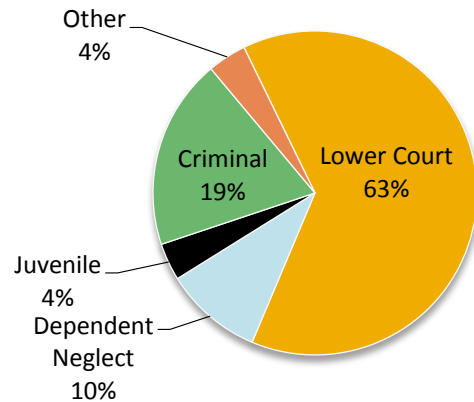
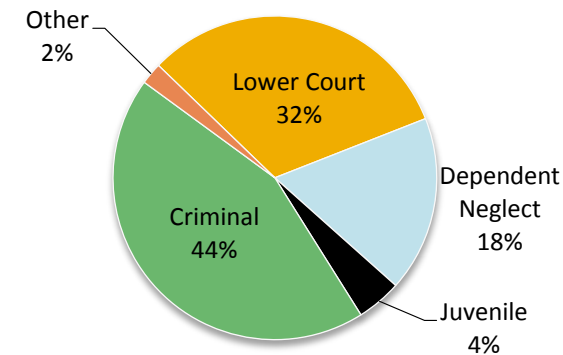


**Office of Public Defender
FY 2013 Case Types**



**Office of Public Defender
FY 2013 Costs by Case Type**



This is the second in a two week series that highlights caseloads and associated costs in the Office of State Public Defender. The chart on the left shows the percentage that each case type comprised of all cases assigned to the office in FY 2013. For the chart on the right shows the percentage that the costs for each case type comprised of the costs for all cases assigned to the office in FY 2013. Involuntary commitment and guardianship cases are combined and represented by the other category. The charts show that while lower court cases comprise the majority of cases assigned to the office, their impact on the costs of the office are lower. On the other hand, combined criminal and dependent neglect cases comprise only 29% of all cases assigned, but make up 62% of the costs. Factoring that the number of dependent neglect cases has been increasing (as shown on the previous week's chart) their influence will be a key factor for growth in office costs.

The data for the chart came from reports presented to the Public Defender Commission on October 18, 2013. These reports and further information on Office of State Public Defender caseloads can be found at: <http://publicdefender.mt.gov/PDC.asp>

Further information on the number of cases assigned to the office in FY 2013 to each court can be found at: <http://publicdefender.mt.gov/meetings/docs/10182013/F&OFY13Final.pdf>