

12th District Court

Jackson, Michigan

The cover features a photograph of the Jackson County Building, a large, multi-story brick structure with classical architectural details. The building's facade is inscribed with "JACKSON COUNTY BUILDING" in large, capital letters. An American flag flies on a tall pole in front of the building. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. The image is overlaid with several diagonal bands: a wide blue band at the top right, a narrower tan band below it, and a wide dark blue band at the bottom left. The text "ANNUAL REPORT 2023" is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters along the dark blue band. A red and white graphic element is visible on the left side of the cover.

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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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.

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, 2020
Chief Judge: 2014-2017
Chief Judge Pro Tem: 2018-2021
Current Term Expires:
12/31/2026

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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Kelly Weeks, Administrative Services Manager
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COURT ADMINISTRATION

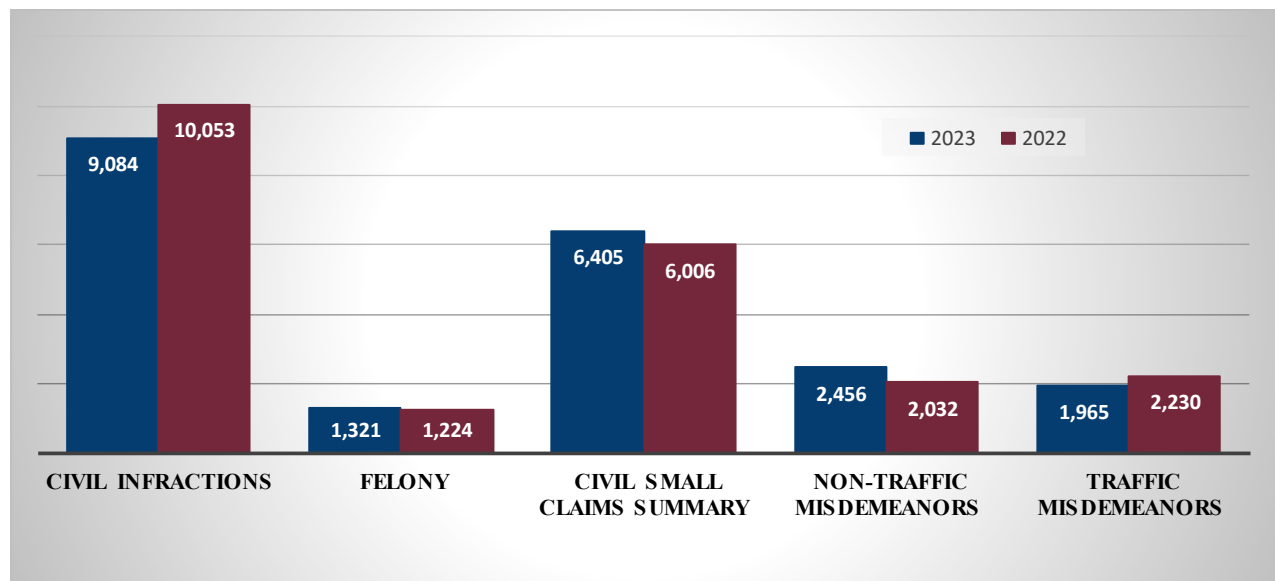


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Front Row L to R: Sarah Beadenkopf, Eva Paluck, Jaislyn Williams, Kelly Weeks*



CASELOAD NEW FILINGS

Case Type	2023 Filings	2022 Filings	2023-2022 Difference
CIVIL INFRACTIONS	9,084	10,053	-969
FELONY	1,321	1,224	97
CIVIL, SMALL CLAIMS SUMMARY	6,405	6,006	399
NON-TRAFFIC MISDEMEANORS	2,456	2,032	424
TRAFFIC MISDEMEANORS	1,965	2,230	-265
TOTALS	21,231	21,545	-314





*Sarah Beadenkopf, Court Services Manager
Jaislyn Williams, Assistant Court Services Mgr.
Lindsey Mackey-Iyer, Deputy Clerk
Jamie Paksi, Deputy Clerk
Linda Chamberlin, Deputy Clerk
Sydney Davis-Green, Deputy Clerk
Katelyn Gaston, Deputy Clerk
Victoria Howard, Deputy Clerk
LaToya Scroggins, Records Clerk
Robin Hampton, Casual Clerk*

Criminal/Traffic



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Not Pictured: Robin Hampton*



12th District Court Clerk's Office

Criminal - Traffic

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).

The District Court Traffic Section handles all traffic and non-traffic civil infractions that are submitted by our local law enforcement agencies. This year we saw a slight decrease in civil infractions that were filed.

Our team is committed to timely, accurate, and efficient processing of all matters filed with the court, as well as providing excellent professional services to the public. We have a skilled team that consists of seven clerks; four judges clerks, two window clerks, and one full time records clerk. We also have one part-time (casual) clerk who is on-call to assist with special projects, including criminal and traffic record retention.

Of the full-time deputy clerks, one clerk is focused on accepting and processing all paperwork and 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. Another clerk is responsible for processing all civil infractions as well as serving as a clerk to the Magistrate, scheduling Informal Hearings, responding to letters of explanation, processing dispositional paperwork, and monitoring on-line ticket resolution. In addition, this clerk focuses attention on assisting customers over the phone and in person on a daily basis. 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.

2023 saw the implementation of the Automatic Clean Slate Legislation (MCL 780.621) which became effective on April 11, 2023. For eligible offenses, MCL 780.621g(5) allows for a maximum total of two felony and four misdemeanor (93 day or more) convictions to be automatically set aside during the lifetime of an individual. There is no limit on how many 92-day or less (nonprintable) misdemeanors can be automatically set aside. Approximately 121,446 charges were automatically set aside pursuant to MCL 750.621 in 2023. This legislation also requires the court to inform each law enforcement agency of cases that are automatically set aside within their jurisdiction by the tenth day of each month.



