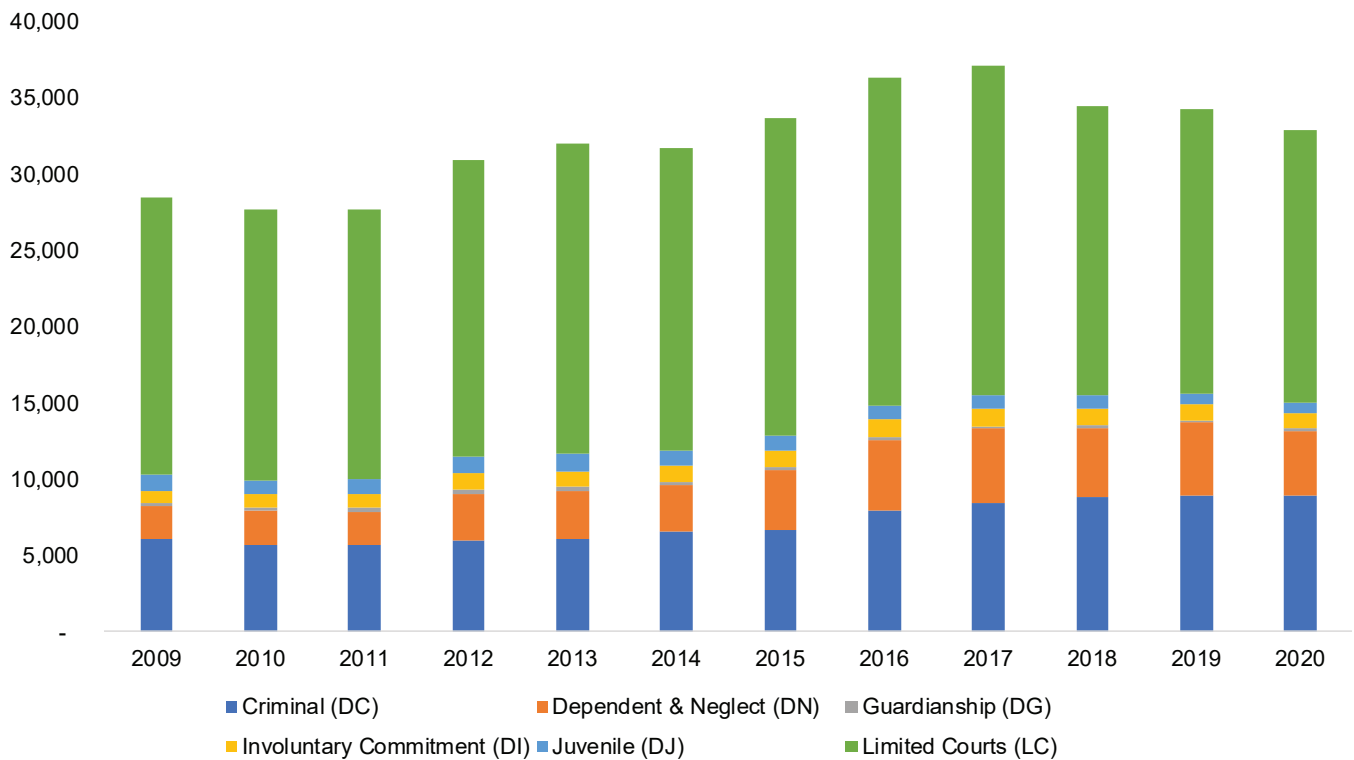


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Criminal cases make up the next largest percentage of total cases. In FY 2020, the Office of Public Defender had 8,957 criminal cases which made up 27.2% of all cases. While dependent and neglect cases make up less of the total overall case numbers at 4,222 in FY 2020, the average case cost tends to be higher.

Additional information on case counts can be found through the following reports:
[Office of State Public Defender 2019 and 2020 Fiscal Year End Report](#)
[Office of State Public Defender Legislative Finance Committee Report](#)