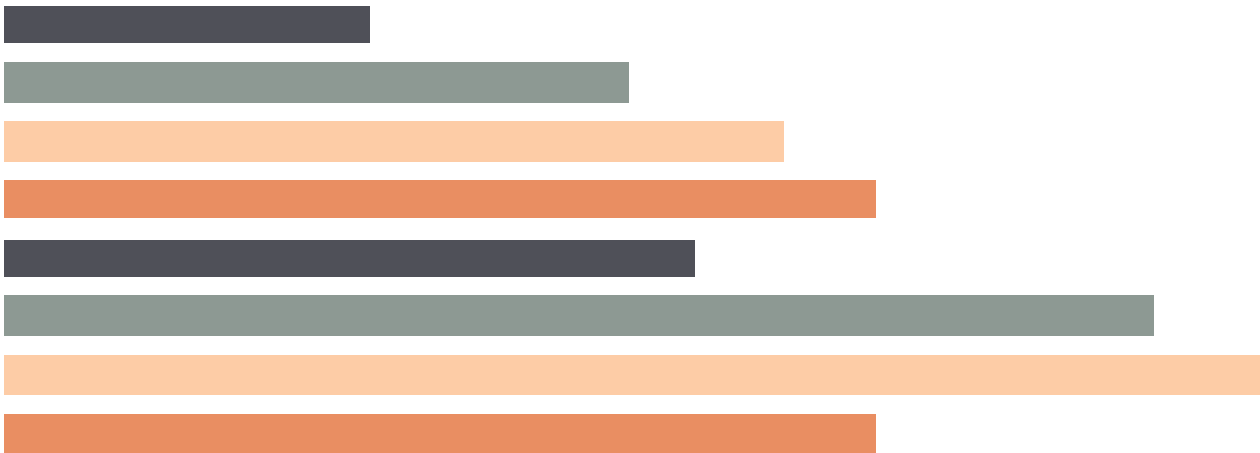
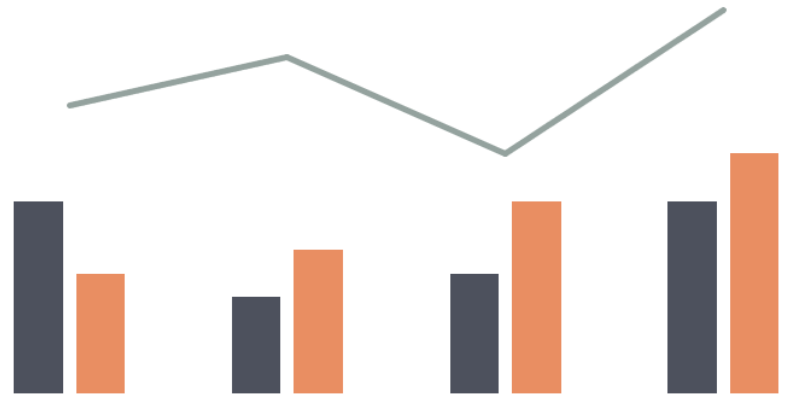


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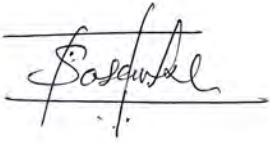
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Caseload Statistics for



We are pleased to provide you with a copy of the 2023 County Caseload Display pages. They can also be viewed on the AOPC webpage at www.pacourts.us in the *News & Statistics* section under *Research & Statistics*.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at 717.231.3300.

Sincerely,

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Sasanka Adikari, Ph.D.
Data Scientist
Department of Research and Statistics

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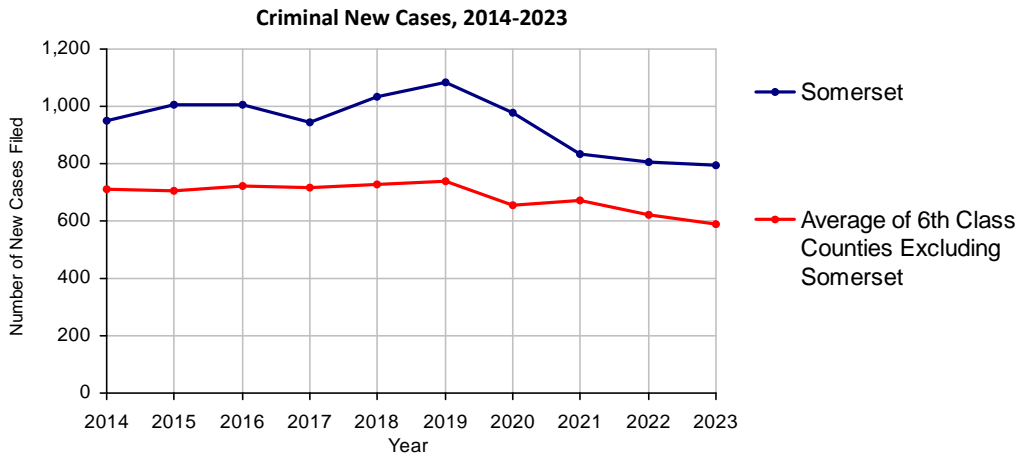


2023 Criminal	No. of Cases
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	651
New Cases Filed in 2023	795
Reopened Cases	112
Cases Available for Processing	1,558
Processed by:	
Withdrawn/Dismissed	66 6.8%
Diversionsary Disposition*	112 11.5%
Guilty Plea	679 69.6%
Non-Jury Trial	6 0.6%
Jury Trial	5 0.5%
Inactive	90 9.2%
Other	17 1.7%
Total Cases Processed	975 100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	583
Cases Awaiting Sentencing	133

Age of Pending Cases as of 12/31/2023		
0-60 Days	140	24.0%
61-120 Days	87	14.9%
121-180 Days	76	13.0%
181-240 Days	55	9.4%
241-300 Days	48	8.2%
301-360 Days	34	5.8%
Over 360 Days	143	24.5%
Total	583	100.0%

