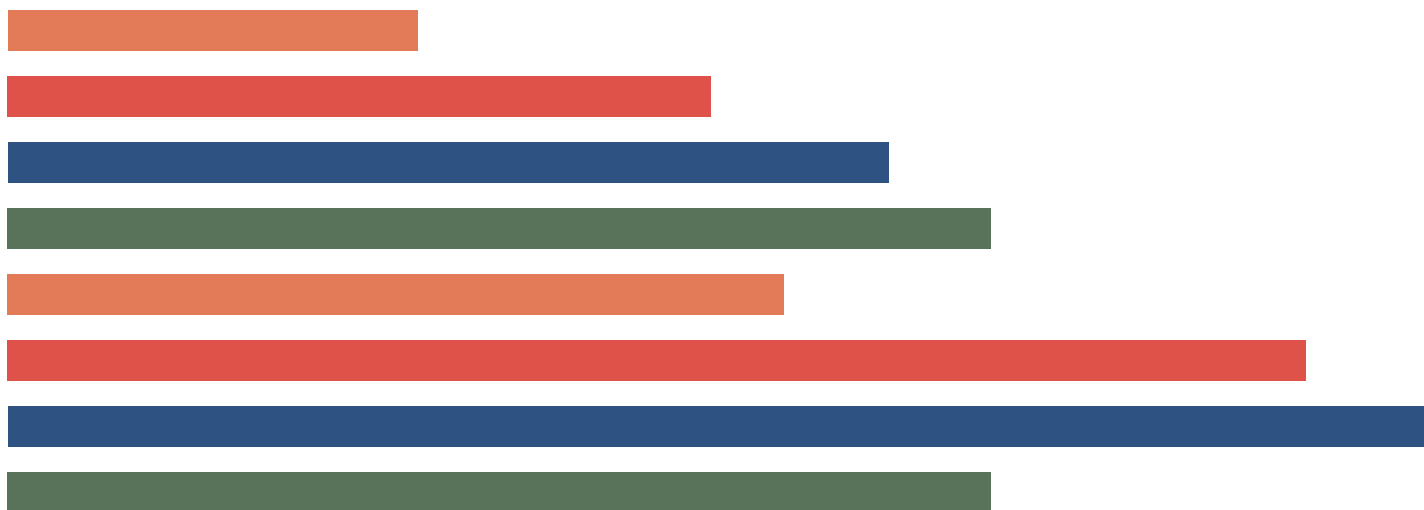
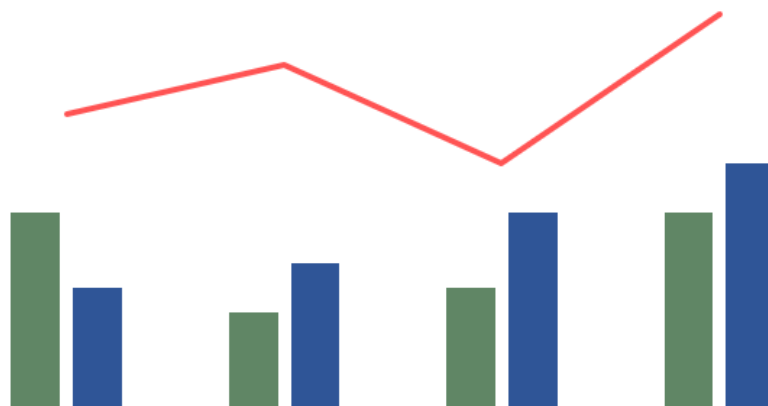
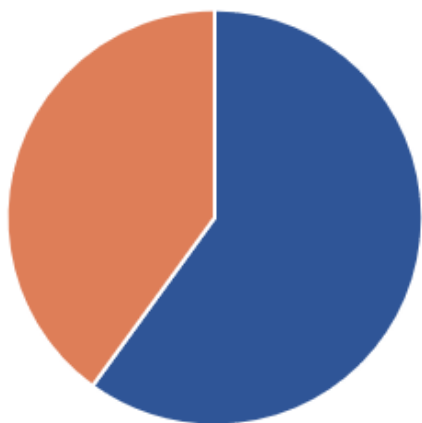


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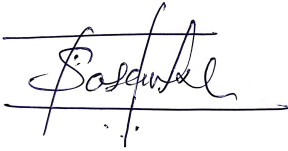
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Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at 717.231.3300.

Sincerely,

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Data Scientist
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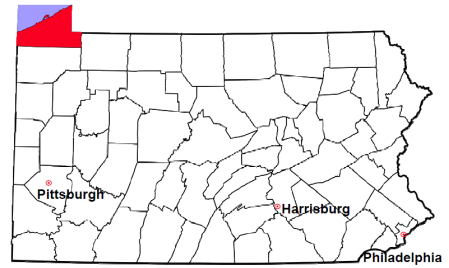
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2024 Criminal	No. of Cases
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Cases Pending 1/1/2024	2,032
New Cases Filed in 2024	2,966
Reopened Cases	182
Cases Available for Processing	5,180

Processed by:

Withdrawn/Dismissed	115	4.2%
Diversionsary Disposition*	534	19.4%
Guilty Plea	1,825	66.4%
Non-Jury Trial	22	0.8%
Jury Trial	28	1.0%
Inactive	195	7.1%
Other	30	1.1%
Total Cases Processed	2,749	100.0%

Cases Pending 12/31/2024 **2,431**

Cases Awaiting Sentencing 93

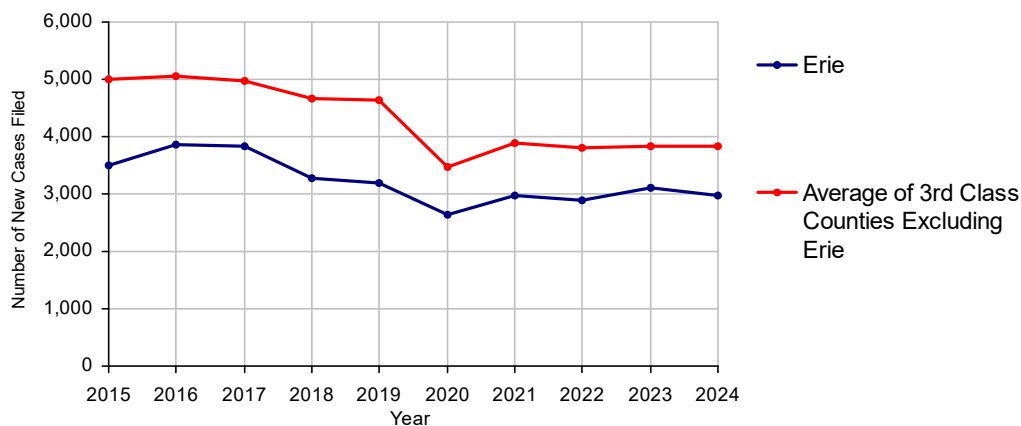
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* Includes other diversionsary programs such as Veterans Court.

