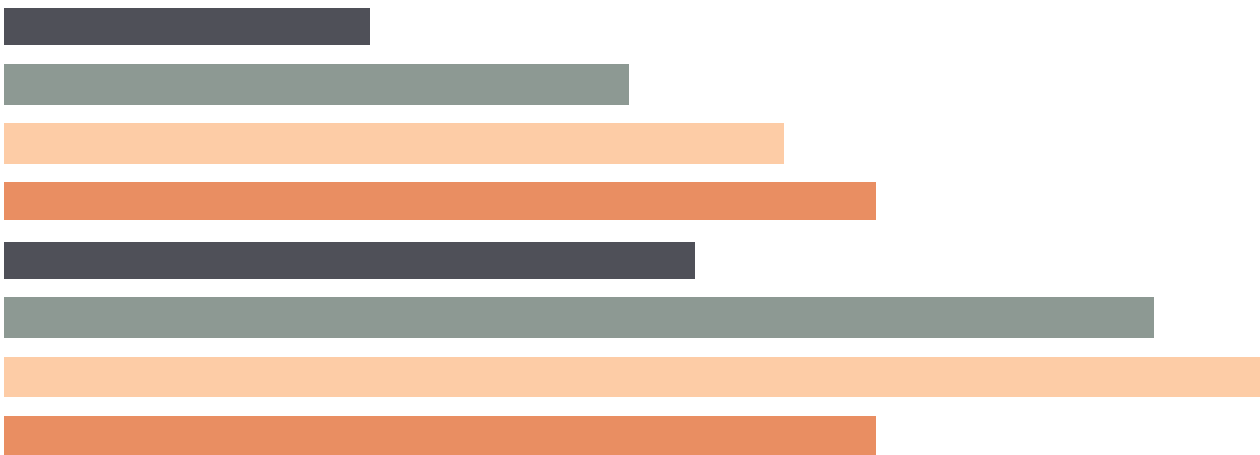
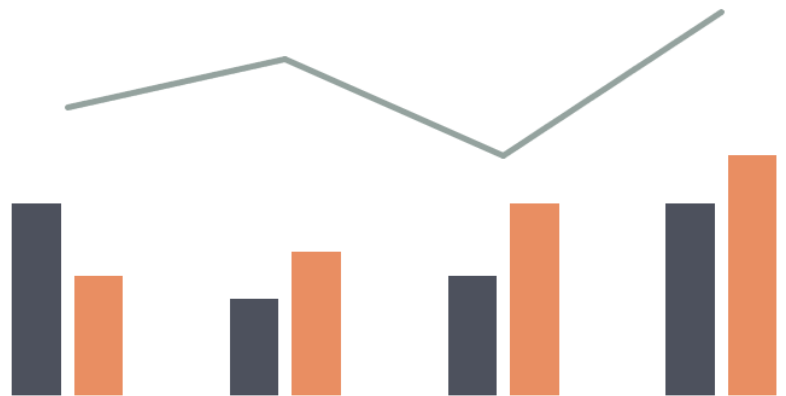
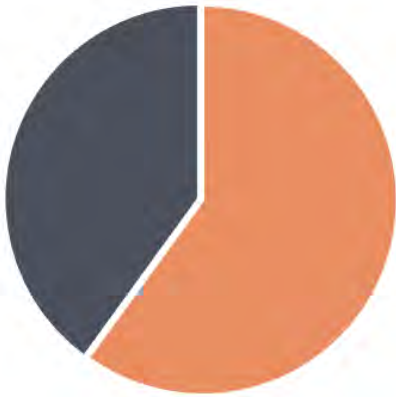


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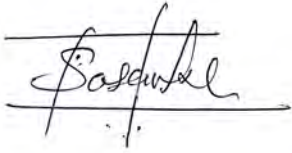
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Caseload Statistics for



We are pleased to provide you with a copy of the 2023 County Caseload Display pages. They can also be viewed on the AOPC webpage at www.pacourts.us in the *News & Statistics* section under *Research & Statistics*.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at 717.231.3300 .

Sincerely,

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Sasanka Adikari, Ph.D.
Data Scientist
Department of Research and Statistics

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2023 Criminal No. of Cases

Cases Pending 1/1/2023	2,645
New Cases Filed in 2023	4,525
Reopened Cases	346
Cases Available for Processing	7,516

Processed by:

Withdrawn/Dismissed	197	4.5%
Diversionsary Disposition*	1,104	25.0%
Guilty Plea	2,728	61.7%
Non-Jury Trial	29	0.7%
Jury Trial	56	1.3%
Inactive	276	6.2%
Other	31	0.7%
Total Cases Processed	4,421	100.0%

Cases Pending 12/31/2023 **3,095**

Cases Awaiting Sentencing 38

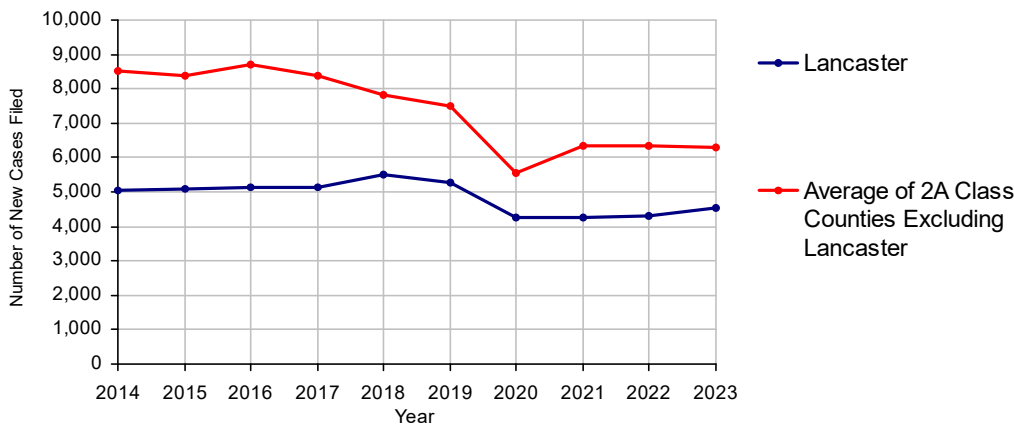
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* Includes other diversionary programs such as Veterans Court.