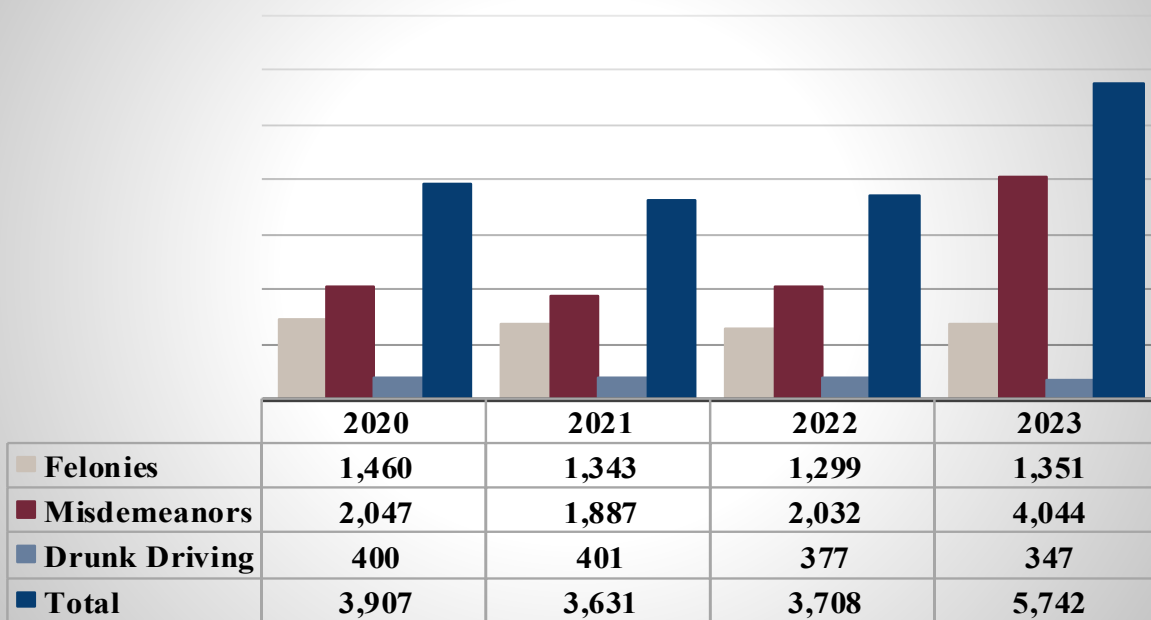
DISPOSITIONAL INFORMATION

DISPOSITION	FELONY	MISDEMEANOR	DRUNK DRIVING
Jury Verdict	0	4	0
Bench Verdict	25	15	2
Guilty Plea/Admission/Waive	220	2202	340
Bindover/Transferred	818	0	72
Dismissed by Party	167	1986	35
Dismissed by Court	52	52	11
Inactive/Bench Warrant	767	2005	53
Case Type Changed	3	11	1
TOTAL	2052	6275	514

Begin Pending - 1/1/23	132	1014	103
New Filings	1277	4044	421
Re-Opened	772	2008	60
Total Pending Disposition	2181	7066	584
Less Dispositions	2052	6275	514
End Pending - 12/31/23	129	791	70



Criminal Charges Filed - Comparison



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

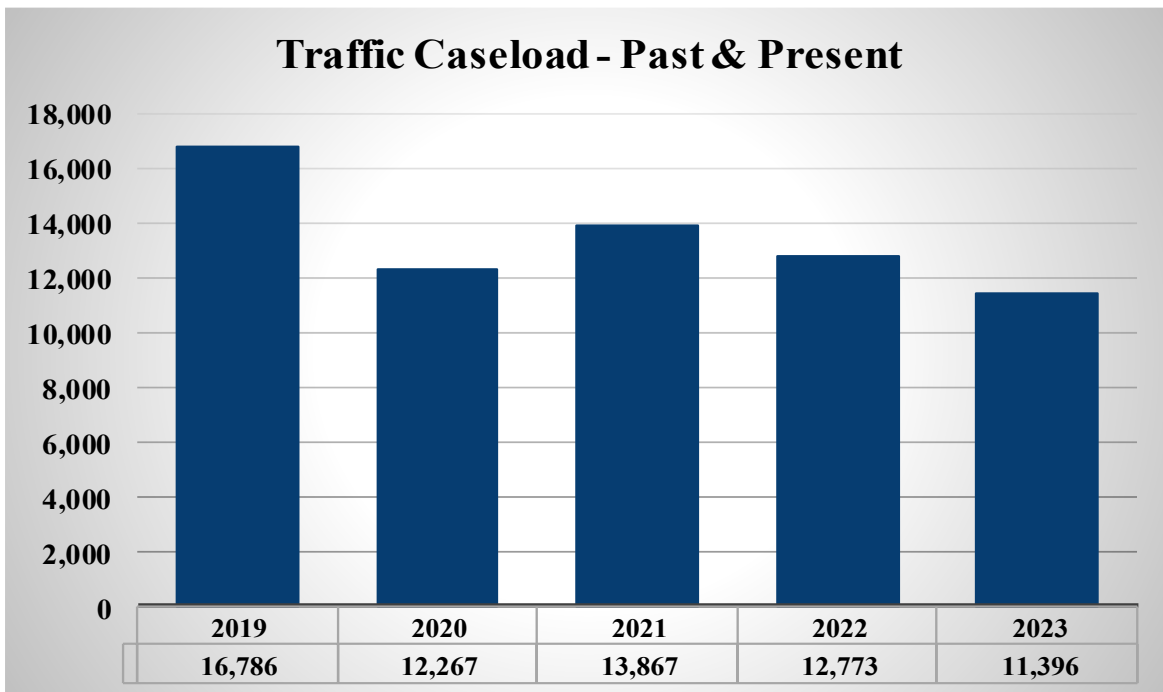
Over the past 10 years or so, the Court had been experiencing a steady decrease in the number of cases being adjudicated. However, in 2022 there was a slight increase, and that trend continued in 2023.

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 1,422 defendants via video connection in 2023.



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. As a result of a reduction in staff in 2023, that clerk was also assigned duties to serve as the Magistrate’s clerk.

In 2023, the District Court accepted just over 9,084 civil infractions and over 2,312 traffic misdemeanors, most filed electronically, from Jackson County’s seven remaining law enforcement agencies, as well as the Michigan State Police and Department of Natural Resources. These numbers represent a decrease from 2022.





Violations by Offense Category

Charge	2023	2022	Difference
Speeding	2136	2729	-593
Insurance Violations	895	1307	-412
Child/Seat Belt	490	535	-45
Defective Equipment	205	515	-310
License Violations	901	1036	-135
Distracted Driving	122	106	16
Registration/Plate Viol.	1695	1928	-233
Other violations*	4952	5018	- 66
TOTAL	11,396	12,773	- 1,377

* 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 continues to conduct the majority of his Informal Hearings via Zoom, although defendants are allowed to appear in person. An Informal Hearing is a court proceeding held to decide whether a person committed and whether that person is responsible for the traffic offense with which they are charged. It is an opportunity to defend oneself, to ask questions, and to have witnesses testify in one's favor.

Magistrate Traffic Statistics

Proceedings	2021	2022	2023	2023-2022 Difference
Informal Hearings	770	622	1083	461
Found Responsible	441	208	349	141
Found Not Responsible	44	11	26	15
Dismissed	183	73	126	53
Default Issued	242	81	582	501

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 prior to rendering a decision, if necessary. 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 efficient and cost effective manner.

Between January 1 and December 31, 2023 the Magistrate reviewed 265 traffic cases on-line and 190 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 an Informal hearing.



Legislative Highlights

Below are brief descriptions of some of the measures the Michigan Legislature passed in 2023.

PA 39: Modifies the driver license penalties for operating a vehicle while sending or receiving a message or phone call on an electronic wireless device. **Effective 6/30/2023*

PA 200: updates the sentencing guidelines for weapons offenses. **Effective 2/13/2024*

PA 201: Prohibits possession of firearms and ammunition by persons convicted of misdemeanor involving domestic violence. **Effective 2/13/2024*

PA 278: Provides for sentencing guidelines for crime of institutional desecration and causing vulnerable adult to provide sexually explicit material. **Effective 2/13/2024*

PA 308: Allows exemption from jury service for certain military personnel. **Effective 12/14/2023*



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Dawn Staats, Deputy Clerk
Beth Hawes, Deputy Clerk
Madison Duane, Deputy Clerk
Kelli Penrose, Deputy Clerk
Patty Jones, File Clerk*

Civil



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Front Row L to R: Stephanie Salisbury, Beth Hawes, Luanne Mehelich
Not Pictured: Dawn Staats*



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 excellent customer service and the accurate and efficient processing of all filings involving rental disputes, monetary debts, property rights and collection processing. To accomplish this objective, the Civil Division consists of eight clerks. The four judges' clerks and part-time small claims clerk are entirely responsible for the processing of every aspect of the civil cases assigned to their judge. This includes reviewing and processing filings, preparing files for court proceedings, creating orders and judgments, writing correspondence, updating the Judicial Information System, adjudicating cases, preparing a weekly docket, and facilitating the civil docket in their respective courtrooms. The two window/landlord tenant clerks share the job of assisting customers in person, on the phone, and by mail with questions, form selection, and payment processing. These two clerks also share the duty of scheduling landlord tenant pre-trials, preparing the landlord tenant packets for service, entering all incoming proofs-of-service, and entering Landlord Tenant cases into the Judicial Information System. Our part-time file clerk assists with the physical filing of the tens of thousands of papers into the correct case file to keep our case files accurate and up to date for future court proceedings.

