

The background of the page is a photograph of the interior of a grand, ornate dome. The ceiling is painted with intricate blue and gold patterns. Two circular frescoes are visible, depicting figures in dynamic poses. The dome is illuminated by numerous recessed lights, creating a warm, golden glow. The architecture features classical elements like columns and arches.

Office of State Public Defender

Legislative Finance Committee Report

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and Legislative Fiscal
Division*

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Mission

Providing the most compassionate and expert defense of clients and the Constitution.

Vision

Creating expert teams of advocates for justice, bringing respect and dignity to our clients to achieve holistic and equitable outcomes

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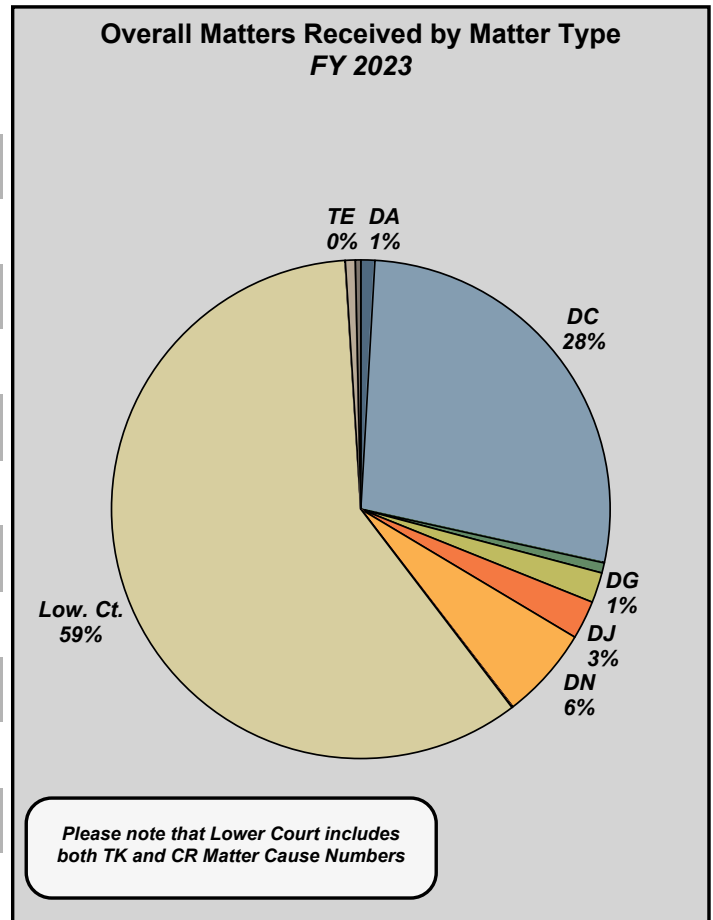
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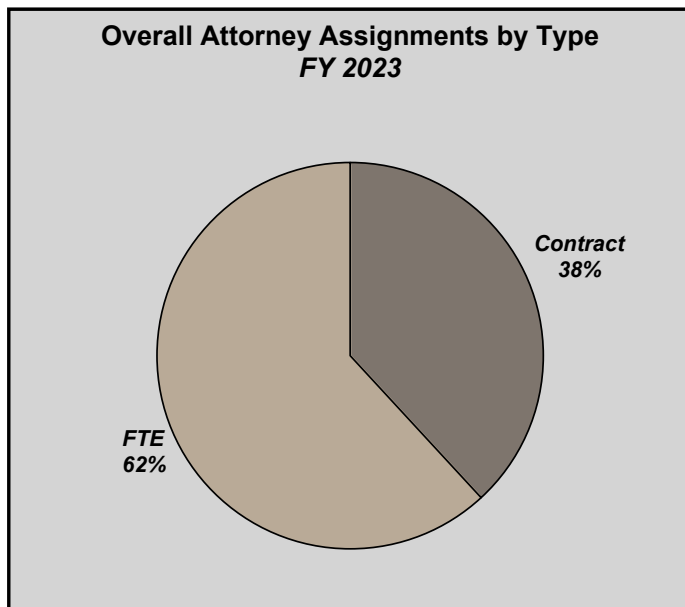
Agency Matter and Assignment Types

OPD Represents Clients in the Following Matter Types in All Courts Across the State

