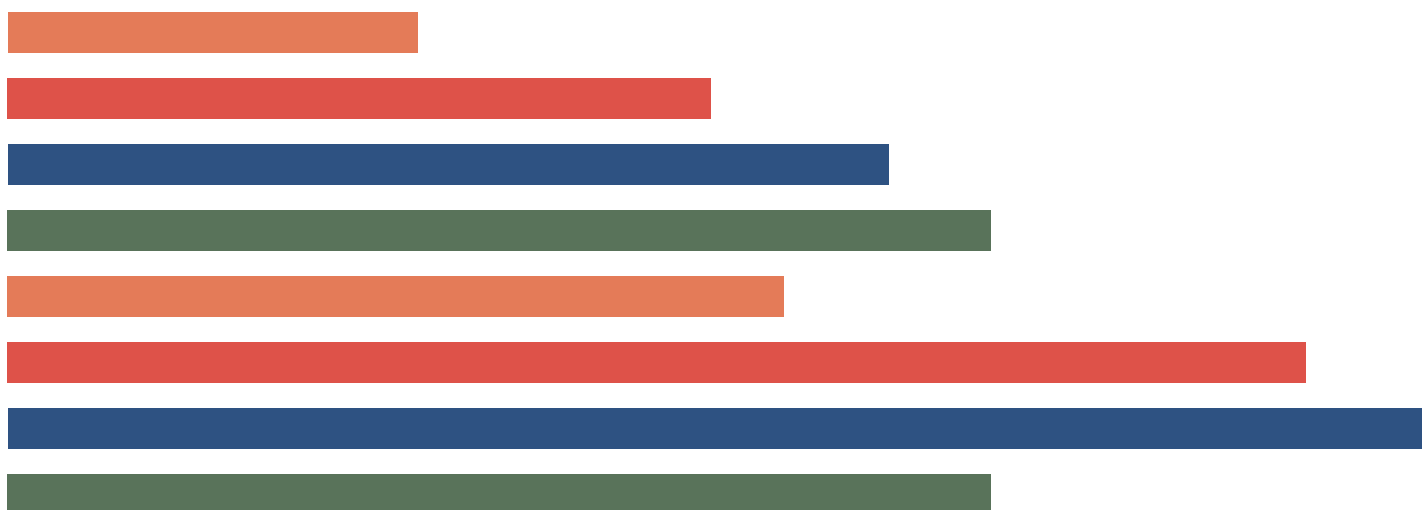
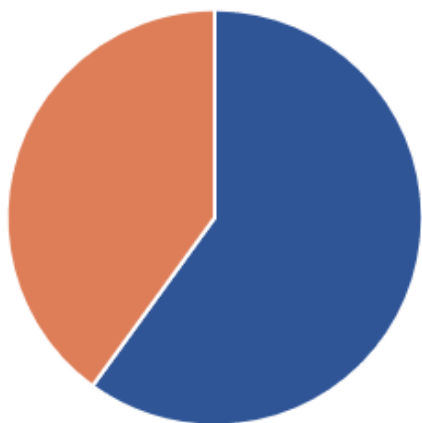


2024

Court of Common Pleas
Caseload Statistics for

Lancaster County



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

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

Sincerely,

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

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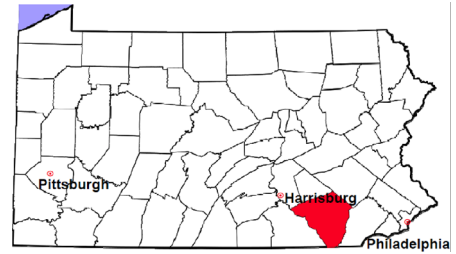
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2024 Criminal No. of Cases

Cases Pending 1/1/2024	3,077
New Cases Filed in 2024	4,752
Reopened Cases	332
Cases Available for Processing	8,161

Processed by:

Withdrawn/Dismissed	211	4.6%
Diversionsary Disposition*	1,062	22.9%
Guilty Plea	2,940	63.5%
Non-Jury Trial	26	0.6%
Jury Trial	64	1.4%
Inactive	305	6.6%
Other	25	0.5%
Total Cases Processed	4,633	100.0%

Cases Pending 12/31/2024 **3,528**

Cases Awaiting Sentencing 33

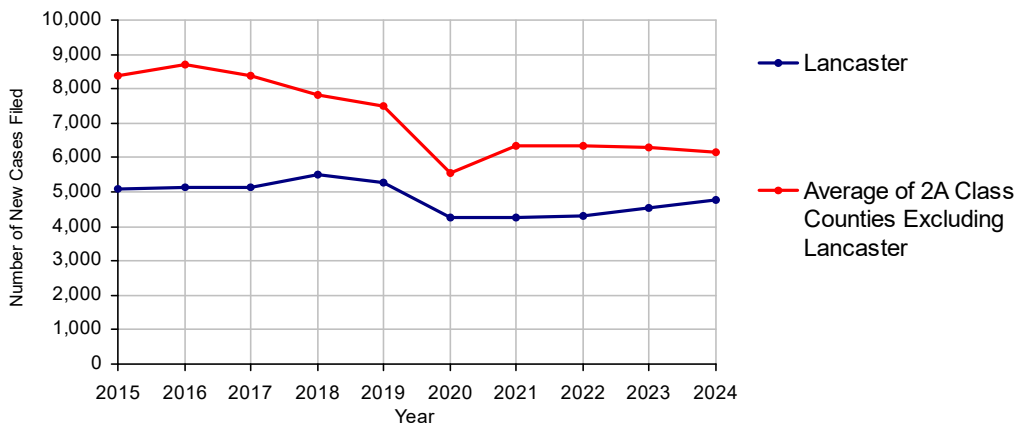
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* Includes other diversionary programs such as Veterans Court.

