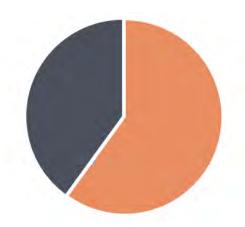
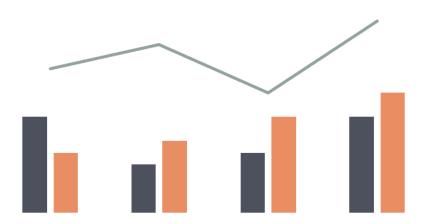
# 2023 Butler Court of Common Pleas Caseload Statistics for







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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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**Data Scientist** 

Department of Research and Statistics

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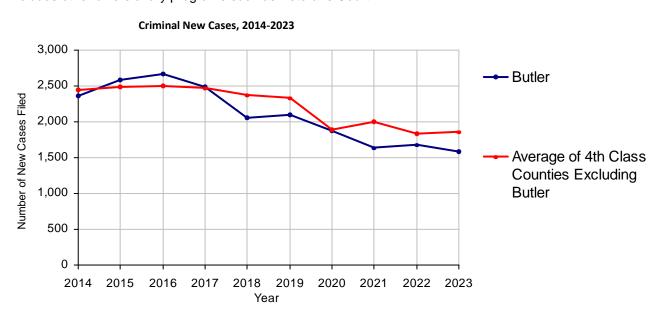


2023 Criminal	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	965	
New Cases Filed in 2023	1,589	
Reopened Cases	198	
Cases Available for Processing	2,752	
Processed by:		
Withdrawn/Dismissed	137	7.9%
Diversionary Disposition*	356	20.4%
Guilty Plea	1,079	62.0%
Non-Jury Trial	6	0.3%
Jury Trial	8	0.5%
Inactive	152	8.7%
Other	3	0.2%
Total Cases Processed	1,741	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	1,011	
Cases Awaiting Sentencing	91	

Age of Pendas of 12/	•	es
0-60 Days	251	24.8%
61-120 Days	176	17.4%
121-180 Days	174	17.2%
181-240 Days	124	12.3%
241-300 Days	76	7.5%
301-360 Days	63	6.2%
Over 360 Days	147	14.5%
Total	1,011	100.0%

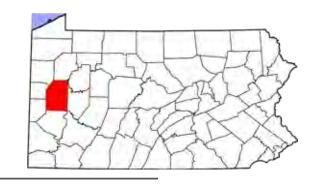
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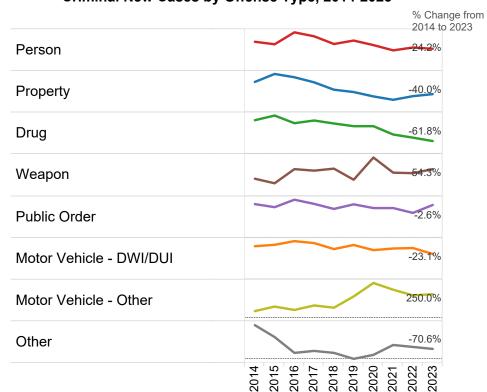


#### 2023 Criminal - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	105	133	0	238	15.0%
Property	225	180	0	405	25.5%
Drug	70	107	0	177	11.1%
Weapon	50	4	0	54	3.4%
Public Order	55	95	0	150	9.4%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	32	507	0	539	33.9%
Motor Vehicle - Other	3	18	0	21	1.3%
Other	5	0	0	5	0.3%
Total	545	1,044	0	1,589	100.0%
	34.3%	65.7%	0.0%	100.0%	