Age of Pending Cases as of 12/31/2023

0-60 Days	622	20.1%
61-120 Days	624	20.2%
121-180 Days	487	15.7%
181-240 Days	368	11.9%
241-300 Days	261	8.4%
301-360 Days	171	5.5%
Over 360 Days	562	18.2%
Total	3,095	100.0%

Criminal New Cases, 2014-2023



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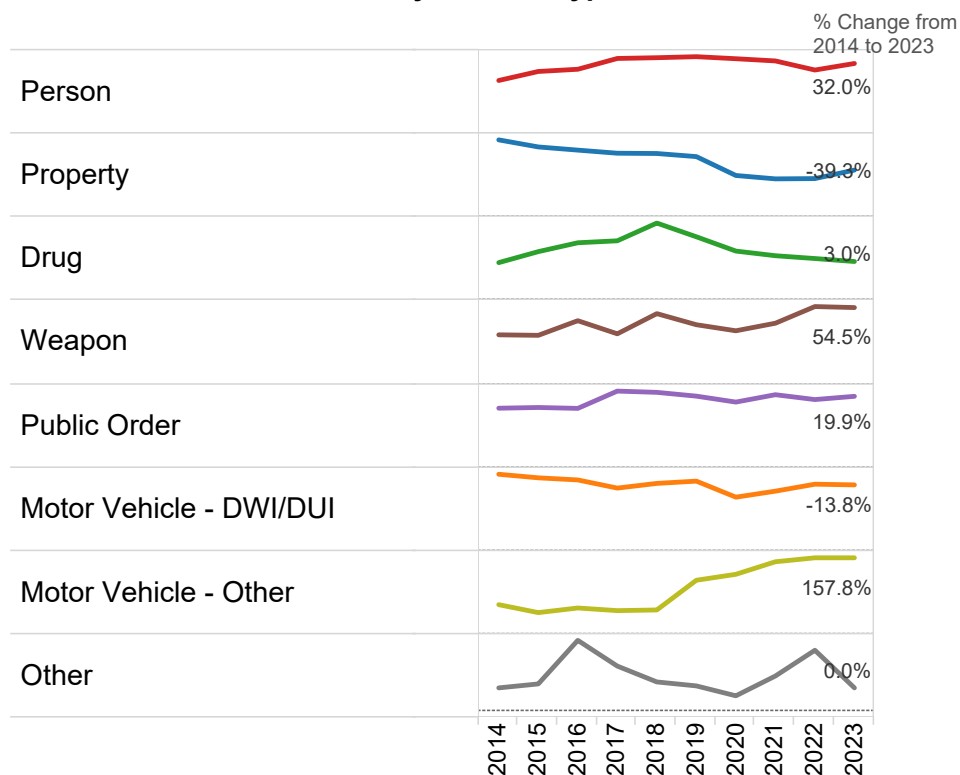


2023 Criminal - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	466	356	3	825	18.2%
Property	700	430	1	1,131	25.0%
Drug	378	169	0	547	12.1%
Weapon	111	42	0	153	3.4%
Public Order	136	262	0	398	8.8%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	65	1,278	0	1,343	29.7%
Motor Vehicle - Other	5	111	0	116	2.6%
Other	11	0	1	12	0.3%
Total	1,872	2,648	5	4,525	100.0%
	41.4%	58.5%	0.1%	100.0%	

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Criminal New Cases by Offense Type, 2014-2023

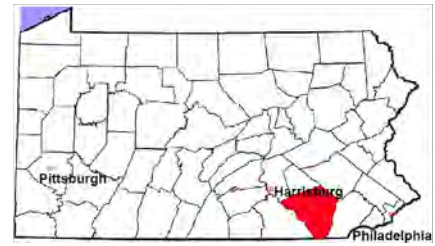


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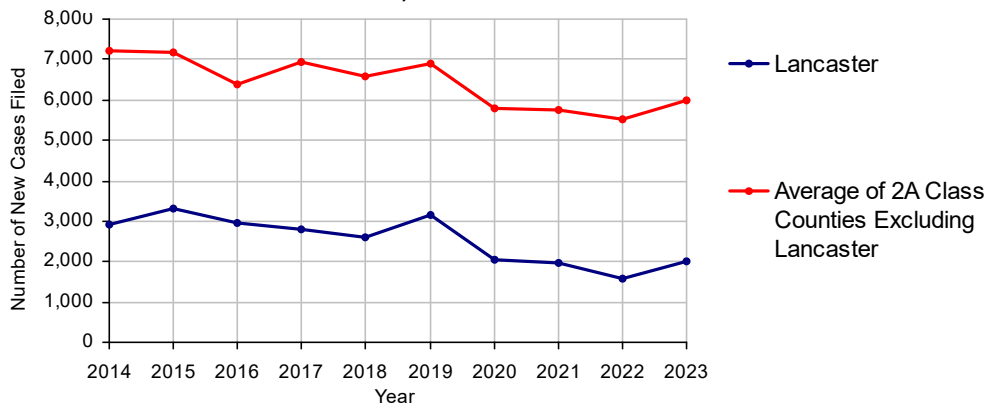


2023 Civil	Civil Action	Other	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	2,177	1,994	4,171
Docketed Cases	1,296	728	2,024
Arbitration Appeals	22	2	24
Transferred In	2	3	5
Returned to Active	100	50	150
Cases Available for Processing	3,597	2,777	6,374
Processed By:			
Default Judgments	225	150	375
Cases Decided by Arbitration Board	53	11	64
Dispositive Motions	28	23	51
Settlements	837	402	1,239
Moved to Inactive Status	2	3	5
Transferred/Withdrawn	4	15	19
Dismissed/Discontinued	53	36	89
Administrative Purge	154	130	284
Other	38	53	91
Jury Trial	1	0	1
Non-Jury Trial	41	60	101
Total Cases Processed	1,436	883	2,319
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	2,161	1,894	4,055

Age of Pending Cases as of 12/31/2023 (Civil Action Only)

0-6 months	650	30.1%
7-12 months	317	14.7%
13-18 months	224	10.4%
19-24 months	177	8.2%
25-30 months	196	9.1%
31-36 months	124	5.7%
37-42 months	77	3.6%
43-48 months	91	4.2%
49-54 months	91	4.2%
55-60 months	64	3.0%
61-66 months	28	1.3%
67-72 months	33	1.5%
Over 72 months	89	4.1%
Total	2,161	100.0%

Docketed Cases, 2014-2023

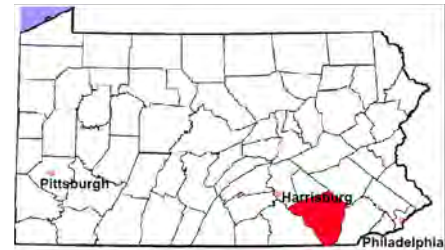


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2023 Civil - Docketed Cases Listed by Case Type

TORT 345 17.0%

(does not include mass tort)

Intentional	6
Malicious Prosecution	1
Motor Vehicle	274
Nuisance	0
Premise Liability	58
Product Liability	2
Slander/Libel/Defamation	4
Other	0

MASS TORT 0

Asbestos	0
Tobacco	0
Toxic Tort - DES	0
Toxic Tort - Implant	0
Toxic Waste	0
Other	0

