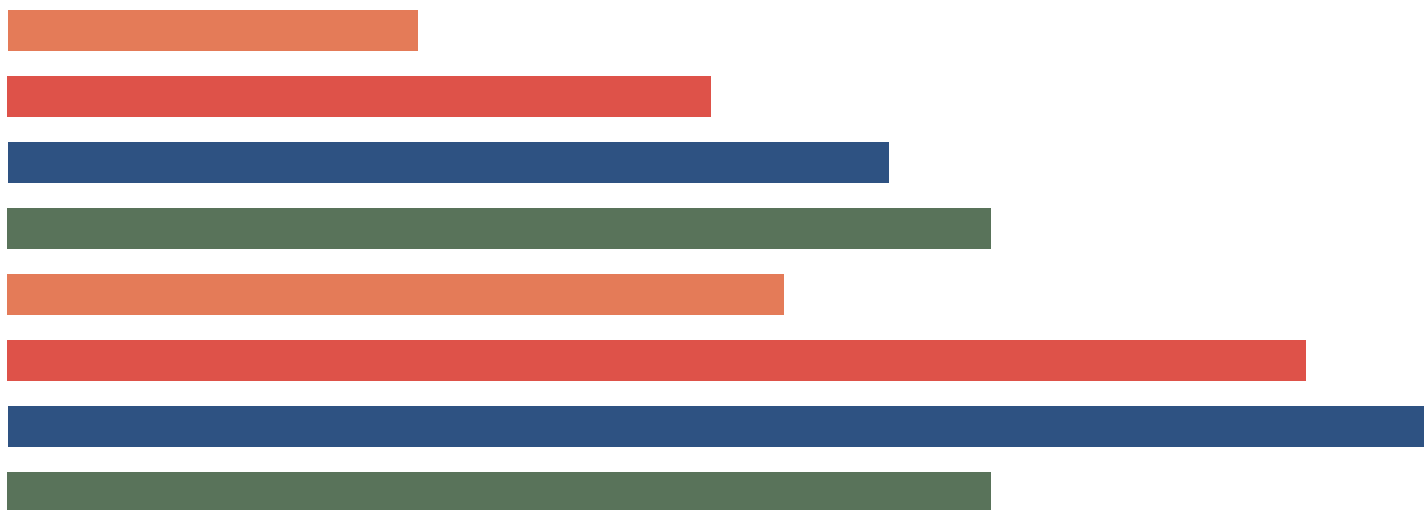
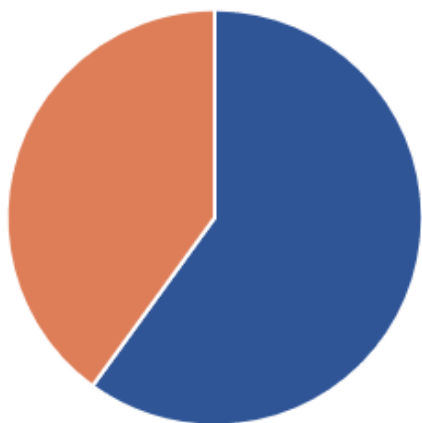


2024

Court of Common Pleas
Caseload Statistics for

Luzerne County



We are pleased to provide you with a copy of the 2024 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,

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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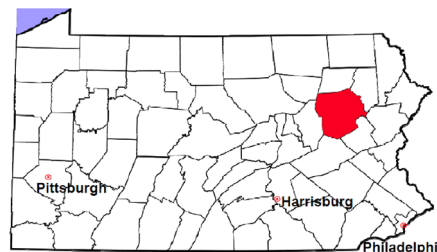
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2024 Criminal No. of Cases

Cases Pending 1/1/2024 2,201

New Cases Filed in 2024 3,561

Reopened Cases 487

Cases Available for Processing 6,249

Processed by:

Withdrawn/Dismissed	285	7.2%
Diversionsary Disposition*	789	19.9%
Guilty Plea	2,274	57.4%
Non-Jury Trial	15	0.4%
Jury Trial	32	0.8%
Inactive	546	13.8%
Other	20	0.5%
Total Cases Processed	3,961	100.0%

Cases Pending 12/31/2024 2,288

Cases Awaiting Sentencing 263

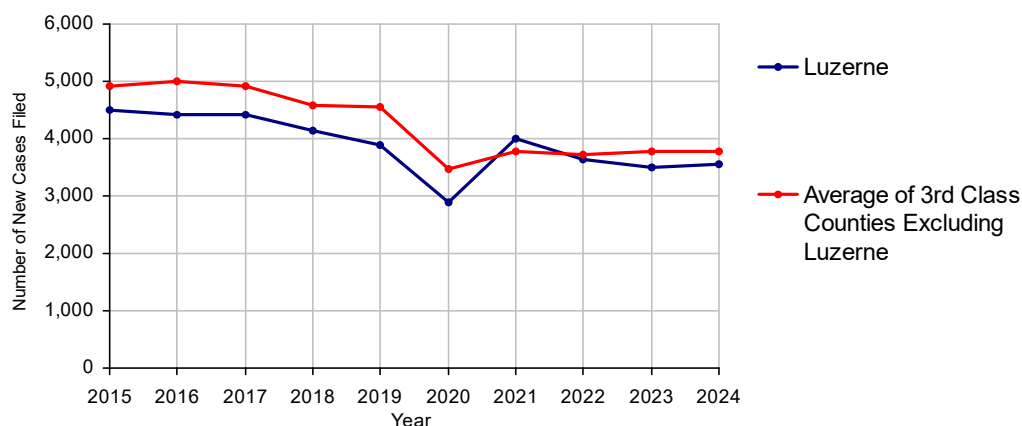
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* Includes other diversionary programs such as Veterans Court.

Age of Pending Cases as of 12/31/2024

0-60 Days	570	24.9%
61-120 Days	440	19.2%
121-180 Days	312	13.6%
181-240 Days	212	9.3%
241-300 Days	174	7.6%
301-360 Days	99	4.3%
Over 360 Days	481	21.0%
Total	2,288	100.0%

