2022 Mercer Court of Common Pleas Caseload Statistics for County





We are pleased to provide you with a copy of the 2022 County Caseload Display pages. They can also be viewed on the AOPC webpage at www.pacourts.us in the *News & Statistics* section under *Research & Statistics*.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at 717.231.3300.

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No. of Common Pleas Court Judgeships: 4

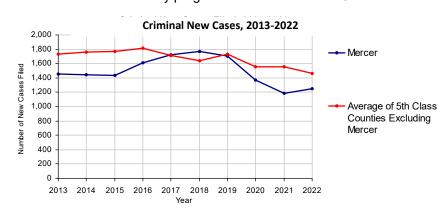


2022 Criminal	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	469	
New Cases Filed in 2022	1,252	
Reopened Cases	75	
Cases Available for Processing	1,796	
Processed by:		
Withdrawn/Dismissed	129	10.5%
Diversionary Disposition*	119	9.7%
Guilty Plea	890	72.2%
Non-Jury Trial	8	0.6%
Jury Trial	15	1.2%
Inactive	71	5.8%
Other	1	0.1%
Total Cases Processed	1,233	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	563	
Cases Awaiting Sentencing	321	

Age of Pend as of 12/3	•	es
0-60 Days	216	38.4%
61-120 Days	218	38.7%
121-180 Days	73	13.0%
181-240 Days	29	5.2%
241-300 Days	9	1.6%
301-360 Days	8	1.4%
Over 360 Days	10	1.8%
Total	563	100.0%

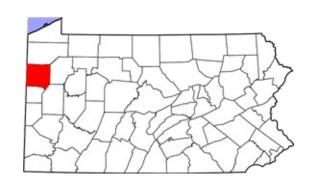
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^{*} Includes other diversionary programs such as Veterans Court.



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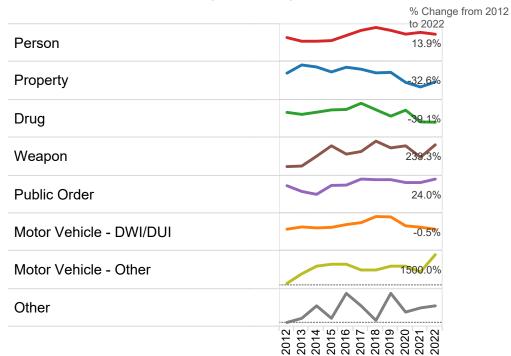


2022 Criminal - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	176	87	0	263	21.0%
Property	186	107	0	293	23.4%
Drug	51	55	0	106	8.5%
Weapon	51	9	0	60	4.8%
Public Order	38	81	0	119	9.5%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	27	360	0	387	30.9%
Motor Vehicle - Other	2	14	0	16	1.3%
Other	8	0	0	8	0.6%
Total	539	713	0	1,252	100.0%
	43.1%	56.9%	0.0%	100.0%	

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Criminal New Cases by Offense Type, 2012-2022



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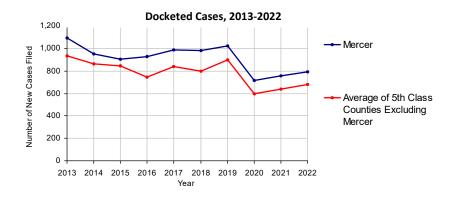
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2022 Civil	Civil Action	Other	Total			
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	497	401	898			
Docketed Cases	424	371	795			
Arbitration Appeals	6	1	7	A (D !!		
Transferred In	0	0	0	Age of Pendin	•	es
Returned to Active	0	0	0	as of 12/31		
Cases Available for Processing	927	773	1,700	(Civil Action	Only)	
_			,	0-6 months	185	42.8%
Processed By:				7-12 months	62	14.4%
Default Judgments	174	79	253	13-18 months	56	13.0%
Cases Decided by Arbitration Boar	d 13	2	15	19-24 months	33	7.6%
Dispositive Motions	44	154	198	25-30 months	27	6.3%
Settlements	9	5	14	31-36 months	20	4.6%
Moved to Inactive Status	0	0	0	37-42 months	11	2.5%
Transferred/Withdrawn	1	4	5	43-48 months	6	1.4%
Dismissed/Discontinued	245	129	374	49-54 months	4	0.9%
Administrative Purge	4	4	8	55-60 months	6	1.4%
Other	2	1	3	61-66 months	3	0.7%
Jury Trial	3	0	3	67-72 months	6	1.4%
Non-Jury Trial	0	0	0	Over 72 months	13	3.0%
Total Cases Processed	495	378	873	Total	432	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	432	395	827			