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY 32 1.6%

Dental	0
Legal	1
Medical Malpractice	31
Other	0

CONTRACT 866 42.8%

(does not include judgments)

Buyer Plaintiff	25
Debt Collection: Credit Card	573
Debt Collection: Other	259
Employment Dispute: Discrimination	6
Employment Dispute: Other	3
Other	0

Of the Docketed Cases:

Pro Se Filings: 47 2.3% Class Action Suits: 1 <0.1% MDJ Appeals: 6 0.3%

*Civil Other

REAL PROPERTY 557 27.5%

Ejectment*	33
Eminent Domain/Condemnation*	6
Ground Rent	0
Landlord/Tenant Dispute	53
Mortgage Foreclosure:	
Residential*	401
Commercial*	0
Partition of Real Property*	11
Quiet Title*	20
Other*	33

CIVIL APPEALS 113 5.6%

- Administrative Agencies

Board of Assessment*	1
Board of Elections*	1
Dept. of Transportation*	66
Zoning Board*	17
Statutory Appeal - Other*	6
Other*	22

MISCELLANEOUS 111 5.5%

Common Law/	
Statutory Arbitration*	1
Declaratory Judgment*	19
Mandamus*	3
Non-Domestic Relations	
Restraining Order*	0
Quo Warranto*	0
Replevin*	23
Other*	65

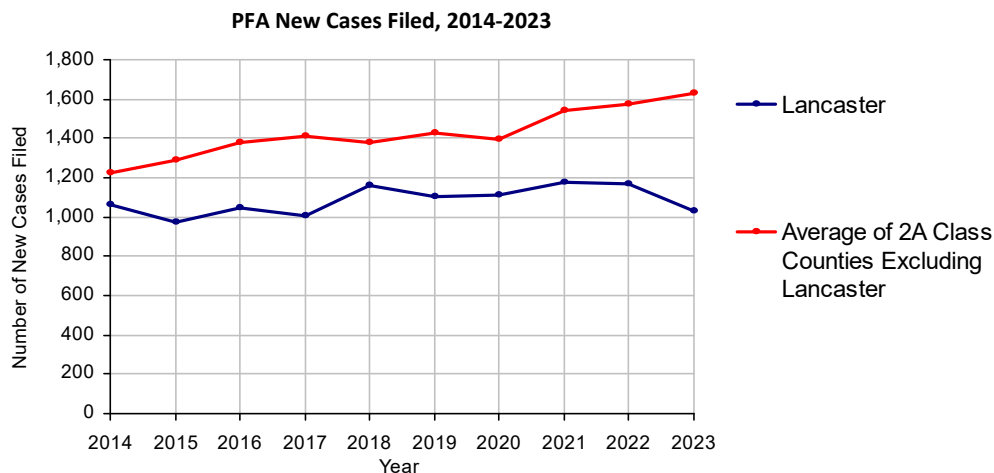
TOTAL DOCKETED CASES: 2,024 100.0%

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2023 Protection From Abuse		No. of Petitions
Cases Pending 1/1/2023		170
New Cases Filed in 2023		1,028
<i>Of these, Petitions Requesting Temporary Orders: 1,028 (100.0%)</i>		
<i>Temporary Orders DENIED: 86 (8.4%), Temporary Orders GRANTED: 938 (91.2%)</i>		
Cases Available for Processing		1,198
Processed By:		
Temporary Order DENIED After Ex Parte Hearing and No Evidentiary Hearing Scheduled	10	1.0%
Temporary Order DISMISSED After Evidentiary Hearing and No Final Order Entered	25	2.4%
Final Order DENIED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	16	1.5%
Final Order GRANTED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	175	16.9%
Plaintiff Did Not Appear For Evidentiary Hearing	283	27.4%
Final Order by STIPULATION OR AGREEMENT Between the Parties	150	14.5%
Petition WITHDRAWN by Plaintiff	374	36.2%
TRANSFERRED to Another Jurisdiction	0	
Other	0	
Cases Processed	1,033	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023		165



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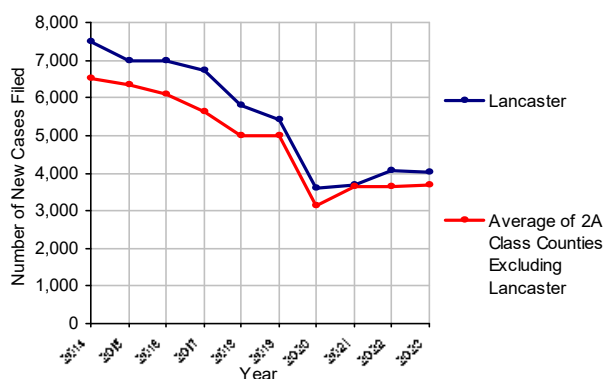
2023 Spousal & Child Support	No. of Petitions
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	1,065
New Cases Filed in 2023	4,042
Dockets Transferred In (+)	54
Dockets Transferred Out (-)	112
Cases Available for Processing	5,049
Processed By:	
Judge	468 11.5%
Intake Officer	3,597 88.5%
Hearing Officer	0
Other	0
Cases Processed	4,065 100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	984

Data provided by PACSES

2023 Paternity	No. of Cases
Acknowledgements Filed:	
Non-Domestic Relations Section	582 86.9%
During Conference	16 2.4%
Non-Stipulated (post genetic test)	5 0.7%
Pre-Trial Conference	67 10.0%
Total	670 100.0%
Established:	
Stipulated by Genetic Tests	16 6.9%
Default - Father Failed to Appear	103 44.4%
Adjudication by Court Proceeding	11 4.7%
Out of State	102 44.0%
Total	232 100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	197

Data provided by PACSES

Spousal & Child Support New Cases, 2014-2023



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.

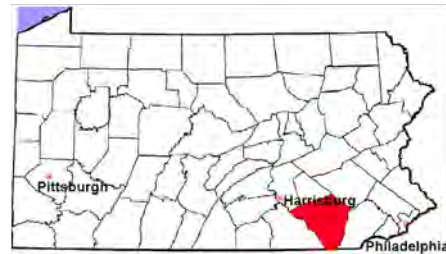
OUT OF STATE: Paternity was established in another state, "Out of state only".

