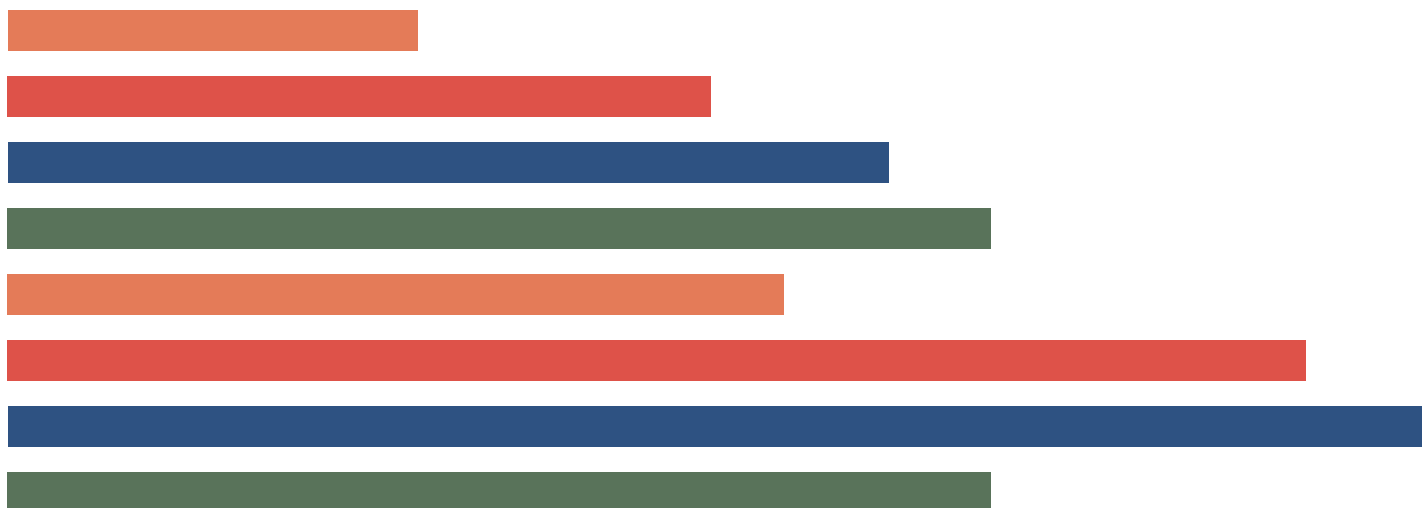


# 2024

Court of Common Pleas  
Caseload Statistics for

# Columbia 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](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,

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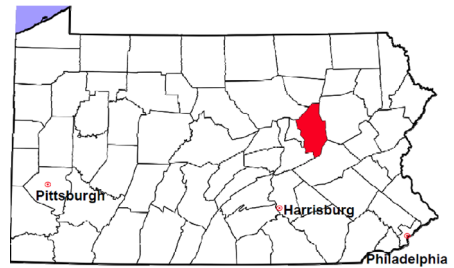
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## 2024 Criminal No. of Cases

Cases Pending 1/1/2024 1,109

New Cases Filed in 2024 702

Reopened Cases 100

**Cases Available for Processing 1,911**

### Processed by:

Withdrawn/Dismissed	134	15.7%
Diversionsary Disposition*	209	24.4%
Guilty Plea	404	47.2%
Non-Jury Trial	1	0.1%
Jury Trial	8	0.9%
Inactive	95	11.1%
Other	5	0.6%
<b>Total Cases Processed</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Cases Pending 12/31/2024 1,055**

Cases Awaiting Sentencing 41

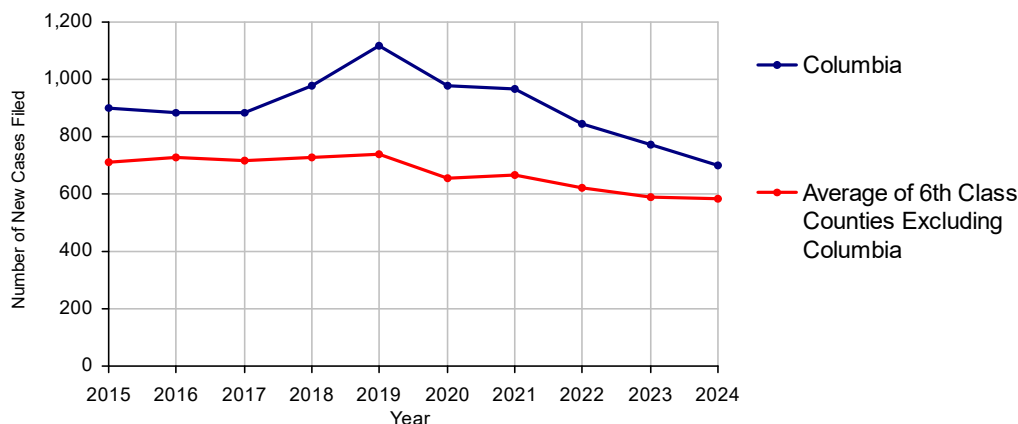
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\* Includes other diversionsary programs such as Veterans Court.

### Age of Pending Cases as of 12/31/2024

0-60 Days	104	9.9%
61-120 Days	91	8.6%
121-180 Days	95	9.0%
181-240 Days	98	9.3%
241-300 Days	102	9.7%
301-360 Days	62	5.9%
Over 360 Days	503	47.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,055</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Criminal New Cases, 2015-2024**



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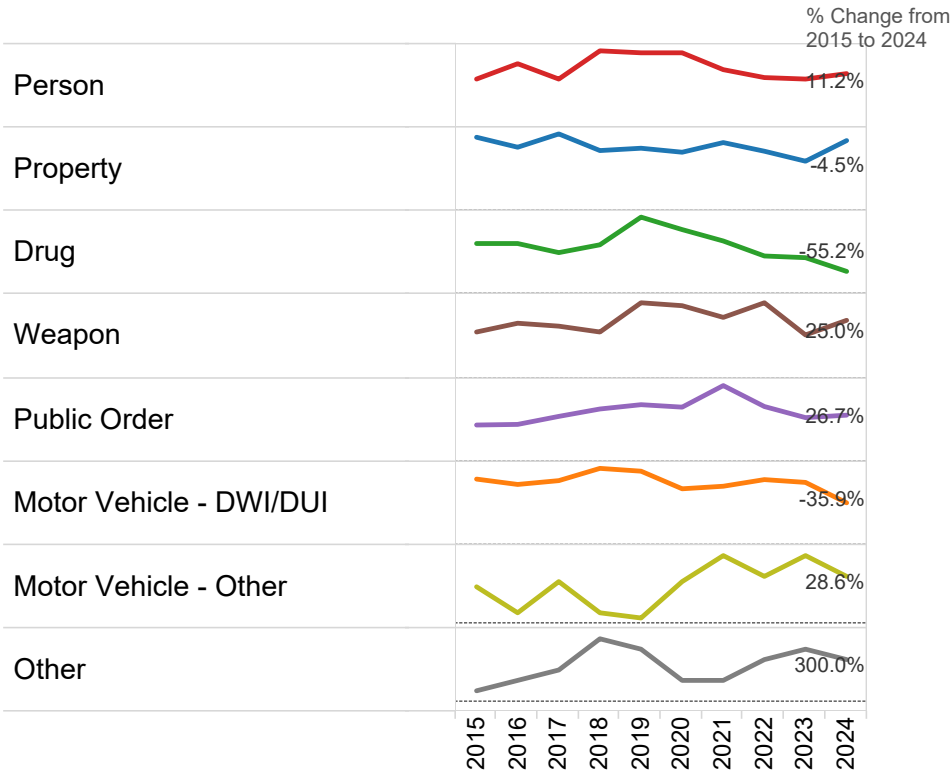


