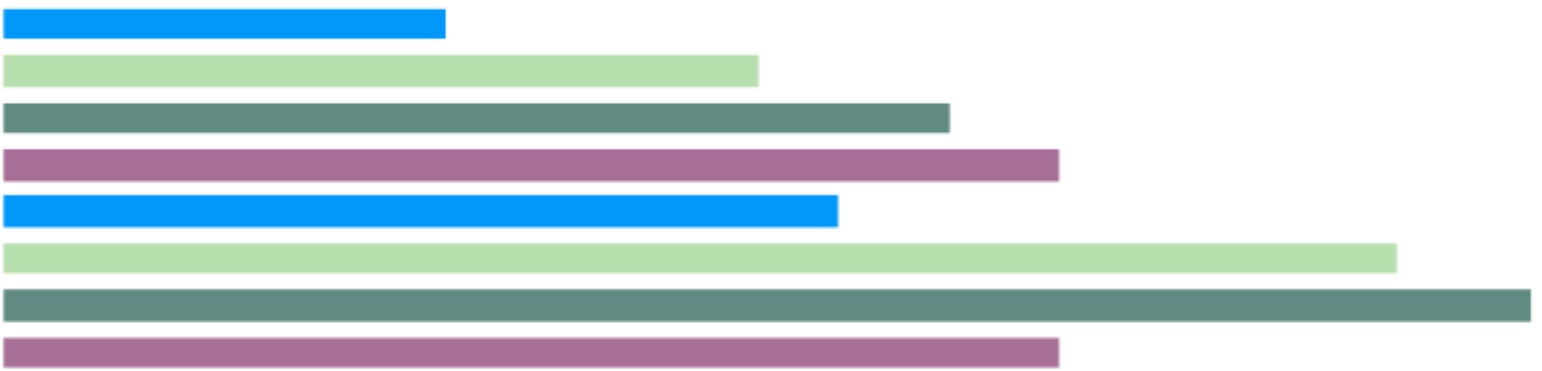
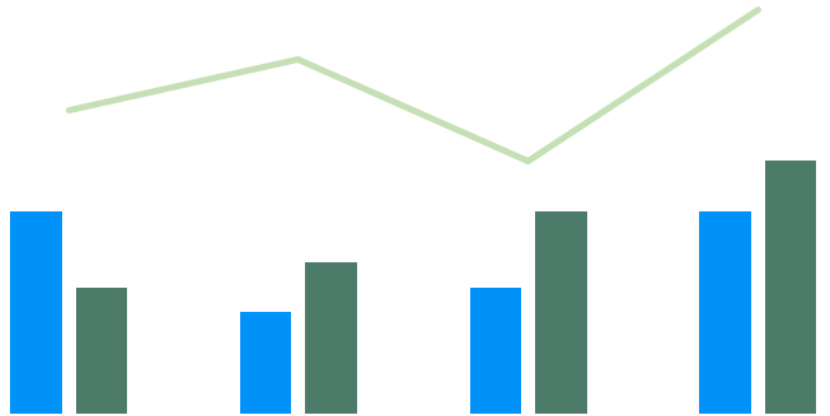


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Court of Common Pleas  
Caseload Statistics for

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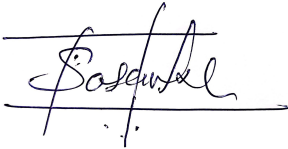




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Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at 717.231.3300.

Sincerely,

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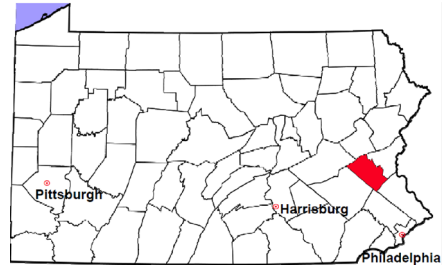
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## 2022 Criminal No. of Cases

Cases Pending 1/1/2022	1,166
New Cases Filed in 2022	3,514
Reopened Cases	237
<b>Cases Available for Processing</b>	<b>4,917</b>

### Processed by:

Withdrawn/Dismissed	109	2.9%
Diversionsary Disposition*	1,211	32.0%
Guilty Plea	2,213	58.6%
Non-Jury Trial	8	0.2%
Jury Trial	19	0.5%
Inactive	203	5.4%
Other	16	0.4%
<b>Total Cases Processed</b>	<b>3,779</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Cases Pending 12/31/2022** **1,138**

Cases Awaiting Sentencing 176

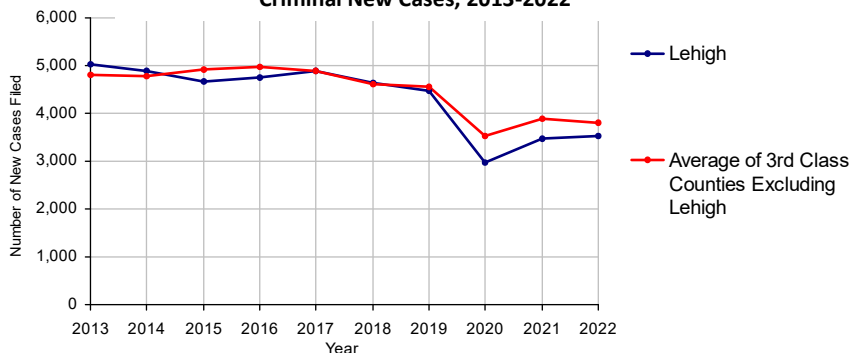
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\* Includes other diversionsary programs such as Veterans Court.

