

# The Annual Statistical Report on Circuit, Family and Magistrate Courts

## The West Virginia Court System 2014 Data

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# Circuit Courts

## 2014 Circuit Court Criminal Case Filings

	Total	Felony	Magistrate Appeals	Misdemeanor	Other Criminal Cases
Barbour	62	47	0	4	11
Berkeley	494	264	4	9	217
Boone	185	116	0	61	8
Braxton	88	58	0	1	29
Brooke	114	84	9	4	17
Cabell	880	535	7	132	206
Calhoun	70	65	0	5	0
Clay	28	24	3	0	1
Doddridge	46	34	0	1	11
Fayette	301	266	7	2	26
Gilmer	64	39	1	0	24
Grant	114	75	3	6	30
Greenbrier	287	188	4	62	33
Hampshire	145	88	7	6	44
Hancock	173	129	3	13	28
Hardy	72	60	0	0	12
Harrison	424	257	4	20	143
Jackson	117	114	0	3	0
Jefferson	228	195	5	28	0
Kanawha	1,326	814	10	187	315
Lewis	196	92	14	9	81
Lincoln	162	122	0	7	33
Logan	273	174	0	25	74
Marion	246	192	37	15	2
Marshall	122	110	8	4	0
Mason	133	98	0	5	30
McDowell	268	213	11	1	43
Mercer	829	353	34	11	431
Mineral	199	130	3	14	52
Mingo	197	139	2	12	44
Monongalia	366	335	6	9	16
Monroe	28	24	2	2	0
Morgan	91	77	1	3	10
Nicholas	124	91	0	1	32
Ohio	64	56	1	2	5
Pendleton	13	12	0	0	1
Pleasants	24	21	1	2	0
Pocahontas	59	26	4	18	11
Preston	218	106	2	16	94
Putnam	405	186	28	14	177
Raleigh	812	302	9	70	431
Randolph	220	122	11	27	60
Ritchie	38	29	0	3	6
Roane	94	89	1	2	2
Summers	70	54	1	6	9
Taylor	155	97	0	8	50
Tucker	24	14	0	1	9
Tyler	45	38	2	4	1
Upshur	105	92	3	10	0
Wayne	321	173	3	26	119
Webster	94	93	0	1	0
Wetzel	86	81	0	5	0
Wirt	36	34	1	1	0
Wood	443	305	10	3	125
Wyoming	218	186	2	30	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,996</b>	<b>7,718</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>3,103</b>

