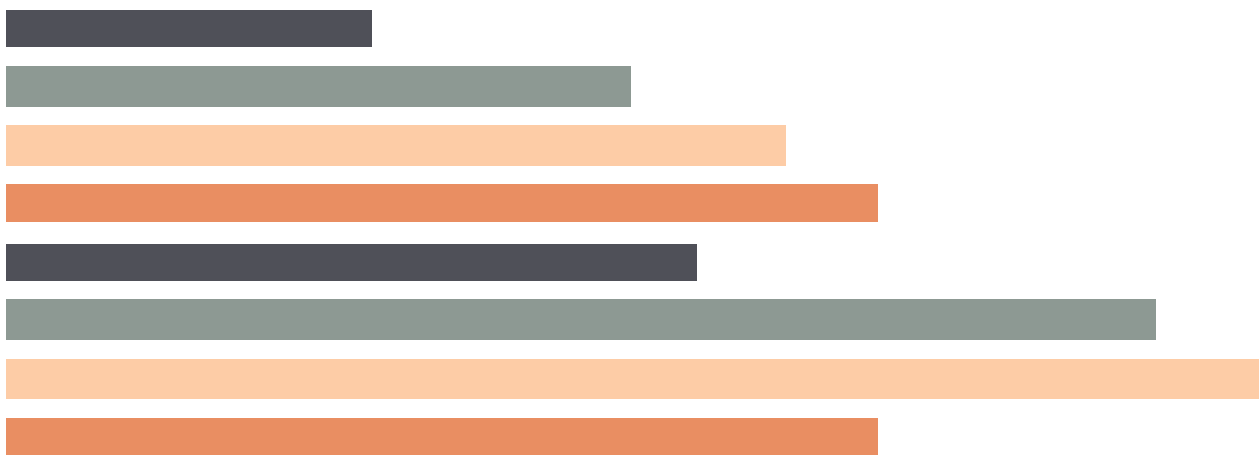
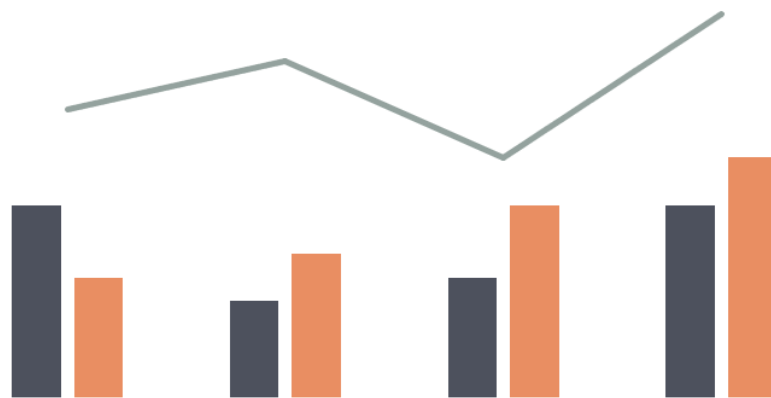


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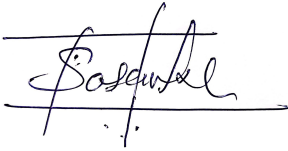




We are pleased to provide you with a copy of the 2023 County Caseload Display pages. They can also be viewed on the AOPC webpage at [www.pacourts.us](http://www.pacourts.us) in the *News & Statistics* section under *Research & Statistics*.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sasanka', is written over a horizontal line. There are some small marks below the line, possibly initials or a date.

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



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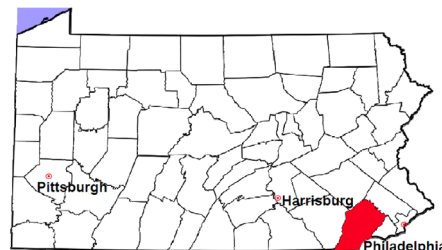
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## 2023 Criminal No. of Cases

Cases Pending 1/1/2023 2,237

New Cases Filed in 2023 3,868

Reopened Cases 304

**Cases Available for Processing 6,409**

### Processed by:

Withdrawn/Dismissed 116 2.8%

Diversionsary Disposition\* 812 19.3%

Guilty Plea 2,902 68.9%

Non-Jury Trial 60 1.4%

Jury Trial 51 1.2%

Inactive 254 6.0%

Other 15 0.4%

**Total Cases Processed 4,210 100.0%**

**Cases Pending 12/31/2023 2,199**

Cases Awaiting Sentencing 44

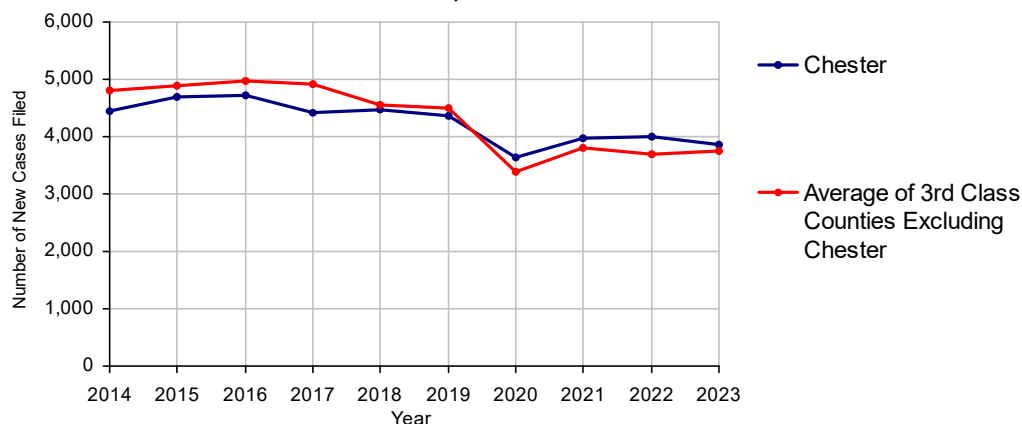
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\* Includes other diversionsary programs such as Veterans Court.