## Age of Pending Cases as of 12/31/2022

0-60 Days	584	51.3%
61-120 Days	244	21.4%
121-180 Days	125	11.0%
181-240 Days	60	5.3%
241-300 Days	38	3.3%
301-360 Days	32	2.8%
Over 360 Days	55	4.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,138</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Criminal New Cases, 2013-2022



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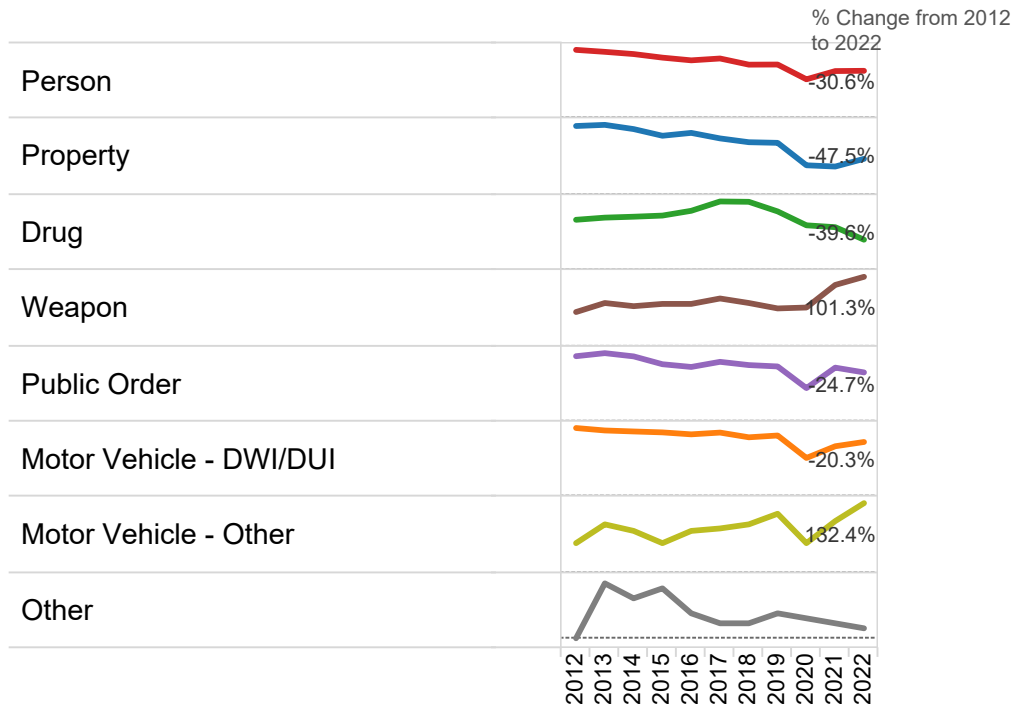


## 2022 Criminal - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	177	209	0	386	11.0%
Property	355	342	0	697	19.8%
Drug	164	369	0	533	15.2%
Weapon	101	54	0	155	4.4%
Public Order	70	219	0	289	8.2%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	50	1,316	0	1,366	38.9%
Motor Vehicle - Other	7	79	0	86	2.4%
Other	2	0	0	2	0.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>2,588</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,514</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
	<b>26.4%</b>	<b>73.6%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

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### Criminal New Cases by Offense Type, 2012-2022

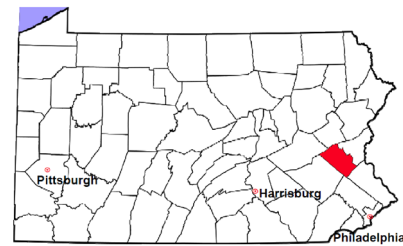


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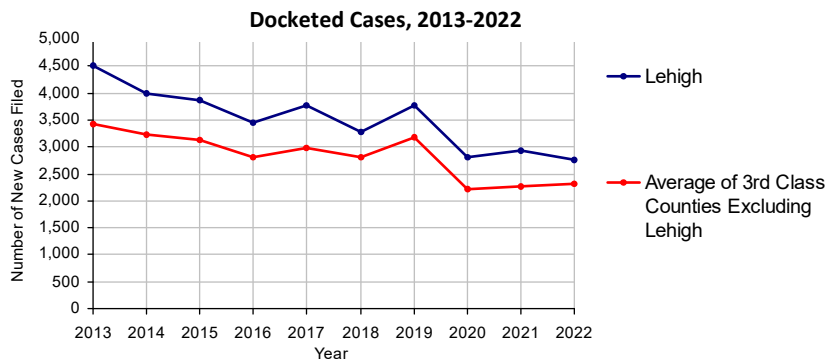
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2022 Civil	Civil Action	Other	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	2,193	714	2,907
Docketed Cases	1,811	954	2,765
Arbitration Appeals	36	24	60
Transferred In	20	3	23
Returned to Active	23	22	45
<b>Cases Available for Processing</b>	<b>4,083</b>	<b>1,717</b>	<b>5,800</b>
Processed By:			
Default Judgments	500	174	674
Cases Decided by Arbitration Board	156	131	287
Dispositive Motions	26	21	47
Settlements	793	240	1,033
Moved to Inactive Status	11	14	25
Transferred/Withdrawn	52	25	77
Dismissed/Discontinued	468	235	703
Administrative Purge	35	7	42
Other	81	163	244
Jury Trial	16	0	16
Non-Jury Trial	12	5	17
<b>Total Cases Processed</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>1,015</b>	<b>3,165</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2022</b>	<b>1,933</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>2,635</b>

Age of Pending Cases as of 12/31/2022 (Civil Action Only)		
0-6 months	851	44.0%
7-12 months	289	15.0%
13-18 months	243	12.6%
19-24 months	145	7.5%
25-30 months	104	5.4%
31-36 months	76	3.9%
37-42 months	45	2.3%
43-48 months	53	2.7%
49-54 months	77	4.0%
55-60 months	9	0.5%
61-66 months	10	0.5%
67-72 months	6	0.3%
Over 72 months	25	1.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,933</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



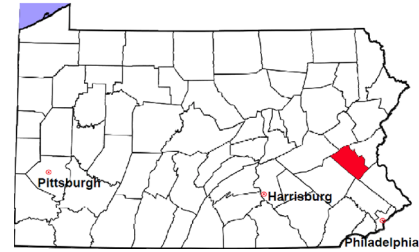


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## 2022 Civil - Docketed Cases Listed by Case Type

### TORT 651 23.5%

*(does not include mass tort)*

Intentional	11
Malicious Prosecution	0
Motor Vehicle	398
Nuisance	4
Premise Liability	112
Product Liability	10
Slander/Libel/Defamation	5
Other	111

### MASS TORT 0

Asbestos	0
Tobacco	0
Toxic Tort - DES	0
Toxic Tort - Implant	0
Toxic Waste	0
Other	0

### PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY 38 1.4%

Dental	0
Legal	2
Medical Malpractice	29
Other	7

### CONTRACT 1,113 40.3%

*(does not include judgments)*

Buyer Plaintiff	27
Debt Collection: Credit Card	471
Debt Collection: Other	462
Employment Dispute: Discrimination	6
Employment Dispute: Other	10
Other	137

### Of the Docketed Cases:

Pro Se Filings: 229 8.3%      Class Action Suits: 1 <0.1%      MDJ Appeals: 266 9.6%

\*Civil Other

### REAL PROPERTY 412 14.9%

Ejectment*	33
Eminent Domain/Condemnation*	1
Ground Rent	0
Landlord/Tenant Dispute	9
Mortgage Foreclosure:	
Residential*	320
Commercial*	11
Partition of Real Property*	14
Quiet Title*	9
Other*	15

### CIVIL APPEALS 470 17.0%

*- Administrative Agencies*

Board of Assessment*	60
Board of Elections*	0
Dept. of Transportation*	118
Zoning Board*	15
Statutory Appeal - Other*	7
Other*	270

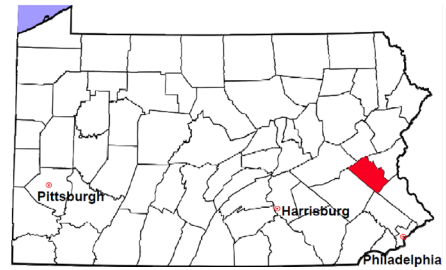
### MISCELLANEOUS 81 2.9%

Common Law/	
Statutory Arbitration*	0
Declaratory Judgment*	10
Mandamus*	3
Non-Domestic Relations	
Restraining Order*	23
Quo Warranto*	1
Replevin*	15
Other*	29

**TOTAL DOCKETED CASES: 2,765 100.0%**

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## 2022 Protection From Abuse

**No. of  
Petitions**

Cases Pending 1/1/2022	89
New Cases Filed in 2022	1,723

*Of these, Petitions Requesting Temporary Orders: 1,723 (100.0%)  
 Temporary Orders DENIED: 278 (16.1%), Temporary Orders GRANTED: 1,445 (83.9%)*

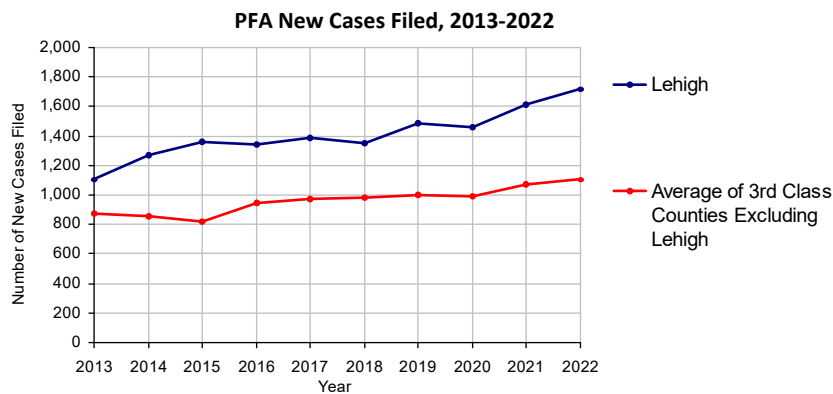
**Cases Available for Processing 1,812**

Processed By:

Temporary Order DENIED After Ex Parte Hearing and No Evidentiary Hearing Scheduled	121	7.0%
Temporary Order DISMISSED After Evidentiary Hearing and No Final Order Entered	248	14.3%
Final Order DENIED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	1	0.1%
Final Order GRANTED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	292	16.8%
Plaintiff Did Not Appear For Evidentiary Hearing	372	21.5%
Final Order by STIPULATION OR AGREEMENT Between the Parties	312	18.0%
Petition WITHDRAWN by Plaintiff	384	22.1%
TRANSFERRED to Another Jurisdiction	0	
Other	4	0.2%

**Cases Processed 1,734 100.0%**

**Cases Pending 12/31/2022 78**

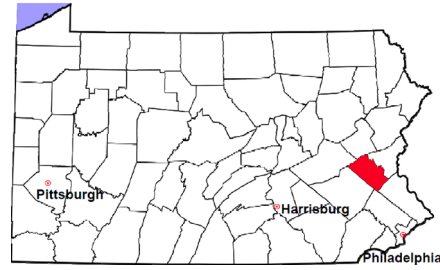


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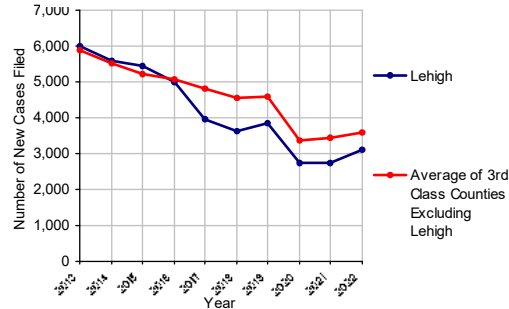
2022 Spousal & Child Support	No. of Petitions
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	602
New Cases Filed in 2022	3,108
Dockets Transferred In (+)	65
Dockets Transferred Out (-)	72
<b>Cases Available for Processing</b>	<b>3,703</b>
Processed By:	
Judge	56 1.8%
Intake Officer	2,588 84.9%
Hearing Officer	403 13.2%
Other	0
<b>Cases Processed</b>	<b>3,047 100.0%</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2022</b>	<b>656</b>

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2022 Paternity	No. of Cases
<b>Acknowledgements Filed:</b>	
Non-Domestic Relations Section	516 83.0%
During Conference	98 15.8%
Non-Stipulated (post genetic test)	0
Pre-Trial Conference	8 1.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>622 100.0%</b>
<b>Established:</b>	
Stipulated by Genetic Tests	45 15.3%
Default - Father Failed to Appear	43 14.6%
Adjudication by Court Proceeding	0
Out of State	206 70.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>294 100.0%</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2022</b>	<b>149</b>

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'Spousal & Child Support New Cases Filed, 2013-2022