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2022 Civil - Docketed Cases Listed by Case Type

TORT	84	10.6%	REAL PROPERTY	231	29.1%
(does not include mass tort)			Ejectment*	10	
Intentional	6		Eminent Domain/Condemnation*	6	
Malicious Prosecution	0		Ground Rent	0	
Motor Vehicle	43		Landlord/Tenant Dispute	16	
Nuisance	0		Mortgage Foreclosure:	. 0	
Premise Liability	8		Residential*	134	
Product Liability	4		Commercial*	1	
Slander/Libel/Defamation	1		Partition of Real Property*	3	
Other	22		Quiet Title*	20	
MASS TORT	0		Other*	41	
Asbestos	0		CIVIL APPEALS	92	11.6%
Tobacco	0		- Administrative Agencies		
Toxic Tort - DES	0		Board of Assessment*	34	
Toxic Tort - Implant	0		Board of Elections*	0	
Toxic Waste	0		Dept. of Transportation*	24	
Other	0		Zoning Board*	0	
PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY			Statutory Appeal - Other*	3	
	11	1.4%	Other*	31	
Dental <mark>Legal</mark>	0		MISCELLANEOUS	64	8.1%
Medical Malpractice	9		Common Law/		0.170
Other	1		Statutory Arbitration*	1	
	•		Declaratory Judgment*	1	
CONTRACT	313	39.4%	Mandamus*	0	
(does not include judgments)	4		Non-Domestic Relations		
Buyer Plaintiff	400		Restraining Order*	21	
Debt Collection: Credit Card	136		Quo Warranto*	0	
Debt Collection: Other	145		Replevin*	8	
Employment Dispute: Discrimination	4		Other*	33	
Employment Dispute: Other	2				
Other	22		TOTAL DOCKETED CASES:	795	100.0%
Of the Docketed Cases:					
Pro Se Filings: 2 0.3%	Class /	Action Suits:	0 MDJ Appeals:	4	2 5.3%

*Civil Other

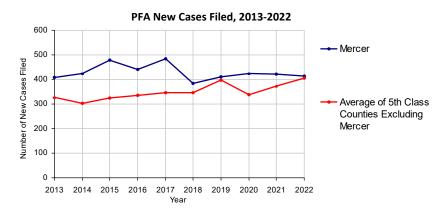
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2022 Protection From Abuse		3
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	22	
New Cases Filed in 2022	414	
Of these, Petitions Requesting Temporary Orders: 414 (100.0%) Temporary Orders DENIED: 78 (18.8%), Temporary Orders GRANTED: 336 (81.2%)		
Cases Available for Processing	436	
Processed By:		
Temporary Order DENIED After Ex Parte Hearing and No Evidentiary Hearing Scheduled	2	0.5%
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	70	17.5%
Final Order GRANTED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	168	41.9%
Plaintiff Did Not Appear For Evidentiary Hearing	41	10.2%
Final Order by STIPULATION OR AGREEMENT Between the Parties	4	1.0%
Petition WITHDRAWN by Plaintiff	116	28.9%
TRANSFERRED to Another Jurisdiction	0	
Other	0	
Cases Processed		100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	35	



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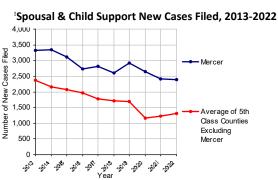


2022 Spousal & Child Support	No. of Petitions	3
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	481	
New Cases Filed in 2022	2,388	
Dockets Transferred In (+)	74	
Dockets Transferred Out (-)	55	
Cases Available for Processing	2,888	
Processed By:		
Judge	86	3.6%
Intake Officer	2,317	96.4%
Hearing Officer	0	
Other	0	
Cases Processed	2,403	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	485	

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2022 Paternity	No. of Cases	
Acknowledgements Filed:		
Non-Domestic Relations Section	140	85.9%
During Conference	22	13.5%
Non-Stipulated (post genetic test)	1	0.6%
Pre-Trial Conference	0	
Total	163	100.0%
Established:		
Stipulated by Genetic Tests	28	40.0%
Default - Father Failed to Appear	5	7.1%
Adjudication by Court Proceeding	0	
Out of State	37	52.9%
Total	70	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	80	

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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.

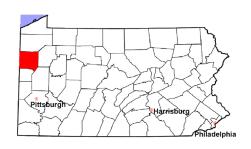
OUT OF STATE: Paternity was established in another state, "Out of state only".

