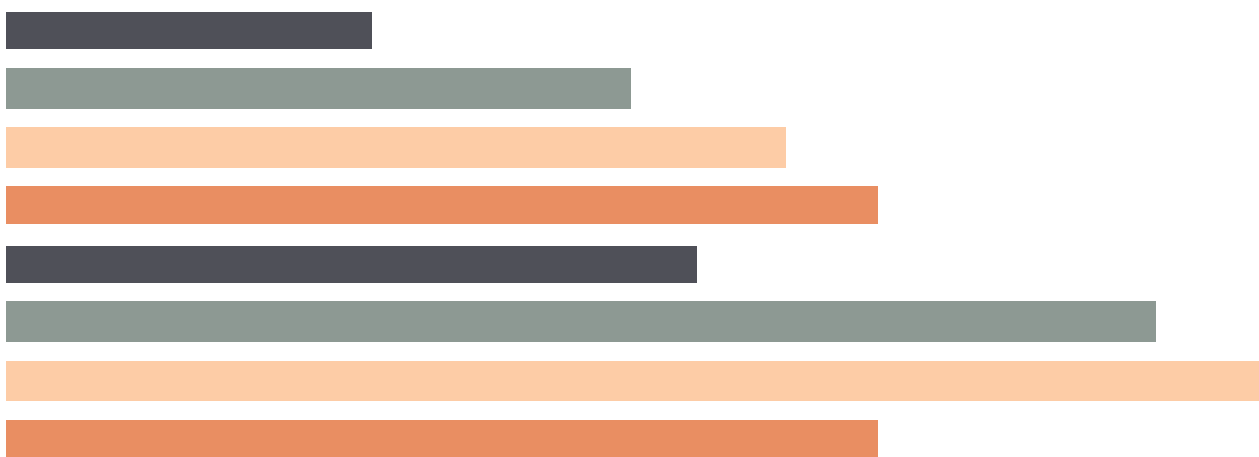
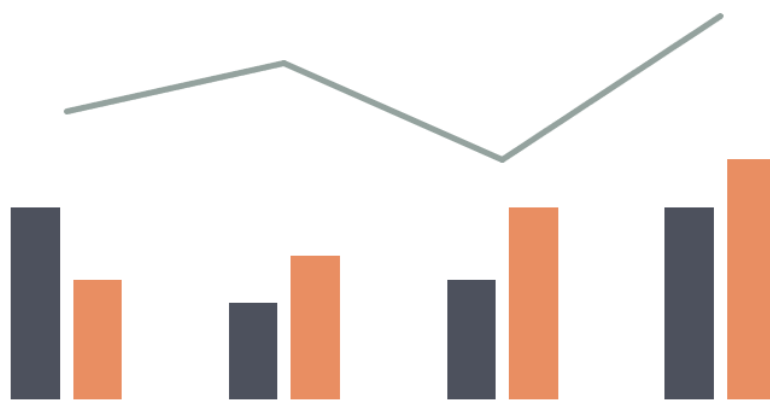
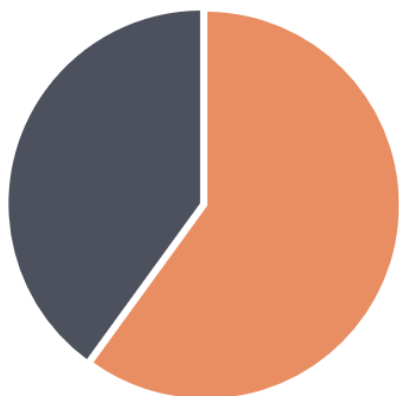


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Court of Common Pleas  
Caseload Statistics for





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



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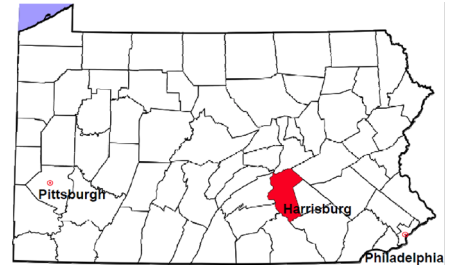
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## 2023 Criminal No. of Cases

Cases Pending 1/1/2023 5,827

New Cases Filed in 2023 4,929

Reopened Cases 498

**Cases Available for Processing 11,254**

### Processed by:

Withdrawn/Dismissed	399	6.9%
Diversionsary Disposition*	832	14.4%
Guilty Plea	3,662	63.2%
Non-Jury Trial	40	0.7%
Jury Trial	65	1.1%
Inactive	727	12.5%
Other	69	1.2%
<b>Total Cases Processed</b>	<b>5,794</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Cases Pending 12/31/2023 5,460**

Cases Awaiting Sentencing 62

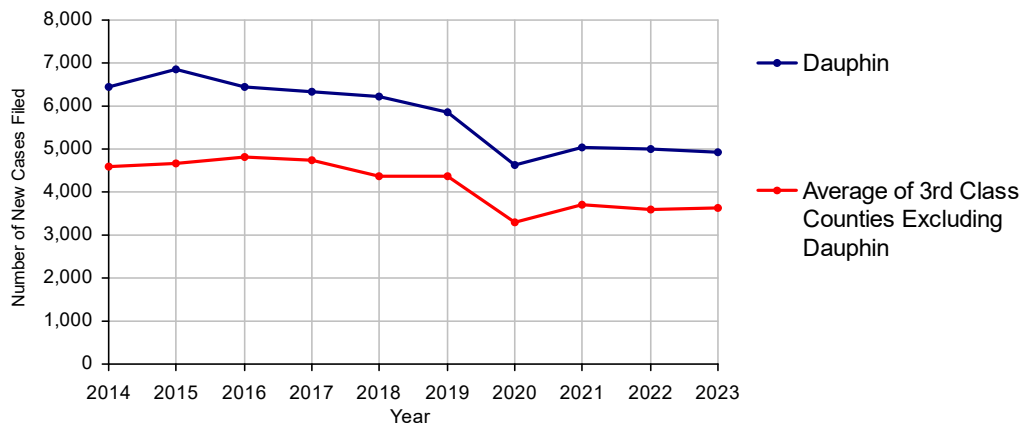
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\* Includes other diversionsary programs such as Veterans Court.

