

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

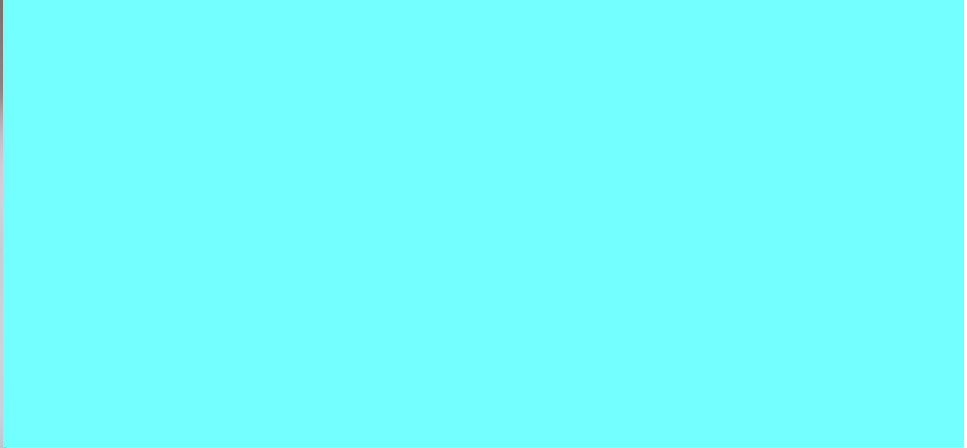


12TH DISTRICT COURT

Jackson, Michigan

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MISSION STATEMENT

The 12th Judicial District Court is dedicated to dispensing equal justice in all matters under the court's jurisdiction, providing the highest quality of professional services in a prompt and efficient manner, and recognizing and respecting the individual dignity of all people served by the court.

VALUE STATEMENT

- We value the personal treatment of all members of the public based upon courtesy and respect, regardless of socio-economic status or personal characteristics.
- We value all members of our court staff and are committed to their professional development.
- We value a positive work environment, which promotes creativity, teamwork, and respect among personnel.
- We value the highest standards of performance demonstrated by processing each individual transaction in an accurate, thorough, and timely manner.
- We value the continual analysis of all court processes in order to provide the highest level of service in an efficient and cost-effective manner.



MESSAGE FROM THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Reader,

Thank you for taking time to look at a snapshot of all the hard work accomplished by the 12th Judicial District Court team! 2022 began showing signs of returning to our new normal following the previous two years of the pandemic.

The court operated at full capacity during 2022, while still maintaining remote hearings to the greatest extent possible. Remote hearings were aided by upgraded remote technology in all courtrooms and the magistrate's hearing room. New technology improved the quality of video, audio, and usability for parties participating remotely.

The biggest case type hurdle that still remains from COVID restrictions are landlord/tenant (LT) cases. Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order 2020-17 is still in effect, which directs courts on a delayed procedure to process LT evictions. This process has significantly increased the work load for the civil clerks and Judges' civil docket, resulting in a backlog of over 600 LT cases.

2022 saw some key staff changes as it was the first full year that Court Administrator Burns and Deputy Court Administrator Dase were at the helm. Additionally, the Board of Commissioners approved an administrative re-organization request, adding an Assistant Court Services Manager to provide additional support to both the Civil and Criminal/Traffic Divisions. Finally, Governor Whitmer announced the appointment of Robert K. Gaecke, Jr. to fill the seat left vacant by retiring judge, Joseph S. Filip. Judge Gaecke was sworn in on April 13, 2022. He was successfully elected in November of 2022 and began his full 6 year term on 1/1/2023.

While this report shows a lot of facts and stats, the real work completed by our great team is seen day in and day out. The 2022 customer satisfaction survey of D12 users reported that over 98% of those surveyed indicated they strongly agreed or agreed that they were treated with respect and courtesy. Additionally, over 95% strongly agreed or agreed that they left understanding what happened with their cases. These results are only possible because of the professional work done by the team at D12. This is further supported by some of the following comments from the survey:

“Everyone was courteous, kind and helpful.”

“The Staff is always courteous and friendly.”

“Awesome Staff! Very responsive – Awesome Judges.”

The Court would like to express gratitude to the Jackson County Board of Commissioners and Mr. Michael Overton, County Administrator, for their continued support of the 12th District Court!

Sincerely,

Jeremy C. Burns



12th District Court Judicial Staff

The Honorable Daniel A. Goostrey



Appointed District Judge: 2012
Elected District Judge: 2012
Re-elected: 2018
Chief Judge: 2018-Present
**Current Term Expires:
12/31/2024**

The Honorable Robert Gaecke



Appointed District Judge: 2021
Elected District Judge: 2022
**Current Term Expires:
12/31/28**

The Honorable Michael J. Klaeren



Appointed District Judge: 2007
Elected District Judge: 2008
Re-elected: 2014
Chief Judge: 2014-2017
Chief Judge Pro Tem: 2018-2021
**Current Term Expires:
2/31/2026**

Magistrate Christopher J. Dickerson

Magistrate Dickerson has been with the District Court since 2022 and serves under the direction of the Chief Judge. He serves in a quasi-judicial capacity as prescribed by statute, including issuance of misdemeanor and felony arrest warrants and search warrants. He also conducts misdemeanor and felony arraignments and sets bonds for the court. In addition, he assists the judicial staff by accepting guilty pleas on some misdemeanors, conducting hearings and adjudicating civil infractions and small claims cases. He presides over informal hearings of civil infractions and the majority of the weddings conducted at the court.



The Honorable Allison Bates



Elected District Judge: 2021
Chief Judge Pro Tem: 2022-Present
Current Term Expires: 12/31/2026



*Jeremy C. Burns, Court Administrator
Richard Dase, Deputy Court Administrator
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Sarah Beadenkopf, Asst. Court Services Manager*

COURT ADMINISTRATION

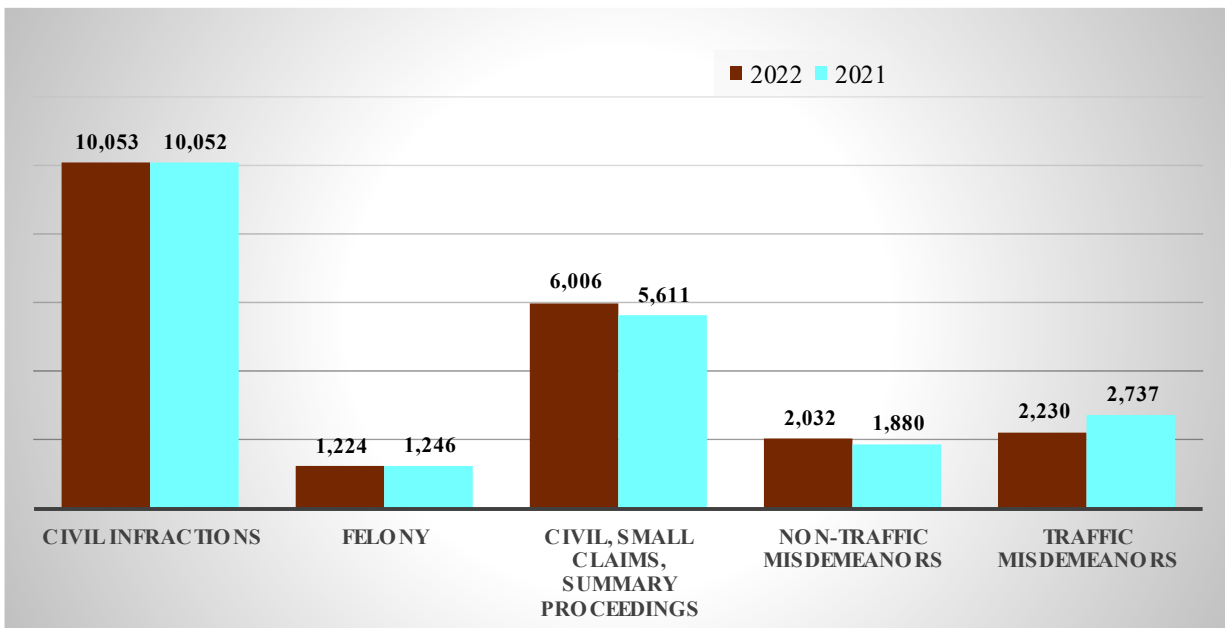


*Back Row L to R: Rich Dase, Jeremy Burns
Front Row L to R: Eva Paluck, Kathy Ellis, Kelly Weeks, Sarah Beadenkopf*



CASELOAD NEW FILINGS

| Case Type | 2022 Filings | 2021 Filings | 2022-2021 Difference |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|
| CIVIL INFRACTIONS | 10,053 | 10,052 | 1 |
| FELONY | 1,224 | 1,246 | -22 |
| CIVIL, SMALL CLAIMS SUMMARY | 6,006 | 5,611 | 395 |
| NON-TRAFFIC MISDEMEANORS | 2,032 | 1,880 | 152 |
| TRAFFIC MISDEMEANORS | 2,230 | 2,737 | -507 |
| TOTALS | 21,545 | 21,526 | 29 |





*Kathleen Ellis, Court Services Manager
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Taneshia Tanner, Deputy Clerk
Mary Christoff, Deputy Clerk
Jamie Paksi, Deputy Clerk
Linda Chamberlin, Deputy Clerk
LaToya Scroggins, Casual Records Clerk
Angie Warnsley, Casual Clerk*

Criminal/Traffic



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Front Row L to R: Jessi Tucker, Lindsey Mackey-Iyer, Kathy Ellis, Jamie Paksi, Julie Wartella
Missing from picture: Angie Warnsley*



12th District Court Clerk's Office

Criminal - Traffic

Criminal

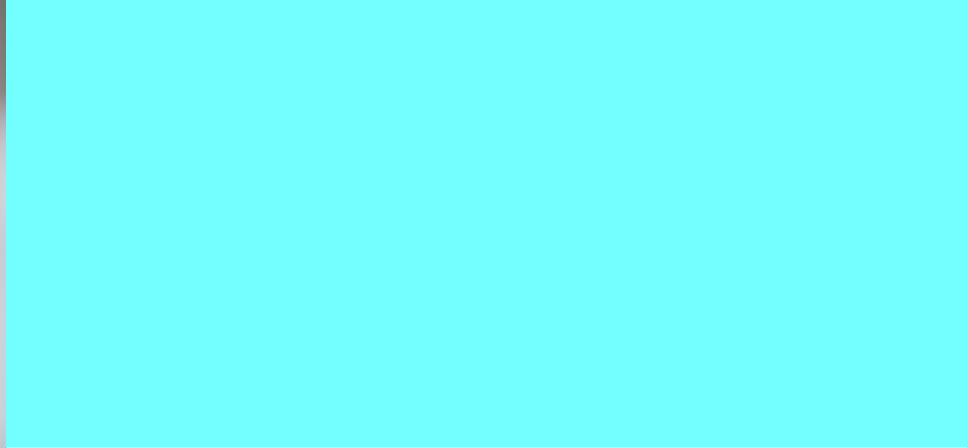
The District Court Criminal Section handles state and local misdemeanors (crimes with a punishment of one year or less in jail) and preliminary hearings for felonious crimes (more than one year in jail or prison).

