

WPQ 64855 (2024)

Table 1: Number of court events adjourned, from 1 November 2023 to 30 September 2024, broken down by jurisdiction and reason for the adjournment grouping.

Court Type	Jurisdiction	Adjournment Reason Grouping	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24
District Court	Civil	Court	4	12	5	15	8	18	27	12	12	5	21
		Defendant/Respondent	6	2	0	4	7	1	4	6	8	3	6
		Plaintiff/Applicant	2	1	4	5	2	8	14	4	14	6	4
		Part Heard	1	5	0	4	3	4	2	2	1	2	6
	Criminal	Court	858	827	502	617	545	409	614	458	559	427	504
		Defence	3,218	2,214	2,493	2,956	3,028	2,552	3,167	2,174	2,827	2,548	2,331
		Prosecution	281	232	260	429	431	418	391	316	352	373	352
		Probation/Other	88	64	77	132	99	119	127	99	145	114	90
		Part Heard	31	21	24	38	30	15	25	21	23	20	16
	Disputes Tribunal	Tribunal	62	36	74	76	98	86	90	73	62	76	53
		Respondent	21	17	11	11	25	44	34	17	36	23	17
		Applicant	13	9	6	7	18	16	10	19	8	10	12
		Part Heard	370	220	257	281	318	247	282	224	268	339	273
	Family	Counsel/Party	288	216	173	278	259	208	262	214	307	238	233
		Court	247	135	240	193	207	221	233	197	224	197	140
		Part Heard	18	18	19	19	31	14	26	14	33	19	22
		Provider/Other	42	24	15	29	24	30	24	21	29	25	22
Youth Court	Criminal	Court	27	9	14	13	16	29	41	15	30	21	26
		Defence	27	31	38	30	37	20	29	19	21	22	16
		Prosecution	7	8	3	2	3	10	6	8	6	5	0
		Probation/Other	7	2	0	1	1	2	5	1	5	0	2
		Part Heard	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0
High Court	Civil	Part Heard	2	1	0	6	1	1	2	1	1	0	3
		Adjourned	16	25	0	5	14	16	16	30	33	29	8

	Criminal	Court	1	2	0	5	2	2	3	1	6	4	3
		Defence	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	7	3	6
		Prosecution	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
		Part Heard	3	2	0	8	2	1	4	8	6	1	4
Total			5,645	4,134	4,215	5,165	5,211	4,493	5,440	3,956	5,025	4,512	4,170

Notes for Table 1:

- Statistics are based on the Case Management System (CMS) used by the courts as at 5 October 2024. Since this is an operational system, data for earlier months may have been updated since any previous publications.
- This count is of case events. A case may be heard across multiple events in the court, meaning the data in the table does not reflect the number of cases adjourned.
- This data includes court events for all case types in the High Court, District Court and Youth Court, except for on-papers or registrar only events.
- A case may be rescheduled prior to the hearing. Reasons for rescheduling have not been included in the dataset as not all instances are recorded in CMS. Those that are recorded are not grouped in similar ways to adjournment data.
- Regarding the District Court Criminal jurisdiction 'Court' adjournment reason grouping;
 - At JAT stage, the adjournment reason grouping 'Court' is most often used to capture cases that are not reached in time as other cases have had higher priority.
 - At the case review stage, the adjournment reason grouping 'Court' is used very infrequently. However, it is most often used to capture administrative adjournments that ensure the case is heard before the appropriate judicial officer and alongside other charges or co-offenders.
 - At the sentencing stage, the adjournment reason grouping 'Court' is used very infrequently. However, it is most often used to capture administrative adjournments that ensure the case is heard before the appropriate judicial officer and with the most up to date sentencing information.