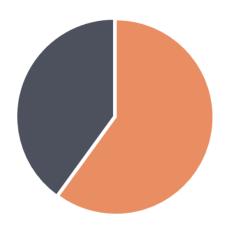
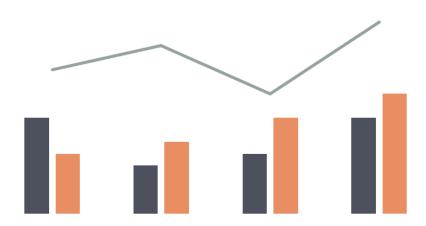
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Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at 717.231.3300 .

Sincerely,

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Data Scientist

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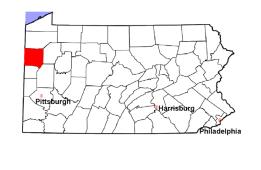
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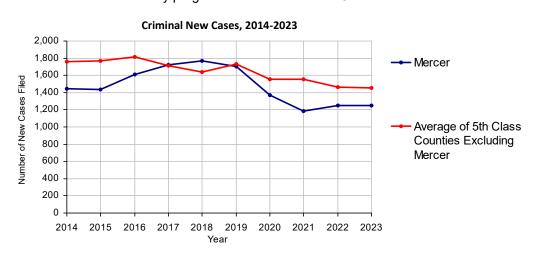


2023 Criminal	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	563	
New Cases Filed in 2023	1,247	
Reopened Cases	86	
Cases Available for Processing	1,896	
Processed by:		
Withdrawn/Dismissed	124	9.0%
Diversionary Disposition*	113	8.2%
Guilty Plea	1,033	74.9%
Non-Jury Trial	5	0.4%
Jury Trial	5	0.4%
Inactive	88	6.4%
Other	12	0.9%
Total Cases Processed	1,380	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	516	
Cases Awaiting Sentencing	106	

Age of Pend as of 12/3	•	es
0-60 Days	198	38.4%
61-120 Days	172	33.3%
121-180 Days	91	17.6%
181-240 Days	21	4.1%
241-300 Days	5	1.0%
301-360 Days	10	1.9%
Over 360 Days	19	3.7%
Total	516	100.0%

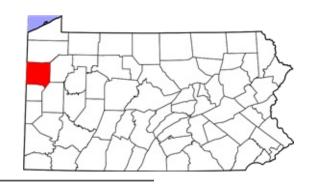
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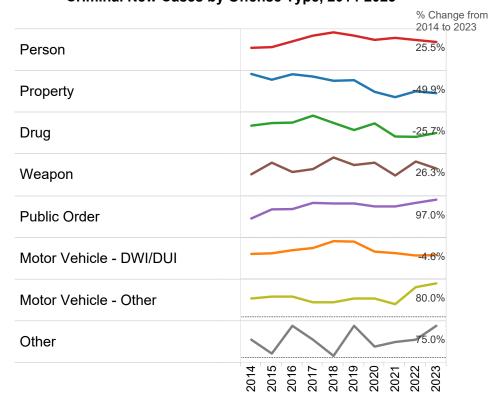


2023 Criminal - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	156	90	0	246	19.7%
Property	177	90	1	268	21.5%
Drug	69	61	0	130	10.4%
Weapon	38	10	0	48	3.8%
Public Order	40	90	0	130	10.4%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	20	373	0	393	31.5%
Motor Vehicle - Other	2	16	0	18	1.4%
Other	14	0	0	14	1.1%
Total	516	730	1	1,247	100.0%
	41.4%	58.5%	0.1%	100.0%	

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Criminal New Cases by Offense Type, 2014-2023

