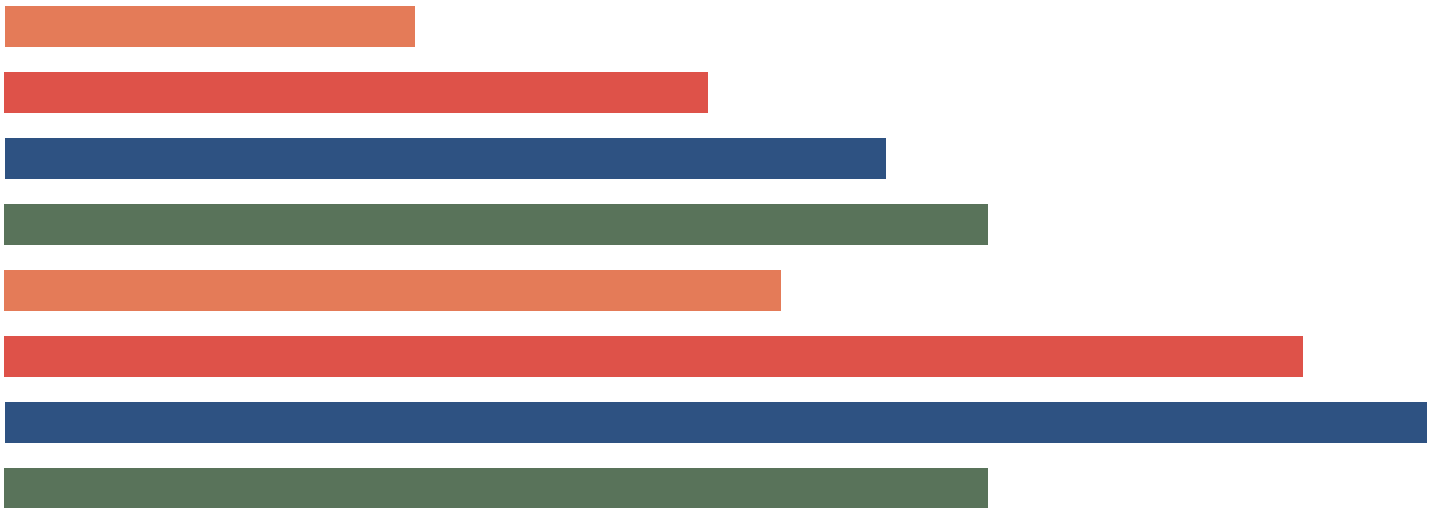
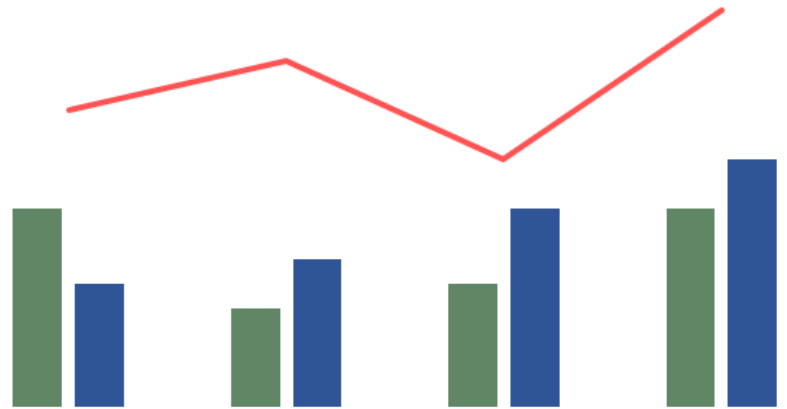
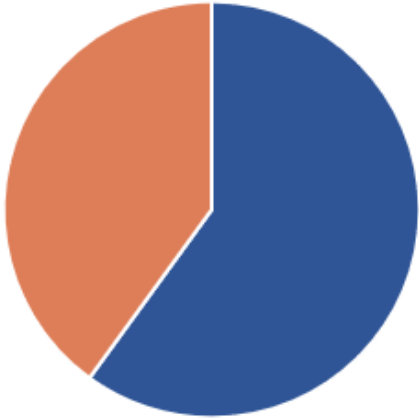


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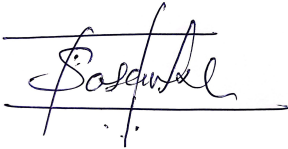
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Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at 717.231.3300.

Sincerely,

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Data Scientist
Department of Research and Statistics

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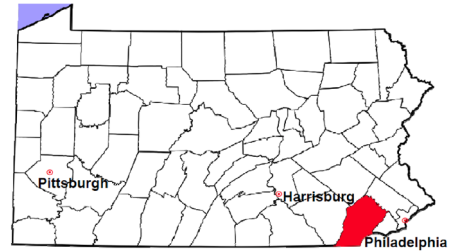
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2024 Criminal No. of Cases

Cases Pending 1/1/2024	2,186
New Cases Filed in 2024	3,933
Reopened Cases	270
Cases Available for Processing	6,389

Processed by:

Withdrawn/Dismissed	114	2.9%
Diversionsary Disposition*	781	19.6%
Guilty Plea	2,781	69.7%
Non-Jury Trial	42	1.1%
Jury Trial	47	1.2%
Inactive	201	5.0%
Other	22	0.6%
Total Cases Processed	3,988	100.0%

Cases Pending 12/31/2024 **2,401**

Cases Awaiting Sentencing 47

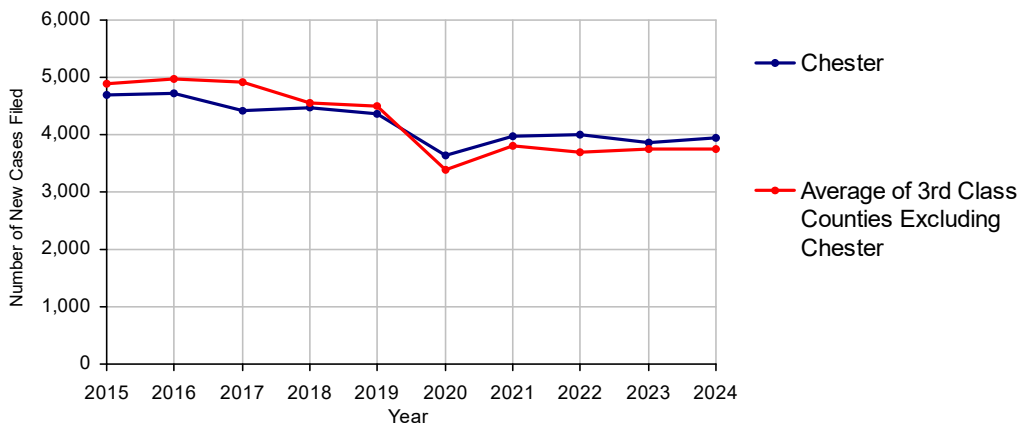
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* Includes other diversionsary programs such as Veterans Court.

