# 2022 Columbia Court of Common Pleas Caseload Statistics for County





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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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Class of County: 6th

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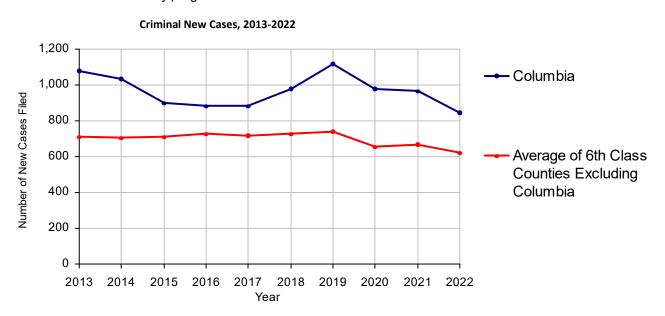
2022 Criminal	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	1,105	
New Cases Filed in 2022	846	
Reopened Cases	177	
Cases Available for Processing	2,128	
Processed by:		
Withdrawn/Dismissed	165	17.6%
Diversionary Disposition*	153	16.3%
Guilty Plea	528	56.2%
Non-Jury Trial	2	0.2%
Jury Trial	9	1.0%
Inactive	66	7.0%
Other	16	1.7%
Total Cases Processed	939	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	1,189	
Cases Awaiting Sentencing	125	

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Age of Pen as of 12/	es	
0-60 Days	148	12.4%
61-120 Days	129	10.8%
121-180 Days	105	8.8%
181-240 Days	105	8.8%
241-300 Days	92	7.7%
301-360 Days	69	5.8%
Over 360 Days	541	45.5%
Total	1,189	100.0%

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<sup>\*</sup> Includes other diversionary programs such as Veterans Court.



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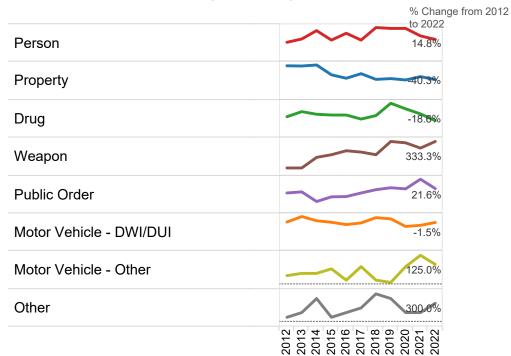


#### 2022 Criminal - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	56	45	0	101	11.9%
Property	78	100	1	179	21.2%
Drug	42	138	0	180	21.3%
Weapon	20	6	0	26	3.1%
Public Order	34	56	0	90	10.6%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	8	249	0	257	30.4%
Motor Vehicle - Other	0	9	0	9	1.1%
Other	4	0	0	4	0.5%
Total	242	603	1	846	100.0%
	28.6%	71.3%	0.1%	100.0%	

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



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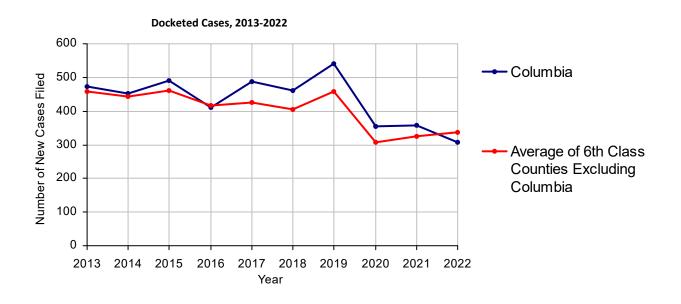
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2022 Civil	<b>Civil Action</b>	Other	Total			
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	327	121	448			
Docketed Cases	206	102	308			
Arbitration Appeals	4	0	4	A (D !!		
Transferred In	0	0	0	Age of Pendin	-	es
Returned to Active	1	0	1	as of 12/31	-	
Cases Available for Processing	538	223	761	(Civil Action	Only)	
_				0-6 months	115	37.1%
Processed By:				7-12 months	29	9.4%
Default Judgments	74	21	95	13-18 months	20	6.5%
Cases Decided by Arbitration Boar	d 14	0	14	19-24 months	9	2.9%
Dispositive Motions	7	6	13	25-30 months	20	6.5%
Settlements	3	7	10	31-36 months	10	3.2%
Moved to Inactive Status	0	0	0	37-42 months	7	2.3%
Transferred/Withdrawn	16	0	16	43-48 months	5	1.6%
Dismissed/Discontinued	74	36	110	49-54 months	9	2.9%
Administrative Purge	29	9	38	55-60 months	20	6.5%
Other	8	5	13	61-66 months	22	7.1%
Jury Trial	2	0	2	67-72 months	20	6.5%
Non-Jury Trial	1	0	1	Over 72 months	24	7.7%
<b>Total Cases Processed</b>	228	84	312	Total	310	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	310	139	449			



