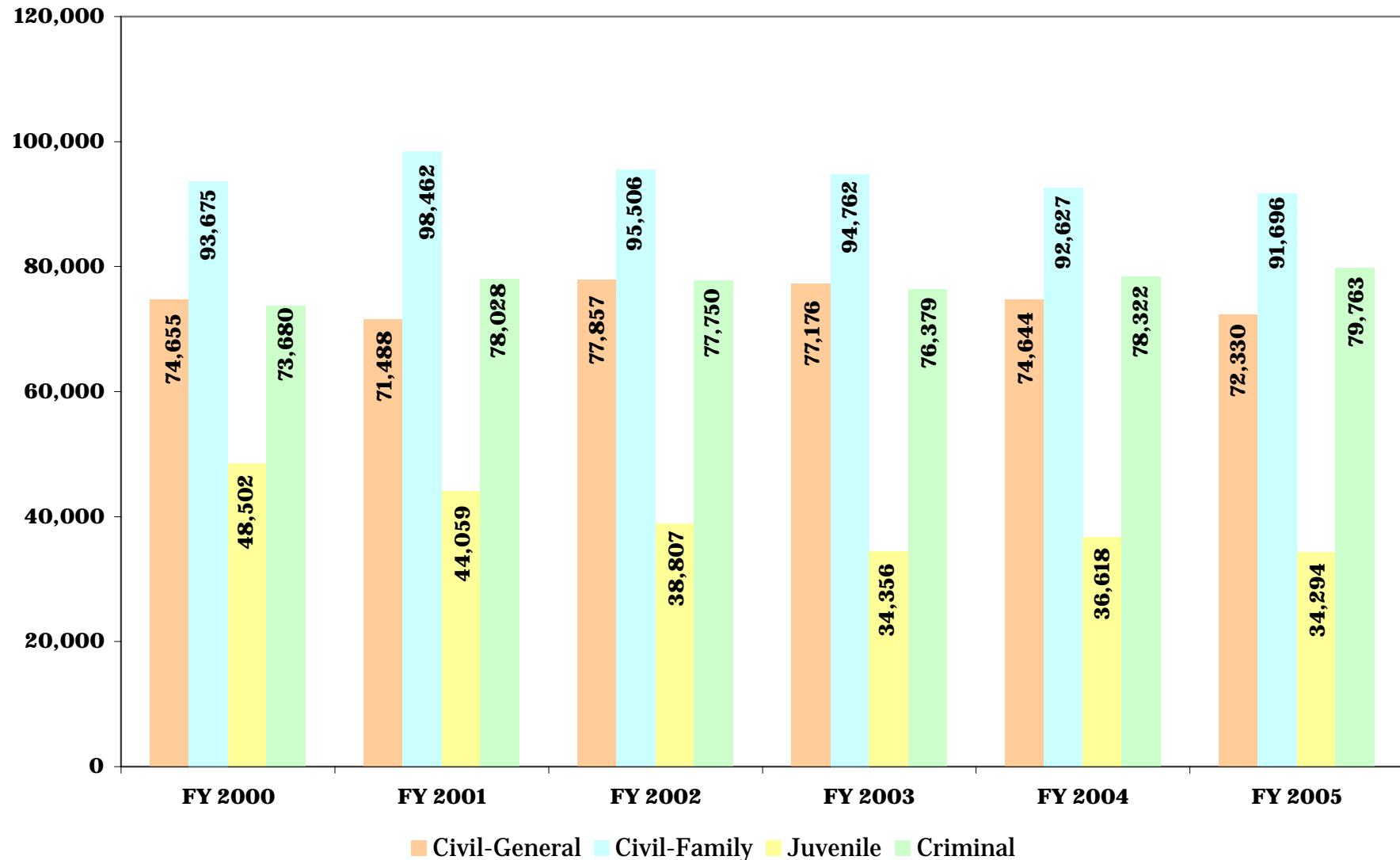
**TABLE CC-1  
CIRCUIT COURT**

**FILINGS BY CASE TYPE BY FISCAL YEAR  
6 Year Comparative Data Fiscal Years 2000-2005**

	<b>Civil-General</b>	<b>Civil-Family</b>	<b>Juvenile</b>	<b>Criminal</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
FY 2000	74,655	93,675	48,502	73,680	<b>290,512</b>
FY 2001	71,488	98,462	44,059	78,028	<b>292,037</b>
FY 2002	77,857	95,506	38,807	77,750	<b>289,920</b>
FY 2003	77,176	94,762	34,356	76,379	<b>282,673</b>
FY 2004	74,644	92,627	36,618	78,322	<b>282,211</b>
FY 2005	72,330	91,696	34,294	79,763	<b>278,083</b>

**CHART CC-1.1**  
**CIRCUIT COURT**

**FILINGS BY FISCAL YEAR**  
**6 Year Comparative Data: Fiscal Years 2000 - 2005**



**TABLE CC-2**  
**CIRCUIT COURT**

**ALL CASES: FILINGS AND TERMINATIONS**  
**3 Year Comparative Table: Fiscal Years 2003 - 2005**

	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05	
	Filings	Terminations	Filings	Terminations	Filings	Terminations
<b>First Circuit</b>	<b>15,189</b>	<b>13,785</b>	<b>14,998</b>	<b>14,303</b>	<b>14,832</b>	<b>14,453</b>
Dorchester	2,252	2,134	2,192	2,216	2,174	2,216
Somerset	1,865	1,717	1,916	1,844	1,997	2,003
Wicomico	6,412	5,781	5,977	5,541	5,974	5,802
Worcester	4,660	4,153	4,913	4,702	4,687	4,432
	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05	
	Filings	Terminations	Filings	Terminations	Filings	Terminations
<b>Second Circuit</b>	<b>13,530</b>	<b>11,418</b>	<b>12,765</b>	<b>11,701</b>	<b>13,052</b>	<b>12,877</b>
Caroline	1,827	1,393	1,831	1,744	1,712	1,705
Cecil	7,154	5,993	6,727	6,019	6,574	6,708
Kent	1,087	1,030	1,160	1,031	1,243	1,204
Queen Anne's	1,488	1,382	1,453	1,360	1,742	1,688
Talbot	1,974	1,620	1,594	1,547	1,781	1,572
	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05	
	Filings	Terminations	Filings	Terminations	Filings	Terminations
<b>Third Circuit</b>	<b>39,726</b>	<b>33,843</b>	<b>38,526</b>	<b>32,459</b>	<b>38,520</b>	<b>38,366</b>
Baltimore	30,031	26,895	29,078	25,524	28,707	28,781
Harford	9,695	6,948	9,448	6,935	9,813	9,585
	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05	
	Filings	Terminations	Filings	Terminations	Filings	Terminations
<b>Fourth Circuit</b>	<b>14,148</b>	<b>13,007</b>	<b>14,261</b>	<b>13,047</b>	<b>14,943</b>	<b>14,596</b>
Allegany	3,564	3,505	3,647	3,269	3,854	3,833
Garrett	1,077	990	1,118	1,082	1,219	1,089
Washington	9,507	8,512	9,496	8,696	9,870	9,674

**ALL CASES: FILINGS AND TERMINATIONS, page 2**

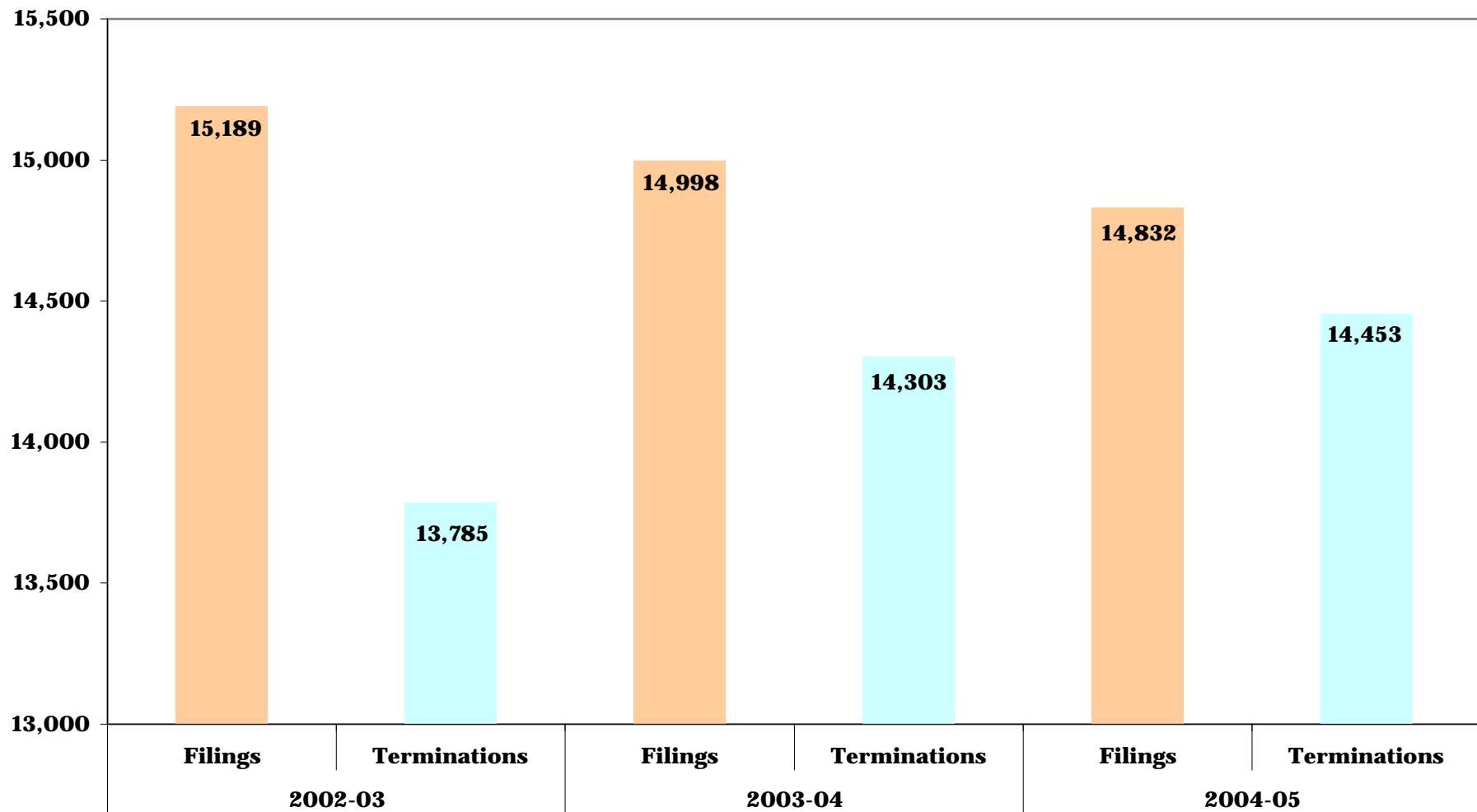
	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05	
	Filings	Terminations	Filings	Terminations	Filings	Terminations
<b>Fifth Circuit</b>	<b>37,048</b>	<b>33,395</b>	<b>37,521</b>	<b>38,009</b>	<b>36,657</b>	<b>36,701</b>
Anne Arundel	22,454	20,328	23,853	25,516	22,820	23,916
Carroll	7,348	6,820	6,533	5,703	6,654	6,089
Howard	7,246	6,247	7,135	6,790	7,183	6,696
	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05	
	Filings	Terminations	Filings	Terminations	Filings	Terminations
<b>Sixth Circuit</b>	<b>44,526</b>	<b>43,105</b>	<b>43,187</b>	<b>40,324</b>	<b>41,892</b>	<b>41,492</b>
Frederick	8,488	6,930	8,245	6,991	8,292	7,671
Montgomery	36,038	36,175	34,942	33,333	33,600	33,821
	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05	
	Filings	Terminations	Filings	Terminations	Filings	Terminations
<b>Seventh Circuit</b>	<b>55,835</b>	<b>51,839</b>	<b>53,662</b>	<b>49,380</b>	<b>53,261</b>	<b>51,234</b>
Calvert	4,153	3,512	4,341	3,778	4,915	4,779
Charles	8,097	7,308	7,864	7,463	7,607	7,583
Prince George's	39,866	37,541	37,383	34,374	36,686	34,955
St. Mary's	3,719	3,478	4,074	3,765	4,053	3,917
	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05	
	Filings	Terminations	Filings	Terminations	Filings	Terminations
<b>Eighth Circuit</b>	<b>62,671</b>	<b>55,342</b>	<b>67,291</b>	<b>57,475</b>	<b>64,926</b>	<b>69,544</b>
Baltimore City	62,671	55,342	67,291	57,475	64,926	69,544
	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05	
	Filings	Terminations	Filings	Terminations	Filings	Terminations
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>	<b>282,673</b>	<b>255,734</b>	<b>282,211</b>	<b>256,698</b>	<b>278,083</b>	<b>279,263</b>

**CHART CC-2.1  
CIRCUIT COURT**

**1st CIRCUIT  
Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties**

**ALL CASES: FILINGS AND TERMINATIONS**

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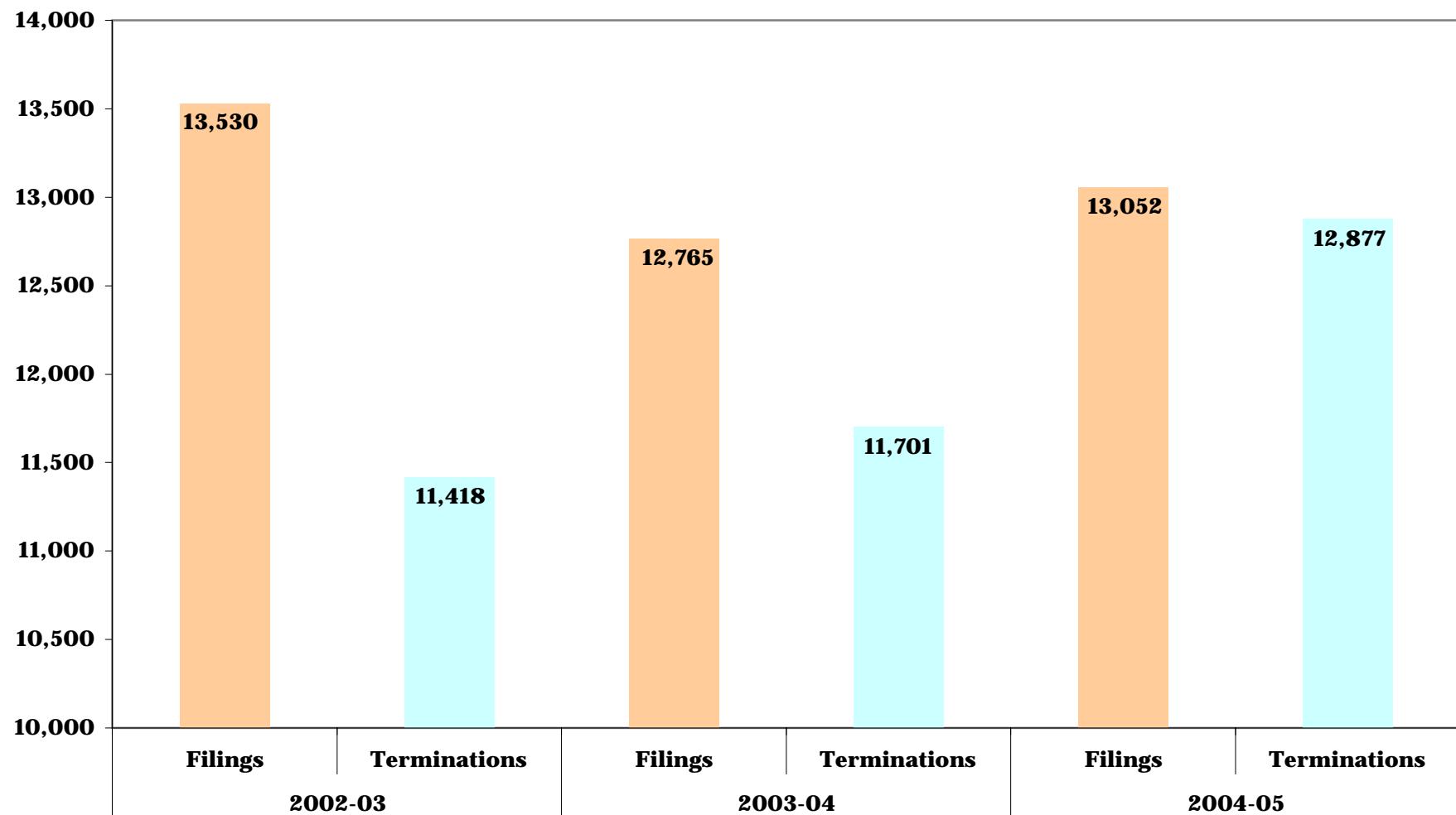


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CIRCUIT COURT**

**2nd CIRCUIT  
Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties**

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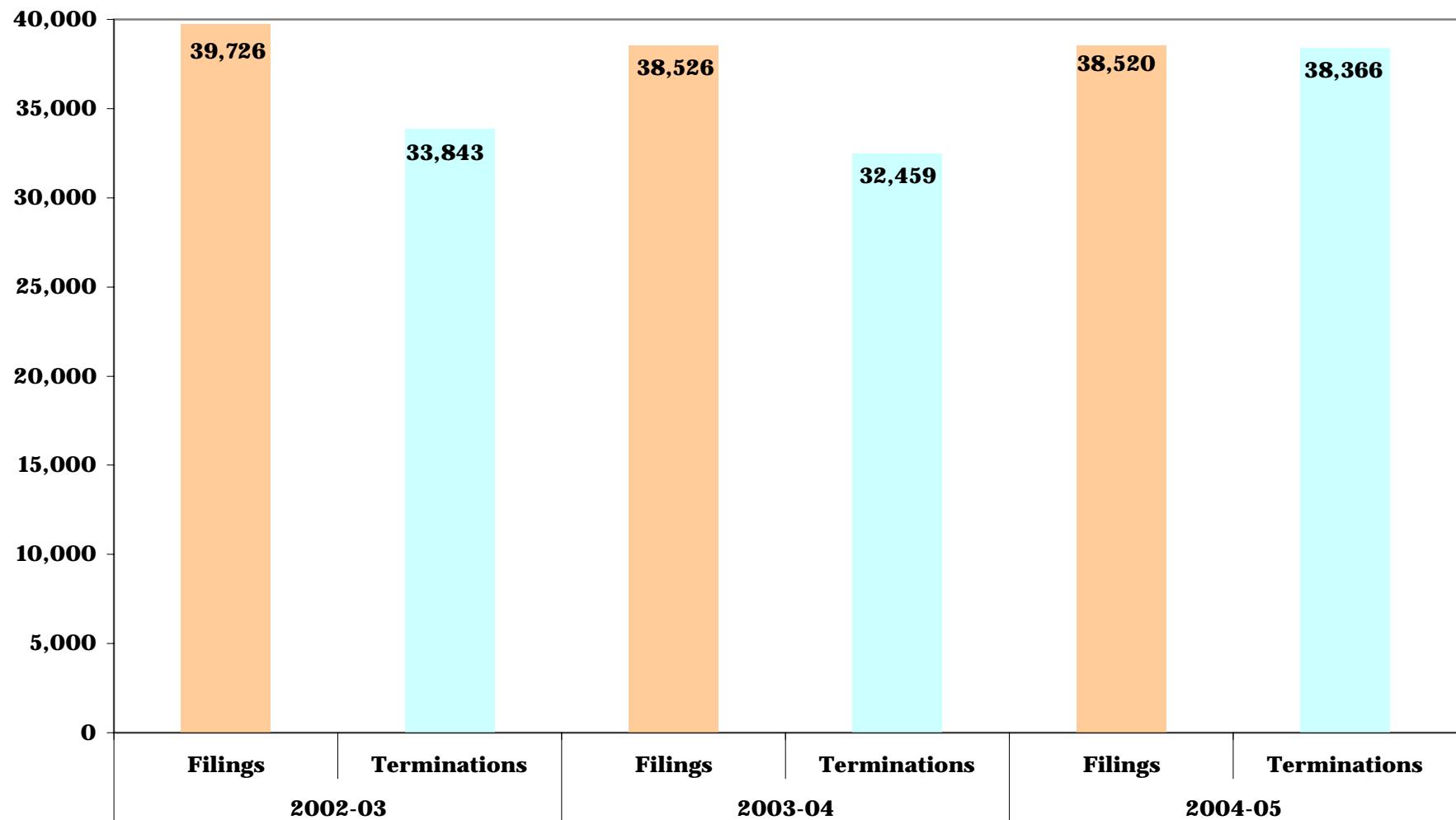


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CIRCUIT COURT**

**3rd CIRCUIT  
Baltimore and Harford Counties**

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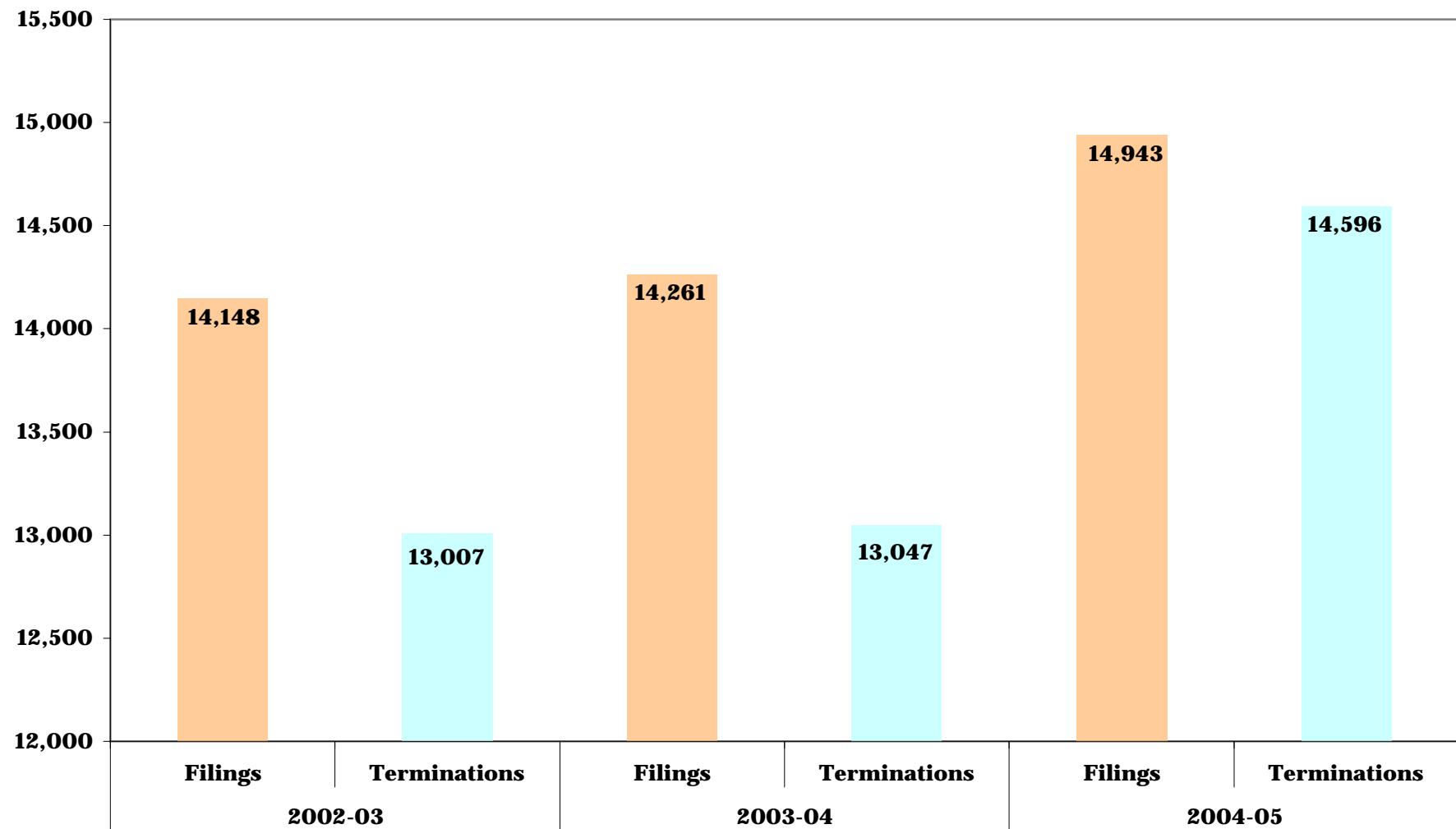


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**CIRCUIT COURT**

**4th CIRCUIT**  
**Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties**

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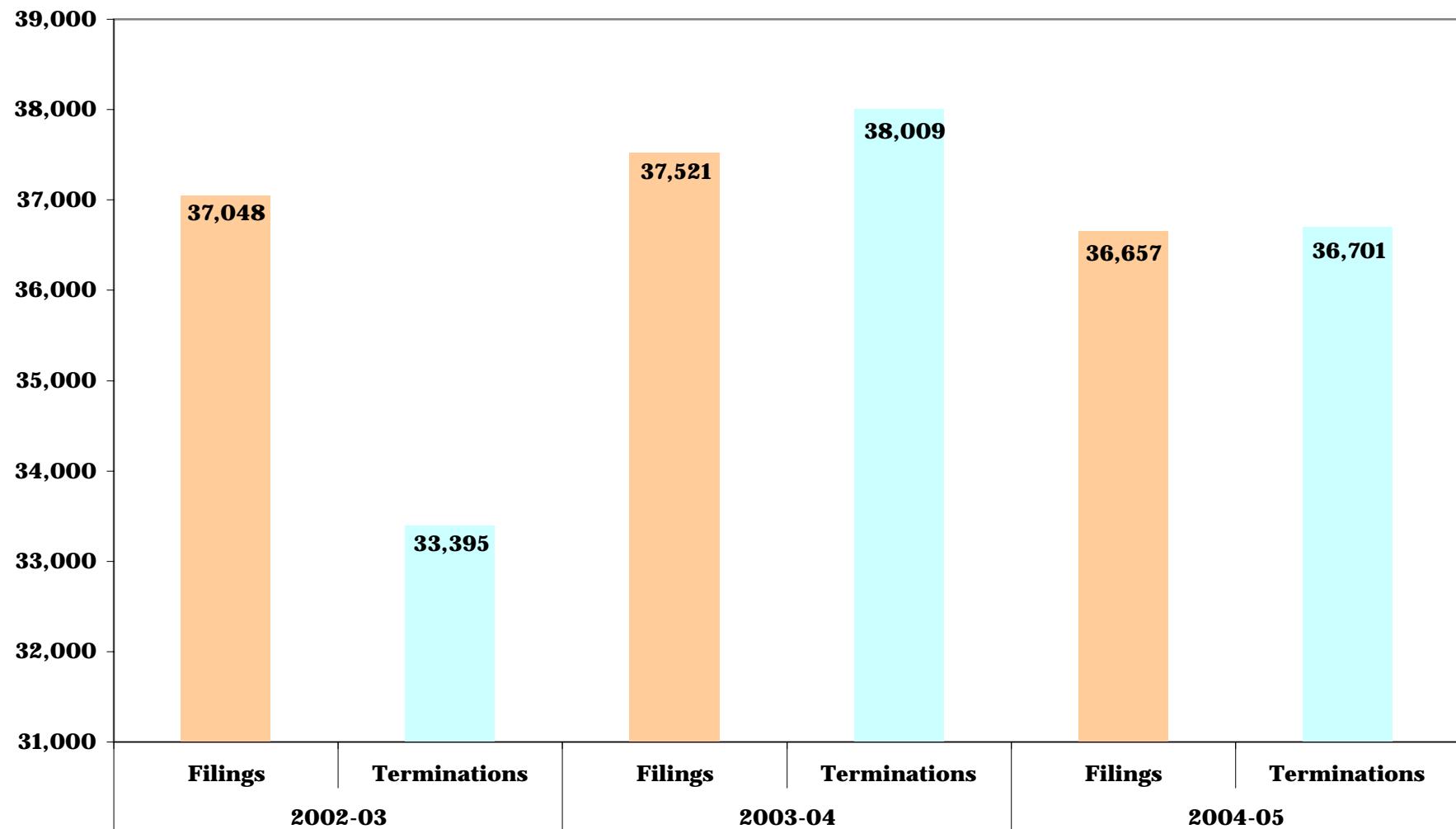


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**CIRCUIT COURT**

**5th CIRCUIT**  
**Anne Arundel, Carroll and Howard Counties**

**ALL CASES: FILINGS AND TERMINATIONS**

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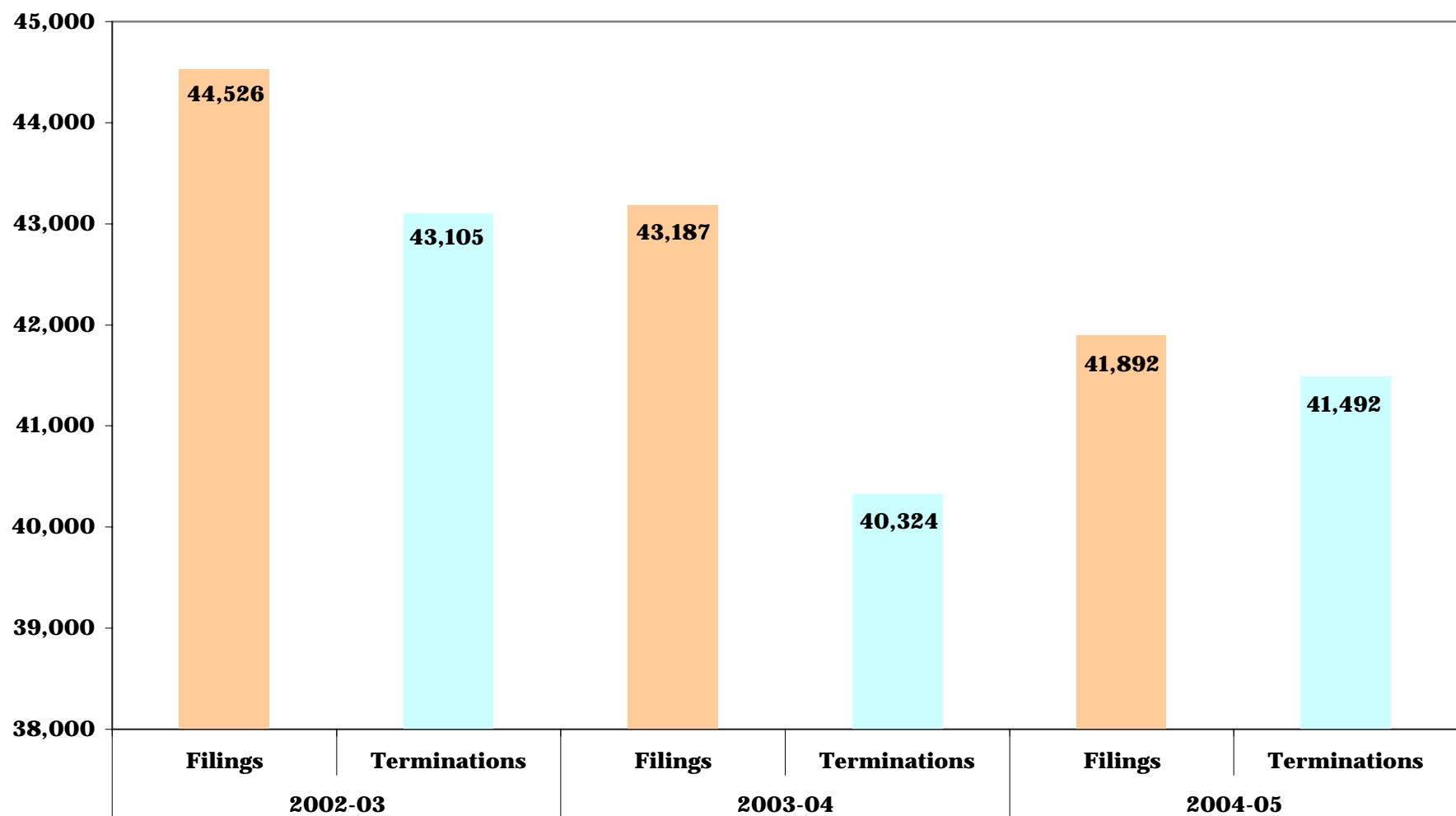


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**CIRCUIT COURT**

**6th CIRCUIT**  
**Frederick and Montgomery Counties**

**ALL CASES: FILINGS AND TERMINATIONS**

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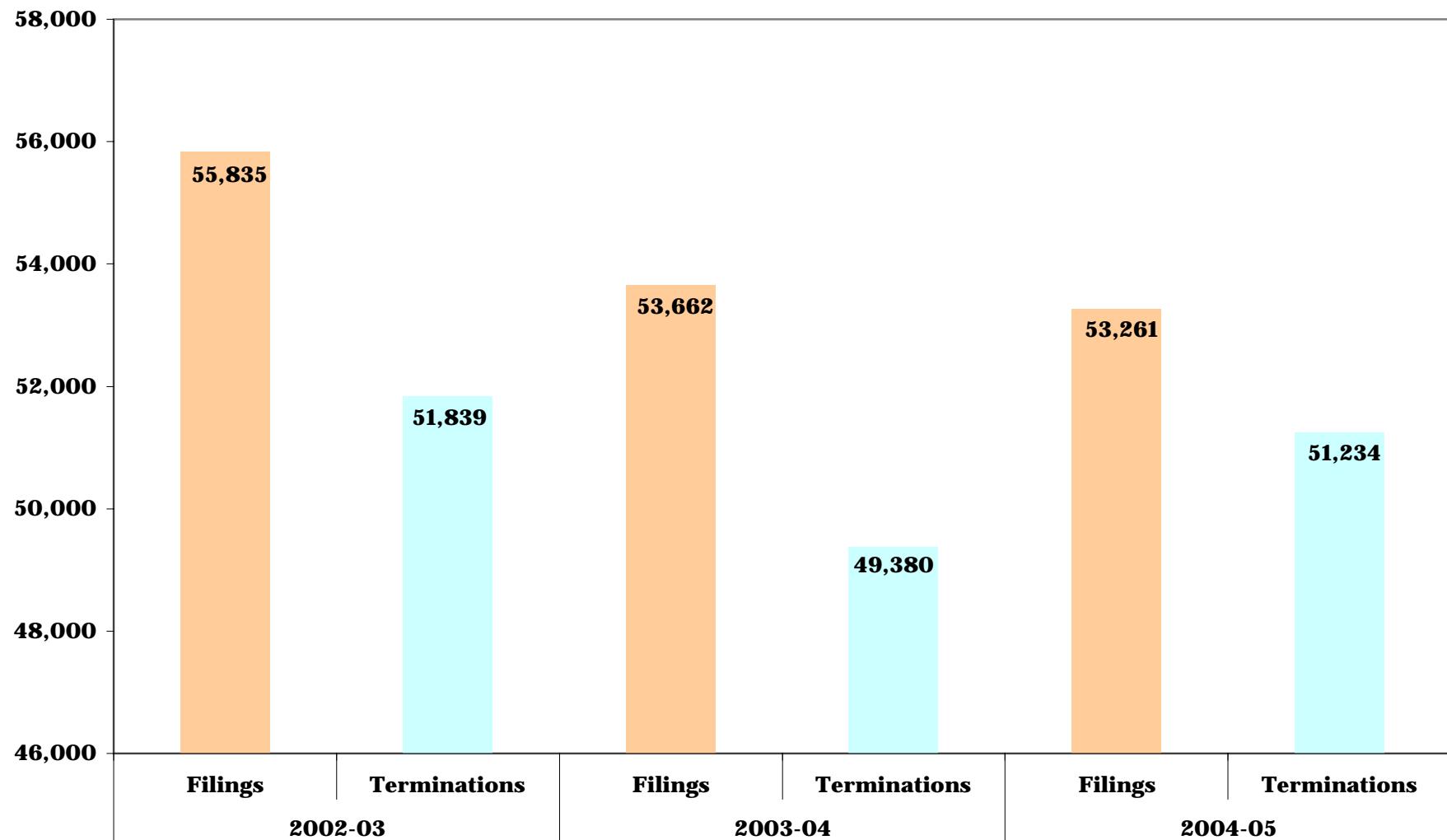