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



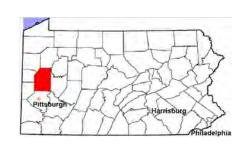
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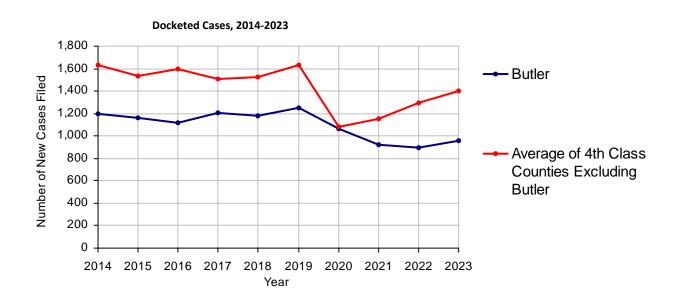
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2023 Civil	<b>Civil Action</b>	Other	Total			
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	1,393	1,133	2,526 <sup>(R)</sup>			
Docketed Cases	738	222	960			
Arbitration Appeals	2	0	2 =			
Transferred In	3	60	63	Age of Pendi	_	<del>)</del> S
Returned to Active	10	4	14	as of 12/3		
Cases Available for Processing	2,146	1,419	3,565 =	(Civil Actio	n Only)	
	_,	1,110	0,000	0-6 months	346	28.6%
Processed By:				7-12 months	199	16.4%
Default Judgments	205	72	277	13-18 months	189	15.6%
Cases Decided by Arbitration Boar	d 36	18	54	19-24 months	138	11.4%
Dispositive Motions	17	5	22	25-30 months	125	10.3%
Settlements	100	49	149	31-36 months	56	4.6%
Moved to Inactive Status	29	11	40	37-42 months	37	3.1%
Transferred/Withdrawn	15	33	48	43-48 months	38	3.1%
Dismissed/Discontinued	378	344	722	49-54 months	22	1.8%
Administrative Purge	68	8	76	55-60 months	11	0.9%
Other	79	132	211	61-66 months	19	1.6%
Jury Trial	5	0	5	67-72 months	9	0.7%
Non-Jury Trial	4	8	12	Over 72 months	21	1.7%
<b>Total Cases Processed</b>	936	680	1,616	Total	1,210	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	1,210	739	1,949			

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## 2023 Civil - Docketed Cases Listed by Case Type

TORT	170	17.7%	REAL PROPERTY	181	18.9%
(does not include mass tort)			Ejectment*	22	
Intentional	8		Eminent Domain/Condemnation*	7	
Malicious Prosecution	0		Ground Rent	0	
Motor Vehicle	89		Landlord/Tenant Dispute	3	
Nuisance	0		Mortgage Foreclosure:	J	
Premise Liability	31		Residential*	123	
Product Liability	6		Commercial*	2	
Slander/Libel/Defamation	3		Partition of Real Property*	6	
Other	33		Quiet Title*	8	
MASS TORT	0		Other*	10	
Asbestos	0		CIVIL APPEALS	8	0.8%
Tobacco	0		- Administrative Agencies		
Toxic Tort - DES	0		Board of Assessment*	0	
Toxic Tort - Implant	0		Board of Elections*	2	
Toxic Waste	0		Dept. of Transportation*	0	
Other	0		Zoning Board*	3	
PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY			Statutory Appeal - Other*	2	
PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY	11	1.1%	Other*	1	
Dental	0		MISCELLANEOUS		
Legal	0			36	3.8%
Medical Malpractice	9		Common Law/		
Other	2		Statutory Arbitration*	0	
CONTRACT	554	57.7%	Declaratory Judgment*	14	
(does not include judgments)		<u> </u>	Mandamus*	3	
Buyer Plaintiff	9		Non-Domestic Relations		
Debt Collection: Credit Card	375		Restraining Order*	0	
Debt Collection: Other	115		Quo Warranto*	0	
Employment Dispute:Discrimination	0		Replevin*	7	
Employment Dispute: Other	10		Other*	12	
Other	45		TOTAL DOCKETED CASES.	000	400.00/
Of the Docketed Cases:			TOTAL DOCKETED CASES:	960	100.0%
Pro Se Filings: 19 2.0%	Class	Action Suits:	1 0.1% MDJ Appeals:	4	8 5.0%

