2022 Lackawanna Court of Common Pleas Caseload Statistics for Caseload Statistics for





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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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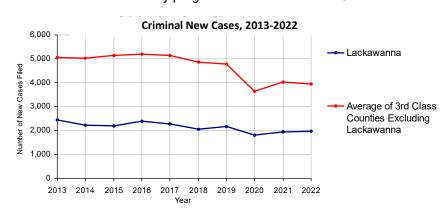


2022 Criminal	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	984	
New Cases Filed in 2022	1,965	
Reopened Cases	144	
Cases Available for Processing	3,093	
Processed by:		
Withdrawn/Dismissed	134	6.7%
Diversionary Disposition*	273	13.7%
Guilty Plea	1,431	71.8%
Non-Jury Trial	8	0.4%
Jury Trial	17	0.9%
Inactive	112	5.6%
Other	18	0.9%
Total Cases Processed	1,993	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	1,100	
Cases Awaiting Sentencing	845	

Age of Pend as of 12/3	•	es
as 01 12/3	1/2022	
0-60 Days	270	24.5%
61-120 Days	269	24.5%
121-180 Days	152	13.8%
181-240 Days	120	10.9%
241-300 Days	89	8.1%
301-360 Days	58	5.3%
Over 360 Days	142	12.9%
Total	1,100	100.0%

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^{*} Includes other diversionary programs such as Veterans Court.



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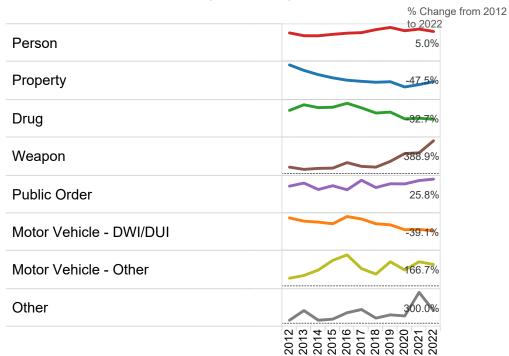


2022 Criminal - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	185	251	6	442	22.5%
Property	246	124	10	380	19.3%
Drug	227	104	0	331	16.8%
Weapon	89	43	0	132	6.7%
Public Order	72	171	1	244	12.4%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	8	399	1	408	20.8%
Motor Vehicle - Other	0	14	2	16	0.8%
Other	11	1	0	12	0.6%
Total	838	1,107	20	1,965	100.0%
	42.6%	56.3%	1.0%	100.0%	

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Criminal New Cases by Offense Type, 2012-2022



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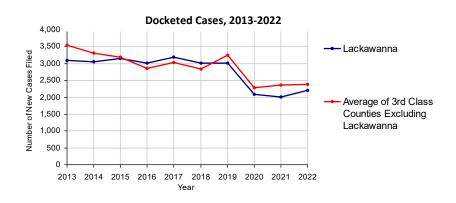
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2022 Civil	Civil Action	Other	Total			
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	4,468	4,279	8,747 (R)			
Docketed Cases	1,432	776	2,208			
Arbitration Appeals	1	0	1 -			
Transferred In	0	0	0	Age of Pendi	•	es
Returned to Active	0	0	0	as of 12/3		
Cases Available for Processing	5,901	5,055	10,956 =	(Civil Actio	n Only)	
_	3,331	5,555	10,000	0-6 months	959	22.5%
Processed By:				7-12 months	881	20.7%
Default Judgments	359	137	496	13-18 months	823	19.3%
Cases Decided by Arbitration Boar	d 36	1	37	19-24 months	439	10.3%
Dispositive Motions	36	0	36	25-30 months	309	7.3%
Settlements	319	98	417	31-36 months	190	4.5%
Moved to Inactive Status	0	0	0	37-42 months	106	2.5%
Transferred/Withdrawn	4	1	5	43-48 months	99	2.3%
Dismissed/Discontinued	432	150	582	49-54 months	86	2.0%
Administrative Purge	323	224	547	55-60 months	85	2.0%
Other	129	94	223	61-66 months	95	2.2%
Jury Trial	6	0	6	67-72 months	91	2.1%
Non-Jury Trial	0	0	0	Over 72 months	94	2.2%
Total Cases Processed	1,644	705	2,349	Total	4,257	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	4,257	4,350	8,607			

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2022 Civil - Docketed Cases Listed by Case Type