In 2022, the Court added a full-time criminal records clerk to the already-existing seven full-time deputy clerks assigned to the Criminal-Traffic section. With the significant increase in requests for documents and record information due to the Clean Slate legislation and Application to Set Aside Conviction process, an additional full-time position was warranted.

Of the remaining full-time deputy clerks, one clerk is focused on accepting and processing all paperwork & new criminal charges filed with the court, judicial assignment and entry of some new cases, preparation of daily date-generated reports, and filling-in wherever needed. Four deputy clerks process the criminal casework for each specific judge, including entry of new charges, scheduling of court dates, entry of warrants & protective conditions into the Law Enforcement Information Network (L.E.I.N.), production of dispositional paperwork, and reporting criminal history information to the Michigan State Police Central Records Division.

There are two deputy clerks assigned to traffic matters; one serves as the clerk to the Magistrate and handles the scheduling of Informal Hearings, responds to letters of explanation, processes dispositional paperwork, monitors on-line ticket resolution, handles the adjourn-to-pay cases and is responsible for traffic record retention. The other deputy clerk focuses her attention on assisting customers over the phone and in person, uploads and enters most electronic traffic citations into the court's case management system, processes the mail, works to resolve specific daily date-generated reports, and manages additional tasks that occur during the normal course of business.

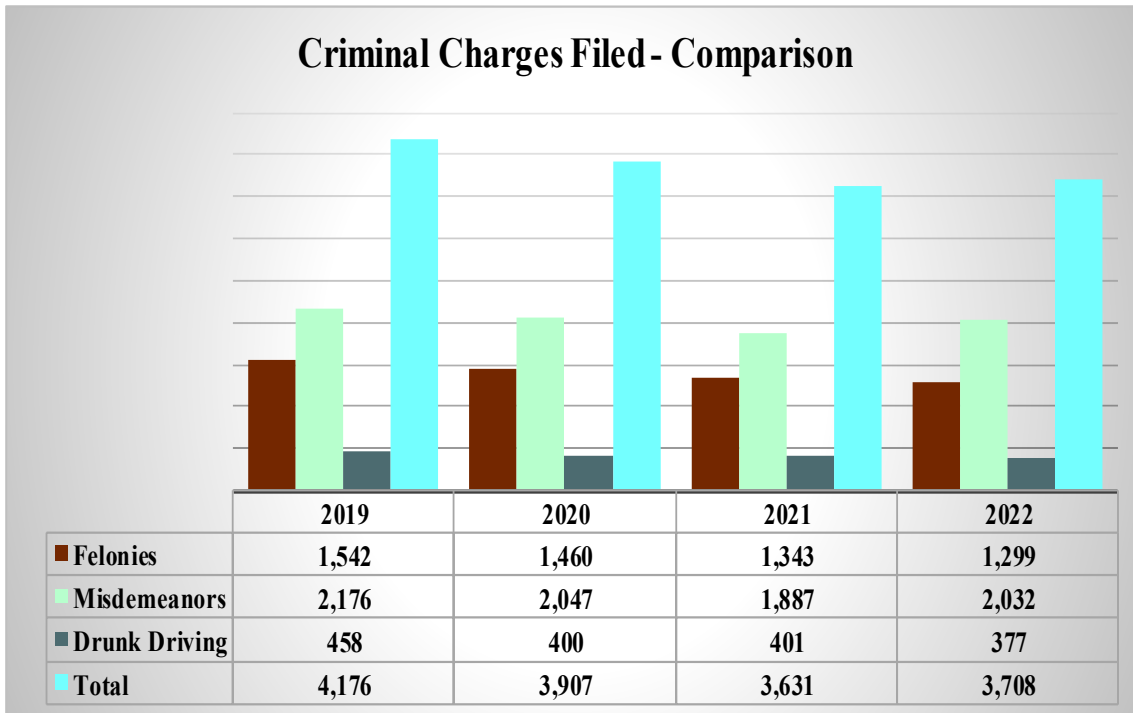
We also have one part-time (casual) clerk who previously retired from the traffic department after serving for over 15 years as its full-time records clerk. She now is on-call to assist with special projects, including criminal & traffic record retention and mail processing during civil garnishment season.



DISPOSITIONAL INFORMATION

| DISPOSITION | FELONY | MISDEMEANOR | DRUNK DRIVING |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| Jury Verdict | 0 | 9 | 4 |
| Bench Verdict | 14 | 10 | 1 |
| Guilty Plea/Admission/Waive | 189 | 1095 | 355 |
| Bindover/Transferred | 753 | 0 | 70 |
| Dismissed by Party | 166 | 930 | 28 |
| Dismissed by Court | 77 | 32 | 6 |
| Inactive/Bench Warrant | 788 | 965 | 62 |
| Case Type Changed | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 1987 | 3043 | 526 |

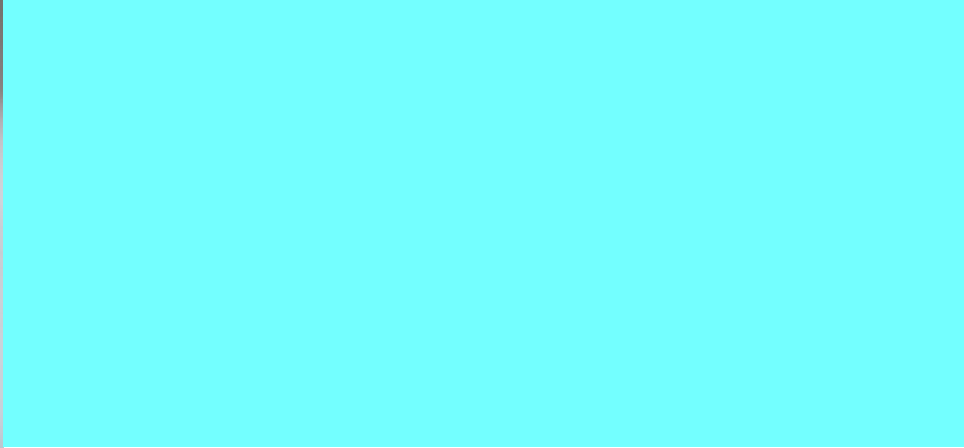
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|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Begin Pending - 1/1/22 | 121 | 614 | 114 |
| New Filings | 1224 | 2032 | 455 |
| Re-Opened | 755 | 886 | 60 |
| Total Pending Disposition | 2100 | 3532 | 629 |
| Less Dispositions | 1987 | 3043 | 526 |
| End Pending - 12/31/22 | 113 | 489 | 103 |



Extraditions are counted as felonies. Felony numbers include drunk driving third offense charges

Over the past 10 years or so, the Court had been experiencing a steady decrease in the number of cases being adjudicated. In 2022, there was a slight increase in criminal cases over the year before.

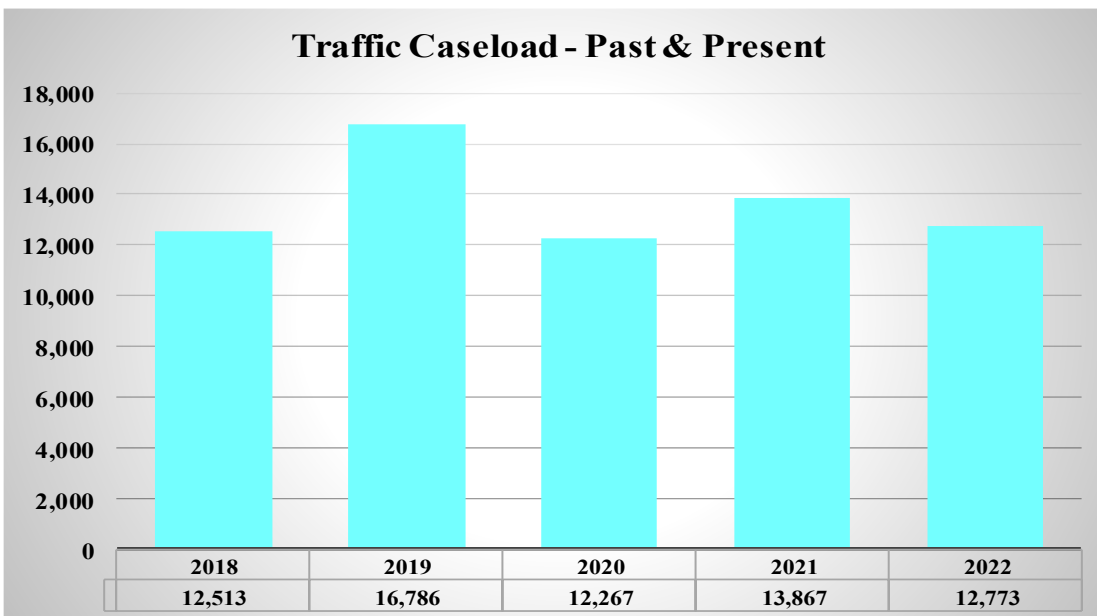
The video arraignment process has been working well since 2004 and has significantly decreased the number of inmates requiring transportation to and from the courthouse by law enforcement, thereby increasing security at both the courthouse and the Jackson County Jail. Magistrate Dickerson joined the District Court in 2022 and arraigned approximately 938 defendants via video connection.