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2023 Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation

No. of
Petitions

Cases Pending 1/1/2023

67

New Cases Filed in 2023

790

Cases Available for Processing

857

Processed By:

Judge

1

0.1%

Non-Judicial Officer

823

97.2%

Administrative Review/Purge

0

Other

23

2.7%

Cases Processed

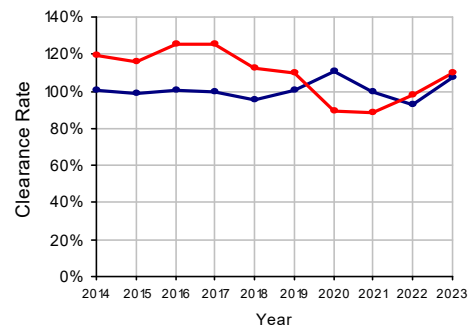
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Cases Pending 12/31/2023

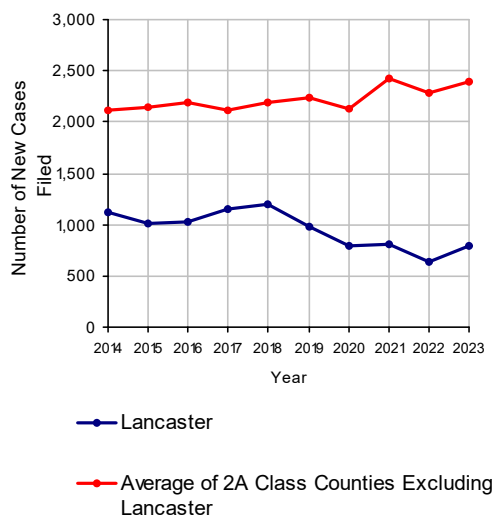
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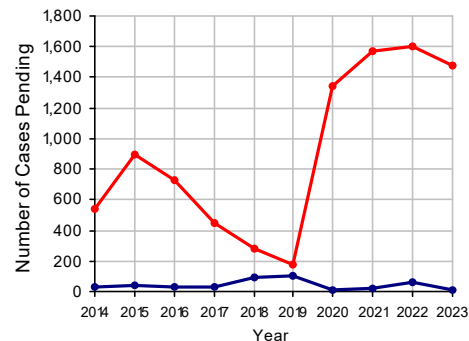


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Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation New Cases Filed, 2014-2023



Cases Pending at the End of Year, 2014-2023

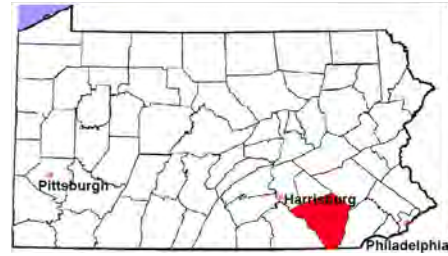


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2023 Divorce

No. of Petitions

Cases Pending 1/1/2023

2,835

New Cases Filed in 2023

1,070

Cases Available for Processing

3,905

Processed By:

Contested Before a Judge

0

Contested Before a Non-Judicial Officer

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Uncontested

886

85.9%

Administrative Review/Purge

130

12.6%

Other

7

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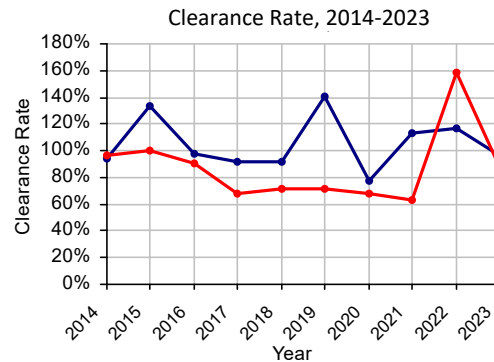
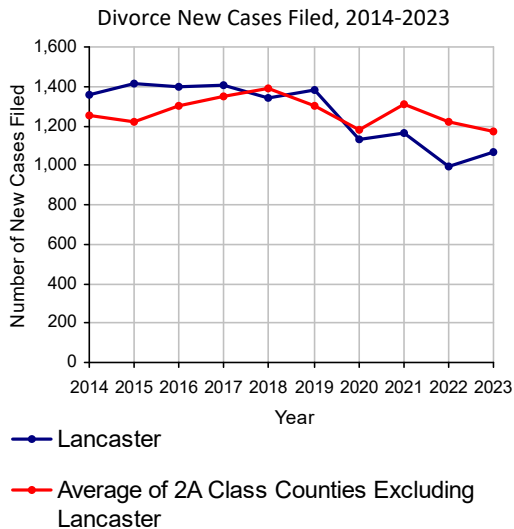
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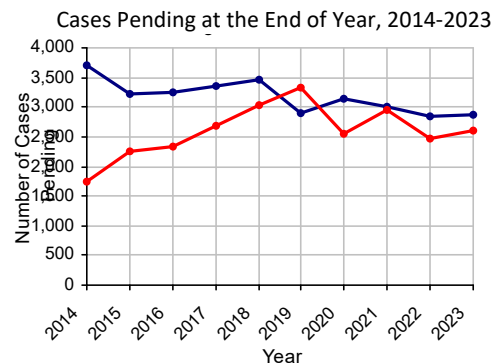
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Cases Pending 12/31/2023

2,873



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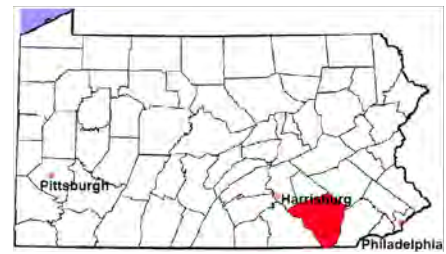


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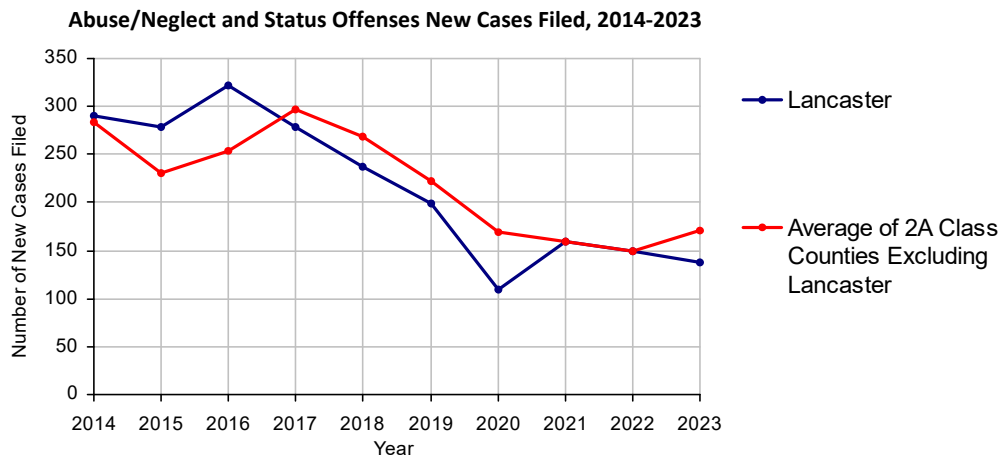
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2023 Juvenile Dependency - Petitions Pending Adjudication