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

0-60 Days	557	25.3%
61-120 Days	507	23.1%
121-180 Days	324	14.7%
181-240 Days	201	9.1%
241-300 Days	216	9.8%
301-360 Days	112	5.1%
Over 360 Days	282	12.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,199</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Criminal New Cases, 2014-2023



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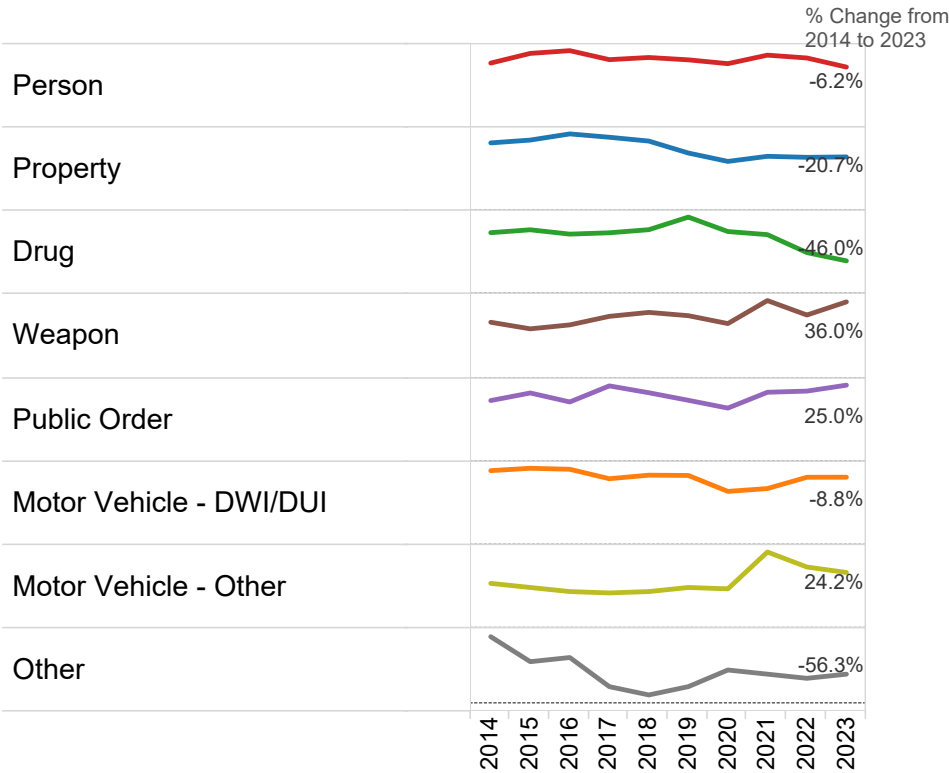


## 2023 Criminal - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	360	258	1	619	16.0%
Property	538	263	2	803	20.8%
Drug	100	219	2	321	8.3%
Weapon	88	29	0	117	3.0%
Public Order	138	186	1	325	8.4%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	54	1,581	0	1,635	42.3%
Motor Vehicle - Other	5	35	1	41	1.1%
Other	7	0	0	7	0.2%
Total	1,290	2,571	7	3,868	100.0%
	33.4%	66.5%	0.2%	100.0%	

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

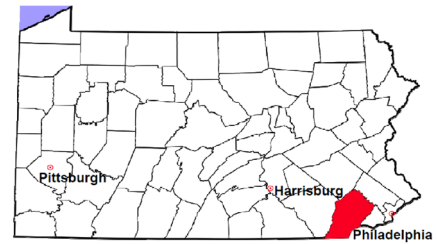


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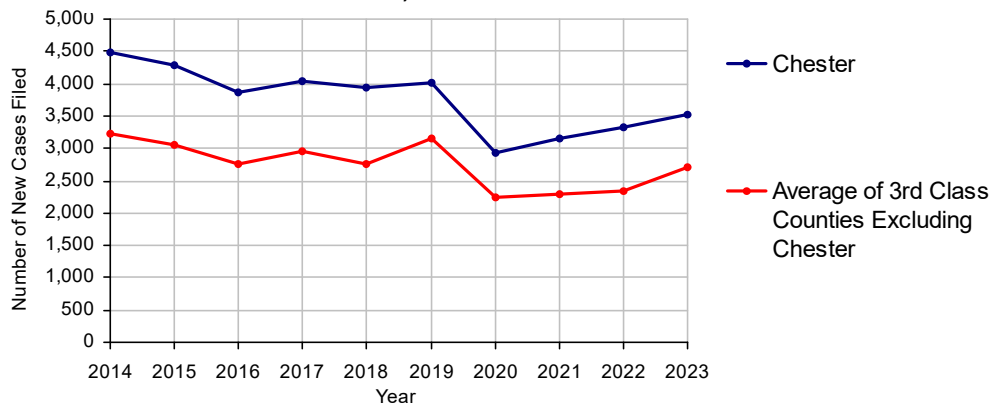


2023 Civil	Civil Action	Other	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	1,604	2,460	4,064
Docketed Cases	2,433	1,089	3,522
Arbitration Appeals	32	11	43
Transferred In	40	1	41
Returned to Active	41	67	108
<b>Cases Available for Processing</b>	<b>4,150</b>	<b>3,628</b>	<b>7,778</b>
Processed By:			
Default Judgments	597	390	987
<b>Cases Decided by Arbitration Board</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>245</b>
Dispositive Motions	495	318	813
<b>Settlements</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>932</b>
Moved to Inactive Status	43	11	54
<b>Transferred/Withdrawn</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>158</b>
Dismissed/Discontinued	0	0	0
<b>Administrative Purge</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>294</b>
Other	80	2	82
<b>Jury Trial</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>24</b>
Non-Jury Trial	13	7	20
<b>Total Cases Processed</b>	<b>2,443</b>	<b>1,166</b>	<b>3,609</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2023</b>	<b>1,707</b>	<b>2,462</b>	<b>4,169</b>

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

0-6 months	971	56.9%
<b>7-12 months</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>18.0%</b>
13-18 months	167	9.8%
<b>19-24 months</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>5.2%</b>
25-30 months	41	2.4%
<b>31-36 months</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1.8%</b>
37-42 months	20	1.2%
<b>43-48 months</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
49-54 months	15	0.9%
<b>55-60 months</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
61-66 months	6	0.4%
<b>67-72 months</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
Over 72 months	37	2.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,707</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Docketed Cases, 2014-2023



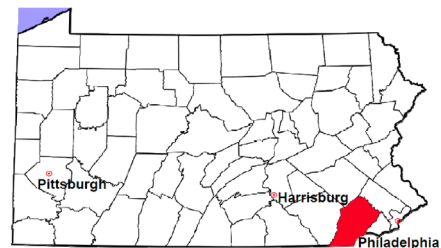


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## 2023 Civil - Docketed Cases Listed by Case Type

### TORT 718 20.4%

*(does not include mass tort)*

Intentional	99
Malicious Prosecution	1
Motor Vehicle	364
Nuisance	0
Premise Liability	96
Product Liability	3
Slander/Libel/Defamation	6
Other	149

### MASS TORT 1 <0.1%

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

### PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY 29 0.8%

Dental	3
Legal	0
Medical Malpractice	20
Other	6

### CONTRACT 1,663 47.2%

*(does not include judgments)*

Buyer Plaintiff	214
Debt Collection: Credit Card	619
Debt Collection: Other	592
Employment Dispute: Discrimination	3
Employment Dispute: Other	15
Other	220

### Of the Docketed Cases:

Pro Se Filings:	331	9.4%	Class Action Suits:	29	0.8%	MDJ Appeals:	221	6.3%
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\*Civil Other