Traffic

Since 2017, the Court has been operating with only one deputy clerk dedicated solely to the processing of civil infraction charges, commercial motor vehicle citations, and some parking tickets filed with the District Court. In addition, this clerk is primarily responsible for providing service to our daily customers when they personally appear to address their traffic citations. And, in 2021, the court hired a full-time deputy clerk to serve as the Magistrate’s clerk and handle the adjourn-to-pay cases.

In 2022, the District Court accepted just over 9400 civil infractions and over 2700 traffic misdemeanors, mostly filed electronically, from Jackson County’s seven remaining law enforcement agencies, as well as the Michigan State Police and Department of Natural Resources, a slight decrease from 2021.



These numbers represent the total number of civil infractions, both state and local, parking tickets & municipal civil infractions, along with the total number of traffic misdemeanors handled by the department.



Violations by Offense Category

| Charge | 2022 | 2021 | Difference |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Speeding | 1942 | 2106 | -164 |
| Speeding (limited access) | 492 | 787 | -295 |
| Insurance Violations | 1307 | 1450 | -143 |
| Child/Seat Belt | 535 | 537 | -2 |
| Defective Equipment | 515 | 462 | 53 |
| License Violations | 1036 | 1587 | -551 |
| Registration/Plate Viol. | 1928 | 995 | 933 |
| Other violations* | 5018 | 5943 | -925 |
| TOTAL | 12,773 | 13,867 | -1,094 |

* Other violations include: fail-to-yield, fail-to-stop, fail-to-signal, follow too closely, careless driving, reckless driving, improper lane use, prohibited or improper turn, and impeding traffic



The Magistrate continued to conduct the majority of his Informal Hearings via Zoom, although defendants may choose to come in person for these hearings.

Magistrate Traffic Statistics

| Proceedings | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2022-2021 Difference |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Informal Hearings | 620 | 770 | 622 | -148 |
| Found Responsible | 457 | 441 | 208 | -233 |
| Found Not Responsible | 36 | 44 | 11 | -33 |
| Dismissed | 133 | 183 | 73 | -110 |
| Default Issued | 149 | 242 | 81 | -161 |
| Letters of Explanation | 525 | 75 | 30 | -45 |

Online Ticket Resolution

On May 1, 2018, the court instituted On-line Ticket Resolution, available for most of its traffic civil infractions. The online platform, called Matterhorn™, walks individuals through a series of qualifying questions and allows them to submit their position online as if they were speaking in court. The Magistrate reviews their explanation/request, and is able to consult with the issuing law enforcement officer if necessary, before rendering a decision. Throughout the process, litigants receive emails and text messages updating them on the status of their case.

Court Innovations Inc., an Ann Arbor-based software company that originated in the University of Michigan Law School, developed the Matterhorn™ platform to assist both citizens and courts with managing their legal affairs, handling them in a more time & cost effective manner.

Between January 1 and December 31, 2022 the Magistrate reviewed about 318 traffic cases on-line and almost 152 of those cases were resolved without the defendant having to appear “in court”. Those whose tickets could not be addressed via this method, were scheduled to appear via Zoom for Informal hearing.



Legislative Highlights

Below are brief descriptions of some of the measures the Michigan Legislature passed in 2022.

** **PA 14 and PA 15:** Modifies the penalties for fishing license violations and fishing with more than the authorized number of lines to be responsible for a State civil infraction instead of a misdemeanor. **Effective 2/23/22***

** **PA 55 and PA 56:** Establishes a requirement of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to designate, before the start of each snowmobile season, one weekend of each snowmobile season during which registration or a trail permit for a snowmobile would not be required to operate a snowmobile on snowmobile trails. **Effective 4/7/22***

** **PA 77:** Amends the Crime Victim's Compensation Act to modify the list of individuals eligible for an award, as well as the threshold for making a claim for lost earnings or support. It also increased the maximum emergency award allowed from \$500 to \$4000. **Effective 8/12/22***

** **PA 114:** Amends the Code of Criminal Procedure to delete the cap on the amount of a reward that a county may offer for the arrest and conviction of a person who committed a crime or escaped from a penal institution. **Effective 9/22/22***

** **PA 167:** Modifies the Youth Tobacco Act to define a minor as an individual who is less than 21 years old instead of 18 years old, and also requires signs posted by retailers to indicate that the purchase of tobacco products, vapor products, or alternative nicotine products by individuals under 21, instead of 18, years of age is illegal. **Effective 7/21/22***

** **PA 242:** Allows a district court magistrate to hear, preside over, and conduct admissions, admissions with explanation, motions to set aside default or withdraw admissions, and informal hearings in civil infraction actions involving violations of the Michigan Regulations & Taxation of Marihuana Act and Michigan Medical Marihuana Act. **Effective 12/22/22***



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Katelyn Gaston, Deputy Clerk
Stephanie Salisbury, Deputy Clerk
Luanne Mehelich, Deputy Clerk
Dawn Staats, Deputy Clerk
Beth Hawes, Deputy Clerk
Madison Duane, Deputy Clerk
Jaislyn Williams, Deputy Clerk
Patty Jones, File Clerk*

Civil



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Front Row L to R: Patty Jones, Katelyn Gaston, Stephanie Salisbury, Luanne Mehelich*



12th District Court Civil Division

The Civil Division is responsible for all landlord tenant, land contract, claim and delivery, small claims, and general civil case filings. The team is committed to the accurate and efficient processing of all filings involving rental disputes, monetary debts, and property rights. To accomplish this objective, the Civil Division consists of eight clerks; four judges' clerks, one part-time small claims clerk, one window clerk, one landlord tenant clerk, and one part-time file clerk. Although full staffing of the department was lacking for the majority of the year, this did not stop the productivity and positive attitude of the five dedicated clerks who embraced the challenge, remained diligent in their many roles, and continued to prioritize customer service with the professionalism and care the public has come to expect.

COVID-19 and the Civil Division

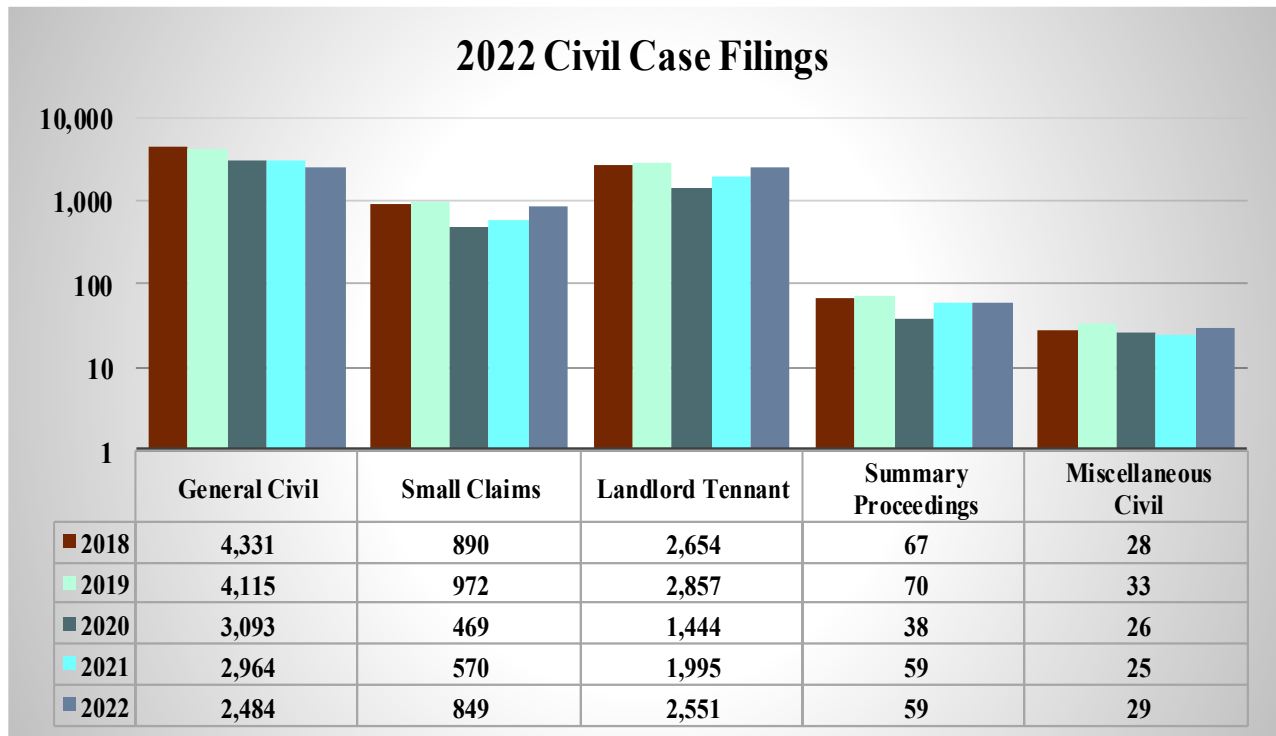
As COVID-19 merges with our everyday lives, the Civil Division has embraced the “new normal” with hybrid court proceedings where parties have the opportunity to appear in person or by Zoom for court proceedings. This allows the Civil dockets to flow as efficiently as possible as the four judges' clerks facilitate the weekly dockets in their respective courtrooms. With case filings increasing, the division continued to remain one of the most streamlined Landlord Tenant case processing courts in Michigan. With the Michigan State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) 2020-17 Administrative Order still in effect, the Civil Division has strived to schedule all landlord tenant cases as soon as possible for the benefit of all parties. The landlord tenant process no longer allows for the “answer system” in which these cases were processed exceedingly faster than they are now. However, with the help of the Attorney-Magistrate, landlord tenant pre-trial proceedings have been divided between the Southeast Dispute Resolution Services (SeDRS) and the Magistrate's docket, enabling the court to prevent the massive backlog that many other counties are suffering. Following the 2020-17 Administrative order, all landlord tenant cases remain scheduled for a hearing and bench trial in front of the assigned District Court judge following the pre-trial.