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	27	0	27
New Petitions Filed in 2023	136	1	137
Other	6	0	6
Total Petitions Available for Processing	169	1	170
Processed by:			
Adjudicated Dependent			
Judge	129	1	130
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0	0	0
Adjudicated NOT Dependent			
Judge	11	0	11
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0	0	0
Withdrawn/Dismissed/Inactive	2	0	2
Other	10	0	10
Total Petitions Processed	152	1	153
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	17	0	17

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2023 Juvenile Dependency - Adjudicated Dependent Inventory

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	314	1	315
New Adjudicated Dependent Cases	129	1	130
Other	2	0	2
Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases	445	2	447

Court Supervision Terminated:

Family Reunification	42	28.0%	1	100.0%	43	28.5%
Adoption	48	32.0%	0		48	31.8%
Placement with a Relative/Guardian	16	10.7%	0		16	10.6%
Aged Out	18	12.0%	0		18	11.9%
Other Permanency Outcomes*	0		0		0	
Other**	26	17.3%	0		26	17.2%

Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases Terminated	150	100.0%	1	100.0%	151	100.0%
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Cases Pending 12/31/2023	295		1		296	
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* Other Permanency Outcomes include: adjudicated delinquent, death due to natural causes, emancipation, permanent living arrangement, and parent has come forward.

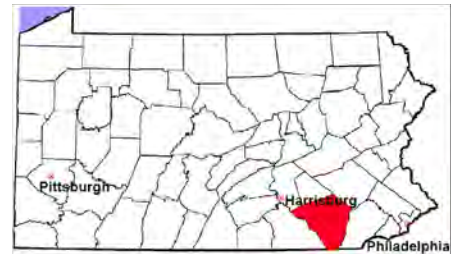
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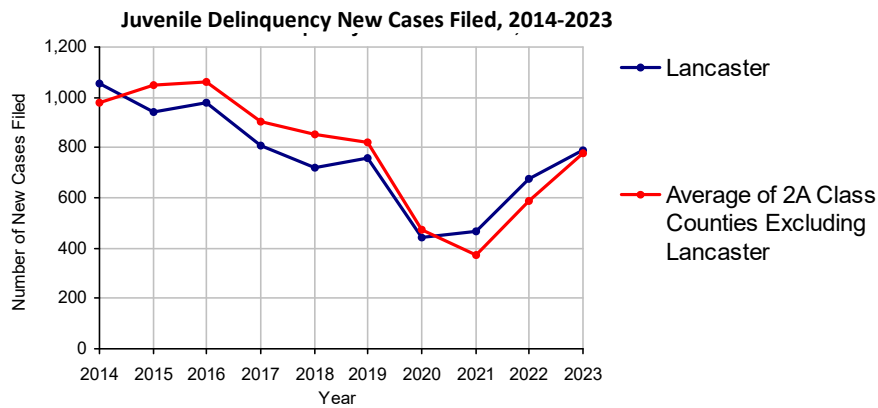
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2023 Juvenile Delinquency - Cases Pending Disposition

Begin Pending	389
New Cases	790
Consent Decree Revoked	4
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	21
Alternative Program Revoked	0
Warrant Returned	0
Other	40
Total Cases Available for Disposition	1,244
Warrant Issued	0
Disposed by:	
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	345
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0
Consent Decree Entered	116
Informal Adjustment Program Entered	180
Warned and Counseled (Pre-Petition)	8
Dismissed/Withdrawn/Transferred	154
Transferred to Criminal Court	0
Other	5
Total Cases Disposed	808
End Pending	436

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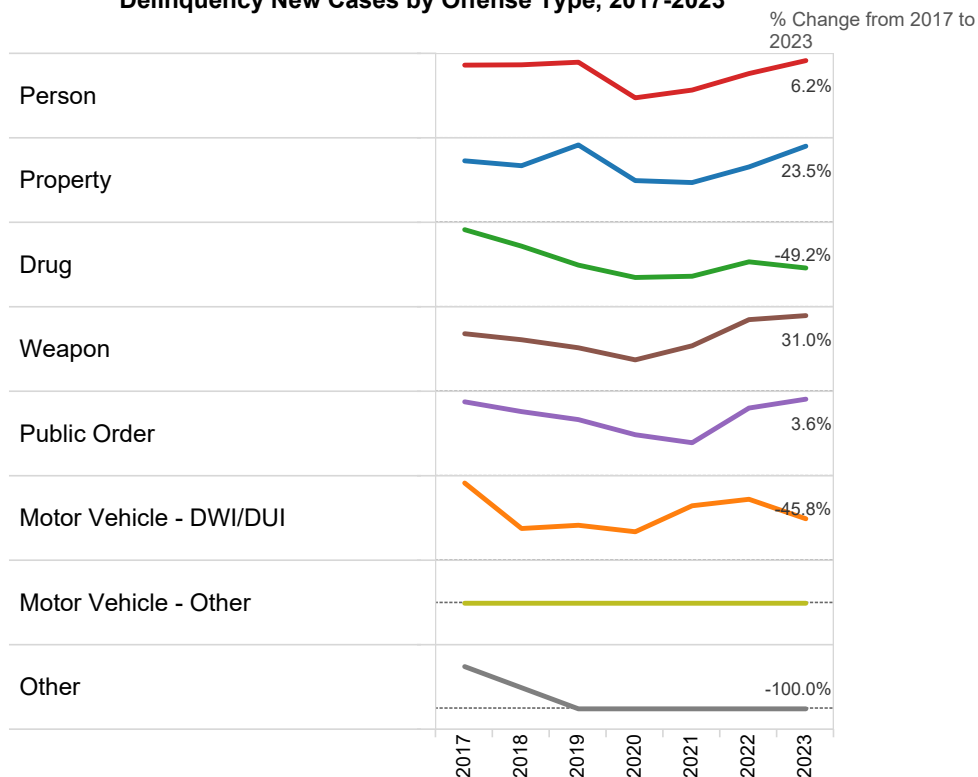


2023 Delinquency - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	92	149	0	241	30.5%
Property	177	138	0	315	39.9%
Drug	6	90	0	96	12.2%
Weapon	26	12	0	38	4.8%
Public Order	19	66	2	87	11.0%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	0	13	0	13	1.6%
Motor Vehicle - Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	320	468	2	790	100.0%
	40.5%	59.2%	0.3%	100.0%	

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Delinquency New Cases by Offense Type, 2017-2023

