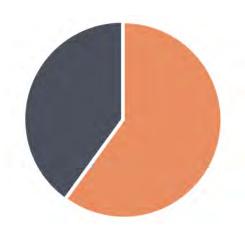
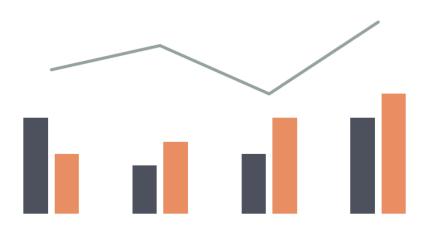
# 2023 Bucks Court of Common Pleas Caseload Statistics for







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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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Department of Research and Statistics

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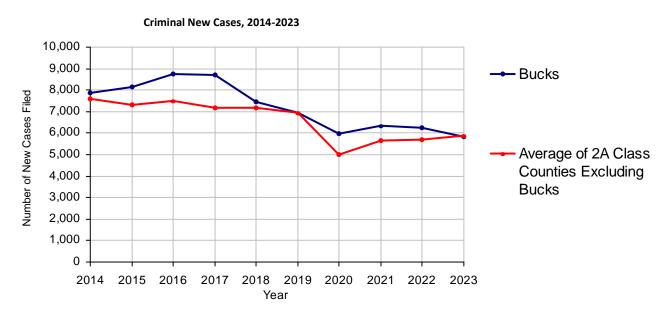


2023 Criminal	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	2,685	
New Cases Filed in 2023	5,825	
Reopened Cases	1,111	
Cases Available for Processing	9,621	
Processed by:		
Withdrawn/Dismissed	460	6.3%
Diversionary Disposition*	1,245	17.1%
Guilty Plea	4,536	62.3%
Non-Jury Trial	80	1.1%
Jury Trial	40	0.5%
Inactive	887	12.2%
Other	33	0.5%
Total Cases Processed	7,281	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	2,340	
Cases Awaiting Sentencing	217	

Age of Pend as of 12/3	•	es
0-60 Days	864	36.9%
61-120 Days	658	28.1%
121-180 Days	274	11.7%
181-240 Days	152	6.5%
241-300 Days	101	4.3%
301-360 Days	47	2.0%
Over 360 Days	244	10.4%
Total	2,340	100.0%

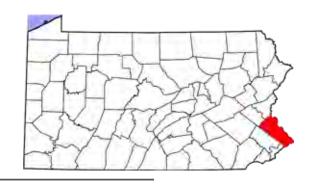
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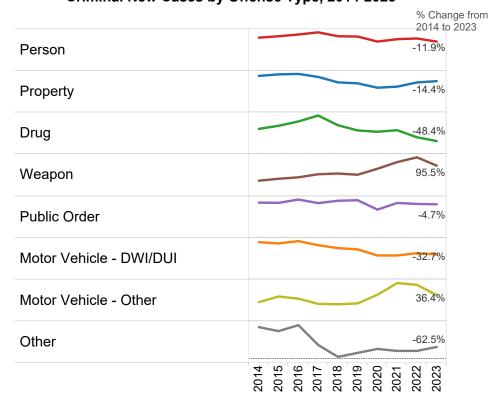


#### 2023 Criminal - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	231	484	2	717	12.3%
Property	918	913	2	1,833	31.5%
Drug	118	823	0	941	16.2%
Weapon	92	37	0	129	2.2%
Public Order	140	354	8	502	8.6%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	68	1,569	0	1,637	28.1%
Motor Vehicle - Other	7	51	2	60	1.0%
Other	6	0	0	6	0.1%
Total	1,580	4,231	14	5,825	100.0%
	27.1%	72.6%	0.2%	100.0%	

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#### Criminal New Cases by Offense Type, 2014-2023