CERA Funding

2022 saw the end of the COVID Emergency Assistance Program (CERA) on June 30th that led to the August 10, 2022 amendment of the 2020-17 Administrative Order lifting the automatic 30-day stay of proceeding if the tenant applied for CERA rental assistance. With the elimination of this additional assistance, the court has been able to significantly decrease the length of time it takes to adjudicate a landlord tenant case.

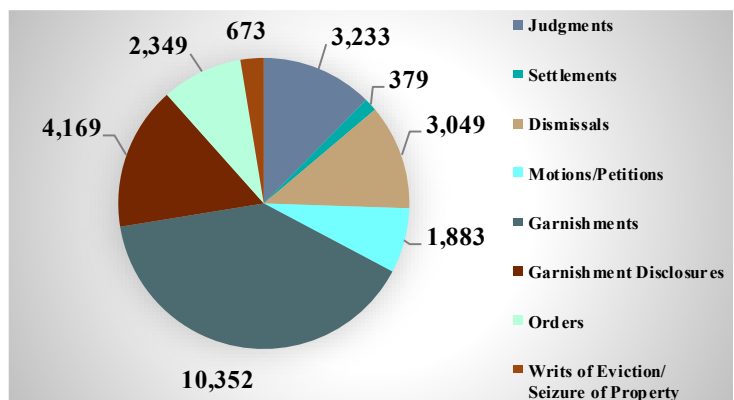
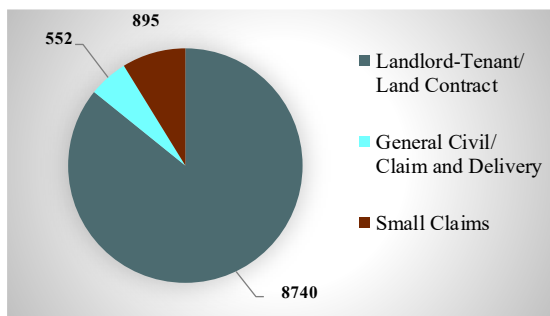


2022 Civil Division Caseload



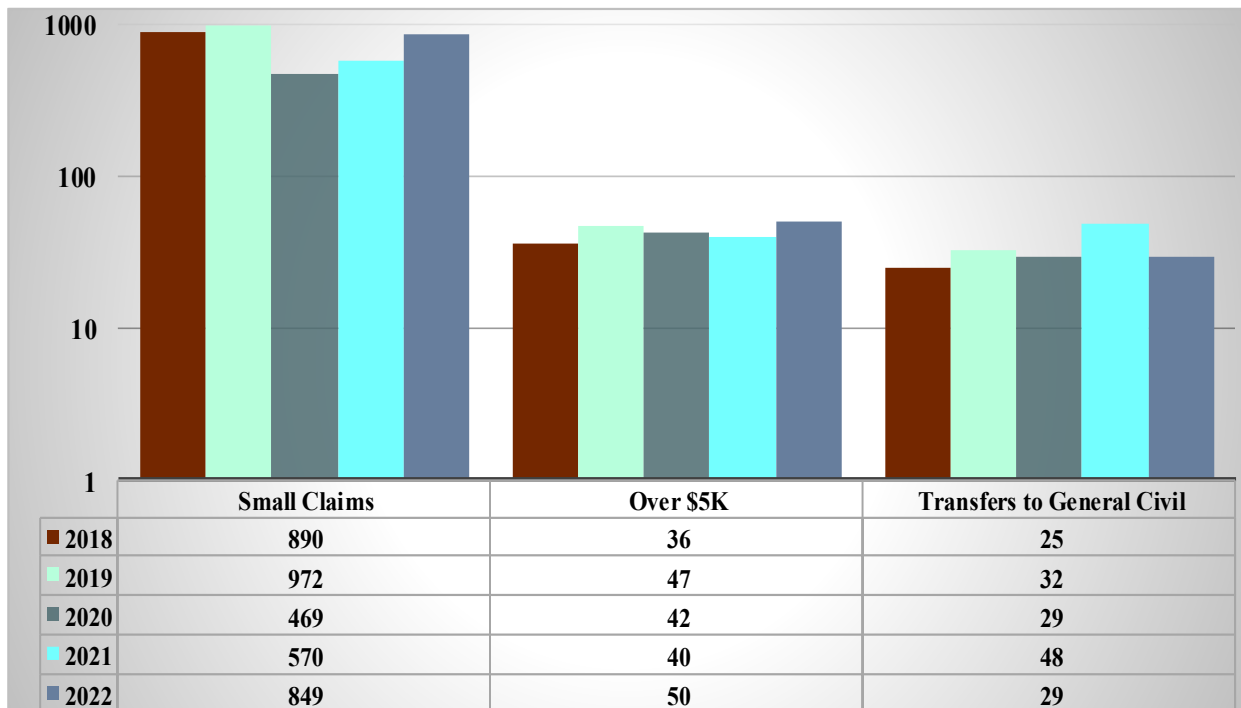
2022 Civil Proceedings Processed

2022 Civil Proceedings Scheduled





Small Claims



The small claims court allows individuals and businesses the opportunity to quickly settle monetary disputes of up to \$6,500.00 with the 12th District Court Attorney-Magistrate. Parties agreeing to settle their disputes in small claims court give up the right to legal representation, trial by jury, and the right to appeal beyond the District Court. Either party may choose to reserve these rights by filing a petition with the court to transfer the case to a District Court judge. The small claims caseload, which dropped dramatically during the COVID-19 pandemic, is returning to pre-pandemic numbers with an increase of 279 cases filed in 2022 compared to 2021.

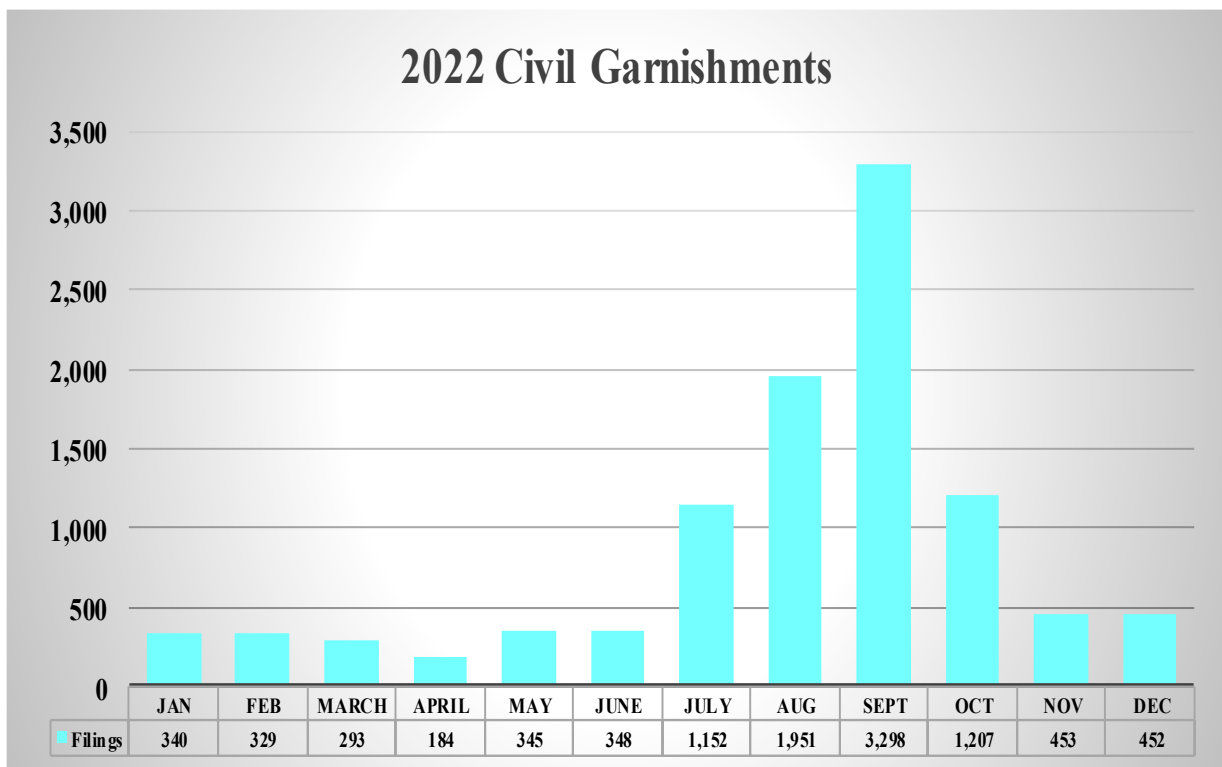
Wedding Ceremonies

The Civil Division has the honor of celebrating the coming together of individuals through marriage. The Court conducted 192 ceremonies in 2022. These ceremonies were performed by our Attorney-Magistrate, Christopher J. Dickerson, and, on occasion, newly elected District Court Judge Robert K. Gaecke Jr.



Garnishments

With the aid of 2022’s new part-time file clerk, the Civil Division entered a total of 10,352 garnishments. During the months of August, September, and October the Civil Division receives mass filings of state income tax garnishments that are required to be entered by mid-October to be sent to the State of Michigan prior to individuals filing their taxes. Within these crucial 3 months, 57% of all garnishments received by the court were processed by the four judges’ clerks and the part-time file clerk, while the remaining 43% are entered throughout the year.