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CIRCUIT COURT**

**7th CIRCUIT  
Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's Counties**

**ALL CASES: FILINGS AND TERMINATIONS**

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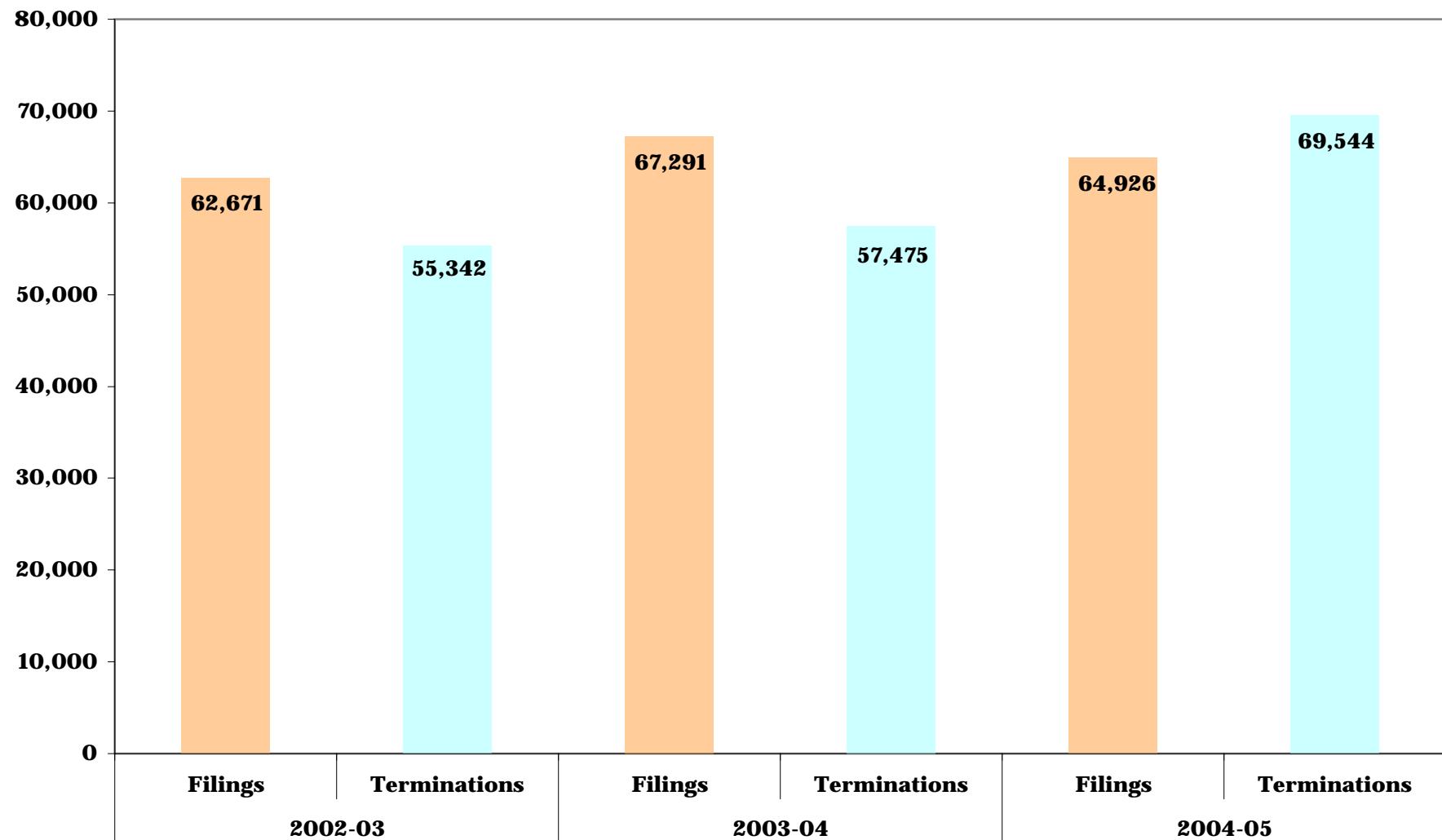


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**CIRCUIT COURT**

**8th CIRCUIT**  
**Baltimore City**

**ALL CASES: FILINGS AND TERMINATIONS**

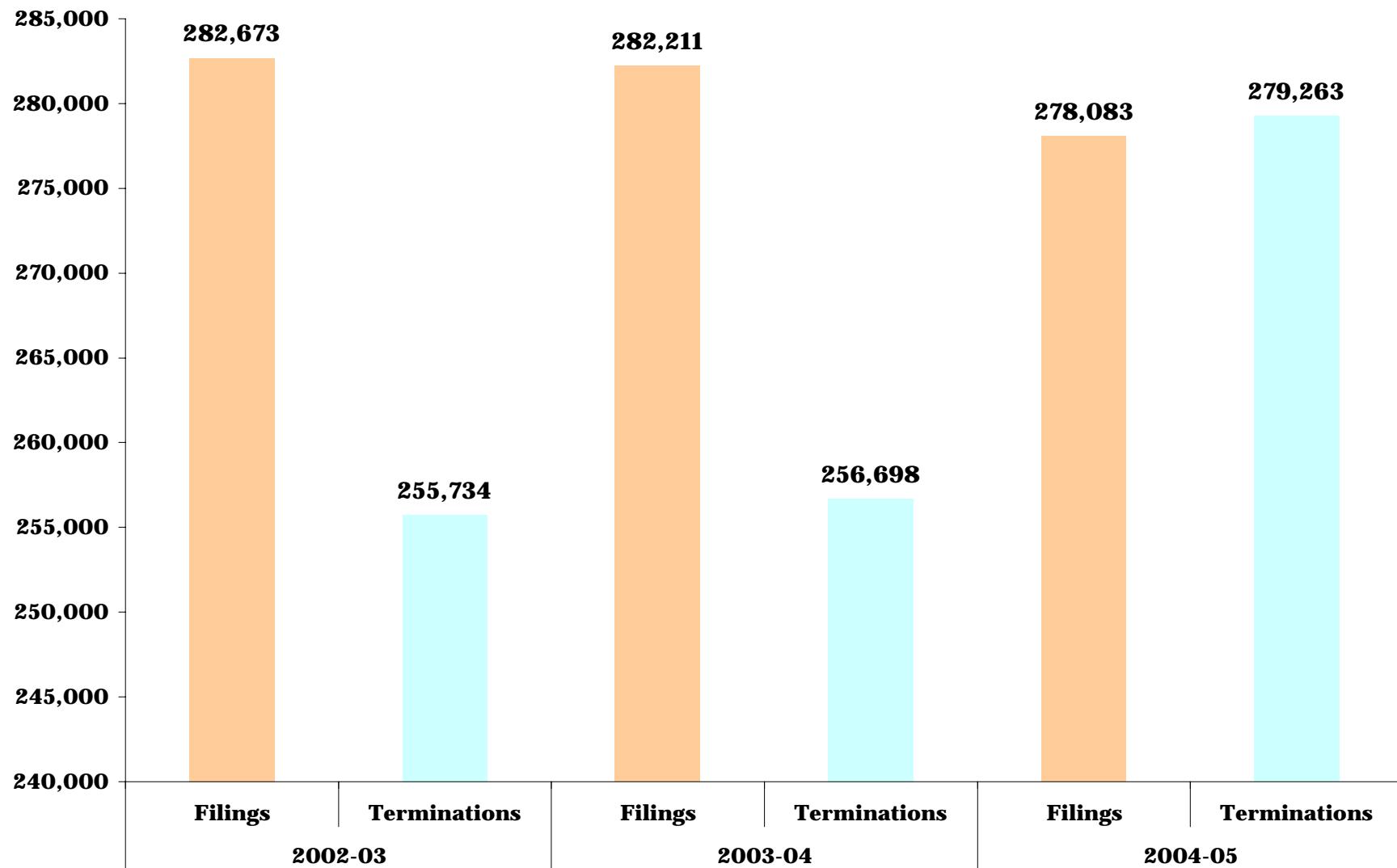
**3 Year Comparative Data: Fiscal Years 2003 - 2005**



**CHART CC-2.9  
CIRCUIT COURT**

**STATE TOTAL  
ALL CASES: FILINGS AND TERMINATIONS**

**3 Year Comparative Data: Fiscal Years 2003 - 2005**



**TABLE CC-3.1**  
**CIRCUIT COURT**

**CIVIL-GENERAL:**  
**COMPARATIVE FILINGS IN THE CIRCUIT COURTS**  
**Fiscal Years 2004 - 2005**

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>First Circuit</b>	<b>2,517</b>	<b>2,598</b>	<b>3.2</b>
Dorchester	359	352	-1.9
Somerset	360	385	6.9
Wicomico	802	823	2.6
Worcester	996	1,038	4.2

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Second Circuit</b>	<b>2,463</b>	<b>2,477</b>	<b>0.6</b>
Caroline	251	271	8.0
Cecil	1,240	1,176	-5.2
Kent	230	203	-11.7
Queen Anne's	463	501	8.2
Talbot	279	326	16.8

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Third Circuit</b>	<b>11,041</b>	<b>10,381</b>	<b>-6.0</b>
Baltimore	9,166	8,619	-6.0
Harford	1,875	1,762	-6.0

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Fourth Circuit</b>	<b>2,296</b>	<b>2,440</b>	<b>6.3</b>
Allegany	989	1,109	12.1
Garrett	243	298	22.6
Washington	1,064	1,033	-2.9

**CIVIL-GENERAL COMPARATIVE FILINGS, page 2**

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Fifth Circuit</b>	<b>9,713</b>	<b>9,134</b>	<b>-6.0</b>
Anne Arundel	6,615	5,973	-9.7
Carroll	1,203	1,251	4.0
Howard	1,895	1,910	0.8

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Sixth Circuit</b>	<b>14,275</b>	<b>14,576</b>	<b>2.1</b>
Frederick	1,393	1,501	7.8
Montgomery	12,882	13,075	1.5

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Seventh Circuit</b>	<b>14,362</b>	<b>12,772</b>	<b>-11.0</b>
Calvert	828	732	-11.6
Charles	1,502	1,368	-8.9
Prince George's	11,330	10,017	-11.6
St. Mary's	702	655	-6.7

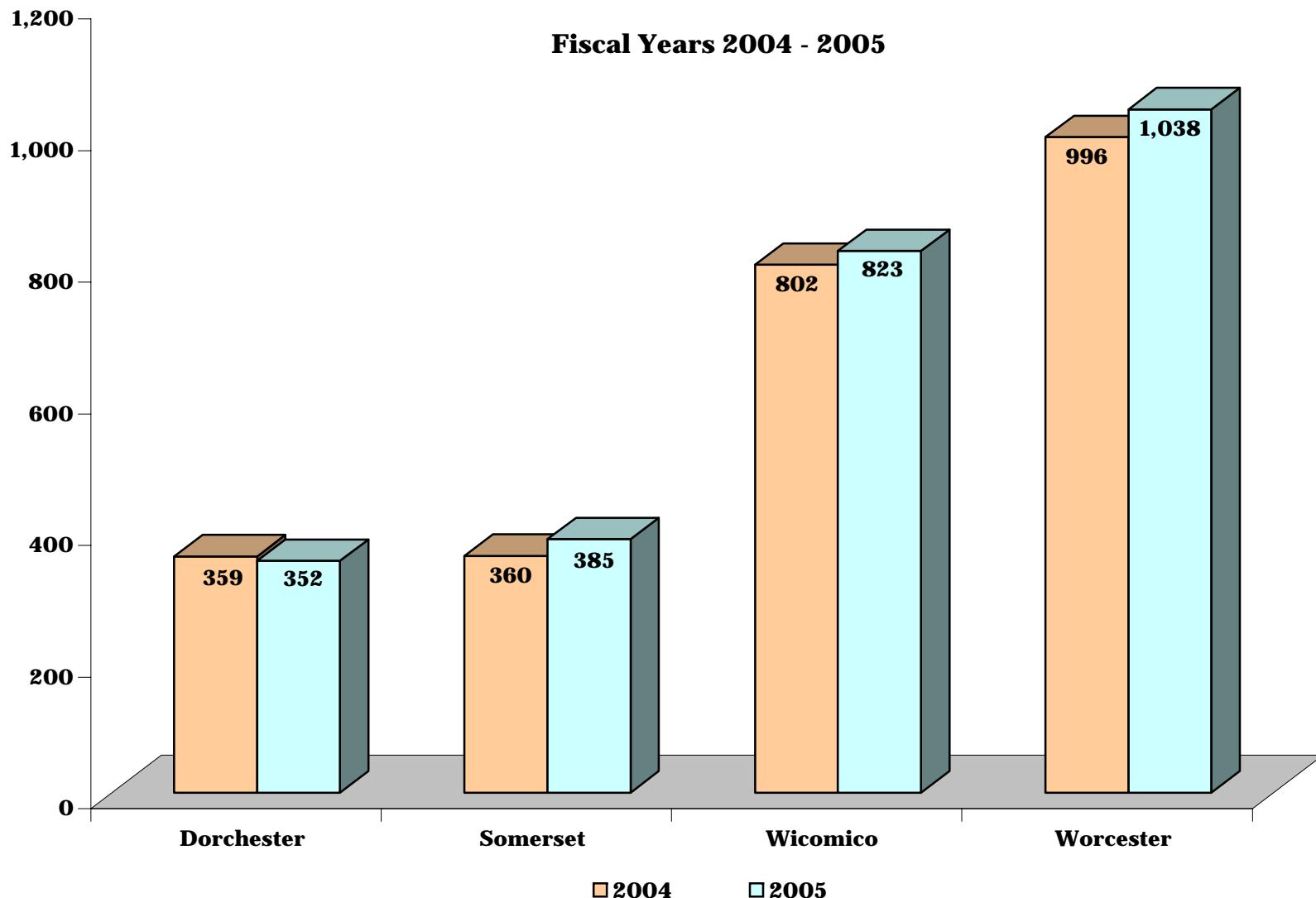
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Eighth Circuit</b>	<b>17,977</b>	<b>17,952</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
Baltimore City	17,977	17,952	-0.1

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>	<b>74,644</b>	<b>72,330</b>	<b>-3.1</b>

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CIRCUIT COURT**

**1st CIRCUIT  
CIVIL-GENERAL FILINGS**

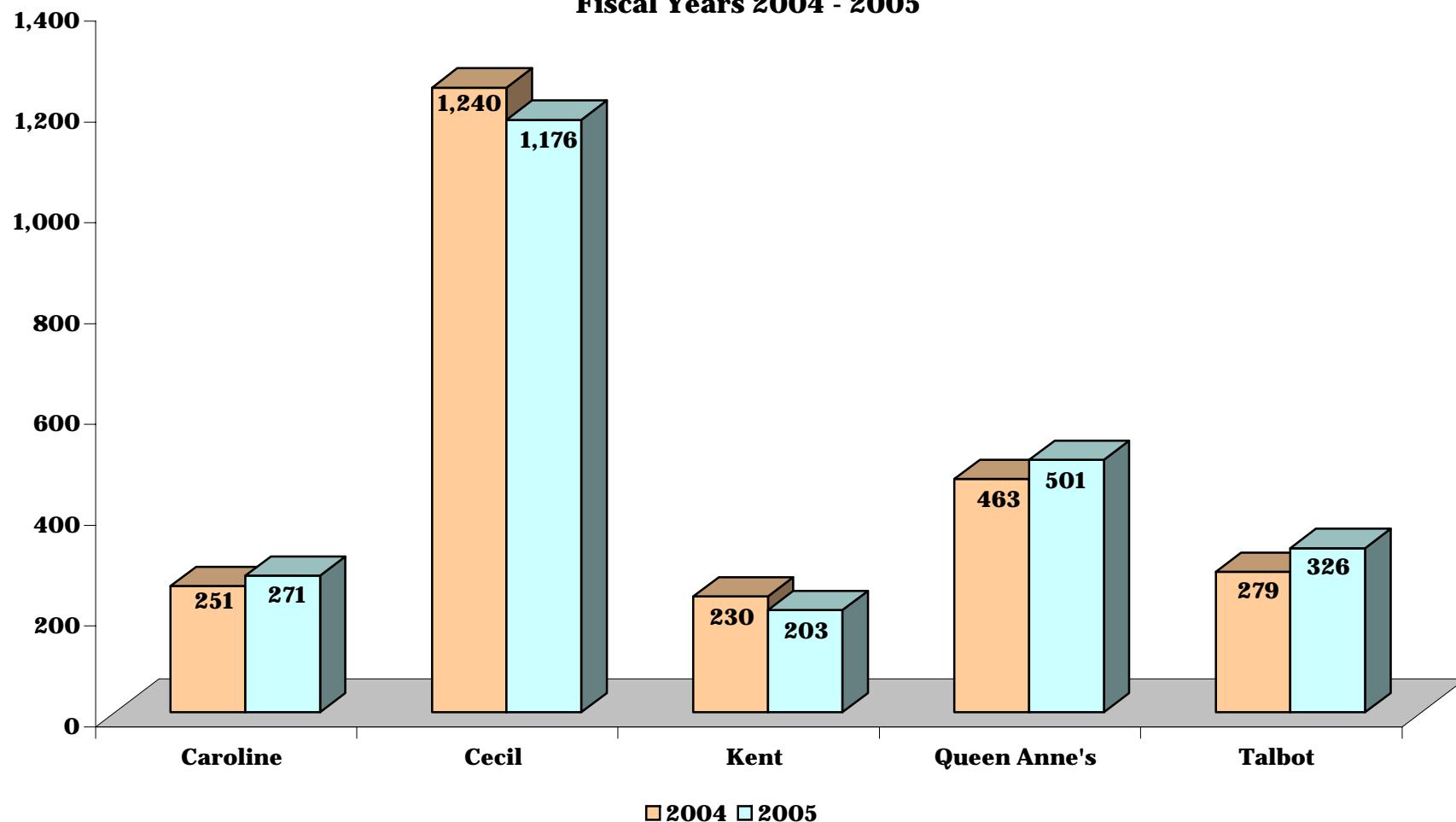
**Fiscal Years 2004 - 2005**



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**CIRCUIT COURT**

**2nd CIRCUIT**  
**CIVIL-GENERAL FILINGS**

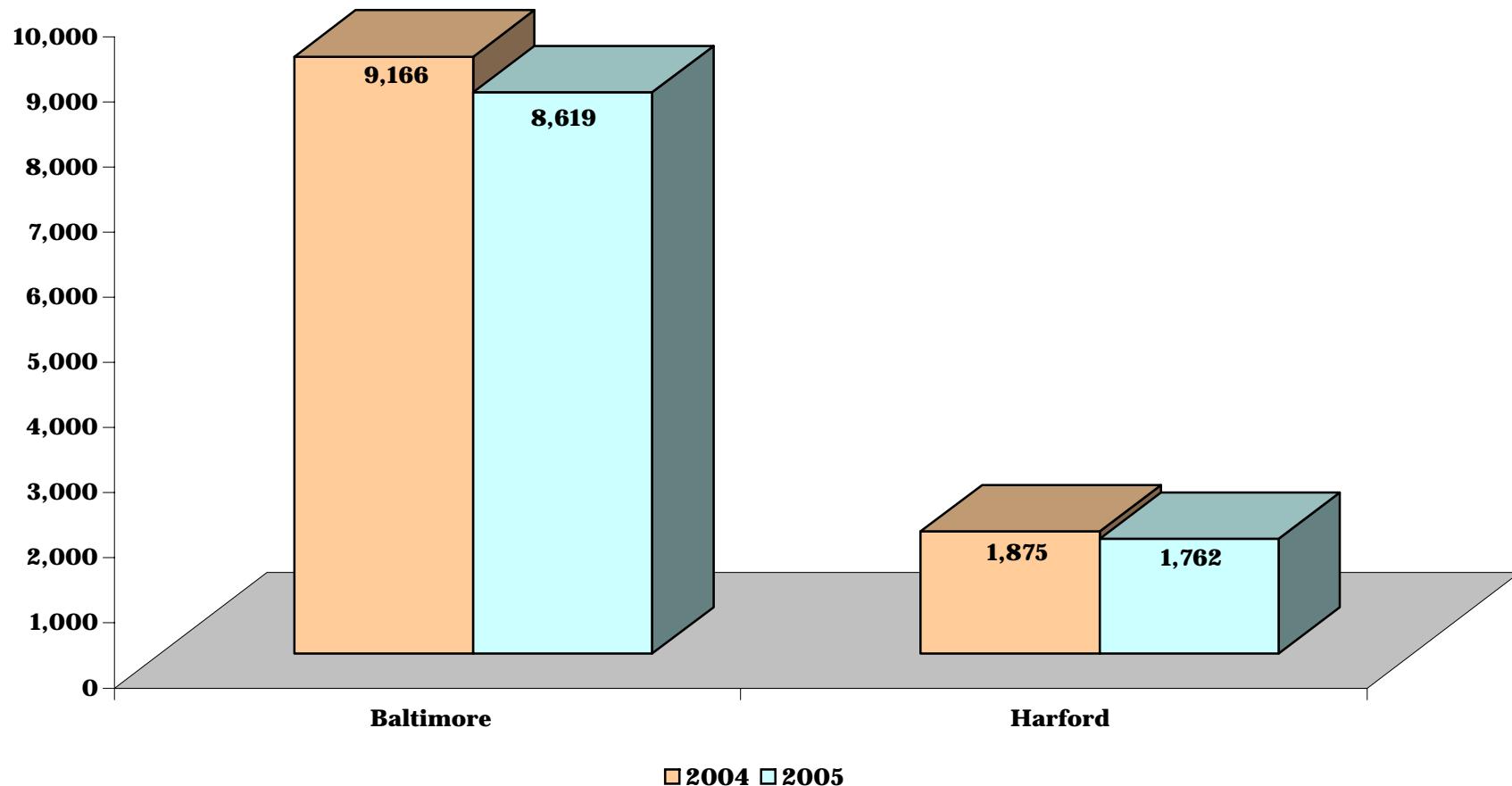
**Fiscal Years 2004 - 2005**



**CHART CC-3.1.3  
CIRCUIT COURT**

**3rd CIRCUIT  
CIVIL-GENERAL FILINGS**

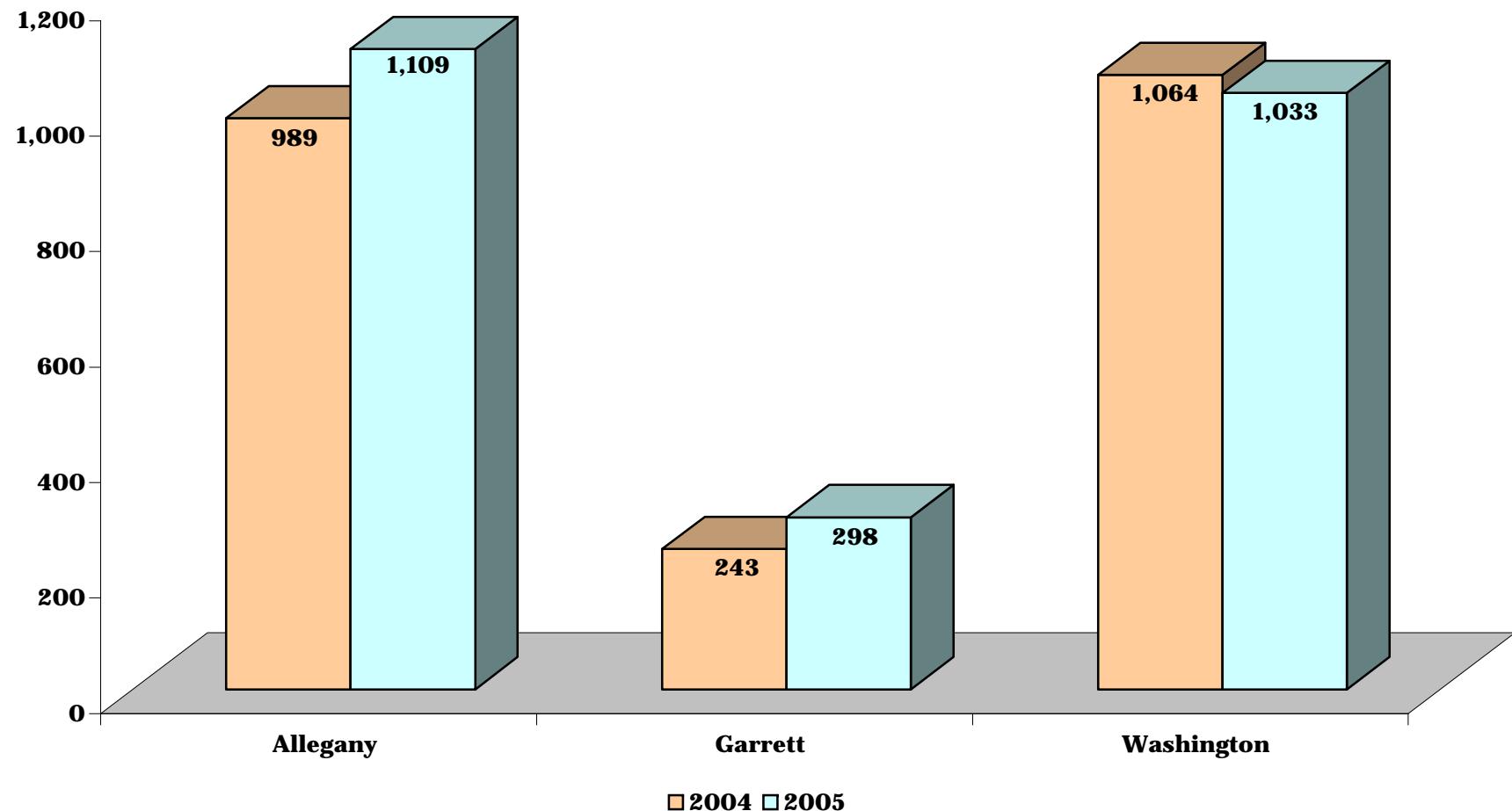
**Fiscal Years 2004 - 2005**



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CIRCUIT COURT**

**4th CIRCUIT  
CIVIL-GENERAL FILINGS**

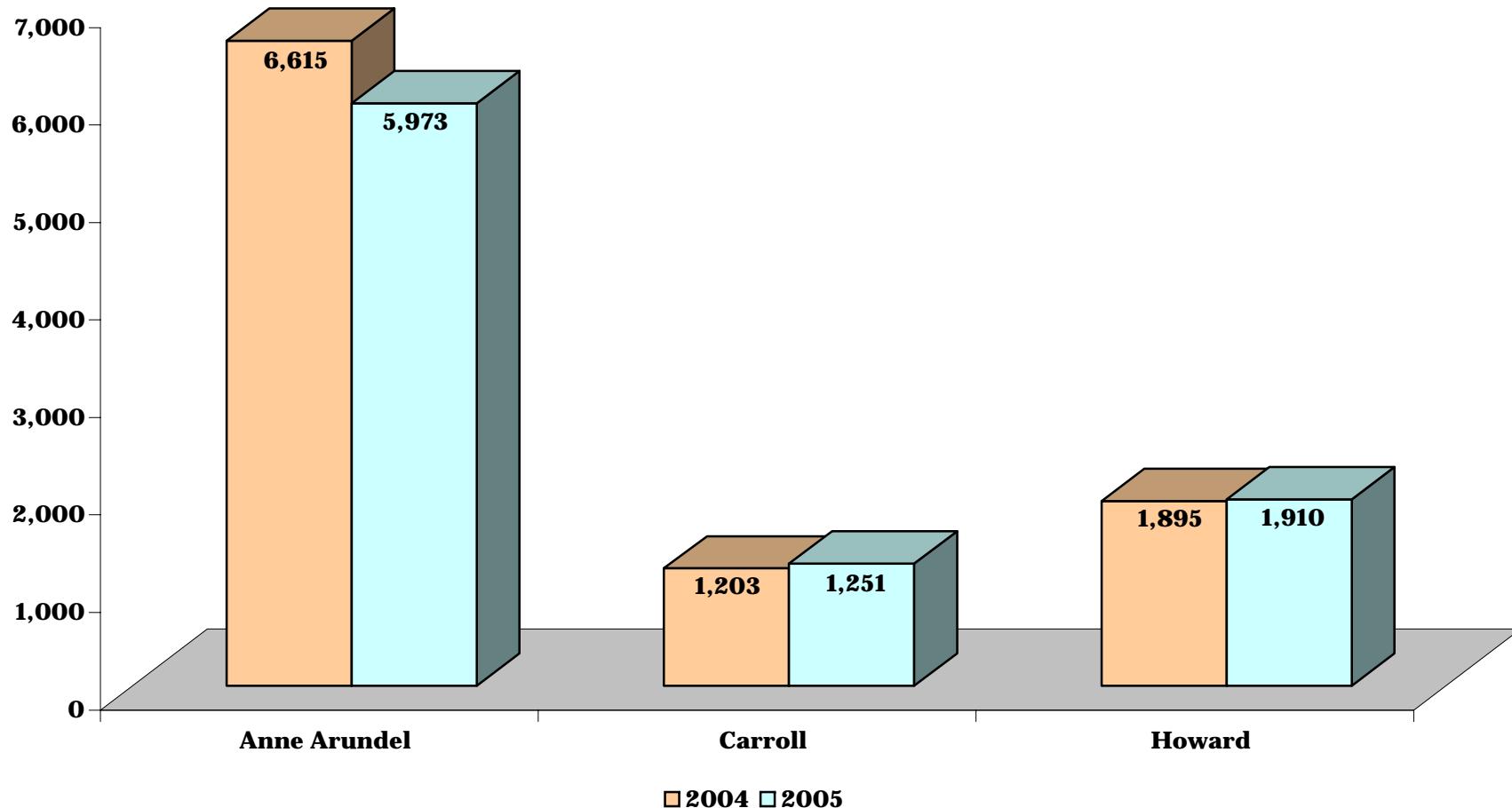
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**CIRCUIT COURT**

**5th CIRCUIT**  
**CIVIL-GENERAL FILINGS**

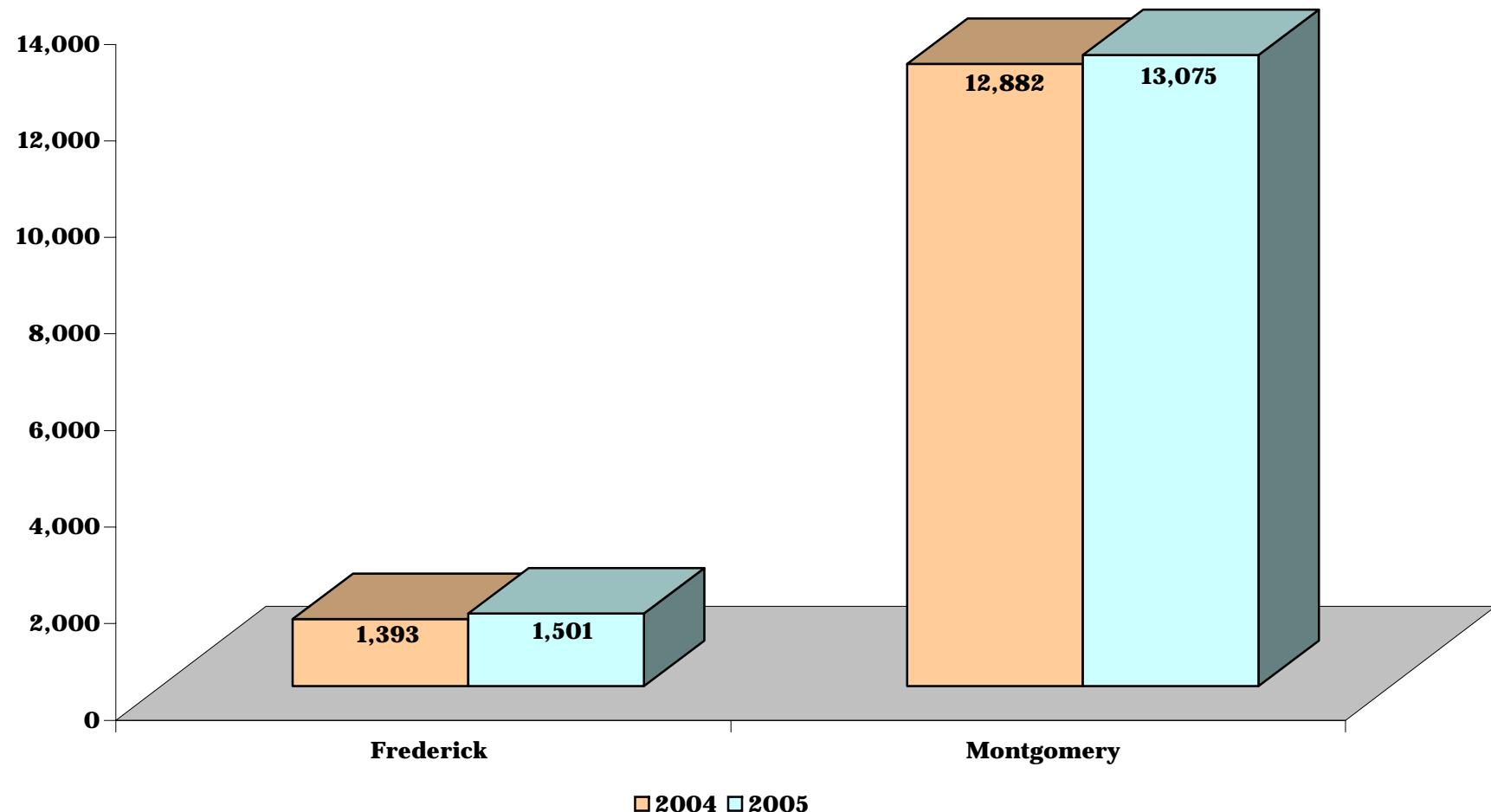
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**CIRCUIT COURT**

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**CIVIL-GENERAL FILINGS**

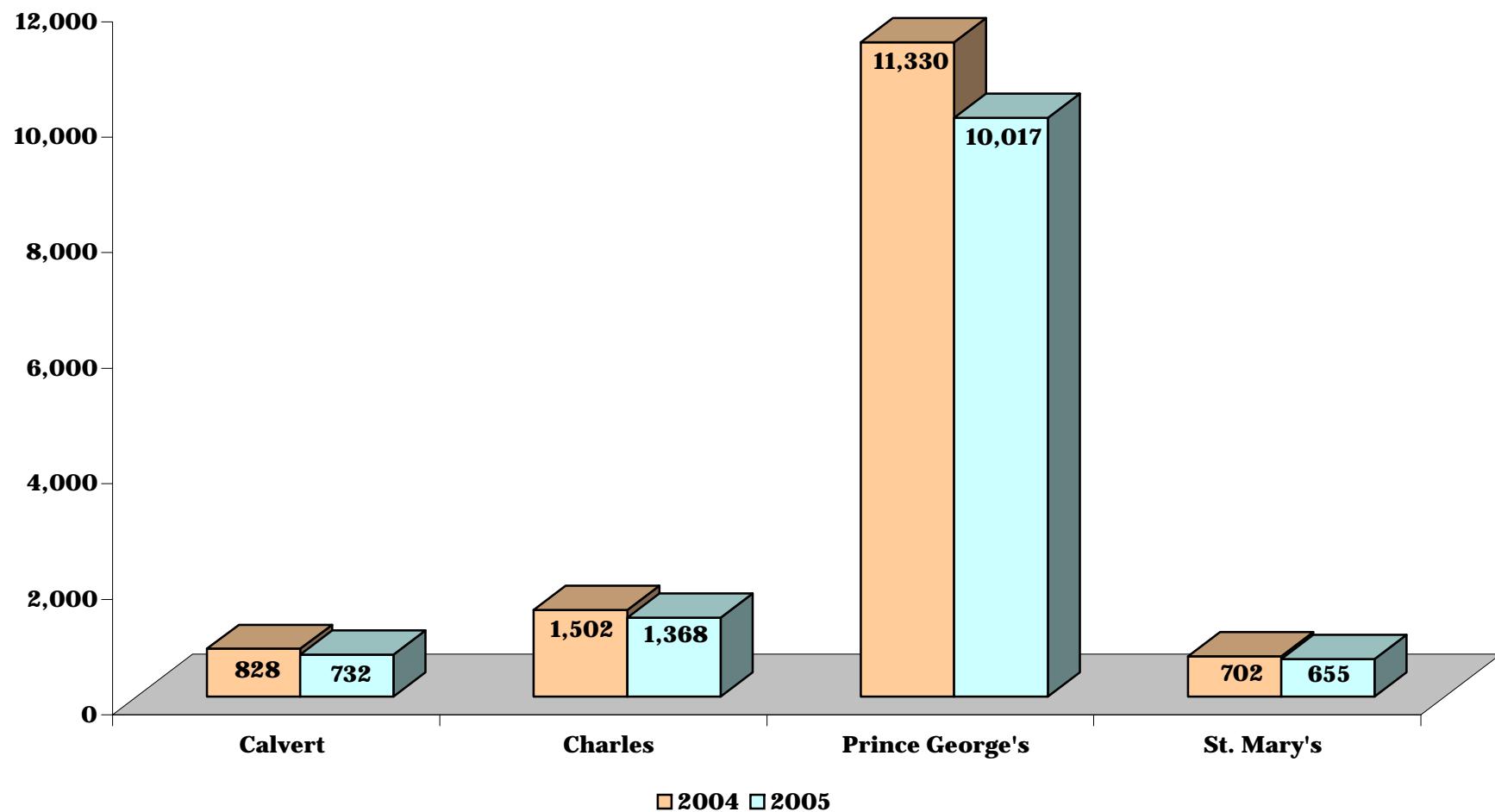
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**CIRCUIT COURT**

