2022 Somerset 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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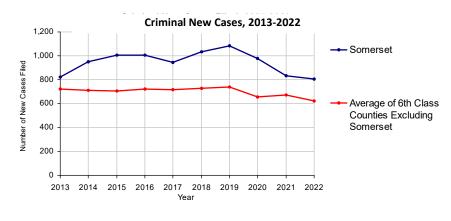


2022 Criminal	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	803	
New Cases Filed in 2022	808	
Reopened Cases	91	
Cases Available for Processing	1,702	
Processed by:		
Withdrawn/Dismissed	93	8.9%
Diversionary Disposition*	124	11.8%
Guilty Plea	713	68.0%
Non-Jury Trial	3	0.3%
Jury Trial	9	0.9%
Inactive	87	8.3%
Other	20	1.9%
Total Cases Processed	1,049	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	653	
Cases Awaiting Sentencing	315	
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Age of Pend as of 12/3	•	es
0-60 Days	148	22.7%
61-120 Days	112	17.2%
121-180 Days	82	12.6%
181-240 Days	66	10.1%
241-300 Days	66	10.1%
301-360 Days	44	6.7%
Over 360 Days	135	20.7%
Total	653	100.0%

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



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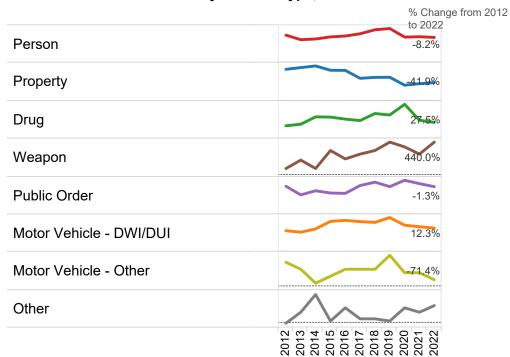


2022 Criminal - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	61	84	0	145	17.9%
Property	98	60	0	158	19.6%
Drug	38	92	0	130	16.1%
Weapon	19	8	0	27	3.3%
Public Order	27	47	0	74	9.2%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	19	245	0	264	32.7%
Motor Vehicle - Other	0	2	0	2	0.2%
Other	8	0	0	8	1.0%
Total	270	538	0	808	100.0%
	33.4%	66.6%	0.0%	100.0%	

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Criminal New Cases by Offense Type, 2012-2022



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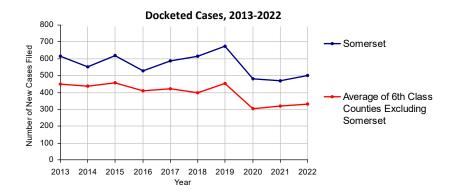
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2022 Civil	Civil Action	Other	Total			
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	421	129	550	ı		
Docketed Cases	342	159	501			
Arbitration Appeals	1	0	1			
Transferred In	0	0	0	Age of Pendi	•	es:
Returned to Active	8	8	16	as of 12/3		
Cases Available for Processing	772	296	1,068	(Civil Actio	n Only)	
_			-,	0-6 months	146	33.6%
Processed By:				7-12 months	84	19.4%
Default Judgments	98	37	135	13-18 months	60	13.8%
Cases Decided by Arbitration Boar	d 14	2	16	19-24 months	56	12.9%
Dispositive Motions	8	7	15	25-30 months	30	6.9%
Settlements	167	37	204	31-36 months	29	6.7%
Moved to Inactive Status	1	1	2	37-42 months	8	1.8%
Transferred/Withdrawn	1	0	1	43-48 months	6	1.4%
Dismissed/Discontinued	10	20	30	49-54 months	7	1.6%
Administrative Purge	24	3	27	55-60 months	1	0.2%
Other	14	17	31	61-66 months	0	
Jury Trial	0	0	0	67-72 months	2	0.5%
Non-Jury Trial	1	1	2	Over 72 months	5	1.2%
Total Cases Processed	338	125	463	Total	434	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	434	171	605			



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2022 Civil - Docketed Cases Listed by Case Type

