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SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

APPEALS, ALLOCATURS AND PETITIONS

FILED AND PENDING: JANUARY 1, 1993 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1993

APPEAL DOCKET

Direct Appeals

Capital Cases	23
Number from Commonwealth Court	76
Number from Common Pleas Court	6
Other	3
Appeals by Allowance	181
TOTAL	289
Appeals Pending as of 12/31/93	200

ALLOCATUR DOCKET

Petitions for Allowance of Appeal	2,332
Petitions Pending as of 12/31/93	46

MISCELLANEOUS DOCKET

Petitions for Review	247
Matters Filed within Court's Original Jurisdiction	96
Petitions for King's Bench Review	59
TOTAL	402
Miscellaneous Matters Pending as of 12/31/93	81
Ancillary Petitions Filed Relating to Docketed Cases	632

SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

APPEALS, ALLOCATURS AND PETITIONS

ADJUDICATIONS: JANUARY 1, 1993 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1993

APPEAL DOCKET

Per Curiam	112
Full Opinion	186
Other	6
TOTAL	304

ALLOCATUR DOCKET

Per Curiam	1,996
Summary Disposition	14
Other	19
TOTAL	2,029

MISCELLANEOUS DOCKET

Petitions for Review

Per Curiam	277
Full Opinion	2
Other	5

Petitions Filed within Court's Original Jurisdiction

Per Curiam	87
Full Opinion	0
Other	0

Petitions for King's Bench Review

Per Curiam	55
Full Opinion	0
Other	0

TOTAL	426
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DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

Per Curiam	2
Full Opinion	2

TOTAL	4
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SUPERIOR COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

APPEALS PENDING 1/1/93 **5,400**

Awaiting Record	1,893
Awaiting Briefs	1,478
Awaiting Argument or Submission	856
Awaiting Decision	1,107
Other (including awaiting appointment of counsel)	66

NEW APPEALS FILED IN 1993 **6,964**

APPEALS DISPOSED IN 1993 **7,417**

By Filed Decision	5,079
By Order or Discontinuance or Other Means	2,338

APPEALS PENDING 12/31/93 **4,947**

Awaiting Record	1,897
Awaiting Briefs	1,332
Awaiting Argument or Submission	612
Awaiting Decision	1,060
Other (including awaiting appointment of counsel)	46

COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

CASES PENDING 1/1/93 4,259

CASES FILED IN 1993 4,237

Original Jurisdiction	471
Appeals from Common Pleas Court	1,238
Appeals from Administrative Agencies	1,828
Appeals under Fiscal Code	663
Combined Original/Appellate Matters	8
Miscellaneous	29

CASES DISPOSED IN 1993 3,837

Majority Opinions	1,743
Consolidated Cases	114
Stipulation for Judgment	323
Withdrawn/Dismissed/Remanded	1,421
Transferred	84
Other	152

CASES PENDING 12/31/93 5,068

Certain miscellaneous cases are excluded.

COMMON PLEAS CRIMINAL STATE TOTALS

	STATEWIDE	EXCLUDING PHILADELPHIA
Cases Pending 1/1/93	51,646 (R)	44,651 (R)
New Cases Received	122,749	107,280
Cases Reopened	16,923	12,946
 Subtotal:		
Cases Available for Disposition	191,318	164,877
 Cases Disposed By:		
Withdrawn/Dismissed (quashed, nolle prosequi, etc.)	10,535	8,546
Rule 1100	79	67
ARD	26,200	25,729
Guilty Plea	74,201	65,725
Non-Jury Trial	4,664	1,525
Jury Trial	3,257	2,627
Inactive Cases	17,058	12,417
Other	2,684	2,455
 Subtotal:		
Cases Disposed	138,678	119,091
 Cases Pending 12/31/93	52,640	45,786
 Age of Pending Cases		
0-60 Days	18,085	16,209
61-120 Days	13,290	11,913
121-180 Days	7,300	6,347
181-240 Days	4,379	3,826
241-300 Days	2,756	2,214
301-360 Days	1,682	1,358
Over 360 Days	5,148	3,919
 Cases Awaiting Sentence	9,344	7,374

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COMMON PLEAS CIVIL STATE TOTALS

