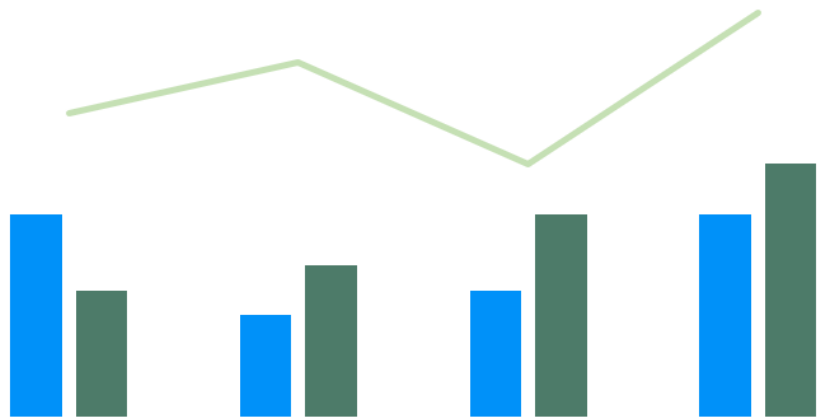
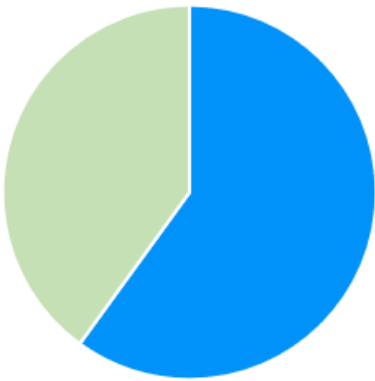


2022

Court of Common Pleas
Caseload Statistics for

Berks County



We are pleased to provide you with a copy of the 2022 County Caseload Display pages. They can also be viewed on the AOPC webpage at www.pacourts.us in the *News & Statistics* section under *Research & Statistics*.

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

Sincerely,

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Sasanka Adikari, Ph.D.
Data Scientist
Department of Research and Statistics

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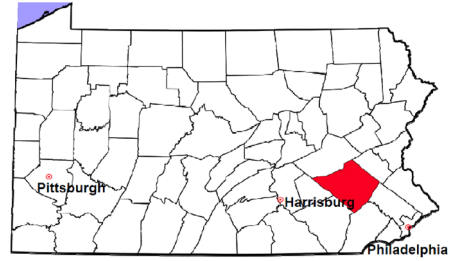
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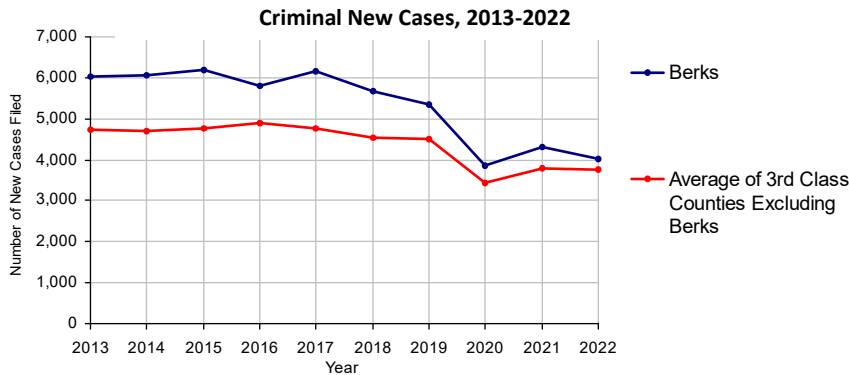


2022 Criminal	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	2,615	
New Cases Filed in 2022	4,004	
Reopened Cases	337	
Cases Available for Processing	6,956	
Processed by:		
Withdrawn/Dismissed	266	5.8%
Diversionsary Disposition*	1,167	25.6%
Guilty Plea	2,753	60.4%
Non-Jury Trial	45	1.0%
Jury Trial	41	0.9%
Inactive	236	5.2%
Other	47	1.0%
Total Cases Processed	4,555	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	2,401	
Cases Awaiting Sentencing	70	

Age of Pending Cases as of 12/31/2022		
0-60 Days	649	27.0%
61-120 Days	549	22.9%
121-180 Days	323	13.5%
181-240 Days	209	8.7%
241-300 Days	175	7.3%
301-360 Days	105	4.4%
Over 360 Days	391	16.3%
Total	2,401	100.0%

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* Includes other diversionsary programs such as Veterans Court.



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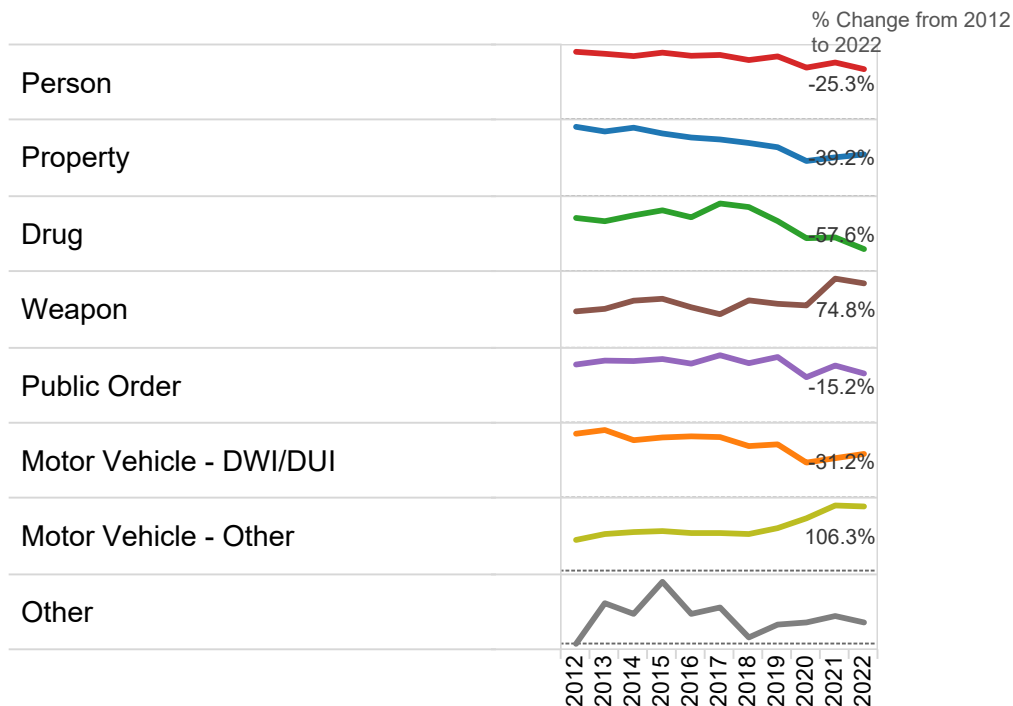