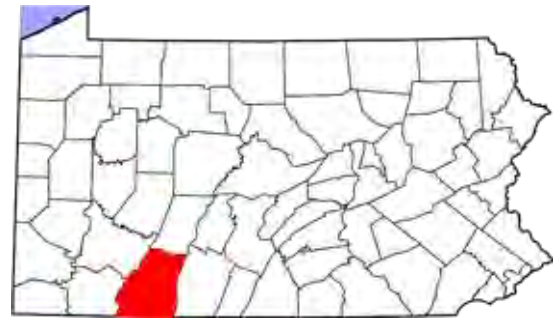
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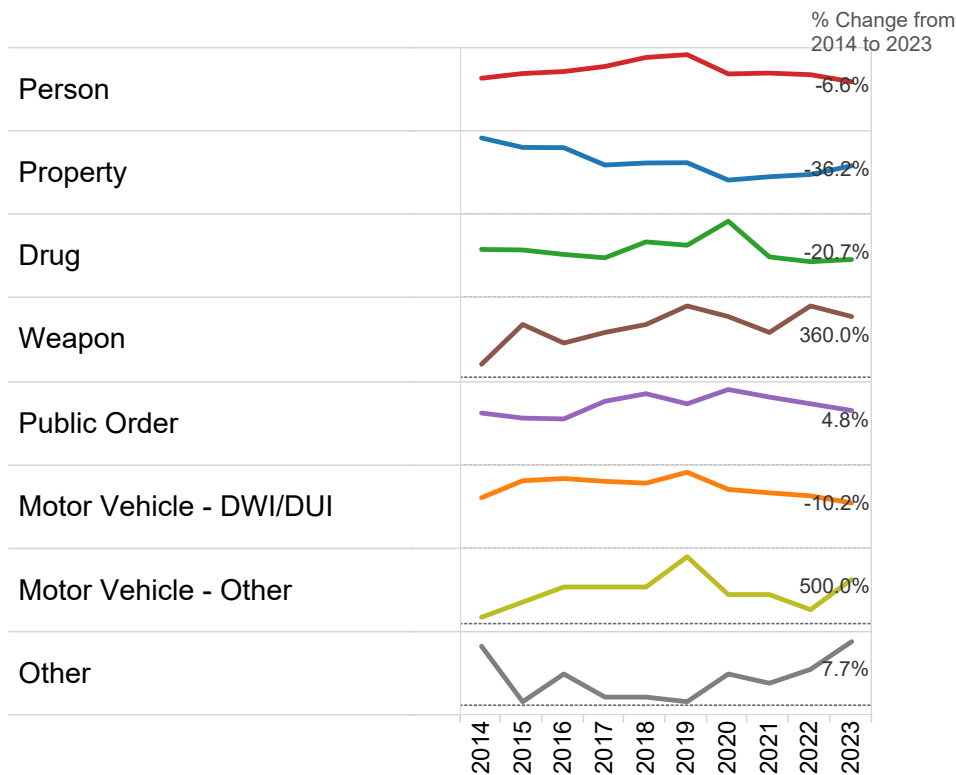


2023 Criminal - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	58	69	0	127	16.0%
Property	79	110	3	192	24.2%
Drug	40	98	0	138	17.4%
Weapon	15	8	0	23	2.9%
Public Order	26	40	0	66	8.3%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	18	211	0	229	28.8%
Motor Vehicle - Other	1	5	0	6	0.8%
Other	14	0	0	14	1.8%
Total	251	541	3	795	100.0%
	31.6%	68.1%	0.4%	100.0%	

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Criminal New Cases by Offense Type, 2014-2023



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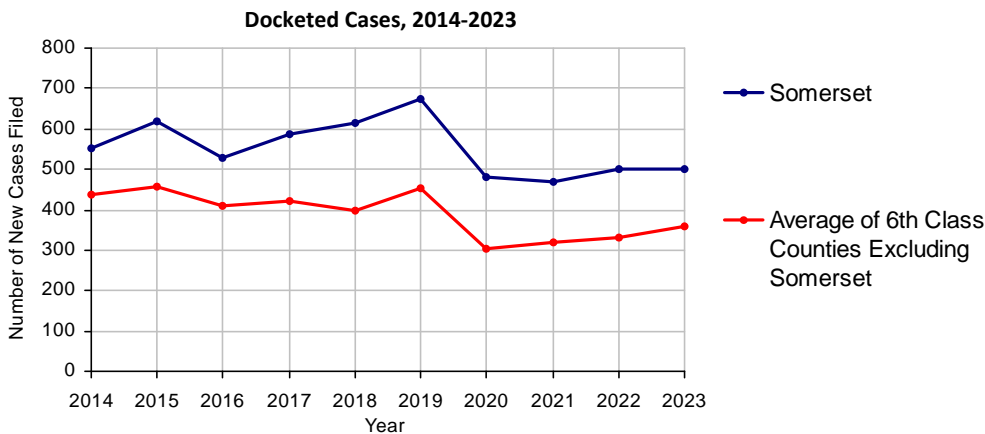
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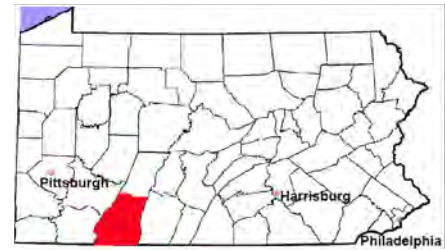
2023 Civil	Civil Action	Other	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	434	171	605
Docketed Cases	333	166	499
Arbitration Appeals	1	0	1
Transferred In	0	0	0
Returned to Active	12	9	21
Cases Available for Processing	780	346	1,126
Processed By:			
Default Judgments	120	55	175
Cases Decided by Arbitration Board	11	2	13
Dispositive Motions	18	13	31
Settlements	177	73	250
Moved to Inactive Status	18	5	23
Transferred/Withdrawn	1	10	11
Dismissed/Discontinued	13	8	21
Administrative Purge	23	7	30
Other	9	13	22
Jury Trial	0	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	4	1	5
Total Cases Processed	394	187	581
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	386	159	545

Age of Pending Cases as of 12/31/2023 (Civil Action Only)		
0-6 months	152	39.4%
7-12 months	66	17.1%
13-18 months	61	15.8%
19-24 months	38	9.8%
25-30 months	21	5.4%
31-36 months	18	4.7%
37-42 months	7	1.8%
43-48 months	11	2.8%
49-54 months	2	0.5%
55-60 months	3	0.8%
61-66 months	4	1.0%
67-72 months	0	
Over 72 months	3	0.8%
Total	386	100.0%