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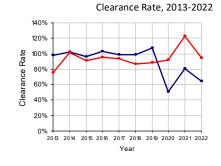
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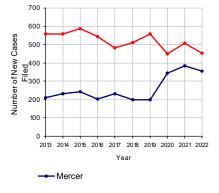
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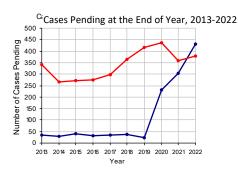
2022 Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation	No. of Petitions	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	304	
New Cases Filed in 2022	357	
Cases Available for Processing	661	
Processed By:		
Judge	35	15.2%
Non-Judicial Officer	160	69.3%
Administrative Review/Purge	0	
Other	36	15.6%
Cases Processed	231	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	430	



 $^{\rm C}$ Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation New Cases Filed, 2013-2022



 Average of 5th Class Counties Excluding Mercer Note: Clearance Rate = Cases Processed / New Cases Filed



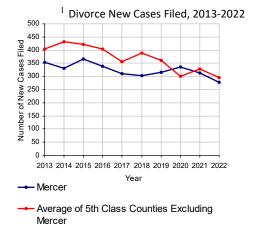
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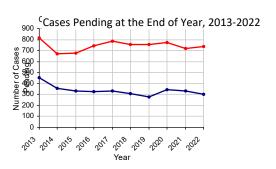


2022 Divorce	No. of Petitions	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	332	
New Cases Filed in 2022	277	
Cases Available for Processing	609	
Processed By:		
Contested Before a Judge	3	1.0%
Contested Before a Non-Judicial Officer	7	2.3%
Uncontested	246	80.9%
Administrative Review/Purge	37	12.2%
Other	11	3.6%
Cases Processed	304	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	305	





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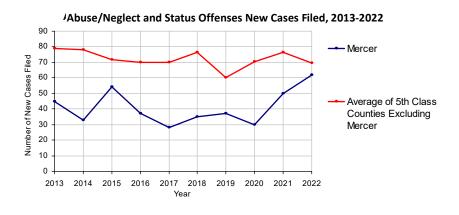
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2022 Juvenile Dependency - Petitions Pending Adjudication

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	2	1	3
New Petitions Filed in 2022	60	2	62
Other	5	1	6
Total Petitions Available for Processing	67	4	71
Processed by:			
Adjudicated Dependent			
Judge	44	1	45
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0	0	0
Adjudicated NOT Dependent			
Judge	0	0	0
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0	0	0
Withdrawn/Dismissed/Transferred	3	0	3
Other	6	2	8
Total Petitions Processed	53	3	56
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	14	1	15

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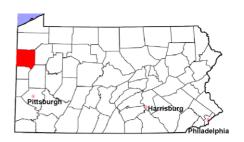


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2022 Juvenile Dependency - Adjudicated Dependent Inventory

		Abuse/ Neglect		Status Offenses	1	Total	
С	ases Pending 1/1/2022	45		2		47	
Ν	ew Adjudicated Dependent Cases	44		1		45	
0	ther	0		1		1	
T	otal Adjudicated Dependent Cases	89		4		93	
<u>C</u>	ourt Supervision Terminated:						
	Family Reunification	23	67.6%	1	33.3%	24	64.9%
	Adoption	1	2.9%	0		1	2.7%
	Placement with a Relative/Guardian	1	2.9%	0		1	2.7%
	Aged Out	1	2.9%	2	66.7%	3	8.1%
	Other Permanency Outcomes*	1	2.9%	0		1	2.7%
	Other**	7	20.6%	0		7	18.9%
	otal Adjudicated Dependent Cases erminated	34	100.0%	3	100.0%	37	100.0%
С	ases Pending 12/31/2022	55		1		56	

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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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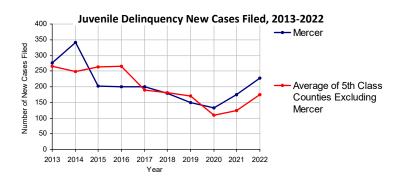
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2022 Juvenile Delinquency - Cases Pending Disposition

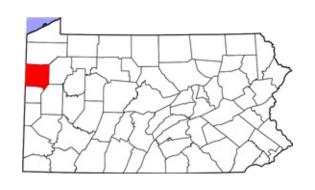
Begin Pending	46
New Cases	228
Consent Decree Revoked	6
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	0
Alternative Program Revoked	0
Warrant Returned	4
Other	11
Total Cases Available for Disposition	295
Warrant Issued	7
Disposed by:	
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	98
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile	
Court Hearing Officer	0
Consent Decree Entered	41
Informal Adjustment Program Entered	0
Warned and Counseled (Pre-Petition)	0
Dismissed/Withdrawn/Transferred	72
Transferred to Criminal Court	0
Other	7
Total Cases Disposed	218
End Pending	70