\*Civil Other

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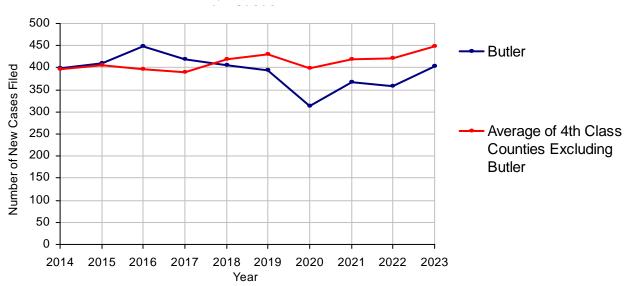
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2023 Protection From Abuse	No. of Petitions	5
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	76	
New Cases Filed in 2023	403	
Of these, Petitions Requesting Temporary Orders: 403 (100.0%) Temporary Orders DENIED: 42 (10.4%), Temporary Orders GRANTED: 361 (89.6%)		
Cases Available for Processing	479	
Processed By:		
Temporary Order DENIED After Ex Parte Hearing and No Evidentiary Hearing Scheduled	42	11.4%
Temporary Order DISMISSED After Evidentiary Hearing and No Final Order Entered	102	27.7%
Final Order DENIED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	24	6.5%
Final Order GRANTED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	52	14.1%
Plaintiff Did Not Appear For Evidentiary Hearing	76	20.7%
Final Order by STIPULATION OR AGREEMENT Between the Parties	47	12.8%
Petition WITHDRAWN by Plaintiff	25	6.8%
TRANSFERRED to Another Jurisdiction	0	
Other	0	
Cases Processed		100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	111	

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



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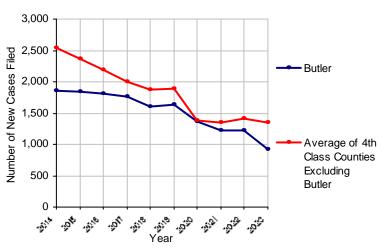
2023 Spousal & Child Support	No. of Petitions	3
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	215	
New Cases Filed in 2023	921	
Dockets Transferred In (+)	10	
Dockets Transferred Out (-)	38	
Cases Available for Processing	1,108	
Processed By:		
Judge	79	8.3%
Intake Officer	872	91.7%
Hearing Officer	0	
Other	0	
Cases Processed	951	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	157	

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2023 Paternity	No. of Cases	
Acknowledgements Filed:		
Non-Domestic Relations Section	79	86.8%
During Conference	11	12.1%
Non-Stipulated (post genetic test)	0	
Pre-Trial Conference	1	1.1%
Total	91	100.0%
Established:		
Stipulated by Genetic Tests	9	25.0%
Default - Father Failed to Appear	2	5.6%
Adjudication by Court Proceeding	0	
Out of State	25	69.4%
Total	36	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	10	

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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".

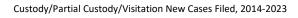
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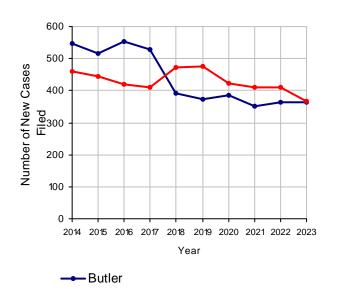
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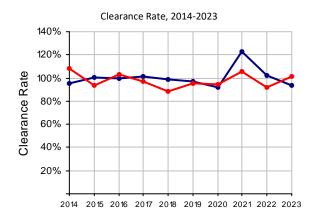


2023 Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation	No. of Petitions	
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	164	
New Cases Filed in 2023	365	
Cases Available for Processing	529	
Processed By:		
Judge	68	19.8%
Non-Judicial Officer	155	45.2%
Administrative Review/Purge	0	
Other	120	35.0%
Cases Processed	343	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	186	

