

1994
CASELOAD STATISTICS
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OF
PENNSYLVANIA

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SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

APPEALS, ALLOCATURS AND PETITIONS

FILED AND PENDING: JANUARY 1, 1994 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1994

APPEAL DOCKET

<i>Direct Appeals</i>	
Capital Cases	26
Number from Commonwealth Court	74
Number from Common Pleas Court	23
Other	3
Appeals by Allowance	239
TOTAL	365
Appeals Pending as of 12/31/94	261

ALLOCATUR DOCKET

Petitions for Allowance of Appeal	2,245
Petitions Pending as of 12/31/94 (includes prior years)	923

MISCELLANEOUS DOCKET

Petitions for Review	271
Matters Filed within Court's Original Jurisdiction	127
Petitions for King's Bench Review	52
TOTAL	450
Miscellaneous Matters Pending as of 12/31/94 (includes prior years)	52
Ancillary Petitions Filed Relating to Docketed Cases	553

SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

APPEALS, ALLOCATURS AND PETITIONS

ADJUDICATIONS: JANUARY 1, 1994 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1994

APPEAL DOCKET

Per Curiam	171
Full Opinion	156
Other	21
TOTAL	348

ALLOCATUR DOCKET

Per Curiam	2,829
Summary Disposition	26
Other	10
TOTAL	2,865

MISCELLANEOUS DOCKET

Petitions for Review

Per Curiam	283
Full Opinion	1
Other	11
SUBTOTAL	295

Petitions Filed within Court's Original Jurisdiction

Per Curiam	119
Full Opinion	0
Other	0
SUBTOTAL	119

Petitions for King's Bench Review

Per Curiam	52
Full Opinion	0
Other	0
SUBTOTAL	52

TOTAL	466
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DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

Per Curiam	1
Full Opinion	8
TOTAL	9

SUPERIOR COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

APPEALS PENDING 1/1/94 **4,947**

Awaiting Record	1,897
Awaiting Briefs	1,332
Awaiting Argument or Submission	612
Awaiting Decision	1,060
Other (including awaiting appointment of counsel)	46

NEW APPEALS FILED IN 1994 **7,554**

APPEALS DISPOSED IN 1994 **6,971**

By Filed Decision	4,577
By Order or Discontinuance or Other Means	2,394

APPEALS PENDING 12/31/94 **5,530**

Awaiting Record	2,293
Awaiting Briefs	1,454
Awaiting Argument or Submission	975
Awaiting Decision	784
Other (including awaiting appointment of counsel)	24

COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

CASES PENDING 1/1/94 **4,659**

CASES FILED IN 1994 **4,415**

Original Jurisdiction	494
Appeals from Common Pleas Court	1,131
Appeals from Administrative Agencies	2,104
Appeals under Fiscal Code	651
Combined Original/Appellate Matters	8
Miscellaneous	27

CASES DISPOSED IN 1994 **4,267**

Majority Opinions	1,840
Consolidated Cases	139
Stipulation for Judgment	429
Withdrawn/Dismissed/Remanded	1,635
Transferred	81
Other	143

CASES PENDING 12/31/94 **4,807**

Certain miscellaneous cases are excluded.

COMMON PLEAS CRIMINAL STATE TOTALS

	STATEWIDE	EXCLUDING PHILADELPHIA
Cases Pending 1/1/94	52,618 (R)	45,786
New Cases Received	122,898	108,020
Cases Reopened	17,087	12,451
Subtotal:		
Cases Available for Disposition	192,603	166,257
Cases Disposed By:		
Withdrawn/Dismissed (quashed, nolle prosequi, etc.)	11,090	9,136
Rule 1100	80	68
ARD	25,243	24,864
Guilty Plea	75,087	66,755
Non-Jury Trial	4,160	1,296
Jury Trial	3,177	2,541
Inactive Cases	18,363	13,766
Other *	2,054	1,722
Subtotal:		
Cases Disposed	139,254	120,148
Cases Pending 12/31/94	53,349	46,109
Age of Pending Cases **		
0-60 Days	18,421	16,578
61-120 Days	13,420	11,912
121-180 Days	7,242	6,356
181-240 Days	4,429	3,771
241-300 Days	2,696	2,138
301-360 Days	1,362	1,107
Over 360 Days	5,779	4,247
Cases Awaiting Sentence	7,155	5,511

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* A portion of the cases classified as "Other" were disposed by pleas, trials, etc., but a breakdown is unavailable.

** A breakdown of active criminal caseload by the interval of time elapsed from the date the case is filed in the clerk of court's office to the end of the year. Note that age as defined here does not include lower court time elapsed from complaint or arrest until filing at common pleas court.