## 2024 Criminal - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	52	57	0	109	15.5%
Property	101	104	6	211	30.1%
Drug	27	80	0	107	15.2%
Weapon	18	2	0	20	2.8%
Public Order	23	53	0	76	10.8%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	7	159	0	166	23.6%
Motor Vehicle - Other	1	7	1	9	1.3%
Other	4	0	0	4	0.6%
Total	233	462	7	702	100.0%
	33.2%	65.8%	1.0%	100.0%	

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### Criminal New Cases by Offense Type, 2015-2024



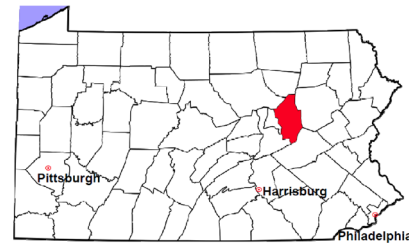
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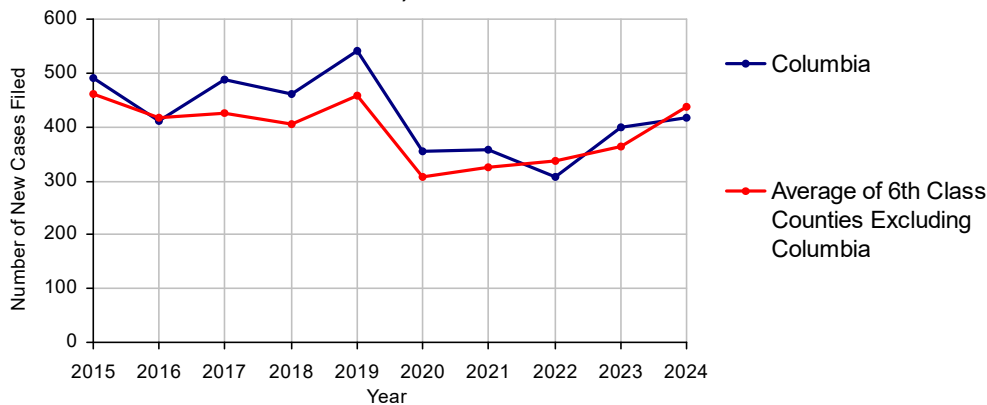


2024 Civil	Civil Action	Other	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	348	202	550
Docketed Cases	306	112	418
Arbitration Appeals	0	0	0
Transferred In	0	0	0
Returned to Active	0	0	0
<b>Cases Available for Processing</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>968</b>
Processed By:			
Default Judgments	93	30	123
Cases Decided by Arbitration Board	7	0	7
Dispositive Motions	5	10	15
Settlements	0	1	1
Moved to Inactive Status	0	0	0
Transferred/Withdrawn	0	1	1
Dismissed/Discontinued	89	25	114
Administrative Purge	40	6	46
Other	15	2	17
Jury Trial	0	0	0
Non-Jury Trial	0	1	1
<b>Total Cases Processed</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>325</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2024</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>643</b>

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

0-6 months	188	46.4%
<b>7-12 months</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>25.9%</b>
13-18 months	96	23.7%
<b>19-24 months</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2.2%</b>
25-30 months	7	1.7%
<b>31-36 months</b>	<b>0</b>	
37-42 months	0	
<b>43-48 months</b>	<b>0</b>	
49-54 months	0	
<b>55-60 months</b>	<b>0</b>	
61-66 months	0	
<b>67-72 months</b>	<b>0</b>	
Over 72 months	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Docketed Cases, 2015-2024





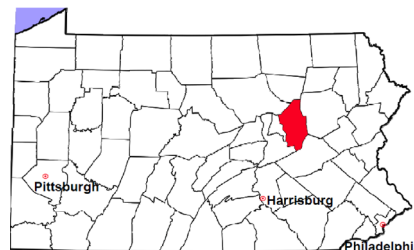
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## 2024 Civil - Docketed Cases Listed by Case Type

### TORT 41 9.8%

*(does not include mass tort)*

Intentional	1
Malicious Prosecution	0
Motor Vehicle	24
Nuisance	0
Premise Liability	8
Product Liability	0
Slander/Libel/Defamation	1
Other	7

### MASS TORT 8 1.9%

Asbestos	0
Tobacco	0
Toxic Tort - DES	0
Toxic Tort - Implant	0
Toxic Waste	1
Other	7

### PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY 0

Dental	0
Legal	0
Medical Malpractice	0
Other	0

### CONTRACT 253 60.5%

*(does not include judgments)*

Buyer Plaintiff	5
Debt Collection: Credit Card	146
Debt Collection: Other	86
Employment Dispute: Discrimination	1
Employment Dispute: Other	4
Other	11

### Of the Docketed Cases:

Pro Se Filings: 8 1.9%      Class Action Suits: 0      MDJ Appeals: 2 0.5%

\*Civil Other

### REAL PROPERTY 79 18.9%

Ejectment*	11
Eminent Domain/Condemnation*	2
Ground Rent	0
Landlord/Tenant Dispute	4
Mortgage Foreclosure:	
Residential*	51
Commercial*	0
Partition of Real Property*	2
Quiet Title*	7
Other*	2

### CIVIL APPEALS 15 3.6%

*- Administrative Agencies*

Board of Assessment*	5
Board of Elections*	0
Dept. of Transportation*	6
Zoning Board*	2
Statutory Appeal - Other*	0
Other*	2

### MISCELLANEOUS 22 5.3%

Common Law/	
Statutory Arbitration*	0
Declaratory Judgment*	1
Mandamus*	1
Non-Domestic Relations	
Restraining Order*	3
Quo Warranto*	0
Replevin*	2
Other*	15