## 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:

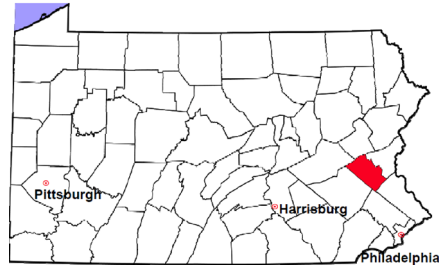
**STIPULATED BY GENETIC TESTS:** The alleged father requested genetic tests and signed a stipulation that if the test results had a 99% or higher probability of paternity then the alleged father would be stipulated as the biological father of the child.  
**DEFAULT - FATHER FAILED TO APPEAR:** The alleged 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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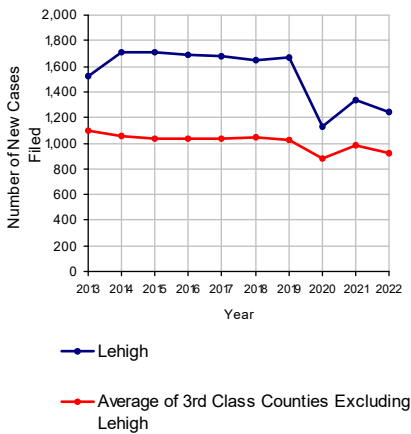


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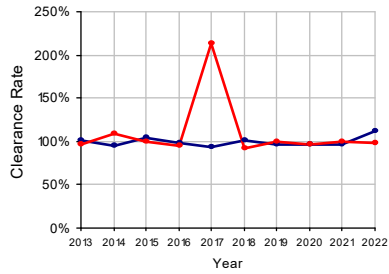
**No. of Petitions**

Cases Pending 1/1/2022	634
New Cases Filed in 2022	1,239
<b>Cases Available for Processing</b>	<b>1,873</b>
Processed By:	
Judge	139 10.0%
Non-Judicial Officer	632 45.4%
Administrative Review/Purge	101 7.3%
Other	521 37.4%
<b>Cases Processed</b>	<b>1,393 100.0%</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2022</b>	<b>480</b>

C Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation New Cases Filed, 2013-2022

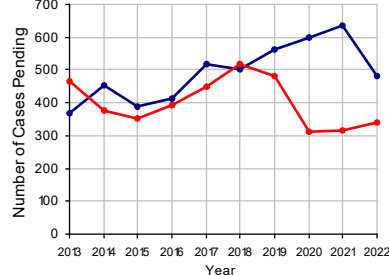


Clearance Rate, 2013-2022



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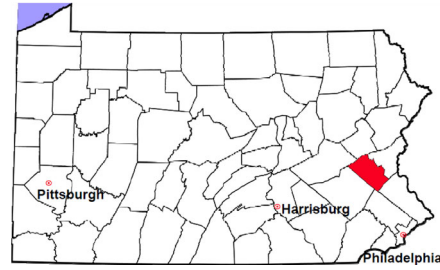


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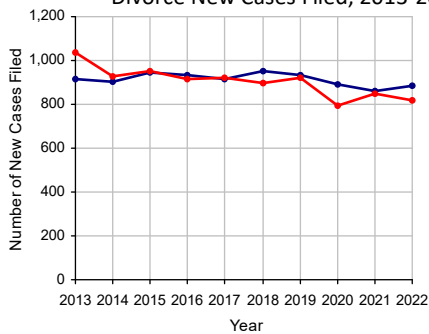
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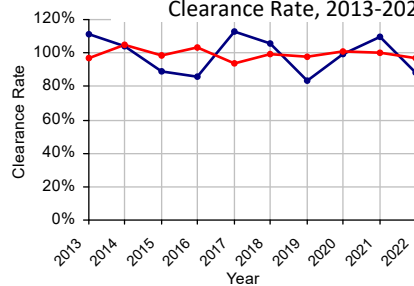
## 2022 Divorce

	No. of Petitions
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	1,562
New Cases Filed in 2022	887
<b>Cases Available for Processing</b>	<b>2,449</b>
Processed By:	
Contested Before a Judge	1 0.1%
Contested Before a Non-Judicial Officer	103 13.2%
Uncontested	570 72.8%
Administrative Review/Purge	97 12.4%
Other	12 1.5%
<b>Cases Processed</b>	<b>783 100.0%</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2022</b>	<b>1,666</b>

l Divorce New Cases Filed, 2013-2022

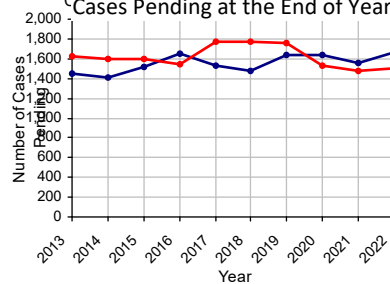


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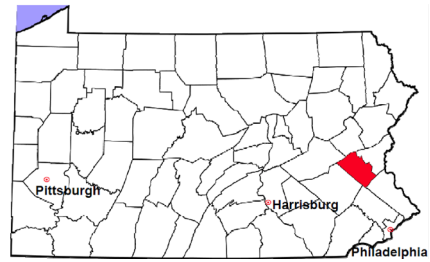
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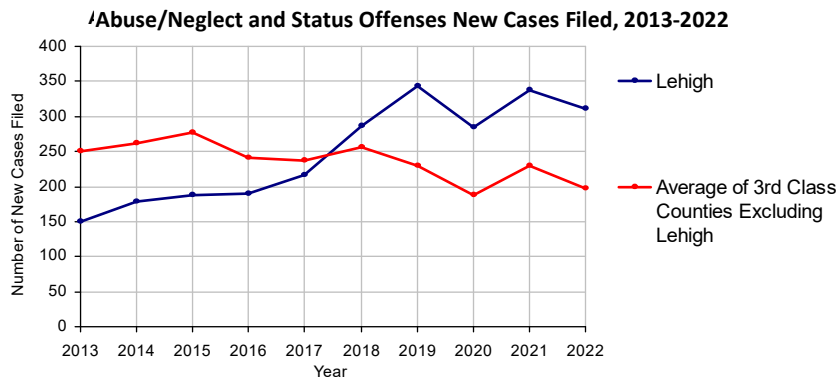
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## 2022 Juvenile Dependency - Petitions Pending Adjudication

