

Tenant Hotline

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# Evictions during the Phaseout: An Overview

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#### What is HOME Line?

- HOME Line is a statewide nonprofit organization providing free legal, educational, and advocacy services to Minnesota renters. We have advised over 289,000 renters since 1992.
- Our primary program is a free and confidential legal hotline any Minnesota renter can contact us to receive legal advice specific to their situation, in 4 languages.
- HOME Line has a staff of 22, including attorneys, tenant advocates, and tenant organizers. We also rely on volunteers and interns.

## What is HOME Line?

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#### Eviction Moratorium Phaseout

A Brief History



## Restrictions on Evictions During the Pandemic

- Executive Orders 20-14, 20-73, 20-79
  - Stayed most evictions from March 2020-June 2021
- Replaced by Minnesota Session Laws 2021, 1st Special Session, Chapter 8 H. F. No. 4, Article V
  - AKA "The Off-ramp" or "Eviction Moratorium Phaseout"
  - Effective June 30, 2021
  - Last protection expired May 31, 2022



Phase 1 Phase 3 Phase 4 Phase 6 Phase 2 Phase 5 Aug. 13, 2021 Sept. 12, 2021 Oct. 12, 2021 June 1, 2022 July 14, 2021 June 30, 2021 Landlords can file evictions and terminate Landlords can file Landlords can Most off-ramp Landlords can Protections for leases when: evictions for terminate leases file evictions for protections end tenants with tenant seriously endangers the safety of material lease tenants behind and not renew this day pending others. violations leases of tenants on rent who COVID-19 tenant significantly damages property. Landlords can behind on rent are ineligible emergency tenant allows illegal activity on premises end a lease for and ineligible for for COVID-19 Landlord cannot rental (504B.171 Subd. 1) any legal reason assistance file evictions for COVID-19 emergency Manufactured home residents fail to with appropriate emergency rental rental non-payment of applications comply with manufactured home related notice under the expire on June rent assistance assistance laws. lease 1, 2022 Landlords can terminate/non-renew leases for: Landlords can material violations of the lease other than file evictions for nonpayment of rent any legal reason Landlords can file evictions for: **EXCEPT** for Tenants who owe rent and refuse to apply non-payment of for the COVID-19 emergency rental rent evictions for assistance. tenants who Tenants who owe rent and refuse to give have a pending their landlord info needed to apply for the COVID-19 COVID-19 emergency rental assistance. emergency Tenants who owe rent and refuse to provide proof that they applied for the rental assistance application COVID-19 emergency rental assistance.

#### Data Collection Process

- 1. Minnesota Public Access (MPA) Overview: Cases search by date
- 2. Case details acquisition & data entry







#### Civil, Family & Probate Case Records Search Results

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02-CV-22-00001	ABC Corporation vs Jane Roe, John Roe	07/29/2022 Anoka Gibbs, Sean C.	Eviction Open			
		07/29/2022 Anoka Lehmann, Thomas R.	Consumer Credit Contract Open			
02-CV-22-00003	ABC Bank vs Mary Doe, Jane Doe	07/29/2022 Anoka Brown, Suzanne	Eviction Open			
02-CV-22-00004	XYZ Management Corp vs ABC Business	07/29/2022 Anoka Cunningham, James A., Jr.	Eviction Open			