Landlord Tenant

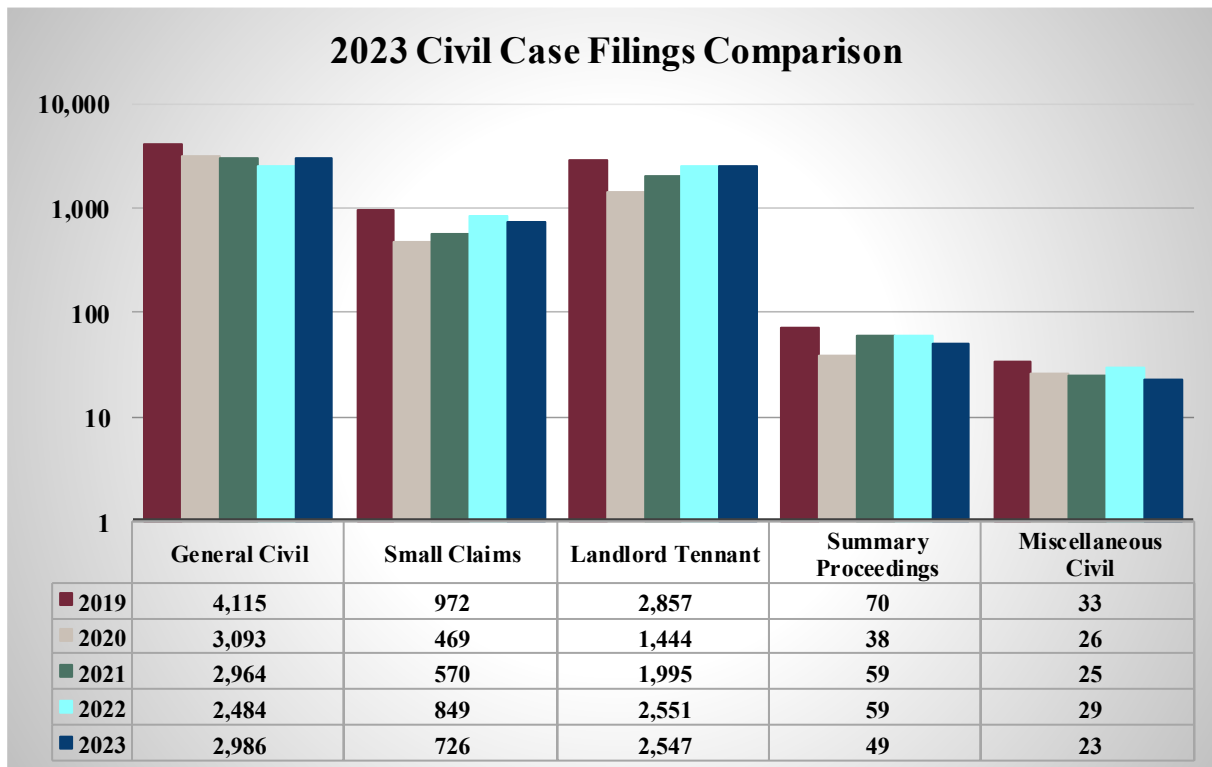
The Michigan State Court Administrators Office (SCAO) 2020-17 Administrative Order requiring the pre-trial scheduling of all landlord tenant cases, remained in effect throughout 2023, with a majority of the policies becoming law as of November. With our continued and dedicated partnership with Southeast Dispute Resolution Services (SeDRS), and utilizing our Attorney-Magistrate's docket, the Civil Division continued to thrive in the effective scheduling and adjudication of all Landlord Tenant cases enabling the court to prevent any delays. As per the 2020-17 Administrative Order, all Landlord Tenant cases are scheduled for a following hearing and bench trial in front of the respective District Court Judge after the pre-trial.

Michigan's MiFILE Electronic Filing Initiative

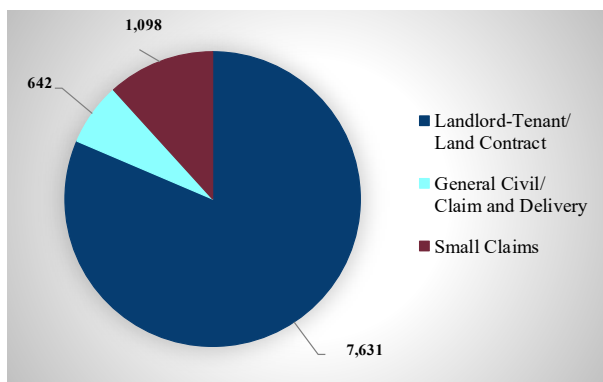
The 12th District Court Civil Division was part of waive three of the Michigan Supreme Court/State Court Administrators Office statewide electronic filing initiative and our office became active as of November 26, 2023. The MiFILE system is composed of four modules; TrueFiling, where filers initiate cases, submit legal documents, and pay filing fees; MiFILE OnBase, where court staff review, process, and accept or reject submitted filings; MiFILE OnBase DMS, (document management system) where all filings are stored in an electronic file folder for each individual case; Judicial Information System (JIS), the Case Management System, where all case filings are coded as the official court record. Court Administration established a team of seven individuals to work together to become the court's MiFILE experts. The team was carefully selected and included Deputy Court Clerks, Court Administration, and Information Technology. For six months, the team spent an average of seven hours a week, in addition to their daily job duties, to study, test, practice, and discuss how MiFILE works and the impact on our current business practices and customers. The team trained, and continues to train and support, additional civil clerks, court staff, and judges.