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	65	0	65
New Petitions Filed in 2022	308	3	311
Other	41	0	41
<b>Total Petitions Available for Processing</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>417</b>
Processed by:			
Adjudicated Dependent			
Judge	11	0	11
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	171	2	173
Adjudicated NOT Dependent			
Judge	0	0	0
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	7	0	7
Withdrawn/Dismissed/Transferred	135	0	135
Other	16	0	16
<b>Total Petitions Processed</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>342</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2022</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>75</b>

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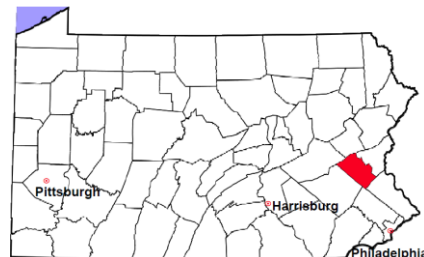


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## 2022 Juvenile Dependency - Adjudicated Dependent Inventory

	Abuse/ Neglect		Status Offenses		Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	380		0		380
New Adjudicated Dependent Cases	182		2		184
Other	3		0		3
<b>Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases</b>	<b>565</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>567</b>
<b><u>Court Supervision Terminated:</u></b>					
Family Reunification	48	24.2%	0		48 24.2%
Adoption	34	17.2%	0		34 17.2%
Placement with a Relative/Guardian	83	41.9%	0		83 41.9%
Aged Out	18	9.1%	0		18 9.1%
Other Permanency Outcomes*	9	4.5%	0		9 4.5%
Other**	6	3.0%	0		6 3.0%
<b>Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases Terminated</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>198 100.0%</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2022</b>	<b>367</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>369</b>

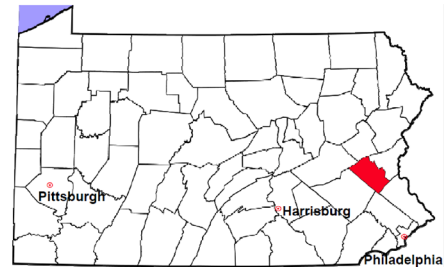
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\* Other Permanency Outcomes include: adjudicated delinquent, death due to natural causes, emancipation, permanent living arrangement, and parent has come forward.

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

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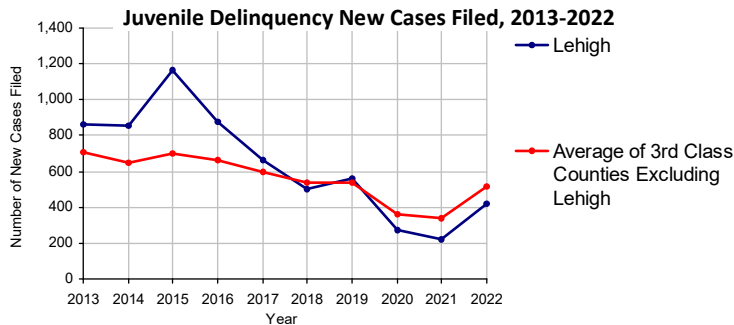
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## 2022 Juvenile Delinquency - Cases Pending Disposition

<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>89</b>
New Cases	423
Consent Decree Revoked	10
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	0
Alternative Program Revoked	0
Warrant Returned	3
Other	106
<b>Total Cases Available for Disposition</b>	<b>631</b>
<b>Warrant Issued</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Disposed by:</b>	
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	102
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	86
Consent Decree Entered	133
Informal Adjustment Program Entered	34
Warned and Counseled (Pre-Petition)	5
Dismissed/Withdrawn/Transferred	69
Transferred to Criminal Court	0
Other	44
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>473</b>
<b>End Pending</b>	<b>155</b>

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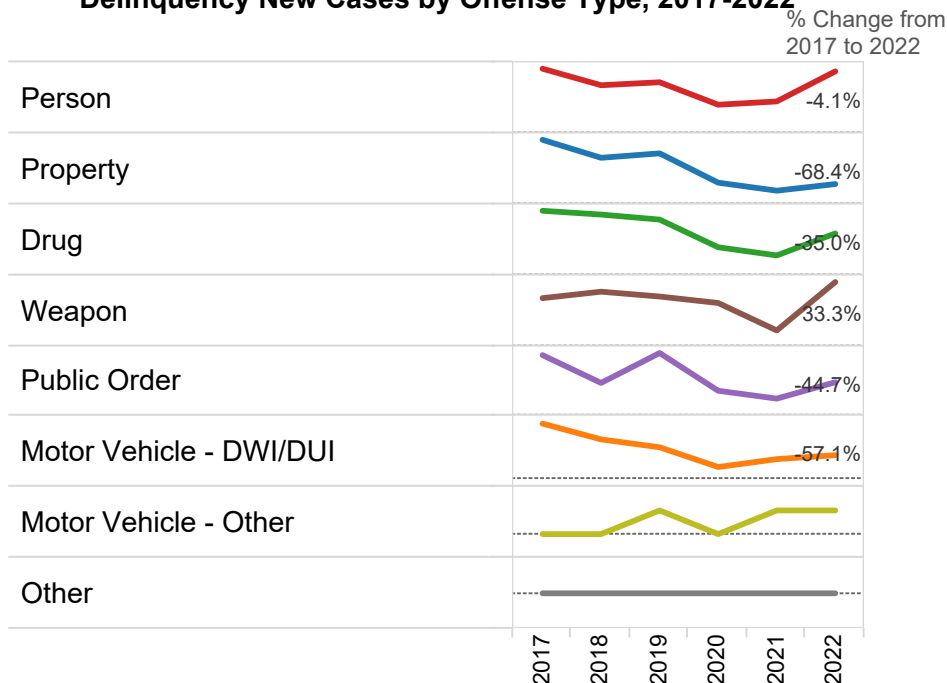


## 2022 Delinquency - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	44	144	0	188	44.4%
Property	40	34	0	74	17.5%
Drug	2	65	0	67	15.8%
Weapon	1	39	0	40	9.5%
Public Order	3	44	0	47	11.1%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	0	6	0	6	1.4%
Motor Vehicle - Other	0	1	0	1	0.2%
Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
	<b>21.3%</b>	<b>78.7%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

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### Delinquency New Cases by Offense Type, 2017-2022