STATEWIDE *					EXCLUDING PHILADELPHIA			
	Civil Actions	Equity			Civil Actions	Equity		
Docketed Cases	108,833	3,293			69,170	2,624		
Arbitrated Cases	18,670				11,285			
	Civil Actions	Equity	Other	Total	Civil Actions	Equity	Other	Total
Trial-Ready Cases								
Cases Pending 1/1/93	52,184 (R)	1,153 (R)	3,340 (R)	56,677	13,872 (R)	668	2,651	17,191 (R)
New Cases Filed	26,001	1,403	3,751	31,155	12,662	734	2,316	15,712
Restored Cases	469	16	10	495	469	16	10	495
Appeals from Arbitration	5,493	2	75	5,570	2,617	2	75	2,694
Subtotal:								
Cases Available for Trial	84,147	2,574	7,176	93,897	29,620	1,420	5,052	36,092
Cases Disposed By:								
Jury Trial	1,881	20	40	1,941	1,129	17	40	1,186
Non-Jury Trial	2,615	223	679	3,517	1,360	202	666	2,228
Settlements	25,344	554	2,006	27,904	10,050	329	1,547	11,926
Stricken	5,205	199	351	5,755	1,237	64	122	1,423
Other	2,908	131	1,312	4,351	2,521	108	612	3,241
Subtotal:								
Cases Disposed	37,953	1,127	4,388	43,468	16,297	720	2,987	20,004
Cases Pending 12/31/93	46,194	1,447	2,788	50,429	13,323	700	2,065	16,088

Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases, 12/31/93 (Civil Actions & Equity Only)

0-6 Months	11,872	24.9 %	0-6 Months	7,069	50.4 %
7-12 Months	8,075	17.0 %	7-12 Months	2,812	20.1 %
13-18 Months	5,852	12.3 %	13-18 Months	1,503	10.7 %
19-24 Months	4,363	9.2 %	19-24 Months	690	4.9 %
25-30 Months	3,900	8.2 %	25-30 Months	604	4.3 %
31-36 Months	3,072	6.5 %	31-36 Months	325	2.3 %
Over 36 Months	10,507	22.1 %	Over 36 Months	1,020	7.3 %
Subtotal	47,641	100.0 %	Subtotal	14,023	100.0 %

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* For Philadelphia County - Docketed Cases include categories of Civil Action in addition to trespass/assumpit. Cases pending include all cases pending from first filing. New Cases are first filings where the amount at controversy is above arbitration limit. Cases aged from first filing include arbitration appeals.

FAMILY COURT STATE TOTALS

STATEWIDE

	AFDC	SUPPORT NON-AFDC	Custody/ Partial Custody/ Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	JUVENILE Delinquency
Cases Pending 1/1/93	38,031 (R)	32,049 (R)	6,716	70,098 (R)	1,552 (R)	15,634
Cases Filed in 1993	69,936	113,311	29,662	46,105	12,406	50,638
Subtotal:						
Cases Available for Processing	107,967	145,360	36,378	116,203	13,958	66,272
Cases Processed in 1993 By:						
Non-Judicial Officer	59,335	97,118	14,613	4,098	3,602	26,249
Judge	6,429	11,272	10,567	37,376	8,455	22,594
Other	2,419	7,460	2,625	1,734	376	515
Subtotal:						
Cases Processed	68,183	115,850	27,805	43,208	12,433	49,358
Cases Pending 12/31/93	39,784	29,510	8,573	72,995	1,525	16,914

EXCLUDING PHILADELPHIA

	AFDC	SUPPORT NON-AFDC	Custody/ Partial Custody/ Visitation	Divorce	Dependency	JUVENILE Delinquency
Cases Pending 1/1/93	26,186 (R)	27,211 (R)	4,810	60,383 (R)	945 (R)	11,369
Cases Filed in 1993	60,927	104,733	22,427	42,417	8,832	41,192
Subtotal:						
Cases Available for Processing	87,113	131,944	27,237	102,800	9,777	52,561
Cases Processed in 1993 By:						
Non-Judicial Officer	53,187	89,491	11,246	3,851	3,182	25,020
Judge	3,719	8,606	7,058	33,207	4,912	14,708
Other	2,419	7,460	2,625	1,734	376	515
Subtotal:						
Cases Processed	59,325	105,557	20,929	38,792	8,470	40,243
Cases Pending 12/31/93	27,788	26,387	6,308	64,008	1,307	12,318

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ORPHANS' COURT STATE TOTALS

STATEWIDE

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Appointment of Guardians
Cases Pending 1/1/93	1,742 (R)	1,260 (R)	1,114 (R)	452 (R)
Cases Filed	9,327	3,760	2,980	2,526
Subtotal:				
Cases Available for Disposition	11,069	5,020	4,094	2,978
Cases Disposed By:				
Contested before a Judge	1,224	47	229	246
Contested before a Master, Auditor, or Examiner	10	----	----	----
Uncontested	8,014	3,800	2,703	2,203
Subtotal:				
Cases Disposed	9,248	3,847	2,932	2,449
Cases Pending 12/31/93	1,821	1,173	1,162	529

