# 2022 Northampton Court of Common Pleas 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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Department of Research and Statistics

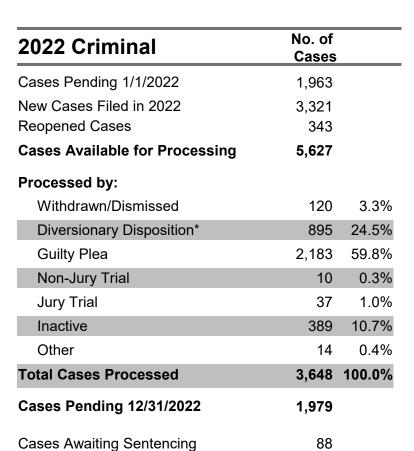
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Class of County: 3rd

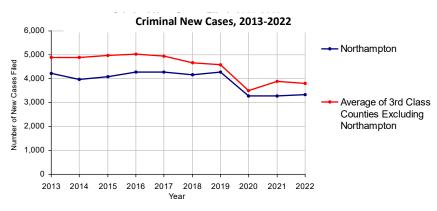
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Age of Pend as of 12/3	•	:S
as 01 12/	51/2022	
0-60 Days	525	26.5%
61-120 Days	468	23.6%
121-180 Days	286	14.5%
181-240 Days	175	8.8%
241-300 Days	155	7.8%
301-360 Days	97	4.9%
Over 360 Days	273	13.8%
Total	1,979	100.0%

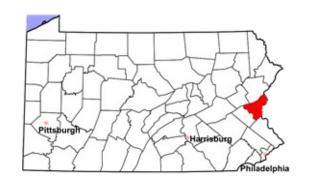
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<sup>\*</sup> Includes other diversionary programs such as Veterans Court.



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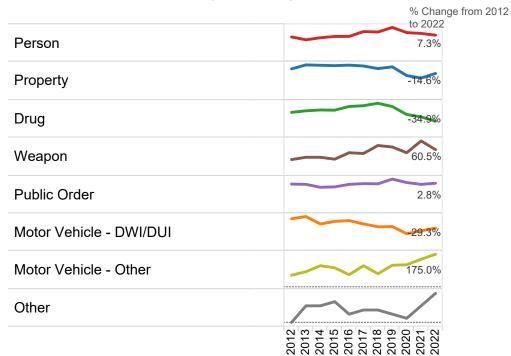


#### 2022 Criminal - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	208	382	0	590	17.8%
Property	321	370	0	691	20.8%
Drug	135	447	0	582	17.5%
Weapon	48	21	0	69	2.1%
Public Order	61	270	0	331	10.0%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	21	964	0	985	29.7%
Motor Vehicle - Other	3	63	0	66	2.0%
Other	7	0	0	7	0.2%
Total	804	2,517	0	3,321	100.0%
	24.2%	75.8%	0.0%	100.0%	

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



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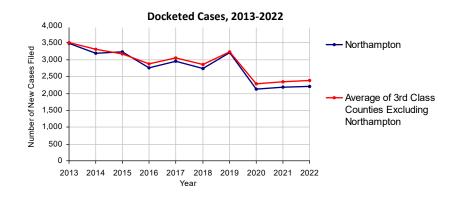
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2022 Civil	<b>Civil Action</b>	Other	Total			
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	3,107	2,589	5,696			
Docketed Cases	1,500	702	2,202			
Arbitration Appeals	20	1	21	A (D !!		
Transferred In	131	33	164	Age of Pendi	_	<del>)</del> S
Returned to Active	63	11	74	as of 12/3		
Cases Available for Processing	4,821	3,336	8,157	(Civil Actio	n Only)	
	•	•	,	0-6 months	737	23.0%
Processed By:				7-12 months	356	11.1%
Default Judgments	408	153	561	13-18 months	245	7.6%
Cases Decided by Arbitration Boar	d 100	4	104	19-24 months	226	7.0%
Dispositive Motions	9	7	16	25-30 months	174	5.4%
Settlements	72	13	85	31-36 months	130	4.1%
Moved to Inactive Status	29	1	30	37-42 months	150	4.7%
Transferred/Withdrawn	25	23	48	43-48 months	90	2.8%
Dismissed/Discontinued	921	198	1,119	49-54 months	88	2.7%
Administrative Purge	0	0	0	55-60 months	82	2.6%
Other	30	70	100	61-66 months	119	3.7%
Jury Trial	11	0	11	67-72 months	99	3.1%
Non-Jury Trial	8	4	12	Over 72 months	712	22.2%
<b>Total Cases Processed</b>	1,613	473	2,086	Total	3,208	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	3,208	2,863	6,071			



