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Introduction to Workload Data

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The stipulated consent judgment in the *Davis v. Nevada* case required the Board on Indigent Defense Services to conduct a workload study and to adopt workload standards that would set the appropriate number of public defenders in each county based upon caseloads. On November 01, 2023, the Board on Indigent Defense Services adopted workload standards as recommended by the National Center for State Courts (NCSC).

With these workload standards, the Department is now able to assign case weights to each type of case and to run specific workload reports. These reports better illuminate how much work the caseloads represent for each county, as opposed to just charts of numbers and types of cases.

These reports are more than just numbers and totals. They are the foundation for counties to continue to build better indigent defense systems that strengthen local communities and guarantee constitutional protections for all of us.

As always, this data is not just about complying with the reporting requirements of *Davis*. It is about creating information that provides previously unavailable pictures of how hard public defenders across the state are working and under what circumstances. With this information, DIDS can continue to work with all stakeholders to create more robust, sustainable, and effective indigent defense systems.