2022 Criminal - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	316	354	0	670	16.7%
Property	518	548	3	1,069	26.7%
Drug	130	471	0	601	15.0%
Weapon	162	46	0	208	5.2%
Public Order	105	343	0	448	11.2%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	25	904	3	932	23.3%
Motor Vehicle - Other	10	55	1	66	1.6%
Other	10	0	0	10	0.2%
Total	1,276	2,721	7	4,004	100.0%
	31.9%	68.0%	0.2%	100.0%	

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Criminal New Cases by Offense Type, 2012-2022

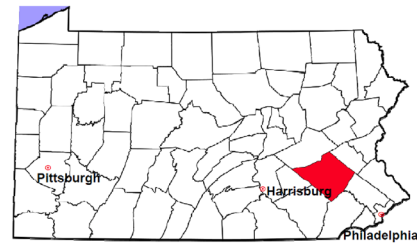


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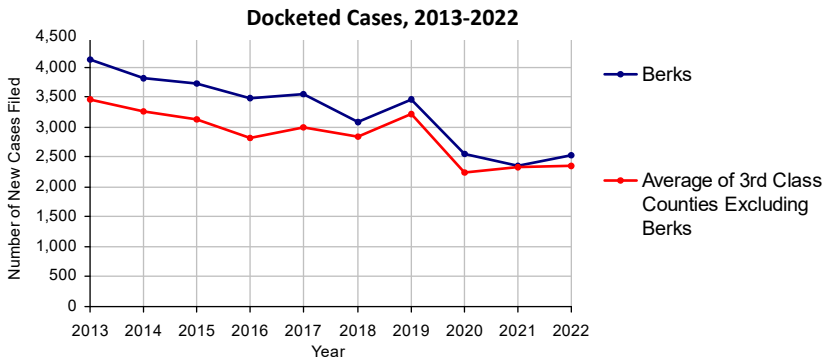
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2022 Civil	Civil Action	Other	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	2,280	1,343	3,623
Docketed Cases	1,587	930	2,517
Arbitration Appeals	5	1	6
Transferred In	12	1	13
Returned to Active	27	13	40
Cases Available for Processing	3,911	2,288	6,199
Processed By:			
Default Judgments	443	241	684
Cases Decided by Arbitration Board	60	9	69
Dispositive Motions	78	158	236
Settlements	620	129	749
Moved to Inactive Status	15	6	21
Transferred/Withdrawn	63	43	106
Dismissed/Discontinued	415	105	520
Administrative Purge	153	94	247
Other	13	10	23
Jury Trial	9	0	9
Non-Jury Trial	6	4	10
Total Cases Processed	1,875	799	2,674
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	2,036	1,489	3,525

Age of Pending Cases as of 12/31/2022 (Civil Action Only)		
0-6 months	600	29.5%
7-12 months	343	16.8%
13-18 months	281	13.8%
19-24 months	234	11.5%
25-30 months	153	7.5%
31-36 months	95	4.7%
37-42 months	89	4.4%
43-48 months	69	3.4%
49-54 months	35	1.7%
55-60 months	34	1.7%
61-66 months	23	1.1%
67-72 months	18	0.9%
Over 72 months	62	3.0%
Total	2,036	100.0%

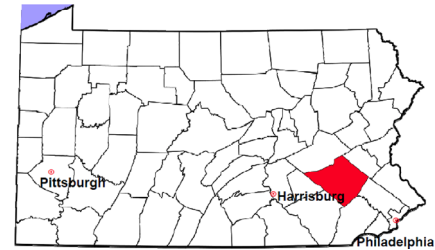


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2022 Civil - Docketed Cases Listed by Case Type

TORT 461 18.3%

(does not include mass tort)

Intentional	13
Malicious Prosecution	1
Motor Vehicle	282
Nuisance	0
Premise Liability	62
Product Liability	5
Slander/Libel/Defamation	0
Other	98

MASS TORT 1 <0.1%

Asbestos	0
Tobacco	0
Toxic Tort - DES	0
Toxic Tort - Implant	0
Toxic Waste	0
Other	1

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY 32 1.3%

Dental	0
Legal	2
Medical Malpractice	24
Other	6

CONTRACT 1,055 41.9%

(does not include judgments)

Buyer Plaintiff	16
Debt Collection: Credit Card	473
Debt Collection: Other	136
Employment Dispute: Discrimination	9
Employment Dispute: Other	1
Other	420

REAL PROPERTY 630 25.0%

Ejectment*	41
Eminent Domain/Condemnation*	13
Ground Rent	0
Landlord/Tenant Dispute	38
Mortgage Foreclosure:	
Residential*	464
Commercial*	6
Partition of Real Property*	14
Quiet Title*	28
Other*	26

CIVIL APPEALS 267 10.6%

- Administrative Agencies

Board of Assessment*	46
Board of Elections*	1
Dept. of Transportation*	48
Zoning Board*	16
Statutory Appeal - Other*	0
Other*	156

MISCELLANEOUS 71 2.8%

Common Law/	
Statutory Arbitration*	0
Declaratory Judgment*	12
Mandamus*	1
Non-Domestic Relations	
Restraining Order*	7
Quo Warranto*	0
Replevin*	13
Other*	38