EXCLUDING PHILADELPHIA

	Accounts	Adoptions	Relinquishments/ Terminations	Appointment of Guardians
Cases Pending 1/1/93	1,488 (R)	1,047 (R)	973 (R)	421 (R)
Cases Filed	8,826	3,409	2,515	2,260
Subtotal:				
Cases Available for Disposition	10,314	4,456	3,488	2,681
Cases Disposed By:				
Contested before a Judge	911	47	212	58
Contested before a Master, Auditor, or Examiner	10	----	----	----
Uncontested	7,900	3,370	2,211	2,161
Subtotal:				
Cases Disposed	8,821	3,417	2,423	2,219
Cases Pending 12/31/93	1,493	1,039	1,065	462

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JURY UTILIZATION STATE TOTALS

1993 JURY ACTIVITY	STATEWIDE	EXCLUDING PHILADELPHIA
Juror Days	287,030	217,677
Number Sent to Voir Dire	244,533	177,750
Sworn Jurors	74,481	61,152
Number of Voir Dires Begun	7,165	5,153
Number of Jury Trials Begun	5,669	4,480
Pool Days	3,083	2,833
Zero Panel Days	508	496
Total Juror Fees Incurred	\$6,577,077	\$5,008,864

1993 PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Voir Dire Attendance Rate	85.2%	81.7%
Trial Attendance Rate	30.5%	34.4%
Juror Days Per Voir Dire Starts	40.1%	42.2%
Percent Zero Panel Days	16.5%	17.5%
Average Juror Fees Per Trial	\$1,160	\$1,118

DISTRICT JUSTICE STATE TOTALS

CRIMINAL

New Cases (OTNs) Filed in 1993	143,856
Cases Disposed in 1993	143,594
Bound to Court	32,502
Waiver of Preliminary Hearing	61,891
Trial: Guilty	534
Trial: Not Guilty	114
Guilty Plea	7,006
ARD	11
Dismissal	16,176
Prosecution Withdrawn	16,186
Settled	529
Transferred	1,787
Moved to Summary Docket	2,600
Other	4,258

Arrest Warrants

Issued	67,562
Served	50,929
Cancelled	10,508
Pending 0 - 60 Days	3,506
Pending Over 60 Days	12,423

PRIVATE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

New Cases Filed in 1993	93,747
Cases Disposed in 1993	78,413
Trial: Guilty	8,223
Trial: Not Guilty	3,144
Guilty Plea	48,163
ARD	119
Dismissal	7,898
Prosecution Withdrawn	7,392
Settled	1,950
Transferred	37
Moved to Criminal Docket	379
Other	1,108

Arrest Warrants

Issued	64,452
Served	28,166
Cancelled	17,539
Pending 0 -60 Days	6,037
Pending Over 60 Days	32,688

DISTRICT JUSTICE STATE TOTALS (CONTINUED)

TRAFFIC

New Cases Filed in 1993	1,367,859
Cases Disposed in 1993	1,224,231
Trial: Guilty	122,505
Trial: Not Guilty	56,005
Guilty Plea	972,344
Dismissal	31,095
Prosecution Withdrawn	37,722
Settled	47
Transferred	138
Defendant Not Found/Fugitive	3,272
Other	4,375

Arrest Warrants

Issued	416,326
Served	114,231
Cancelled	171,965
Pending 0 - 60 Days	43,734
Pending Over 60 Days	219,969

NON-TRAFFIC

New Cases Filed in 1993	300,563
Cases Disposed in 1993	261,435
Trial: Guilty	36,235
Trial: Not Guilty	18,406
Guilty Plea	167,133
ARD	1,670
Dismissal	19,130
Prosecution Withdrawn	16,904
Settled	358
Transferred	189
Defendant Not Found/Fugitive	813
Other	1,410

Arrest Warrants

Issued	141,951
Served	50,848
Cancelled	50,272
Pending 0 - 60 Days	13,665
Pending Over 60 Days	71,313

DISTRICT JUSTICE STATE TOTALS (CONTINUED)

CIVIL ACTION

New Cases Filed in 1993	167,515
Cases Disposed in 1993	157,152
Trial: Judgment for Plaintiff	35,183
Trial: Judgment for Defendant	6,705
Default Judgment	73,990
Settled	29,060
Dismissal Without Prejudice	7,008
Dismissal With Prejudice	407
Complaint Withdrawn	4,799

Orders

Execution	20,992
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LANDLORD/TENANT

New Cases Filed in 1993	50,600
Cases Disposed in 1993	49,481
Trial: Judgment for Plaintiff	28,125
Trial: Judgment for Defendant	748
Default Judgement	13,919
Settled	4,740
Dismissal Without Prejudice	891
Dismissal With Prejudice	55
Complaint Withdrawn	1,003

