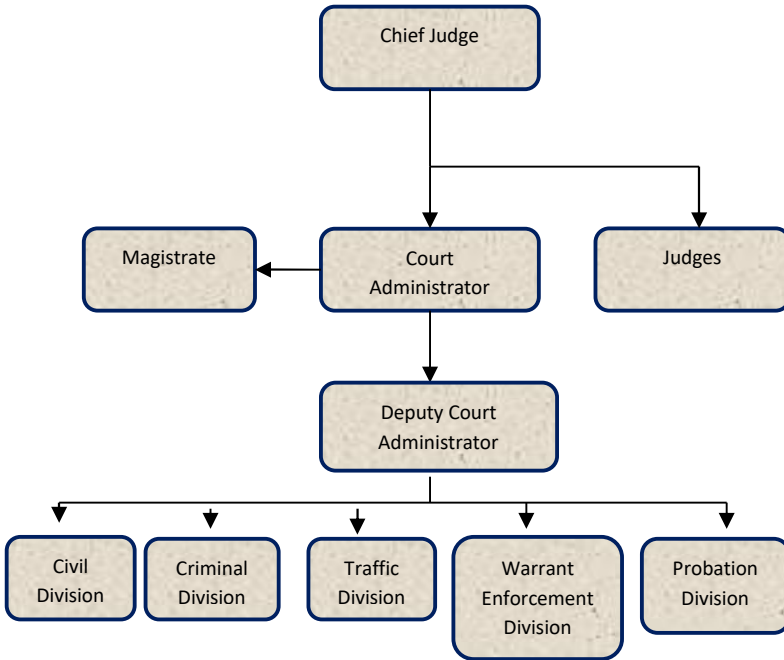


12th District Court



Activities

There are five divisions of 12th District Court: Civil, Criminal, Warrant Enforcement, Probation and Traffic.

The District Court processes civil lawsuits, performs weddings, and processes all statute and ordinance misdemeanors.

The District Court is also responsible for processing felony matters up to the preliminary examination stage.

We collect current and delinquent fines and costs owed to the court, and execute criminal bench warrants.

Additionally, we conduct presentence investigations; supervise individuals on probation, and process traffic, marine, snow-mobile, conservation, animal control, and come parking violations.



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.

12th District Court Program

Strategic Plan Impact

- ✓ Safe Community

The 12th District Court plays an important role in providing Jackson County residents with a safe community. Through the adjudication process, we hope to create an environment where residents peacefully coexist and participate in all aspects of life. While those who are charged with Domestic Violence are still afforded the option to participate in specialized programming and probation, this is now only offered to Domestic Violence defendants. Our probation department has an Alternative Sentencing Division created in October of 2017 to provide alternatives to incarceration and to provide a practical alternative to resolving fine and cost issues; this is achieved through the use of court-authorized monitoring programs and assignments to community-based improvement initiatives. Video arraignment technology provides added security benefits when arraigning individuals currently housed at the County Jail and /or Department of Corrections, eliminating the need to remove the offender from the secured location.

Accomplishments

- ✓ A total of 111 referrals were made for SCRAM and 3 referrals to GPS tether, which led to a jail bed savings of \$720,270.
- ✓ The four Court Officers had a combined total of just over \$1,004,745.76 in collected fines and costs. The two Warrant Officers added an additional \$102,608.19 in collected fines and costs, arrested 696 individuals, and cleared 1306 warrants.

