



FLORIDA COURT CLERKS & COMPTROLLERS

The Florida Courts ePortal eFiling Authority History

ePortal Governance

- The Florida Courts ePortal is housed within a public entity called the “Florida Courts E-Filing Authority”
- The E-Filing Authority is a Chapter 163 Public Entity established by Interlocal Agreement
- The Florida E-Filing Authority contracts with the FCCC for the development, implementation, operation and maintenance of the ePortal
- Access the E-Filing Authority Homepage www.myflcourtagency.com

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How We Got Here

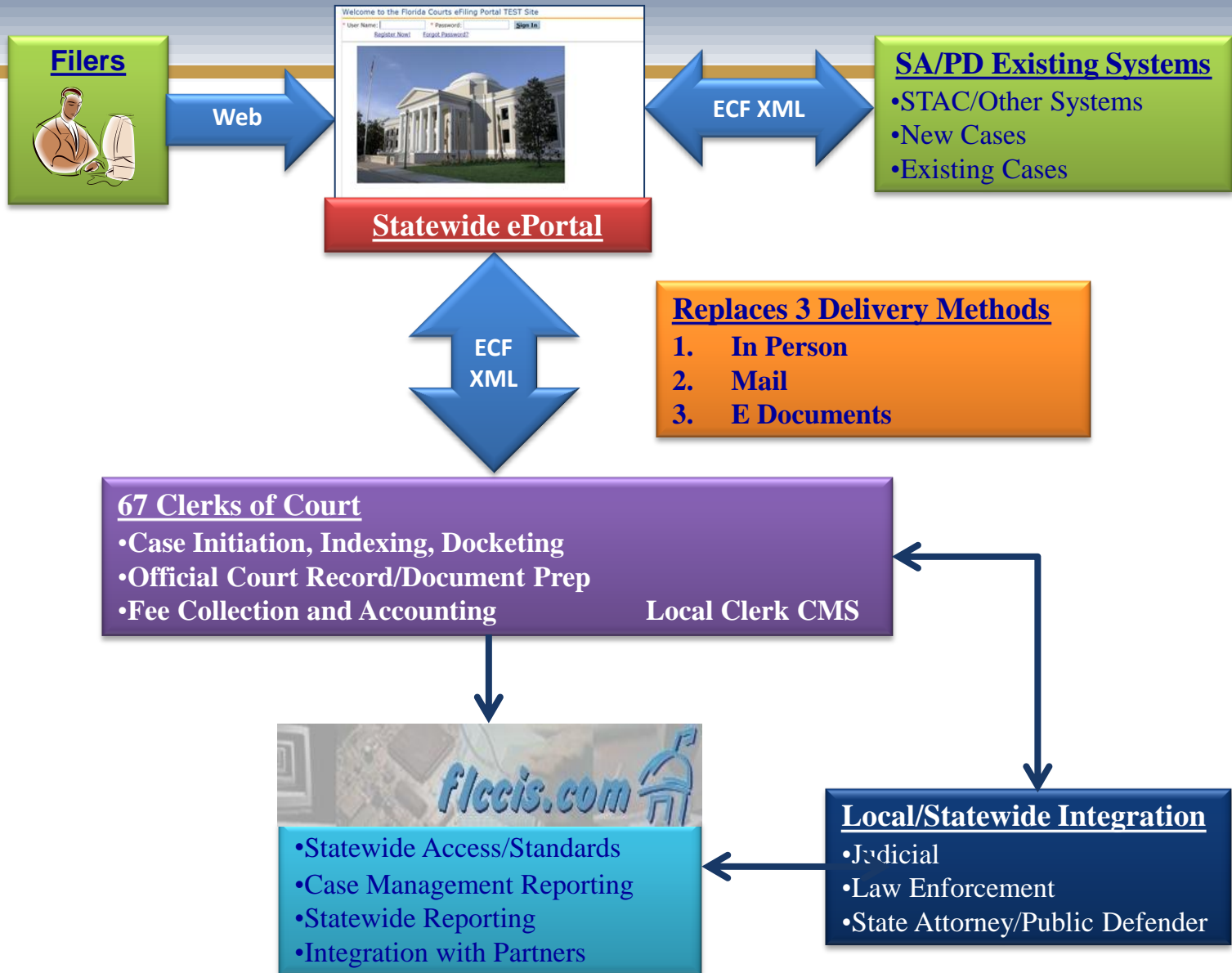
- Development of the ePortal began in 2010
- Civil eFiling capability was established in January 2011
- Criminal eFiling capability has been established and will be implemented in a phased approach throughout 2013
- Appellate eFiling capability has been established in 2013 and phased in, beginning with the Supreme Court in February
- Nearly 4.4 million case filings have been electronically filed through the ePortal in the first 8 months of 2013