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#### 2022 Civil - Docketed Cases Listed by Case Type

TORT	25	8.1%	REAL PROPERTY	76	24.7%
(does not include mass tort)			Ejectment*	5	
Intentional	2		Eminent Domain/Condemnation*	0	
Malicious Prosecution	0		Ground Rent	0	
Motor Vehicle	13		Landlord/Tenant Dispute	6	
Nuisance	0		Mortgage Foreclosure:	J	
Premise Liability	1		Residential*	50	
Product Liability	0		Commercial*	3	
Slander/Libel/Defamation	0		Partition of Real Property*	2	
Other	9		Quiet Title*	7	
MASS TORT	1	0.3%	Other*	3	
Asbestos	0		CIVIL APPEALS	17	5.5%
Tobacco	0		- Administrative Agencies		
Toxic Tort - DES	0		Board of Assessment*	5	
Toxic Tort - Implant	0		Board of Elections*	0	
Toxic Waste	0		Dept. of Transportation*	7	
Other	1		Zoning Board*	0	
PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY	4	4 20/	Statutory Appeal - Other*	1	
Dental	<b>4</b>	1.3%	Other*	4	
Legal	0		MISCELLANEOUS	15	4.9%
Medical Malpractice	2		Common Law/		<del></del>
Other	2		Statutory Arbitration*	0	
CONTRACT			Declaratory Judgment*	5	
CONTRACT (does not include judgments)	170	55.2%	Mandamus*	0	
	0		Non-Domestic Relations		
Buyer Plaintiff  Debt Collection: Credit Card	0 62		Restraining Order*	1	
Debt Collection: Credit Card  Debt Collection: Other	87		Quo Warranto*	0	
			Replevin*	2	
Employment Dispute: Discrimination	0		Other*	7	
Employment Dispute: Other	3				
Other	18		TOTAL DOCKETED CASES:	308	100.0%
Of the Docketed Cases:					
Pro Se Filings: 1 0.3%	Class	Action Suits	0 MDJ Appeals:	1	7 5.5%

<sup>\*</sup>Civil Other

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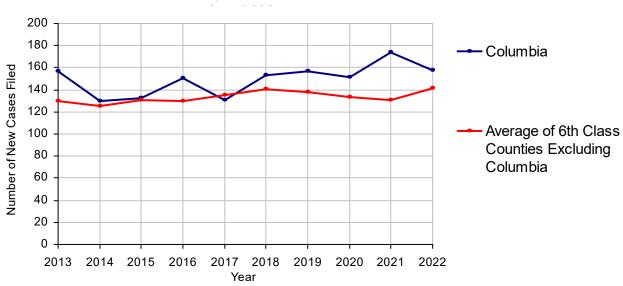
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2022 Protection From Abuse	No. of Petitions	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	48	
New Cases Filed in 2022	158	
Of these, Petitions Requesting Temporary Orders: 158 (100.0%)		
Temporary Orders DENIED: 4 (2.5%), Temporary Orders GRANTED: 154 (97.5%)		
Cases Available for Processing	206	
Processed By:		
Temporary Order DENIED After Ex Parte Hearing and No Evidentiary Hearing Scheduled	1	1.0%
Temporary Order DISMISSED After Evidentiary Hearing and No Final Order Entered	2	1.9%
Final Order DENIED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	4	3.8%
Final Order GRANTED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	38	36.5%
Plaintiff Did Not Appear For Evidentiary Hearing	8	7.7%
Final Order by STIPULATION OR AGREEMENT Between the Parties	22	21.2%
Petition WITHDRAWN by Plaintiff	26	25.0%
TRANSFERRED to Another Jurisdiction	0	
Other	3	2.9%
Cases Processed	104	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	102	