### REAL PROPERTY 576 16.4%

Ejectment*	75
Eminent Domain/Condemnation*	12
Ground Rent	1
Landlord/Tenant Dispute	21
Mortgage Foreclosure:	
Residential*	388
Commercial*	11
Partition of Real Property*	23
Quiet Title*	14
Other*	31

### CIVIL APPEALS 344 9.8%

*- Administrative Agencies*

Board of Assessment*	121
Board of Elections*	15
Dept. of Transportation*	153
Zoning Board*	29
Statutory Appeal - Other*	5
Other*	21

### MISCELLANEOUS 191 5.4%

Common Law/	
Statutory Arbitration*	6
Declaratory Judgment*	11
Mandamus*	1
Non-Domestic Relations	
Restraining Order*	4
Quo Warranto*	0
Replevin*	24
Other*	145

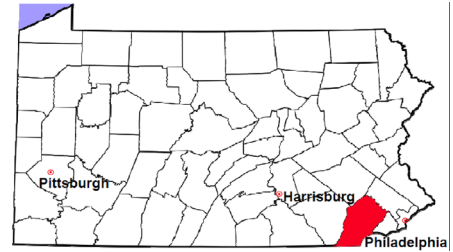
### TOTAL DOCKETED CASES: 3,522 100.0%

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## 2023 Protection From Abuse

**No. of  
Petitions**

Cases Pending 1/1/2023

629

New Cases Filed in 2023

632

*Of these, Petitions Requesting Temporary Orders: 632 (100.0%)*

*Temporary Orders DENIED: 37 (5.9%), Temporary Orders GRANTED: 595 (94.1%)*

### Cases Available for Processing

**1,261**

Processed By:

Temporary Order DENIED After Ex Parte Hearing and No Evidentiary Hearing Scheduled	24	4.1%
Temporary Order DISMISSED After Evidentiary Hearing and No Final Order Entered	244	41.4%
Final Order DENIED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	84	14.2%
Final Order GRANTED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	101	17.1%
Plaintiff Did Not Appear For Evidentiary Hearing	15	2.5%
Final Order by STIPULATION OR AGREEMENT Between the Parties	112	19.0%
Petition WITHDRAWN by Plaintiff	10	1.7%
TRANSFERRED to Another Jurisdiction	0	
Other	0	

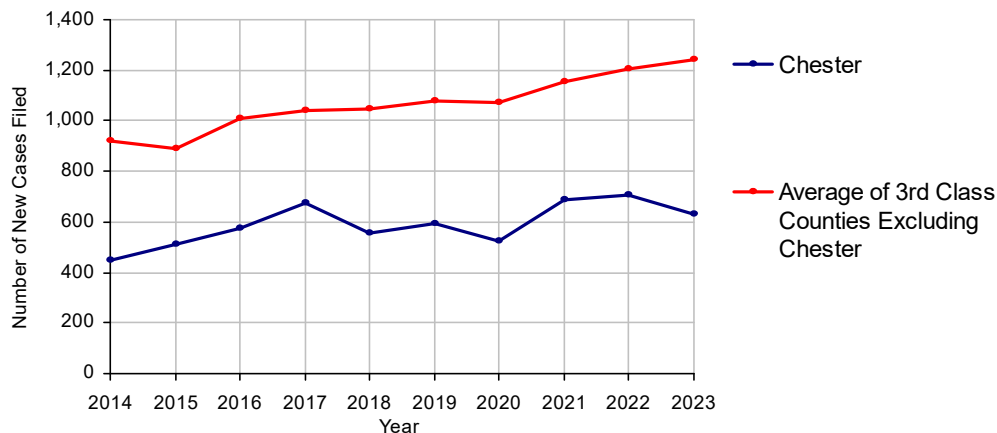
### Cases Processed

**590 100.0%**

### Cases Pending 12/31/2023

**671**

PFA New Cases Filed, 2014-2023

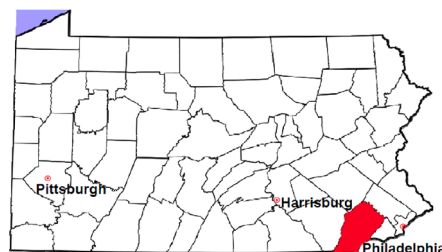


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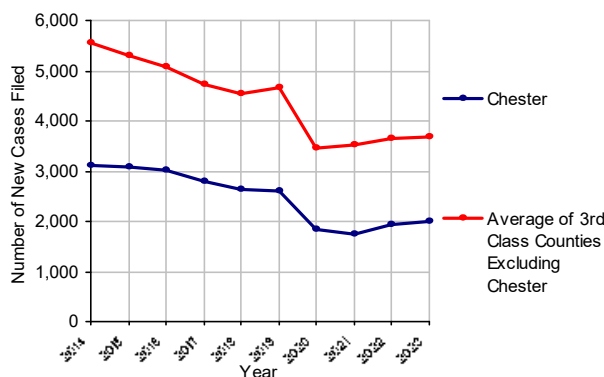
2023 Spousal & Child Support	No. of Petitions
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	754
New Cases Filed in 2023	2,000
Dockets Transferred In (+)	40
Dockets Transferred Out (-)	74
<b>Cases Available for Processing</b>	<b>2,720</b>
Processed By:	
Judge	72 3.7%
Intake Officer	1,749 90.6%
Hearing Officer	110 5.7%
Other	0
<b>Cases Processed</b>	<b>1,931 100.0%</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2023</b>	<b>789</b>

Data provided by PACSES

2023 Paternity	No. of Cases
<b>Acknowledgements Filed:</b>	
Non-Domestic Relations Section	313 79.0%
During Conference	47 11.9%
Non-Stipulated (post genetic test)	4 1.0%
Pre-Trial Conference	32 8.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>396 100.0%</b>
<b>Established:</b>	
Stipulated by Genetic Tests	20 20.2%
Default - Father Failed to Appear	33 33.3%
Adjudication by Court Proceeding	0
Out of State	46 46.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>99 100.0%</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2023</b>	<b>130</b>

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.

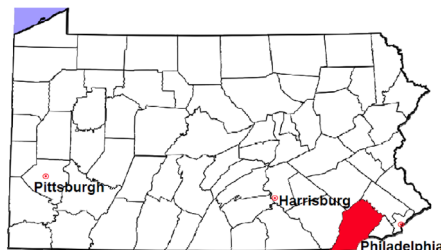
**OUT OF STATE:** Paternity was established in another state, "Out of state only".