A screenshot of the Florida Courts eFiling Portal website. The header includes the Florida State Seal, the text "Florida Courts eFiling Portal" and "www.myflcouraccess.com", and navigation links for "My Trial Court Filings", "Email Log", "Sign Out", "Existing Case", "New Case", and "Simple E-File". Below the header, there are links for "Account" and "eFiling Options", and a "Welcome - Levi Owens" message with a "Last signed in on - 11/29/2012 05:41:09 PM" timestamp. The main content area is titled "File Subsequent Document(s) into an existing Case" and contains a form with fields for "Court Type: Trial", "Case #:", "County:", "Case Type:", "Division:", and "Total Fee:". Below these fields are tabs for "Case Information", "Parties", "Documents", "Payments", and "Review And Submit". A red asterisk (*) indicates required fields. At the bottom, there are input fields for "Year", "Sequence #", and "Court Type".

What is the ePortal?

- www.myflcourtagency.com
- eFiling and eRecording capability
- Single statewide login for all users
- Single web access used to submit court documents
- Transmits to local Clerk case maintenance and recording systems
- Provides electronic notifications to the filer and to the Clerks' offices
- Part of the Statewide Integrated Court System

Statewide Integrated Court System



Current eFiling Status

- 65 counties support eFiling in the Civil divisions
 - Clay and Sarasota will be live by 10/1/13 (AO SC13-12)
- 13 counties currently accepting eFilings on existing Criminal cases
 - All counties are actively testing for a go-live of 10/1/13
- Appellate eFiling began with the Supreme Court in February
 - The 2nd District Courts of Appeal went live in August 2013. Other DCA's will be phased in.

Court Ordered Mandatory Dates

- ✦ E-Mail Service by Attorneys
 - **September 1, 2012**
- ✦ Mandatory Civil eFiling
 - **April 1, 2013**
- ✦ Mandatory Criminal eFiling
 - **October 1, 2013**
- ✦ Mandatory Appellate eFiling
 - **Supreme Court: February 27, 2013**
 - **District Courts of Appeal: Phased in from July 2013 to July 2014**
- ✦ Electronic Transmission of Records on Appeal
(Clerk's office to Appellate Court)
 - **July 1, 2014**

ePortal Support

✦ ePortal User Documentation

- **eFiler Manual** (Filer Documentation link in footer of the ePortal)
- **Reviewer Manual** (Reviewer Documentation link in footer of the ePortal)
- **County Administrator Manual** (available on the Clerk Intranet)
- **Law Firm Administrator Manual** (available on the Clerk Intranet)

