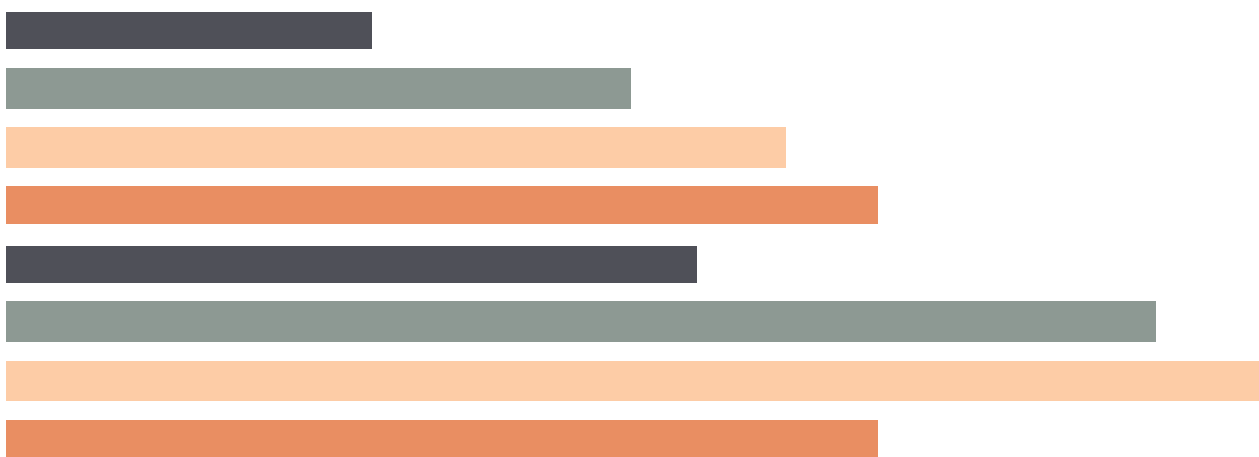
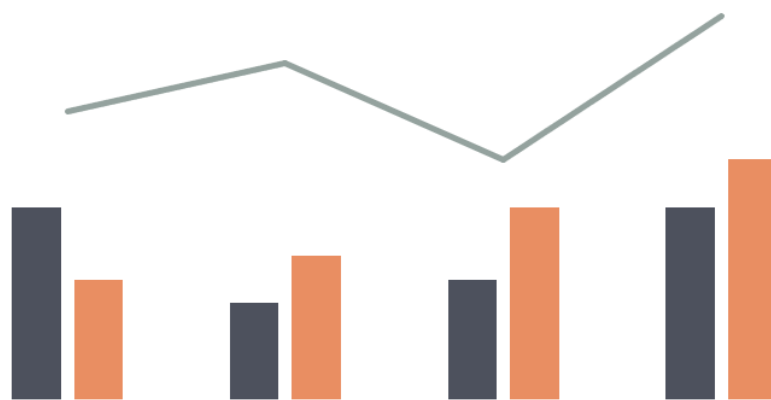
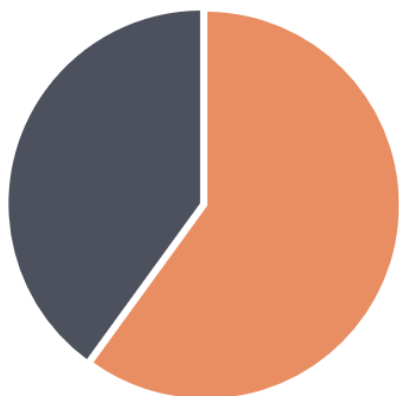


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Court of Common Pleas
Caseload Statistics for



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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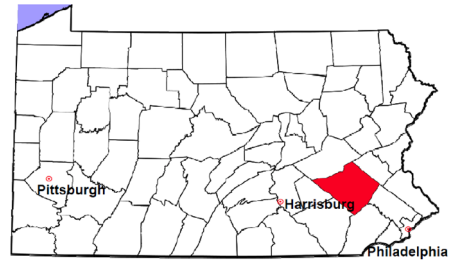
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2023 Criminal No. of Cases

Cases Pending 1/1/2023	2,426
New Cases Filed in 2023	4,285
Reopened Cases	390
Cases Available for Processing	7,101

Processed by:

Withdrawn/Dismissed	325	7.0%
Diversionsary Disposition*	1,329	28.8%
Guilty Plea	2,630	57.0%
Non-Jury Trial	45	1.0%
Jury Trial	40	0.9%
Inactive	197	4.3%
Other	46	1.0%
Total Cases Processed	4,612	100.0%

Cases Pending 12/31/2023 **2,489**

Cases Awaiting Sentencing 43

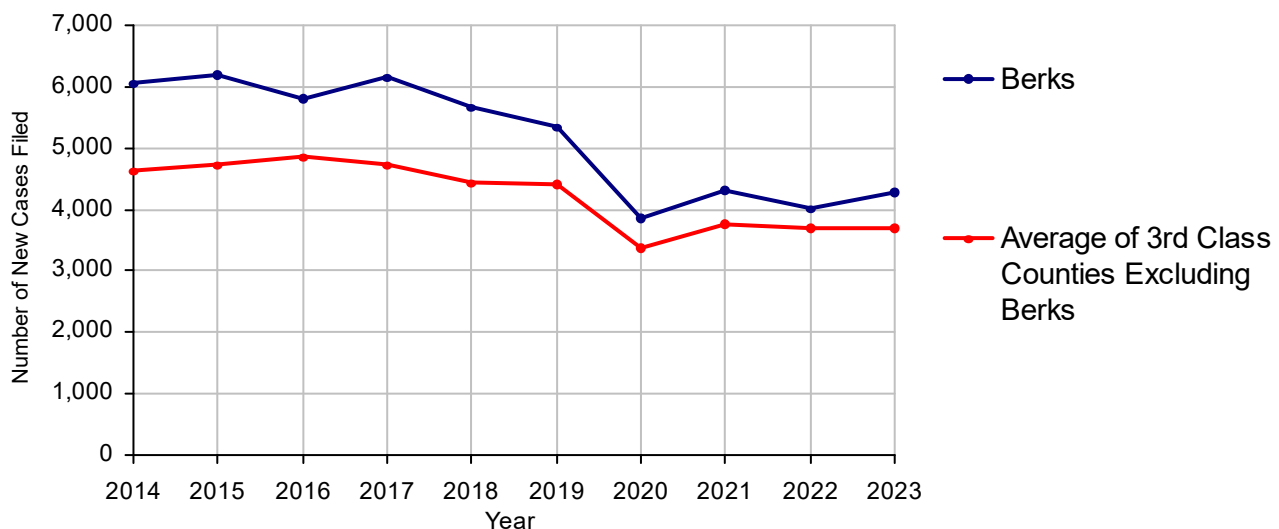
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* Includes other diversionary programs such as Veterans Court.

Age of Pending Cases as of 12/31/2023

0-60 Days	642	25.8%
61-120 Days	520	20.9%
121-180 Days	389	15.6%
181-240 Days	233	9.4%
241-300 Days	186	7.5%
301-360 Days	151	6.1%
Over 360 Days	368	14.8%
Total	2,489	100.0%