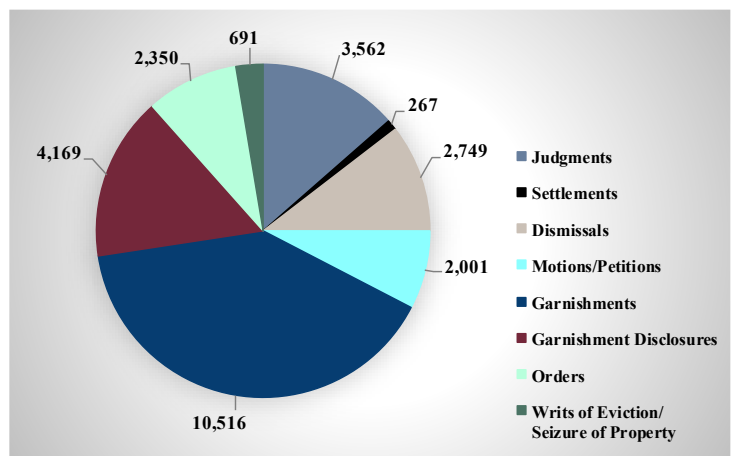
2023 Civil Division Caseload



2023 Civil Proceedings Scheduled

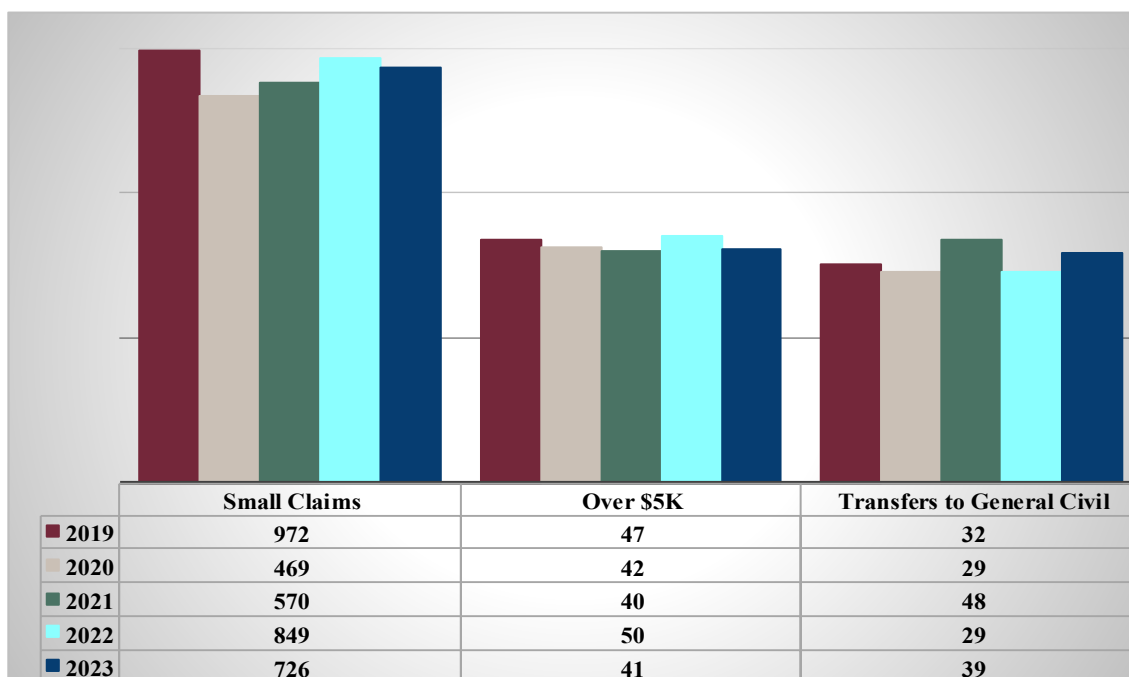


2023 Civil Submissions Processed





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 in a less formal court setting. Parties agreeing to settle their dispute 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.

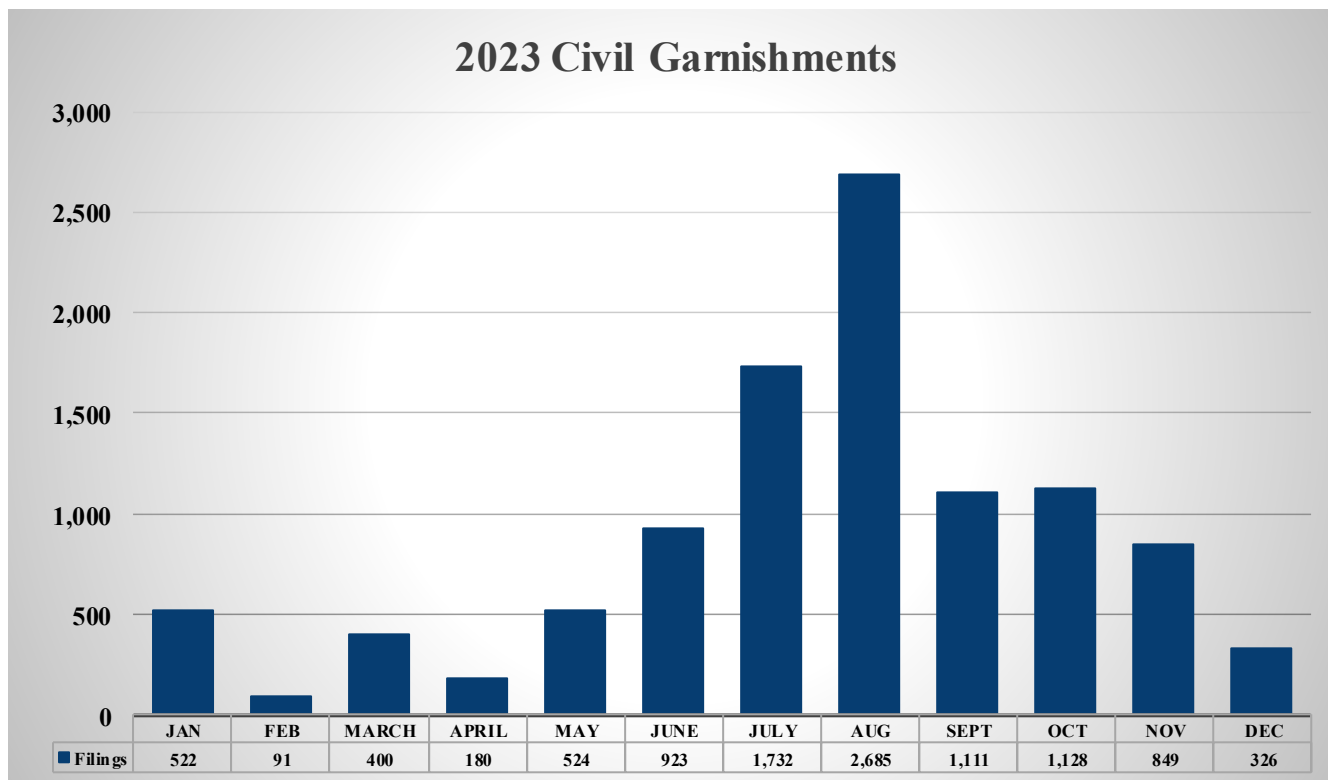
Wedding Ceremonies

The Civil Division has the honor of celebrating the coming together of individuals through marriage. The court scheduled wedding ceremonies each weekday afternoon and conducted 233 ceremonies in 2023. These ceremonies are performed by our Attorney-Magistrate, Christopher J. Dickerson, and on occasion, District Court Judge Robert K. Gaecke Jr.



Garnishments

The Civil Division entered a total of 10,471 garnishments in 2023. During the months of July, August, September, and October the Civil Division receives mass filings of state income tax garnishments. These filings are required to be entered by mid-October for submission to the State of Michigan prior to the filing of income tax returns. Within these crucial four months, 64% of all garnishments were received and processed by our part-time file clerk and one window clerk, as the remaining team members continued training on the State of Michigan’s MiFILE system.