Criminal New Cases, 2015-2024



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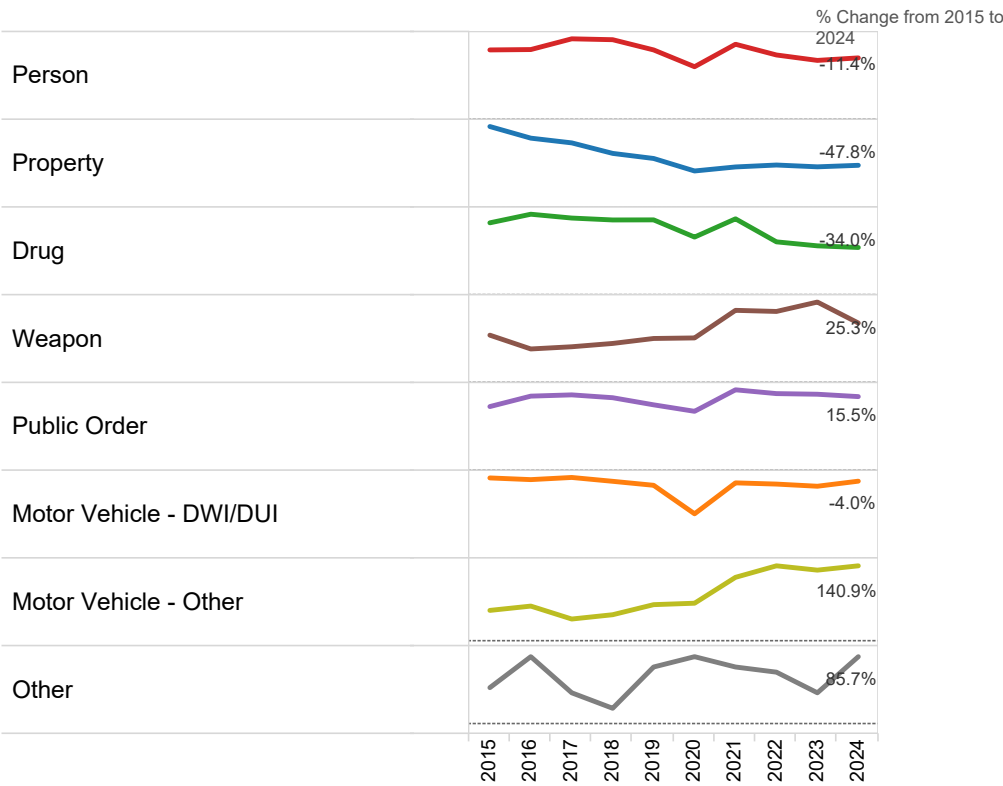


2024 Criminal - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	199	290	3	492	13.8%
Property	309	416	1	726	20.4%
Drug	184	368	0	552	15.5%
Weapon	73	36	0	109	3.1%
Public Order	99	369	2	470	13.2%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	48	1,098	0	1,146	32.2%
Motor Vehicle - Other	2	50	1	53	1.5%
Other	13	0	0	13	0.4%
Total	927	2,627	7	3,561	100.0%
	26.0%	73.8%	0.2%	100.0%	

Data provided by Common Pleas Case Management System

Criminal New Cases by Offense Type, 2015-2024

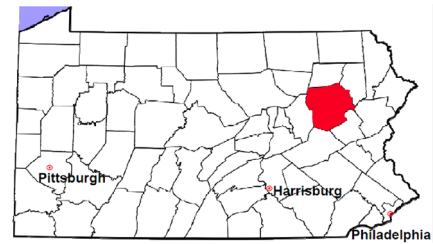


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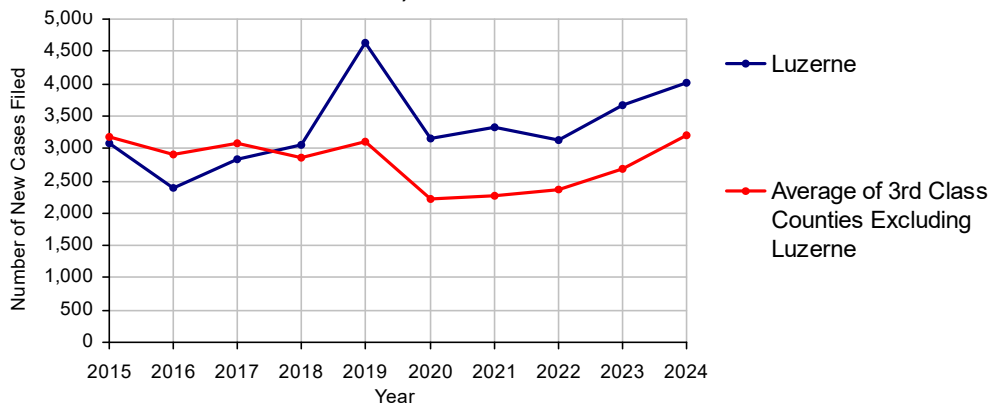


2024 Civil	Civil Action	Other	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	3,397	2,494	5,891
Docketed Cases	2,801	1,213	4,014
Arbitration Appeals	0	0	0
Transferred In	3	0	3
Returned to Active	81	78	159
Cases Available for Processing	6,282	3,785	10,067
Processed By:			
Default Judgments	461	406	867
Cases Decided by Arbitration Board	2	0	2
Dispositive Motions	0	0	0
Settlements	178	55	233
Moved to Inactive Status	117	20	137
Transferred/Withdrawn	64	24	88
Dismissed/Discontinued	1,331	646	1,977
Administrative Purge	614	812	1,426
Other	0	0	0
Jury Trial	6	0	6
Non-Jury Trial	0	0	0
Total Cases Processed	2,773	1,963	4,736
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	3,509	1,822	5,331

Age of Pending Cases as of 12/31/2024 (Civil Action Only)

0-6 months	1,416	40.4%
7-12 months	631	18.0%
13-18 months	425	12.1%
19-24 months	246	7.0%
25-30 months	276	7.9%
31-36 months	183	5.2%
37-42 months	109	3.1%
43-48 months	71	2.0%
49-54 months	45	1.3%
55-60 months	29	0.8%
61-66 months	22	0.6%
67-72 months	14	0.4%
Over 72 months	42	1.2%
Total	3,509	100.0%

Docketed Cases, 2015-2024

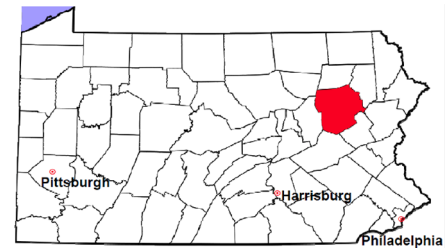


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2024 Civil - Docketed Cases Listed by Case Type

TORT 657 16.4%

(does not include mass tort)

Intentional	19
Malicious Prosecution	5
Motor Vehicle	407
Nuisance	2
Premise Liability	100
Product Liability	10
Slander/Libel/Defamation	11
Other	103

MASS TORT 1 <0.1%

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

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY 63 1.6%

Dental	1
Legal	4
Medical Malpractice	55
Other	3

CONTRACT 1,891 47.1%

(does not include judgments)

Buyer Plaintiff	36
Debt Collection: Credit Card	1,125
Debt Collection: Other	586
Employment Dispute: Discrimination	3
Employment Dispute: Other	11
Other	130

Of the Docketed Cases:

Pro Se Filings: 433 10.8% Class Action Suits: 2 <0.1% MDJ Appeals: 363 9.0%

*Civil Other

REAL PROPERTY 987 24.6%

Ejectment*	49
Eminent Domain/Condemnation*	6
Ground Rent	0
Landlord/Tenant Dispute	189
Mortgage Foreclosure:	
Residential*	373
Commercial*	13
Partition of Real Property*	16
Quiet Title*	81
Other*	260

CIVIL APPEALS 323 8.0%

- Administrative Agencies

Board of Assessment*	77
Board of Elections*	2
Dept. of Transportation*	167
Zoning Board*	13
Statutory Appeal - Other*	6
Other*	58

MISCELLANEOUS 92 2.3%

Common Law/	
Statutory Arbitration*	1
Declaratory Judgment*	11
Mandamus*	4
Non-Domestic Relations	
Restraining Order*	0
Quo Warranto*	0
Replevin*	23
Other*	53

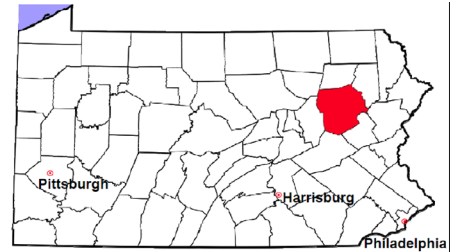
TOTAL DOCKETED CASES: 4,014 100.0%

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2024 Protection From Abuse

**No. of
Petitions**

Cases Pending 1/1/2024

35

New Cases Filed in 2024

1,673

Of these, Petitions Requesting Temporary Orders: 1,673 (100.0%)

Temporary Orders DENIED: 296 (17.7%), Temporary Orders GRANTED: 1,377 (82.3%)

Cases Available for Processing

1,708

Processed By:

Temporary Order DENIED After Ex Parte Hearing and No Evidentiary Hearing Scheduled	78	4.6%
Temporary Order DISMISSED After Evidentiary Hearing and No Final Order Entered	10	0.6%
Final Order DENIED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	167	9.8%
Final Order GRANTED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	305	18.0%
Plaintiff Did Not Appear For Evidentiary Hearing	282	16.6%
Final Order by STIPULATION OR AGREEMENT Between the Parties	503	29.6%
Petition WITHDRAWN by Plaintiff	334	19.7%
TRANSFERRED to Another Jurisdiction	0	
Other	19	1.1%

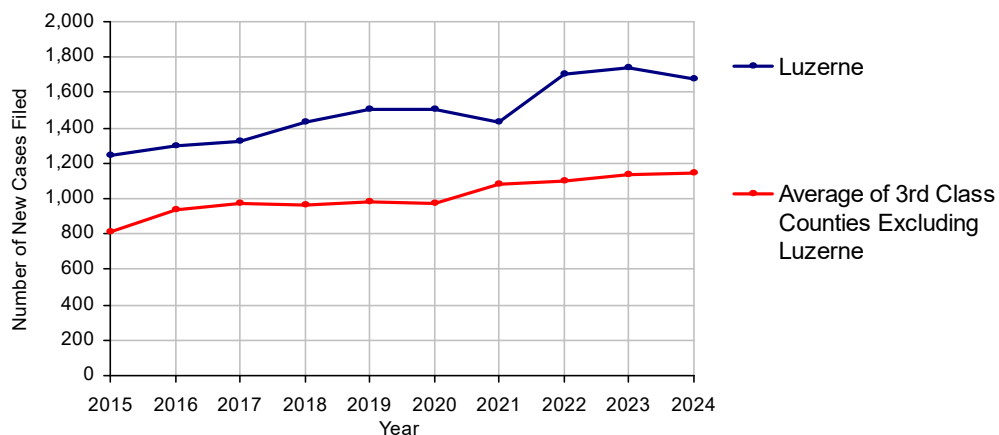
Cases Processed

1,698 100.0%

Cases Pending 12/31/2024

10

PFA New Cases Filed, 2015-2024

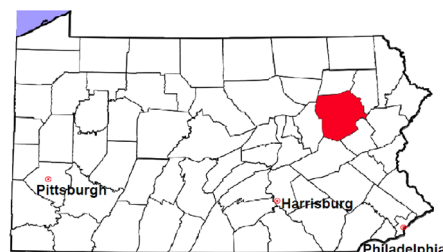


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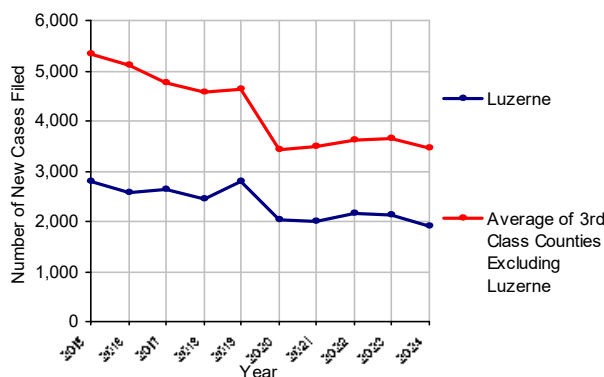
2024 Spousal & Child Support	No. of Petitions	
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	450	
New Cases Filed in 2024	1,916	
Dockets Transferred In (+)	30	
Dockets Transferred Out (-)	17	
Cases Available for Processing	2,379	
Processed By:		
Judge	58	2.9%
Intake Officer	1,905	95.7%
Hearing Officer	28	1.4%
Other	0	
Cases Processed	1,991	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	388	

Data provided by PACSES

2024 Paternity	No. of Cases	
Acknowledgements Filed:		
Non-Domestic Relations Section	409	90.9%
During Conference	40	8.9%
Non-Stipulated (post genetic test)	0	
Pre-Trial Conference	1	0.2%
Total	450	100.0%
Established:		
Stipulated by Genetic Tests	48	19.0%
Default - Father Failed to Appear	8	3.2%
Adjudication by Court Proceeding	0	
Out of State	197	77.9%
Total	253	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	146	

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Spousal & Child Support New Cases Filed, 2015-2024



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.

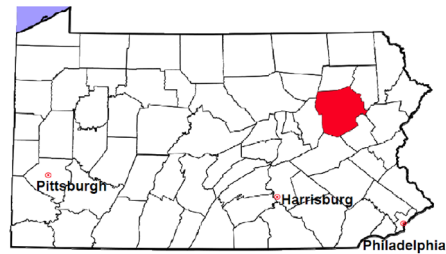
OUT OF STATE: Paternity was established in another state, "Out of state only".