Age of Pending Cases as of 12/31/2024

0-60 Days	612	25.5%
61-120 Days	585	24.4%
121-180 Days	358	14.9%
181-240 Days	261	10.9%
241-300 Days	149	6.2%
301-360 Days	124	5.2%
Over 360 Days	312	13.0%
Total	2,401	100.0%

Criminal New Cases, 2015-2024



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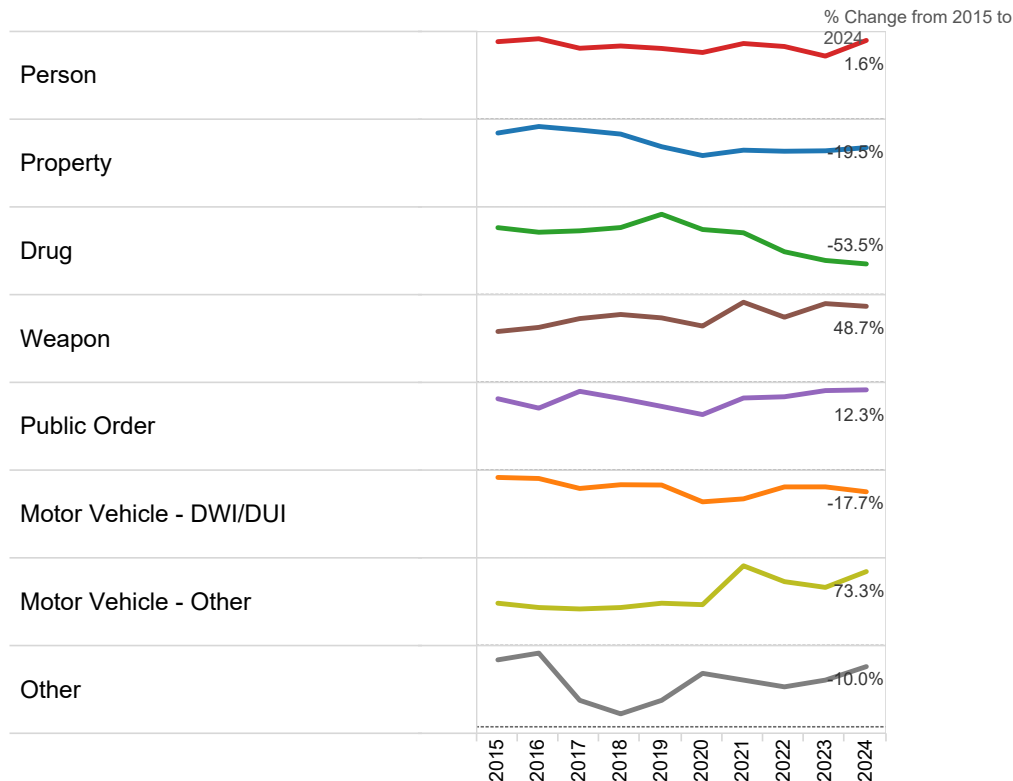


2024 Criminal - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	456	315	0	771	19.6%
Property	566	280	2	848	21.6%
Drug	70	219	0	289	7.3%
Weapon	95	18	0	113	2.9%
Public Order	135	193	0	328	8.3%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	32	1,491	0	1,523	38.7%
Motor Vehicle - Other	5	46	1	52	1.3%
Other	8	0	1	9	0.2%
Total	1,367	2,562	4	3,933	100.0%
	34.8%	65.1%	0.1%	100.0%	

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Criminal New Cases by Offense Type, 2015-2024

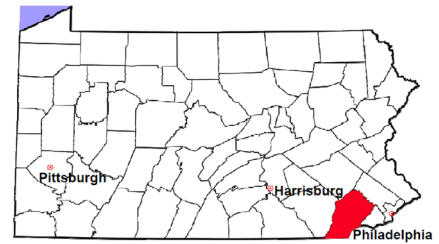


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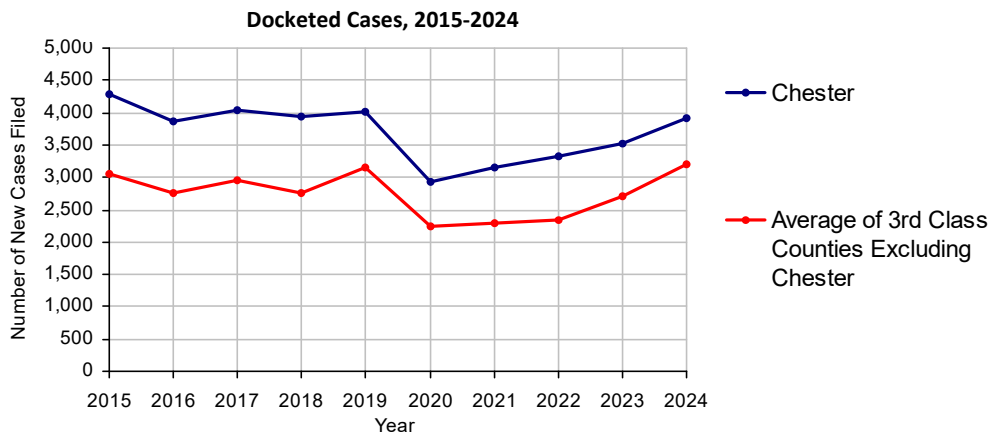
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2024 Civil	Civil Action	Other	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	1,707	2,462	4,169
Docketed Cases	2,808	1,119	3,927
Arbitration Appeals	42	21	63
Transferred In	36	4	40
Returned to Active	65	60	125
Cases Available for Processing	4,658	3,666	8,324
Processed By:			
Default Judgments	839	308	1,147
Cases Decided by Arbitration Board	208	100	308
Dispositive Motions	507	304	811
Settlements	728	241	969
Moved to Inactive Status	47	23	70
Transferred/Withdrawn	70	105	175
Dismissed/Discontinued	0	0	0
Administrative Purge	216	0	216
Other	55	10	65
Jury Trial	12	1	13
Non-Jury Trial	12	8	20
Total Cases Processed	2,694	1,100	3,794
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	1,964	2,566	4,530

Age of Pending Cases as of 12/31/2024 (Civil Action Only)		
0-6 months	1,174	59.8%
7-12 months	333	17.0%
13-18 months	174	8.9%
19-24 months	97	4.9%
25-30 months	53	2.7%
31-36 months	34	1.7%
37-42 months	17	0.9%
43-48 months	15	0.8%
49-54 months	9	0.5%
55-60 months	8	0.4%
61-66 months	10	0.5%
67-72 months	2	0.1%
Over 72 months	38	1.9%
Total	1,964	100.0%

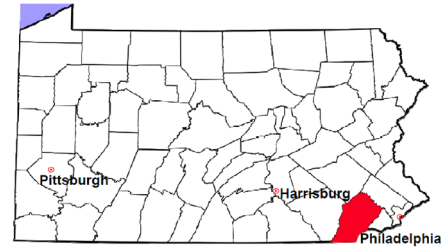


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2024 Civil - Docketed Cases Listed by Case Type