TOTAL DOCKETED CASES: 2,517 100.0%

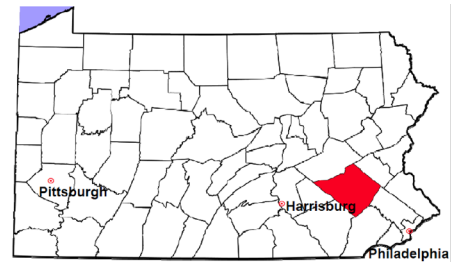
Of the Docketed Cases:

Pro Se Filings:	66	2.6%	Class Action Suits:	5	0.2%	MDJ Appeals:	159	6.3%
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*Civil Other

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2022 Protection From Abuse

**No. of
Petitions**

Cases Pending 1/1/2022	197
New Cases Filed in 2022	1,682

*Of these, Petitions Requesting Temporary Orders: 1,682 (100.0%)
 Temporary Orders DENIED: 344 (20.5%), Temporary Orders GRANTED: 1,338 (79.5%)*

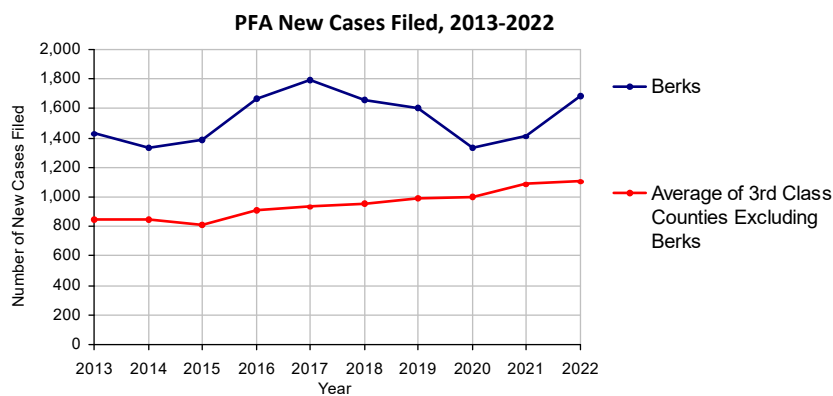
Cases Available for Processing 1,879

Processed By:

Temporary Order DENIED After Ex Parte Hearing and No Evidentiary Hearing Scheduled	344	20.4%
Temporary Order DISMISSED After Evidentiary Hearing and No Final Order Entered	283	16.8%
Final Order DENIED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	1	0.1%
Final Order GRANTED After Evidentiary Hearing Before a Judge or a Judicial Officer	227	13.5%
Plaintiff Did Not Appear For Evidentiary Hearing	282	16.8%
Final Order by STIPULATION OR AGREEMENT Between the Parties	258	15.3%
Petition WITHDRAWN by Plaintiff	288	17.1%
TRANSFERRED to Another Jurisdiction	0	
Other	0	

Cases Processed 1,683 100.0%

Cases Pending 12/31/2022 196

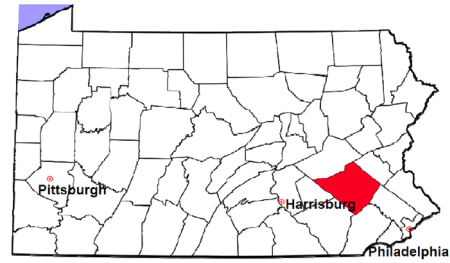


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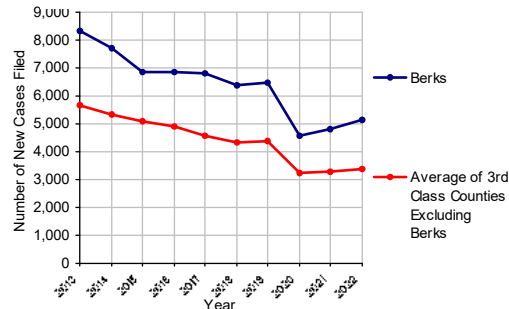
2022 Spousal & Child Support	No. of Petitions
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	1,282
New Cases Filed in 2022	5,146
Dockets Transferred In (+)	51
Dockets Transferred Out (-)	71
Cases Available for Processing	6,408
Processed By:	
Judge	13 0.3%
Intake Officer	4,556 87.6%
Hearing Officer	623 12.0%
Other	7 0.1%
Cases Processed	5,199 100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	1,209

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2022 Paternity	No. of Cases
Acknowledgements Filed:	
Non-Domestic Relations Section	790 89.9%
During Conference	28 3.2%
Non-Stipulated (post genetic test)	0
Pre-Trial Conference	61 6.9%
Total	879 100.0%
Established:	
Stipulated by Genetic Tests	100 29.9%
Default - Father Failed to Appear	19 5.7%
Adjudication by Court Proceeding	0
Out of State	215 64.4%
Total	334 100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	230

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'Spousal & Child Support New Cases Filed, 2013-2022



DEFINITIONS:

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS FILED:

NON-DOMESTIC RELATIONS SECTION: The voluntary Acknowledgement of Paternity by the alleged father.
DURING CONFERENCE: The alleged father signed the Acknowledgement of Paternity-Waiver of Trial (PE-010) at the initial child support conference.
NON-STIPULATED (POST GENETIC TEST): The alleged father signed the Acknowledgement of Paternity-Waiver of Trial after genetic tests were conducted and resulted in the alleged father being determined to be the biological father.
PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE: The alleged father signed the Acknowledgement of Paternity-Waiver of Trial at the pre-trial conference.

ESTABLISHED:

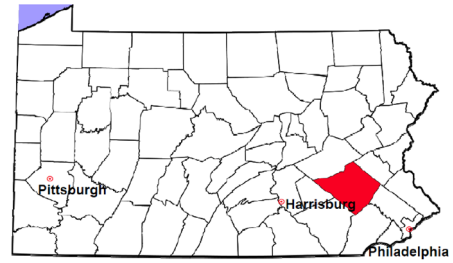
STIPULATED BY GENETIC TESTS: The alleged father requested genetic tests and signed a stipulation that if the test results had a 99% or higher probability of paternity then the alleged father would be stipulated as the biological father of the child.
DEFAULT - FATHER FAILED TO APPEAR: The alleged father failed to appear after being served for either a support conference, hearing, or genetic test and a default paternity order was entered by the court.
ADJUDICATION BY COURT PROCEEDING: The alleged father was determined to be the biological father of the child through a court proceeding.
OUT OF STATE: Paternity was established in another state, "Out of state only".