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2024 Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation

No. of
Petitions

Cases Pending 1/1/2024

75

New Cases Filed in 2024

1,594

Cases Available for Processing

1,669

Processed By:

Judge

411

25.5%

Non-Judicial Officer

1,202

74.5%

Administrative Review/Purge

0

Other

0

Cases Processed

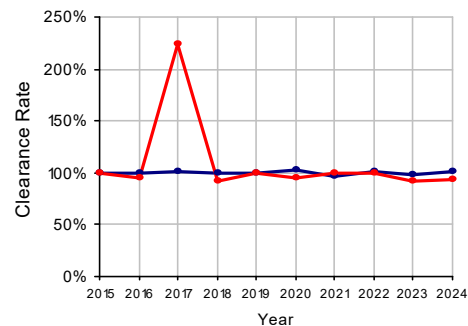
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100.0%

Cases Pending 12/31/2024

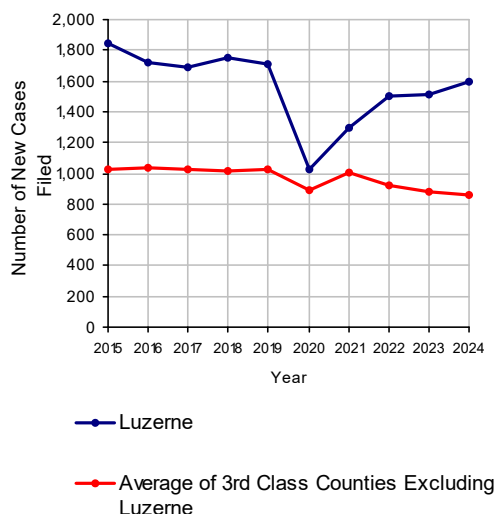
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Clearance Rate, 2015-2024

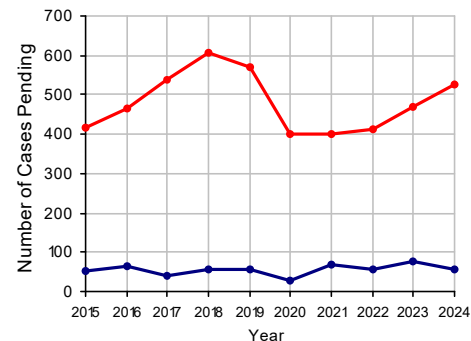


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Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation New Cases Filed, 2015-2024



Cases Pending at the End of Year, 2015-2024

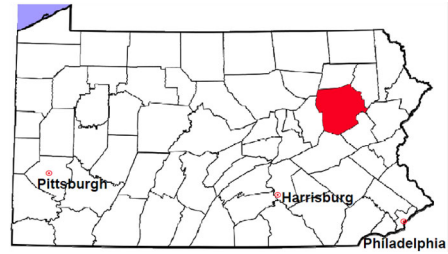


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2024 Divorce

No. of Petitions

Cases Pending 1/1/2024

817

New Cases Filed in 2024

602

Cases Available for Processing

1,419

Processed By:

Contested Before a Judge

0

Contested Before a Non-Judicial Officer

83

16.9%

Uncontested

409

83.1%

Administrative Review/Purge

0

Other

0

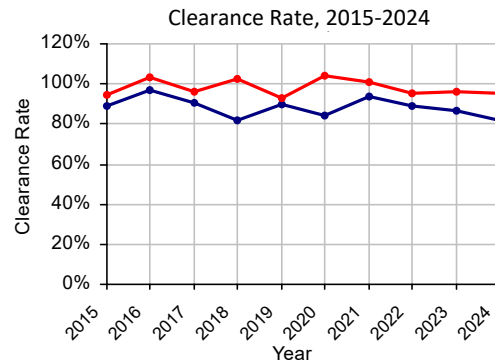
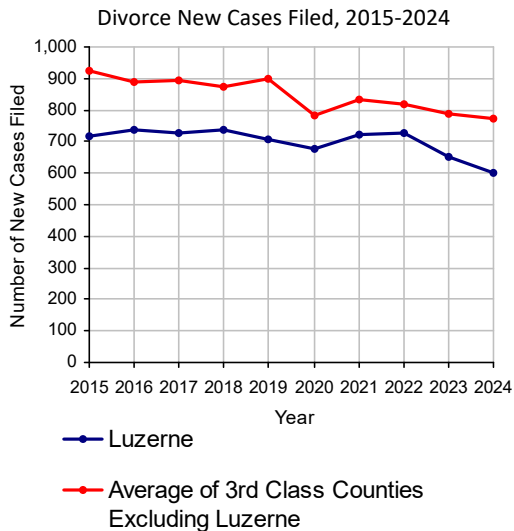
Cases Processed

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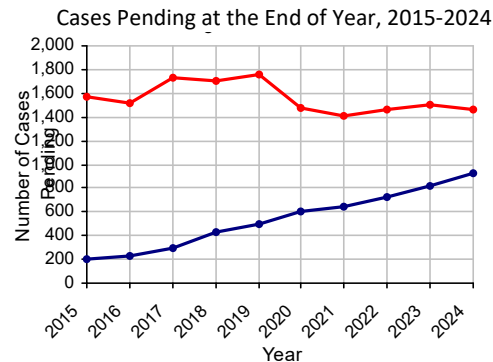
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Cases Pending 12/31/2024

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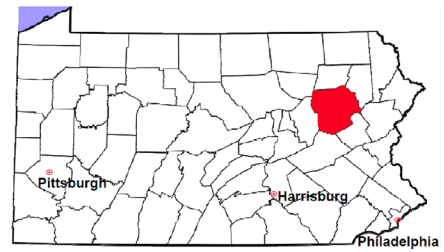


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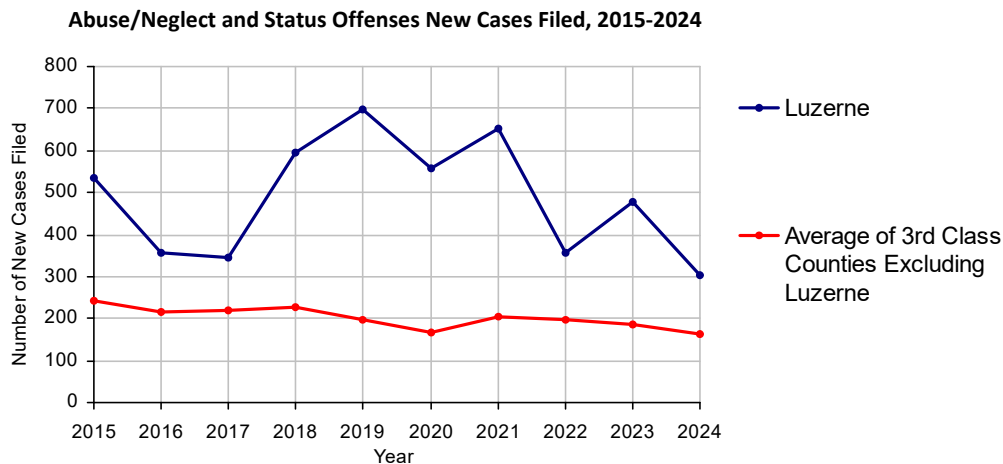
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2024 Juvenile Dependency - Petitions Pending Adjudication