Orders

Execution	2,025
Possession	18,616

PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT

MISDEMEANOR/FELONY

	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>
Filed	41,510	42,246	41,112	43,086	41,284
Disposed	42,028	41,741	39,679	42,622	43,743
Year-End Pending	6,251	6,756	8,189	8,653	6,194
Cases Disposed By:					
Nol Pros/Withdrawn Dismissed (Trial Docket)	6,956	5,773	4,861	5,575	7,055
Nol Pros/Withdrawn Dismissed (Preliminary Hearing Docket)	6,465	7,242	6,751	6,970	7,768
Held for Court	17,105	17,432	16,509	17,325	16,202
ARD	4,439	4,018	4,035	3,801	3,102
Guilty Plea	2,443	1,466	1,483	1,303	1,172
Trial	4,266	5,480	5,839	7,346	8,167
Other	354	330	201	302	277

SUMMARY AND PRIVATE CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS

Filed	28,265	29,287	28,633	34,423	28,440
Disposed	27,888	28,751	28,548	34,542	28,328
Year- End Pending	3,621 (R)	4,157 (R)	4,242	4,029	4,141

CIVIL COMPLAINTS

Filed	122,823	125,561	121,806	129,218	116,033
Disposed	121,653	124,333	125,632	125,079	116,623
Year- End Pending	23,171	17,982	14,156	18,295	17,705

AGE OF PENDING MISDEMEANOR/FELONY CASES: 12/31/93

AWAITING PRELIMINARY HEARING

0 - 30 Days	718
31 - 60 Days	573
61 - 90 Days	292
91 - 120 Days	158
Over 120 Days	606

SUBTOTAL 2,347

AWAITING TRIAL

0 - 30 Days	792
31 - 60 Days	789
61 - 90 Days	621
91 - 120 Days	387
Over 120 Days	1,258

SUBTOTAL 3,847

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PHILADELPHIA TRAFFIC COURT

1993 Filings (Moving Violations)	189,418
1993 Dispositions	182,754
Trial: Guilty	84,238
Trial: Not Guilty	82,736
Guilty Plea	13,295
Prosecution Withdrawn	2,485
1993 Non-Responses	125,395

PITTSBURGH MAGISTRATES COURT

City Court

Misdemeanor/Felony Complaints Filed	16,555
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Summary Cases Filed	6,240
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Housing Court

Summary Cases Filed	6,410
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Traffic Court

Misdemeanor Cases Filed (DUI)	1,800
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Citations Filed (Moving Violations)	33,047
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Citations Filed (Parking Violations)	327,892
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1993 Total Filings	391,944
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JUDICIAL DISTRICT POPULATION, TRIAL COURT & DISTRICT JUSTICE COMPLEMENTS

Judicial District	1993 Population Estimates (a)	Authorized Trial Court Judgeships (b)	Authorized District Justice Positions (b)	Judicial District	1993 Population Estimates (a)	Authorized Trial Court Judgeships (b)	Authorized District Justice Positions (b)
Adams	78,274	2	4	Jefferson	46,083	1	3
Allegheny	1,336,449	41	55 (c)	Juniata-Perry	61,797	2	5
Armstrong	73,478	2	4	Lackawanna	219,039	6	11
Beaver	186,093	5	9	Lancaster	422,822	9	20
Bedford	47,919	1	4	Lawrence	96,246	3	5
Berks	336,523	10	18	Lebanon	113,744	3	7
Blair	130,542	4	7	Lehigh	291,130	8	14
Bradford	60,967	2	4	Luzerne	328,149	8	18
Bucks	541,174	11	19	Lycoming	118,710	4	6
Butler	152,013	4	5	McKean	47,131	1	4
Cambria	163,029	5	10	Mercer	121,003	3	5
Cameron-Elk	40,791	1	3	Mifflin	46,197	1	2
Carbon	56,846	2	4	Monroe	95,709	4	10
Centre	123,786	2	4	Montgomery	678,111	16	30
Chester	376,396	9	17	Northampton	247,105	6	15
Clarion	41,699	1	4	Northumberland	96,771	2	5
Clearfield	79,097	2	4	Philadelphia	1,585,577	90	0 (d)
Clinton	37,182	2	3	Pike	27,966	1	3
Columbia-Montour	80,937	2	5	Potter	16,717	1	4
Crawford	86,169	2	6	Schuylkill	152,585	5	8
Cumberland	195,257	5	8	Snyder-Union	72,856	2	4
Dauphin	237,813	7	14	Somerset	78,218	2	5
Delaware	547,651	16	32	Sullivan-Wyoming	34,180	1	4
Erie	275,572	8	15	Susquehanna	40,380	1	3
Fayette	145,351	5	13	Tioga	41,126	1	3
Forest-Warren	49,852	1	6	Venango	59,381	1	4
Franklin-Fulton	134,919	3	9	Washington	204,584	5	12
Greene	39,550	1	3	Wayne	39,944	1	4
Huntingdon	44,164	1	4	Westmoreland	370,321	10	21
Indiana	89,994	2	4	York	339,574	9	18
				Total	11,881,643	366	550

(a) Source: U.S. Census Bureau 1990 population counts.

(b) Authorized Trial Court judgeships and District Justice positions as of December 1993.