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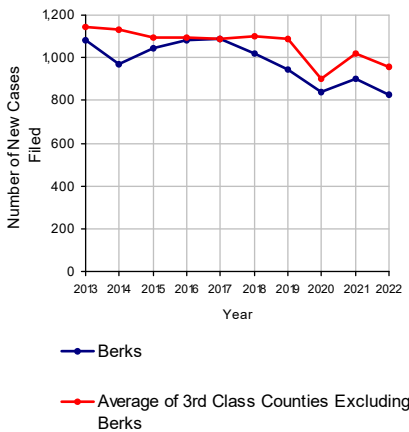
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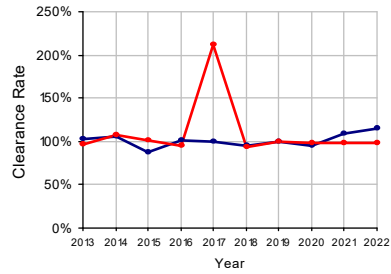


2022 Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation	No. of Petitions	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	560	
New Cases Filed in 2022	825	
Cases Available for Processing	1,385	
Processed By:		
Judge	482	50.6%
Non-Judicial Officer	335	35.2%
Administrative Review/Purge	31	3.3%
Other	104	10.9%
Cases Processed	952	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	433	

C Custody/Partial Custody/Visitation New Cases Filed, 2013-2022

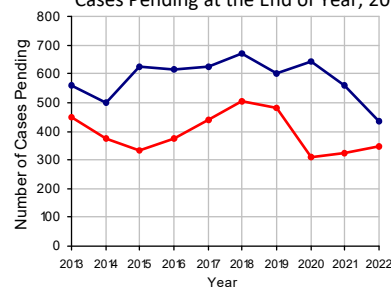


Clearance Rate, 2013-2022



Note: Clearance Rate = Cases Processed / New Cases Filed

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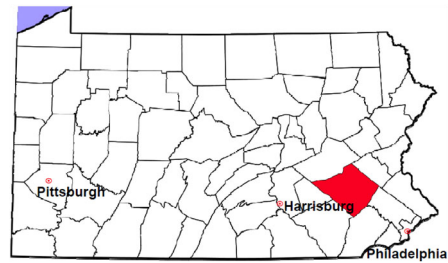


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2022 Divorce

No. of Petitions

Cases Pending 1/1/2022	1,752
New Cases Filed in 2022	954
Cases Available for Processing	2,706

Processed By:

Contested Before a Judge	49	4.9%
Contested Before a Non-Judicial Officer	0	
Uncontested	719	72.0%
Administrative Review/Purge	101	10.1%
Other	129	12.9%

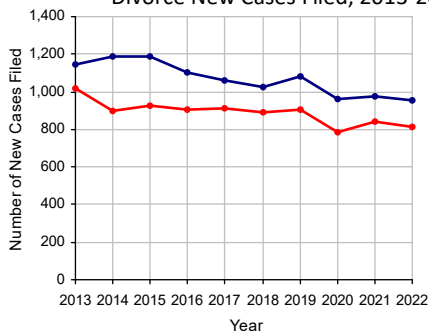
Cases Processed

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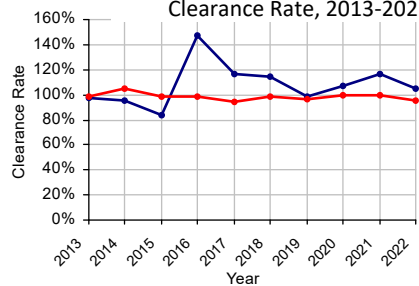
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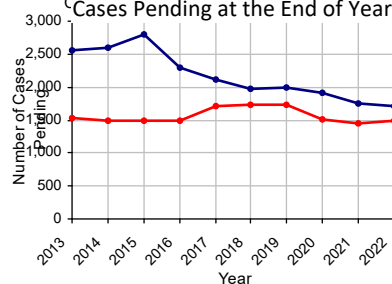


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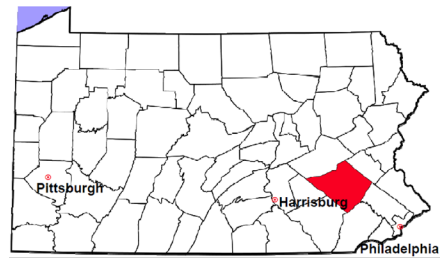


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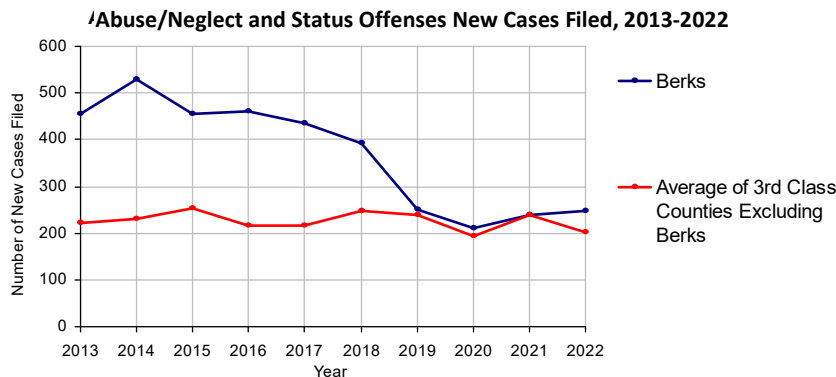
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2022 Juvenile Dependency - Petitions Pending Adjudication

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	48	0	48
New Petitions Filed in 2022	247	1	248
Other	20	0	20
Total Petitions Available for Processing	315	1	316
Processed by:			
Adjudicated Dependent			
Judge	222	0	222
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0	0	0
Adjudicated NOT Dependent			
Judge	24	0	24
Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0	0	0
Withdrawn/Dismissed/Transferred	36	1	37
Other	1	0	1
Total Petitions Processed	283	1	284
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	32	0	32

