

INYO

Population: 18,590 • Authorized Judges: 2 • Staff: 16 FTE

Civil Filings: 231 • Criminal Filings: 9,632 • Family/Juvenile Filings: 294 • Other Filings: 54

OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES

Ensure court clerks are available when and how people need them.

- **Due to inadequate space and staffing the court only accepts filings of certain case types in each of our locations.**
- **Bishop clerk's office closes at noon on Friday, and Independence clerk's office closes at noon on Wednesday.**
- **Phones are only answered for traffic cases one hour a day (to help 11,000 or more drivers a year figure out how to manage their citations).**
- **6-8 week backlog in processing citations and payments.**

Help more self-represented litigants in family and housing cases at the Legal Self Help/Family Law Facilitator's office.

- **Prior to budget cuts, Inyo Legal Self-Help employed two people; due to budget reductions, staffing, and more importantly, services to the public have been cut including reduced hours and fewer remote service days.**

Reduce wait time for businesses and individuals to get money owed in civil disputes.

- **6-8 week backlog in processing complaints, judgments, enforcement documents.**

PRIORITIES FOR REINVESTMENT

Assuming an additional investment in operations funds, we intend to...

- Hire additional clerks for window and phone service to reduce wait times.
- Add a half-time FTE Family Law Facilitator in self-help to serve more people each day.
- In order to recruit and retain qualified staff be able to provide staff with cost-of-living adjustments.
- Upgrade outdated IT servers and equipment to ensure operational security.
- Increase access to justice through improvements to facilities that will allow for more case types to be accepted at both court locations.