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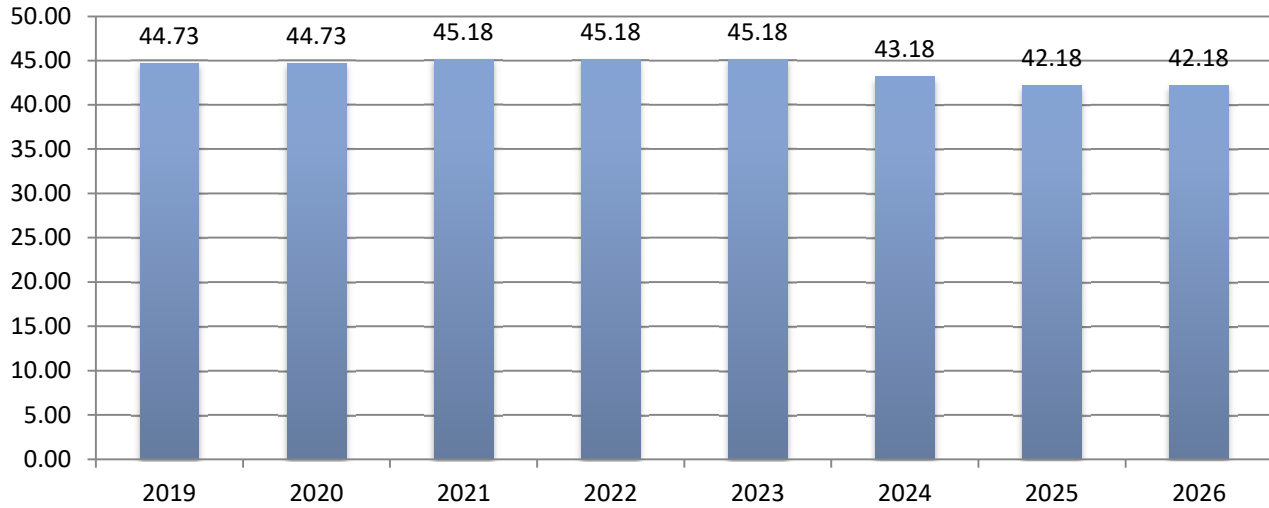
- ✓ Our Probation team works very hard to assist offenders in trying to get their lives back on track after being charged with an offense. Probation is a sentence that allows offenders to live in the community under the supervision of a probation officer. The sentencing judge makes this decision after careful study of the defendant's background, behavior, and potential for success is evaluated. Our probation department conducted 813 pre-sentence investigations in 2024. As of 12/31/24, there were 481 individuals placed on probation; 27% of that population were offenses for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, 29% for Domestic Violence, 29% for Property/Theft offenses, 4% for Controlled Substance, 27% for Assault, and 24% for Disorderly Conduct/Other.
- ✓ The Criminal team processed 5663 criminal cases in 2024; 455 drunk driving cases, 3727 misdemeanors, and 1481 felonies. Magistrate Dickerson handled approximately 1422 Video Arraignments, which 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.
- ✓ In 2024 we processed 8095 electronic traffic citations. Magistrate Dickerson also conducted 841 informal hearings.

The Civil team saw a significant increase in case filings in 2024, totaling 1,763 more cases than 2023. They processed 8094 filings; 5050 General Civil cases, 510 Small Claims, 2491 Landlord Tenant, 28 Summary Proceedings, and 15 Miscellaneous Civil.

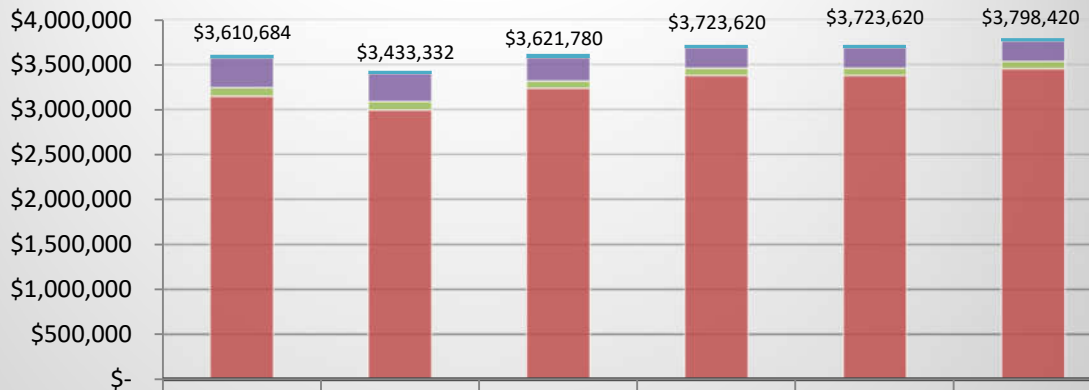
- ✓ 2024 marked the first full year that the Civil Department was fully electronic with the State's MiFile system for case processing. While the ease of moving cases through the process on the court's side was evident, significant issues were identified. Many one-time filers found the technology difficult to use and understand, frequently staff need to walk users through step-by-step filing at the electronic kiosk, and having both paper and electronic files required staff to dedicate significant time in scanning back files to combine both electronic and paper files (this continues to be an ongoing issue and need).