Criminal New Cases, 2014-2023



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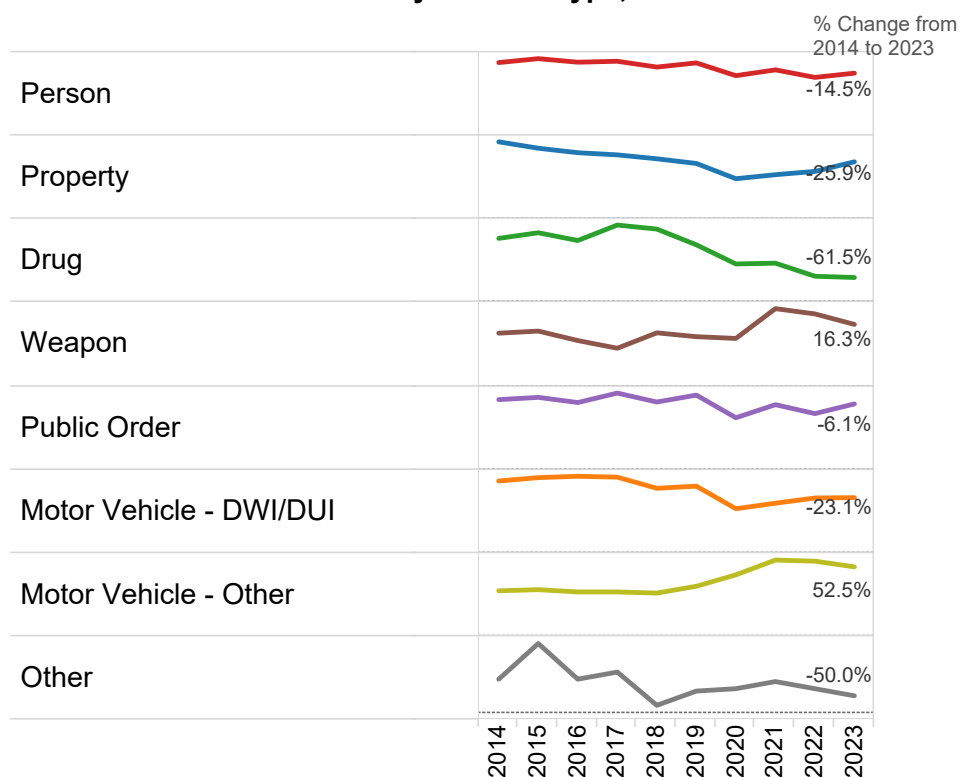


2023 Criminal - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	355	364	0	719	16.8%
Property	561	724	1	1,286	30.0%
Drug	133	438	0	571	13.3%
Weapon	133	45	0	178	4.2%
Public Order	159	366	0	525	12.3%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	30	907	1	938	21.9%
Motor Vehicle - Other	2	59	0	61	1.4%
Other	7	0	0	7	0.2%
Total	1,380	2,903	2	4,285	100.0%
	32.2%	67.7%	0.0%	100.0%	

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Criminal New Cases by Offense Type, 2014-2023

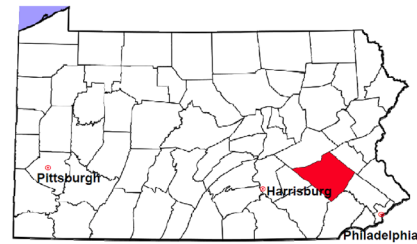


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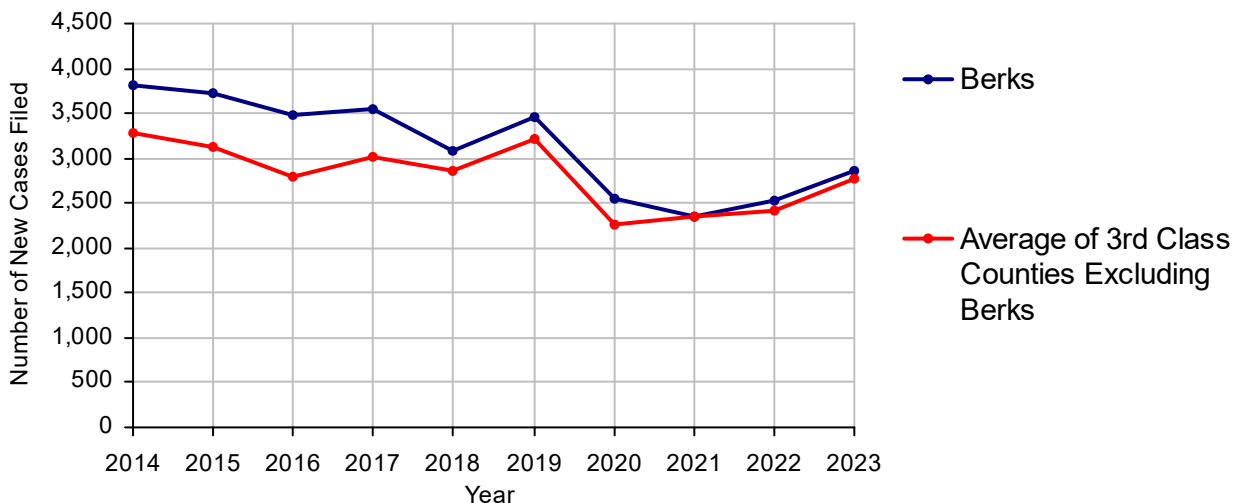


2023 Civil	Civil Action	Other	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	2,036	1,489	3,525
Docketed Cases	1,841	1,027	2,868
Arbitration Appeals	18	5	23
Transferred In	13	6	19
Returned to Active	17	19	36
Cases Available for Processing	3,925	2,546	6,471
Processed By:			
Default Judgments	461	301	762
Cases Decided by Arbitration Board	81	19	100
Dispositive Motions	109	218	327
Settlements	700	252	952
Moved to Inactive Status	13	326	339
Transferred/Withdrawn	74	95	169
Dismissed/Discontinued	427	201	628
Administrative Purge	121	98	219
Other	5	50	55
Jury Trial	5	0	5
Non-Jury Trial	4	4	8
Total Cases Processed	2,000	1,564	3,564
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	1,925	982	2,907

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

0-6 months	762	39.6%
7-12 months	302	15.7%
13-18 months	173	9.0%
19-24 months	189	9.8%
25-30 months	127	6.6%
31-36 months	96	5.0%
37-42 months	74	3.8%
43-48 months	34	1.8%
49-54 months	39	2.0%
55-60 months	33	1.7%
61-66 months	22	1.1%
67-72 months	21	1.1%
Over 72 months	53	2.8%
Total	1,925	100.0%

Docketed Cases, 2014-2023

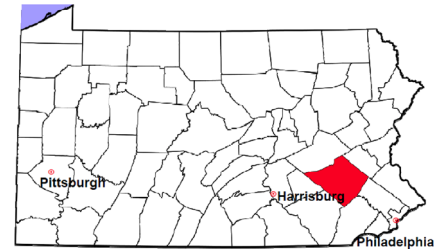


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2023 Civil - Docketed Cases Listed by Case Type

TORT 568 19.8%

(does not include mass tort)

Intentional	32
Malicious Prosecution	0
Motor Vehicle	350
Nuisance	2
Premise Liability	85
Product Liability	6
Slander/Libel/Defamation	3
Other	90

MASS TORT 2 0.1%

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

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY 30 1.0%

Dental	0
Legal	4
Medical Malpractice	24
Other	2

CONTRACT 1,227 42.8%

(does not include judgments)

Buyer Plaintiff	16
Debt Collection: Credit Card	840
Debt Collection: Other	107
Employment Dispute: Discrimination	4
Employment Dispute: Other	2
Other	258

Of the Docketed Cases:

Pro Se Filings: 52 1.8% Class Action Suits: 5 0.2% MDJ Appeals: 171 6.0%

*Civil Other

REAL PROPERTY 598 20.9%

Ejectment*	64
Eminent Domain/Condemnation*	5
Ground Rent	0
Landlord/Tenant Dispute	14
Mortgage Foreclosure:	
Residential*	442
Commercial*	10
Partition of Real Property*	10
Quiet Title*	32
Other*	21

CIVIL APPEALS 321 11.2%

- Administrative Agencies

Board of Assessment*	53
Board of Elections*	0
Dept. of Transportation*	99
Zoning Board*	11
Statutory Appeal - Other*	1
Other*	157

MISCELLANEOUS 122 4.3%

Common Law/	
Statutory Arbitration*	0
Declaratory Judgment*	11
Mandamus*	4
Non-Domestic Relations	
Restraining Order*	16
Quo Warranto*	0
Replevin*	29
Other*	62

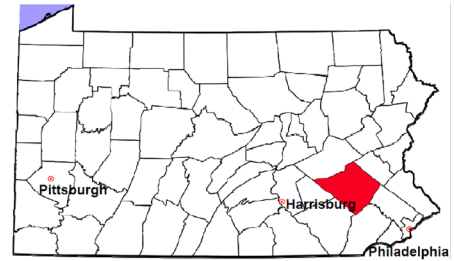
TOTAL DOCKETED CASES: 2,868 100.0%

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2023 Protection From Abuse

**No. of
Petitions**

Cases Pending 1/1/2023 196

New Cases Filed in 2023 1,891

Of these, Petitions Requesting Temporary Orders: 1,891 (100.0%)

