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Countywide Evictions and Foreclosures Data Monthly Report

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I. EVICTIONS

The following is being reported pursuant to Section 4 of Resolution No. R-58-21:

- (a) There are 5,391 pending residential and commercial evictions that were filed on or after March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. Pending eviction cases include open eviction cases (i.e., eviction cases without a disposition) and reopened cases (i.e., cases with outstanding post-judgment court action);
- (b) There are 5,346 pending residential and commercial evictions that were filed after April 2, 2020 through December 31, 2021. The number of pending residential evictions that were filed on or after October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 is 4,574;
- (c) There were 20,755 residential and commercial evictions filed after April 2, 2020 through December 31, 2021. From October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021, there were 1,422 commercial evictions filed;
- (d) There are 294 pending evictions in which declarations were filed with the court in accordance with the court's administrative orders and the CARES Act through December 31, 2021. Of that number, 196 were VACA declarations filed by the Plaintiff-Landlord and 85 were CDC Tenant Declarations filed by the Defendant-Tenant. There were 13 cases in which both types of declarations were filed;
- (e) There were 4,315 pending residential evictions in which declarations were not filed with the court from October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021; and
- (f) There were 8,068 writs of possession issued from the expiration of the Governor's Executive Order No. 20-180 at 12:01 am on October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. Of that number, 464 were for commercial properties and 6,229 were for residential properties. A total of 1,375 were not classified by property type.

Additionally, since March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021, there have been 6,573 writs of possession executed. This total of writs executed includes instances where the tenant vacated the property pursuant to an issued writ of possession as well as those where MDPD enforcement was required to return possession to the landlord. Of the 6,573 writs executed during this time period, 4,845 required enforcement by MDPD, and 1,728 were instances where possession was returned to the landlord without MDPD enforcement being necessary. The total number of writs executed includes those executed for foreclosure cases.

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Figure 1 below illustrates the month-over-month trend of total filed eviction cases (pending and closed) on a yearly basis from 2018 through 2021.

Figure 1

Month - Over - Month Trend of Total Filed Cases 2018 - 2021

Month	2018	20	2019		20)20		2021		
January	1,652	1,681	牵	2%	1,591	Ψ	-5%	946	Ψ	-41%
February	1,406	1,362	Ψ	-3%	1,356	Ψ	0%	950	Ψ	-30%
March	1,310	1,300	Ψ	-1%	785	Ψ	-40%	909	牵	16%
April	1,271	1,252	Ψ	-1%	163	Ψ	-87%	954	1	485%
May	1,475	1,399	Ψ	-5%	270	Ψ	-81%	841	1	211%
June	1,522	1,435	Ψ	-6%	320	Ψ	-78%	1,103	1	245%
July	1,543	1,646	1	7%	279	Ψ	-83%	1,143	1	310%
August	1,679	1,691	1	1%	1,198	Ψ	-29%	1,206	1	1%
September	1,448	1,497	1	3%	1,278	Ψ	-15%	1,313	1	3%
October	1,562	1,651	介	6%	1,515	Ψ	-8%	1,368	Ψ	-10%
November	1,399	1,355	Ψ	-3%	1,049	Ψ	-23%	1,376	牵	31%
December	1,263	1,424	1	13%	1,141	Ψ	-20%	1,470	牵	29%

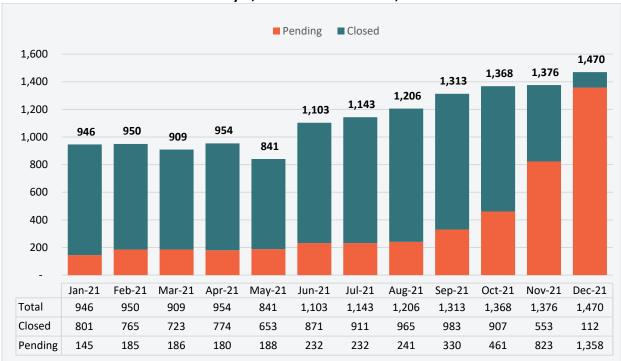
Source: Odyssey Case Manager System (Clerk of Courts) Office of the Commission Auditor

Figure 2 captures on a monthly basis, from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, the total number of eviction cases filed by case status (pending or closed).

