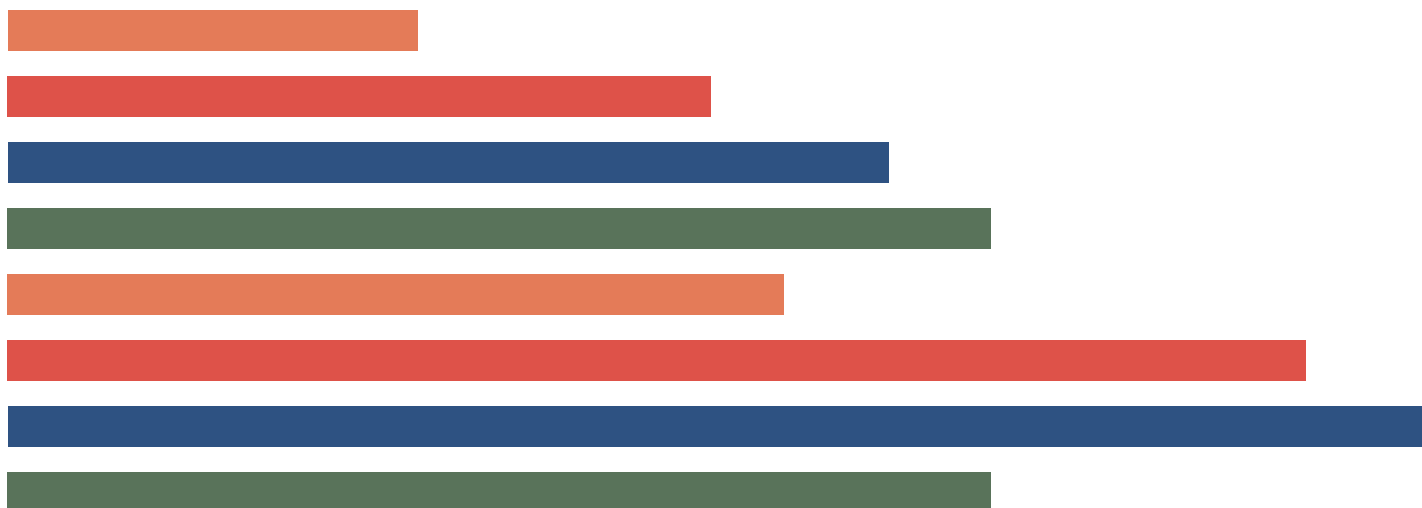
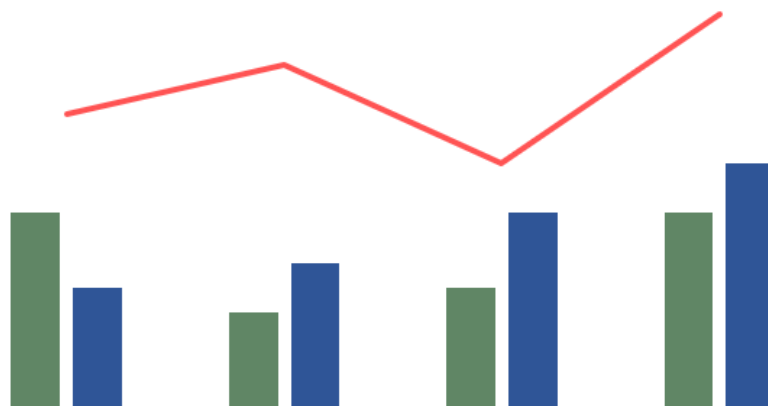
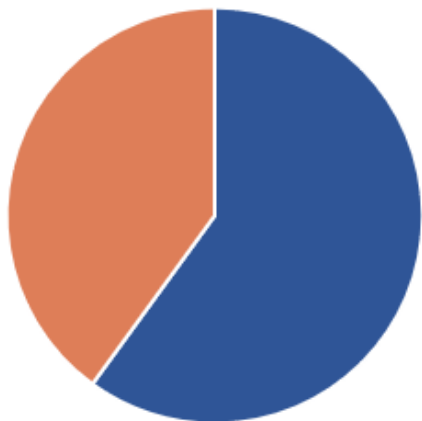


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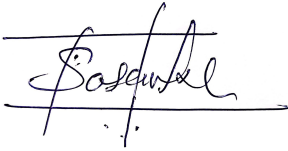




We are pleased to provide you with a copy of the 2024 County Caseload Display pages. They can also be viewed on the AOPC webpage at [www.pacourts.us](http://www.pacourts.us) in the *News & Statistics* section under *Research & Statistics*.

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

Sincerely,

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.

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Department of Research and Statistics



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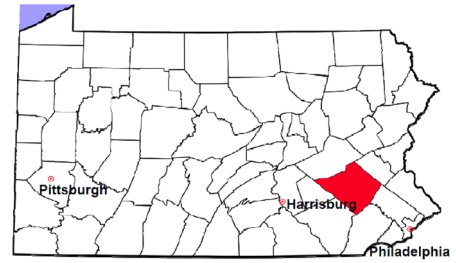
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## 2024 Criminal No. of Cases

Cases Pending 1/1/2024	2,510
New Cases Filed in 2024	4,291
Reopened Cases	336
<b>Cases Available for Processing</b>	<b>7,137</b>

### Processed by:

Withdrawn/Dismissed	254	5.7%
Diversionsary Disposition*	1,325	29.6%
Guilty Plea	2,597	58.0%
Non-Jury Trial	46	1.0%
Jury Trial	55	1.2%
Inactive	191	4.3%
Other	11	0.2%
<b>Total Cases Processed</b>	<b>4,479</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Cases Pending 12/31/2024** **2,658**

Cases Awaiting Sentencing 31

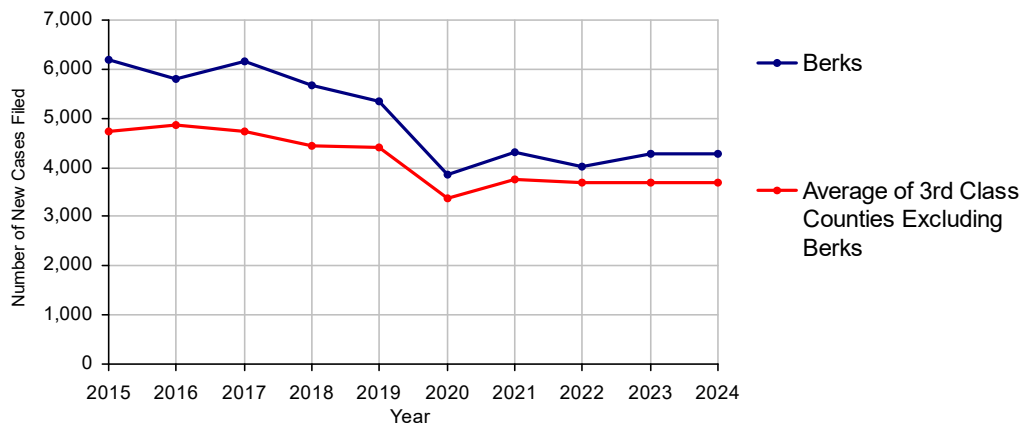
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\* Includes other diversionary programs such as Veterans Court.