Temporary Orders DENIED: 380 (20.1%), Temporary Orders GRANTED: 1,511 (79.9%)

Cases Available for Processing

2,087

Processed By:

Temporary Order DENIED After Ex Parte Hearing and No Evidentiary Hearing Scheduled 380 20.9%

Temporary Order DISMISSED After Evidentiary Hearing and No Final Order Entered 329 18.1%

Final Order DENIED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer 0

Final Order GRANTED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer 198 10.9%

Plaintiff Did Not Appear For Evidentiary Hearing 351 19.3%

Final Order by STIPULATION OR AGREEMENT Between the Parties 204 11.2%

Petition WITHDRAWN by Plaintiff 353 19.4%

TRANSFERRED to Another Jurisdiction 0

Other 0

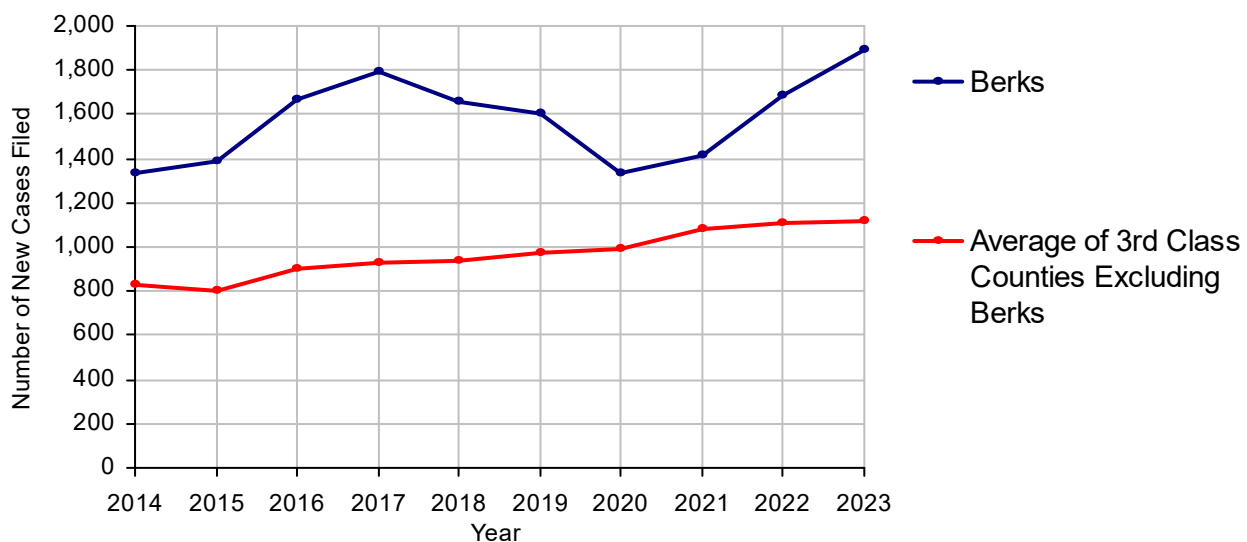
Cases Processed

1,815 100.0%

Cases Pending 12/31/2023

272

PFA New Cases Filed, 2014-2023

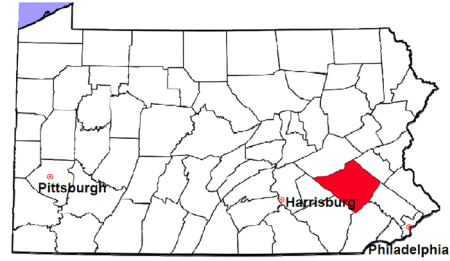


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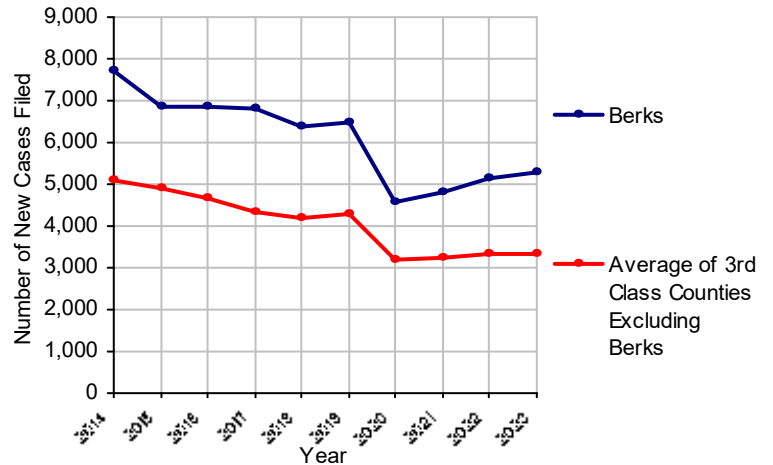
2023 Spousal & Child Support	No. of Petitions	
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	1,209	
New Cases Filed in 2023	5,288	
Dockets Transferred In (+)	55	
Dockets Transferred Out (-)	54	
Cases Available for Processing	6,498	
Processed By:		
Judge	22	0.4%
Intake Officer	4,654	86.7%
Hearing Officer	692	12.9%
Other	0	
Cases Processed	5,368	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	1,130	

Data provided by PACSES

2023 Paternity	No. of Cases	
Acknowledgements Filed:		
Non-Domestic Relations Section	751	88.4%
During Conference	30	3.5%
Non-Stipulated (post genetic test)	1	0.1%
Pre-Trial Conference	68	8.0%
Total	850	100.0%
Established:		
Stipulated by Genetic Tests	91	31.0%
Default - Father Failed to Appear	18	6.1%
Adjudication by Court Proceeding	0	
Out of State	185	62.9%
Total	294	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	216	

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Spousal & Child Support New Cases Filed, 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.

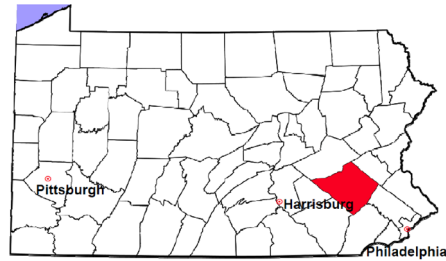
OUT OF STATE: Paternity was established in another state, "Out of state only".

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2023 Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation

No. of
Petitions

Cases Pending 1/1/2023

433

New Cases Filed in 2023

882

Cases Available for Processing

1,315

Processed By:

Judge

528

57.0%

Non-Judicial Officer

269

29.0%

Administrative Review/Purge

26

2.8%

Other

104

11.2%

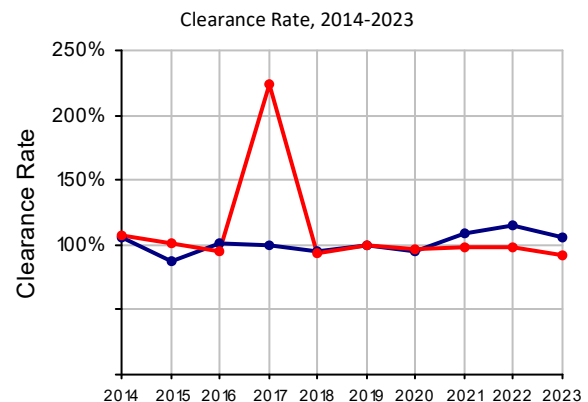
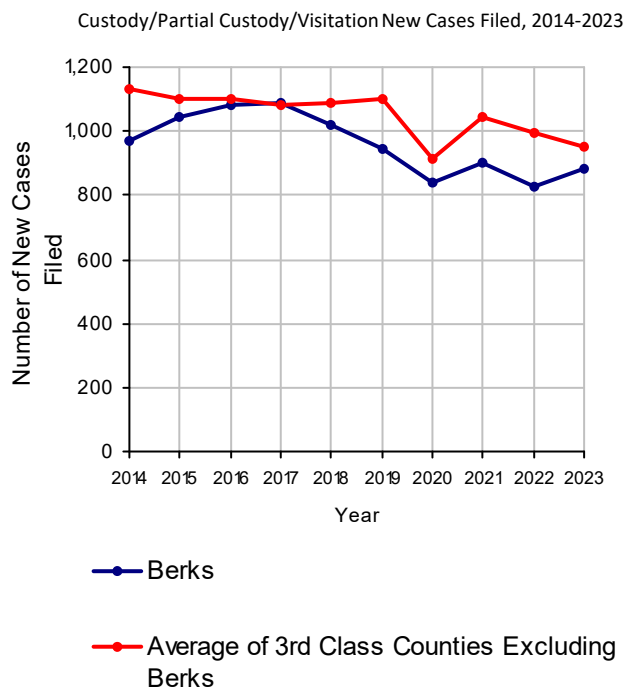
Cases Processed