✦ Support for Attorneys & Paralegals

- support@myflcourtagency.com
- 850-577-4609

✦ Support for Clerk's Offices

- support@flclerks.com
- 850-414-2210



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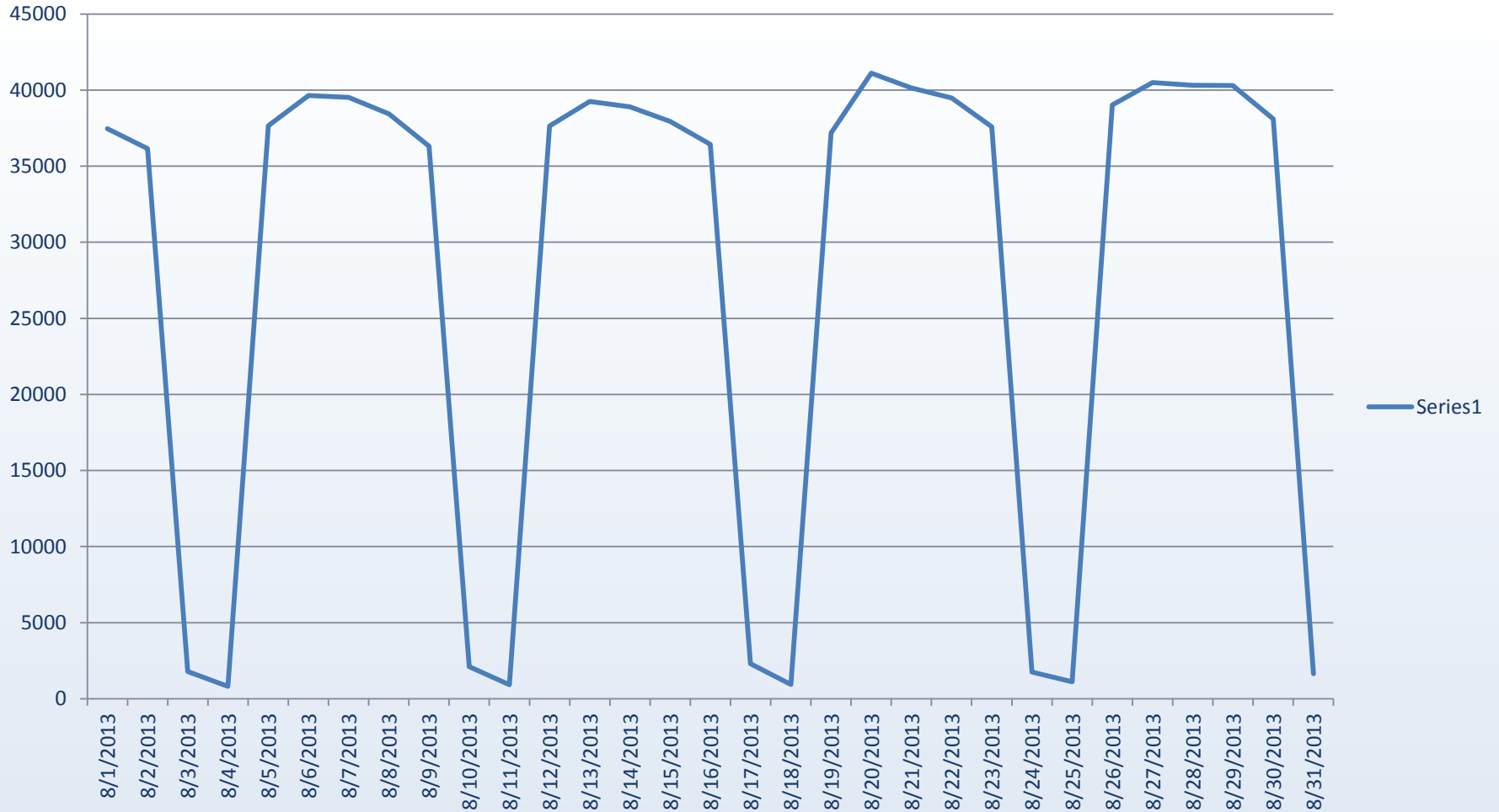
E-Filing Portal Usage Statistics