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

0-60 Days	651	24.5%
61-120 Days	619	23.3%
121-180 Days	379	14.3%
181-240 Days	247	9.3%
241-300 Days	150	5.6%
301-360 Days	124	4.7%
Over 360 Days	488	18.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,658</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Criminal New Cases, 2015-2024**



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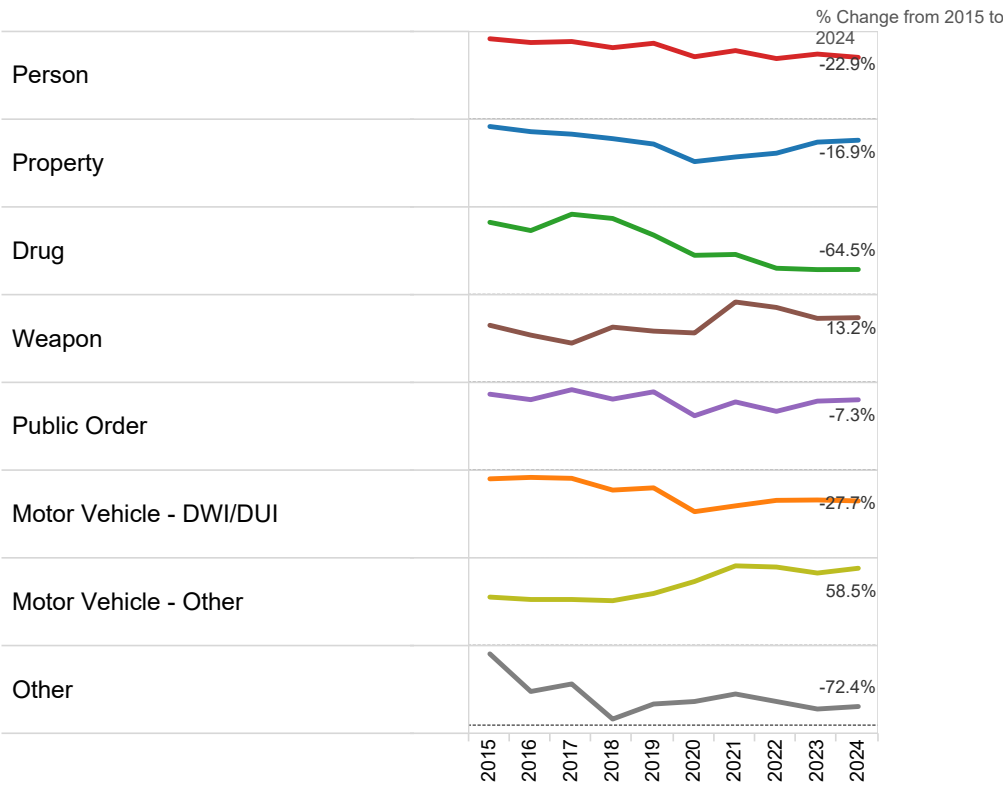


2024 Criminal - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	306	377	0	683	15.9%
Property	597	725	1	1,323	30.8%
Drug	130	444	0	574	13.4%
Weapon	136	44	0	180	4.2%
Public Order	136	397	2	535	12.5%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	25	897	1	923	21.5%
Motor Vehicle - Other	6	56	3	65	1.5%
Other	8	0	0	8	0.2%
Total	1,344	2,940	7	4,291	100.0%
	31.3%	68.5%	0.2%	100.0%	

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Criminal New Cases by Offense Type, 2015-2024

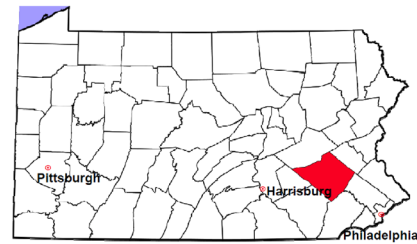


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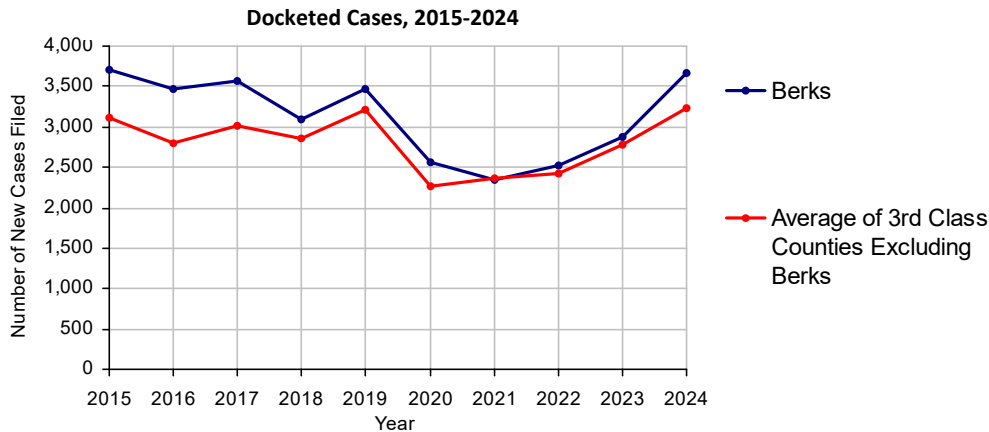
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2024 Civil	Civil Action	Other	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	1,925	982	2,907
Docketed Cases	2,576	1,081	3,657
Arbitration Appeals	18	2	20
Transferred In	15	6	21
Returned to Active	24	20	44
<b>Cases Available for Processing</b>	<b>4,558</b>	<b>2,091</b>	<b>6,649</b>
Processed By:			
Default Judgments	751	276	1,027
<b>Cases Decided by Arbitration Board</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>102</b>
Dispositive Motions	125	256	381
<b>Settlements</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>948</b>
Moved to Inactive Status	16	119	135
<b>Transferred/Withdrawn</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>164</b>
Dismissed/Discontinued	430	176	606
<b>Administrative Purge</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>195</b>
Other	4	18	22
<b>Jury Trial</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>
Non-Jury Trial	5	12	17
<b>Total Cases Processed</b>	<b>2,345</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>3,605</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2024</b>	<b>2,213</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>3,044</b>

Age of Pending Cases as of 12/31/2024 (Civil Action Only)		
0-6 months	1,097	49.6%
<b>7-12 months</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>16.9%</b>
13-18 months	203	9.2%
<b>19-24 months</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>5.8%</b>
25-30 months	81	3.7%
<b>31-36 months</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
37-42 months	57	2.6%
<b>43-48 months</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
49-54 months	38	1.7%
<b>55-60 months</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
61-66 months	24	1.1%
<b>67-72 months</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0.7%</b>
Over 72 months	58	2.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,213</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



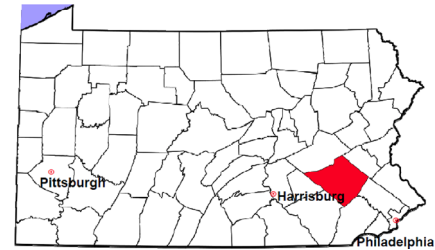


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## 2024 Civil - Docketed Cases Listed by Case Type

### TORT 475 13.0%

*(does not include mass tort)*

Intentional	14
Malicious Prosecution	1
Motor Vehicle	320
Nuisance	0
Premise Liability	74
Product Liability	1
Slander/Libel/Defamation	1
Other	64