927

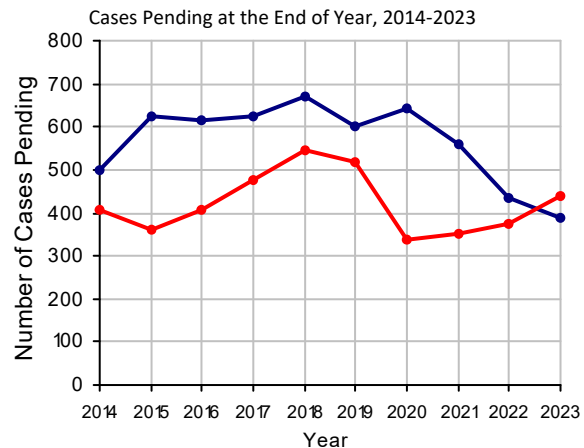
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Cases Pending 12/31/2023

388



Note: Clearance Rate = Cases Processed / New Cases Filed

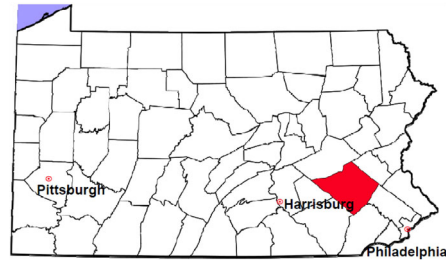


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2023 Divorce

No. of Petitions

Cases Pending 1/1/2023

1,708

New Cases Filed in 2023

996

Cases Available for Processing

2,704

Processed By:

Contested Before a Judge

47

4.5%

Contested Before a Non-Judicial Officer

81

7.7%

Uncontested

764

73.0%

Administrative Review/Purge

99

9.5%

Other

56

5.3%

Cases Processed

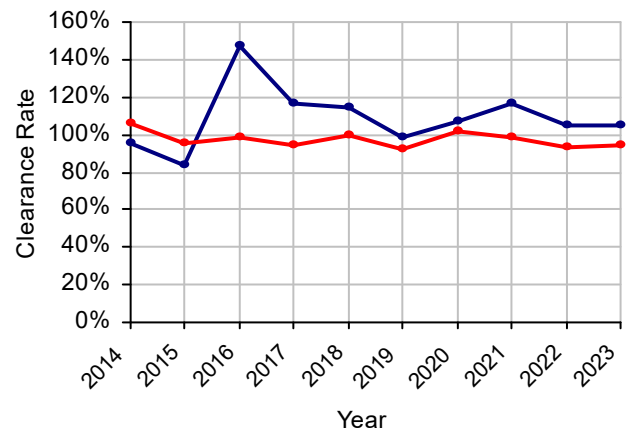
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100.0%

Cases Pending 12/31/2023

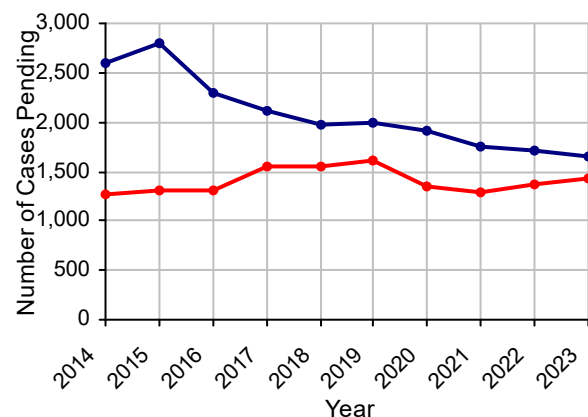
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Clearance Rate, 2014-2023

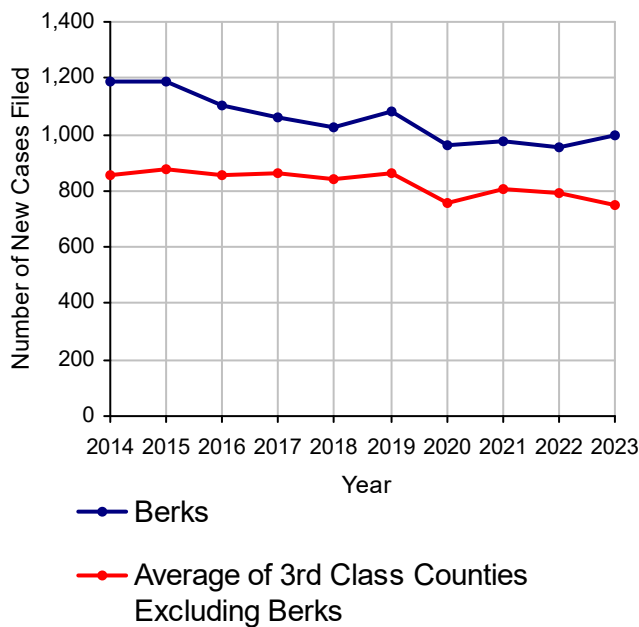


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Cases Pending at the End of Year, 2014-2023



Divorce New Cases Filed, 2014-2023

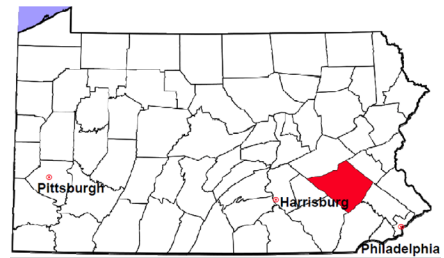


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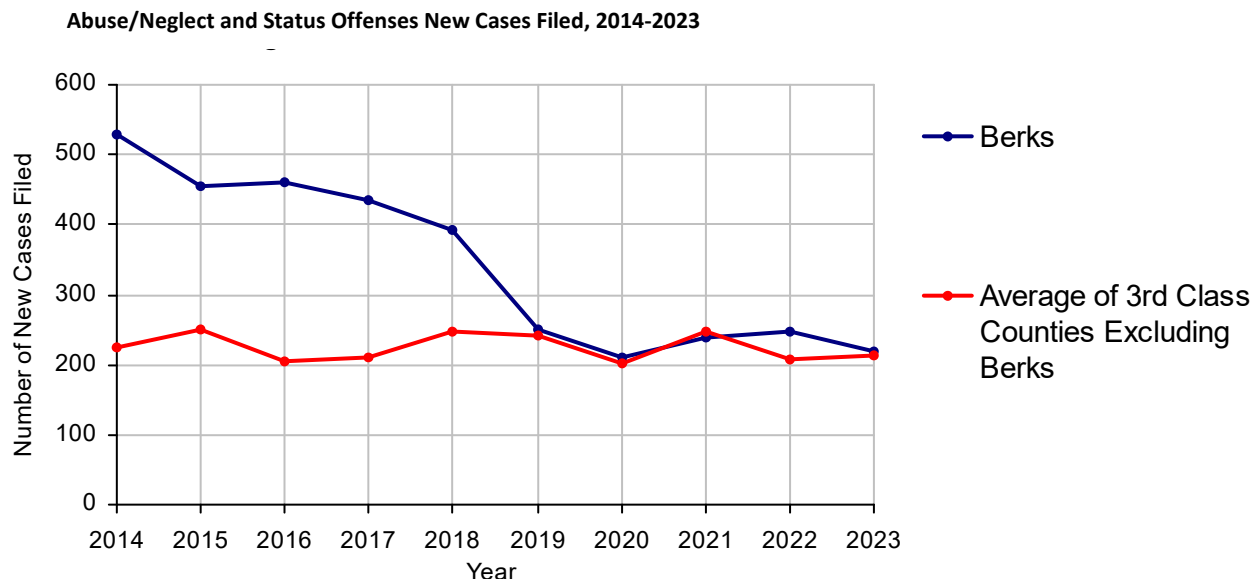
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2023 Juvenile Dependency - Petitions Pending Adjudication

