# 2022 Delaware 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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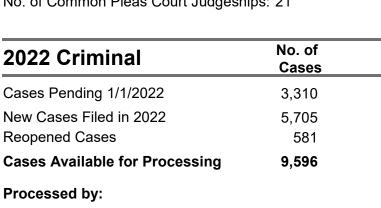
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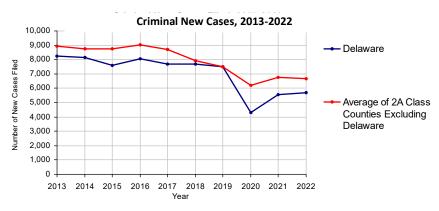
Total Cases Processed	6 191	100 0%
Other	51	0.8%
Inactive	468	7.6%
Jury Trial	61	1.0%
Non-Jury Trial	92	1.5%
Guilty Plea	4,142	66.9%
Diversionary Disposition*	1,017	16.4%
Withdrawn/Dismissed	360	5.8%
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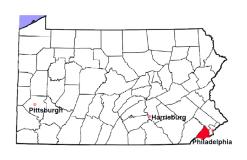
Cases Pending 12/31/2022 3,
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Cases Awaiting Sentencing	158

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

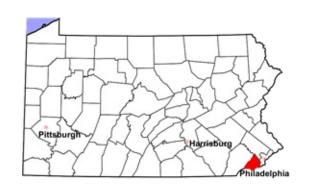




Age of Pendas of 12/	es	
0-60 Days	952	28.0%
61-120 Days	601	17.7%
121-180 Days	373	11.0%
181-240 Days	291	8.5%
241-300 Days	275	8.1%
301-360 Days	195	5.7%
Over 360 Days	718	21.1%
Total	3,405	100.0%

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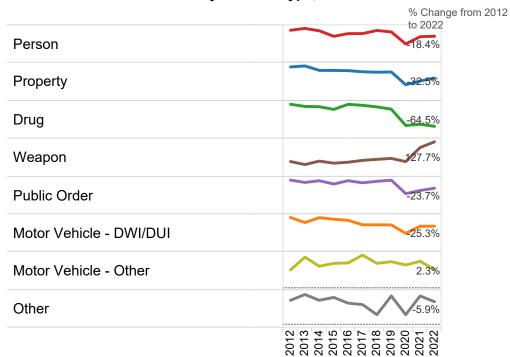


#### 2022 Criminal - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	579	469	4	1,052	18.4%
Property	848	532	15	1,395	24.5%
Drug	196	663	6	865	15.2%
Weapon	385	49	1	435	7.6%
Public Order	162	344	3	509	8.9%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	37	1,349	2	1,388	24.3%
Motor Vehicle - Other	8	36	1	45	0.8%
Other	16	0	0	16	0.3%
Total	2,231	3,442	32	5,705	100.0%
	39.1%	60.3%	0.6%	100.0%	

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



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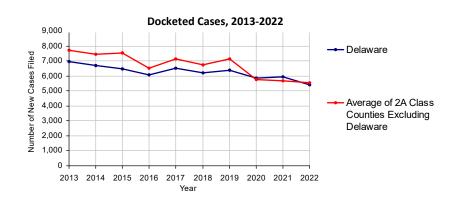
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2022 Civil	<b>Civil Action</b>	Other	Total			
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	5,933	3,976	9,909			
Docketed Cases	3,331	2,092	5,423			
Arbitration Appeals	118	22	140	A (D !		
Transferred In	82	6	88	Age of Pendi	_	es
Returned to Active	7	4	11	as of 12/3		
Cases Available for Processing	9,471	6,100	15,571	(Civil Actio	n Only)	
_	,	,	,	0-6 months	1,477	25.2%
Processed By:				7-12 months	1,016	17.3%
Default Judgments	705	356	1,061	13-18 months	590	10.0%
Cases Decided by Arbitration Boar	d 334	147	481	19-24 months	543	9.2%
Dispositive Motions	28	141	169	25-30 months	438	7.5%
Settlements	1,530	525	2,055	31-36 months	364	6.2%
Moved to Inactive Status	20	8	28	37-42 months	364	6.2%
Transferred/Withdrawn	832	410	1,242	43-48 months	271	4.6%
Dismissed/Discontinued	80	163	243	49-54 months	211	3.6%
Administrative Purge	1	0	1	55-60 months	243	4.1%
Other	36	22	58	61-66 months	148	2.5%
Jury Trial	17	0	17	67-72 months	93	1.6%
Non-Jury Trial	17	29	46	Over 72 months	113	1.9%
<b>Total Cases Processed</b>	3,600	1,801	5,401	Total		100.0%
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2022</b>	5,871	4,299	10,170			