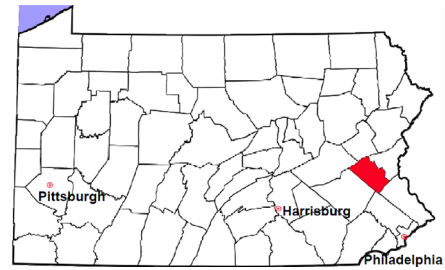


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<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>169</b>
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	102
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	86
Warrant Returned	1
Other	19
<b>Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases</b>	<b>377</b>
<b>Warrant Issued</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Court Supervision Terminated:</b>	
Conditions Satisfied	48
Compelling Reasons	89
Reached Age 21	3
Transferred to Another Juvenile Court	0
Other	22
<b>Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases Terminated</b>	<b>162</b>
<b>End Pending</b>	<b>214</b>

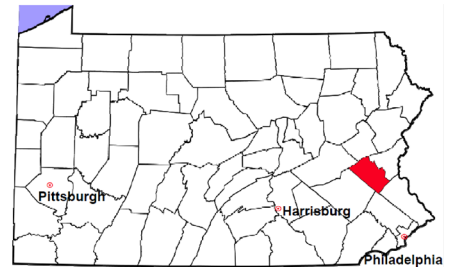
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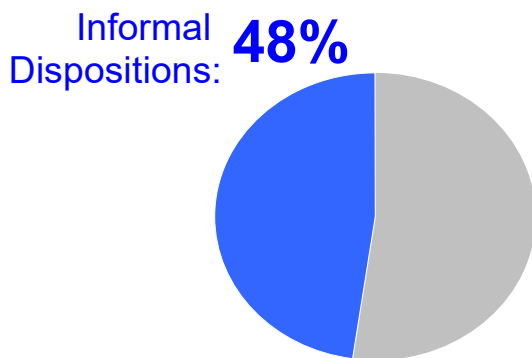
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## 2022 Juvenile Delinquency - Informal Dispositions

<b>Pending Consent Decrees</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Pending Informal Adjustments</b>	<b>5</b>
New Consent Decrees	133
<b>New Informal Adjustments</b>	<b>26</b>
Warrant Returned	0
<b>Other</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cases Informally Disposed</b>	<b>188</b>
<b>Warrant Issued</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Terminated by:</b>	
Consent Decree Completed	55
<b>Informal Adjustment Completed</b>	<b>21</b>
Consent Decree Revoked	10
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	0
<b>Other</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Total Informally Disposed Cases Terminated</b>	<b>105</b>
<b>End Pending</b>	<b>83</b>

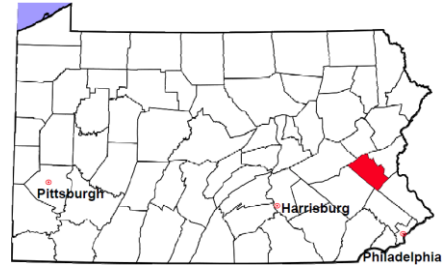
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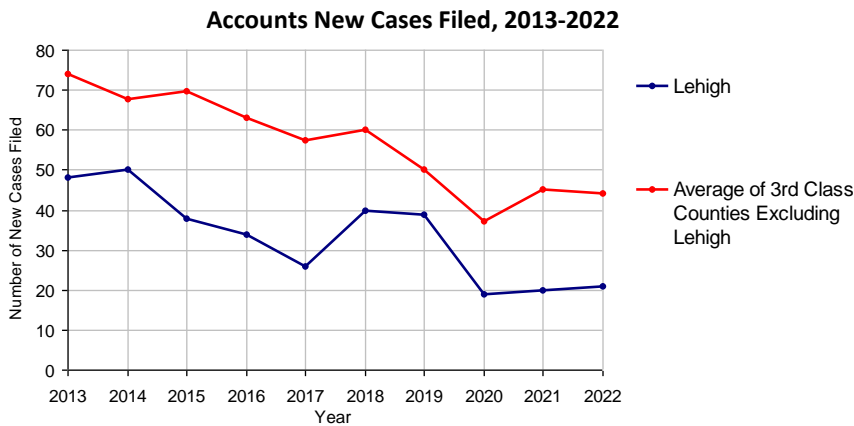
Delinquency Cases are disposed either formally, at a proceeding held before a judge or hearing officer, or informally without a proceeding. Informal dispositions include informal adjustments supervised by a juvenile probation officer; consent decrees agreed upon with the District Attorney after a petition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

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<b>2022 Accounts</b>	<b>No. of Cases</b>	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	8	
New Cases Filed in 2022	21	
<b>Cases Available for Processing</b>	<b>29</b>	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	1	4.3%
Contested before a Non-Judicial Officer	0	
Uncontested	17	73.9%
Other	5	21.7%
<b>Cases Processed</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2022</b>	<b>6</b>	

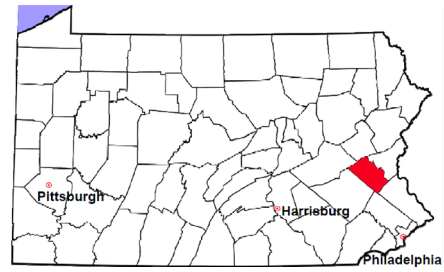


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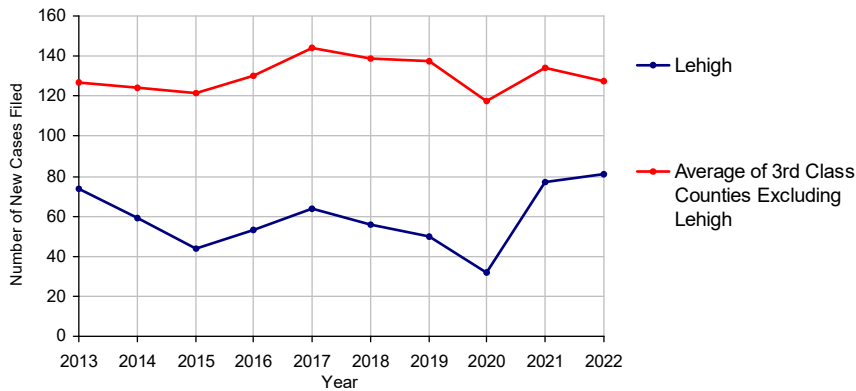


