

Texas Eviction Case Dashboard

Updates and Changes: July 27, 2022

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Texas Housers' Texas Eviction Case Dashboard was launched on January 24th, 2022.

The following list of structural updates is presented in reverse chronological order:

July 27, 2022

No structural changes were made in this update.

June 23, 2022

Here is a list of changes that were made in this update:

- Previous month's data in the "Eviction Cases Over Time" chart have been updated based on new data from previous months reported to OCA by the courts.

May 17, 2022

Here is a list of the changes that were made in this update:

- Freestone County Precinct 4 was added by the Office of Court Administration as an active court.

April 17, 2022

No structural changes were made in this update.

March 22, 2022

Here is a list of the changes that were made in this update:

- "Number of Renter Households" has been updated for nine counties. OCA and ACS alphabetical order placed the following counties in the incorrect order in the previous version of the dashboard, resulting in a mismatch of county population to number of new eviction cases which caused the previous month's eviction case rate to be incorrect for these counties: Madison, Marion, Martin, Mason, Matagorda, Maverick, McCulloch, McLennan, McMullen. The case rates for these counties were the only inaccurate numbers. Reporting of case rates for all other counties was accurate. Reporting of case numbers for all counties was accurate.

February 22nd, 2022

Here is a list of the changes that were made in that update:

- All data has been updated from November 2021 to December 2021 case data, based on the latest data release from the State of Texas Office of Court Administration.
- In the “New Cases” Indicator (starts “Per most recent month...”) a footer has been added explaining what month the data are from and what the typical monthly update schedule is.
- Map pop-up field titles and field decimal places have been edited for legibility and clarity.
- The “Total Number of Courts” used in the map pop-ups and the “Missing Data” Indicator (starts “_ out of _ courts failed...”) has been updated. After the January launch of the dashboard, it was brought to our attention that the data reported to us by the Office of Court Administration included inactive courts. Thus our total number of courts and the number of courts that did not report data were both higher than they should have been because they included courts that were inactive. This error did not affect in any way the number of new eviction cases filed at the state or local level that were included in the dashboard launch. The total number of courts for each county has been updated and confirmed for accuracy by the Office of Court Administration.
- A footer was added to the Serial Chart (“Eviction Cases Over Time”) explaining that the pop up data for the first of each month is a total case county for the whole month indicated.
- A footer was added to the “Missing Data” Indicator orienting the reader to how many Justice of the Peace courts fail to report case data in a typical month.