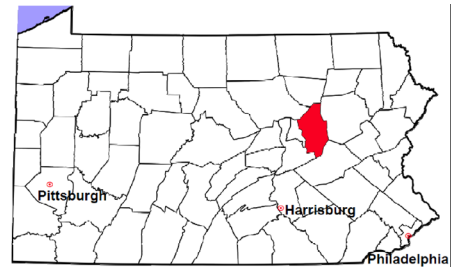
### TOTAL DOCKETED CASES: 418 100.0%

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## 2024 Protection From Abuse

**No. of  
Petitions**

Cases Pending 1/1/2024

102

New Cases Filed in 2024

226

*Of these, Petitions Requesting Temporary Orders: 226 (100.0%)*

*Temporary Orders DENIED: 7 (3.1%), Temporary Orders GRANTED: 219 (96.9%)*

### Cases Available for Processing

**328**

Processed By:

Temporary Order DENIED After Ex Parte Hearing and No Evidentiary Hearing Scheduled	1	0.6%
Temporary Order DISMISSED After Evidentiary Hearing and No Final Order Entered	2	1.1%
Final Order DENIED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	5	2.9%
Final Order GRANTED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	68	38.9%
Plaintiff Did Not Appear For Evidentiary Hearing	8	4.6%
Final Order by STIPULATION OR AGREEMENT Between the Parties	2	1.1%
Petition WITHDRAWN by Plaintiff	54	30.9%
TRANSFERRED to Another Jurisdiction	0	
Other	35	20.0%

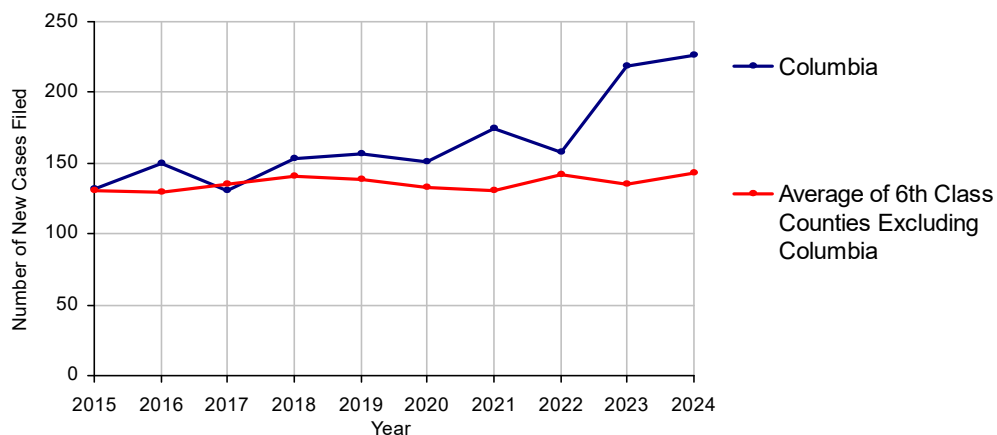
### Cases Processed

**175 100.0%**

### Cases Pending 12/31/2024

**153**

PFA New Cases Filed, 2015-2024

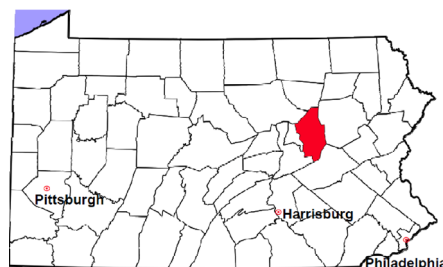


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2024 Spousal & Child Support	No. of Petitions	
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	130	
New Cases Filed in 2024	803	
Dockets Transferred In (+)	9	
Dockets Transferred Out (-)	11	
<b>Cases Available for Processing</b>	<b>931</b>	
Processed By:		
Judge	17	2.1%
Intake Officer	730	90.5%
Hearing Officer	60	7.4%
Other	0	
<b>Cases Processed</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2024</b>	<b>124</b>	

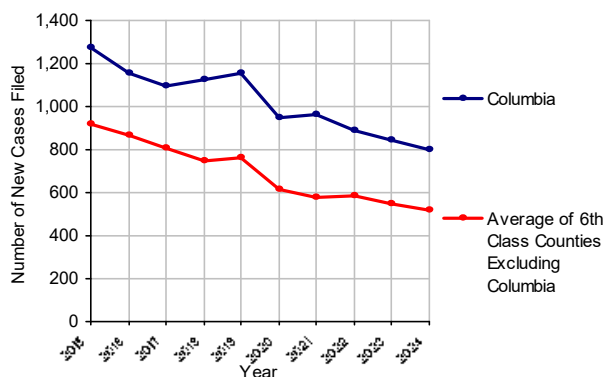
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2024 Paternity	No. of Cases	
Acknowledgements Filed:		
Non-Domestic Relations Section	90	88.2%
During Conference	1	1.0%
Non-Stipulated (post genetic test)	9	8.8%
Pre-Trial Conference	2	2.0%
Total	102	100.0%
Established:		
Stipulated by Genetic Tests	2	6.1%
Default - Father Failed to Appear	8	24.2%
Adjudication by Court Proceeding	0	
Out of State	23	69.7%
Total	33	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	11	

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Note: Include support and paternity data for Montour County since Domestic Relations Offices were combined in 2015 and breakouts are not available.

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.

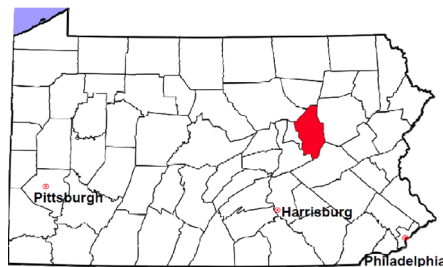
**OUT OF STATE:** Paternity was established in another state, "Out of state only".

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## 2024 Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation

No. of  
Petitions

Cases Pending 1/1/2024

238

New Cases Filed in 2024

212

**Cases Available for Processing**

**450**

Processed By:

Judge

8

3.4%

Non-Judicial Officer

167

71.1%

Administrative Review/Purge

55

23.4%

Other

5

2.1%

**Cases Processed**

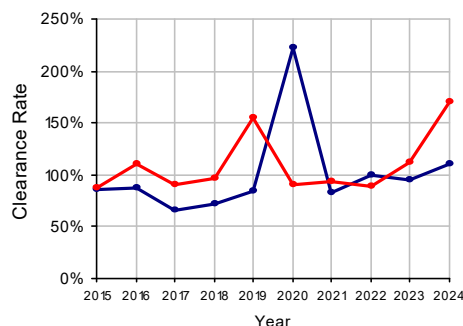
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**100.0%**