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	31	0	31
New Petitions Filed in 2023	218	0	218
Other	17	0	17
Total Petitions Available for Processing	266	0	266
Processed by:			
Adjudicated Dependent			
Judge	194	0	194
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0	0	0
Adjudicated NOT Dependent			
Judge	24	0	24
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0	0	0
Withdrawn/Dismissed/Inactive	32	0	32
Other	1	0	1
Total Petitions Processed	251	0	251
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	15	0	15

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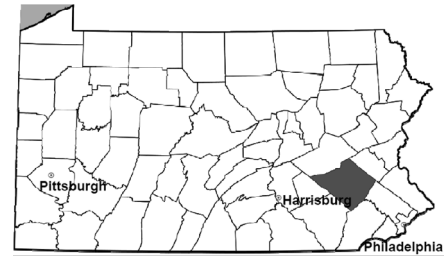


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2023 Juvenile Dependency - Adjudicated Dependent Inventory

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	404	0	404
New Adjudicated Dependent Cases	194	0	194
Other	5	0	5
Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases	603	0	603
<u>Court Supervision Terminated:</u>			
Family Reunification	52 20.2%	0	52 20.2%
Adoption	65 25.3%	0	65 25.3%
Placement with a Relative/Guardian	122 47.5%	0	122 47.5%
Aged Out	7 2.7%	0	7 2.7%
Other Permanency Outcomes*	0	0	0
Other**	11 4.3%	0	11 4.3%
Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases Terminated	257 100.0%	0 100.0%	257 100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	346	0	346

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

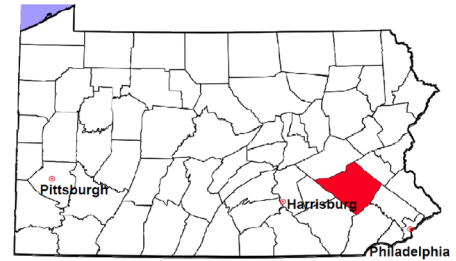
** Other includes cases where court supervision is terminated due to transfer out of jurisdiction, withdrawal and administrative closure.

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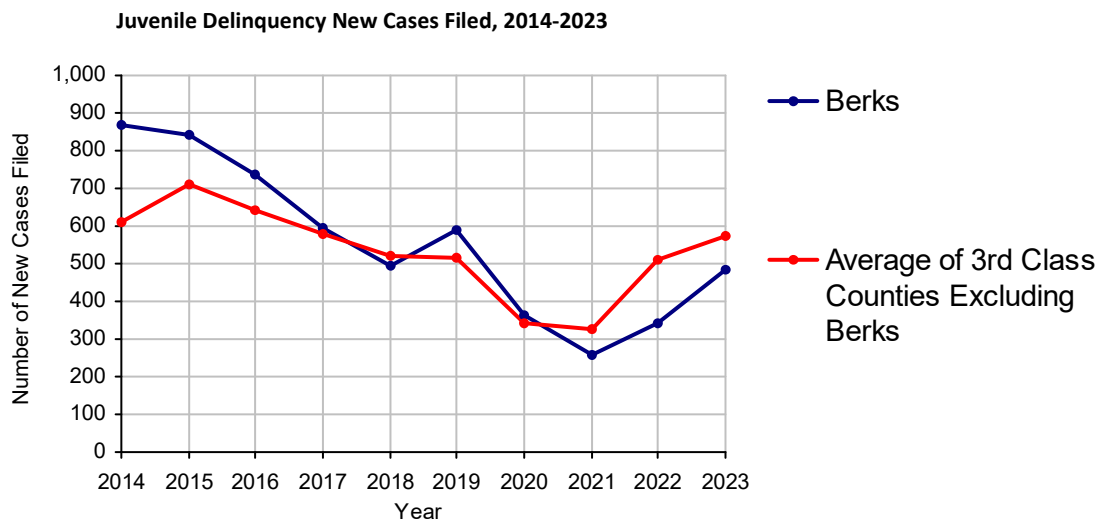
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2023 Juvenile Delinquency - Cases Pending Disposition

Begin Pending	180
New Cases	486
Consent Decree Revoked	29
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	3
Alternative Program Revoked	0
Warrant Returned	10
Other	29
Total Cases Available for Disposition	737
Warrant Issued	12
Disposed by:	
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	123
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0
Consent Decree Entered	153
Informal Adjustment Program Entered	36
Warned and Counseled (Pre-Petition)	0
Dismissed/Withdrawn/Transferred	76
Transferred to Criminal Court	0
Other	18
Total Cases Disposed	406
End Pending	319

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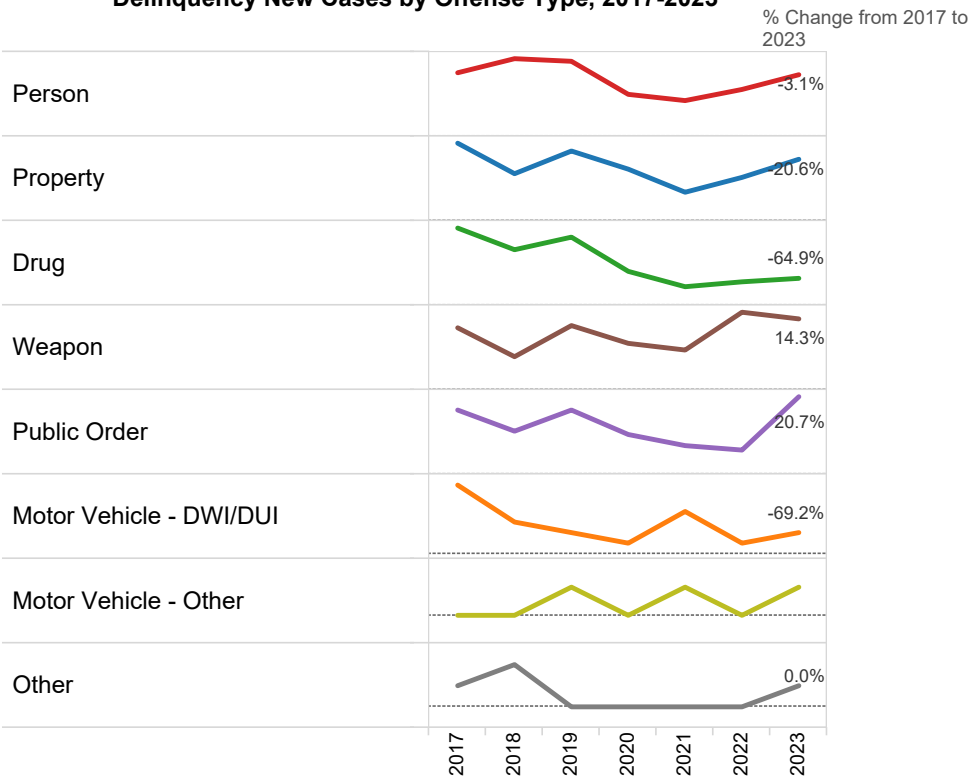


2023 Delinquency - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	84	105	0	189	38.9%
Property	83	67	0	150	30.9%
Drug	5	34	0	39	8.0%
Weapon	9	23	0	32	6.6%
Public Order	30	40	0	70	14.4%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	0	4	0	4	0.8%
Motor Vehicle - Other	0	1	0	1	0.2%
Other	0	1	0	1	0.2%
Total	211	275	0	486	100.0%
	43.4%	56.6%	0.0%	100.0%	

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Delinquency New Cases by Offense Type, 2017-2023