(c) In addition to 55 District Justices, the City of Pittsburgh has 6 Magistrates.

(d) Philadelphia County does not have District Justices. The Special Courts are Municipal Court with 22 judgeships and Traffic Court with 6 judgeships.

GLOSSARY

N/A	Not available.
R, Revised	Indicates that the number of cases reported pending at the beginning of the year has been revised from the number reported pending at the end of the year, published in the CASELOAD STATISTICS OF THE UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF PENNSYLVANIA.
<u>Supreme Court of Pennsylvania</u>	
Allocatur Docket	The docket for petitions seeking the grant of appellate review of a decision by an intermediate appellate court (i.e. the Commonwealth Court or Superior Court).
Ancillary Petition	A petition filed on an open docket seeking relief apart from the requested relief. On the merits, e.g. a petition for an extension of time to file a response.
Capital Case	A case wherein a sentence of death has been imposed by a court of common pleas.
Direct Appeal	A case under review as a result of a statutory or constitutional right of appeal.
Disciplinary Matter	Involves attorney disciplinary cases as prosecuted by the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.
Full Opinion	The Court's disposition of a case containing a written explanation of its rationale.
King's Bench Review	Discretionary review undertaken by the Supreme Court of a matter pending in a lower tribunal. Such review can be by way of petition or by the Court's own initiative.
Per Curiam	Translates as "By the Court" and refers to actions of the whole court as opposed opinion or orders by an individual Justice or Justices.
Petition for Review	Petition brought under Chapter 15 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure.
Summary Disposition	The Court's disposition of a case without seeking brief or argument; occurs when right of applicant is clear and the Court's decision needs little or no explanation.
Supreme Court Original Jurisdiction	The limited jurisdiction described in the Judicial Code at 42 Pa C.S. Section 721, which includes habeas corpus, actions in mandamus and prohibition directed to courts of inferior jurisdiction, and actions in quo warranto.
<u>Common Pleas Criminal</u>	
Age of Pending Cases	A breakdown of active criminal caseload by the interval of time elapsed from the date the case is filed in the clerk of court's office to the end of the year. Note that age as defined here does not include lower court time elapsed from complaint or arrest until filing at the common pleas level.

ARD (Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition)	A disposition classification for cases in which the defendant is accepted into a state or county ARD program, which is a pre-trial diversionary program similar to probation. Upon successful completion of all conditions of the program, the defendant may petition the court to dismiss the charges against him.
Case (Common Pleas Criminal)	A Misdemeanor or Felony case held for or waived to common pleas court after a Preliminary Hearing, waiver of a preliminary hearing or a transfer from juvenile court. The unit of count is the individually numbered docket transcript (OTN). Cases are counted as New Cases Received at the date of filing in the clerk of court's office. Cases Reopened refers to the number of cases previously counted as disposed which have been reactivated at the common pleas level, such as those involving fugitives returned. Cases Pending refers to the number of active cases at the common pleas level which have not been adjudicated. Cases Disposed refers to the number of terminations of cases pending at the common pleas level; counted when the judge accepts a guilty plea, renders a verdict, the jury returns a verdict, or the case is otherwise adjudicated, transferred out of common pleas criminal court, or placed in inactive status. A common pleas disposition is counted at the time of adjudication and not at the time of sentencing. Cases Awaiting Sentence refers to those cases in which a guilty verdict has been rendered or a guilty plea accepted, but for which the penalty has not yet been imposed upon the accused.
Dismissals Nol Pros, Etc.	A disposition classification for cases in which <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) (Dismissal) the jurisdiction of the court is terminated by the court, or 2) (Nol Pros, Nolle Prosequi) a formal notice upon the record that the prosecution will not proceed with the case that has been accepted by the court, or 3) a demurrer is sustained, the case is quashed, etc.
Felony	A statutory class of crime generally more serious than a Misdemeanor. For Reporting purposes, murder of the first degree is counted with felonies.
Guilty Plea	A disposition classification for cases in which the defendant admits having Committed an offense for which he is charged, or admits to a lesser felony, misdemeanor or summary offense.
Inactive Case	A disposition classification for cases in which the defendant has been unavailable for court processing for a minimum of 45 days; including defendants declared fugitive, those in the military, those in the custody of another jurisdiction, etc.
Jury Trial	A disposition classification for cases adjudicated following verdict of a jury.
Misdemeanor	A statutory class of crime generally more serious than a summary offense and less serious than a Felony. The maximum term of imprisonment for a misdemeanor may not exceed five years. For a summary offense, the maximum term of imprisonment may not exceed 90 days.
New Cases Received	See Case.
Non-Jury Trial	A disposition classification for cases adjudicated by verdict of a judge.
Other (Disposition)	A disposition classification for cases terminated by means that cannot accurately be classified in the other dispositional categories; including transfers to juvenile court, cases abated by death of defendant, etc.
Preliminary Hearing	Hearing by a judicial officer to determine whether a person charged with a crime Should be held for trial in common pleas court.