**Cases Pending 12/31/2024**

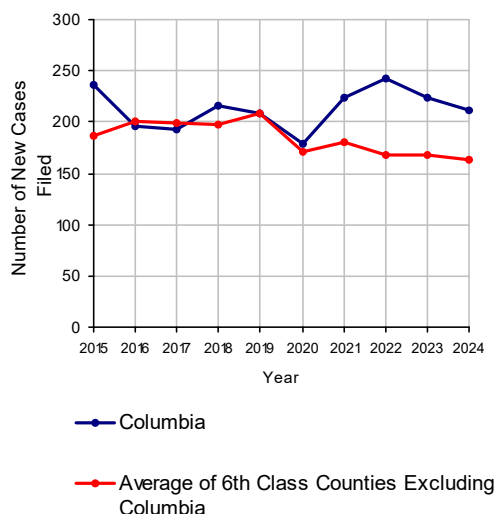
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Clearance Rate, 2015-2024

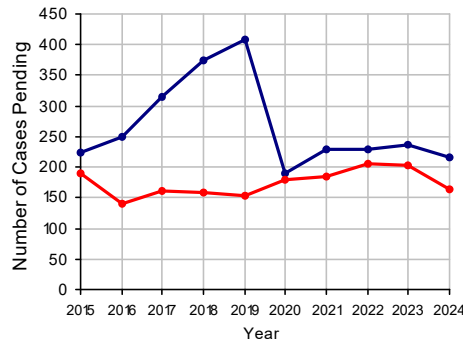


Note: Clearance Rate = Cases Processed / New Cases Filed

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



Cases Pending at the End of Year, 2015-2024

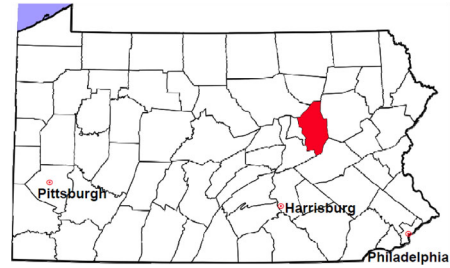


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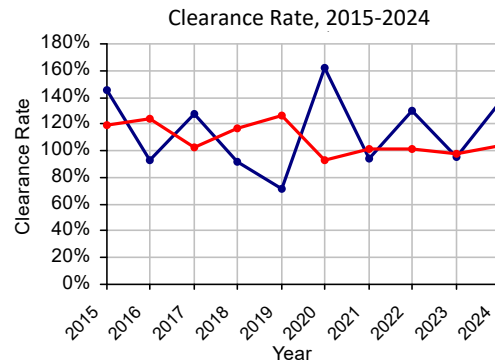
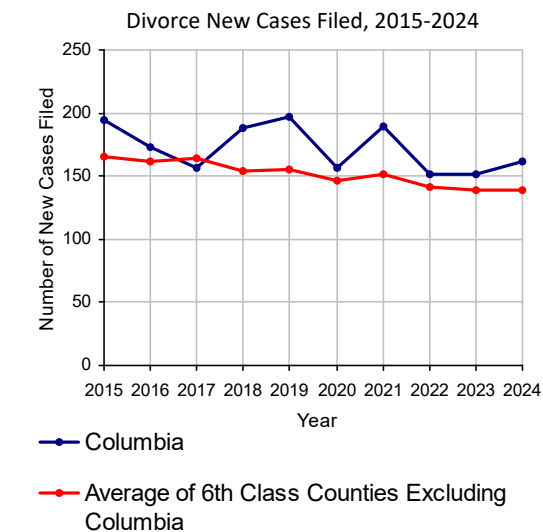
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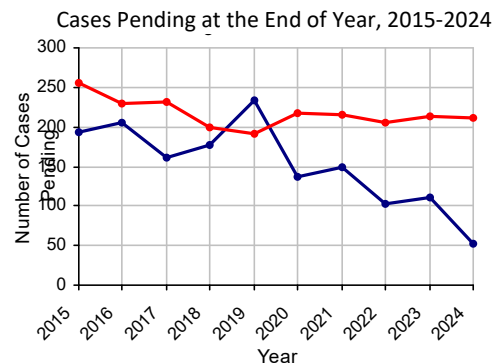


## 2024 Divorce

	No. of Petitions	
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	110	
New Cases Filed in 2024	162	
<b>Cases Available for Processing</b>	<b>272</b>	
Processed By:		
Contested Before a Judge	10	4.5%
Contested Before a Non-Judicial Officer	0	
Uncontested	149	67.7%
Administrative Review/Purge	55	25.0%
Other	6	2.7%
<b>Cases Processed</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2024</b>	<b>52</b>	



Note: Clearance Rate = Cases Processed / New Cases Filed

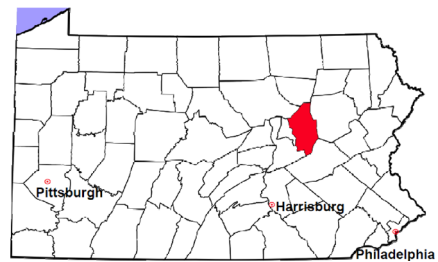


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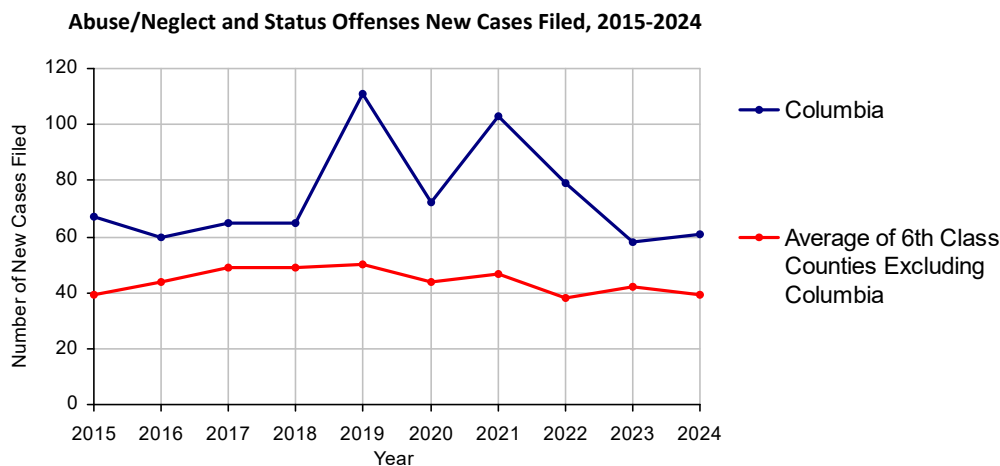
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## 2024 Juvenile Dependency - Petitions Pending Adjudication

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	10	0	10
New Petitions Filed in 2024	61	0	61
Other	19	0	19
<b>Total Petitions Available for Processing</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>90</b>
Processed by:			
Adjudicated Dependent			
Judge	1	0	1
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	51	0	51
Adjudicated NOT Dependent			
Judge	0	0	0
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	1	0	1
Withdrawn/Transferred	13	0	13
Dismissed/Other	0	0	0
<b>Total Petitions Processed</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2024</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>