Figure 2

Cases Filed Monthly by Status

January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021



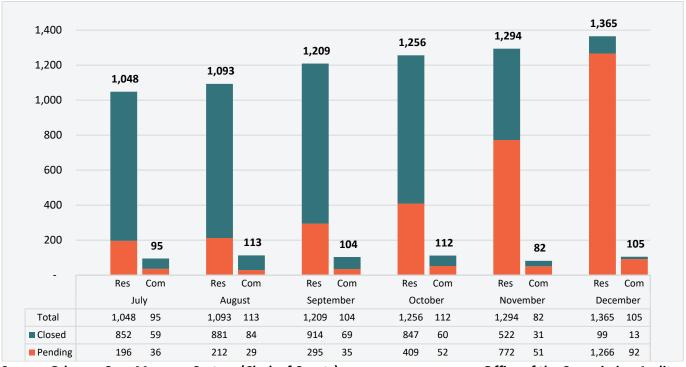
Source: Odyssey Case Manager System (Clerk of Courts)

Figure 3 captures the total number of evictions filed in each month, from July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, classified by property type (residential or commercial) and case status (pending or closed) as of December 31, 2021.

Figure 3

Cases Filed by Type and Status

July 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021



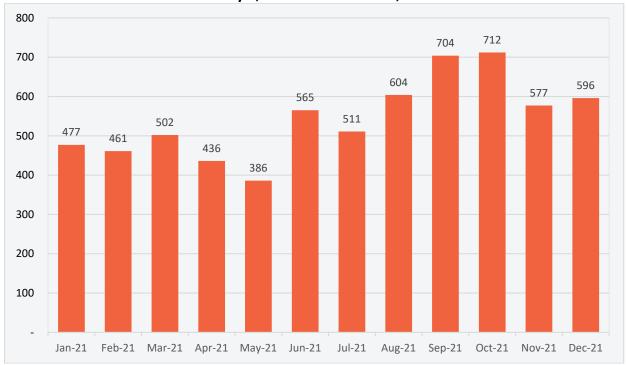
Source: Odyssey Case Manager System (Clerk of Courts)

Figure 4 depicts eviction case activity by month from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. The total writs issued each month is shown.

Figure 4

Monthly Writs Issued

January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021



Source: Odyssey Case Manager System (Clerk of Courts)

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Figure 5 details the number of writs issued by property type from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, irrespective of file date. Given that the Odyssey Case Manager did not distinguish between commercial and residential evictions prior to October 1, 2020, the "Type Not Listed" category represents cases that have not been classified by property type, as they were filed prior to October 1, 2020.

Figure 5

Writs Issued by Property Type
January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

Property Type	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Residential	363	369	404	365	312	513	473	533	648	645	540	559	5,724
Commercial	23	29	38	31	49	35	24	41	40	54	32	33	429
Type Not Listed	91	63	60	40	25	17	14	30	16	13	5	4	378
Total	477	461	502	436	386	565	511	604	704	712	577	596	6,531

Source: Odyssey Case Manager System (Clerk of Courts)

Figure 6 displays the number of writs of possession executed by MDPD (MDPD Enforced) relative to those where possession was returned to the landlord without MDPD enforcement being necessary (Non-MDPD Enforced) from March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. Note that as of March 5, 2021, writs on commercial properties are being executed, and pending writs which do not qualify for the CDC eviction moratorium are being scheduled for service by MDPD, as stated in a March 10, 2021 memorandum from the Mayor to the BCC. The CDC's eviction moratorium order ended on August 26, 2021.

Figure 6

Total Number of Writs of Possession Executed

March 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021

Writs Executed	Prior	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
MDPD Enforced	301	3	1	330	534	583	485	422	440	440	513	408	385	4,845
Non-MDPD Enforced	263	7	0	144	265	248	240	116	100	88	100	84	73	1,728
Total	564	10	1	474	799	831	725	538	540	528	613	492	458	6,573

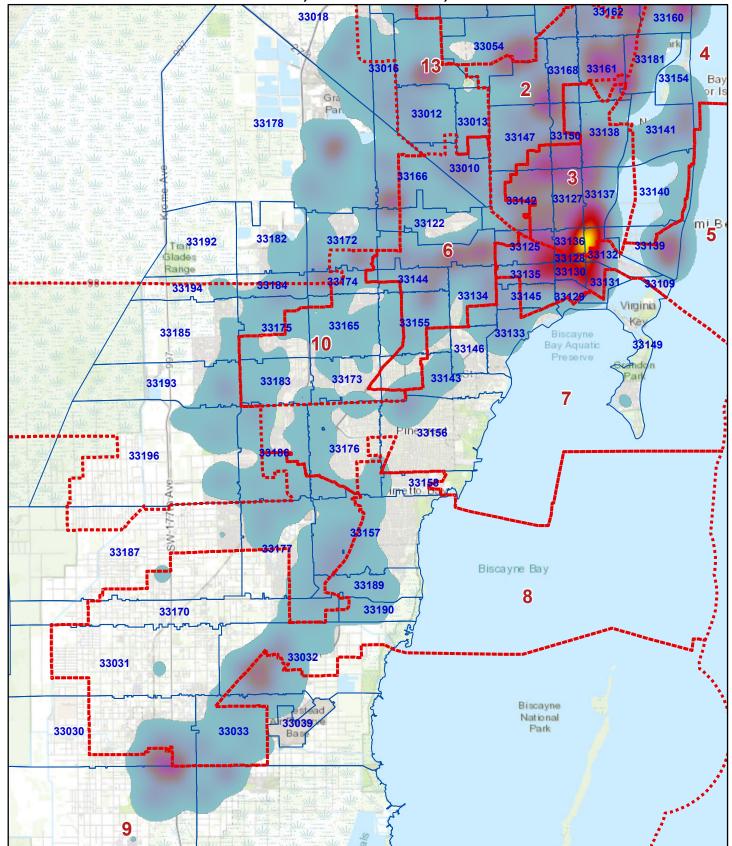
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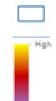
Figure 7 is a heatmap highlighting by zip code and Commission District pending countywide evictions filed between March 1, 2020 and December 31, 2021.

