

# Annual Statistics Report

## On Circuit, Family, and Magistrate Courts



## The West Virginia Court System – 2023



**SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

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**Circuit Courts**  
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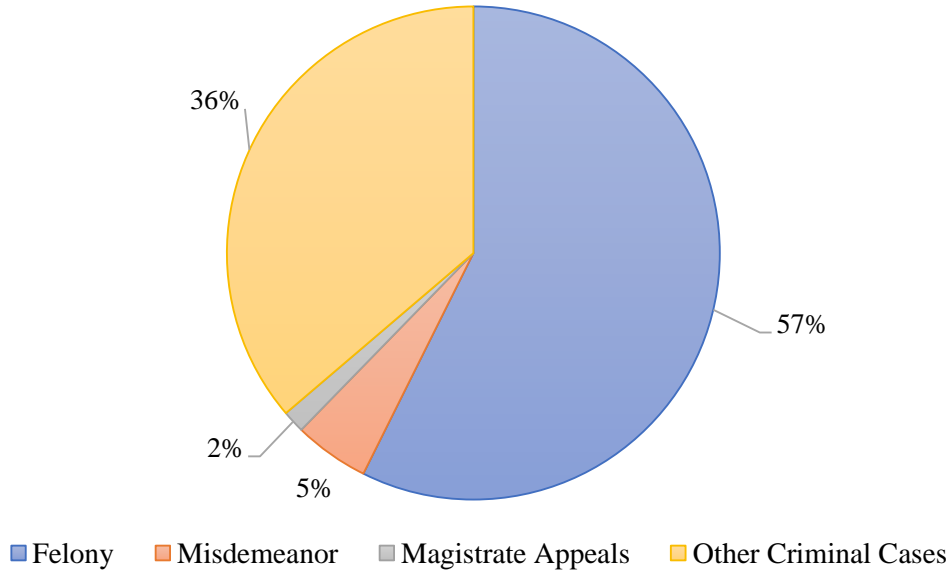
	<b>Felony</b>	<b>Magistrate Appeals</b>	<b>Misdemeanor</b>	<b>Other Criminal Cases</b>	<b>Total</b>
Barbour	64	0	1	6	71
Berkeley	350	6	7	223	586
Boone	58	0	3	71	132
Braxton	49	0	0	16	65
Brooke	82	3	4	30	119
Cabell	297	10	54	250	611
Calhoun	19	2	2	19	42
Clay	24	5	0	12	41
Doddridge	38	1	0	30	69
Fayette	179	0	4	56	239
Gilmer	20	1	0	38	59
Grant	63	3	4	14	84
Greenbrier	176	0	6	29	211
Hampshire	84	3	1	39	127
Hancock	73	2	0	51	126
Hardy	42	3	0	24	69
Harrison	234	2	6	66	308
Jackson	80	1	12	43	136
Jefferson	75	4	2	90	171
Kanawha	359	16	132	304	811
Lewis	68	1	2	10	81
Lincoln	60	1	8	50	119
Logan	246	0	5	187	438
Marion	260	9	41	37	347
Marshall	87	9	19	64	179
Mason	73	3	20	63	159
McDowell	102	2	7	97	208
Mercer	236	12	8	633	889
Mineral	70	9	1	56	136
Mingo	140	0	0	83	223
Monongalia	428	10	12	24	474
Monroe	53	1	1	14	69
Morgan	59	1	0	30	90
Nicholas	83	0	0	56	139
Ohio	105	4	0	179	288
Pendleton	25	2	0	10	37
Pleasants	35	2	0	18	55
Pocahontas	41	3	6	10	60
Preston	101	0	1	151	253
Putnam	130	5	1	63	199
Raleigh	366	11	83	321	781
Randolph	113	2	12	83	210
Ritchie	50	0	1	5	56
Roane	96	1	7	85	189
Summers	55	0	0	9	64
Taylor	119	1	0	25	145
Tucker	16	1	2	4	23
Tyler	27	0	2	14	43
Upshur	117	3	20	15	155
Wayne	158	0	13	64	235
Webster	29	0	0	10	39
Wetzel	76	0	2	9	87
Wirt	22	1	0	1	24
Wood	384	5	3	160	552
Wyoming	39	3	38	14	94
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,435</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>4,065</b>	<b>11,217</b>