#### PFA New Cases Filed, 2013-2022



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2022 Spousal & Child Support	No. of Petitions	<b>3</b>
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	174	
New Cases Filed in 2022	891	
Dockets Transferred In (+)	17	
Dockets Transferred Out (-)	12	
Cases Available for Processing	1,070	
Processed By:		
Judge	7	0.7%
Intake Officer	857	91.6%
Hearing Officer	72	7.7%
Other	0	
Cases Processed	936	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	134	

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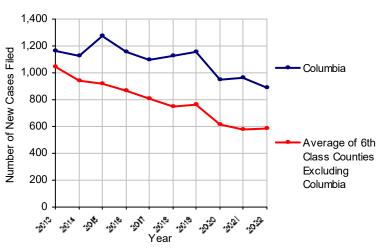
2022 Paternity	No. of Cases	
Acknowledgements Filed:		
Non-Domestic Relations Section	91	82.7%
During Conference	18	16.4%
Non-Stipulated (post genetic test)	1	0.9%
Pre-Trial Conference	0	
Total	110	100.0%
Established:		
Stipulated by Genetic Tests	7	17.9%
Default - Father Failed to Appear	5	12.8%
Adjudication by Court Proceeding	0	
Out of State	27	69.2%
Total	39	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	18	

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Note: Include support and paternity data for Montour County since Domestic Relations Offices were combined in 2015 and breakouts are not available.







#### **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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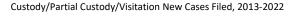
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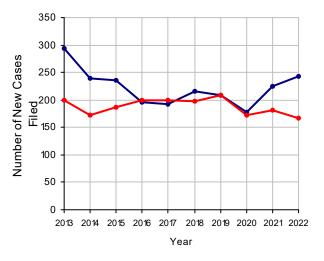
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2022 Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation	No. of Petitions	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	229	
New Cases Filed in 2022	243	
Cases Available for Processing	472	
Processed By:		
Judge	16	6.6%
Non-Judicial Officer	218	89.3%
Administrative Review/Purge	3	1.2%
Other	7	2.9%
Cases Processed	244	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	228	

Clearance Rate, 2013-2022



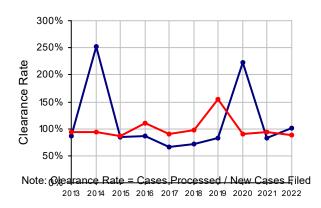


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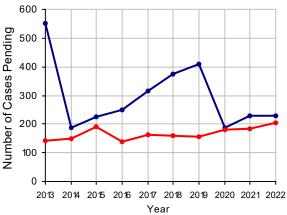
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Average of 6th Class Counties Excluding

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Cases Pending at the End of Year, 2013-2022



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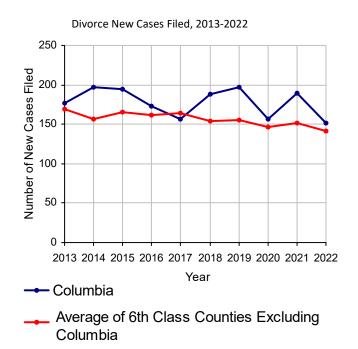
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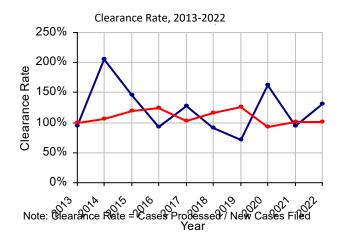
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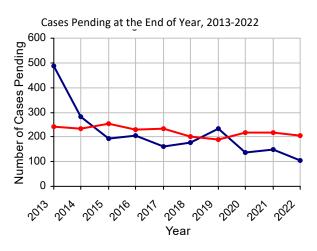