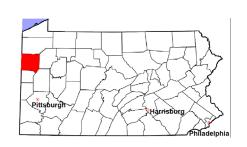


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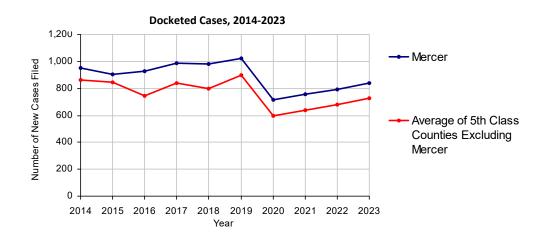
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2023 Civil	Civil Action	Other	Total			
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	432	395	827			
Docketed Cases	461	381	842			
Arbitration Appeals	3	0	3 '	A (D !!		
Transferred In	0	0	0	Age of Pendin	•	es
Returned to Active	0	0	0	as of 12/31		
Cases Available for Processing	896	776	1,672	(Civil Action	Only)	
_			,-	0-6 months	201	39.2%
Processed By:				7-12 months	84	16.4%
Default Judgments	153	113	266	13-18 months	80	15.6%
Cases Decided by Arbitration Boar	d 12	2	14	19-24 months	34	6.6%
Dispositive Motions	27	77	104	25-30 months	36	7.0%
Settlements	0	0	0	31-36 months	18	3.5%
Moved to Inactive Status	0	0	0	37-42 months	16	3.1%
Transferred/Withdrawn	3	6	9	43-48 months	10	1.9%
Dismissed/Discontinued	184	100	284	49-54 months	5	1.0%
Administrative Purge	3	1	4	55-60 months	4	0.8%
Other	0	0	0	61-66 months	3	0.6%
Jury Trial	1	0	1	67-72 months	2	0.4%
Non-Jury Trial	0	0	0	Over 72 months	20	3.9%
Total Cases Processed	383	299	682	Total	513	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	513	477	990			



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2023 Civil - Docketed Cases Listed by Case Type

TORT	90	10.7%	REAL PROPERTY	264	31.4%
(does not include mass tort)			Ejectment*	16	
Intentional	8		Eminent Domain/Condemnation*	7	
Malicious Prosecution	0		Ground Rent	1	
Motor Vehicle	46		Landlord/Tenant Dispute	23	
Nuisance	1		Mortgage Foreclosure:		
Premise Liability	15		Residential*	129	
Product Liability	1		Commercial*	4	
Slander/Libel/Defamation	1		Partition of Real Property*	4	
Other	18		Quiet Title*	19	
MASS TORT	0		Other*	61	
Asbestos	0		CIVIL APPEALS	83	9.9%
Tobacco	0		- Administrative Agencies		
Toxic Tort - DES	0		Board of Assessment*	20	
Toxic Tort - Implant	0		Board of Elections*	0	
Toxic Waste	0		Dept. of Transportation*	26	
Other	0		Zoning Board*	2	
DDOFFCCIONAL LIADUITY			Statutory Appeal - Other*	1	
PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY	8	1.0%	Other*	34	
Dental	0		MISCELLANEOUS		0.00/
Legal	0			58	6.9%
Medical Malpractice	7		Common Law/	•	
Other	1		Statutory Arbitration*	0	
CONTRACT	339	40.3%	Declaratory Judgment*	1	
(does not include judgments)			Mandamus*	0	
Buyer Plaintiff	7		Non-Domestic Relations	4.7	
Debt Collection: Credit Card	194		Restraining Order*	17	
Debt Collection: Other	113		Quo Warranto*	0	
Employment Dispute:Discrimination	3		Replevin*	5	
Employment Dispute: Other	0		Other*	35	
Other	22			0.45	400.051
Of the Docketed Cases:			TOTAL DOCKETED CASES:	842	100.0%
Pro Se Filings: 3 0.4%	Class	Action Suits:	1 0.1% MDJ Appeals:	5	1 6.1%

^{*}Civil Other

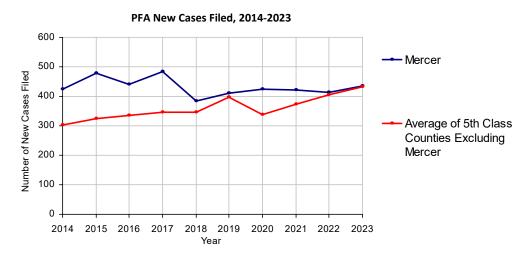
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2023 Protection From Abuse	No. of Petitions	.
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	35	
New Cases Filed in 2023	434	
Of these, Petitions Requesting Temporary Orders: 434 (100.0%) Temporary Orders DENIED: 95 (21.9%), Temporary Orders GRANTED: 339 (78.1%)		
Cases Available for Processing	469	
Processed By:		
Temporary Order DENIED After Ex Parte Hearing and No Evidentiary Hearing Scheduled	3	0.7%
Temporary Order DISMISSED After Evidentiary Hearing and No Final Order Entered	0	
Final Order DENIED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	79	18.4%
Final Order GRANTED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	169	39.3%
Plaintiff Did Not Appear For Evidentiary Hearing	35	8.1%
Final Order by STIPULATION OR AGREEMENT Between the Parties	12	2.8%
Petition WITHDRAWN by Plaintiff	132	30.7%
TRANSFERRED to Another Jurisdiction	0	
Other	0	
Cases Processed	430	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	39	