TORT 637 16.2%

(does not include mass tort)

Intentional	45
Malicious Prosecution	2
Motor Vehicle	355
Nuisance	4
Premise Liability	73
Product Liability	2
Slander/Libel/Defamation	7
Other	149

MASS TORT 1 <0.1%

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

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY 28 0.7%

Dental	3
Legal	12
Medical Malpractice	12
Other	1

CONTRACT 2,133 54.3%

(does not include judgments)

Buyer Plaintiff	335
Debt Collection: Credit Card	796
Debt Collection: Other	777
Employment Dispute: Discrimination	1
Employment Dispute: Other	10
Other	214

Of the Docketed Cases:

Pro Se Filings:	419 10.7%	Class Action Suits:	9 0.2%	MDJ Appeals:	256 6.5%
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*Civil Other

REAL PROPERTY 486 12.4%

Ejectment*	82
Eminent Domain/Condemnation*	6
Ground Rent	0
Landlord/Tenant Dispute	9
Mortgage Foreclosure:	
Residential*	314
Commercial*	8
Partition of Real Property*	15
Quiet Title*	20
Other*	32

CIVIL APPEALS 381 9.7%

- Administrative Agencies

Board of Assessment*	133
Board of Elections*	3
Dept. of Transportation*	217
Zoning Board*	21
Statutory Appeal - Other*	0
Other*	7

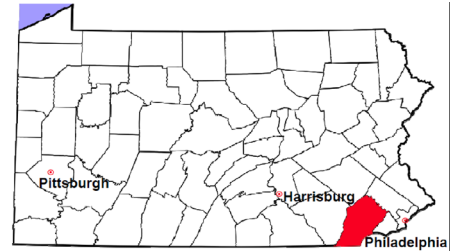
MISCELLANEOUS 261 6.6%

Common Law/	
Statutory Arbitration*	6
Declaratory Judgment*	16
Mandamus*	5
Non-Domestic Relations	
Restraining Order*	13
Quo Warranto*	0
Replevin*	31
Other*	190

TOTAL DOCKETED CASES: 3,927 100.0%

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2024 Protection From Abuse

**No. of
Petitions**

Cases Pending 1/1/2024	671
New Cases Filed in 2024	682

Of these, Petitions Requesting Temporary Orders: 682 (100.0%)

Temporary Orders DENIED: 88 (12.9%), Temporary Orders GRANTED: 594 (87.1%)

Cases Available for Processing

1,353

Processed By:

Temporary Order DENIED After Ex Parte Hearing and No Evidentiary Hearing Scheduled	46	7.0%
Temporary Order DISMISSED After Evidentiary Hearing and No Final Order Entered	259	39.6%
Final Order DENIED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	3	0.5%
Final Order GRANTED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	113	17.3%
Plaintiff Did Not Appear For Evidentiary Hearing	43	6.6%
Final Order by STIPULATION OR AGREEMENT Between the Parties	99	15.1%
Petition WITHDRAWN by Plaintiff	87	13.3%
TRANSFERRED to Another Jurisdiction	0	
Other	4	0.6%

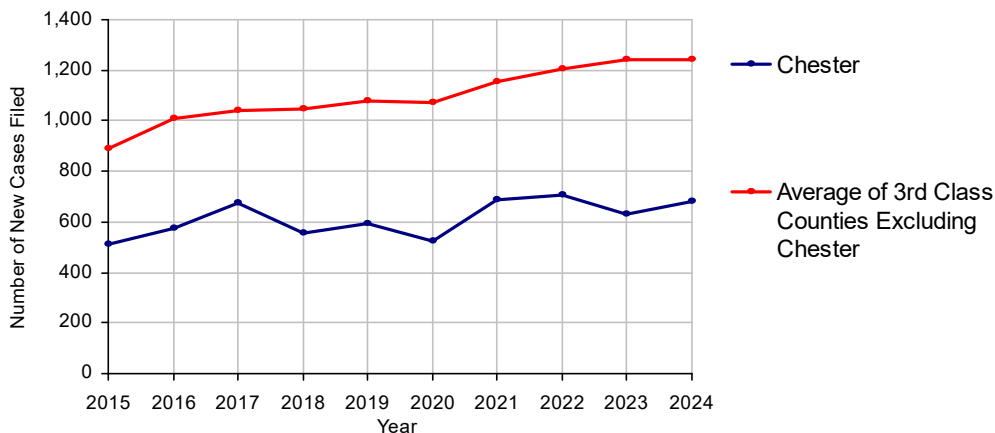
Cases Processed

654 100.0%

Cases Pending 12/31/2024

699

PFA New Cases Filed, 2015-2024

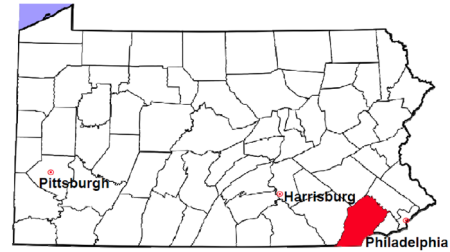


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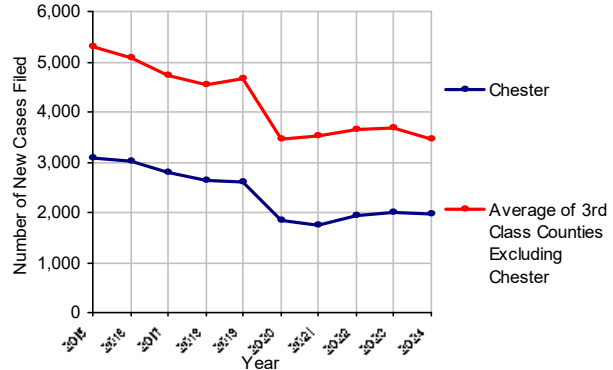
2024 Spousal & Child Support	No. of Petitions
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	789
New Cases Filed in 2024	1,963
Dockets Transferred In (+)	35
Dockets Transferred Out (-)	85
Cases Available for Processing	2,702
Processed By:	
Judge	97 4.9%
Intake Officer	1,761 89.7%
Hearing Officer	106 5.4%
Other	0
Cases Processed	1,964 100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	738

Data provided by PACSES

2024 Paternity	No. of Cases
Acknowledgements Filed:	
Non-Domestic Relations Section	280 77.8%
During Conference	45 12.5%
Non-Stipulated (post genetic test)	10 2.8%
Pre-Trial Conference	25 6.9%
Total	360 100.0%
Established:	
Stipulated by Genetic Tests	18 16.4%
Default - Father Failed to Appear	40 36.4%
Adjudication by Court Proceeding	0
Out of State	52 47.3%
Total	110 100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	106

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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:

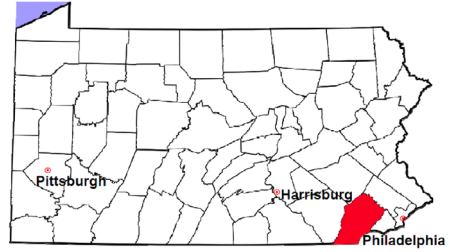
STIPULATED BY GENETIC TESTS: The alleged father requested genetic tests and signed a stipulation that if the test results had a 99% or higher probability of paternity then the alleged father would be stipulated as the biological father of the child.
DEFAULT - FATHER FAILED TO APPEAR: The alleged father 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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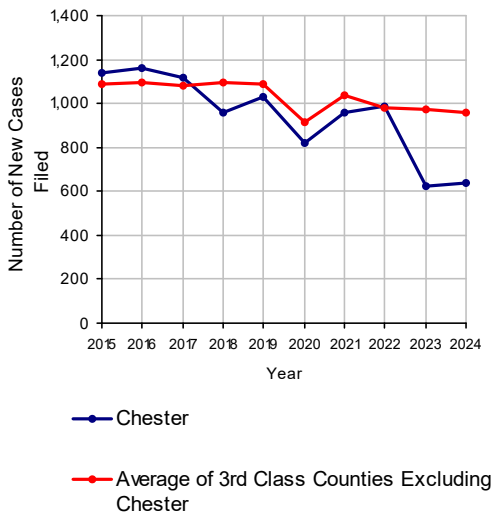


2024 Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation

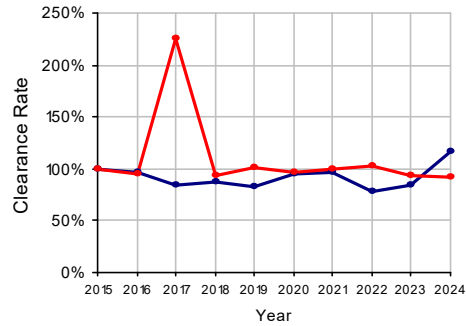
No. of Petitions

Cases Pending 1/1/2024	585
New Cases Filed in 2024	638
Cases Available for Processing	1,223
Processed By:	
Judge	336 45.0%
Non-Judicial Officer	249 33.3%
Administrative Review/Purge	1 0.1%
Other	161 21.6%
Cases Processed	747 100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	476

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

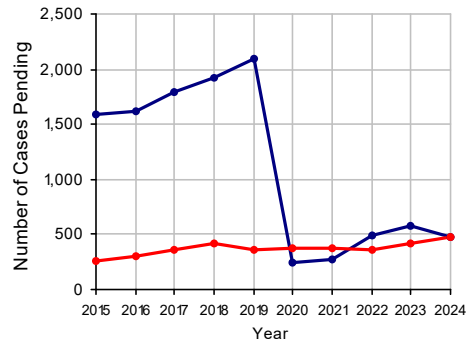


Clearance Rate, 2015-2024



Note: Clearance Rate = Cases Processed / New Cases Filed

Cases Pending at the End of Year, 2015-2024

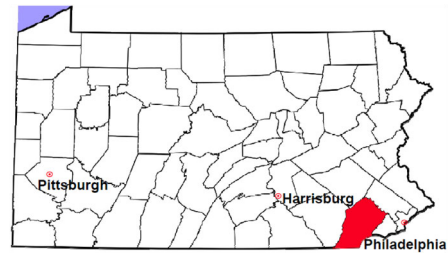


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2024 Divorce

No. of Petitions

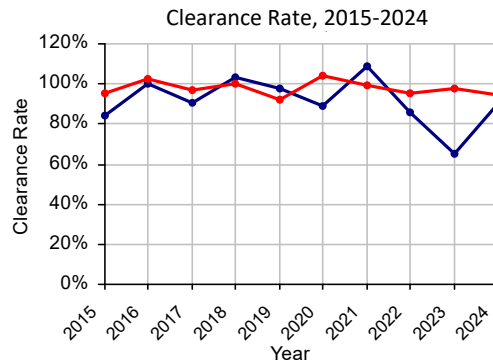
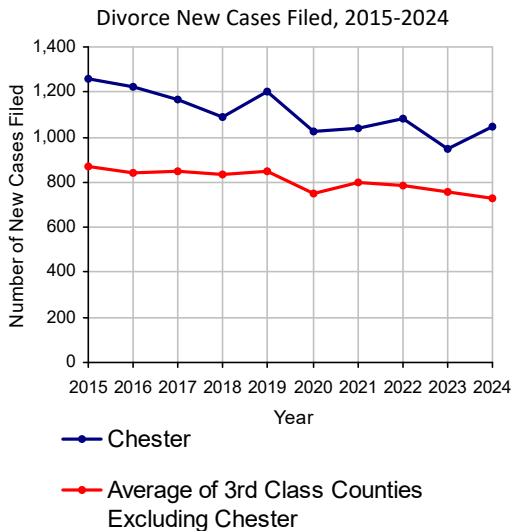
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	585
New Cases Filed in 2024	1,050
Cases Available for Processing	1,635

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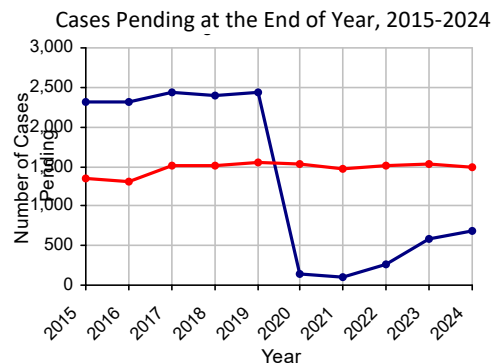
Contested Before a Judge	42	4.4%
Contested Before a Non-Judicial Officer	123	13.0%
Uncontested	779	82.5%
Administrative Review/Purge	0	
Other	0	

Cases Processed 944 100.0%

Cases Pending 12/31/2024 691



Note: Clearance Rate = Cases Processed / New Cases Filed

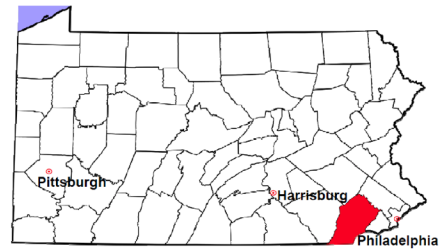


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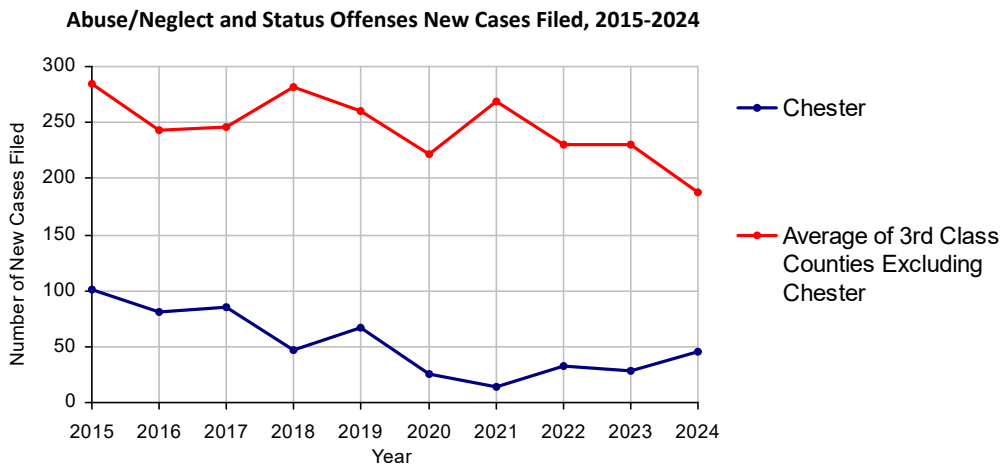
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2024 Juvenile Dependency - Petitions Pending Adjudication