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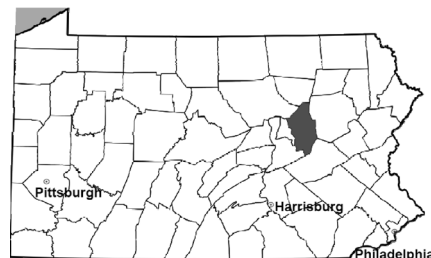


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## 2024 Juvenile Dependency - Adjudicated Dependent Inventory

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	128	3	131
New Adjudicated Dependent Cases	52	0	52
Other	0	0	0
<b>Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>183</b>

### Court Supervision Terminated:

Family Reunification	13	21.0%	0	13	20.3%
Adoption	11	17.7%	0	11	17.2%
Placement with a Relative/Guardian	31	50.0%	2 100.0%	33	51.6%
Aged Out	7	11.3%	0	7	10.9%
Other Permanency Outcomes*	0		0	0	
Other**	0		0	0	

<b>Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases Terminated</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2024</b>	<b>118</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>119</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.

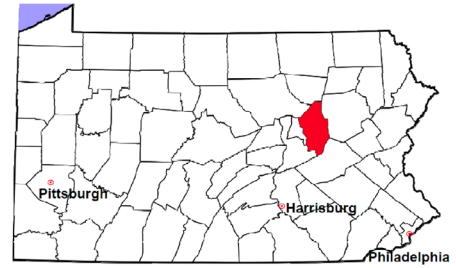
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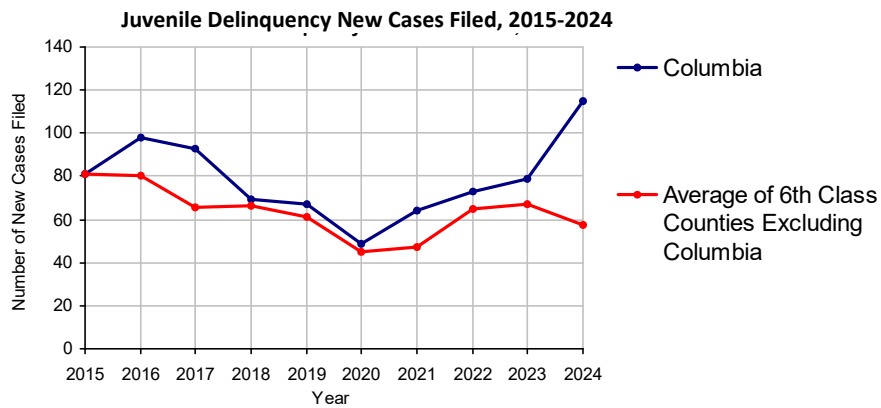
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## 2024 Juvenile Delinquency - Cases Pending Disposition

<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>24</b>
New Cases	115
Consent Decree Revoked	7
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	0
Alternative Program Revoked	0
Warrant Returned	0
Other	2
<b>Total Cases Available for Disposition</b>	<b>148</b>
<b>Warrant Issued</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Disposed by:</b>	
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	32
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0
Consent Decree Entered	21
Informal Adjustment Program Entered	25
Warned and Counseled (Pre-Petition)	0
Dismissed/Withdrawn/Transferred	24
Transferred to Criminal Court	0
Other	4
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>End Pending</b>	<b>42</b>

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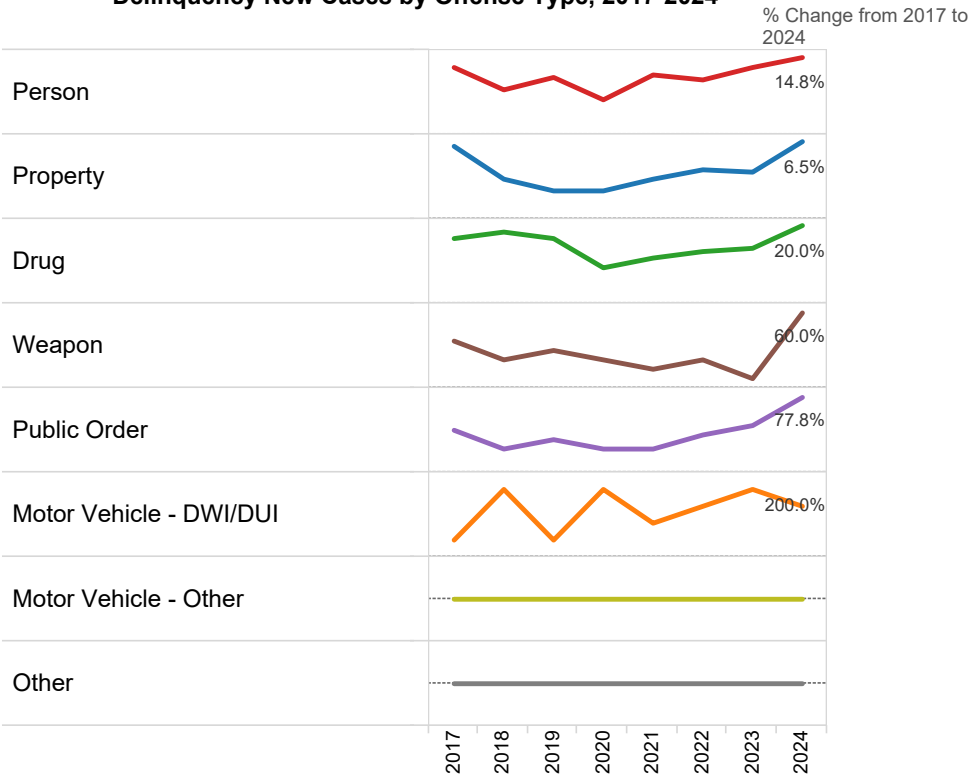


2024 Delinquency - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	5	26	0	31	27.0%
Property	13	20	0	33	28.7%
Drug	0	24	0	24	20.9%
Weapon	1	7	0	8	7.0%
Public Order	8	8	0	16	13.9%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	0	3	0	3	2.6%
Motor Vehicle - Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	27	88	0	115	100.0%
	23.5%	76.5%	0.0%	100.0%	

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Delinquency New Cases by Offense Type, 2017-2024

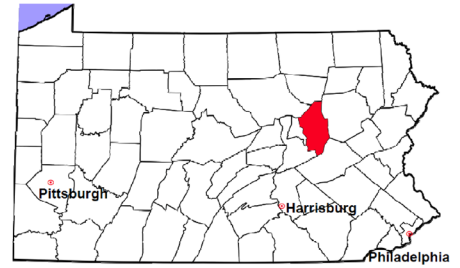


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## 2024 Juvenile Delinquency - Formal Dispositions