COMMON PLEAS CIVIL STATE TOTALS

STATEWIDE *					EXCLUDING PHILADELPHIA			
	Civil Actions	Equity			Civil Actions	Equity		
Docketed Cases	102,489	3,171			66,849	2,543		
Arbitrated Cases	16,975				11,463			
	Civil Actions	Equity	Other	Total	Civil Actions	Equity	Other	Total
Trial-Ready Cases								
Cases Pending 1/1/94	45,416 (R)	1,389 (R)	2,737 (R)	49,542 (R)	12,545 (R)	642 (R)	2,014 (R)	15,201 (R)
New Cases Filed	24,973	1,251	4,263	30,487	11,849	623	3,181	15,653
Restored Cases	358	7	12	377	358	7	12	377
Appeals from Arbitration	4,817	3	49	4,869	2,643	3	49	2,695
Subtotal:								
Cases Available for Trial	75,564	2,650	7,061	85,275	27,395	1,275	5,256	33,926
Cases Disposed By:								
Jury Trial	2,048	4	29	2,081	1,328	3	28	1,359
Non-Jury Trial	1,824	232	649	2,705	1,120	220	624	1,964
Settlements	23,286	607	2,060	25,953	10,081	346	1,659	12,086
Stricken	4,878	229	227	5,334	1,055	46	94	1,195
Other	2,129	149	942	3,220	1,668	128	494	2,290
Subtotal:								
Cases Disposed	34,165	1,221	3,907	39,293	15,252	743	2,899	18,894
Cases Pending 12/31/94	41,399	1,429	3,154	45,982	12,143	532	2,357	15,032

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/94 ** (Civil Actions & Equity Only)

0-6 Months	11,570	27.0 %	0-6 Months	6,532	51.5 %
7-12 Months	7,920	18.5 %	7-12 Months	3,115	24.6 %
13-18 Months	5,500	12.8 %	13-18 Months	1,223	9.7 %
19-24 Months	3,809	8.9 %	19-24 Months	666	5.3 %
25-30 Months	3,283	7.7 %	25-30 Months	344	2.7 %
31-36 Months	2,799	6.5 %	31-36 Months	222	1.8 %
Over 36 Months	7,947	18.6 %	Over 36 Months	573	4.5 %
Subtotal	42,828	100.0 %	Subtotal	12,675	100.0 %

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* For Philadelphia County - Docketed Cases include categories of Civil Action in addition to trespass/assumpit. Cases pending include all cases pending from first filing. New Cases are first filings where the amount at controversy is above arbitration limit. Cases aged from first filing include arbitration appeals.

** See the glossary for a definition of Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases.

FAMILY COURT STATE TOTALS

STATEWIDE

	AFDC	SUPPORT NON-AFDC	Custody/ Partial Custody/ Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	JUVENILE Delinquency
Cases Pending 1/1/94	39,275 (R)	28,180 (R)	8,681 (R)	73,133 (R)	3,047 (R)	15,926 (R)
Cases Filed in 1994	79,595	124,557	30,534	45,156	12,737	52,383
Subtotal:						
Cases Available for Processing	118,870	152,737	39,215	118,289	15,784	68,309
Cases Processed in 1994 By:						
Non-Judicial Officer	62,451	100,648	13,587 *	3,234	3,573	24,996
Judge	9,032	13,451	12,986	37,437	8,639	24,663
Other	2,093	7,682	4,160	2,486	344	351
Subtotal:						
Cases Processed	73,576	121,781	30,733	43,157	12,556	50,010
Cases Pending 12/31/94	45,294	30,956	8,482	75,132	3,228	18,299

EXCLUDING PHILADELPHIA

	AFDC	SUPPORT NON-AFDC	Custody/ Partial Custody/ Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	JUVENILE Delinquency
Cases Pending 1/1/94	27,279 (R)	25,057 (R)	6,416 (R)	64,146 (R)	945 (R)	11,330 (R)
Cases Filed in 1994	66,613	111,645	23,648	41,418	8,832	41,785
Subtotal:						
Cases Available for Processing	93,892	136,702	30,064	105,564	9,777	53,115
Cases Processed in 1994 By:						
Non-Judicial Officer	57,376	92,830	11,514 *	2,997	3,182	23,000
Judge	4,972	10,222	6,727	34,488	4,912	15,660
Other	2,093	7,682	4,160	2,486	376	351
Subtotal:						
Cases Processed	64,441	110,734	22,401	39,971	8,470	39,011
Cases Pending 12/31/94	29,451	25,968	7,663	65,593	1,307	14,104

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* For courts where a breakdown of "Non-Judicial Officer" and "Other" dispositions is unavailable, dispositions prior to the custody conference such as agreements by stipulations of the parties and withdrawn petitions are included in the "Non-Judicial Officer" category.

ORPHANS' COURT STATE TOTALS

STATEWIDE

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Appointment of Guardians
Cases Pending 1/1/94	1,821	1,059 (R)	1,272 (R)	529
Cases Filed	9,421	3,737	3,202	2,581
Subtotal:				
Cases Available for Disposition	11,242	4,796	4,474	3,110
Cases Disposed By:				
Contested before a Judge	1,252	31	304	241
Contested before a Master, Auditor, or Examiner	18	----	----	----
Uncontested	8,345	3,820	3,012	2,348
Subtotal:				
Cases Disposed	9,615	3,851	3,316	2,589
Cases Pending 12/31/94	1,627	945	1,158	521