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2023 Civil - Docketed Cases Listed by Case Type

TORT	44	8.8%	REAL PROPERTY	131	26.3%
<i>(does not include mass tort)</i>			Ejectment*	10	
Intentional	5		Eminent Domain/Condemnation*	4	
Malicious Prosecution	0		Ground Rent	0	
Motor Vehicle	14		Landlord/Tenant Dispute	17	
Nuisance	0		Mortgage Foreclosure:		
Premise Liability	10		Residential*	85	
Product Liability	0		Commercial*	2	
Slander/Libel/Defamation	0		Partition of Real Property*	2	
Other	15		Quiet Title*	6	
MASS TORT	0		Other*	5	
Asbestos	0		CIVIL APPEALS	28	5.6%
Tobacco	0		<i>- Administrative Agencies</i>		
Toxic Tort - DES	0		Board of Assessment*	0	
Toxic Tort - Implant	0		Board of Elections*	0	
Toxic Waste	0		Dept. of Transportation*	21	
Other	0		Zoning Board*	2	
PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY	6	1.2%	Statutory Appeal - Other*	1	
Dental	0		Other*	4	
Legal	0		MISCELLANEOUS	24	4.8%
Medical Malpractice	4		Common Law/		
Other	2		Statutory Arbitration*	1	
CONTRACT	266	53.3%	Declaratory Judgment*	5	
<i>(does not include judgments)</i>			Mandamus*	3	
Buyer Plaintiff	5		Non-Domestic Relations		
Debt Collection: Credit Card	160		Restraining Order*	2	
Debt Collection: Other	69		Quo Warranto*	0	
Employment Dispute: Discrimination	0		Replevin*	5	
Employment Dispute: Other	2		Other*	8	
Other	30		TOTAL DOCKETED CASES:	499	100.0%

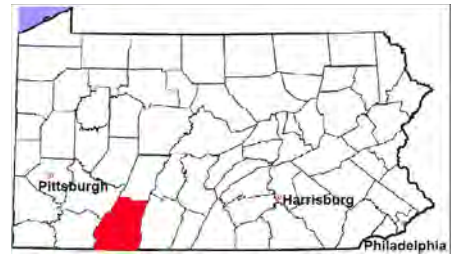
Of the Docketed Cases:

Pro Se Filings: 35 7.0% Class Action Suits: 0 MDJ Appeals: 45 9.0%

*Civil Other

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2023 Protection From Abuse

**No. of
Petitions**

Cases Pending 1/1/2023	21
New Cases Filed in 2023	149
<i>Of these, Petitions Requesting Temporary Orders: 149 (100.0%)</i>	
<i>Temporary Orders DENIED: 1 (0.7%), Temporary Orders GRANTED: 148 (99.3%)</i>	

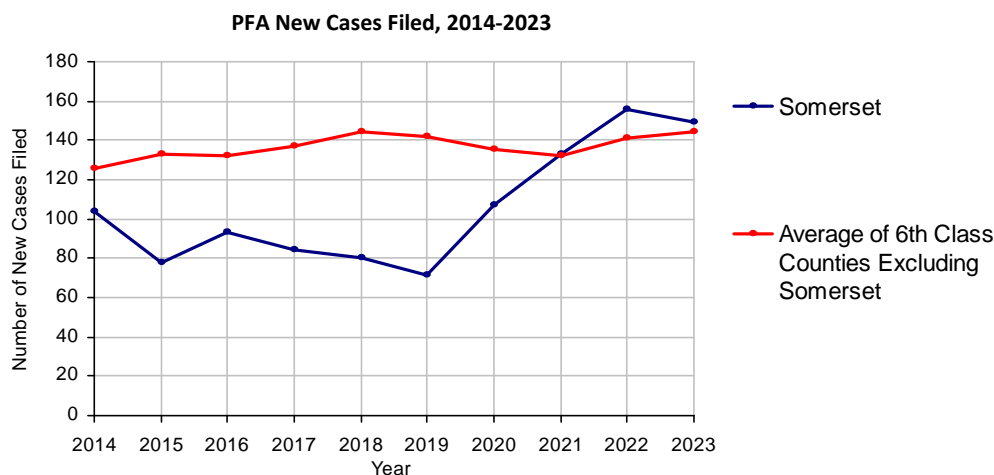
Cases Available for Processing 170

Processed By:

Temporary Order DENIED After Ex Parte Hearing and No Evidentiary Hearing Scheduled	0	
Temporary Order DISMISSED After Evidentiary Hearing and No Final Order Entered	5	3.1%
Final Order DENIED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	6	3.8%
Final Order GRANTED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	13	8.2%
Plaintiff Did Not Appear For Evidentiary Hearing	18	11.3%
Final Order by STIPULATION OR AGREEMENT Between the Parties	46	28.9%
Petition WITHDRAWN by Plaintiff	50	31.4%
TRANSFERRED to Another Jurisdiction	5	3.1%
Other	16	10.1%

Cases Processed 159 100.0%

Cases Pending 12/31/2023 11



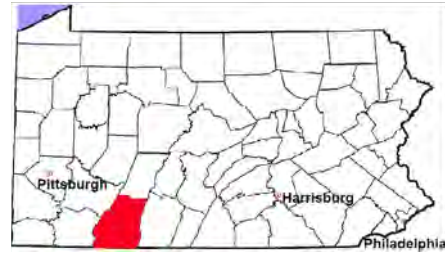
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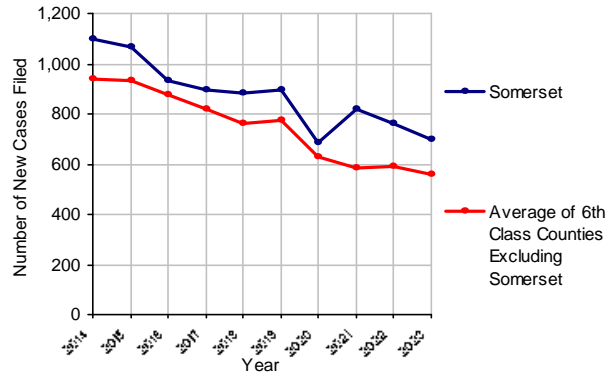
2023 Spousal & Child Support	No. of Petitions
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	157
New Cases Filed in 2023	699
Dockets Transferred In (+)	4
Dockets Transferred Out (-)	5
Cases Available for Processing	855
Processed By:	
Judge	41 5.9%
Intake Officer	657 94.0%
Hearing Officer	0
Other	1 0.1%
Cases Processed	699 100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	156