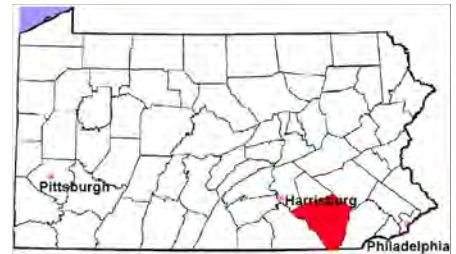


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2023 Juvenile Delinquency - Formal Dispositions

Begin Pending	673
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	345
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0
Warrant Returned	0
Other	0
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases	1,018
Warrant Issued	0
Court Supervision Terminated:	
Conditions Satisfied	145
Compelling Reasons	0
Reached Age 21	161
Transferred to Another Juvenile Court	0
Other	0
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases Terminated	306
End Pending	712

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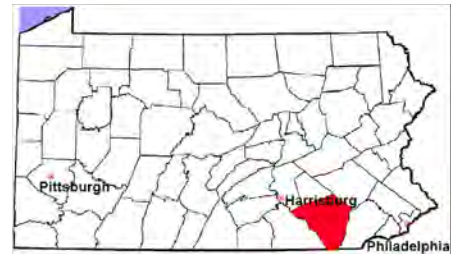
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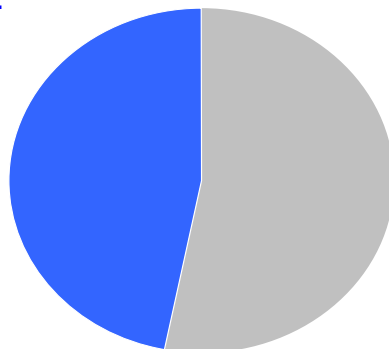
2023 Juvenile Delinquency - Informal Dispositions

Pending Consent Decrees	37
Pending Informal Adjustments	66
New Consent Decrees	116
New Informal Adjustments	180
Warrant Returned	0
Other	1
Cases Informally Disposed	400
Warrant Issued	0
Terminated by:	
Consent Decree Completed	77
Informal Adjustment Completed	144
Consent Decree Revoked	4
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	21
Other	1
Total Informally Disposed Cases Terminated	247
End Pending	153

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Informal Dispositions: **47%**



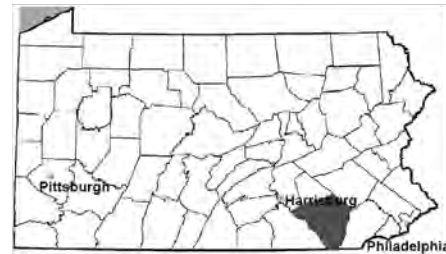
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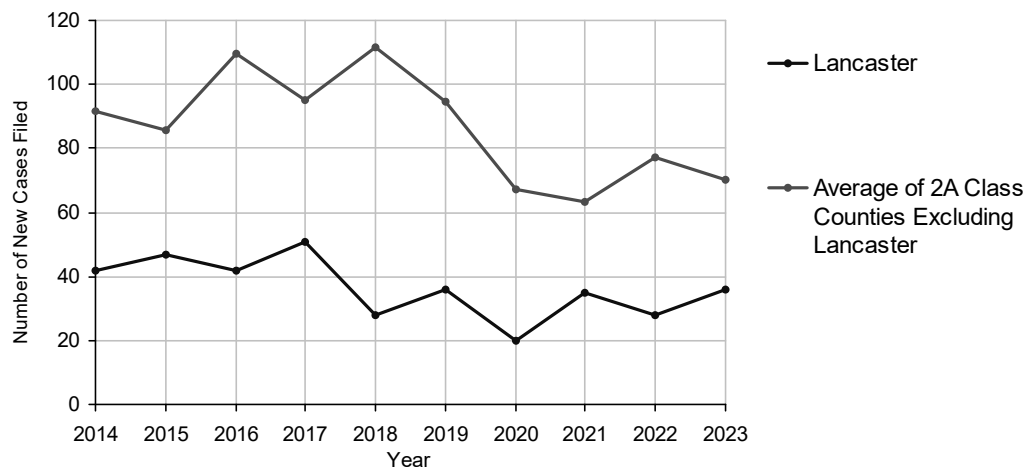
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2023 Accounts	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	52	
New Cases Filed in 2023	36	
Cases Available for Processing	88	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	0	
Contested before a Non-Judicial Officer	0	
Uncontested	32	100.0%
Other	0	
Cases Processed	32	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	56	

Accounts New Cases Filed, 2014-2023

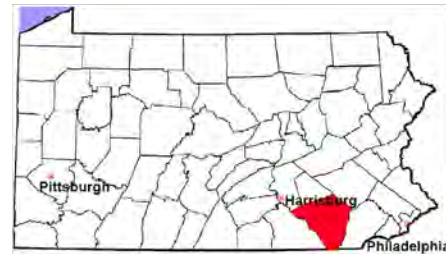


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2023 Adoptions

**No. of
Cases**

Cases Pending 1/1/2023

176

New Cases Filed in 2023

161

Cases Available for Processing

337

Processed By:

Contested before a Judge

Granted

0

Denied

0

Uncontested

Granted

158 100.0%

Denied

0

Other

0

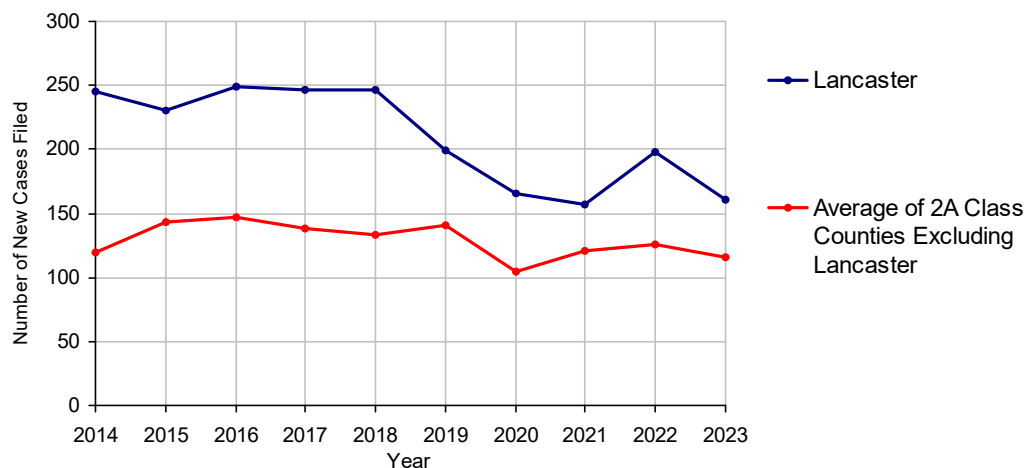
Cases Processed

158 100.0%

Cases Pending 12/31/2023

179

Adoptions New Cases Filed, 2014-2023

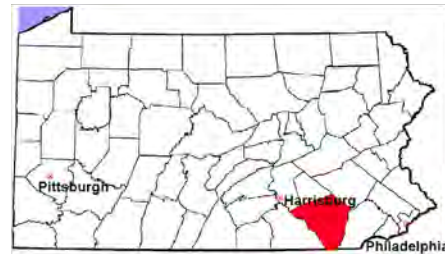


Lancaster County

2023 Population estimate: 558,589

Class of County: 2A

No. of Common Pleas Court Judgeships: 15



2023 Relinquishments/Terminations

**No. of
Cases**

Cases Pending 1/1/2023

143

New Cases Filed in 2023

56

Cases Available for Processing

199

Processed By:

Contested before a Judge

41 85.4%

Uncontested

7 14.6%

Other

0

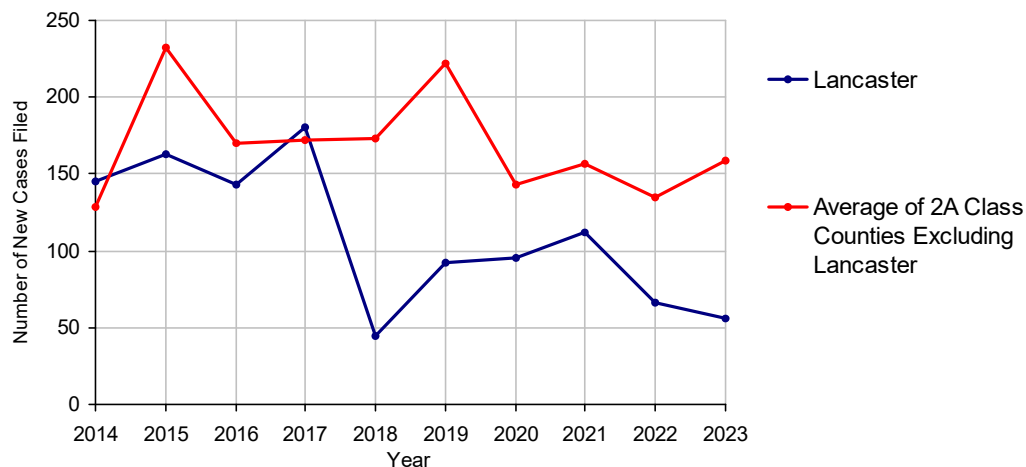
Cases Processed

48 100.0%

Cases Pending 12/31/2023

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Relinquishments/Terminations New Cases Filed, 2014-2023

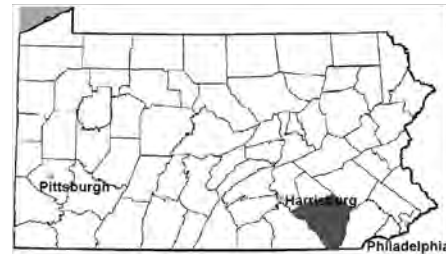


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2023 Appointment of Guardians

**No. of
Cases**

Cases Pending 1/1/2023

69

New Cases Filed in 2023

96

Cases Available for Processing

165

Processed By:

Contested before a Judge

84

95.5%

Uncontested

4

4.5%

Other

0

Cases Processed

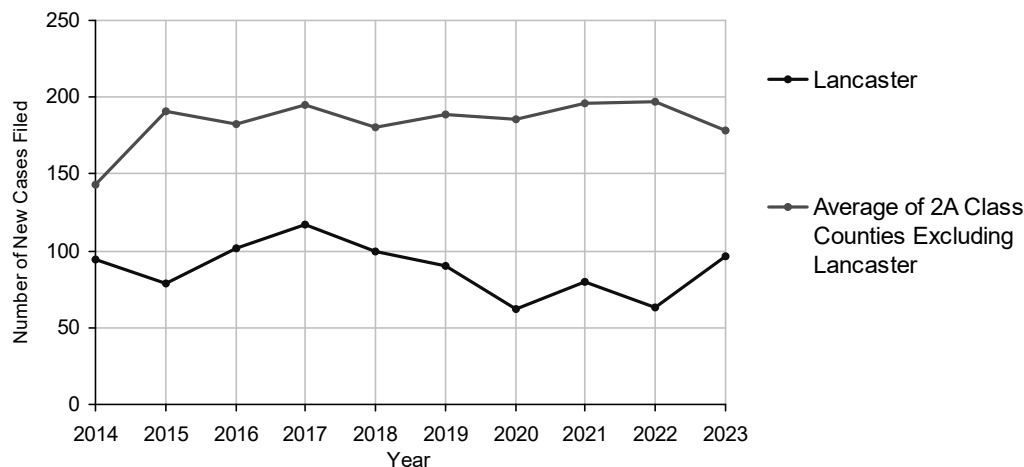
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100.0%

Cases Pending 12/31/2023

77

Appointment of Guardians New Cases Filed, 2014-2023

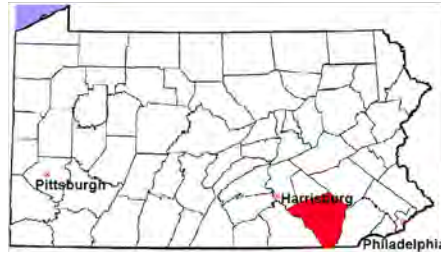


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2023 Jury Yield and Utilization

Jury Yield

Qualification Questionnaires/Summonses Mailed:	19,850	A		
Returned Undeliverable:	929	B	4.7%	Of Qualification Questionnaires/ Summonses Mailed
Not Responded to:	2,555	C	12.9%	
the Number of Prospective Jurors:				
Disqualified:	1,760	D	8.9%	
Exempted:	2,285	E	11.5%	
Excused:	149	F	0.8%	
Deferred to New Term:	4,333	G	21.8%	
Deferred from Previous Term:	5,425	H	27.3%	
Total Number of Qualified Jurors Available for Service:	13,264	I	66.8%	
$I = A - B - C - D - E - F - G + H$				

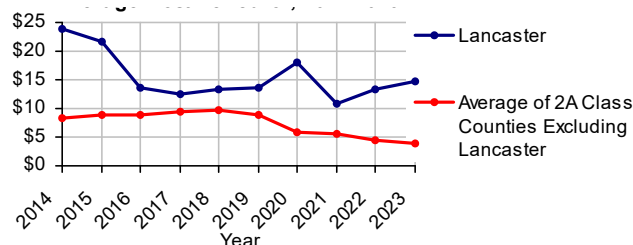
Jury Utilization

the Number of Jurors:				
Reporting for Service:	4,679	35.3%	Of Jurors Qualified and Available	
Told Not to Report for Service:	4,651	35.1%		
Sent to Courtroom for Jury Selection (Voir Dire):	2,654	56.7%	Of Jurors Reporting for Service	
Impaneled or Sworn (jurors/alternates):	812	17.4%		
Removed for Cause/Hardship:	523			
Removed by Peremptory Challenge:	762			
Number of Jury Trials Started:	58			
Pool Days:	49			
Zero Panel Days:	12	24.5%	(Of Pool Days)	