**7th CIRCUIT**  
**CIVIL-GENERAL FILINGS**

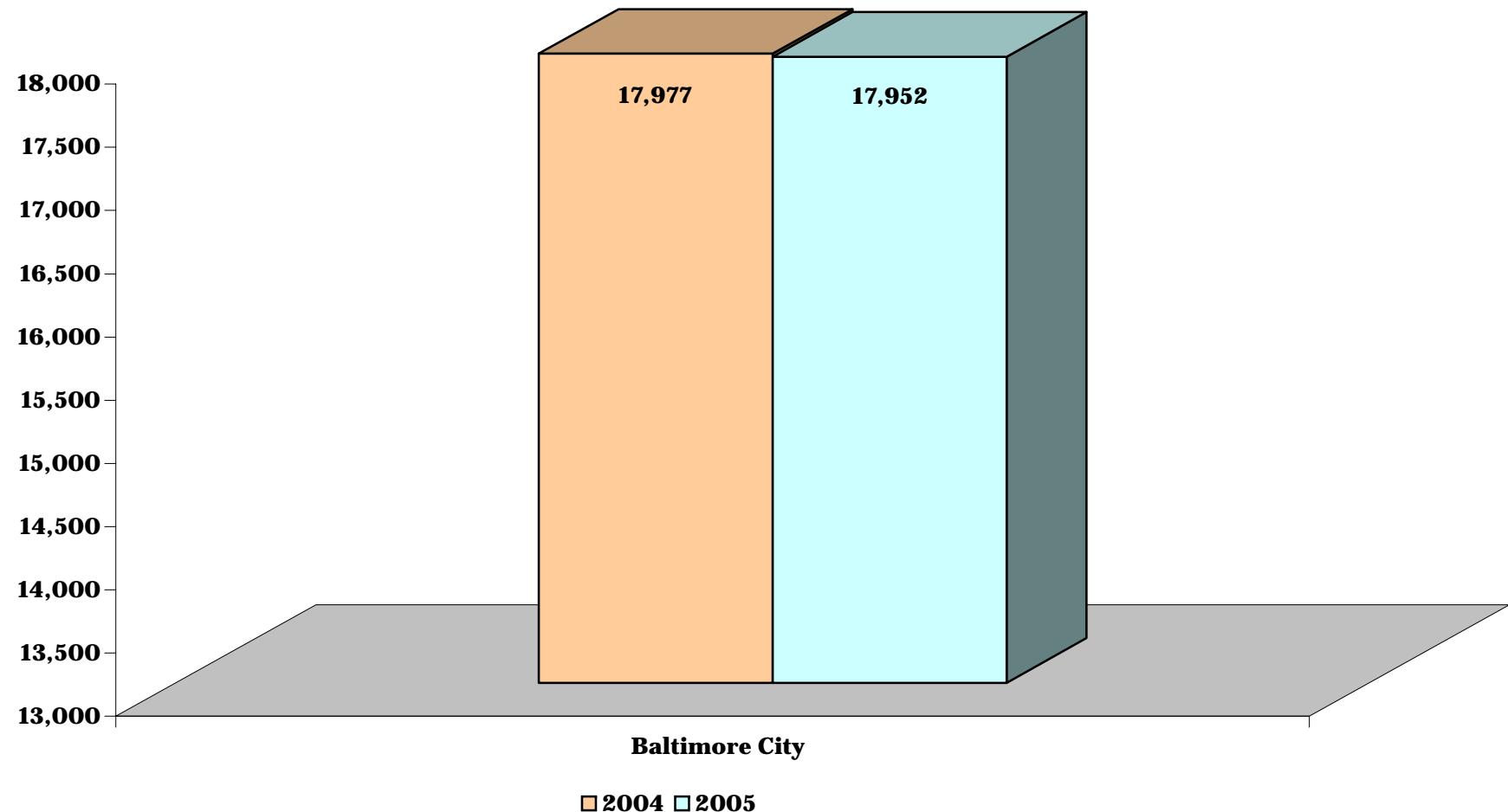
**Fiscal Years 2004 - 2005**



**CHART CC-3.1.8  
CIRCUIT COURT**

**8th CIRCUIT  
CIVIL-GENERAL FILINGS**

**Fiscal Years 2004 - 2005**

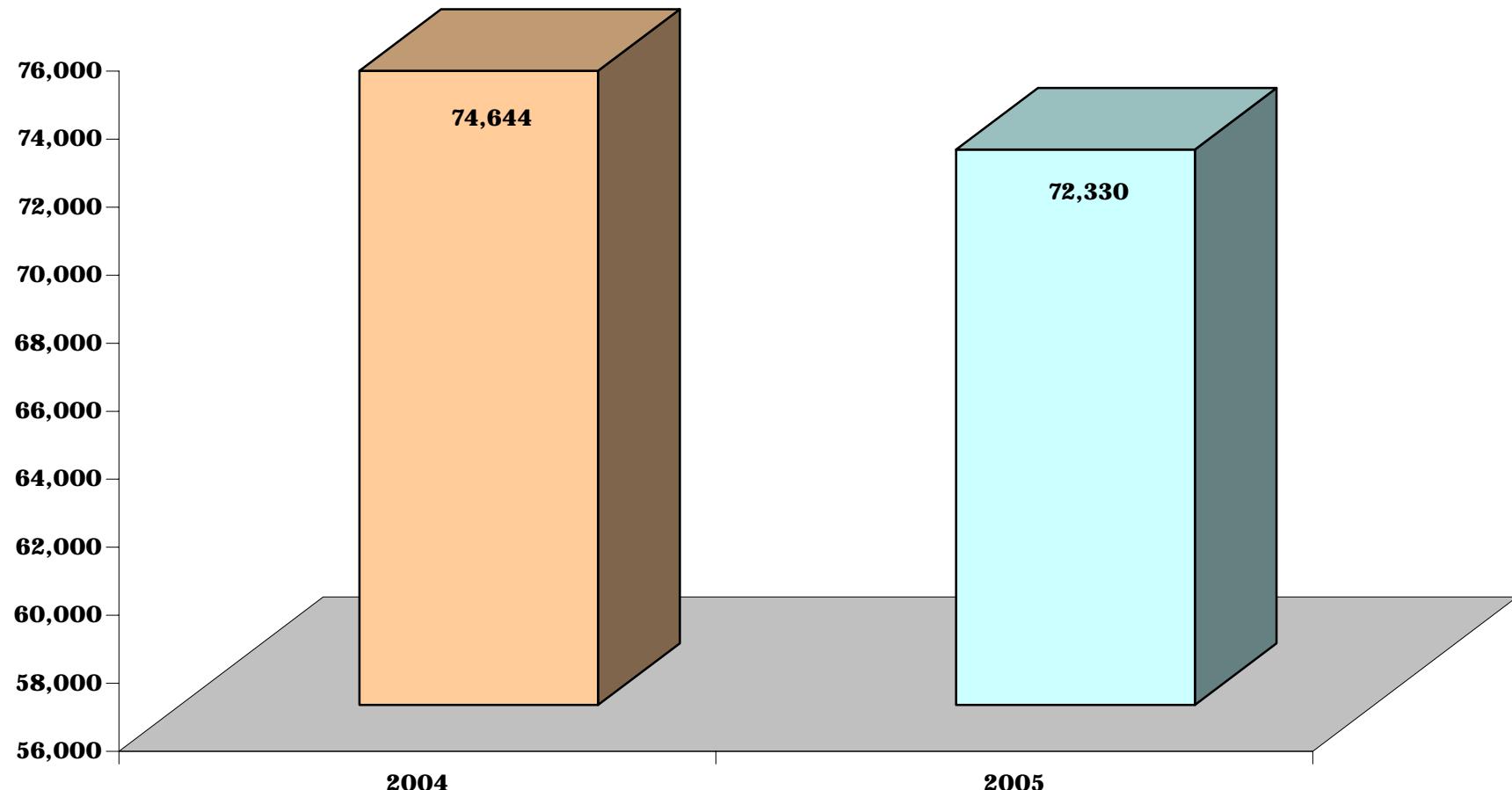


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**CIRCUIT COURT**

**STATE TOTALS  
CIVIL-GENERAL FILINGS**

**Fiscal Years 2004 - 2005**



**TABLE CC-3.2**  
**CIRCUIT COURT**

**CIVIL-FAMILY:**  
**COMPARATIVE FILINGS IN THE CIRCUIT COURTS**  
**Fiscal Years 2004 - 2005**

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>First Circuit</b>	<b>6,123</b>	<b>5,932</b>	<b>3.0</b>
Dorchester	1,086	1,018	-6.3
Somerset	1,083	1,117	3.1
Wicomico	1,870	2,000	7.0
Worcester	2,084	1,797	-13.8

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Second Circuit</b>	<b>5,461</b>	<b>5,518</b>	<b>1.0</b>
Caroline	1,003	971	-3.2
Cecil	2,736	2,718	-0.7
Kent	536	556	3.7
Queen Anne's	513	547	6.6
Talbot	673	726	7.9

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Third Circuit</b>	<b>13,169</b>	<b>13,371</b>	<b>1.5</b>
Baltimore	9,189	9,245	0.6
Harford	3,980	4,126	3.7

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Fourth Circuit</b>	<b>6,356</b>	<b>7,018</b>	<b>10.4</b>
Allegany	1,470	1,796	22.2
Garrett	630	617	-2.1
Washington	4,256	4,605	8.2

**CIVIL-FAMILY COMPARATIVE FILINGS, page 2**

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Fifth Circuit</b>	<b>12,573</b>	<b>12,057</b>	<b>-4.1</b>
Anne Arundel	8,270	7,593	-8.2
Carroll	1,979	2,038	3.0
Howard	2,324	2,426	4.4

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Sixth Circuit</b>	<b>14,455</b>	<b>14,416</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
Frederick	3,322	3,302	-0.6
Montgomery	11,133	11,114	-0.2

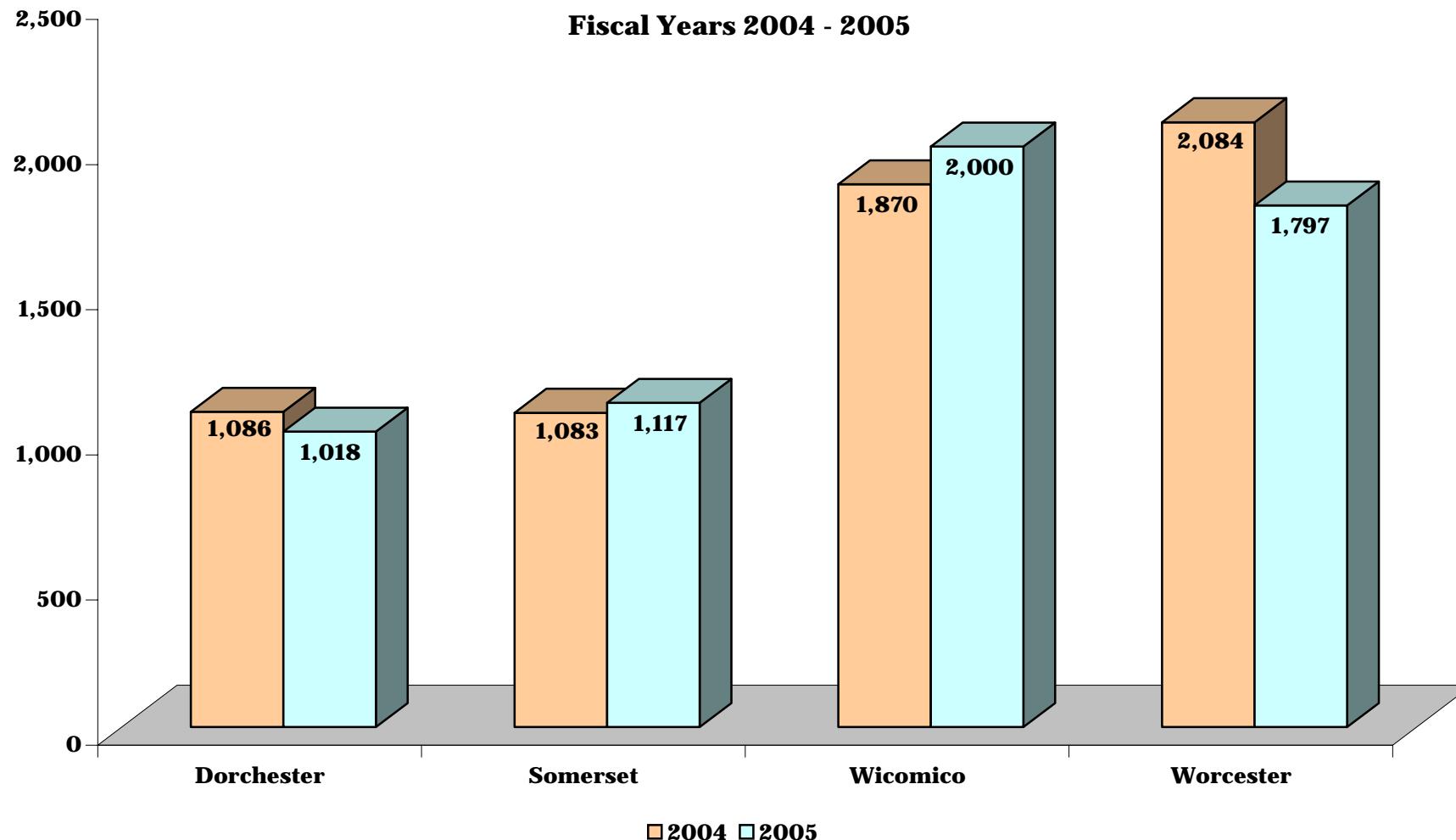
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Seventh Circuit</b>	<b>22,567</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>-2.5</b>
Calvert	2,338	2,869	22.7
Charles	3,033	3,114	2.7
Prince George's	14,993	13,995	-6.7
St. Mary's	2,203	2,022	-8.2

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Eighth Circuit</b>	<b>11,923</b>	<b>11,384</b>	<b>-4.5</b>
Baltimore City	11,923	11,384	-4.5

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>	<b>92,627</b>	<b>91,696</b>	<b>1.2</b>

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**CIRCUIT COURT**

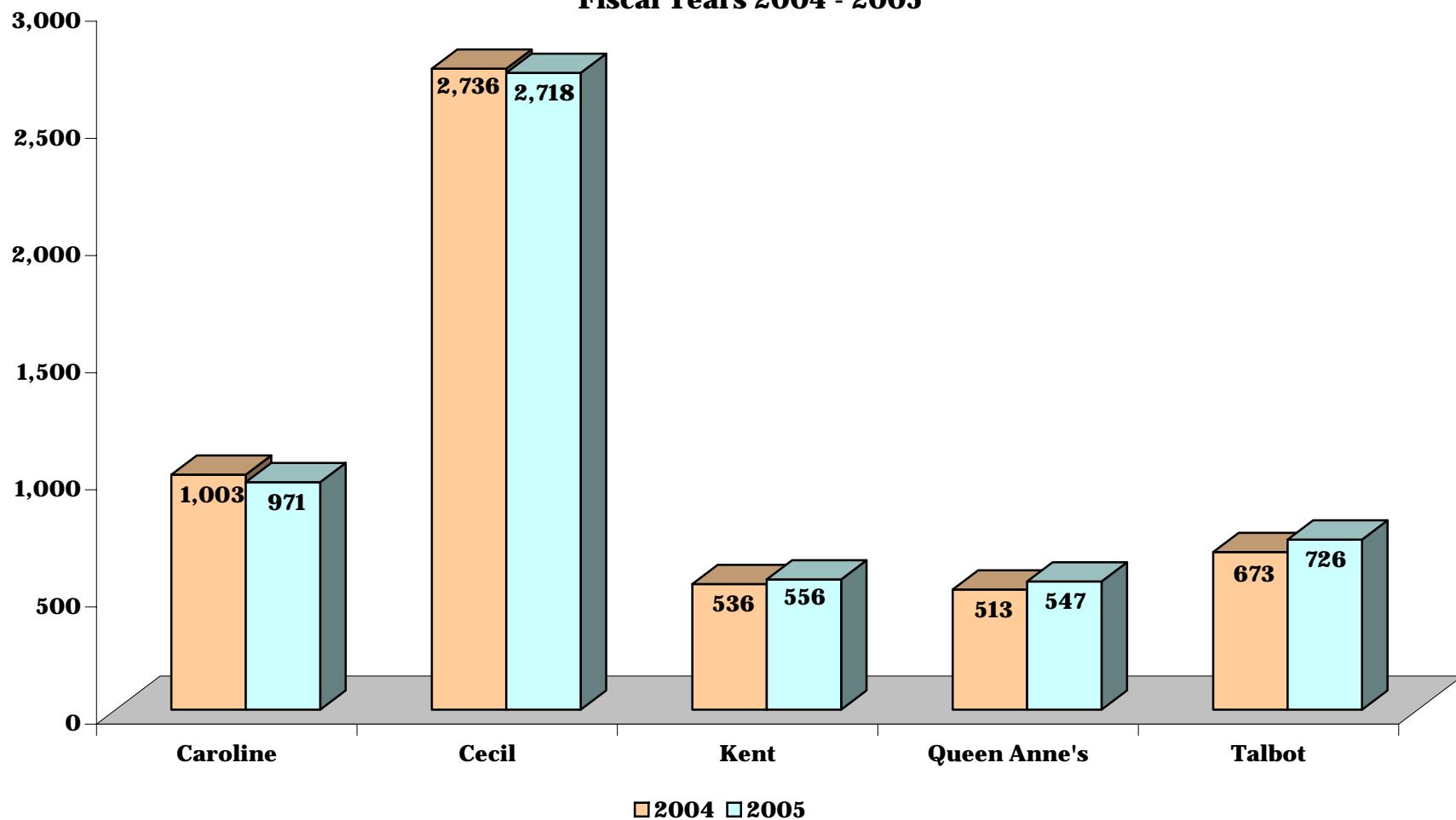
**1st CIRCUIT**  
**CIVIL-FAMILY FILINGS**



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**CIRCUIT COURT**

**2nd CIRCUIT**  
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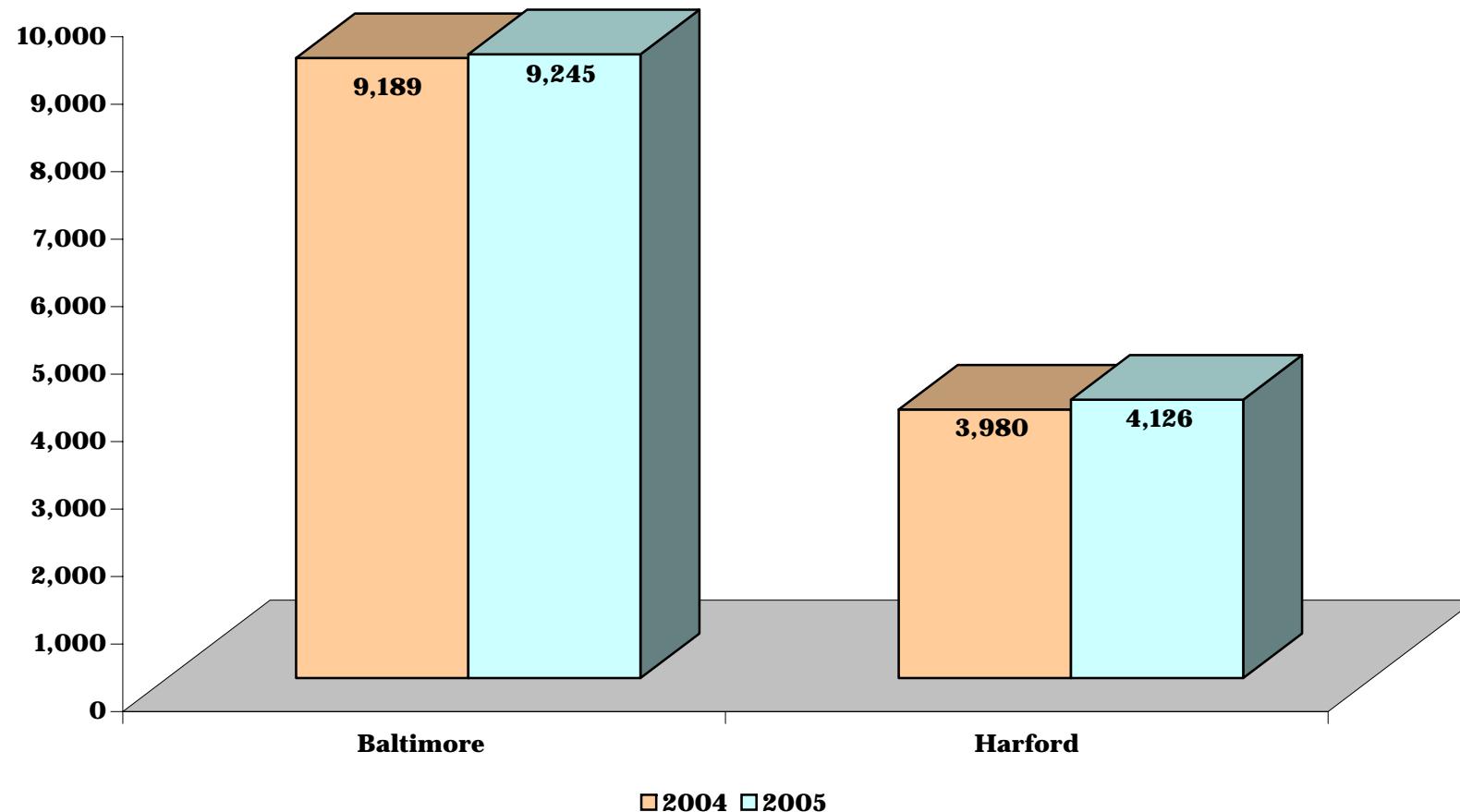
**Fiscal Years 2004 - 2005**



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CIRCUIT COURT**

**3rd CIRCUIT  
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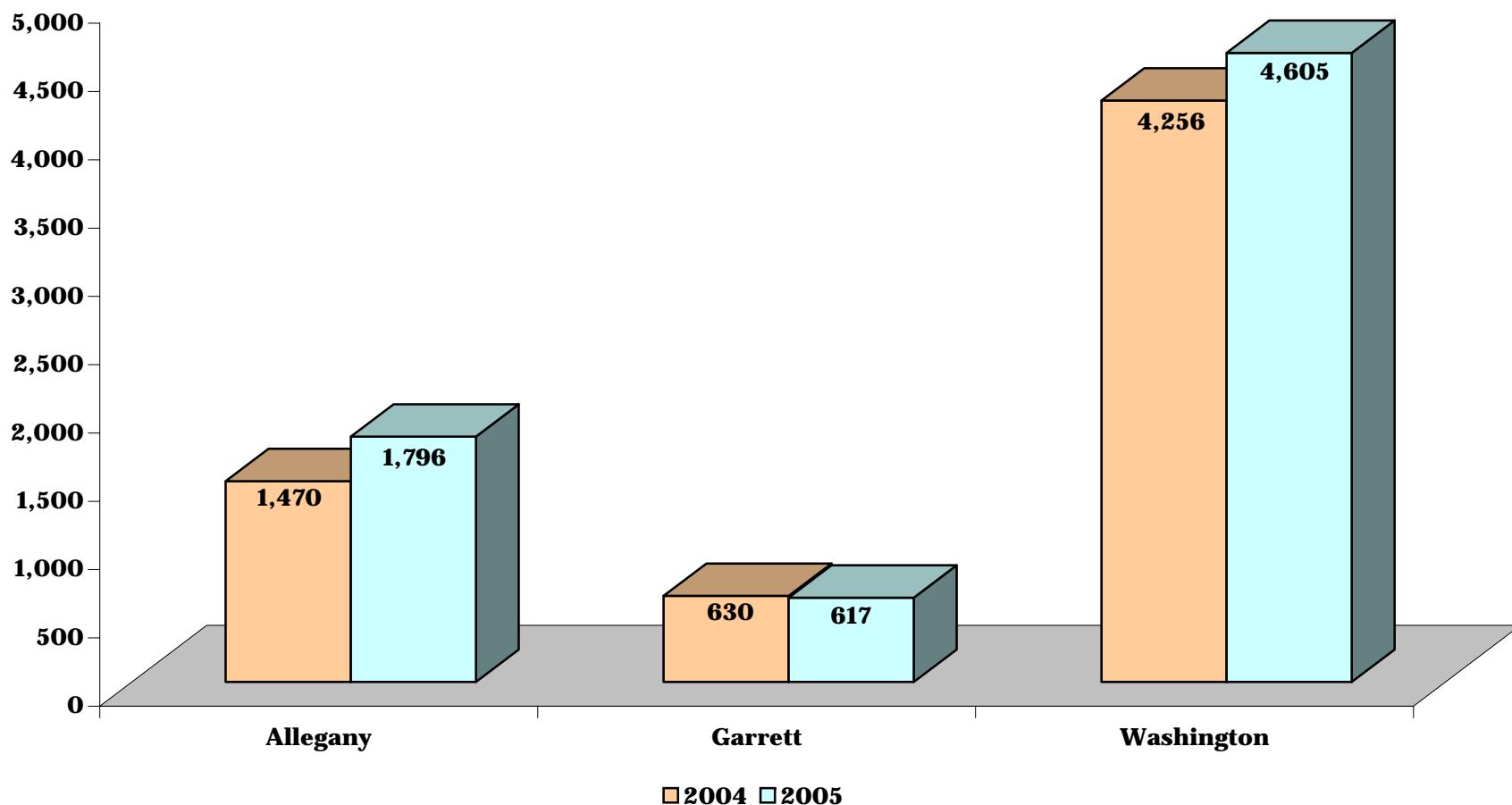
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CIRCUIT COURT**

**4th CIRCUIT  
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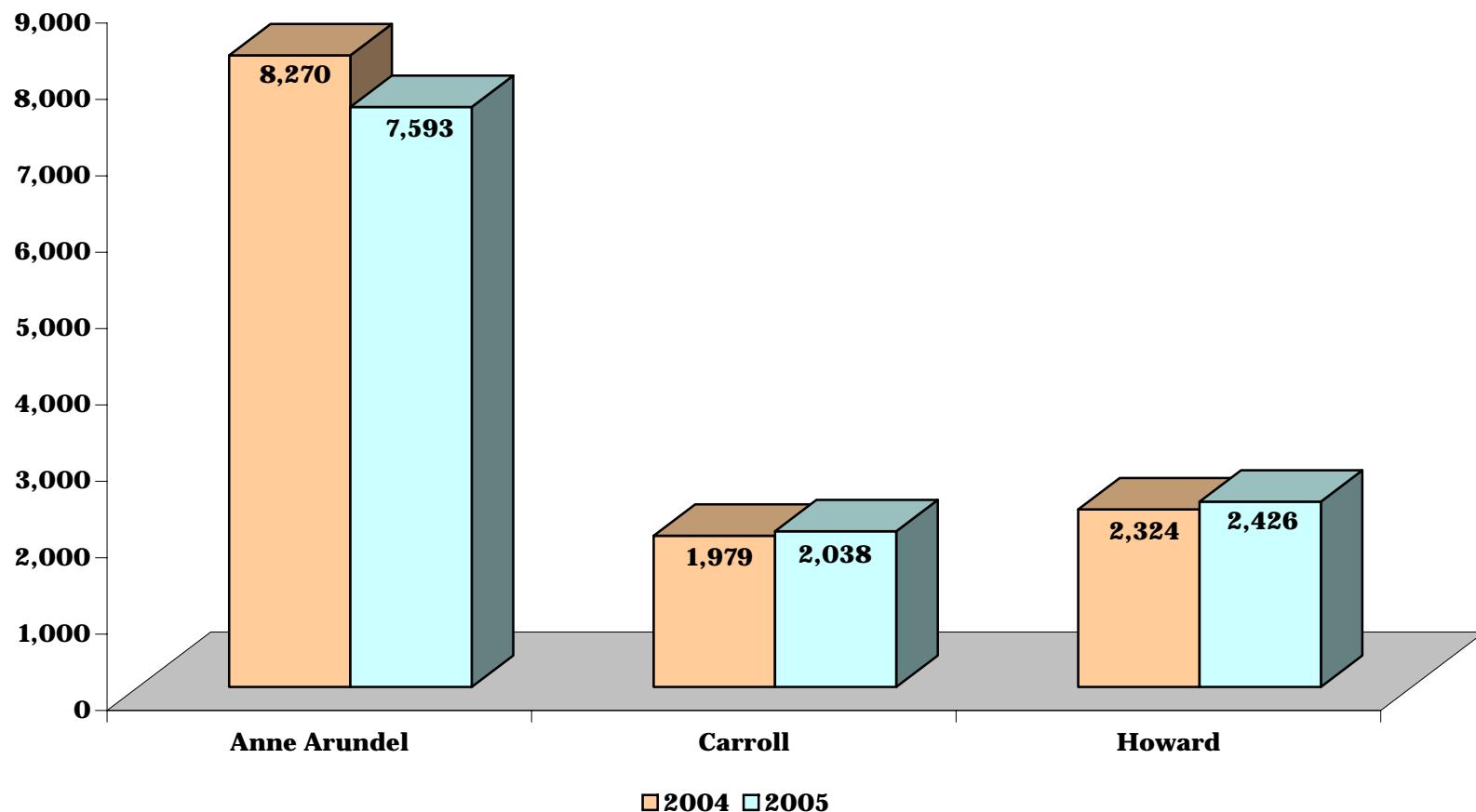
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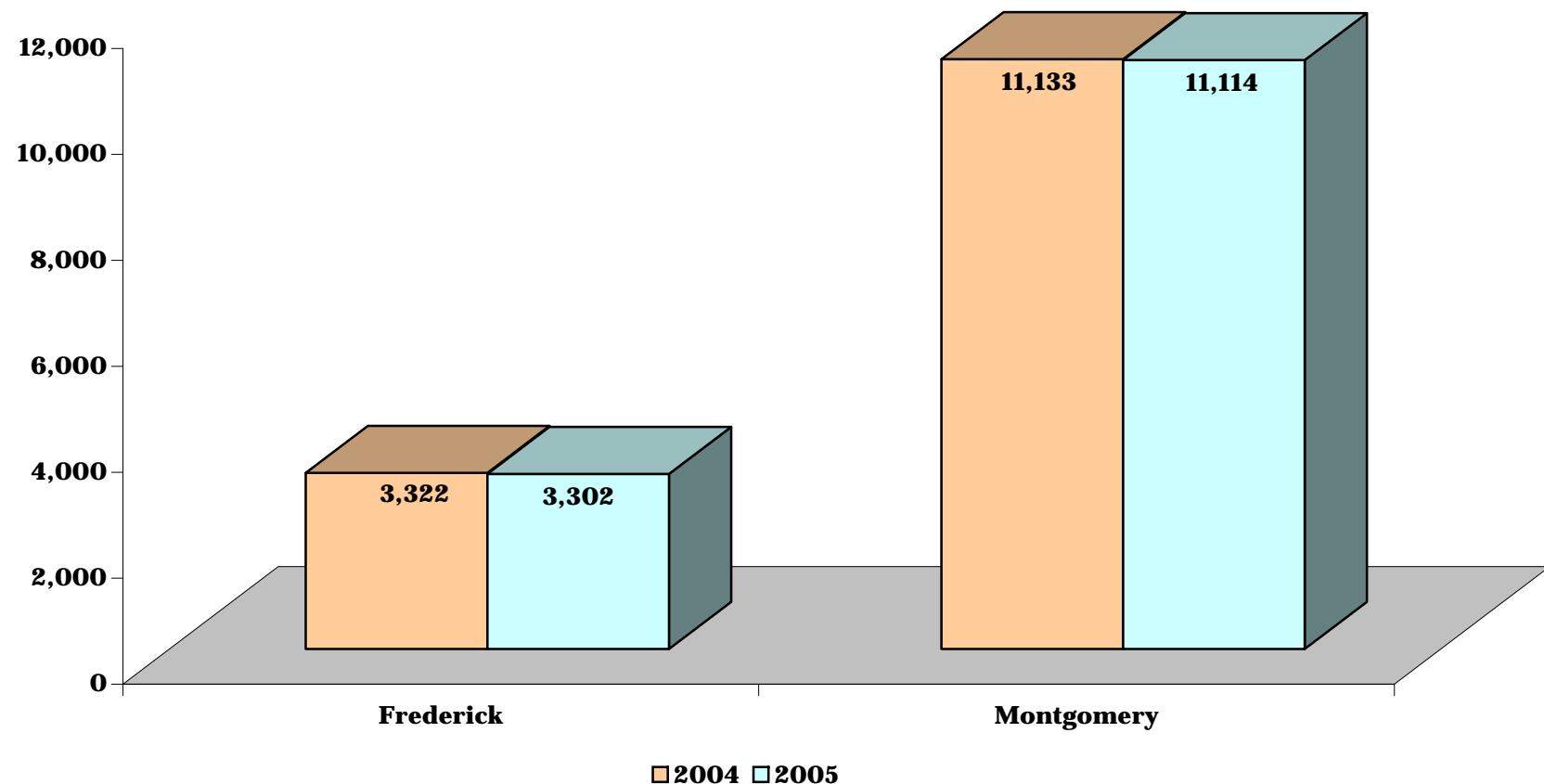
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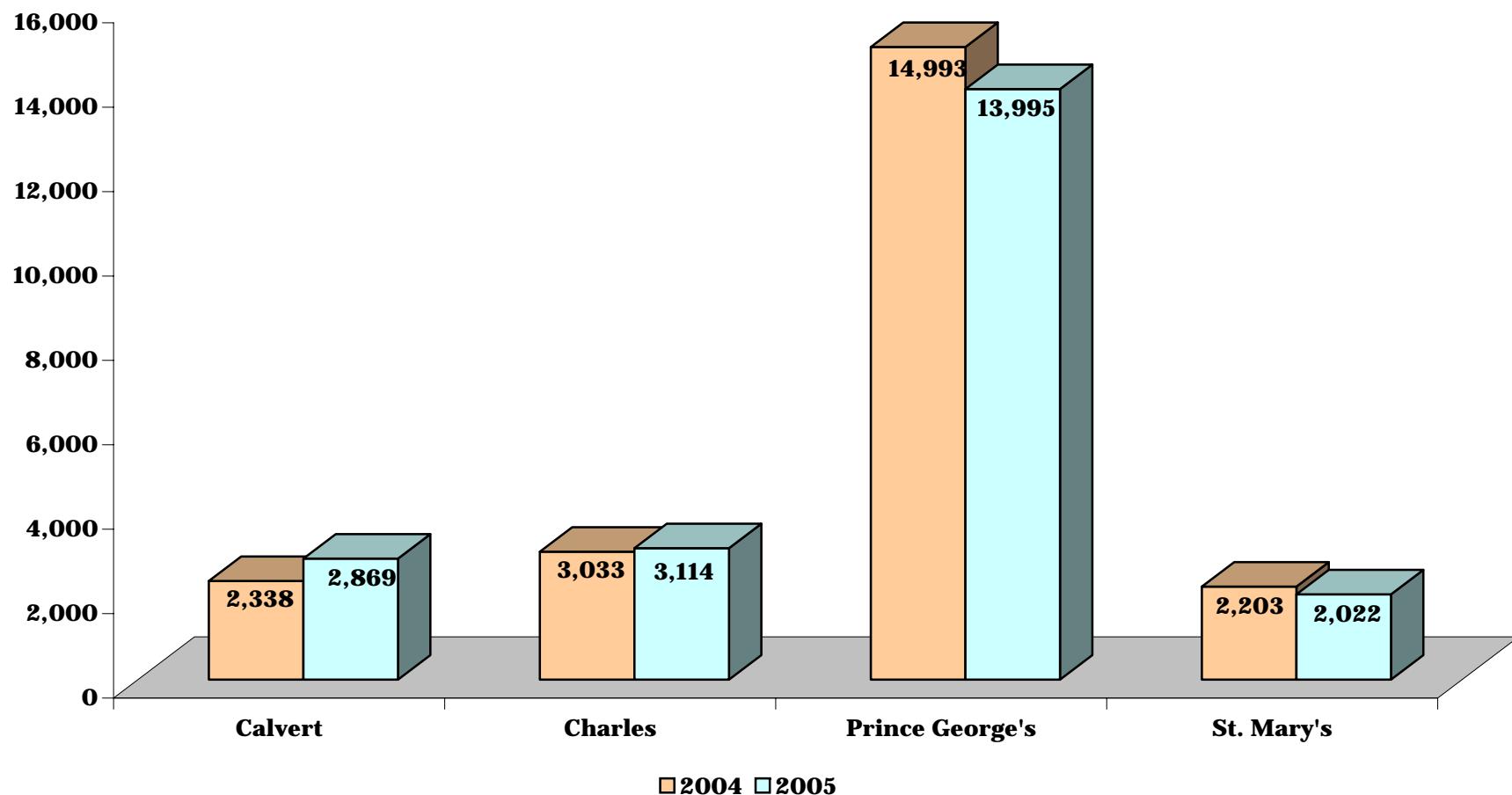
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**CIRCUIT COURT**