### MASS TORT 3 0.1%

Asbestos	0
Tobacco	0
Toxic Tort - DES	0
Toxic Tort - Implant	0
Toxic Waste	0
Other	3

### PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY 25 0.7%

Dental	0
Legal	3
Medical Malpractice	20
Other	2

### CONTRACT 2,049 56.0%

*(does not include judgments)*

Buyer Plaintiff	15
Debt Collection: Credit Card	1,355
Debt Collection: Other	93
Employment Dispute: Discrimination	1
Employment Dispute: Other	0
Other	585

#### Of the Docketed Cases:

Pro Se Filings: 76 2.1%      Class Action Suits: 3 0.1%      MDJ Appeals: 175 4.8%

\*Civil Other

### REAL PROPERTY 619 16.9%

Ejectment*	46
Eminent Domain/Condemnation*	11
Ground Rent	2
Landlord/Tenant Dispute	22
Mortgage Foreclosure:	
Residential*	447
Commercial*	19
Partition of Real Property*	14
Quiet Title*	29
Other*	29

### CIVIL APPEALS 387 10.6%

*- Administrative Agencies*

Board of Assessment*	117
Board of Elections*	2
Dept. of Transportation*	96
Zoning Board*	18
Statutory Appeal - Other*	0
Other*	154

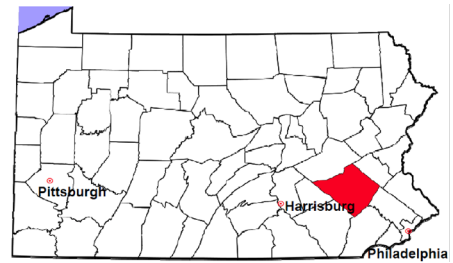
### MISCELLANEOUS 99 2.7%

Common Law/	
Statutory Arbitration*	0
Declaratory Judgment*	12
Mandamus*	3
Non-Domestic Relations	
Restraining Order*	12
Quo Warranto*	0
Replevin*	32
Other*	40

**TOTAL DOCKETED CASES: 3,657 100.0%**

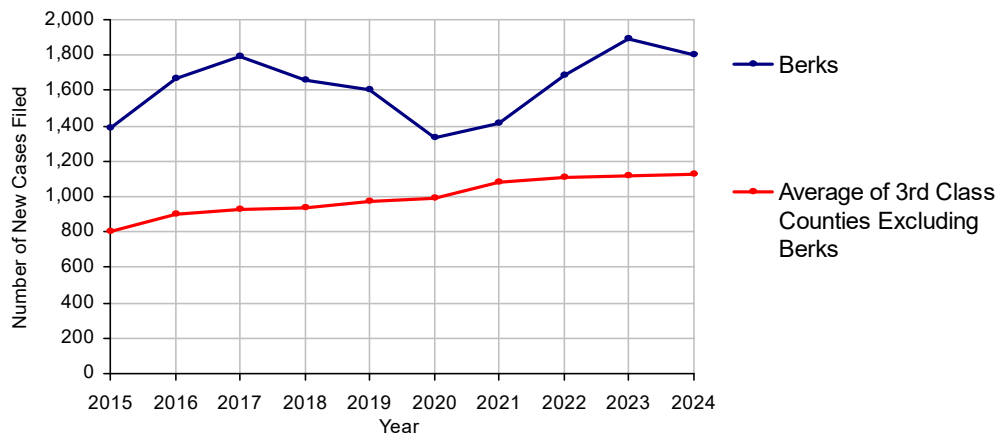
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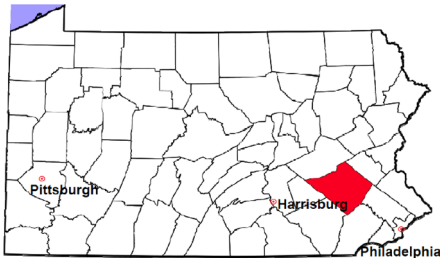
2024 Protection From Abuse	No. of Petitions	
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	272	
New Cases Filed in 2024	1,800	
<i>Of these, Petitions Requesting Temporary Orders: 1,800 (100.0%)</i>		
<i>Temporary Orders DENIED: 478 (26.6%), Temporary Orders GRANTED: 1,322 (73.4%)</i>		
Cases Available for Processing	2,072	
Processed By:		
Temporary Order DENIED After Ex Parte Hearing and No Evidentiary Hearing Scheduled	478	26.5%
Temporary Order DISMISSED After Evidentiary Hearing and No Final Order Entered	325	18.0%
Final Order DENIED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	1	0.1%
Final Order GRANTED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	220	12.2%
Plaintiff Did Not Appear For Evidentiary Hearing	296	16.4%
Final Order by STIPULATION OR AGREEMENT Between the Parties	201	11.1%
Petition WITHDRAWN by Plaintiff	285	15.8%
TRANSFERRED to Another Jurisdiction	0	
Other	0	
Cases Processed	1,806	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	266	

PFA New Cases Filed, 2015-2024



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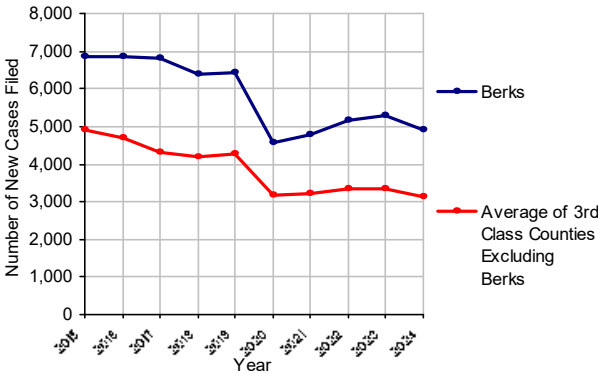
2024 Spousal & Child Support	No. of Petitions	
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	1,130	
New Cases Filed in 2024	4,902	
Dockets Transferred In (+)	55	
Dockets Transferred Out (-)	50	
Cases Available for Processing	6,037	
Processed By:		
Judge	13	0.3%
Intake Officer	4,180	88.0%
Hearing Officer	557	11.7%
Other	2	<0.1%
Cases Processed	4,752	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	1,285	

Data provided by PACSES

2024 Paternity	No. of Cases	
Acknowledgements Filed:		
Non-Domestic Relations Section	714	85.1%
During Conference	20	2.4%
Non-Stipulated (post genetic test)	1	0.1%
Pre-Trial Conference	104	12.4%
Total	839	100.0%
Established:		
Stipulated by Genetic Tests	84	32.4%
Default - Father Failed to Appear	17	6.6%
Adjudication by Court Proceeding	0	
Out of State	158	61.0%
Total	259	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	207	

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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:

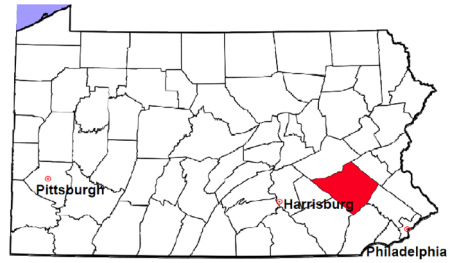
STIPULATED BY GENETIC TESTS: The alleged father requested genetic tests and signed a stipulation that if the test results had a 99% or higher probability of paternity then the alleged father would be stipulated as the biological father of the child.  
DEFAULT - FATHER FAILED TO APPEAR: The alleged father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

