

# info share

## P A C O U R T S

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### Protection from abuse

37,855

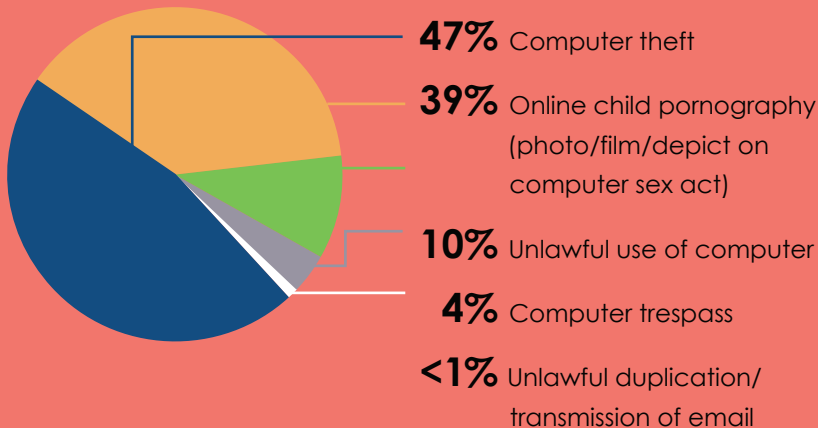
new PFA petitions were filed statewide in 2014, a 10% decrease since 2010

88% of these petitions were approved for temporary PFAs

This document contains a sampling from the full versions of **infoShare**, which have covered the following topics:

- Children under court supervision
- Civil cases
- Criminal charges and procedures
- Cyber crime
- Distracted driving
- Expungement
- Glossary terms
- Juror service
- Jury duty scams
- Language access
- Mortgage foreclosures
- Problem-solving courts
- Protection from abuse orders
- School zone citations
- Sexual offenders
- Supreme Court
- Traffic citations
- Women on the bench

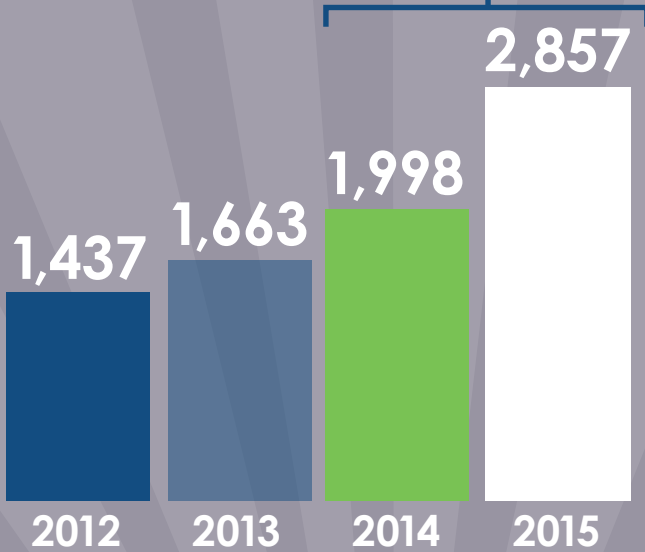
### Elements of **cybercrime\*** in Pennsylvania:



\*Cybercrime offenses disposed as convictions as recorded in the Unified Judicial System's Common Pleas Case Management System (CPCMS). Title 18, sections 6312, 7611, 7613, 7614, 7615 and 7661.

Find full versions at [www.pacourts.us](http://www.pacourts.us) under media resources.

Distracted driving citations increased **43%** from 2014 to 2015



Data provided from 1/1/2012 – 12/31/2015 based on state law: Title 75, sections 1621, 1622, 3314, 3316. Data does not include Philadelphia County data.

**18,339**

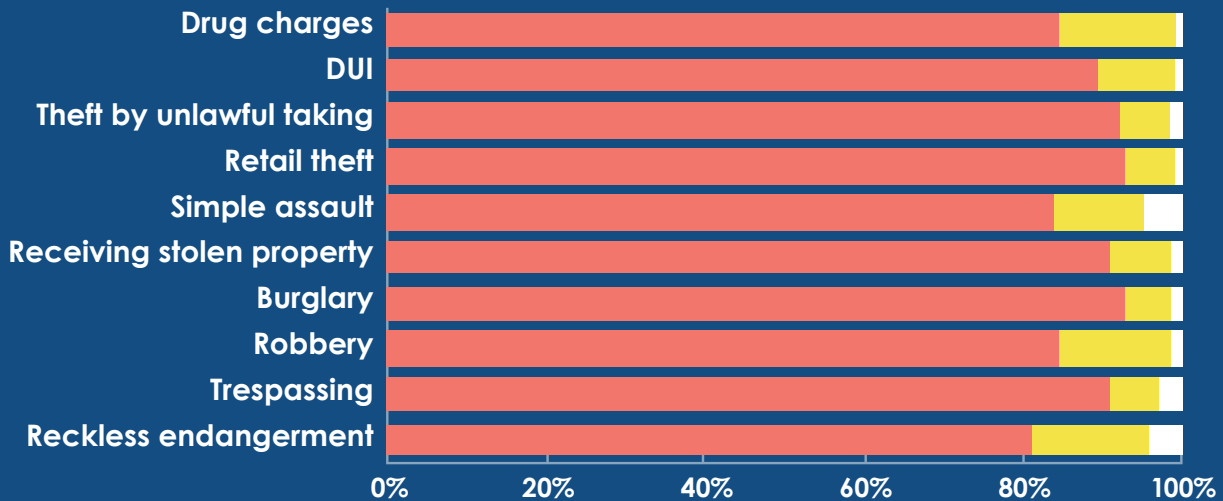
Pennsylvania children were under supervision of the court in 2014