Rule 1100	A disposition classification for cases dismissed under Pennsylvania Rule of Criminal Procedure 1100 (Prompt Trial).
 <u>Common Pleas Civil</u>	
Age of Pending Trial-Ready Cases	A breakdown of Trial-Ready caseload by the interval of time elapsed from the date the case is certified or Praeciped for Trial or otherwise determined to be Trial-Ready to year-end.
Arbitrated Cases	A classification for those Cases Docketed which are Civil Actions disposed by a Board of Arbitrators following an evidentiary hearing. Note that these cases are Counted at disposition, not at referral to arbitration.
Arbitration Appeal	A classification for those civil cases appealed de novo from an arbitration award; counted when the case is determined to be Trial-Ready.
Cases Docketed	The number of Civil Actions or actions in Equity which have been filed in the prothonotary's office and which are intended to be litigated. At this initial point, cases are not yet Trial-Ready.
Cases Pending	The number of civil Trial-Ready Cases which are not yet disposed.
Civil Action	A category of civil cases in which an action is brought to enforce, redress or protect private rights. It is an action heretofore asserted in assumpsit or trespass (see Rule of Civil Procedure 1001).
Disposition	(1) Of an arbitration case: the decision by a Board of Arbitrators following an evidentiary hearing; (2) Of a Trial-Ready Case: termination of the case by a verdict reached by a judge or a jury, a settlement reached by the litigants, the striking of the case from the trial-ready list, or other action which resolve the issues of the case.
Equity	A category of civil cases in which an action is brought whereby the plaintiff generally seeks equitable relief (e.g., specific performance, injunctions).
Jury Trial	A disposition classification for Trial-Ready Cases resolved following the verdict of a jury.
New Cases Filed	The number of cases in which counsel has indicated to the court during the year That the case is ready to go to trial; or, for those counties which do not certify or praecipe for trial or for pre-trial, the number of cases placed on the trial list during the year.
Non-Jury Trial	A disposition classification for Trial-Ready Cases resolved following verdict of a judge.
Other (Civil Case)	A residual category of civil cases which are neither Civil Actions nor Equity cases. This classification includes mandamus, replevin, mortgage foreclosure, paternity, etc.; but does not include support, custody, visitation, or divorce cases, which are included in the Family Court section.
Other (Disposition)	A disposition classification for Trial-Ready Cases by transfer to arbitration, transfer to inactive status, or other means that cannot accurately be classified under the other dispositional categories.
Praecipe for Trial	A form indicating to the prothonotary that a civil case should be placed on a trial list. See New Cases Filed, Trial-Ready Case.

Restored Cases	A category of civil cases which have been restored (re-certified or re-praeciped) to a trial list after having been Stricken from the list.
Settlements	A disposition classification for Trial-Ready Cases in which the litigants in the Dispute come to an agreement over the issues at stake.
Stricken	A disposition classification for cases removed from the trial-ready list.
Trial-Ready Case	A Civil Action, Equity, or Other civil case which is certified or praeciped for trial or for pre-trial; or, for those counties which do not certify or praecipe, a Civil Action, Equity, or Other civil case which has been placed on the trial list.
<u>Family Court</u>	
AFDC	A classification of Support cases for those cases in which a wage earner is absent from the home and the children are recipients of public welfare in the category of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC).
Cases Filed	The number of cases initiated during the year. See Support, Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation, Divorce, Dependency, and Delinquency for a definition of Cases Filed by category.
Cases Processed	The number of cases adjudicated during the year. Cases adjudicated following a conference or hearing before a conference officer, hearing officer, or master are counted as processed by a Non-Judicial Officer. Cases heard before a judge are counted as processed by a Judge. Cases processed by Other means include cases settled or withdrawn before a conference or hearing is held. See Support, Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation, Divorce, Dependency, and Delinquency for definition of Cases Processed by category.
Custody/ Partial Custody/ Visitation	A category of cases which are legal proceedings to determine the right: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) (Custody) to keep, control, guard, care for and preserve a child; 2) (Partial Custody) to take possession of a child from the custodial person for a specified length of time; 3) (Visitation) to visit a child, without the right to remove a child from custodial person's control. <p>Cases Filed are counted when a complaint or petition to modify an existing order is filed. Cases Processed are counted when a final order (or equivalent) has been issued adjudicating the complaint or petition.</p>
Delinquency	A type of juvenile case which involves an act by an individual under the age of 18 which has been designated as a crime under Pennsylvania law or under local ordinances. (See 42 Pa. C.S.A. Section 6302 for a more extensive definition of "delinquency.") Cases Filed are counted at referral to a juvenile intake officer. Cases Processed are counted when the juvenile intake officer informally adjusts the case, or when a master or judge adjudicates the case after the filing of a petition by the juvenile intake officer.
Dependency	A type of juvenile case which involves the absence of the proper parental care or supervision necessary for the physical, mental, emotional or moral health of an individual under 18 years of age. (See 42 Pa. C.S.A. Section 6302 for a more extensive definition of "dependency.") Cases Filed are counted when a petition is filed. Cases Processed are counted when an order adjudicates the petition.
Divorce	A legal proceeding to dissolve a marriage. Cases Filed are counted when a complaint is filed. Cases Processed are counted when a decree or order is issued granting or denying the divorce.
Judge (Disposition)	See Cases Processed.

