

**Table 69**  
**Circuit Court, FY 2009**  
**Child Abuse and Neglect Hearings**

Data are based on reports submitted by the presiding judge of each circuit as required by Court Operating Rule 23.01.

| Circuit      | Hearings Held<br>Timely |             | Hearings Held<br>Late |            | Hearings Due<br>Not Held |            | Total<br>Hearings |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|-------------------|
|              | # of Hearings           | (%)         | # of Hearings         | (%)        | # of Hearings            | (%)        |                   |
| 1            | 133                     | (100)       | 0                     | (0)        | 0                        | (0)        | 133               |
| 2            | 348                     | (100)       | 1                     | (0)        | 0                        | (0)        | 349               |
| 3            | 177                     | (92)        | 5                     | (3)        | 10                       | (5)        | 192               |
| 4            | 170                     | (100)       | 0                     | (0)        | 0                        | (0)        | 170               |
| 5            | 261                     | (100)       | 0                     | (0)        | 0                        | (0)        | 261               |
| 6            | 120                     | (100)       | 0                     | (0)        | 0                        | (0)        | 120               |
| 7            | 336                     | (98)        | 6                     | (2)        | 1                        | (0)        | 343               |
| 8            | 10                      | (100)       | 0                     | (0)        | 0                        | (0)        | 10                |
| 9            | 128                     | (98)        | 0                     | (0)        | 2                        | (2)        | 130               |
| 10           | 108                     | (100)       | 0                     | (0)        | 0                        | (0)        | 108               |
| 11           | 697                     | (95)        | 30                    | (4)        | 8                        | (1)        | 735               |
| 12           | 407                     | (94)        | 12                    | (3)        | 12                       | (3)        | 431               |
| 13           | 1,124                   | (100)       | 0                     | (0)        | 0                        | (0)        | 1,124             |
| 14           | 282                     | (96)        | 12                    | (4)        | 1                        | (0)        | 295               |
| 15           | 294                     | (100)       | 0                     | (0)        | 0                        | (0)        | 294               |
| 16           | 3,474                   | (98)        | 20                    | (1)        | 33                       | (1)        | 3,527             |
| 17           | 641                     | (96)        | 16                    | (2)        | 11                       | (2)        | 668               |
| 18           | 326                     | (100)       | 0                     | (0)        | 0                        | (0)        | 326               |
| 19           | 318                     | (95)        | 9                     | (3)        | 7                        | (2)        | 334               |
| 20           | 622                     | (94)        | 36                    | (5)        | 4                        | (1)        | 662               |
| 21           | 3,774                   | (98)        | 57                    | (1)        | 28                       | (1)        | 3,859             |
| 22           | 4,480                   | (100)       | 1                     | (0)        | 0                        | (0)        | 4,481             |
| 23           | 1,935                   | (98)        | 30                    | (2)        | 16                       | (1)        | 1,981             |
| 24           | 850                     | (99)        | 6                     | (1)        | 0                        | (0)        | 856               |
| 25           | 1,048                   | (100)       | 1                     | (0)        | 0                        | (0)        | 1,049             |
| 26           | 1,306                   | (100)       | 0                     | (0)        | 0                        | (0)        | 1,306             |
| 27           | 269                     | (93)        | 17                    | (6)        | 3                        | (1)        | 289               |
| 28           | 223                     | (95)        | 10                    | (4)        | 2                        | (1)        | 235               |
| 29           | 1,364                   | (97)        | 38                    | (3)        | 7                        | (0)        | 1,409             |
| 30           | 518                     | (100)       | 0                     | (0)        | 0                        | (0)        | 518               |
| 31           | 3,445                   | (96)        | 87                    | (2)        | 64                       | (2)        | 3,596             |
| 32           | 765                     | (100)       | 0                     | (0)        | 0                        | (0)        | 765               |
| 33           | 195                     | (99)        | 0                     | (0)        | 2                        | (1)        | 197               |
| 34           | 254                     | (91)        | 14                    | (5)        | 10                       | (4)        | 278               |
| 35           | 899                     | (95)        | 45                    | (5)        | 4                        | (0)        | 948               |
| 36           | 303                     | (100)       | 0                     | (0)        | 0                        | (0)        | 303               |
| 37           | 324                     | (94)        | 13                    | (4)        | 7                        | (2)        | 344               |
| 38           | 928                     | (100)       | 0                     | (0)        | 2                        | (0)        | 930               |
| 39           | 950                     | (99)        | 7                     | (1)        | 0                        | (0)        | 957               |
| 40           | 1,303                   | (94)        | 52                    | (4)        | 32                       | (2)        | 1,387             |
| 41           | 278                     | (100)       | 1                     | (0)        | 0                        | (0)        | 279               |
| 42           | 576                     | (99)        | 4                     | (1)        | 3                        | (1)        | 583               |
| 43           | 217                     | (93)        | 7                     | (3)        | 10                       | (4)        | 234               |
| 44           | 228                     | (100)       | 0                     | (0)        | 0                        | (0)        | 228               |
| 45           | 466                     | (100)       | 1                     | (0)        | 0                        | (0)        | 467               |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>36,874</b>           | <b>(98)</b> | <b>538</b>            | <b>(1)</b> | <b>279</b>               | <b>(1)</b> | <b>37,691</b>     |

( ) : percentage of current circuit total

**Table 70**  
**Circuit Court, FY 2009**  
**Child Abuse and Neglect Hearings**  
**Reason for Delay**

|                                     | Reason for Delay |               |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
|                                     | # of Hearings    | (%)           |
| Unavailable Court Date              | 108              | 13.2%         |
| Unavailable Judicial Officer        | 15               | 1.8%          |
| Unavailable Counsel/GAL             | 70               | 8.6%          |
| Unavailable Lay Witness             | 3                | 0.4%          |
| Unavailable Professional Witness    | 8                | 1.0%          |
| Unavailable Medical Evidence        | 26               | 3.2%          |
| Unavailable Child Service Worker    | 10               | 1.2%          |
| Unavailable Juvenile Officer        | 1                | 0.1%          |
| Unavailable Parent                  | 29               | 3.5%          |
| Unavailable Report from Third Party | 2                | 0.2%          |
| Unavailable Report from DSS CD      | 14               | 1.7%          |
| Change of Judge                     | 45               | 5.5%          |
| Contested Hearing Requested         | 135              | 16.5%         |
| Parent Requesting Attorney          | 91               | 11.1%         |
| Unsuccessful Service                | 15               | 1.8%          |
| Order for Publication Issued        | 11               | 1.3%          |
| Other                               | 234              | 28.6%         |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>817</b>       | <b>100.0%</b> |