### Age of Pending Cases as of 12/31/2023

0-60 Days	792	14.5%
61-120 Days	769	14.1%
121-180 Days	575	10.5%
181-240 Days	543	9.9%
241-300 Days	414	7.6%
301-360 Days	362	6.6%
Over 360 Days	2,005	36.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,460</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Criminal New Cases, 2014-2023



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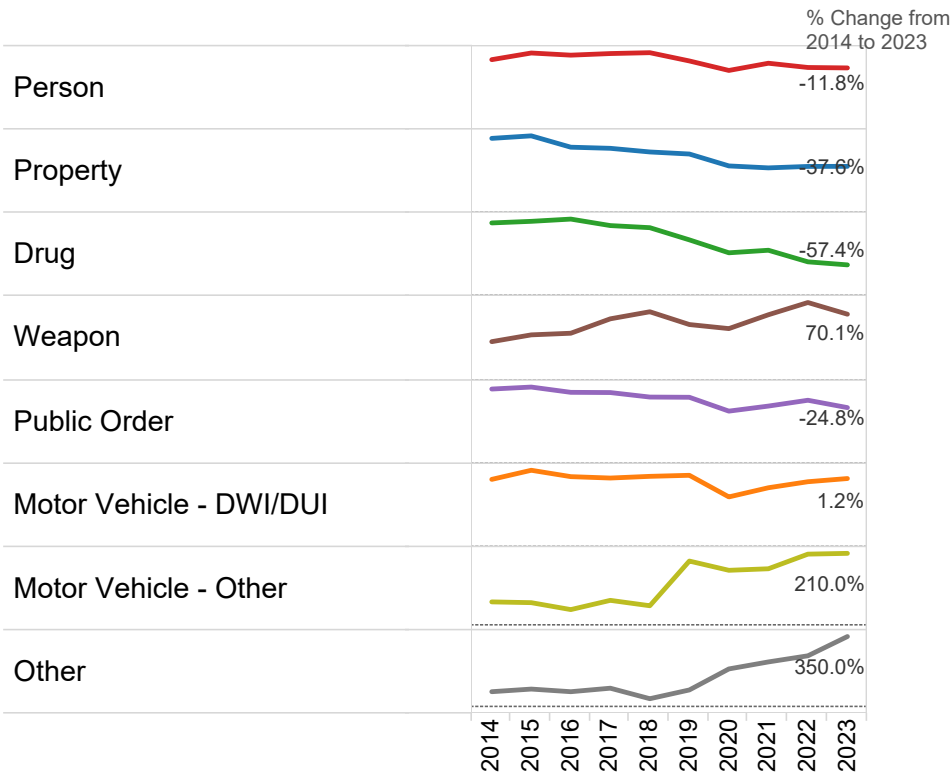


## 2023 Criminal - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	526	473	1	1,000	20.3%
Property	630	362	3	995	20.2%
Drug	361	262	0	623	12.6%
Weapon	201	44	0	245	5.0%
Public Order	192	321	0	513	10.4%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	75	1,304	0	1,379	28.0%
Motor Vehicle - Other	4	88	1	93	1.9%
Other	79	2	0	81	1.6%
Total	2,068	2,856	5	4,929	100.0%
	42.0%	57.9%	0.1%	100.0%	

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### Criminal New Cases by Offense Type, 2014-2023

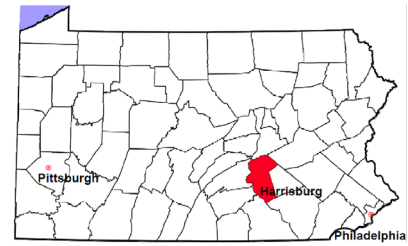


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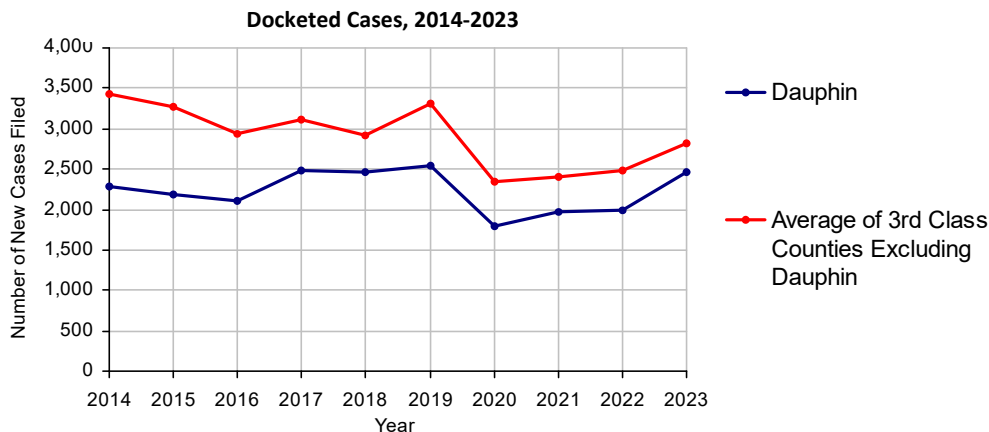


2023 Civil	Civil Action	Other	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	2,139	958	3,097 (R)
Docketed Cases	1,532	928	2,460
Arbitration Appeals	4	0	4
Transferred In	15	5	20
Returned to Active	9	21	30
<b>Cases Available for Processing</b>	<b>3,699</b>	<b>1,912</b>	<b>5,611</b>
Processed By:			
Default Judgments	314	217	531
<b>Cases Decided by Arbitration Board</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>24</b>
Dispositive Motions	19	28	47
<b>Settlements</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>86</b>
Moved to Inactive Status	4	479	483
<b>Transferred/Withdrawn</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>78</b>
Dismissed/Discontinued	695	200	895
<b>Administrative Purge</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>187</b>
Other	126	80	206
<b>Jury Trial</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
Non-Jury Trial	6	101	107
<b>Total Cases Processed</b>	<b>1,472</b>	<b>1,175</b>	<b>2,647</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2023</b>	<b>2,227</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>2,964</b>

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

0-6 months	705	31.7%
<b>7-12 months</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>17.1%</b>
13-18 months	341	15.3%
<b>19-24 months</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>11.6%</b>
25-30 months	163	7.3%
<b>31-36 months</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
37-42 months	46	2.1%
<b>43-48 months</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
49-54 months	38	1.7%
<b>55-60 months</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
61-66 months	19	0.9%
<b>67-72 months</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
Over 72 months	144	6.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,227</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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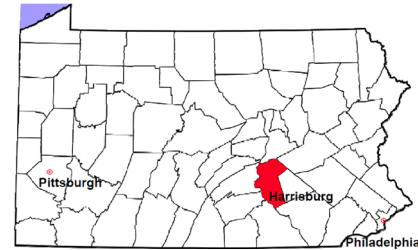


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## 2023 Civil - Docketed Cases Listed by Case Type

### TORT 378 15.4%

*(does not include mass tort)*

Intentional	22
Malicious Prosecution	0
Motor Vehicle	235
Nuisance	0
Premise Liability	47
Product Liability	0
Slander/Libel/Defamation	8
Other	66

### MASS TORT 3 0.1%

Asbestos	2
Tobacco	0
Toxic Tort - DES	0
Toxic Tort - Implant	0
Toxic Waste	0
Other	1

### PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY 56 2.3%

Dental	0
Legal	7
Medical Malpractice	42
Other	7

### CONTRACT 936 38.0%

*(does not include judgments)*

Buyer Plaintiff	21
Debt Collection: Credit Card	450
Debt Collection: Other	283
Employment Dispute: Discrimination	6
Employment Dispute: Other	66
Other	110

