

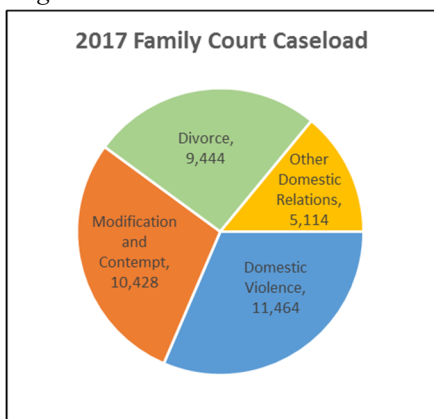
Family Courts
2017 Family Court Domestic Case Filings

	Total	Divorce	Domestic Violence	Other Domestic Relations	Total	Contempt	Modification
Barbour	179	75	70	34	61	28	33
Berkeley	1,275	507	411	357	529	244	285
Boone	480	168	211	101	337	137	200
Braxton	164	74	57	33	82	45	37
Brooke	234	79	89	66	28	10	18
Cabell	1,424	490	688	246	644	274	370
Calhoun	101	55	20	26	14	7	7
Clay	145	65	57	23	115	59	56
Doddridge	106	43	47	16	50	20	30
Fayette	668	254	247	167	435	196	239
Gilmer	82	38	28	16	5	2	3
Grant	152	54	67	31	137	62	75
Greenbrier	305	94	150	61	185	133	52
Hampshire	280	120	63	97	173	82	91
Hancock	299	101	103	95	32	7	25
Hardy	239	58	96	85	152	58	94
Harrison	944	315	430	199	404	159	245
Jackson	404	156	179	69	22	4	18
Jefferson	535	227	164	144	326	131	195
Kanawha	3,425	1,032	1,880	513	1,117	523	594
Lewis	262	117	83	62	127	56	71
Lincoln	364	147	152	65	256	115	141
Logan	869	238	475	156	272	100	172
Marion	678	255	278	145	274	150	124
Marshall	262	116	74	72	160	44	116
Mason	373	133	158	82	15	8	7
McDowell	336	125	138	73	136	46	90
Mercer	1,411	423	718	270	523	269	254
Mineral	267	119	83	65	200	85	115
Mingo	637	229	290	118	335	142	193
Monongalia	846	282	392	172	322	112	210
Monroe	203	75	93	35	68	52	16
Morgan	175	64	61	50	95	36	59
Nicholas	343	152	118	73	213	99	114
Ohio	460	159	179	122	188	125	63
Pendleton	74	29	31	14	68	34	34
Pleasants	93	36	39	18	20	13	7
Pocahontas	172	42	100	30	76	52	24
Preston	455	185	189	81	184	89	95
Putnam	763	311	351	101	252	108	144
Raleigh	1,154	513	505	136	608	376	232
Randolph	338	118	154	66	172	80	92
Ritchie	148	49	60	39	19	8	11
Roane	205	105	51	49	66	29	37
Summers	152	66	45	41	90	52	38
Taylor	227	94	82	51	42	16	26
Tucker	97	43	34	20	28	12	16
Tyler	127	40	71	16	13	6	7
Upshur	364	170	120	74	41	13	28
Wayne	423	227	128	68	15	3	12
Webster	132	70	0	62	63	27	36
Wetzel	182	52	95	35	28	10	18
Wirt	92	36	45	11	4	2	2
Wood	1,467	439	805	223	368	178	190
Wyoming	430	180	210	40	239	90	149
Total	26,022	9,444	11,464	5,114	10,428	4,818	5,610

2017 Family Court Marriages Performed by County

County	Total Marriages	County	Total Marriages	County	Total Marriages
Barbour	25	Kanawha	100	Preston	30
Berkeley	28	Lewis	3	Putnam	0
Boone	0	Lincoln	0	Raleigh	92
Braxton	2	Logan	49	Randolph	45
Brooke	1	Marion	71	Ritchie	0
Cabell	90	Marshall	3	Roane	0
Calhoun	0	Mason	19	Summers	1
Clay	5	McDowell	0	Taylor	4
Doddridge	0	Mercer	15	Tucker	1
Fayette	0	Mineral	1	Tyler	1
Gilmer	0	Mingo	19	Upshur	2
Grant	6	Monongalia	83	Wayne	0
Greenbrier	0	Monroe	0	Webster	5
Hampshire	0	Morgan	1	Wetzel	2
Hancock	1	Nicholas	58	Wirt	6
Hardy	17	Ohio	7	Wood	0
Harrison	152	Pendleton	1	Wyoming	3
Jackson	22	Pleasants	0	Grand total	1,044
Jefferson	73	Pocahontas	0		

Figure 1



Family Court Summary

West Virginia had forty-seven family court judges in twenty-seven family court circuits. To serve, family court judges must have practiced law for at least five years. Their terms are eight years.

Family courts have jurisdiction over divorce, annulment, separate maintenance, paternity, grandparent visitation, name change, infant guardianship, child custody, and family support proceedings excepting those incidental to child abuse and neglect. Family court judges also hold final hearings in civil domestic relations and may perform marriages.

Figure 2

West Virginians Served by Supreme Court-Supported Family Visitation Centers Grant Cycle 2017	
Category	Number
Total Clients Served	837
Fathers	397
Mothers	410
Grandparent / Legal Guardian	30
Children Involved	608
Supervised Visitation	627
Neutral Drop-off	302
<i>Total number of clients served = fathers + mothers + grandparent/legal guardian</i>	

In 2017, there were 26,022 new cases filed in family courts in West Virginia, an almost 2.5 percent decrease from 2016 cases filed. However, Monroe and Marion Counties' family court data was not included in 2016 annual statistical reporting. Comparatively, if those two counties' numbers were likewise excluded in 2017, then only a 0.6 percent decrease was realized. Of the 2017 cases filed, there were 10,428 modifications and contempt proceedings in reopened cases this year that were not counted as new cases filed. Details seen in the table on Page 7.

In 2017, 1,044 weddings were held in family courts. Details in the above table.

Family court judges can refer divorcing parents to mediation and parent education and refer children for guardian *ad litem* services. Details can be seen in Figure 2.