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## 2023 Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation

No. of  
Petitions

Cases Pending 1/1/2023

486

New Cases Filed in 2023

627

**Cases Available for Processing**

**1,113**

Processed By:

Judge

138

26.1%

Non-Judicial Officer

390

73.9%

Administrative Review/Purge

0

Other

0

**Cases Processed**

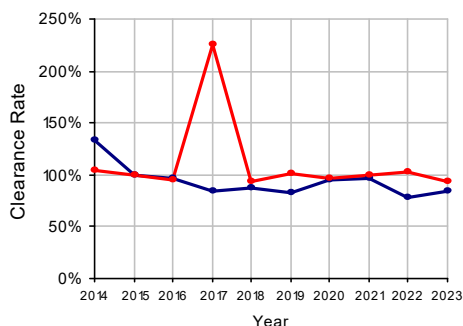
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**100.0%**

**Cases Pending 12/31/2023**

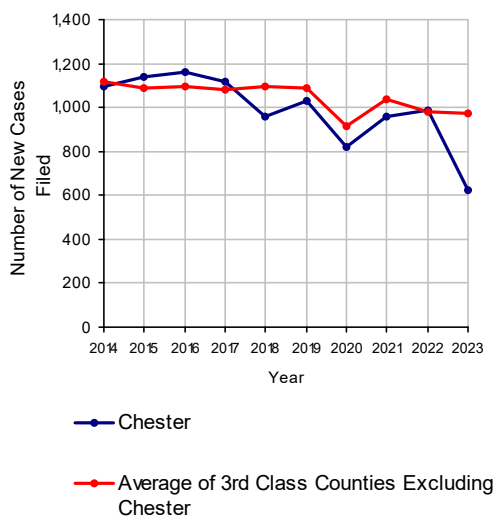
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Clearance Rate, 2014-2023

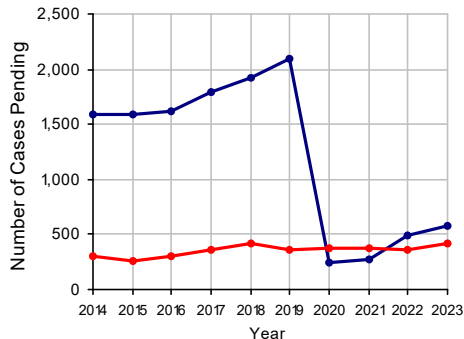


Note: Clearance Rate = Cases Processed / New Cases Filed

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



Cases Pending at the End of Year, 2014-2023

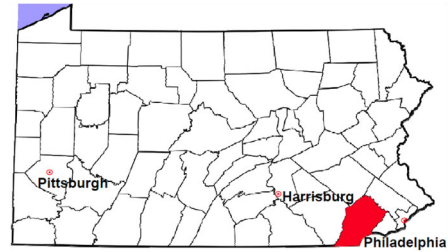


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## 2023 Divorce

### No. of Petitions

Cases Pending 1/1/2023

256

New Cases Filed in 2023

947

**Cases Available for Processing**

**1,203**

Processed By:

Contested Before a Judge

38

6.1%

Contested Before a Non-Judicial Officer

74

12.0%

Uncontested

506

81.9%

Administrative Review/Purge

0

Other

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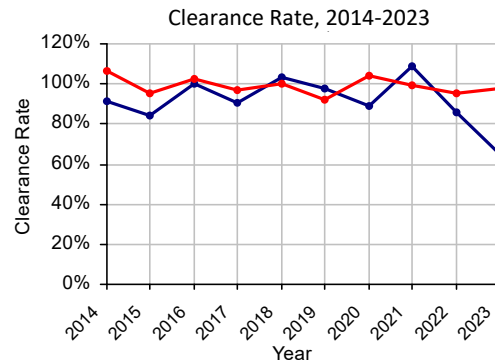
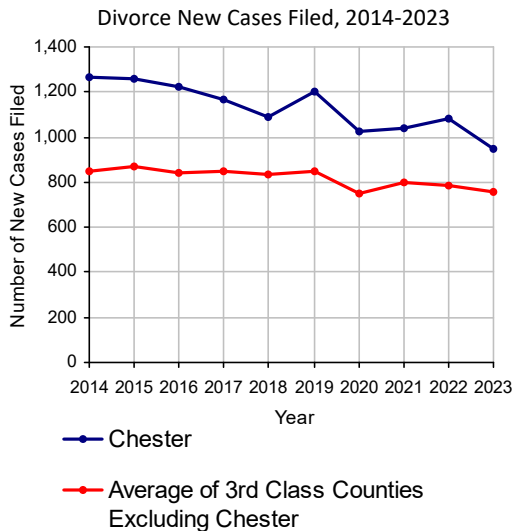
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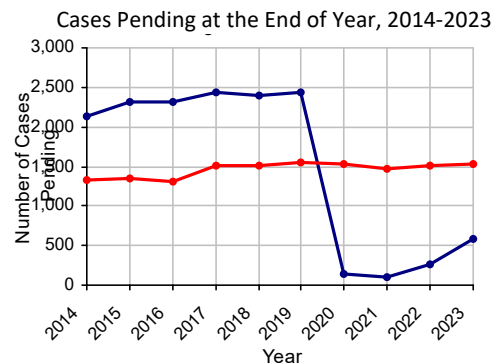
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**Cases Pending 12/31/2023**

**585**



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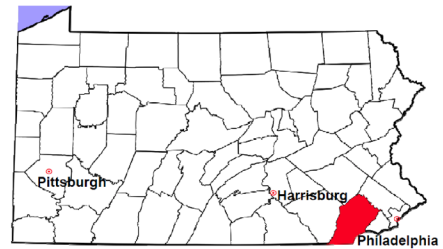


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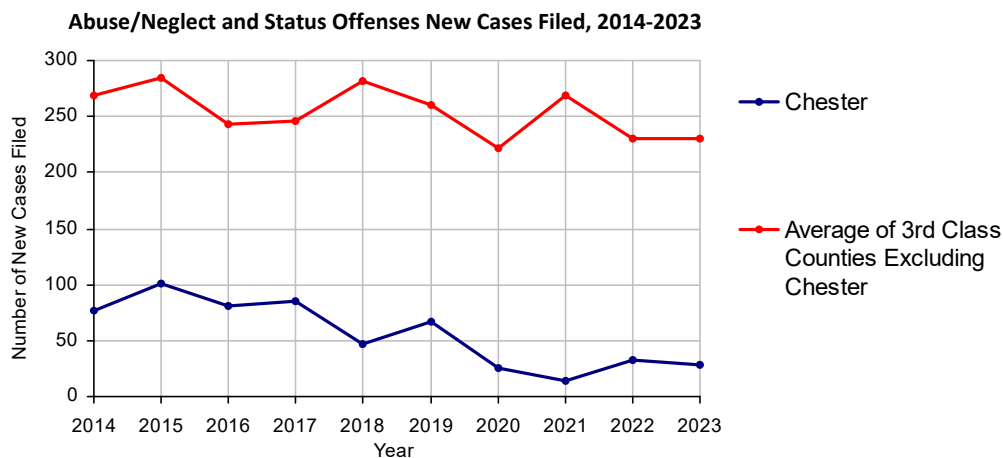
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## 2023 Juvenile Dependency - Petitions Pending Adjudication