Age of Pending Cases as of 12/31/2024

0-60 Days	699	19.8%
61-120 Days	646	18.3%
121-180 Days	551	15.6%
181-240 Days	354	10.0%
241-300 Days	351	9.9%
301-360 Days	242	6.9%
Over 360 Days	685	19.4%
Total	3,528	100.0%

Criminal New Cases, 2015-2024



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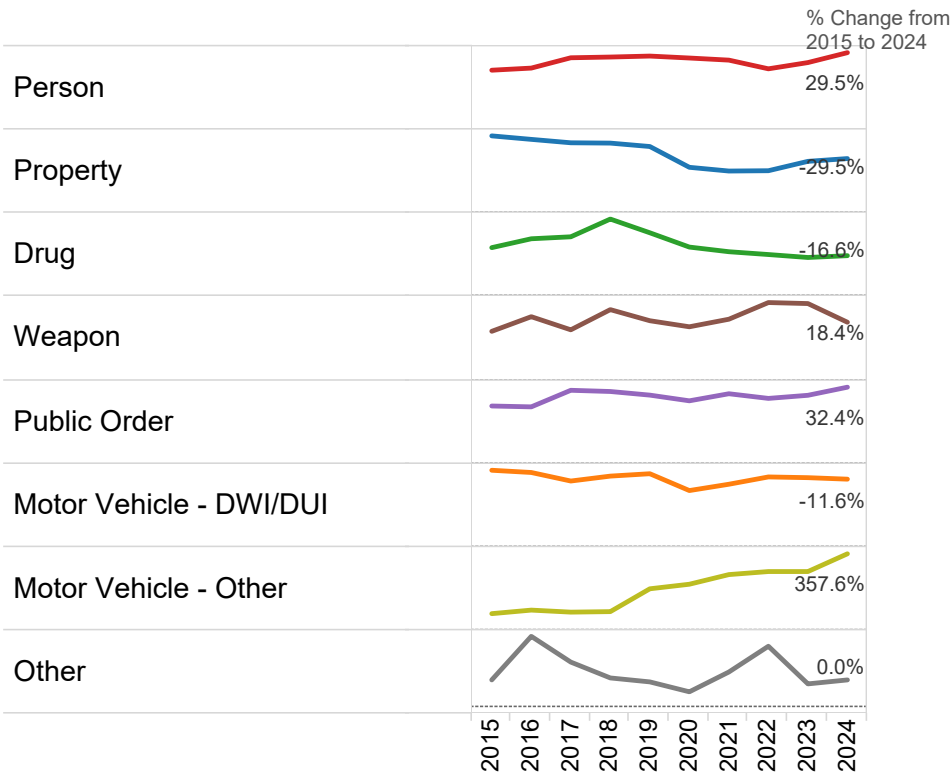


2024 Criminal - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	506	440	1	947	19.9%
Property	722	468	2	1,192	25.1%
Drug	419	153	1	573	12.1%
Weapon	87	29	0	116	2.4%
Public Order	153	292	0	445	9.4%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	57	1,257	0	1,314	27.7%
Motor Vehicle - Other	10	141	0	151	3.2%
Other	14	0	0	14	0.3%
Total	1,968	2,780	4	4,752	100.0%
	41.4%	58.5%	0.1%	100.0%	

Data provided by Common Pleas Case Management System

Criminal New Cases by Offense Type, 2015-2024

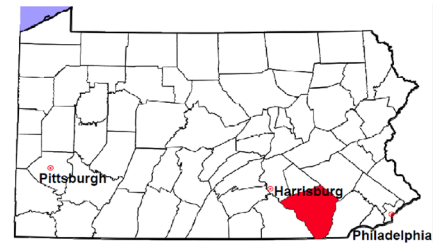


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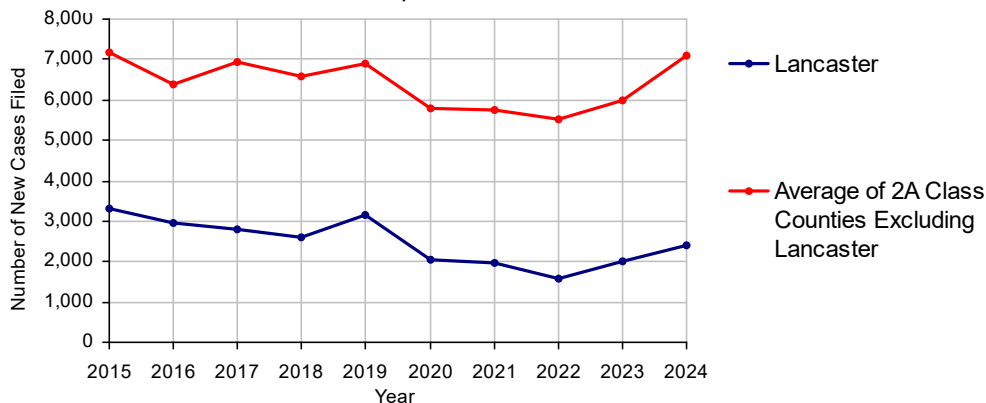


2024 Civil	Civil Action	Other	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	2,161	1,894	4,055
Docketed Cases	1,749	666	2,415
Arbitration Appeals	8	1	9
Transferred In	1	0	1
Returned to Active	64	32	96
Cases Available for Processing	3,983	2,593	6,576
Processed By:			
Default Judgments	316	125	441
Cases Decided by Arbitration Board	56	9	65
Dispositive Motions	34	20	54
Settlements	418	180	598
Moved to Inactive Status	11	8	19
Transferred/Withdrawn	18	11	29
Dismissed/Discontinued	179	136	315
Administrative Purge	100	74	174
Other	413	492	905
Jury Trial	3	0	3
Non-Jury Trial	18	21	39
Total Cases Processed	1,566	1,076	2,642
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	2,417	1,517	3,934

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

0-6 months	936	38.7%
7-12 months	429	17.7%
13-18 months	301	12.5%
19-24 months	206	8.5%
25-30 months	138	5.7%
31-36 months	88	3.6%
37-42 months	77	3.2%
43-48 months	47	1.9%
49-54 months	27	1.1%
55-60 months	37	1.5%
61-66 months	26	1.1%
67-72 months	27	1.1%
Over 72 months	78	3.2%
Total	2,417	100.0%

Docketed Cases, 2015-2024

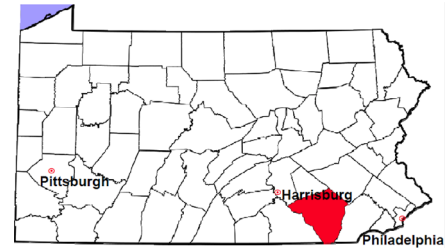


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2024 Civil - Docketed Cases Listed by Case Type

TORT 395 16.4%

(does not include mass tort)

Intentional	13
Malicious Prosecution	1
Motor Vehicle	312
Nuisance	0
Premise Liability	55
Product Liability	6
Slander/Libel/Defamation	8
Other	0

MASS TORT 0

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

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY 31 1.3%

Dental	0
Legal	3
Medical Malpractice	28
Other	0

CONTRACT 1,287 53.3%

(does not include judgments)

Buyer Plaintiff	18
Debt Collection: Credit Card	817
Debt Collection: Other	442
Employment Dispute: Discrimination	1
Employment Dispute: Other	9
Other	0

Of the Docketed Cases:

Pro Se Filings: 90 3.7% Class Action Suits: 3 0.1% MDJ Appeals: 0

*Civil Other

REAL PROPERTY 470 19.5%

Ejectment*	39
Eminent Domain/Condemnation*	1
Ground Rent	1
Landlord/Tenant Dispute	35
Mortgage Foreclosure:	
Residential*	344
Commercial*	8
Partition of Real Property*	7
Quiet Title*	14
Other*	21

