
Harris County Justice Courts

Introduction to the Public Data Extract Service

The Harris County Justice Courts now offer a self-serve web application that enables you to download datasets containing information about criminal, traffic, and bad check (“non-civil”) cases active in the court. Three extracts are available:

- *All Cases Entered Yesterday* – This dataset contains a listing of all non-civil cases that were entered into the court’s case management system on the previous day. Please note the “file date” of the case may be a different date.
- *All Events Set Yesterday* – This dataset contains a listing of all non-civil cases on which there was some docket activity: a docket event was added, changed, or deleted on the case on the previous day.
- *All Cases Disposed Yesterday* – This dataset contains a listing of all non-civil cases on which a disposition was entered, changed, or removed on the previous day.

The same data fields are included in each of these three file types, but the case records will vary based on the type of extract selected.

Notes

- JCIS (Justice Courts Information System) is the computer system for court case management developed by the Harris County Justice Courts. Several of the fields in the dataset contain codes that JCIS uses to store information. Some of these codes don’t carry much meaning in themselves, but can be used to count and group the data in whatever analytical tool you’re using.
- Code table glossaries are available for the data extract file layout. All code table glossaries are automatically updated whenever changes are made to JCIS. Refer to the sidebar on the left under the heading “Tables.”
- When a case is entered in the JCIS system, fines and costs are added to the case so that the defendant can choose to pay the “window fine” without having to make a personal appearance in court. If there is no judgment on a case, the “assessed” and “due” fields refer to these default fines and costs.
- Date fields are formatted as MM/DD/YYYY.
- Monetary fields are formatted as dollars and cents (e.g., “225.50” represents two hundred and twenty-five dollars and fifty cents).