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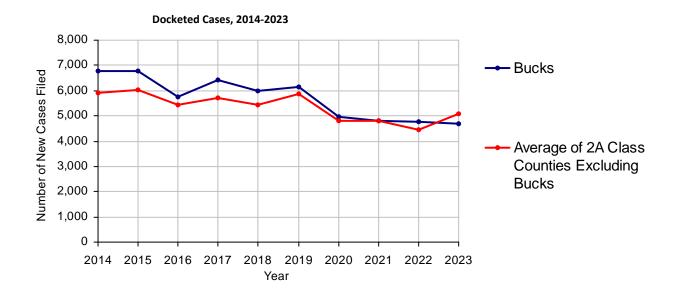
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2023 Civil	<b>Civil Action</b>	Other	Total			
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	4,450	1,301	5,751 <sup>(R)</sup>			
Docketed Cases	3,495	1,192	4,687			
Arbitration Appeals	62	4	66 =			
Transferred In	53	11	64	Age of Pendi	-	<del>)</del> S
Returned to Active	10	8	18	as of 12/3		
Cases Available for Processing	8,070	2,516	10,586 -	(Civil Actio	n Only)	
_	<b>-,</b>	_,-,-	,	0-6 months	1,632	39.6%
Processed By:				7-12 months	778	18.9%
Default Judgments	738	380	1,118	13-18 months	550	13.3%
Cases Decided by Arbitration Boar	d 178	14	192	19-24 months	346	8.4%
Dispositive Motions	202	15	217	25-30 months	237	5.8%
Settlements	233	11	244	31-36 months	176	4.3%
Moved to Inactive Status	0	0	0	37-42 months	189	4.6%
Transferred/Withdrawn	2,061	539	2,600	43-48 months	104	2.5%
Dismissed/Discontinued	0	0	0	49-54 months	29	0.7%
Administrative Purge	234	122	356	55-60 months	29	0.7%
Other	252	237	489	61-66 months	17	0.4%
Jury Trial	24	0	24	67-72 months	10	0.2%
Non-Jury Trial	28	26	54	Over 72 months	23	0.6%
<b>Total Cases Processed</b>	3,950	1,344	5,294	Total	4,120	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	4,120	1,172	5,292			

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## 2023 Civil - Docketed Cases Listed by Case Type

TORT	1,080	23.0%	REAL PROPERTY	837	17.9%
(does not include mass tort)			Ejectment*	78	
Intentional	23		Eminent Domain/Condemnation*	0	
Malicious Prosecution	2		Ground Rent	1	
Motor Vehicle	681		Landlord/Tenant Dispute	43	
Nuisance	2		Mortgage Foreclosure:		
Premise Liability	203		Residential*	607	
Product Liability	7		Commercial*	10	
Slander/Libel/Defamation	7		Partition of Real Property*	30	
Other	155		Quiet Title*	34	
MASS TORT	0		Other*	34	
Asbestos	0		CIVIL APPEALS	220	4.7%
Tobacco	0		- Administrative Agencies		
Toxic Tort - DES	0		Board of Assessment*	0	
Toxic Tort - Implant	0		Board of Elections*	1	
Toxic Waste	0		Dept. of Transportation*	1	
Other	0		Zoning Board*	0	
PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY			Statutory Appeal - Other*	13	
	57	1.2%	Other*	205	
Dental	4		MISCELLANEOUS	470	0.00/
Legal	7			179	3.8%
Medical Malpractice	33		Common Law/	0	
Other	13		Statutory Arbitration*	3	
CONTRACT	2,314	49.4%	Declaratory Judgment*	25	
(does not include judgments)			Mandamus*	2	
Buyer Plaintiff	122		Non-Domestic Relations		
Debt Collection: Credit Card	1,313		Restraining Order*	1	
Debt Collection: Other	601		Quo Warranto*	0	
<b>Employment Dispute: Discrimination</b>	9		Replevin*	27	
Employment Dispute: Other	15		Other*	121	
Other	254		TOTAL DOCKETED CACES	4.007	400.00/
Of the Docketed Cases:			TOTAL DOCKETED CASES:	4,687	100.0%
Pro Se Filings: 162 3.5%	Class	Action Suits:	1 <0.1% MDJ Appeals:	23	0 4.9%