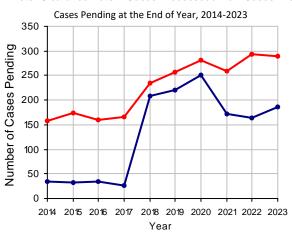




Average of 4th Class Counties Excluding



Note: Clearance Rate = Cases Processed / New Cases Filed

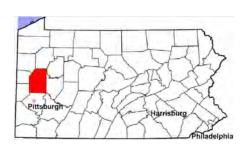


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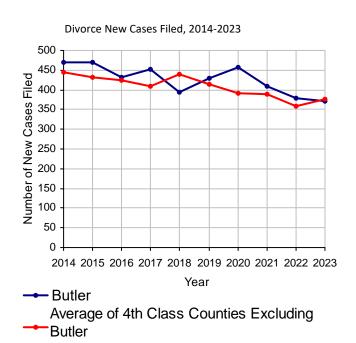
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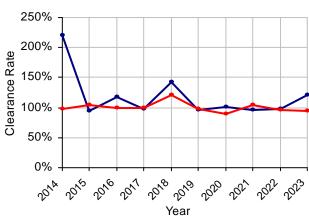
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2023 Divorce	No. of Petitions	
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	527	
New Cases Filed in 2023	371	
Cases Available for Processing	898	
Processed By:		
Contested Before a Judge	0	
Contested Before a Non-Judicial Officer	0	
Uncontested	413	92.4%
Administrative Review/Purge	34	7.6%
Other	0	
Cases Processed	447	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	451	

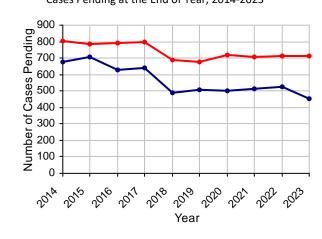


Note. The unusually high clearance rate in 2014 was due to an administrative review and purge.



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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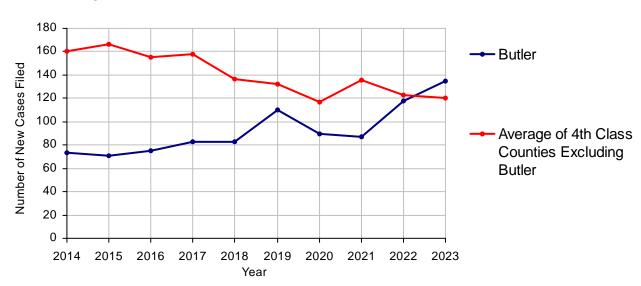


# 2023 Juvenile Dependency - Petitions Pending Adjudication

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	22	0	22
New Petitions Filed in 2023	135	0	135
Other	35	0	35
<b>Total Petitions Available for Processing</b>	192	0	192
Processed by:			
Adjudicated Dependent			
Judge	14	0	14
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	103	0	103
Adjudicated NOT Dependent			
Judge	0	0	0
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	2	0	2
Withdrawn/Dismissed/Inactive	48	0	48
Other	2	0	2
Total Petitions Processed	169	0	169
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	23	0	23

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

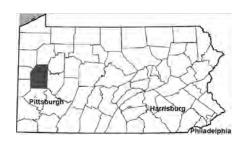


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## 2023 Juvenile Dependency - Adjudicated Dependent Inventory

	Abuse/ Neglect		Status Offenses	s Tota	ı
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	131		2	133	i
New Adjudicated Dependent Cases	117		0	117	
Other	2		0	2	
Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases	250		2	252	
Court Supervision Terminated:					
Family Reunification	43	43.9%	0	43	43.9%
Adoption	14	14.3%	0	14	14.3%
Placement with a Relative/Guardian	38	38.8%	0	38	38.8%
Aged Out	1	1.0%	0	1	1.0%
Other Permanency Outcomes*	0		0	0	
Other**	2	2.0%	0	2	2.0%
Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases Terminated	98	100.0%	0	100.0% 98	100.0%
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2023</b>	152		2	154	