388

New Cases Filed in 2024

839

**Cases Available for Processing**

**1,227**

Processed By:

Judge

377

51.3%

Non-Judicial Officer

254

34.6%

Administrative Review/Purge

24

3.3%

Other

80

10.9%

**Cases Processed**

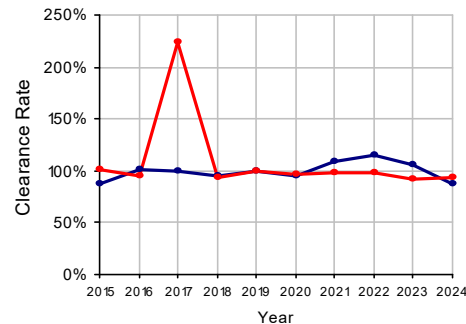
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**100.0%**

**Cases Pending 12/31/2024**

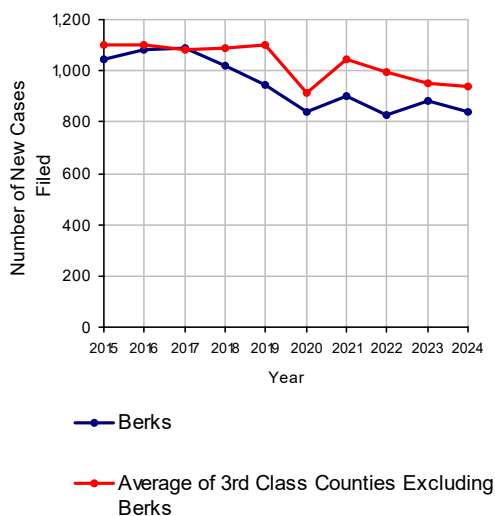
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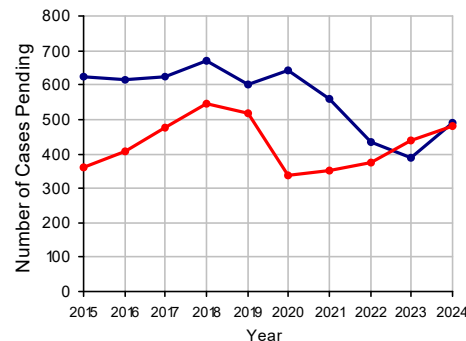


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Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation New Cases Filed, 2015-2024



Cases Pending at the End of Year, 2015-2024

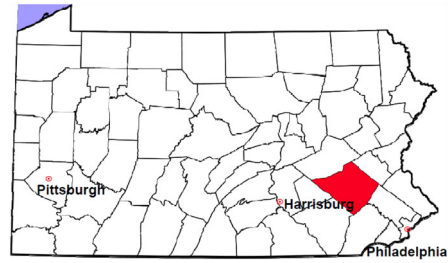


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## 2024 Divorce

### No. of Petitions

Cases Pending 1/1/2024

1,657

New Cases Filed in 2024

915

**Cases Available for Processing**

**2,572**

Processed By:

Contested Before a Judge

26

3.0%

Contested Before a Non-Judicial Officer

83

9.5%

Uncontested

617

70.8%

Administrative Review/Purge

113

13.0%

Other

33

3.8%

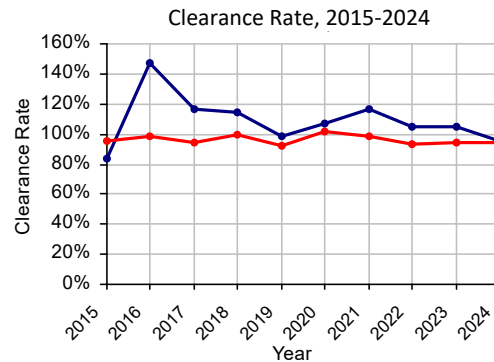
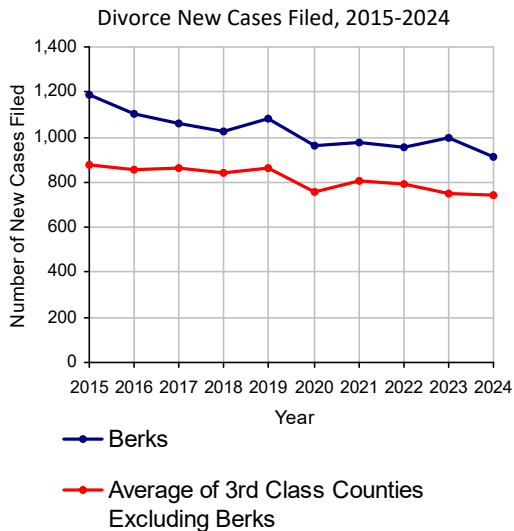
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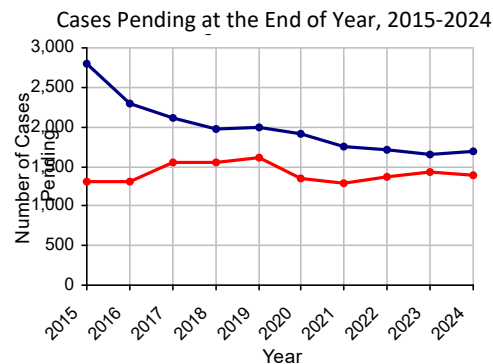
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**Cases Pending 12/31/2024**

**1,700**



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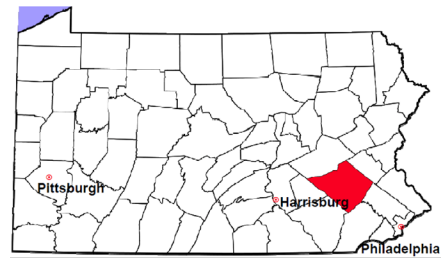


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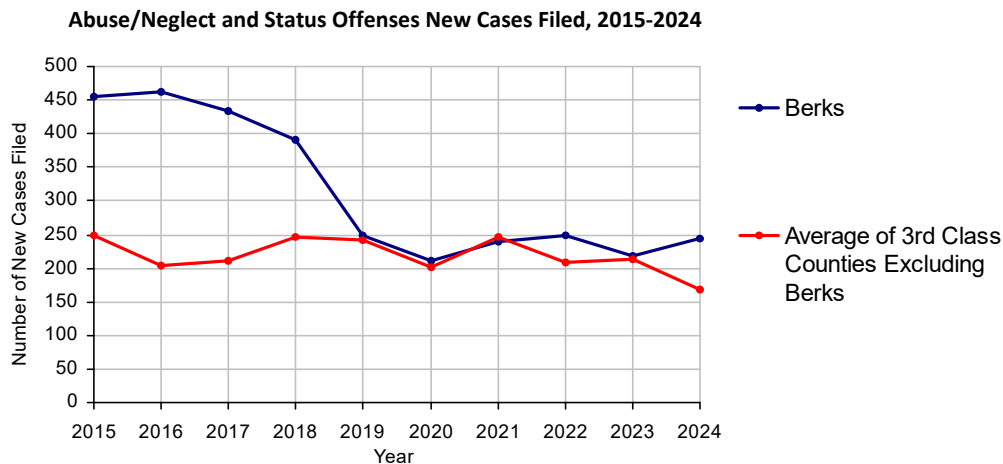
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## 2024 Juvenile Dependency - Petitions Pending Adjudication