Age of Pending Cases as of 12/31/2024

0-60 Days	436	17.9%
61-120 Days	469	19.3%
121-180 Days	325	13.4%
181-240 Days	299	12.3%
241-300 Days	228	9.4%
301-360 Days	171	7.0%
Over 360 Days	503	20.7%
Total	2,431	100.0%

Criminal New Cases, 2015-2024



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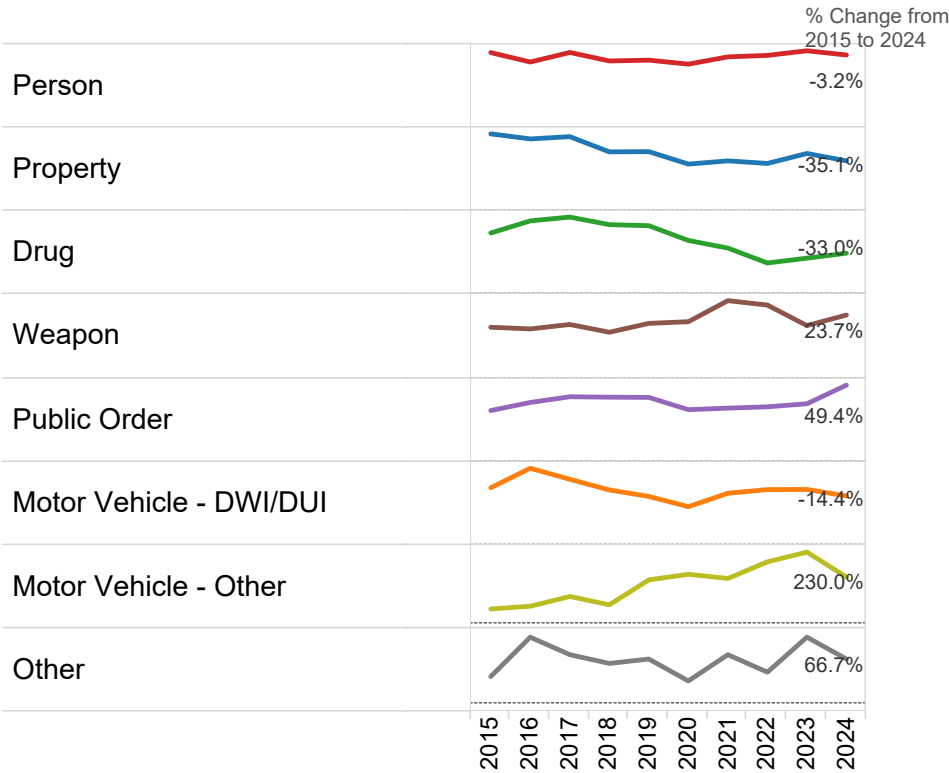


2024 Criminal - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	367	181	0	548	18.5%
Property	433	277	0	710	23.9%
Drug	146	166	0	312	10.5%
Weapon	88	27	0	115	3.9%
Public Order	110	241	0	351	11.8%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	42	845	0	887	29.9%
Motor Vehicle - Other	4	29	0	33	1.1%
Other	10	0	0	10	0.3%
Total	1,200	1,766	0	2,966	100.0%
	40.5%	59.5%	0.0%	100.0%	

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Criminal New Cases by Offense Type, 2015-2024

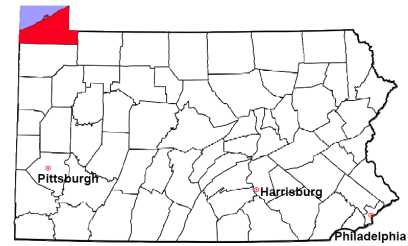


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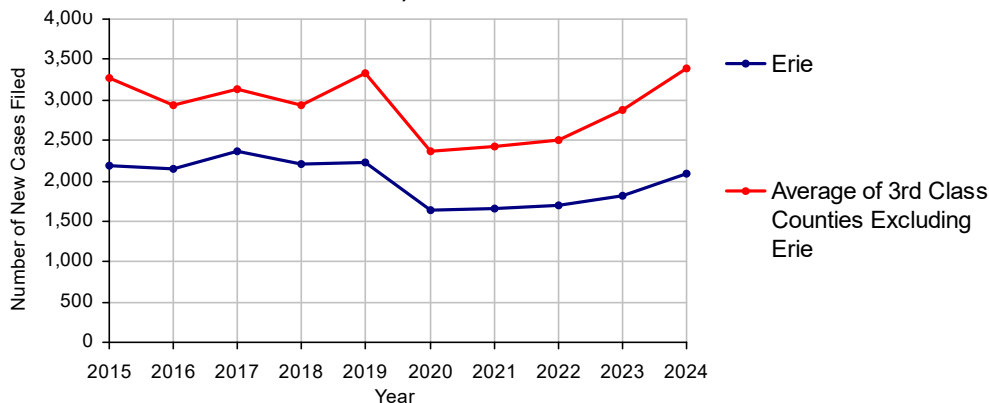


2024 Civil	Civil Action	Other	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	1,553	1,320	2,873
Docketed Cases	1,505	575	2,080
Arbitration Appeals	5	1	6
Transferred In	1	0	1
Returned to Active	81	49	130
Cases Available for Processing	3,145	1,945	5,090
Processed By:			
Default Judgments	434	131	565
Cases Decided by Arbitration Board	34	23	57
Dispositive Motions	82	152	234
Settlements	550	154	704
Moved to Inactive Status	16	248	264
Transferred/Withdrawn	25	1	26
Dismissed/Discontinued	16	0	16
Administrative Purge	51	105	156
Other	63	213	276
Jury Trial	4	0	4
Non-Jury Trial	3	0	3
Total Cases Processed	1,278	1,027	2,305
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	1,867	918	2,785

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

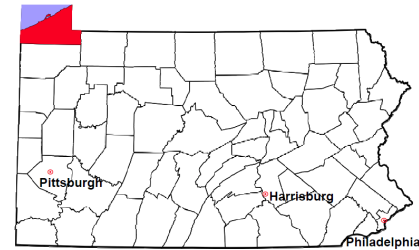
0-6 months	668	35.8%
7-12 months	282	15.1%
13-18 months	207	11.1%
19-24 months	148	7.9%
25-30 months	144	7.7%
31-36 months	87	4.7%
37-42 months	47	2.5%
43-48 months	44	2.4%
49-54 months	42	2.2%
55-60 months	41	2.2%
61-66 months	41	2.2%
67-72 months	16	0.9%
Over 72 months	100	5.4%
Total	1,867	100.0%

Docketed Cases, 2015-2024



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2024 Civil - Docketed Cases Listed by Case Type

TORT	292	14.0%
<i>(does not include mass tort)</i>		
Intentional	11	
Malicious Prosecution	0	
Motor Vehicle	161	
Nuisance	0	
Premise Liability	58	
Product Liability	3	
Slander/Libel/Defamation	5	
Other	54	
MASS TORT	2	0.1%
Asbestos	0	
Tobacco	0	
Toxic Tort - DES	1	
Toxic Tort - Implant	0	
Toxic Waste	0	
Other	1	
PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY	19	0.9%
Dental	1	
Legal	0	
Medical Malpractice	18	
Other	0	
CONTRACT	1,106	53.2%
<i>(does not include judgments)</i>		
Buyer Plaintiff	15	
Debt Collection: Credit Card	614	
Debt Collection: Other	403	
Employment Dispute: Discrimination	3	
Employment Dispute: Other	4	
Other	67	