## Circuit Courts

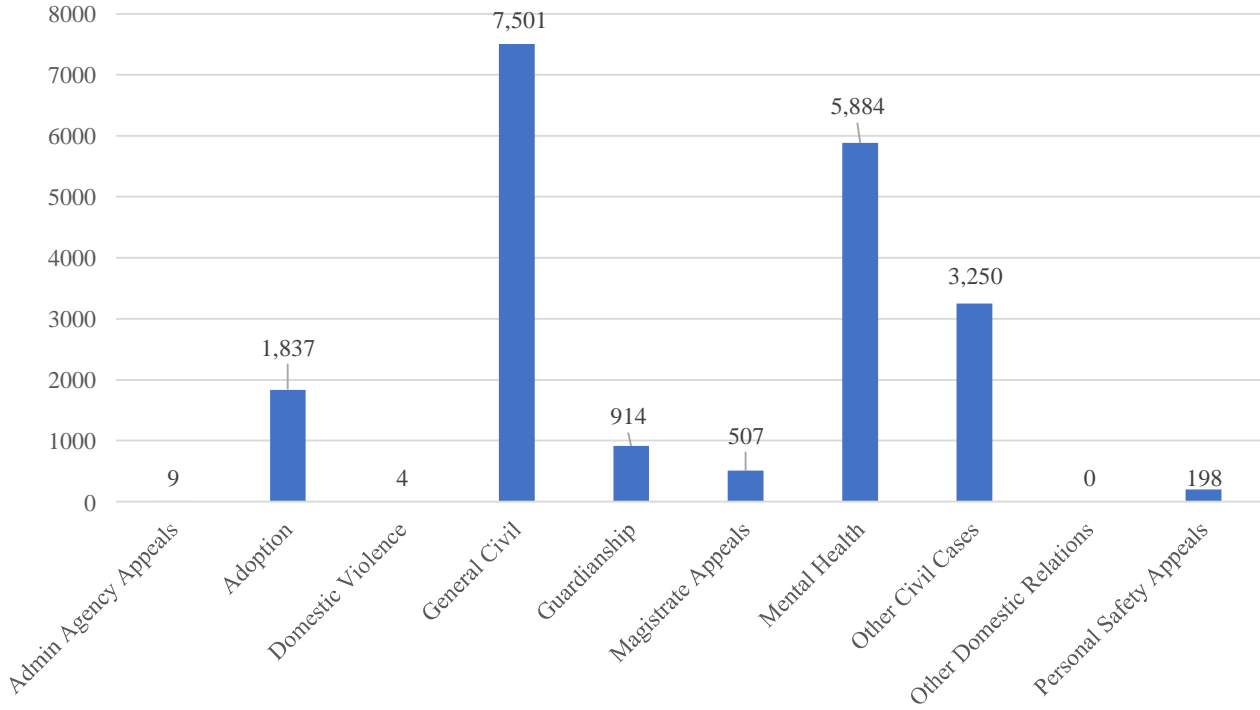
### 2023 Civil Case Filings

	Admin. Agency Appeals	Adoption	Domestic Violence	General Civil	Guardianship	Magistrate Appeals	Mental Health	Other Civil Cases	Other Domestic Relations	Personal Safety Appeals	Total
Barbour	0	29	0	61	8	3	8	25	0	0	134
Berkeley	1	111	0	516	48	26	259	273	0	17	1,251
Boone	0	46	0	107	7	1	47	18	0	0	226
Braxton	0	21	0	41	6	2	25	21	0	1	117
Brooke	0	6	0	92	6	1	36	31	0	5	177
Cabell	0	99	0	472	66	25	1,075	93	0	2	1,832
Calhoun	0	7	0	28	6	1	15	4	0	0	61
Clay	0	10	0	24	6	2	12	9	0	0	63
Doddridge	0	4	0	29	4	0	12	16	0	0	65
Fayette	0	39	0	152	21	7	85	64	0	0	368
Gilmer	0	3	0	29	6	1	1	7	0	0	47
Grant	0	17	0	39	3	4	26	28	0	0	117
Greenbrier	0	25	0	131	28	10	71	49	0	2	316
Hampshire	0	17	0	99	5	2	9	15	0	0	147
Hancock	0	9	0	106	17	4	18	41	0	4	199
Hardy	0	23	0	29	10	2	23	23	0	0	110
Harrison	0	102	0	277	36	9	168	124	0	1	717
Jackson	0	28	0	82	10	3	40	26	0	2	191
Jefferson	0	36	0	271	19	7	86	114	0	4	537
Kanawha	5	204	0	1,003	103	187	559	464	0	51	2,576
Lewis	0	31	0	78	5	3	440	18	0	0	575
Lincoln	0	31	0	75	11	6	50	60	0	4	237
Logan	0	55	0	169	15	3	88	67	0	0	397
Marion	0	50	0	177	19	9	230	85	0	14	584
Marshall	1	9	0	101	13	0	205	37	0	0	366
Mason	0	24	0	66	14	0	42	34	0	0	180
McDowell	0	10	0	57	9	1	53	30	0	2	162
Mercer	0	62	0	258	55	13	270	113	0	29	800
Mineral	0	12	0	56	15	9	20	40	0	8	160
Mingo	0	37	0	140	20	0	48	34	0	1	280
Monongalia	0	55	0	380	31	48	240	353	0	10	1,117
Monroe	0	14	0	35	6	1	9	17	0	1	83
Morgan	0	24	0	62	9	3	15	11	0	5	129
Nicholas	0	36	0	102	14	7	63	37	0	1	260
Ohio	0	32	0	219	16	19	145	77	0	2	510
Pendleton	0	9	0	21	2	0	7	5	0	0	44
Pleasants	0	11	0	36	2	2	13	6	0	1	71
Pocahontas	0	5	0	47	1	3	13	15	0	1	85
Preston	0	35	0	103	20	5	54	33	0	4	254
Putnam	0	36	0	190	37	10	79	68	0	1	421
Raleigh	0	72	0	403	39	9	163	97	0	0	783
Randolph	0	41	0	162	21	12	57	76	0	3	372
Ritchie	0	14	0	46	4	0	5	16	0	0	85
Roane	0	19	0	58	6	4	40	21	0	0	148
Summers	0	14	0	34	11	0	25	14	0	0	98
Taylor	0	18	0	43	5	0	24	25	0	0	115
Tucker	0	7	0	25	5	2	1	8	0	0	48
Tyler	0	6	0	26	3	2	15	34	0	0	86
Upshur	0	29	0	73	10	7	27	40	0	0	186
Wayne	0	54	0	131	27	6	88	48	0	1	355
Webster	0	8	0	36	3	1	10	12	0	0	70
Wetzel	1	18	0	48	6	2	79	47	0	0	201
Wirt	0	9	0	20	2	3	1	9	0	1	45
Wood	0	82	4	335	38	17	668	175	0	18	1,337
Wyoming	1	32	0	101	5	3	22	43	0	2	209
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1,837</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7,501</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>5,884</b>	<b>3,250</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>20,104</b>

### 2023 Circuit Court Criminal Cases Filed



### 2023 Circuit Court Civil Cases Filed



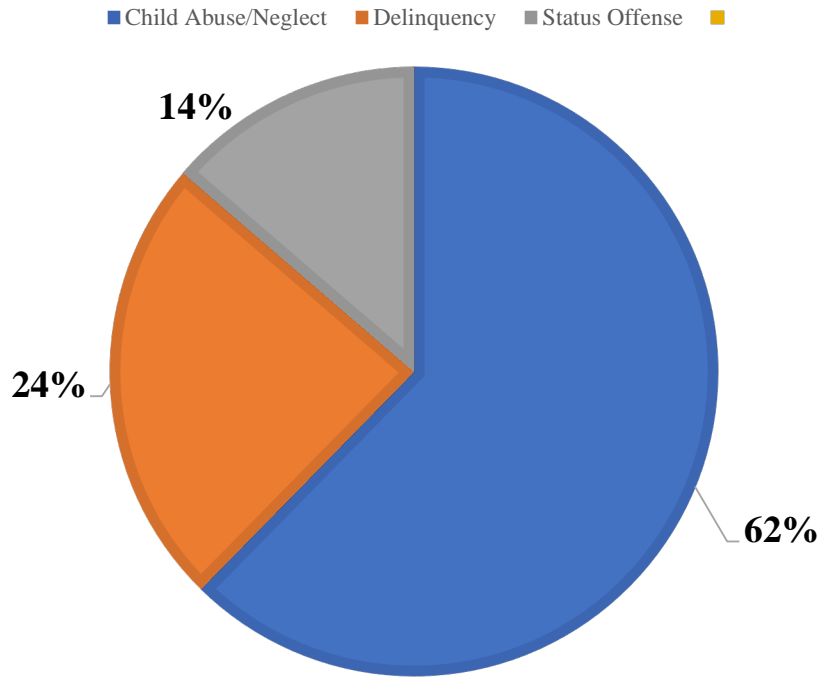
**Circuit Courts**  
2023 Juvenile Case Filings

	Child Neglect/Abuse	Delinquency	Status Offense	Total
Barbour	84	16	0	100
Berkeley	216	120	34	370
Boone	86	40	36	162
Braxton	50	6	0	56
Brooke	67	29	14	110
Cabell	154	364	92	610
Calhoun	25	3	2	30
Clay	37	2	1	40
Doddridge	17	4	1	22
Fayette	154	29	3	186
Gilmer	11	16	2	29
Grant	18	11	0	29
Greenbrier	79	13	14	106
Hampshire	68	14	4	86
Hancock	52	33	2	87
Hardy	57	22	3	82
Harrison	180	107	144	431
Jackson	109	25	24	158
Jefferson	79	43	28	150
Kanawha	463	42	8	513
Lewis	60	31	0	91
Lincoln	33	32	26	91
Logan	132	30	1	163
Marion	192	45	15	252
Marshall	83	56	2	141
Mason	122	22	23	167
McDowell	48	17	6	71
Mercer	256	91	85	432
Mineral	67	66	15	148
Mingo	115	7	2	124
Monongalia	226	50	30	306
Monroe	9	15	5	29
Morgan	82	18	8	108
Nicholas	157	15	15	187
Ohio	154	45	29	228
Pendleton	26	0	0	26
Pleasants	16	16	6	38
Pocahontas	33	1	4	38
Preston	109	10	0	119
Putnam	111	48	145	304
Raleigh	137	170	159	466
Randolph	97	13	31	141
Ritchie	33	18	12	63
Roane	103	17	5	125
Summers	29	21	10	60
Taylor	48	13	1	62
Tucker	19	2	2	23
Tyler	31	11	0	42
Upshur	89	45	5	139
Wayne	91	47	41	179
Webster	66	5	0	71
Wetzel	84	11	1	96
Wirt	20	3	3	26
Wood	338	66	48	452
Wyoming	64	36	14	114
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,286</b>	<b>2,032</b>	<b>1,161</b>	<b>8,479</b>