**7th CIRCUIT**  
**CIVIL-FAMILY FILINGS**

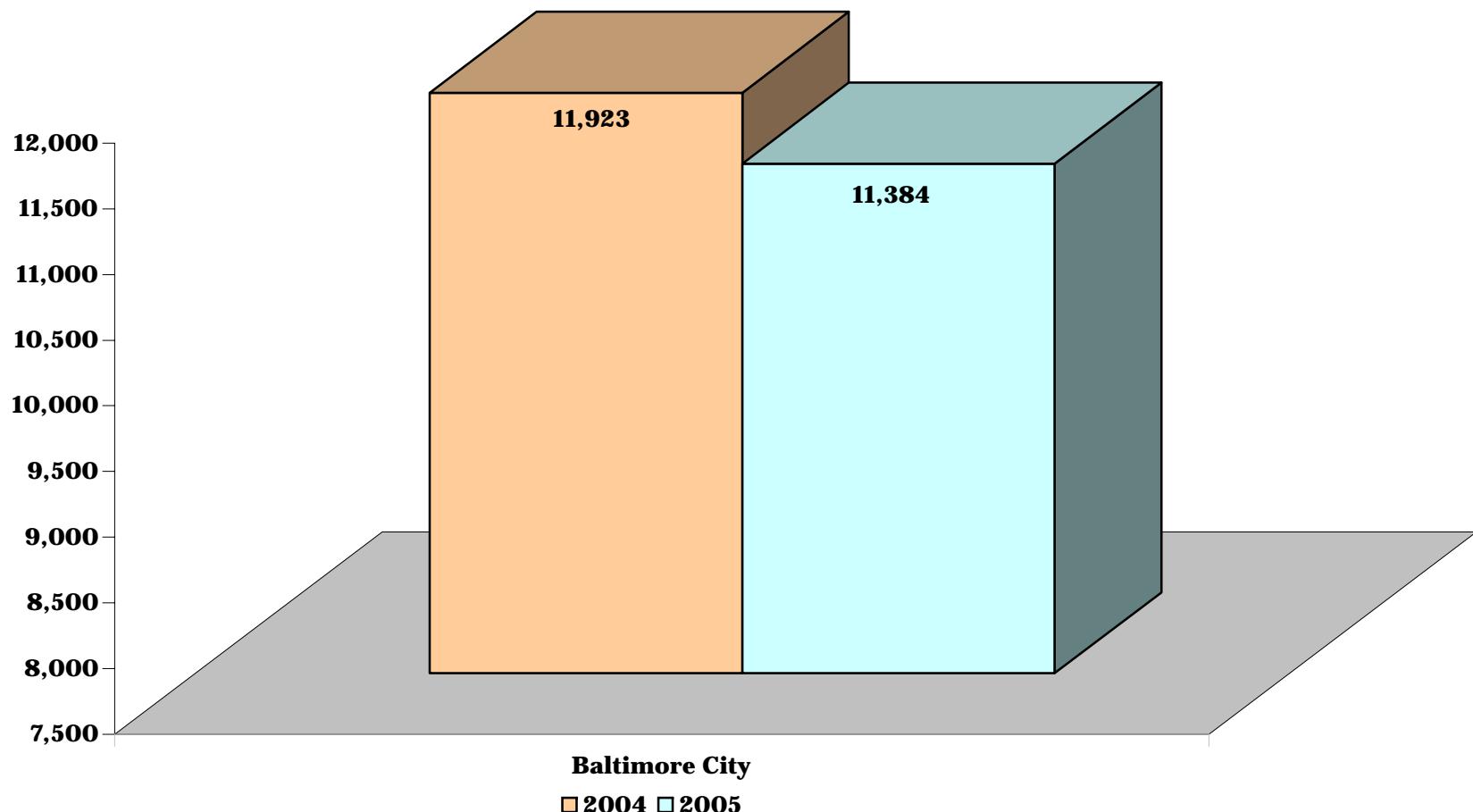
**Fiscal Years 2004 - 2005**



**CHART CC-3.2.8**  
**CIRCUIT COURT**

**8th CIRCUIT**  
**CIVIL-FAMILY FILINGS**

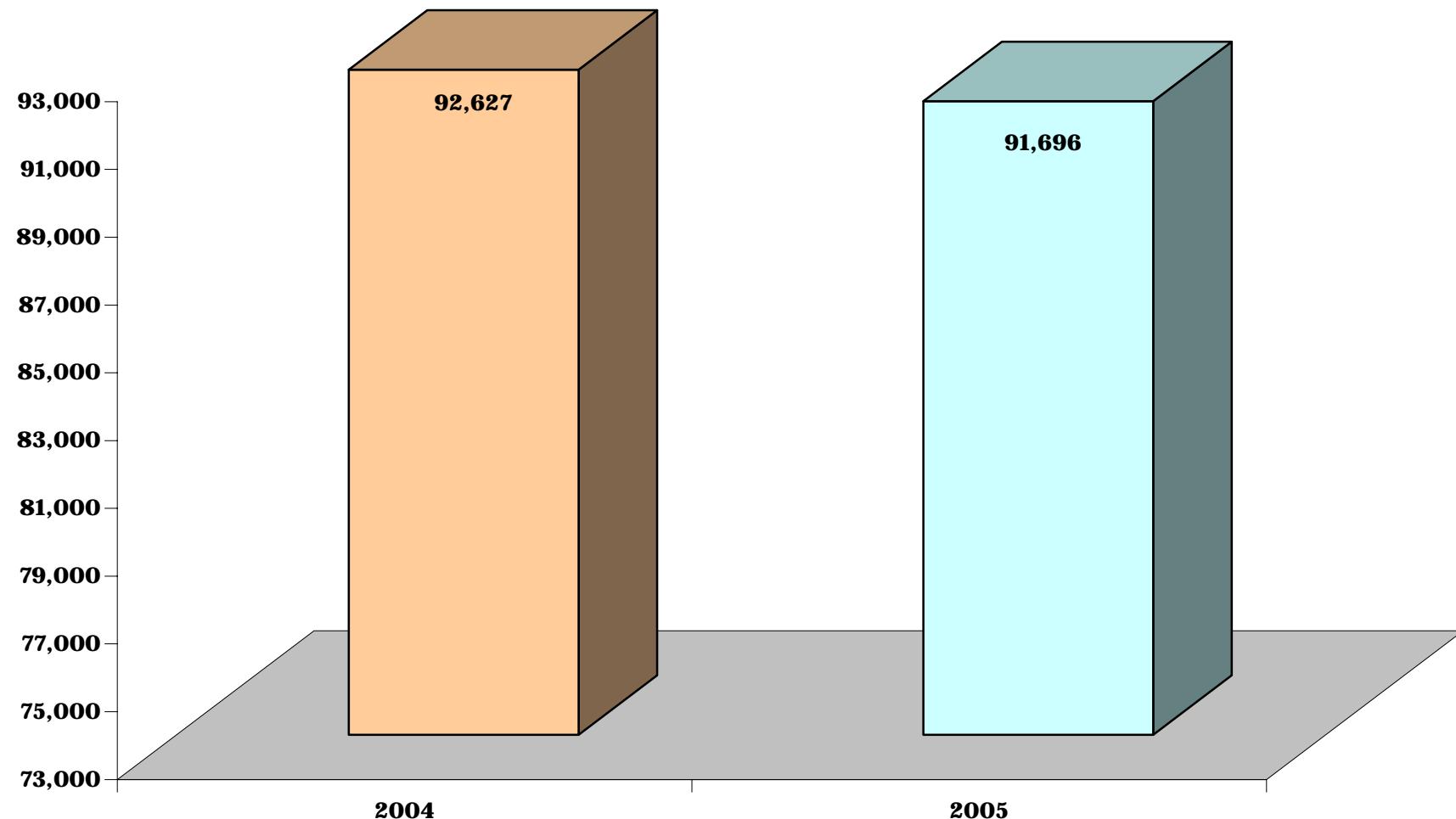
**Fiscal Years 2004 - 2005**



**CHART CC-3.2.9  
CIRCUIT COURT**

**STATE TOTALS  
CIVIL-FAMILY FILINGS**

**Fiscal Years 2004 - 2005**



**TABLE CC-3.3**  
**CIRCUIT COURT**

**JUVENILE:**  
**COMPARATIVE FILINGS IN THE CIRCUIT COURTS**  
**Fiscal Years 2004 - 2005**

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>First Circuit</b>	<b>1,113</b>	<b>1,247</b>	<b>12.0</b>
Dorchester	148	223	50.7
Somerset	132	108	-18.2
Wicomico	495	623	25.9
Worcester	338	293	-13.3

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Second Circuit</b>	<b>1,147</b>	<b>1,305</b>	<b>13.8</b>
Caroline	207	214	3.4
Cecil	466	439	-5.8
Kent	82	127	54.9
Queen Anne's	140	211	50.7
Talbot	252	314	24.6

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Third Circuit</b>	<b>5,299</b>	<b>5,128</b>	<b>-3.2</b>
Baltimore	4,389	4,244	-3.3
Harford	910	884	-2.9

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Fourth Circuit</b>	<b>1,717</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>10.6</b>
Allegany	445	333	-25.2
Garrett	78	93	19.2
Washington	1,194	1,474	23.5

**JUVENILE COMPARATIVE FILINGS, page 2**

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Fifth Circuit</b>	<b>4,418</b>	<b>4,524</b>	<b>2.4</b>
Anne Arundel	2,579	2,510	-2.7
Carroll	937	1,059	13.0
Howard	902	955	5.9

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Sixth Circuit</b>	<b>7,073</b>	<b>5,290</b>	<b>-25.2</b>
Frederick	1,192	954	-10.0
Montgomery	5,881	4,336	-26.3

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Seventh Circuit</b>	<b>5,649</b>	<b>5,100</b>	<b>-9.7</b>
Calvert	673	688	2.2
Charles	1,525	1,305	-14.4
Prince George's	2,980	2,578	-13.5
St. Mary's	471	529	12.3

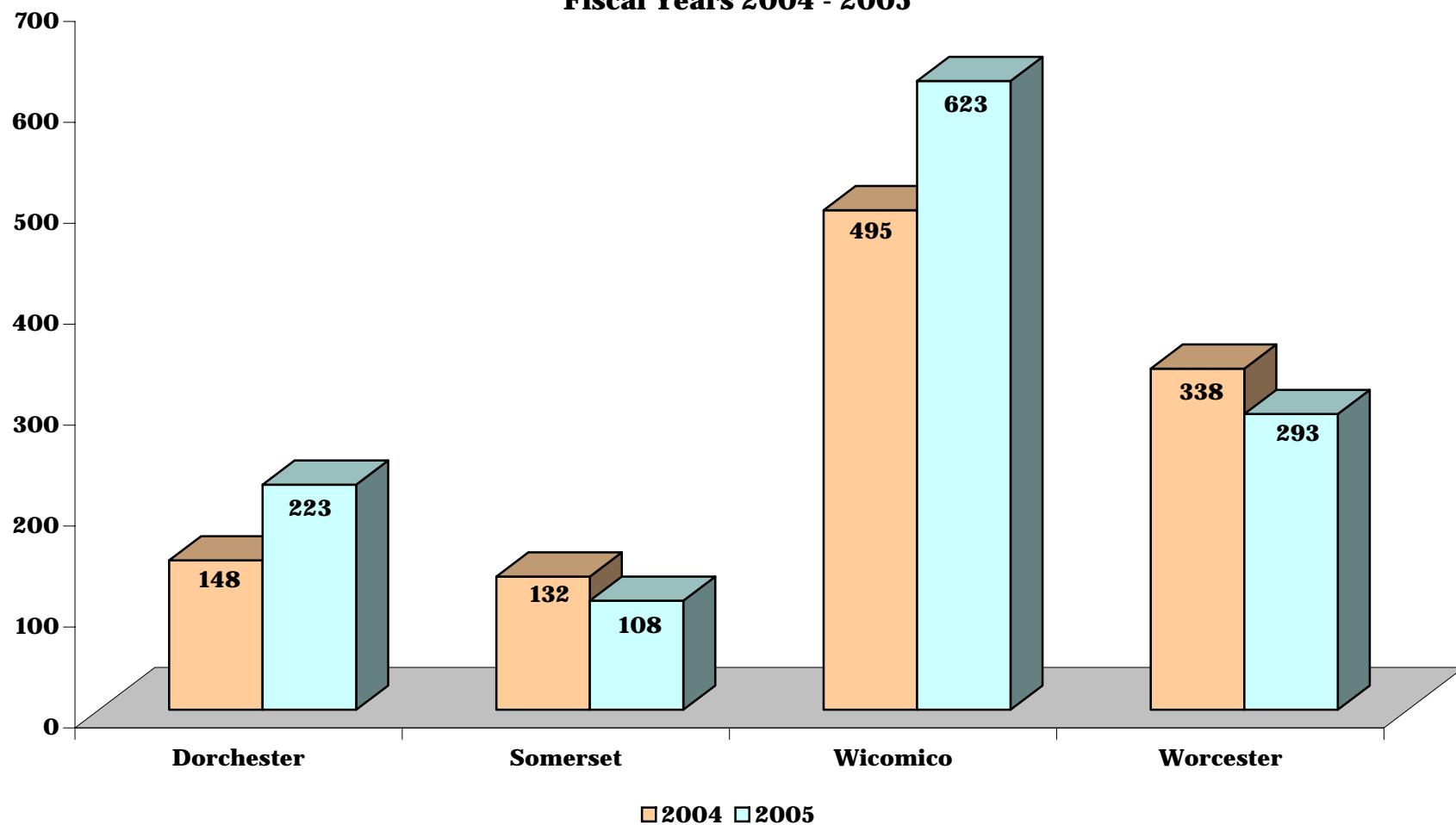
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Eighth Circuit</b>	<b>10,202</b>	<b>9,800</b>	<b>-3.9</b>
Baltimore City	10,202	9,800	-3.9

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>	<b>36,618</b>	<b>34,294</b>	<b>-6.3</b>

**CHART CC-3.3.1**  
**CIRCUIT COURT**

**1st CIRCUIT**  
**JUVENILE FILINGS**

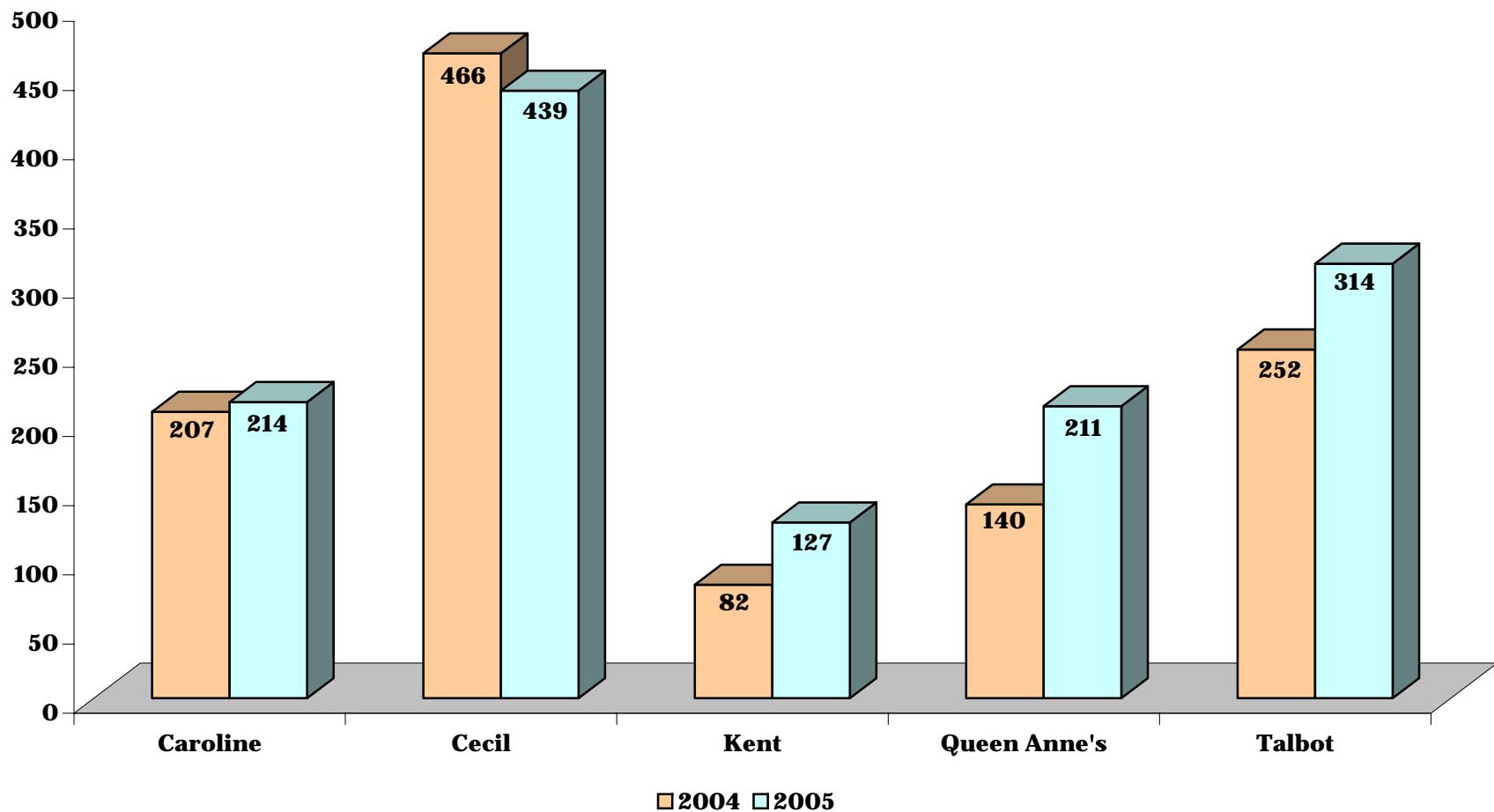
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**CIRCUIT COURT**

**2nd CIRCUIT**  
**JUVENILE FILINGS**

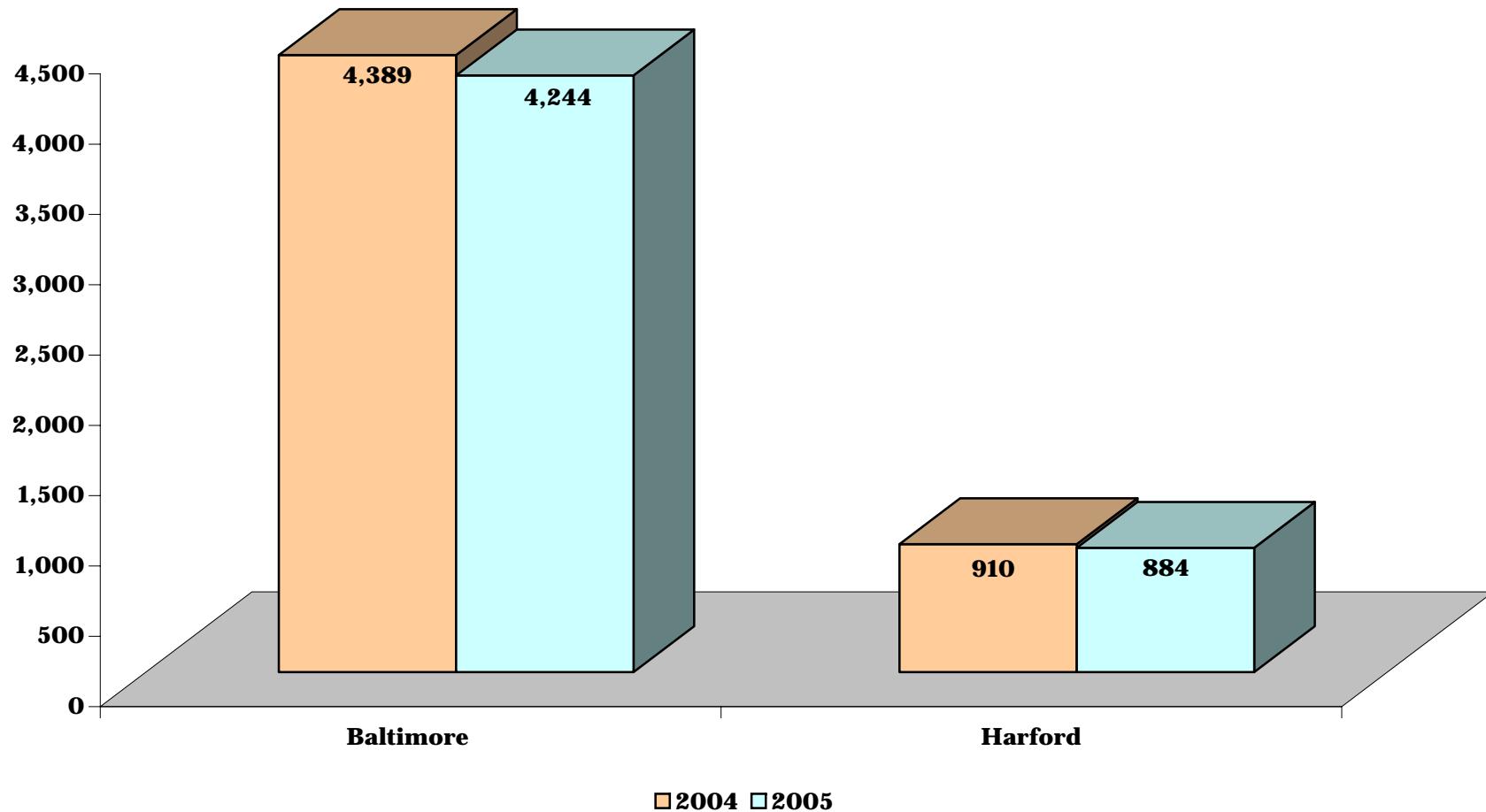
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**CHART CC-3.3.3  
CIRCUIT COURT**

**3rd CIRCUIT  
JUVENILE FILINGS**

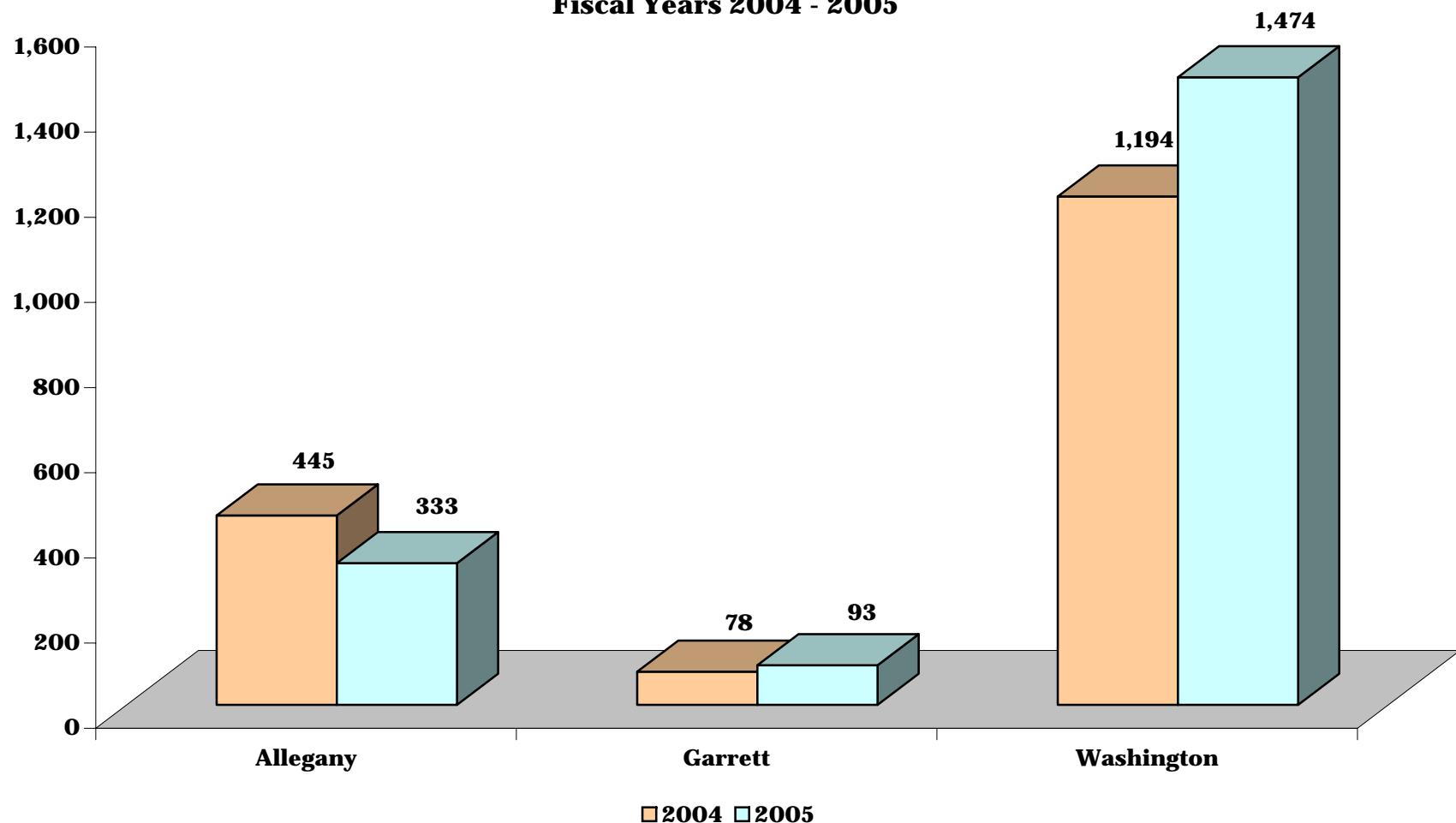
**Fiscal Years 2004 - 2005**



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CIRCUIT COURT**

**4th CIRCUIT  
JUVENILE FILINGS**

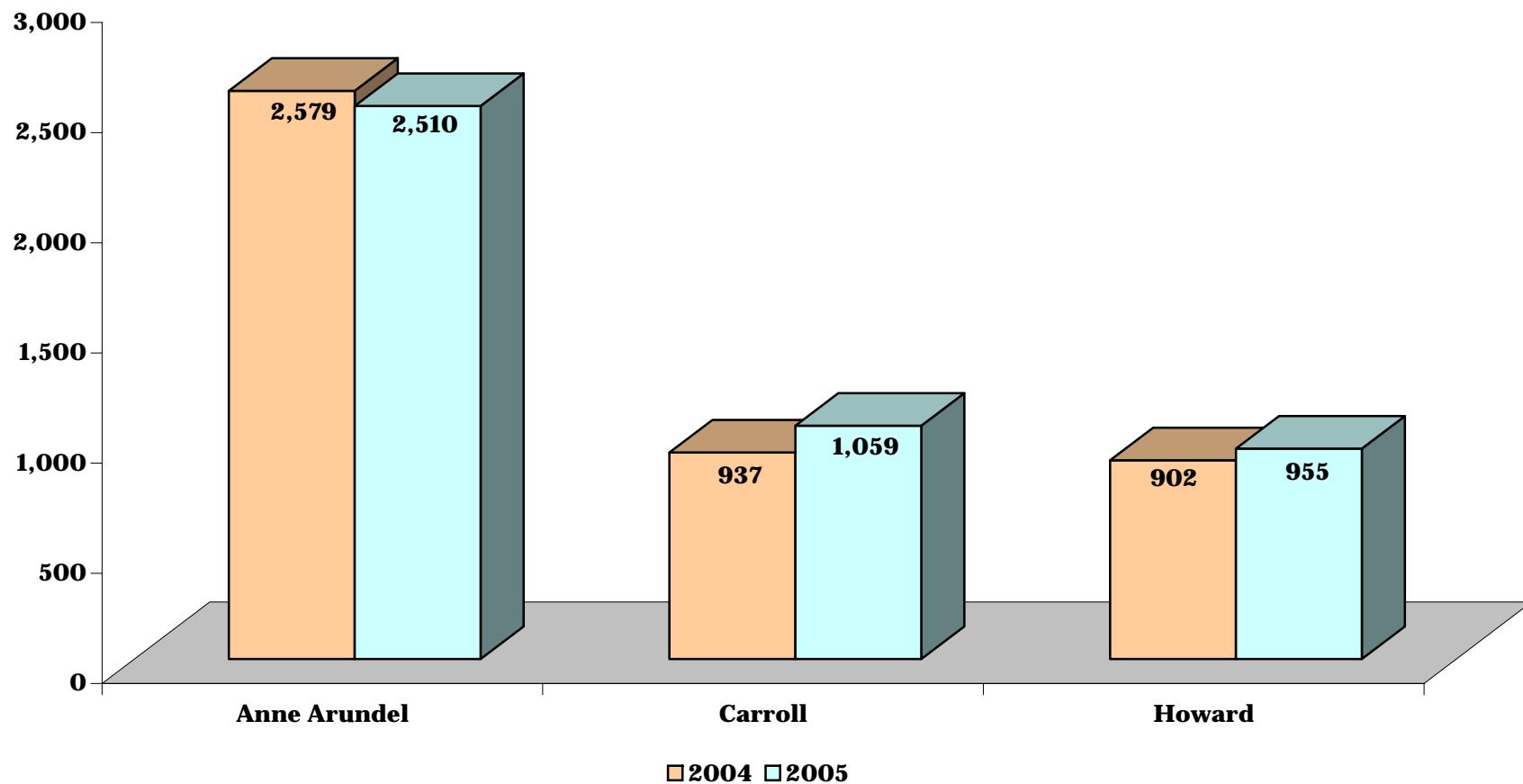
**Fiscal Years 2004 - 2005**



**CHART CC-3.3.5  
CIRCUIT COURT**

**5th CIRCUIT  
JUVENILE FILINGS**

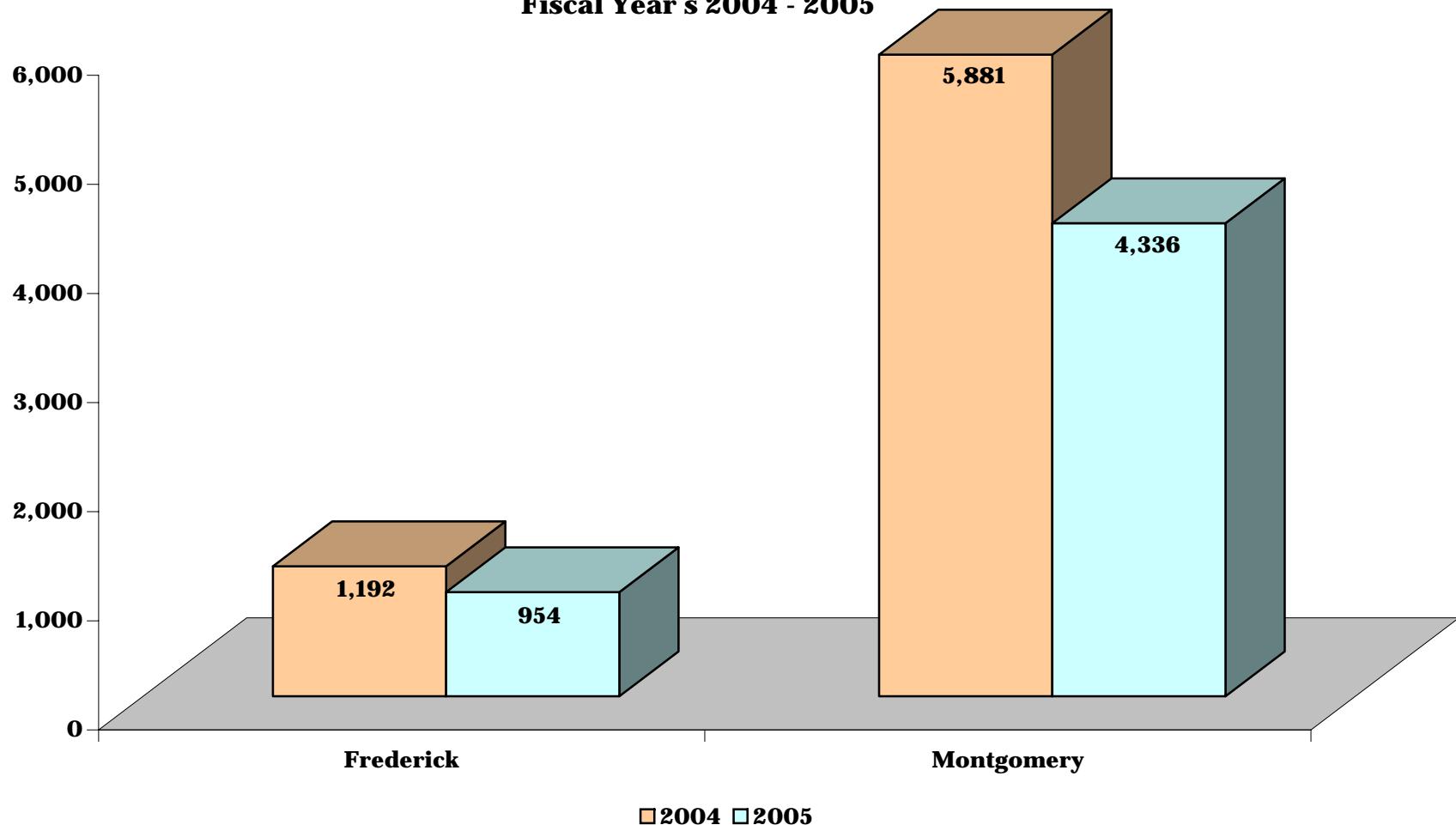
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**CIRCUIT COURT**