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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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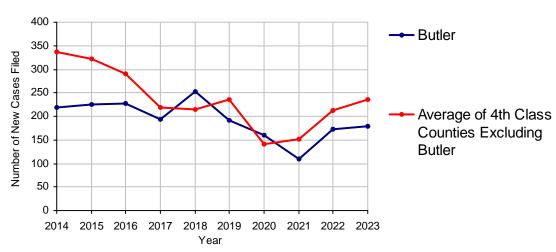
## 2023 Juvenile Delinquency - Cases Pending Disposition

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Begin Pending	43
New Cases	179
Consent Decree Revoked	0
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	0
Alternative Program Revoked	0
Warrant Returned	2
Other	8
Total Cases Available for Disposition	232
Warrant Issued	3
Disposed by:	
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	24
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile	
Court Hearing Officer	34
Consent Decree Entered	53
Informal Adjustment Program Entered	21
Warned and Counseled (Pre-Petition)	0
Dismissed/Withdrawn/Transferred	40
Transferred to Criminal Court	0
Other	0
Total Cases Disposed	172
End Pending	57

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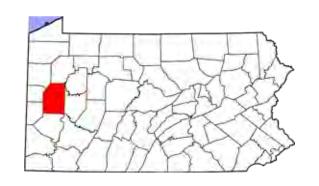
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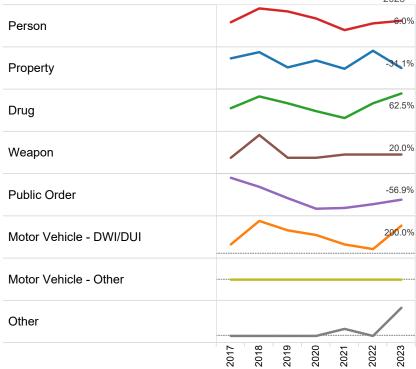
#### 2023 Delinquency - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	21	50	0	71	39.7%
Property	10	21	0	31	17.3%
Drug	3	36	0	39	21.8%
Weapon	0	6	0	6	3.4%
Public Order	5	17	0	22	12.3%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	0	6	0	6	3.4%
Motor Vehicle - Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Other	0	4	0	4	2.2%
Total	39	140	0	179	100.0%
	21.8%	78.2%	0.0%	100.0%	

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#### Delinquency New Cases by Offense Type, 2017-2023

% Change from 2017 to 2023



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# 2023 Juvenile Delinquency - Formal Dispositions

Begin Pending	66
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	24
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	34
Warrant Returned	3
Other	0
<b>Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases</b>	127
Warrant Issued	4
Court Supervision Terminated:	
Conditions Satisfied	45
Compelling Reasons	2
Reached Age 21	0
Transferred to Another Juvenile Court	0
Other	1
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases	
Terminated	48
End Pending	75
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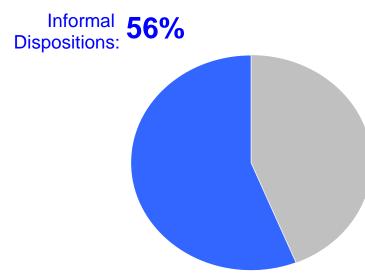
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## 2023 Juvenile Delinquency - Informal Dispositions

35
6
53
21
0
0
115
0
60
23
0
0
0
83
32

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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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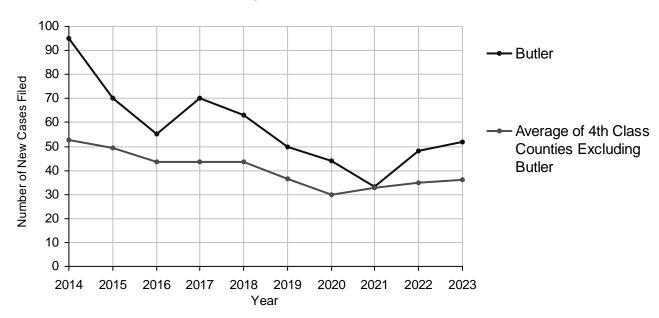
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2023 A	ccounts	No. of Cases	
Cases Pen	ding 1/1/2023	40 <sup>(R</sup>	2)
New Cases	s Filed in 2023	52	
Cases Ava	nilable for Processing	92	
Processed	Ву:		
	Contested before a Judge	1	2.0%
	Contested before a Non-Judicial Officer	0	
	Uncontested	46	93.9%
	Other	2	4.1%
Cases Pro	cessed	49	100.0%
Cases Per	nding 12/31/2023	43	