EXCLUDING PHILADELPHIA

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Appointment of Guardians
Cases Pending 1/1/94	1,493	857 (R)	1,065	462
Cases Filed	8,966	3,424	2,679	2,382
Subtotal:				
Cases Available for Disposition	10,459	4,281	3,744	2,844
Cases Disposed By:				
Contested before a Judge	846	31	295	57
Contested before a Master, Auditor, or Examiner	18	----	----	----
Uncontested	8,263	3,394	2,437	2,306
Subtotal:				
Cases Disposed	9,127	3,425	2,732	2,363
Cases Pending 12/31/94	1,332	856	1,012	481

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JURY UTILIZATION STATE TOTALS

1994 JURY ACTIVITY	STATEWIDE	EXCLUDING PHILADELPHIA
Juror Days	284,555	221,747
Number Sent to Voir Dire	247,654	181,062
Sworn Jurors	73,822	60,449
Number of Voir Dires Begun	7,144	5,156
Number of Jury Trials Begun	5,523	4,384
Pool Days	3,061	2,810
Zero Panel Days	554	542
Total Juror Fees Incurred	\$6,584,115	\$5,029,872

1994 PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Voir Dire Attendance Rate	87.0%	81.7%
Trial Attendance Rate	29.8%	33.4%
Juror Days Per Voir Dire Starts	39.8%	43.0%
Percent Zero Panel Days	18.1%	19.3%
Average Juror Fees Per Trial	\$1,192	\$1,147

DISTRICT JUSTICE STATE TOTALS

CRIMINAL

New Cases (OTNs) Filed in 1994	150,261
Cases Disposed in 1994	146,079
Bound to Court	32,602
Waiver of Preliminary Hearing	60,825
Guilty Plea	7,643
Dismissal	17,116
Prosecution Withdrawn	18,203
Moved to Summary Docket	2,808
Other	6,882

Age of Pending Cases

0-30 Days	10,411
31-60 Days	4,929
61-90 Days	2,002
91-120 Days	1,026
121-150 Days	582
151-180 Days	432
181-210 Days	332
211-240 Days	232
241-270 Days	218
271-300 Days	199
301-330 Days	167
331-360 Days	145
Over 360 Days	4,325

ArrestWarrants

Issued	67,555
Served	51,638
Cancelled	11,061
Pending:	
Pre-Disposition 0-30 Days	2,144
31-60 Days	1,271
Over 60 Days	14,467
Post-Disposition 0-30 Days	184
31-60 Days	128
Over 60 Days	1,768

PRIVATE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

New Cases Filed in 1994	98,483
Cases Disposed in 1994	82,666
Trial: Guilty	8,603
Trial: Not Guilty	2,995
Guilty Plea	50,774
ARD	166
Dismissal	9,127
Prosecution Withdrawn	7,182
Moved to Criminal Docket	441
Other	3,378

Age of Pending Cases

0-30 Days	8,217
31-60 Days	3,512
61-90 Days	2,070
91-120 Days	1,456
121-150 Days	930
151-180 Days	712
181-210 Days	583
211-240 Days	582
241-270 Days	585
271-300 Days	499
301-330 Days	533
331-360 Days	459
Over 360 Days	12,881

ArrestWarrants

Issued	62,451
Served	28,564
Cancelled	17,842
Pending:	
Pre-Disposition 0-30 Days	2,950
31-60 Days	2,399
Over 60 Days	35,630
Post-Disposition 0-30 Days	1,177
31-60 Days	723
Over 60 Days	11,187

DISTRICT JUSTICE STATE TOTALS (CONTINUED)

TRAFFIC

New Cases Filed in 1994 *	1,390,790
Cases Disposed in 1994 *	1,280,946
Trial Guilty	128,786
Trial Not Guilty	58,287
Guilty Plea	996,244
Dismissal	46,899
Prosecution Withdrawn	46,819
Other	3,911

Age of Pending Cases

0-30 Days	60,953
31-60 Days	32,576
61-90 Days	19,655
91-120 Days	12,151
121-150 Days	10,626
151-180 Days	8,031
181-210 Days	7,501
211-240 Days	6,430
241-270 Days	5,851
271-300 Days	4,451
301-330 Days	3,252
331-360 Days	3,469
Over 360 Days	90,590

Arrest Warrants

Issued	434,469
Served	127,847
Cancelled	181,152
Pending:	
Pre-Disposition 0-30 Days	19,817
31-60 Days	16,534
Over 60 Days	265,237
Post-Disposition 0-30 Days	6,937
31-60 Days	5,118
Over 60 Days	62,725

NON-TRAFFIC

New Cases Filed in 1994	307,727
Cases Disposed in 1994	280,174
Trial Guilty	40,624
Trial Not Guilty	20,042
Guilty Plea	170,414
ARD	2,275
Dismissal	22,771
Prosecution Withdrawn	19,873
Other	4,175

Age of Pending Cases

0-30 Days	16,964
31-60 Days	11,072
61-90 Days	6,528
91-120 Days	4,323
121-150 Days	3,613
151-180 Days	2,770
181-210 Days	2,241
211-240 Days	2,081
241-270 Days	1,955
271-300 Days	1,658
301-330 Days	1,204
331-360 Days	1,117
Over 360 Days	26,873

Arrest Warrants

Issued	138,212
Served	51,682
Cancelled	52,883
Pending:	
Pre-Disposition 0-30 Days	4,956
31-60 Days	4,266
Over 60 Days	72,757
Post-Disposition 0-30 Days	3,179
31-60 Days	1,999
Over 60 Days	28,409

* Includes Erie Traffic Court.