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	61	25	86
New Petitions Filed in 2024	240	65	305
Other	108	17	125
Total Petitions Available for Processing	409	107	516
Processed by:			
Adjudicated Dependent			
Judge	43	3	46
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	172	47	219
Adjudicated NOT Dependent			
Judge	8	0	8
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	5	0	5
Withdrawn/Transferred	122	41	163
Dismissed/Other	12	1	13
Total Petitions Processed	362	92	454
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	47	15	62

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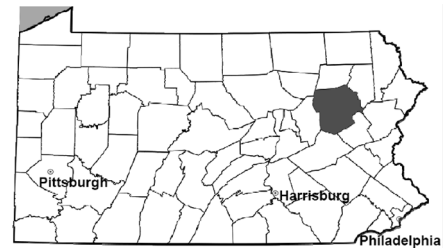


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2024 Juvenile Dependency - Adjudicated Dependent Inventory

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	464	70	534
New Adjudicated Dependent Cases	215	50	265
Other	3	0	3
Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases	682	120	802

Court Supervision Terminated:

Family Reunification	66	23.6%	1	1.5%	67	19.4%
Adoption	68	24.3%	3	4.5%	71	20.5%
Placement with a Relative/Guardian	116	41.4%	52	78.8%	168	48.6%
Aged Out	21	7.5%	8	12.1%	29	8.4%
Other Permanency Outcomes*	3	1.1%	1	1.5%	4	1.2%
Other**	6	2.1%	1	1.5%	7	2.0%

Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases Terminated	280	100.0%	66	100.0%	346	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	402		54		456	

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

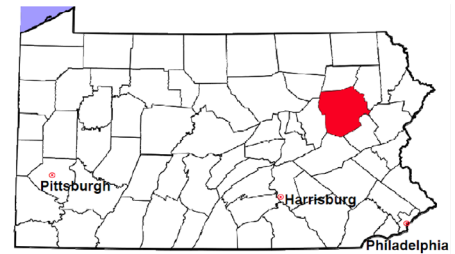
** Other includes cases where court supervision is terminated due to transfer out of jurisdiction, withdrawal and administrative closure.

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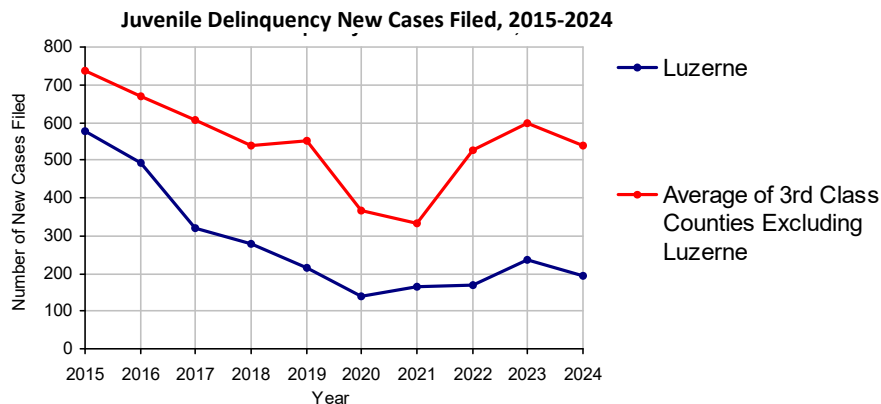
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2024 Juvenile Delinquency - Cases Pending Disposition

Begin Pending	136
New Cases	193
Consent Decree Revoked	11
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	0
Alternative Program Revoked	0
Warrant Returned	11
Other	18
Total Cases Available for Disposition	369
Warrant Issued	8
Disposed by:	
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	62
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0
Consent Decree Entered	62
Informal Adjustment Program Entered	73
Warned and Counseled (Pre-Petition)	14
Dismissed/Withdrawn/Transferred	31
Transferred to Criminal Court	0
Other	11
Total Cases Disposed	253
End Pending	108

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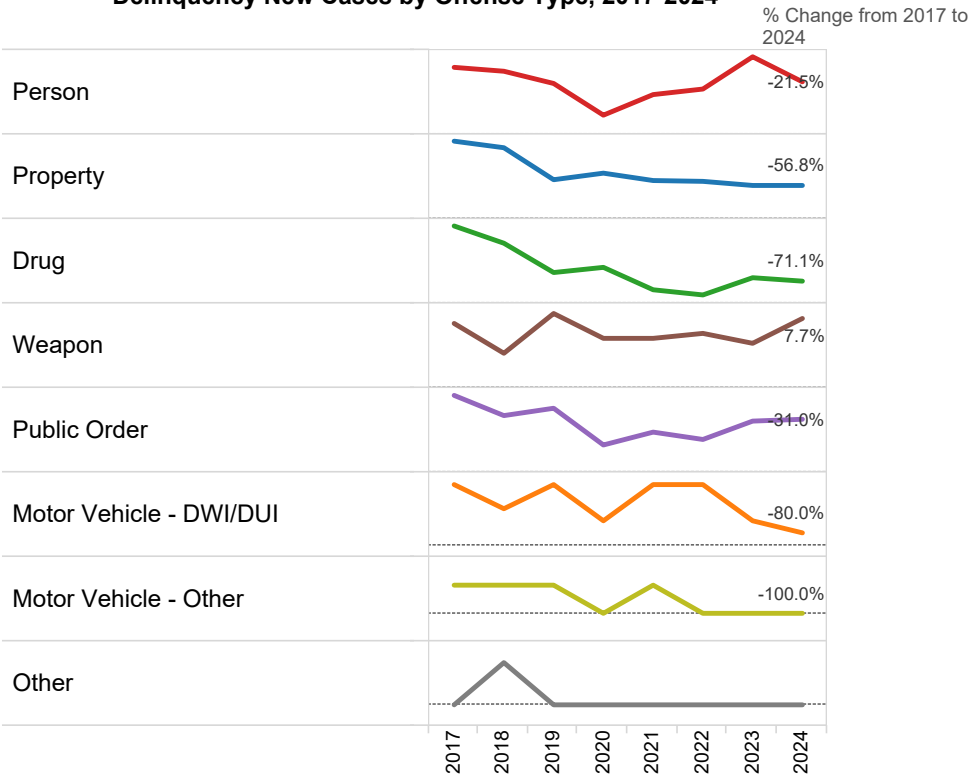


2024 Delinquency - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	27	68	0	95	49.2%
Property	22	19	0	41	21.2%
Drug	0	13	0	13	6.7%
Weapon	1	13	0	14	7.3%
Public Order	4	25	0	29	15.0%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	0	1	0	1	0.5%
Motor Vehicle - Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	54	139	0	193	100.0%
	28.0%	72.0%	0.0%	100.0%	