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## 2022 Civil - Docketed Cases Listed by Case Type

TORT	386	17.5%	REAL PROPERTY	449	20.4%
(does not include mass tort)			Ejectment*	30	
Intentional	10		Eminent Domain/Condemnation*	2	
Malicious Prosecution	0		Ground Rent	0	
Motor Vehicle	247		Landlord/Tenant Dispute	19	
Nuisance	1		Mortgage Foreclosure:	. •	
Premise Liability	63		Residential*	345	
Product Liability	6		Commercial*	6	
Slander/Libel/Defamation	0		Partition of Real Property*	12	
Other	<del>5</del> 9		Quiet Title*	18	
MASS TORT	4	0.2%	Other*	17	
Asbestos	4		CIVIL APPEALS	195	8.9%
Tobacco	0		- Administrative Agencies		
Toxic Tort - DES	0		Board of Assessment*	59	
Toxic Tort - Implant	0		Board of Elections*	0	
Toxic Waste	0		Dept. of Transportation*	99	
Other	0		Zoning Board*	13	
PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY	25	4 40/	Statutory Appeal - Other*	5	
Dental	<b>25</b>	1.1%	Other*	19	
Legal	3		MISCELLANEOUS	77	3.5%
Medical Malpractice	13		Common Law/		3.5%
Other	9		Statutory Arbitration*	1	
	O .		Declaratory Judgment*	4	
CONTRACT	1,066	48.4%	Mandamus*	6	
(does not include judgments)			Non-Domestic Relations		
Buyer Plaintiff	30		Restraining Order*	0	
Debt Collection: Credit Card	777		Quo Warranto*	0	
Debt Collection: Other	184		Replevin*	9	
Employment Dispute:Discrimination	3		Other*	57	
Employment Dispute: Other	1			-	
Other	71		TOTAL DOCKETED CASES:	2,202	100.0%
Of the Docketed Cases:				_, <b></b>	

\*Civil Other

Pro Se Filings:

Class Action Suits:

3 0.1%

178 8.1%

MDJ Appeals:

191 8.7%

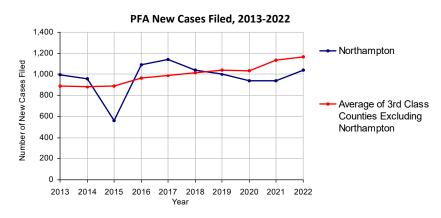
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2022 Protection From Abuse	No. of Petitions	<u> </u>
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	29	
New Cases Filed in 2022	1,039	
Of these, Petitions Requesting Temporary Orders: 1,039 (100.0%) Temporary Orders DENIED: 144 (13.9%), Temporary Orders GRANTED: 895 (86.1%)		
Cases Available for Processing	1,068	
Processed By:		
Temporary Order DENIED After Ex Parte Hearing and No Evidentiary Hearing Scheduled	66	6.3%
Temporary Order DISMISSED After Evidentiary Hearing and No Final Order Entered	289	27.8%
Final Order DENIED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	56	5.4%
Final Order GRANTED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	228	21.9%
Plaintiff Did Not Appear For Evidentiary Hearing	193	18.5%
Final Order by STIPULATION OR AGREEMENT Between the Parties	109	10.5%
Petition WITHDRAWN by Plaintiff	99	9.5%
TRANSFERRED to Another Jurisdiction	0	
Other	1	0.1%
Cases Processed	1,041	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	27	



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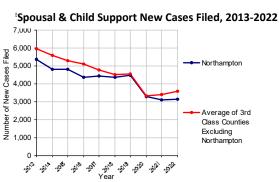


2022 Spousal & Child Support	No. of Petitions	<b>3</b>
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	637	
New Cases Filed in 2022	3,161	
Dockets Transferred In (+)	52	
Dockets Transferred Out (-)	91	
Cases Available for Processing	3,759	
Processed By:		
Judge	275	8.7%
Intake Officer	2,885	91.3%
Hearing Officer	0	
Other	0	
Cases Processed	3,160	100.0%
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2022</b>	599	

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2022 Paternity	No. of Cases	
Acknowledgements Filed:		
Non-Domestic Relations Section	324	86.2%
During Conference	47	12.5%
Non-Stipulated (post genetic test)	0	
Pre-Trial Conference	5	1.3%
Total	376	100.0%
Established:		
Stipulated by Genetic Tests	15	11.2%
Default - Father Failed to Appear	29	21.6%
Adjudication by Court Proceeding	1	0.7%
Out of State	89	66.4%
Total	134	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	82	

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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".