Of the Docketed Cases:

Pro Se Filings: 194 9.3% Class Action Suits: 4 0.2% MDJ Appeals: 146 7.0%

*Civil Other

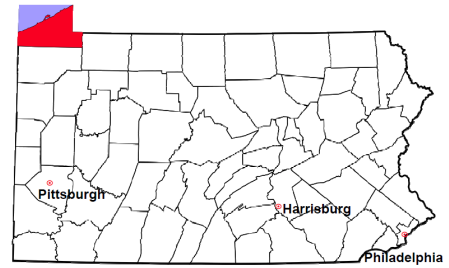
REAL PROPERTY	430	20.7%
Ejectment*	42	
Eminent Domain/Condemnation*	2	
Ground Rent	0	
Landlord/Tenant Dispute	86	
Mortgage Foreclosure:		
Residential*	221	
Commercial*	3	
Partition of Real Property*	12	
Quiet Title*	43	
Other*	21	
CIVIL APPEALS	119	5.7%
<i>- Administrative Agencies</i>		
Board of Assessment*	1	
Board of Elections*	26	
Dept. of Transportation*	78	
Zoning Board*	2	
Statutory Appeal - Other*	5	
Other*	7	
MISCELLANEOUS	112	5.4%
Common Law/		
Statutory Arbitration*	0	
Declaratory Judgment*	8	
Mandamus*	5	
Non-Domestic Relations		
Restraining Order*	45	
Quo Warranto*	0	
Replevin*	20	
Other*	34	
TOTAL DOCKETED CASES:	2,080	100.0%

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2024 Protection From Abuse

**No. of
Petitions**

Cases Pending 1/1/2024

159

New Cases Filed in 2024

775

Of these, Petitions Requesting Temporary Orders: 745 (96.1%)

Temporary Orders DENIED: 210 (28.2%), Temporary Orders GRANTED: 535 (71.8%)

Cases Available for Processing

934

Processed By:

Temporary Order DENIED After Ex Parte Hearing and No Evidentiary Hearing Scheduled	210	27.7%
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Temporary Order DISMISSED After Evidentiary Hearing and No Final Order Entered	0	
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Final Order DENIED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	70	9.2%
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Final Order GRANTED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	135	17.8%
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Plaintiff Did Not Appear For Evidentiary Hearing	88	11.6%
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Final Order by STIPULATION OR AGREEMENT Between the Parties	208	27.4%
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Petition WITHDRAWN by Plaintiff	48	6.3%
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TRANSFERRED to Another Jurisdiction	0	
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Other	0	
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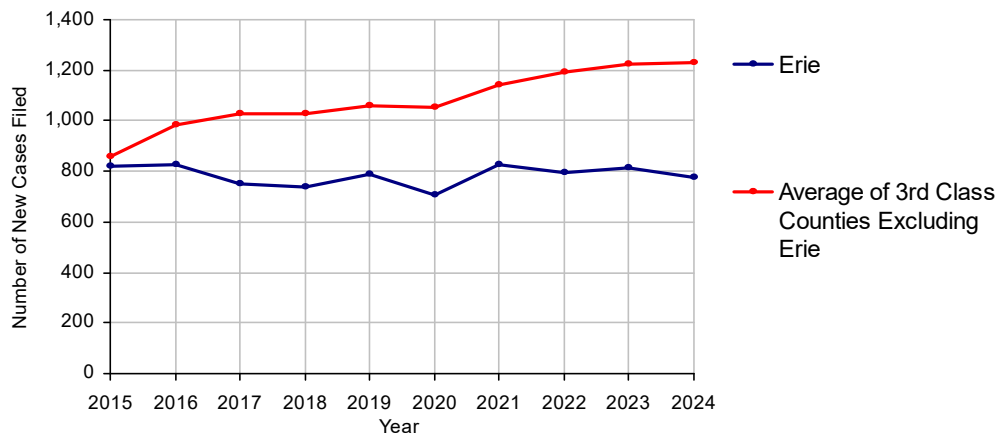
Cases Processed

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Cases Pending 12/31/2024

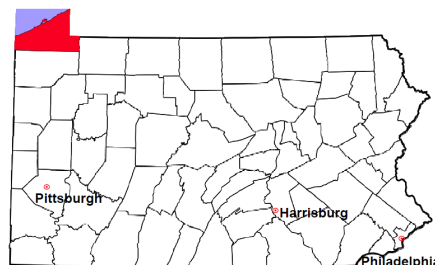
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PFA New Cases Filed, 2015-2024



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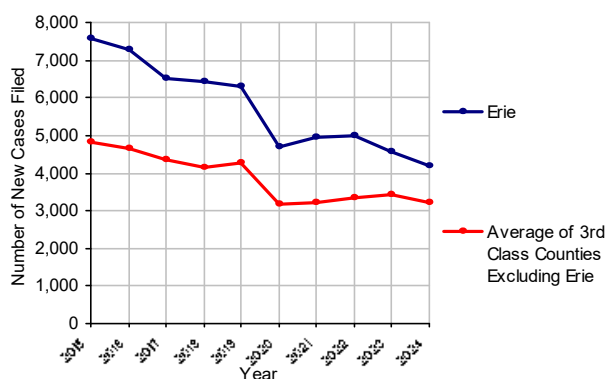
2024 Spousal & Child Support	No. of Petitions	
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	798	
New Cases Filed in 2024	4,206	
Dockets Transferred In (+)	28	
Dockets Transferred Out (-)	16	
Cases Available for Processing	5,016	
Processed By:		
Judge	305	7.4%
Intake Officer	3,843	92.6%
Hearing Officer	0	
Other	0	
Cases Processed	4,148	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	868	

Data provided by PACSES

2024 Paternity	No. of Cases	
Acknowledgements Filed:		
Non-Domestic Relations Section	399	89.5%
During Conference	44	9.9%
Non-Stipulated (post genetic test)	2	0.4%
Pre-Trial Conference	1	0.2%
Total	446	100.0%
Established:		
Stipulated by Genetic Tests	102	42.3%
Default - Father Failed to Appear	49	20.3%
Adjudication by Court Proceeding	13	5.4%
Out of State	77	32.0%
Total	241	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	115	

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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:

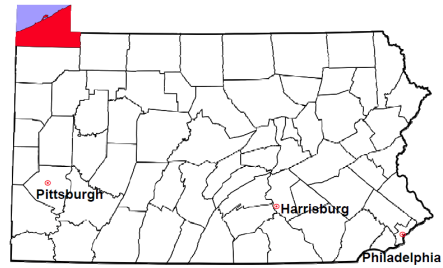
STIPULATED BY GENETIC TESTS: The alleged father requested genetic tests and signed a stipulation that if the test results had a 99% or higher probability of paternity then the alleged father would be stipulated as the biological father of the child.
DEFAULT - FATHER FAILED TO APPEAR: The alleged father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