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<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>28</b>
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	32
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0
Warrant Returned	0
Other	0
<b>Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Warrant Issued</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Court Supervision Terminated:</b>	
Conditions Satisfied	16
Compelling Reasons	0
Reached Age 21	0
Transferred to Another Juvenile Court	0
Other	1
<b>Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases Terminated</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>End Pending</b>	<b>43</b>

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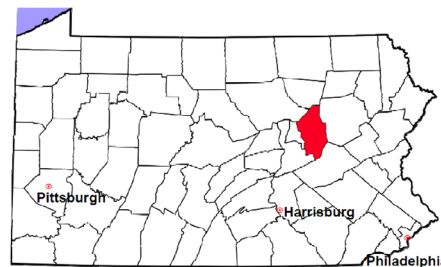
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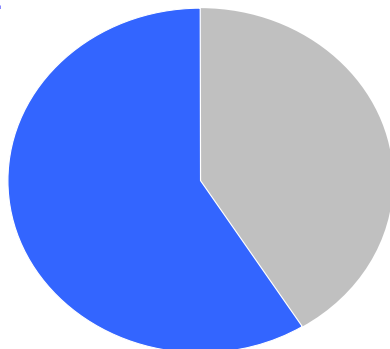
## 2024 Juvenile Delinquency - Informal Dispositions

<b>Pending Consent Decrees</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Pending Informal Adjustments</b>	<b>8</b>
New Consent Decrees	21
<b>New Informal Adjustments</b>	<b>25</b>
Warrant Returned	0
<b>Other</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cases Informally Disposed</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Warrant Issued</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Terminated by:</b>	
Consent Decree Completed	16
<b>Informal Adjustment Completed</b>	<b>21</b>
Consent Decree Revoked	7
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	0
<b>Other</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total Informally Disposed Cases Terminated</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>End Pending</b>	<b>17</b>

(R) - Revised

Data provided by Common Pleas Case Management System

Informal Dispositions: **59%**



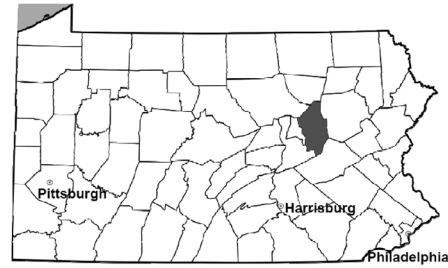
Delinquency Cases are disposed either formally, at a proceeding held before a judge or hearing officer, or informally without a proceeding. Informal dispositions include informal adjustments supervised by a juvenile probation officer; consent decrees agreed upon with the District Attorney after a petition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

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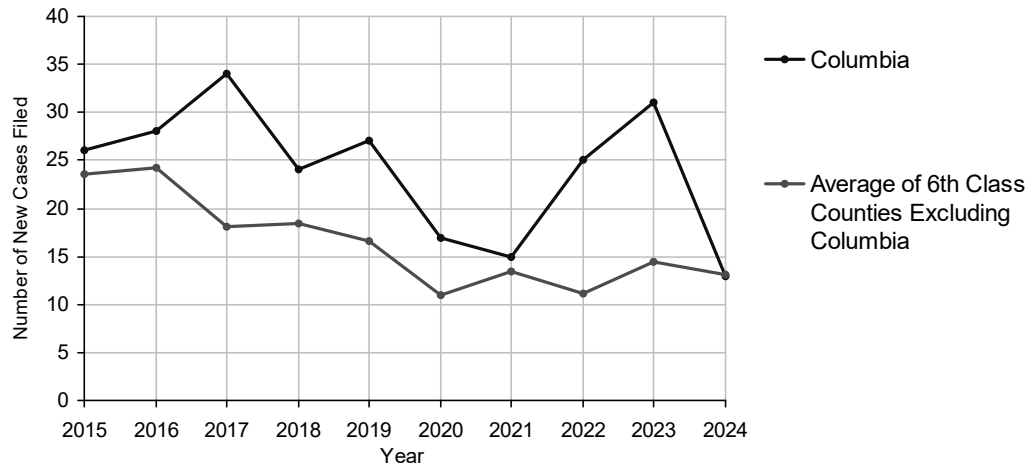
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2024 Accounts	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	29	
New Cases Filed in 2024	13	
<b>Cases Available for Processing</b>	<b>42</b>	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	0	
Contested before a Non-Judicial Officer	0	
Uncontested	13	100.0%
Other	0	
<b>Cases Processed</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2024</b>	<b>29</b>	

Accounts New Cases Filed, 2015-2024

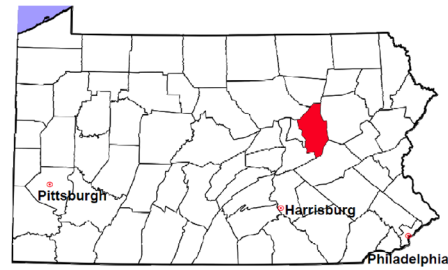


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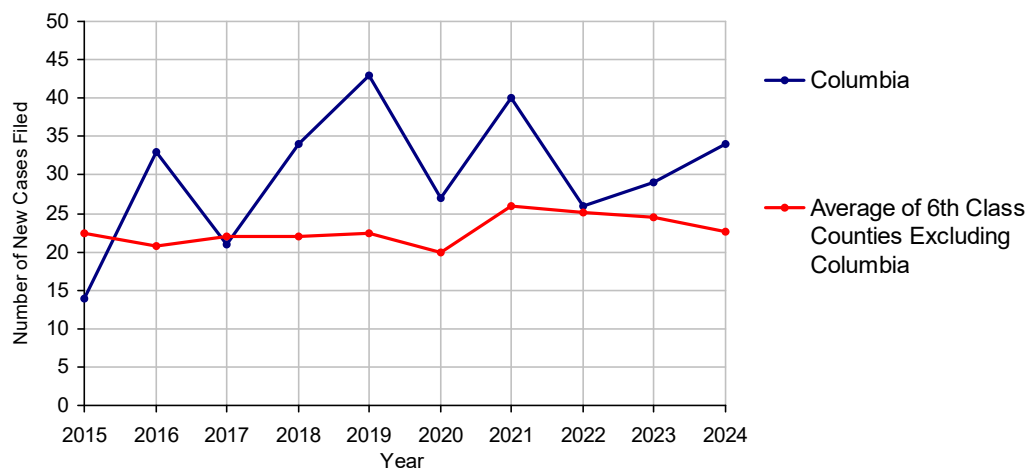
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2024 Adoptions		No. of Cases
Cases Pending 1/1/2024		5
New Cases Filed in 2024		34
<b>Cases Available for Processing</b>		<b>39</b>
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	Granted	0
	Denied	0
Uncontested	Granted	27 100.0%
	Denied	0
Other		0
<b>Cases Processed</b>		<b>27 100.0%</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2024</b>		<b>12</b>