*Kelly Purucker-King, Court Recorder
Julie Wartella, Court Recorder
Joan Edwards, Court Officer
Shellie Sanders, Court Recorder
Lynn Fries, Court Officer
Kamari Boomer, Court Recorder
Robert Noppe, Court Officer
Barb Patterson, Casual Clerk*

Judicial/Enforcement



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Front Row L to R: Lynn Fries, Julie Wartella, Barb Patterson, Kelly Purucker-King, Joan Edwards*



*James Hunt, Probation Officer
Kimberly Colligan, Probation Officer
Tiffany Scott, Probation Officer
Karmen Haney, Casework Coordinator
Jasmine Dillard, Deputy Clerk
MacKenzie Smith, Deputy Clerk
Stephanie Jackson, Deputy Clerk*

Probation



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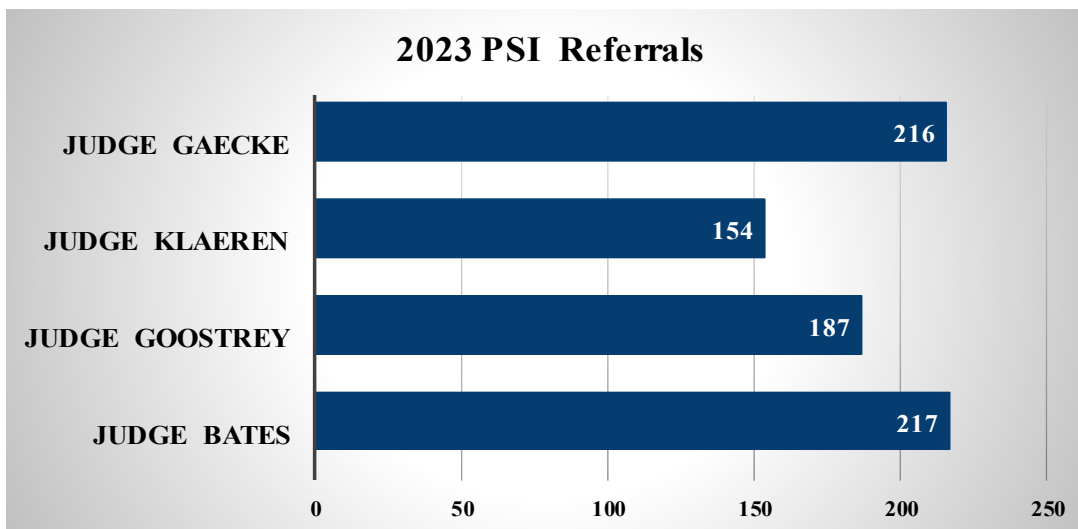
12th District Court Probation Division

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 and 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.

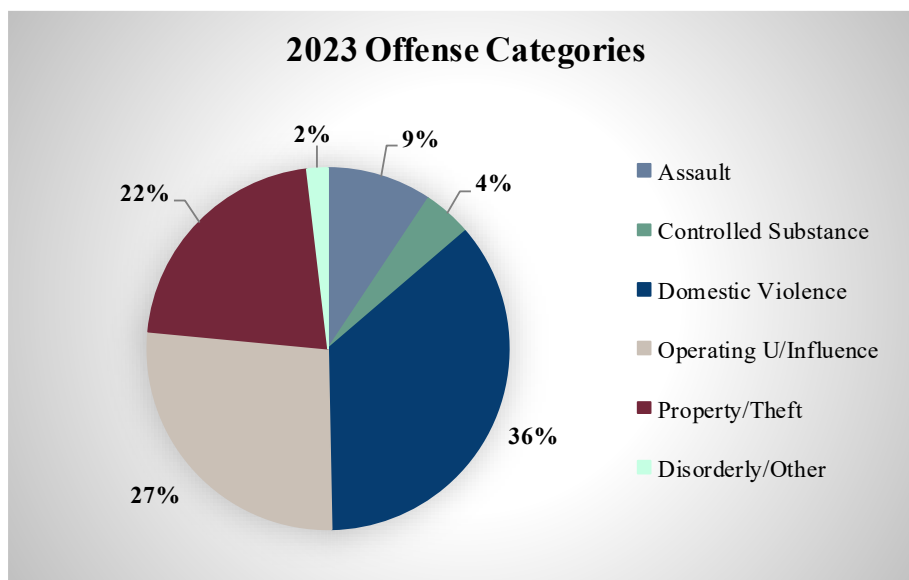
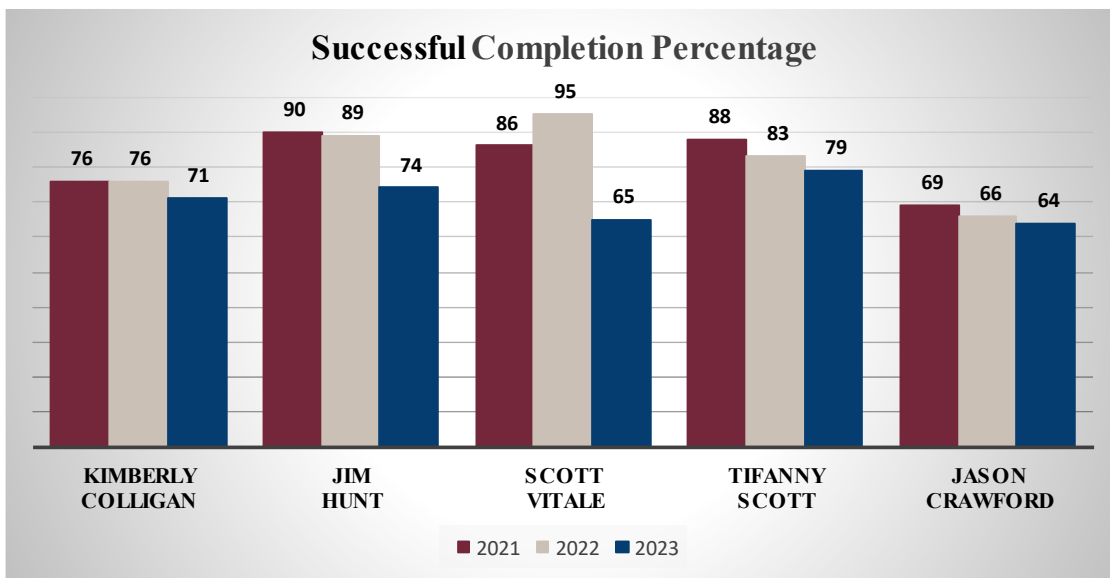
In 2023, probation officers conducted 774 presentence investigations. This represents a decrease from the previous year. A yearly comparison is contained in the Appendix section - Probation Pre-Sentence Report. Below is a chart illustrating the number of presentence investigation referrals by Judge for 2023.



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 – 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 71%.

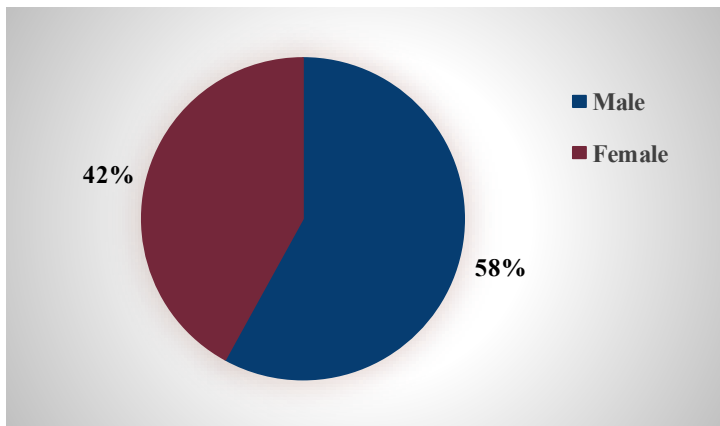
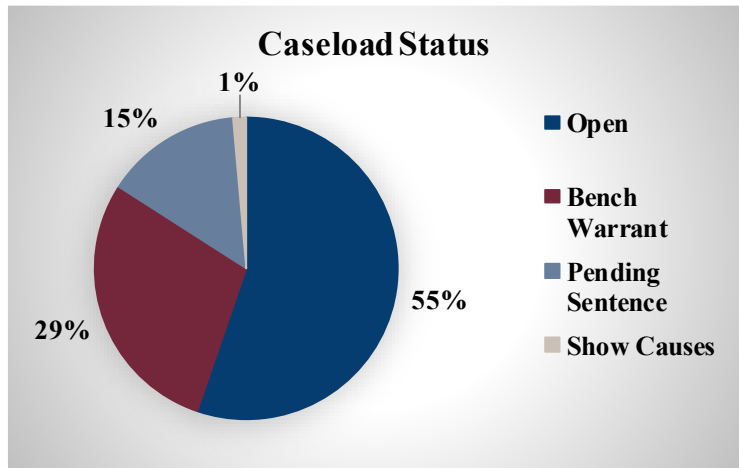


The figures above represent the number of defendants (481) under 12th District Court Probation supervision, including all status categories, on 12/31/2023.