CIVIL APPEALS 103 4.3%

- Administrative Agencies

Board of Assessment*	20
Board of Elections*	0
Dept. of Transportation*	44
Zoning Board*	6
Statutory Appeal - Other*	6
Other*	27

MISCELLANEOUS 129 5.3%

Common Law/	
Statutory Arbitration*	1
Declaratory Judgment*	13
Mandamus*	1
Non-Domestic Relations	
Restraining Order*	0
Quo Warranto*	0
Replevin*	36
Other*	78

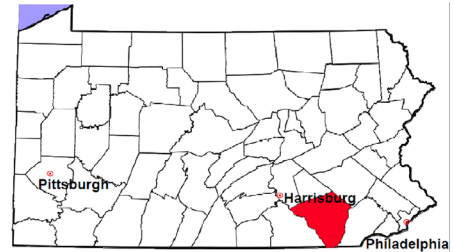
TOTAL DOCKETED CASES: 2,415 100.0%

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2024 Protection From Abuse

**No. of
Petitions**

Cases Pending 1/1/2024

165

New Cases Filed in 2024

1,105

Of these, Petitions Requesting Temporary Orders: 1,105 (100.0%)

Temporary Orders DENIED: 103 (9.3%), Temporary Orders GRANTED: 1,002 (90.7%)

Cases Available for Processing

1,270

Processed By:

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

9

0.8%

Temporary Order DISMISSED After Evidentiary Hearing and No Final Order Entered

21

2.0%

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

28

2.6%

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

122

11.3%

Plaintiff Did Not Appear For Evidentiary Hearing

260

24.2%

Final Order by STIPULATION OR AGREEMENT Between the Parties

232

21.6%

Petition WITHDRAWN by Plaintiff

378

35.2%

TRANSFERRED to Another Jurisdiction

0

Other

25

2.3%

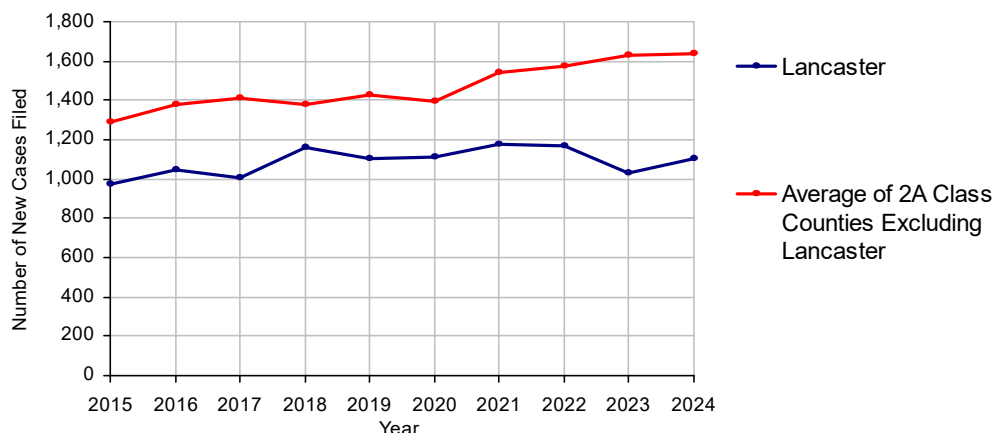
Cases Processed

1,075 100.0%

Cases Pending 12/31/2024

195

PFA New Cases Filed, 2015-2024

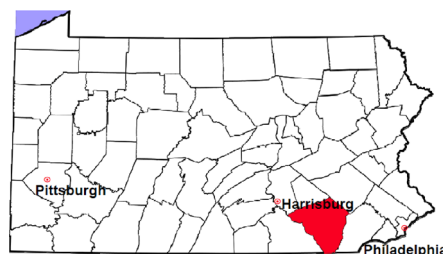


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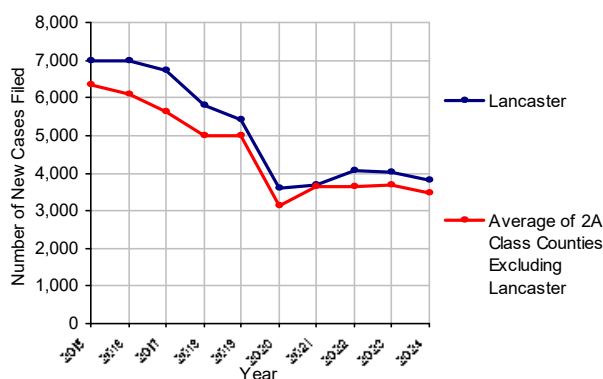
2024 Spousal & Child Support	No. of Petitions
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	984
New Cases Filed in 2024	3,817
Dockets Transferred In (+)	46
Dockets Transferred Out (-)	162
Cases Available for Processing	4,685
Processed By:	
Judge	390 10.2%
Intake Officer	3,433 89.8%
Hearing Officer	0
Other	0
Cases Processed	3,823 100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	862

Data provided by PACSES

2024 Paternity	No. of Cases
Acknowledgements Filed:	
Non-Domestic Relations Section	593 88.2%
During Conference	16 2.4%
Non-Stipulated (post genetic test)	2 0.3%
Pre-Trial Conference	61 9.1%
Total	672 100.0%
Established:	
Stipulated by Genetic Tests	75 30.6%
Default - Father Failed to Appear	50 20.4%
Adjudication by Court Proceeding	7 2.9%
Out of State	113 46.1%
Total	245 100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	167

Data provided by PACSES

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.

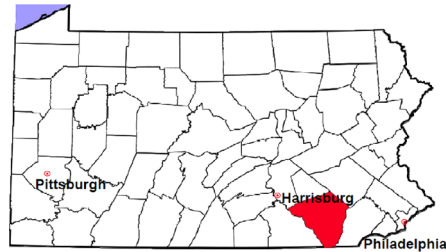
OUT OF STATE: Paternity was established in another state, "Out of state only".