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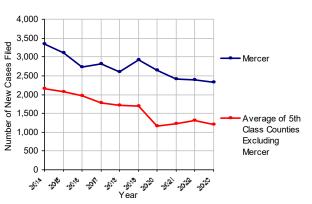
2023 Spousal & Child Support	No. of Petitions	3
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	485	
New Cases Filed in 2023	2,335	
Dockets Transferred In (+)	75	
Dockets Transferred Out (-)	63	
Cases Available for Processing	2,832	
Processed By:		
Judge	95	3.8%
Intake Officer	2,400	96.2%
Hearing Officer	0	
Other	0	
Cases Processed	2,495	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	337	

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2023 Paternity	No. of Cases	
Acknowledgements Filed:		
Non-Domestic Relations Section	138	73.4%
During Conference	42	22.3%
Non-Stipulated (post genetic test)	0	
Pre-Trial Conference	8	4.3%
Total	188	100.0%
Established:		
Stipulated by Genetic Tests	19	36.5%
Default - Father Failed to Appear	6	11.5%
Adjudication by Court Proceeding	0	
Out of State	27	51.9%
Total	52	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	73	

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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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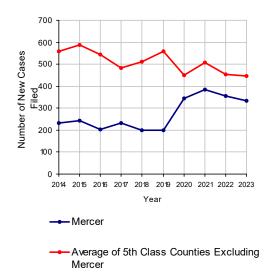
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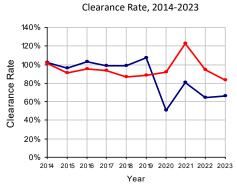
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2023 Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation	No. of Petitions	
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	430	
New Cases Filed in 2023	332	
Cases Available for Processing	762	
Processed By:		
Judge	22	10.0%
Non-Judicial Officer	156	70.9%
Administrative Review/Purge	1	0.5%
Other	41	18.6%
Cases Processed	220	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	542	

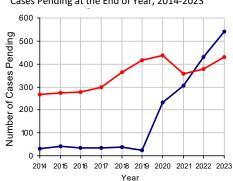
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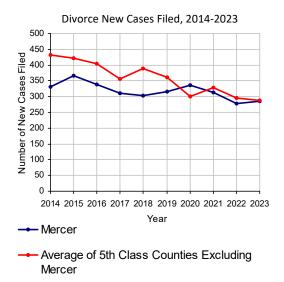
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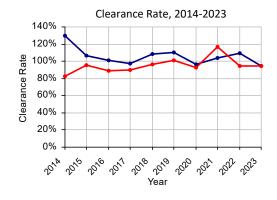
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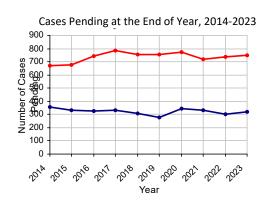
2023 Divorce	No. of Petitions	
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	305	
New Cases Filed in 2023	286	
Cases Available for Processing	591	
Processed By:		
Contested Before a Judge	5	1.8%
Contested Before a Non-Judicial Officer	10	3.7%
Uncontested	219	80.8%
Administrative Review/Purge	25	9.2%
Other	12	4.4%
Cases Processed	271	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	320	



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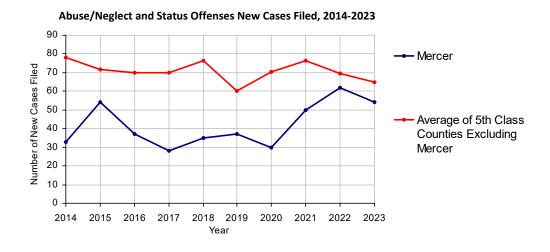