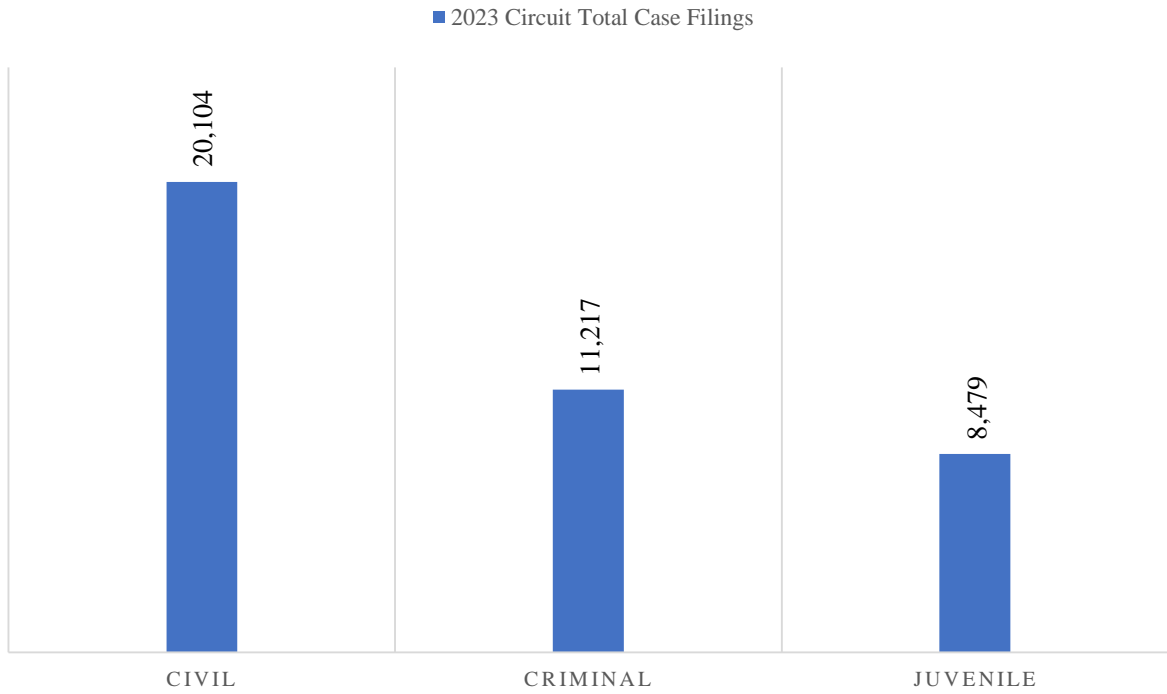
**Circuit Courts**  
*2023 Total Case Filings*

	Civil	Criminal	Juvenile	Total
Barbour	134	71	100	305
Berkeley	1,251	586	370	2,207
Boone	226	132	162	520
Braxton	117	65	56	238
Brooke	177	119	110	406
Cabell	1,832	611	610	3,053
Calhoun	61	42	30	133
Clay	63	41	40	144
Doddridge	65	69	22	156
Fayette	368	239	186	793
Gilmer	47	59	29	135
Grant	117	84	29	230
Greenbrier	316	211	106	633
Hampshire	147	127	86	360
Hancock	199	126	87	412
Hardy	110	69	82	261
Harrison	717	308	431	1,456
Jackson	191	136	158	485
Jefferson	537	171	150	858
Kanawha	2,576	811	513	3,900
Lewis	575	81	91	747
Lincoln	237	119	91	447
Logan	397	438	163	998
Marion	584	347	252	1,183
Marshall	366	179	141	686
Mason	180	159	167	506
McDowell	162	208	71	441
Mercer	800	889	432	2,121
Mineral	160	136	148	444
Mingo	280	223	124	627
Monongalia	1,117	474	306	1,897
Monroe	83	69	29	181
Morgan	129	90	108	327
Nicholas	260	139	187	586
Ohio	510	288	228	1,026
Pendleton	44	37	26	107
Pleasants	71	55	38	164
Pocahontas	85	60	38	183
Preston	254	253	119	626
Putnam	421	199	304	924
Raleigh	783	781	466	2,030
Randolph	372	210	141	723
Ritchie	85	56	63	204
Roane	148	189	125	462
Summers	98	64	60	222
Taylor	115	145	62	322
Tucker	48	23	23	94
Tyler	86	43	42	171
Upshur	186	155	139	480
Wayne	355	235	179	769
Webster	70	39	71	180
Wetzel	201	87	96	384
Wirt	45	24	26	95
Wood	1,337	552	452	2,341
Wyoming	209	94	114	417
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,104</b>	<b>11,217</b>	<b>8,479</b>	<b>39,800</b>

### 2023 - CIRCUIT COURT JUVENILE CASE FILINGS



### 2023 - CIRCUIT TOTAL CASE FILINGS





## Circuit Court Summary

As of 2023, West Virginia has seventy-five judges in thirty-one judicial circuits. The circuits vary in size; one has seven judges while seven have one judge. While every county has a courthouse where a judge presides, a single circuit can be comprised of up to four counties.

Circuit Judges are required to reside in the circuit they serve and must be admitted to practice law in West Virginia for at least five years prior to taking office. The elections are non-partisan, and they serve eight-year terms. If a Circuit Judge leaves office prior to the expiration of his or her term, the Governor of the State of West Virginia appoints a replacement to serve until the next election.

Circuit Courts are trial courts of record. They have jurisdiction with limited exceptions over all civil cases in which more than \$7,500 is at issue, all felonies and misdemeanors, and proceedings in habeas corpus, mandamus, quo warranto, certiorari, and probation. Circuit Courts receive appeals from Family Courts, Magistrate Courts, Municipal Courts, and all administrative agencies except the Division of Workers' Compensation.

In 2023, there were **39,800** cases filed in West Virginia's Circuit Courts, a 1.5% increase from 2022 cases filed (39,230). Of the 2023 Circuit cases, **20,104** were Civil case filings (51%), **11,217** were criminal case filings (28%), and **8,479** were juvenile case filings (21%).

### Child Abuse and Neglect Overlap Cases

Types of petitions filed:	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Juvenile Administrative Order (JAA)	588	476	467	397	512	439
Juvenile Administrative Order where Mandamus was issued (JAM)	1	6	7	2	2	3
Family Infant Guardianship (FIG)	689	735	846	806	1,269	1,366
Circuit Court Infant Guardianship (CIG)	568	556	511	440	623	508
Circuit Court Infant Guardianship Removed (CIGR)	165	158	184	144	133	122

“Overlap” cases are cases originating in Family Court that involve some allegation of child abuse and/or neglect, and due to this allegation are transferred to and processed in Circuit Court.

**Juvenile Administrative Orders (JAA):** A Family Court Judge who suspects child abuse and/or neglect in a pending case, issues a written referral to a Child Protective Services Office and sends copies to the Circuit Court and the Prosecuting Attorney. A Circuit Judge then issues an order directing Child Protective Services to assess the referral and make a written investigation report to the Circuit Court within the timeframe specified within the law, typically 45 days.

**Juvenile Administrative Order where mandamus was issued (JAM):** If the written report is not filed within the time frame specified within the administrative order, or if the report indicates that filing a child abuse and neglect petition is not necessary and the Circuit Judge disagrees, the Circuit Judge may issue a writ of mandamus requiring Child Protective Services to explain its decision or to file the petition.

**Family Infant Guardianship (FIG):** Originating in Family Court, a third party other than the parents may request to be the guardian of the child.

**Circuit Court Infant Guardianship (CIG):** Originating in Circuit Court, a third party other than the parents may request to be the guardian of the child.