Data provided by PACSES

2023 Paternity	No. of Cases
Acknowledgements Filed:	
Non-Domestic Relations Section	72 83.7%
During Conference	14 16.3%
Non-Stipulated (post genetic test)	0
Pre-Trial Conference	0
Total	86 100.0%
Established:	
Stipulated by Genetic Tests	8 25.8%
Default - Father Failed to Appear	8 25.8%
Adjudication by Court Proceeding	0
Out of State	15 48.4%
Total	31 100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	12

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Spousal & Child Support New Cases, 2014-2023



DEFINITIONS:

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS FILED:

NON-DOMESTIC RELATIONS SECTION: The voluntary Acknowledgement of Paternity by the alleged father.
DURING CONFERENCE: The alleged father signed the Acknowledgement of Paternity-Waiver of Trial (PE-010) at the initial child support conference.
NON-STIPULATED (POST GENETIC TEST): The alleged father signed the Acknowledgement of Paternity-Waiver of Trial after genetic tests were conducted and resulted in the alleged father being determined to be the biological father.
PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE: The alleged father signed the Acknowledgement of Paternity-Waiver of Trial at the pre-trial conference.

ESTABLISHED:

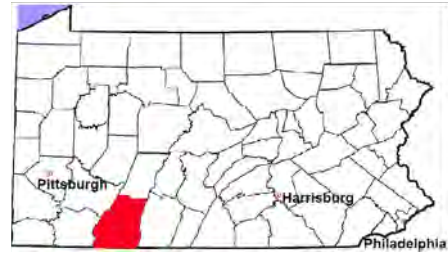
STIPULATED BY GENETIC TESTS: The alleged father requested genetic tests and signed a stipulation that if the test results had a 99% or higher probability of paternity then the alleged father would be stipulated as the biological father of the child.
DEFAULT - FATHER FAILED TO APPEAR: The alleged father failed to appear after being served for either a support conference, hearing, or genetic test and a default paternity order was entered by the court.
ADJUDICATION BY COURT PROCEEDING: The alleged father was determined to be the biological father of the child through a court proceeding.
OUT OF STATE: Paternity was established in another state, "Out of state only".

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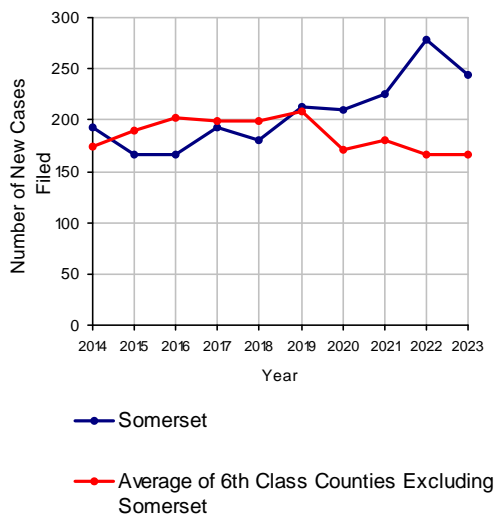


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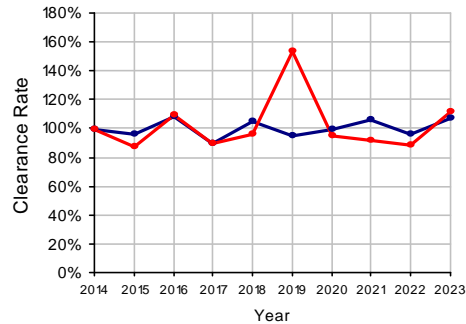
No. of Petitions

Cases Pending 1/1/2023	79
New Cases Filed in 2023	244
Cases Available for Processing	323
Processed By:	
Judge	17 6.5%
Non-Judicial Officer	156 59.8%
Administrative Review/Purge	35 13.4%
Other	53 20.3%
Cases Processed	261 100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	62

Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation New Cases Filed, 2014-2023