*Kelly Purucker-King, Court Recorder
Connor Pelham, Court Officer
Teresa Heisler, Court Recorder
Joan Edwards, Court Officer
Shellie Sanders, Court Recorder
Lynn Cavanaugh, Court Officer
Kamari Scott, Court Recorder
Robert Noppe, Court Officer
Karmen Haney, Casework Coordinator
Barb Patterson, Casual Clerk*

Judicial/Courtroom



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Front Row L to R: Teresa Heisler, Kamari Boomer, Barb Patterson, Kelly Purucker-King, Shellie Sanders
Missing from Picture: Lynn Cavanaugh*



James Hunt, Probation Officer
Scott Vitale, Probation Officer
Kimberly Colligan, Probation Officer
Jason Crawford, Probation Officer
Tiffany Scott, Probation Officer
Chuck Brant, Warrant Enforcement Officer
Chris Johnston, Warrant Enforcement Officer
Jenny Swanson, Deputy Clerk
Sydney Davis-Green, Deputy Clerk
MacKenzie Smith, Deputy Clerk

Probation/Enforcement



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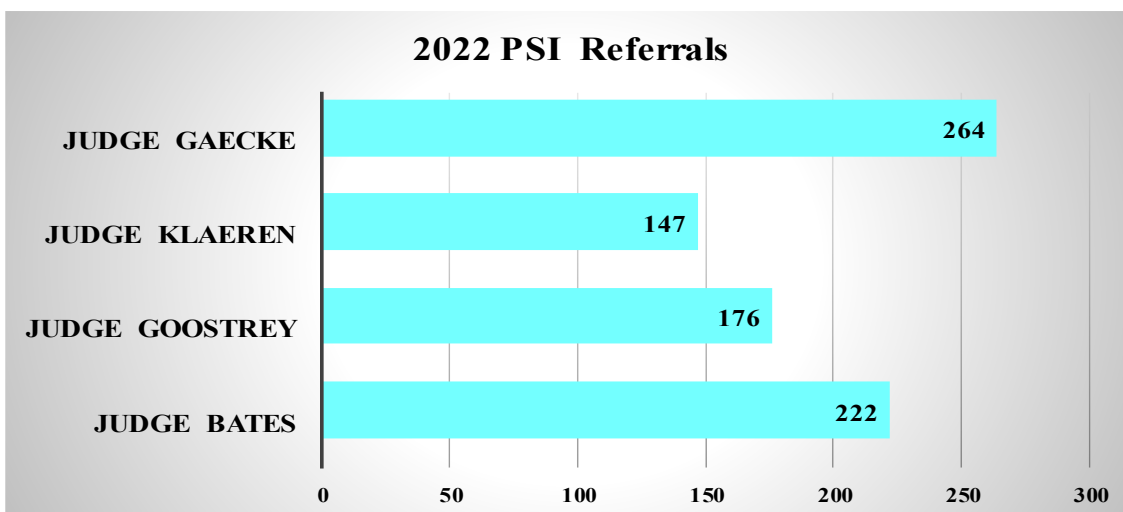
12th District Court Probation Division

Probation is a sentence that allows the defendant to live in the community under the supervision of a probation officer. The sentencing judge makes this decision after careful study of the defendant's background, behavior, and potential for success. It is based on the philosophy that the rehabilitation of some defendants might be hampered by incarceration and will be supported and encouraged by placement back into the community under supervision.

Probation officers serve as mentors and authority figures to those they supervise. They meet with defendants on a regular basis to assess their drug/alcohol use, determine their desire to remain free, monitor their rehabilitative requirements, payments to the court, and provide professional advice and direction. This keeps the community safe and, often times, creates productive members of society.

One of the primary responsibilities of a probation officer is to prepare a presentence report for the sentencing judge. Presentence reports begin with a Basic Information Sheet that details the defendant's family, employment, education, physical/mental health history, and criminal history. The probation officer then prepares an evaluation and plan detailing the aspects of the offense, defendant's version of events and other pertinent information. At the conclusion of the report, the probation officer makes a sentence recommendation based upon the aforementioned information and impressions from the presentence investigation interview.

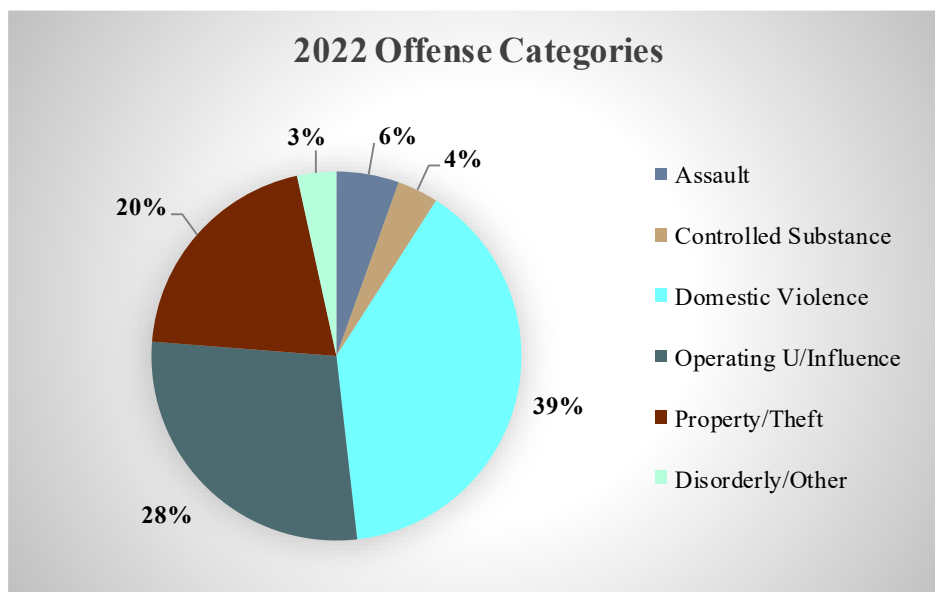
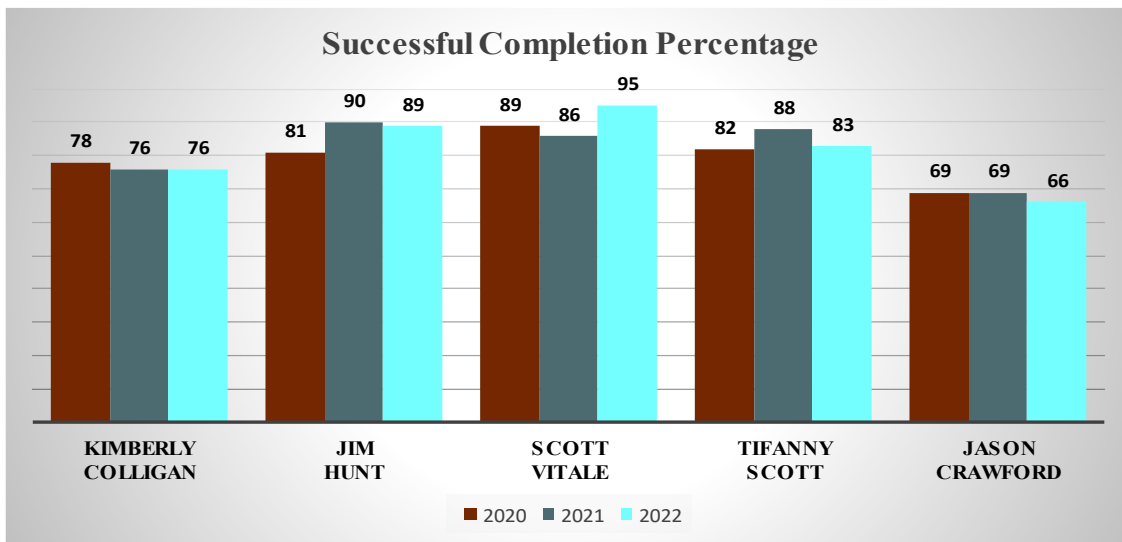
In 2022, probation officers conducted 809 presentence investigations. A yearly comparison is contained in the Appendix section - Probation Pre-Sentence Report. Below is a chart illustrating the number of presentence investigation referrals by judge for 2022.



Current probation officer caseloads, compared to previous years, are allowing probation officers more time to be proactive instead of reactive. More one-on-one time is being spent assisting defendants with case management opportunities, which include counseling, completing job applications and resumes, obtaining medical and financial benefits, and exploring medical and treatment options.



Below is a chart illustrating the successful completion rate of each probation officer. These percentages alone are not an accurate measure of the officers' effectiveness. This year the departmental success rate was 81%, which is the seventh consecutive year that rate is above 80%.

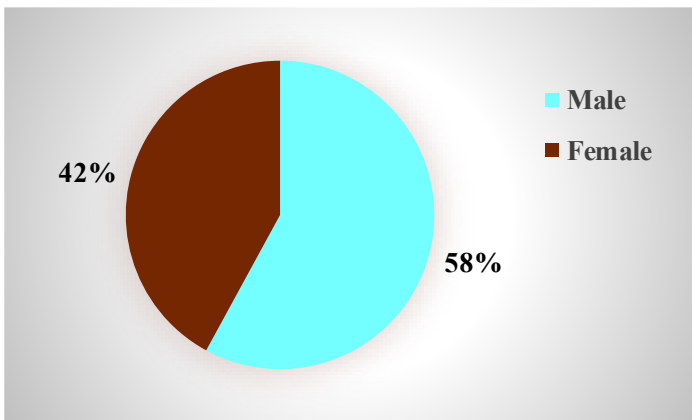
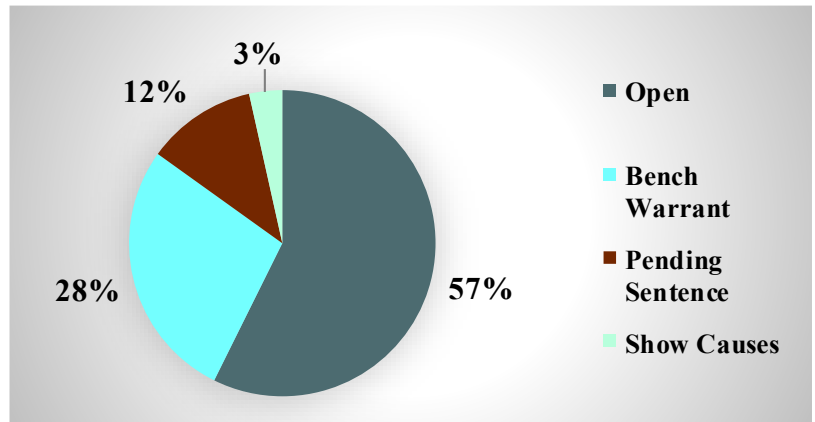


The figures above represent the number of defendants (585) under 12th District Court Probation supervision, including all status categories, on 12/31/2022.