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	14	0	14
New Petitions Filed in 2024	245	0	245
Other	45	0	45
<b>Total Petitions Available for Processing</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>304</b>
Processed by:			
Adjudicated Dependent			
Judge	209	0	209
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0	0	0
Adjudicated NOT Dependent			
Judge	13	0	13
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0	0	0
Withdrawn/Transferred	50	0	50
Dismissed/Other	7	0	7
<b>Total Petitions Processed</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>279</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2024</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25</b>

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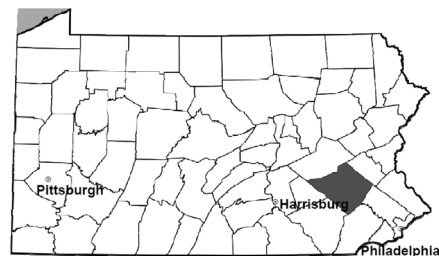


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## 2024 Juvenile Dependency - Adjudicated Dependent Inventory

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	347	0	347
New Adjudicated Dependent Cases	209	0	209
Other	6	0	6
<b>Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>562</b>

### Court Supervision Terminated:

Family Reunification	38	21.0%	0	38	21.0%
Adoption	45	24.9%	0	45	24.9%
Placement with a Relative/Guardian	78	43.1%	0	78	43.1%
Aged Out	13	7.2%	0	13	7.2%
Other Permanency Outcomes*	1	0.6%	0	1	0.6%
Other**	6	3.3%	0	6	3.3%

<b>Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases Terminated</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2024</b>	<b>381</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>381</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.

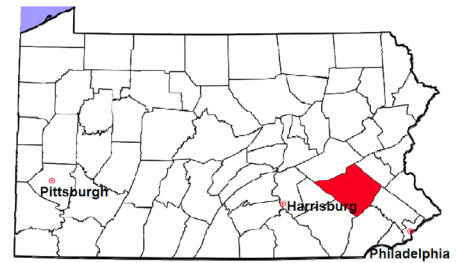
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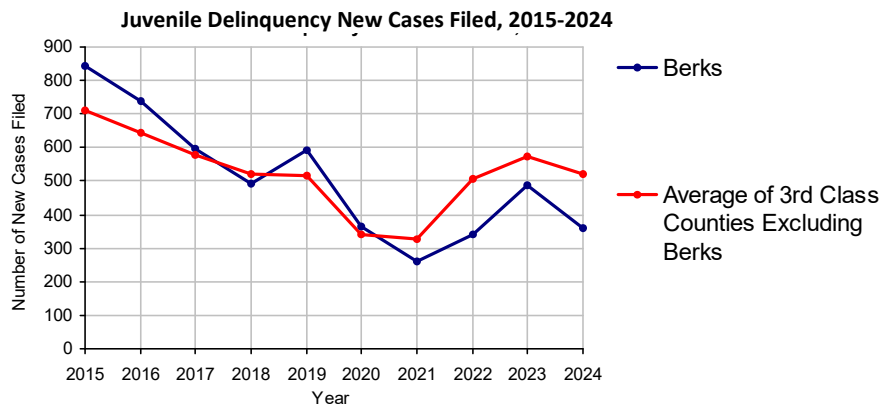
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## 2024 Juvenile Delinquency - Cases Pending Disposition

<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>316</b>
New Cases	358
Consent Decree Revoked	40
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	4
Alternative Program Revoked	0
Warrant Returned	4
Other	35
<b>Total Cases Available for Disposition</b>	<b>757</b>
<b>Warrant Issued</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Disposed by:</b>	
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	122
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0
Consent Decree Entered	163
Informal Adjustment Program Entered	78
Warned and Counseled (Pre-Petition)	3
Dismissed/Withdrawn/Transferred	111
Transferred to Criminal Court	1
Other	29
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>507</b>
<b>End Pending</b>	<b>238</b>

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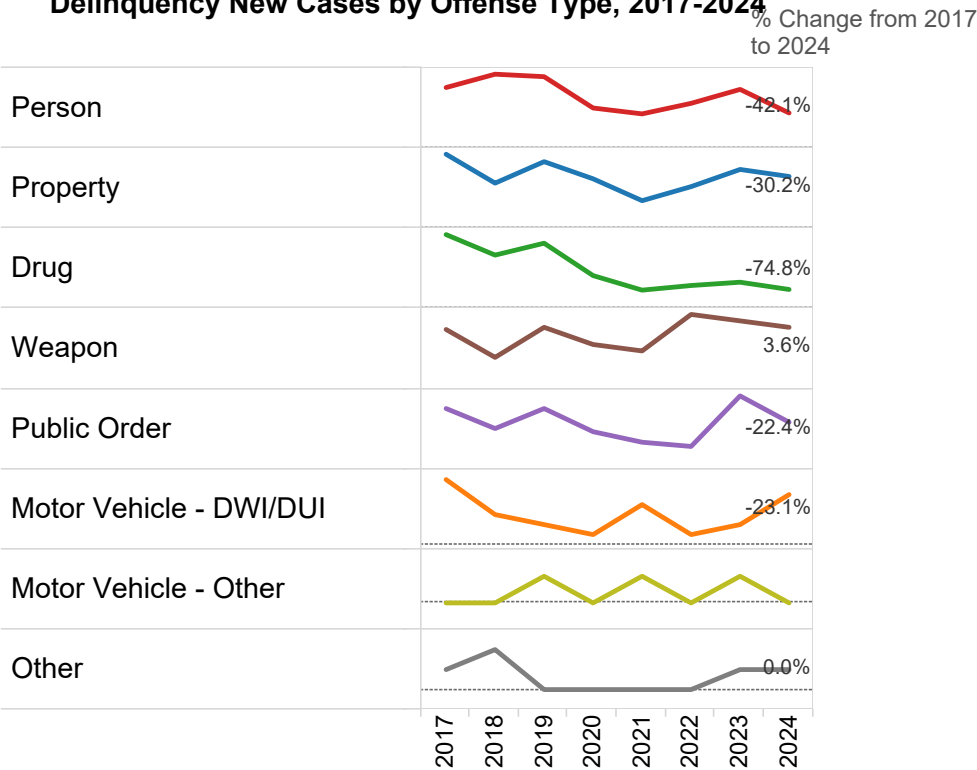


## 2024 Delinquency - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	40	73	0	113	31.6%
Property	71	61	0	132	36.9%
Drug	2	26	0	28	7.8%
Weapon	8	21	0	29	8.1%
Public Order	10	35	0	45	12.6%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	0	10	0	10	2.8%
Motor Vehicle - Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Other	0	1	0	1	0.3%
Total	131	227	0	358	100.0%
	36.6%	63.4%	0.0%	100.0%	

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### Delinquency New Cases by Offense Type, 2017-2024