2023 Juvenile Dependency - Petitions Pending Adjudication

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	14	1	15
New Petitions Filed in 2023	48	6	54
Other	3	0	3
Total Petitions Available for Processing	65	7	72
Processed by:			
Adjudicated Dependent			
Judge	37	1	38
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0	0	0
Adjudicated NOT Dependent			
Judge	0	0	0
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0	0	0
Withdrawn/Dismissed/Inactive	4	0	4
Other	17	1	18
Total Petitions Processed	58	2	60
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	7	5	12

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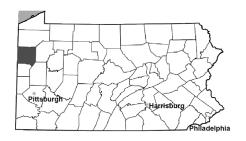


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2023 Juvenile Dependency - Adjudicated Dependent Inventory

	Abuse/ Neglect		Status Offenses	Tota	ıI
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	55		1	56	3
New Adjudicated Dependent Cases	37		1	38	}
Other	10		1	11	
Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases	102		3	105	;
Court Supervision Terminated:					
Family Reunification	7	21.2%	0	7	21.2%
Adoption	0		0	C	
Placement with a Relative/Guardian	10	30.3%	0	10	30.3%
Aged Out	0		0	C	
Other Permanency Outcomes*	0		0	C	
Other**	16	48.5%	0	16	48.5%
Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases Terminated	33	100.0%	0	100.0% 33	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	69		3	72	2

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

^{**} Other includes cases where court supervision is terminated due to transfer out of jurisdiction, withdrawal and administrative closure.

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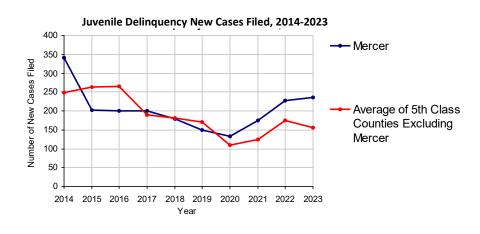
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2023 Juvenile Delinquency - Cases Pending Disposition

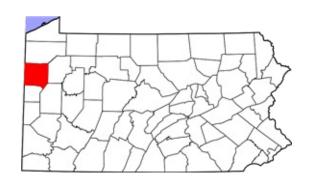
Begin Pending	70
New Cases	235
Consent Decree Revoked	0
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	0
Alternative Program Revoked	0
Warrant Returned	3
Other	9
Total Cases Available for Disposition	317
Warrant Issued	9
Disposed by:	
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	117
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile	
Court Hearing Officer	0
Consent Decree Entered	48
Informal Adjustment Program Entered	0
Warned and Counseled (Pre-Petition)	0
Dismissed/Withdrawn/Transferred	87
Transferred to Criminal Court	0
Other	7
Total Cases Disposed	259
End Pending	49
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2023 Delinquency - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	36	58	0	94	40.0%
Property	43	17	1	61	26.0%
Drug	0	41	0	41	17.4%
Weapon	2	3	0	5	2.1%
Public Order	15	15	3	33	14.0%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	0	1	0	1	0.4%
Motor Vehicle - Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	96	135	4	235	100.0%
	40.9%	57.4%	5 1.7%	100.0%	

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Person Property Drug Weapon Public Order Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI Other Delinquency New Cases by Offense Type, 2017-2023 % Change from 2017 to 2023 7. % 8. Change from 2017 to 2023 7. % 8. Change from 2017 to 2023 7. % 8. Change from 2017 to 2023 7. % 9. Change from 2017 to 2023 9. Change from 2017 t

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2023 Juvenile Delinquency - Formal Dispositions

Begin Pending	122
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	117
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0
Warrant Returned	5
Other	11
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases	255
Warrant Issued	2
Court Supervision Terminated:	
Conditions Satisfied	79
Compelling Reasons	0
Reached Age 21	0
Transferred to Another Juvenile Court	0
Other	10
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases	
Terminated	89
End Pending	164

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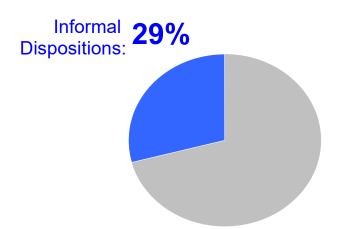
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2023 Juvenile Delinquency - Informal Dispositions

