

Table 1: Pennsylvania Medical Malpractice Case Filings: 2000 - 2008

	Number of Filings									% Change from 2000 - 2002 Average					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Adams	6	5	4	8	2	0	1	3	3	60.0	-60.0	-100.0	-80.0	-40.0	-40.0
Allegheny	390	372	426	272	297	324	301	262	275	-31.3	-25.0	-18.2	-24.0	-33.8	-30.6
Armstrong	5	3	5	2	3	3	3	2	4	-53.8	-30.8	-30.8	-30.8	-53.8	-7.7
Beaver	29	18	23	17	14	15	12	10	11	-27.1	-40.0	-35.7	-48.6	-57.1	-52.9
Bedford	4	0	1	5	0	0	4	0	0	200.0	-100.0	-100.0	140.0	-100.0	-100.0
Berks	41	36	30	12	13	14	27	23	24	-66.4	-63.6	-60.7	-24.3	-35.5	-32.7
Blair	25	32	18	21	24	4	10	13	11	-16.0	-4.0	-84.0	-60.0	-48.0	-56.0
Bradford	8	4	8	6	10	2	4	5	7	-10.0	50.0	-70.0	-40.0	-25.0	5.0
Bucks	74	38	44	3	43	62	51	66	58	-94.2	-17.3	19.2	-1.9	26.9	11.5
Butler	22	29	26	16	15	13	8	7	6	-37.7	-41.6	-49.4	-68.8	-72.7	-76.6
Cambria	28	26	30	32	11	6	11	10	5	14.3	-60.7	-78.6	-60.7	-64.3	-82.1
Cameron/Elk	5	3	4	2	2	4	1	3	2	-50.0	-50.0	0.0	-75.0	-25.0	-50.0
Carbon	2	5	7	12	4	2	9	6	8	157.1	-14.3	-57.1	92.9	28.6	71.4
Centre	11	17	14	10	7	6	10	5	14	-28.6	-50.0	-57.1	-28.6	-64.3	0.0
Chester	42	34	40	39	35	41	34	35	40	0.9	-9.5	6.0	-12.1	-9.5	3.4
Clarion	2	1	7	5	3	7	1	5	3	50.0	-10.0	110.0	-70.0	50.0	-10.0
Clearfield	6	14	6	4	5	7	12	4	6	-53.8	-42.3	-19.2	38.5	-53.8	-30.8
Clinton	3	1	3	1	1	0	2	0	1	-57.1	-57.1	-100.0	-14.3	-100.0	-57.1
Columbia/Montour	15	12	16	30	15	14	19	26	33	109.3	4.7	-2.3	32.6	81.4	130.2
Crawford	6	1	1	2	5	2	5	0	6	-25.0	87.5	-25.0	87.5	-100.0	125.0
Cumberland	22	21	23	27	12	3	2	2	1	22.7	-45.5	-86.4	-90.9	-90.9	-95.5
Dauphin	71	83	82	43	41	44	39	51	46	-45.3	-47.9	-44.1	-50.4	-35.2	-41.5
Delaware	66	78	71	36	75	62	66	34	38	-49.8	4.7	-13.5	-7.9	-52.6	-47.0
Erie	46	56	59	44	34	34	40	36	24	-18.0	-36.6	-36.6	-25.5	-32.9	-55.3
Fayette	22	16	16	13	11	13	7	12	7	-27.8	-38.9	-27.8	-61.1	-33.3	-61.1
Forest/Warren	2	5	4	2	2	1	3	1	2	-45.5	-45.5	-72.7	-18.2	-72.7	-45.5
Franklin/Fulton	20	10	8	9	4	1	5	5	2	-28.9	-68.4	-92.1	-60.5	-60.5	-84.2
Greene	1	1	2	1	3	2	1	0	0	-25.0	125.0	50.0	-25.0	-100.0	-100.0
Huntingdon	6	8	8	5	2	0	3	2	0	-31.8	-72.7	-100.0	-59.1	-72.7	-100.0
Indiana	1	2	4	4	3	3	3	0	7	71.4	28.6	28.6	28.6	-100.0	200.0
Jefferson	6	3	4	4	6	3	5	3	2	-7.7	38.5	-30.8	15.4	-30.8	-53.8
Juniata/Perry	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Lackawanna	71	69	55	34	31	35	35	30	36	-47.7	-52.3	-46.2	-46.2	-53.8	-44.6
Lancaster	11	2	9	5	31	31	40	34	13	-31.8	322.7	322.7	445.5	363.6	77.3
Lawrence	2	6	5	4	17	13	20	14	11	-7.7	292.3	200.0	361.5	223.1	153.8
Lebanon	9	11	6	7	7	0	3	4	5	-19.2	-19.2	-100.0	-65.4	-53.8	-42.3
Lehigh	81	78	58	101	93	78	70	62	62	39.6	28.6	7.8	-3.2	-14.3	-14.3