Gender of children entering dependency system (2014):

**51%** boys

**49%** girls

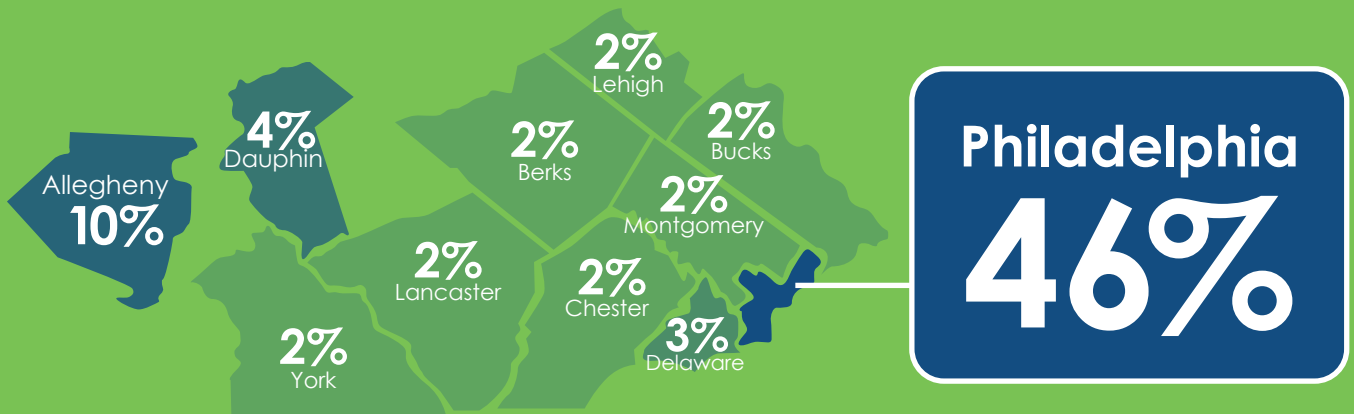
**Top 10 criminal convictions**



**Plead guilty =** guilt admitted by defendant (guilty plea)      **Found guilty =** court found them guilty      **Plead no contest =** nolo contendere and Alford plea

Criminal offense counts are based on non-summary offenses disposed as convictions on Criminal Dockets, as recorded in Pennsylvania's Common Pleas Management System (CPCMS). Title 35 section 780-113, Title 75 section 3802, Title 18 sections 3921, 3929, 2701, 3925, 3502, 3701, 3503 and 2705.

## Counties with highest number of **homicide cases**:



\*All data reflects convictions for a homicide offense between 1/1/2011 – 12/31/2015 under Title 18 section 25.



## Filing a **limited access or expungement** petition



File petition with the Court of Common Pleas in the county where the case was filed

District Attorney's office notified and given a chance to challenge the petition and possibly request a hearing



Judge decides to grant or deny the petition

Sample petitions available at [www.pacourts.us](http://www.pacourts.us).  
Contact an attorney for legal advice and assistance

\*<http://www.pacourts.us/forms/for-the-public>

# 2,587

number of referrals to  
**problem-solving courts**  
from 7/1/2015 to 6/30/2016

**382** furthered their education during their participation



**568** who were unemployed became employed

**21,412** community service hours were performed by participants

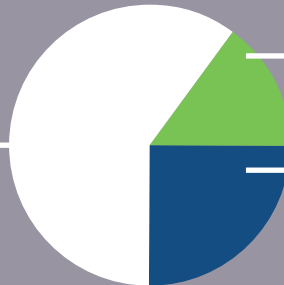


**13** drug-free babies were born to participants



Based on **sexual offender convictions:**

**60%**  
must register for life and verify in person four times a year

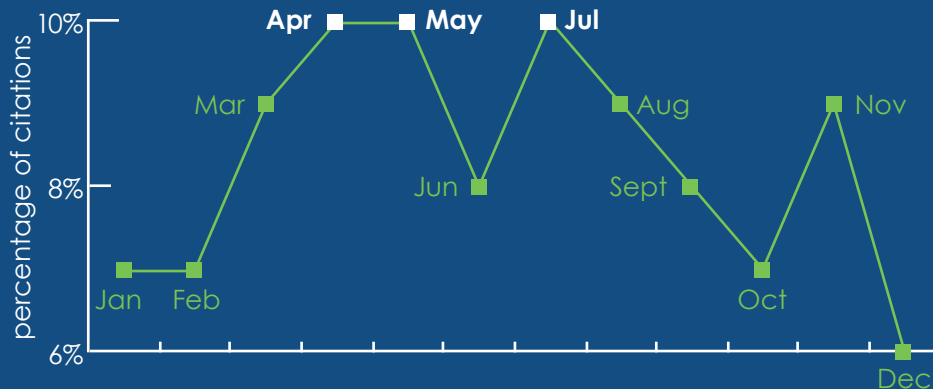


**25%**  
must register for 15 years and verify in person annually

**15%**  
must register for 25 years and verify in person twice a year

data above is based on sentencing from 1/1/13 – 12/31/15 under 42 Pa.C.S. §§ 9799.10 – 9799.41

**Traffic citations** issued slightly more in the spring, followed by July



Traffic violations are based on Title 75 offenses cited on traffic dockets only recorded in the Magisterial District Judge System and Philadelphia Municipal Court Traffic Division eTIMS System between 1/1/2012 – 12/31/2015.