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	3	0	3
New Petitions Filed in 2023	29	0	29
Other	0	0	0
<b>Total Petitions Available for Processing</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>
Processed by:			
Adjudicated Dependent			
Judge	8	0	8
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	19	0	19
Adjudicated NOT Dependent			
Judge	0	0	0
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0	0	0
Withdrawn/Dismissed/Inactive	0	0	0
Other	2	0	2
<b>Total Petitions Processed</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2023</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

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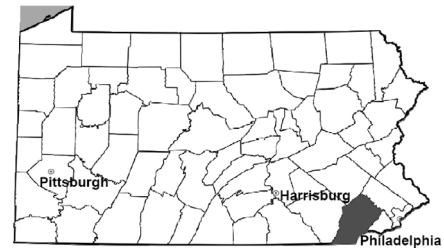


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## 2023 Juvenile Dependency - Adjudicated Dependent Inventory

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	61	0	61
New Adjudicated Dependent Cases	27	0	27
Other	0	0	0
<b>Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>88</b>
<b><u>Court Supervision Terminated:</u></b>			
Family Reunification	5 27.8%	0	5 27.8%
Adoption	0	0	0
Placement with a Relative/Guardian	6 33.3%	0	6 33.3%
Aged Out	6 33.3%	0	6 33.3%
Other Permanency Outcomes*	1 5.6%	0	1 5.6%
Other**	0	0	0
<b>Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases Terminated</b>	<b>18 100.0%</b>	<b>0 100.0%</b>	<b>18 100.0%</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2023</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>70</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.

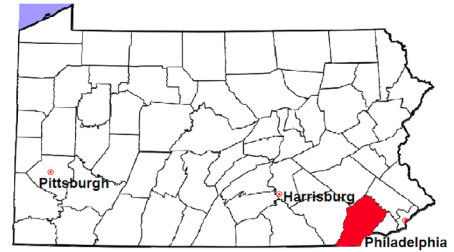
\*\* Other includes cases where court supervision is terminated due to transfer out of jurisdiction, withdrawal and administrative closure.

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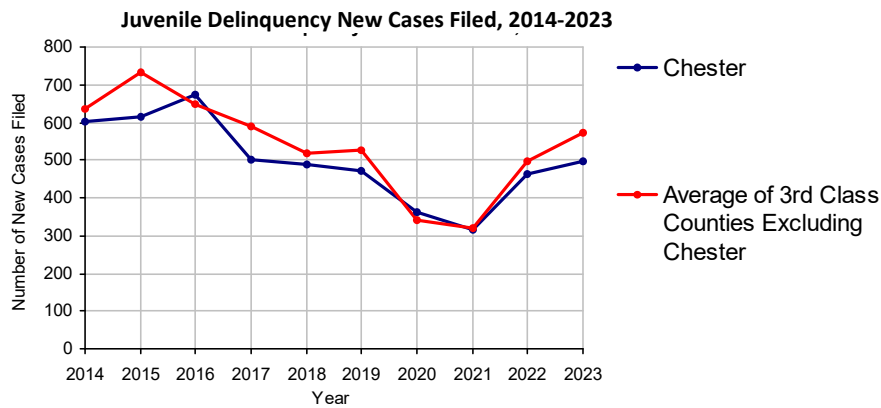
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## 2023 Juvenile Delinquency - Cases Pending Disposition

<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>233</b>
<b>New Cases</b>	<b>497</b>
Consent Decree Revoked	3
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	4
Alternative Program Revoked	0
<b>Warrant Returned</b>	<b>17</b>
Other	25
<b>Total Cases Available for Disposition</b>	<b>779</b>
<b>Warrant Issued</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Disposed by:</b>	
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	131
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	47
Consent Decree Entered	72
Informal Adjustment Program Entered	135
Warned and Counseled (Pre-Petition)	21
Dismissed/Withdrawn/Transferred	64
Transferred to Criminal Court	0
Other	34
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>504</b>
<b>End Pending</b>	<b>241</b>

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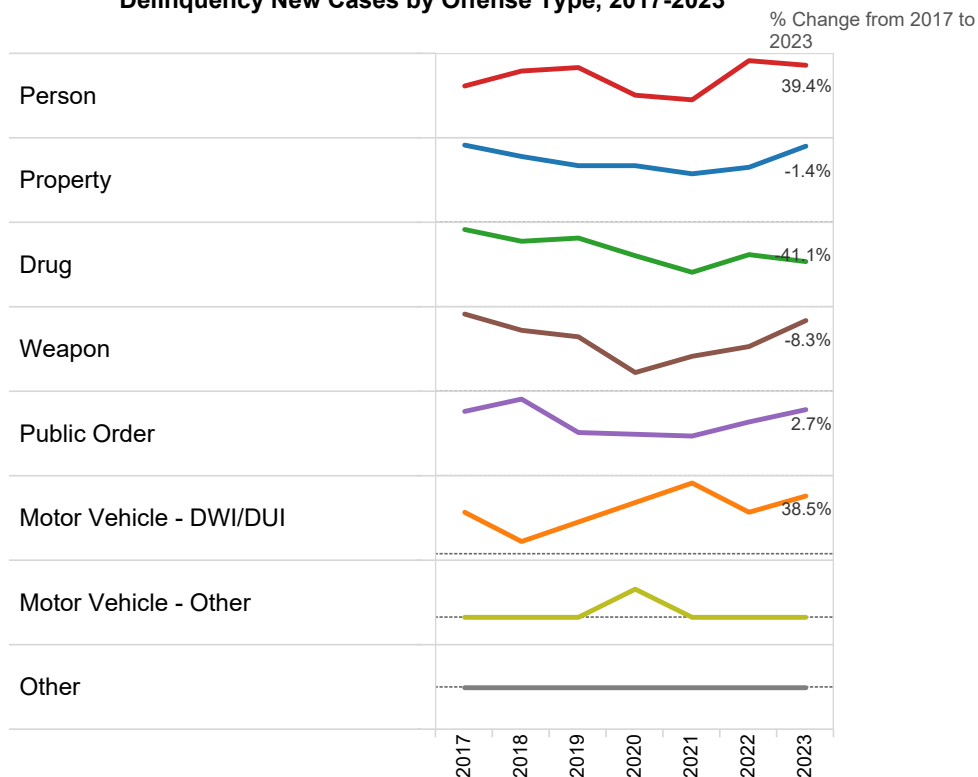


## 2023 Delinquency - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	69	122	0	191	38.4%
Property	75	67	0	142	28.6%
Drug	9	77	0	86	17.3%
Weapon	6	16	0	22	4.4%
Public Order	13	24	1	38	7.6%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	0	18	0	18	3.6%
Motor Vehicle - Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	172	324	1	497	100.0%
	34.6%	65.2%	0.2%	100.0%	

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

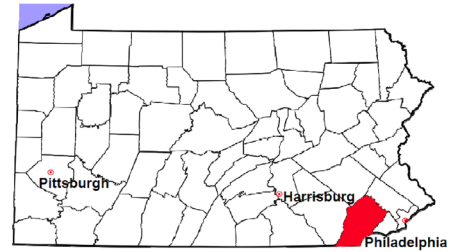


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## 2023 Juvenile Delinquency - Formal Dispositions