DISTRICT JUSTICE STATE TOTALS (CONTINUED)

CIVIL ACTION

New Cases Filed in 1994	156,390
Cases Disposed in 1994	143,042
Trial	38,682
Default Judgment	67,006
Settled	25,390
Dismissal Without Prejudice	7,673
Complaint Withdrawn	4,291

Orders

Execution	21,631
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Age of Pending Cases

0-30 Days	10,661
31-60 Days	5,857
61-90 Days	2,427
91-120 Days	1,438
121-150 Days	1,427
151-180 Days	1,118
181-210 Days	977
211-240 Days	904
241-270 Days	1,010
271-300 Days	780
301-330 Days	762
331-360 Days	602
Over 360 Days	21,973

LANDLORD/TENANT

New Cases Filed in 1994	52,814
Cases Disposed in 1994	51,006
Trial	30,016
Default Judgement	14,338
Settled	4,727
Dismissal Without Prejudice	846
Complaint Withdrawn	1,079

Orders

Execution	2,294
Possession	20,207

Age of Pending Cases

0-30 Days	2,114
31-60 Days	176
61-90 Days	73
91-120 Days	69
121-150 Days	60
151-180 Days	76
181-210 Days	62
211-240 Days	79
241-270 Days	88
271-300 Days	55
301-330 Days	50
331-360 Days	37
Over 360 Days	1,446

PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT

MISDEMEANOR/FELONY

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1994</u>
Filed	42,246	41,112	43,086	41,284	44,056
Disposed	41,741	39,679	42,622	43,743	41,586
Year-End Pending	6,756	8,189	8,653	6,194	8,664
Cases Disposed By:					
Nol Pros/Withdrawn Dismissed (Trial Docket)	5,773	4,861	5,575	7,055	7,091
Nol Pros/Withdrawn Dismissed (Preliminary Hearing Docket)	7,242	6,751	6,970	7,768	7,912
Held for Court	17,432	16,509	17,325	16,202	15,103
ARD	4,018	4,035	3,801	3,102	2,629
Guilty Plea	1,466	1,483	1,303	1,172	1,353
Trial	5,480	5,839	7,346	8,167	7,171
Other	330	201	302	277	327

SUMMARY AND PRIVATE CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS

Filed	29,287	28,633	34,423	28,440	26,881
Disposed	28,751	28,548	34,542	28,328	27,020
Year- End Pending	4,157 (R)	4,242	4,029	4,141	4,002

CIVIL COMPLAINTS

Filed	125,561	121,806	129,218	116,033	121,955
Disposed	124,333	125,632	125,079	116,623	118,742
Year- End Pending	17,982	14,156	18,295	17,705	20,918

AGE OF PENDING MISDEMEANOR/FELONY CASES: 12/31/94

AWAITING PRELIMINARY HEARING

0 - 30 Days	1,168
31 - 60 Days	584
61 - 90 Days	399
91 - 120 Days	184
Over 120 Days	737

SUBTOTAL 3,072

AWAITING TRIAL

0 - 30 Days	1,342
31 - 60 Days	1,007
61 - 90 Days	839
91 - 120 Days	615
Over 120 Days	1,789

SUBTOTAL 5,592

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PHILADELPHIA TRAFFIC COURT

1994 Filings (Moving Violations)	239,517
1994 Dispositions	193,032
Trial: Guilty	91,918
Trial: Not Guilty	66,475
Guilty Plea	26,378
Prosecution Withdrawn	6,855
Other	1,406
1994 Non-Responses	161,121

PITTSBURGH MAGISTRATES COURT

City Court

Misdemeanor/Felony Complaints Filed	16,097
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Summary Cases Filed	3,070
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Housing Court

Summary Cases Filed	5,235
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Traffic Court

Misdemeanor Cases Filed (DUI)	2,036
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Citations Filed (Moving Violations)	32,287
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Citations Filed (Parking Violations)	292,775
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1994 Total Filings	351,500
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JUDICIAL DISTRICT POPULATION, TRIAL COURT & DISTRICT JUSTICE COMPLEMENTS

