

Table H26. Unlawful Detainer (UD) Cases Filed in Santa Barbara County per Fiscal Year

Number of UD...	Before Shriver		During Shriver		
	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Santa Maria Courthouse					
Cases filed ^a	455	486	357	345	349
Cases involving a default	161	163	137	144	146
Cases with a fee waiver granted ^b	140	158	119	110	132
Cases receiving Shriver legal aid services ^c	--	--	70	50	99
Cases receiving Shriver Settlement Conferences ^d	--	--	--	96	117
Lompoc Courthouse					
Cases filed ^a	210	216	225	262	182
Cases involving a default	79	77	91	127	71
Cases with a fee waiver granted ^b	57	59	72	76	62
Cases receiving Shriver legal aid services ^c	--	--	115	83	168
Cases receiving Shriver Settlement Conferences ^d	--	--	--	59	66
Santa Barbara Courthouse					
Cases filed ^a	428	504	567	516	478
Cases involving a default	78	72	68	166	161
Cases with a fee waiver granted ^b	105	131	182	139	149
Cases receiving Shriver legal aid services ^c	--	--	25	94	109

Note. Fiscal Year example: FY 2010 = the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

^a Includes only limited jurisdiction cases. Data obtained from staff at the Santa Barbara County Superior Court.

^b Fee waivers granted for defendant(s). ^c Data from the Shriver program services database (as of 10/18/15); Shriver service at legal aid began in February 2012 and occurred at all three courts. ^d Data from the court-based Shriver Housing Settlement Master program services database (as of 12/31/2014); Shriver court-based service began in January 2013, occurred at the Santa Maria and Lompoc courthouses only, and was available to all litigants regardless of income level.

Project Implementation Model

The Santa Barbara housing pilot project involves legal services, which began in January 2012, offered at three courthouses by LAFSBC attorneys. The Shriver project also implemented a court innovation—namely, mandatory settlement conferences facilitated by the Housing Settlement Master, a neutral, third-party attorney. This service was available for cases filed at two courthouses (Santa Maria and Lompoc) and began in January 2013. Lastly, the court hired an additional, bilingual judicial assistant, who began in March 2013 and was located at the Santa Maria courthouse.

LEGAL SERVICES

Services offered, referral sources, and eligibility requirements

LAFSBC offers a range of services on housing matters, from brief counsel and advice to full representation. LAFSBC primarily represents tenants in unlawful detainer cases, but occasionally provides services to low-income landlords. In addition to assistance with unlawful detainer cases, legal aid attorneys also assist litigants on a wide range of housing problems, including mortgage foreclosures, security deposits, and post-judgment matters.