**Circuit Court Infant Guardianship Removed (CIGR):** Originating in Family Court when the Family Court Judge suspects there has been child abuse and neglect, the Family Court Judge will submit a written referral to child protective services and the guardian case is removed to Circuit Court.

## **Electronic Filing and Service in Mass Litigation**

The Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia has adopted a process for efficiently managing and resolving Mass Litigation that includes the establishment of a Mass Litigation Panel. The Mass Litigation Panel consists of seven active or senior status circuit court judges appointed by the Chief Justice, with the approval of the Supreme Court of Appeals. Each appointment is for a term of three years and there is no prohibition against serving successive terms. The Chief Justice annually designates a Panel Member to serve as its Chair to preside over the activities of the Panel and report to the Supreme Court of Appeals.

The Mass Litigation Panel began using electronic filing in December 2008. Electronic filing saves paper, storage space, and litigants' time and money. If the Panel determines it is appropriate, the Panel Chair enters an order designating Mass Litigation for electronic filing and service and transfers the Mass Litigation to either the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, Ohio County or Raleigh County for purposes of electronic filing and service.

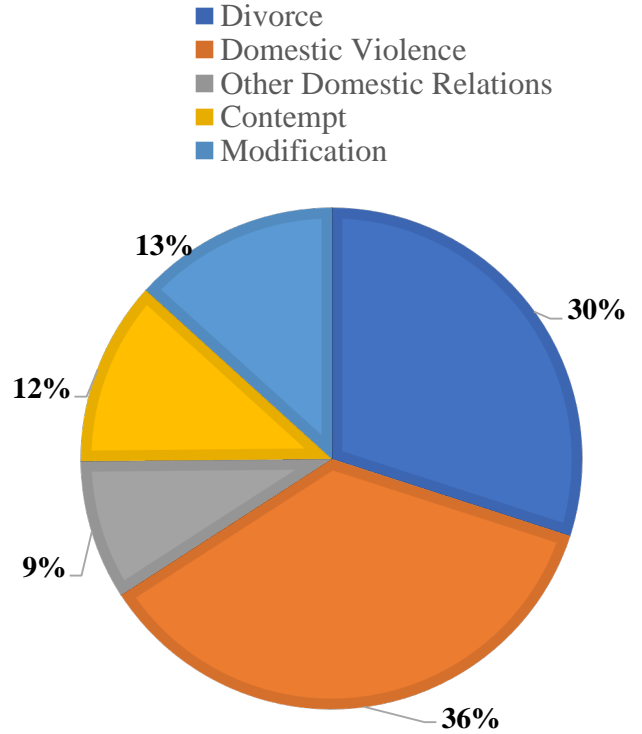
107,781 documents were electronically filed, and 3,792,200 documents were electronically served in all Mass Litigation cases subject to electronic filing and service in 2023. From December 2008, when electronic filing and service was first implemented in certain Mass Litigation cases, through December 2023, a total of 1,409,148 documents were electronically filed, and 41,401,843 documents were electronically served in all Mass Litigation cases subject to electronic filing and service. Filing and service statistics include items rejected in the clerk review process to capture all work performed in clerk review, as well as orders, which do not go through the clerk review process.

548,295 pages were electronically filed in all Mass Litigation cases subject to electronic filing and service in 2023. This translates to over 228 boxes of paper, based on 2400 pages per box. From December 2008 through December 2023, a total of 8,973,491 pages were electronically filed in all Mass Litigation cases subject to electronic filing and service. This translates to over 3,738 boxes of paper, based on 2400 pages per box.

## Family Courts 2023 Domestic Case Filings

	Divorce	Domestic Violence	Other Domestic Relations	Contempt	Modification
Barbour	61	86	20	23	18
Berkeley	545	463	186	177	232
Boone	110	107	25	41	49
Braxton	60	41	24	43	39
Brooke	52	104	20	24	11
Cabell	391	499	116	278	273
Calhoun	26	29	5	22	23
Clay	47	44	10	20	20
Doddridge	30	34	8	3	18
Fayette	188	178	42	137	107
Gilmer	32	33	6	6	5
Grant	42	61	12	31	37
Greenbrier	120	174	43	71	19
Hampshire	93	47	44	30	61
Hancock	68	166	40	11	20
Hardy	47	67	25	36	47
Harrison	251	283	64	78	108
Jackson	144	162	30	57	62
Jefferson	186	117	51	75	94
Kanawha	716	1,188	238	252	245
Lewis	87	57	28	25	22
Lincoln	100	121	21	21	39
Logan	193	303	56	77	83
Marion	211	210	62	86	90
Marshall	117	62	41	34	64
Mason	102	119	35	59	77
McDowell	94	84	30	42	58
Mercer	315	525	129	109	141
Mineral	102	107	29	70	80
Mingo	158	173	41	43	84
Monongalia	237	372	47	53	81
Monroe	49	66	26	20	9
Morgan	63	60	16	40	27
Nicholas	127	175	27	84	64
Ohio	113	118	58	60	30
Pendleton	33	23	2	19	23
Pleasants	37	44	9	0	0
Pocahontas	38	58	13	29	15
Preston	156	131	37	68	48
Putnam	244	216	48	50	83
Raleigh	325	381	112	131	143
Randolph	140	113	36	45	90
Ritchie	43	58	12	14	23
Roane	80	62	11	35	37
Summers	44	46	16	39	21
Taylor	49	46	21	14	24
Tucker	29	11	5	12	12
Tyler	43	38	11	2	22
Upshur	115	78	32	42	53
Wayne	163	105	53	111	150
Webster	41	32	7	25	16
Wetzel	58	115	18	21	37
Wirt	35	38	6	7	15
Wood	343	680	92	3	5
Wyoming	136	183	29	39	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,429</b>	<b>8,893</b>	<b>2,225</b>	<b>2,944</b>	<b>3,287</b>

**2023 FAMILY COURT DOMESTIC CASE FILINGS**



**Family and Circuit Courts**  
*2023 Reported Marriages Performed by County*

<b>Total Marriages</b>		<b>Total Marriages</b>		<b>Total Marriages</b>	
Barbour	12	Kanawha	256	Preston	9
Berkeley	224	Lewis	0	Putnam	0
Boone	32	Lincoln	0	Raleigh	2
Braxton	6	Logan	14	Randolph	21
Brooke	8	Marion	97	Ritchie	0
Cabell	118	Marshall	1	Roane	9
Calhoun	0	Mason	50	Summers	0
Clay	3	McDowell	11	Taylor	17
Doddridge	0	Mercer	20	Tucker	0
Fayette	0	Mineral	49	Tyler	8
Gilmer	0	Mingo	27	Upshur	0
Grant	8	Monongalia	55	Wayne	1
Greenbrier	31	Monroe	0	Webster	1
Hampshire	17	Morgan	18	Wetzel	9
Hancock	12	Nicholas	60	Wirt	5
Hardy	22	Ohio	113	Wood	3
Harrison	6	Pendleton	2	Wyoming	0
Jackson	32	Pleasants	0		
Jefferson	94	Pocahontas	3	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,486</b>

**West Virginians Served by Supreme Court – Grant Supported**

**Family Visitation Centers**

**Grant Cycle 2022**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number</u>
Total Clients Served .....	365
Fathers.....	175
Mothers .....	174
Grandparent / Legal Guardian.....	16
Children Involved .....	255
Supervised Visitation.....	281
Neutral Drop-off.....	90

**Total number of clients served = fathers + mothers + grandparent/legal guardian**

## **Family Court Summary**

West Virginia has forty-seven Family Court Judges in twenty-seven Family Court circuits. Family Court Judges are required to reside in their circuit and must be admitted to practice law in West Virginia for at least five years before taking office. Like Circuit Court Judges, their elections are non-partisan, their terms are for eight years, and the Governor appoints a replacement to serve until the next election if a Family Court Judge leaves office prior to the expiration of his or her term.