**6th CIRCUIT**  
**JUVENILE FILINGS**

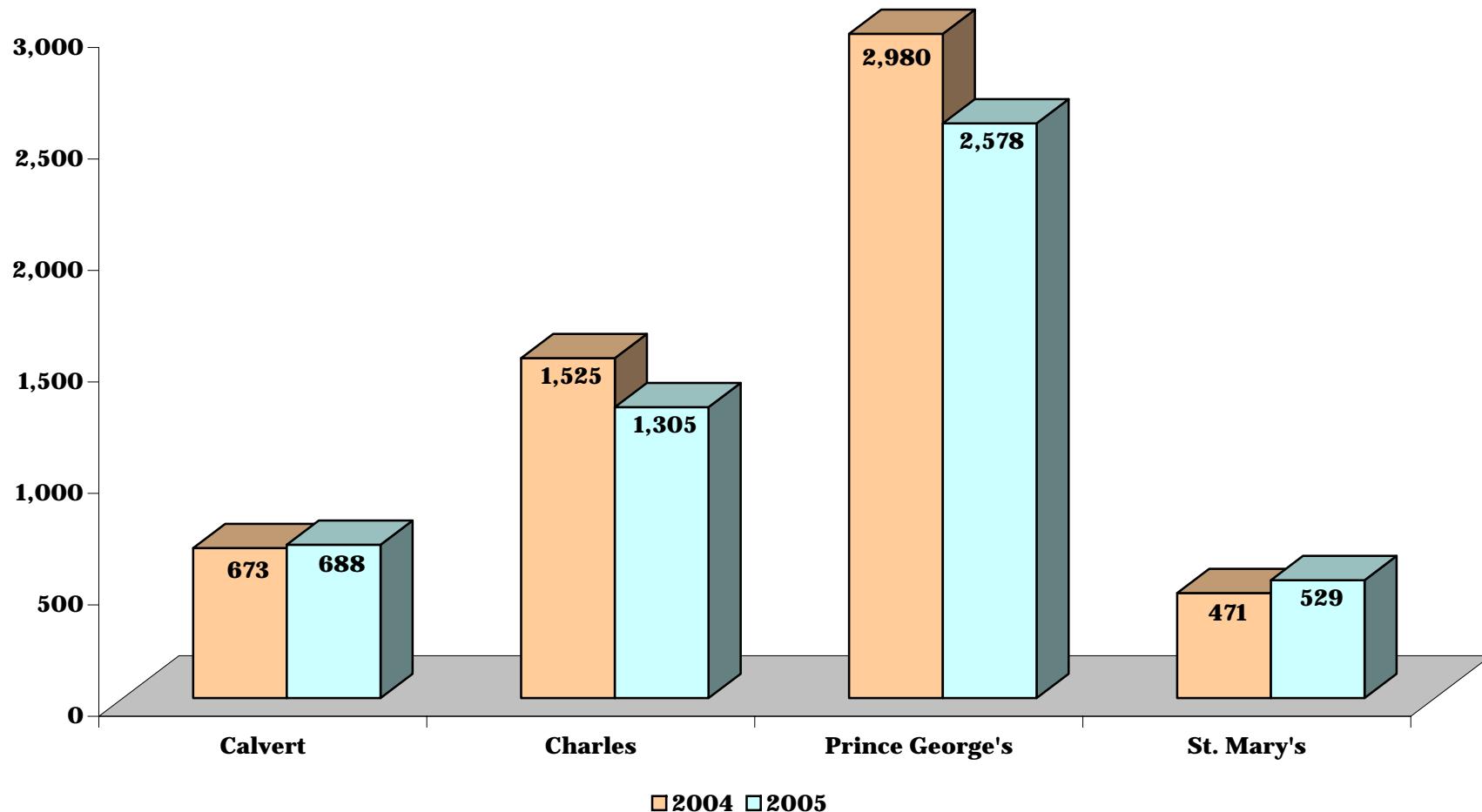
**Fiscal Years 2004 - 2005**



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CIRCUIT COURT**

**7th CIRCUIT  
JUVENILE FILINGS**

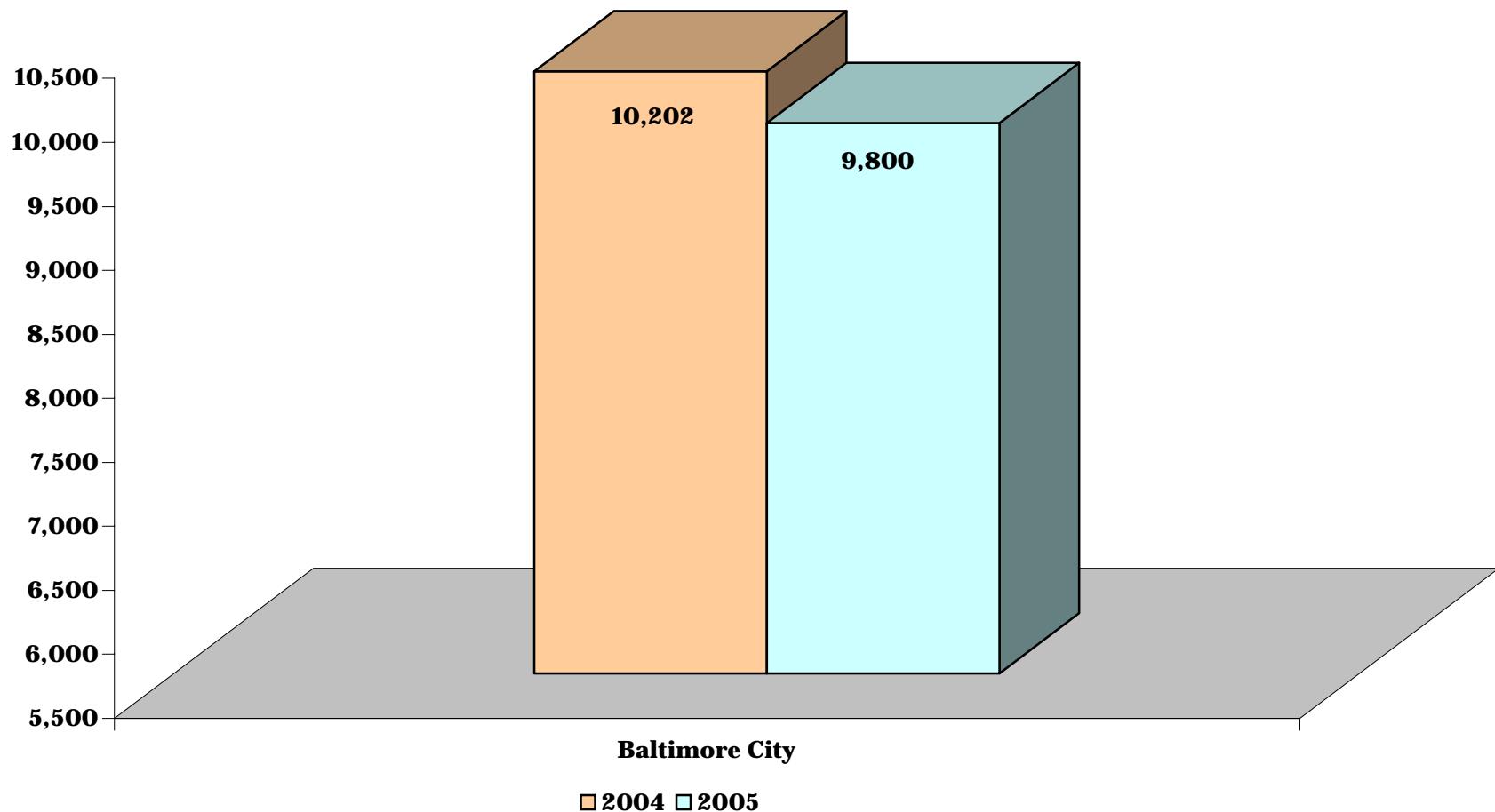
**Fiscal Years 2004 - 2005**



**CHART CC-3.3.8**  
**CIRCUIT COURT**

**8th CIRCUIT**  
**JUVENILE FILINGS**

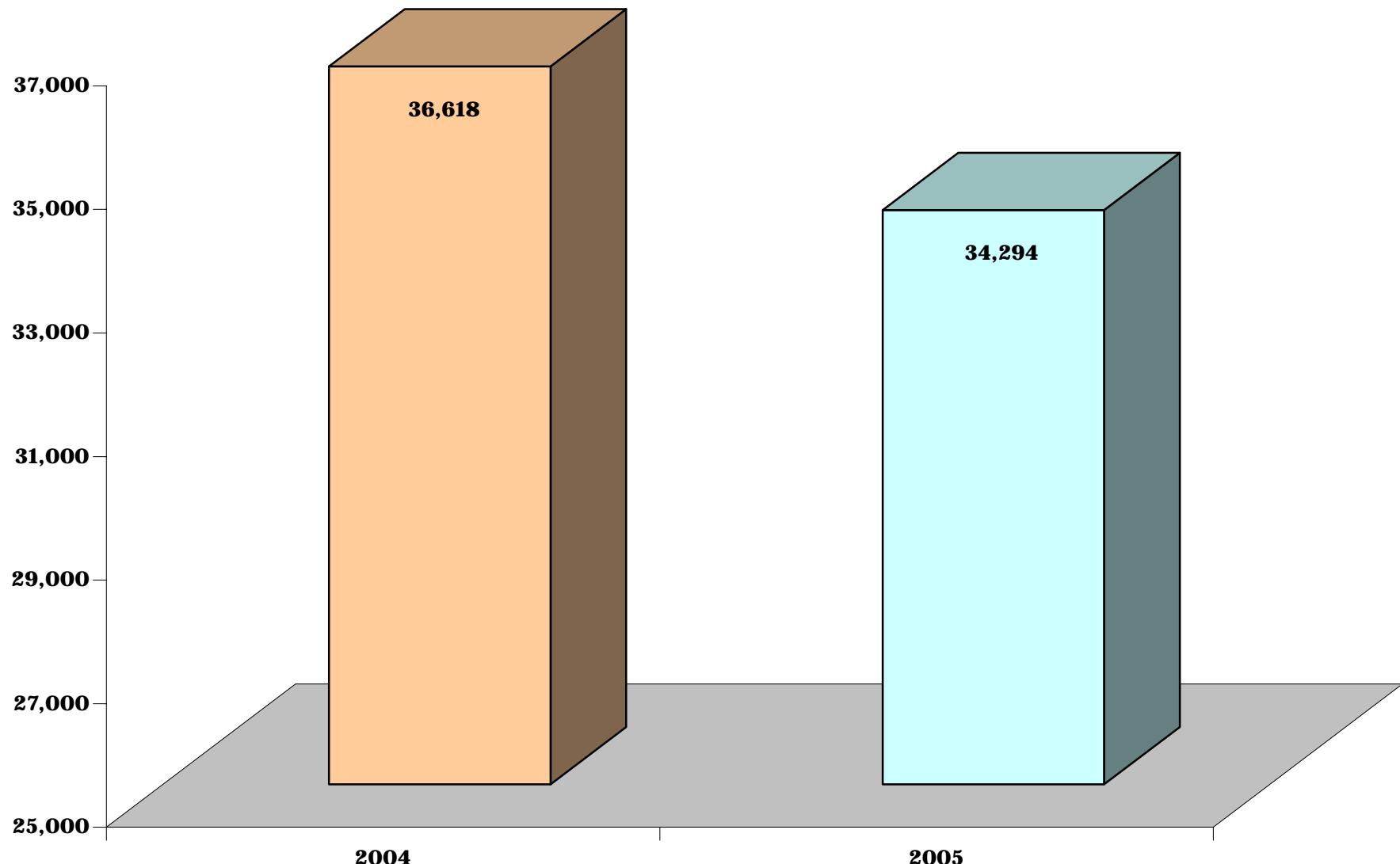
**Fiscal Years 2004 - 2005**



**CHART CC-3.3.9  
CIRCUIT COURT**

**STATE TOTALS  
JUVENILE FILINGS**

**Fiscal Years 2004 - 2005**



**TABLE CC-3.4**  
**CIRCUIT COURT**

**CRIMINAL:**  
**COMPARATIVE FILINGS IN THE CIRCUIT COURTS**  
**Fiscal Years 2004 - 2005**

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>First Circuit</b>	<b>5,245</b>	<b>5,055</b>	<b>-3.6</b>
Dorchester	599	581	-3.0
Somerset	341	387	13.5
Wicomico	2,810	2,528	-10.0
Worcester	1,495	1,559	4.3

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Second Circuit</b>	<b>3,694</b>	<b>3,752</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Caroline	370	256	-30.8
Cecil	2,285	2,241	-1.9
Kent	312	357	14.4
Queen Anne's	337	483	43.3
Talbot	390	415	6.4

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Third Circuit</b>	<b>9,017</b>	<b>9,640</b>	<b>6.9</b>
Baltimore	6,334	6,599	4.2
Harford	2,683	3,041	13.3

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Fourth Circuit</b>	<b>3,892</b>	<b>3,585</b>	<b>-7.9</b>
Allegany	743	616	-17.1
Garrett	167	211	26.3
Washington	2,982	2,758	-7.5

**CRIMINAL COMPARATIVE FILINGS, page 2**

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Fifth Circuit</b>	<b>10,817</b>	<b>10,942</b>	<b>1.2</b>
Anne Arundel	6,389	6,744	5.6
Carroll	2,414	2,306	-4.5
Howard	2,014	1,892	-6.1

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Sixth Circuit</b>	<b>7,384</b>	<b>7,610</b>	<b>3.1</b>
Frederick	2,338	2,535	8.4
Montgomery	5,046	5,075	0.6

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Seventh Circuit</b>	<b>11,084</b>	<b>13,389</b>	<b>21.0</b>
Calvert	502	626	24.7
Charles	1,804	1,820	0.9
Prince George's	8,080	10,096	25.0
St. Mary's	698	847	21.3

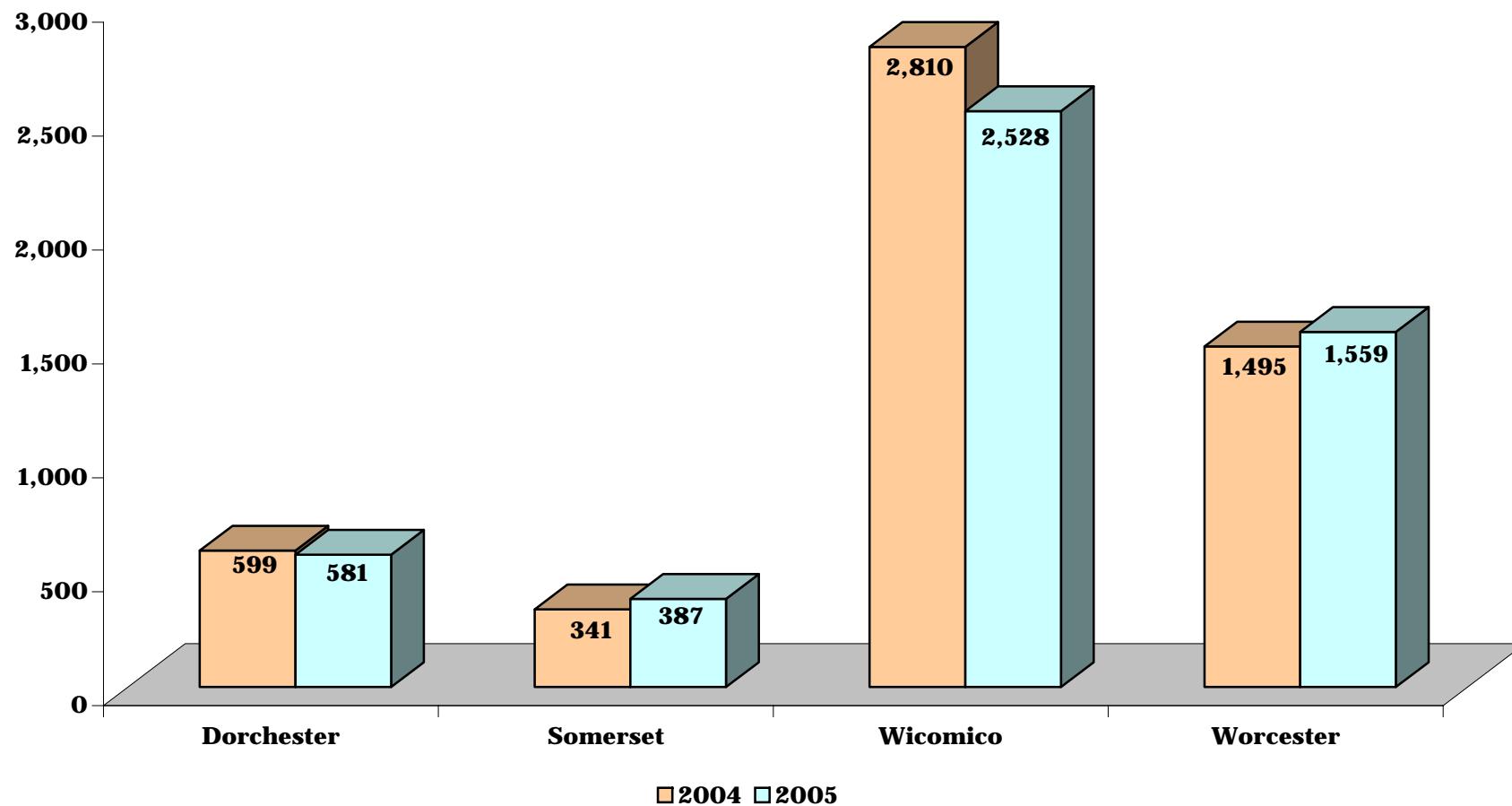
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Eighth Circuit</b>	<b>27,189</b>	<b>25,790</b>	<b>-5.1</b>
Baltimore City	27,189	25,790	-5.1

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>	<b>78,322</b>	<b>79,763</b>	<b>1.8</b>

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CIRCUIT COURT**

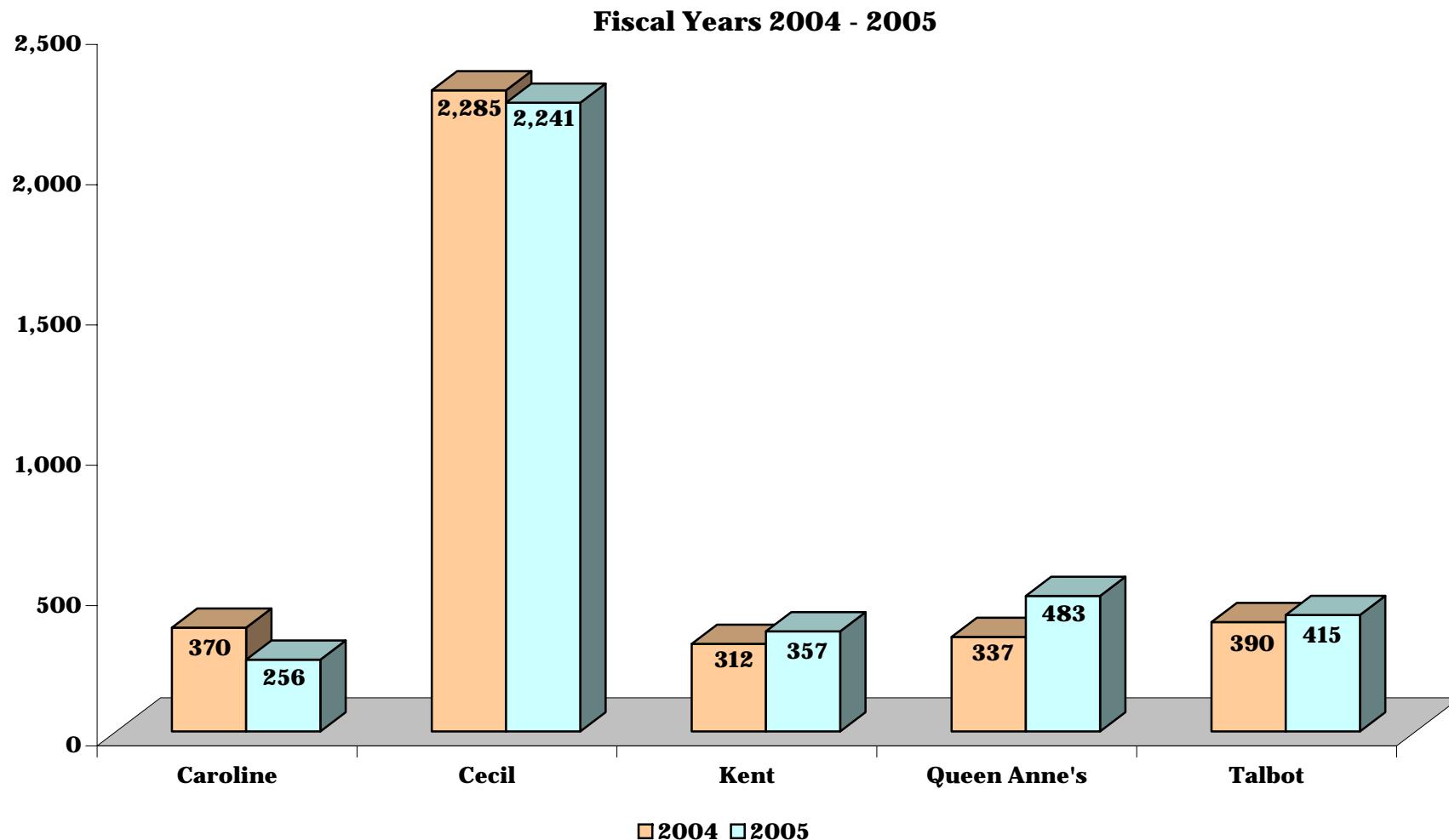
**1st CIRCUIT  
CRIMINAL FILINGS**

**Fiscal Years 2004 - 2005**



**CHART CC-3.4.2**  
**CIRCUIT COURT**

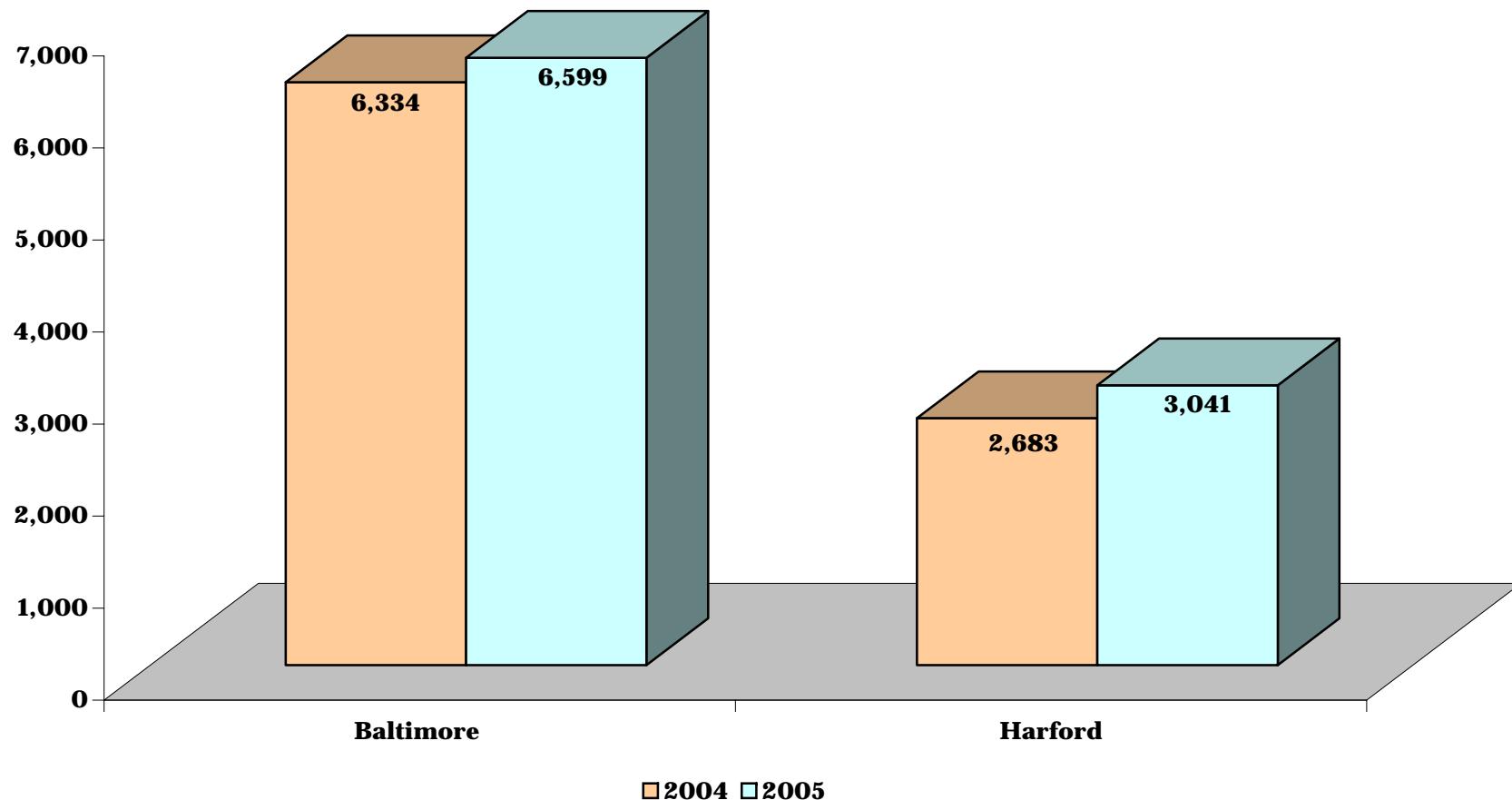
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**CRIMINAL FILINGS**



**CHART CC-3.4.3  
CIRCUIT COURT**

**3rd CIRCUIT  
CRIMINAL FILINGS**

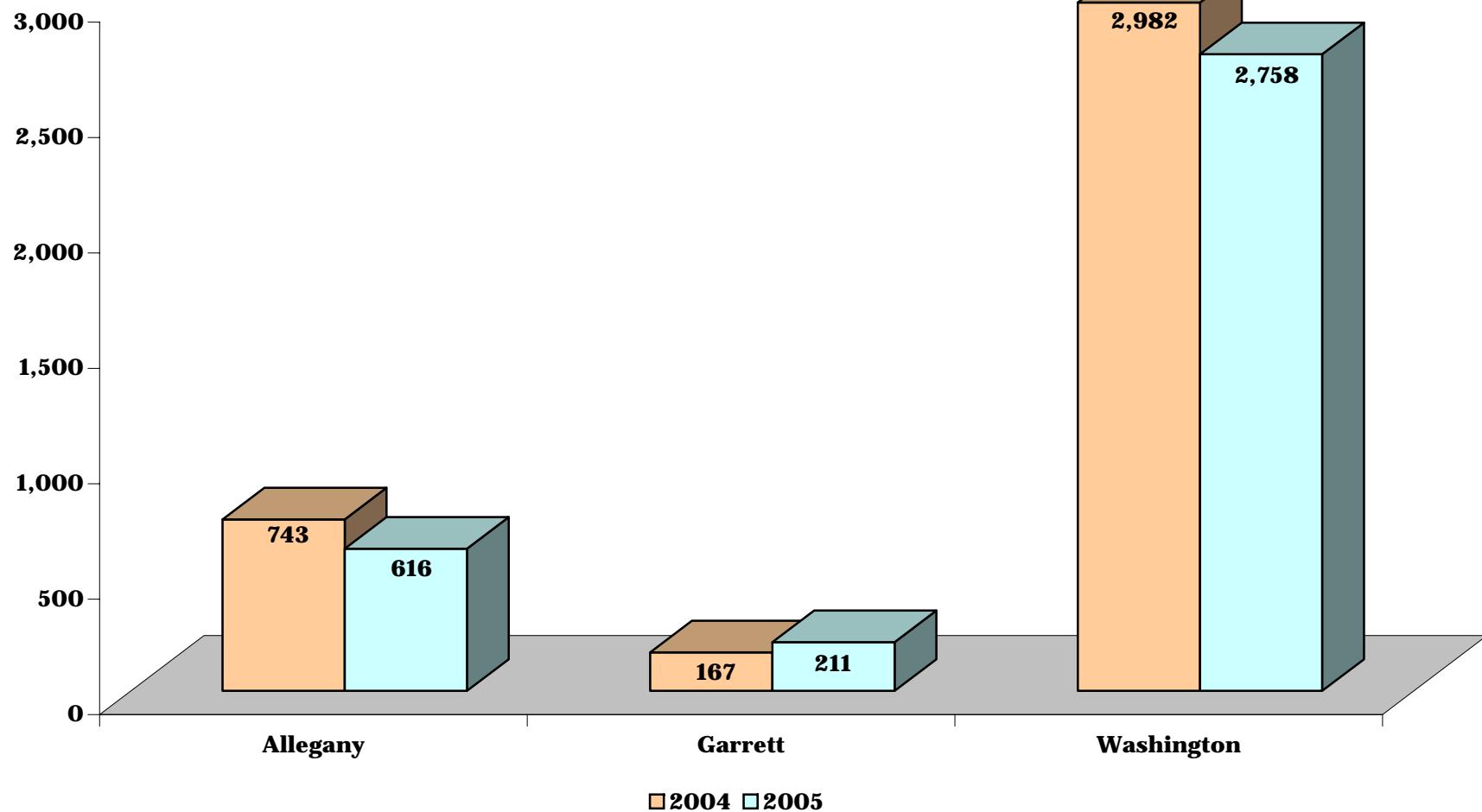
**Fiscal Years 2004 - 2005**



**CHART CC-3.4.4  
CIRCUIT COURT**

**4th CIRCUIT  
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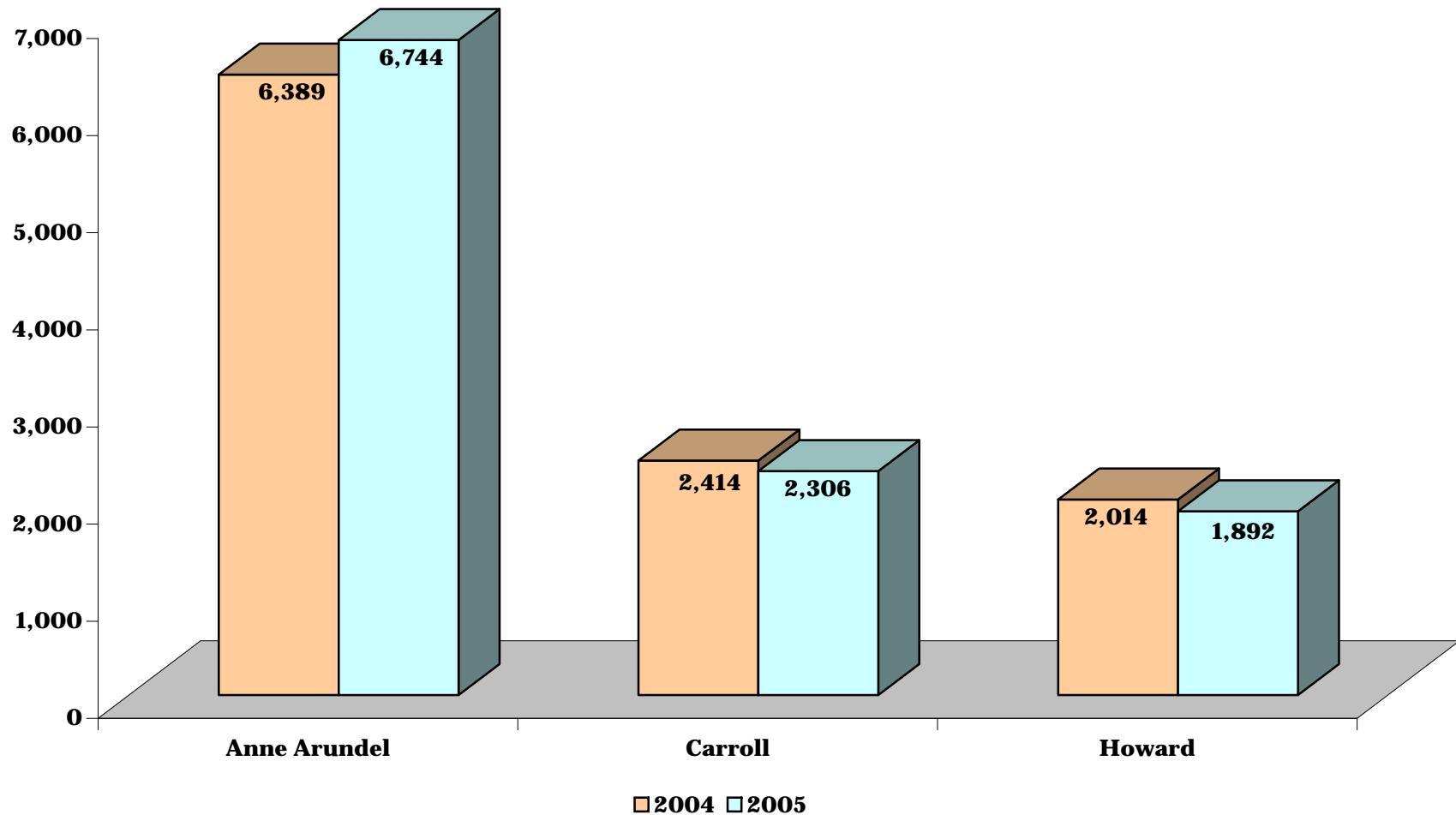
**Fiscal Years 2004 - 2005**



**CHART CC-3.4.5  
CIRCUIT COURT**

**5th CIRCUIT  
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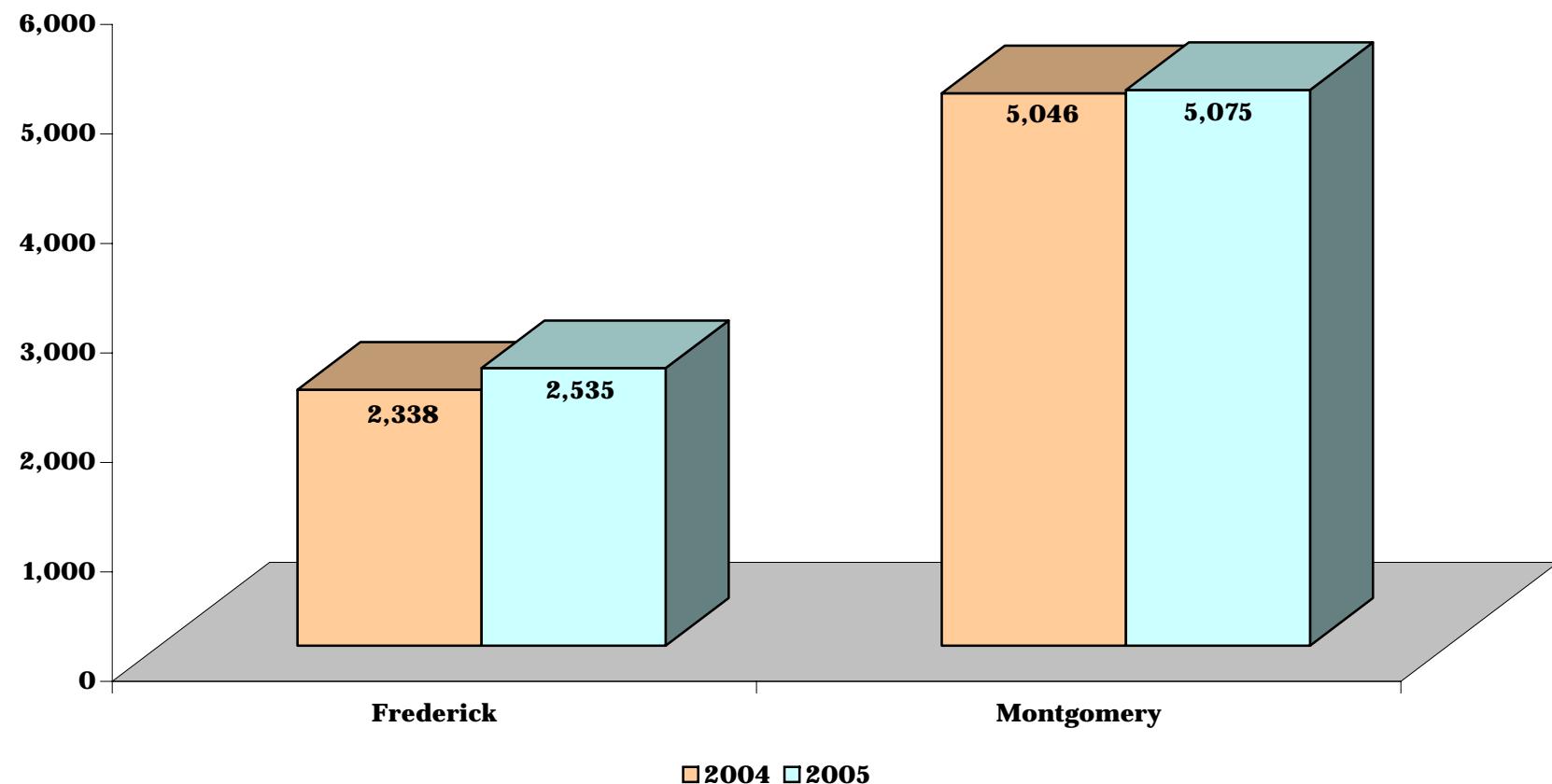
**Fiscal Years 2004 - 2005**