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Delinquency New Cases by Offense Type, 2017-2024

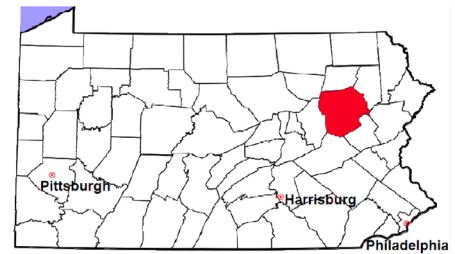


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2024 Juvenile Delinquency - Formal Dispositions

Begin Pending	103
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	62
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0
Warrant Returned	33
Other	14
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases	212
Warrant Issued	18
Court Supervision Terminated:	
Conditions Satisfied	55
Compelling Reasons	14
Reached Age 21	12
Transferred to Another Juvenile Court	1
Other	0
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases Terminated	82
End Pending	112

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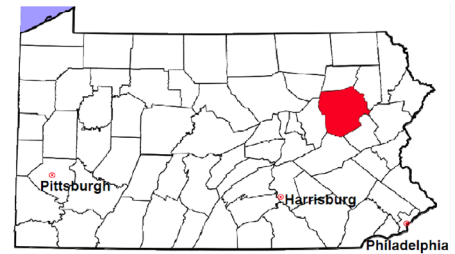
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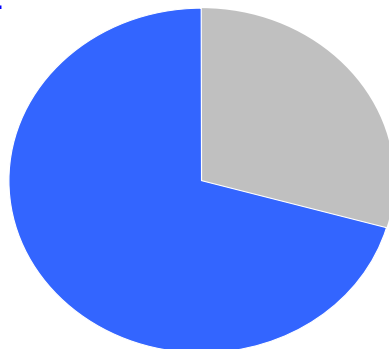
2024 Juvenile Delinquency - Informal Dispositions

Pending Consent Decrees	32
Pending Informal Adjustments	29
New Consent Decrees	62
New Informal Adjustments	73
Warrant Returned	7
Other	1
Cases Informally Disposed	204
Warrant Issued	4
Terminated by:	
Consent Decree Completed	39
Informal Adjustment Completed	58
Consent Decree Revoked	11
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	0
Other	9
Total Informally Disposed Cases Terminated	117
End Pending	83

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Informal Dispositions: **71%**



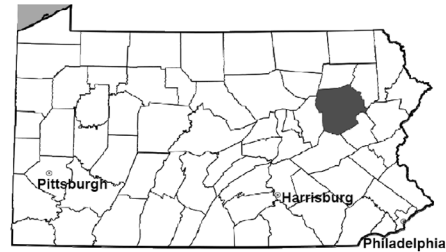
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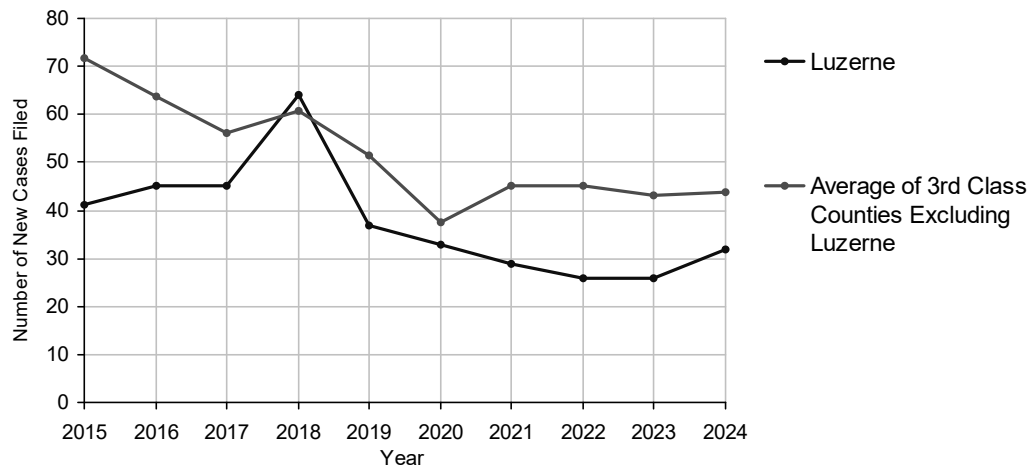
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2024 Accounts	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	0	
New Cases Filed in 2024	32	
Cases Available for Processing	32	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	7	21.9%
Contested before a Non-Judicial Officer	0	
Uncontested	25	78.1%
Other	0	
Cases Processed	32	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	0	

Accounts New Cases Filed, 2015-2024

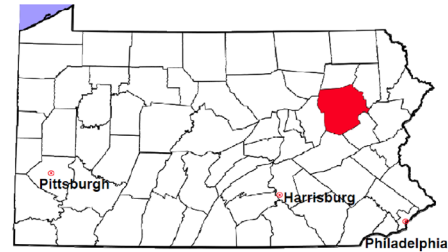


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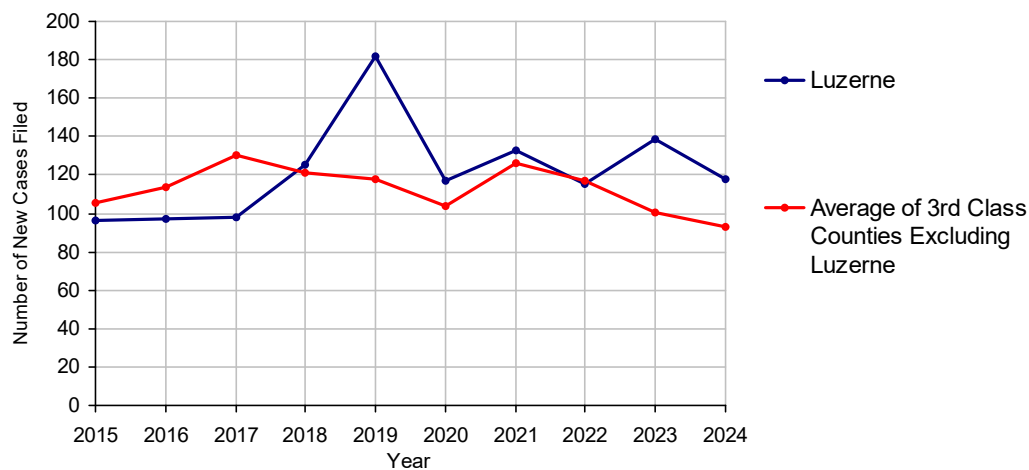
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2024 Adoptions		No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2024		74	
New Cases Filed in 2024		118	
Cases Available for Processing		192	
Processed By:			
Contested before a Judge	Granted	0	
	Denied	0	
Uncontested	Granted	115	100.0%
	Denied	0	
Other		0	
Cases Processed		115	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2024		77	