Family Courts have jurisdiction over divorce, annulment, separate maintenance, paternity, grandparent visitation, name change, infant guardianship, child custody, and family support proceedings except in cases involving child abuse and neglect. Family Court Judges also hold final hearings in civil domestic violence cases and may perform marriages.

In 2023, there were 18,547 new cases filed in Family Courts in West Virginia, a 12% decrease from the 2022 cases filed (20,964). In addition to new cases filed, there were 6,231 modifications and contempt proceedings this year. Family and Circuit Court Judges performed 1,486 weddings.

Family Court Judges can refer divorcing parents to mediation and parent education. In cases involving high conflict parents or safety concerns, visitation and exchange centers are used where available. Cases involving allegations of abuse or neglect that do not meet the statutory standard to file a petition in Circuit Court can result in guardian ad litem being appointed for a child. A guardian provides a detailed report to the Family Court Judge providing for the safety of the child and the appropriate parenting time for each parent.

## Magistrate Courts

### 2023 Civil Case Filings

	Small claims	Personal Safety	Domestic Violence		Total
		Petitions	EPO	TEPO	
Barbour	287	24	97	0	408
Berkeley	4,785	375	908	2	6,070
Boone	177	62	114	0	353
Braxton	257	2	46	0	305
Brooke	250	91	123	3	467
Cabell	2,199	226	644	1	3,070
Calhoun	75	16	36	0	127
Clay	69	1	44	3	117
Doddridge	86	13	33	0	132
Fayette	436	16	183	2	637
Gilmer	99	4	32	1	136
Grant	173	7	66	2	248
Greenbrier	316	58	216	0	590
Hampshire	314	4	61	0	379
Hancock	335	65	174	1	575
Hardy	514	10	68	0	592
Harrison	1,787	11	310	2	2,110
Jackson	528	69	200	1	798
Jefferson	1,042	104	201	2	1,349
Kanawha	3,374	762	1,535	0	5,671
Lewis	413	34	74	1	522
Lincoln	134	71	118	0	323
Logan	304	190	322	0	816
Marion	1,063	133	265	1	1,462
Marshall	530	15	63	1	609
Mason	226	59	136	1	422
McDowell	94	45	98	0	237
Mercer	993	385	640	0	2,018
Mineral	573	67	153	0	793
Mingo	131	47	171	1	350
Monongalia	1,854	210	552	1	2,617
Monroe	73	29	74	0	176
Morgan	243	44	84	0	371
Nicholas	492	42	193	1	728
Ohio	983	93	144	4	1,224
Pendleton	53	16	26	0	95
Pleasants	95	12	44	0	151
Pocahontas	165	45	74	0	284
Preston	346	44	153	1	544
Putnam	1,162	93	273	0	1,528
Raleigh	1,071	155	481	3	1,710
Randolph	523	98	181	0	802
Ritchie	123	18	58	1	200
Roane	107	16	70	7	200
Summers	59	2	44	0	105
Taylor	235	3	48	0	286
Tucker	171	3	12	0	186
Tyler	153	33	36	1	223
Upshur	619	41	101	0	761
Wayne	354	44	148	0	546
Webster	115	8	33	0	156
Wetzel	338	93	129	0	560
Wirt	85	22	39	1	147
Wood	2,388	292	725	1	3,406
Wyoming	120	101	196	0	417
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,491</b>	<b>4,523</b>	<b>11,049</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>49,109</b>

## Magistrate Courts

### 2023 Criminal Case Filings and Special Proceedings

	Criminal Case Filings				Special Proceedings		
	Felony	Misdemeanor	Worthless Check	Juvenile Case Filings	Mental Health	Abuse and Neglect	Juvenile
Barbour	118	687	39	10	8	0	4
Berkeley	879	8,628	10	102	0	7	53
Boone	180	1,617	1	14	0	0	17
Braxton	96	856	7	33	12	10	10
Brooke	118	1,208	8	50	0	8	43
Cabell	822	5,233	29	19	0	0	364
Calhoun	40	308	5	6	15	10	4
Clay	78	1,139	9	9	12	4	14
Doddridge	55	588	0	9	3	13	5
Fayette	242	1,791	1	28	1	0	6
Gilmer	37	404	3	6	4	1	21
Grant	78	1,139	10	23	30	4	1
Greenbrier	198	1,284	80	28	19	32	28
Hampshire	144	1,036	5	101	8	7	13
Hancock	137	907	14	50	0	0	0
Hardy	97	1,184	28	46	22	6	25
Harrison	538	3,549	24	76	0	20	47
Jackson	181	1,185	17	13	14	31	13
Jefferson	255	2,174	38	29	0	7	12
Kanawha	1737	15,703	13	154	0	0	446
Lewis	92	1,786	8	45	4	0	13
Lincoln	150	1,249	2	11	5	0	0
Logan	504	4,044	4	158	0	0	161
Marion	423	3,004	29	37	0	46	15
Marshall	232	1,437	5	16	0	0	0
Mason	154	1,184	15	33	8	25	7
McDowell	234	1,046	0	11	42	4	15
Mercer	402	3,357	21	29	0	0	0
Mineral	110	1,663	13	44	17	6	46
Mingo	353	1,359	4	13	8	23	9
Monongalia	601	3449	16	120	0	0	0
Monroe	35	412	0	36	1	0	4
Morgan	76	3,091	0	59	0	0	5
Nicholas	201	1,728	31	15	25	157	15
Ohio	299	2,927	8	39	0	154	75
Pendleton	38	370	6	13	4	3	0
Pleasants	76	446	11	10	2	16	18
Pocahontas	58	480	4	26	6	16	4
Preston	165	1,660	24	74	54	7	4
Putnam	252	3,815	18	63	0	0	0
Raleigh	735	7,409	23	118	29	0	177
Randolph	190	1,615	34	31	25	0	0
Ritchie	48	960	5	24	0	15	36
Roane	129	1,215	3	6	4	33	8
Summers	52	657	1	17	4	22	4
Taylor	94	1,345	10	27	22	0	6
Tucker	20	337	16		0	4	2
Tyler	37	698	6	26	0	11	0
Upshur	215	1432	36	156	1	18	31
Wayne	253	1682	5	22	33	5	6
Webster	75	847	3	7	10	12	5
Wetzel	153	895	2	16	0	11	1
Wirt	56	231	0	5	0	0	5
Wood	559	4287	21	38	0	111	9
Wyoming	189	1716	6	30	10	19	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,290</b>	<b>114,453</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>2,181</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>1,856</b>