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2024 Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation

No. of
Petitions

Cases Pending 1/1/2024

10

New Cases Filed in 2024

807

Cases Available for Processing

817

Processed By:

Judge

14

1.8%

Non-Judicial Officer

778

97.3%

Administrative Review/Purge

0

Other

8

1.0%

Cases Processed

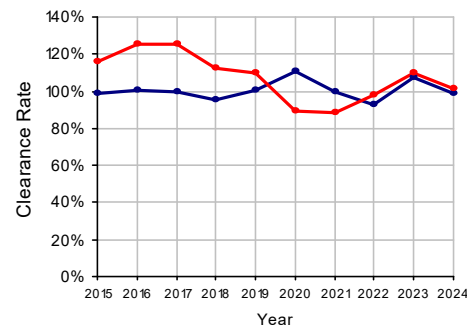
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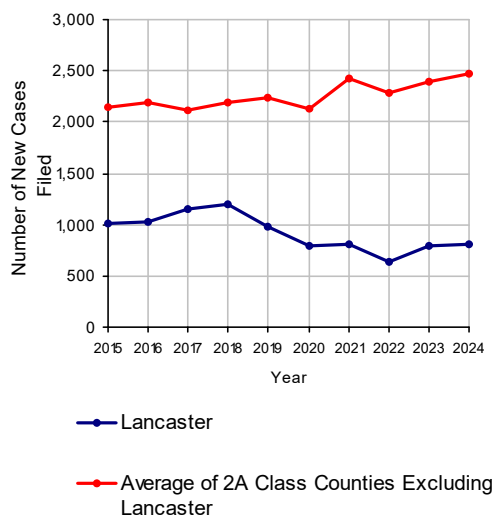
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Clearance Rate, 2015-2024

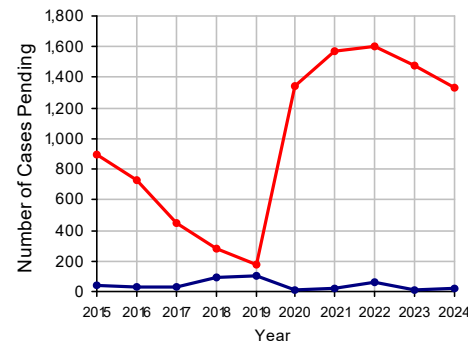


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Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation New Cases Filed, 2015-2024



Cases Pending at the End of Year, 2015-2024

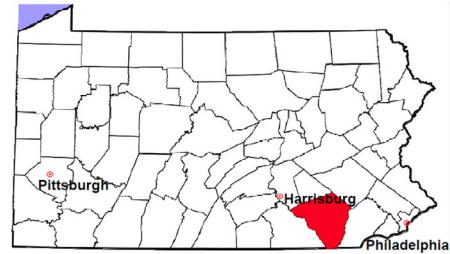


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2024 Divorce

No. of Petitions

Cases Pending 1/1/2024

2,873

New Cases Filed in 2024

1,076

Cases Available for Processing

3,949

Processed By:

Contested Before a Judge

0

Contested Before a Non-Judicial Officer

2

0.2%

Uncontested

891

87.4%

Administrative Review/Purge

112

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Other

15

1.5%

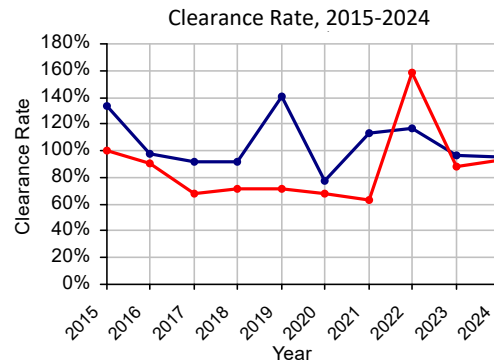
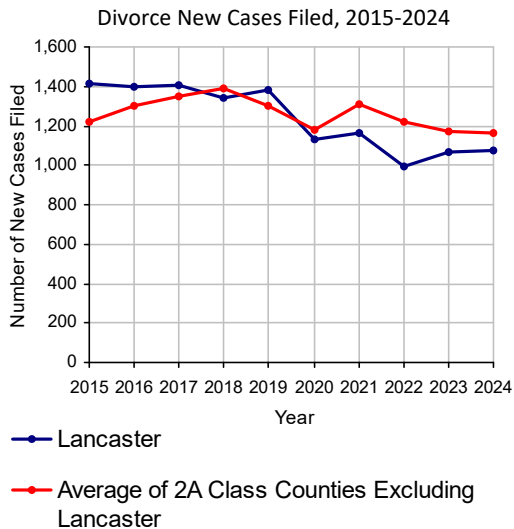
Cases Processed

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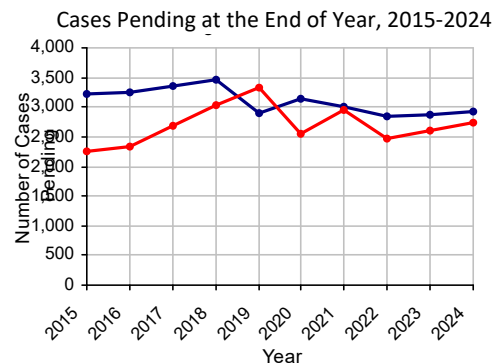
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Cases Pending 12/31/2024

2,929



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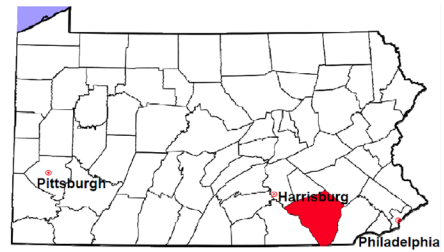


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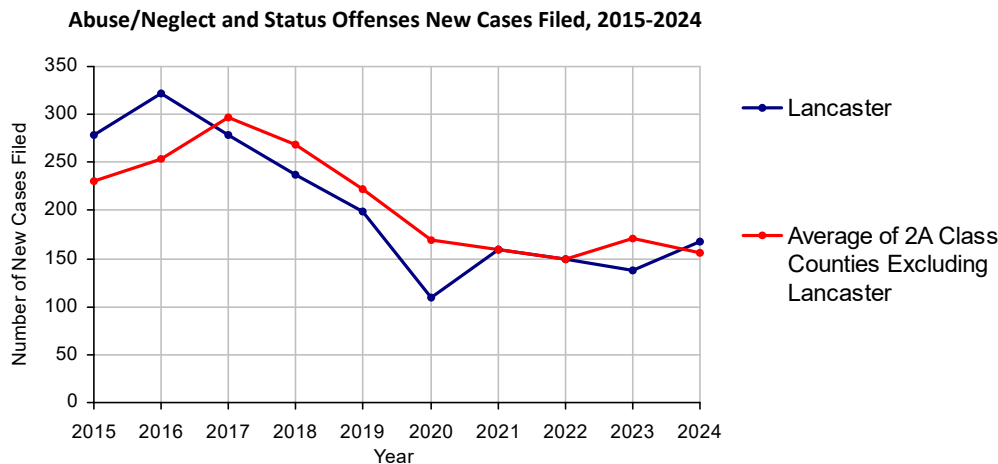
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2024 Juvenile Dependency - Petitions Pending Adjudication