2023 Caseload Status Breakdown

- 316 Open
- 165 Bench Warrant
- 83 Pending Sentence
- 8 Show Causes



2023 Caseload Gender Breakdown

- 279 Men
- 202 Women

SCRAM & GPS

Two thousand twenty-three marked the sixth full year 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 99 referrals to SCRAM and 3 referrals to GPS from the four 12th District Court judges during 2023. The utilization of SCRAM led to the saving of 12,113 jail bed days with a total monetary savings of \$545,085 (calculated at \$45 per day). The utilization of GPS led to the saving of 304 jail bed days with a total monetary savings of \$13,680.



Community Service

Two thousand twenty-three also marked the sixth full year of the 12th District Court Probation Department's Community Service Program. 46 defendants were sentenced to the Community Service Program resulting in \$14,990 jail bed savings. A total number of 334 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 \$400 and \$15,300 to local non-profits.

Aggression Court

The 12th District Aggression Court completed its nineteenth year in 2023. 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 Judge 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 67 defendants, bringing the total to 1,496 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 and sixty-eight (168) aggression cases were referred to the probation department for a presentence investigation in 2023.



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 72 random drug tests in 2023. Approximately 64% tested positive for at least one drug with marijuana (21 positive tests) being the most prevalent, followed closely by methamphetamine (20 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 defendant's 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. on weekdays. Holidays and weekends are morning only.

A total of 83 defendants were referred, resulting in 1,471 tests. Thirty-nine percent (39%) 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 11,624 people are following us on Facebook.

Utilizing these 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.

Once COVID restrictions were lifted, Warrant Officers were able to resume a more normal duty activity. These activities included being out on the road in vehicles, seeking persons with active 12th District Court warrants. In 2023 Warrant Officers cleared 1,850 warrants and executed 659 arrests.

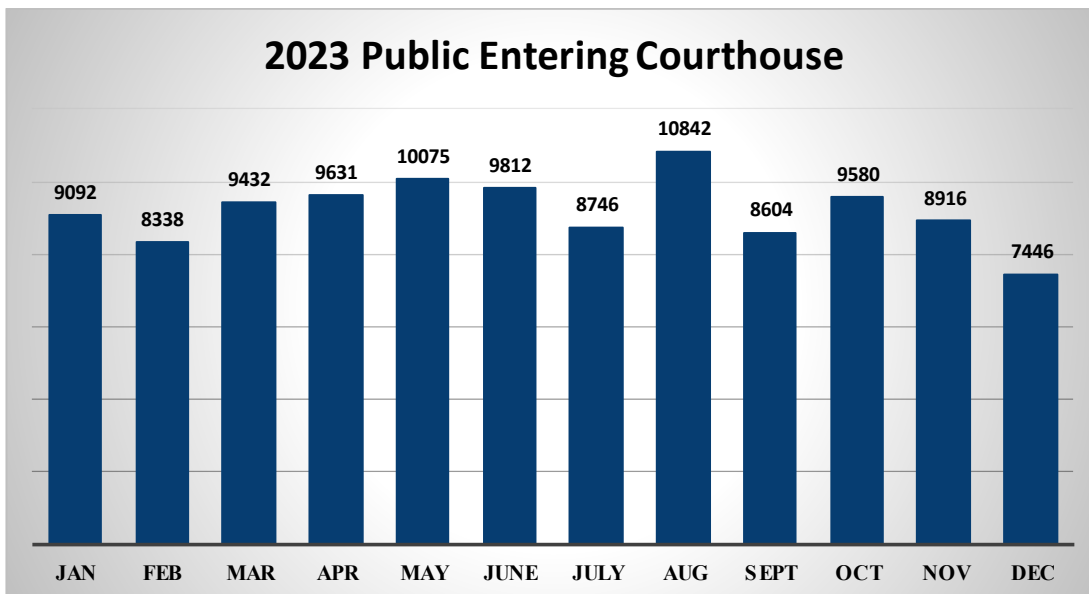


Adjourn-to-Pay/Warrant Enforcement

Four Court Officers along with two Warrant Officers, oversee the District Court collection efforts. They combined to collect almost \$900,000 in outstanding fines and costs owed to The 12th District Court in 2023.

Security and Weapons Screening

2023 marked the second year the Jackson County Security Committee and Jackson County Sheriff’s Office collaborated to have deputies monitoring and screening the main entrance of the courthouse. This security implementation has provided not only the staff, but also over one hundred thousand members of the public, with a significant level of safety.



No major incidents occurred at the Jackson County Courthouse in 2023. 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 Administrators Office. The chart below summarizes unauthorized items identified by security in 2023.

Firearm	Ammunition	Sharp/Cutting Object	Chemical	Tools	Lighters	Other
1	23	459	741	16	2529	1601



OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2023 Financial Reports

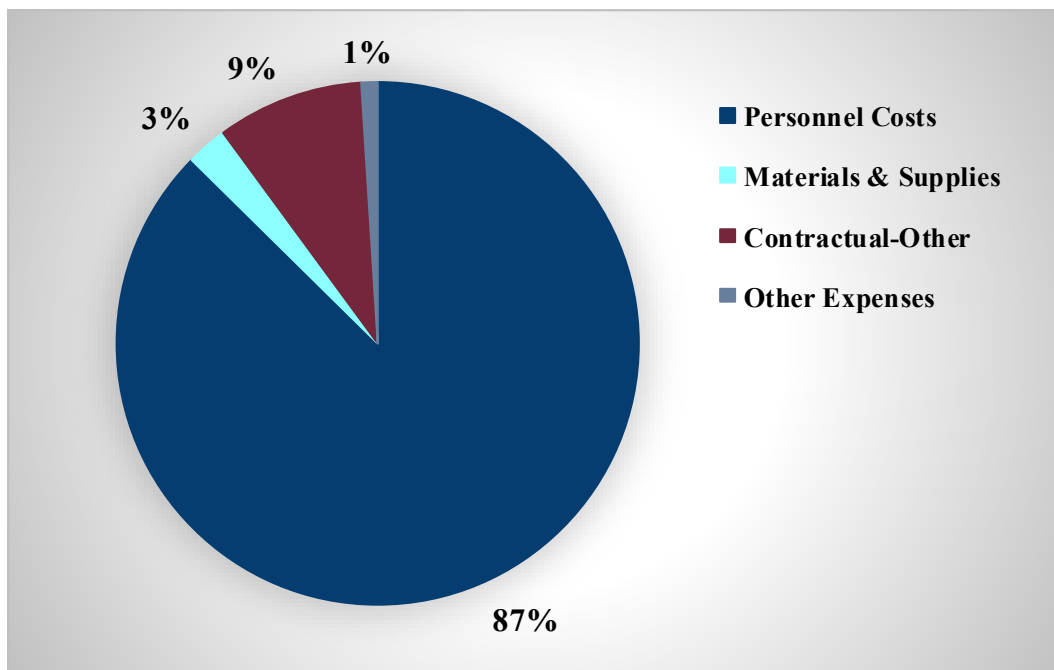
General Fund Revenue

REVENUE	2023	2022	DIFFERENCE
Probation Oversight	\$125,730	\$133,463	-\$7,733
Probation Pre-Sentence Fees	\$52,254	\$58,393	-\$6,139
Probation Screening & Assessment	\$41,606	\$43,650	-\$2,044
Tether & Community Service Fees	\$67,097	\$67,356	-\$259
Civil Fees	\$353,044	\$328,674	\$24,370
Miscellaneous Fees	\$182,334	\$199,669	-\$17,335
Bonds Forfeited	\$10,655	\$21,300	-\$10,645
Ordinance Fines & Costs	\$300,596	\$320,280	-\$19,684
Court Costs	\$729,338	\$755,361	-\$26,023
G2G Electronic Payments	\$22,999	\$21,069	\$1,930
ID Cards	\$1,750	\$1,400	\$350
Fingerprint Fees	\$11,950	\$10,195	\$1,755
Pre-Trial Services	\$46,602	\$68,611	-\$22,009
Drug Tests (Reimbursed)	\$881	\$884	-\$3
Totals	\$1,946,836	\$2,030,305	-\$83,469



Expenditures: General Fund, Capital Equipment & Projects

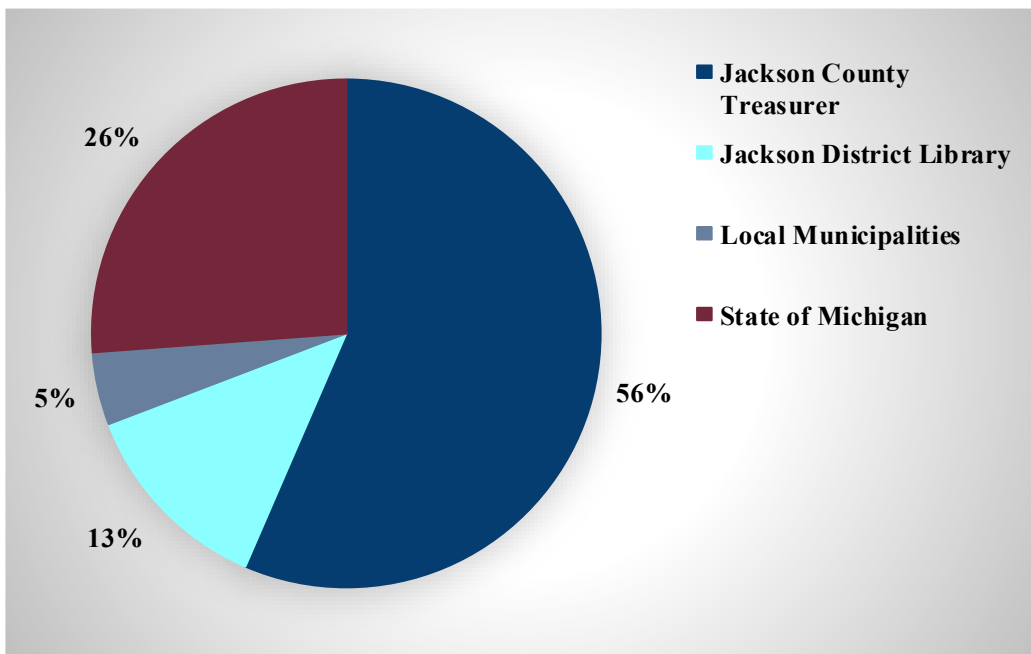
EXPENSE	2023	2022	DIFFERENCE
Personnel Costs	\$3,146,766	\$3,125,810	\$20,956
Materials & Supplies	\$91,185	\$89,414	\$1,771
Contractual - Other	\$326,905	\$326,177	\$728
Other Expenses	\$36,302	\$32,369	\$3,933
TOTAL	\$3,601,158	\$3,573,770	\$27,388





Disbursement of Revenue Collected by the Court

AGENCY	AMOUNT		DIFFERENCE
	2023	2022	
Jackson County Treasurer	\$1,960,025	\$2,063,559	-\$103,534
Jackson District Library	\$440,393	\$412,562	\$27,831
Local Municipalities	\$160,494	\$172,971	-\$12,477
State of Michigan	\$908,464	\$872,780	\$35,684
Total	\$3,469,376	\$3,521,872	-\$52,496





Disbursement of Revenue to the State of Michigan

REVENUE CATEGORY	2023	2022	DIFFERENCE
Civil Filing Fund	\$246,554	\$225,608	\$20,946
State Court Fund	\$18,430	\$17,620	\$810
Justice System Fund	\$398,413	\$396,138	\$2,275
Juror Compensation	\$11,121	\$14,018	-\$2,897
Crime Victims Rights	\$140,920	\$147,667	-\$6,747
Judicial Electronic Filing	\$60,080	\$55,855	\$4,225
MI State Police Reimbursement	\$300	\$100	\$200
Conservation Fees	\$21,610	\$1,490	\$20,120
Secretary of State - Clearance	\$11,036	\$14,282	-\$3,246
TOTALS	\$908,464	\$872,778	\$35,686



Disbursement of Monies Collected by the Court to Local Municipalities

TOWNSHIPS	2023	2022	DIFFERENCE
Blackman Township	\$42,437	\$41,630	\$807
City of Jackson	\$52,744	\$70,684	-\$17,940
Columbia Township	\$11,839	\$11,387	\$452
Concord Village	\$370	\$237	\$133
Grass Lake Township	\$0	\$94	-\$94
Grass Lake Village	\$15	\$458	-\$443
Henrietta Township	\$122	\$452	-\$330
Leoni Township	\$16,585	\$13,076	\$3,509
Napoleon Township	\$6,102	\$5,978	\$124
Parma Township	\$380	\$290	\$90
Rives Township	\$30	\$0	\$30
Sandstone Township	\$1,417	\$1,723	-\$306
Spring Arbor Township	\$3,923	\$1,391	\$2,532
Springport Township	\$14,076	\$13,466	\$610
Summit Township	\$10,315	\$11,260	-\$945
Tompkins Township	\$30	\$30	\$0
Waterloo Township	\$111	\$0	\$111
TOTAL	\$160,494	\$172,156	-\$11,662

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, Deputy Clerk, Beth Hawes, was selected as Employee of the Year! Beth has only worked for D12 for 3 years; however, during her time here, she is the go to person within her department, frequently helping her fellow Civil Department co-workers in any way she can. This past year, Beth was the subject matter expert with the implementation of the state's new online filing system, MiFILE. This role served as the team leader and liaison between the court and the state's implementation team. She put countless hours in above and beyond her normal work load to research, learn, and perfect her understanding of the system. Beth's work was key in allowing the transition to go as smoothly as it did. Thank you Beth, for representing D12's values so well!