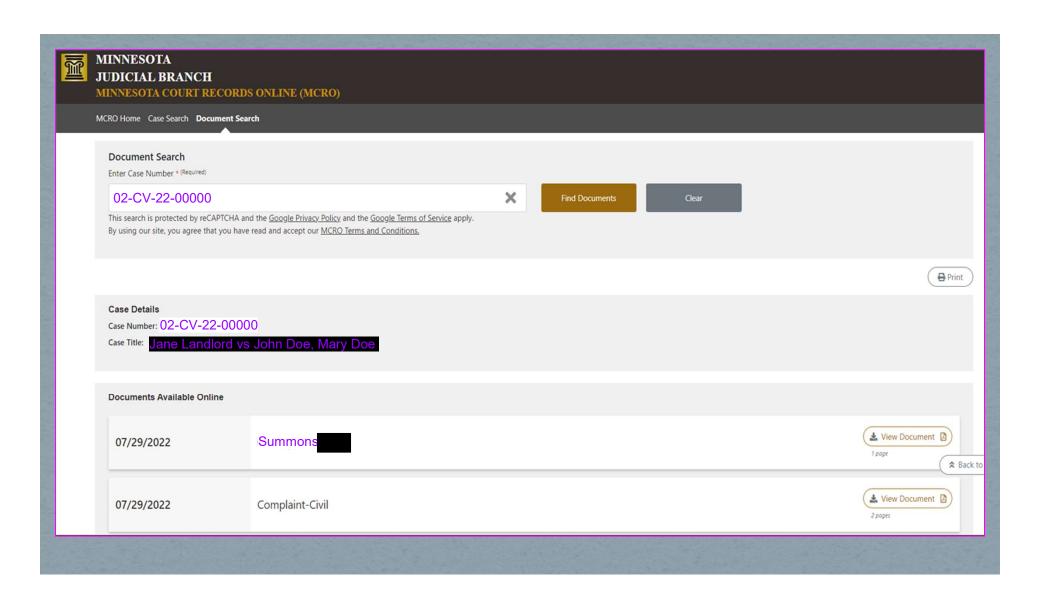


## Case details acquisition & data entry

- Minnesota Court Records Online (MCRO) Document Search
- 2. HOME Line database

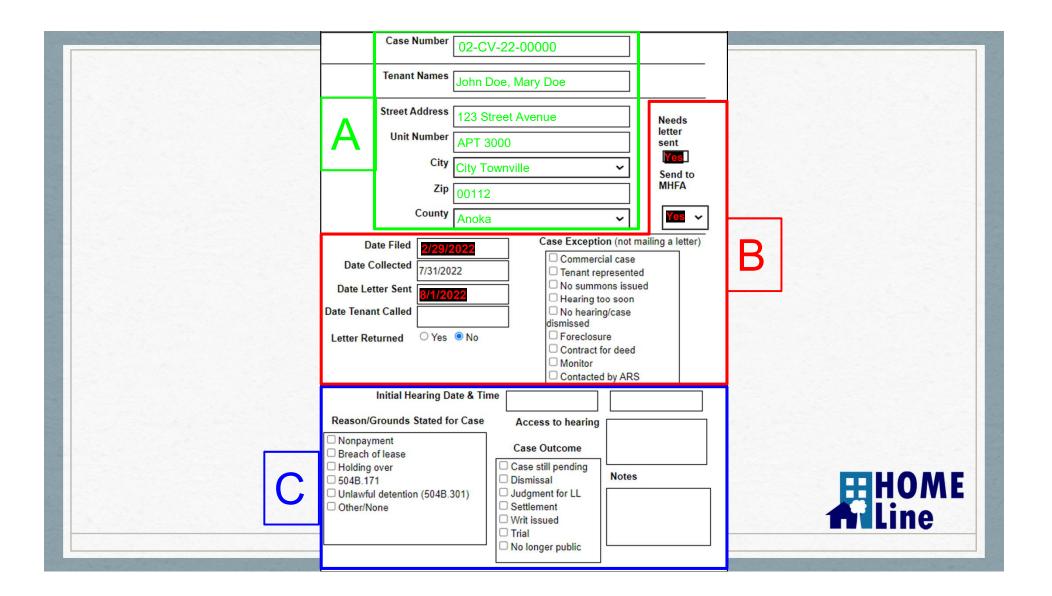