August Activity

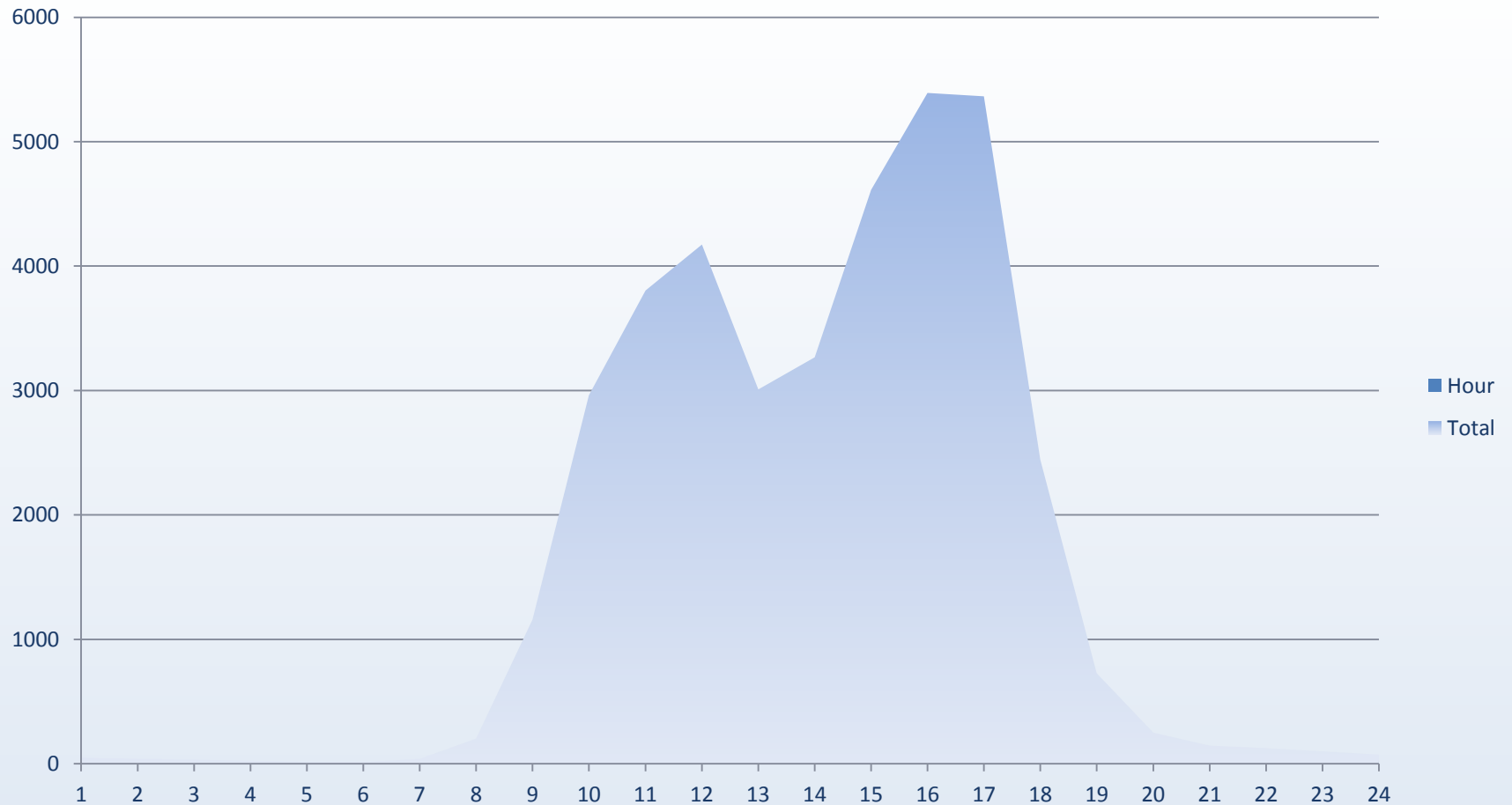
August Portal Usage Statistics

Submitted	
Category	Total
Filings	862,495
Documents	1,471,109
Total Registered E-Filing Portal Users as of 8/31/2013	
50,667	