## Magistrate Courts 2023 - Criminal Charges

	Civil					Fugitive From Justice	Felony				Misdemeanor				Juvenile Misdemeanor			
	Civil	Unlawful Detainer	Detinue Action	Commercial Credit	Wrongful Occupation	Extradition/ Fug. From Justice	DNR	Motor Vehicle	Motor Vehicle - DUI	Other	DNR	Motor Vehicle	Motor Vehicle - DUI	Other	DNR	Motor Vehicle	Motor Vehicle - DUI	Other
Barbour	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	3	269	34	469	35	341	1	12	0	1
Berkeley	0	0	0	0	0	189	0	53	21	1,694	32	7,896	376	4,394	0	121	0	4
Boone	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	14	6	278	70	3,053	67	776	8	24	0	5
Braxton	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	8	2	148	33	718	40	569	0	11	0	24
Brooke	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	5	6	176	30	1,016	57	520	1	38	0	23
Cabell	0	0	0	0	0	139	0	57	9	1,112	59	4,861	189	3,060	0	26	0	0
Calhoun	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	7	3	50	25	348	17	111	0	7	0	1
Clay	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	10	3	195	46	1,586	11	274	0	16	0	1
Doddridge	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	2	0	98	15	612	5	237	0	4	0	5
Fayette	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	6	2	634	75	1,585	42	828	9	15	0	13
Gilmer	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	2	3	67	21	341	17	374	2	4	0	9
Grant	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	6	0	174	46	1,145	12	592	0	20	0	8
Greenbrier	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	10	0	330	131	881	66	959	5	8	0	19
Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	6	4	259	60	866	58	665	0	12	1	91
Hancock	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	13	5	188	52	634	44	865	1	10	0	42
Hardy	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	4	0	160	23	1,193	23	447	0	27	0	28
Harrison	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	41	7	882	71	2,413	174	2,337	1	18	0	60
Jackson	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	5	1	376	66	1,047	36	572	1	14	0	2
Jefferson	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	21	14	398	70	1,722	192	2,215	1	31	1	4
Kanawha	0	0	0	0	0	128	2	105	13	2982	127	16,963	588	4,977	4	160	1	38
Lewis	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	7	0	209	92	1,679	33	519	1	21	0	27
Lincoln	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	4	1	1,064	40	1,756	16	574	3	14	0	1
Logan	0	0	0	0	0	40	3	45	8	906	169	4,748	158	1,966	20	97	0	87
Marion	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	21	4	781	51	2,878	118	1,053	1	35	0	9
Marshall	0	0	0	0	0	97	0	10	5	341	30	943	136	966	1	16	0	1
Mason	0	0	0	0	0	31	0	12	3	238	49	1,170	62	649	0	16	0	26
McDowell	0	0	0	0	0	83	0	10	1	525	98	835	56	941	0	2	0	9
Mercer	0	0	0	0	0	180	0	17	6	1,286	185	3,473	122	1,646	0	39	0	1
Mineral	0	0	0	0	0	55	0	3	0	334	32	1,388	55	871	0	32	1	25
Mingo	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	24	2	683	31	1,405	22	957	6	7	0	3
Monongalia	0	0	0	0	0	83	0	31	9	825	83	2,358	185	1,830	3	22	0	98
Monroe	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	6	0	53	46	375	12	333	0	7	0	33



Morgan	0	0	0	0	0	27	0	4	2	132	5	2,584	28	1,493	0	42	0	33
Nicholas	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	15	4	377	146	1,657	107	1,011	6	9	0	5
Ohio	0	0	0	0	0	126	0	8	7	369	26	1,982	103	1,522	0	36	0	11
Pendleton	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	7	0	56	46	383	18	132	3	14	0	0
Pleasants	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	4	1	193	21	372	20	282	0	1	0	9
Pocahontas	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	2	90	43	406	13	269	0	17	0	16
Preston	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	16	3	273	49	1,376	62	782	3	8	0	64
Putnam	0	0	0	0	0	12	15	31	4	381	23	3,933	345	1,173	0	37	0	35
Raleigh	0	0	0	0	0	105	0	27	5	1,277	109	6,165	134	3,712	0	83	0	56
Randolph	0	0	0	0	0	14	1	12	2	279	59	1,469	47	904	1	35	0	4
Ritchie	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	8	3	116	19	974	15	308	0	7	0	19
Roane	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	8	4	383	73	1,233	28	710	0	10	0	0
Summers	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	2	101	55	531	25	270	4	9	0	8
Taylor	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	7	4	125	30	1,264	63	683	2	25	0	6
Tucker	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	29	28	282	9	77	0	0	0	0
Tyler	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	3	1	48	10	749	15	129	0	14	0	13
Upshur	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	14	3	449	34	989	62	876	0	12	0	161
Wayne	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	9	0	887	29	1,980	62	694	0	26	0	28
Webster	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	5	0	301	44	1,015	10	451	1	9	0	0
Wetzel	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	5	2	219	18	685	20	395	0	7	0	13
Wirt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	195	30	204	6	148	1	5	0	0
Wood	0	0	0	0	0	134	0	27	9	898	134	3,569	114	2,811	5	45	0	7
Wyoming	0	0	0	0	0	11	2	10	3	328	158	1,298	74	804	1	34	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,092</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>25,221</b>	<b>3,181</b>	<b>107,457</b>	<b>4,404</b>	<b>57,054</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>1,371</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1,187</b>

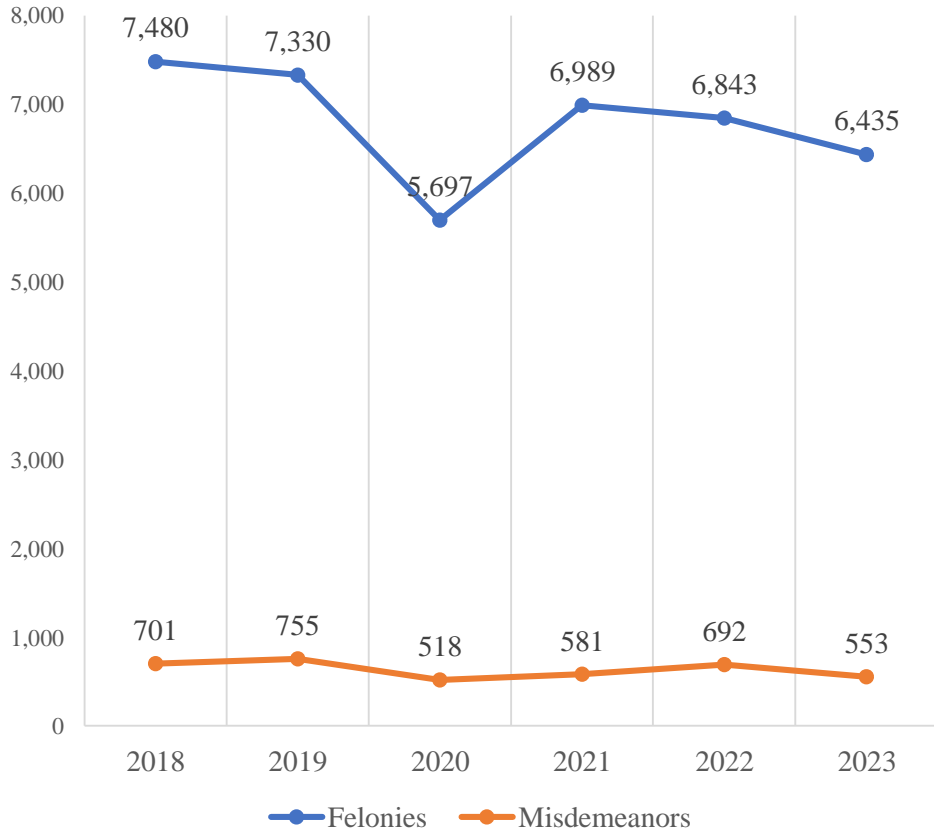
## Magistrate Court Summary

There are 158 magistrates in West Virginia. There are at least two magistrates in every county and ten in the largest county of Kanawha. Magistrates are non-partisan and they serve four-year terms. If a Magistrate is unable to complete his or her term, the Chief Circuit Judge appoints a replacement to serve until the next election.