<u>Matter Type Code</u>	<u>Matter Type Name</u>
DA	Appeal
DC	District Court Criminal
DD	Developmental Disability
DG	Guardianship
DI	Involuntary Commitment
DJ	Juvenile
DN	Dependency & Neglect
DV	Post-Conviction
SR	Sentence Review
TE	Treatment Court
OP	Appellate Writ
Low. Ct.	Lower Court
DPA	Private Adpotion



OPD Assigns Both Internal and External Attorneys

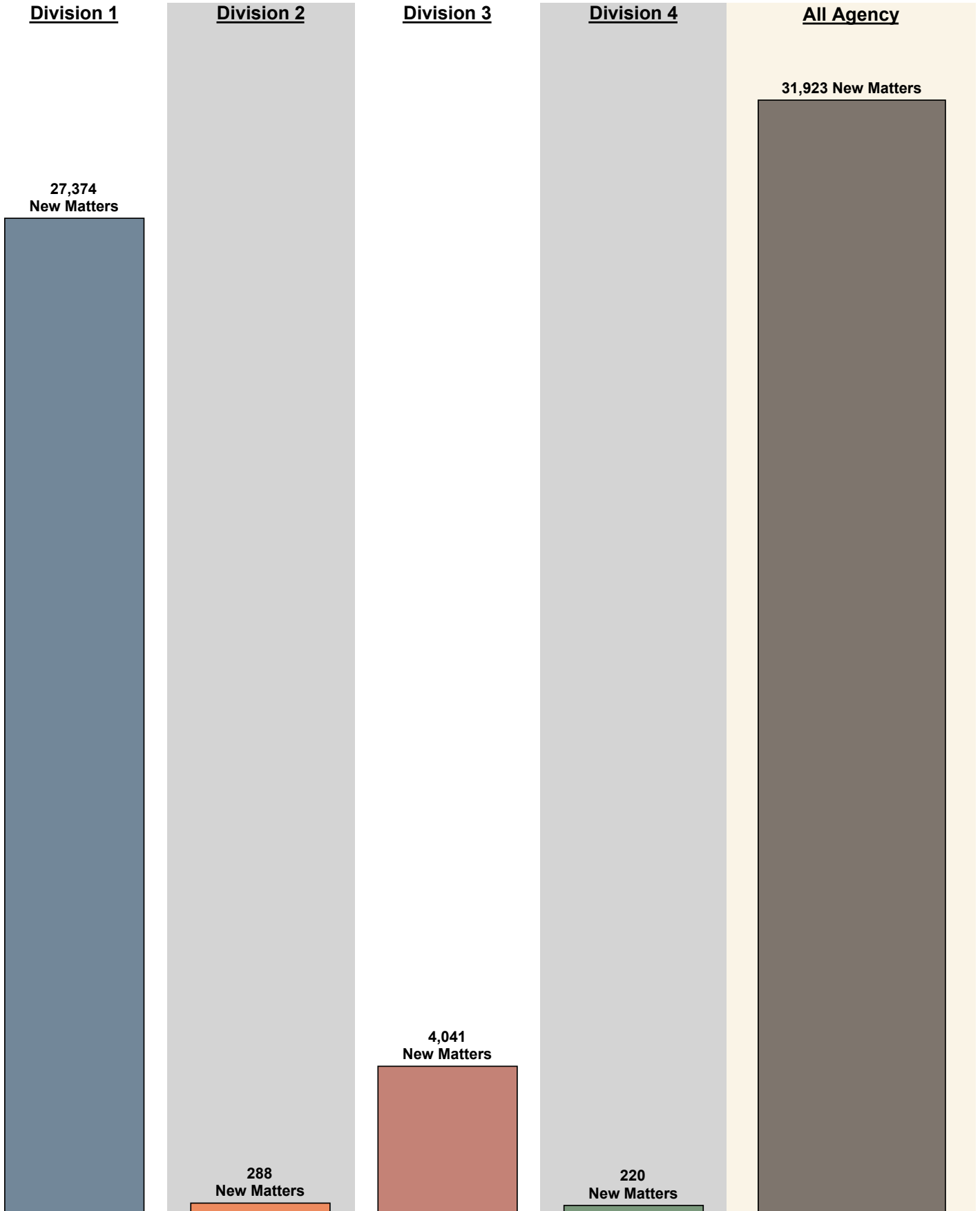


Attorney Assignments by Matter Type FY 2023

	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Contract</u>