2022 Divorce	No. of Petitions	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	149	
New Cases Filed in 2022	152	
Cases Available for Processing	301	
Processed By:		
Contested Before a Judge	2	1.0%
Contested Before a Non-Judicial Officer	4	2.0%
Uncontested	151	76.3%
Administrative Review/Purge	28	14.1%
Other	13	6.6%
Cases Processed	198	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	103	



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# 2022 Juvenile Dependency - Petitions Pending Adjudication

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	31	0	31
New Petitions Filed in 2022	78	1	79
Other	14	0	14
<b>Total Petitions Available for Processing</b>	123	1	124
Processed by:			
Adjudicated Dependent			
Judge	0	0	0
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	74	1	75
Adjudicated NOT Dependent			
Judge	1	0	1
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	2	0	2
Withdrawn/Dismissed/Transferred	19	0	19
Other	0	0	0
Total Petitions Processed	96	1	97
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	27	0	27

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#### 2022 Juvenile Dependency - Adjudicated Dependent Inventory

	Abuse/ Neglect		Status Offenses	}	Total	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	185		2		187	
New Adjudicated Dependent Cases	74		1		75	
Other	1		0		1	
<b>Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases</b>	260		3		263	
Court Supervision Terminated:						
Family Reunification	28	23.0%	0		28	22.8%
Adoption	31	25.4%	0		31	25.2%
Placement with a Relative/Guardian	49	40.2%	1	100.0%	50	40.7%
Aged Out	11	9.0%	0		11	8.9%
Other Permanency Outcomes*	1	0.8%	0		1	0.8%
Other**	2	1.6%	0		2	1.6%
Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases Terminated	122	100.0%	1	100.0%	123	100.0%
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2022</b>	138		2		140	

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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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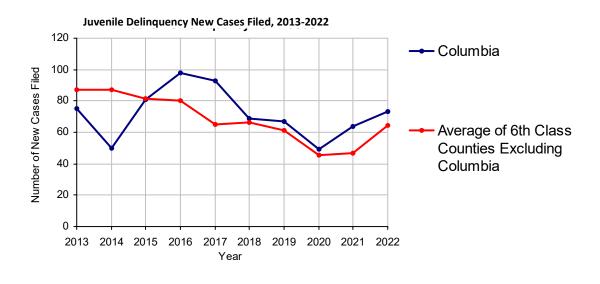


# 2022 Juvenile Delinquency - Cases Pending Disposition

Begin Pending	20
New Cases	73
Consent Decree Revoked	0
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	0
Alternative Program Revoked	0
Warrant Returned	0
Other	1
<b>Total Cases Available for Disposition</b>	94
Warrant Issued	0
Disposed by:	
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	22
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile	
Court Hearing Officer	0
Consent Decree Entered	7
Informal Adjustment Program Entered	28
Warned and Counseled (Pre-Petition)	1
Dismissed/Withdrawn/Transferred	17
Transferred to Criminal Court	0
Other	0
Total Cases Disposed	75
End Pending	19
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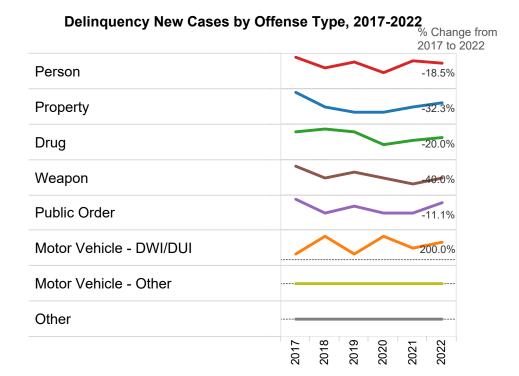
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#### 2022 Delinquency - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	5	17	0	22	30.1%
Property	5	16	0	21	28.8%
Drug	1	15	0	16	21.9%
Weapon	0	3	0	3	4.1%
Public Order	0	8	0	8	11.0%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	0	3	0	3	4.1%
Motor Vehicle - Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	11	62	0	73	100.0%
	15.1%	84.9%	0.0%	100.0%	

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# 2022 Juvenile Delinquency - Formal Dispositions