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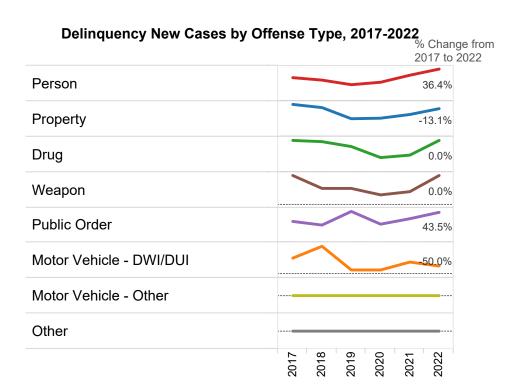
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2022 Delinquency - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	44	61	0	105	46.1%
Property	38	15	0	53	23.2%
Drug	2	24	0	26	11.4%
Weapon	3	6	0	9	3.9%
Public Order	10	23	0	33	14.5%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	0	2	0	2	0.9%
Motor Vehicle - Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	97	131	0	228	100.0%
	42.5%	57.5%	0.0%	100.0%	

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2022 Juvenile Delinquency - Formal Dispositions

Begin Pending	83
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	98
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0
Warrant Returned	2
Other	2
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases	185
Warrant Issued	6
Court Supervision Terminated:	
Conditions Satisfied	44
Compelling Reasons	2
Reached Age 21	2
Transferred to Another Juvenile Court	0
Other	8
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases	
Terminated	56
End Pending	123
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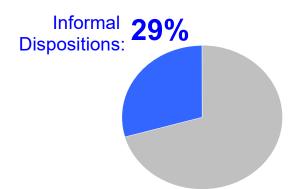
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2022 Juvenile Delinquency - Informal Dispositions

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Pending Consent Decrees	23
Pending Informal Adjustments	0
New Consent Decrees	41
New Informal Adjustments	0
Warrant Returned	0
Other	0
Cases Informally Disposed	64
Warrant Issued	0
Terminated by:	
Consent Decree Completed	34
Informal Adjustment Completed	0
Consent Decree Revoked	6
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	0
Other	3
Total Informally Disposed Cases Termina	ted 43
End Pending	21

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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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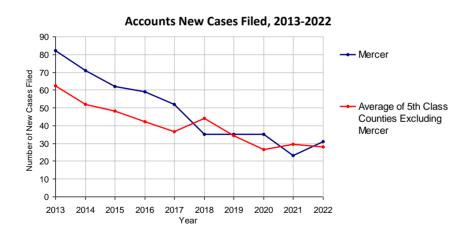
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2022 Accounts	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	64 ^{(R})
New Cases Filed in 2022	31	
Cases Available for Processing	95	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	0	
Contested before a Non-Judicial Officer	3	3.8%
Uncontested	69	88.5%
Other	6	7.7%
Cases Processed	78	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	17	

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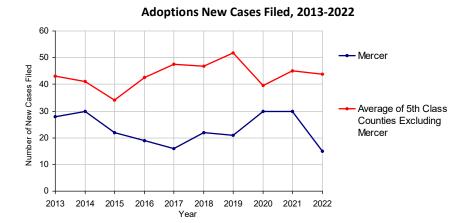
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2022 Adoptions		No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022		7	
New Cases Filed in 2022		15	
Cases Available for Processing		22	
Processed By:			
Contested before a Judge	Granted	0	
	Denied	0	
Uncontested	Granted	16	76.2%
	Denied	0	
Other		5	23.8%
Cases Processed		21	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022		1	



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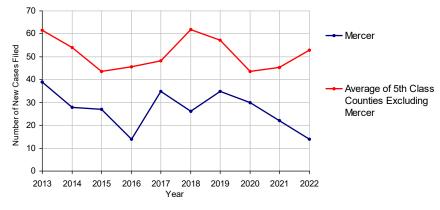
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2022 Relinquishments/Terminations	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	17 ^{(R})
New Cases Filed in 2022	14	
Cases Available for Processing	31	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	0	
Uncontested	12	48.0%
Other	13	52.0%
Cases Processed	25	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	6	