Appeal	12.1%	87.9%
District Court Criminal	73.6%	26.4%
Developmental Disability	100.0%	
Guardianship	87.9%	12.1%
Involuntary Commitment	97.8%	2.2%
Juvenile	73.0%	27.0%
Dependency & Neglect	35.7%	64.3%
Post-Conviction	80.0%	20.0%
Sentence Review	3.6%	96.4%
Treatment Court	99.0%	1.0%
Lower Court	57.7%	42.3%
Private Adpotion	50.0%	50.0%
Appellate Writ	100.0%	

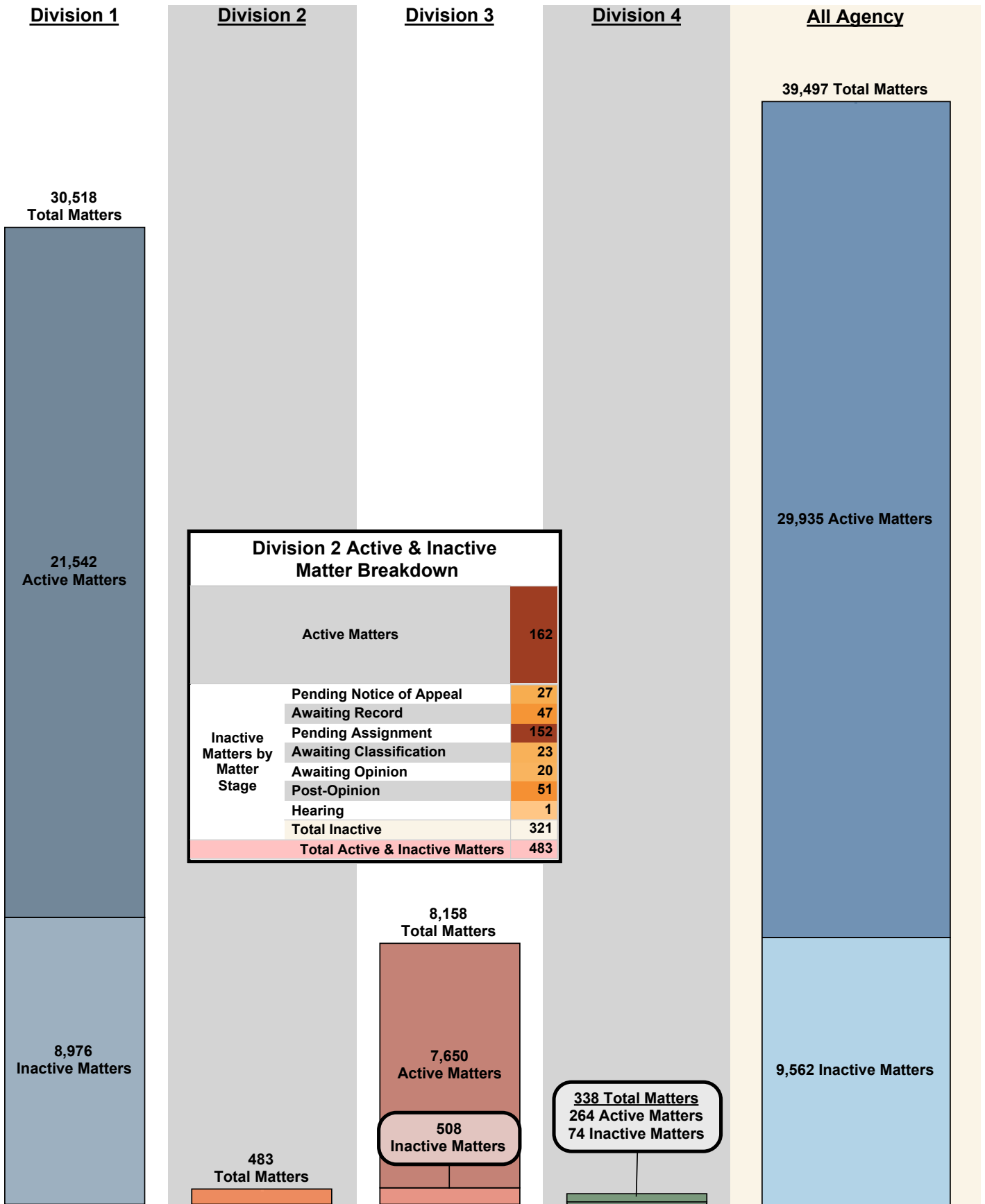
New Matters Received

This data displays all new matters received from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023