TORT	513	23.2%	REAL PROPERTY	374	16.9%
(does not include mass tort)			Ejectment*	36	
Intentional	6		Eminent Domain/Condemnation*	15	
Malicious Prosecution	0		Ground Rent	0	
Motor Vehicle	266		Landlord/Tenant Dispute	3	
Nuisance	4		Mortgage Foreclosure:	J	
Premise Liability	99		Residential*	248	
Product Liability	6		Commercial*	6	
Slander/Libel/Defamation	6		Partition of Real Property*	9	
Other	126		Quiet Title*	37	
MASS TORT	5	0.2%	Other*	20	
Asbestos	2		CIVIL APPEALS	174	7.9%
Tobacco	0		- Administrative Agencies		
Toxic Tort - DES	0		Board of Assessment*	64	
Toxic Tort - Implant	0		Board of Elections*	1	
Toxic Waste	0		Dept. of Transportation*	93	
Other	3		Zoning Board*	6	
PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY	51	2.3%	Statutory Appeal - Other*	7	
Dental	0	2.3 /0	Other*	3	
Legal	5		MISCELLANEOUS	231	10.5%
Medical Malpractice	44		Common Law/		101070
Other	2		Statutory Arbitration*	30	
CONTRACT			Declaratory Judgment*	12	
(does not include judgments)	860	38.9%	Mandamus*	3	
Buyer Plaintiff	17		Non-Domestic Relations		
Debt Collection: Credit Card	342		Restraining Order*	0	
Debt Collection: Other	368		Quo Warranto*	1	
Employment Dispute:Discrimination	2		Replevin*	13	
Employment Dispute: Other	6		Other*	172	
Other	125				
	120		TOTAL DOCKETED CASES:	2,208	100.0%
Of the Docketed Cases:					

*Civil Other

Pro Se Filings:

Class Action Suits:

2 0.1%

MDJ Appeals:

104 4.7%

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2.4%

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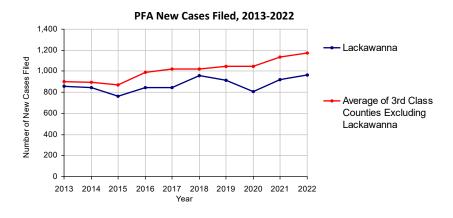
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2022 Protection From Abuse	No. of Petitions	5
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	1,679 ^{(F}	₹)
New Cases Filed in 2022	965	
Of these, Petitions Requesting Temporary Orders: 965 (100.0%) Temporary Orders DENIED: 103 (10.7%), Temporary Orders GRANTED: 862 (89.3%)		
Cases Available for Processing	2,644	
Processed By:		
Temporary Order DENIED After Ex Parte Hearing and No Evidentiary Hearing Scheduled	0	
Temporary Order DISMISSED After Evidentiary Hearing and No Final Order Entered	0	
Final Order DENIED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	24	3.7%
Final Order GRANTED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	108	16.5%
Plaintiff Did Not Appear For Evidentiary Hearing	109	16.6%
Final Order by STIPULATION OR AGREEMENT Between the Parties	164	25.0%
Petition WITHDRAWN by Plaintiff	251	38.3%
TRANSFERRED to Another Jurisdiction	0	
Other	0	
Cases Processed	656	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	1,988	

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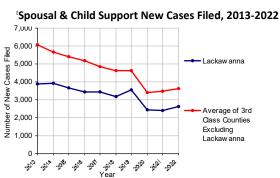


2022 Spousal & Child Support	No. of Petitions	;
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	707	
New Cases Filed in 2022	2,622	
Dockets Transferred In (+)	40	
Dockets Transferred Out (-)	75	
Cases Available for Processing	3,294	
Processed By:		
Judge	1	<0.1%
Intake Officer	2,351	97.8%
Hearing Officer	51	2.1%
Other	0	
Cases Processed	2,403	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	891	

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2022 Paternity	No. of Cases	
Acknowledgements Filed:		
Non-Domestic Relations Section	417	88.9%
During Conference	33	7.0%
Non-Stipulated (post genetic test)	18	3.8%
Pre-Trial Conference	1	0.2%
Total	469	100.0%
Established:		
Stipulated by Genetic Tests	20	13.8%
Default - Father Failed to Appear	6	4.1%
Adjudication by Court Proceeding	0	
Out of State	119	82.1%
Total	145	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	145	