125

New Cases Filed in 2024

995

Cases Available for Processing

1,120

Processed By:

Judge

256

26.1%

Non-Judicial Officer

529

54.0%

Administrative Review/Purge

0

Other

194

19.8%

Cases Processed

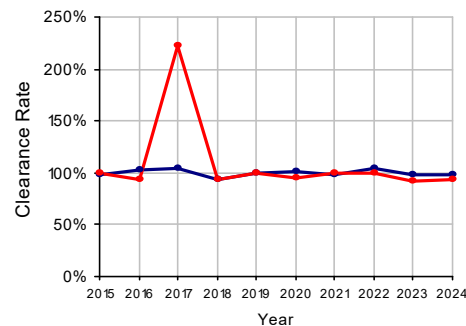
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100.0%

Cases Pending 12/31/2024

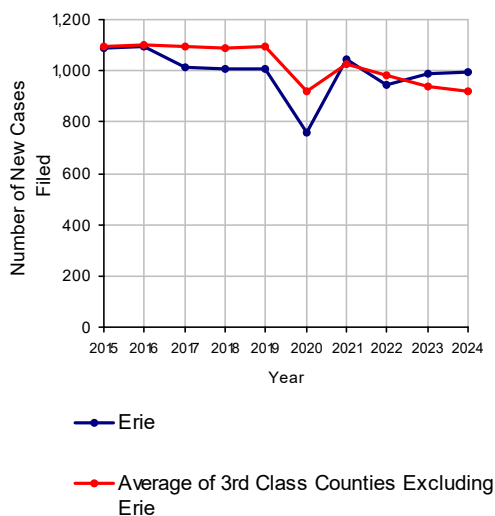
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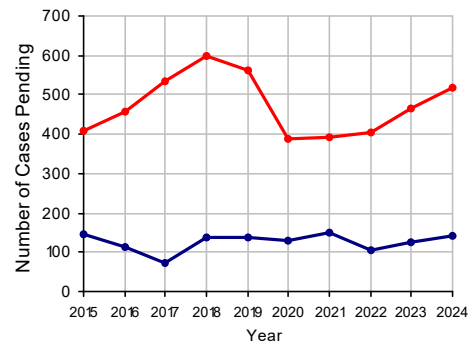


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Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation New Cases Filed, 2015-2024



Cases Pending at the End of Year, 2015-2024

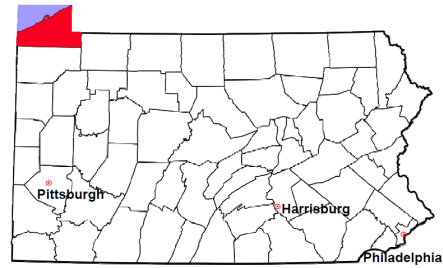


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2024 Divorce

No. of Petitions

Cases Pending 1/1/2024

540

New Cases Filed in 2024

509

Cases Available for Processing

1,049

Processed By:

Contested Before a Judge

3

0.6%

Contested Before a Non-Judicial Officer

56

11.5%

Uncontested

418

85.8%

Administrative Review/Purge

0

Other

10

2.1%

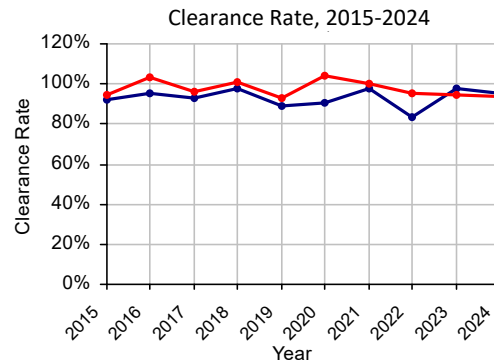
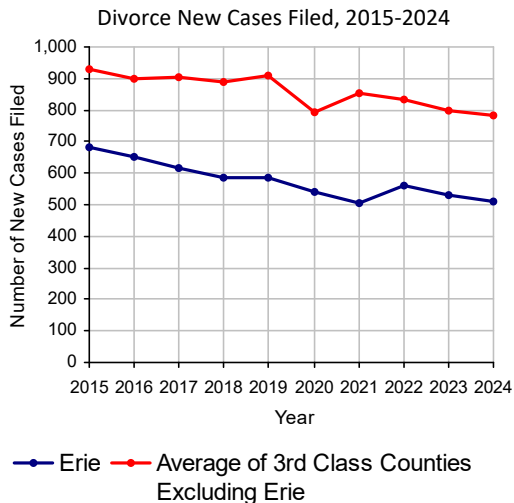
Cases Processed

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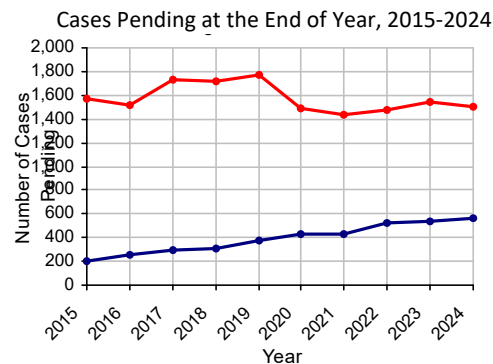
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Cases Pending 12/31/2024

562



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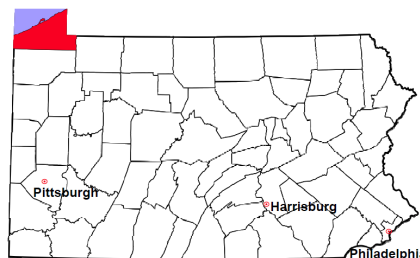


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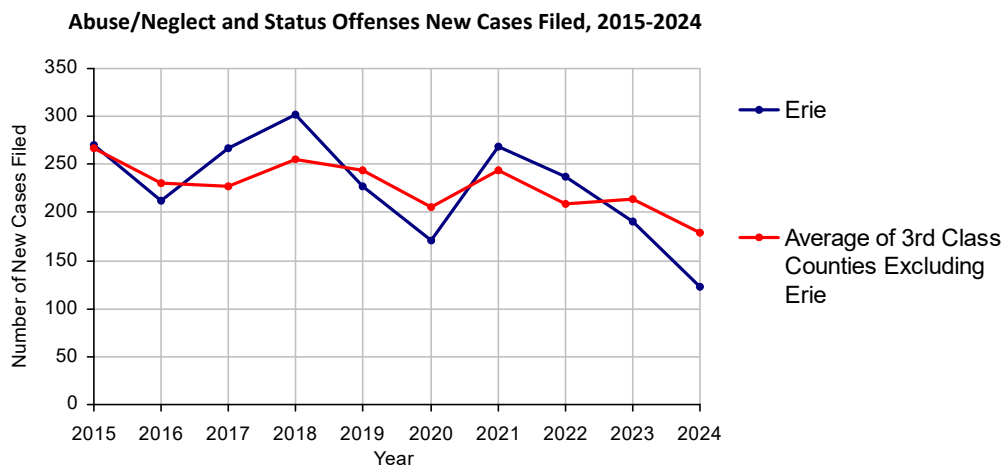
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2024 Juvenile Dependency - Petitions Pending Adjudication