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	17	0	17
New Petitions Filed in 2024	168	0	168
Other	18	0	18
Total Petitions Available for Processing	203	0	203
Processed by:			
Adjudicated Dependent			
Judge	138	0	138
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0	0	0
Adjudicated NOT Dependent			
Judge	15	0	15
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0	0	0
Withdrawn/Transferred	10	0	10
Dismissed/Other	17	0	17
Total Petitions Processed	180	0	180
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	23	0	23

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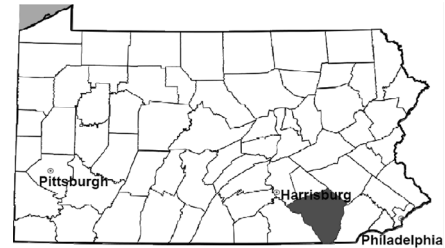


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2024 Juvenile Dependency - Adjudicated Dependent Inventory

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	296	1	297
New Adjudicated Dependent Cases	138	0	138
Other	1	0	1
Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases	435	1	436

Court Supervision Terminated:

Family Reunification	50	41.3%	0	50	41.3%
Adoption	22	18.2%	0	22	18.2%
Placement with a Relative/Guardian	19	15.7%	0	19	15.7%
Aged Out	24	19.8%	0	24	19.8%
Other Permanency Outcomes*	0		0	0	
Other**	6	5.0%	0	6	5.0%

Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases Terminated	121	100.0%	0	100.0%	121	100.0%
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Cases Pending 12/31/2024	314		1		315
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* Other Permanency Outcomes include: adjudicated delinquent, death due to natural causes, emancipation, permanent living arrangement, and parent has come forward.

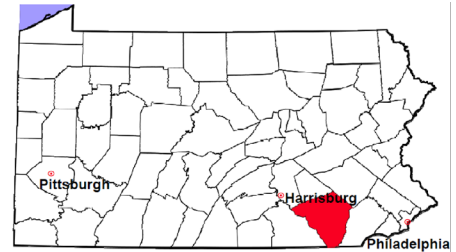
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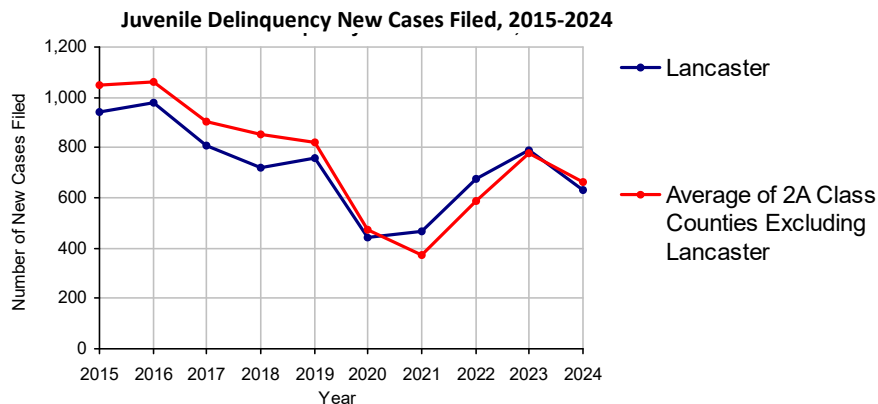
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2024 Juvenile Delinquency - Cases Pending Disposition

Begin Pending	435
New Cases	630
Consent Decree Revoked	12
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	11
Alternative Program Revoked	0
Warrant Returned	0
Other	41
Total Cases Available for Disposition	1,129
Warrant Issued	0
Disposed by:	
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	337
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0
Consent Decree Entered	132
Informal Adjustment Program Entered	164
Warned and Counseled (Pre-Petition)	4
Dismissed/Withdrawn/Transferred	113
Transferred to Criminal Court	1
Other	13
Total Cases Disposed	764
End Pending	365

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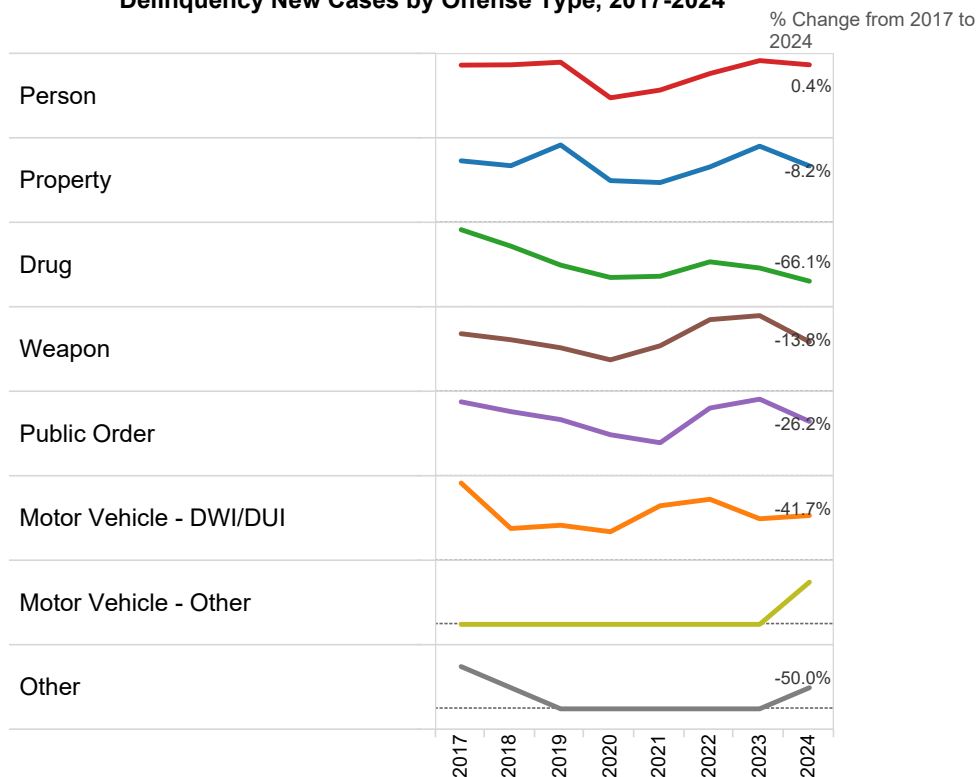


2024 Delinquency - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	74	153	1	228	36.2%
Property	119	115	0	234	37.1%
Drug	6	58	0	64	10.2%
Weapon	13	12	0	25	4.0%
Public Order	11	51	0	62	9.8%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	0	14	0	14	2.2%
Motor Vehicle - Other	0	2	0	2	0.3%
Other	0	0	1	1	0.2%
Total	223	405	2	630	100.0%
	35.4%	64.3%	0.3%	100.0%	

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Delinquency New Cases by Offense Type, 2017-2024