Adoptions New Cases Filed, 2015-2024

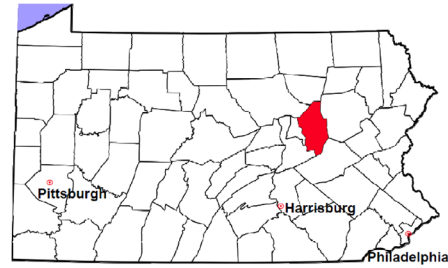


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## 2024 Relinquishments/Terminations

No. of  
Cases

Cases Pending 1/1/2024

3

New Cases Filed in 2024

20

**Cases Available for Processing**

**23**

Processed By:

Contested before a Judge

0

Uncontested

16 69.6%

Other

7 30.4%

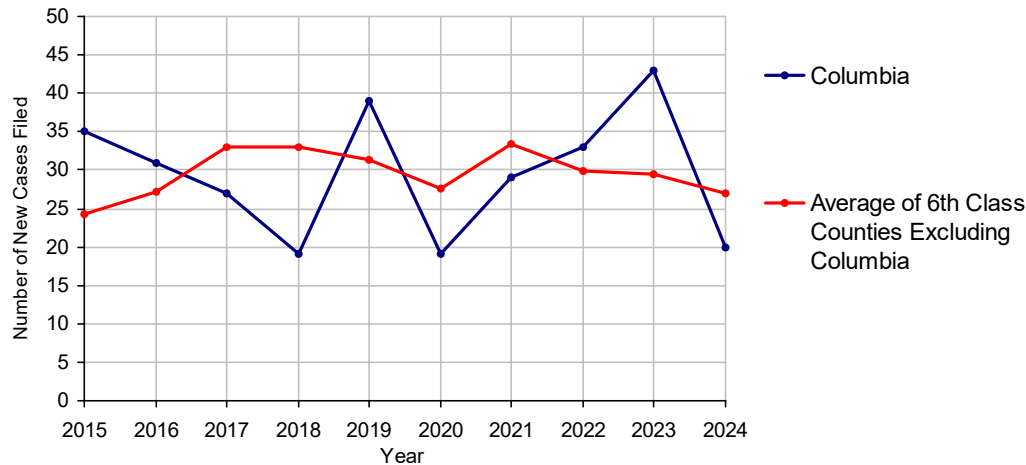
**Cases Processed**

**23 100.0%**

**Cases Pending 12/31/2024**

**0**

Relinquishments/Terminations New Cases Filed, 2015-2024

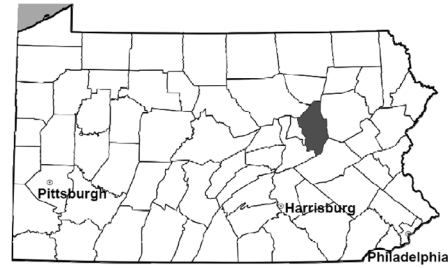


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## 2024 Appointment of Guardians

**No. of  
Cases**

Cases Pending 1/1/2024

29

New Cases Filed in 2024

9

**Cases Available for Processing**

**38**

Processed By:

Contested before a Judge

0

Uncontested

9

100.0%

Other

0

**Cases Processed**

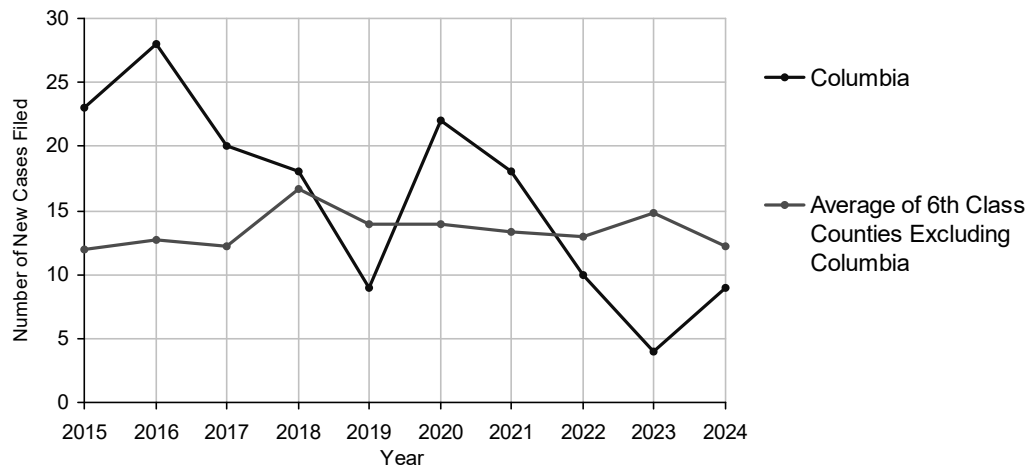
**9**

**100.0%**

**Cases Pending 12/31/2024**

**29**

Appointment of Guardians New Cases Filed, 2015-2024

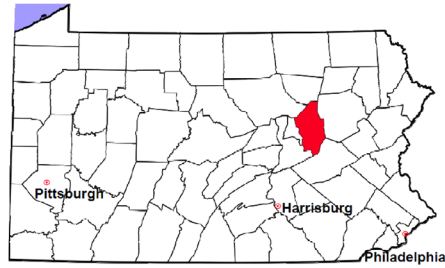


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## 2024 Jury Yield and Utilization

### Jury Yield

Qualification Questionnaires/Summonses Mailed:	1,261	A		
Returned Undeliverable:	72	B	5.7%	Of Qualification Questionnaires/ Summonses Mailed
Not Responded to:	143	C	11.3%	
the Number of Prospective Jurors:				
Disqualified:	96	D	7.6%	
Exempted:	28	E	2.2%	
Excused:	283	F	22.4%	
Deferred to New Term:	67	G	5.3%	
Deferred from Previous Term:	85	H	6.7%	
Total Number of Qualified Jurors Available for Service:	657	I	52.1%	
$I=A-B-C-D-E-F-G+H$				

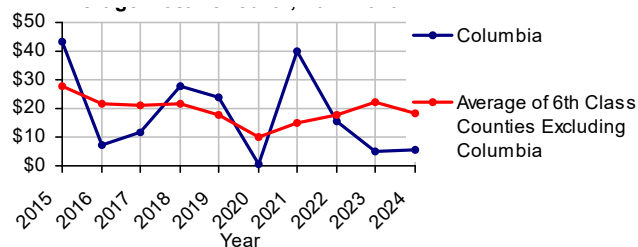
### Jury Utilization

the Number of Jurors:				
Reporting for Service:	506	77.0%	Of Jurors Qualified and Available	
Told Not to Report for Service:	1	0.2%		
Sent to Courtroom for Jury Selection (Voir Dire):	291	57.5%	Of Jurors Reporting for Service	
Impaneled or Sworn (jurors/alternates):	125	24.7%		
Removed for Cause/Hardship:	32			
Removed by Peremptory Challenge:	132			
Number of Jury Trials Started:	9			
Pool Days:	6			
Zero Panel Days	0			(Of Pool Days)

