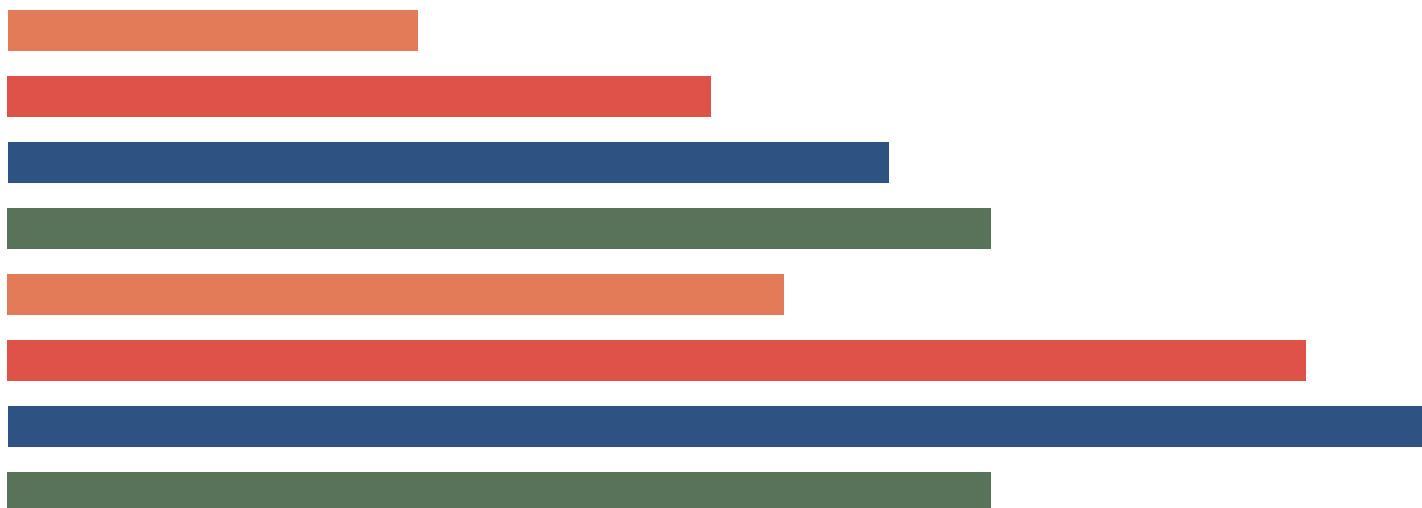
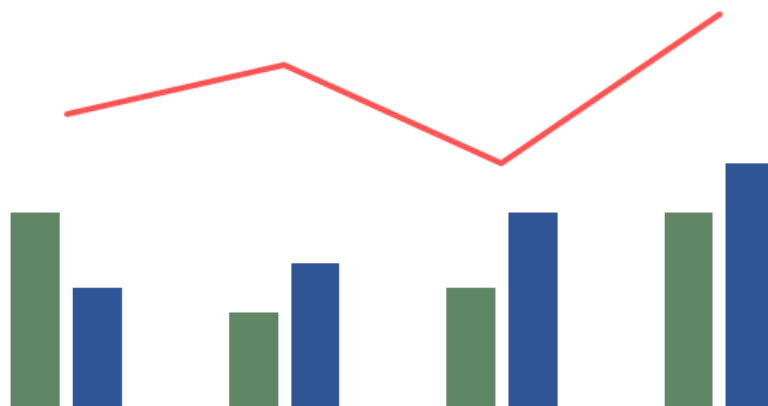
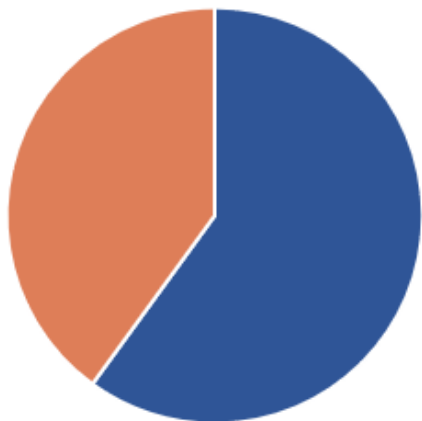


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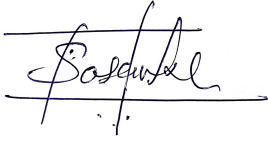
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Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at 717.231.3300.

Sincerely,

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Sasanka Adikari, Ph.D.
Data Scientist
Department of Research and Statistics

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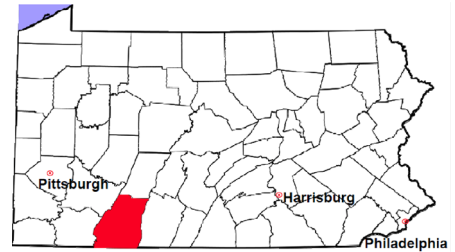
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2024 Criminal No. of Cases

Cases Pending 1/1/2024	582
New Cases Filed in 2024	722
Reopened Cases	92
Cases Available for Processing	1,396

Processed by:

Withdrawn/Dismissed	49	6.1%
Diversionsary Disposition*	145	18.1%
Guilty Plea	528	65.8%
Non-Jury Trial	6	0.7%
Jury Trial	12	1.5%
Inactive	54	6.7%
Other	9	1.1%
Total Cases Processed	803	100.0%

Cases Pending 12/31/2024 **593**

Cases Awaiting Sentencing 108

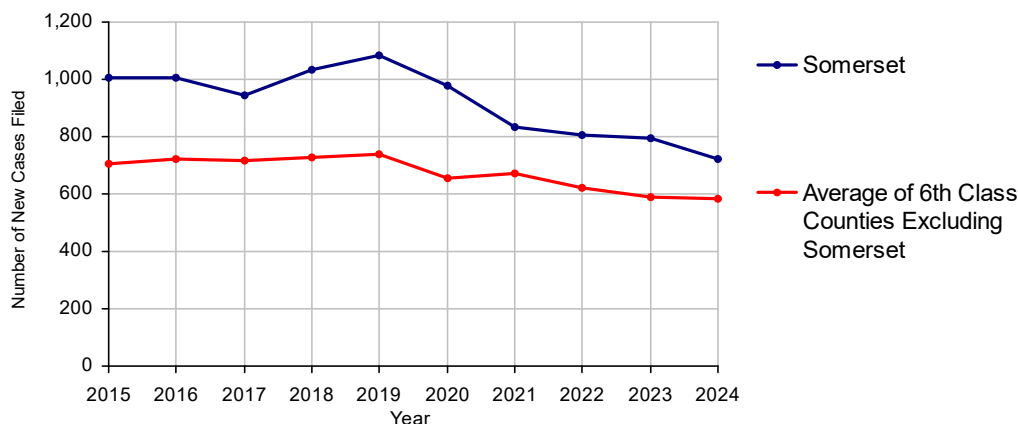
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Age of Pending Cases as of 12/31/2024