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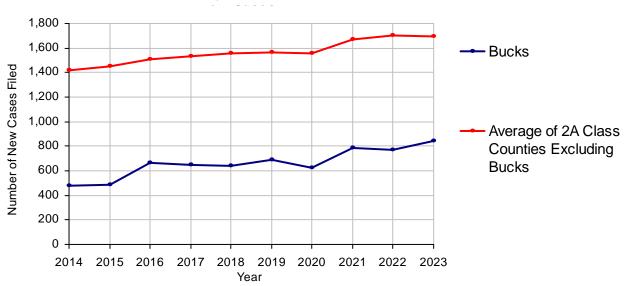
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2023 Protection From Abuse	No. of Petitions	<b>5</b>
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	8	
New Cases Filed in 2023	842	
Of these, Petitions Requesting Temporary Orders: 818 (97.1%)		
Temporary Orders DENIED: 142 (17.4%), Temporary Orders GRANTED: 676 (82.6%)		
Cases Available for Processing	850	
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	0	
Final Order DENIED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	174	21.1%
Final Order GRANTED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	135	16.4%
Plaintiff Did Not Appear For Evidentiary Hearing	56	6.8%
Final Order by STIPULATION OR AGREEMENT Between the Parties	192	23.3%
Petition WITHDRAWN by Plaintiff	266	32.3%
TRANSFERRED to Another Jurisdiction	0	
Other	0	
Cases Processed	823	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	27	

#### PFA New Cases Filed, 2014-2023



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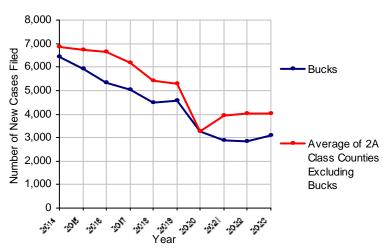
2023 Spousal & Child Support	No. of Petition	s
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	481	
New Cases Filed in 2023	3,096	
Dockets Transferred In (+)	23	
Dockets Transferred Out (-)	49	
Cases Available for Processing	3,551	
Processed By:		
Judge	540	18.3%
Intake Officer	2,406	81.7%
Hearing Officer	0	
Other	0	
Cases Processed	2,946	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	605	

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2023 Paternity	No. of Cases	
Acknowledgements Filed:		
Non-Domestic Relations Section	369	80.0%
During Conference	88	19.1%
Non-Stipulated (post genetic test)	0	
Pre-Trial Conference	4	0.9%
Total	461	100.0%
Established:		
Stipulated by Genetic Tests	40	20.9%
Default - Father Failed to Appear	10	5.2%
Adjudication by Court Proceeding	3	1.6%
Out of State	138	72.3%
Total	191	100.0%
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2023</b>	76	

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#### Spousal & Child Support New Cases Filed, 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".

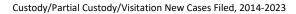
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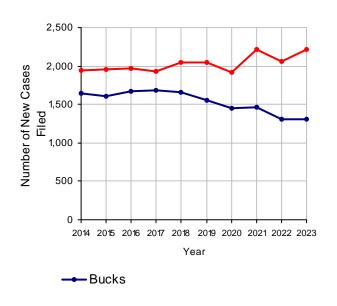
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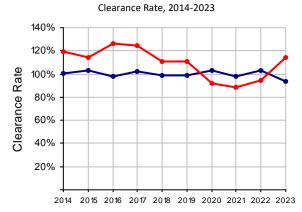


2023 Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation	No. of Petitions	
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	153	
New Cases Filed in 2023	1,314	
Cases Available for Processing	1,467	
Processed By:		
Judge	646	52.4%
Non-Judicial Officer	403	32.7%
Administrative Review/Purge	0	
Other	183	14.9%
Cases Processed	1,232	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	235	