**CHART CC-3.4.6**  
**CIRCUIT COURT**

**6th CIRCUIT**  
**CRIMINAL FILINGS**

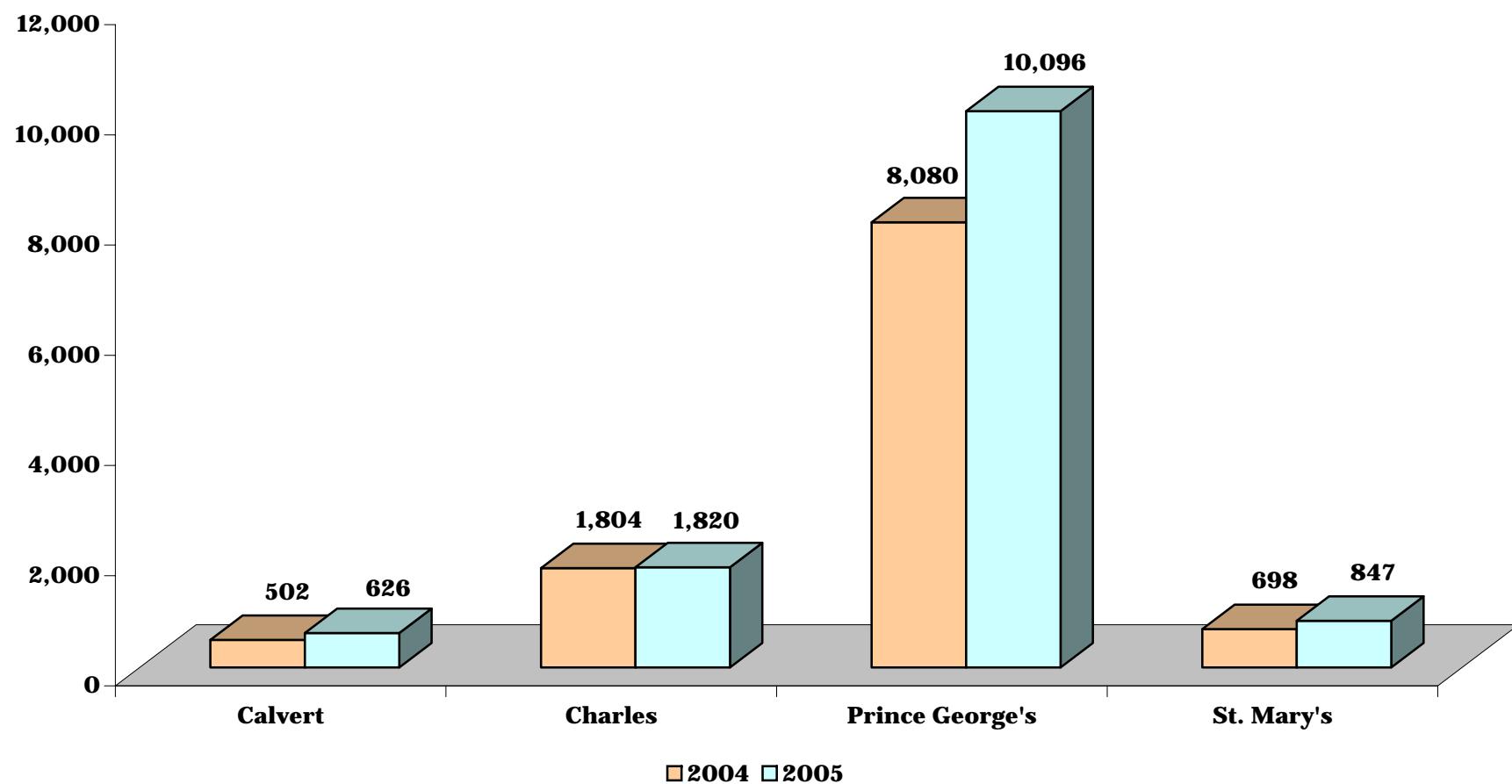
**Fiscal Years 2004 - 2005**



**CHART CC-3.4.7**  
**CIRCUIT COURT**

**7th CIRCUIT**  
**CRIMINAL FILINGS**

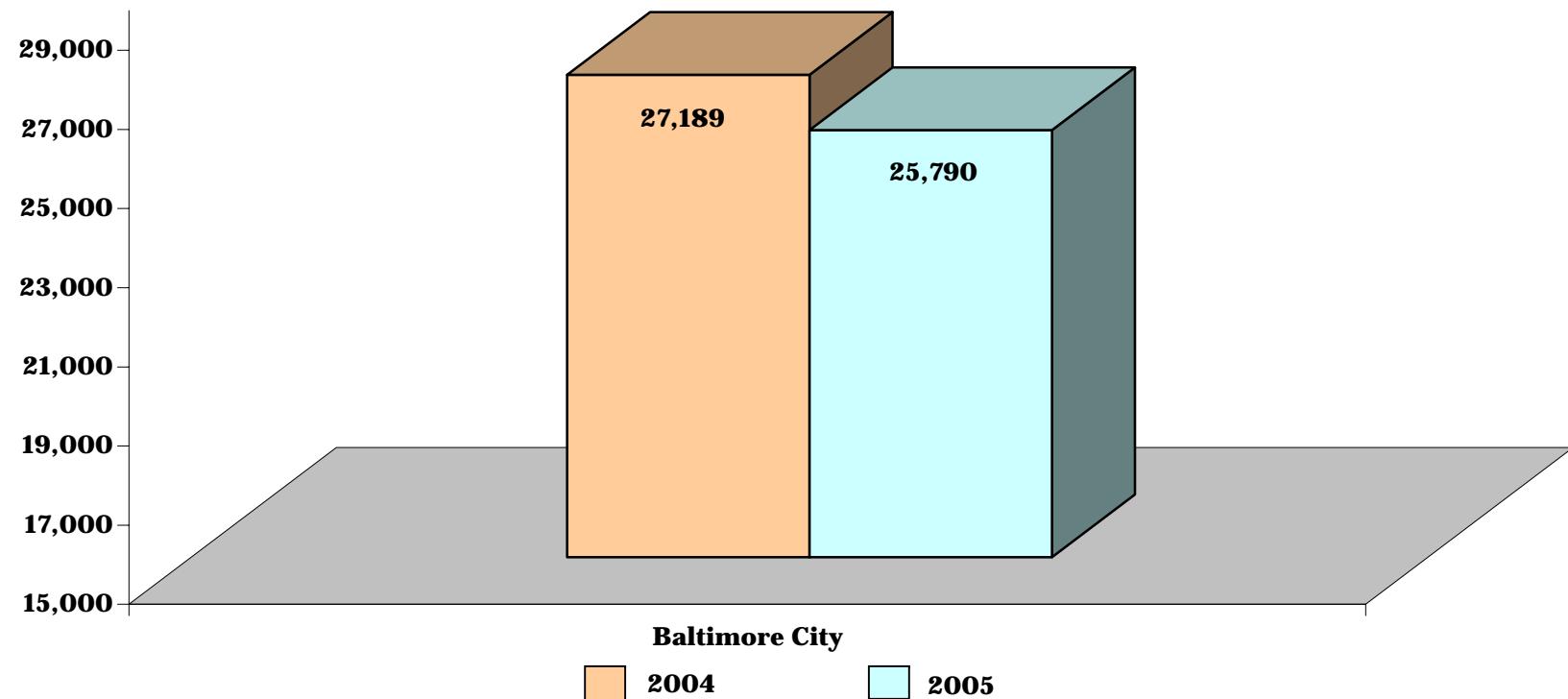
**Fiscal Years 2004 - 2005**



**CHART CC-3.4.8**  
**CIRCUIT COURT**

**8th CIRCUIT**  
**CRIMINAL FILINGS**

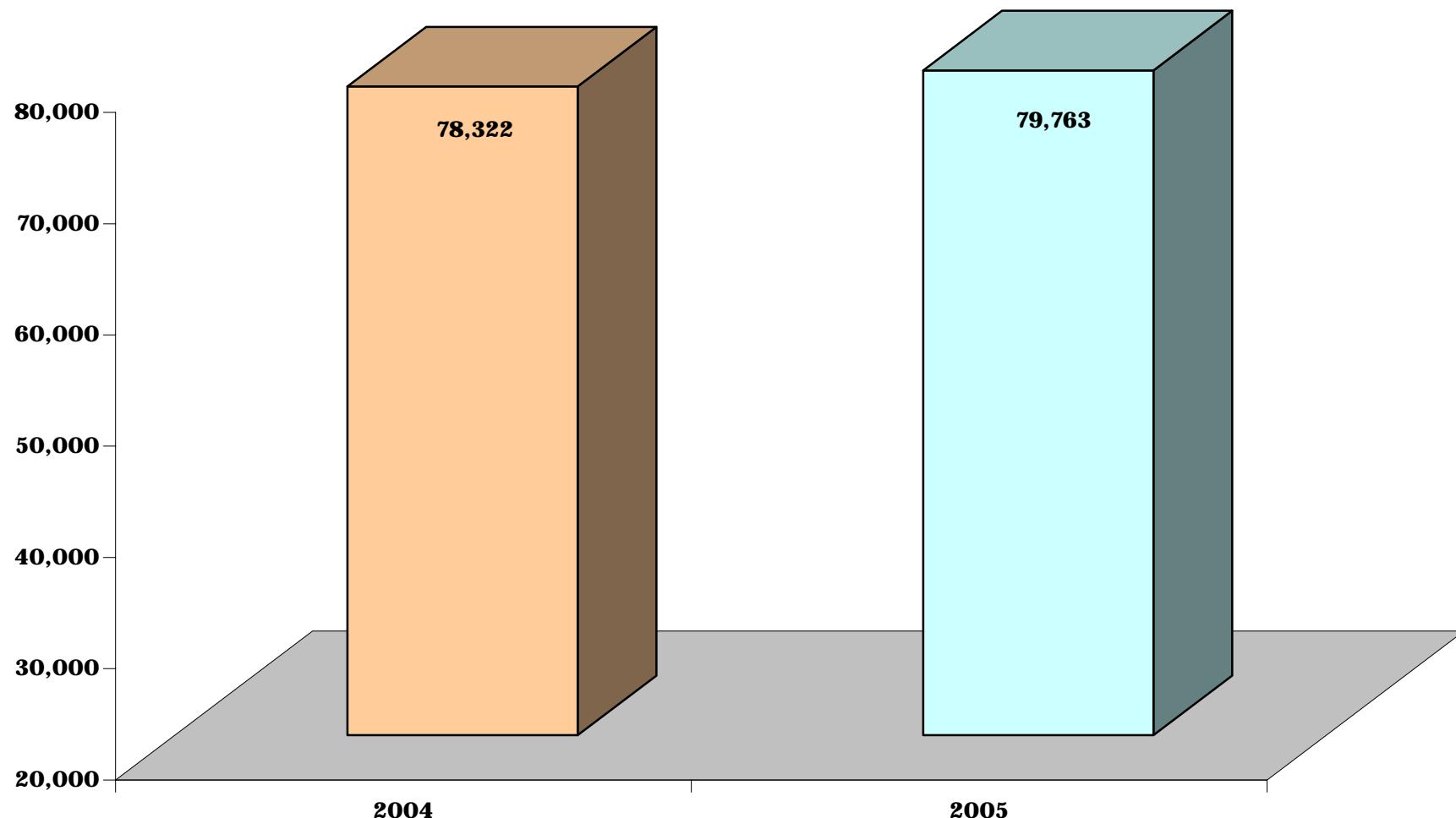
**Fiscal Years 2004 - 2005**



**CHART CC-3.4.9  
CIRCUIT COURT**

**STATE TOTALS  
CRIMINAL FILINGS**

**Fiscal Years 2004 - 2005**



**TABLE CC-4.1**  
**CIRCUIT COURT**

## **SMALL JURISDICTIONS: CATEGORIES OF FILINGS**

## **Original and Reopened Cases Fiscal Year 2005**

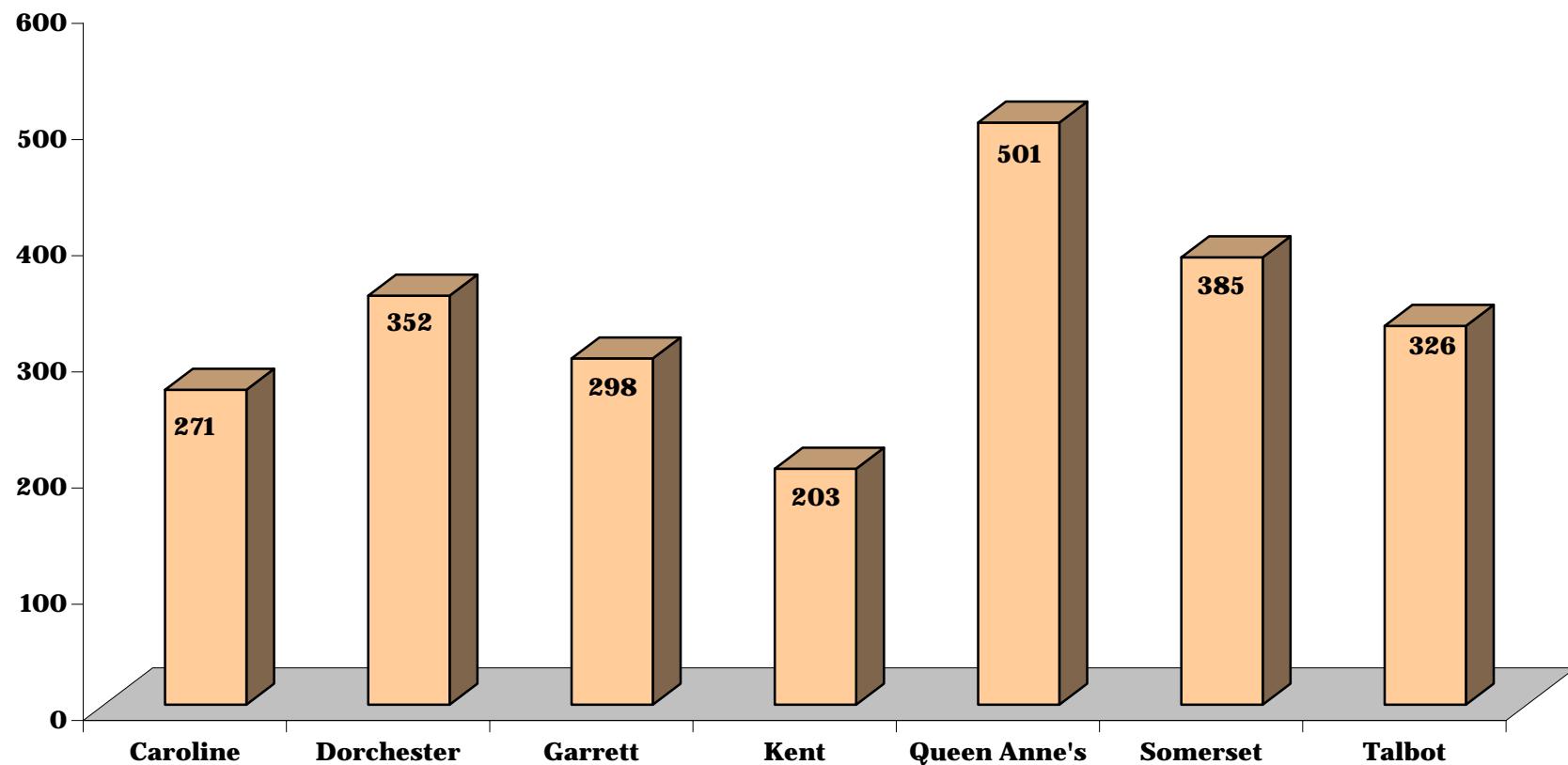
	<b>Caroline</b>	<b>Dorchester</b>	<b>Garrett</b>	<b>Kent</b>	<b>Queen Anne's</b>	<b>Somerset</b>	<b>Talbot</b>
<b>Total Civil-General</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>326</b>
Motor Tort	15	9	15	10	30	12	20
Other Tort	12	10	10	19	3	8	17
Contract	13	16	14	12	27	9	35
Condemnation	1	0	0	1	3	0	0
Cont'd Confessed Judgment	6	4	5	7	16	11	12
Other Law	16	28	13	18	47	38	24
<i>Appeals</i>							
District Court - On Record	1	2	2	1	4	3	5
District Court - De Novo	1	4	3	3	5	5	4
Administrative Agency	12	25	16	12	24	78	26
Other General	188	253	220	118	341	183	182
Unreported Category	6	1	0	2	1	38	1
<b>Total Civil-Family</b>	<b>971</b>	<b>1,018</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>1,117</b>	<b>726</b>
Divorce/Nullity	269	236	193	163	236	177	270
Other Domestic Relations	353	382	288	184	183	390	264
Adoption/Guardianship	4	1	15	5	5	11	9
Paternity	270	350	107	166	119	479	165
Domestic Violence	75	49	14	38	4	60	18

	<b>Caroline</b>	<b>Dorchester</b>	<b>Garrett</b>	<b>Kent</b>	<b>Queen Anne's</b>	<b>Somerset</b>	<b>Talbot</b>
<b>Total Juvenile</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>314</b>
Delinquency	174	193	47	119	187	71	273
Adult	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Child in Need of Service	1	0	2	1	0	1	0
Child in Need of Assistance	35	20	37	3	15	28	31
Guardianship	2	6	1	4	4	3	7
Adoption	2	4	5	0	4	0	3
Peace Orders	0	0	1	0	0	5	0
Unreported Category	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Criminal</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>415</b>
Indictment/Information	86	353	93	122	155	222	275
<i>Appeals</i>							
District Court - Motor	8	25	2	13	40	5	20
District Court - Other	7	12	7	10	16	7	7
Jury Trial Prayed - Motor	46	48	38	69	84	39	18
Jury Trial Prayed - Other	106	129	60	140	178	114	77
Non Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Post Conviction	2	2	8	0	8	0	4
Unreported Category	1	12	3	3	2	0	14
<b>TOTAL FILINGS</b>	<b>1,712</b>	<b>2,174</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>1,243</b>	<b>1,742</b>	<b>1,997</b>	<b>1,781</b>

**CHART CC-4.1.1  
CIRCUIT COURT**

**SMALL JURISDICTIONS: TOTAL CIVIL-GENERAL FILINGS**

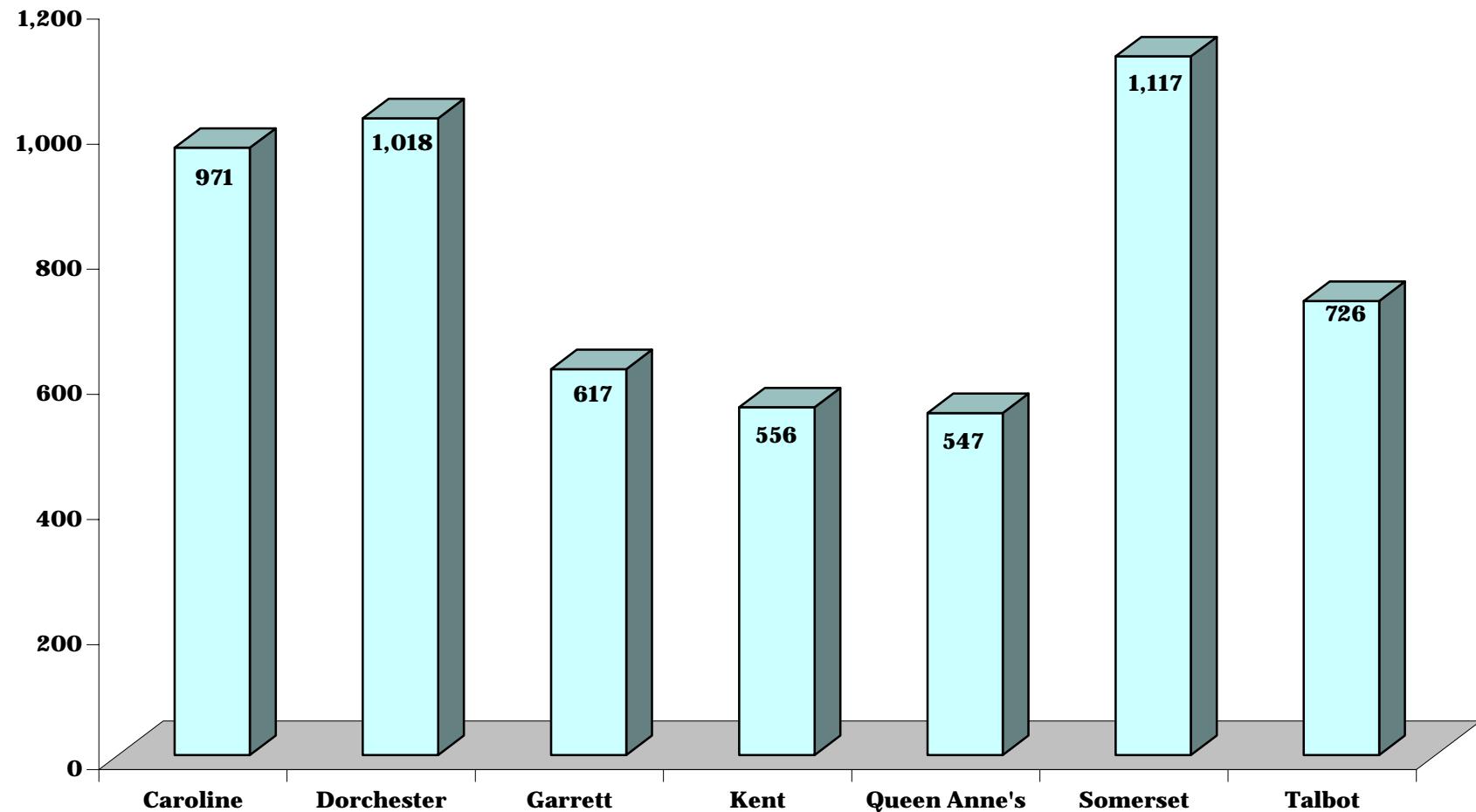
**Original and Reopened Cases  
Fiscal Year 2005**



**CHART CC-4.1.2  
CIRCUIT COURT**

**SMALL JURISDICTIONS: TOTAL CIVIL-FAMILY FILINGS**

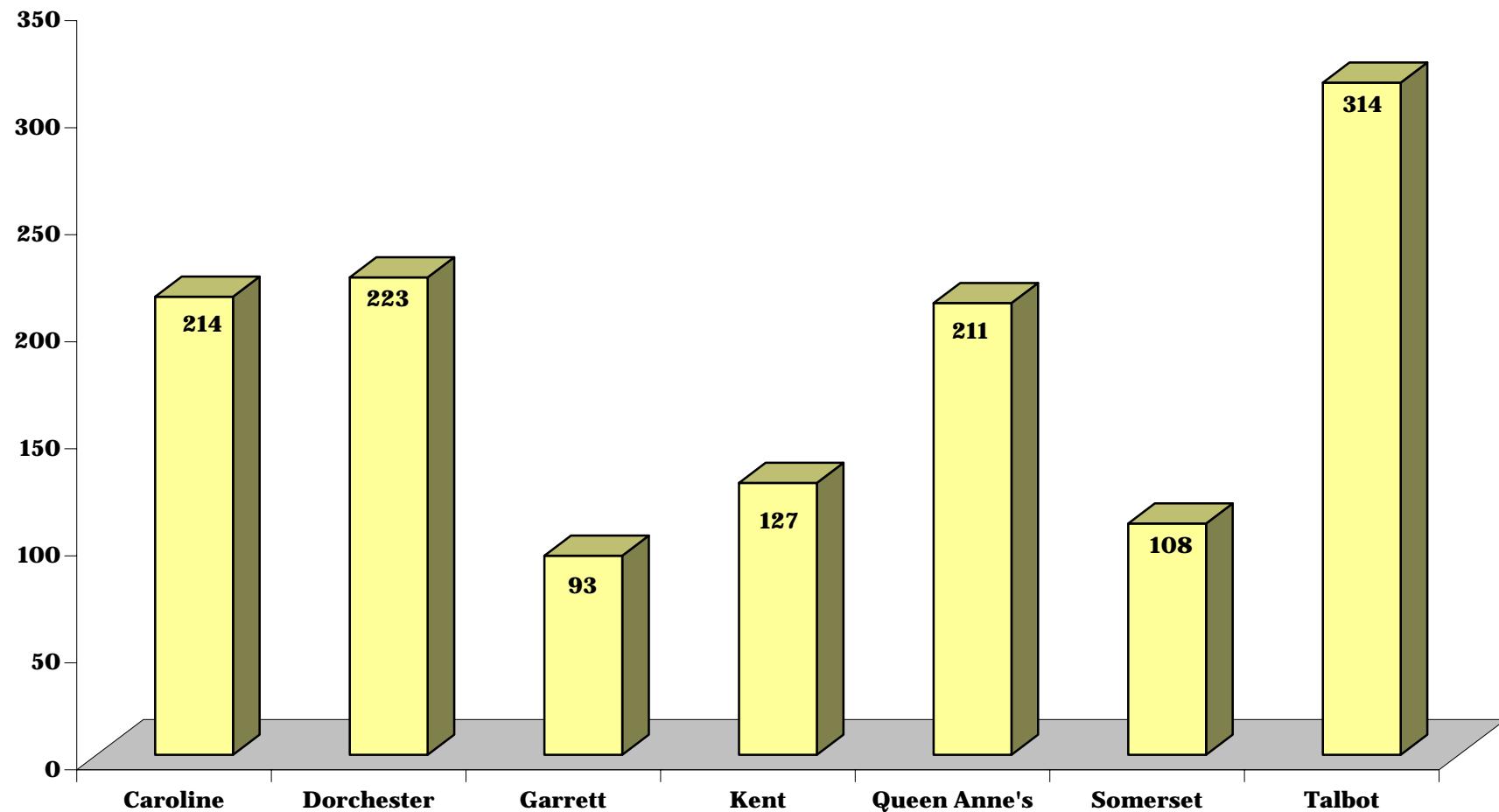
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CIRCUIT COURT**

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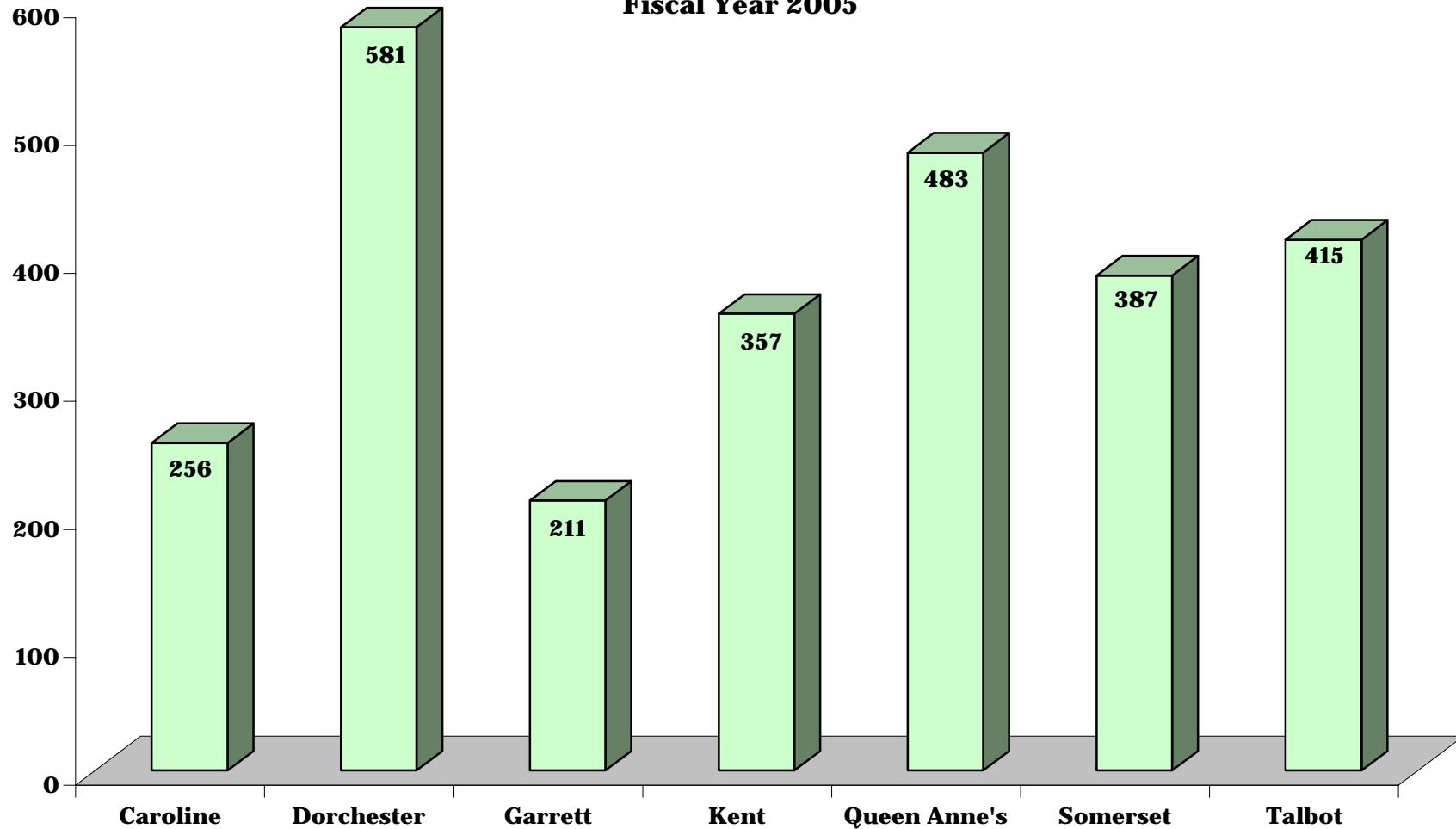
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CIRCUIT COURT**

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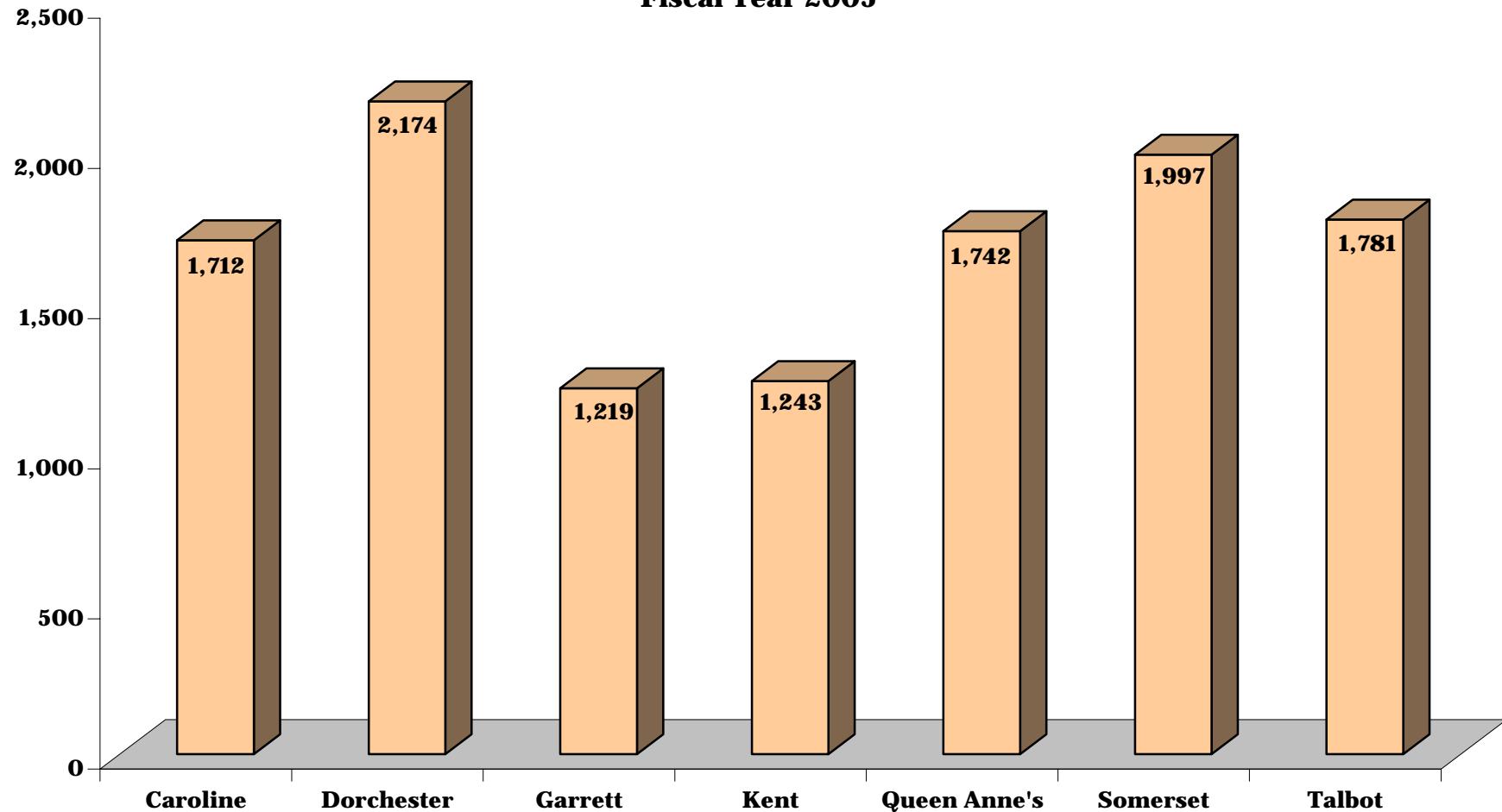
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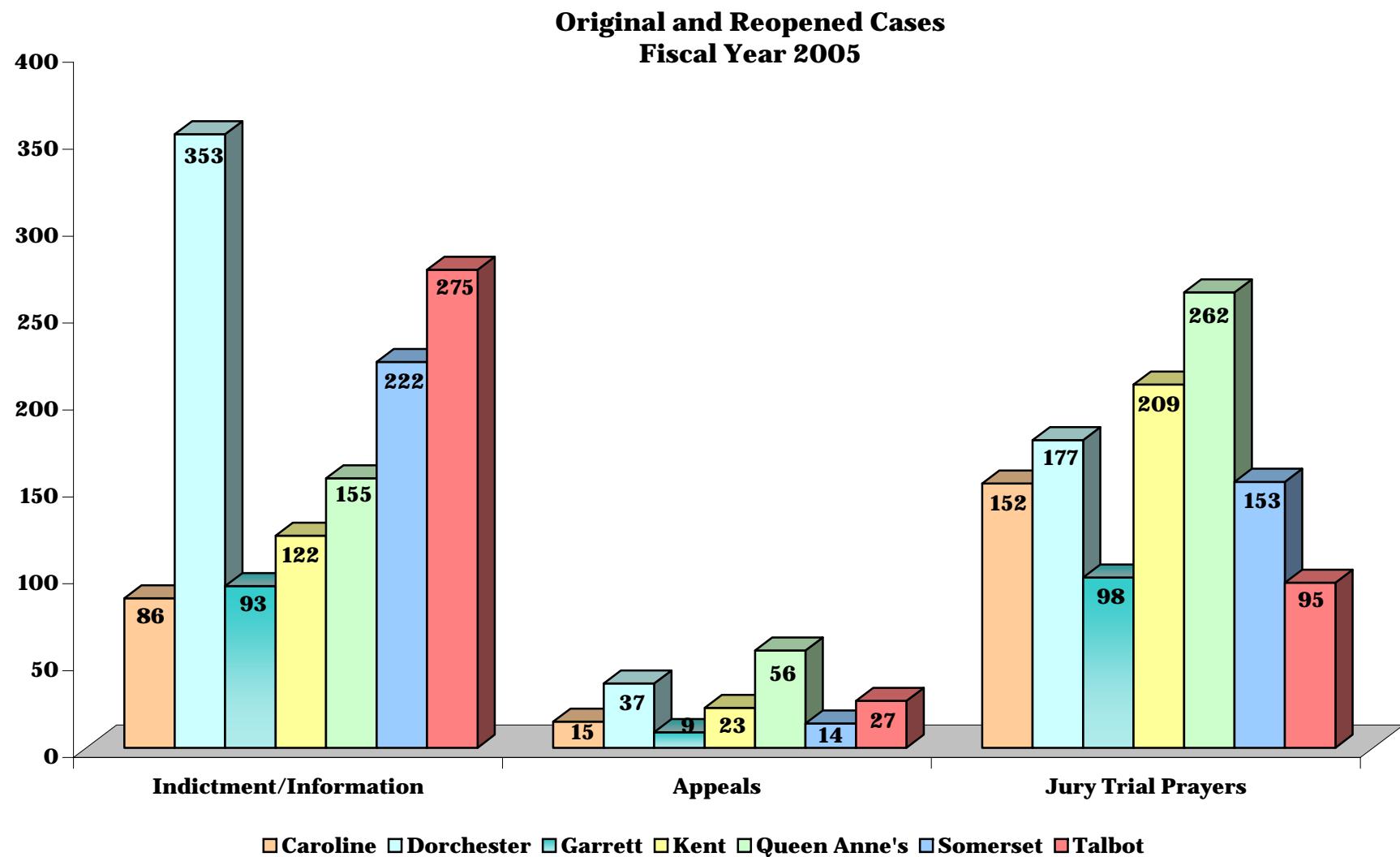
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**Original and Reopened Cases  
Fiscal Year 2005**