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2022 Juvenile Dependency - Adjudicated Dependent Inventory

	Abuse/ Neglect	Status Offenses	Total
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	392	0	392
New Adjudicated Dependent Cases	222	0	222
Other	2	0	2
Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases	616	0	616
<u>Court Supervision Terminated:</u>			
Family Reunification	54 25.5%	0	54 25.5%
Adoption	74 34.9%	0	74 34.9%
Placement with a Relative/Guardian	55 25.9%	0	55 25.9%
Aged Out	18 8.5%	0	18 8.5%
Other Permanency Outcomes*	1 0.5%	0	1 0.5%
Other**	10 4.7%	0	10 4.7%
Total Adjudicated Dependent Cases Terminated	212 100.0%	0 100.0%	212 100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	404	0	404

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

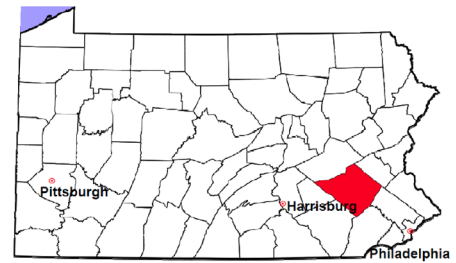
** Other includes cases where court supervision is terminated due to transfer out of jurisdiction, withdrawal and administrative closure.

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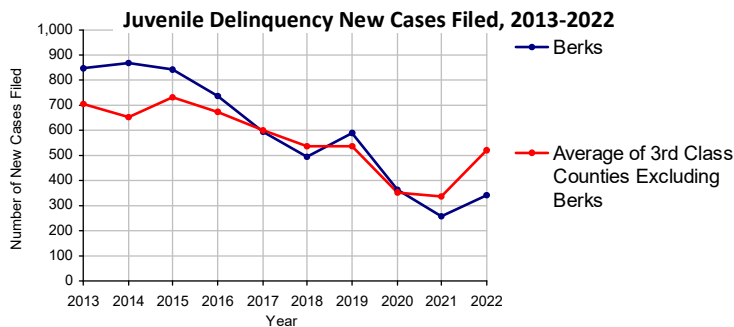
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2022 Juvenile Delinquency - Cases Pending Disposition

Begin Pending	155
New Cases	343
Consent Decree Revoked	15
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	6
Alternative Program Revoked	0
Warrant Returned	10
Other	24
Total Cases Available for Disposition	553
Warrant Issued	14
Disposed by:	
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	94
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0
Consent Decree Entered	120
Informal Adjustment Program Entered	35
Warned and Counseled (Pre-Petition)	2
Dismissed/Withdrawn/Transferred	80
Transferred to Criminal Court	2
Other	26
Total Cases Disposed	359
End Pending	180

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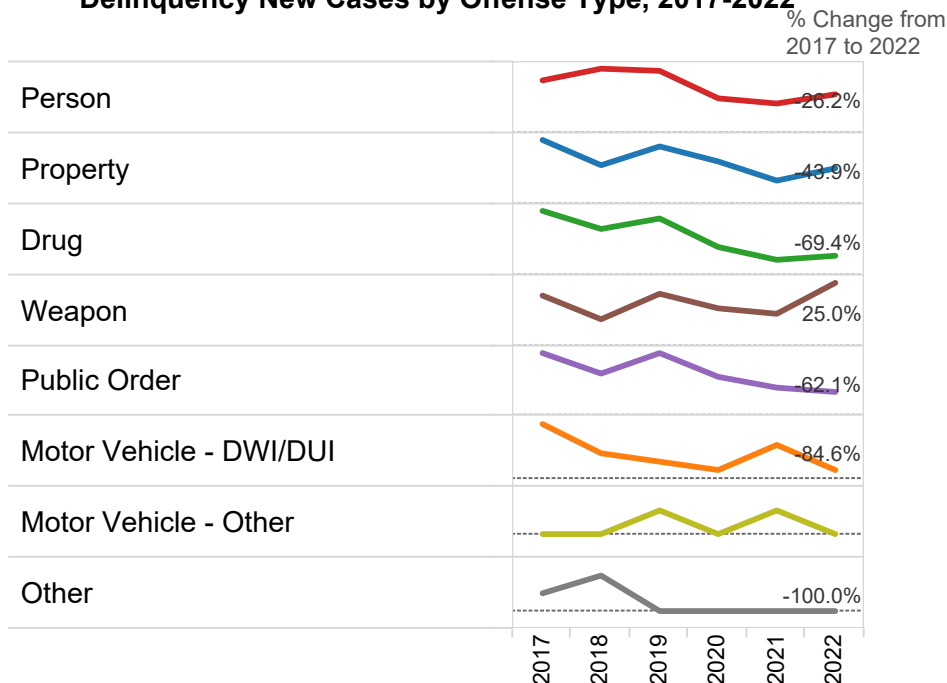


2022 Delinquency - New Cases by Offense Type

Case Type	Felony	Misdemeanor	Summary	Total	
Person	59	85	0	144	42.0%
Property	54	52	0	106	30.9%
Drug	2	32	0	34	9.9%
Weapon	9	26	0	35	10.2%
Public Order	5	17	0	22	6.4%
Motor Vehicle - DWI/DUI	0	2	0	2	0.6%
Motor Vehicle - Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	129	214	0	343	100.0%
	37.6%	62.4%	0.0%	100.0%	

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Delinquency New Cases by Offense Type, 2017-2022

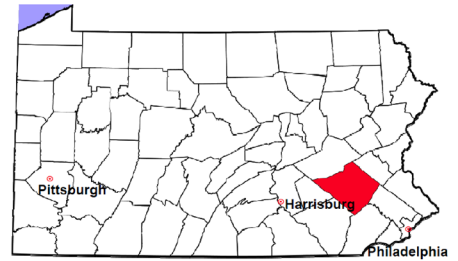


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2022 Juvenile Delinquency - Formal Dispositions