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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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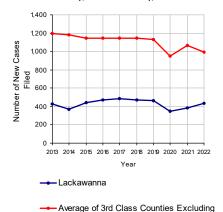
2022 Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation	No. of Petitions	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	745 ^(R)	
New Cases Filed in 2022	433	
Cases Available for Processing	1,178	
Processed By:		
Judge	146	38.0%
Non-Judicial Officer	184	47.9%
Administrative Review/Purge	0	
Other	54	14.1%
Cases Processed	384	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	794	

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Clearance Rate, 2013-2022

250%
200%
150%
150%
0%
2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022
Year





Note: Clearance Rate = Cases Processed / New Cases Filed



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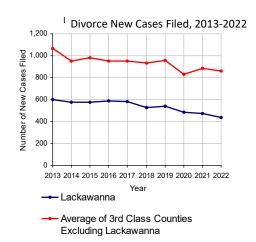
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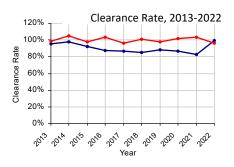
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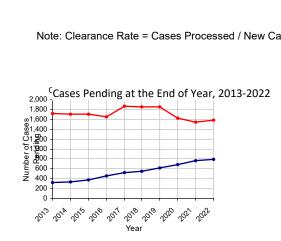
No. of Petitions	
787 ^(R)	
437	
1,224	
0	
17	3.9%
417	96.1%
0	
0	
434	100.0%
790	
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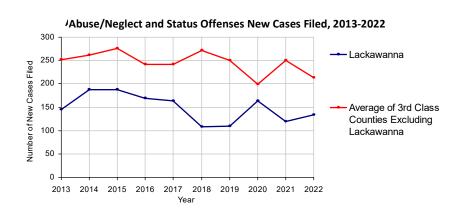
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2022 Juvenile Dependency - Petitions Pending Adjudication

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	14	0	14
New Petitions Filed in 2022	133	0	133
Other	22	0	22
Total Petitions Available for Processing	169	0	169
Processed by:			
Adjudicated Dependent			
Judge	131	0	131
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0	0	0
Adjudicated NOT Dependent			
Judge	4	0	4
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0	0	0
Withdrawn/Dismissed/Transferred	16	0	16
Other	7	0	7
Total Petitions Processed	158	0	158
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	11	0	11

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2022 Juvenile Dependency - Adjudicated Dependent Inventory

	Abuse/ Neglect		Status Offenses	,	Total	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	208		1		209	
New Adjudicated Dependent Cases	131		0		131	
Other	0		0		0	
Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases	339		1		340	
Court Supervision Terminated:						
Family Reunification	75	61.0%	1	100.0%	76	61.3%
Adoption	31	25.2%	0		31	25.0%
Placement with a Relative/Guardian	15	12.2%	0		15	12.1%
Aged Out	2	1.6%	0		2	1.6%
Other Permanency Outcomes*	0		0		0	
Other**	0		0		0	
Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases Terminated	123	100.0%	1	100.0%	124	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	216		0		216	

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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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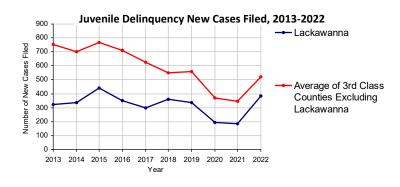
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2022 Juvenile Delinquency - Cases Pending Disposition

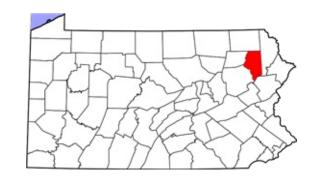
Begin Pending	72
New Cases	382
Consent Decree Revoked	18
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	0
Alternative Program Revoked	0
Warrant Returned	7
Other	17
Total Cases Available for Disposition	496
Warrant Issued	10
Disposed by:	
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	152
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile	
Court Hearing Officer	0
Consent Decree Entered	147
Informal Adjustment Program Entered	39
Warned and Counseled (Pre-Petition)	0
Dismissed/Withdrawn/Transferred	31
Transferred to Criminal Court	4
Other	1
Total Cases Disposed	374
End Pending	112
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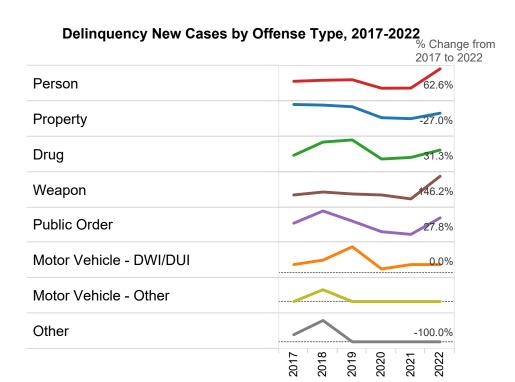
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2022 Delinquency - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	27	160	0	187	49.0%
Property	40	33	0	73	19.1%
Drug	6	36	0	42	11.0%
Weapon	7	25	0	32	8.4%
Public Order	5	41	0	46	12.0%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	0	2	0	2	0.5%
Motor Vehicle - Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	85	297	0	382	100.0%
	22.3%	77.7%	0.0%	100.0%	