**CHART CC-4.1.6**  
**CIRCUIT COURT**

**SMALL JURISDICTIONS: COMPARISON OF SELECTED CRIMINAL DATA**



**TABLE CC-4.2**  
**CIRCUIT COURT**

**MEDIUM JURISDICTIONS:**  
**CATEGORIES OF FILINGS**

**Original and Reopened Cases**  
**Fiscal Year 2005**

	<b>Allegany</b>	<b>Calvert</b>	<b>Carroll</b>	<b>Cecil</b>	<b>Frederick</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>Wicomico</b>	<b>Worcester</b>
<b>Total Civil-General</b>	<b>1,109</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>1,251</b>	<b>1,176</b>	<b>1,501</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>1,033</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>1,038</b>
Motor Tort	50	68	75	112	126	55	65	76	40
Other Tort	12	5	41	34	49	7	31	3	27
Contract	25	56	76	36	134	42	73	21	80
Condemnation	3	1	14	2	11	0	2	2	2
Cont'd Confessed Judgment	17	20	23	41	36	10	33	12	12
Other Law	42	50	72	66	64	100	78	42	63
<i>Appeals</i>									
District Court - On Record	3	4	0	16	8	3	17	1	2
District Court - De Novo	5	5	22	12	38	13	34	5	5
Administrative Agency	143	42	95	53	108	39	154	63	25
Other General	733	476	788	794	909	385	532	577	780
Unreported Category	76	5	45	10	18	1	14	21	2

	<b>Allegany</b>	<b>Calvert</b>	<b>Carroll</b>	<b>Cecil</b>	<b>Frederick</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>Wicomico</b>	<b>Worcester</b>
<b>Total Civil-Family</b>	<b>1,796</b>	<b>2,869</b>	<b>2,038</b>	<b>2,718</b>	<b>3,302</b>	<b>2,022</b>	<b>4,605</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>1,797</b>
Divorce/Nullity	595	823	865	767	1,331	632	1,108	603	326
Other Domestic Relations	762	849	576	1,258	1,201	664	2,264	660	554
Adoption/Guardianship	38	28	74	38	62	31	28	30	16
Paternity	388	1,108	140	504	634	579	1,166	655	883
Domestic Violence	13	61	383	151	74	116	39	52	18

**MEDIUM JURISDICTIONS: CATEGORIES OF FILINGS, page 2**

	<b>Allegany</b>	<b>Calvert</b>	<b>Carroll</b>	<b>Cecil</b>	<b>Frederick</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>Wicomico</b>	<b>Worcester</b>
<b>Total Juvenile</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>1,474</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>293</b>
Delinquency	265	625	928	363	785	475	1,098	535	247
Adult	0	0	8	0	0	2	0	1	0
Child in Need of Service	8	0	37	1	12	0	2	0	1
Child in Need of Assistance	52	23	31	58	79	44	304	39	28
Guardianship	8	7	3	10	34	2	36	14	17
Adoption	0	7	0	7	21	5	21	14	0
Peace Orders	0	26	52	0	22	0	13	20	0
Unreported Category	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0

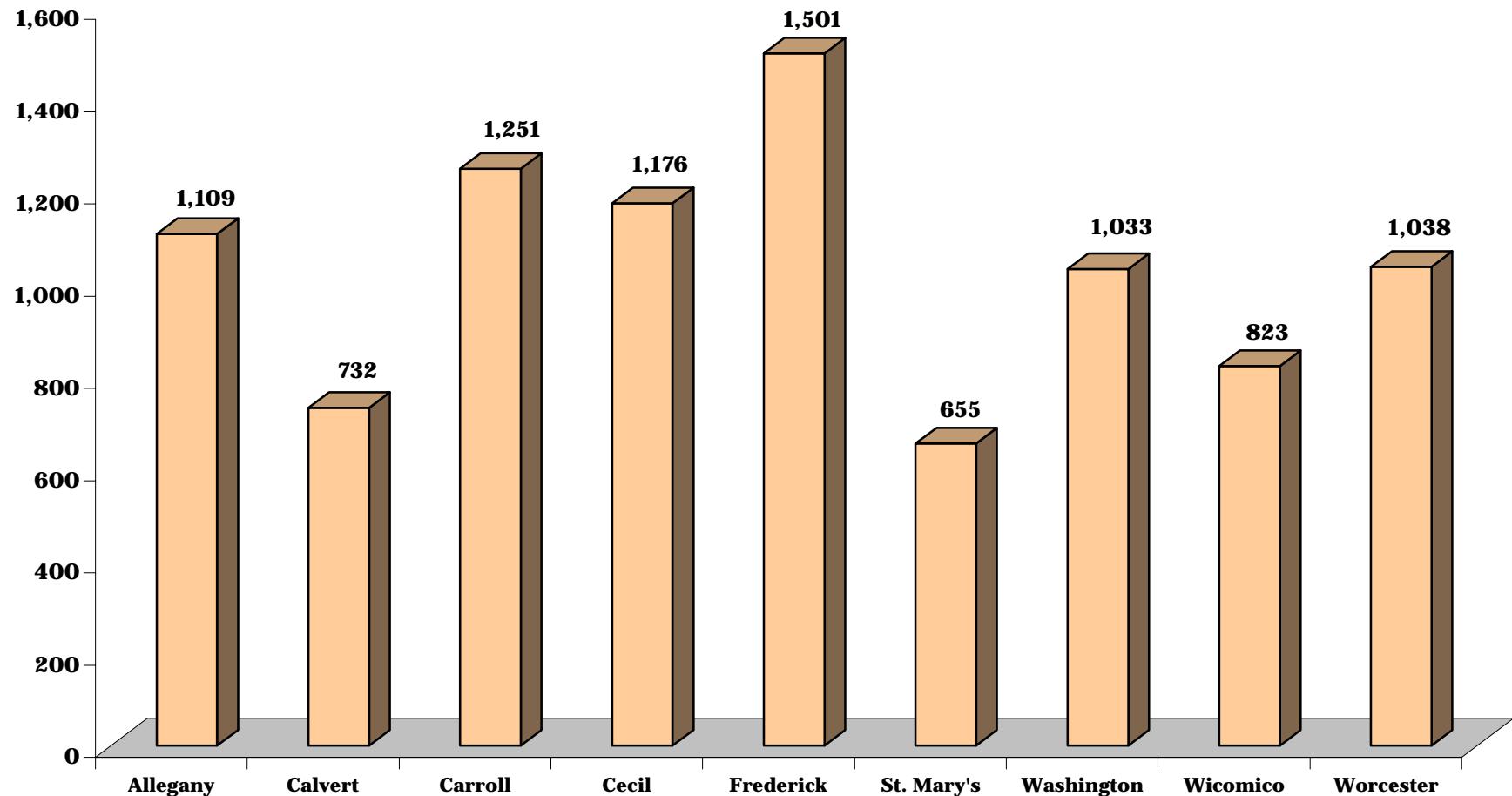
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<b>Total Criminal</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>2,306</b>	<b>2,241</b>	<b>2,735</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>2,758</b>	<b>2,528</b>	<b>1,559</b>
Indictment/Information	201	303	572	646	603	399	821	982	307
<i>Appeals</i>									
District Court - Motor	18	17	76	55	186	13	83	31	36
District Court - Other	42	7	37	18	79	16	87	40	21
Jury Trial Prayed - Motor	91	135	681	499	930	123	573	499	588
Jury Trial Prayed - Other	256	153	903	669	928	275	996	821	584
Non Support	0	0	0	284	0	2	0	0	0
Post Conviction	1	0	1	0	2	6	18	18	1
Unreported Category	7	11	36	70	7	13	180	137	22

	<b>Allegany</b>	<b>Calvert</b>	<b>Carroll</b>	<b>Cecil</b>	<b>Frederick</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>Wicomico</b>	<b>Worcester</b>
<b>TOTAL FILINGS</b>	<b>3,854</b>	<b>4,915</b>	<b>6,654</b>	<b>6,574</b>	<b>8,492</b>	<b>4,053</b>	<b>9,870</b>	<b>5,974</b>	<b>4,687</b>

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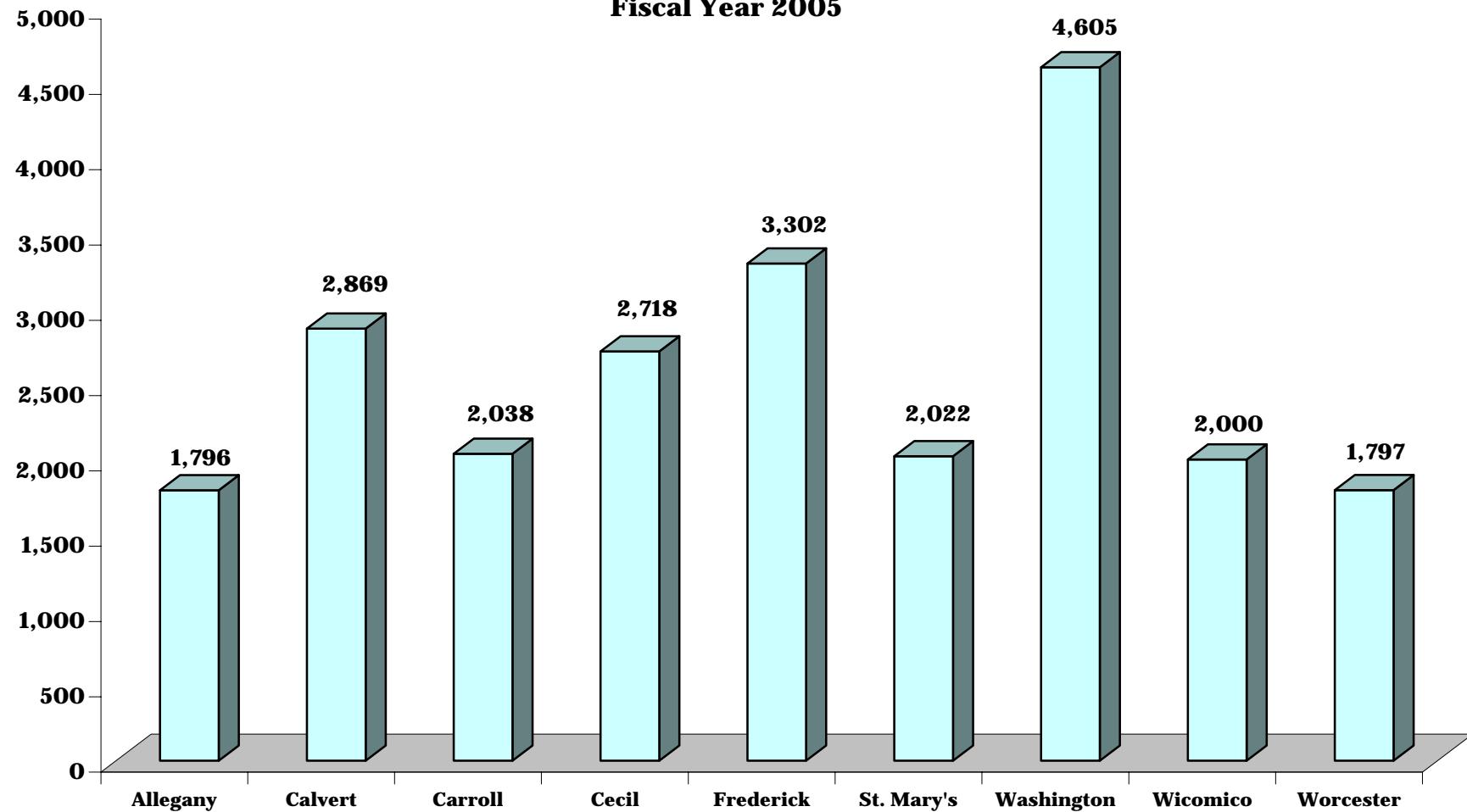
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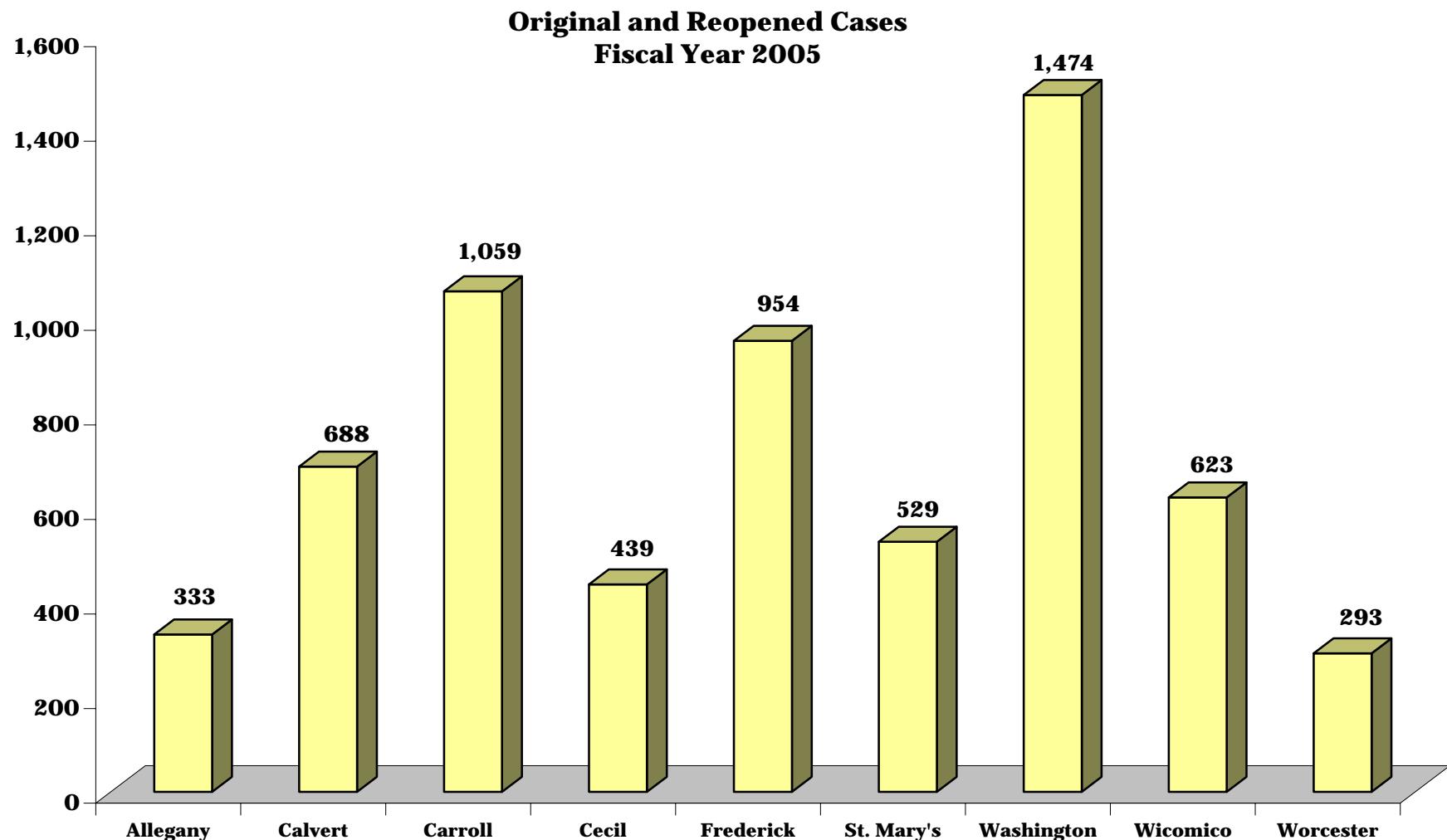
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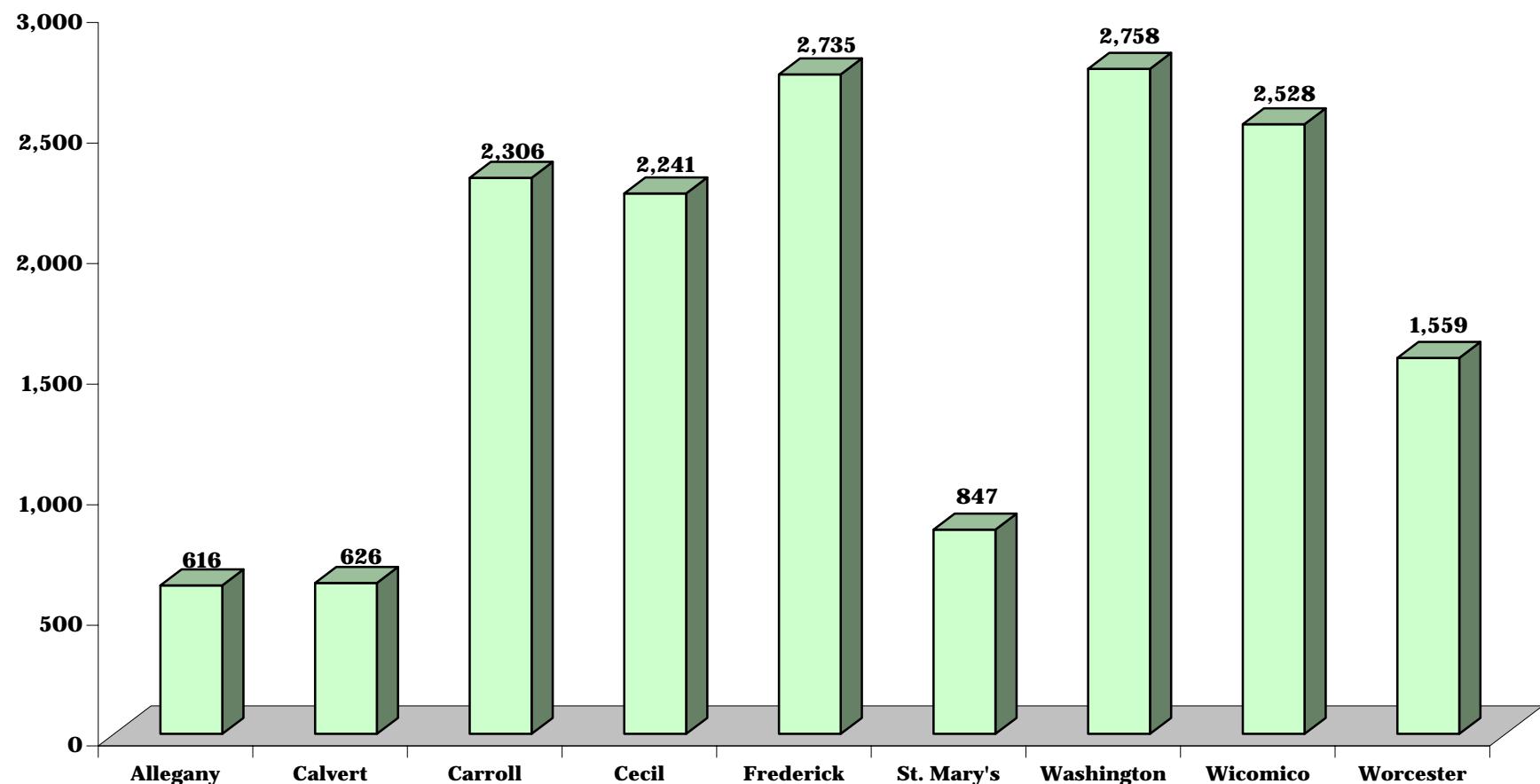
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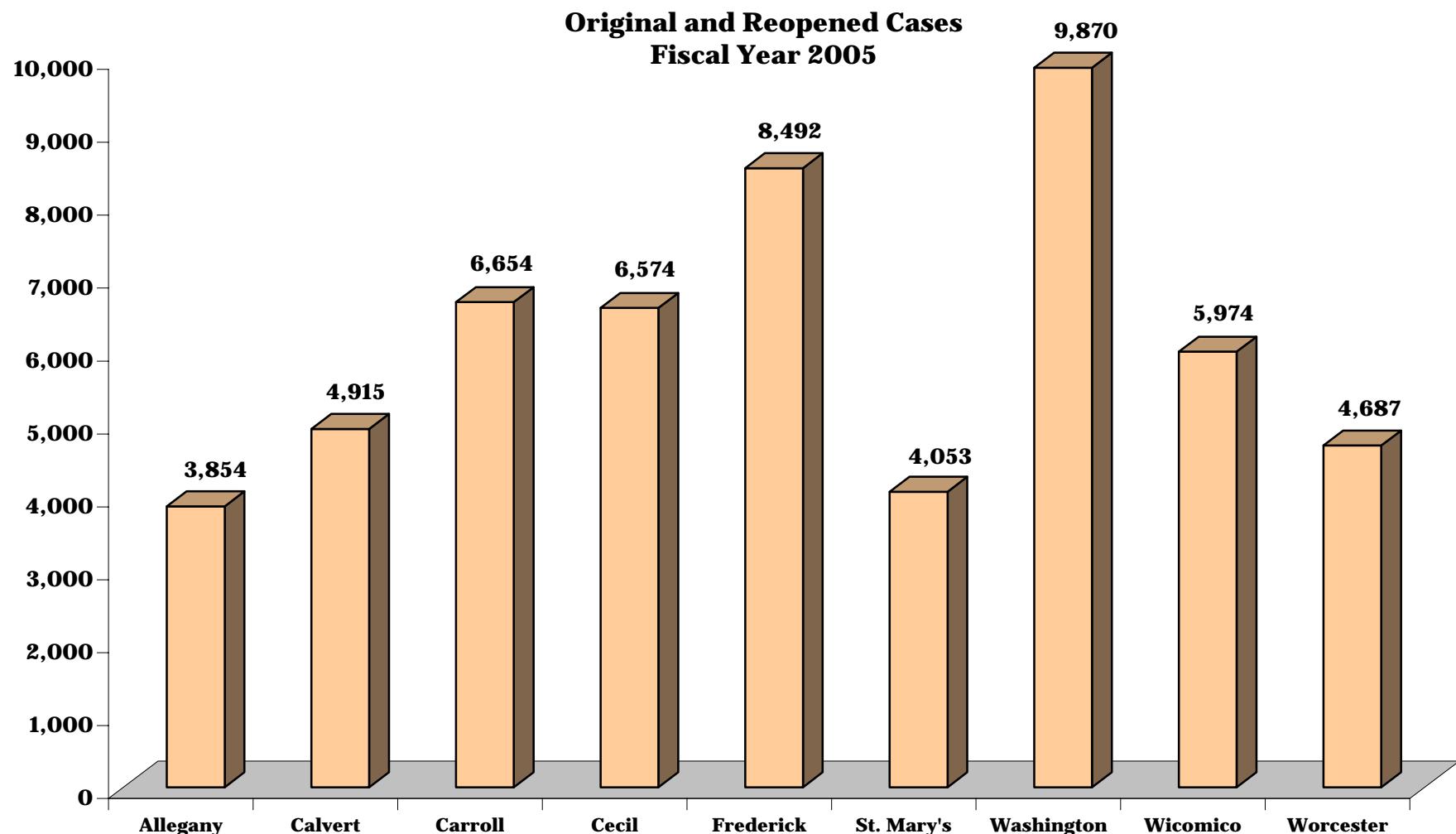
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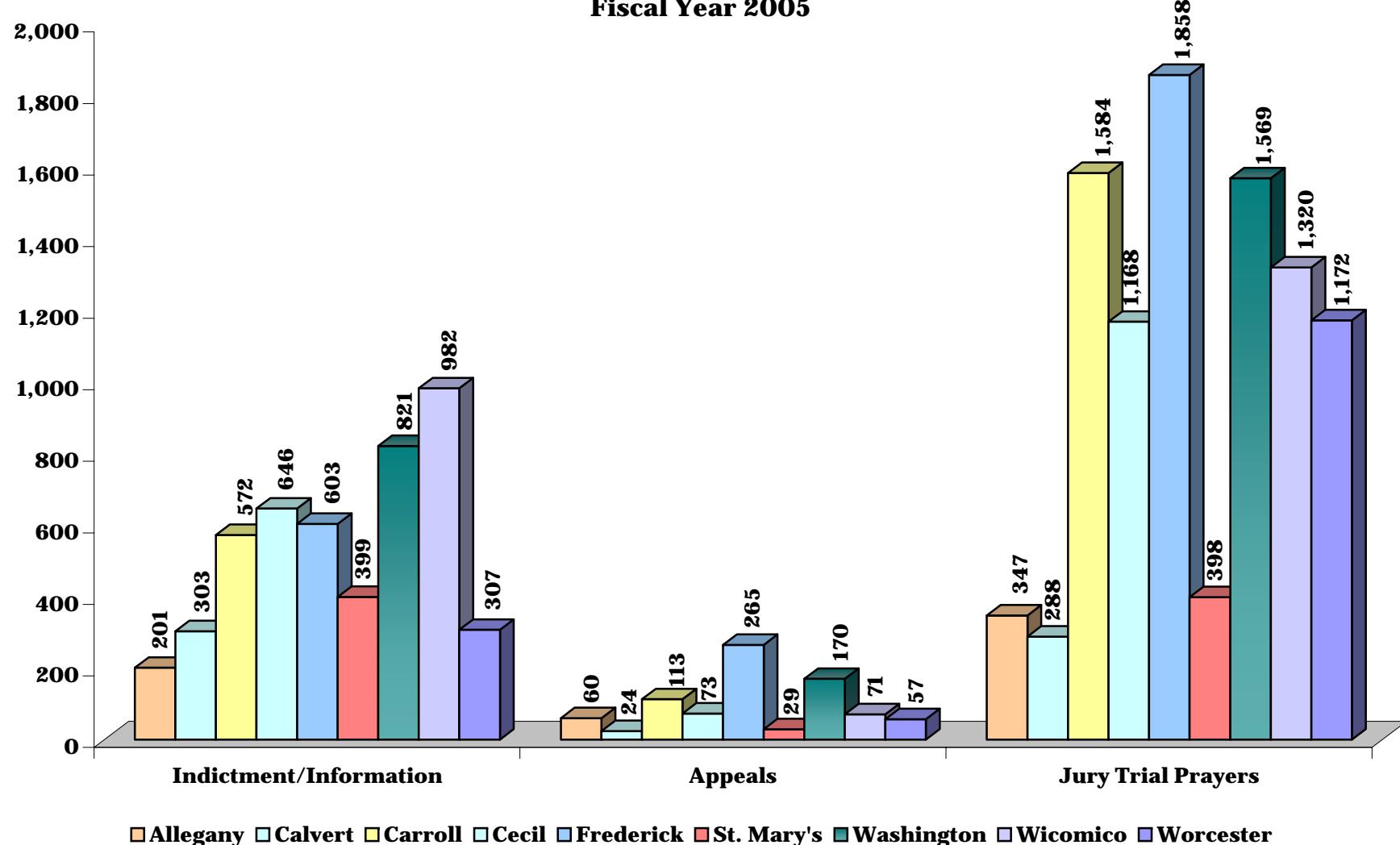
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**CIRCUIT COURT**

**MEDIUM JURISDICTIONS: COMPARISON OF SELECTED CRIMINAL DATA**

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**TABLE CC-4.3**  
**CIRCUIT COURT**

**MEDIUM-LARGE JURISDICTIONS:**  
**CATEGORIES OF FILINGS**

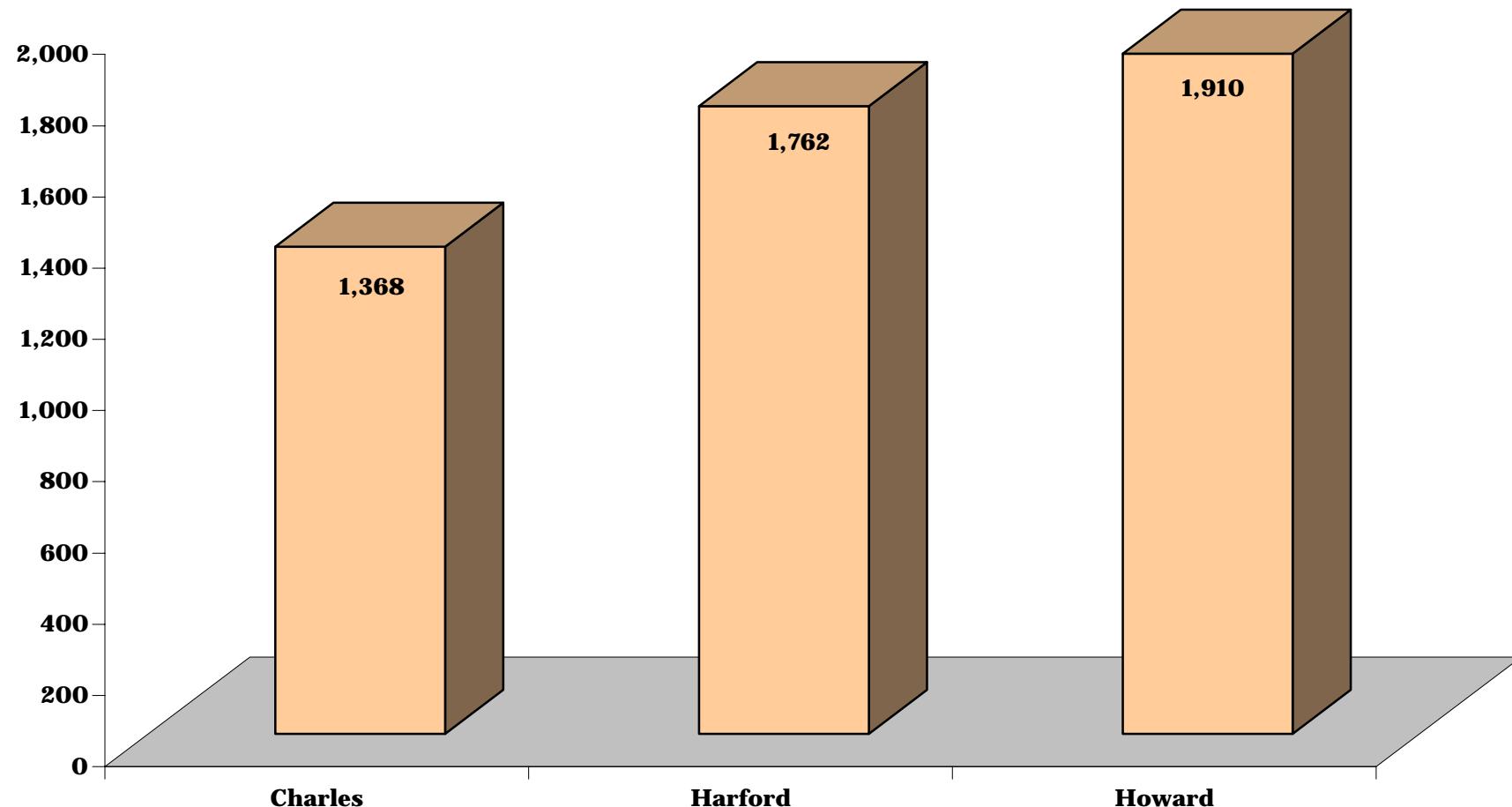
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	<b>Charles</b>	<b>Harford</b>	<b>Howard</b>
<b>Total Civil-General</b>	<b>1,368</b>	<b>1,762</b>	<b>1,910</b>
Motor Tort	142	188	172
Other Tort	51	51	100
Contract	96	79	258
Condemnation	35	1	1
Cont'd Confessed Judgment	13	35	51
Other Law	58	94	72
<i>Appeals</i>			
District Court - On Record	9	11	8
District Court - De Novo	23	32	23
Administrative Agency	68	171	178
Other General	870	1,094	1,039
Unreported Category	3	6	8
<b>Total Civil-Family</b>	<b>3,114</b>	<b>4,126</b>	<b>2,426</b>
Divorce/Nullity	1,068	1,526	1,240
Other Domestic Relations	926	1,428	661
Adoption/Guardianship	34	69	51
Paternity	783	839	312
Domestic Violence	303	264	162

	<b>Charles</b>	<b>Harford</b>	<b>Howard</b>
<b>Total Juvenile</b>	<b>1,305</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>955</b>
Delinquency	1,234	703	875
Adult	0	0	0
Child in Need of Service	0	0	0
Child in Need of Assistance	46	115	57
Guardianship	14	29	19
Adoption	11	28	0
Peace Orders	0	9	3
Unreported Category	0	0	1
<b>Total Criminal</b>	<b>1,820</b>	<b>3,041</b>	<b>1,892</b>
Indictment/Information	808	808	698
<i>Appeals</i>			
District Court - Motor	42	115	111
District Court - Other	23	122	53
Jury Trial Prayed - Motor	299	733	408
Jury Trial Prayed - Other	487	1,188	566
Non Support	3	0	2
Post Conviction	21	25	6
Unreported Category	137	50	48
<b>TOTAL FILINGS</b>	<b>7,607</b>	<b>9,813</b>	<b>7,183</b>