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	2	1	3
New Petitions Filed in 2024	118	5	123
Other	15	1	16
Total Petitions Available for Processing	135	7	142
Processed by:			
Adjudicated Dependent			
Judge	27	2	29
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	103	4	107
Adjudicated NOT Dependent			
Judge	0	0	0
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0	0	0
Withdrawn/Transferred	0	0	0
Dismissed/Other	0	1	1
Total Petitions Processed	130	7	137
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	5	0	5

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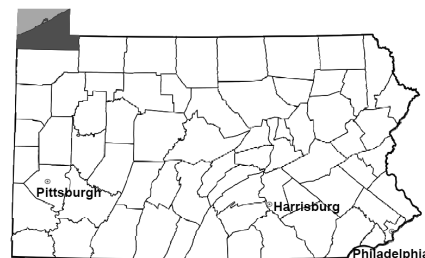


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2024 Juvenile Dependency - Adjudicated Dependent Inventory

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	330	27	357
New Adjudicated Dependent Cases	130	6	136
Other	4	0	4
Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases	464	33	497

Court Supervision Terminated:

Family Reunification	78	32.0%	4	26.7%	82	31.7%
Adoption	119	48.8%	1	6.7%	120	46.3%
Placement with a Relative/Guardian	37	15.2%	3	20.0%	40	15.4%
Aged Out	6	2.5%	7	46.7%	13	5.0%
Other Permanency Outcomes*	2	0.8%	0		2	0.8%
Other**	2	0.8%	0		2	0.8%
Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases Terminated	244	100.0%	15	100.0%	259	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	220		18		238	

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

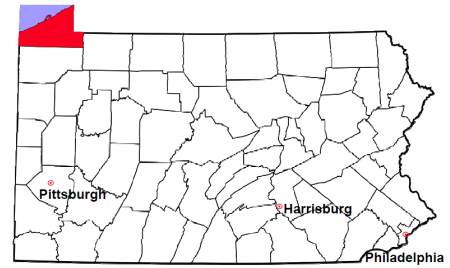
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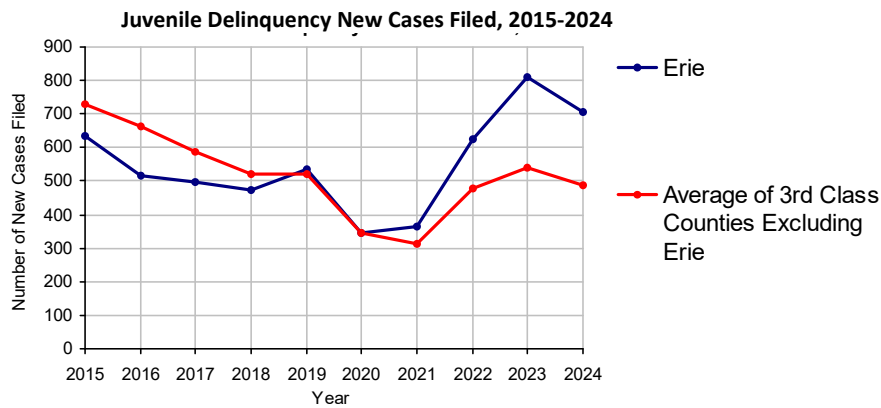
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2024 Juvenile Delinquency - Cases Pending Disposition

Begin Pending	355
New Cases	705
Consent Decree Revoked	5
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	0
Alternative Program Revoked	0
Warrant Returned	3
Other	37
Total Cases Available for Disposition	1,105
Warrant Issued	15
Disposed by:	
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	308
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0
Consent Decree Entered	109
Informal Adjustment Program Entered	129
Warned and Counseled (Pre-Petition)	59
Dismissed/Withdrawn/Transferred	107
Transferred to Criminal Court	7
Other	80
Total Cases Disposed	799
End Pending	291

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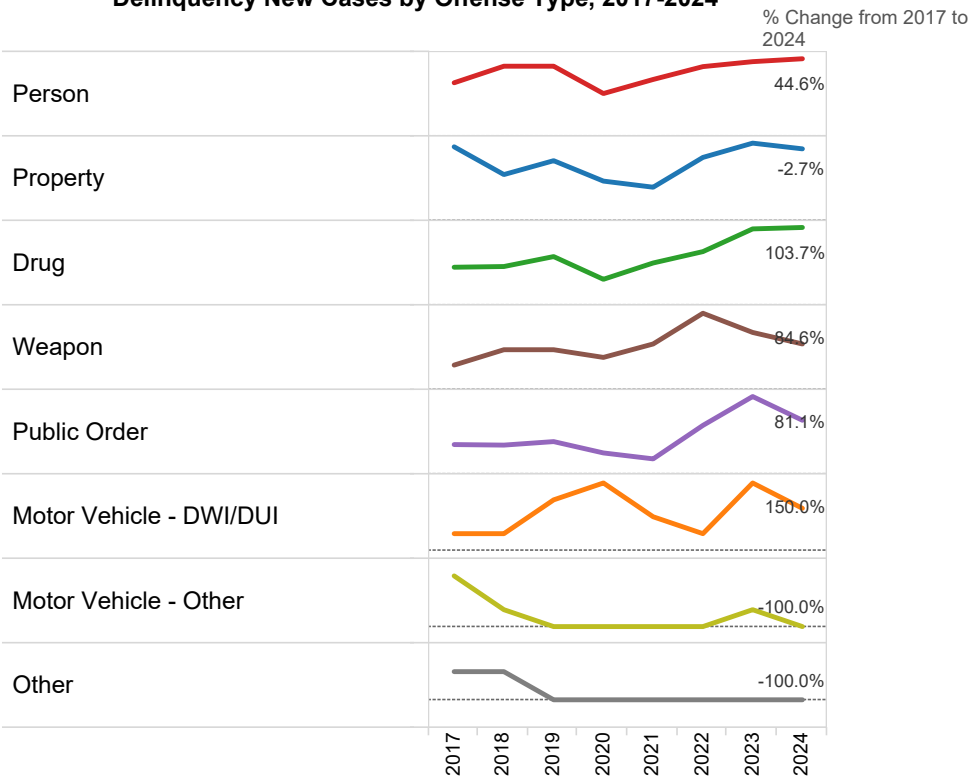


2024 Delinquency - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	36	152	0	188	26.7%
Property	64	113	0	177	25.1%
Drug	5	105	0	110	15.6%
Weapon	13	11	0	24	3.4%
Public Order	4	194	3	201	28.5%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	0	5	0	5	0.7%
Motor Vehicle - Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	122	580	3	705	100.0%
	17.3%	82.3%	0.4%	100.0%	

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Delinquency New Cases by Offense Type, 2017-2024