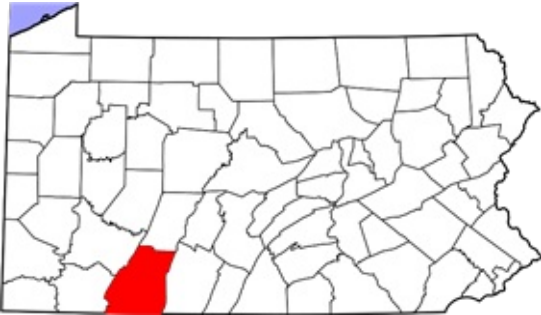
0-60 Days	117	19.7%
61-120 Days	104	17.5%
121-180 Days	66	11.1%
181-240 Days	61	10.3%
241-300 Days	52	8.8%
301-360 Days	30	5.1%
Over 360 Days	163	27.5%
Total	593	100.0%

Criminal New Cases, 2015-2024



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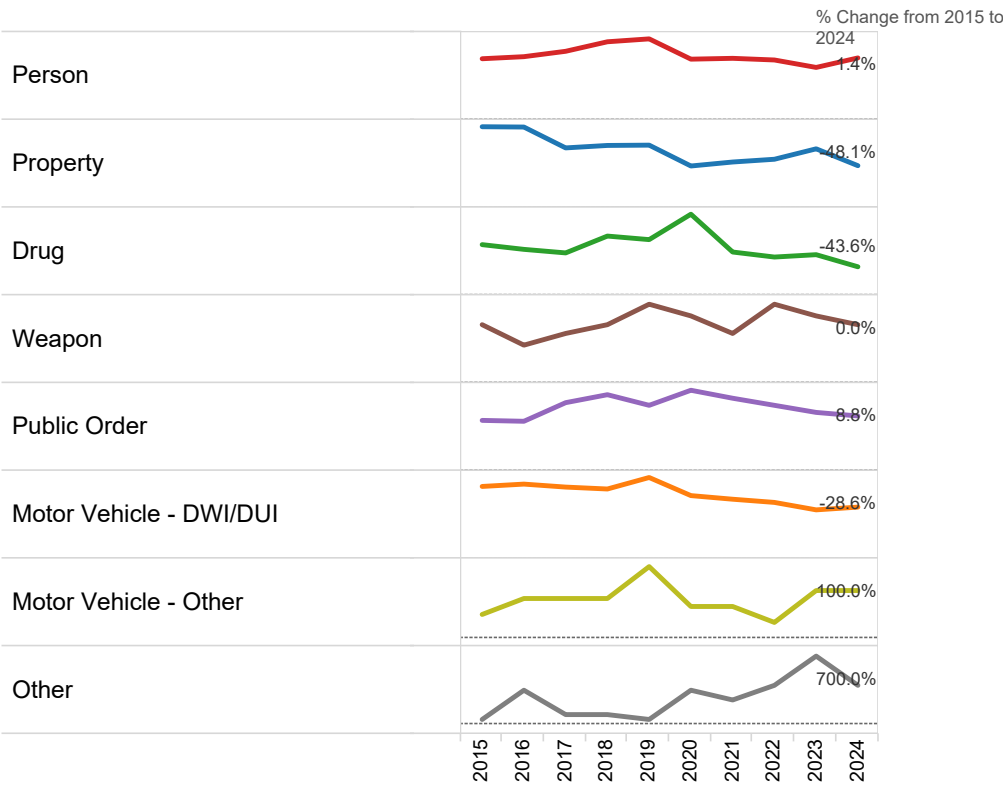


2024 Criminal - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	66	84	0	150	20.8%
Property	72	65	0	137	19.0%
Drug	26	71	0	97	13.4%
Weapon	15	5	0	20	2.8%
Public Order	16	46	0	62	8.6%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	9	233	0	242	33.5%
Motor Vehicle - Other	0	6	0	6	0.8%
Other	8	0	0	8	1.1%
Total	212	510	0	722	100.0%
	29.4%	70.6%	0.0%	100.0%	

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Criminal New Cases by Offense Type, 2015-2024

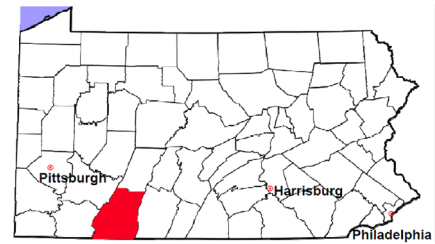


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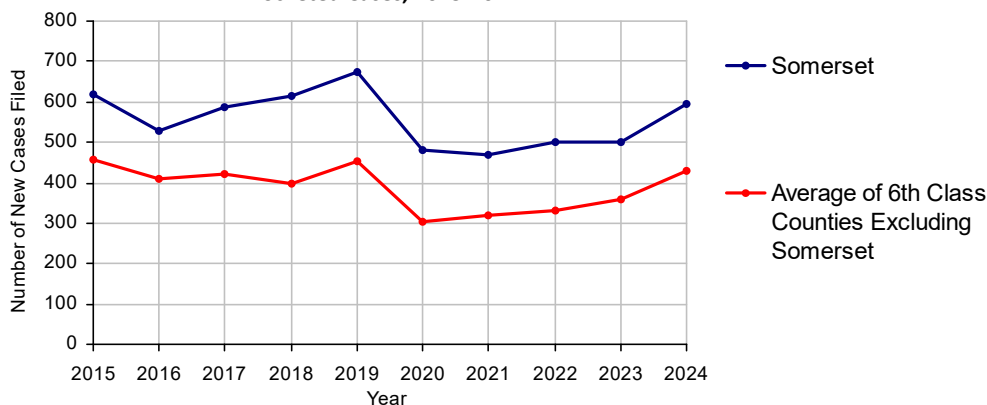