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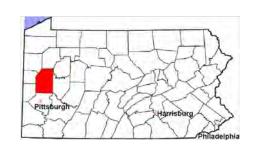
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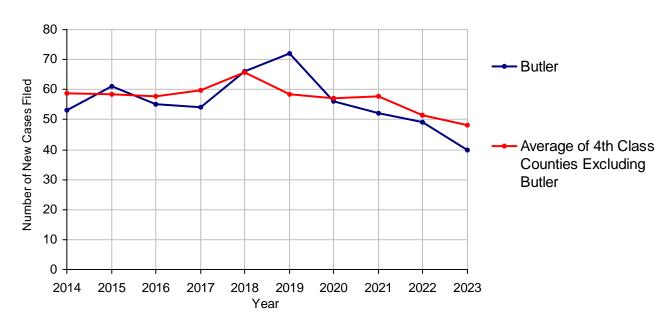
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2023 Adoptions		No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2023		20 <sup>(R)</sup>	)
New Cases Filed in 2023		40	
Cases Available for Processing		60	
Processed By:			
Contested before a Judge	Granted	2	5.0%
	Denied	0	
Uncontested	Granted	38	95.0%
	Denied	0	
Other		0	
Cases Processed		40	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023		20	

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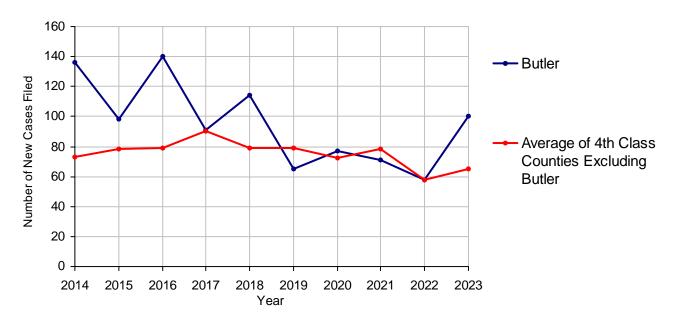
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2023 Relinquishments/Terminations	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	79 <sup>(R</sup>	.)
New Cases Filed in 2023	100	
Cases Available for Processing	179	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	23	39.7%
Uncontested	35	60.3%
Other	0	
Cases Processed	58	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	121	

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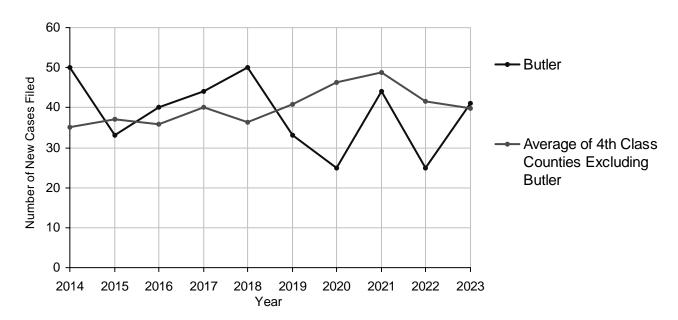
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2023 Appointment of Guardians	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	84	
New Cases Filed in 2023	41	
Cases Available for Processing	125	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	0	
Uncontested	42	97.7%
Other	1	2.3%
Cases Processed	43	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	82	

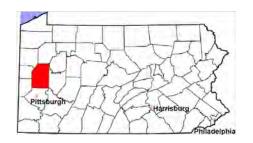
#### Appointment of Guardians New Cases Filed, 2014-2023