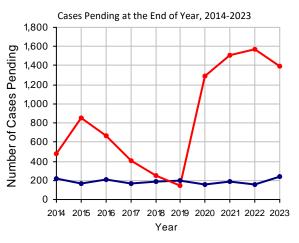




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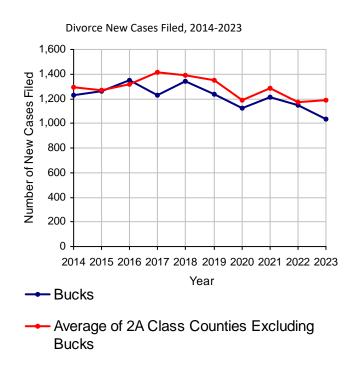
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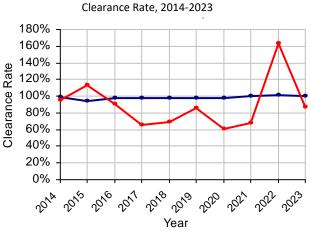
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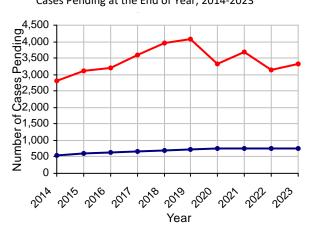


2023 Divorce	No. of Petitions	
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	757	
New Cases Filed in 2023	1,034	
Cases Available for Processing	1,791	
Processed By:		
Contested Before a Judge	13	1.3%
Contested Before a Non-Judicial Officer	83	8.0%
Uncontested	938	90.7%
Administrative Review/Purge	0	
Other	0	
Cases Processed	1,034	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	757	





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Cases Pending at the End of Year, 2014-2023



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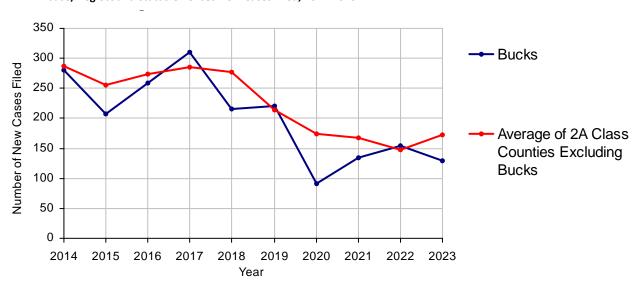


# 2023 Juvenile Dependency - Petitions Pending Adjudication

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	74	0	74
New Petitions Filed in 2023	130	0	130
Other	28	0	28
<b>Total Petitions Available for Processing</b>	232	0	232
Processed by:			
Adjudicated Dependent			
Judge	124	0	124
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0	0	0
Adjudicated NOT Dependent			
Judge	2	0	2
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0	0	0
Withdrawn/Dismissed/Inactive	34	0	34
Other	3	0	3
Total Petitions Processed	163	0	163
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	69	0	69

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#### Abuse/Neglect and Status Offenses New Cases Filed, 2014-2023



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## 2023 Juvenile Dependency - Adjudicated Dependent Inventory

	Abuse/ Neglect	(	Status Offenses	5 Tota	al
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	257		0	25	7
New Adjudicated Dependent Cases	124		0	12	4
Other	5		0		5
<b>Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases</b>	386		0	38	6
Court Supervision Terminated:					
Family Reunification	32	27.6%	0	3	2 27.6%
Adoption	30	25.9%	0	3	0 25.9%
Placement with a Relative/Guardian	37	31.9%	0	3	7 31.9%
Aged Out	9	7.8%	0		9 7.8%
Other Permanency Outcomes*	3	2.6%	0	:	3 2.6%
Other**	5	4.3%	0	:	5 4.3%
Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases Terminated	116	100.0%	0	100.0% 11	6 100.0%
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2023</b>	270		0	27	0

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

<sup>\*\*</sup> Other includes cases where court supervision is terminated due to transfer out of jurisdiction, withdrawal and administrative closure.