Begin Pending	308
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Judge	94
Adjudicated Delinquent by a Juvenile Court Hearing Officer	0
Warrant Returned	15
Other	11
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases	428
Warrant Issued	14
Court Supervision Terminated:	
Conditions Satisfied	182
Compelling Reasons	6
Reached Age 21	8
Transferred to Another Juvenile Court	0
Other	6
Total Adjudicated Delinquent Cases Terminated	202
End Pending	212

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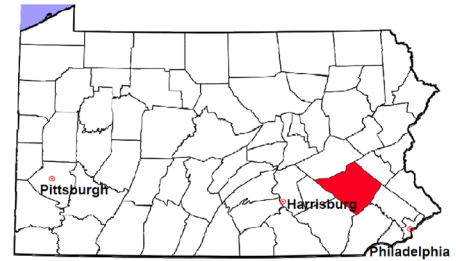
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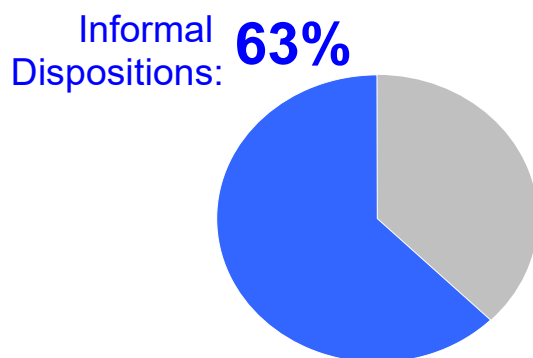


2022 Juvenile Delinquency - Informal Dispositions

Pending Consent Decrees	69
Pending Informal Adjustments	128
New Consent Decrees	120
New Informal Adjustments	25
Warrant Returned	1
Other	1
Cases Informally Disposed	344
Warrant Issued	4
Terminated by:	
Consent Decree Completed	90
Informal Adjustment Completed	24
Consent Decree Revoked	15
Informal Adjustment Program Revoked	6
Other	82
Total Informally Disposed Cases Terminated	217
End Pending	123

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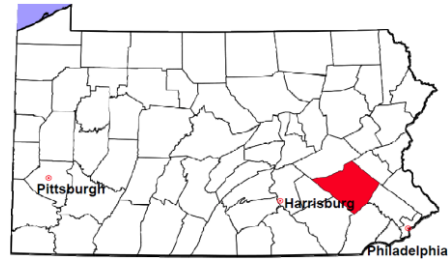
Delinquency Cases are disposed either formally, at a proceeding held before a judge or hearing officer, or informally without a proceeding. Informal dispositions include informal adjustments supervised by a juvenile probation officer; consent decrees agreed upon with the District Attorney after a petition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

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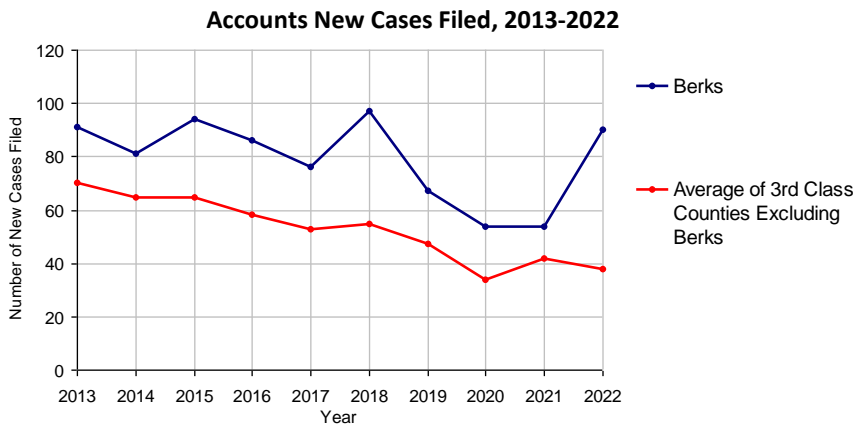
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2022 Accounts	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	22	
New Cases Filed in 2022	90	
Cases Available for Processing	112	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	0	
Contested before a Non-Judicial Officer	0	
Uncontested	69	94.5%
Other	4	5.5%
Cases Processed	73	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	39	

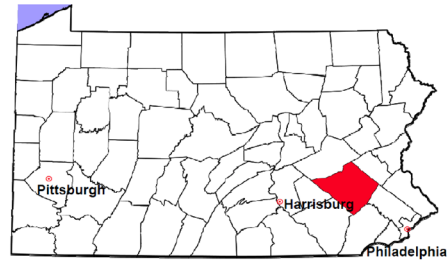


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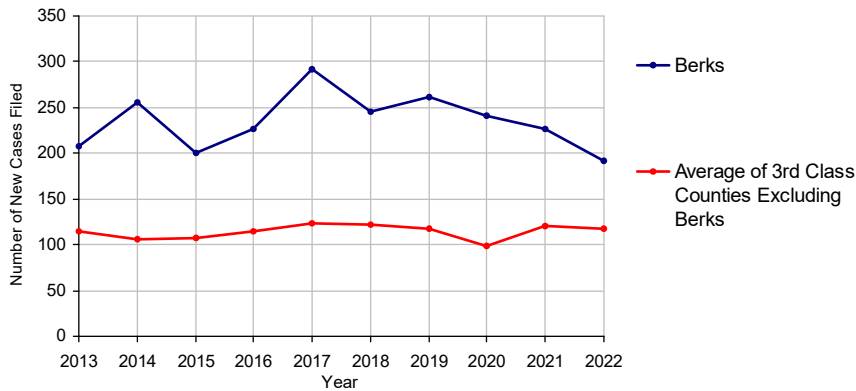
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2022 Adoptions		No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022		55	
New Cases Filed in 2022		191	
Cases Available for Processing		246	
Processed By:			
Contested before a Judge	Granted	0	
	Denied	0	
Uncontested	Granted	207	96.3%
	Denied	1	0.5%
Other		7	3.3%
Cases Processed		215	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022		31	