### Of the Docketed Cases:

Pro Se Filings: 304 12.4%      Class Action Suits: 4 0.2%      MDJ Appeals: 253 10.3%

\*Civil Other

### REAL PROPERTY 654 26.6%

Ejectment*	67
Eminent Domain/Condemnation*	63
Ground Rent	1
Landlord/Tenant Dispute	158
Mortgage Foreclosure:	
Residential*	299
Commercial*	9
Partition of Real Property*	1
Quiet Title*	26
Other*	30

### CIVIL APPEALS 155 6.3%

#### - Administrative Agencies

Board of Assessment*	27
Board of Elections*	1
Dept. of Transportation*	86
Zoning Board*	8
Statutory Appeal - Other*	3
Other*	30

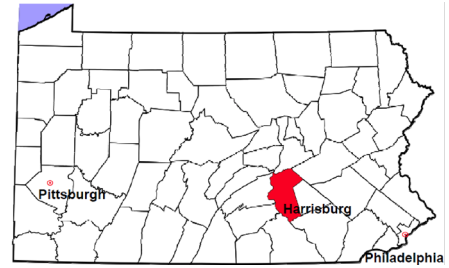
### MISCELLANEOUS 278 11.3%

Common Law/	
Statutory Arbitration*	1
Declaratory Judgment*	72
Mandamus*	5
Non-Domestic Relations	
Restraining Order*	20
Quo Warranto*	0
Replevin*	26
Other*	154

### TOTAL DOCKETED CASES: 2,460 100.0%

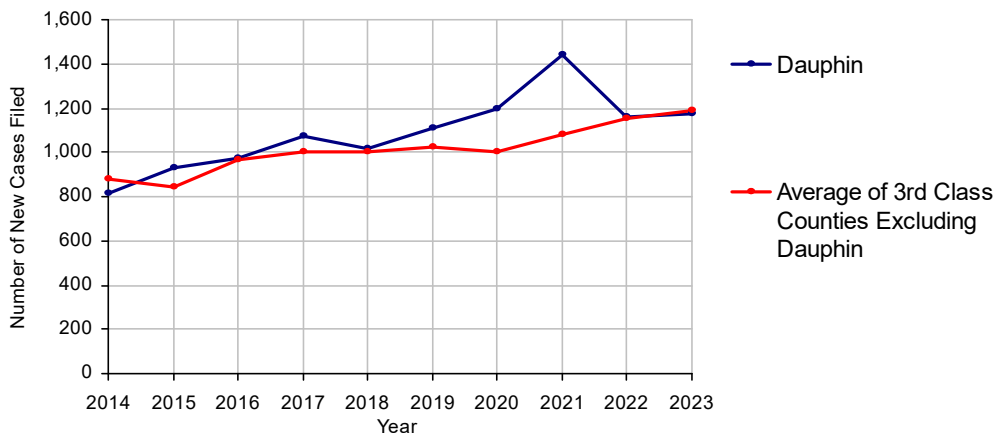
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2023 Protection From Abuse	No. of Petitions	
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	116	
New Cases Filed in 2023	1,178	
<i>Of these, Petitions Requesting Temporary Orders: 1,174 (99.7%)</i>		
<i>Temporary Orders DENIED: 231 (19.7%), Temporary Orders GRANTED: 943 (80.3%)</i>		
Cases Available for Processing	1,294	
Processed By:		
Temporary Order DENIED After Ex Parte Hearing and No Evidentiary Hearing Scheduled	126	10.4%
Temporary Order DISMISSED After Evidentiary Hearing and No Final Order Entered	35	2.9%
Final Order DENIED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	163	13.4%
Final Order GRANTED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	343	28.3%
Plaintiff Did Not Appear For Evidentiary Hearing	219	18.1%
Final Order by STIPULATION OR AGREEMENT Between the Parties	175	14.4%
Petition WITHDRAWN by Plaintiff	145	12.0%
TRANSFERRED to Another Jurisdiction	0	
Other	6	0.5%
Cases Processed	1,212	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	82	

PFA New Cases Filed, 2014-2023

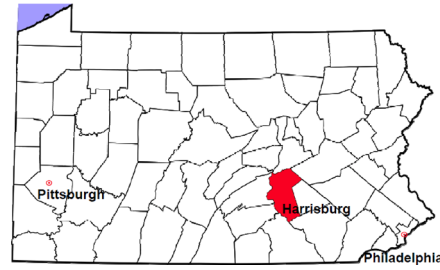


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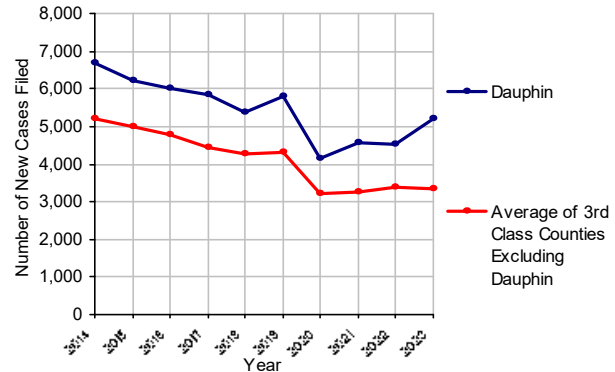
2023 Spousal & Child Support	No. of Petitions	
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	1,187	
New Cases Filed in 2023	5,196	
Dockets Transferred In (+)	148	
Dockets Transferred Out (-)	24	
<b>Cases Available for Processing</b>	<b>6,507</b>	
Processed By:		
Judge	232	4.2%
Intake Officer	5,306	95.8%
Hearing Officer	0	
Other	1	<0.1%
<b>Cases Processed</b>	<b>5,539</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2023</b>	<b>968</b>	

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2023 Paternity	No. of Cases	
Acknowledgements Filed:		
Non-Domestic Relations Section	536	81.5%
During Conference	69	10.5%
Non-Stipulated (post genetic test)	18	2.7%
Pre-Trial Conference	35	5.3%
Total	658	100.0%
Established:		
Stipulated by Genetic Tests	112	39.6%
Default - Father Failed to Appear	0	
Adjudication by Court Proceeding	35	12.4%
Out of State	136	48.1%
Total	283	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	227	

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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.

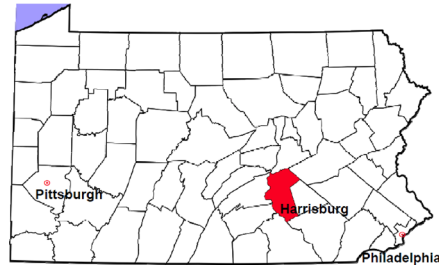
**OUT OF STATE:** Paternity was established in another state, "Out of state only".