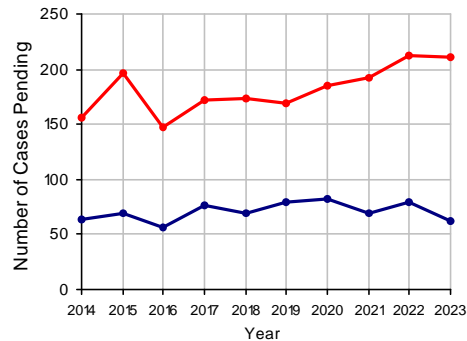


Clearance Rate, 2014-2023



Note: Clearance Rate = Cases Processed / New Cases Filed

Cases Pending at the End of Year, 2014-2023

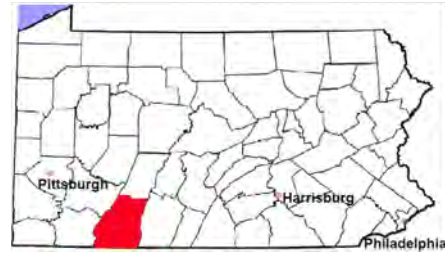


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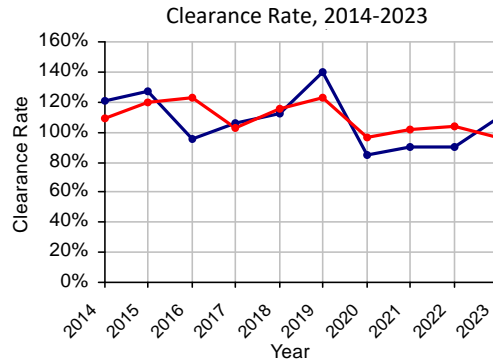
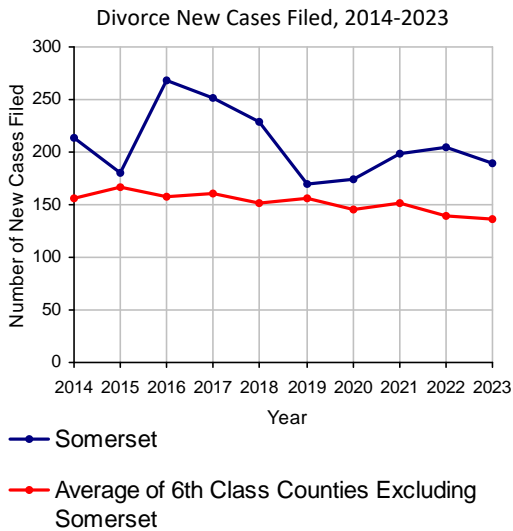
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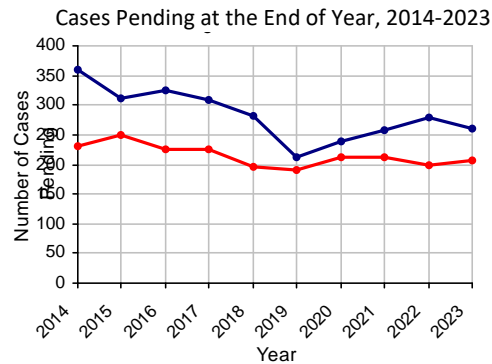


2023 Divorce

	No. of Petitions	
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	278	
New Cases Filed in 2023	189	
Cases Available for Processing	467	
Processed By:		
Contested Before a Judge	3	1.4%
Contested Before a Non-Judicial Officer	0	
Uncontested	169	81.6%
Administrative Review/Purge	19	9.2%
Other	16	7.7%
Cases Processed	207	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	260	

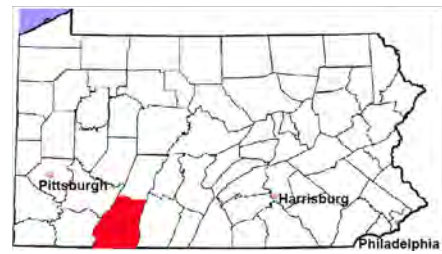


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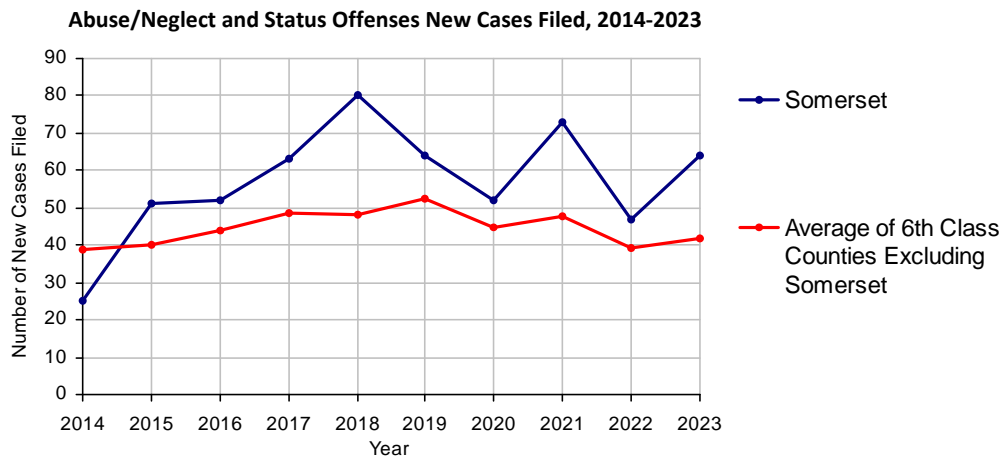
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2023 Juvenile Dependency - Petitions Pending Adjudication

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	6	0	6
New Petitions Filed in 2023	62	2	64
Other	6	0	6
Total Petitions Available for Processing	74	2	76
Processed by:			
Adjudicated Dependent			
Judge	60	0	60
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0	0	0
Adjudicated NOT Dependent			
Judge	2	0	2
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0	0	0
Withdrawn/Dismissed/Inactive	3	0	3
Other	1	0	1
Total Petitions Processed	66	0	66
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	8	2	10

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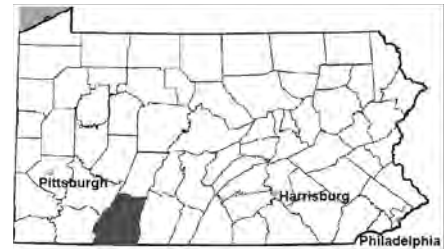


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2023 Juvenile Dependency - Adjudicated Dependent Inventory

	Abuse/ Neglect		Status Offenses		Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	137		0		137
New Adjudicated Dependent Cases	60		0		60
Other	4		0		4
Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases	201		0		201
<u>Court Supervision Terminated:</u>					
Family Reunification	11	16.2%	0		11 16.2%
Adoption	26	38.2%	0		26 38.2%
Placement with a Relative/Guardian	22	32.4%	0		22 32.4%
Aged Out	7	10.3%	0		7 10.3%
Other Permanency Outcomes*	1	1.5%	0		1 1.5%
Other**	1	1.5%	0		1 1.5%
Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases Terminated	68	100.0%	0	100.0%	68 100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	133		0		133

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* Other Permanency Outcomes include: adjudicated delinquent, death due to natural causes, emancipation, permanent living arrangement, and parent has come forward.