### Jury Costs

Total Annual Budget for Juror Operations:	\$6,717.00	J
Average Cost Per Juror:	\$5.33	K
$K = J/A$		

Average Cost Per Juror, 2015-2024



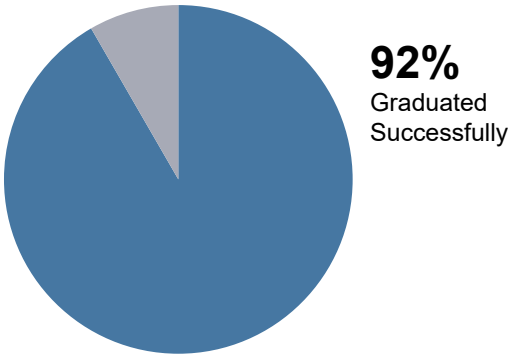


# Columbia/Montour Counties

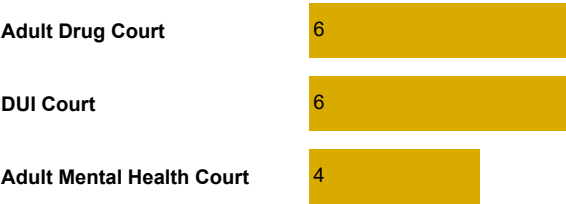
## 2024 Treatment Courts

12 Discharges

Of All Court Participants Discharged:



16 Admissions

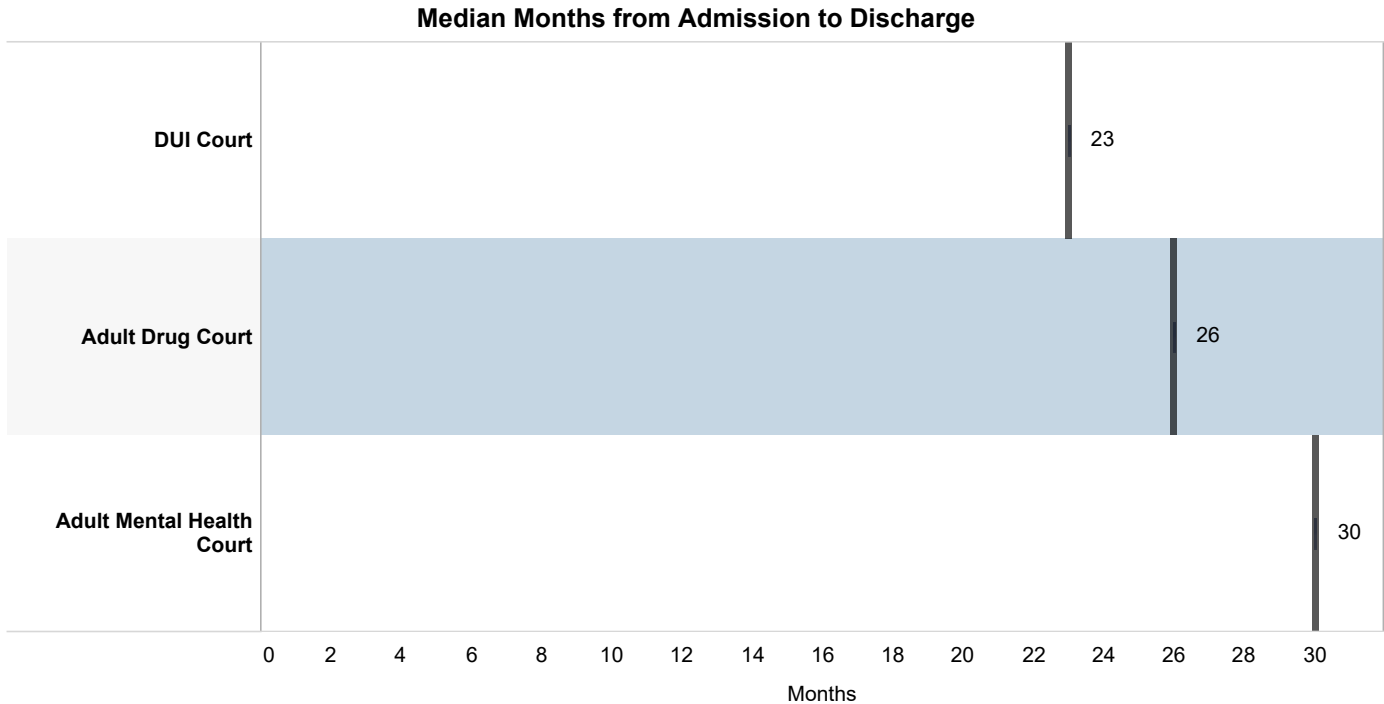


### Discharge Reason

	Successfully Completed	Voluntarily Withdrew	Total Discharges
Adult Drug Court	4 (100.0%)		4 (100.0%)
DUI Court	3 (100.0%)		3 (100.0%)
Adult Mental Health Court	4 (80.0%)	1 (20.0%)	5 (100.0%)

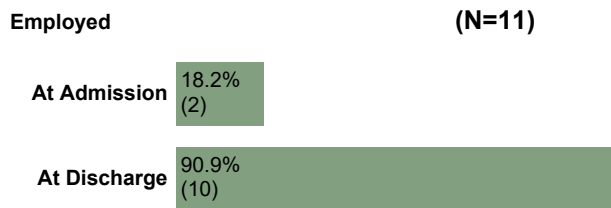
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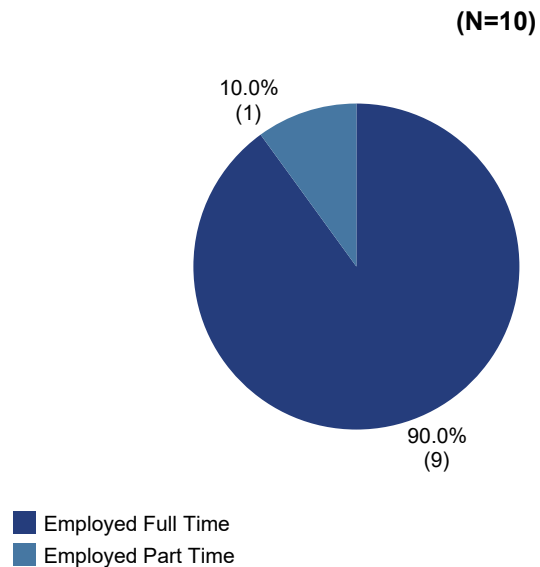


**Among successful graduates, there was a 400% increase in employment.**

**90% of the employed successful graduates were employed full time:**



**17% (2) of all participants have improved in **education level** at discharge.**





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