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Pending Consent Decrees	21
Pending Informal Adjustments	0
New Consent Decrees	48
New Informal Adjustments	0
Warrant Returned	1
Other	1
Cases Informally Disposed	71
Warrant Issued	0
Terminated by:	
Consent Decree Completed	41
Informal Adjustment Completed	0
Consent Decree Revoked	0
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	0
Other	9
Total Informally Disposed Cases Terminated	50
End Pending	21
(D) Desired	

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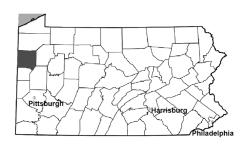


Delinquency Cases are disposed either formally, at a proceeding held before a judge or hearing officer, or informally without a proceeding. Informal dispositions include informal adjustments supervised by a juvenile probation officer; consent decrees agreed upon with the District Attorney after a petition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

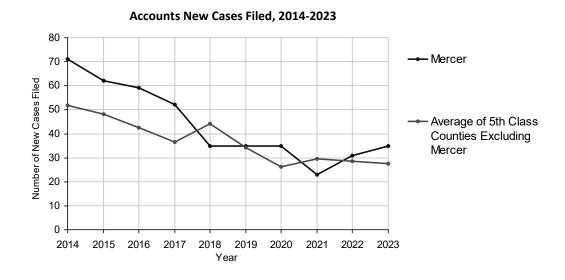
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2023 A	ccounts	No. of Cases	
Cases Pen	ding 1/1/2023	17	
New Cases	Filed in 2023	35	
Cases Ava	ilable for Processing	52	
Processed	Ву:		
	Contested before a Judge	0	
	Contested before a Non-Judicial Officer	1	2.8%
	Uncontested	35	97.2%
	Other	0	
Cases Pro	cessed	36	100.0%
Cases Pen	ding 12/31/2023	16	



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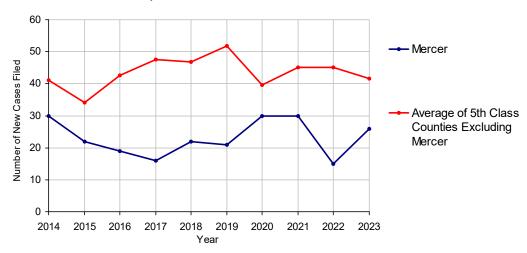
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2023 Adoptions		No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2023		1	
New Cases Filed in 2023		26	
Cases Available for Processing		27	
Processed By:			
Contested before a Judge	Granted	0	
	Denied	0	
Uncontested	Granted	24	100.0%
	Denied	0	
Other		0	
Cases Processed		24	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023		3	

Adoptions New Cases Filed, 2014-2023



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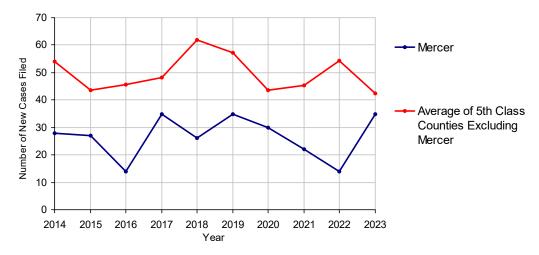
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2023 Relinquishments/Terminations	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	6	
New Cases Filed in 2023	35	
Cases Available for Processing	41	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	0	
Uncontested	17	89.5%
Other	2	10.5%
Cases Processed	19	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	22	

Relinquishments/Terminations New Cases Filed, 2014-2023



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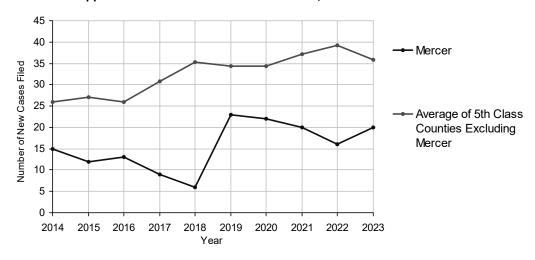
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2023 Appointment of Guardians	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	12	
New Cases Filed in 2023	20	
Cases Available for Processing	32	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	0	
Uncontested	13	86.7%
Other	2	13.3%
Cases Processed	15	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	17	