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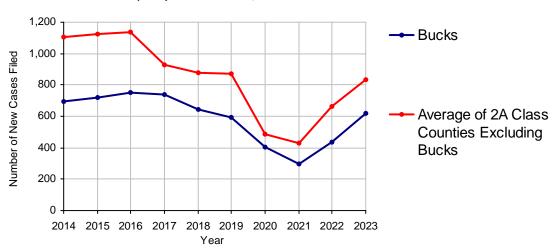
## 2023 Juvenile Delinquency - Cases Pending Disposition

Begin Pending	132
New Cases	621
Consent Decree Revoked	19
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	0
Alternative Program Revoked	0
Warrant Returned	20
Other	26
Total Cases Available for Disposition	818
Warrant Issued	26
Disposed by:	
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	348
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile	
Court Hearing Officer	0
Consent Decree Entered	99
Informal Adjustment Program Entered	58
Warned and Counseled (Pre-Petition)	0
Dismissed/Withdrawn/Transferred	113
Transferred to Criminal Court	0
Other	5
Total Cases Disposed	623
End Pending	169
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#### Juvenile Delinquency New Cases Filed, 2014-2023



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#### 2023 Delinquency - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	67	148	0	215	34.6%
Property	109	77	0	186	30.0%
Drug	2	133	0	135	21.7%
Weapon	3	18	0	21	3.4%
Public Order	11	44	0	55	8.9%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	0	6	0	6	1.0%
Motor Vehicle - Other	1	0	0	1	0.2%
Other	0	2	0	2	0.3%
Total	193	428	0	621	100.0%
	31.1%	68.9%	0.0%	100.0%	

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## 2023 Juvenile Delinquency - Formal Dispositions

Begin Pending	299
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	348
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile	0
Court Hearing Officer	0
Warrant Returned	61
Other	3
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases	711
Warrant Issued	51
Court Supervision Terminated:	
Conditions Satisfied	164
Compelling Reasons	31
Reached Age 21	6
Transferred to Another Juvenile Court	0
Other	4
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases	
Terminated	205
End Pending	455
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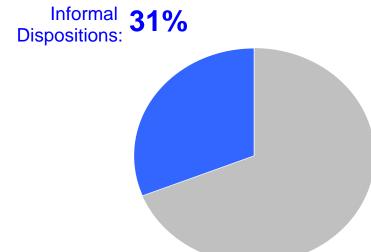
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## 2023 Juvenile Delinquency - Informal Dispositions

2020 davernie Benniquency	
Pending Consent Decrees	63
Pending Informal Adjustments	23
New Consent Decrees	99
New Informal Adjustments	58
Warrant Returned	0
Other	19
Cases Informally Disposed	262
Warrant Issued	3
Terminated by:	
Consent Decree Completed	91
Informal Adjustment Completed	47
Consent Decree Revoked	19
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	0
Other	8
Total Informally Disposed Cases Terminate	ed 165
End Pending	94
(D) Paying	

(R) - Revised Data provided by CPCMS



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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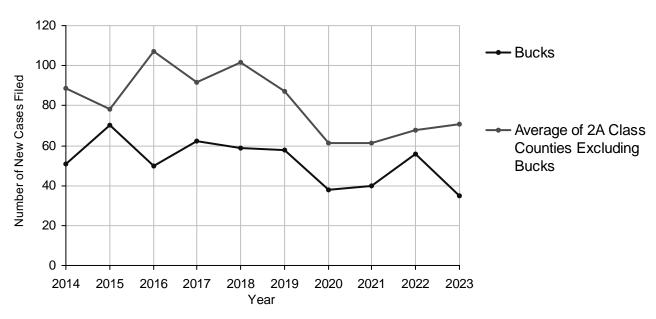
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2023 Ac	counts	No. of Cases	
Cases Pendi	ing 1/1/2023	58	
New Cases I	Filed in 2023	35	
Cases Avail	able for Processing	93	
Processed B	y:		
	Contested before a Judge	4	12.9%
	Contested before a Non-Judicial Officer	0	
	Uncontested	24	77.4%
	Other	3	9.7%
Cases Proc	essed	31	100.0%
Cases Pend	ling 12/31/2023	62	