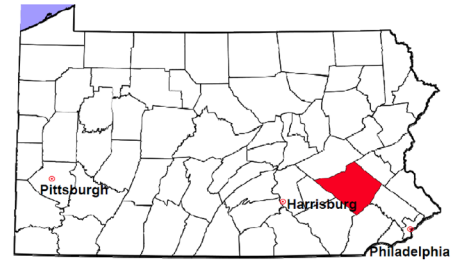


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## 2024 Juvenile Delinquency - Formal Dispositions

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<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>233</b>
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	122
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0
Warrant Returned	12
Other	4
<b>Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases</b>	<b>371</b>
<b>Warrant Issued</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Court Supervision Terminated:</b>	
Conditions Satisfied	92
Compelling Reasons	1
Reached Age 21	15
Transferred to Another Juvenile Court	0
Other	7
<b>Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases Terminated</b>	<b>115</b>
<b>End Pending</b>	<b>242</b>

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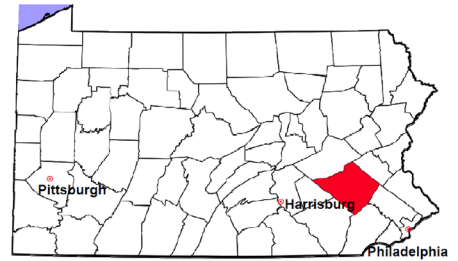
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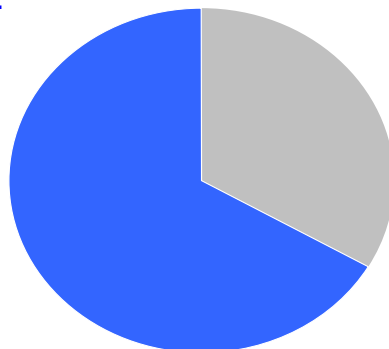
## 2024 Juvenile Delinquency - Informal Dispositions

<b>Pending Consent Decrees</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Pending Informal Adjustments</b>	<b>17</b>
New Consent Decrees	163
<b>New Informal Adjustments</b>	<b>58</b>
Warrant Returned	5
<b>Other</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Cases Informally Disposed</b>	<b>338</b>
<b>Warrant Issued</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Terminated by:</b>	
Consent Decree Completed	114
<b>Informal Adjustment Completed</b>	<b>38</b>
Consent Decree Revoked	40
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	4
<b>Other</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Total Informally Disposed Cases Terminated</b>	<b>204</b>
<b>End Pending</b>	<b>128</b>

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Informal  
Dispositions: **67%**



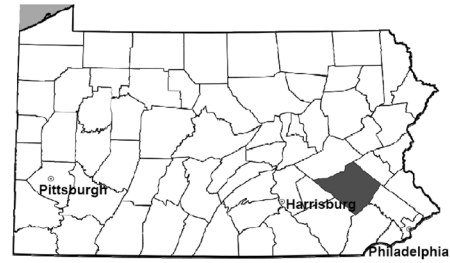
Delinquency Cases are disposed either formally, at a proceeding held before a judge or hearing officer, or informally without a proceeding. Informal dispositions include informal adjustments supervised by a juvenile probation officer; consent decrees agreed upon with the District Attorney after a petition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

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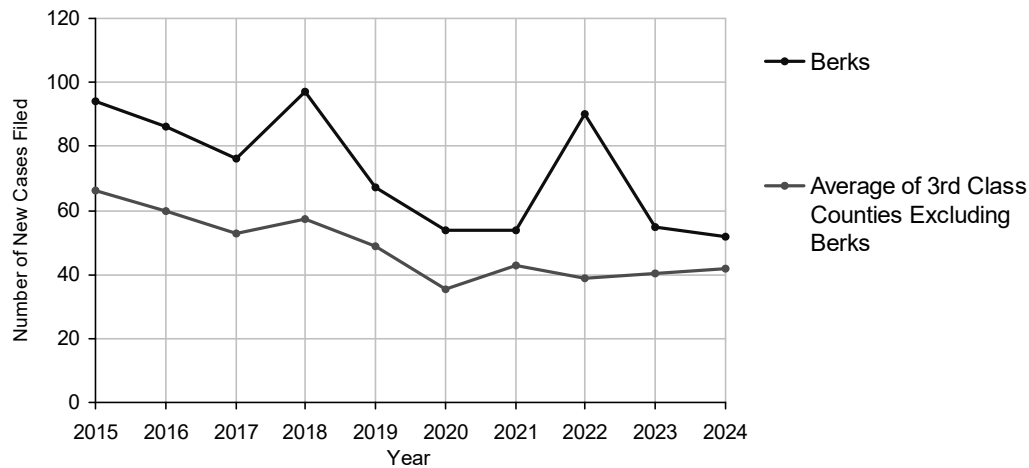
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2024 Accounts	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	27	
New Cases Filed in 2024	52	
<b>Cases Available for Processing</b>	<b>79</b>	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	3	5.5%
Contested before a Non-Judicial Officer	0	
Uncontested	46	83.6%
Other	6	10.9%
<b>Cases Processed</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2024</b>	<b>24</b>	

Accounts New Cases Filed, 2015-2024

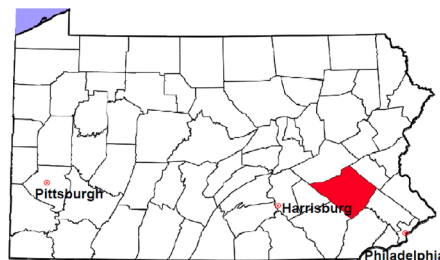


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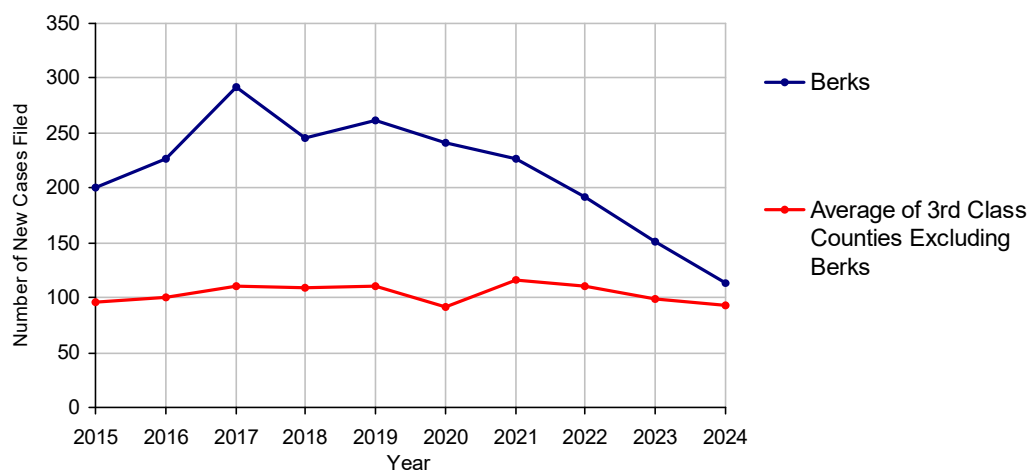