2024 Civil	Civil Action	Other	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	386	159	545
Docketed Cases	427	167	594
Arbitration Appeals	1	1	2
Transferred In	0	0	0
Returned to Active	6	7	13
Cases Available for Processing	820	334	1,154
Processed By:			
Default Judgments	124	53	177
Cases Decided by Arbitration Board	9	2	11
Dispositive Motions	10	7	17
Settlements	142	55	197
Moved to Inactive Status	0	7	7
Transferred/Withdrawn	5	4	9
Dismissed/Discontinued	24	16	40
Administrative Purge	0	0	0
Other	12	22	34
Jury Trial	2	0	2
Non-Jury Trial	1	0	1
Total Cases Processed	329	166	495
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	491	168	659

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

0-6 months	198	40.3%
7-12 months	108	22.0%
13-18 months	72	14.7%
19-24 months	41	8.4%
25-30 months	32	6.5%
31-36 months	16	3.3%
37-42 months	4	0.8%
43-48 months	4	0.8%
49-54 months	5	1.0%
55-60 months	4	0.8%
61-66 months	0	
67-72 months	1	0.2%
Over 72 months	6	1.2%
Total	491	100.0%

Docketed Cases, 2015-2024

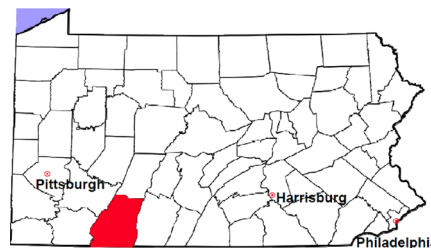


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2024 Civil - Docketed Cases Listed by Case Type

TORT 55 9.3%

(does not include mass tort)

Intentional	7
Malicious Prosecution	0
Motor Vehicle	16
Nuisance	0
Premise Liability	12
Product Liability	0
Slander/Libel/Defamation	0
Other	20

MASS TORT 0

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

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY 4 0.7%

Dental	0
Legal	0
Medical Malpractice	4
Other	0

CONTRACT 356 59.9%

(does not include judgments)

Buyer Plaintiff	5
Debt Collection: Credit Card	227
Debt Collection: Other	97
Employment Dispute: Discrimination	1
Employment Dispute: Other	1
Other	25

Of the Docketed Cases:

Pro Se Filings: 35 5.9% Class Action Suits: 0 MDJ Appeals: 52 8.8%

*Civil Other

REAL PROPERTY 108 18.2%

Ejectment*	16
Eminent Domain/Condemnation*	4
Ground Rent	0
Landlord/Tenant Dispute	12
Mortgage Foreclosure:	
Residential*	62
Commercial*	2
Partition of Real Property*	1
Quiet Title*	7
Other*	4

CIVIL APPEALS 43 7.2%

- Administrative Agencies

Board of Assessment*	2
Board of Elections*	0
Dept. of Transportation*	40
Zoning Board*	1
Statutory Appeal - Other*	0
Other*	0

MISCELLANEOUS 28 4.7%

Common Law/	
Statutory Arbitration*	0
Declaratory Judgment*	5
Mandamus*	0
Non-Domestic Relations	
Restraining Order*	1
Quo Warranto*	0
Replevin*	10
Other*	12

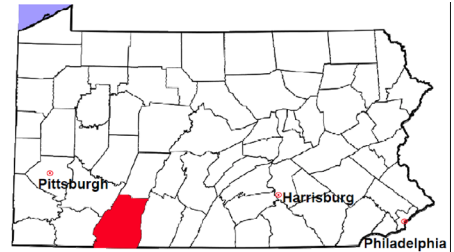
TOTAL DOCKETED CASES: 594 100.0%

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2024 Protection From Abuse

No. of
Petitions

Cases Pending 1/1/2024

11

New Cases Filed in 2024

153

Of these, Petitions Requesting Temporary Orders: 153 (100.0%)

Temporary Orders DENIED: 2 (1.3%), Temporary Orders GRANTED: 151 (98.7%)

Cases Available for Processing

164

Processed By:

Temporary Order DENIED After Ex Parte Hearing and No Evidentiary Hearing Scheduled

0

Temporary Order DISMISSED After Evidentiary Hearing and No Final Order Entered

2

1.4%

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

3

2.1%

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

18

12.9%

Plaintiff Did Not Appear For Evidentiary Hearing

17

12.1%

Final Order by STIPULATION OR AGREEMENT Between the Parties

42

30.0%

Petition WITHDRAWN by Plaintiff

41

29.3%

TRANSFERRED to Another Jurisdiction

0

Other

17

12.1%

Cases Processed

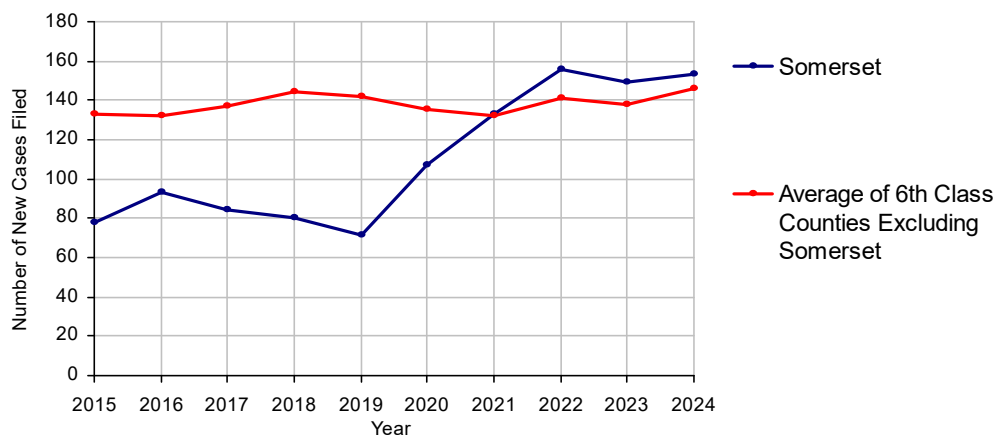
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Cases Pending 12/31/2024