2022 Caseload Status Breakdown

| | |
|-----|------------------|
| 395 | Open |
| 190 | Bench Warrant |
| 80 | Pending Sentence |
| 24 | Show Causes |



2022 Caseload Gender Breakdown

| | |
|-----|-------|
| 335 | Men |
| 243 | Women |

SCRAM & GPS

Two thousand twenty-two marked the fifth full year that the 12th District Court Probation Department has utilized SCRAM (Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor) ankle tethers to monitor defendants who suffer from significant alcohol-related issues. The tether is fitted around the ankle and analyzes the defendant’s perspiration for traces of alcohol. The tether provides 24/7 monitoring and violations are uncovered when the device is downloaded. Currently, defendants are required to download once a week. The probation department is renting the tethers through Judicial Services Group and is responsible for placement, maintenance, and supervision of the devices.

The 12th District Court Probation Department received a total of 102 referrals to SCRAM and 9 referrals to GPS from the four District Court judges during 2022. The utilization of SCRAM led to the saving of 12,490 jail bed days with a total savings of \$562,050 (calculated at \$45 per day). The utilization of GPS led to the saving of 1,119 jail bed days with a total saving of \$50,355.



Community Service

Two thousand twenty-two also marked the fifth full year of the 12th District Court Probation Department's Community Service Program. Sixty-two defendants were sentenced to community service resulting in \$29,160 in jail bed savings. A total number of 648 community service days were completed at various non-profit and county agencies. At a calculation of \$10 per hour, the financial benefit to the County was \$4,650 and \$29,500 to local non-profits.

Aggression Court

The 12th District Aggression Court completed its eighteenth year in 2022. This specialty court is dedicated to reducing the number of domestic violence incidents in Jackson County through a coordinated effort, which focuses on safety and accountability. The court works toward the establishment of consistent practices and policies that do not perpetuate the dynamics of power and control found in abusive relationships. The court strives to dispense equal justice in all domestic violence matters under the court's jurisdiction in a prompt and efficient manner. Upon initial contact with police, the victim is provided a pamphlet that explains the court process and contains numbers to various community programs. The pamphlet was designed, with the assistance of the Jackson County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, to educate the victim immediately following police interaction.

All aggression cases are assigned to the Honorable Allison Bates. At arraignment, the defendant is subject to a "no contact" bond provision. That provision is not lifted unless the victim appears before Judge Bates to request it be reviewed. Judge Bates grants the request if she believes the victim is acting on his/her own accord and is free of any threats. This is another way to provide additional safety to the victim.

Once the defendant pleads, or is found guilty of the charge, they are referred to the probation department for a presentence interview. The department has dedicated two officers, Kimberly Colligan and Jason Crawford, to supervise this caseload. The probation officer investigates the defendant's background and criminal record, along with their version of the offense. The officer then contacts the victim to obtain additional information relating to the offense and any other domestic violence events. This is another opportunity for the probation officer to assist the victim in understanding the court process and community resources, along with determining if any restitution is owed to the victim.

At sentencing, the defendant is typically placed on probation for at least 15 months and required to successfully complete a batterer's intervention program. The court coordinates with Recovery Technologies for therapy. While success ultimately depends on the defendant's willingness to change, these batterer's intervention programs are the court's foundation. Program length ranges from 26 to 52 weeks, depending on the defendant's needs.

Along with being supervised by their probation officer, defendants also attend periodic review sessions before Judge Bates to ensure compliance and gain recognition. This year the court successfully graduated 76 defendants, bringing the total to 1,429 successful graduates since inception.

In addition to domestic violence offenses, the Aggression Court handles all other assault, stalking, child abuse, malicious destruction of property, and resisting and opposing cases. One hundred eighty-seven aggression cases were referred to the probation department for a presentence investigation in 2022.



Drug Testing

The Probation Department conducts random drug tests on those sentenced to probation. For controlled substance offenses, the defendant is required to submit to a minimum of two tests during their probationary term. The department conducted 62 random drug tests in 2022. Approximately 66% tested positive for at least one drug, with marijuana (21 positive tests) being the most prevalent, followed closely by methamphetamine (17 positive tests). The five-panel drug tests detect for the presence of benzodiazepines, cocaine, marijuana, methamphetamines and opiates.

In addition to in-house testing, the court continued utilizing the services of Averhealth (formerly known as ADAM) located on the first floor of the courthouse. When a defendant enrolls in Averhealth, they are issued a letter that corresponds to their testing frequency. Averhealth places a message on the defendants' voice-mail at 5 a.m., instructing those whose last name begins with a certain letter, to report for testing. Defendants are able to test from 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Holidays and weekends are morning only. A total of 74 defendants were referred, resulting in 1,301 tests. Sixteen percent of those referred violated by testing positive or failing to test when directed.

Technology

The probation officers and warrant officers are working together to apprehend active absconders and people in warrant status with District Court. Warrant Officer Chris Johnston, is adding photos and personal information of absconders on the Court's website (d12.com) and Facebook (12th District Court). Currently, over 11,300 people are following us on Facebook. Additionally, the Court has 221 Twitter followers and 278 Instagram followers as of December 2022.

Utilizing these three social media platforms, the warrant office was able to receive tips anonymously from the public, which resulted in several arrests and many offenders turning themselves in to the court. Living in a technology driven society, District Court is able to maintain an open line of communication with the public. With the simple touch of a smart phone, the public is able to access pictures, warrants, and other information in the palm of their hand.

With Covid-19 still playing a major part in our society and the court system, the arrest and lodging of offenders was significantly reduced due to continuous outbreaks in our jail. There were restrictions and several other factors that played a role, but the use of this technology aided in clearing 1,937 warrants within District Court.



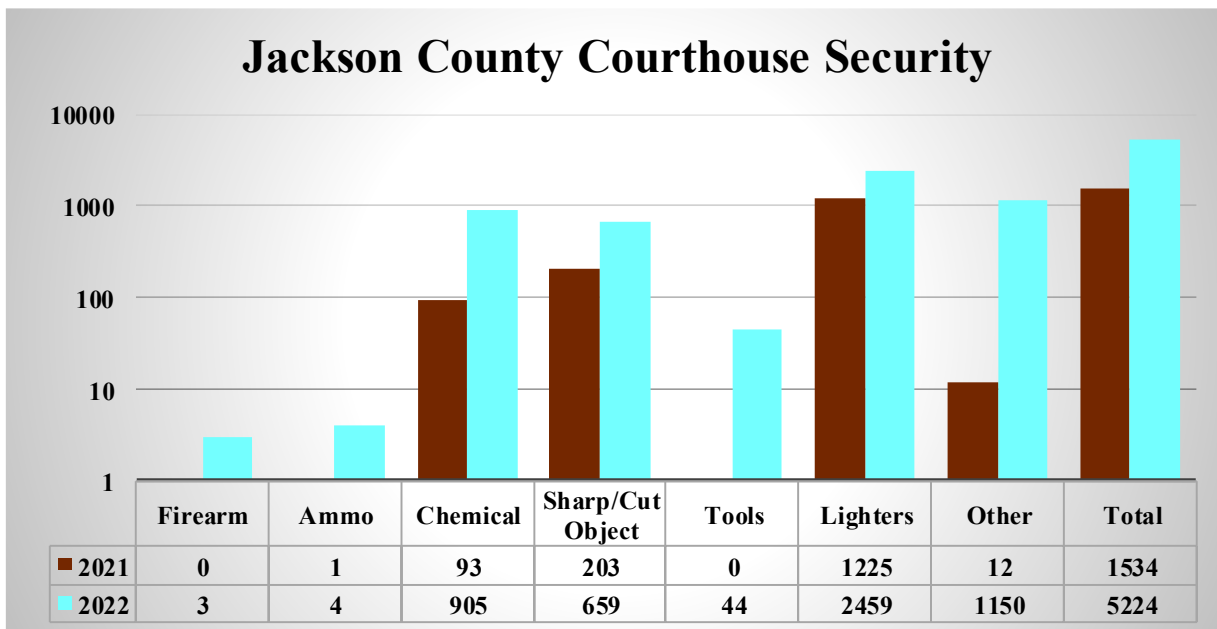
Adjourn-to-Pay/Warrant Enforcement

Adjourn-to-pay collection caseloads were transferred to court officers in 2022. They, along with two Warrant Officers, oversee the District Court collection efforts. The four court officers and two warrant officers combined to collect over \$800,000 in outstanding fines and costs owed to The 12th District Court.

Security and Weapons Screening

In 2022, the Jackson County Security Committee and the Jackson County Sheriff’s Office (JSO) developed and implemented a plan to have JSO deputies at the main entrance of the courthouse and Friend of the Court providing a higher level of security. This cooperative effort marked a significant milestone in upgrading the security of both buildings.

No major incidents occurred at the Jackson County Courthouse in 2022. Each month, the Jackson County Security Committee receives data in the form of a monthly report that tallies certain items that members of the public have attempted to bring into the courthouse. These items are categorized within the monthly reports and summarized via a year-end security report, which is submitted to State Court Administrative Office. The report below summarizes weapons identified by security in 2022.





OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2022 Financial Reports

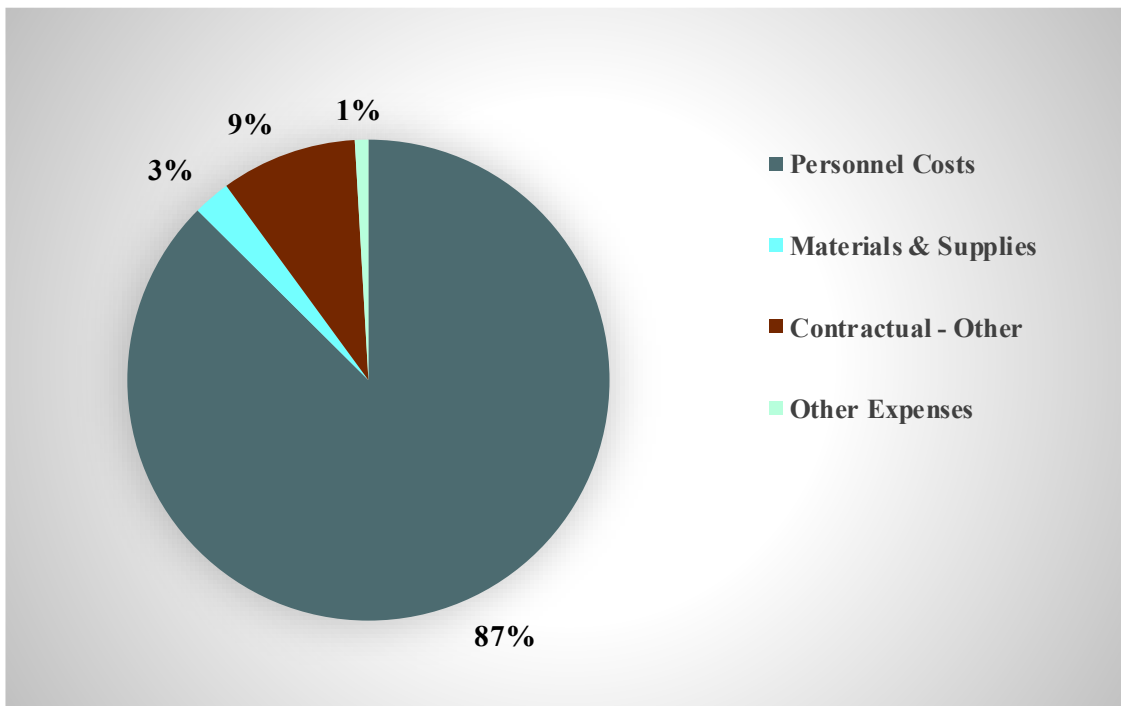
General Fund Revenue

| REVENUE | 2022 | 2021 | DIFFERENCE |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Probation Oversight | \$133,463 | \$160,666 | -\$27,203 |
| Probation Pre-Sentence Fees | \$58,393 | \$66,005 | -\$7,612 |
| Probation Screening & Assessment | \$43,650 | \$49,989 | -\$6,339 |
| Tether & Community Service Fees | \$67,356 | \$83,060 | -\$15,704 |
| Civil Fees | \$328,674 | \$311,228 | \$17,446 |
| Miscellaneous Fees | \$199,669 | \$302,424 | -\$102,755 |
| Bonds Forfeited | \$21,300 | \$5,500 | \$15,800 |
| Ordinance Fines & Costs | \$320,280 | \$360,098 | -\$39,818 |
| Court Costs | \$755,361 | \$1,033,046 | -\$277,685 |
| G2G Electronic Payments | \$21,069 | \$29,875 | -\$8,806 |
| ID Cards | \$1,400 | \$895 | \$505 |
| Fingerprint Fees | \$10,195 | \$6,983 | \$3,212 |
| Pre-Trial Services | \$68,611 | \$49,003 | \$19,608 |
| Drug Tests (Reimbursed) | \$884 | \$1,077 | -\$193 |
| Totals | \$2,030,305 | \$2,459,849 | -\$429,544 |



Expenditures: General Fund, Capital Equipment & Projects

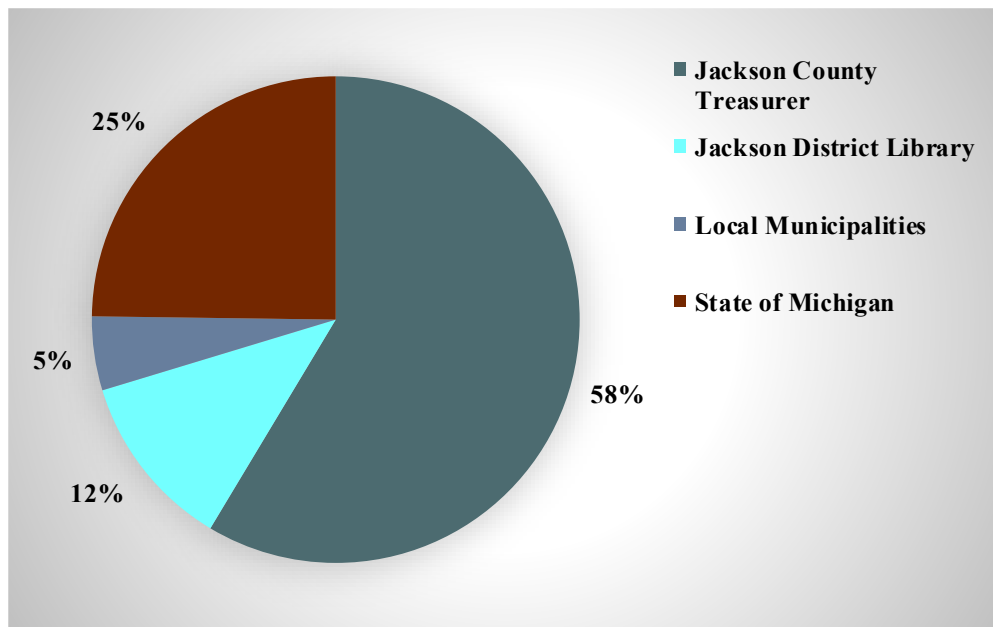
| EXPENSE | 2022 | 2021 | DIFFERENCE |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Personnel Costs | \$3,125,810 | \$3,167,154 | -\$41,344 |
| Materials & Supplies | \$89,414 | \$72,540 | \$16,874 |
| Contractual - Other | \$326,177 | \$290,045 | \$36,132 |
| Other Expenses | \$32,369 | \$30,307 | \$2,062 |
| TOTAL | \$3,573,770 | \$3,560,046 | \$13,724 |





Disbursement of Revenue Collected by the Court

| AGENCY | AMOUNT | | DIFFERENCE |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | 2022 | 2021 | |
| Jackson County Treasurer | \$2,063,559 | \$2,559,410 | -\$495,851 |
| Jackson District Library | \$412,562 | \$645,923 | -\$233,361 |
| Local Municipalities | \$172,971 | \$195,187 | -\$22,216 |
| State of Michigan | \$872,780 | \$1,035,000 | -\$162,220 |
| Total | \$3,521,872 | \$4,435,520 | -\$913,648 |





Disbursement of Revenue to the State of Michigan

| REVENUE CATEGORY | 2022 | 2021 | DIFFERENCE |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Civil Filing Fund | \$225,608 | \$212,360 | \$13,248 |
| State Court Fund | \$17,620 | \$16,345 | \$1,275 |
| Justice System Fund | \$396,138 | \$478,374 | -\$82,236 |
| Juror Compensation | \$14,018 | \$38,867 | -\$24,849 |
| Crime Victims Rights | \$147,667 | \$185,001 | -\$37,334 |
| Judicial Electronic Filing | \$55,855 | \$53,420 | \$2,435 |
| MI State Police Reimbursement | \$100 | \$1,508 | -\$1,408 |
| Conservation Fees | \$1,490 | \$8,626 | -\$7,136 |
| Secretary of State - Clearance | \$14,282 | \$40,447 | -\$26,165 |
| TOTALS | \$872,778 | \$1,034,948 | -\$162,170 |



Disbursement of Monies Collected by the Court to Local Municipalities

| TOWNSHIPS | 2022 | 2021 | DIFFERENCE |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Blackman Township | \$43,572 | \$47,093 | -\$3,521 |
| City of Jackson | \$85,304 | \$79,666 | \$5,638 |
| Columbia Township | \$13,277 | \$9,795 | \$3,482 |
| Concord Village | \$18 | \$162 | -\$144 |
| Grass Lake Township | \$313 | \$0 | \$313 |
| Grass Lake Village | \$252 | \$679 | -\$427 |
| Henrietta Township | \$465 | \$1,321 | -\$856 |
| Leoni Township | \$16,578 | \$19,318 | -\$2,740 |
| Napoleon Township | \$5,451 | \$9,949 | -\$4,498 |
| Norvell Township | \$4 | \$0 | \$4 |
| Parma Township | \$765 | \$638 | \$127 |
| Rives Township | \$1,381 | \$88 | \$1,293 |
| Sandstone Township | \$972 | \$1,267 | -\$295 |
| Spring Arbor Township | \$1,850 | \$1,893 | -\$43 |
| Springport Township | \$14,397 | \$4,979 | \$9,418 |
| Summit Township | \$10,499 | \$13,493 | -\$2,994 |
| Tompkins Township | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Waterloo Township | \$89 | \$54 | \$35 |
| TOTAL | \$195,187 | \$190,395 | \$4,792 |

12th District Court Awards

Annually, the 12th District Court celebrates two employees; one as the *Employee of the Year* and the other receives the *'Spark Plug' Award*. Fellow employees submit Employee of the Year nominations for their co-workers that highlight The 12th District Court values of professionalism, customer service, attendance/punctuality, internal/external activity participation, teamwork, and professional development. Additionally, court administration selects one employee who has demonstrated a 'spark' within the team throughout the previous year for the Spark Plug Award.

Employee of the Year

This year, Court Recorder/Secretary Teresa Heisler was selected as Employee of the Year! Teresa is a 15-year veteran with the District Court, having worked as a Deputy Clerk in the Civil Division, Court Officer and finally Court Recorder/Secretary. Teresa is always willing and ready to provide help to anyone that needs it, and when things get crazy, her calming, gentle approach to these situations allows for clarity in finding the solution. She has been the go-to person for training for a number of staff throughout her career. Thank you Teresa for representing D12's values!

2022 Employee of the Year Nominees included: Jaislyn Williams, Jamie Paksi, Jim Hunt, Jennifer Swanson, and Luanne Mehelich



Spark Plug Award

This year's Spark Plug recipient is Jaislyn Williams. Jaislyn is the person who jumps in with both feet. She's eager to learn and digs to understand the "why" behind the "what." She frequently researches items and best practices to support her team and the courtroom. When working with customers, Jaislyn remains calm and extremely professional, even in the most difficult circumstances. Jaislyn's greatest character traits, making her the perfect Spark Plug, are her smile, kind-hearted approach to all, teamwork mindset, and sincere desire to engage with those around her. Thank you Jaislyn, for being that 'spark' for team D12!