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	3	0	3
New Petitions Filed in 2024	44	1	45
Other	6	0	6
Total Petitions Available for Processing	53	1	54
Processed by:			
Adjudicated Dependent			
Judge	3	0	3
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	27	0	27
Adjudicated NOT Dependent			
Judge	1	0	1
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	3	0	3
Withdrawn/Transferred	0	0	0
Dismissed/Other	10	0	10
Total Petitions Processed	44	0	44
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	9	1	10

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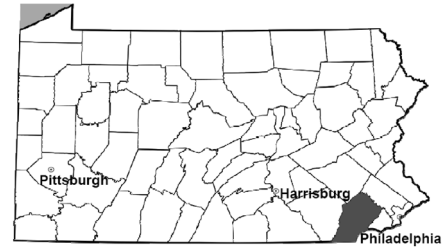


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2024 Juvenile Dependency - Adjudicated Dependent Inventory

	Abuse/ Neglect		Status Offenses		Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	70		0		70
New Adjudicated Dependent Cases	30		0		30
Other	1		0		1
Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases	101		0		101
<u>Court Supervision Terminated:</u>					
Family Reunification	8	29.6%	0		8 29.6%
Adoption	9	33.3%	0		9 33.3%
Placement with a Relative/Guardian	5	18.5%	0		5 18.5%
Aged Out	2	7.4%	0		2 7.4%
Other Permanency Outcomes*	0		0		0
Other**	3	11.1%	0		3 11.1%
Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases Terminated	27	100.0%	0	100.0%	27 100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	74		0		74

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

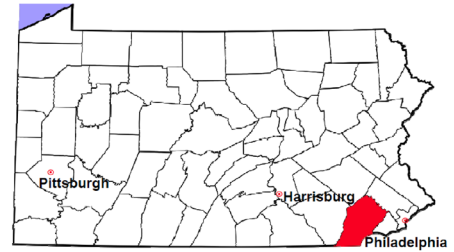
** Other includes cases where court supervision is terminated due to transfer out of jurisdiction, withdrawal and administrative closure.

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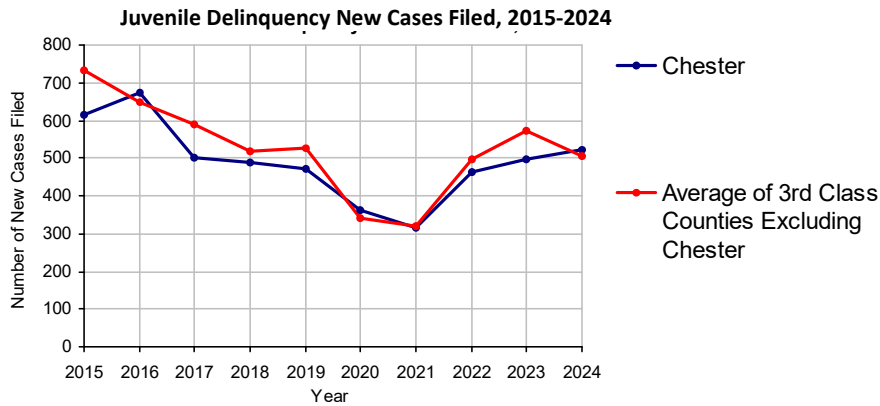
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2024 Juvenile Delinquency - Cases Pending Disposition

Begin Pending	241
New Cases	523
Consent Decree Revoked	3
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	4
Alternative Program Revoked	0
Warrant Returned	20
Other	27
Total Cases Available for Disposition	818
Warrant Issued	29
Disposed by:	
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	136
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	60
Consent Decree Entered	80
Informal Adjustment Program Entered	142
Warned and Counseled (Pre-Petition)	29
Dismissed/Withdrawn/Transferred	53
Transferred to Criminal Court	0
Other	42
Total Cases Disposed	542
End Pending	247

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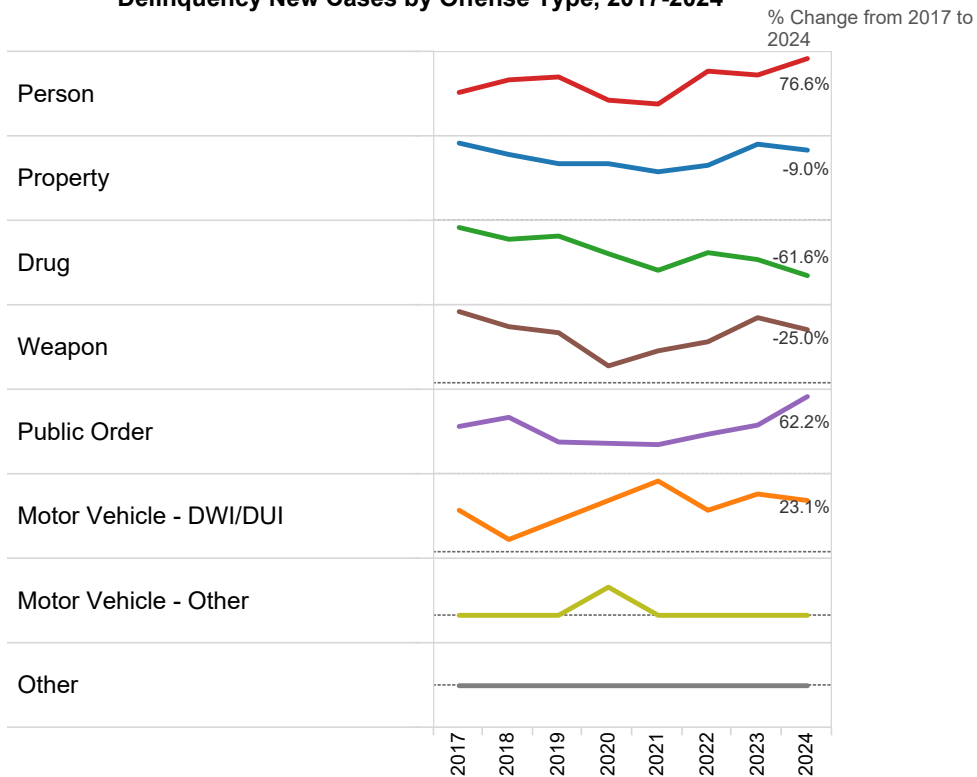