Judicial District	1993 Population Estimates (a)	Authorized Trial Court Judgeships (b)	Authorized District Justice Positions (b)	Judicial District	1993 Population Estimates (a)	Authorized Trial Court Judgeships (b)	Authorized District Justice Positions (b)
Adams	83,458	2	4	Jefferson	46,615	1	3
Allegheny	1,320,704	41	55 (c)	Juniata-Perry	64,567	2	5
Armstrong	74,599	2	4	Lackawanna	216,007	6	11
Beaver	188,297	5	9	Lancaster	422,679	9	20
Bedford	48,984	1	4	Lawrence	96,580	3	5
Berks	347,625	10	18	Lebanon	116,417	3	7
Blair	131,819	4	7	Lehigh	297,876	8	14
Bradford	62,056	2	4	Luzerne	327,726	8	18
Bucks	567,238	11	19	Lycoming	120,939	4	6
Butler	161,890	4	5	McKean	48,529	1	4
Cambria	160,729	5	10	Mercer	122,160	3	5
Cameron-Elk	40,956	1	3	Mifflin	47,011	1	2
Carbon	58,869	2	4	Monroe	112,111	4	10
Centre	129,833	2	4	Montgomery	700,308	16	30
Chester	397,307	9	17	Northampton	255,007	6	15
Clarion	42,123	1	4	Northumberland	95,732	2	5
Clearfield	79,397	2	4	Philadelphia	1,524,338	90	0 (d)
Clinton	37,435	2	3	Pike	35,489	1	3
Columbia-Montour	82,115	2	5	Potter	17,061	1	4
Crawford	87,984	2	6	Schuylkill	153,351	5	8
Cumberland	204,612	5	8	Snyder-Union	74,997	2	4
Dauphin	245,561	7	14	Somerset	79,030	2	5
Delaware	548,366	16	32	Sullivan-Wyoming	35,441	1	4
Erie	280,318	8	15	Susquehanna	41,529	1	3
Fayette	146,534	5	13	Tioga	41,894	1	3
Forest-Warren	49,874	1	6	Venango	59,211	1	4
Franklin-Fulton	140,260	3	9	Washington	208,119	5	12
Greene	40,169	1	3	Wayne	43,111	1	4
Huntingdon	44,529	1	4	Westmoreland	376,446	10	21
Indiana	90,638	2	4	York	357,807	9	18
				Total	12,052,367	366	550

(a) Source: U.S. Census Bureau 1994 population counts.

(b) Authorized Trial Court judgeships and District Justice positions as of December 1994.

(c) In addition to 55 District Justices, the City of Pittsburgh has 6 Magistrates.

(d) Philadelphia County does not have District Justices. The Special Courts are Municipal Court with 22 judgeships and Traffic Court with 6 judgeships.

GLOSSARY

N/A	Not available.
R, Revised	Indicates that the number of cases reported pending at the beginning of the year has been revised from the number reported pending at the end of the year, published in the CASELOAD STATISTICS OF THE UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF PENNSYLVANIA.
<u>Supreme Court of Pennsylvania</u>	
Allocatur Docket	The docket for petitions seeking the grant of appellate review of a decision by an intermediate appellate court (i.e. the Commonwealth Court or Superior Court).
Ancillary Petition	A petition filed on an open docket seeking relief apart from the requested relief. On the merits, e.g. a petition for an extension of time to file a response.
Capital Case	A case wherein a sentence of death has been imposed by a court of common pleas.
Direct Appeal	A case under review as a result of a statutory or constitutional right of appeal.
Disciplinary Matter	Involves attorney disciplinary cases as prosecuted by the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.
Full Opinion	The Court's disposition of a case containing a written explanation of its rationale.
King's Bench Review	Discretionary review undertaken by the Supreme Court of a matter pending in a lower tribunal. Such review can be by way of petition or by the Court's own initiative.
Per Curiam	Translates as "By the Court" and refers to actions of the whole court as opposed opinion or orders by an individual Justice or Justices.
Petition for Review	Petition brought under Chapter 15 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure.
Summary Disposition	The Court's disposition of a case without seeking brief or argument; occurs when right of applicant is clear and the Court's decision needs little or no explanation.
Supreme Court Original Jurisdiction	The limited jurisdiction described in the Judicial Code at 42 Pa C.S. Section 721, which includes habeas corpus, actions in mandamus and prohibition directed to courts of inferior jurisdiction, and actions in quo warranto.
<u>Common Pleas Criminal</u>	
Age of Pending Cases	A breakdown of active criminal caseload by the interval of time elapsed from the date the case is filed in the clerk of court's office to the end of the year. Note that age as defined here does not include lower court time elapsed from complaint or arrest until filing at the common pleas level.

ARD (Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition)	A disposition classification for cases in which the defendant is accepted into a state or county ARD program, which is a pre-trial diversionary program similar to probation. Upon successful completion of all conditions of the program, the defendant may petition the court to dismiss the charges against him.
Case (Common Pleas Criminal)	A Misdemeanor or Felony case held for or waived to common pleas court after a Preliminary Hearing, waiver of a preliminary hearing or a transfer from juvenile court. The unit of count is the individually numbered docket transcript (OTN). Cases are counted as New Cases Received at the date of filing in the clerk of court's office. Cases Reopened refers to the number of cases previously counted as disposed which have been reactivated at the common pleas level, such as those involving fugitives returned. Cases Pending refers to the number of active cases at the common pleas level which have not been adjudicated. Cases Disposed refers to the number of terminations of cases pending at the common pleas level; counted when the judge accepts a guilty plea, renders a verdict, the jury returns a verdict, or the case is otherwise adjudicated, transferred out of common pleas criminal court, or placed in inactive status. A common pleas disposition is counted at the time of adjudication and not at the time of sentencing. Cases Awaiting Sentence refers to those cases in which a guilty verdict has been rendered or a guilty plea accepted, but for which the penalty has not yet been imposed upon the accused.
Dismissals Nol Pros, Etc.	A disposition classification for cases in which <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) (Dismissal) the jurisdiction of the court is terminated by the court, or 2) (Nol Pros, Nolle Prosequi) a formal notice upon the record that the prosecution will not proceed with the case that has been accepted by the court, or 3) a demurrer is sustained, the case is quashed, etc.
Felony	A statutory class of crime generally more serious than a Misdemeanor. For Reporting purposes, murder of the first degree is counted with felonies.
Guilty Plea	A disposition classification for cases in which the defendant admits having Committed an offense for which he is charged, or admits to a lesser felony, misdemeanor or summary offense.
Inactive Case	A disposition classification for cases in which the defendant has been unavailable for court processing for a minimum of 45 days; including defendants declared fugitive, those in the military, those in the custody of another jurisdiction, etc.
Jury Trial	A disposition classification for cases adjudicated following verdict of a jury.
Misdemeanor	A statutory class of crime generally more serious than a summary offense and less serious than a Felony. The maximum term of imprisonment for a misdemeanor may not exceed five years. For a summary offense, the maximum term of imprisonment may not exceed 90 days.
New Cases Received	See Case.
Non-Jury Trial	A disposition classification for cases adjudicated by verdict of a judge.
Other (Disposition)	A disposition classification for cases terminated by means that cannot accurately be classified in the other dispositional categories; including transfers to juvenile court, cases abated by death of defendant, etc.
Preliminary Hearing	Hearing by a judicial officer to determine whether a person charged with a crime Should be held for trial in common pleas court.