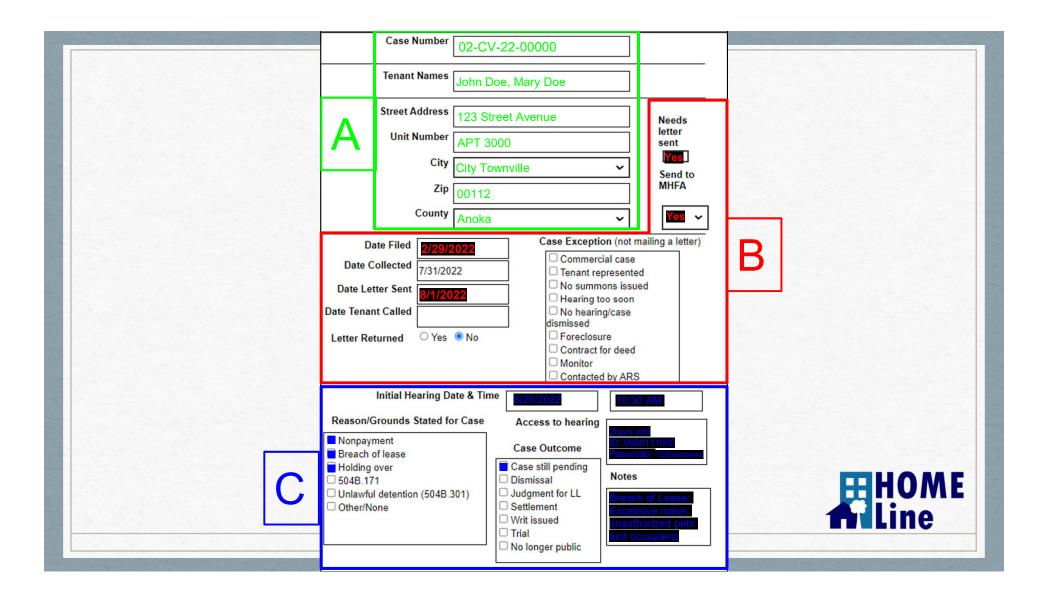




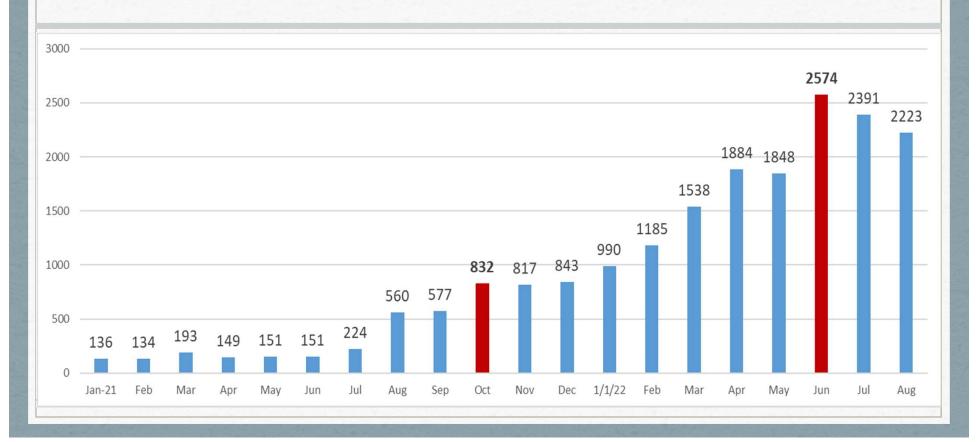
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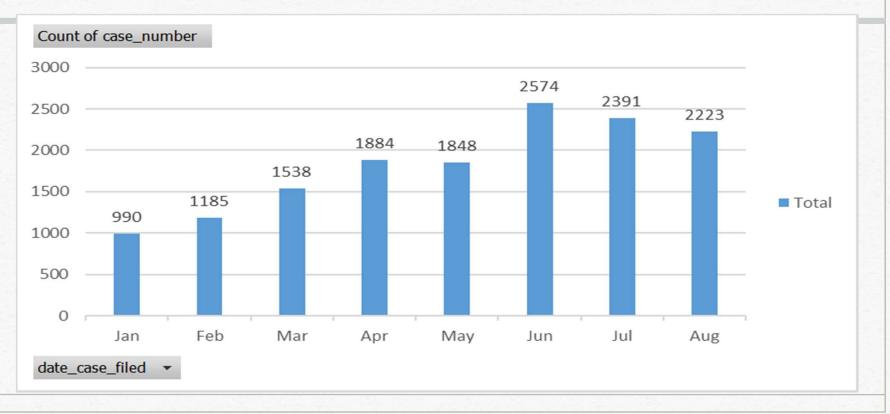