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## 2023 Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation

No. of  
Petitions

Cases Pending 1/1/2023

255

New Cases Filed in 2023

849

**Cases Available for Processing**

**1,104**

Processed By:

Judge

125

15.5%

Non-Judicial Officer

455

56.3%

Administrative Review/Purge

0

Other

228

28.2%

**Cases Processed**

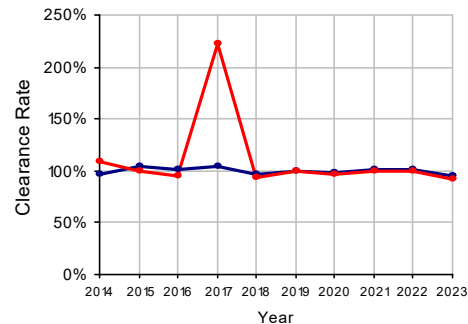
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**Cases Pending 12/31/2023**

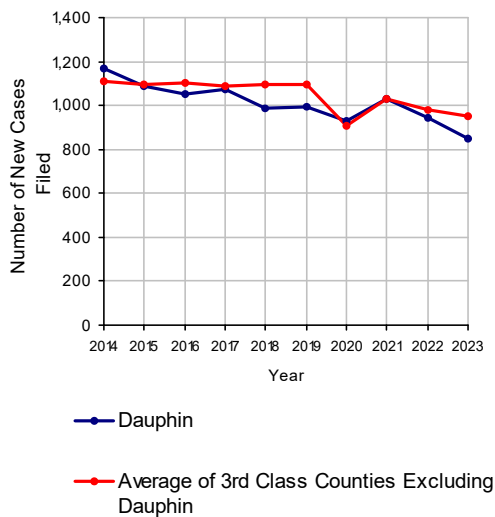
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Clearance Rate, 2014-2023

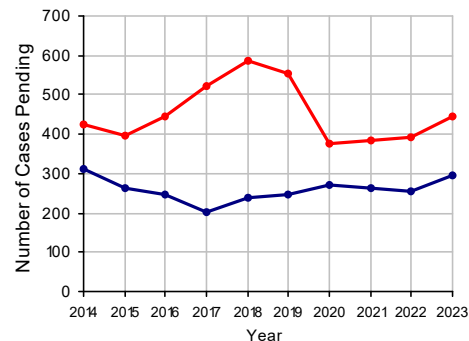


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Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation New Cases Filed, 2014-2023



Cases Pending at the End of Year, 2014-2023

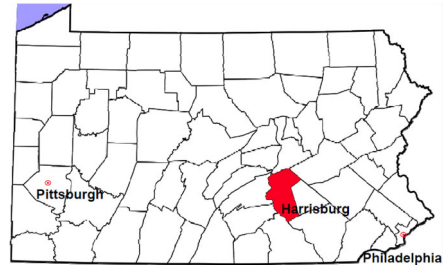


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## 2023 Divorce

### No. of Petitions

Cases Pending 1/1/2023

770

New Cases Filed in 2023

667

**Cases Available for Processing**

**1,437**

Processed By:

Contested Before a Judge

1

0.2%

Contested Before a Non-Judicial Officer

9

1.4%

Uncontested

535

82.4%

Administrative Review/Purge

74

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Other

30

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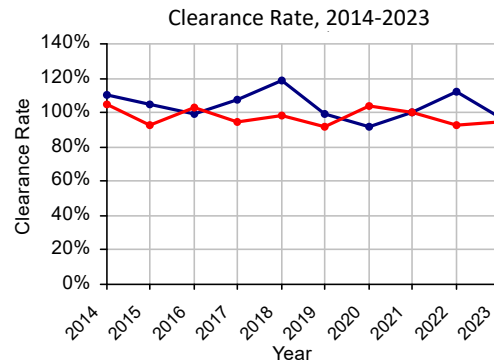
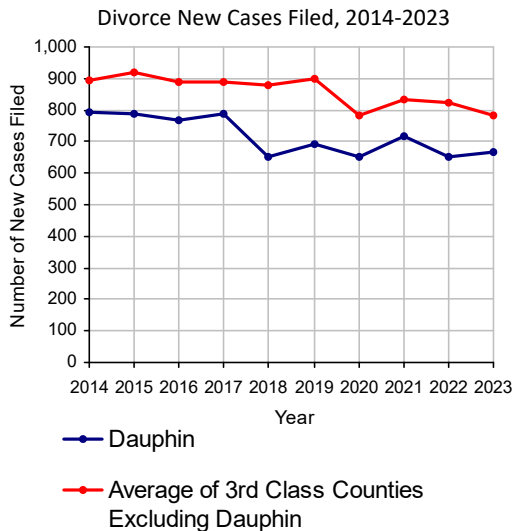
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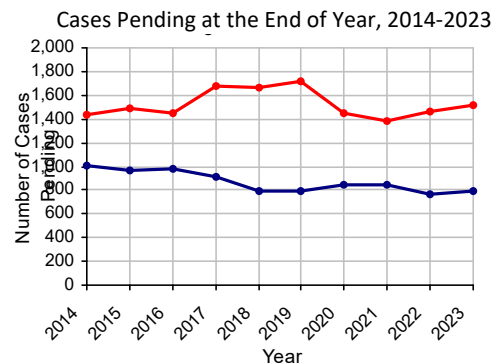
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**Cases Pending 12/31/2023**

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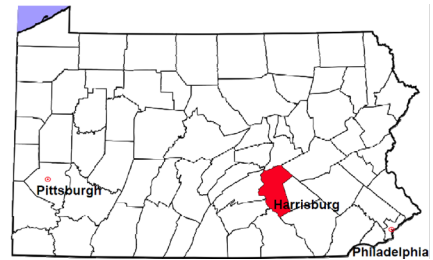


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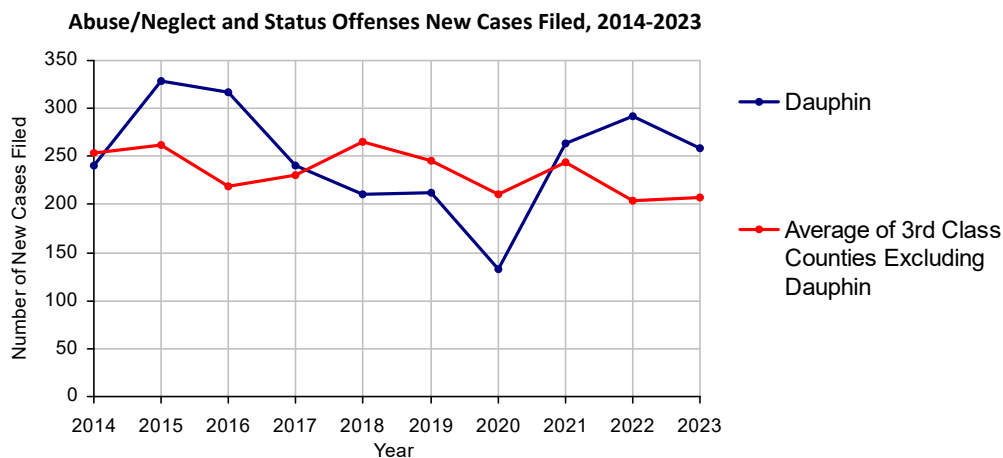
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## 2023 Juvenile Dependency - Petitions Pending Adjudication