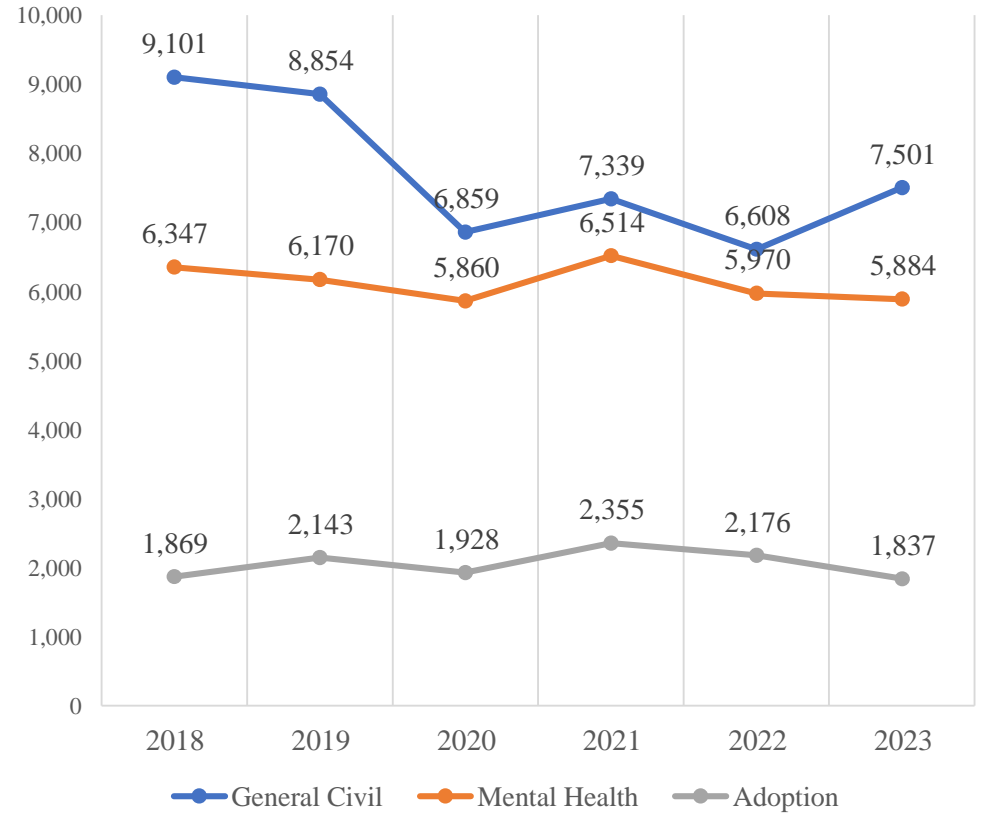
Magistrates have jurisdiction over civil cases in which the financial amount in dispute is less than \$10,000. They hear misdemeanor cases, conduct preliminary examinations in felony cases and preside in emergency domestic violence proceedings. In criminal cases Magistrates issue and record affidavits, complaints, arrest warrants, and search warrants. They set bail and make decisions concerning proposed plea agreements. They collect court costs, cash bonds, and fines. In counties where there are not enough mental hygiene commissioners, the Chief Circuit Judge may designate a magistrate(s) to handle all or part of probable cause involuntary hospitalization cases. These, along with emergency custody in child abuse and neglect cases, are counted as special proceedings for data collection purposes.

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 2018-2023

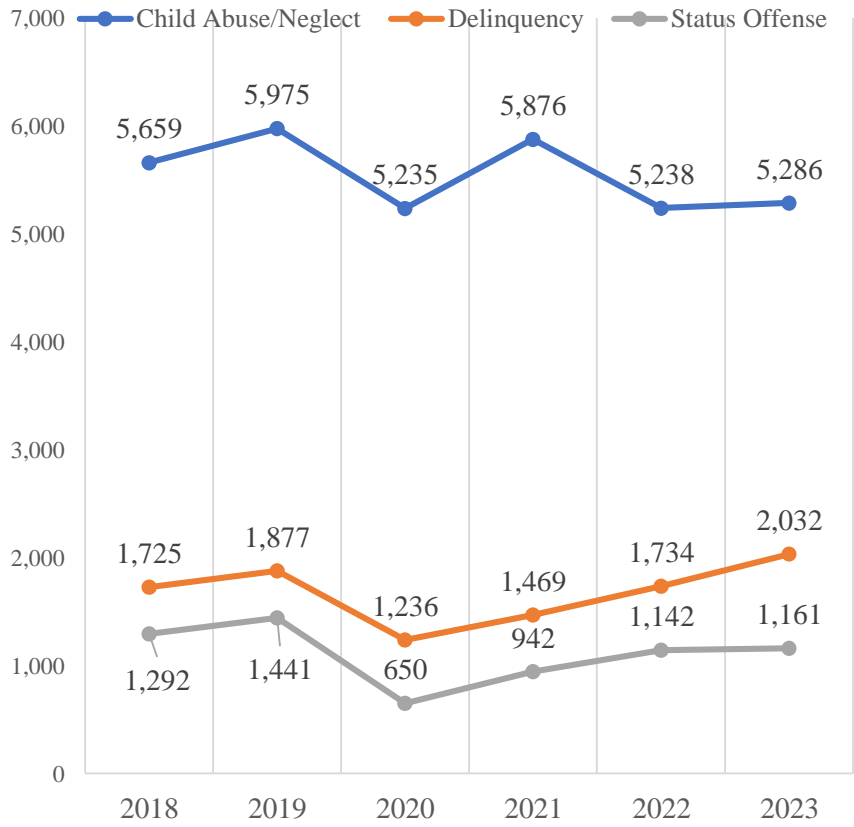
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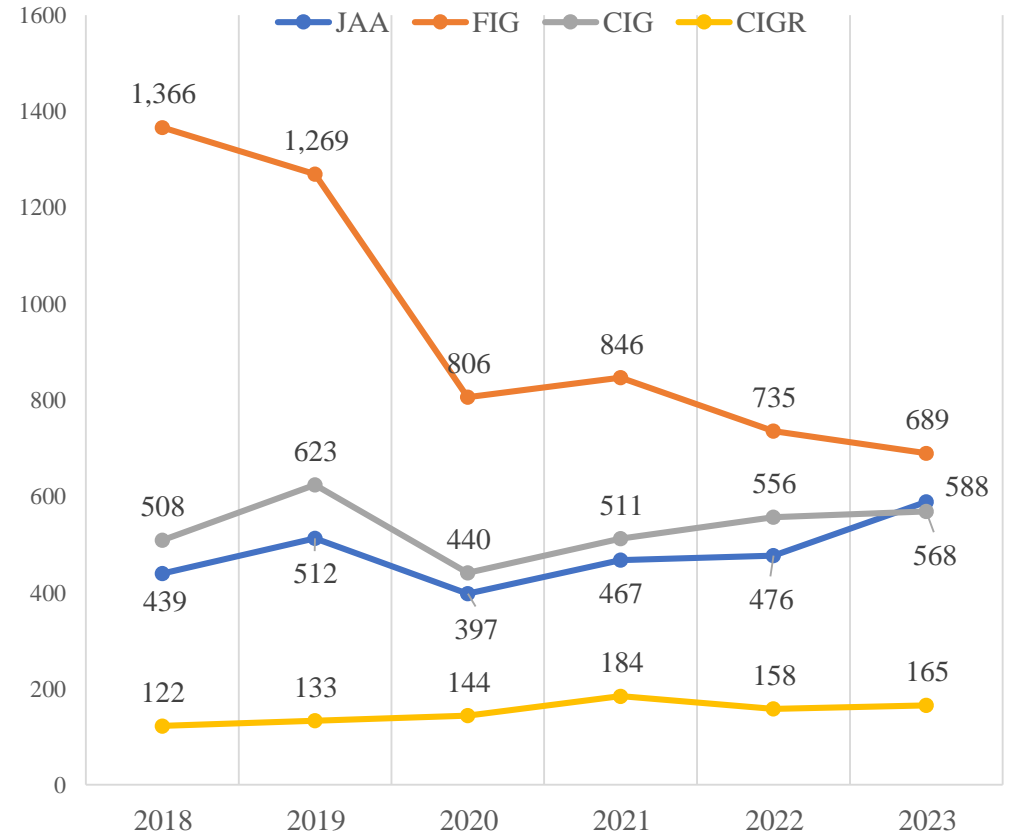
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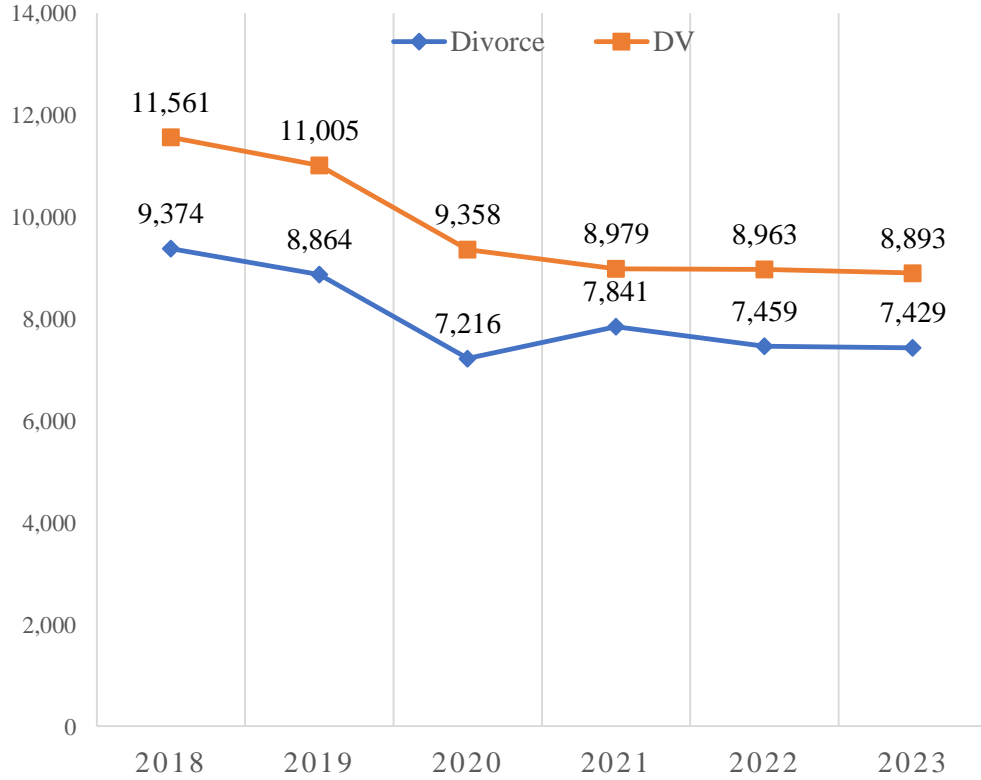