Employee of the Year Nominees included: Joan Edwards, Kimberly Colligan, Linda Chamberlin, Karmen Haney, and Stephanie Salisbury

Spark Plug Award

The year's Spark Plug recipient is Kimberly Colligan. Kimberly will celebrate 20 years working for D12 this year. Throughout that time, she has demonstrated a constant teamwork focused attitude and lifts every person up with her positive outlook and infectious smile. This past year, her department experienced some significant changes and Kimberly faced them head on, with a solution oriented mind and determination that is truly inspiring. Thank you Kimberly, for being that 'spark' at 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

Sarah Beadenkopf, Court Services Manager - Traffic/Criminal Dept.

Eva Paluck, Court Services Manager - Civil Dept.

Jaislyn Williams, Assistant Court Services Manager

JUDICIAL SUPPORT DIVISION

Christopher J. Dickerson, Magistrate

Julie Wartella, Court Recorder

Shellie Sanders, Court Recorder

Kelly Purucker-King, Court Recorder

Kamari Scott, Court Recorder

TRAFFIC/CRIMINAL DIVISION

Jami Paksi, Deputy Clerk

Lindsey Mackey-Iyer, Deputy Clerk

Sydney Davis-Green, Deputy Clerk

Katelyn Gaston, Deputy Clerk

Linda Chamberlin, Deputy Clerk

Victoria Howard, Deputy Clerk

LaToya Scroggins, Deputy Clerk

Robin Hampton, Casual File Clerk

CIVIL DIVISION

Luanne Mehelich, Deputy Clerk
Beth Hawes, Deputy Clerk
Madison Duane, Deputy Clerk
Stephanie Salisbury, Deputy Clerk
Kelli Penrose, Deputy Clerk
Jade Cuff, Deputy Clerk
Dawn Staats, Deputy Clerk
Patty Jones, Casual Clerk

ENFORCEMENT/SECURITY DIVISION

Chuck Brant, 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

Jasmine Dillard, Deputy Clerk
Stephanie Jackson, Deputy Clerk
MacKenzie Smith, Deputy Clerk
James Hunt, Probation Officer
Kimberly Colligan, Probation Officer
Tiffany Scott, Probation Officer
Jason Crawford, Probation Officer
Scott Vitale, Probation Officer



APPENDIX

Probation Pre-Sentence Report

Caseload Totals

Community Service

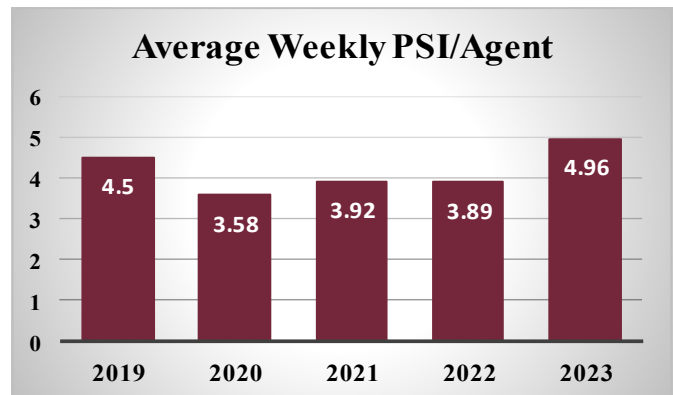
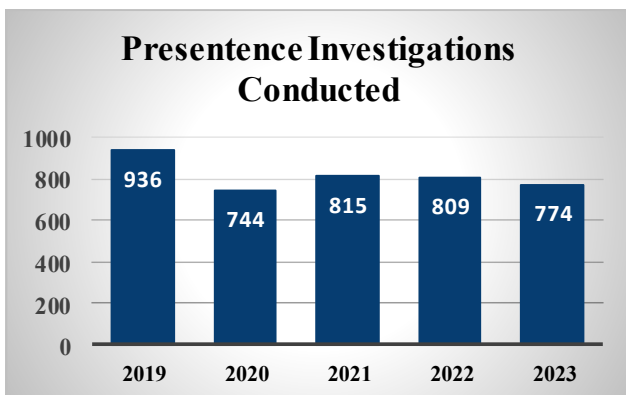
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GPS Tether Report



12th District Court Probation Presentence Investigations

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	% Difference '22-'23
January	79	77	65	64	76	18.75%
February	78	63	62	46	56	21.74%
March	72	94	89	70	83	18.57%
April	88	46	65	48	52	8.33%
May	86	3	78	72	57	-20.83%
June	77	54	75	95	71	-25.26%
July	81	59	53	80	66	-17.50%
August	73	78	56	89	71	-20.22%
September	76	62	78	54	75	38.89%
October	86	87	64	64	74	15.63%
November	70	71	72	67	59	-11.94%
December	70	50	58	60	34	-43.33%
TOTALS	936	744	815	809	774	-4.33%





Caseload History Report

Year - 2023

Month	Criminal	Traffic	Civil	TOTALS
January	269	974	575	1818
February	216	814	527	1547
March	269	943	582	1794
April	266	887	435	1588
May	252	854	609	1715
June	328	851	498	1677
July	249	1118	542	1909
August	352	992	519	1863
September	260	893	559	1712
October	301	847	629	1777
November	283	1075	483	1841
December	280	1024	431	1735
	3325	11262	6389	20976

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



2023 COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Judge YTD
Klaeren	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	2	0	1			9
Goostrey	0	2	1	1	2	2	3	0	0	0			11
Bates	1	0	0	1	1	0	3	4	1	1			12
Gaecke	1	4	0	1	2	1	2	2	1	0			14
Circuit Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
Monthly Total	3	6	2	4	5	3	11	8	2	2			46

**Due to staffing cuts, Community Service monitoring moved to Court Officer oversight and away from daily check-ins*

DAYS COMPLETED		
	Month	Year
Days	28	334

JAIL BED DAYS SAVED	
\$\$ CALCULATED AT \$45 PER/DAY	
Month	Year
\$1,260	\$15,030

FINANCIAL BENEFIT		
\$\$ calculated at \$10 per/hour		
	Month	Year
County	\$ 0	\$ 400
Non- profit	\$ 1,400	\$ 15,300
Totals	\$ 1,400	\$ 15,700



2023 SCRAM REPORT

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Judge YTD
Klaeren	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	14
Goostrey	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	1	2	1	2	12
Bates	4	2	1	0	1	3	0	9	4	2	2	1	29
Gaecke	0	0	5	4	3	1	3	2	0	4	0	1	23
Pre-Trial	2	1	2	2	0	2	2	2	0	4	4	0	21
Monthly Total	7	5	10	10	4	7	7	15	8	13	8	5	99

FINANCIAL		
	Month	Year
Expended	\$8,911	\$90,582
Collected	\$7,929	\$108,560

JAIL BED DAYS SAVED \$\$ CALCULATED AT \$45/DAY	
Month	Year
1,191	12,113
\$53,595	\$545,085

VIOLATIONS		
	Month	Year
Tamper	5	43
Alcohol	0	22
Abscond	0	0

COMPLETIONS	
Month	Year
4	94



2023 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
Gaecke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pre-Trial	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Monthly Total	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3

FINANCIAL		
	Month	Year
Expended	\$0	\$2,716
Collected	\$0	\$2,724

JAIL BED DAYS SAVED	
\$\$ calculated at \$45 per/day	
Month	Year
0	304
\$0	\$13,680

COMPLETIONS	
Month	Year
0	5

VIOLATIONS		
	Month	Year
Zone Violations	0	0



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