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<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>255</b>
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	131
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	47
Warrant Returned	24
Other	2
<b>Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases</b>	<b>459</b>
<b>Warrant Issued</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Court Supervision Terminated:</b>	
Conditions Satisfied	136
Compelling Reasons	9
Reached Age 21	2
Transferred to Another Juvenile Court	3
Other	6
<b>Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases Terminated</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>End Pending</b>	<b>288</b>

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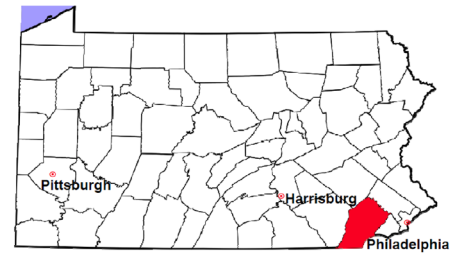
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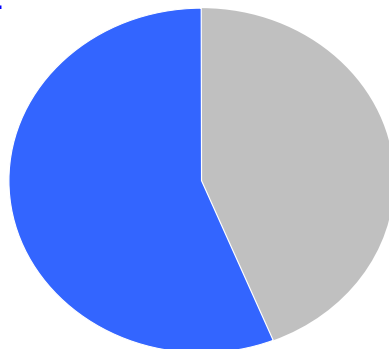
## 2023 Juvenile Delinquency - Informal Dispositions

<b>Pending Consent Decrees</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Pending Informal Adjustments</b>	<b>49</b>
New Consent Decrees	72
<b>New Informal Adjustments</b>	<b>135</b>
Warrant Returned	0
<b>Other</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cases Informally Disposed</b>	<b>295</b>
<b>Warrant Issued</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Terminated by:</b>	
Consent Decree Completed	52
<b>Informal Adjustment Completed</b>	<b>127</b>
Consent Decree Revoked	3
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	4
<b>Other</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total Informally Disposed Cases Terminated</b>	<b>192</b>
<b>End Pending</b>	<b>103</b>

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Informal Dispositions: **56%**



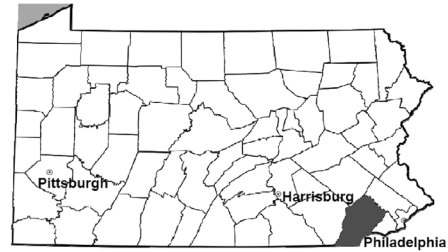
Delinquency Cases are disposed either formally, at a proceeding held before a judge or hearing officer, or informally without a proceeding. Informal dispositions include informal adjustments supervised by a juvenile probation officer; consent decrees agreed upon with the District Attorney after a petition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

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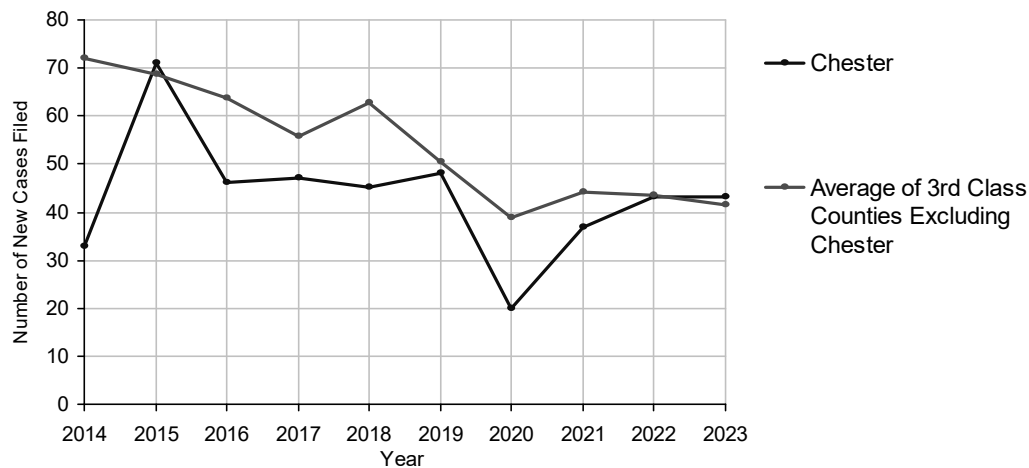
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2023 Accounts	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	32	(R)
New Cases Filed in 2023	43	
<b>Cases Available for Processing</b>	<b>75</b>	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	2	4.4%
Contested before a Non-Judicial Officer	0	
Uncontested	33	73.3%
Other	10	22.2%
<b>Cases Processed</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2023</b>	<b>30</b>	

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Accounts New Cases Filed, 2014-2023

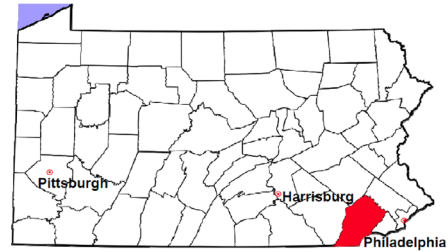


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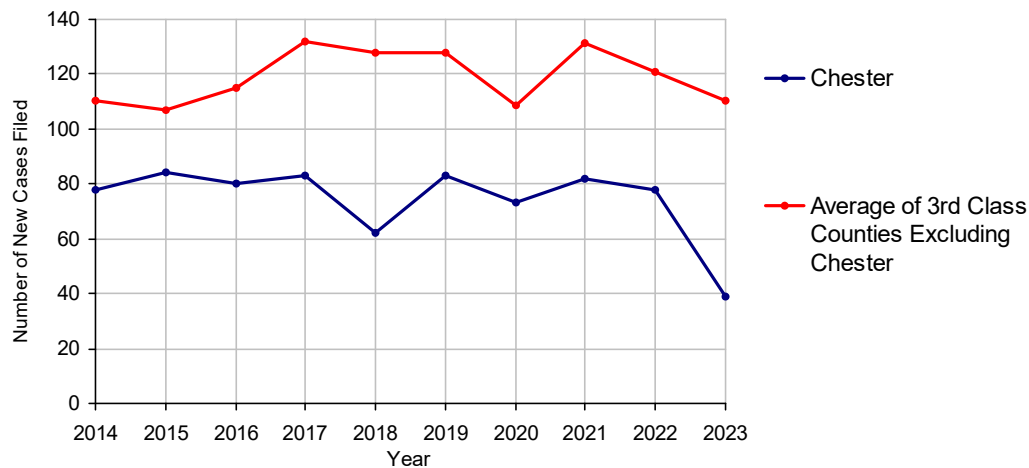
## 2023 Adoptions