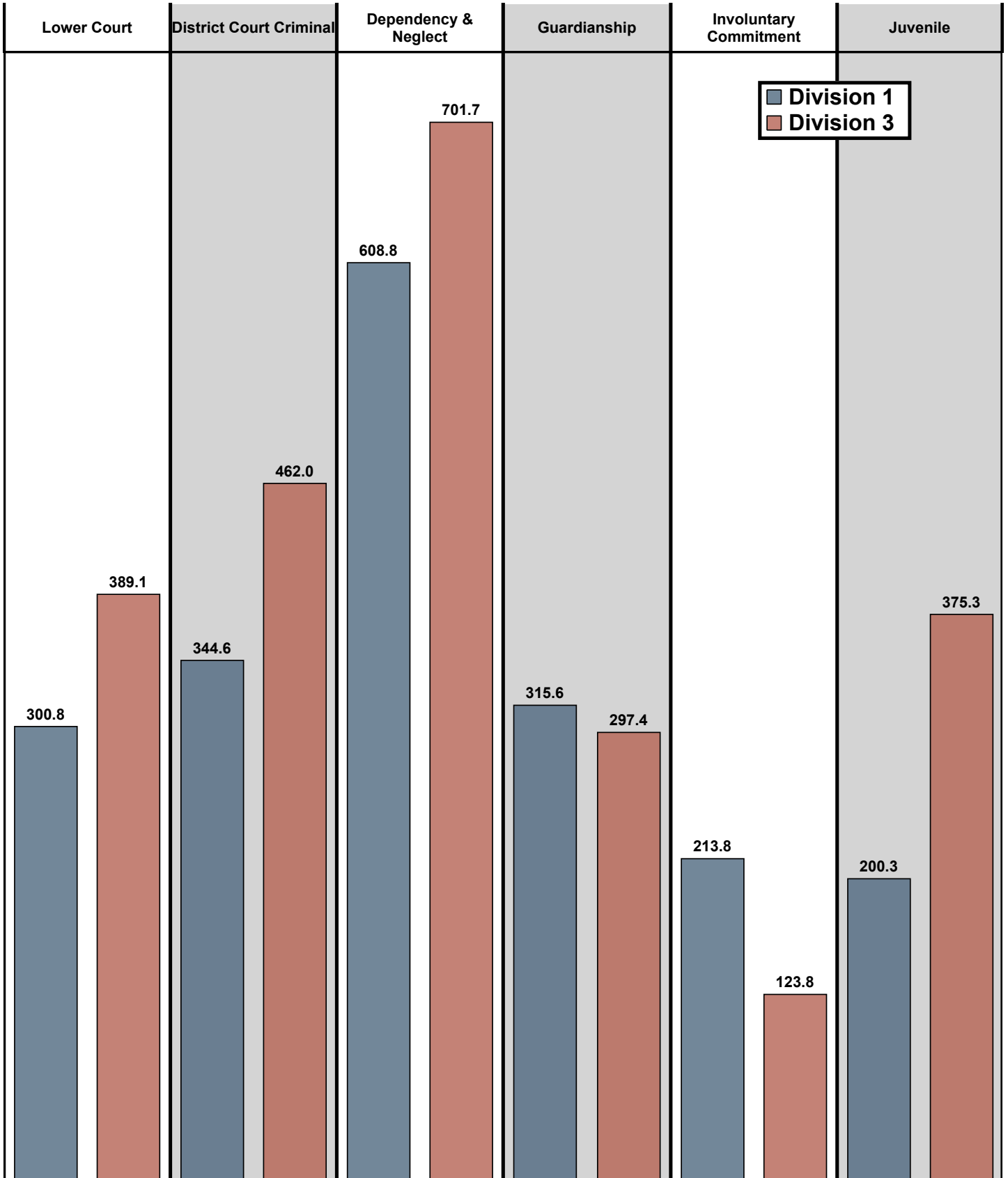
Matters by Status

This data displays matters by status as of June 30, 2023.