Rule 1100	A disposition classification for cases dismissed under Pennsylvania Rule of Criminal Procedure 1100 (Prompt Trial).
 <u>Common Pleas Civil</u>	
Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases	A breakdown of Trial-Ready caseload by the interval of time elapsed from the date the case is certified or Praeciped for Trial or otherwise determined to be Trial-Ready to year-end.
Arbitrated Cases	A classification for those Cases Docketed which are Civil Actions disposed by a Board of Arbitrators following an evidentiary hearing. Note that these cases are Counted at disposition, not at referral to arbitration.
Arbitration Appeal	A classification for those civil cases appealed de novo from an arbitration award; counted when the case is determined to be Trial-Ready.
Cases Docketed	The number of Civil Actions or actions in Equity which have been filed in the prothonotary's office and which are intended to be litigated. At this initial point, cases are not yet Trial-Ready.
Cases Pending	The number of civil Trial-Ready Cases which are not yet disposed.
Civil Action	A category of civil cases in which an action is brought to enforce, redress or protect private rights. It is an action heretofore asserted in assumpsit or trespass (see Rule of Civil Procedure 1001).
Disposition	(1) Of an arbitration case: the decision by a Board of Arbitrators following an evidentiary hearing; (2) Of a Trial-Ready Case: termination of the case by a verdict reached by a judge or a jury, a settlement reached by the litigants, the striking of the case from the trial-ready list, or other action which resolve the issues of the case.
Equity	A category of civil cases in which an action is brought whereby the plaintiff generally seeks equitable relief (e.g., specific performance, injunctions).
Jury Trial	A disposition classification for Trial-Ready Cases resolved following the verdict of a jury.
New Cases Filed	The number of cases in which counsel has indicated to the court during the year That the case is ready to go to trial; or, for those counties which do not certify or praecipe for trial or for pre-trial, the number of cases placed on the trial list during the year.
Non-Jury Trial	A disposition classification for Trial-Ready Cases resolved following verdict of a judge.
Other (Civil Case)	A residual category of civil cases which are neither Civil Actions nor Equity cases. This classification includes mandamus, replevin, mortgage foreclosure, paternity, etc.; but does not include support, custody, visitation, or divorce cases, which are included in the Family Court section.
Other (Disposition)	A disposition classification for Trial-Ready Cases by transfer to arbitration, transfer to inactive status, or other means that cannot accurately be classified under the other dispositional categories.
Praecipe for Trial	A form indicating to the prothonotary that a civil case should be placed on a trial list. See New Cases Filed, Trial-Ready Case.