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	28	0	28
New Petitions Filed in 2023	258	0	258
Other	39	0	39
<b>Total Petitions Available for Processing</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>325</b>
Processed by:			
Adjudicated Dependent			
Judge	8	0	8
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	228	0	228
Adjudicated NOT Dependent			
Judge	15	0	15
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	10	0	10
Withdrawn/Dismissed/Inactive	11	0	11
Other	5	0	5
<b>Total Petitions Processed</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>277</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2023</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48</b>

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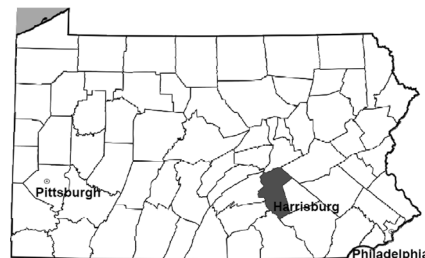


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## 2023 Juvenile Dependency - Adjudicated Dependent Inventory

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	401	6	407
New Adjudicated Dependent Cases	236	0	236
Other	0	0	0
<b>Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>643</b>

### Court Supervision Terminated:

Family Reunification	116	58.0%	3	75.0%	119	58.3%
Adoption	40	20.0%	0		40	19.6%
Placement with a Relative/Guardian	18	9.0%	1	25.0%	19	9.3%
Aged Out	11	5.5%	0		11	5.4%
Other Permanency Outcomes*	4	2.0%	0		4	2.0%
Other**	11	5.5%	0		11	5.4%
<b>Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases Terminated</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2023</b>	<b>437</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>439</b>	

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\* Other Permanency Outcomes include: adjudicated delinquent, death due to natural causes, emancipation, permanent living arrangement, and parent has come forward.

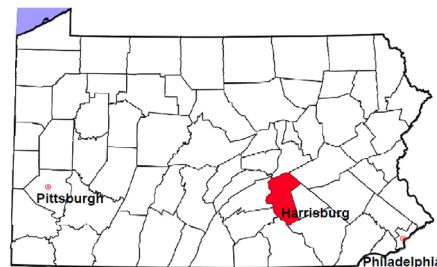
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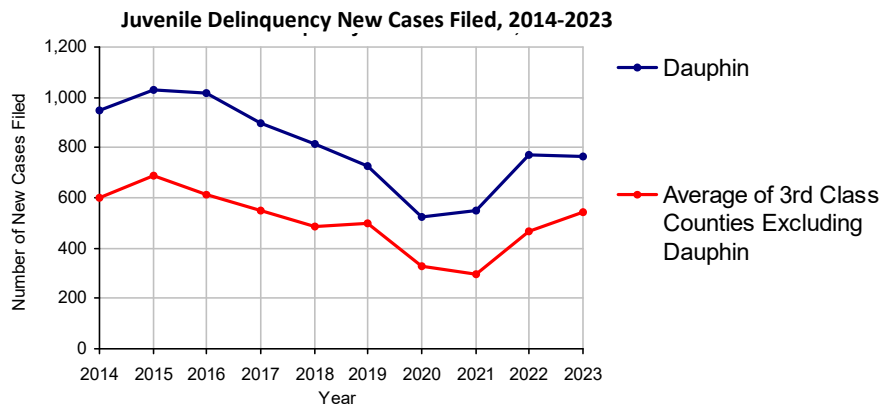
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## 2023 Juvenile Delinquency - Cases Pending Disposition

<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>477</b>
<b>New Cases</b>	<b>763</b>
Consent Decree Revoked	23
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	15
Alternative Program Revoked	0
Warrant Returned	13
Other	104
<b>Total Cases Available for Disposition</b>	<b>1,395</b>
<b>Warrant Issued</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Disposed by:</b>	
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	314
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0
Consent Decree Entered	179
Informal Adjustment Program Entered	188
Warned and Counseled (Pre-Petition)	4
Dismissed/Withdrawn/Transferred	78
Transferred to Criminal Court	4
Other	106
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>873</b>
<b>End Pending</b>	<b>504</b>

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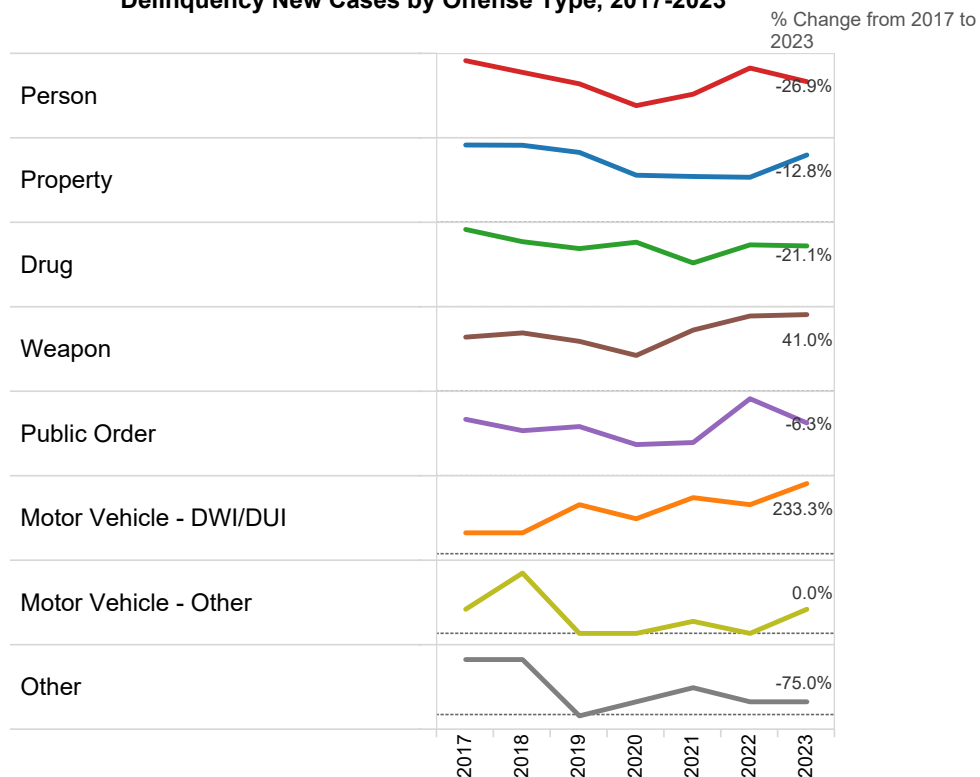