## 2024 Adoptions

### No. of Cases

Cases Pending 1/1/2024	30
New Cases Filed in 2024	114
<b>Cases Available for Processing</b>	<b>144</b>
Processed By:	
Contested before a Judge	Granted 2 1.7%
	Denied 1 0.9%
Uncontested	Granted 105 91.3%
	Denied 0
Other	7 6.1%
<b>Cases Processed</b>	<b>115 100.0%</b>
<b>Cases Pending 12/31/2024</b>	<b>29</b>

Adoptions New Cases Filed, 2015-2024

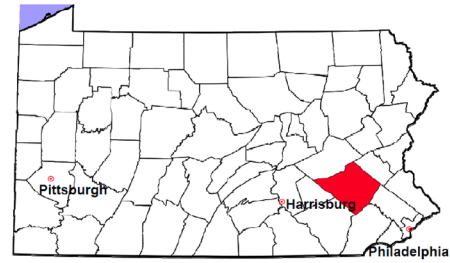


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## 2024 Relinquishments/Terminations

No. of Cases

Cases Pending 1/1/2024

51

New Cases Filed in 2024

118

**Cases Available for Processing**

**169**

Processed By:

Contested before a Judge

22 17.7%

Uncontested

85 68.5%

Other

17 13.7%

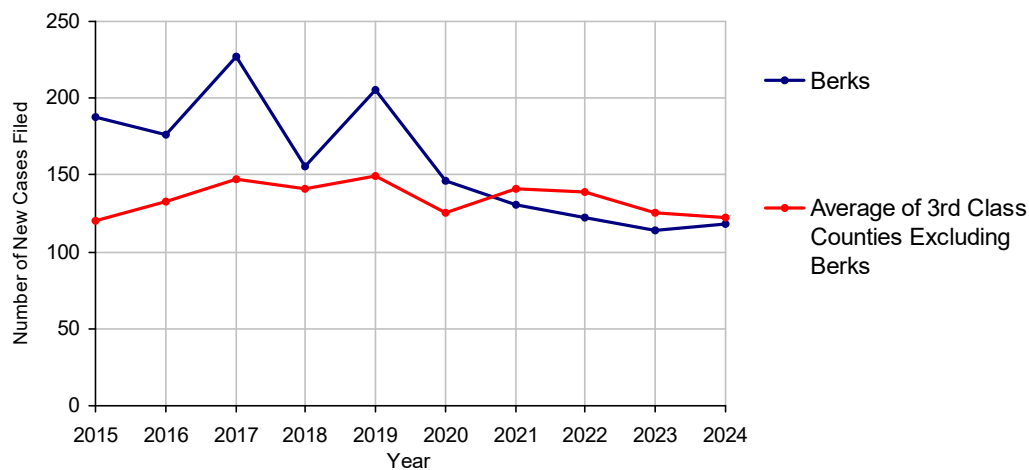
**Cases Processed**

**124 100.0%**

**Cases Pending 12/31/2024**

**45**

Relinquishments/Terminations New Cases Filed, 2015-2024

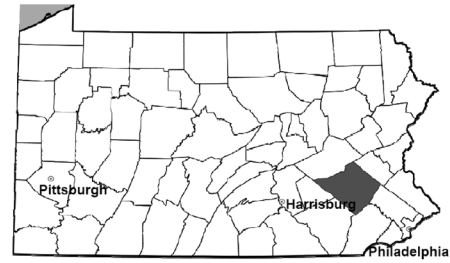


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## 2024 Appointment of Guardians

**No. of  
Cases**

Cases Pending 1/1/2024

16

New Cases Filed in 2024

73

**Cases Available for Processing**

**89**

Processed By:

Contested before a Judge

10

13.5%

Uncontested

56

75.7%

Other

8

10.8%

**Cases Processed**

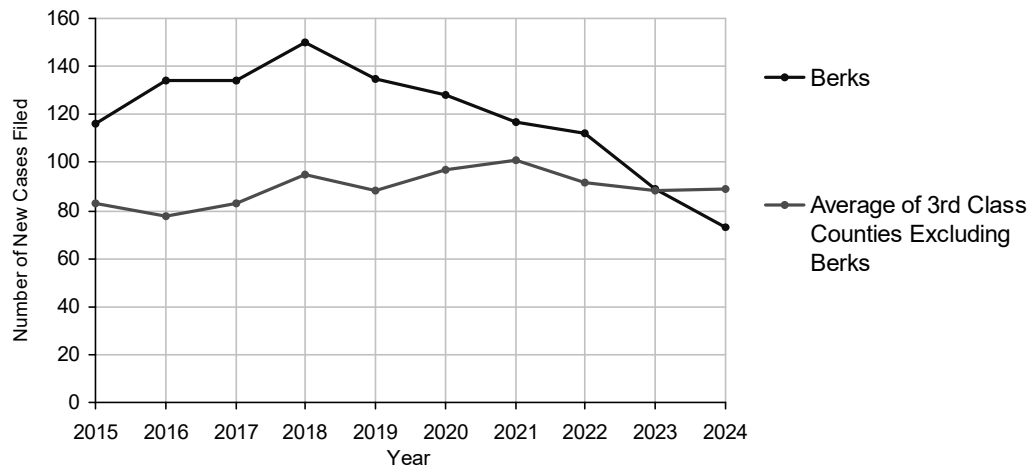
**74**

**100.0%**

**Cases Pending 12/31/2024**

**15**

**Appointment of Guardians New Cases Filed, 2015-2024**

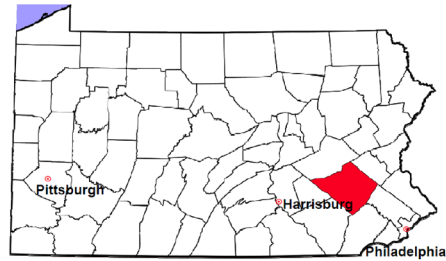


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## 2024 Jury Yield and Utilization

### Jury Yield

Qualification Questionnaires/Summonses Mailed:	37,700	A		
Returned Undeliverable:	1,404	B	3.7%	Of Qualification Questionnaires/ Summonses Mailed
Not Responded to:	1,765	C	4.7%	
the Number of Prospective Jurors:				
Disqualified:	2,454	D	6.5%	
Exempted:	1,642	E	4.4%	
Excused:	8,214	F	21.8%	
Deferred to New Term:	1,185	G	3.1%	
Deferred from Previous Term:	1,099	H	2.9%	
Total Number of Qualified Jurors Available for Service:	22,135	I	58.7%	
$I=A-B-C-D-E-F-G+H$				

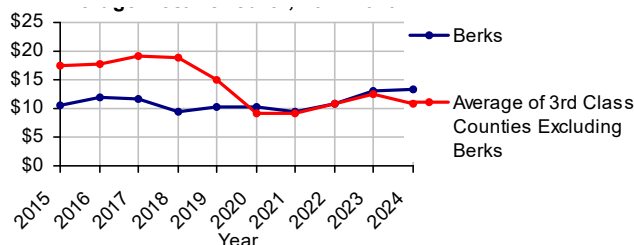
### Jury Utilization

the Number of Jurors:				
Reporting for Service:	4,416	20.0%	Of Jurors Qualified and Available	
Told Not to Report for Service:	15,749	71.1%		
Sent to Courtroom for Jury Selection (Voir Dire):	3,803	86.1%	Of Jurors Reporting for Service	
Impaneled or Sworn (jurors/alternates):	919	20.8%		
Removed for Cause/Hardship:	829			
Removed by Peremptory Challenge:	711			
Number of Jury Trials Started:	63			
Pool Days:	68			
Zero Panel Days:	10	14.7%	(Of Pool Days)	

