

## Infographic for Immediate Release

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### Over 34 million cases sealed from public view under Pennsylvania's Clean Slate Law

**HARRISBURG** – Since Pennsylvania's Clean Slate Law took effect last year on June 28, 2019, **over 34 million cases** and **nearly 47 million offenses** have been sealed from public view.

Under the law, the following criminal history record information is automatically shielded from public view: (1) offenses with non-conviction dispositions, and (2) eligible summary and non-violent misdemeanor convictions more than 10 years old for which all court-ordered obligations have been completed.

The Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Court's IT Department developed an automation process to identify eligible cases and offenses and communicate with the Pennsylvania State Police and the relevant courts for validation.

The infographic below **highlights data about the cases and offenses shielded under the Clean Slate Law from June 28, 2019 through May 5, 2020** – including counts of cases and offenses sealed by county. A high-resolution file of the graphic is available for download at [pacourts.us](http://pacourts.us) under [Media Resources](#), and more information about Clean Slate is available [here](#).

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## What is Clean Slate?

The process by which a court of common pleas issues an order of limited access sealing from public view criminal history record information pertaining to an eligible conviction of a misdemeanor offense, a summary offense and/or the nonconviction of any offense.

There are two methods by which a court may grant this status. In certain cases, a person must file a petition with the court of common pleas. In most instances, eligible cases will be identified and processed via an automatic process created and maintained by the AOPC and the Pennsylvania State Police.

The automatic process began on the law's effective date – **June 28, 2019**.

As of May 2020,

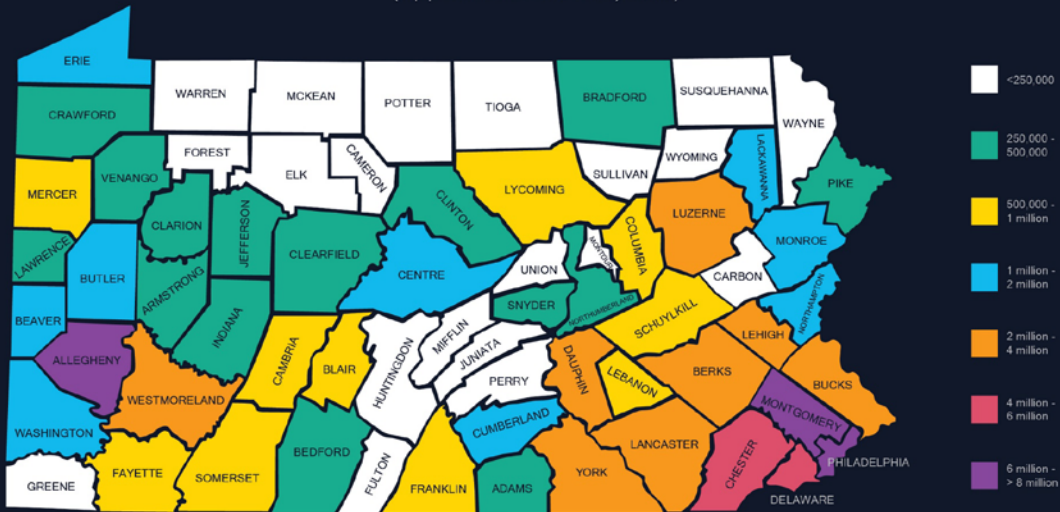
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Number of cases and offenses sealed from public view under Clean Slate by County (Approximate as of May 2020)



\*Data reflects all cases, offenses and misdemeanors sealed under Clean Slate from 6/28/2019 – 5/5/2020. Counts by county are available at <http://www.pacourts.us/assets/files/setting-7047/file-8210.pdf?cb=ce8fed>.