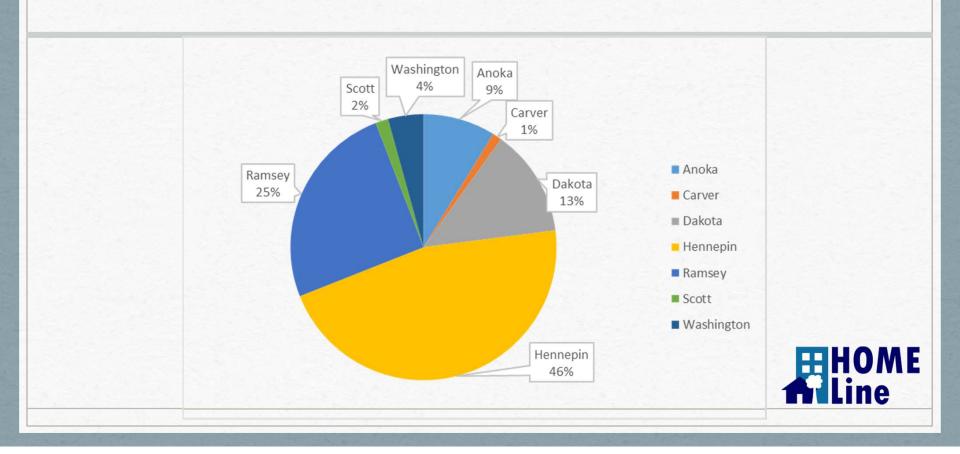


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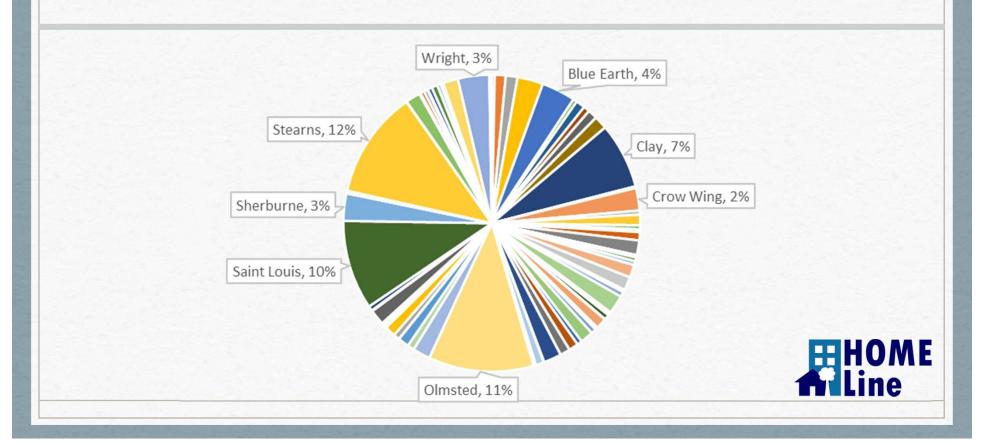
- Typical year sees around 10,000 11,000 eviction cases filed in Metro Area, 5000 in Greater MN (HOME Line Research Director)
- Hennepin County: 450-550 new eviction filings each month (2019) estimated 4000 cases waiting for moratorium to be lifted, majority of these are in Minneapolis (HOME Line Webinar, 7/15/2020)
- Statewide estimate close to 15,000 cases waiting to be filed