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## 2022 Civil - Docketed Cases Listed by Case Type

TORT	1,305	24.1%	<b>REAL PROP</b>	ERTY	1,555	28.7%
(does not include mass tort)			Ejectment*		119	
Intentional	27		<b>Eminent Doma</b>	ain/Condemnation*	16	
Malicious Prosecution	3		Ground Rent		1	
Motor Vehicle	885		Landlord/Tena	nt Dispute	439	
Nuisance	3		Mortgage Fore	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	.00	
Premise Liability	225		Reside		660	
Product Liability	5		Commo		50	
Slander/Libel/Defamation	8		Partition of Re		17	
Other	149		Quiet Title*	ar roporty	97	
MASS TORT	0		Other*		156	
Asbestos	0		CIVIL APPEA	AI S	668	12.3%
Tobacco	0			rative Agencies		12.070
Toxic Tort - DES	0		Board of Asse	•	273	
Toxic Tort - Implant	0		<b>Board of Elect</b>	ions*	0	
Toxic Waste	0		Dept. of Trans	portation*	208	
Other	0		Zoning Board*	-	22	
PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY			Statutory Appe	eal - Other*	9	
	87	1.6%	Other*		156	
Dental	6		MISCELLAN	EU118	200	<b></b> 0/
Legal Malayartia	2				309	5.7%
Medical Malpractice	39		Common Law		0	
Other	40			Arbitration*	2	
CONTRACT	1,499	27.6%	Declaratory Ju Mandamus*	lagment	16 6	
(does not include judgments)	•		Non-Domestic	Dolotions	6	
Buyer Plaintiff	29				15	
Debt Collection: Credit Card	844		Quo Warranto	ing Order* *	15 0	
Debt Collection: Other	357				0	
Employment Dispute:Discrimination	5		Replevin*		16	
Employment Dispute: Other	12		Other*		254	
Other	252		TOTAL BOOK	TETED CACEO.	F 400	400.00/
Of the Docketed Cases:			TOTAL DUCK	ETED CASES:	5,423	100.0%
Pro Se Filings: 158 2.9%	Class	Action Suits:	6 0.1%	MDJ Appeals:	36	9 6.8%

\*Civil Other

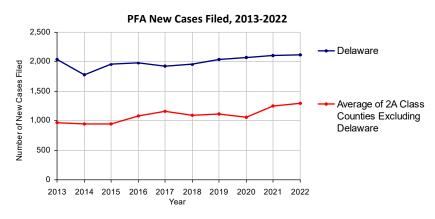
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2022 Protection From Abuse	No. of Petitions	<b>,</b>
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	1,136	
New Cases Filed in 2022	2,115	
Of these, Petitions Requesting Temporary Orders: 2,115 (100.0%) Temporary Orders DENIED: 448 (21.2%), Temporary Orders GRANTED: 1,667 (78.8%)		
Cases Available for Processing	3,251	
Processed By:		
Temporary Order DENIED After Ex Parte Hearing and No Evidentiary Hearing Scheduled	138	6.2%
Temporary Order DISMISSED After Evidentiary Hearing and No Final Order Entered	2	0.1%
Final Order DENIED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	220	9.9%
Final Order GRANTED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	296	13.4%
Plaintiff Did Not Appear For Evidentiary Hearing	843	38.1%
Final Order by STIPULATION OR AGREEMENT Between the Parties	149	6.7%
Petition WITHDRAWN by Plaintiff	566	25.6%
TRANSFERRED to Another Jurisdiction	0	
Other	0	
Cases Processed		100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	1,037	