Figure 7

Number of Pending Eviction Cases March 1, 2020 - December 31, 2021



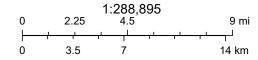
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Commission District Boundary

Zip Code Boundary

Eviction Cases



Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

Figure 8 is a table denoting the total number of pending eviction cases filed in each County zip code from March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

Figure 8

Number of Pending Eviction Cases by Zip Code

March 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021

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TOTAL PENDING EVICTION CASES - 5,391

Figure 9 is a table denoting the total number of pending eviction cases filed in each Commission District from March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

Figure 9

Number of Pending Eviction Cases by District
March 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021

District Number	Commissioner Name	Pending Eviction Cases: Count	Pending Eviction Cases: Percent to Total
1	Oliver Gilbert	493	9%
2	Jean Monestime	733	14%
3	Keon Hardemon	1,086	20%
4	Sally A. Heyman	402	7%
5	Eileen Higgins	624	12%
6	Rebeca Sosa	415	8%
7	Raquel Regalado	145	3%
8	Danielle Cohen Higgins	213	4%
9	Kionne McGhee	447	8%
10	Sen. Javier D. Souto	102	2%
11	Joe A. Martinez	144	3%
12	Jose "Pepe" Diaz	346	6%
13	René García	241	4%

TOTAL PENDING EVICTION CASES - 5,391

Source: Odyssey Case Manager System (Clerk of Courts) Office of the Commission Auditor

II. FORECLOSURES

The following is being reported pursuant to Section 3 of Resolution No. R-468-21.

- (a) There were 3,440 residential and commercial foreclosures filed on or after March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. Of these, 1,770 are pending (open and reopened, including inactive) cases;
- (b) There were 2,826 residential foreclosures filed after April 2, 2020 through December 31, 2021. Of these, 1,554 are pending cases;
- (c) The number of commercial foreclosures filed after April 2, 2020 through December 31, 2021 is 259, of which 121 are pending cases;
- (d) There were 864 final judgments issued in residential and commercial foreclosure cases from the expiration of the Governor's Executive Order No. 20-180 at 12:01am on October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021;
- (e) There were 898 foreclosure sales of residential and commercial properties pursuant to final judgments issued by the court from March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. Note that the Odyssey Case Manager System reflects a foreclosure sale on a case when there is an effective sale date and does not account for instances when the sale was prevented after the sale date was set due to actions on the case, e.g., settlement or bankruptcy filing;
- (f) There were 1,653 residential foreclosure cases filed from March 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021 where the subject property was homestead exempt;
- (g) There were 1,519 residential foreclosure cases filed from March 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021 where the subject property was not homestead exempt;
- (h) There were 300 foreclosure cases filed in county court, and 3,140 foreclosure cases filed in circuit court from March 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021;
- (i) OCA is unable to report on the location by zip code of each residential and commercial property that is or was subject to a foreclosure action due to limitations of the Odyssey Case Manager System. Specifically, the system does not capture the address of the property subject to foreclosure;
- (j) There were 4,293 foreclosure actions or judgments between \$0.00 to \$50,000, 343 between \$50,000 and \$250,000, and 623 over \$250,000 from March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. Note that entry of the judgment amount was not a requirement until October 1, 2020; provision of this information was optional prior to this date, according to the Clerk of the Courts. Therefore, the Odyssey Case Manager reflects an entry of \$0.00 in numerous

instances where this information was not provided. Of the 4,293 foreclosure cases where the judgment amount was in the \$0.00 to \$50,000 range, 4,219 were foreclosure cases where the judgment amount was reported as \$0.00, either due to nonreporting, or due to the case having been dismissed; and

(k) For foreclosure cases where a final judgment was entered on or after March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021, there were 887 foreclosure sales where the bid amount was \$0.00 due to the foreclosure sale not being completed. There were 234 foreclosure sales where the bid amount was in the \$0.01 to \$175,000 range, and 437 where the bid amount was above \$175,000.