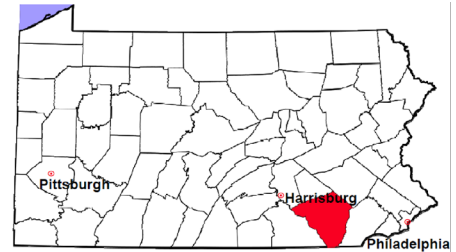


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2024 Juvenile Delinquency - Formal Dispositions

Begin Pending	711
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	337
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0
Warrant Returned	0
Other	4
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases	1,052
Warrant Issued	0
Court Supervision Terminated:	
Conditions Satisfied	148
Compelling Reasons	117
Reached Age 21	128
Transferred to Another Juvenile Court	0
Other	2
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases Terminated	395
End Pending	657

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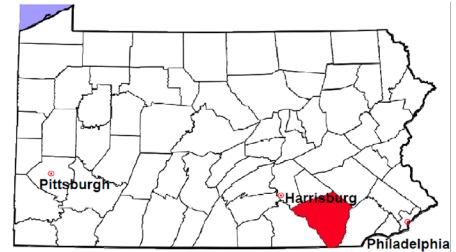
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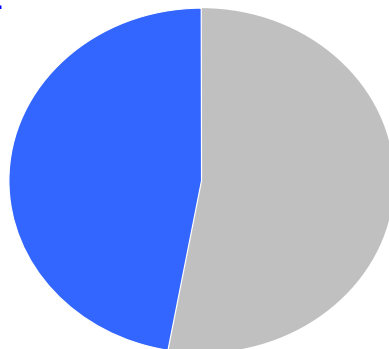
2024 Juvenile Delinquency - Informal Dispositions

Pending Consent Decrees	72
Pending Informal Adjustments	81
New Consent Decrees	132
New Informal Adjustments	164
Warrant Returned	0
Other	3
Cases Informally Disposed	452
Warrant Issued	0
Terminated by:	
Consent Decree Completed	103
Informal Adjustment Completed	171
Consent Decree Revoked	12
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	11
Other	3
Total Informally Disposed Cases Terminated	300
End Pending	152

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Informal
Dispositions: **47%**



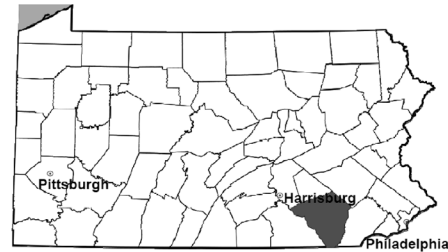
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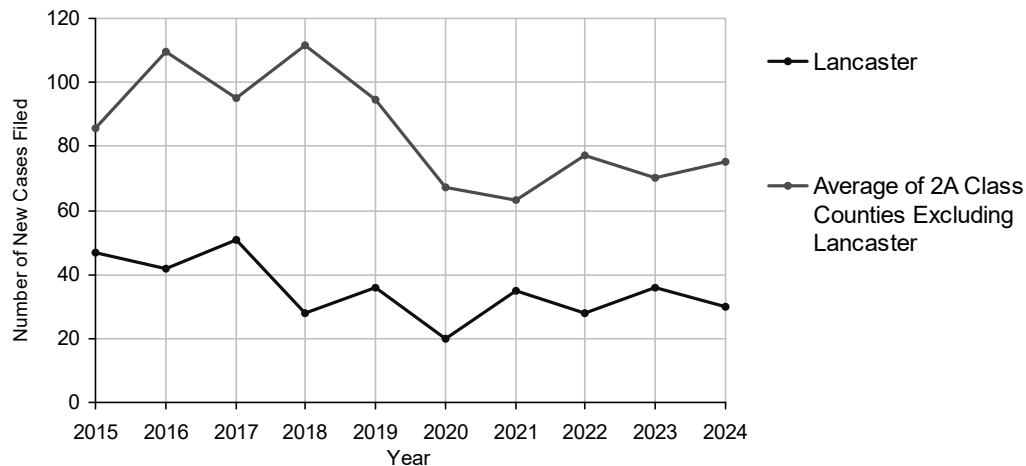
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2024 Accounts	No. of Cases
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	56
New Cases Filed in 2024	30
Cases Available for Processing	86
Processed By:	
Contested before a Judge	1 5.9%
Contested before a Non-Judicial Officer	0
Uncontested	16 94.1%
Other	0
Cases Processed	17 100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	69

Accounts New Cases Filed, 2015-2024

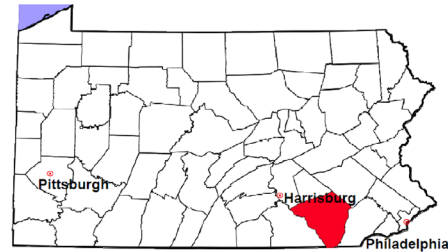


Lancaster County

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2024 Adoptions

**No. of
Cases**

Cases Pending 1/1/2024

179

New Cases Filed in 2024

132

Cases Available for Processing

311

Processed By:

Contested before a Judge

Granted

0

Denied

0

Uncontested

Granted

123 100.0%

Denied

0

Other

0

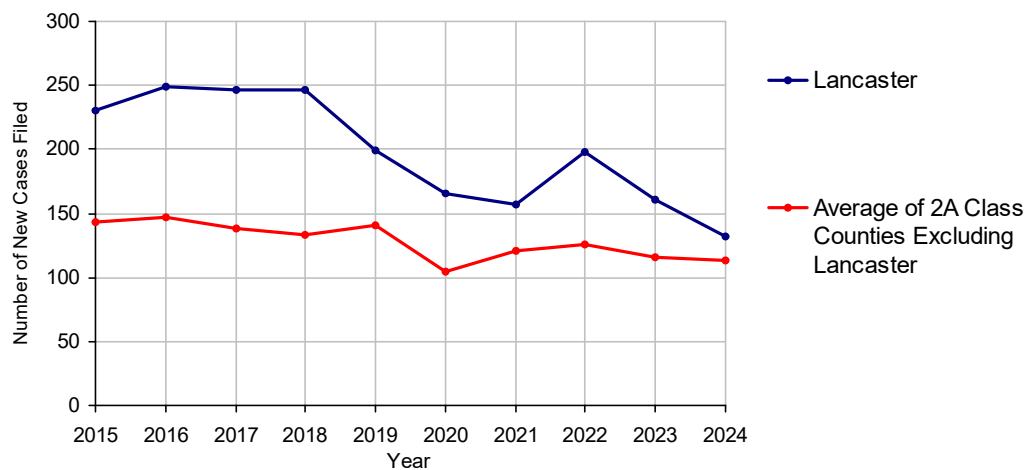
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123 100.0%