COURT DIRECTORY

JUDGES

Honorable Daniel A. Goostrey, Chief Judge

Honorable Allison Bates, Chief Judge Pro Tem

Honorable Robert Gaecke

Honorable Michael J. Klaeren

ADMINISTRATION

Jeremy Burns, Court Administrator

Richard Dase, Deputy Court Administrator

Kelly Weeks, Administrative Services Manager

Kathleen C. Ellis, Court Services Manager - Traffic/Criminal Dept.

Eva Paluck, Court Services Manager - Civil Dept.

Sarah Beadenkopf, Assistant Court Services Manager

JUDICIAL SUPPORT DIVISION

Christopher J. Dickerson, Magistrate

Teresa Heisler, Court Recorder

Shellie Sanders, Court Recorder

Kelly Purucker-King, Court Recorder

Kamari Scott, Court Recorder

TRAFFIC/CRIMINAL DIVISION

Jami Paksi, Deputy Clerk

Julie Wartella, Deputy Clerk

Jessica Tucker, Deputy Clerk

Lindsey Mackey-Iyer, Deputy Clerk

Linda Chamberlin, Deputy Clerk

Mary Christoff, Deputy Clerk

LaToya Scroggins, Deputy Clerk

Taneshia Tanner, Deputy Clerk

Angela Warnsley, Casual File Clerk



CIVIL DIVISION

Luanne Mehelich, Deputy Clerk
Jaislyn Williams, Deputy Clerk
Beth Hawes, Deputy Clerk
Dawn Staats, Deputy Clerk
Madison Duane, Deputy Clerk
Katelyn Gaston, Deputy Clerk
Stephanie Salisbury, Deputy Clerk
Patty Jones, Casual Clerk

ENFORCEMENT/SECURITY DIVISION

Chuck Brant, Warrant Officer
Chris Johnston, Warrant Officer
Karmen Haney, Casework Coordinator
Lynn Cavanaugh, Court Officer
Joan Edwards, Court Officer
Robert Noppe, Court Officer
Connor Pelham, Court Officer
Barb Patterson, Casual Clerk

PROBATION DIVISION

Jenny Swanson, Deputy Clerk
Sydney Davis-Green, Deputy Clerk
MacKenzie Smith, Deputy Clerk
James Hunt, Probation Officer
Scott Vitale, Probation Officer
Kimberly Colligan, Probation Officer
Tiffany Scott, Probation Officer
Jason Crawford, Probation Officer



APPENDIX

Probation Pre-Sentence Report

Caseload Totals

Community Service

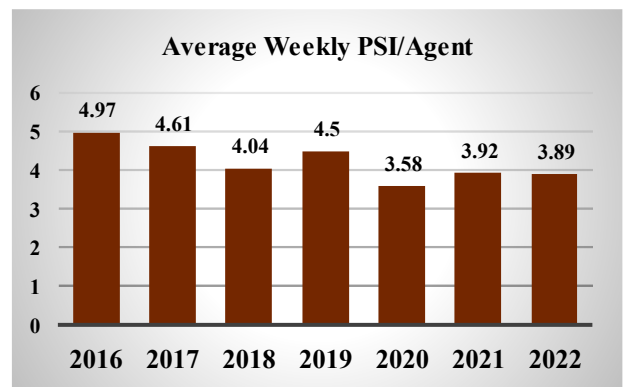
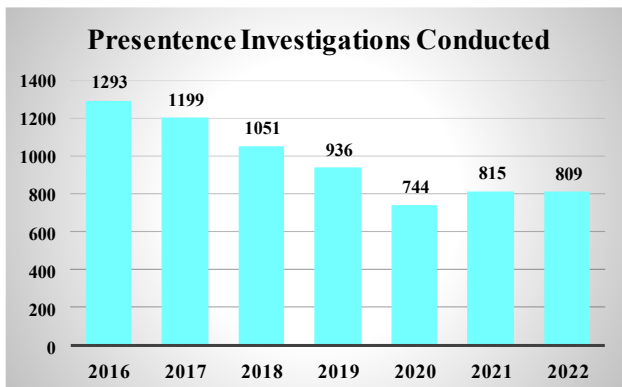
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GPS Tether Report



12th District Court Probation Presentence Investigations

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>% Diff</u> <u>'21-'22</u> | <u>Monthly</u> <u>Case/Agent</u> |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Jan | 110 | 86 | 121 | 79 | 77 | 65 | 64 | -1.54% | 16.00 |
| Feb | 108 | 79 | 81 | 78 | 63 | 62 | 46 | -25.81% | 11.50 |
| Mar | 136 | 113 | 81 | 72 | 94 | 89 | 70 | -21.35% | 17.50 |
| Apr | 111 | 104 | 102 | 88 | 46 | 65 | 48 | -26.15% | 12.00 |
| May | 128 | 107 | 79 | 86 | 3 | 78 | 72 | -7.69% | 18.00 |
| Jun | 136 | 124 | 95 | 77 | 54 | 75 | 95 | 26.67% | 23.75 |
| Jul | 85 | 86 | 84 | 81 | 59 | 53 | 80 | 50.94% | 20.00 |
| Aug | 140 | 121 | 81 | 73 | 78 | 56 | 89 | 58.93% | 22.25 |
| Sep | 93 | 96 | 78 | 76 | 62 | 78 | 54 | -30.77% | 13.50 |
| Oct | 91 | 110 | 121 | 86 | 87 | 64 | 64 | 0.00% | 16.00 |
| Nov | 94 | 119 | 80 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 67 | -6.94% | 16.75 |
| Dec | 61 | 54 | 48 | 70 | 50 | 58 | 60 | 3.45% | 15.00 |
| TOTALS | 1293 | 1199 | 1051 | 936 | 744 | 815 | 809 | | |





Caseload History Report

Year - 2022

| Month | Criminal | Traffic | Civil | TOTALS |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| January | 229 | 1063 | 480 | 1772 |
| February | 239 | 937 | 435 | 1611 |
| March | 252 | 1249 | 552 | 2053 |
| April | 215 | 1067 | 403 | 1685 |
| May | 293 | 1185 | 458 | 1936 |
| June | 284 | 1016 | 617 | 1917 |
| July | 257 | 1057 | 542 | 1856 |
| August | 308 | 1299 | 512 | 2119 |
| September | 344 | 1044 | 522 | 1910 |
| October | 305 | 1025 | 557 | 1887 |
| November | 228 | 768 | 481 | 1477 |
| December | 274 | 804 | 421 | 1499 |
| | 3228 | 12514 | 5980 | 21722 |

Year - 2021

| Month | Criminal | Traffic | Civil | TOTALS |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| January | 264 | 981 | 382 | 1627 |
| February | 223 | 897 | 407 | 1527 |
| March | 253 | 1466 | 509 | 2228 |
| April | 223 | 1224 | 468 | 1915 |
| May | 233 | 1069 | 412 | 1714 |
| June | 288 | 1587 | 463 | 2338 |
| July | 299 | 1310 | 438 | 2047 |
| August | 232 | 1392 | 542 | 2166 |
| September | 296 | 1275 | 427 | 1998 |
| October | 252 | 965 | 564 | 1781 |
| November | 257 | 1026 | 567 | 1850 |
| December | 278 | 1208 | 434 | 1920 |
| | 3098 | 14400 | 5613 | 23111 |



COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT
December 2022

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Judge YTD |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Klaeren | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| Goostrey | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 13 |
| Bates | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 17 |
| Jordon/Gaecke | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 22 |
| Circuit Court | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Monthly Total | 7 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 62 |

| HOURS/DAYS COMPLETED | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|------------|
| | Month | Year |
| Hours | 0 | 0 |
| Days | 20 | 648 |

| JAIL BED DAYS SAVED | |
|--|-----------------|
| \$\$ CALCULATED AT \$45 PER/DAY | |
| Month | Year |
| 20 | 648 |
| \$900 | \$29,160 |

| FINANCIAL BENEFIT | | |
|---|-----------------|------------------|
| \$\$ calculated at \$10 per/hour | | |
| | Month | Year |
| County | \$ 0 | \$ 4,650 |
| Non- profit | \$ 1,000 | \$ 29,500 |
| Totals | \$ 1,000 | \$ 34,150 |



SCRAM REPORT
December 2022

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Judge YTD |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| Klaeren | 0 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 12 |
| Goostrey | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 17 |
| Bates | 5 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 29 |
| Jordon/ Gaecke | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 22 |
| Pre-Trial | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 22 |
| Monthly Total | 10 | 9 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 8 | 12 | 13 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 102 |

| FINANCIAL | | |
|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | Month | Year |
| Expended | \$8,376 | \$96,331 |
| Collected | \$8,869 | \$123,864 |

| JAIL BED DAYS SAVED \$\$ CALCULATED AT \$45/DAY | |
|--|------------------|
| Month | Year |
| 1,121 | 12,490 |
| \$50,445 | \$562,050 |

| VIOLATIONS | | |
|-------------------|----------|-----------|
| | Month | Year |
| Tamper | 4 | 65 |
| Alcohol | 1 | 71 |
| Abscond | 1 | 1 |

| COMPLETIONS | |
|--------------------|------------|
| Month | Year |
| 11 | 110 |



2021 GPS TETHER REPORT

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Judge YTD |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Klaeren | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Goostrey | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bates | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jordon/Gaecke | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pre-Trial | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Monthly Total | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |

| FINANCIAL | | |
|------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| | Month | Year |
| Expended | \$558 | \$10,080 |
| Collected | \$372 | \$14,485 |

| JAIL BED DAYS SAVED | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| \$\$ calculated at \$45 per/day | |
| Month | Year |
| 62 | 1,119 |
| \$2,790 | \$50,355 |

| COMPLETIONS | |
|--------------------|----------|
| Month | Year |
| 0 | 6 |

| VIOLATIONS | | |
|------------------------|----------|----------|
| | Month | Year |
| Zone Violations | 1 | 2 |



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