## 2023 Delinquency - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	69	140	0	209	27.4%
Property	154	112	0	266	34.9%
Drug	17	99	0	116	15.2%
Weapon	25	30	0	55	7.2%
Public Order	13	85	6	104	13.6%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	0	10	0	10	1.3%
Motor Vehicle - Other	0	2	0	2	0.3%
Other	0	1	0	1	0.1%
Total	278	479	6	763	100.0%
	36.4%	62.8%	0.8%	100.0%	

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## Delinquency New Cases by Offense Type, 2017-2023

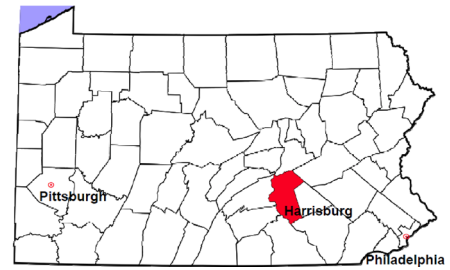


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<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>340</b>
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	314
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0
Warrant Returned	19
Other	6
<b>Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases</b>	<b>679</b>
<b>Warrant Issued</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Court Supervision Terminated:</b>	
Conditions Satisfied	211
Compelling Reasons	41
Reached Age 21	4
Transferred to Another Juvenile Court	1
Other	7
<b>Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases Terminated</b>	<b>264</b>
<b>End Pending</b>	<b>400</b>

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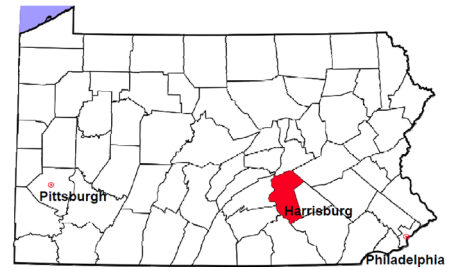
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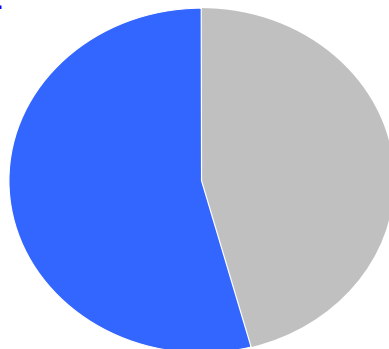
## 2023 Juvenile Delinquency - Informal Dispositions

<b>Pending Consent Decrees</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Pending Informal Adjustments</b>	<b>56</b>
New Consent Decrees	179
<b>New Informal Adjustments</b>	<b>188</b>
Warrant Returned	2
<b>Other</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>Cases Informally Disposed</b>	<b>541</b>
<b>Warrant Issued</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Terminated by:</b>	
Consent Decree Completed	136
<b>Informal Adjustment Completed</b>	<b>183</b>
Consent Decree Revoked	23
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	15
<b>Other</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Total Informally Disposed Cases Terminated</b>	<b>366</b>
<b>End Pending</b>	<b>171</b>

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Informal  
Dispositions: **54%**



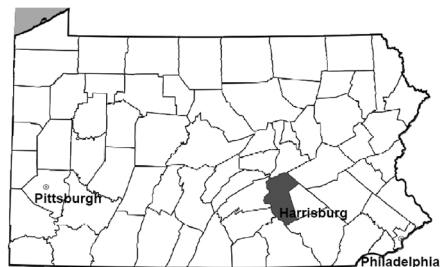
Delinquency Cases are disposed either formally, at a proceeding held before a judge or hearing officer, or informally without a proceeding. Informal dispositions include informal adjustments supervised by a juvenile probation officer; consent decrees agreed upon with the District Attorney after a petition is filed; or other pre-petition process by the juvenile probation department.

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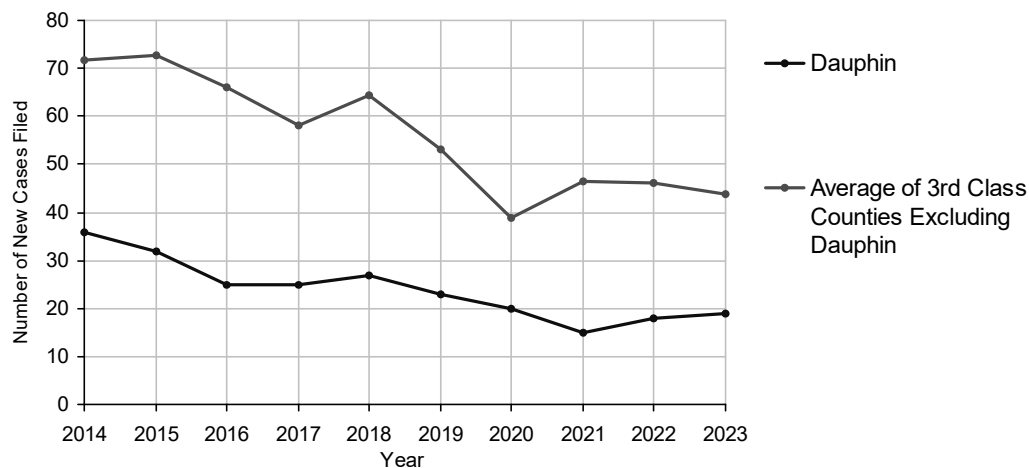
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2023 Accounts	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	19	
New Cases Filed in 2023	19	
<b>Cases Available for Processing</b>	<b>38</b>	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	1	8.3%
Contested before a Non-Judicial Officer	0	
Uncontested	10	83.3%
Other	1	8.3%
<b>Cases Processed</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2023</b>	<b>26</b>	

Accounts New Cases Filed, 2014-2023

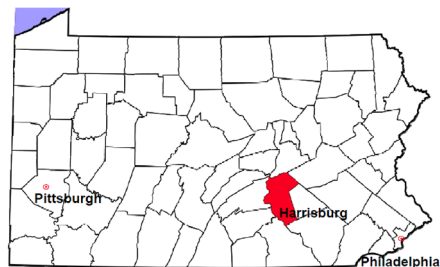


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## 2023 Adoptions

### No. of Cases

Cases Pending 1/1/2023

46

New Cases Filed in 2023

97

**Cases Available for Processing**

**143**

Processed By:

Contested before a Judge

Granted

0

Denied

0

Uncontested

Granted

102 97.1%

Denied

0

Other

3

2.9%

**Cases Processed**

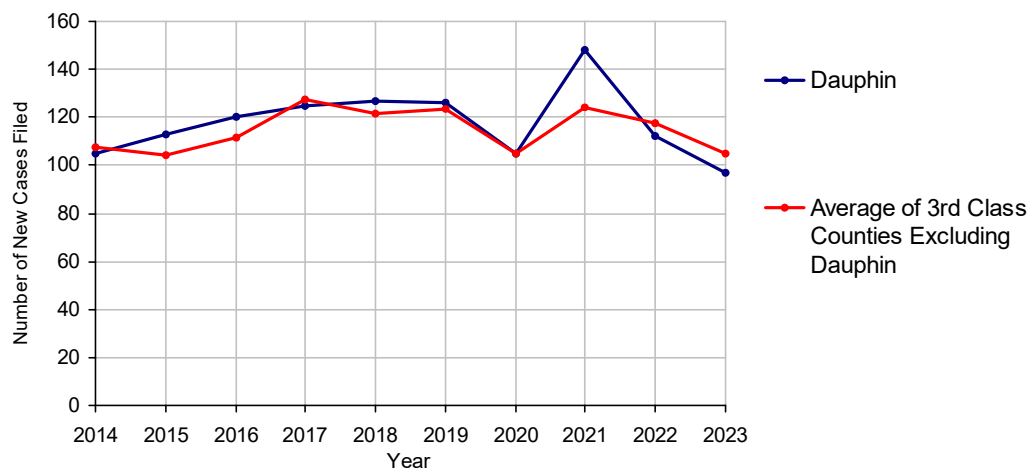
**105**

**100.0%**

**Cases Pending 12/31/2023**

**38**

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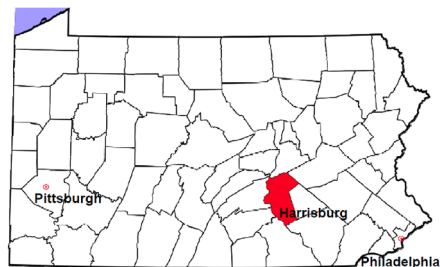


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## 2023 Relinquishments/Terminations

**No. of  
Cases**

Cases Pending 1/1/2023

53

New Cases Filed in 2023

104

**Cases Available for Processing**

**157**

Processed By:

Contested before a Judge

28

26.2%

Uncontested

67

62.6%

Other

12

11.2%

**Cases Processed**

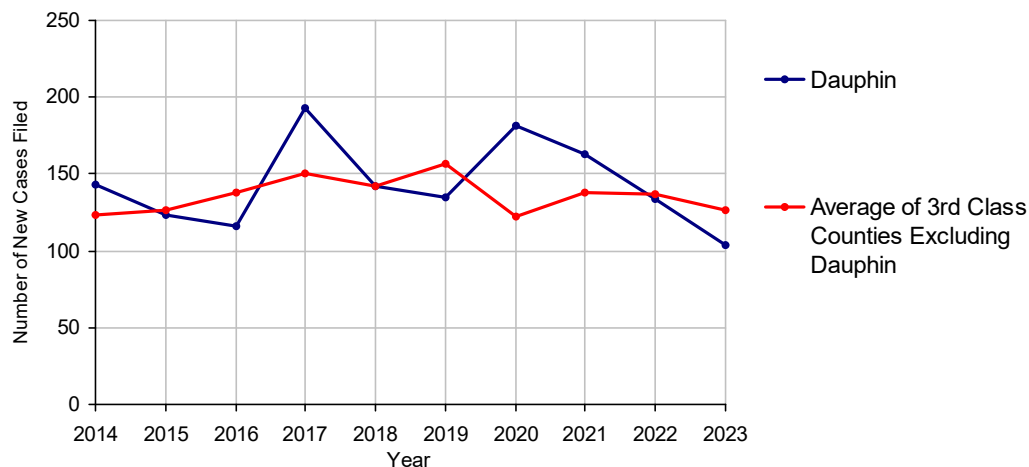
**107**

**100.0%**

**Cases Pending 12/31/2023**

**50**

Relinquishments/Terminations New Cases Filed, 2014-2023

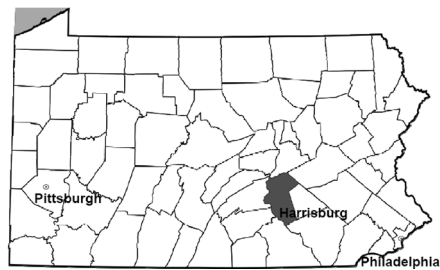


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## 2023 Appointment of Guardians

**No. of  
Cases**

Cases Pending 1/1/2023

26

New Cases Filed in 2023

68

**Cases Available for Processing**

**94**

Processed By:

Contested before a Judge

4

5.1%

Uncontested

62

79.5%

Other

12

15.4%

**Cases Processed**

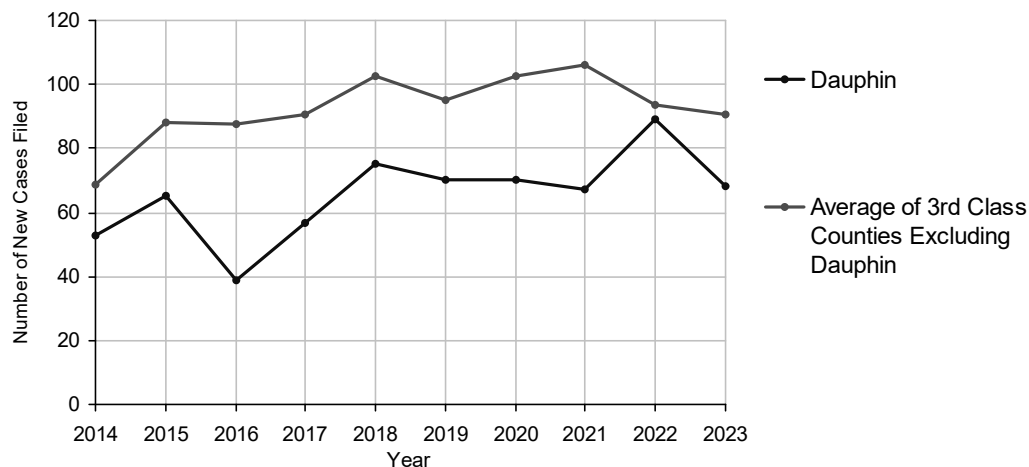
**78**

**100.0%**

**Cases Pending 12/31/2023**

**16**

**Appointment of Guardians New Cases Filed, 2014-2023**

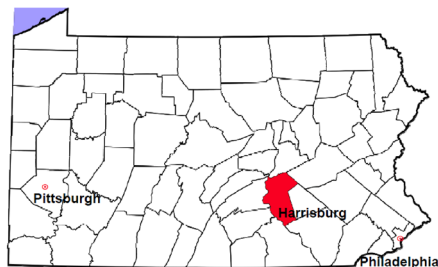


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## 2023 Jury Yield and Utilization

### Jury Yield

Qualification Questionnaires/Summonses Mailed:	20,427	A		
Returned Undeliverable:	2,199	B	10.8%	Of Qualification Questionnaires/ Summonses Mailed
Not Responded to:	5,017	C	24.6%	
the Number of Prospective Jurors:				
Disqualified:	3,076	D	15.1%	
Exempted:	1,790	E	8.8%	
Excused:	2,174	F	10.6%	
Deferred to New Term:	1,875	G	9.2%	
Deferred from Previous Term:	2,469	H	12.1%	
Total Number of Qualified Jurors Available for Service:	6,765	I	33.1%	
$I = A - B - C - D - E - F - G + H$				