**No. of  
Cases**

Cases Pending 1/1/2023	45 <sup>(R)</sup>
New Cases Filed in 2023	39
<b>Cases Available for Processing</b>	<b>84</b>
Processed By:	
Contested before a Judge	Granted 1 2.0%
	Denied 0
Uncontested	Granted 49 96.1%
	Denied 0
Other	1 2.0%
<b>Cases Processed</b>	<b>51 100.0%</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2023</b>	<b>33</b>

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Adoptions New Cases Filed, 2014-2023

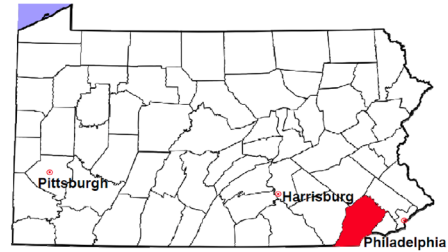


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## 2023 Relinquishments/Terminations

No. of  
Cases

Cases Pending 1/1/2023

63<sup>(R)</sup>

New Cases Filed in 2023

51

**Cases Available for Processing**

**114**

Processed By:

Contested before a Judge

2 3.2%

Uncontested

53 85.5%

Other

7 11.3%

**Cases Processed**

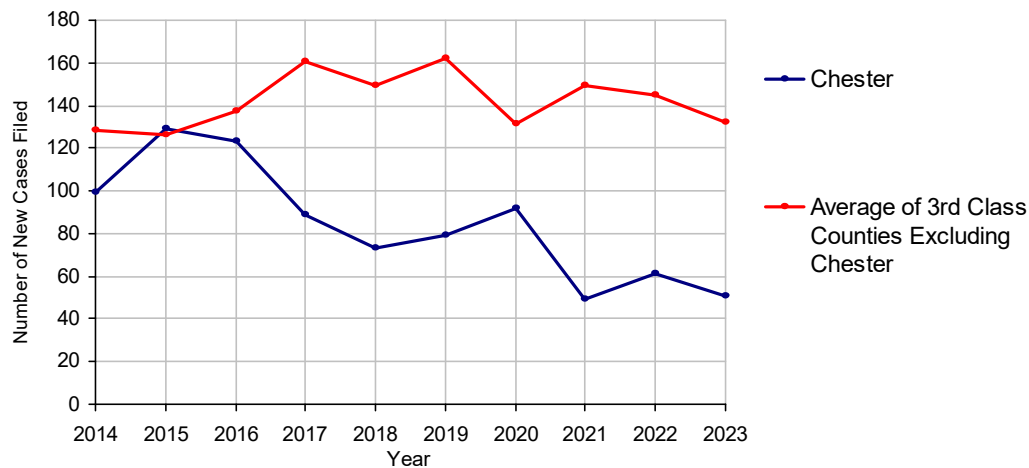
**62 100.0%**

**Cases Pending 12/31/2023**

**52**

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Relinquishments/Terminations New Cases Filed, 2014-2023

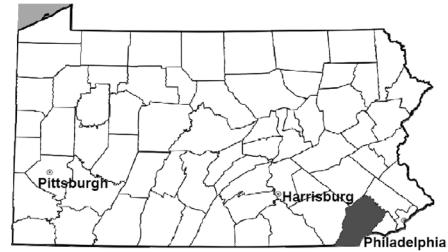


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## 2023 Appointment of Guardians

**No. of  
Cases**

Cases Pending 1/1/2023 39

New Cases Filed in 2023 100

**Cases Available for Processing 139**

Processed By:

Contested before a Judge 0

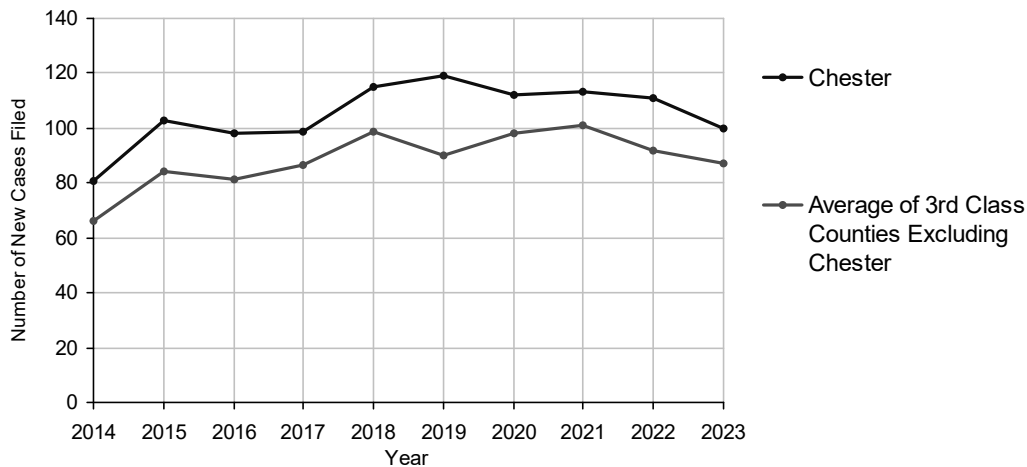
Uncontested 81 77.9%

Other 23 22.1%

**Cases Processed 104 100.0%**

**Cases Pending 12/31/2023 35**

Appointment of Guardians New Cases Filed, 2014-2023

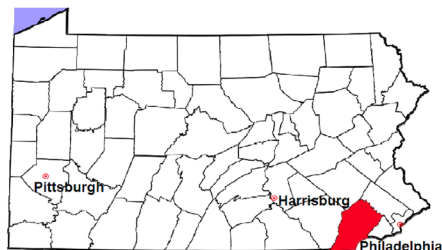


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## 2023 Jury Yield and Utilization

### Jury Yield

Qualification Questionnaires/Summonses Mailed:	22,747	A		
Returned Undeliverable:	1,127	B	5.0%	Of Qualification Questionnaires/ Summonses Mailed
Not Responded to:	1,389	C	6.1%	
the Number of Prospective Jurors:				
Disqualified:	2,734	D	12.0%	
Exempted:	460	E	2.0%	
Excused:	2,979	F	13.1%	
Deferred to New Term:	998	G	4.4%	
Deferred from Previous Term:	3,391	H	14.9%	
Total Number of Qualified Jurors Available for Service:	16,451	I	72.3%	
$I = A - B - C - D - E - F - G - H$				

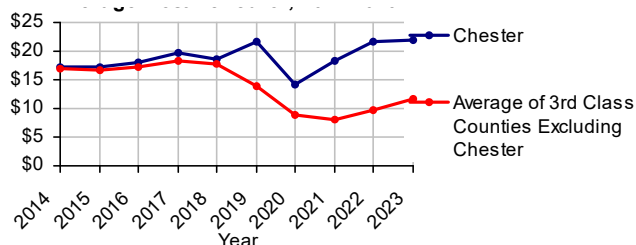
### Jury Utilization

the Number of Jurors:				
Reporting for Service:	6,696	40.7%	Of Jurors Qualified and Available	
Told Not to Report for Service:	7,837	47.6%		
Sent to Courtroom for Jury Selection (Voir Dire):	5,482	81.9%	Of Jurors Reporting for Service	
Impaneled or Sworn (jurors/alternates):	1,154	17.2%		
Removed for Cause/Hardship:	882			
Removed by Peremptory Challenge:	1,012			
Number of Jury Trials Started:	74			
Pool Days:	89			
Zero Panel Days:	9	10.1%	(Of Pool Days)	