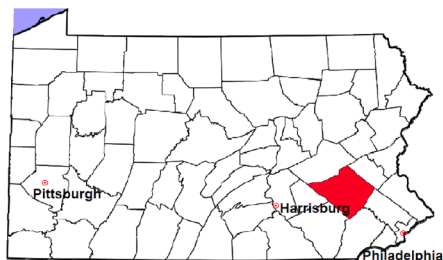


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2023 Juvenile Delinquency - Formal Dispositions

Begin Pending 205

Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge 123

Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile
Court Hearing Officer 0

Warrant Returned 18

Other 8

Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases 354

Warrant Issued 13

Court Supervision Terminated:

Conditions Satisfied 90

Compelling Reasons 0

Reached Age 21 15

Transferred to Another Juvenile Court 0

Other 3

**Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases
Terminated** 108

End Pending 233

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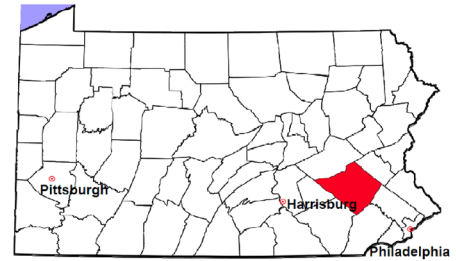
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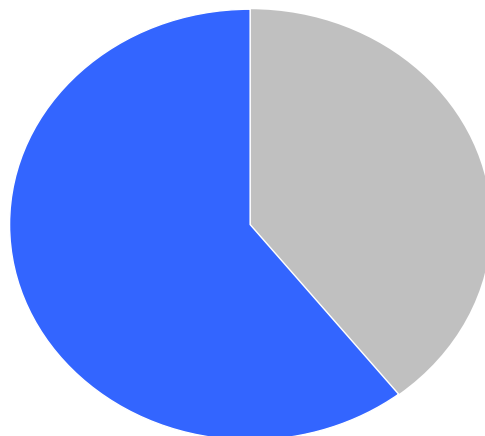
2023 Juvenile Delinquency - Informal Dispositions

Pending Consent Decrees	75
Pending Informal Adjustments	33
New Consent Decrees	153
New Informal Adjustments	26
Warrant Returned	4
Other	1
Cases Informally Disposed	292
Warrant Issued	5
Terminated by:	
Consent Decree Completed	103
Informal Adjustment Completed	18
Consent Decree Revoked	29
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	3
Other	4
Total Informally Disposed Cases Terminated	157
End Pending	130

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Informal
Dispositions: **61%**



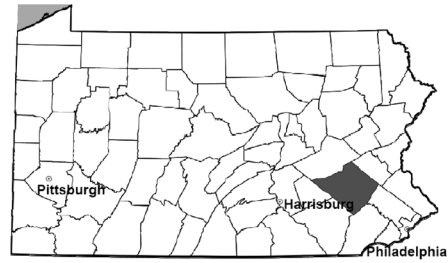
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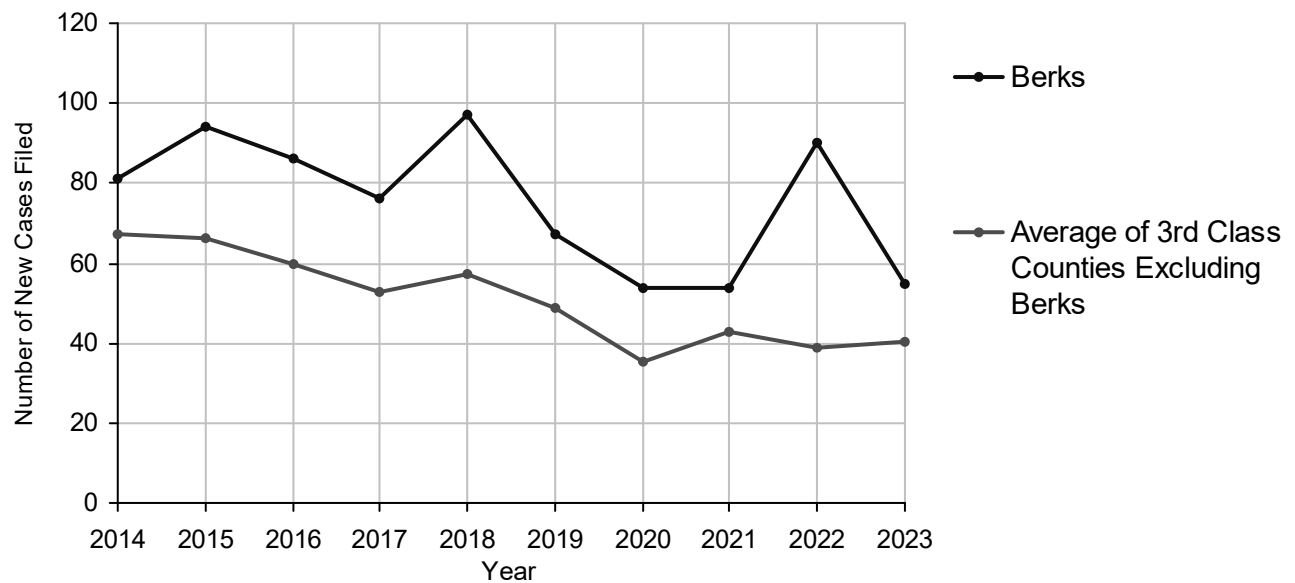
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2023 Accounts	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	39	
New Cases Filed in 2023	55	
Cases Available for Processing	94	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	5	7.5%
Contested before a Non-Judicial Officer	0	
Uncontested	62	92.5%
Other	0	
Cases Processed	67	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	27	

Accounts New Cases Filed, 2014-2023

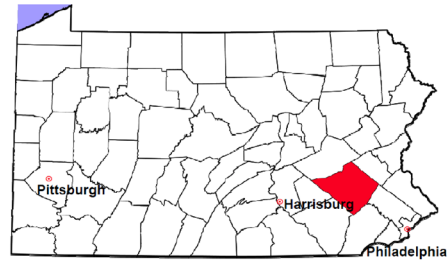


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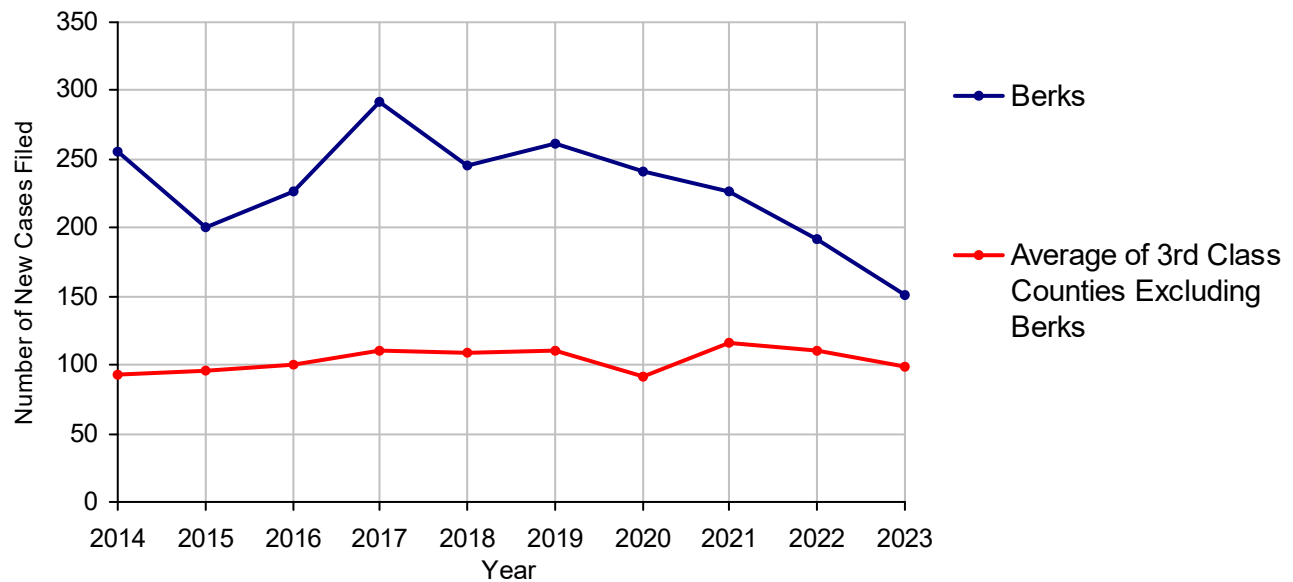
No. of Common Pleas Court Judgeships: 13