Jury Costs

Total Annual Budget for Juror Operations:	\$293,571.00	J
Average Cost Per Juror:	\$14.79	K
$K = J/A$		

Average Cost Per Juror, 2014-2023



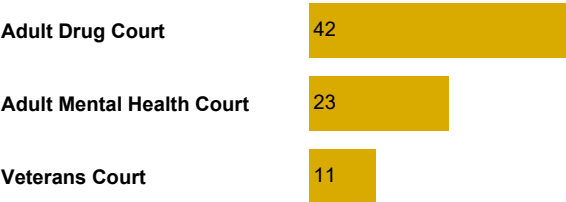
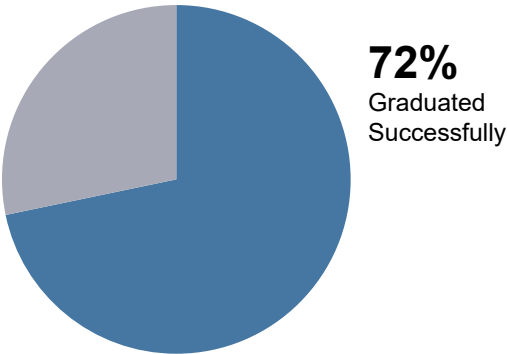
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2023 Problem Solving Courts

46 Discharges

76 Admissions

Of All Court Participants Discharged:

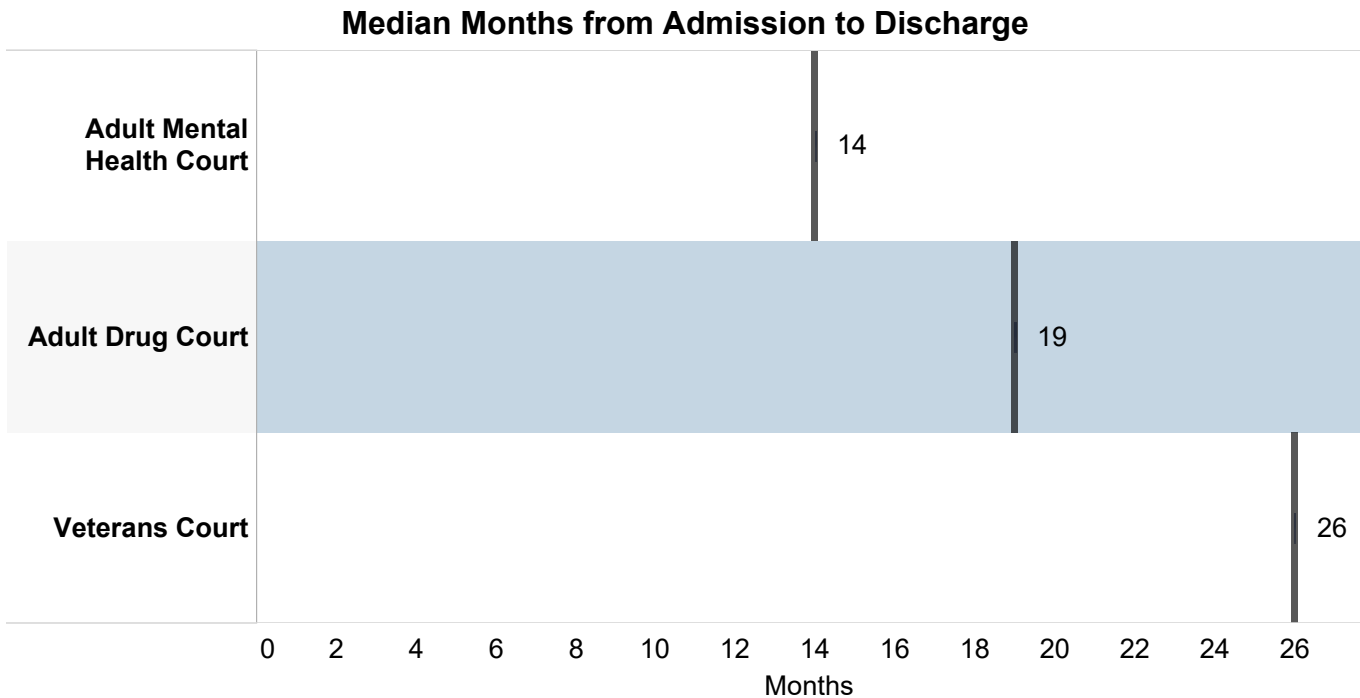


Discharge Reason

	Successfully Completed	Unsuccessful /Non-Compliant	Unsuccessful /Absconded	Total Discharges
Adult Drug Court	18 (90.0%)	2 (10.0%)		20 (100.0%)
Adult Mental Health Court	8 (42.1%)	8 (42.1%)	3 (15.8%)	19 (100.0%)
Veterans Court	7 (100.0%)			7 (100.0%)

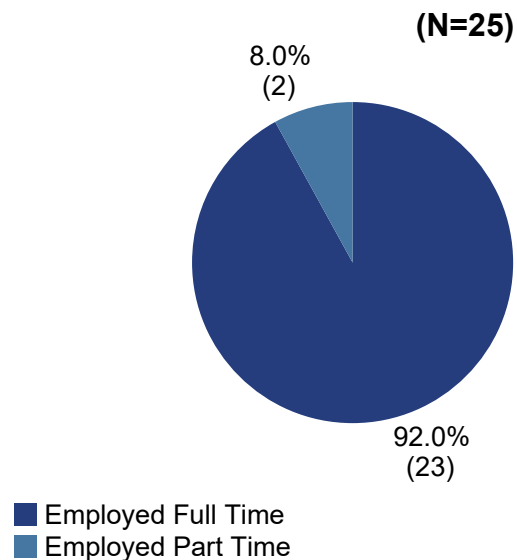
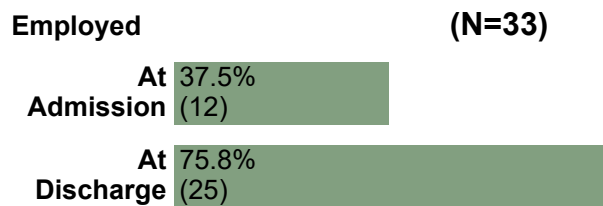
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Among successful graduates, there was a 108% increase in employment.

92% of the employed successful graduates were employed full time:



15% (7) of all participants have improved in education level at discharge.

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