



# Spotlight On Justice



## MEDICAL MALPRACTICE POP QUIZ

Medical malpractice cases make-up  
\_\_\_\_\_ percent of the total civil caseload.

- a) 25%
- b) 15%
- c) 10%
- d) Less than 0.5%

Answer: D. Medical malpractice cases make up less than half of a percent of civil cases. The most recent data from the National Center for State Courts show that medical malpractice cases ranged from 0.02 percent to 0.21 percent of the total civil caseload in 14 of 15 states reporting. The highest rate was 0.34 percent in one state reporting.

Source:

"2014 Civil Caseloads – Trial Courts: 2014 Statewide Medical Malpractice Caseloads and Rates," National Center for State Courts, 2016, cited in <https://centerjd.org/content/briefing-book-medical-malpractice-numbers>

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