#### Accounts New Cases Filed, 2014-2023



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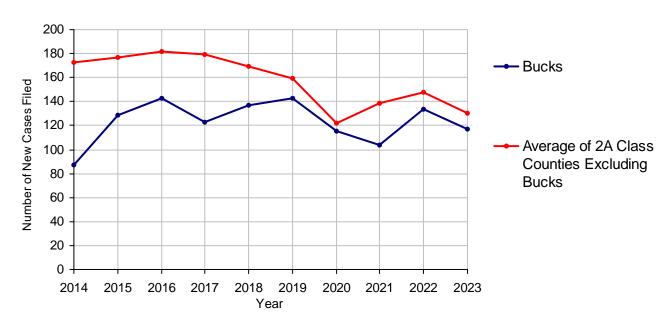
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2023 Adoptions		No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2023		23	
New Cases Filed in 2023		117	
Cases Available for Processing		140	
Processed By:			
Contested before a Judge	Granted	0	
	Denied	0	
Uncontested	Granted	109	100.0%
	Denied	0	
Other		0	
Cases Processed		109	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023		31	

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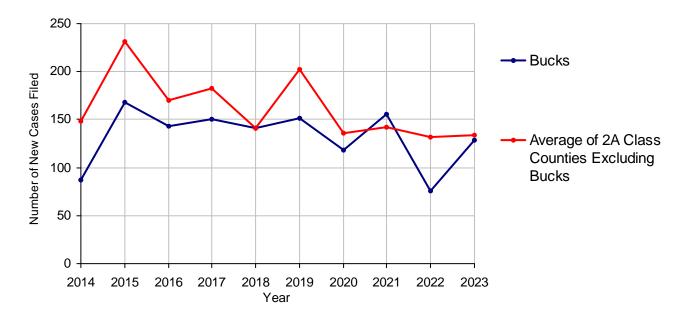
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2023 Relinquishments/Terminations	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	125	
New Cases Filed in 2023	129	
Cases Available for Processing	254	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	22	17.7%
Uncontested	102	82.3%
Other	0	
Cases Processed	124	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	130	

#### Relinquishments/Terminations New Cases Filed, 2014-2023



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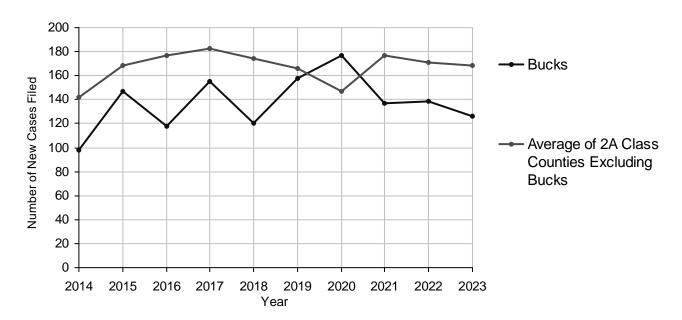
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2023 Ap	pointment of Guardians	No. of Cases	
Cases Pendi	ing 1/1/2023	37	
New Cases I	Filed in 2023	126	
Cases Avail	able for Processing	163	
Processed B	y:		
	Contested before a Judge	13	8.4%
	Uncontested	112	72.7%
	Other	29	18.8%
Cases Proc	essed	154	100.0%
Cases Pend	ling 12/31/2023	9	