NON-AFDC	A classification of Support cases which includes those cases not classified under AFDC.
Non-Judicial Officer (Disposition)	See Cases Processed.
Other (Disposition)	See Cases Processed.
Support	Those cases in which a complaint has been filed requesting the court to require maintenance of a spouse or child by a person required by law to provide such maintenance. Cases Filed are counted at the filing of a complaint or petition, and include local and incoming reciprocal cases, petitions for modification or termination, and alimony pendente lite. Cases Processed are counted when an order has been issued adjudicating the complaint or petition.
 <u>Orphans' Court</u>	
Account	A statement prepared by a Fiduciary at the close of his or her administration of an estate to reflect transactions that have occurred. The statement is presented to the court as part of the process whereby the fiduciary seeks discharge from liability for the events disclosed. Cases Filed refers to the number of these statements filed with the Orphans' Court Clerk during the year. Cases Disposed refers to the number of accounts confirmed; i.e., a confirmation is a judicial determination that the account filed is in proper order.
Adoption	A legal proceeding in which a child's rights and duties toward his or her birth parents are terminated and similar rights and duties toward his or her adoptive parents are substituted. Cases Filed refers to the number of petitions for adoption filed during the year. Cases Disposed refers to the number of final decrees entered either granting or denying a petition.
Appointment of Guardians	A proceeding through which a determination is made regarding an individual's capacity to make or communicate a responsible decision that concerns his or her person or property (see Incapacitated Person). Cases Filed refers to the number of petitions for the appointment of a guardian (see Fiduciary) for a person or estate filed during the year. NOT included are petitions for the appointment of a guardian for the person or estate of a minor; petitions to appoint a guardian ad litem; petitions to adjudicate a person competent who was previously adjudged incompetent; petitions for the sale, exchange, mortgage or lease of real property, and so on. Cases Disposed refers to the number of orders issued adjudicating pending petitions.
Auditor, Master or Examiner (Contested)	A category of dispositions referring to the number of cases in which disputed issues of fact were resolved before a quasi-judicial officer (auditor, master or examiner).
Cases Filed	See specific classifications (Account, Adoption, Relinquishment/Termination, Appointment of Guardians).
Cases Disposed	See specific classifications (Account, Adoption, Relinquishment/Termination, Appointment of Guardians).
Fiduciary	A person or institution with a legal responsibility for the money or property of another. The term includes executors, administrators, guardians, and trustees subject to the jurisdiction of the Orphans' Court Division.

Incapacitated Person	An adult whose ability to receive and evaluate information effectively and communicate decisions in any way is impaired to such a significant extent that he or she is partially or totally unable to manage financial resources or meet essential requirements for physical health and safety.
Judge (Contested)	A category of dispositions referring to the number of cases in which disputed issues of fact were resolved in a hearing before a judge. Includes single cases with multiple hearings, at least one of which was held before a judge.
Relinquishment/ Termination	Relinquishment is the voluntary ending of the rights of a parent with respect to his or her child. Termination is the involuntary ending of the rights of a parent with respect to his or her child. Cases Filed refers to the number of petitions filed either to relinquish or to terminate parental rights during the year. Cases Disposed refers to the number of final decrees entered either granting or denying the petition.
Uncontested	A category of dispositions referring to the number of cases disposed in which there were no evidentiary hearings.
 <u>Jury Utilization</u>	
Average Jury Fees Per Trial	An overall measure of juror usage calculated by dividing Juror Fees Incurred by the number of Jury Trials Begun.
Juror Days	The number of prospective jurors reporting to the courthouse in anticipation of voir dire. If a juror reported more than once, each day is counted.
Juror Days Per Voir Dire Starts	The average number of prospective jurors needed for one voir dire, calculated by dividing Juror Days by Voir Dires Begun.
Jury Fees Incurred	Juror fees incurred by the county and the state this year.
Jury Trials Begun	Number of jury trials begun this year.
Number Sent To Voir Dire	The number of prospective jurors sent to voir dire. If a juror was sent more than once, each voir dire attended is counted.
Percent Zero Panel Days	The percentage of Pool Days in which prospective jurors reported to the courthouse but no voir dire was begun, calculated by dividing Zero Panel Days by Pool Days and multiplying by 100.
Pool Days	The number of days prospective jurors reported to the courthouse in anticipation of voir dire.
Sworn Jurors	The number of jurors sworn for trial. If a juror was sworn more than once, each swearing-in is counted.
Trial Attendance Rate	The percentage of jurors in voir dire selected to serve on a jury, calculated by dividing Sworn Jurors by the Number Sent To Voir Dire and multiplying by 100.
Voir Dire Attendance Rate	The percentage of prospective jurors sent to voir dire, calculated by dividing the Number Sent To Voir Dire by Juror Days and multiplying by 100.
Voir Dires Begun	The number of voir dires begun this year.