### Jury Costs

Total Annual Budget for Juror Operations:	\$501,961.00	J
Average Cost Per Juror:	\$13.31	K
$K = J/A$		

Average Cost Per Juror, 2015-2024



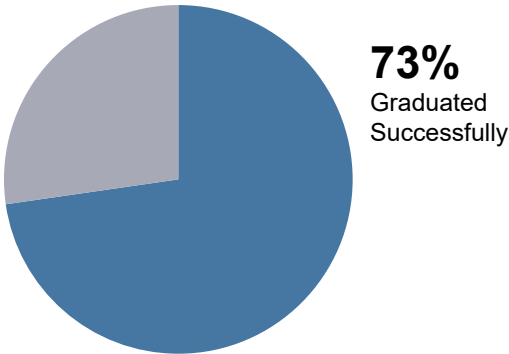


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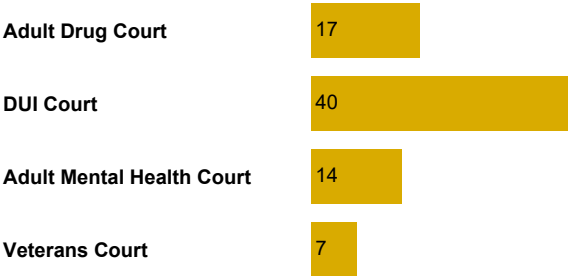
## 2024 Treatment Courts

88 Discharges

Of All Court Participants Discharged:



78 Admissions

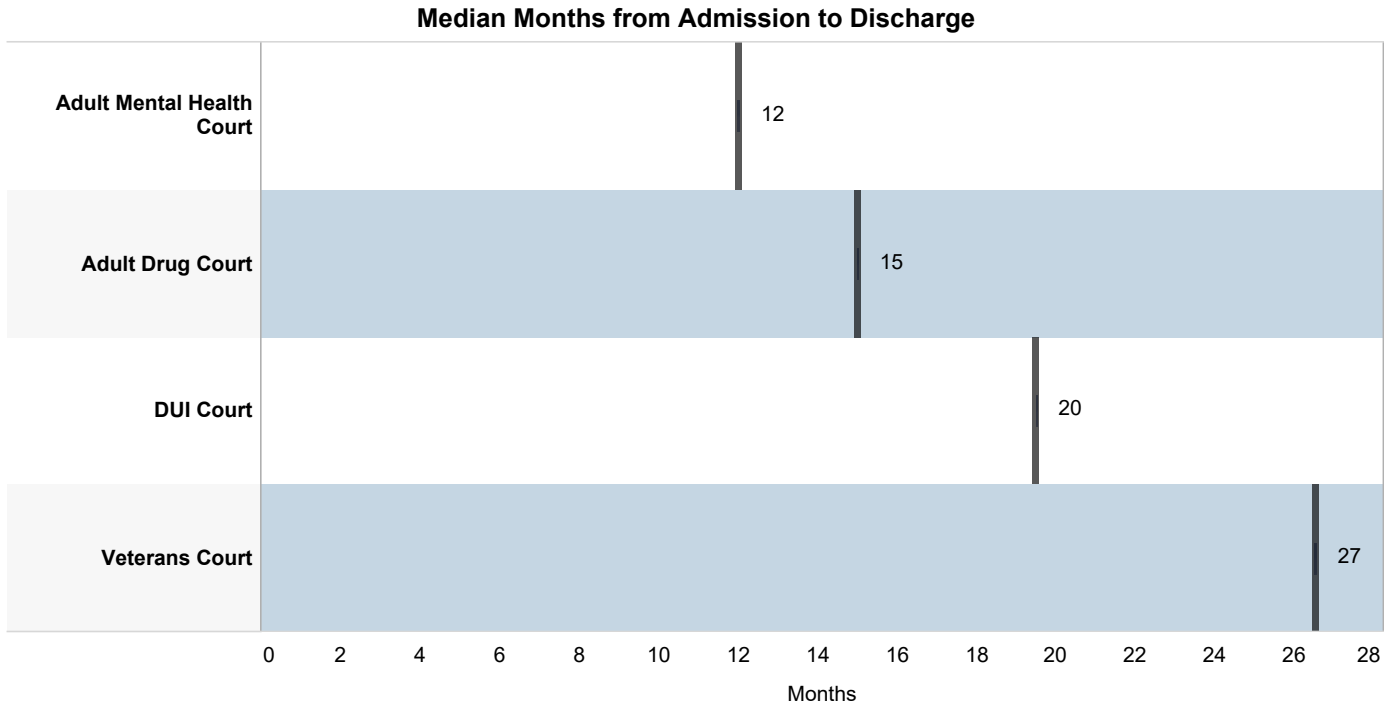


### Discharge Reason

	Successfully Completed	Unsuccessful/New Offense	Unsuccessful /Non-Compliant	Other	Total Discharges
Adult Drug Court	18 (75.0%)	2 (8.3%)	4 (16.7%)		24 (100.0%)
DUI Court	35 (79.5%)	2 (4.5%)	6 (13.6%)	1 (2.3%)	44 (100.0%)
Adult Mental Health Court	5 (50.0%)	2 (20.0%)	1 (10.0%)	2 (20.0%)	10 (100.0%)
Veterans Court	6 (60.0%)	1 (10.0%)	2 (20.0%)	1 (10.0%)	10 (100.0%)

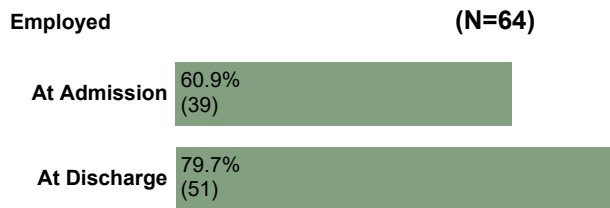
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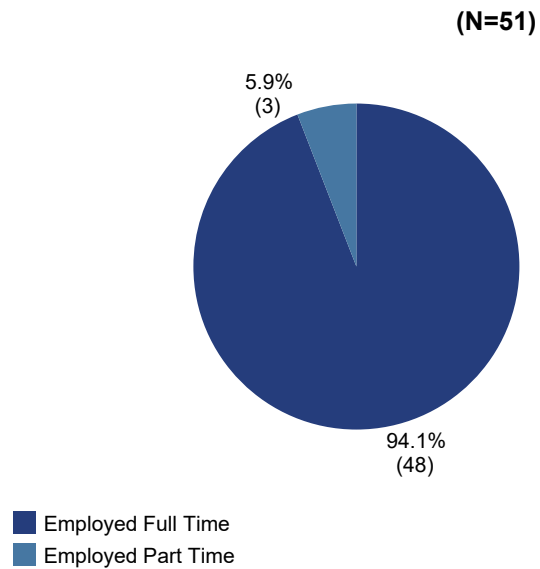


**Among successful graduates, there was a 31% increase in employment.**

**94% of the employed successful graduates were employed full time:**



**25% (22) of all participants have improved in education level at discharge.**





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