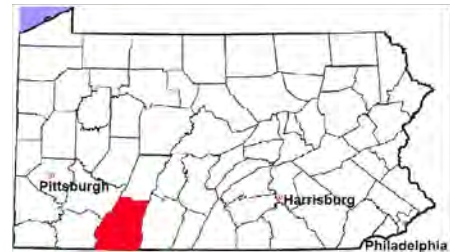
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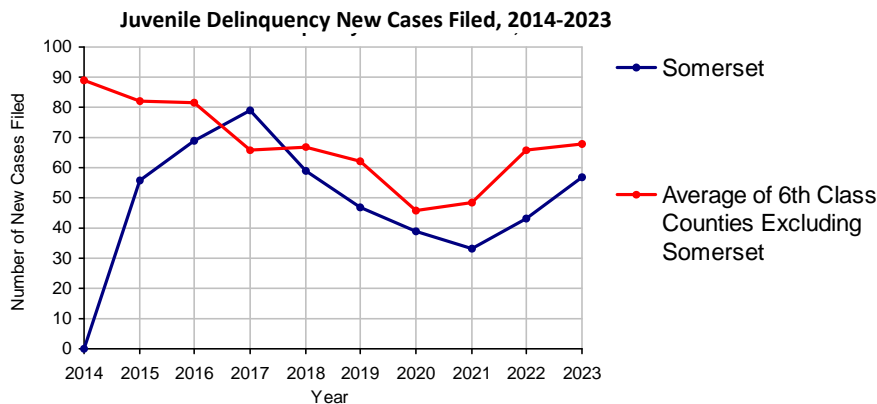
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2023 Juvenile Delinquency - Cases Pending Disposition

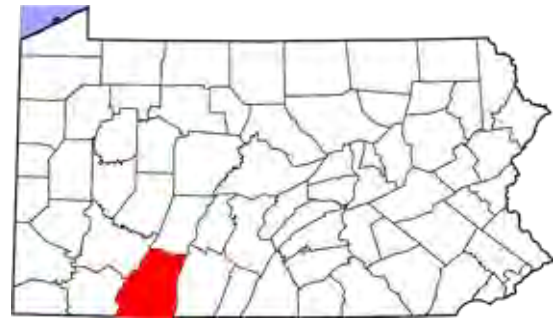
Begin Pending	26
New Cases	57
Consent Decree Revoked	0
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	0
Alternative Program Revoked	0
Warrant Returned	2
Other	3
Total Cases Available for Disposition	88
Warrant Issued	3
Disposed by:	
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	16
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0
Consent Decree Entered	13
Informal Adjustment Program Entered	0
Warned and Counseled (Pre-Petition)	0
Dismissed/Withdrawn/Transferred	10
Transferred to Criminal Court	0
Other	0
Total Cases Disposed	39
End Pending	46

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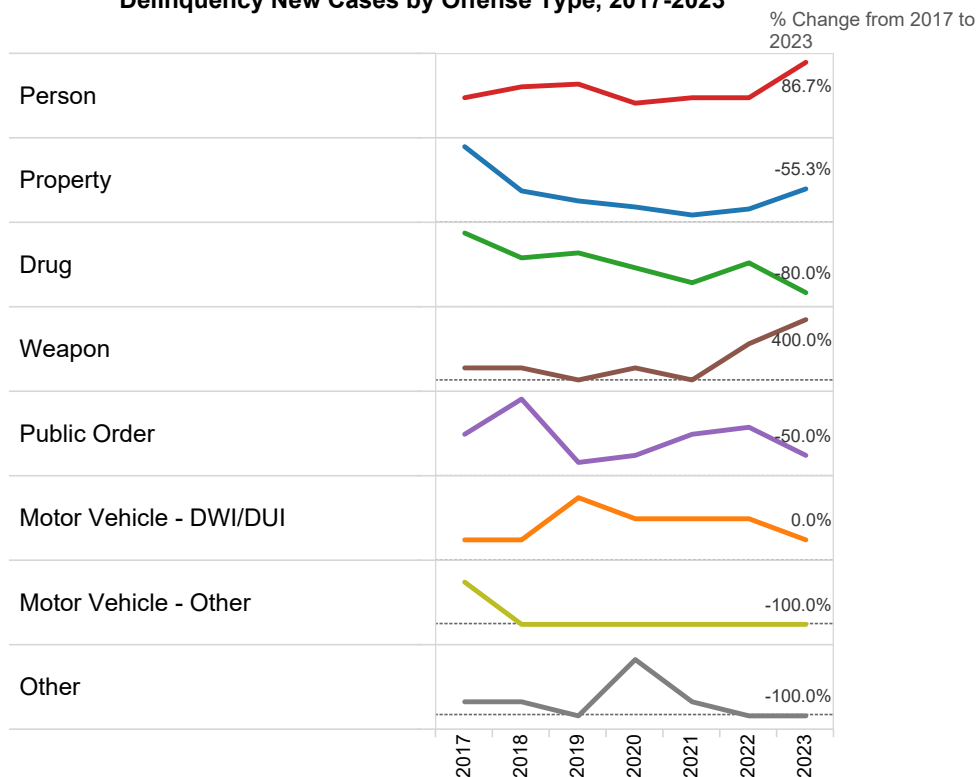


2023 Delinquency - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	6	22	0	28	49.1%
Property	13	4	0	17	29.8%
Drug	0	3	0	3	5.3%
Weapon	1	4	0	5	8.8%
Public Order	1	0	2	3	5.3%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	0	1	0	1	1.8%
Motor Vehicle - Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	21	34	2	57	100.0%
	36.8%	59.6%	3.5%	100.0%	

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Delinquency New Cases by Offense Type, 2017-2023



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2023 Juvenile Delinquency - Formal Dispositions

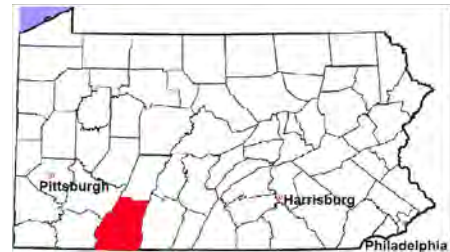
Begin Pending	29
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	16
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0
Warrant Returned	1
Other	1
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases	47
Warrant Issued	1
Court Supervision Terminated:	
Conditions Satisfied	9
Compelling Reasons	0
Reached Age 21	3
Transferred to Another Juvenile Court	0
Other	2
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases Terminated	14
End Pending	32

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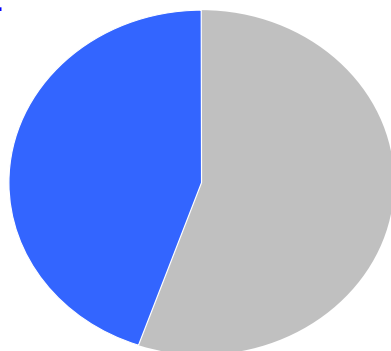