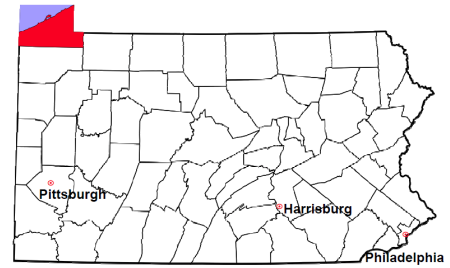


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2024 Juvenile Delinquency - Formal Dispositions

Begin Pending	321
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	308
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0
Warrant Returned	21
Other	0
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases	650
Warrant Issued	14
Court Supervision Terminated:	
Conditions Satisfied	208
Compelling Reasons	1
Reached Age 21	0
Transferred to Another Juvenile Court	0
Other	10
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases Terminated	219
End Pending	417

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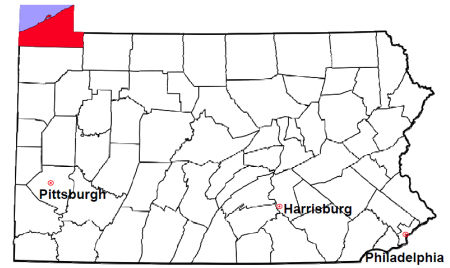
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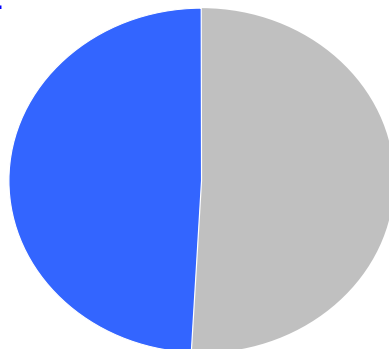
2024 Juvenile Delinquency - Informal Dispositions

Pending Consent Decrees	63
Pending Informal Adjustments	77
New Consent Decrees	109
New Informal Adjustments	129
Warrant Returned	0
Other	1
Cases Informally Disposed	379
 Warrant Issued	 1
Terminated by:	
Consent Decree Completed	89
Informal Adjustment Completed	124
Consent Decree Revoked	5
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	0
Other	26
Total Informally Disposed Cases Terminated	244
 End Pending	 134

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Informal Dispositions: **49%**



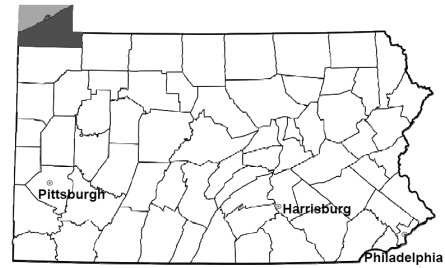
Delinquency Cases are disposed either formally, at a proceeding held before a judge or hearing officer, or informally without a proceeding. Informal dispositions include informal adjustments supervised by a juvenile probation officer; consent decrees agreed upon with the District Attorney after a petition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

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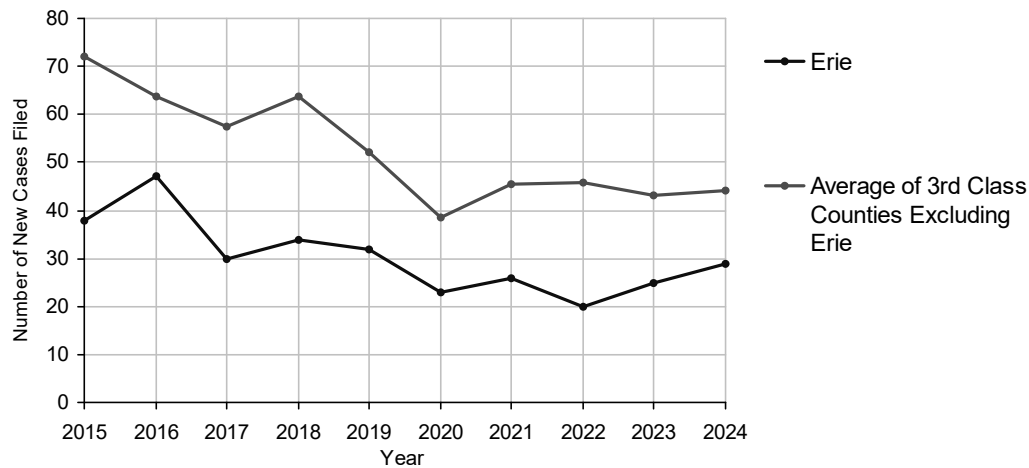
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2024 Accounts	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2024	10	
New Cases Filed in 2024	29	
Cases Available for Processing	39	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	0	
Contested before a Non-Judicial Officer	1	3.3%
Uncontested	25	83.3%
Other	4	13.3%
Cases Processed	30	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	9	

Accounts New Cases Filed, 2015-2024

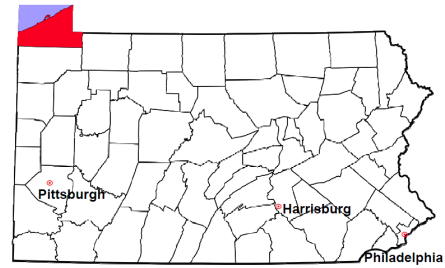


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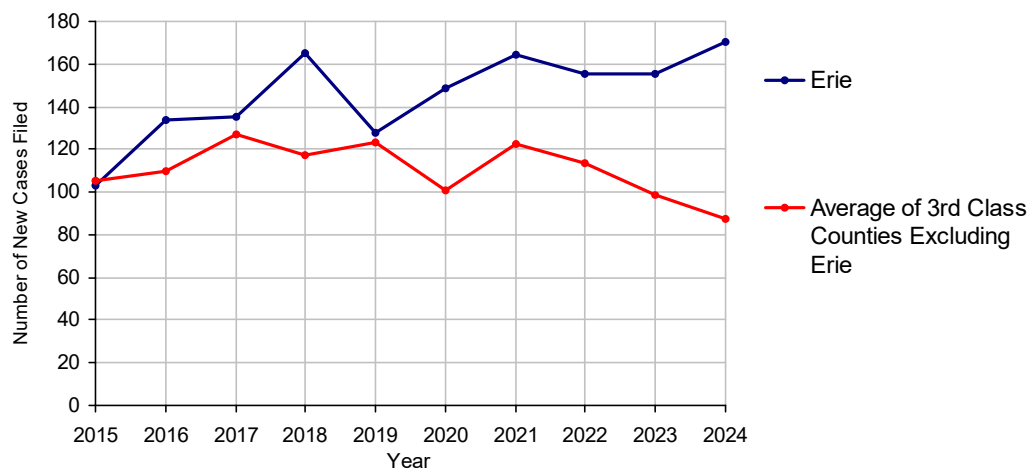
2024 Adoptions

**No. of
Cases**

Cases Pending 1/1/2024	43 ^(R)	
New Cases Filed in 2024	170	
Cases Available for Processing	213	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	Granted	0
	Denied	0
Uncontested	Granted	162 100.0%
	Denied	0
Other		0
Cases Processed	162	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2024	51	