## 2022 Adoptions

**No. of Cases**

Cases Pending 1/1/2022			7
New Cases Filed in 2022			81
<b>Cases Available for Processing</b>			<b>88</b>
Processed By:			
Contested before a Judge	Granted		1 1.3%
	Denied		0
Uncontested	Granted		72 94.7%
	Denied		0
Other			3 3.9%
<b>Cases Processed</b>			<b>76 100.0%</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2022</b>			<b>12</b>

Adoptions New Cases Filed, 2013-2022

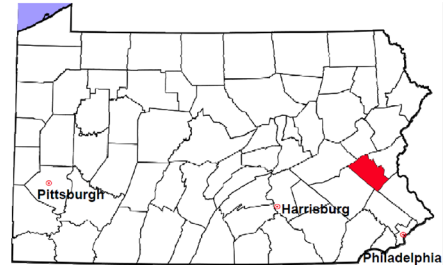


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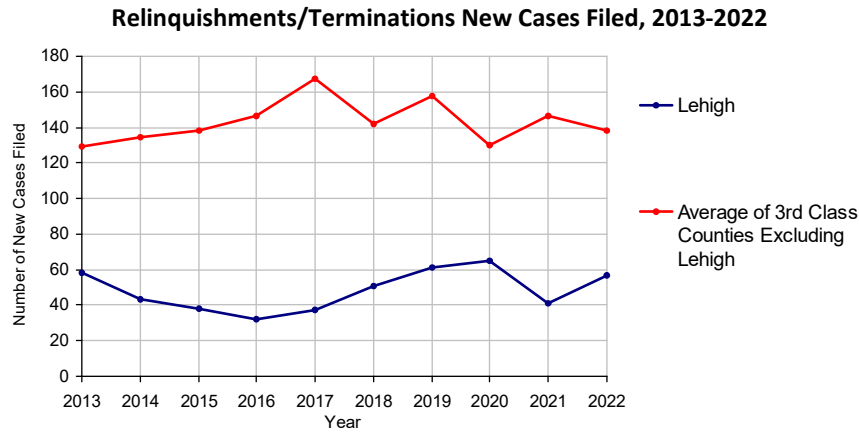
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2022 Relinquishments/Terminations	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	3	
New Cases Filed in 2022	57	
<b>Cases Available for Processing</b>	<b>60</b>	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	9	28.1%
Uncontested	18	56.3%
Other	5	15.6%
<b>Cases Processed</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2022</b>	<b>28</b>	

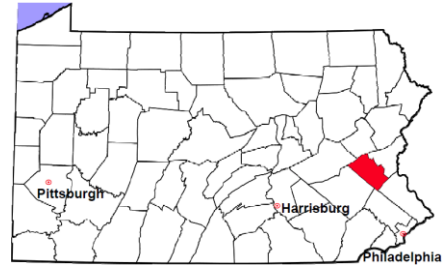


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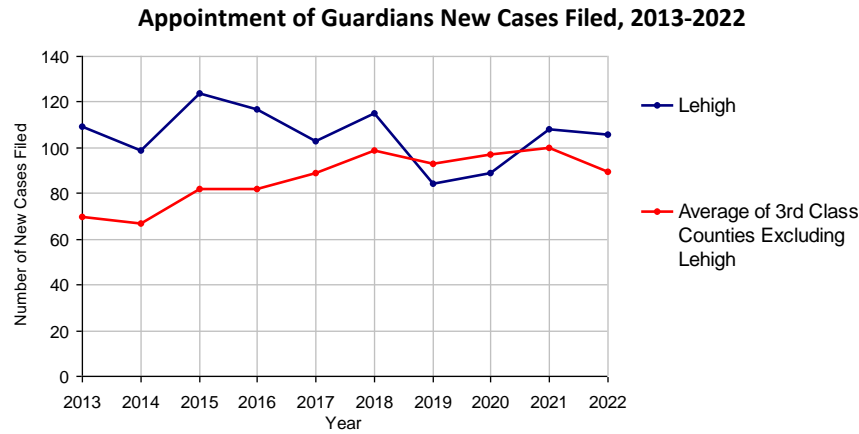
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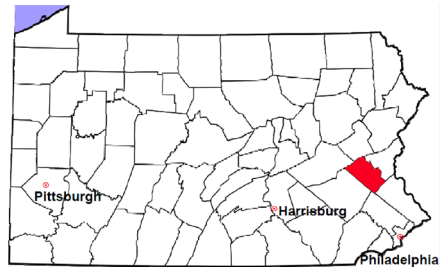


<b>2022 Appointment of Guardians</b>	<b>No. of Cases</b>
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	17
New Cases Filed in 2022	106
<b>Cases Available for Processing</b>	<b>123</b>
Processed By:	
Contested before a Judge	12    12.9%
Uncontested	65    69.9%
Other	16    17.2%
<b>Cases Processed</b>	<b>93    100.0%</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2022</b>	<b>30</b>



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## 2022 Jury Yield and Utilization

### Jury Yield

Qualification Questionnaires/Summonses Mailed:	43,785	A		
Returned Undeliverable:	3,543	B	8.1%	Of Qualification Questionnaires/ Summonses Mailed
Not Responded to:	6,240	C	14.3%	
the Number of Prospective Jurors:				
Disqualified:	7,601	D	17.4%	
Exempted:	716	E	1.6%	
Excused:	6,401	F	14.6%	
Deferred to New Term:	3,576	G	8.2%	
Deferred from Previous Term:	3,808	H	8.7%	
<b>Total Number of Qualified Jurors Available for Service:</b>	<b>19,516</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>44.6%</b>	

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

### Jury Utilization

the Number of Jurors:			
Reporting for Service:	3,651	18.7%	Of Jurors Qualified and Available
Told Not to Report for Service:	15,641	80.1%	
Sent to Courtroom for Jury Selection (Voir Dire):	2,583	70.7%	Of Jurors Reporting for Service
Impaneled or Sworn (jurors/alternates):	576	15.8%	
Removed for Cause/Hardship:	522		
Removed by Peremptory Challenge:	518		
Number of Jury Trials Started:	41		
Pool Days:	52		
Zero Panel Days	13	25.0%	(Of Pool Days)

### Jury Costs

Total Annual Budget for Juror Operations:	\$248,186.00	J
Average Cost Per Juror:	\$5.67	K