Appointment of Guardians New Cases Filed, 2014-2023



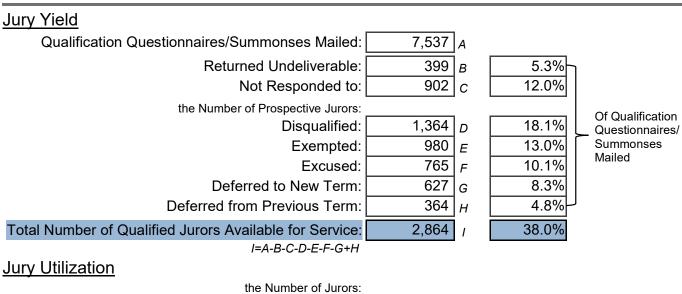
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2023 Jury Yield and Utilization



Reporting for Service:	2,638
Told Not to Report for Service:	1,184
Sent to Courtroom for Jury Selection (Voir Dire):	1,226
Impaneled or Sworn (jurors/alternates):	100
Removed for Cause/Hardship:	54
Removed by Peremptory Challenge:	102
Number of Jury Trials Started	7

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41.3%	and Available
46.5%	Of Jurors Reporting
3.8%	for Service

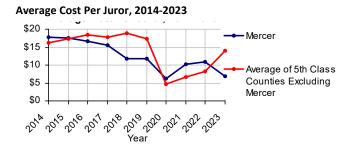
Number of Jury Trials Started: 21

Pool Days: Zero Panel Days 10

(Of Pool Days)

Jury Costs

Total Annual Budget for Juror Operations:	\$52,491.00	J
Average Cost Per Juror:	\$6.96	κ
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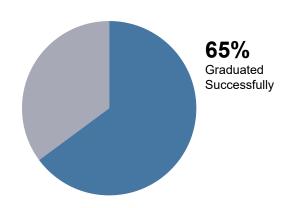


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37 Discharges

Of All Court Participants Discharged:



27 Admissions

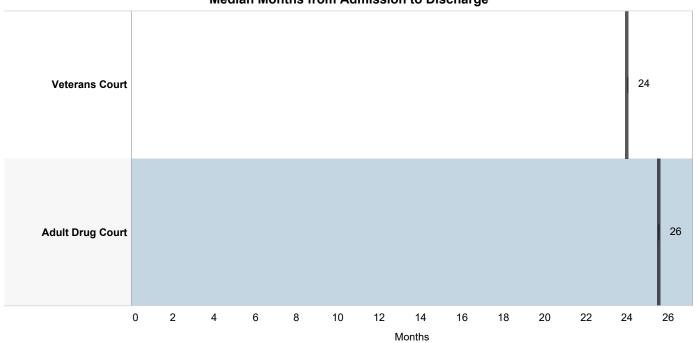
Adult Drug Court	13
Adult Mental Health Court	6
Veterans Court	8

Discharge Reason

	Successfully Completed	Unsuccessful /Non-Compliant	Voluntarily Withdrew	Unsuccessful /Absconded	Other	Total Discharges
Adult Drug Court	13 (59.1%)	7 (31.8%)		2 (9.1%)		22 (100.0%)
Veterans Court	11 <i>(</i> 73.3%)	1 (6.7%)	1 (6.7%)		2 (13.3%)	15 (100.0%)

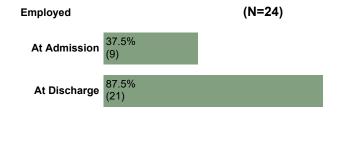
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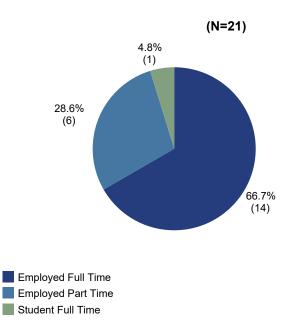


Among successful graduates, there was a 133% increase in employment.

67% of the employed successful graduates were employed full time:



5% (2) of all participants have improved in **education level** at discharge.



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