Restored Cases	A category of civil cases which have been restored (re-certified or re-praeciped) to a trial list after having been Stricken from the list.
Settlements	A disposition classification for Trial-Ready Cases in which the litigants in the Dispute come to an agreement over the issues at stake.
Stricken	A disposition classification for cases removed from the trial-ready list.
Trial-Ready Case	A Civil Action, Equity, or Other civil case which is certified or praeciped for trial or for pre-trial; or, for those counties which do not certify or praecipe, a Civil Action, Equity, or Other civil case which has been placed on the trial list.
<u>Family Court</u>	
AFDC	A classification of Support cases for those cases in which a wage earner is absent from the home and the children are recipients of public welfare in the category of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC).
Cases Filed	The number of cases initiated during the year. See Support, Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation, Divorce, Dependency, and Delinquency for a definition of Cases Filed by category.
Cases Processed	The number of cases adjudicated during the year. Cases adjudicated following a conference or hearing before a conference officer, hearing officer, or master are counted as processed by a Non-Judicial Officer. Cases heard before a judge are counted as processed by a Judge. Cases processed by Other means include cases settled or withdrawn before a conference or hearing is held. See Support, Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation, Divorce, Dependency, and Delinquency for definition of Cases Processed by category.
Custody/ Partial Custody/ Visitation	A category of cases which are legal proceedings to determine the right: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) (Custody) to keep, control, guard, care for and preserve a child; 2) (Partial Custody) to take possession of a child from the custodial person for a specified length of time; 3) (Visitation) to visit a child, without the right to remove a child from custodial person's control. <p>Cases Filed are counted when a complaint or petition to modify an existing order is filed. Cases Processed are counted when a final order (or equivalent) has been issued adjudicating the complaint or petition.</p>
Delinquency	A type of juvenile case which involves an act by an individual under the age of 18 which has been designated as a crime under Pennsylvania law or under local ordinances. (See 42 Pa. C.S.A. Section 6302 for a more extensive definition of "delinquency.") Cases Filed are counted at referral to a juvenile intake officer. Cases Processed are counted when the juvenile intake officer informally adjusts the case, or when a master or judge adjudicates the case after the filing of a petition by the juvenile intake officer.
Dependency	A type of juvenile case which involves the absence of the proper parental care or supervision necessary for the physical, mental, emotional or moral health of an individual under 18 years of age. (See 42 Pa. C.S.A. Section 6302 for a more extensive definition of "dependency.") Cases Filed are counted when a petition is filed. Cases Processed are counted when an order adjudicates the petition.
Divorce	A legal proceeding to dissolve a marriage. Cases Filed are counted when a complaint is filed. Cases Processed are counted when a decree or order is issued granting or denying the divorce.
Judge (Disposition)	See Cases Processed.

NON-AFDC	A classification of Support cases which includes those cases not classified under AFDC.
Non-Judicial Officer (Disposition)	See Cases Processed.
Other (Disposition)	See Cases Processed.
Support	Those cases in which a complaint has been filed requesting the court to require maintenance of a spouse or child by a person required by law to provide such maintenance. Cases Filed are counted at the filing of a complaint or petition, and include local and incoming reciprocal cases, petitions for modification or termination, and alimony pendente lite. Cases Processed are counted when an order has been issued adjudicating the complaint or petition.
 <u>Orphans' Court</u>	
Account	A statement prepared by a Fiduciary at the close of his or her administration of an estate to reflect transactions that have occurred. The statement is presented to the court as part of the process whereby the fiduciary seeks discharge from liability for the events disclosed. Cases Filed refers to the number of these statements filed with the Orphans' Court Clerk during the year. Cases Disposed refers to the number of accounts confirmed; i.e., a confirmation is a judicial determination that the account filed is in proper order.
Adoption	A legal proceeding in which a child's rights and duties toward his or her birth parents are terminated and similar rights and duties toward his or her adoptive parents are substituted. Cases Filed refers to the number of petitions for adoption filed during the year. Cases Disposed refers to the number of final decrees entered either granting or denying a petition.
Appointment of Guardians	A proceeding through which a determination is made regarding an individual's capacity to make or communicate a responsible decision that concerns his or her person or property (see Incapacitated Person). Cases Filed refers to the number of petitions for the appointment of a guardian (see Fiduciary) for a person or estate filed during the year. NOT included are petitions for the appointment of a guardian for the person or estate of a minor; petitions to appoint a guardian ad litem; petitions to adjudicate a person competent who was previously adjudged incompetent; petitions for the sale, exchange, mortgage or lease of real property, and so on. Cases Disposed refers to the number of orders issued adjudicating pending petitions.
Auditor, Master or Examiner (Contested)	A category of dispositions referring to the number of cases in which disputed issues of fact were resolved before a quasi-judicial officer (auditor, master or examiner).
Cases Filed	See specific classifications (Account, Adoption, Relinquishment/Termination, Appointment of Guardians).
Cases Disposed	See specific classifications (Account, Adoption, Relinquishment/Termination, Appointment of Guardians).
Fiduciary	A person or institution with a legal responsibility for the money or property of another. The term includes executors, administrators, guardians, and trustees subject to the jurisdiction of the Orphans' Court Division.

Incapacitated Person	An adult whose ability to receive and evaluate information effectively and communicate decisions in any way is impaired to such a significant extent that he or she is partially or totally unable to manage financial resources or meet essential requirements for physical health and safety.
Judge (Contested)	A category of dispositions referring to the number of cases in which disputed issues of fact were resolved in a hearing before a judge. Includes single cases with multiple hearings, at least one of which was held before a judge.
Relinquishment/ Termination	Relinquishment is the voluntary ending of the rights of a parent with respect to his or her child. Termination is the involuntary ending of the rights of a parent with respect to his or her child. Cases Filed refers to the number of petitions filed either to relinquish or to terminate parental rights during the year. Cases Disposed refers to the number of final decrees entered either granting or denying the petition.
Uncontested	A category of dispositions referring to the number of cases disposed in which there were no evidentiary hearings.
 <u>Jury Utilization</u>	
Average Jury Fees Per Trial	An overall measure of juror usage calculated by dividing Juror Fess Incurred by the number of Jury Trials Begun.
Juror Days	The number of prospective jurors reporting to the courthouse in anticipation of voir dire. If a juror reported more than once, each day is counted.
Juror Days Per Voir Dire Starts	The average number of prospective jurors needed for one voire dire, calculated by dividing Juror Days by Voir Dires Begun.
Jury Fees Incurred	Juror fees incurred by the county and the state this year.
Jury Trials Begun	Number of jury trials begun this year.
Number Sent To Voir Dire	The number of prospective jurors sent to voir dire. If a juror was sent more than once, each voir dire attended is counted.
Percent Zero Panel Days	The percentage of Pool Days in which prospective jurors reported to the courthouse but no voir dire was begun, calculated by dividing Zero Panel Days by Pool Days and multiplying by 100.
Pool Days	The number of days prospective jurors reported to the courthouse in anticipation of voir dire.
Sworn Jurors	The number of jurors sworn for trial. If a juror was sworn more than once, each swearing-in is counted.
Trial Attendance Rate	The percentage of jurors in voir dire selected to serve on a jury, calculated calculated by dividing Sworn Jurors by the Number Sent To Voir Dire and multiplying by 100.
Voir Dire Attendance Rate	The percentage of prospective jurors sent to voir dire, calculated by dividing the Number Sent To Voir Dire by Juror Days and multiplying by 100.
Voir Dires Begun	The number of voir dires begun this year.