TORT	54	10.8%	REAL I	PROPER	ΤΥ	123	24.6%
(does not include mass tort)			Ejectme	nt*		12	
Intentional	7		Eminen	t Domain/0	Condemnation*	5	
Malicious Prosecution	1		Ground	Rent		0	
Motor Vehicle	21		_	d/Tenant D	Dispute	21	
Nuisance	0			je Foreclos			
Premise Liability	10			Residentia		71	
Product Liability	0			Commercia		1	
Slander/Libel/Defamation	2			of Real P		5	
Other	13		Quiet Ti		Topolty	4	
MASS TORT	0		Other*			4	
Asbestos	0		CIVIL A	APPEALS	}	23	4.6%
Tobacco	0		- Ad	ministrativ	e Agencies		
Toxic Tort - DES	0		Board o	f Assessm	ent*	2	
Toxic Tort - Implant	0		Board o	f Elections	*	0	
Toxic Waste	0		Dept. of	Transport	ation*	20	
Other	0		Zoning I	Board*		0	
PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY	•	4.00/	Statutor	y Appeal -	Other*	1	
Dental	6 1	1.2%	Other*			0	
Legal Legal	0		MISCE	LLANEO	US	34	6.8%
Medical Malpractice	3		Commo	n Law/			
Other	2			atutory Arb	itration*	0	
001170407				tory Judgn		6	
CONTRACT	261	52.1%	Mandan			0	
(does not include judgments)	4		Non-Do	mestic Re	ations		
Buyer Plaintiff Debt Collection: Credit Card	1		R	estraining	Order*	8	
	150 00		Quo Wa			0	
Debt Collection: Other	90		Replevii	า*		5	
Employment Dispute: Discrimination	1		Other*			15	
Employment Dispute: Other	10						
Other	19		TOTAL	DOCKETI	ED CASES:	501	100.0%
Of the Docketed Cases:							
Pro Se Filings: 17 3.4%	Class	Action Suits:	2	0.4%	MDJ Appeals:	4	2 8.4%

*Civil Other

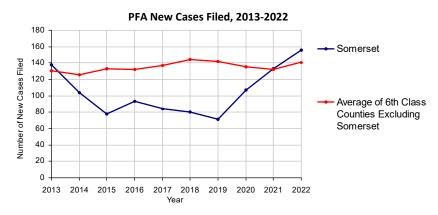
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2022 Protection From Abuse	No. of Petitions	3
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	18	
New Cases Filed in 2022	156	
Of these, Petitions Requesting Temporary Orders: 156 (100.0%) Temporary Orders DENIED: 2 (1.3%), Temporary Orders GRANTED: 154 (98.7%)		
Cases Available for Processing	174	
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	3	2.0%
Final Order DENIED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	2	1.3%
Final Order GRANTED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	23	15.0%
Plaintiff Did Not Appear For Evidentiary Hearing	9	5.9%
Final Order by STIPULATION OR AGREEMENT Between the Parties	72	47.1%
Petition WITHDRAWN by Plaintiff	33	21.6%
TRANSFERRED to Another Jurisdiction	0	
Other	11	7.2%
Cases Processed	153	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	21	



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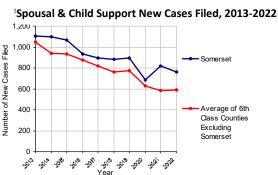


2022 Spousal & Child Support	No. of Petitions	3
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	199	
New Cases Filed in 2022	762	
Dockets Transferred In (+)	6	
Dockets Transferred Out (-)	6	
Cases Available for Processing	961	
Processed By:		
Judge	52	6.5%
Intake Officer	751	93.4%
Hearing Officer	0	
Other	1	0.1%
Cases Processed	804	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	157	

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2022 Paternity	No. of Cases	
Acknowledgements Filed:		
Non-Domestic Relations Section	99	91.7%
During Conference	8	7.4%
Non-Stipulated (post genetic test)	1	0.9%
Pre-Trial Conference	0	
Total	108	100.0%
Established:		
Stipulated by Genetic Tests	4	14.8%
Default - Father Failed to Appear	6	22.2%
Adjudication by Court Proceeding	0	
Out of State	17	63.0%
Total	27	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	18	

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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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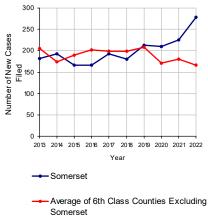
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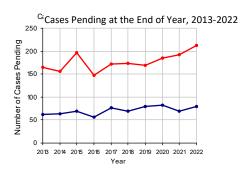


2022 Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation	No. of Petitions	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	69	
New Cases Filed in 2022	279	
Cases Available for Processing	348	
Processed By:		
Judge	20	7.4%
Non-Judicial Officer	156	58.0%
Administrative Review/Purge	33	12.3%
Other	60	22.3%
Cases Processed	269	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	79	