2023 Juvenile Delinquency - Informal Dispositions

Pending Consent Decrees	6
Pending Informal Adjustments	0
New Consent Decrees	13
New Informal Adjustments	0
Warrant Returned	0
Other	0
Cases Informally Disposed	19
Warrant Issued	0
Terminated by:	
Consent Decree Completed	8
Informal Adjustment Completed	0
Consent Decree Revoked	0
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	0
Other	0
Total Informally Disposed Cases Terminated	8
End Pending	11

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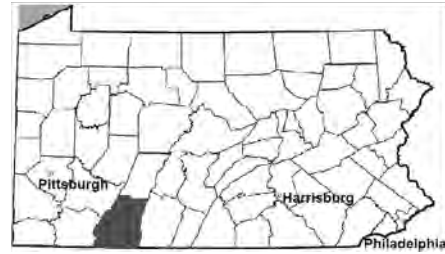
Informal Dispositions: **45%**



Delinquency Cases are disposed either formally, at a proceeding held before a judge or hearing officer, or informally without a proceeding. Informal dispositions include informal adjustments supervised by a juvenile probation officer; consent decrees agreed upon with the District Attorney after a petition is filed; or other pre-petition process by the juvenile probation department.

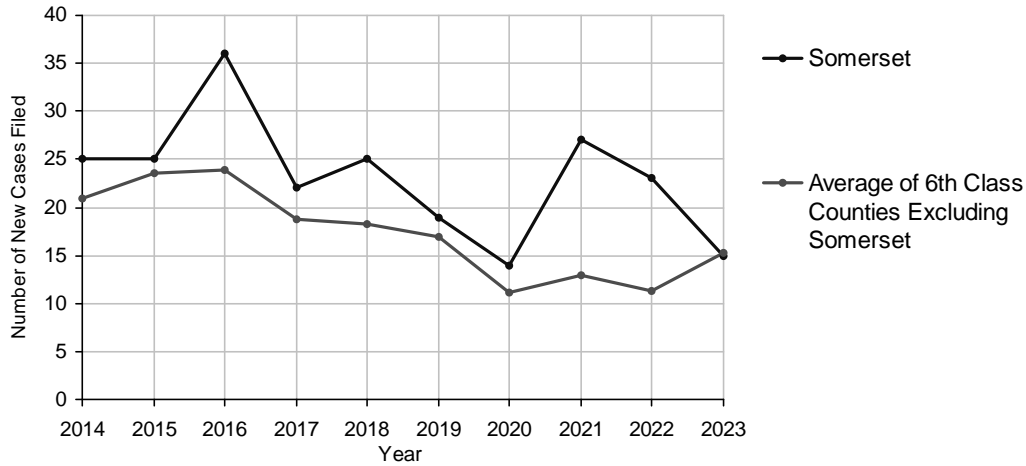
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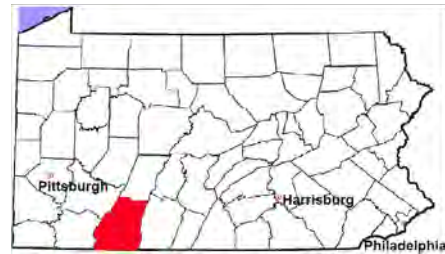
2023 Accounts	No. of Cases
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	1
New Cases Filed in 2023	15
Cases Available for Processing	16
Processed By:	
Contested before a Judge	0
Contested before a Non-Judicial Officer	0
Uncontested	15 100.0%
Other	0
Cases Processed	15 100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	1

Accounts New Cases Filed, 2014-2023



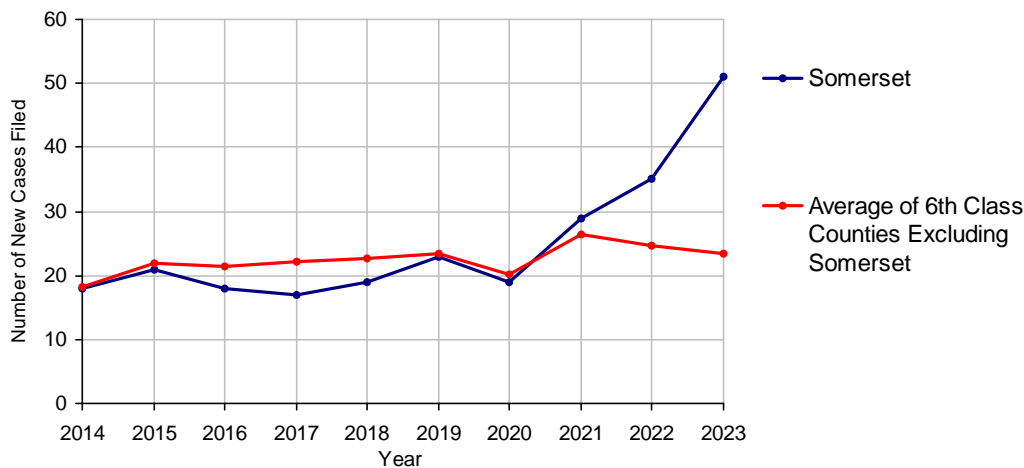
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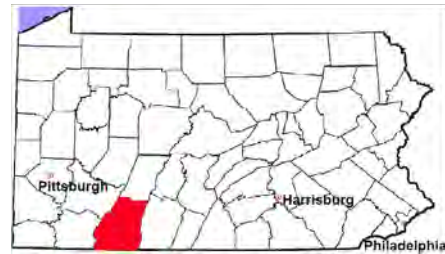
2023 Adoptions		No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2023		0	
New Cases Filed in 2023		51	
Cases Available for Processing		51	
Processed By:			
Contested before a Judge	Granted	2	4.4%
	Denied	0	
Uncontested	Granted	43	95.6%
	Denied	0	
Other		0	
Cases Processed		45	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023		6	