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Luzerne	43	31	28	38	79	36	41	46	54	11.8	132.4	5.9	20.6	35.3	58.8
Lycoming	16	23	15	15	18	9	5	4	5	-16.7	0.0	-50.0	-72.2	-77.8	-72.2
McKean	5	1	5	0	3	1	4	1	2	-100.0	-18.2	-72.7	9.1	-72.7	-45.5
Mercer	46	42	40	41	31	30	21	20	25	-3.9	-27.3	-29.7	-50.8	-53.1	-41.4
Mifflin	3	3	3	4	1	1	1	3	2	33.3	-66.7	-66.7	-66.7	0.0	-33.3
Monroe	8	14	10	5	3	7	5	7	5	-53.1	-71.9	-34.4	-53.1	-34.4	-53.1
Montgomery	18	26	21	14	102	104	95	103	81	-35.4	370.8	380.0	338.5	375.4	273.8
Northampton	64	65	89	47	41	12	2	2	3	-35.3	-43.6	-83.5	-97.2	-97.2	-95.9
Northumberland	12	11	5	4	6	2	2	2	6	-57.1	-35.7	-78.6	-78.6	-78.6	-35.7
Philadelphia	1,085	1,162	1,365	577	559	540	569	586	553	-52.1	-53.6	-55.1	-52.7	-51.3	-54.1
Pike	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100.0	-100.0	-100.0	-100.0	-100.0	-100.0
Potter	4	1	5	6	1	2	1	1	1	80.0	-70.0	-40.0	-70.0	-70.0	-70.0
Schuylkill	18	35	35	13	12	9	11	5	12	-55.7	-59.1	-69.3	-62.5	-83.0	-59.1
Snyder/Union	8	4	8	6	2	2	1	4	3	-10.0	-70.0	-70.0	-85.0	-40.0	-55.0
Somerset	6	6	11	8	5	8	3	8	3	4.3	-34.8	4.3	-60.9	4.3	-60.9
Sullivan/Wyoming	1	8	4	2	3	1	0	2	0	-53.8	-30.8	-76.9	-100.0	-53.8	-100.0
Susquehanna	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Tioga	1	4	3	0	0	1	1	1	0	-100.0	-100.0	-62.5	-62.5	-62.5	-100.0
Venango	7	6	10	5	3	4	3	2	4	-34.8	-60.9	-47.8	-60.9	-73.9	-47.8
Washington	8	11	3	4	21	29	26	25	21	-45.5	186.4	295.5	254.5	240.9	186.4
Wayne	2	3	3	3	7	7	4	0	5	12.5	162.5	162.5	50.0	-100.0	87.5
Westmoreland	59	63	65	49	26	35	27	18	19	-21.4	-58.3	-43.9	-56.7	-71.1	-69.5
York	57	40	48	33	15	20	15	23	23	-31.7	-69.0	-58.6	-69.0	-52.4	-52.4
State Total	2,632	2,659	2,904	1,712	1,819	1,711	1,704	1,641	1,602	-37.3	-33.4	-37.4	-37.6	-39.9	-41.4

Notes:

- ▶ Includes updates and revisions to previously published data.
- ▶ A filing refers to the commencement of a civil action by complaint or praecipe for writ of summons. To avoid double-counting, adjustments were made to the filing figures for cases transferred from one judicial district to another pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. 1006(a.1).
- ▶ "Percent Change from 2000 - 2002 Average" was computed as follows:
For each year (2003 - 2008) the filing figures for the three-year period 2000 to 2002 were averaged and subtracted from that year's filing figure. The difference was then divided by the 2000 - 2002 average. The resulting proportion was multiplied by 100 to convert it to a percentage.
- ▶ Liability actions brought against dental professionals may be included in some county counts.