24

PFA New Cases Filed, 2015-2024

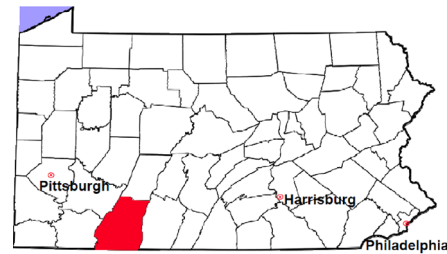


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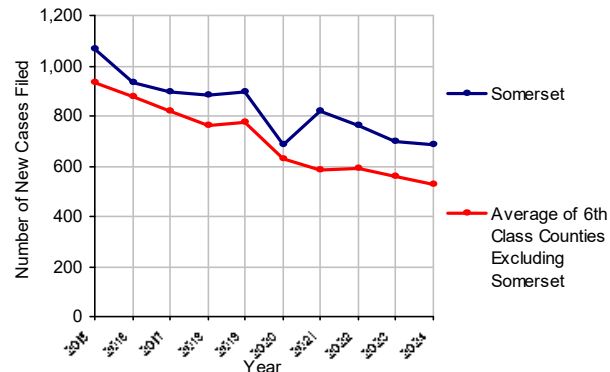
2024 Spousal & Child Support	No. of Petitions	
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	156	
New Cases Filed in 2024	688	
Dockets Transferred In (+)	5	
Dockets Transferred Out (-)	9	
Cases Available for Processing	840	
Processed By:		
Judge	50	6.7%
Intake Officer	690	93.1%
Hearing Officer	1	0.1%
Other	0	
Cases Processed	741	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	99	

Data provided by PACSES

2024 Paternity	No. of Cases	
Acknowledgements Filed:		
Non-Domestic Relations Section	80	85.1%
During Conference	13	13.8%
Non-Stipulated (post genetic test)	0	
Pre-Trial Conference	1	1.1%
Total	94	100.0%
Established:		
Stipulated by Genetic Tests	4	17.4%
Default - Father Failed to Appear	2	8.7%
Adjudication by Court Proceeding	0	
Out of State	17	73.9%
Total	23	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	6	

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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.

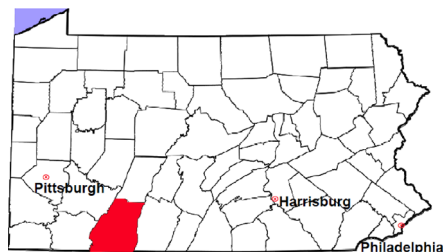
OUT OF STATE: Paternity was established in another state, "Out of state only".

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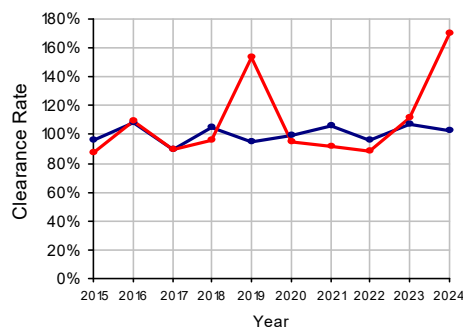
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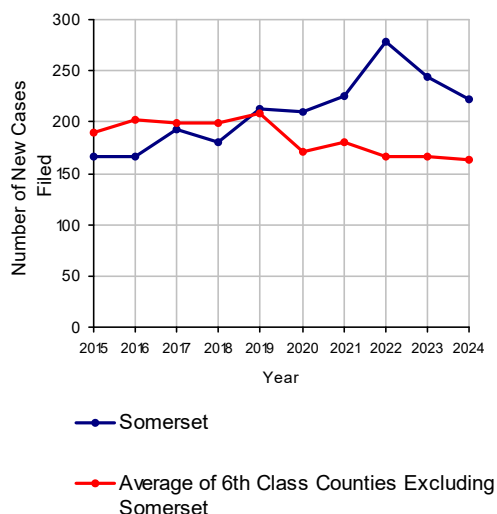
2024 Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation	No. of Petitions	
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	62	
New Cases Filed in 2024	222	
Cases Available for Processing	284	
Processed By:		
Judge	15	6.6%
Non-Judicial Officer	136	59.6%
Administrative Review/Purge	15	6.6%
Other	62	27.2%
Cases Processed	228	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	56	

Clearance Rate, 2015-2024

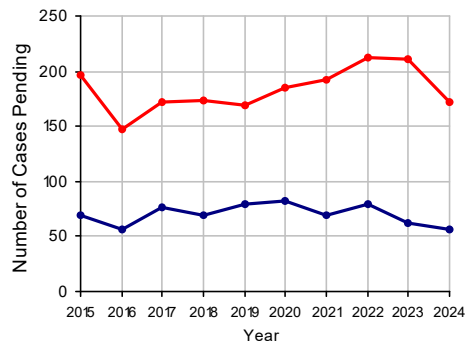


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Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation New Cases Filed, 2015-2024



Cases Pending at the End of Year, 2015-2024

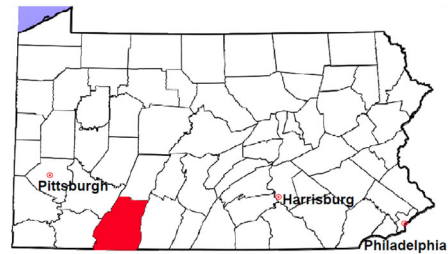


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2024 Divorce

No. of Petitions

Cases Pending 1/1/2024

260

New Cases Filed in 2024

212

Cases Available for Processing

472

Processed By:

Contested Before a Judge

1

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Contested Before a Non-Judicial Officer