Cases Pending 12/31/2024

188

Adoptions New Cases Filed, 2015-2024

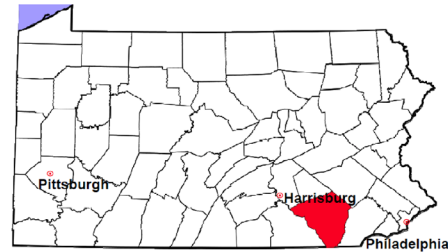


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2024 Relinquishments/Terminations

No. of
Cases

Cases Pending 1/1/2024

151

New Cases Filed in 2024

53

Cases Available for Processing

204

Processed By:

Contested before a Judge

11 28.9%

Uncontested

27 71.1%

Other

0

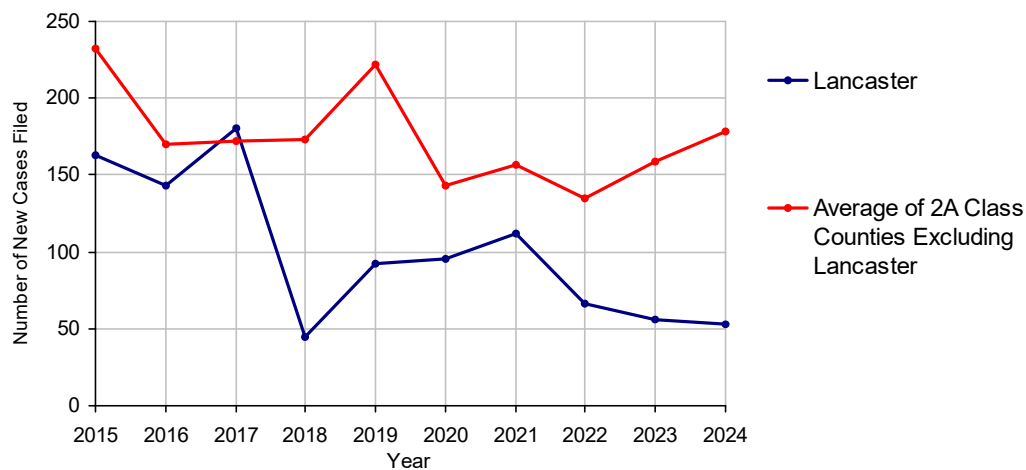
Cases Processed

38 100.0%

Cases Pending 12/31/2024

166

Relinquishments/Terminations New Cases Filed, 2015-2024

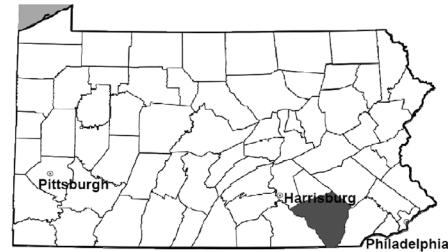


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2024 Appointment of Guardians

**No. of
Cases**

Cases Pending 1/1/2024

77

New Cases Filed in 2024

99

Cases Available for Processing

176

Processed By:

Contested before a Judge

71

97.3%

Uncontested

2

2.7%

Other

0

Cases Processed

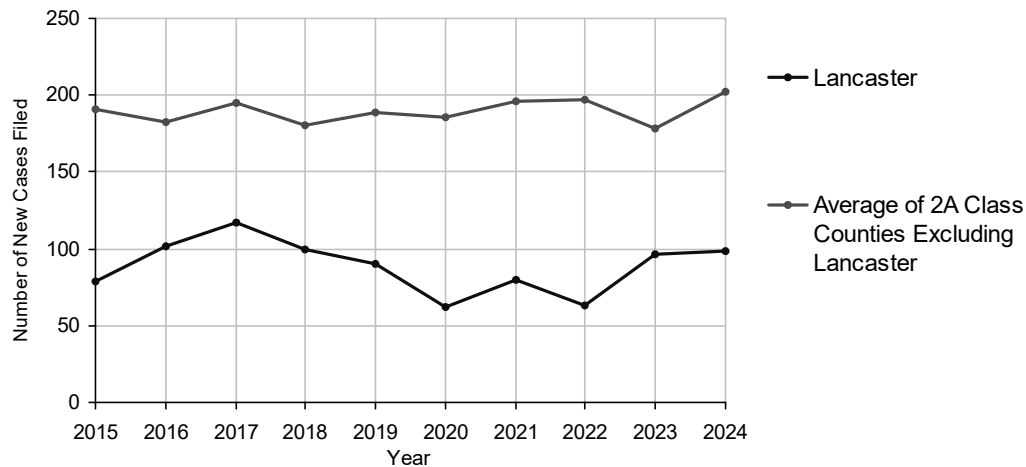
73

100.0%

Cases Pending 12/31/2024

103

Appointment of Guardians New Cases Filed, 2015-2024

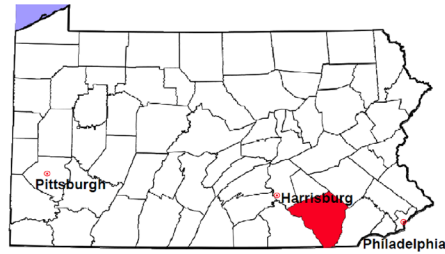


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2024 Jury Yield and Utilization

Jury Yield

Qualification Questionnaires/Summonses Mailed:	21,275	A		
Returned Undeliverable:	1,058	B	5.0%	Of Qualification Questionnaires/ Summonses Mailed
Not Responded to:	3,478	C	16.3%	
the Number of Prospective Jurors:				
Disqualified:	2,465	D	11.6%	
Exempted:	1,933	E	9.1%	
Excused:	91	F	0.4%	
Deferred to New Term:	4,018	G	18.9%	
Deferred from Previous Term:	5,303	H	24.9%	
Total Number of Qualified Jurors Available for Service:	13,535	I	63.6%	
$I=A-B-C-D-E-F-G+H$				

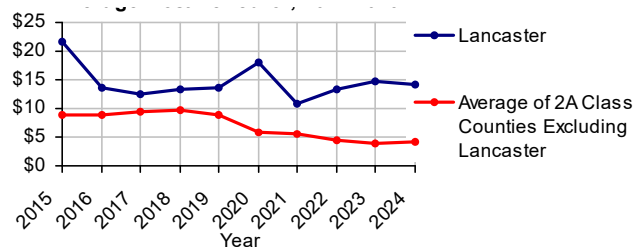
Jury Utilization

the Number of Jurors:				
Reporting for Service:	5,076	37.5%	Of Jurors Qualified and Available	
Told Not to Report for Service:	5,633	41.6%		
Sent to Courtroom for Jury Selection (Voir Dire):	2,979	58.7%	Of Jurors Reporting for Service	
Impaneled or Sworn (jurors/alternates):	932	18.4%		
Removed for Cause/Hardship:	467			
Removed by Peremptory Challenge:	810			
Number of Jury Trials Started:	66			
Pool Days:	51			
Zero Panel Days	6	11.8%	(Of Pool Days)	