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2022 Juvenile Delinquency - Formal Dispositions

Begin Pending	97
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	152
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0
Warrant Returned	0
Other	2
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases	251
Warrant Issued	7
Court Supervision Terminated:	
Conditions Satisfied	61
Compelling Reasons	8
Reached Age 21	0
Transferred to Another Juvenile Court	0
Other	1
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases Terminated	70
End Pending	174
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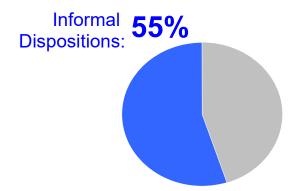
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2022 Juvenile Delinquency - Informal Dispositions

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Pending Consent Decrees	30
Pending Informal Adjustments	1
New Consent Decrees	147
New Informal Adjustments	39
Warrant Returned	0
Other	0
Cases Informally Disposed	217
Warrant Issued	1
Terminated by:	
Consent Decree Completed	88
Informal Adjustment Completed	32
Consent Decree Revoked	18
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	0
Other	4
Total Informally Disposed Cases Terminated	142
End Pending	74
(D) Desired	

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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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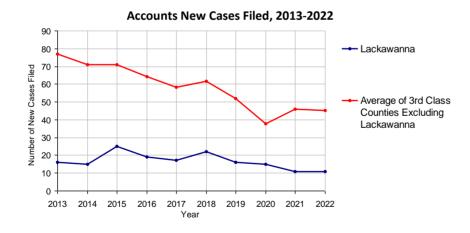
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2022 Accounts	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	21	
New Cases Filed in 2022	11	
Cases Available for Processing	32	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	0	
Contested before a Non-Judicial Officer	0	
Uncontested	12	100.0%
Other	0	
Cases Processed	12	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	20	



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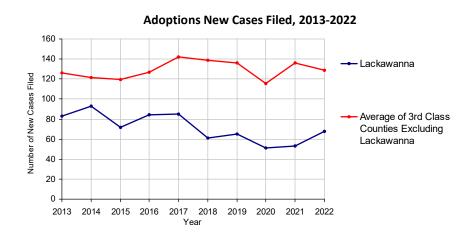
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2022 Adoptions		No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022		10	
New Cases Filed in 2022		68	
Cases Available for Processing		78	
Processed By:			
Contested before a Judge	Granted	0	
	Denied	0	
Uncontested	Granted	68	100.0%
	Denied	0	
Other		0	
Cases Processed		68	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022		10	



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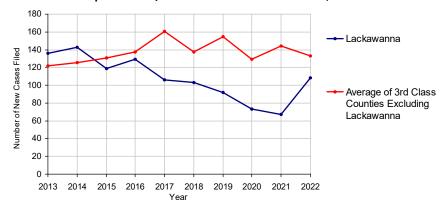
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2022 Relinquishments/Terminations	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	56	
New Cases Filed in 2022	108	
Cases Available for Processing	164	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	0	
Uncontested	102	92.7%
Other	8	7.3%
Cases Processed	110	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	54	

Relinquishments/Terminations New Cases Filed, 2013-2022



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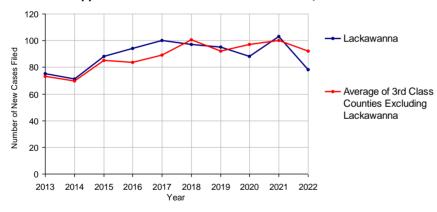
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2022 Appointment of Guardians	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	39	
New Cases Filed in 2022	78	
Cases Available for Processing	117	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	0	
Uncontested	84	98.8%
Other	1	1.2%
Cases Processed	85	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	32	