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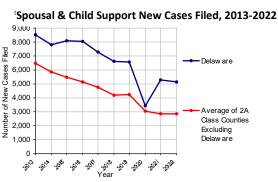


2022 Spousal & Child Support	No. of Petitions	5
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	2,732	
New Cases Filed in 2022	5,135	
Dockets Transferred In (+)	90	
Dockets Transferred Out (-)	158	
Cases Available for Processing	7,799	
Processed By:		
Judge	279	5.6%
Intake Officer	2,396	48.2%
Hearing Officer	2,292	46.1%
Other	2	<0.1%
Cases Processed	4,969	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	2,830	

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2022 Paternity	No. of Cases	
Acknowledgements Filed:		
Non-Domestic Relations Section	717	82.5%
During Conference	123	14.2%
Non-Stipulated (post genetic test)	5	0.6%
Pre-Trial Conference	24	2.8%
Total	869	100.0%
Established:		
Stipulated by Genetic Tests	119	42.5%
Default - Father Failed to Appear	45	16.1%
Adjudication by Court Proceeding	2	0.7%
Out of State	114	40.7%
Total	280	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	402	

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#### **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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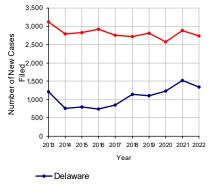
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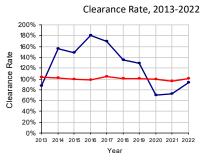


2022 Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation	No. of Petitions	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	3,703	
New Cases Filed in 2022	1,344	
Cases Available for Processing	5,047	
Processed By:		
Judge	76	6.1%
Non-Judicial Officer	794	63.7%
Administrative Review/Purge	218	17.5%
Other	158	12.7%
Cases Processed	1,246	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	3,801	

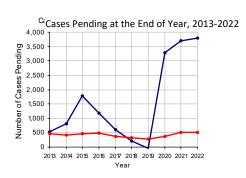




 Average of 2A Class Counties Excluding Delaware



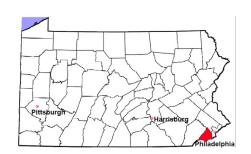
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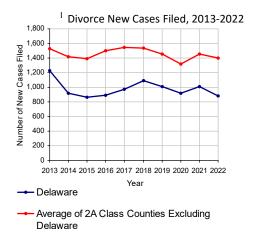
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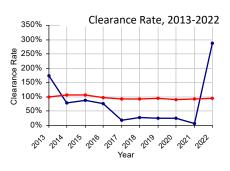
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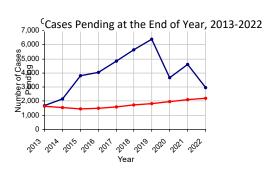
2022 Divorce	No. of Petitions	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	4,589	
New Cases Filed in 2022	878	
Cases Available for Processing	5,467	
Processed By:		
Contested Before a Judge	0	
Contested Before a Non-Judicial Officer	0	
Uncontested	670	26.5%
Administrative Review/Purge	1,854	73.4%
Other	1	<0.1%
Cases Processed	2,525	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	2,942	



Note. The unusually high clearance rate in 2013 was due to an administrative review and purge.