Note: Clearance Rate = Cases Processed / New Cases Filed



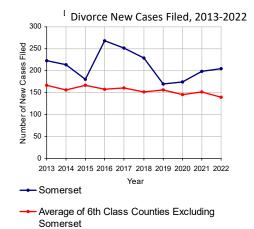
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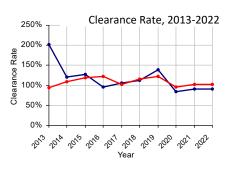
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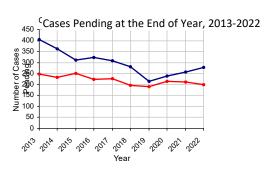
2022 Divorce	No. of Petitions	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	258	
New Cases Filed in 2022	205	
Cases Available for Processing	463	
Processed By:		
Contested Before a Judge	11	5.9%
Contested Before a Non-Judicial Officer	0	
Uncontested	145	78.4%
Administrative Review/Purge	19	10.3%
Other	10	5.4%
Cases Processed	185	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	278	



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



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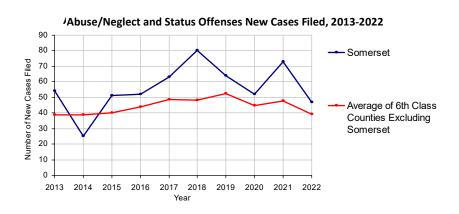
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2022 Juvenile Dependency - Petitions Pending Adjudication

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	4	0	4
New Petitions Filed in 2022	47	0	47
Other	17	0	17
Total Petitions Available for Processing	68	0	68
Processed by:			
Adjudicated Dependent			
Judge	55	0	55
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0	0	0
Adjudicated NOT Dependent			
Judge	1	0	1
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0	0	0
Withdrawn/Dismissed/Transferred	5	0	5
Other	1	0	1
Total Petitions Processed	62	0	62
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	6	0	6

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2022 Juvenile Dependency - Adjudicated Dependent Inventory

	Abuse/ Neglect		Status Offenses	5 Tota	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	162		0	162	
New Adjudicated Dependent Cases	55		0	55	
Other	2		0	2	
Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases	219		0	219	
Court Supervision Terminated:					
Family Reunification	18	22.0%	0	18	22.0%
Adoption	27	32.9%	0	27	32.9%
Placement with a Relative/Guardian	26	31.7%	0	26	31.7%
Aged Out	8	9.8%	0	8	9.8%
Other Permanency Outcomes*	1	1.2%	0	1	1.2%
Other**	2	2.4%	0	2	2.4%
Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases Terminated	82	100.0%	0	100.0% 82	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	137		0	137	

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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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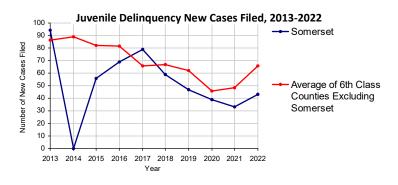
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2022 Juvenile Delinquency - Cases Pending Disposition

Begin Pending	15
New Cases	43
Consent Decree Revoked	1
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	0
Alternative Program Revoked	0
Warrant Returned	0
Other	4
Total Cases Available for Disposition	63
Warrant Issued	2
Disposed by:	
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	12
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile	
Court Hearing Officer	0
Consent Decree Entered	13
Informal Adjustment Program Entered	0
Warned and Counseled (Pre-Petition)	0
Dismissed/Withdrawn/Transferred	12
Transferred to Criminal Court	0
Other	0
Total Cases Disposed	37
End Pending	24
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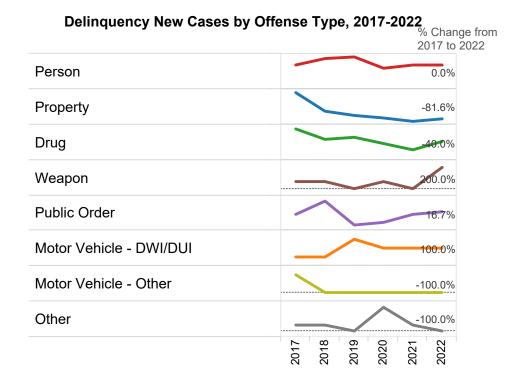
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2022 Delinquency - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	6	9	0	15	34.9%
Property	6	1	0	7	16.3%
Drug	0	9	0	9	20.9%
Weapon	1	2	0	3	7.0%
Public Order	4	3	0	7	16.3%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	0	2	0	2	4.7%
Motor Vehicle - Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	17	26	0	43	100.0%
	39.5%	60.5%	0.0%	100.0%	

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2022 Juvenile Delinquency - Formal Dispositions

Begin Pending	26
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	12
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0
Warrant Returned	2
Other	0
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases	40
Warrant Issued	1
Court Supervision Terminated:	
Conditions Satisfied	4
Compelling Reasons	6
Reached Age 21	1
Transferred to Another Juvenile Court	0
Other	0
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases	
Terminated	11
End Pending	28
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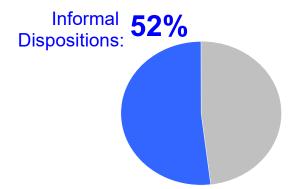
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2022 Juvenile Delinquency - Informal Dispositions

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Pending Consent Decrees	6
Pending Informal Adjustments	0
New Consent Decrees	13
New Informal Adjustments	0
Warrant Returned	0
Other	0
Cases Informally Disposed	19
Warrant Issued	0
Terminated by:	
Consent Decree Completed	12
Informal Adjustment Completed	0
Consent Decree Revoked	1
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	0
Other	0
Total Informally Disposed Cases Terminated	13
End Pending	6
(D) Desired	

(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.