2024 Delinquency - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	95	147	0	242	46.3%
Property	71	60	0	131	25.0%
Drug	2	54	0	56	10.7%
Weapon	5	13	0	18	3.4%
Public Order	10	50	0	60	11.5%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	0	16	0	16	3.1%
Motor Vehicle - Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	183	340	0	523	100.0%
	35.0%	65.0%	0.0%	100.0%	

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Delinquency New Cases by Offense Type, 2017-2024

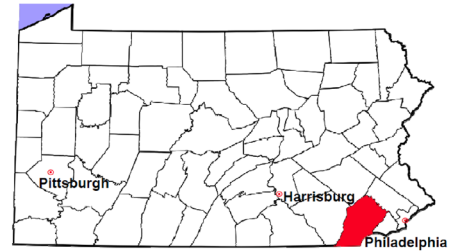


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2024 Juvenile Delinquency - Formal Dispositions

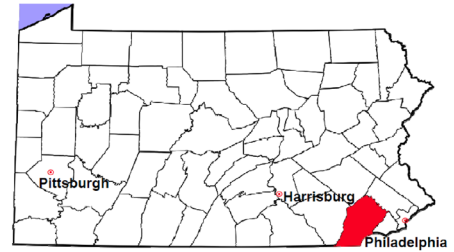
Begin Pending	287
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	136
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	60
Warrant Returned	26
Other	2
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases	511
Warrant Issued	34
Court Supervision Terminated:	
Conditions Satisfied	141
Compelling Reasons	23
Reached Age 21	0
Transferred to Another Juvenile Court	0
Other	3
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases Terminated	167
End Pending	310

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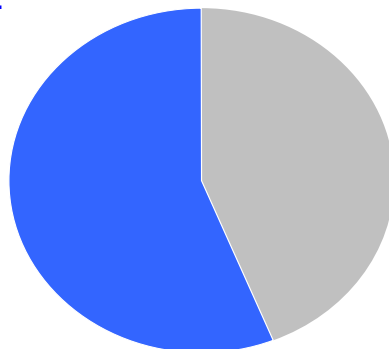


2024 Juvenile Delinquency - Informal Dispositions

Pending Consent Decrees	55
Pending Informal Adjustments	47
New Consent Decrees	80
New Informal Adjustments	142
Warrant Returned	1
Other	0
Cases Informally Disposed	325
Warrant Issued	2
Terminated by:	
Consent Decree Completed	86
Informal Adjustment Completed	114
Consent Decree Revoked	3
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	4
Other	7
Total Informally Disposed Cases Terminated	214
End Pending	109

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Informal Dispositions: **56%**



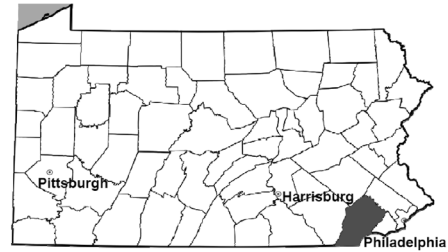
Delinquency Cases are disposed either formally, at a proceeding held before a judge or hearing officer, or informally without a proceeding. Informal dispositions include informal adjustments supervised by a juvenile probation officer; consent decrees agreed upon with the District Attorney after a petition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

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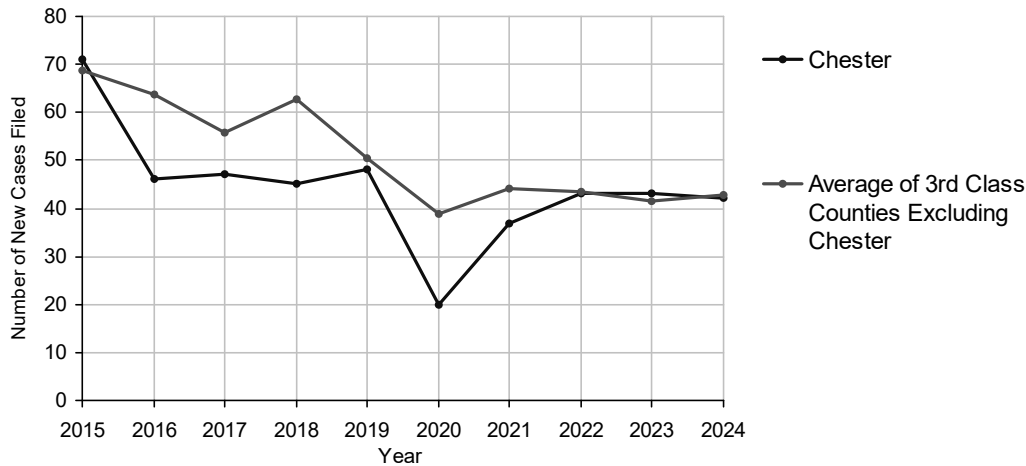
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2024 Accounts	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	30	
New Cases Filed in 2024	42	
Cases Available for Processing	72	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	5	17.9%
Contested before a Non-Judicial Officer	0	
Uncontested	23	82.1%
Other	0	
Cases Processed	28	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	44	

Accounts New Cases Filed, 2015-2024

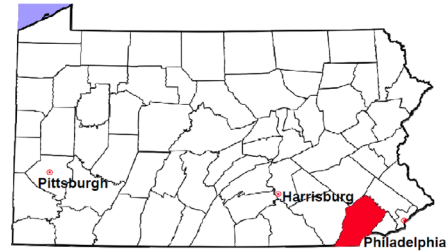


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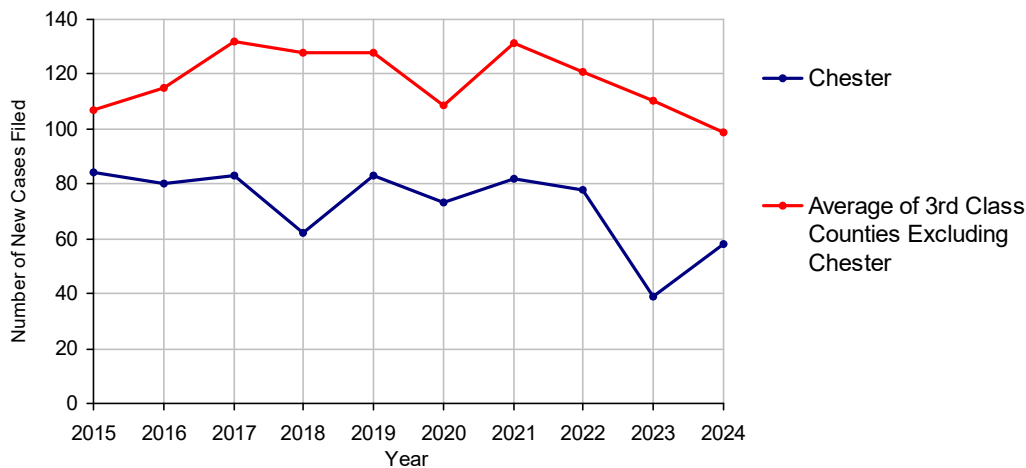
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2024 Adoptions		No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2024		33	
New Cases Filed in 2024		58	
Cases Available for Processing		91	
Processed By:			
Contested before a Judge	Granted	0	
	Denied	0	
Uncontested	Granted	47	94.0%
	Denied	1	2.0%
Other		2	4.0%
Cases Processed		50	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2024		41	