Jury Costs

Total Annual Budget for Juror Operations:	\$299,138.00	J
Average Cost Per Juror:	\$14.06	K
$K=J/A$		

Average Cost Per Juror, 2015-2024

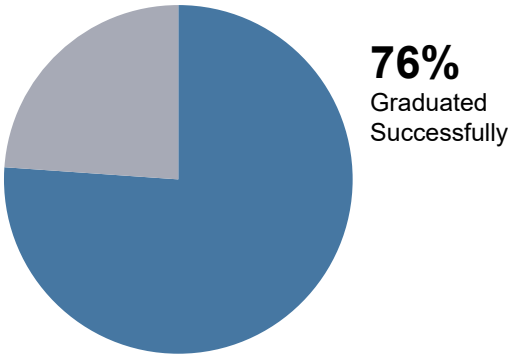


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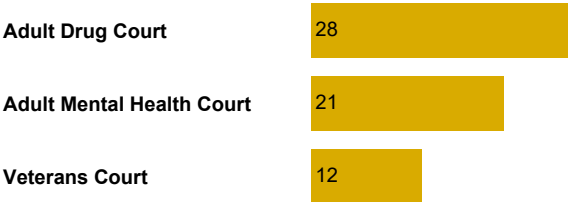
2024 Treatment Courts

67 Discharges

Of All Court Participants Discharged:



61 Admissions

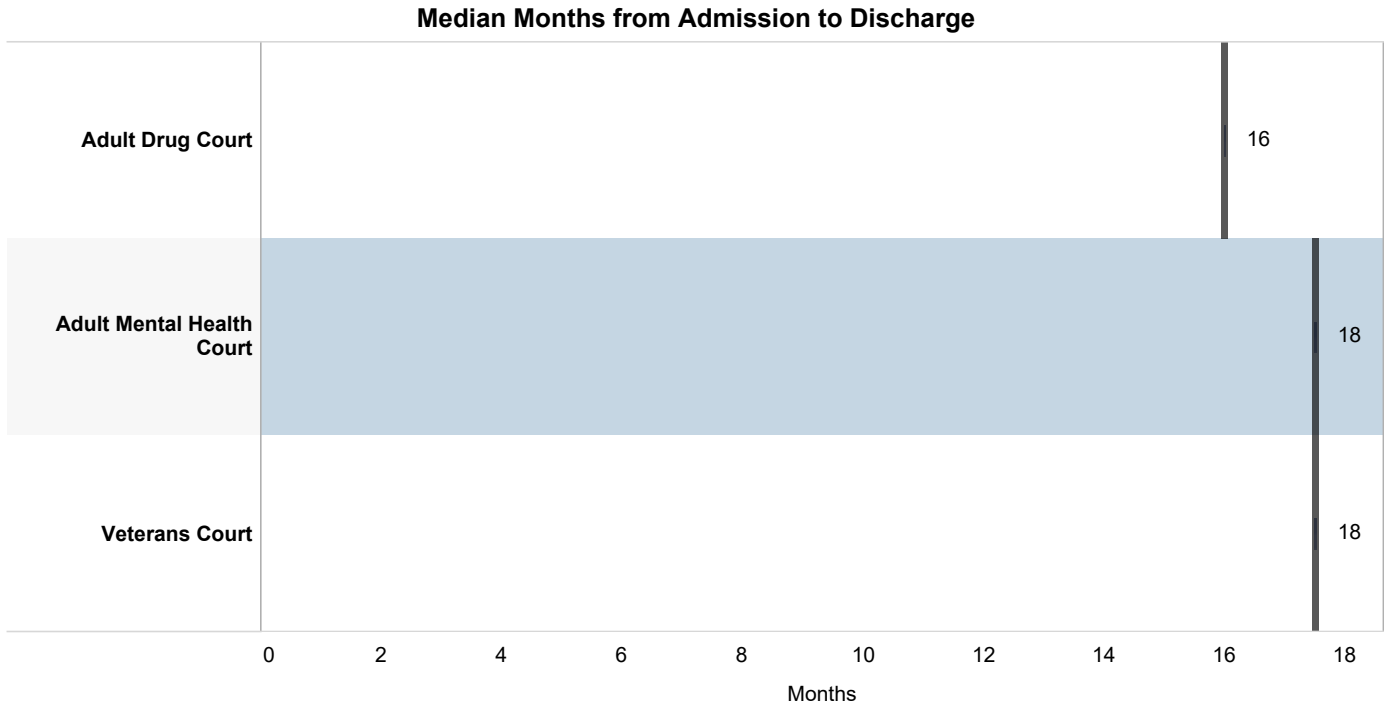


Discharge Reason

	Successfully Completed	Unsuccessful /Non-Compliant	Voluntarily Withdrew	Unsuccessful /Absconded	Other	Total Discharges
Adult Drug Court	27 (77.1%)	5 (14.3%)		2 (5.7%)	1 (2.9%)	35 (100.0%)
Adult Mental Health Court	19 (79.2%)	5 (20.8%)				24 (100.0%)
Veterans Court	5 (62.5%)	2 (25.0%)	1 (12.5%)			8 (100.0%)

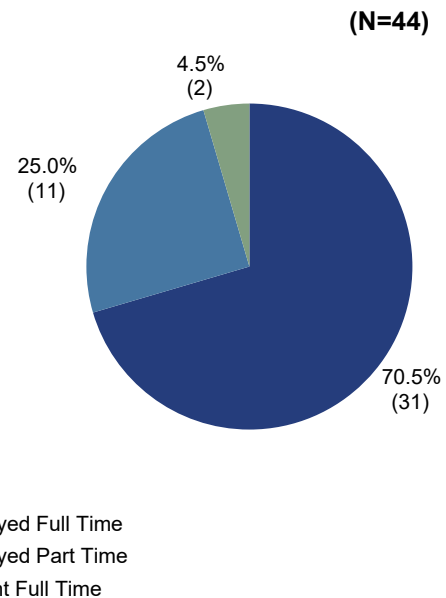
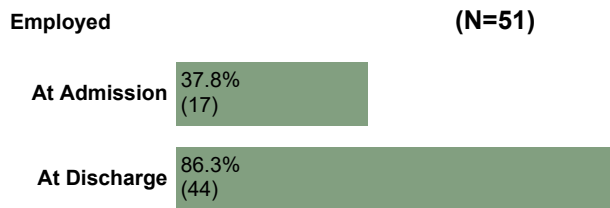
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2024 Treatment Courts



Among successful graduates, there was a 159% increase in employment.

70% of the employed successful graduates were employed full time:



10% (7) of all participants have improved in **education level at discharge.**

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