Adoptions New Cases Filed, 2013-2022

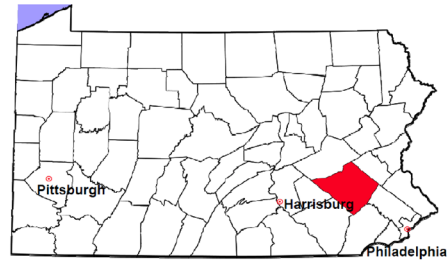


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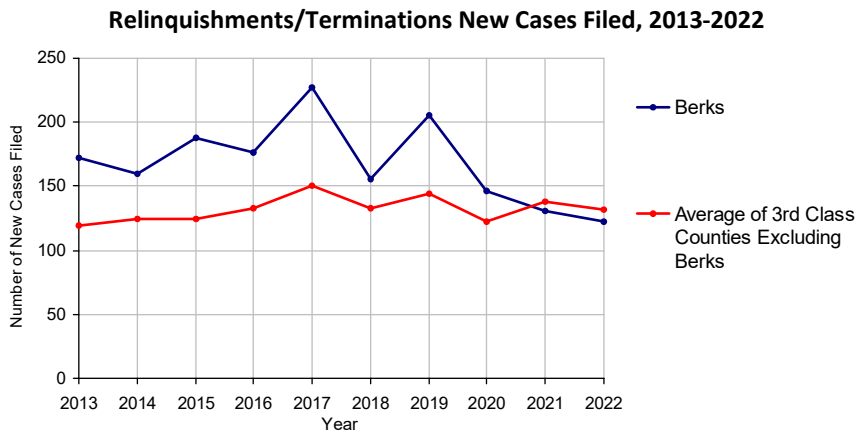
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2022 Relinquishments/Terminations	No. of Cases	
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	57	
New Cases Filed in 2022	122	
Cases Available for Processing	179	
Processed By:		
Contested before a Judge	14	10.2%
Uncontested	114	83.2%
Other	9	6.6%
Cases Processed	137	100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	42	

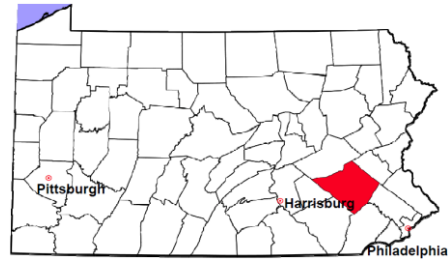


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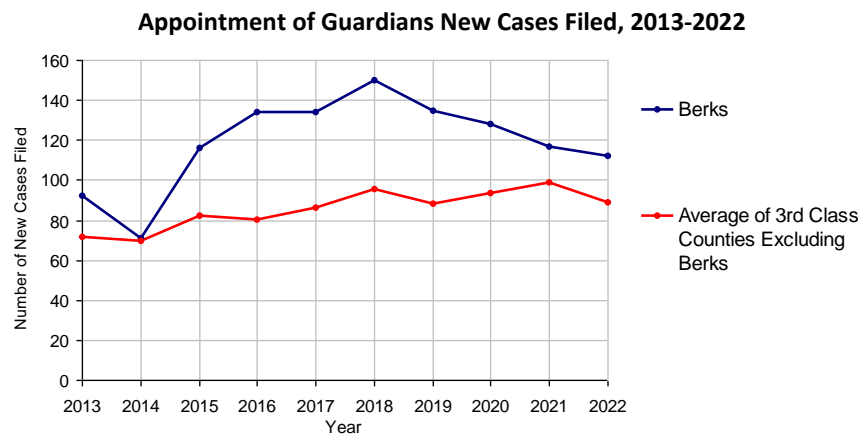
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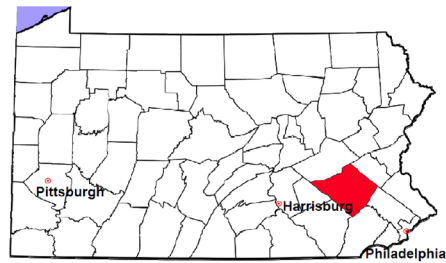


2022 Appointment of Guardians	No. of Cases
Cases Pending 1/1/2022	17
New Cases Filed in 2022	112
Cases Available for Processing	129
Processed By:	
Contested before a Judge	6 5.1%
Uncontested	101 86.3%
Other	10 8.5%
Cases Processed	117 100.0%
Cases Pending 12/31/2022	12



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2022 Jury Yield and Utilization

Jury Yield

Qualification Questionnaires/Summonses Mailed:	45,145	A		
Returned Undeliverable:	1,700	B	3.8%	Of Qualification Questionnaires/ Summonses Mailed
Not Responded to:	2,045	C	4.5%	
the Number of Prospective Jurors:				
Disqualified:	3,301	D	7.3%	
Exempted:	1,805	E	4.0%	
Excused:	10,667	F	23.6%	
Deferred to New Term:	1,629	G	3.6%	
Deferred from Previous Term:	1,586	H	3.5%	
Total Number of Qualified Jurors Available for Service:	25,584	I	56.7%	

$I = A - B - C - D - E - F - G + H$

Jury Utilization

the Number of Jurors:			
Reporting for Service:	4,429	17.3%	Of Jurors Qualified and Available
Told Not to Report for Service:	18,388	71.9%	
Sent to Courtroom for Jury Selection (Voir Dire):	3,189	72.0%	Of Jurors Reporting for Service
Impaneled or Sworn (jurors/alternates):	858	19.4%	
Removed for Cause/Hardship:	712		
Removed by Peremptory Challenge:	659		
Number of Jury Trials Started:	59		
Pool Days:	75		
Zero Panel Days:	21	28.0%	(Of Pool Days)

Jury Costs

Total Annual Budget for Juror Operations:	\$489,276.00	J
Average Cost Per Juror:	\$10.84	K