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12th District Court FTE History



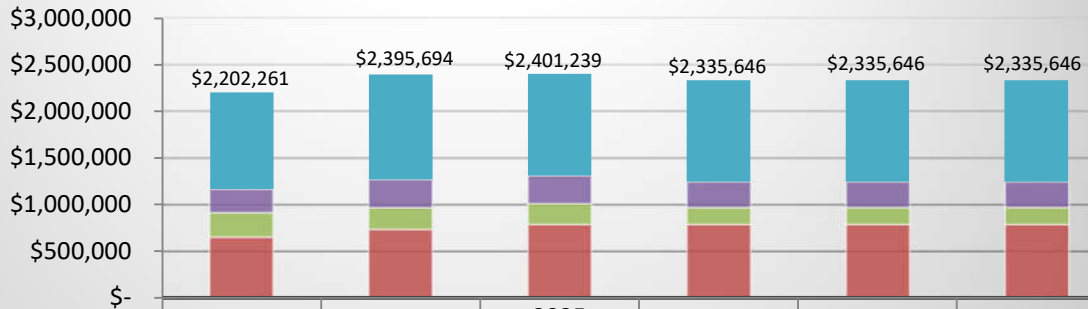
12th District Court Expenditures



	2023 ACTUAL	2024 ACTUAL	2025 AMENDED BUDGET	2026 DEPT REQUESTED	2026 BUDGET	DRAFT 2027 BUDGET
OTHER	\$36,304	\$36,393	\$43,723	\$37,000	\$37,000	\$37,000
CONTRACT SERVICES	\$332,848	\$308,665	\$261,050	\$227,050	\$227,050	\$227,050
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	\$94,764	\$95,082	\$82,750	\$82,750	\$82,750	\$82,750
PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$3,146,768	\$2,993,192	\$3,234,257	\$3,376,820	\$3,376,820	\$3,451,620
TOTAL PROGRAM COSTS	\$3,610,684	\$3,433,332	\$3,621,780	\$3,723,620	\$3,723,620	\$3,798,420

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12th District Court Revenues



	2023 ACTUAL	2024 ACTUAL	2025 AMENDED BUDGET	2026 DEPT REQUESTED	2026 BUDGET	DRAFT 2027 BUDGET
FINES & FORFEITURES	\$1,037,323	\$1,127,882	\$1,090,470	\$1,090,470	\$1,090,470	\$1,090,470
OTHER	\$250,862	\$299,857	\$298,730	\$274,730	\$274,730	\$274,730
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$260,645	\$232,840	\$223,539	\$182,446	\$182,446	\$182,446
CHARGES/FEES	\$653,431	\$735,115	\$788,500	\$788,000	\$788,000	\$788,000
TOTAL PROGRAM REVENUE	\$2,202,261	\$2,395,694	\$2,401,239	\$2,335,646	\$2,335,646	\$2,335,646

Indicator	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Actual
Fees collected by Internal Collection Program	\$2,229,606	No data	\$1,221,646	\$726,000	\$898,000	\$1,107,354
Total Number of Cases Processed	37,232	28,036	31,176	29,246	27,691	28,730

* Four judges are budgeted for the District Court.

Indicator	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Actual
Number of Probation Agents processing PSI's	4	4	4	4	4	3
Number of Judges Processing cases	4	4	4	4	4	4
Number of PSI's per agent	234	186	206	206	114	271
Number of cases per Judge	9,308	7,009	7,794	7312	6923	7183



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