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Adoptions New Cases Filed, 2015-2024

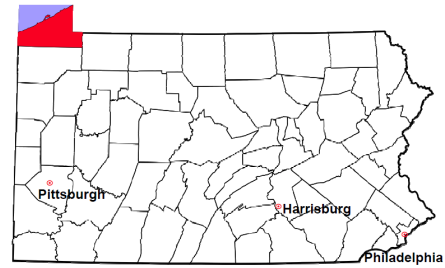


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2024 Relinquishments/Terminations

**No. of
Cases**

Cases Pending 1/1/2024

495

New Cases Filed in 2024

178

Cases Available for Processing

673

Processed By:

Contested before a Judge

2 1.2%

Uncontested

162 97.0%

Other

3 1.8%

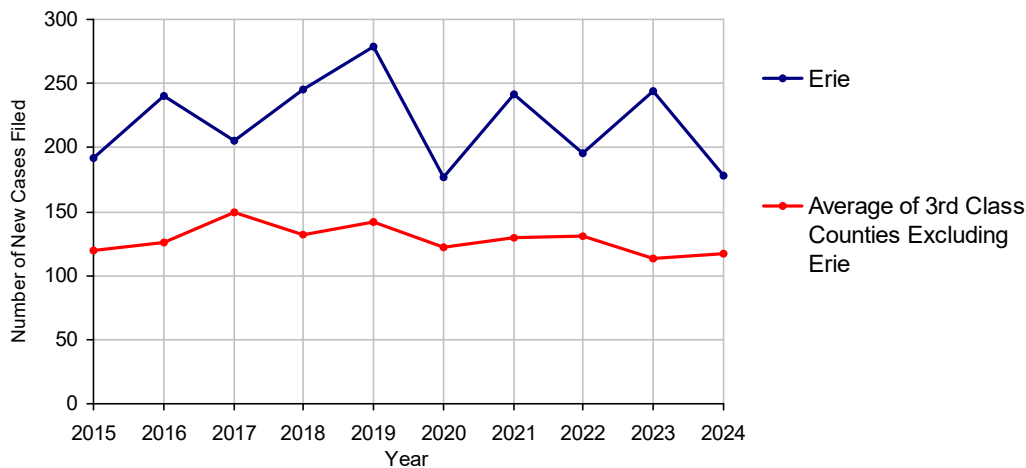
Cases Processed

167 100.0%

Cases Pending 12/31/2024

506

Relinquishments/Terminations New Cases Filed, 2015-2024

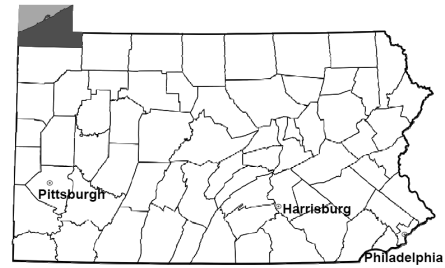


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2024 Appointment of Guardians

**No. of
Cases**

Cases Pending 1/1/2024

23

New Cases Filed in 2024

71

Cases Available for Processing

94

Processed By:

Contested before a Judge

4

5.9%

Uncontested

54

79.4%

Other

10

14.7%

Cases Processed

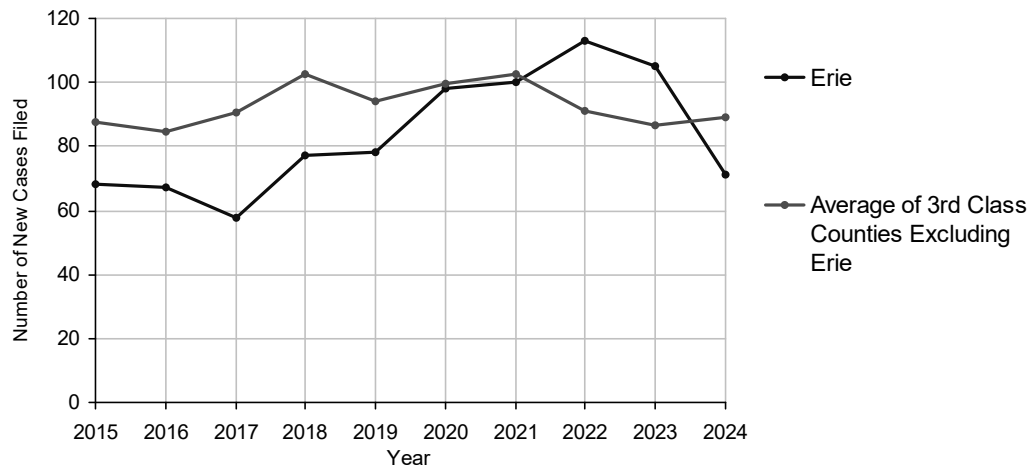
68

100.0%

Cases Pending 12/31/2024

26

Appointment of Guardians New Cases Filed, 2015-2024

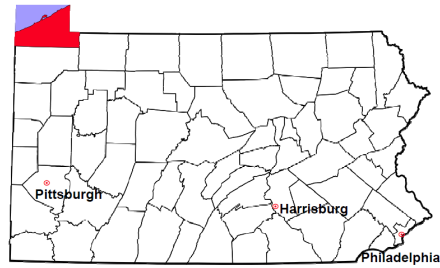


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2024 Jury Yield and Utilization

Jury Yield

Qualification Questionnaires/Summonses Mailed:	38,350	A		
Returned Undeliverable:	2,686	B	7.0%	Of Qualification Questionnaires/ Summonses Mailed
Not Responded to:	6,947	C	18.1%	
the Number of Prospective Jurors:				
Disqualified:	3,144	D	8.2%	
Exempted:	4,149	E	10.8%	
Excused:	3,037	F	7.9%	
Deferred to New Term:	3,070	G	8.0%	
Deferred from Previous Term:	3,203	H	8.4%	
Total Number of Qualified Jurors Available for Service:	18,520	I	48.3%	
$I = A - B - C - D - E - F - G - H$				

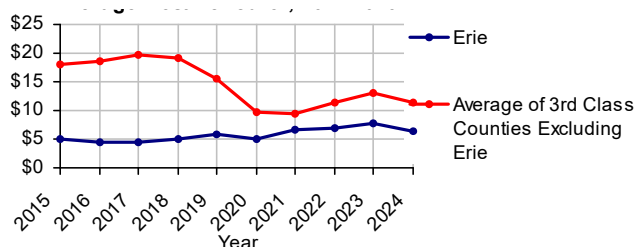
Jury Utilization

the Number of Jurors:				
Reporting for Service:	4,547	24.6%	Of Jurors Qualified and Available	
Told Not to Report for Service:	7,630	41.2%		
Sent to Courtroom for Jury Selection (Voir Dire):	2,762	60.7%	Of Jurors Reporting for Service	
Impaneled or Sworn (jurors/alternates):	558	12.3%		
Removed for Cause/Hardship:	664			
Removed by Peremptory Challenge:	459			
Number of Jury Trials Started:	43			
Pool Days:	56			
Zero Panel Days:	19	33.9%	(Of Pool Days)	