ATTACHMENTS

Figure 1 below illustrates the month-over-month trend of total filed foreclosure cases (pending and closed) on a yearly basis from 2018 through 2021.

Figure 1

Month - Over - Month Trend of Total Filed Cases
2018 - 2021

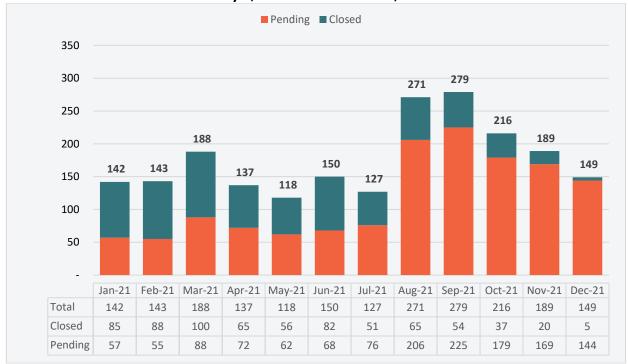
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January	260	476	1 83%	393	J -17%	142	J -649
February	308	545	1 77%	359	-34%	143	4 -60%
March	450	479	^ 6%	342	J -29%	188	4 -45%
April	479	483	1 %	53	-89%	137	1 589
May	624	497	-20%	38	-92%	118	1 2119
June	668	384	-43%	50	-87%	150	1 200%
July	411	402	-2%	63	-84%	127	102 9
August	540	425	4 -21%	221	48 %	271	1 239
September	457	338	-26 %	140	-59%	279	1 99%
October	485	424	-13 %	144	-66%	216	^ 50%
November	444	407	-8%	126	J -69%	189	^ 50%
December	439	364	J -17%	154	-58%	149	₩ -39

Source: Odyssey Case Manager System (Clerk of Courts)

Figure 2 depicts totals of foreclosure cases by case status (pending or closed) for each month from January 2021 through December 2021.

Figure 2

Total Monthly Foreclosures by Case Status
January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

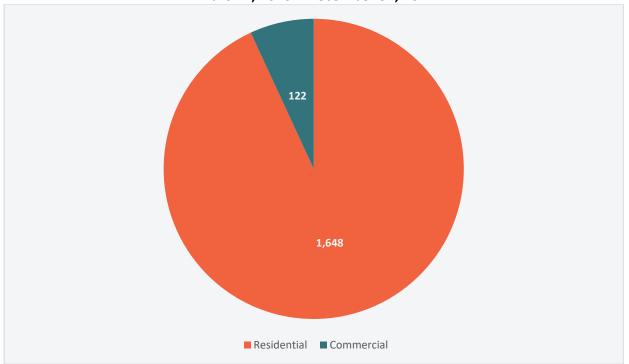


Source: Odyssey Case Manager System (Clerk of Courts)

Figure 3 illustrates the total of pending foreclosure cases (filed on or after March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021) by property type.

Figure 3

Pending Foreclosures by Property Type
March 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021



Source: Odyssey Case Manager System (Clerk of Courts)

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Figure 4 depicts the number of foreclosure cases (filed from October 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021) resulting in final judgment, and the number of cases during this period where the Odyssey Case Manager reports a foreclosure sale, by month and property type.

Figure 4

Foreclosure Sales After Final Judgment
October 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021

Category Name	Pri	ior	Ju	ıly	Aug	gust	Septe	ember	Octo	ober	Nove	mber	Dece	mber	То	otal
	RES	сом	RES	сом	RES	сом	RES	сом	RES	сом	RES	сом	RES	сом	RES	сом
Final Judgement	409	29	40	3	48	2	66	6	82	4	81	4	88	2	814	50
Sales	396	25	39	3	47	2	61	5	63	4	47	2	30	0	683	41

Source: Odyssey Case Manager System (Clerk of Courts)

Figure 5 details totals of foreclosure cases by foreclosure judgment amount (i.e., \$0.00 to \$50,000, \$50,000 to \$250,000, and over \$250,000) for cases where a disposition was entered on or after March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

Figure 5

Foreclosure Cases by Foreclosure Judgment Amount

March 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021

Judgment Range	Total
\$0.00 - \$50,000	4,293
\$50,001 - \$250,000	343
> \$250,000	623
Total	5,259

Source: Odyssey Case Manager (COC)

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Figure 6 provides information on the bid amounts for foreclosed properties based on foreclosure cases where a final judgment was issued on or after March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

Figure 6

Foreclosure Cases by Bid Amount Range
March 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021

Bid Range	Total
\$0.00	887
\$0.01 - \$25,000	43
\$25,001 - \$75,000	35
\$75,001 - \$175,000	156
\$175,001 - \$375,000	297
\$375,001 - \$750,000	103
> \$750,000	37
Total	1,558

Source: Odyssey Case Manager (COC)

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