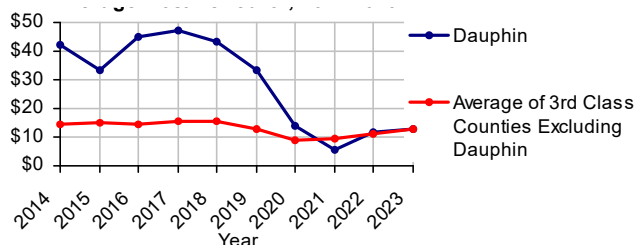
### Jury Utilization

the Number of Jurors:				
Reporting for Service:	4,399	65.0%	Of Jurors Qualified and Available	
Told Not to Report for Service:	570	8.4%		
Sent to Courtroom for Jury Selection (Voir Dire):	3,955	89.9%	Of Jurors Reporting for Service	
Impaneled or Sworn (jurors/alternates):	1,330	30.2%		
Removed for Cause/Hardship:	642			
Removed by Peremptory Challenge:	1,301			
Number of Jury Trials Started:	156			
Pool Days:	45			
Zero Panel Days:	2	4.4%	(Of Pool Days)	

### Jury Costs

Total Annual Budget for Juror Operations:	\$262,750.00	J
Average Cost Per Juror:	\$12.86	K
$K = J/A$		

Average Cost Per Juror, 2014-2023



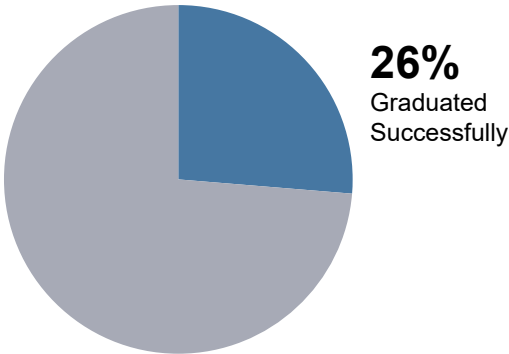


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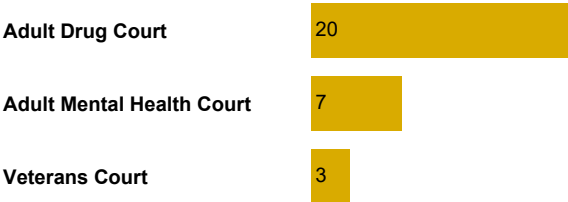
## 2023 Problem Solving Courts

19 Discharges

Of All Court Participants Discharged:



30 Admissions

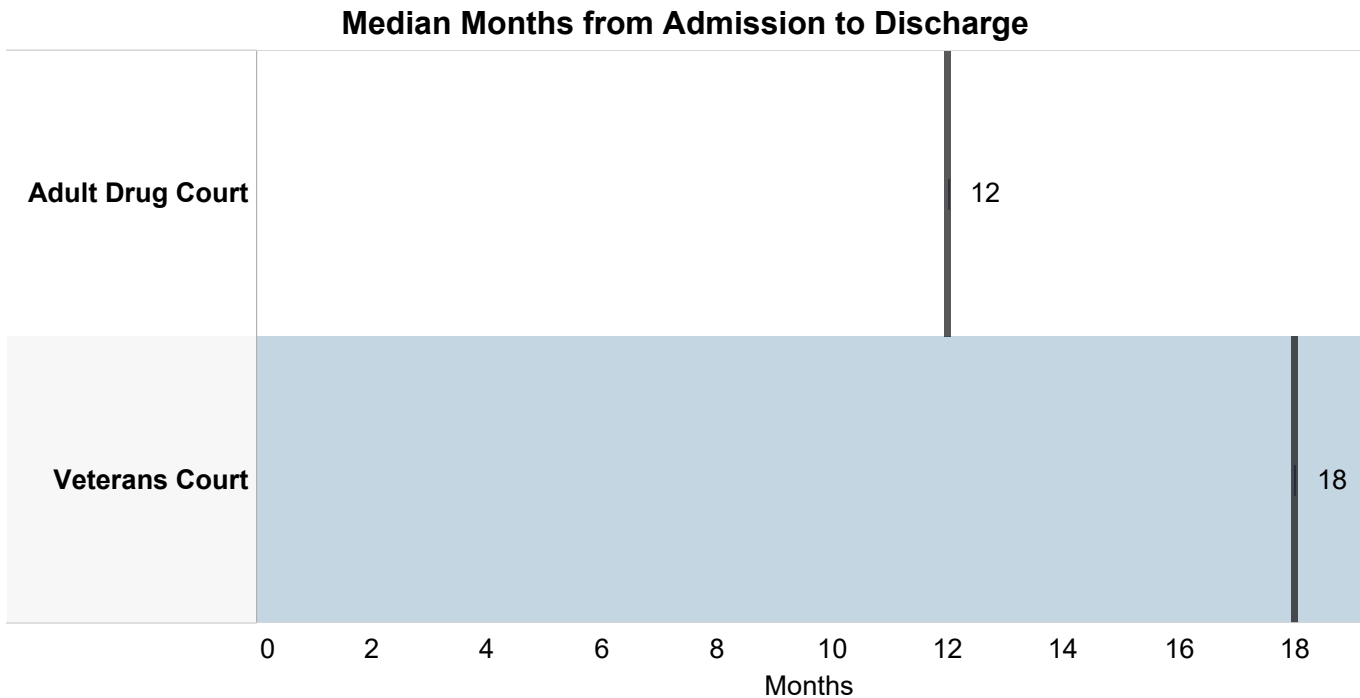


### Discharge Reason

	Successfully Completed	Unsuccessful/New Offense	Unsuccessful /Non-Compliant	Voluntarily Withdrew	Unsuccessful /Absconded	Other	Total Discharges
Adult Drug Court	4 (25.0%)	1 (6.3%)	5 (31.3%)		4 (25.0%)	2 (12.5%)	16 (100.0%)
Veterans Court	1 (33.3%)		1 (33.3%)	1 (33.3%)			3 (100.0%)

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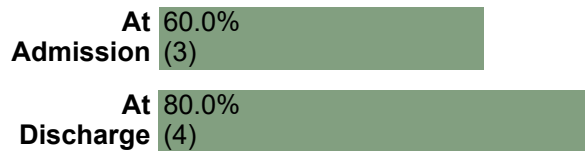
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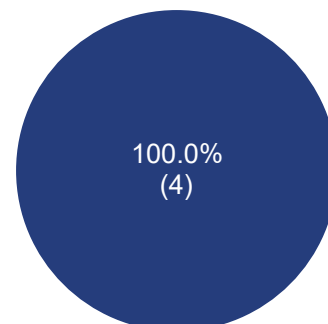
**Among successful graduates, there was a 33% increase in employment.**

**100% of the employed successful graduates were employed full time:**

**Employed (N=5)**



**(N=4)**



**11% (2) of all participants have improved in education level at discharge.**

■ Employed Full Time



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