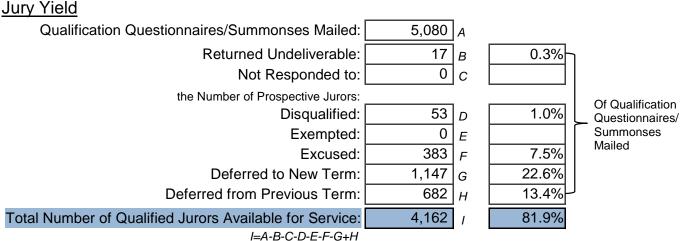
2023 Population estimate: 198,413

Class of County: 4th

No. of Common Pleas Court Judgeships: 6



### 2023 Jury Yield and Utilization



#### Jury Utilization

the Number of Jurors:

Reporting for Service:	1,574
Told Not to Report for Service:	2,035
Sent to Courtroom for Jury Selection (Voir Dire):	838
Impaneled or Sworn (jurors/alternates):	160
Removed for Cause/Hardship:	186
Removed by Peremptory Challenge:	128

Number of Jury Trials Started: 11

Pool Days: 10 Zero Panel Days 0

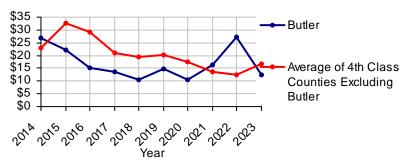
37.8%	
48.9%	and Available
53.2%	1 1 0 1 0 a 1 a 1 a 1 a 1 a 1 a 1 a 1 a
10.2%	for Service

(Of Pool Days)

#### **Jury Costs**

Total Annual Budget for Juror Operations:	\$64,000.00	J
Average Cost Per Juror:	\$12.60	K
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#### Average Cost Per Juror, 2014-2023

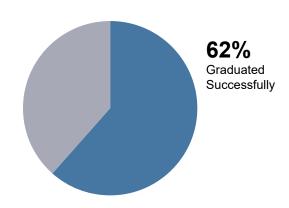


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## 2023 Problem Solving Courts

#### 26 Discharges

#### Of All Court Participants Discharged:



#### **30** Admissions

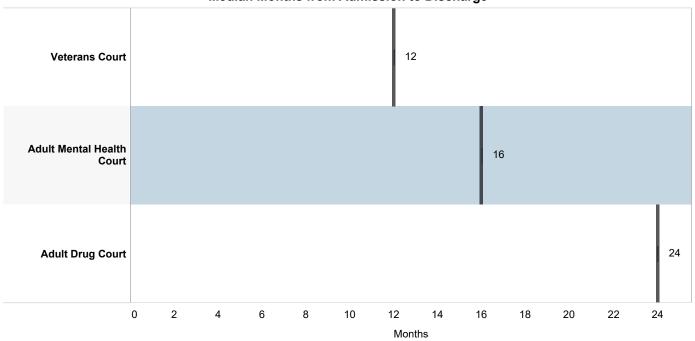
Adult Drug Court	9
Adult Mental Health Court	8
Veterans Court	13

#### **Discharge Reason**

	Successfully Completed	Unsuccessful/New Offense	Unsuccessful /Non-Compliant	Voluntarily Withdrew	Other	Total Discharges
Adult Drug Court	5 (55.6%)	1 (11.1%)	3 (33.3%)			9 (100.0%)
Adult Mental Health Court	4 (66.7%)		1 (16.7%)		1 (16.7%)	6 (100.0%)
Veterans Court	7 (63.6%)		3 (27.3%)	1 (9.1%)		11 <i>(100.0%)</i>

#### **2023 Problem Solving Courts**



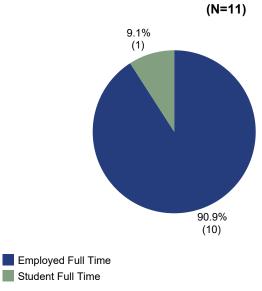


Among successful graduates, there was a 175% increase in employment.

91% of the employed successful graduates were employed full time:



(N=16)



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