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**CIRCUIT COURT**

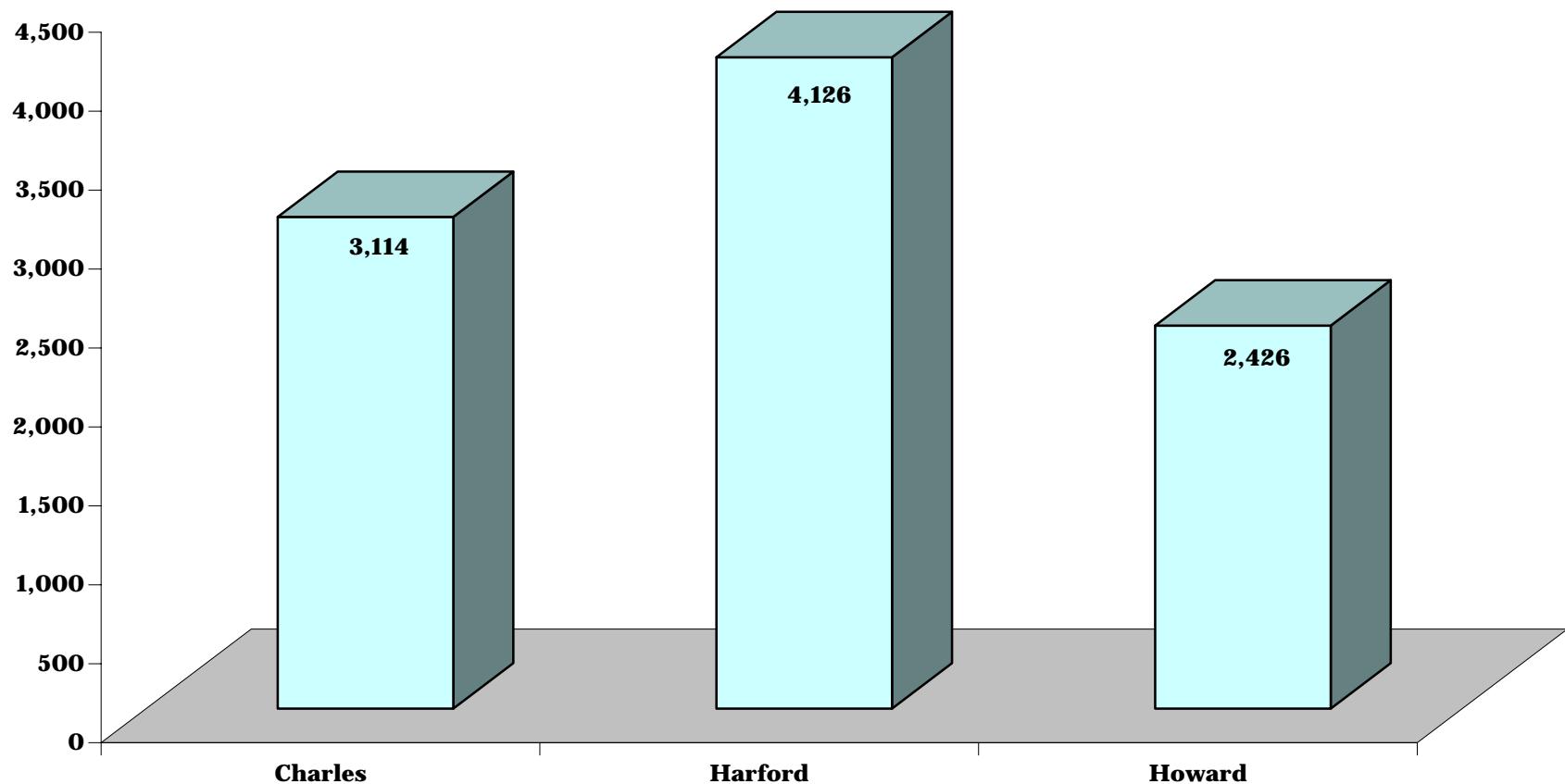
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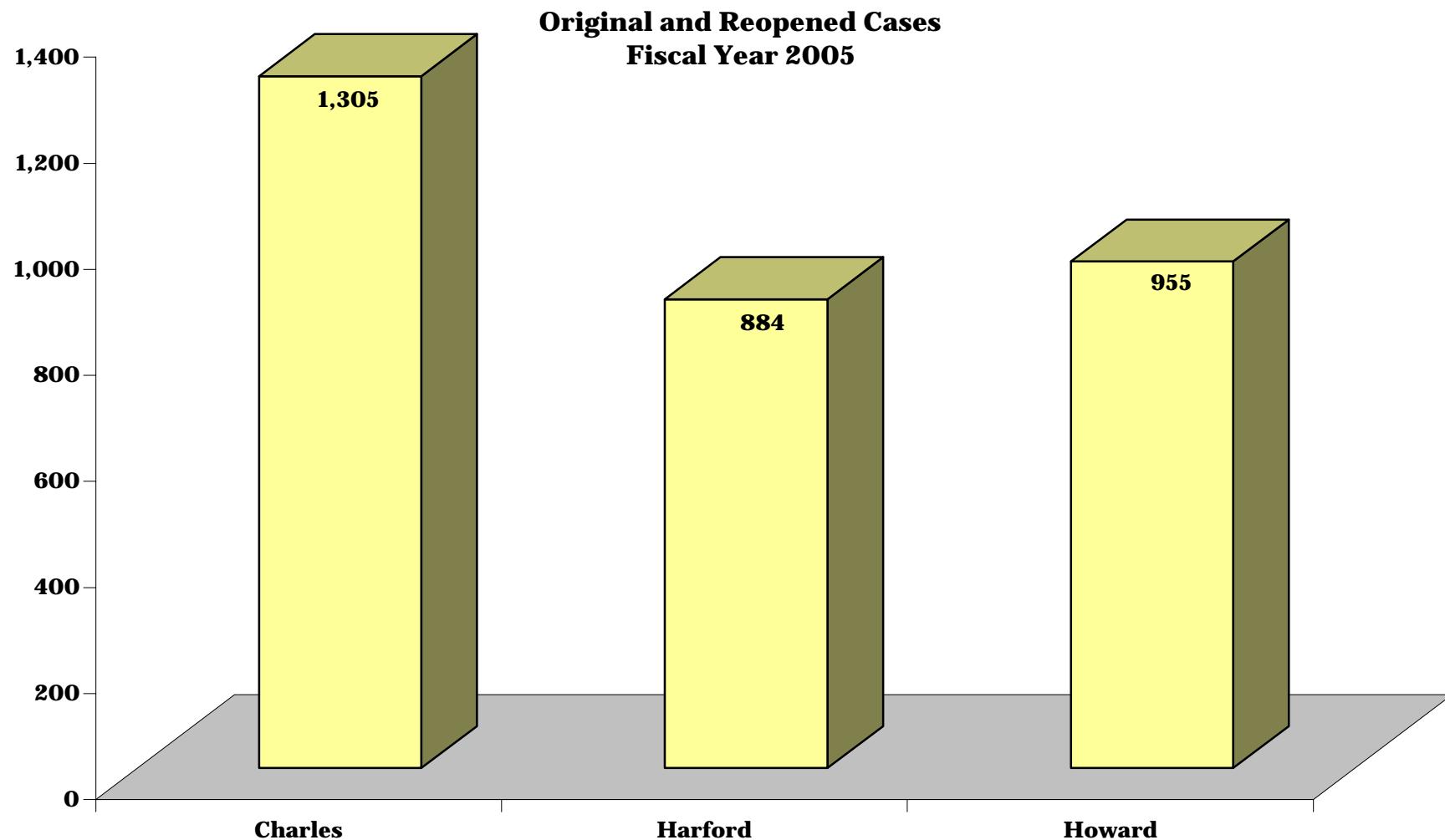
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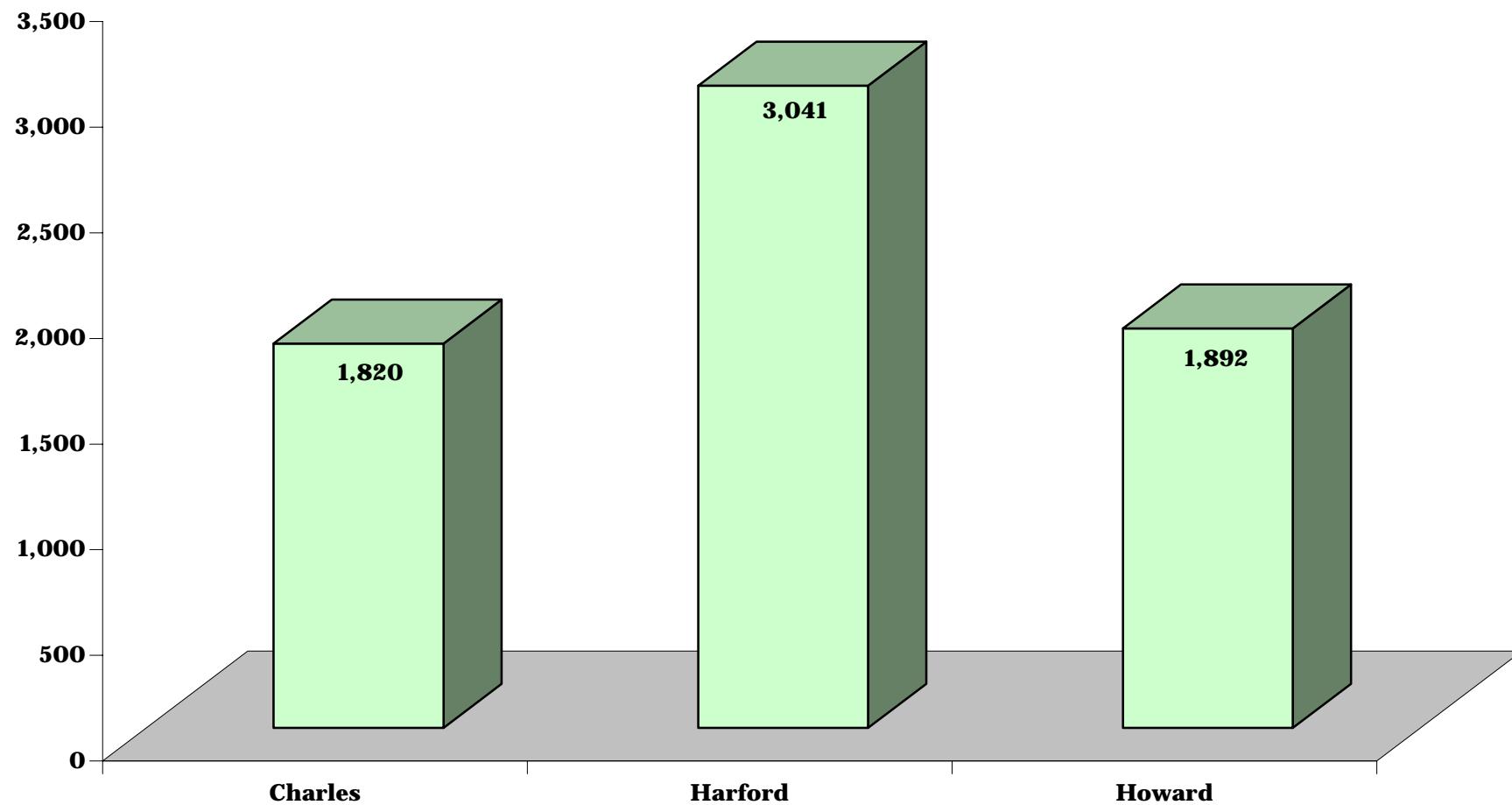
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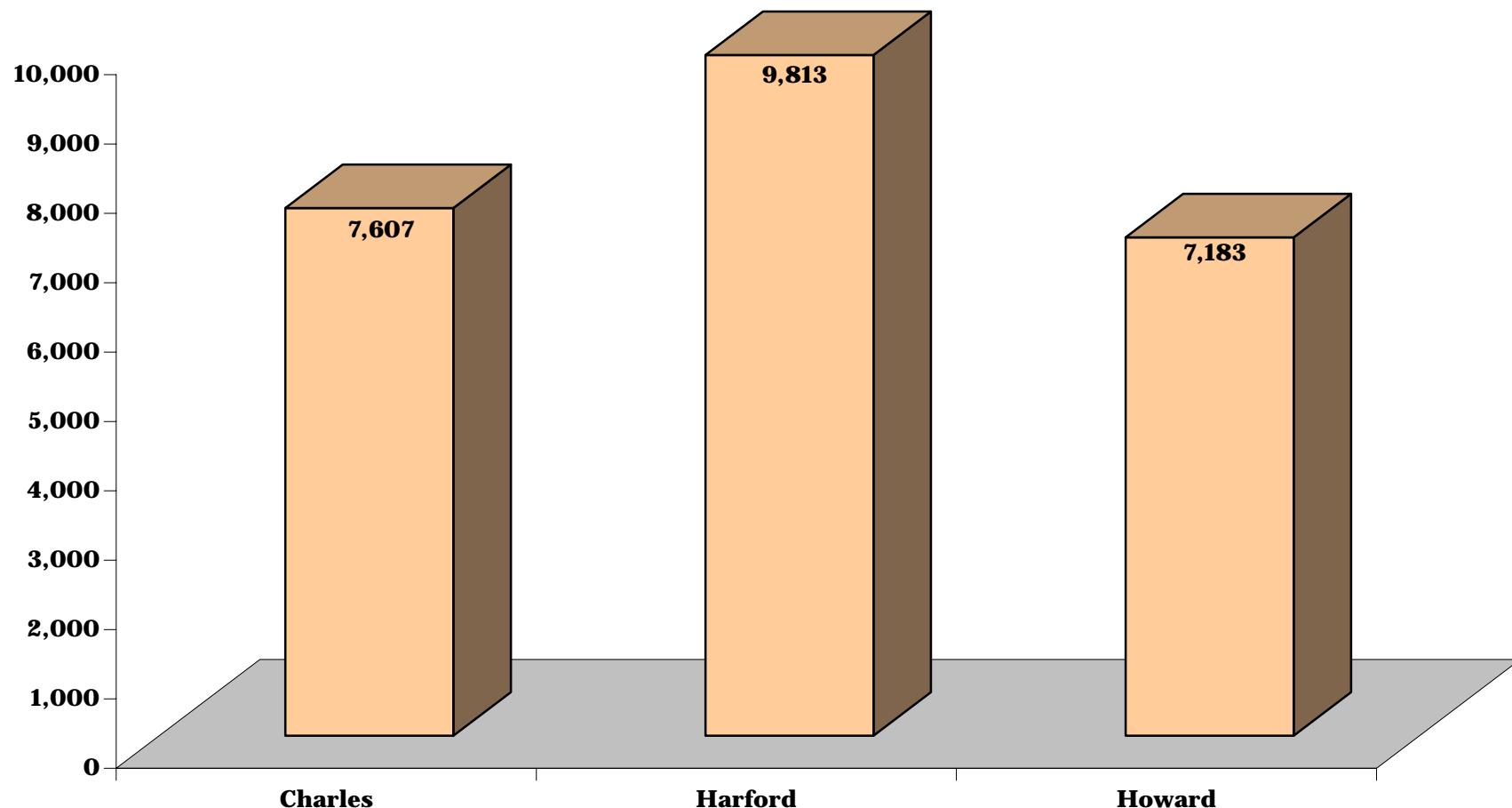
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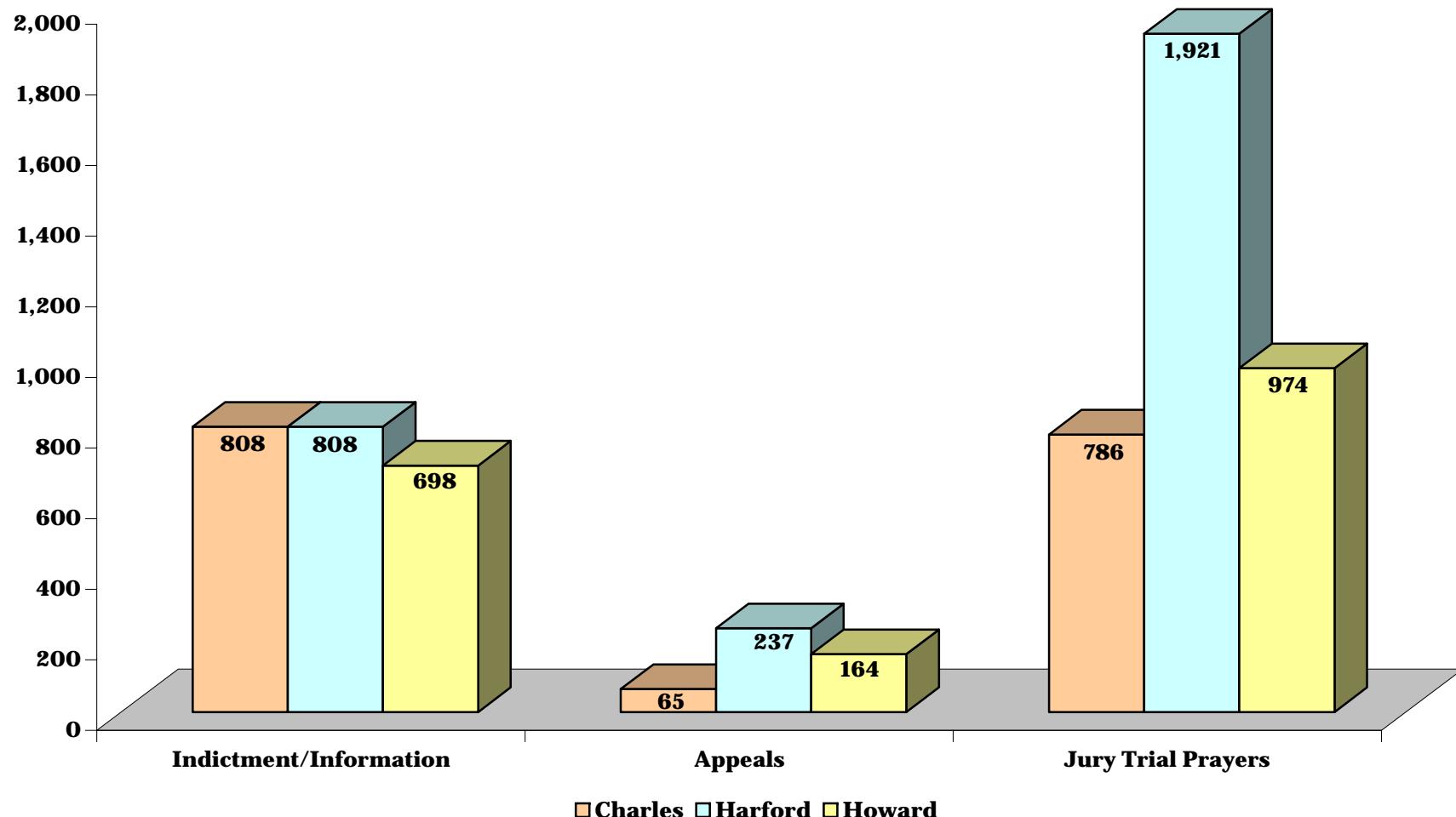
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**TABLE CC-4.4**  
**CIRCUIT COURT**

**LARGE JURISDICTIONS:**  
**CATEGORIES OF FILINGS**

**Original and Reopened Cases**  
**Fiscal Year 2005**

	<b>Anne Arundel</b>	<b>Baltimore</b>	<b>Baltimore City</b>	<b>Montgomery</b>	<b>Prince George's</b>
<b>Total Civil-General</b>	<b>5,973</b>	<b>8,619</b>	<b>17,952</b>	<b>13,075</b>	<b>10,017</b>
Motor Tort	498	857	1,438	656	1,172
Other Tort	28	393	2,265	667	684
Contract	601	1,337	654	1,514	750
Condemnation	4	16	199	17	0
Cont'd Confessed Judgment	94	123	99	133	0
Other Law	253	235	1,862	5,555	520
<i>Appeals</i>					
District Court - On Record	29	67	78	101	94
District Court - De Novo	39	172	198	347	142
Administrative Agency	226	551	813	525	426
Other General	4,076	4,829	10,233	3,543	6,204
Unreported Category	125	39	113	17	25

	<b>Anne Arundel</b>	<b>Baltimore</b>	<b>Baltimore City</b>	<b>Montgomery</b>	<b>Prince George's</b>
<b>Total Civil-Family</b>	<b>7,593</b>	<b>9,245</b>	<b>11,384</b>	<b>11,114</b>	<b>13,995</b>
Divorce/Nullity	3,717	4,078	3,203	6,270	7,332
Other Domestic Relations	2,094	3,213	1,820	1,026	2,944
Adoption/Guardianship	342	263	180	1,695	112
Paternity	1,080	1,155	5,933	1,480	3,122
Domestic Violence	360	536	248	643	485

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	<b>Anne Arundel</b>	<b>Baltimore</b>	<b>Baltimore City</b>	<b>Montgomery</b>	<b>Prince George's</b>
<b>Total Juvenile</b>	<b>2,510</b>	<b>4,244</b>	<b>9,800</b>	<b>4,336</b>	<b>2,578</b>
Delinquency	2,335	3,647	6,762	3,861	2,266
Adult	2	0	0	0	0
Child in Need of Service	8	1	181	0	0
Child in Need of Assistance	126	412	1,929	353	222
Guardianship	23	56	381	33	38
Adoption	1	33	303	31	49
Peace Orders	15	94	235	58	0
Unreported Category	0	1	9	0	3

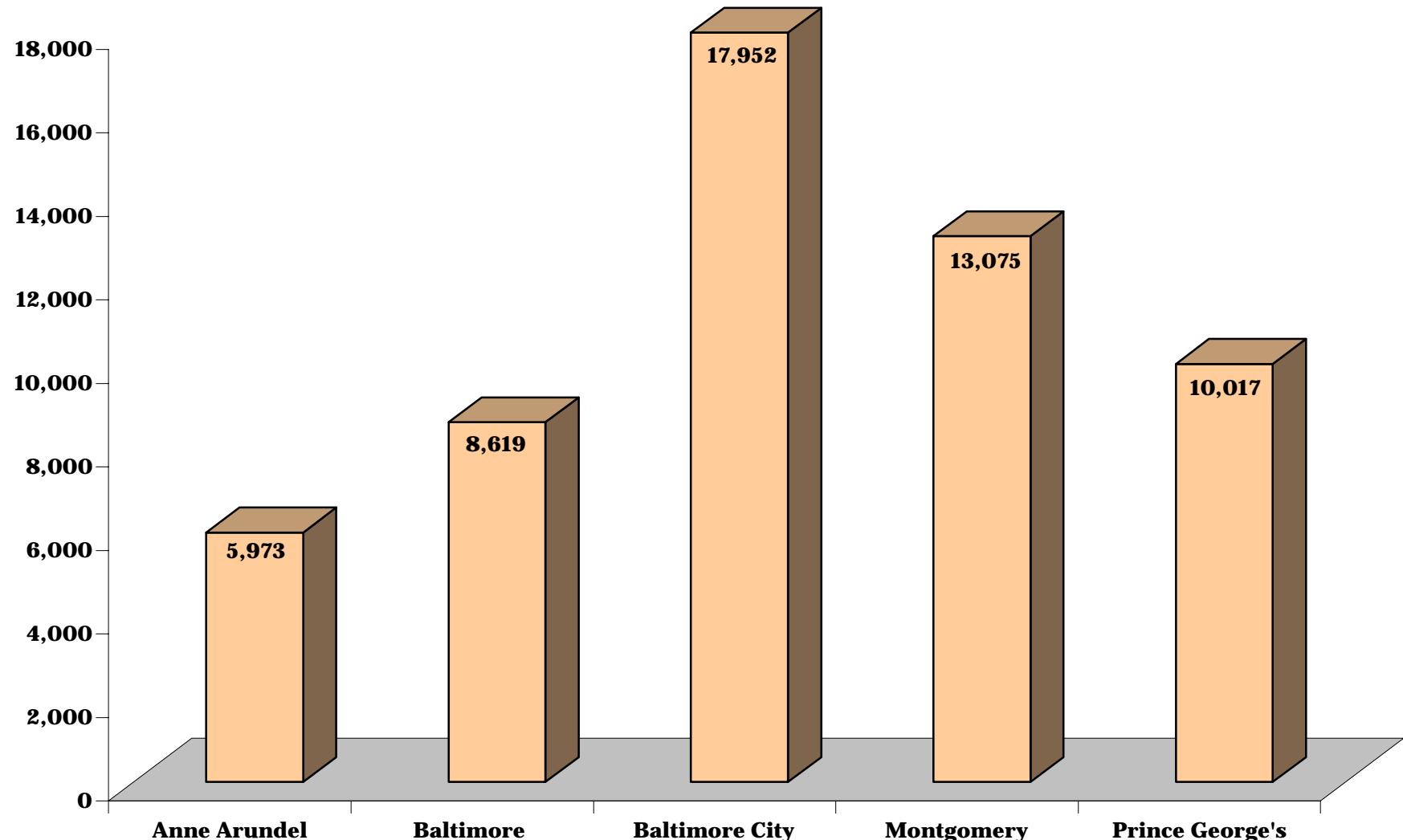
	<b>Anne Arundel</b>	<b>Baltimore</b>	<b>Baltimore City</b>	<b>Montgomery</b>	<b>Prince George's</b>
<b>Total Criminal</b>	<b>6,744</b>	<b>6,599</b>	<b>25,790</b>	<b>5,075</b>	<b>10,096</b>
Indictment/Information	4,482	3,825	14,263	3,190	4,629
<i>Appeals</i>					
District Court - Motor	315	561	278	610	78
District Court - Other	459	650	366	783	182
Jury Trial Prayed - Motor	321	398	730	136	2,321
Jury Trial Prayed - Other	1,038	1,119	10,088	356	2,401
Non Support	2	4	0	0	0
Post Conviction	4	0	25	0	257
Unreported Category	123	42	40	0	228

	<b>Anne Arundel</b>	<b>Baltimore</b>	<b>Baltimore City</b>	<b>Montgomery</b>	<b>Prince George's</b>
<b>TOTAL FILINGS</b>	<b>22,820</b>	<b>28,707</b>	<b>64,926</b>	<b>33,600</b>	<b>36,686</b>

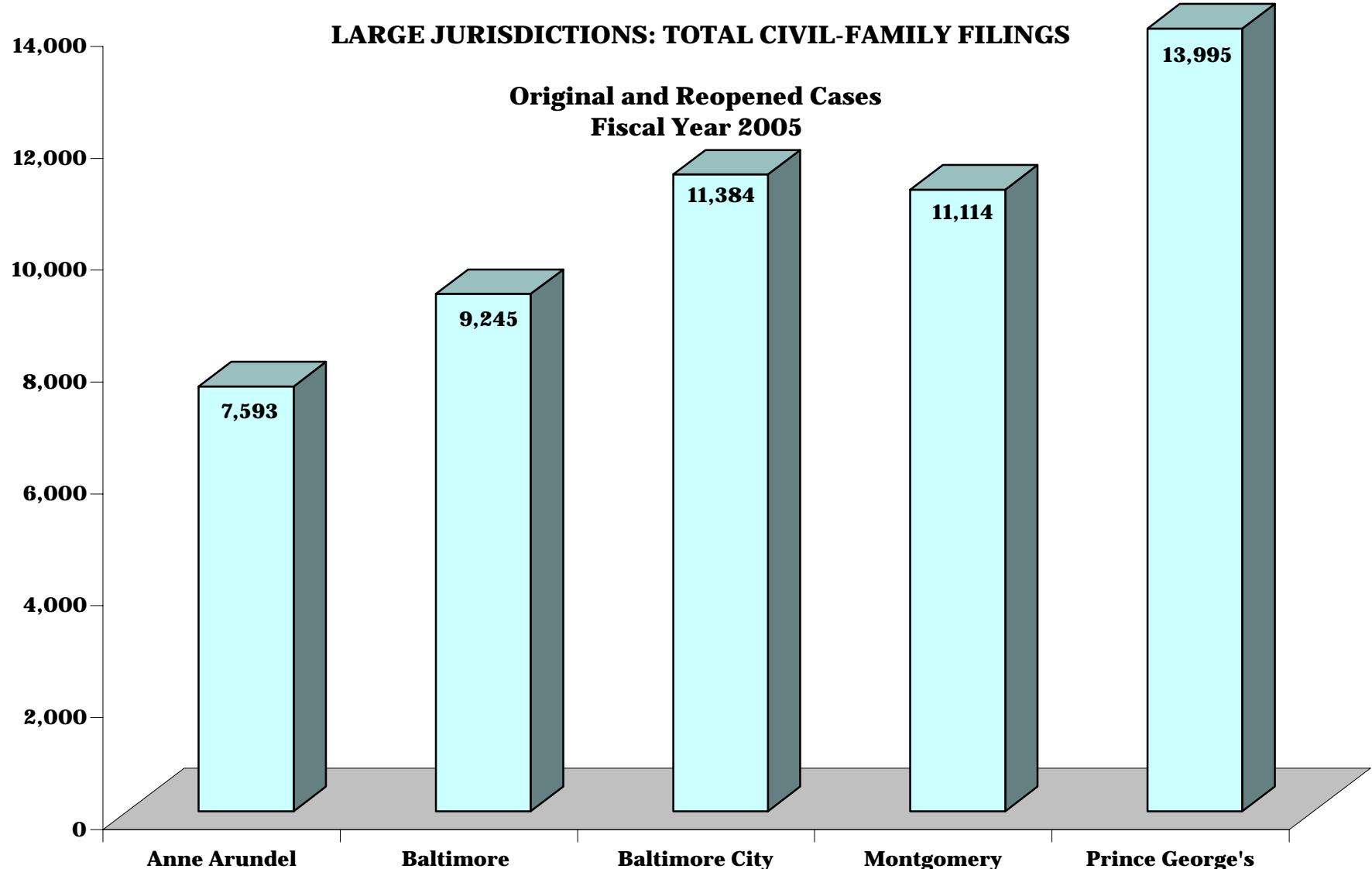
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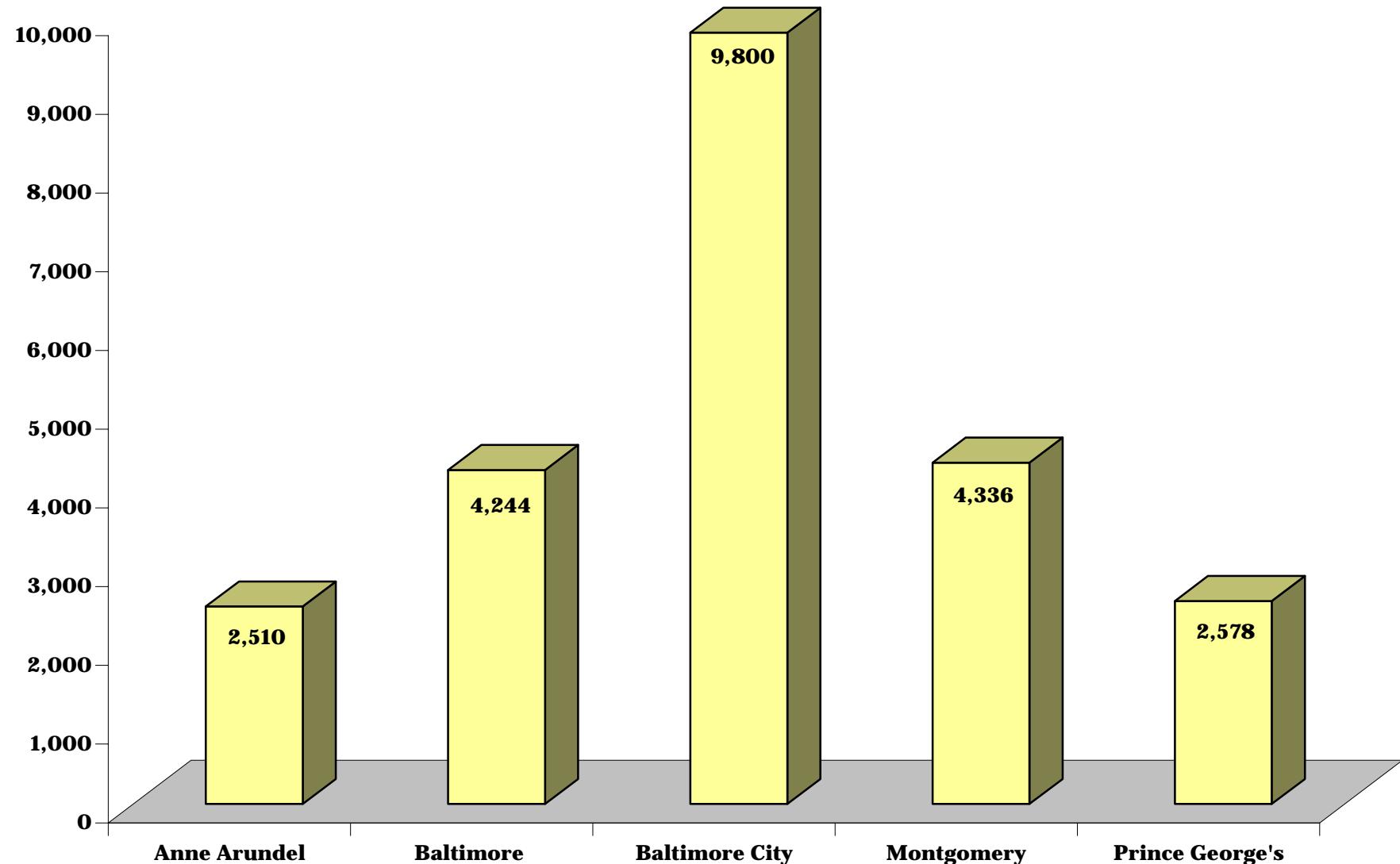
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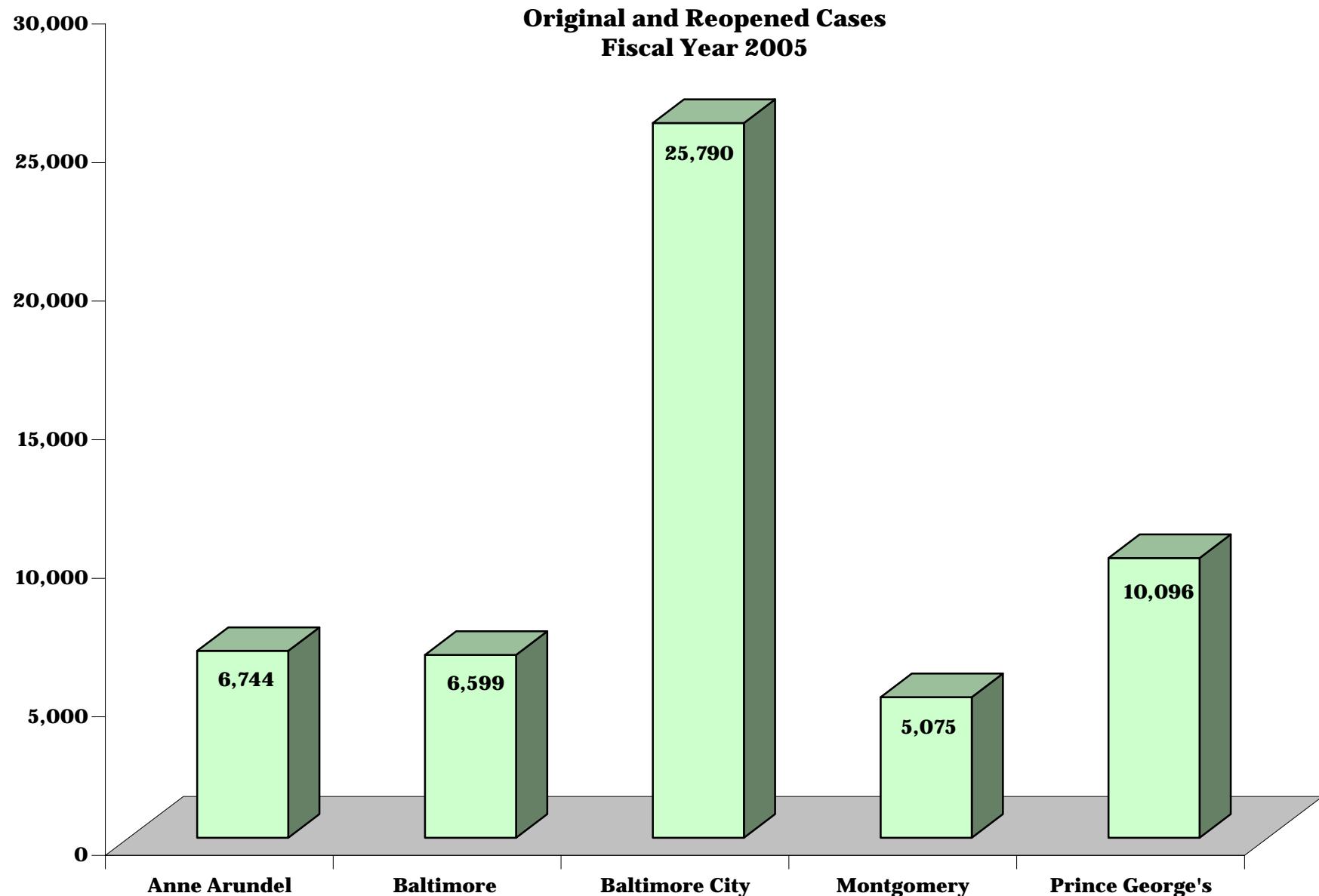
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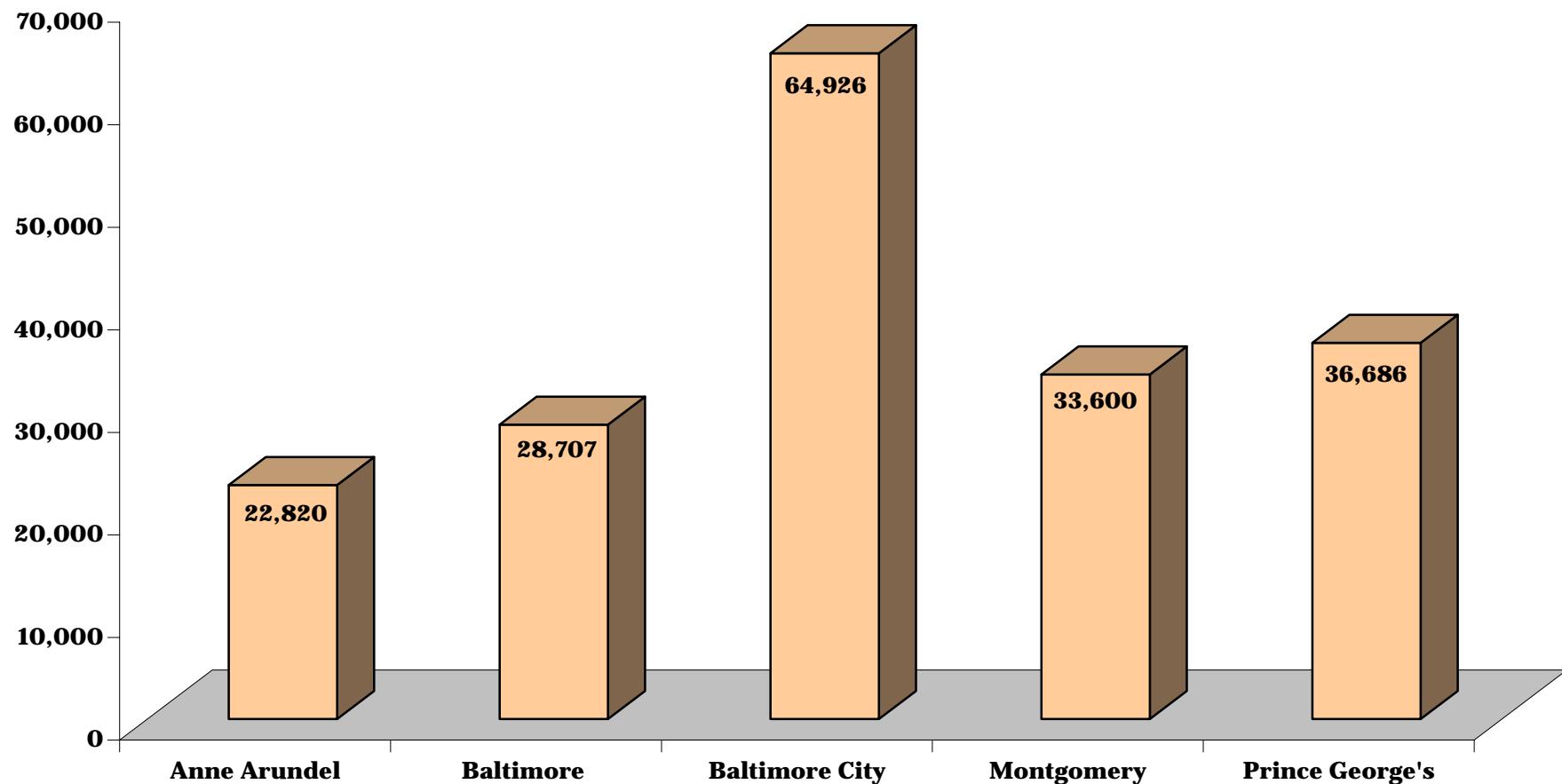
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**CHART CC-4.4.6**  
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