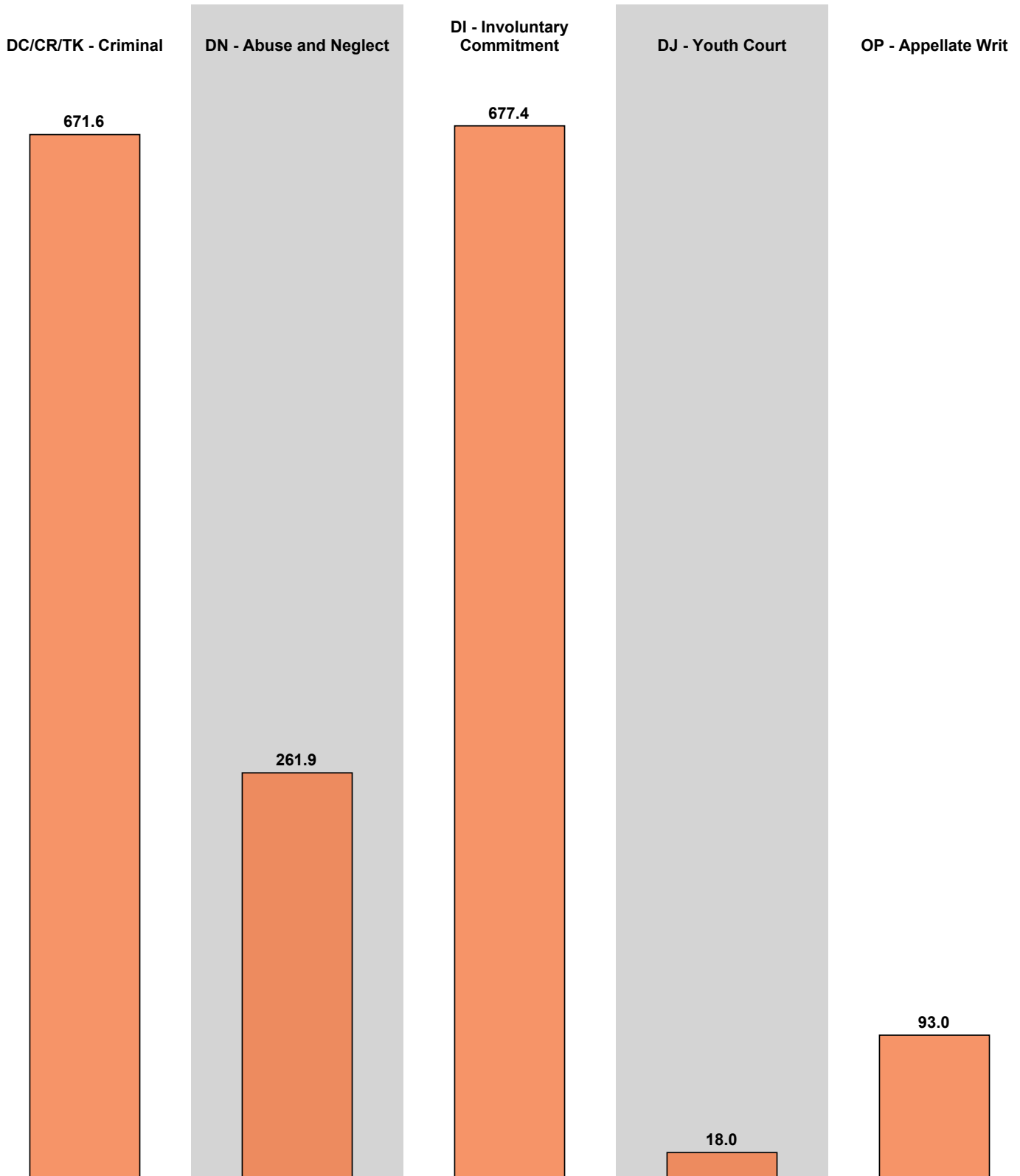
Matters Durations for Divisions 1 & 3

This data displays the average number of days matters were open before being closed in FY 2023.



