



## **Bulk Data Extracts FAQ**

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### **What rules govern public access to court data?**

The [Rules of Public Access](#) to the Records of the Minnesota Judicial Branch determine what data is public. The Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (Chapter 13) does not apply to records of the Minnesota Judicial Branch.

### **When are extract files updated?**

Extracts are updated every Monday morning. Each extract file is completely overwritten each week in order to remove any records that change to a non-public status or that are destroyed per a retention schedule (see “Why does the size of the extracts change each week?” below).

### **Do I need to update my extract file every week?**

Yes, you must update your extract file every week if you signed an ongoing subscriber agreement.

### **What is the billing process?**

Billing is monthly. Invoices are sent by email mid-month and due upon receipt. Payment by check is required. Electronic payment is not available at this time.

### **Why does the size of the extracts change each week?**

New cases are added each week as they meet the criteria for inclusion in each extract. Cases may be removed due to changing to a non-public status or due to the destruction of some electronic records that meet the criteria for record destruction as described in the [District Court Record Retention Schedule](#).

### **Can extract updates be purchased without paying the initial fee?**

Both the initial and monthly fees are required. The format of each extract is a single data file which is overwritten each week. Smaller files, limited to the most recent data, are not available.

### **Are mortgage foreclosures included in the Judgment Extract?**

Mortgage foreclosures are included in the Judgment extract. These cases will have a case type of “Civil Other/Misc.” or “Reduced Mortgage Redemption”.



**Does the Judgment Extract include family law cases, like marriage dissolution, child support, etc.?**

The Judgment extract includes civil and family cases that have received a judgment. Extract records with a case type of “Dissolution with Child” or “Support” are examples of family cases.

**What case types are included in the Formal and Informal Probate extract?**

The following case types are included in the Formal and Informal Probate extract: Informal Probate, Formal Unsupervised, Formal Supervised, Decree of Descent.

**Where can I find more information on case types?**

The [Civil Case Type Index](#) lists all MNCIS case types for civil, family, probate, and commitment matters.