Jury Costs

Total Annual Budget for Juror Operations:	\$246,786.00	J
Average Cost Per Juror:	\$6.44	K
$K = J/A$		

Average Cost Per Juror, 2015-2024

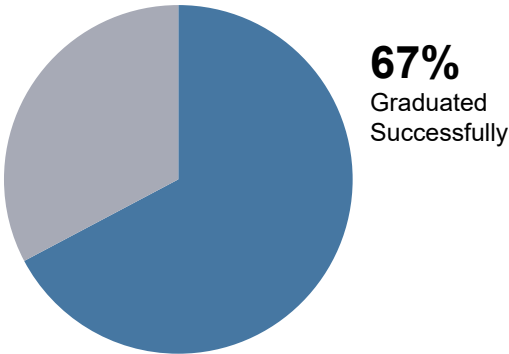


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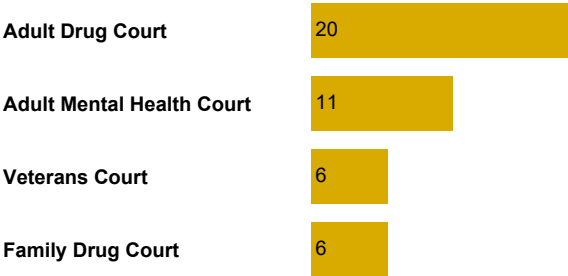
2024 Treatment Courts

55 Discharges

Of All Court Participants Discharged:



43 Admissions

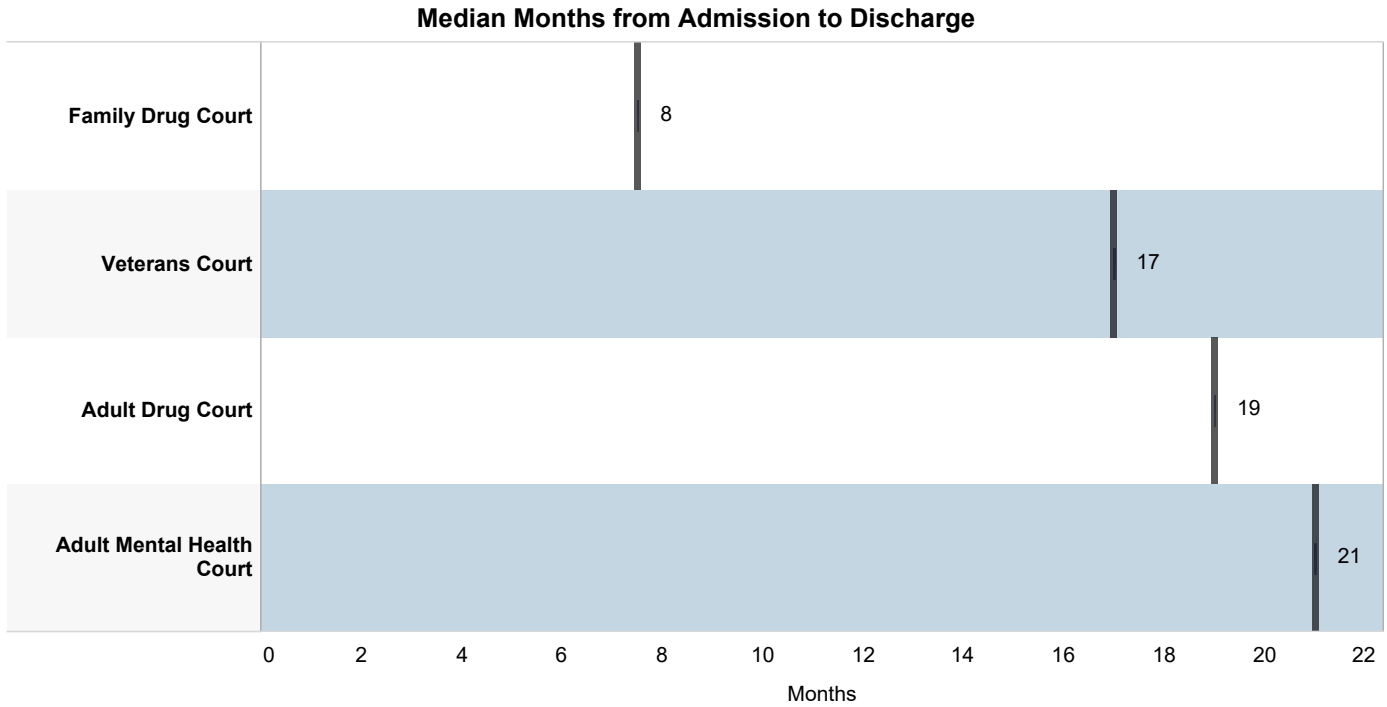


Discharge Reason

	Successfully Completed	Unsuccessful /Non-Compliant	Voluntarily Withdrew	Unsuccessful /Absconded	Other	Total Discharges
Adult Drug Court	12 (70.6%)	1 (5.9%)		4 (23.5%)		17 (100.0%)
Adult Mental Health Court	16 (76.2%)	1 (4.8%)		1 (4.8%)	3 (14.3%)	21 (100.0%)
Veterans Court	3 (100.0%)					3 (100.0%)
Family Drug Court	6 (42.9%)	4 (28.6%)	2 (14.3%)		2 (14.3%)	14 (100.0%)

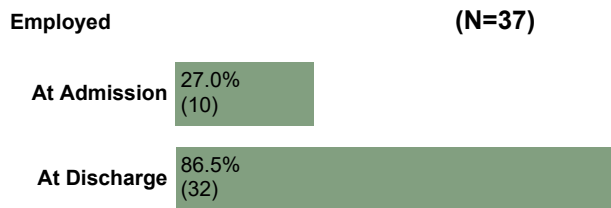
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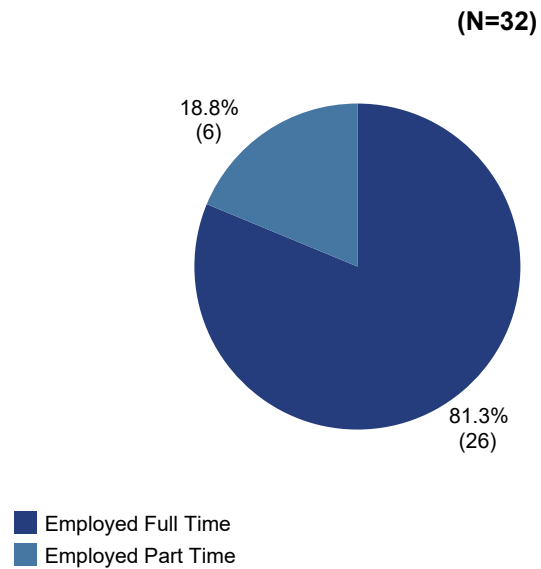


Among successful graduates, there was a 220% increase in employment.

81% of the employed successful graduates were employed full time:



7% (4) of all participants have improved in **education level** at discharge.



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