Zero Panel Days	The number of days prospective jurors reported to the courthouse in which no Voir dires were begun.
<u>District Justice</u>	
Bound To Court	A disposition category for Criminal referring to the number of cases for which a prima facie was established and the defendant was held for court.
Civil Complaint	A civil action involving a claim of \$8,000 or less.
Cases Disposed	The number of cases in which a district justice renders a decision, a guilty plea is entered, or some other final decision is made. A case is counted as disposed even though all fines and costs may not have been collected.
Complaint Withdrawn	A disposition category for Civil Complaints and Landlord/Tenant Actions, referring to the number of cases in which a plaintiff withdrew the complaint.
Criminal Case	The set of Felony, Misdemeanor or Escalating Summary charges arising from a single criminal incident. When an incident involves co-defendants, the prosecution of each defendant is counted separately (i.e., only one defendant per case).
Default Judgment	A disposition category for Civil Complaints, and Landlord/Tenant Actions, referring to the number of cases in which a judgment was entered for the plaintiff because the defendant did not appear.
Dismissal	A disposition category for Criminal, Private Criminal Complaints, Traffic Citations and Non-Traffic Citations, referring to the number of cases dismissed or discharged by the district justice.
Dismissal With Prejudice	A disposition category for Civil Complaints and Landlord/Tenant Actions. An adjudication on the merits, and final disposition, barring the right to bring or maintain an action on the same claim or cause.
Dismissal Without Prejudice	A disposition category for Civil Complaints and Landlord/Tenant Actions which does not bar complainant from bringing suit again on the same cause of action.
Felony/Misdemeanor/	A Felony is a statutory class of crime Escalating Summary generally more serious than a misdemeanor; murder of the first degree is also counted with felonies. A Misdemeanor is a statutory class of crime generally more serious than a summary offense and less serious than a felony. The maximum term of imprisonment for a misdemeanor may not exceed five years. For a summary offense, the maximum term of imprisonment may not exceed 90 days. An Escalating Summary is a charge (e.g., retail or library theft) for which the grading as a summary or misdemeanor/felony is determined by the defendant's criminal history.
Guilty Plea	A disposition category for Criminal, Private Criminal Complaints, Traffic and Non-Traffic Citations referring to the number of cases in which the defendant admits having committed an offense for which he is charged. For Traffic and Non-Traffic Citations, guilty pleas include defendants submitting payment of fines and costs without pleading guilty on the citation forms.
Landlord/Tenant Action	Action of landlord/lessor against a tenant/lessee for the recovery of real property. The complaint may include a claim for rent due unpaid. Also included in this category are defendant claims against the plaintiff arising from occupancy of the premise.

New Cases Filed	The number of cases initiated during the year. Traffic and Non-Traffic cases are initiated by a citation. Civil Complaint, Landlord/Tenant Action, and Private Criminal Complaint cases are initiated by a complaint. The individually numbered docket transcript (OTN) is the unit of count for Criminal cases.
Non-Traffic Citation	Summary offense charges initiated by a police officer, other than those classified under Traffic Citation.
Order of Execution	The enforcement of a civil money judgment. The defendant's property is sold to satisfy the judgment.
Order of Possession	The enforcement of a Landlord/Tenant Action for possession of property.
Other (Disposition)	A disposition category for cases terminated by means that cannot accurately be classified in any of the other dispositional categories; e.g., death of a defendant.
Private Criminal	Summary offense charges initiated by a Complaint private citizen.
Prosecution Withdrawn	A disposition category for Criminal, Private Criminal Complaints, Traffic and Non-Traffic Citations referring to cases in which the prosecutor formally withdraws the charges.
Settled	A disposition category referring to cases in which the parties resolve the issues of the dispute.
Traffic Citation	Traffic Citations initiate summary proceedings for offenses under the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, or for violations of local parking ordinances not covered by the Vehicle Code.
Trial	A disposition category referring to cases adjudicated by a district justice following an evidentiary hearing.
Waiver of Preliminary Hearing	A disposition category for Criminal Preliminary Hearing referring to cases forwarded to common pleas court after a preliminary hearing has been waived.