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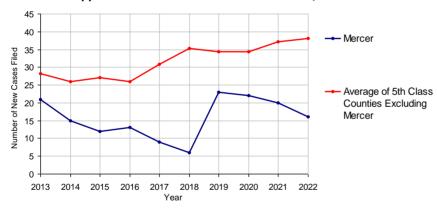
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2022 Appointment of Guardians	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	35	
New Cases Filed in 2022	16	
Cases Available for Processing	51	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	0	
Uncontested	25	64.1%
Other	14	35.9%
Cases Processed	39	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	12	

Appointment of Guardians New Cases Filed, 2013-2022



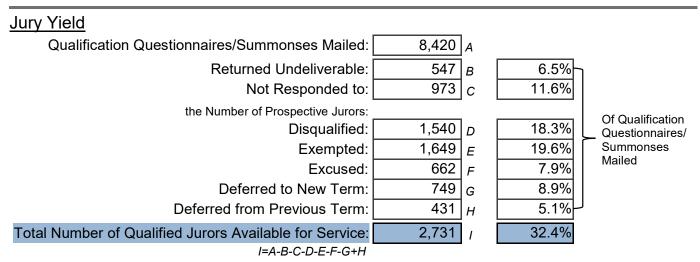
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2022 Jury Yield and Utilization



Jury Utilization

the Number of Jurors:

Reporting for Service:	3,864
Told Not to Report for Service:	662
Sent to Courtroom for Jury Selection (Voir Dire):	2,245
Impaneled or Sworn (jurors/alternates):	296
Removed for Cause/Hardship:	177
Removed by Peremptory Challenge:	279

Number of Jury Trials Started: 21

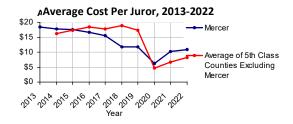
Pool Days: 35
Zero Panel Days 14

141.5%	Of Jurors Qualified
24.2%	and Available
58.1%	Of Jurors Reporting
7.7%	for Service

40.0% (Of Pool Days)

Jury Costs

Total Annual Budget for Juror Operations:	\$92,491.00	J
Average Cost Per Juror:	\$10.98	Κ
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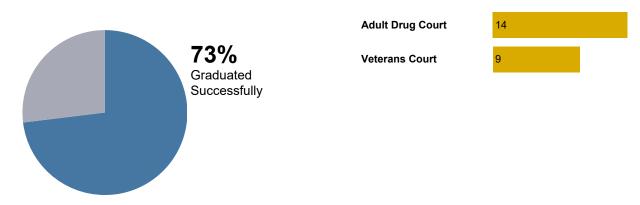
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2022 Problem Solving Courts

26 Discharges

23 Admissions

Of All Court Participants Discharged:



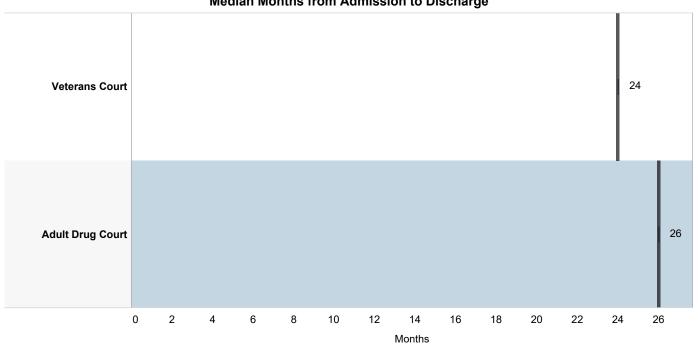
Discharge Reason

	Successfully Completed	Unsuccessful/ New Offense	Voluntarily Withdrew	Unsuccessful /Absconded	Other	Total Discharges
Adult Drug Court	6 (50.0%)	3 (25.0%)	1 (8.3%)	1 (8.3%)	1 (8.3%)	12 (100.0%)
Veterans Court	13 (92.9%)		1 (7.1%)			14 (100.0%)

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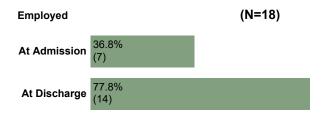
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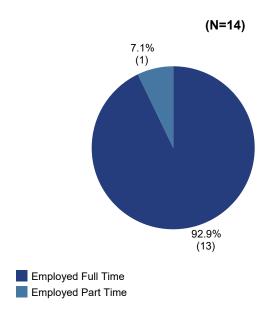
Among successful graduates, there was a 100%

increase in employment.



15% (4) of all participants have improved in education level at discharge.

93% of the employed successful graduates were employed full time:



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