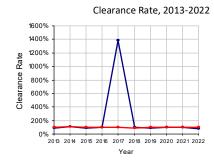
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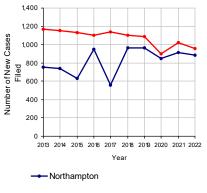
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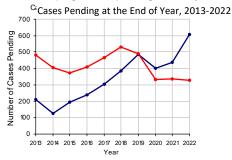
2022 Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation	No. of Petitions	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	436	
New Cases Filed in 2022	885	
Cases Available for Processing	1,321	
Processed By:		
Judge	57	8.0%
Non-Judicial Officer	494	69.2%
Administrative Review/Purge	9	1.3%
Other	154	21.6%
Cases Processed	714	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	607	



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



 Average of 3rd Class Counties Excluding Northampton Note: Clearance Rate = Cases Processed / New Cases Filed Note. The high Clearance Rate in 2017 is due to an administrative review and purge of the pending inventory.



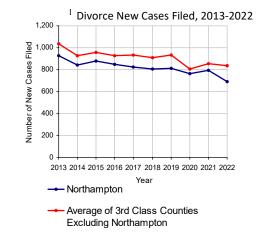
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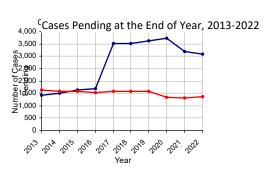
2022 Divorce	No. of Petitions	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	3,189	
New Cases Filed in 2022	692	
Cases Available for Processing	3,881	
Processed By:		
Contested Before a Judge	0	
Contested Before a Non-Judicial Officer	47	5.9%
Uncontested	529	66.5%
Administrative Review/Purge	197	24.7%
Other	23	2.9%
Cases Processed	796	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	3,085	



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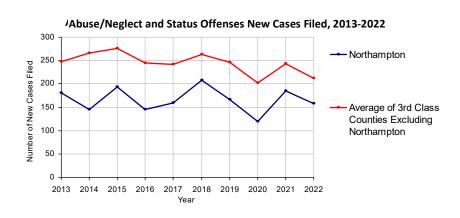
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# 2022 Juvenile Dependency - Petitions Pending Adjudication

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	15	0	15
New Petitions Filed in 2022	158	0	158
Other	3	0	3
<b>Total Petitions Available for Processing</b>	176	0	176
Processed by:			
Adjudicated Dependent			
Judge	17	0	17
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	120	0	120
Adjudicated NOT Dependent			
Judge	2	0	2
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	1	0	1
Withdrawn/Dismissed/Transferred	20	0	20
Other	0	0	0
Total Petitions Processed	160	0	160
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	16	0	16

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## 2022 Juvenile Dependency - Adjudicated Dependent Inventory

	Abuse/ Neglect		Status Offenses	5 Tot	tal
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	363		0	36	63
New Adjudicated Dependent Cases	137		0	13	37
Other	1		0		1
<b>Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases</b>	501		0	50	)1
Court Supervision Terminated:					
Family Reunification	48	29.4%	0	2	18 29.4%
Adoption	37	22.7%	0	3	37 22.7%
Placement with a Relative/Guardian	61	37.4%	0	(	37.4%
Aged Out	15	9.2%	0	1	15 9.2%
Other Permanency Outcomes*	1	0.6%	0		1 0.6%
Other**	1	0.6%	0		1 0.6%
Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases Terminated	163	100.0%	0	100.0% 16	3 100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	338		0	33	38

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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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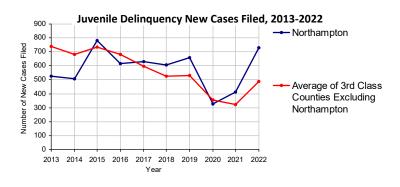
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# 2022 Juvenile Delinquency - Cases Pending Disposition