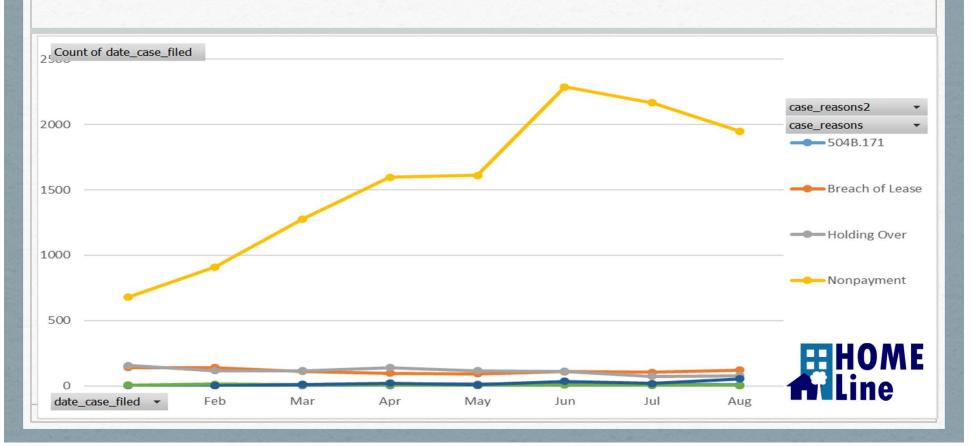
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#### 2022 Cases Filed - Greater MN



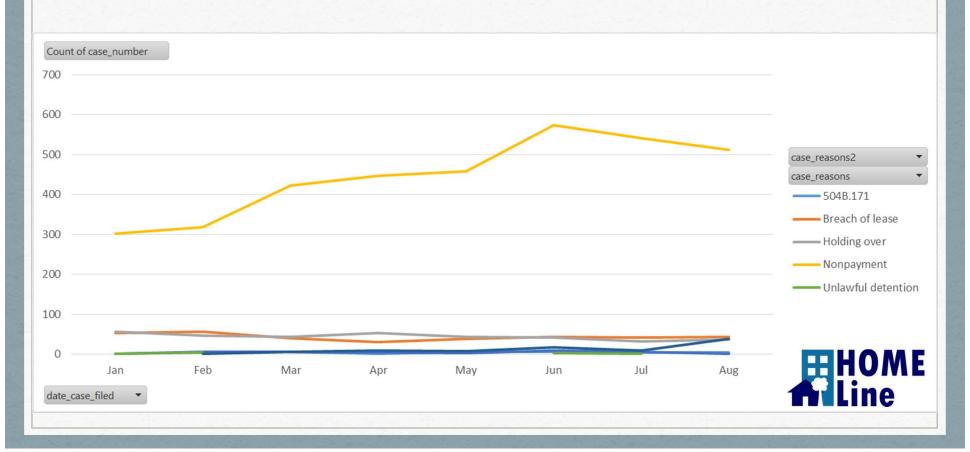
## Grounds for eviction



#### Grounds for eviction - Metro



#### Grounds for eviction - Greater MN



## How are courts responding

- Still virtual housing cases are minor civil cases, presumptively virtual unless presiding judges determines exceptional circumstances exist for doing in-person appearance
- MN Supreme Court Order Governing the Continuing Operations of the Minnesota Judicial Branch, April 19, 2022
- oneCourtMN Hearings Initiative Policy, June 6, 2022



#### Metro Area

- Calendars added to standing calendar:
- Hennepin County morning and afternoon 5 days a week
- Ramsey County morning and afternoon, 3 days a week



#### 6th District

- 6th District St. Louis, Carlton, Lake, Cook counties
- Consolidated calendars single referee hearing cases
- Case management conference trial
- Services available on call



#### 3rd District

- Southeastern MN counties except Rice County
- Consolidated calendars
- Services available on Zoom calls



#### What do tenants need to know?

- Hearing dates may change
- Go to court/do the hearing
- Tenant services available at some counties



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Q&A

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#### Thank You