2023 Adoptions

	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2023	31	
New Cases Filed in 2023	151	
Cases Available for Processing	182	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	Granted	1 0.7%
	Denied	0
Uncontested	Granted	145 95.4%
	Denied	1 0.7%
Other		5 3.3%
Cases Processed	152	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2023	30	

Adoptions New Cases Filed, 2014-2023

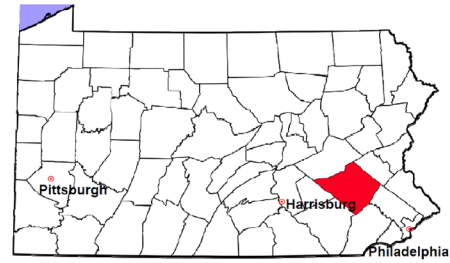


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2023 Relinquishments/Terminations

No. of Cases

Cases Pending 1/1/2023 43^(R)

New Cases Filed in 2023 114

Cases Available for Processing 157

Processed By:

Contested before a Judge 15 14.2%

Uncontested 76 71.7%

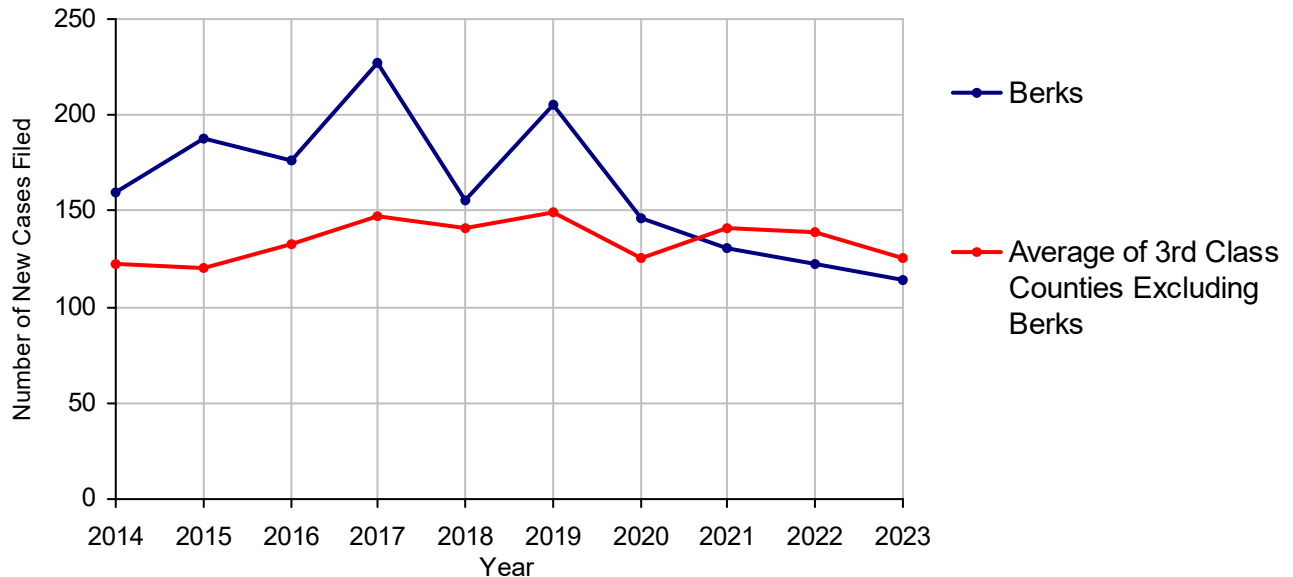
Other 15 14.2%

Cases Processed 106 100.0%

Cases Pending 12/31/2023 51

(R) - Revised

Relinquishments/Terminations New Cases Filed, 2014-2023

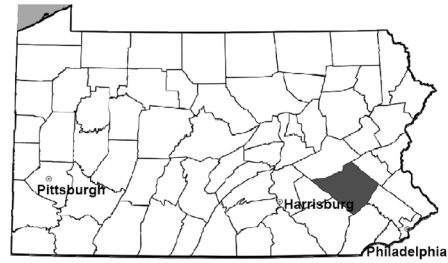


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2023 Appointment of Guardians

**No. of
Cases**

Cases Pending 1/1/2023

12

New Cases Filed in 2023

89

Cases Available for Processing

101

Processed By:

Contested before a Judge

6

7.1%

Uncontested

73

85.9%

Other

6

7.1%

Cases Processed

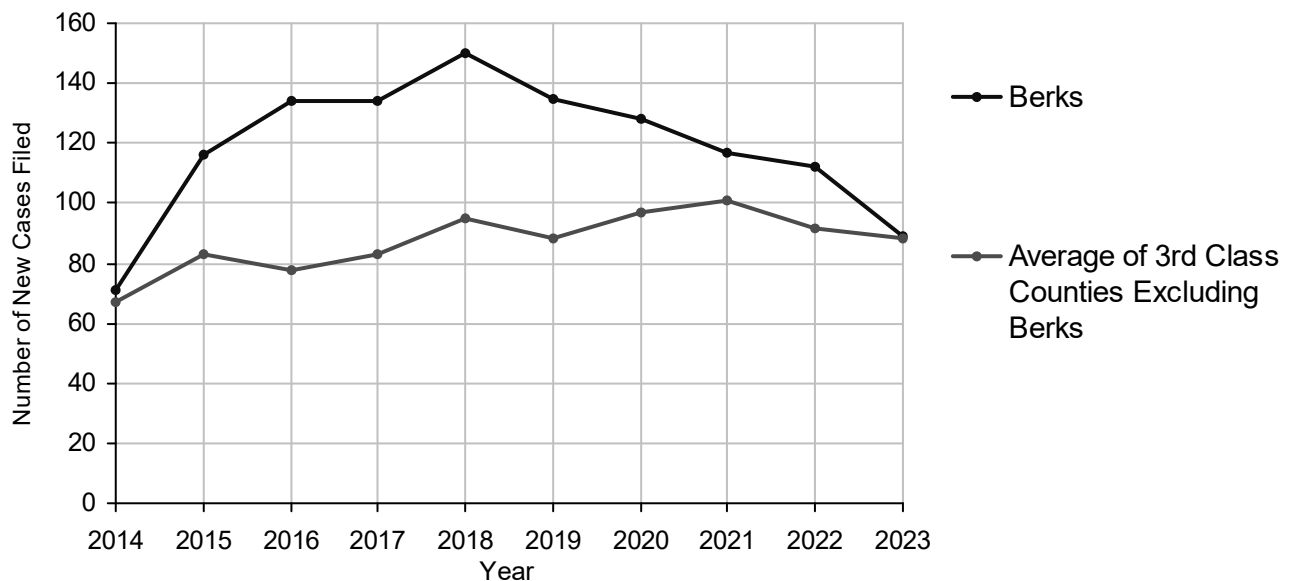
85

100.0%

Cases Pending 12/31/2023

16

Appointment of Guardians New Cases Filed, 2014-2023

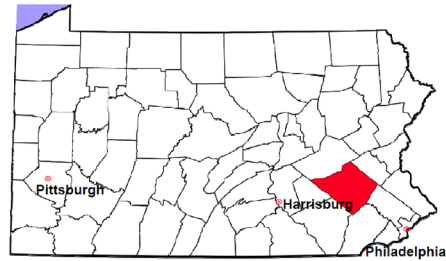


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2023 Jury Yield and Utilization

Jury Yield

Qualification Questionnaires/Summonses Mailed:	35,880	A		
Returned Undeliverable:	1,201	B	3.3%	Of Qualification Questionnaires/ Summonses Mailed
Not Responded to:	1,579	C	4.4%	
the Number of Prospective Jurors:				
Disqualified:	2,406	D	6.7%	
Exempted:	1,517	E	4.2%	
Excused:	8,025	F	22.4%	
Deferred to New Term:	1,229	G	3.4%	
Deferred from Previous Term:	1,151	H	3.2%	
Total Number of Qualified Jurors Available for Service:	21,074	I	58.7%	
$I=A-B-C-D-E-F-G+H$				