Begin Pending	29
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	22
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile	_
Court Hearing Officer	0
Warrant Returned	0
Other	1
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases	52
Warrant Issued	0
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Court Supervision Terminated:	
Conditions Satisfied	22
Compelling Reasons	3
Reached Age 21	1
Transferred to Another Juvenile Court	0
Other	0
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases	
Terminated	26
End Pending	26
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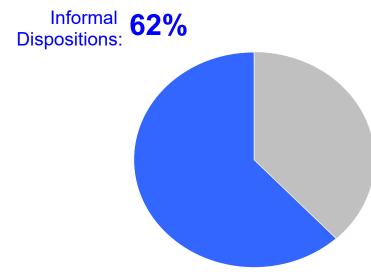
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#### 2022 Juvenile Delinquency - Informal Dispositions

2022 Gatolino Bollingaolioy	
Pending Consent Decrees	6
Pending Informal Adjustments	4
New Consent Decrees	7
New Informal Adjustments	28
Warrant Returned	0
Other	0
Cases Informally Disposed	45
Warrant Issued	0
Terminated by:	
Consent Decree Completed	11
Informal Adjustment Completed	20
Consent Decree Revoked	0
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	0
Other	0
<b>Total Informally Disposed Cases Terminated</b>	31
End Pending	14
/D) Davised	

(R) - Revised Data provided by CPCMS



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

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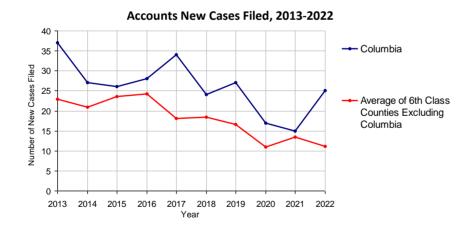
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2022 Accounts	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	18	
New Cases Filed in 2022	25	
Cases Available for Processing	43	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	0	
Contested before a Non-Judicial Officer	0	
Uncontested	21	100.0%
Other	0	
Cases Processed	21	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	22	



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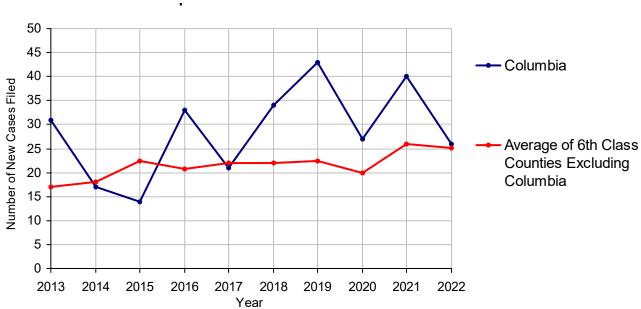
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2022 Adoptions		No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022		13	
New Cases Filed in 2022		26	
Cases Available for Processing		39	
Processed By:			
Contested before a Judge	Granted	0	
	Denied	0	
Uncontested	Granted	29	100.0%
	Denied	0	
Other		0	
Cases Processed		29	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022		10	

#### Adoptions New Cases Filed, 2013-2022



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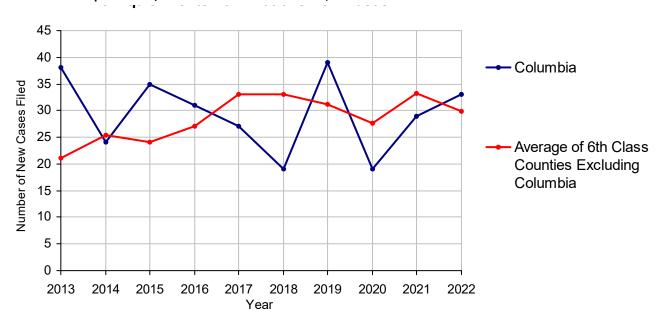
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2022 Relinquishments/Terminations	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	5	
New Cases Filed in 2022	33	
Cases Available for Processing	38	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	1	4.0%
Uncontested	22	88.0%
Other	2	8.0%
Cases Processed	25	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	13	

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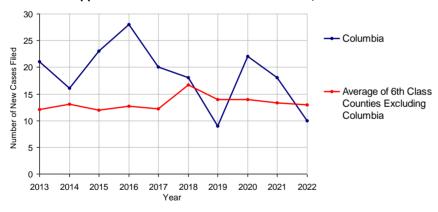
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2022 Appointment of Guardians	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	27	
New Cases Filed in 2022	10	
Cases Available for Processing	37	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	0	
Uncontested	5	62.5%
Other	3	37.5%
Cases Processed	8	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	29	