0

Uncontested

158

94.0%

Administrative Review/Purge

0

Other

9

5.4%

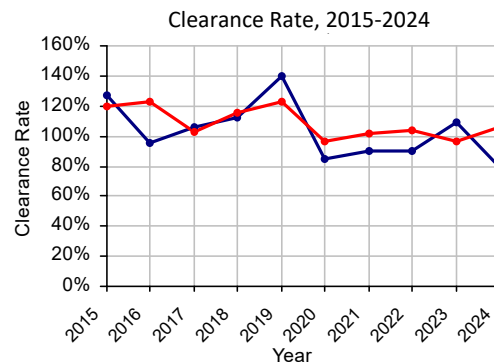
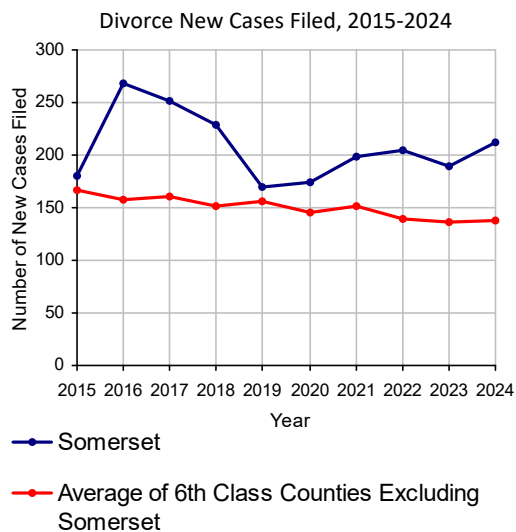
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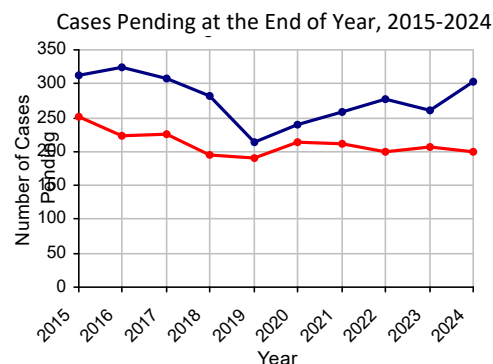
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Cases Pending 12/31/2024

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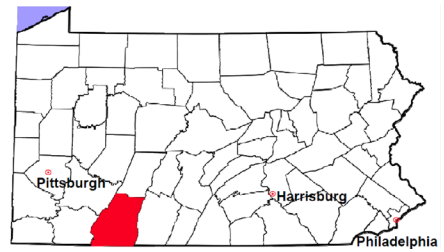


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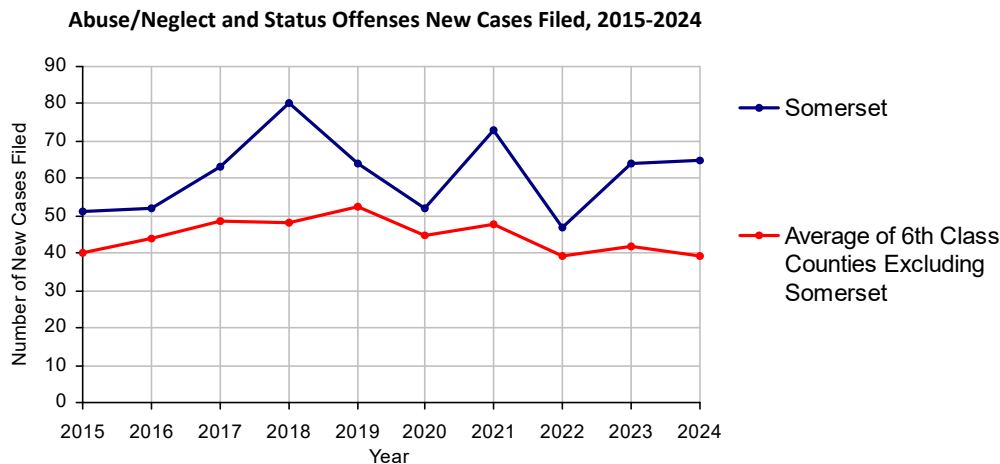
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2024 Juvenile Dependency - Petitions Pending Adjudication

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	8	2	10
New Petitions Filed in 2024	64	1	65
Other	10	0	10
Total Petitions Available for Processing	82	3	85
Processed by:			
Adjudicated Dependent			
Judge	71	3	74
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0	0	0
Adjudicated NOT Dependent			
Judge	0	0	0
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0	0	0
Withdrawn/Transferred	4	0	4
Dismissed/Other	2	0	2
Total Petitions Processed	77	3	80
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	5	0	5

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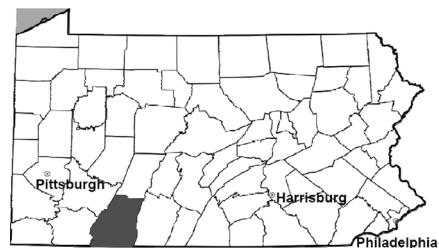


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2024 Juvenile Dependency - Adjudicated Dependent Inventory

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	133	0	133
New Adjudicated Dependent Cases	71	3	74
Other	1	0	1
Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases	205	3	208

Court Supervision Terminated:

Family Reunification	14	23.3%	0	14	23.3%	
Adoption	32	53.3%	0	32	53.3%	
Placement with a Relative/Guardian	8	13.3%	0	8	13.3%	
Aged Out	3	5.0%	0	3	5.0%	
Other Permanency Outcomes*	1	1.7%	0	1	1.7%	
Other**	2	3.3%	0	2	3.3%	
Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases Terminated	60	100.0%	0	100.0%	60	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	145		3		148	