### Jury Costs

Total Annual Budget for Juror Operations:	\$499,188.00	J
Average Cost Per Juror:	\$21.95	K
$K = J/A$		

Average Cost Per Juror, 2014-2023



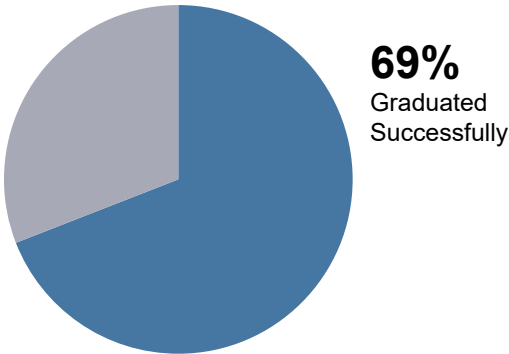


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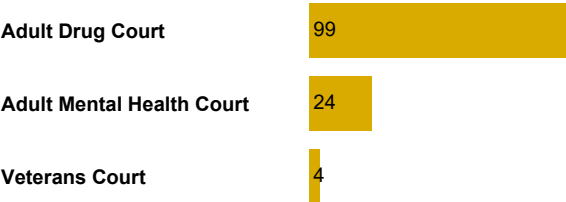
## 2023 Problem Solving Courts

165 Discharges

Of All Court Participants Discharged:



127 Admissions

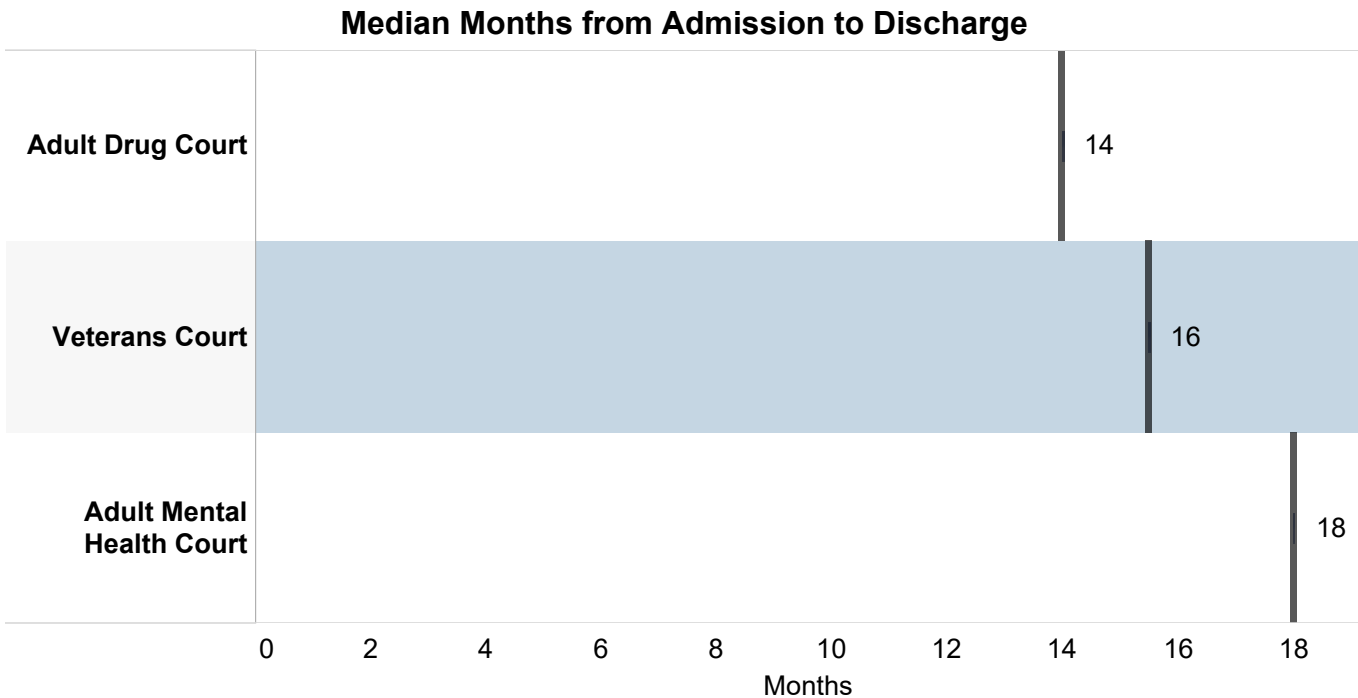


### Discharge Reason

	Successfully Completed	Unsuccessful/New Offense	Unsuccessful /Non-Compliant	Voluntarily Withdrew	Unsuccessful /Absconded	Other	Total Discharges
Adult Drug Court	70 (70.7%)	2 (2.0%)	6 (6.1%)	16 (16.2%)	2 (2.0%)	3 (3.0%)	99 (100.0%)
Adult Mental Health Court	38 (70.4%)	2 (3.7%)	10 (18.5%)	2 (3.7%)	1 (1.9%)	1 (1.9%)	54 (100.0%)
Veterans Court	6 (50.0%)		5 (41.7%)	1 (8.3%)			12 (100.0%)

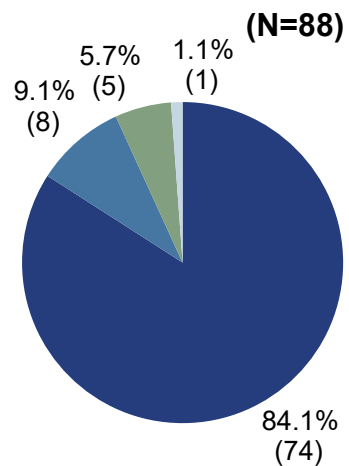
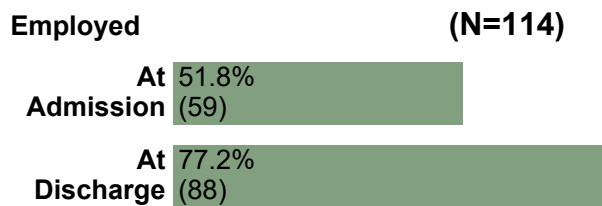
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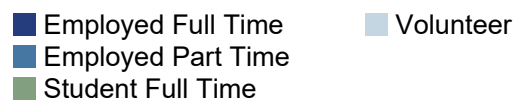


**Among successful graduates, there was a 49% increase in employment.**

**84% of the employed successful graduates were employed full time:**



**13% (21) of all participants have improved in education level at discharge.**





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