Adoptions New Cases Filed, 2015-2024

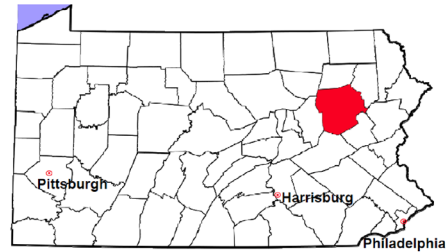


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2024 Relinquishments/Terminations

No. of Cases

Cases Pending 1/1/2024

312

New Cases Filed in 2024

129

Cases Available for Processing

441

Processed By:

Contested before a Judge

81

100.0%

Uncontested

0

Other

0

Cases Processed

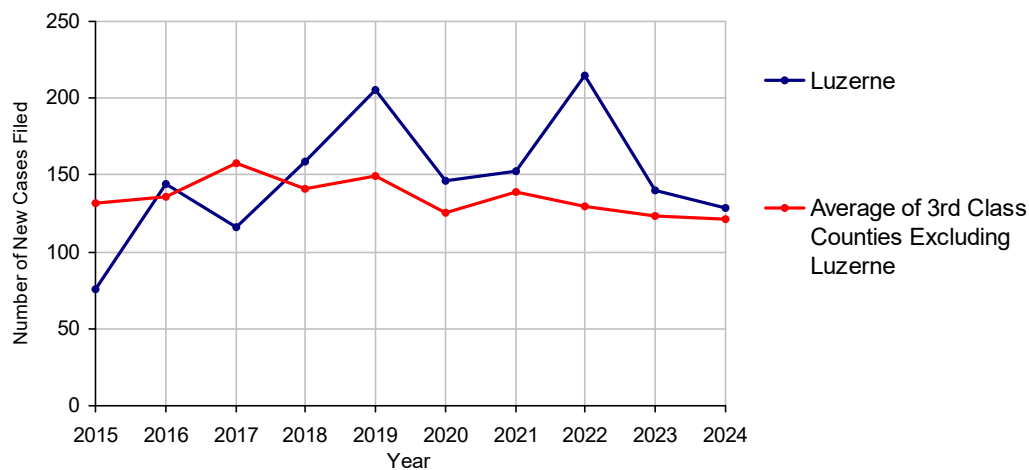
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100.0%

Cases Pending 12/31/2024

360

Relinquishments/Terminations New Cases Filed, 2015-2024

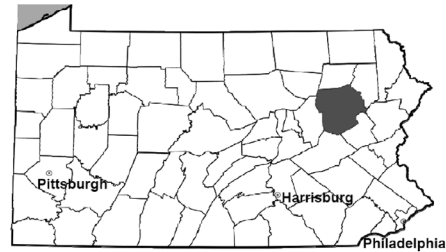


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2024 Appointment of Guardians

**No. of
Cases**

Cases Pending 1/1/2024

21

New Cases Filed in 2024

112

Cases Available for Processing

133

Processed By:

Contested before a Judge

0

Uncontested

41

52.6%

Other

37

47.4%

Cases Processed

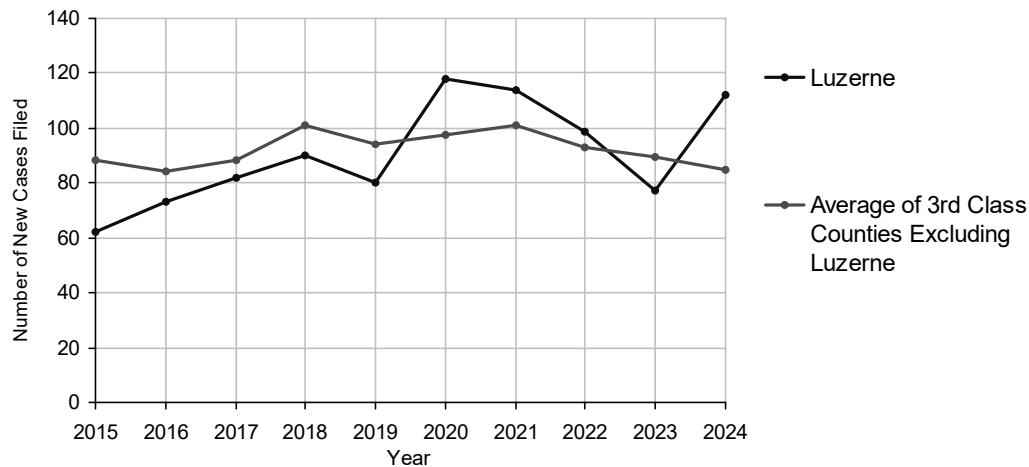
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100.0%

Cases Pending 12/31/2024

55

Appointment of Guardians New Cases Filed, 2015-2024

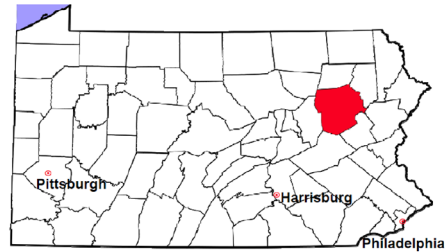


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2024 Jury Yield and Utilization

Jury Yield

Qualification Questionnaires/Summonses Mailed:	40,240	A		
Returned Undeliverable:	2,366	B	5.9%	Of Qualification Questionnaires/ Summonses Mailed
Not Responded to:	12,836	C	31.9%	
the Number of Prospective Jurors:				
Disqualified:	7,526	D	18.7%	
Exempted:	1,315	E	3.3%	
Excused:	7,029	F	17.5%	
Deferred to New Term:	1,006	G	2.5%	
Deferred from Previous Term:	1,705	H	4.2%	
Total Number of Qualified Jurors Available for Service:	9,867	I	24.5%	
$I=A-B-C-D-E-F-G+H$				

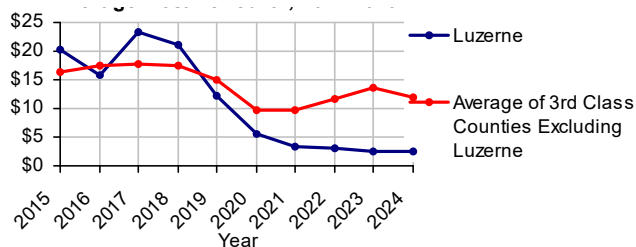
Jury Utilization

the Number of Jurors:				
Reporting for Service:	5,123	51.9%	Of Jurors Qualified and Available	
Told Not to Report for Service:	2,952	29.9%		
Sent to Courtroom for Jury Selection (Voir Dire):	2,806	54.8%	Of Jurors Reporting for Service	
Impaneled or Sworn (jurors/alternates):	640	12.5%		
Removed for Cause/Hardship:	324			
Removed by Peremptory Challenge:	635			
Number of Jury Trials Started:	46			
Pool Days:	56			
Zero Panel Days	20	35.7%	(Of Pool Days)	