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

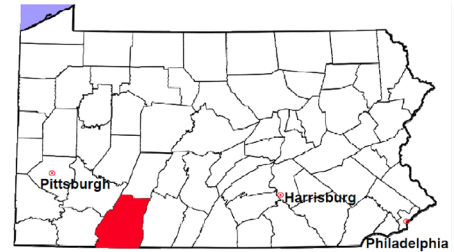
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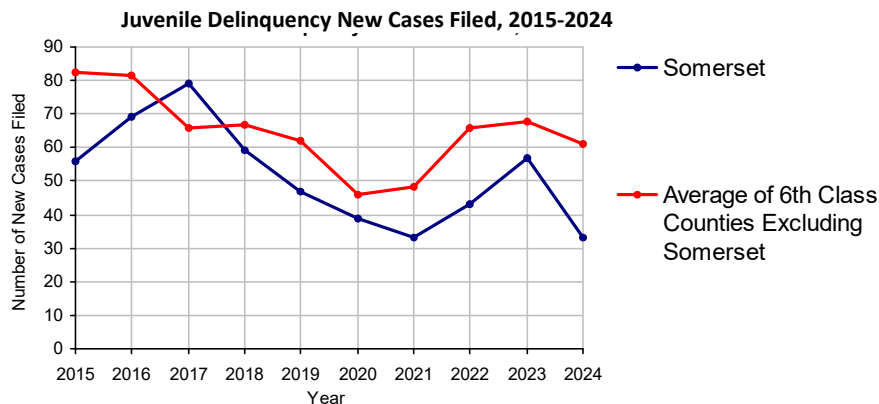
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2024 Juvenile Delinquency - Cases Pending Disposition

Begin Pending	46
New Cases	33
Consent Decree Revoked	2
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	0
Alternative Program Revoked	0
Warrant Returned	2
Other	9
Total Cases Available for Disposition	92
Warrant Issued	2
Disposed by:	
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	22
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0
Consent Decree Entered	17
Informal Adjustment Program Entered	1
Warned and Counseled (Pre-Petition)	0
Dismissed/Withdrawn/Transferred	12
Transferred to Criminal Court	0
Other	3
Total Cases Disposed	55
End Pending	35

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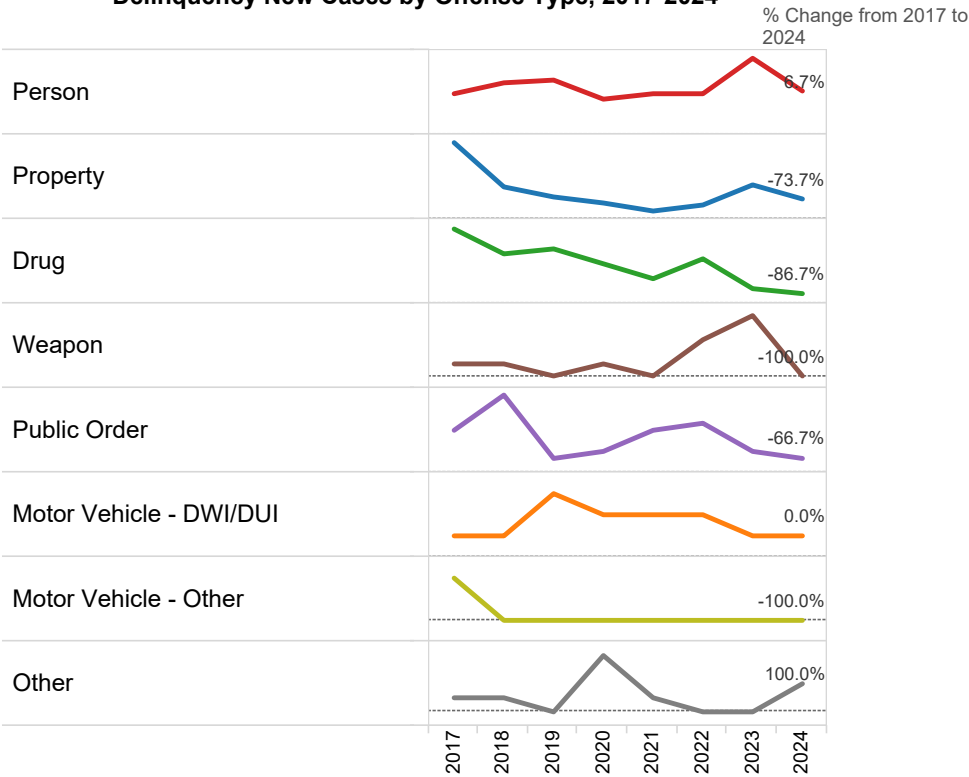


2024 Delinquency - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	6	10	0	16	48.5%
Property	10	0	0	10	30.3%
Drug	0	2	0	2	6.1%
Weapon	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Public Order	1	0	1	2	6.1%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	0	1	0	1	3.0%
Motor Vehicle - Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Other	0	0	2	2	6.1%
Total	17	13	3	33	100.0%
	51.5%	39.4%	9.1%	100.0%	

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Delinquency New Cases by Offense Type, 2017-2024

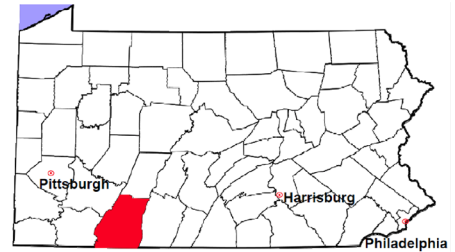


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2024 Juvenile Delinquency - Formal Dispositions

Begin Pending	32
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	22
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0
Warrant Returned	0
Other	1
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases	55
Warrant Issued	1
Court Supervision Terminated:	
Conditions Satisfied	10
Compelling Reasons	1
Reached Age 21	5
Transferred to Another Juvenile Court	0
Other	1
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases Terminated	17
End Pending	37

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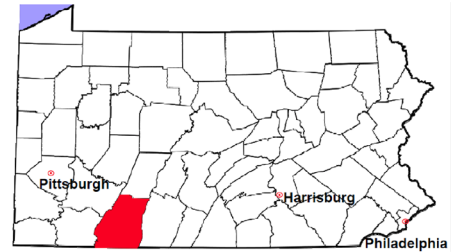
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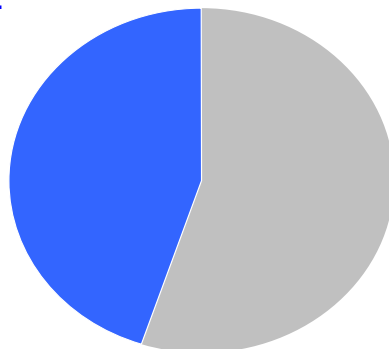
2024 Juvenile Delinquency - Informal Dispositions