$K = J/A$





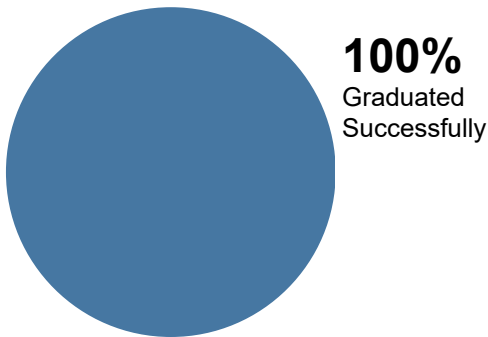
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## 2022 Problem Solving Courts

1 Discharges

8 Admissions

Of All Court Participants Discharged:



Adult Drug Court



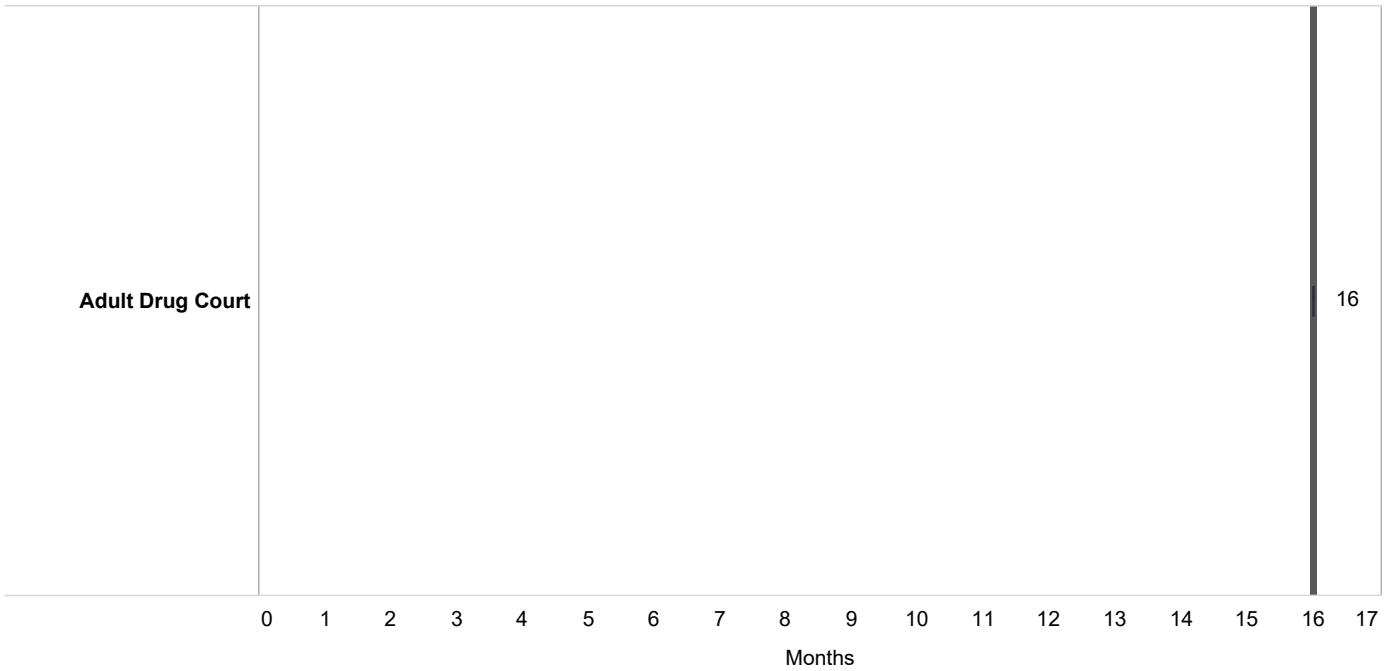
### Discharge Reason

	Successfully Completed	Total Discharges
Adult Drug Court	1 (100.0%)	1 (100.0%)

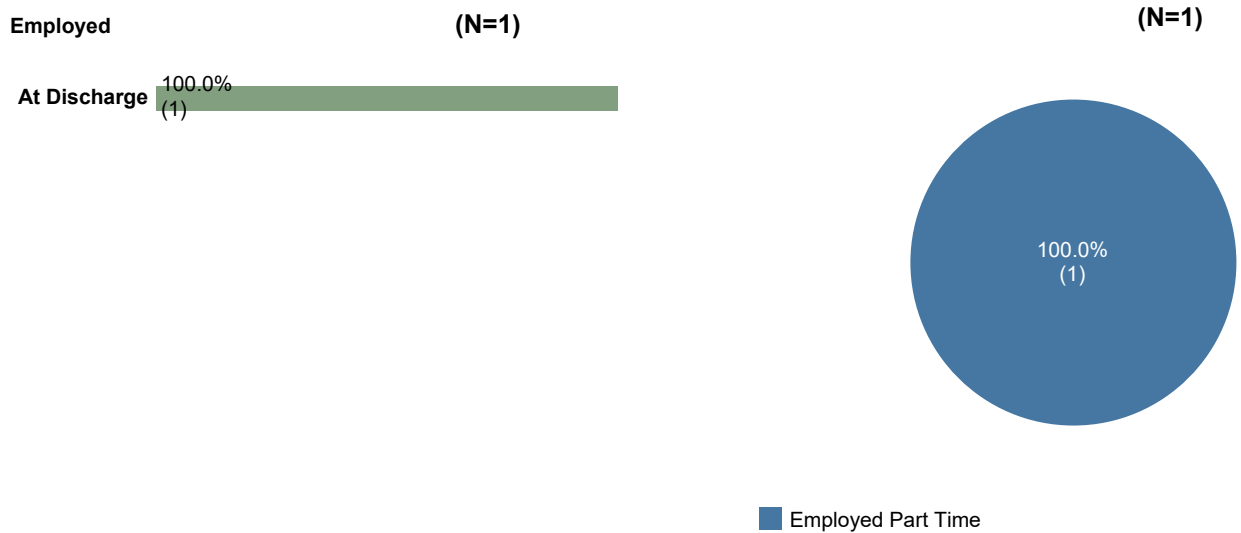
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Median Months from Admission to Discharge



Among successful graduates, there was a increase in employment.





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