Begin Pending	215	
New Cases	730	
Consent Decree Revoked	5	
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	0	
Alternative Program Revoked	0	
Warrant Returned	12	
Other	57	
<b>Total Cases Available for Disposition</b>	1,019	
Warrant Issued	16	
Disposed by:		
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	118	
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0	
Consent Decree Entered	95	
Informal Adjustment Program Entered	304	
Warned and Counseled (Pre-Petition)	128	
Dismissed/Withdrawn/Transferred	122	
Transferred to Criminal Court	0	
Other	46	
Total Cases Disposed	813	
End Pending	190	
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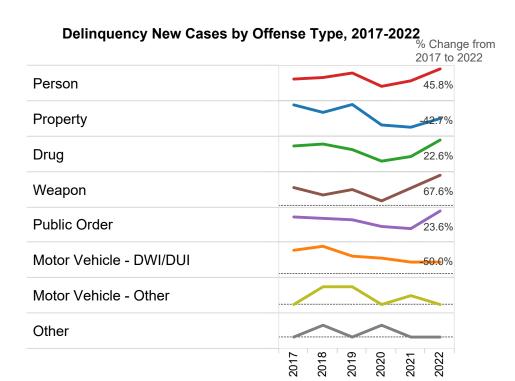
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#### 2022 Delinquency - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	59	256	0	315	43.2%
Property	31	59	0	90	12.3%
Drug	2	166	0	168	23.0%
Weapon	6	56	0	62	8.5%
Public Order	9	80	0	89	12.2%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	0	6	0	6	0.8%
Motor Vehicle - Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	107	623	0	730	100.0%
	14.7%	85.3%	0.0%	100.0%	

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# 2022 Juvenile Delinquency - Formal Dispositions

Begin Pending	152
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	118
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile	•
Court Hearing Officer	0
Warrant Returned	1
Other	4
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases	275
Warrant Issued	19
Court Supervision Terminated:	
Conditions Satisfied	84
Compelling Reasons	12
Reached Age 21	2
Transferred to Another Juvenile Court	0
Other	3
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases	
Terminated	101
End Pending	155
(D) Desired	

(R) - Revised

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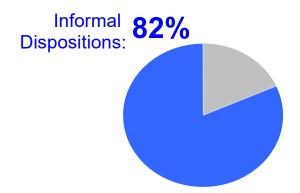
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## **2022 Juvenile Delinquency - Informal Dispositions**

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Pending Consent Decrees	32
Pending Informal Adjustments	74
New Consent Decrees	95
New Informal Adjustments	304
Warrant Returned	0
Other	1
Cases Informally Disposed	506
Warrant Issued	2
Terminated by:	
Consent Decree Completed	80
Informal Adjustment Completed	237
Consent Decree Revoked	5
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	0
Other	11
Total Informally Disposed Cases Terminated	333
End Pending	171

(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.

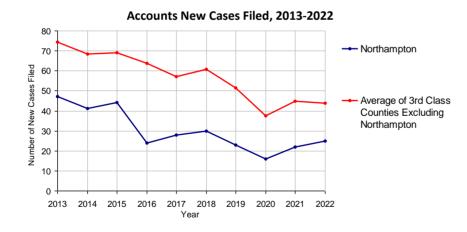
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2022 Accounts	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	4	
New Cases Filed in 2022	25	
Cases Available for Processing	29	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	8	29.6%
Contested before a Non-Judicial Officer	0	
Uncontested	17	63.0%
Other	2	7.4%
Cases Processed	27	100.0%
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2022</b>	2	



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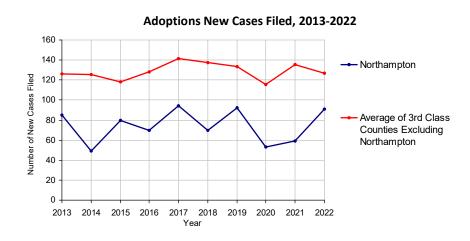
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2022 Adoptions		No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022		8	
New Cases Filed in 2022		91	
Cases Available for Processing		99	
Processed By:			
Contested before a Judge	Granted	0	
	Denied	0	
Uncontested	Granted	86	100.0%
	Denied	0	
Other		0	
Cases Processed		86	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022		13	