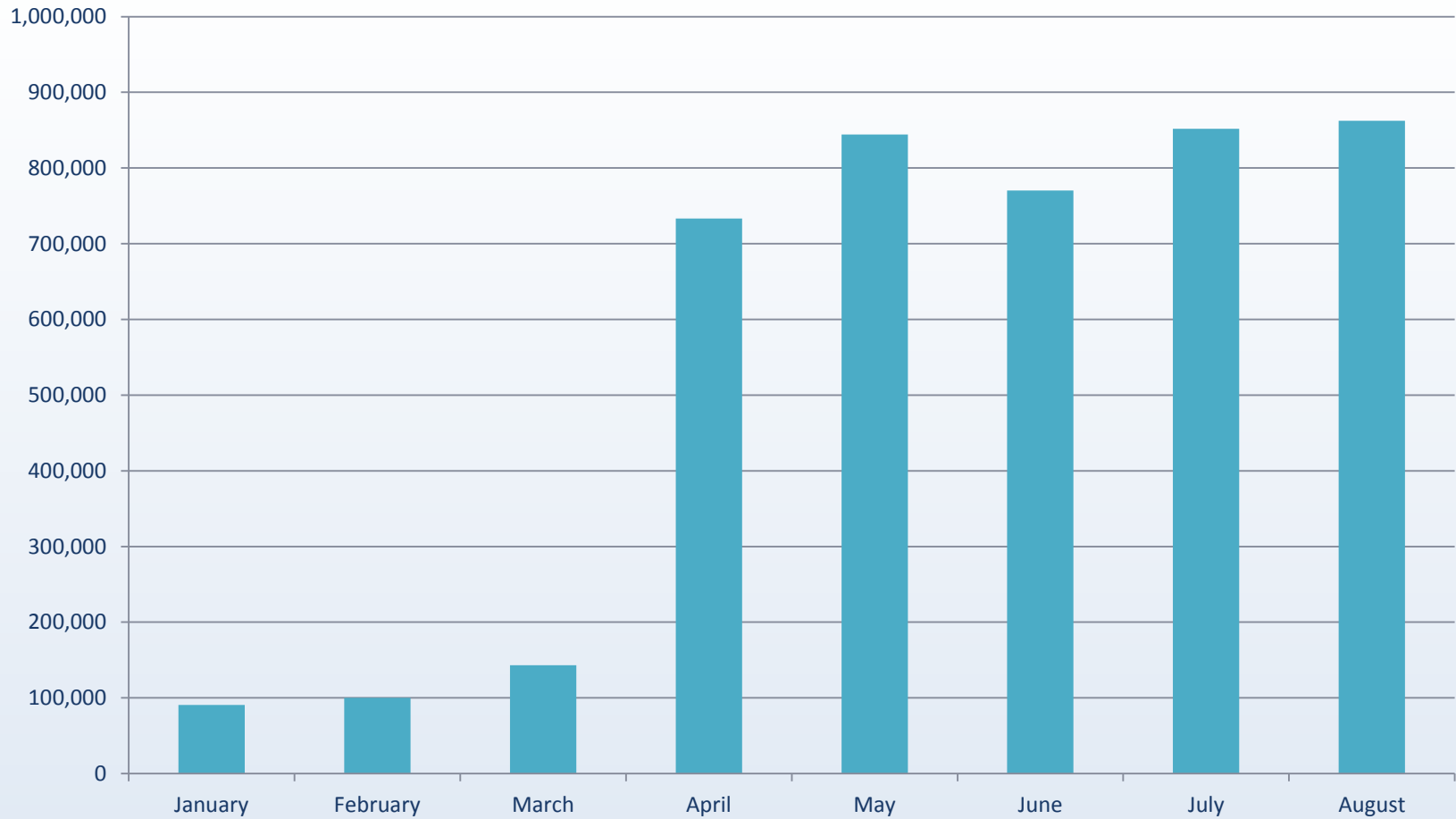
August E-Filings By Day



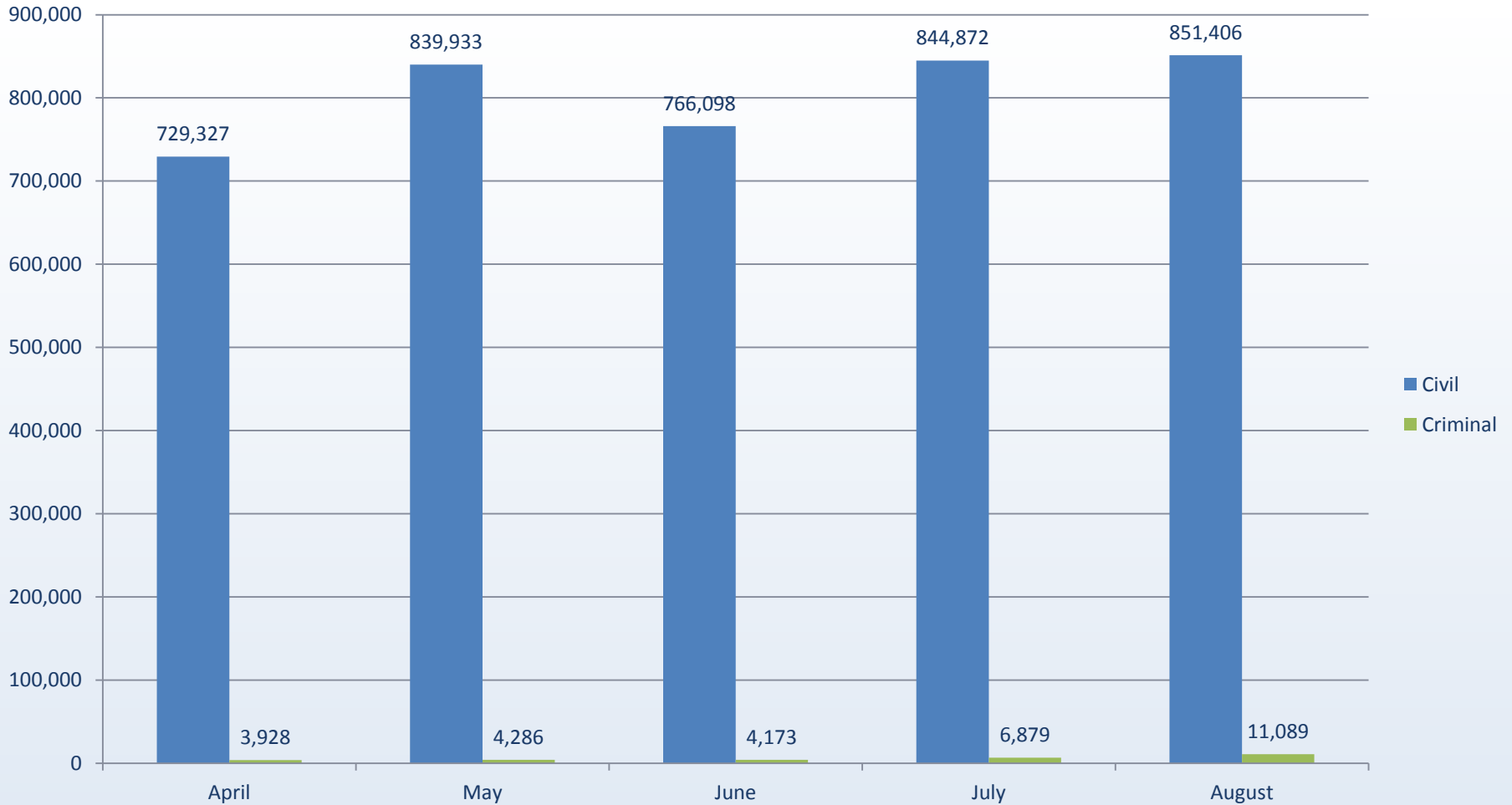
Weekday E-Filings - Average Per Hour



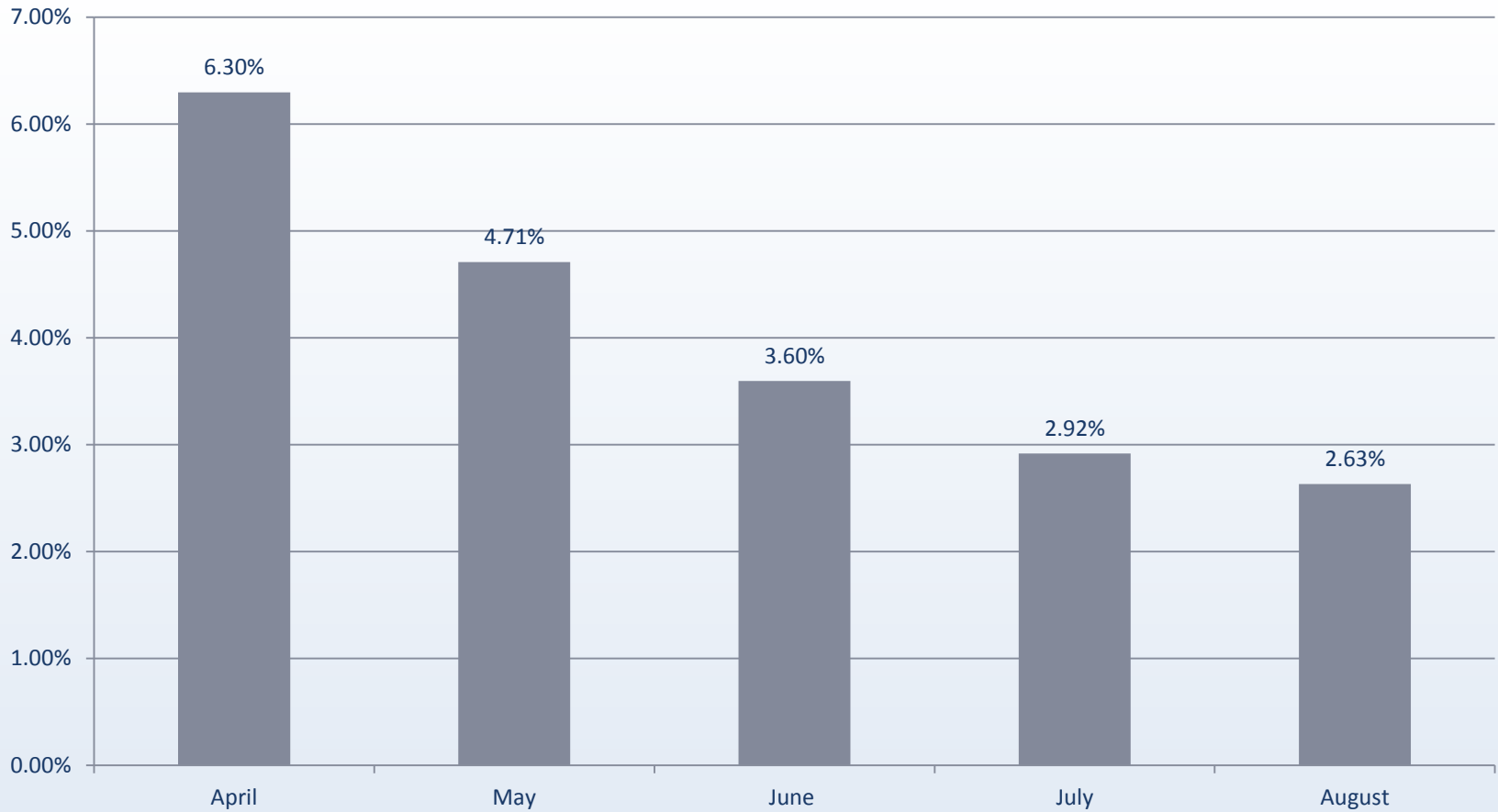
2013 eFilings By Month



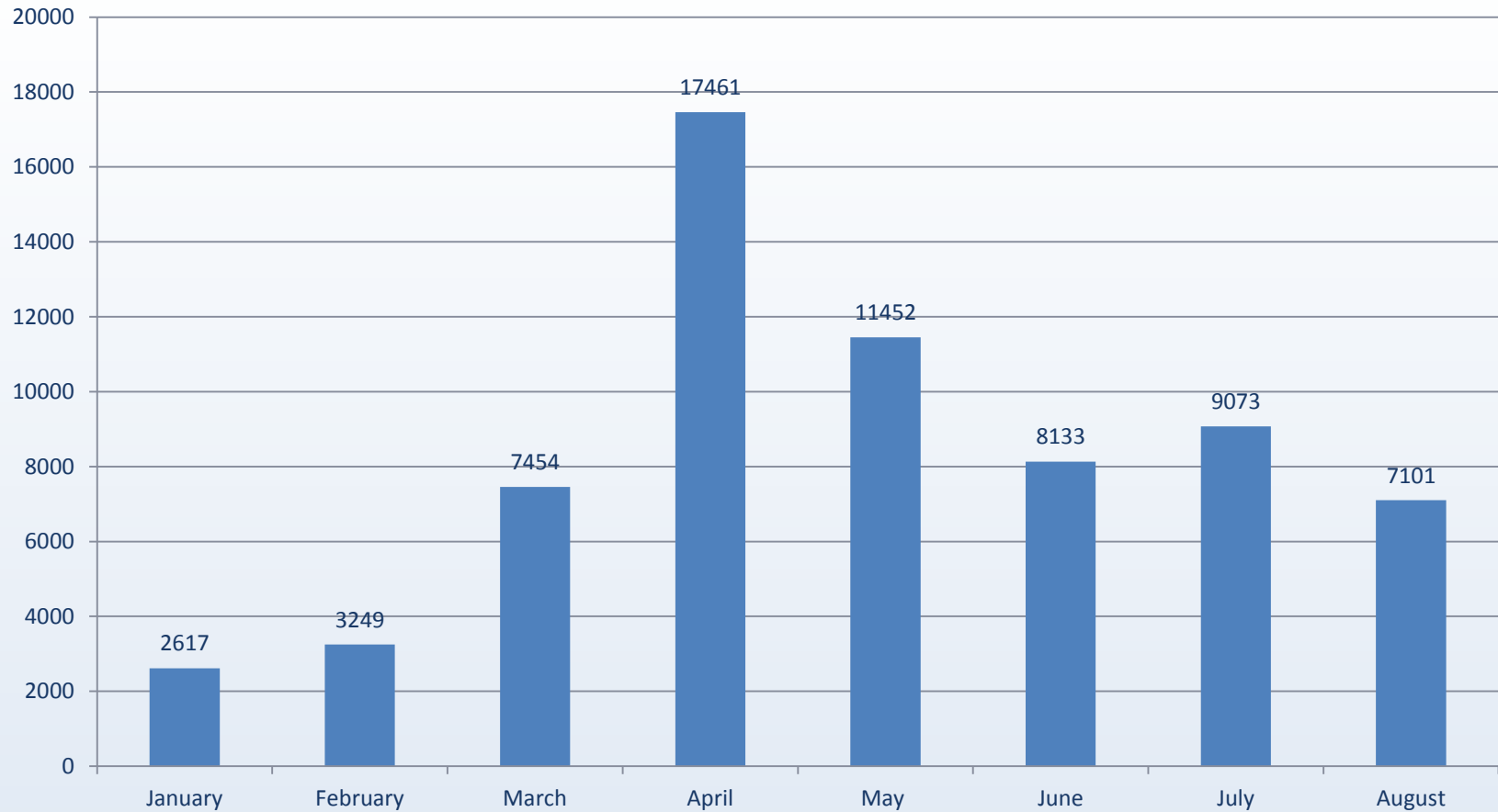
Civil vs Criminal Since April 2013



Percentage of “Pending Filings”



ePortal Support Calls Initiated in 2013



Criminal E-Filing Status

- ✦ Criminal E-Filing
 - ✦ Mandatory Date to E-File is October 1, 2013