Jury Costs

Total Annual Budget for Juror Operations:	\$95,257.00	J
Average Cost Per Juror:	\$2.37	K
$K=J/A$		

Average Cost Per Juror, 2015-2024

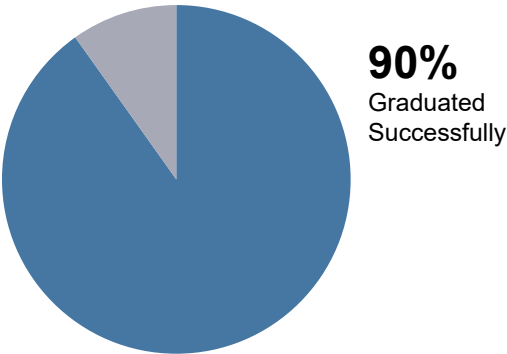


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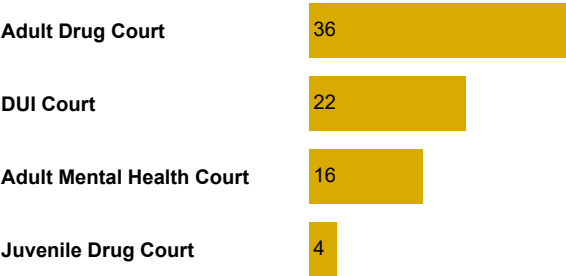
2024 Treatment Courts

61 Discharges

Of All Court Participants Discharged:



78 Admissions

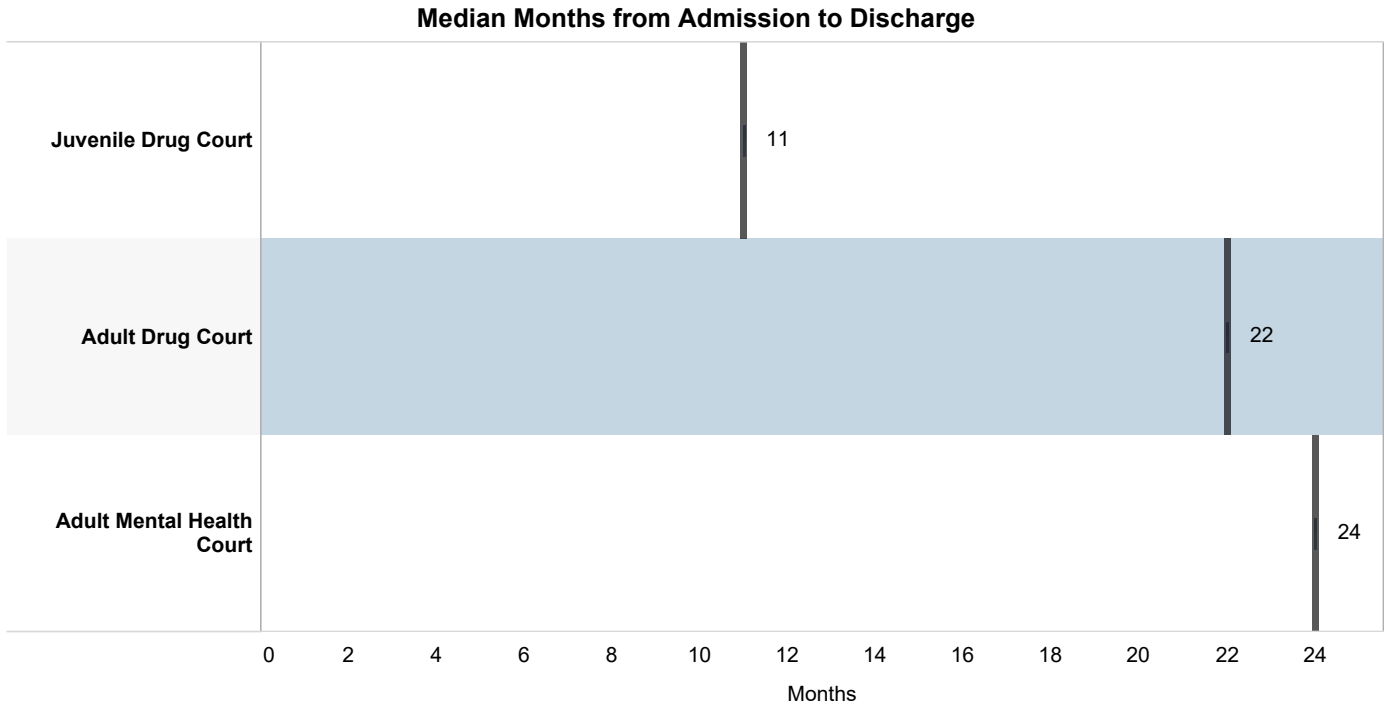


Discharge Reason

	Successfully Completed	Unsuccessful /Non-Compliant	Total Discharges
Adult Drug Court	28 (96.6%)	1 (3.4%)	29 (100.0%)
Adult Mental Health Court	21 (91.3%)	2 (8.7%)	23 (100.0%)
Juvenile Drug Court	6 (66.7%)	3 (33.3%)	9 (100.0%)

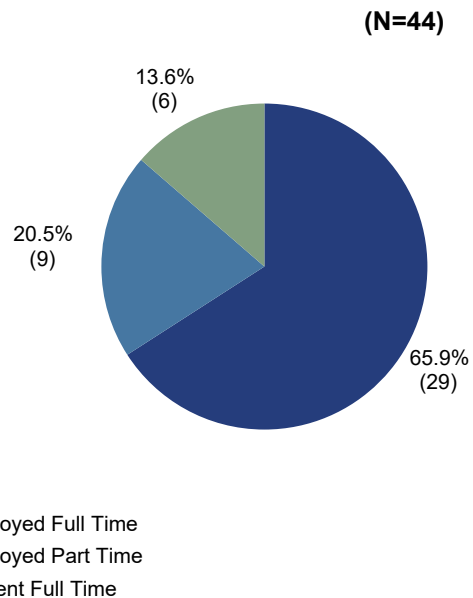
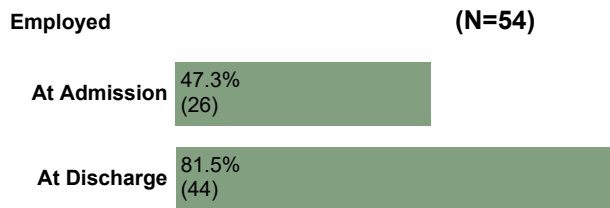
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2024 Treatment Courts



Among successful graduates, there was a 69% increase in employment.

66% of the employed successful graduates were employed full time:



48% (29) of all participants have improved in education level at discharge.

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