$K = J/A$



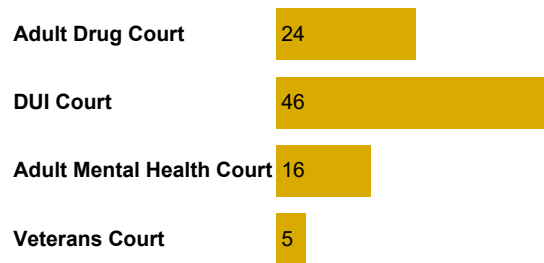
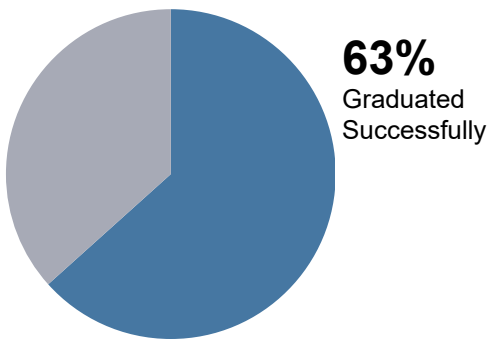
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2022 Problem Solving Courts

101 Discharges

91 Admissions

Of All Court Participants Discharged:

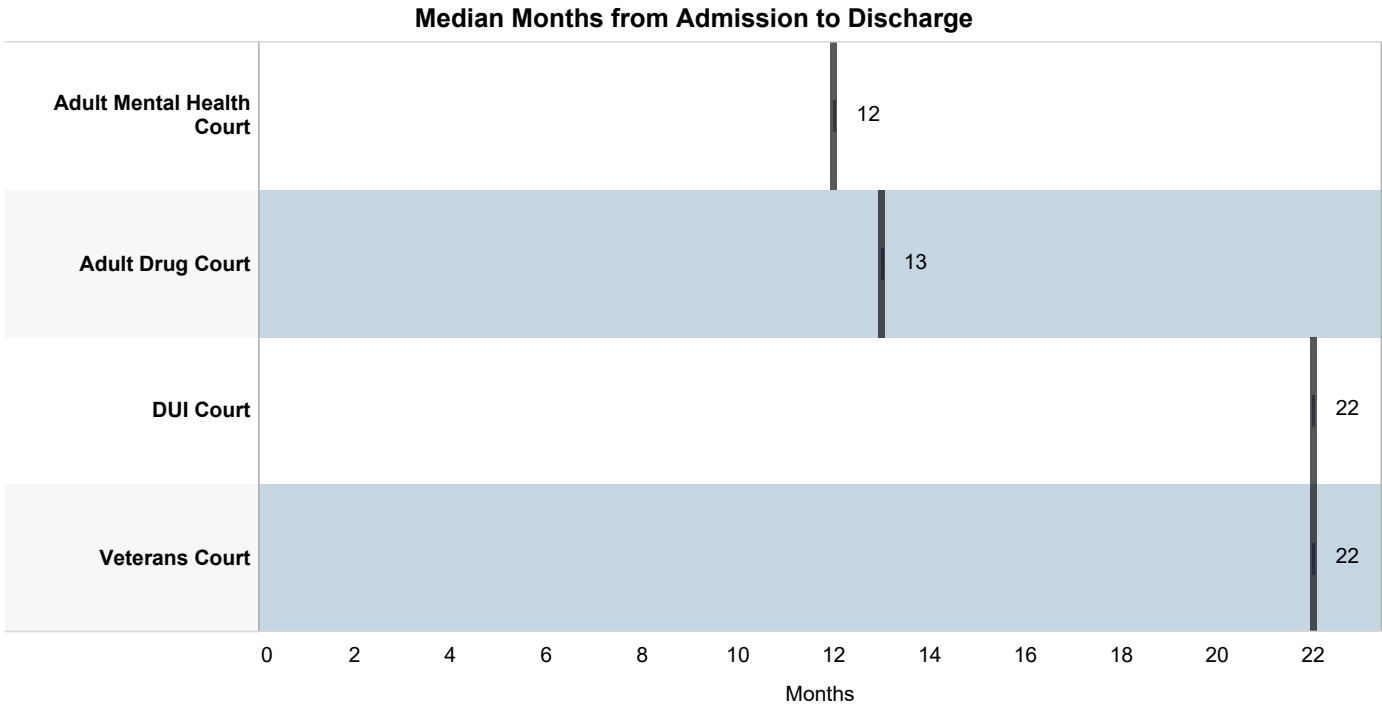


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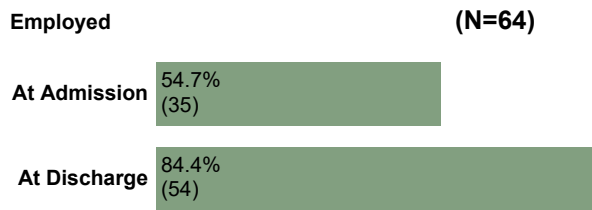
	Successfully Completed	Unsuccessful/ New Offense	Unsuccessful /Non-Compliant	Voluntarily Withdrew	Unsuccessful /Absconded	Other	Total Discharges
Adult Drug Court	10 (50.0%)		2 (10.0%)	4 (20.0%)	1 (5.0%)	3 (15.0%)	20 (100.0%)
DUI Court	36 (80.0%)	1 (2.2%)	6 (13.3%)		1 (2.2%)	1 (2.2%)	45 (100.0%)
Adult Mental Health Court	12 (52.2%)	1 (4.3%)	2 (8.7%)	2 (8.7%)	3 (13.0%)	3 (13.0%)	23 (100.0%)
Veterans Court	6 (46.2%)		3 (23.1%)	3 (23.1%)	1 (7.7%)		13 (100.0%)

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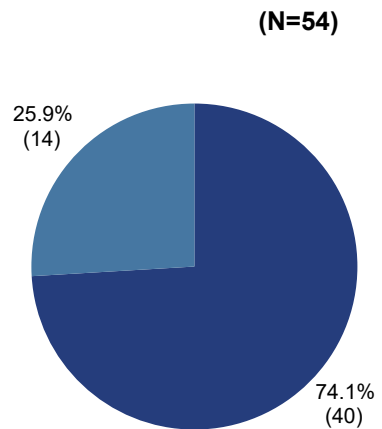
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Among successful graduates, there was a 54% increase in employment.



74% of the employed successful graduates were employed full time:



17% (17) of all participants have improved in **education level** at discharge.

■ Employed Full Time
■ Employed Part Time

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