#### Appointment of Guardians New Cases Filed, 2014-2023



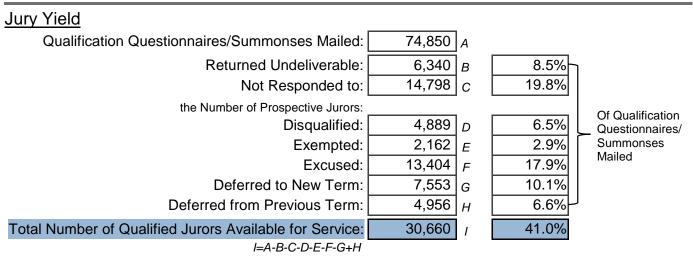
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#### 2023 Jury Yield and Utilization



#### Jury Utilization

the Number of Jurors:

Reporting for Service:	7,189
Told Not to Report for Service:	16,830
Sent to Courtroom for Jury Selection (Voir Dire):	3,706
Impaneled or Sworn (jurors/alternates):	918
Removed for Cause/Hardship:	767
Removed by Peremptory Challenge:	847
Number of Jury Trials Started:	73

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Number of Jury Trials Started:	73
Pool Days:	79
Zero Panel Days	24

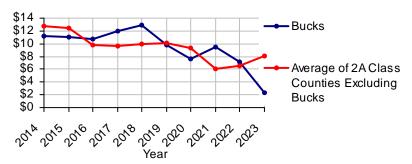
23.4%	Of Jurors Qualified
54.9%	and Available
51.6%	10.00.0.0.0.000.0.09
12.8%	for Service

30.4% (Of Pool Days)

#### **Jury Costs**

Total Annual Budget for Juror Operations:	\$174,078.00	J
Average Cost Per Juror:	\$2.33	κ
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#### Average Cost Per Juror, 2014-2023

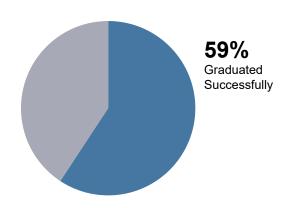


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#### 27 Discharges

## Of All Court Participants Discharged:



#### 43 Admissions

Adult Drug Court 28

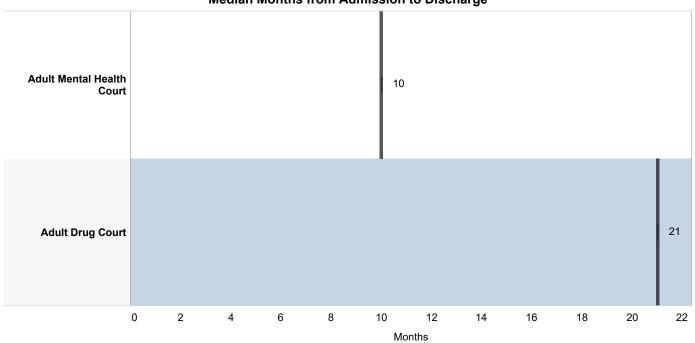
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#### **Discharge Reason**

	Successfully Completed	Unsuccessful /Non-Compliant	Unsuccessful /Absconded	Other	Total Discharges
Adult Drug Court	16 (72.7%)	2 (9.1%)	2 (9.1%)	2 (9.1%)	22 (100.0%)
Adult Mental Health Court		2 (40.0%)	2 (40.0%)	(20.0%)	5 (100.0%)

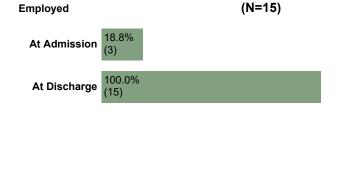
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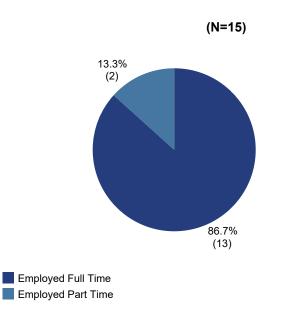


Among successful graduates, there was a 400% increase in employment.

87% of the employed successful graduates were employed full time:



**26%** (7) of all participants have improved in **education level** at discharge.



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