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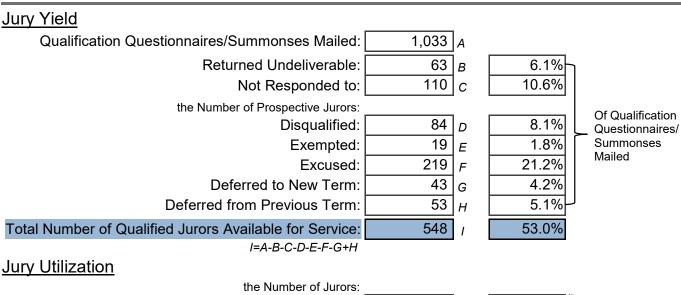
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#### 2022 Jury Yield and Utilization



Reporting for Service:	350
Told Not to Report for Service:	94
Sent to Courtroom for Jury Selection (Voir Dire):	356
Impaneled or Sworn (jurors/alternates):	138
Removed for Cause/Hardship:	46
Removed by Peremptory Challenge:	156

Number of Jury Trials Started:

Pool Days: 4 0 Zero Panel Days

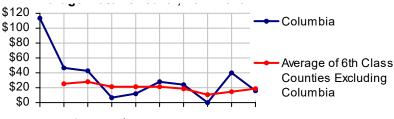
63.9%	
17.2%	and Available
101.7%	1 10.00.0.0.0.000.0.09
39.4%	for Service

(Of Pool Days)

#### **Jury Costs**

Total Annual Budget for Juror Operations:	\$16,000.00	J
Average Cost Per Juror:	\$15.49	Κ
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Average Cost Per Juror, 2013-2022



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Note: Due to incomplete data, Average Cost Per Juror for 2013 is estimated by dividing Total Budget for Juror Operations by the Number

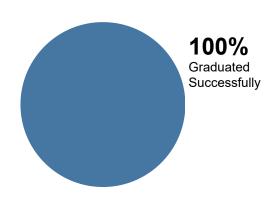
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#### **Columbia/Montour Counties**

#### **2022 Problem Solving Courts**

#### 9 Discharges

#### Of All Court Participants Discharged:



#### 20 Admissions



#### **Discharge Reason**

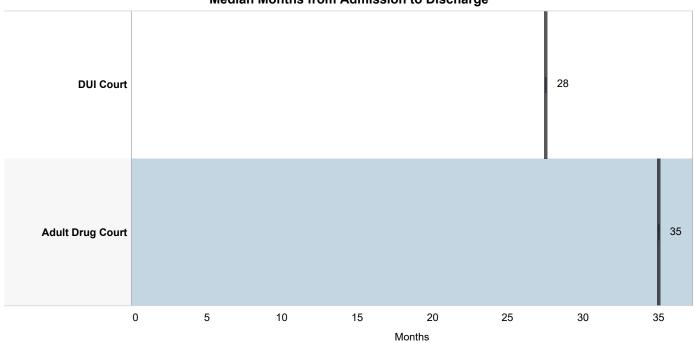
Total Discharges	Successfully Completed	
(100.0%)	3 (100.0%)	Adult Drug Court
(100.0%)	6 (100.0%)	DUI Court

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#### **Columbia/Montour Counties**

#### **2022 Problem Solving Courts**

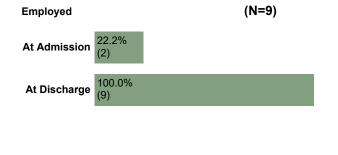




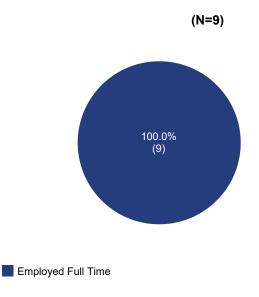
Among successful graduates, there was a 350%

increase in employment.

100% of the employed successful graduates were employed full time:



11% (1) of all participants have improved in education level at discharge.



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