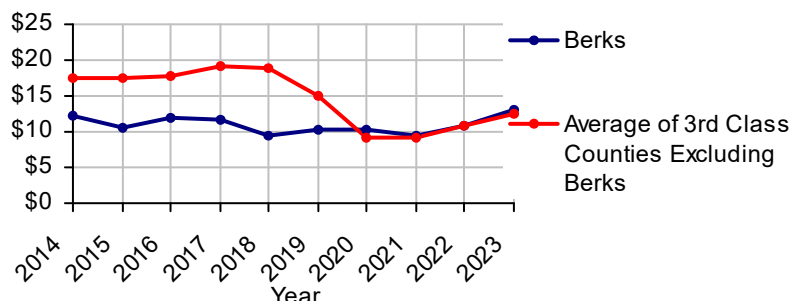
Jury Utilization

the Number of Jurors:				
Reporting for Service:	4,181	19.8%	Of Jurors Qualified and Available	
Told Not to Report for Service:	15,010	71.2%		
Sent to Courtroom for Jury Selection (Voir Dire):	3,066	73.3%	Of Jurors Reporting for Service	
Impaneled or Sworn (jurors/alternates):	859	20.5%		
Removed for Cause/Hardship:	658			
Removed by Peremptory Challenge:	695			
Number of Jury Trials Started:	60			
Pool Days:	70			
Zero Panel Days:	16	22.9%	(Of Pool Days)	

Jury Costs

Total Annual Budget for Juror Operations:	\$472,593.00	J
Average Cost Per Juror:	\$13.17	K
$K = J/A$		

Average Cost Per Juror, 2014-2023

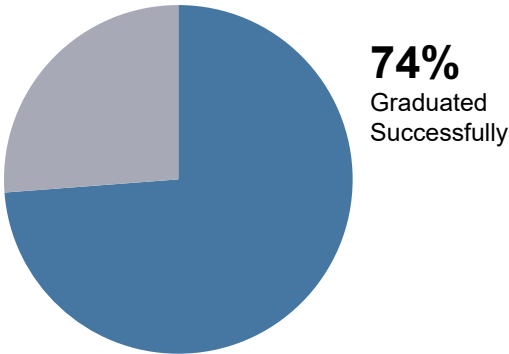


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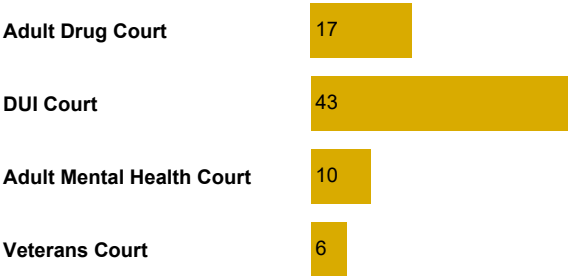
2023 Problem Solving Courts

84 Discharges

Of All Court Participants Discharged:



76 Admissions

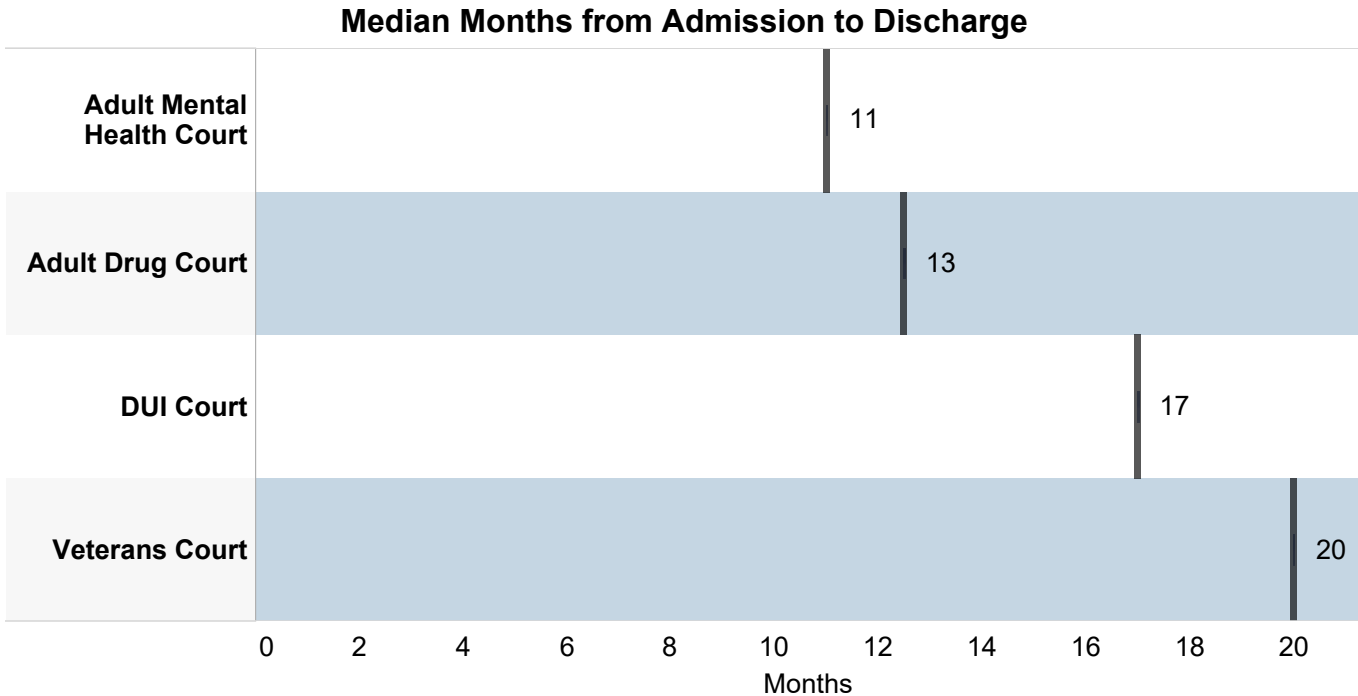


Discharge Reason

	Successfully Completed	Unsuccessful/New Offense	Unsuccessful /Non-Compliant	Unsuccessful /Absconded	Other	Total Discharges
Adult Drug Court	5 (41.7%)		4 (33.3%)	1 (8.3%)	2 (16.7%)	12 (100.0%)
DUI Court	41 (80.4%)	1 (2.0%)	7 (13.7%)	1 (2.0%)	1 (2.0%)	51 (100.0%)
Adult Mental Health Court	9 (75.0%)	1 (8.3%)	2 (16.7%)			12 (100.0%)
Veterans Court	7 (77.8%)		2 (22.2%)			9 (100.0%)

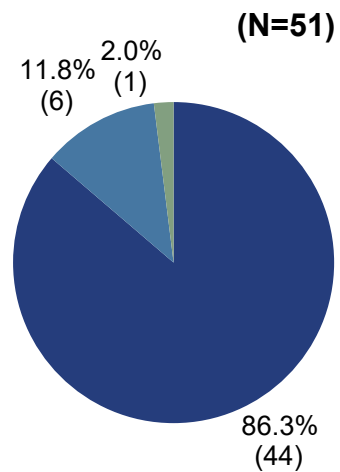
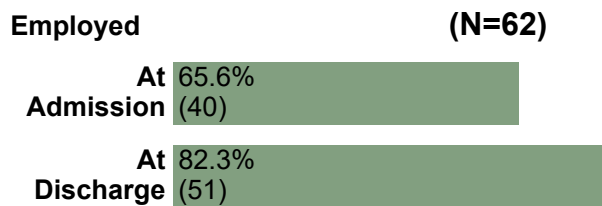
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2023 Problem Solving Courts



Among successful graduates, there was a 28% increase in employment.

86% of the employed successful graduates were employed full time:



19% (16) of all participants have improved in education level at discharge.

- Employed Full Time
- Employed Part Time
- Student Full Time

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