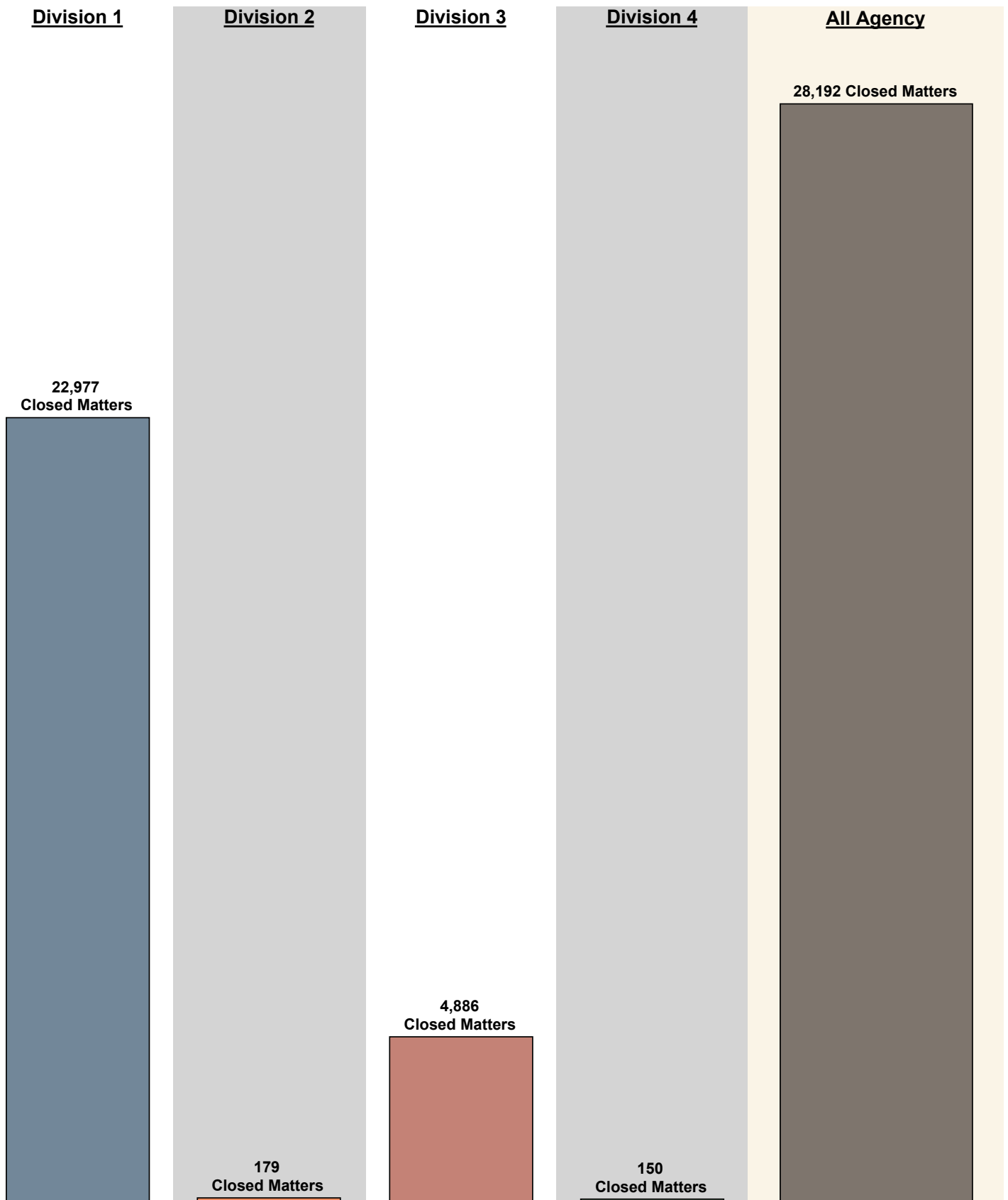
Matter Durations for Division 2

This data displays the average number of days matters were open before being closed in FY 2023. Please note these matter durations include time matters spend in inactive stages, such as Awaiting Record, Pending Assignment, and Awaiting Opinon.



Matters Closed

This data displays the number of matters closed from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023.



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