 - ✦ **Standardized Docket Codes enable SA and PD to automate their E-Filing**
 - ✦ Map local docket codes to Standardized Criminal Docket Descriptions (SCDD)
 - ✦ Supreme Court A0 13-12

Criminal E-Filing Status

✦ County Readiness

- ✦ Criminal Divisions/Codes Enabled in the Test Region
- ✦ Single Session Verification is In Process
- ✦ CBI Integration Testing is Occurring

✦ Ready For Production

- ✦ Move Codes to Production
- ✦ Accept single session criminal filings in the production region
- ✦ Go Now !

Single Session Vs. CBI

◆ Single Session

- ◆ If SA or PD is willing to use Single Session, go forward with Single Session
- ◆ Most (if not all) PD's will go forward with Single Session

◆ CBI

- ◆ Some SA's may require CBI
- ◆ CBI is still being tested for STAC and other Systems
- ◆ Each Circuit will need to determine their production approach

Paper and Judicial Viewers

- ✦ Most circuits do not have a Judicial Viewer implemented
- ✦ In most cases, this means that Judges will require Paper Files
- ✦ If your office is willing to print efiled documents for your Judges, this issue does not impact your Criminal Go-live
- ✦ If your office cannot print efiled documents, then your office may need to defer Criminal eFiling until a Judicial Viewer is implemented

Closing

Questions / Comments / Suggestions