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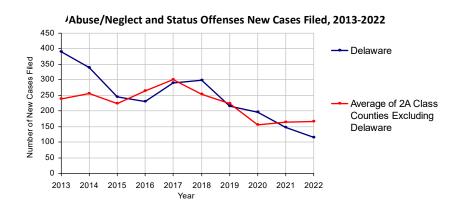
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# 2022 Juvenile Dependency - Petitions Pending Adjudication

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	37	0	37
New Petitions Filed in 2022	114	1	115
Other	30	1	31
<b>Total Petitions Available for Processing</b>	181	2	183
Processed by:			
Adjudicated Dependent			
Judge	18	0	18
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	97	1	98
Adjudicated NOT Dependent			
Judge	0	0	0
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	2	0	2
Withdrawn/Dismissed/Transferred	38	1	39
Other	5	0	5
Total Petitions Processed	160	2	162
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	21	0	21

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## 2022 Juvenile Dependency - Adjudicated Dependent Inventory

	Abuse/ Neglect		Status Offenses		Total	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	339		1		340	
New Adjudicated Dependent Cases	115		1		116	
Other	2		0		2	
<b>Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases</b>	456		2		458	
Court Supervision Terminated:						
Family Reunification	24	16.0%	1	50.0%	25	16.4%
Adoption	28	18.7%	0		28	18.4%
Placement with a Relative/Guardian	80	53.3%	1	50.0%	81	53.3%
Aged Out	13	8.7%	0		13	8.6%
Other Permanency Outcomes*	3	2.0%	0		3	2.0%
Other**	2	1.3%	0		2	1.3%
Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases Terminated	150	100.0%	2	100.0%	152	100.0%
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2022</b>	306		0		306	

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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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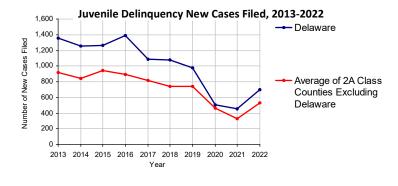
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# 2022 Juvenile Delinquency - Cases Pending Disposition

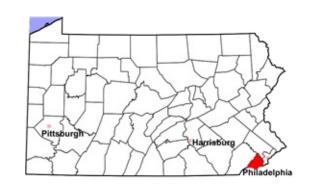
Begin Pending	337
New Cases	701
Consent Decree Revoked	18
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	1
Alternative Program Revoked	0
Warrant Returned	68
Other	62
<b>Total Cases Available for Disposition</b>	1,187
Warrant Issued	74
Disposed by:	
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	183
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile	
Court Hearing Officer	29
Consent Decree Entered	177
Informal Adjustment Program Entered	124
Warned and Counseled (Pre-Petition)	0
Dismissed/Withdrawn/Transferred	76
Transferred to Criminal Court	2
Other	68
Total Cases Disposed	659
End Pending	454

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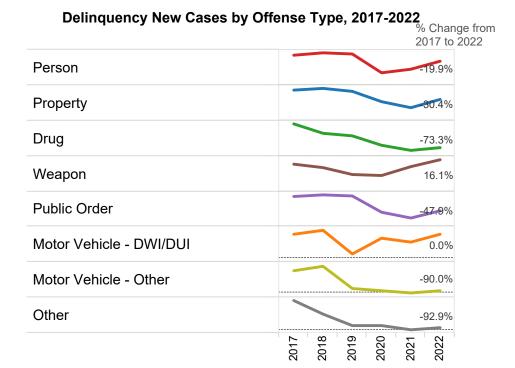
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#### 2022 Delinquency - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	140	169	0	309	44.1%
Property	117	71	0	188	26.8%
Drug	8	35	1	44	6.3%
Weapon	26	39	0	65	9.3%
Public Order	11	55	20	86	12.3%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	0	6	0	6	0.9%
Motor Vehicle - Other	0	1	0	1	0.1%
Other	2	0	0	2	0.3%
Total	304	376	21	701	100.0%
	43.4%	53.6%	3.0%	100.0%	

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# 2022 Juvenile Delinquency - Formal Dispositions

Begin Pending	925
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	183
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	29
Warrant Returned	156
Other	7
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases	1,300
Warrant Issued	125
Court Supervision Terminated:	
Conditions Satisfied	248
Compelling Reasons	5
Reached Age 21	187
Transferred to Another Juvenile Court	2
Other	34
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases	4=0
Terminated	476
End Pending	699