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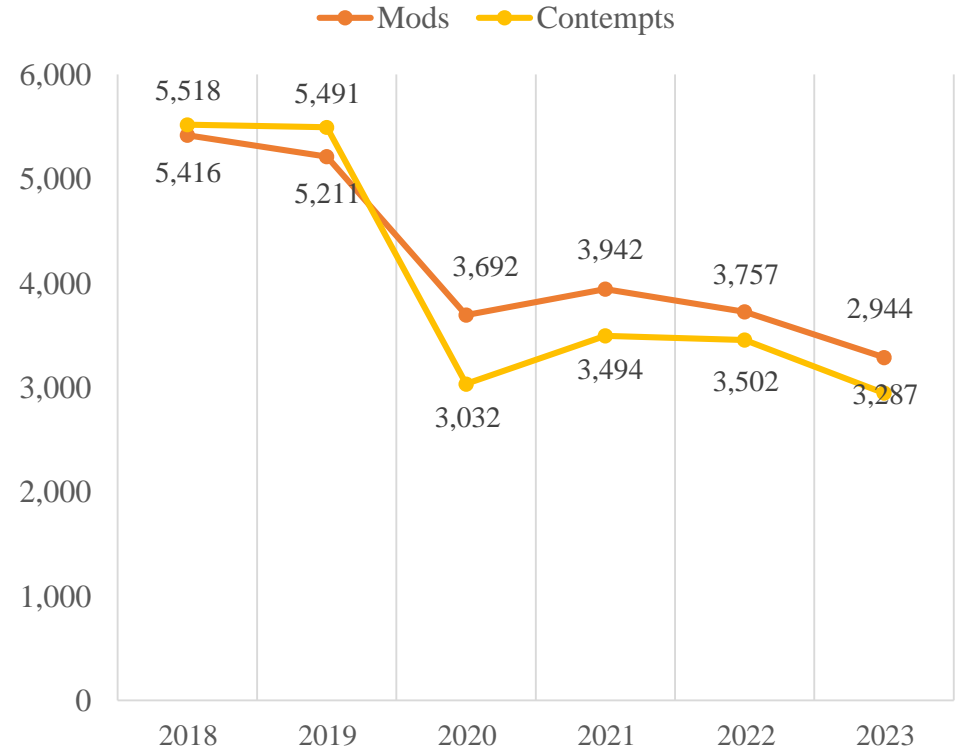


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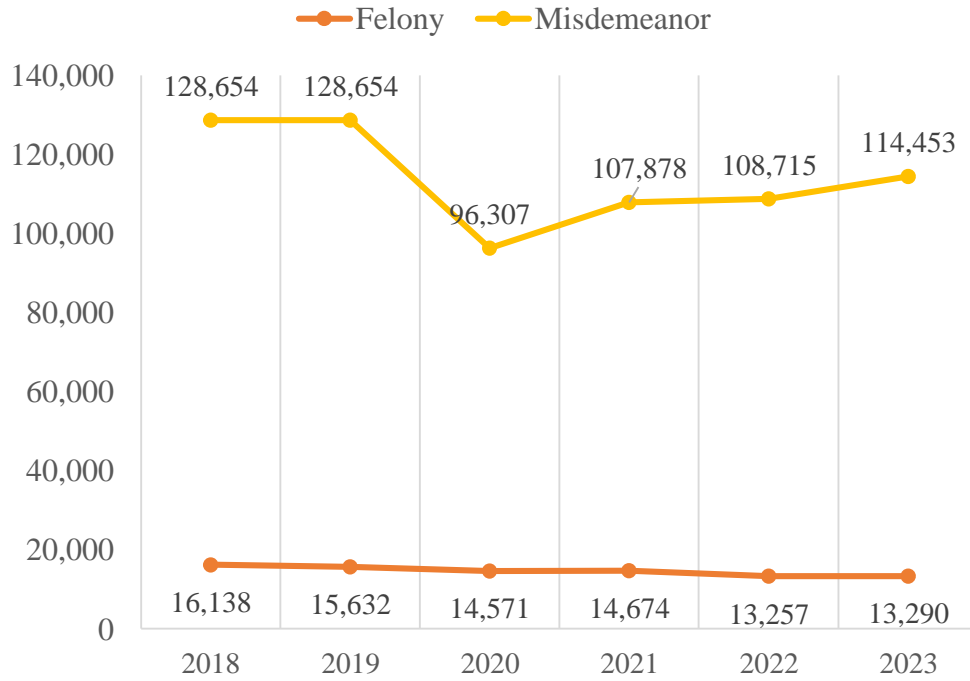


**Family Court Modifications and Contempts Filed**



## Data Trends *Magistrate Court*

### Magistrate Criminal Cases Filed



### Magistrate Civil Cases Filed