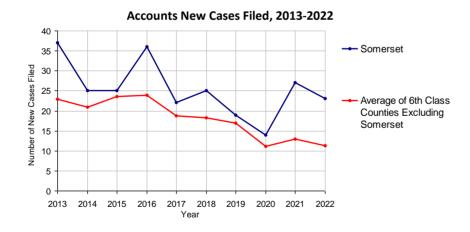
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2022 Accounts	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	2	
New Cases Filed in 2022	23	
Cases Available for Processing	25	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	0	
Contested before a Non-Judicial Officer	0	
Uncontested	24	100.0%
Other	0	
Cases Processed	24	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	1	



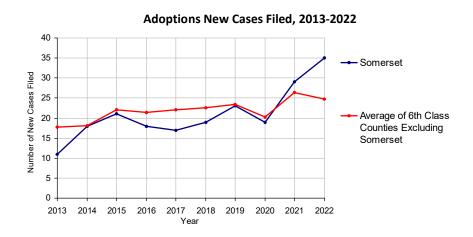
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2022 Adoptions		No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022		2	
New Cases Filed in 2022		35	
Cases Available for Processing		37	
Processed By:			
Contested before a Judge	Granted	0	
	Denied	0	
Uncontested	Granted	37	100.0%
	Denied	0	
Other		0	
Cases Processed		37	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022		0	



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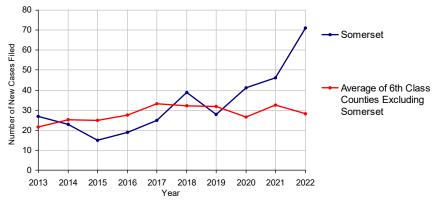
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2022 Relinquishments/Terminations	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	28	
New Cases Filed in 2022	71	
Cases Available for Processing	99	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	3	7.0%
Uncontested	40	93.0%
Other	0	
Cases Processed	43	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	56	

Relinquishments/Terminations New Cases Filed, 2013-2022



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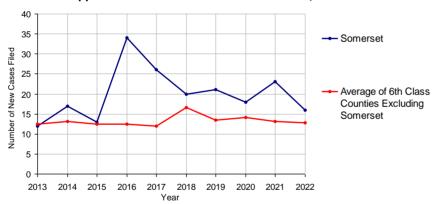
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2022 Appointment of Guardians	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	18	
New Cases Filed in 2022	16	
Cases Available for Processing	34	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	0	
Uncontested	19	100.0%
Other	0	
Cases Processed	19	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	15	

Appointment of Guardians New Cases Filed, 2013-2022



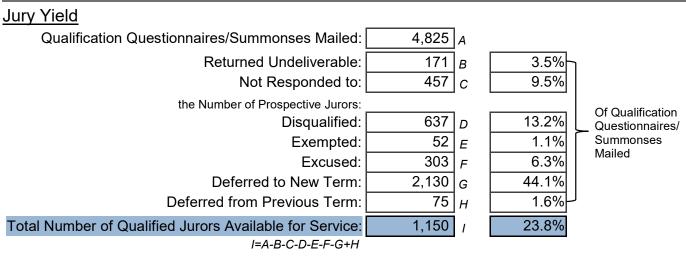
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2022 Jury Yield and Utilization



Jury Utilization

the Number of Jurors:

Reporting for Service:	2,301
Told Not to Report for Service:	2,883
Sent to Courtroom for Jury Selection (Voir Dire):	469
Impaneled or Sworn (jurors/alternates):	88
Removed for Cause/Hardship:	88
Removed by Peremptory Challenge:	92
Number of Jury Trials Started:	7

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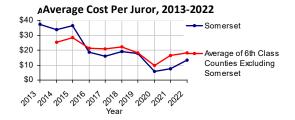
Pool Days: 30 Zero Panel Days 4

200.1%	Of Jurors Qualified
250.7%	and Available
20.4%	Of Jurors Reporting
3.8%	for Service

13.3% (Of Pool Days)

Jury Costs

Total Annual Budget for Juror Operations:	\$65,151.00	J
Average Cost Per Juror:	\$13.50	Κ
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