Adoptions New Cases Filed, 2015-2024

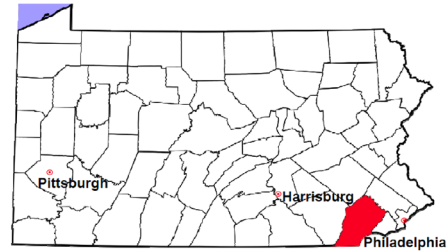


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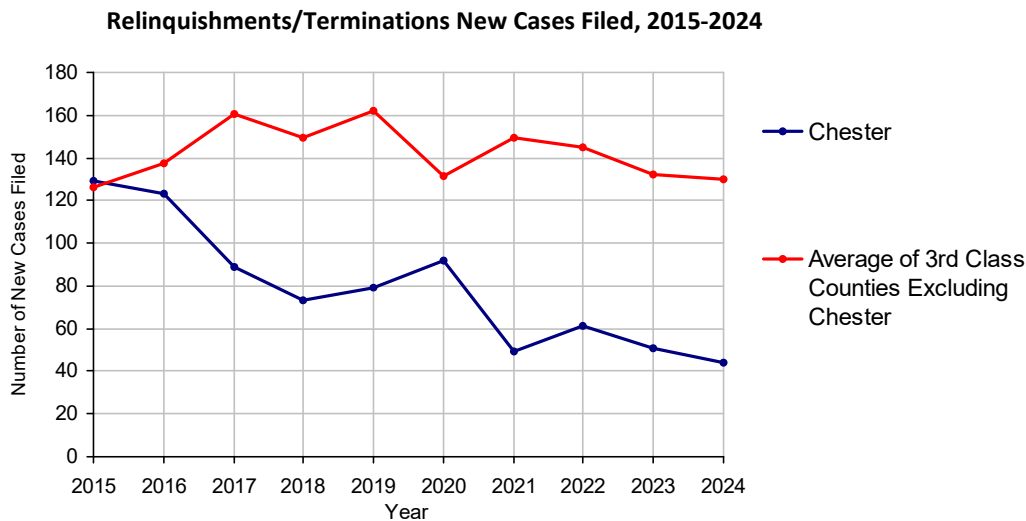
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2024 Relinquishments/Terminations	No. of Cases
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	52
New Cases Filed in 2024	44
Cases Available for Processing	96
Processed By:	
Contested before a Judge	5 10.9%
Uncontested	35 76.1%
Other	6 13.0%
Cases Processed	46 100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	50

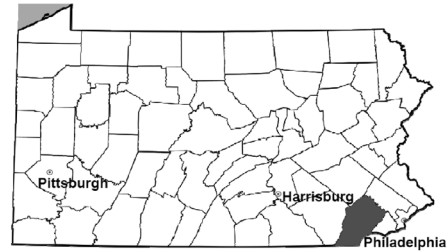


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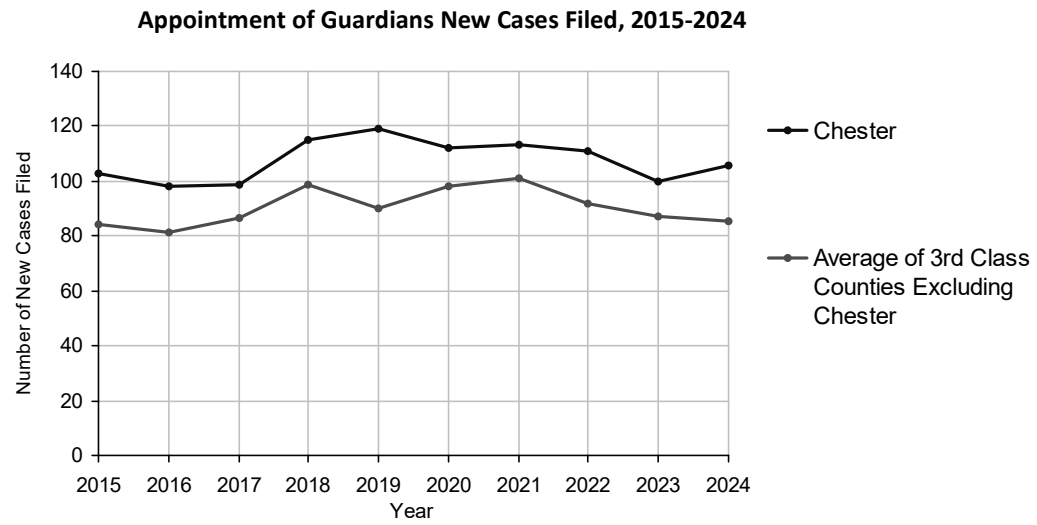
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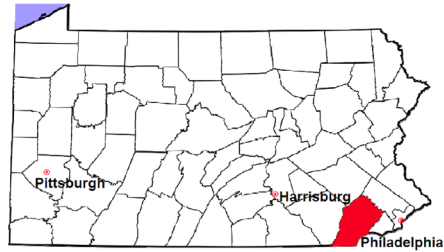


2024 Appointment of Guardians	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	35	
New Cases Filed in 2024	106	
Cases Available for Processing	141	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	0	
Uncontested	85	79.4%
Other	22	20.6%
Cases Processed	107	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	34	



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2024 Jury Yield and Utilization

Jury Yield

Qualification Questionnaires/Summonses Mailed:	24,259	A		
Returned Undeliverable:	1,210	B	5.0%	Of Qualification Questionnaires/ Summonses Mailed
Not Responded to:	1,339	C	5.5%	
the Number of Prospective Jurors:				
Disqualified:	2,904	D	12.0%	
Exempted:	863	E	3.6%	
Excused:	2,624	F	10.8%	
Deferred to New Term:	1,038	G	4.3%	
Deferred from Previous Term:	3,421	H	14.1%	
Total Number of Qualified Jurors Available for Service:	17,702	I	73.0%	