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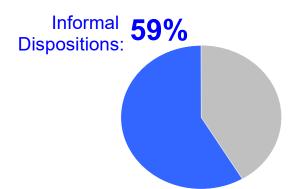
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## 2022 Juvenile Delinquency - Informal Dispositions

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Pending Consent Decrees	178
Pending Informal Adjustments	40
New Consent Decrees	177
New Informal Adjustments	124
Warrant Returned	0
Other	10
Cases Informally Disposed	529
Warrant Issued	4
Terminated by:	
Consent Decree Completed	94
Informal Adjustment Completed	71
Consent Decree Revoked	18
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	1
Other	63
Total Informally Disposed Cases Terminated	247
End Pending	278
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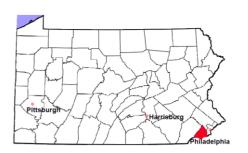


Delinquency Cases are disposed either formally, at a proceeding held before a judge or hearing officer, or informally without a proceeding. Informal dispositions include informal adjustments supervised by a juvenile probation officer; consent decrees agreed upon with the District Attorney after a petition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

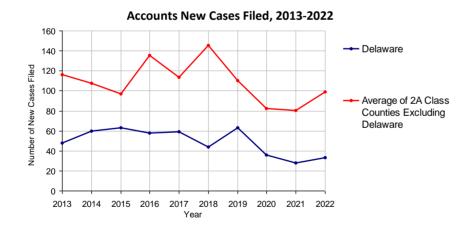
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2022 Accounts	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	22	
New Cases Filed in 2022	33	
Cases Available for Processing	55	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	0	
Contested before a Non-Judicial Officer	0	
Uncontested	22	91.7%
Other	2	8.3%
Cases Processed	24	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	31	



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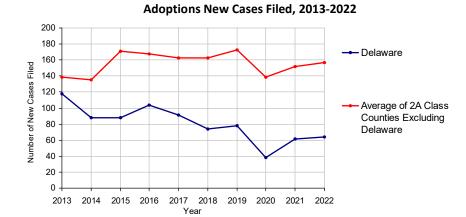
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2022 Adoptions		No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022		36 <sup>(R</sup>	)
New Cases Filed in 2022		64	
Cases Available for Processing		100	
Processed By:			
Contested before a Judge	Granted	1	1.4%
	Denied	0	
Uncontested	Granted	65	94.2%
	Denied	0	
Other		3	4.3%
Cases Processed		69	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022		31	

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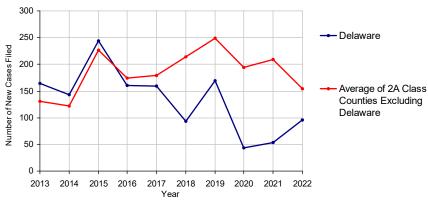
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2022 Relinquishments/Terminations	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	70 <sup>(R</sup>	2)
New Cases Filed in 2022	96	
Cases Available for Processing	166	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	0	
Uncontested	86	87.8%
Other	12	12.2%
Cases Processed	98	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	68	

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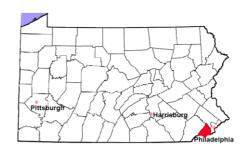
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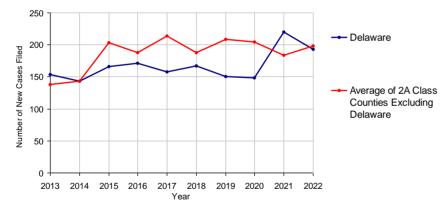


2022 Appointment of Guardians	No. of Cases		
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	86 <sup>(R</sup>	)	
New Cases Filed in 2022	193		
Cases Available for Processing	279		
Processed By:			
Contested before a Judge	2	1.0%	
Uncontested	142	74.3%	
Other	47	24.6%	
Cases Processed	191	100.0%	
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	88		

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#### Appointment of Guardians New Cases Filed, 2013-2022