Zero Panel Days	The number of days prospective jurors reported to the courthouse in which no Voir dire were begun.
<u>District Justice</u>	
Bound To Court	A disposition category for Criminal referring to the number of cases for which a prima facie was established and the defendant was held for court.
Civil Complaint	A civil action involving a claim of \$8,000 or less.
Cases Disposed	The number of cases in which a district justice renders a decision, a guilty plea is entered, or some other final decision is made. A case is counted as disposed even though all fines and costs may not have been collected.
Complaint Withdrawn	A disposition category for Civil Complaints and Landlord/Tenant Actions, referring to the number of cases in which a plaintiff withdrew the complaint.
Criminal Case	The set of Felony, Misdemeanor or Escalating Summary charges arising from a single criminal incident. When an incident involves co-defendants, the prosecution of each defendant is counted separately (i.e., only one defendant per case).
Default Judgment	A disposition category for Civil Complaints, and Landlord/Tenant Actions, referring to the number of cases in which a judgment was entered for the plaintiff because the defendant did not appear.
Dismissal	A disposition category for Criminal, Private Criminal Complaints, Traffic Citations and Non-Traffic Citations, referring to the number of cases dismissed or discharged by the district justice.
Dismissal With Prejudice	A disposition category for Civil Complaints and Landlord/Tenant Actions. An adjudication on the merits, and final disposition, barring the right to bring or maintain an action on the same claim or cause.
Dismissal Without Prejudice	A disposition category for Civil Complaints and Landlord/Tenant Actions which does not bar complainant from bringing suit again on the same cause of action.
Felony/Misdemeanor/	A Felony is a statutory class of crime Escalating Summary generally more serious than a misdemeanor; murder of the first degree is also counted with felonies. A Misdemeanor is a statutory class of crime generally more serious than a summary offense and less serious than a felony. The maximum term of imprisonment for a misdemeanor may not exceed five years. For a summary offense, the maximum term of imprisonment may not exceed 90 days. An Escalating Summary is a charge (e.g., retail or library theft) for which the grading as a summary or misdemeanor/felony is determined by the defendant's criminal history.
Guilty Plea	A disposition category for Criminal, Private Criminal Complaints, Traffic and Non-Traffic Citations referring to the number of cases in which the defendant admits having committed an offense for which he is charged. For Traffic and Non-Traffic Citations, guilty pleas include defendants submitting payment of fines and costs without pleading guilty on the citation forms.
Landlord/Tenant Action	Action of landlord/lessor against a tenant/lessee for the recovery of real property. The complaint may include a claim for rent due unpaid. Also included in this category are defendant claims against the plaintiff arising from occupancy of the premise.

New Cases Filed	The number of cases initiated during the year. Traffic and Non-Traffic cases are initiated by a citation. Civil Complaint, Landlord/Tenant Action, and Private Criminal Complaint cases are initiated by a complaint. The individually numbered docket transcript (OTN) is the unit of count for Criminal cases.
Non-Traffic Citation	Summary offense charges initiated by a police officer, other than those classified under Traffic Citation.
Order of Execution	The enforcement of a civil money judgment. The defendant's property is sold to satisfy the judgment.
Order of Possession	The enforcement of a Landlord/Tenant Action for possession of property.
Other (Disposition)	A disposition category for cases terminated by means that cannot accurately be classified in any of the other dispositional categories; e.g., death of a defendant.
Private Criminal	Summary offense charges initiated by a Complaint private citizen.
Prosecution Withdrawn	A disposition category for Criminal, Private Criminal Complaints, Traffic and Non-Traffic Citations referring to cases in which the prosecutor formally withdraws the charges.
Settled	A disposition category referring to cases in which the parties resolve the issues of the dispute.
Traffic Citation	Traffic Citations initiate summary proceedings for offenses under the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, or for violations of local parking ordinances not covered by the Vehicle Code.
Trial	A disposition category referring to cases adjudicated by a district justice following an evidentiary hearing.
Waiver of Preliminary Hearing	A disposition category for Criminal Preliminary Hearing referring to cases forwarded to common pleas court after a preliminary hearing has been waived.