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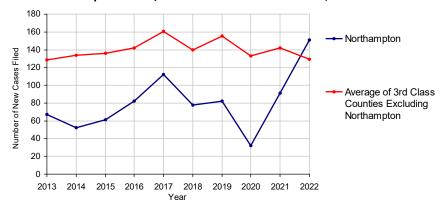
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2022 Relinquishments/Terminations	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	27	
New Cases Filed in 2022	151	
Cases Available for Processing	178	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	67	40.6%
Uncontested	95	57.6%
Other	3	1.8%
Cases Processed	165	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	13	

#### Relinquishments/Terminations New Cases Filed, 2013-2022



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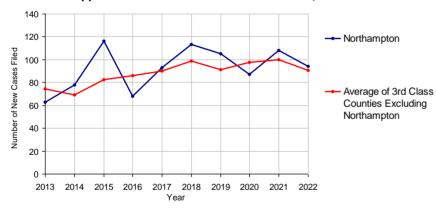
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2022 Appointment of Guardians	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	15	
New Cases Filed in 2022	94	
Cases Available for Processing	109	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	11	11.0%
Uncontested	84	84.0%
Other	5	5.0%
Cases Processed	100	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	9	

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



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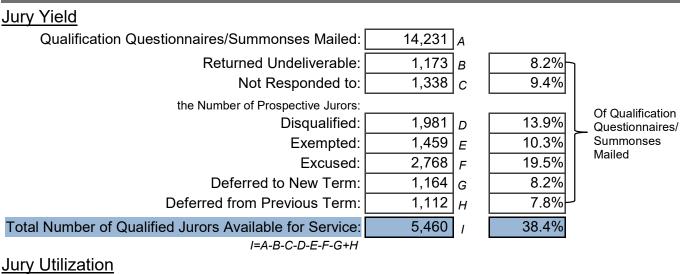
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#### 2022 Jury Yield and Utilization



the Number of Jurors:

Reporting for Service:	2,603
Told Not to Report for Service:	1,035
Sent to Courtroom for Jury Selection (Voir Dire):	2,080
Impaneled or Sworn (jurors/alternates):	631
Removed for Cause/Hardship:	391
Removed by Peremptory Challenge:	605

45 Number of Jury Trials Started:

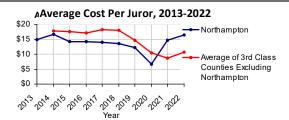
Pool Days: 31 Zero Panel Days 7

47.7%	Of Jurors Qualified
19.0%	and Available
79.9%	Of Jurors Reporting
24.2%	for Service

22.6% (Of Pool Days)

#### **Jury Costs**

\$233,236.00 Total Annual Budget for Juror Operations: Average Cost Per Juror: \$16.39 Κ K=J/A



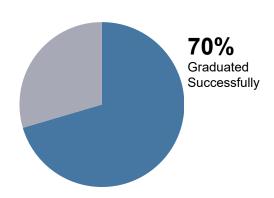
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#### **2022 Problem Solving Courts**

#### 44 Discharges

#### **53** Admissions

Of All Court Participants Discharged:



Adult Drug Court 32

Adult Mental Health Court 21

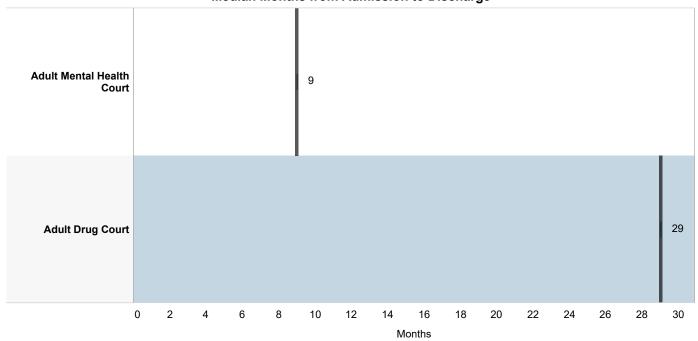
#### **Discharge Reason**

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-	2 .7%)	_	(2	! 1.7%	5	23 (100.0%)
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#### **2022 Problem Solving Courts**





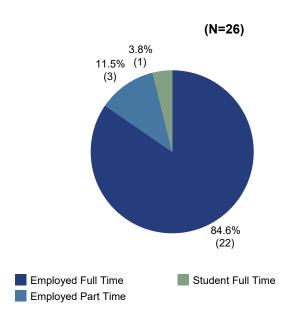
Among successful graduates, there was a 333% increase in employment.

Employed (N=31)

At Admission 20.0% (6)

At Discharge 83.9% (26)

85% of the employed successful graduates were employed full time:



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