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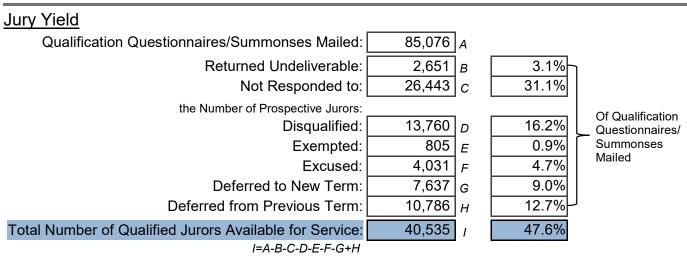
2022 Population estimate: 575,182

Class of County: 2A

No. of Common Pleas Court Judgeships: 21



#### 2022 Jury Yield and Utilization



#### Jury Utilization

the Number of Jurors:

Reporting for Service:	10,072
Told Not to Report for Service:	15,888
Sent to Courtroom for Jury Selection (Voir Dire):	8,354
Impaneled or Sworn (jurors/alternates):	1,336
Removed for Cause/Hardship:	1,468
Removed by Peremptory Challenge:	1,247
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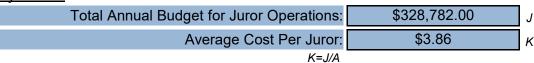
Number of Jury Trials Started: 207

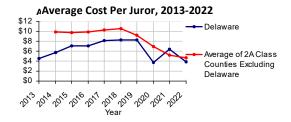
Pool Days: 102
Zero Panel Days 11

24.8% Of Jurors Qualified and Available 82.9% Of Jurors Reporting for Service

10.8% (Of Pool Days)

#### **Jury Costs**





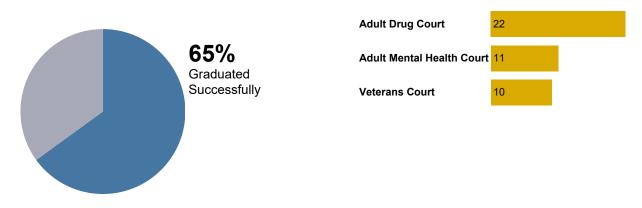
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## **2022 Problem Solving Courts**

#### 40 Discharges

#### 43 Admissions

Of All Court Participants Discharged:



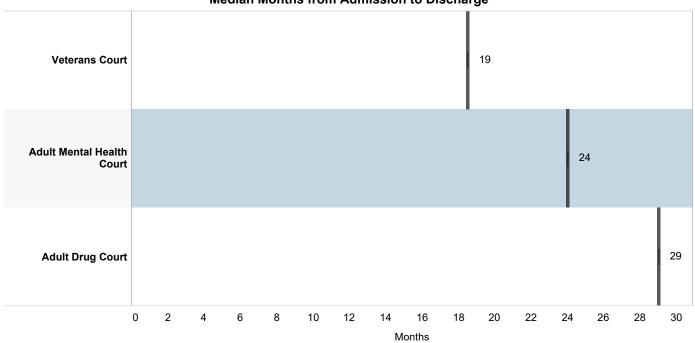
#### **Discharge Reason**

	Successfully Completed	Unsuccessful/ New Offense	Unsuccessful /Non-Compliant	Unsuccessful /Absconded	Total Discharges
Adult Drug Court	13 <i>(48.1%)</i>	3 (11.1%)	10 (37.0%)	1 (3.7%)	27 (100.0%)
Adult Mental Health Court	9 (100.0%)				9 (100.0%)
eterans Court	4 (100.0%)				4 (100.0%)

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





Among successful graduates, there was a 75% increase in employment.

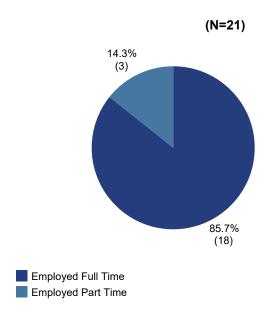
Employed (N=26)

At Admission 46.2% (12)

At Discharge 80.8% (21)

**10%** (4) of all participants have improved in **education level** at discharge.

86% of the employed successful graduates were employed full time:



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