Pending Consent Decrees	11
Pending Informal Adjustments	0
New Consent Decrees	17
New Informal Adjustments	1
Warrant Returned	0
Other	1
Cases Informally Disposed	30
Warrant Issued	0
Terminated by:	
Consent Decree Completed	13
Informal Adjustment Completed	0
Consent Decree Revoked	2
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	0
Other	1
Total Informally Disposed Cases Terminated	16
End Pending	14

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Informal Dispositions: **45%**



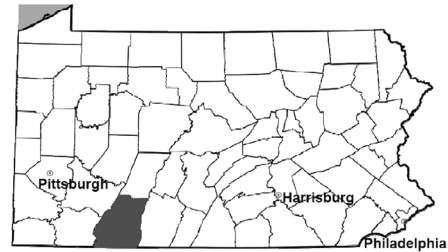
Delinquency Cases are disposed either formally, at a proceeding held before a judge or hearing officer, or informally without a proceeding. Informal dispositions include informal adjustments supervised by a juvenile probation officer; consent decrees agreed upon with the District Attorney after a petition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

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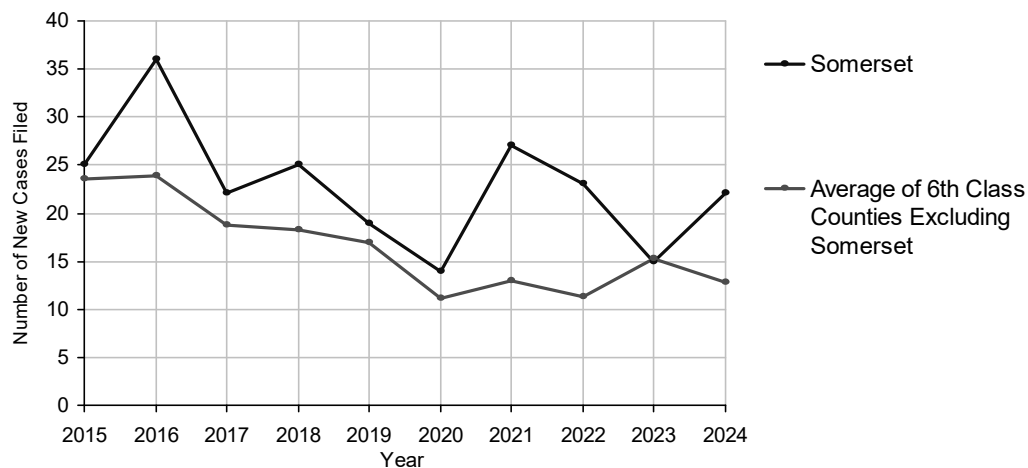
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2024 Accounts	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	2 (R)	
New Cases Filed in 2024	22	
Cases Available for Processing	24	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	0	
Contested before a Non-Judicial Officer	1	4.3%
Uncontested	22	95.7%
Other	0	
Cases Processed	23	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	1	

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Accounts New Cases Filed, 2015-2024

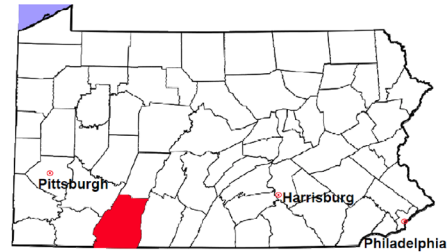


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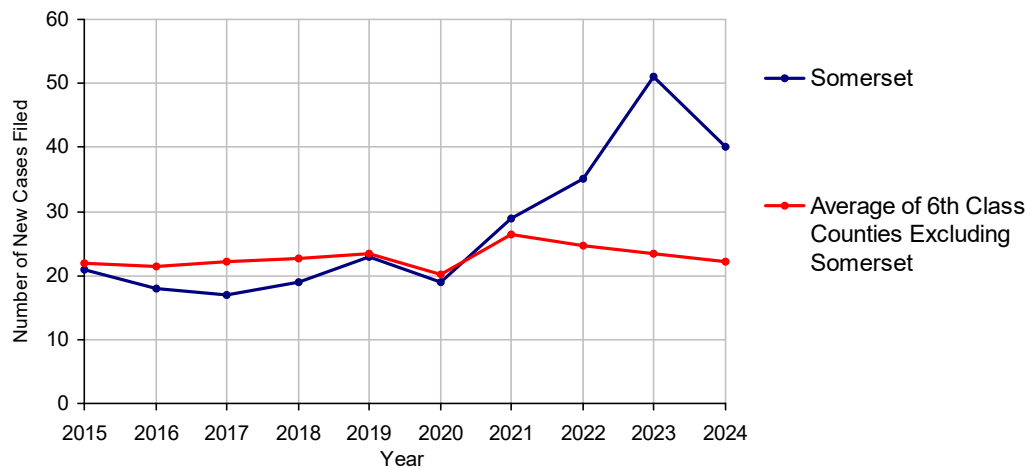
2024 Adoptions

No. of Cases

Cases Pending 1/1/2024	14 ^(R)	
New Cases Filed in 2024	40	
Cases Available for Processing	54	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	Granted	0
	Denied	0
Uncontested	Granted	51 98.1%
	Denied	1 1.9%
Other		0
Cases Processed	52	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	2	

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Adoptions New Cases Filed, 2015-2024

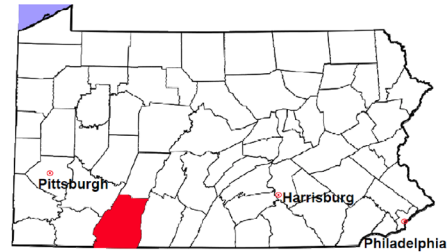


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2024 Relinquishments/Terminations

No. of
Cases

Cases Pending 1/1/2024 23^(R)

New Cases Filed in 2024 16

Cases Available for Processing 39

Processed By:

Contested before a Judge 1 3.4%

Uncontested 28 96.6%

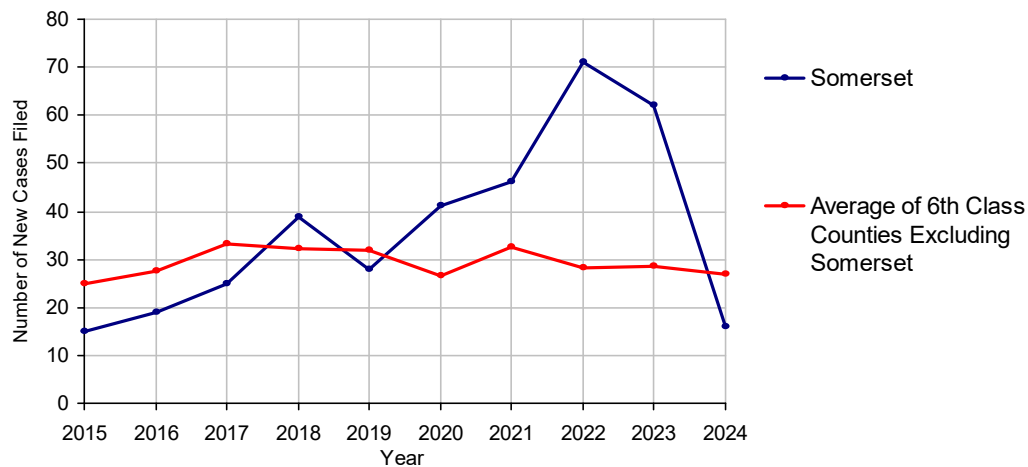
Other 0

Cases Processed 29 100.0%

Cases Pending 12/31/2024 10

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Relinquishments/Terminations New Cases Filed, 2015-2024

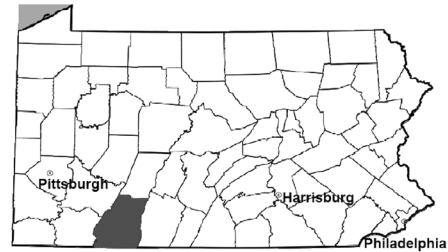


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2024 Appointment of Guardians

No. of
Cases

Cases Pending 1/1/2024 7 (R)

New Cases Filed in 2024 24

Cases Available for Processing 31

Processed By:

Contested before a Judge 0

Uncontested 11 100.0%

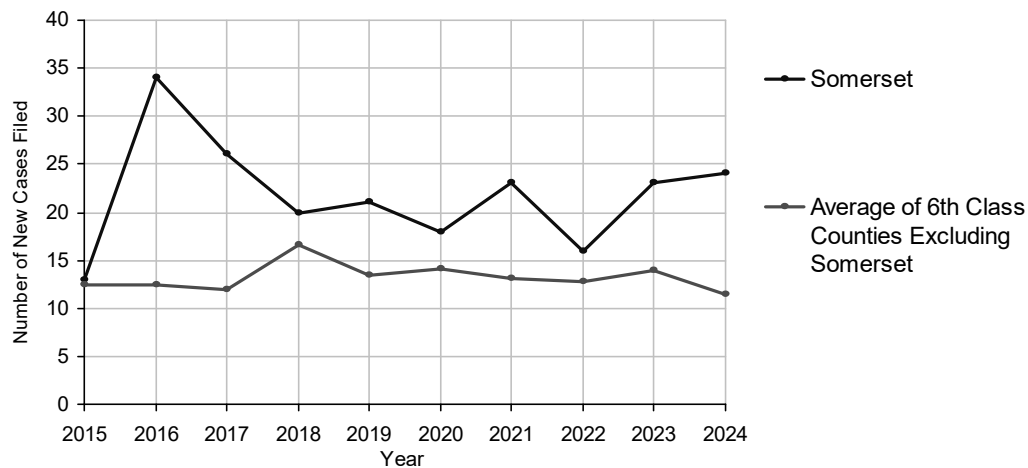
Other 0

Cases Processed 11 100.0%

Cases Pending 12/31/2024 20

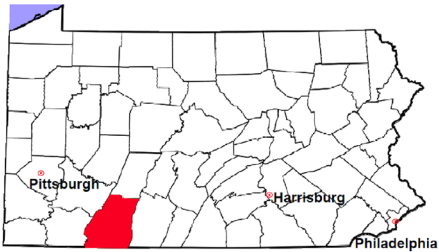
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Appointment of Guardians New Cases Filed, 2015-2024



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2024 Jury Yield and Utilization

Jury Yield

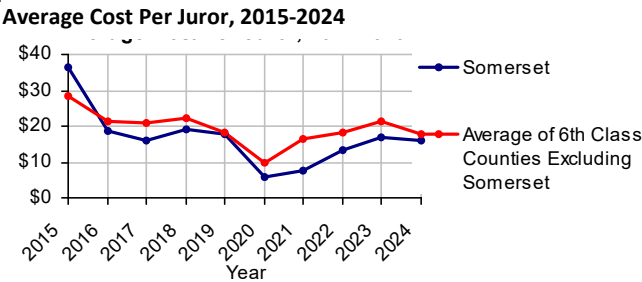
Qualification Questionnaires/Summonses Mailed:	3,425	A		
Returned Undeliverable:	243	B	7.1%	Of Qualification Questionnaires/ Summonses Mailed
Not Responded to:	314	C	9.2%	
the Number of Prospective Jurors:				
Disqualified:	604	D	17.6%	
Exempted:	54	E	1.6%	
Excused:	722	F	21.1%	
Deferred to New Term:	549	G	16.0%	
Deferred from Previous Term:	0	H		
Total Number of Qualified Jurors Available for Service:	939	I	27.4%	
I=A-B-C-D-E-F-G+H				

Jury Utilization

the Number of Jurors:				
Reporting for Service:	1,762		187.6%	Of Jurors Qualified and Available
Told Not to Report for Service:	911		97.0%	
Sent to Courtroom for Jury Selection (Voir Dire):	601		34.1%	Of Jurors Reporting for Service
Impaneled or Sworn (jurors/alternates):	182		10.3%	
Removed for Cause/Hardship:	208			
Removed by Peremptory Challenge:	130			
Number of Jury Trials Started:	12			
Pool Days:	19			
Zero Panel Days	7		36.8%	(Of Pool Days)

Jury Costs

Total Annual Budget for Juror Operations:	\$55,267.00	J
Average Cost Per Juror:	\$16.14	K
K=J/A		



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