Adoptions New Cases Filed, 2014-2023



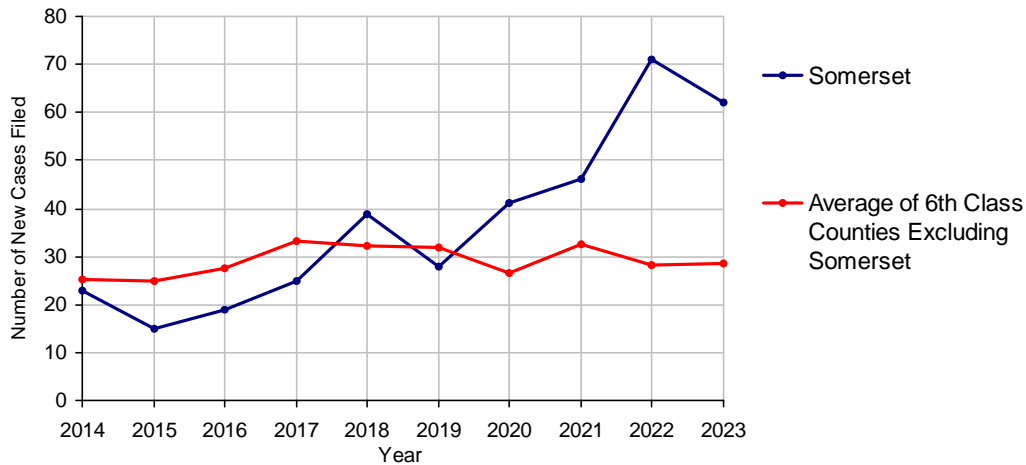
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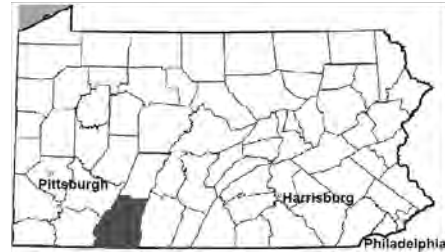
2023 Relinquishments/Terminations	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	56	
New Cases Filed in 2023	62	
Cases Available for Processing	118	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	7	11.5%
Uncontested	54	88.5%
Other	0	
Cases Processed	61	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	57	

Relinquishments/Terminations New Cases Filed, 2014-2023



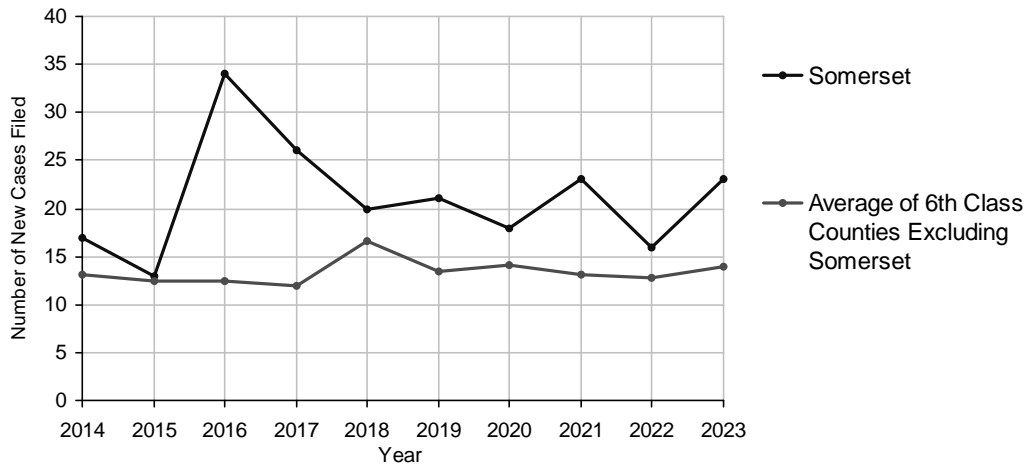
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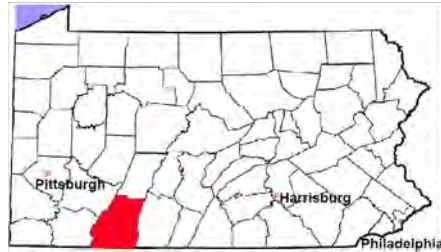
2023 Appointment of Guardians	No. of Cases
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	15
New Cases Filed in 2023	23
Cases Available for Processing	38
Processed By:	
Contested before a Judge	1 5.9%
Uncontested	16 94.1%
Other	0
Cases Processed	17 100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	21

Appointment of Guardians New Cases Filed, 2014-2023



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2023 Jury Yield and Utilization

Jury Yield

Qualification Questionnaires/Summonses Mailed:	3,275	A		
Returned Undeliverable:	137	B	4.2%	Of Qualification Questionnaires/ Summonses Mailed
Not Responded to:	231	C	7.1%	
the Number of Prospective Jurors:				
Disqualified:	419	D	12.8%	
Exempted:	51	E	1.6%	
Excused:	623	F	19.0%	
Deferred to New Term:	459	G	14.0%	
Deferred from Previous Term:	0	H		
Total Number of Qualified Jurors Available for Service:	1,355	I	41.4%	

$I = A - B - C - D - E - F - G + H$

Jury Utilization

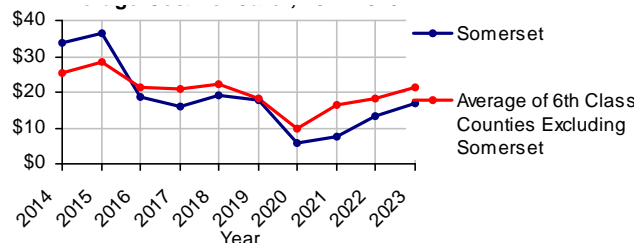
the Number of Jurors:			
Reporting for Service:	1,980	146.1%	Of Jurors Qualified and Available
Told Not to Report for Service:	1,139	84.1%	
Sent to Courtroom for Jury Selection (Voir Dire):	360	18.2%	Of Jurors Reporting for Service
Impaneled or Sworn (jurors/alternates):	86	4.3%	
Removed for Cause/Hardship:	63		
Removed by Peremptory Challenge:	78		
Number of Jury Trials Started:	5		
Pool Days:	13		
Zero Panel Days	7	53.8%	(Of Pool Days)

Jury Costs

Total Annual Budget for Juror Operations:	\$55,121.00	J
Average Cost Per Juror:	\$16.83	K

$K = J/A$

Average Cost Per Juror, 2014-2023



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