$I = A - B - C - D - E - F - G + H$

Jury Utilization

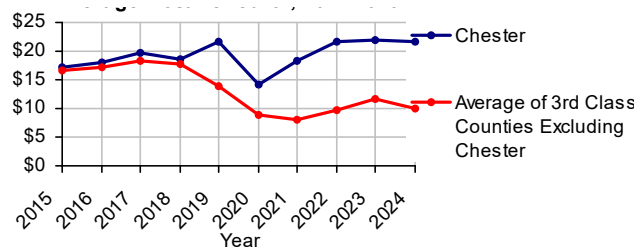
the Number of Jurors:			
Reporting for Service:	5,938		33.5%
Told Not to Report for Service:	10,019		56.6%
Sent to Courtroom for Jury Selection (Voir Dire):	4,914		82.8%
Impaneled or Sworn (jurors/alternates):	914		15.4%
Removed for Cause/Hardship:	920		
Removed by Peremptory Challenge:	839		
Number of Jury Trials Started:	60		
Pool Days:	79		
Zero Panel Days:	6		7.6% (Of Pool Days)

Jury Costs

Total Annual Budget for Juror Operations:	\$525,603.00	J
Average Cost Per Juror:	\$21.67	K

$K = J/A$

Average Cost Per Juror, 2015-2024

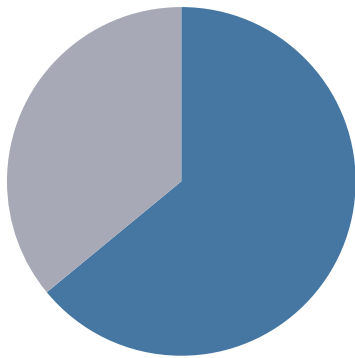


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2024 Treatment Courts

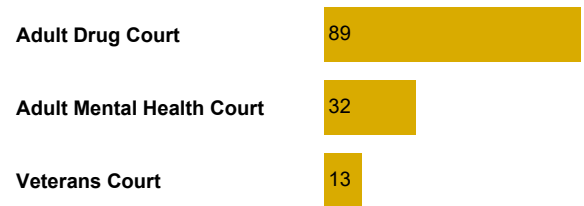
114 Discharges

Of All Court Participants Discharged:



64%
Graduated
Successfully

134 Admissions



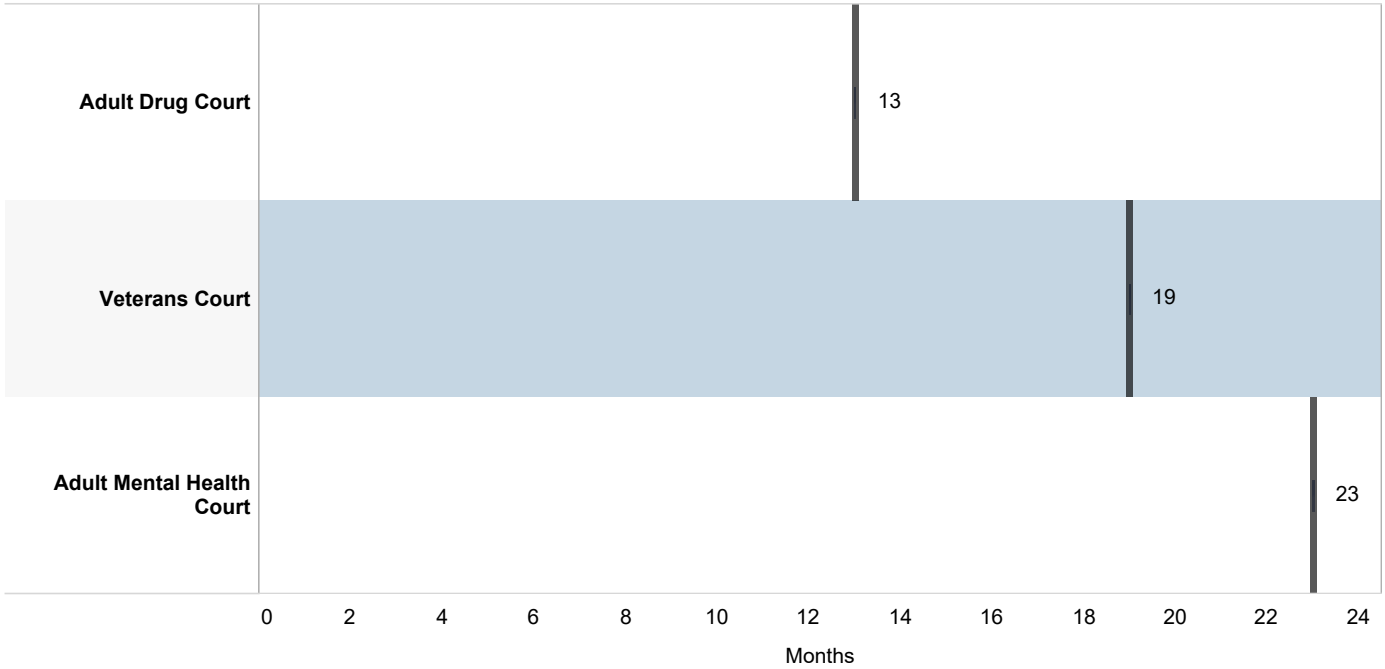
Discharge Reason

	Successfully Completed	Unsuccessful/New Offense	Unsuccessful /Non-Compliant	Voluntarily Withdrew	Unsuccessful /Absconded	Other	Total Discharges
Adult Drug Court	47 (58.8%)	1 (1.3%)	9 (11.3%)	21 (26.3%)	1 (1.3%)	1 (1.3%)	80 (100.0%)
Adult Mental Health Court	19 (76.0%)		2 (8.0%)	3 (12.0%)		1 (4.0%)	25 (100.0%)
Veterans Court	7 (77.8%)			2 (22.2%)			9 (100.0%)

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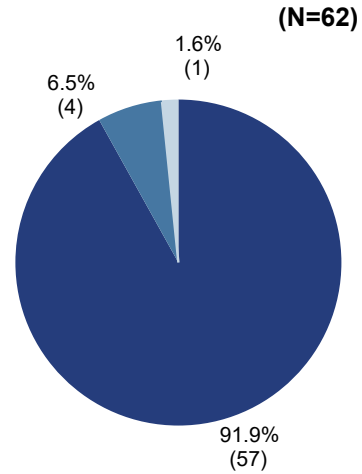
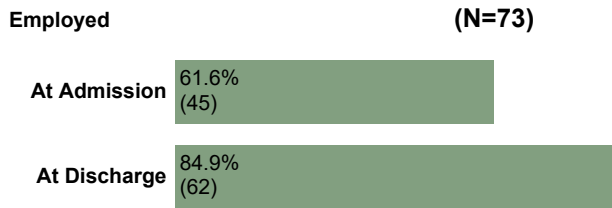
2024 Treatment Courts

Median Months from Admission to Discharge



Among successful graduates, there was a 38% increase in employment.

92% of the employed successful graduates were employed full time:



6% (7) of all participants have improved in education level at discharge.

- Employed Full Time
- Employed Part Time
- Volunteer

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