Appointment of Guardians New Cases Filed, 2013-2022



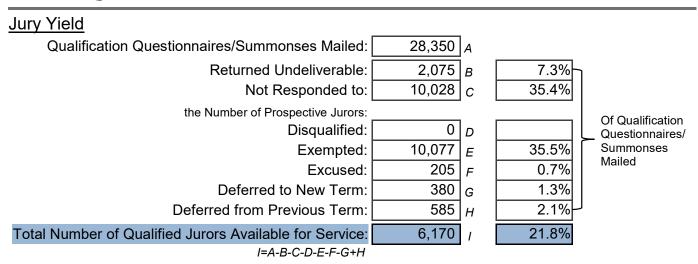
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2022 Jury Yield and Utilization



Jury Utilization

the Number of Jurors:

Reporting for Service:	2,474
Told Not to Report for Service:	5,005
Sent to Courtroom for Jury Selection (Voir Dire):	1,361
Impaneled or Sworn (jurors/alternates):	308
Removed for Cause/Hardship:	300
Removed by Peremptory Challenge:	264

Number of Jury Trials Started: 21

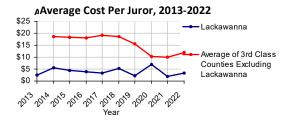
Pool Days: 17
Zero Panel Days 2

40.1% Of Jurors Qualified and Available 55.0% Of Jurors Reporting for Service

11.8% (Of Pool Days)

Jury Costs

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Total Annual Budget for Juror Operations:	\$93,978.00	J
Average Cost Per Juror:	\$3.31	Κ
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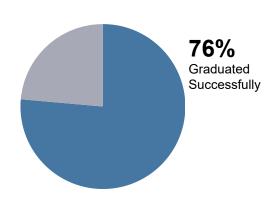
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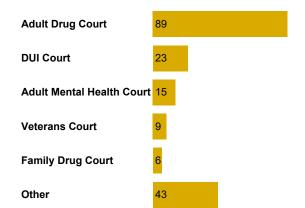
2022 Problem Solving Courts

106 Discharges

185 Admissions

Of All Court Participants Discharged:





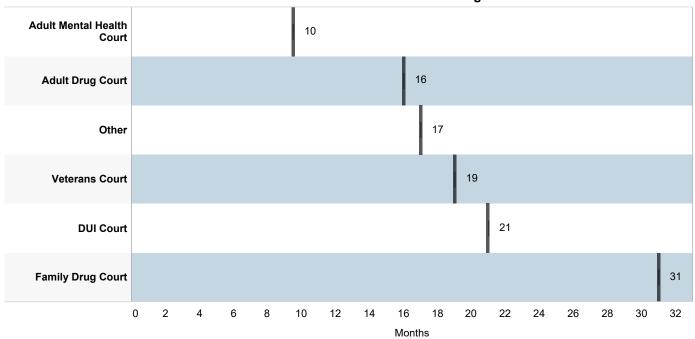
Discharge Reason

	Successfully Completed	Unsuccessful /Non-Compliant	Unsuccessful /Absconded	Other	Total Discharges
Adult Drug Court	34 (68.0%)	7 (14.0%)	1 (2.0%)	8 (16.0%)	50 (100.0%)
DUI Court	16 <i>(100.0%)</i>				16 <i>(100.0%)</i>
Adult Mental Health Court	7 (70.0%)	2 (20.0%)		1 (10.0%)	10 <i>(100.0%)</i>
Veterans Court	11 (84.6%)			2 (15.4%)	13 <i>(100.0%)</i>
Family Drug Court	2 (100.0%)				(100.0%)
Other	11 (73.3%)	2 (13.3%)	1 (6.7%)	1 (6.7%)	15 (100.0%)

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Among successful graduates, there was a 79% increase in employment.

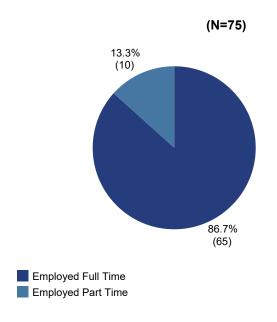
Employed (N=81)

At Admission 51.9% (42)

At Discharge 92.6% (75)

18% (19) of all participants have improved in **education level** at discharge.

87% of the employed successful graduates were employed full time:



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