## 2014 Circuit Court Civil Case Filings

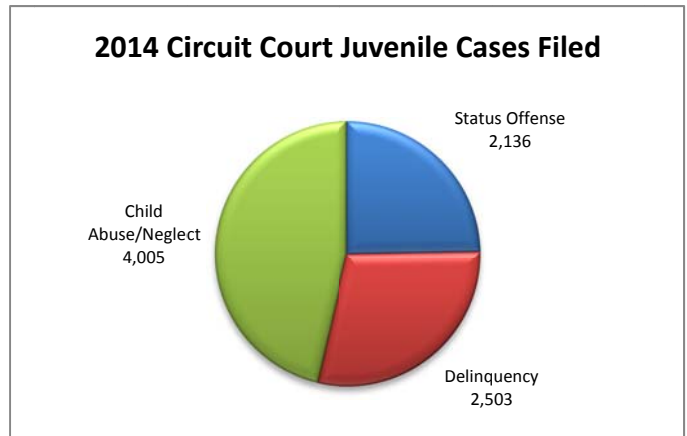
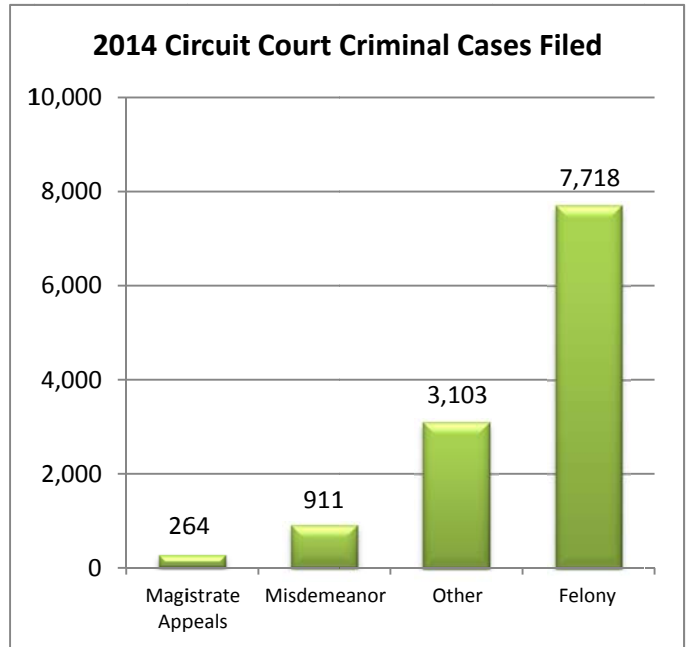
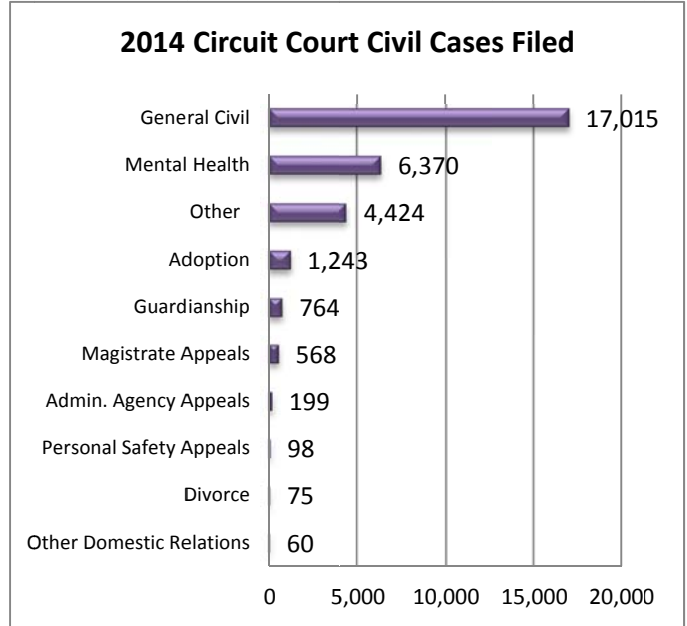
	Total	Admin. Agency Appeals	Adoption	Divorce	General Civil	Guardianship	Magistrate Appeals	Mental Health	Other Civil Cases	Other Domestic Relations	Personal Safety Appeals
Barbour	139	2	9	0	81	8	2	15	15	7	0
Berkeley	1,375	9	71	0	850	30	33	151	215	0	16
Boone	500	0	24	0	153	13	0	93	217	0	0
Braxton	135	1	13	0	65	8	0	18	30	0	0
Brooke	312	0	6	0	173	6	0	91	35	0	1
Cabell	2,511	2	56	0	974	77	44	1,175	183	0	0
Calhoun	55	0	6	0	24	1	4	6	14	0	0
Clay	119	0	31	1	44	7	8	15	10	3	0
Doddridge	115	0	5	0	67	0	0	16	27	0	0
Fayette	517	4	28	0	351	24	3	24	83	0	0
Gilmer	61	0	4	0	34	1	0	2	20	0	0
Grant	104	1	4	0	60	11	5	16	7	0	0
Greenbrier	365	3	25	0	223	14	4	57	34	1	4
Hampshire	202	1	13	0	149	5	3	13	18	0	0
Hancock	313	2	19	0	186	12	2	34	57	0	1
Hardy	174	1	8	0	88	4	2	11	60	0	0
Harrison	948	0	24	1	573	21	12	228	88	0	1
Jackson	261	1	23	0	133	24	7	43	29	1	0
Jefferson	649	3	32	0	560	8	5	41	0	0	0
Kanawha	4,774	138	91	0	1,903	89	212	1,415	913	0	13
Lewis	481	0	8	0	162	5	1	248	57	0	0
Lincoln	364	0	36	0	146	16	26	51	86	0	3
Logan	522	0	45	0	332	9	8	106	17	3	2
Marion	808	1	28	0	343	13	20	221	174	0	8
Marshall	480	2	20	49	206	8	5	103	87	0	0
Mason	298	0	12	0	185	7	0	72	20	0	2
McDowell	377	0	16	0	150	17	2	49	133	3	7
Mercer	1,153	2	68	0	629	60	8	213	157	0	16
Mineral	277	1	12	2	182	11	9	14	46	0	0
Mingo	383	1	33	0	294	8	1	28	18	0	0
Monongalia	1,721	3	36	0	913	15	49	191	511	0	3
Monroe	101	0	6	0	73	6	4	5	5	2	0
Morgan	220	0	7	1	133	3	1	19	56	0	0
Nicholas	318	1	31	0	143	13	2	57	69	0	2
Ohio	844	3	16	1	333	14	4	281	192	0	0
Pendleton	52	0	2	0	27	3	0	5	10	5	0
Pleasants	87	0	3	0	41	4	1	11	27	0	0
Pocahontas	141	2	3	0	54	5	1	52	23	0	1
Preston	364	2	29	0	212	7	5	37	72	0	0
Putnam	559	0	28	0	303	29	8	99	92	0	0
Raleigh	1,449	5	75	2	1,113	33	11	155	34	21	0
Randolph	331	3	16	0	213	6	3	29	61	0	0
Ritchie	109	0	15	0	63	1	1	12	17	0	0
Roane	148	0	23	0	58	5	3	27	30	2	0
Summers	77	0	6	0	45	4	0	4	18	0	0
Taylor	147	1	10	0	88	6	2	13	27	0	0
Tucker	61	3	1	0	36	3	2	5	11	0	0
Tyler	150	0	6	9	88	3	1	22	21	0	0
Upshur	253	0	11	0	133	8	3	18	80	0	0
Wayne	453	0	49	0	254	17	10	72	50	0	1
Webster	109	0	25	0	46	9	1	3	14	11	0
Wetzel	258	0	6	9	127	3	4	89	19	1	0
Wirt	42	0	2	0	27	0	0	5	8	0	0
Wood	3,781	0	42	0	2,978	35	26	565	118	0	17
Wyoming	269	1	25	0	194	15	0	25	9	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,816</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>1,243</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>17,015</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>6,370</b>	<b>4,424</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>98</b>

## 2014 Circuit Court Juvenile Case Filings

	Total	Child Neglect and Abuse	Delinquency	Status Offense
Barbour	88	51	17	20
Berkeley	433	167	192	74
Boone	210	64	93	53
Braxton	166	94	20	52
Brooke	74	27	43	4
Cabell	747	262	328	157
Calhoun	100	68	11	21
Clay	85	71	7	7
Doddridge	45	25	11	9
Fayette	199	139	49	11
Gilmer	33	22	7	4
Grant	42	16	23	3
Greenbrier	140	77	34	29
Hampshire	54	22	28	4
Hancock	154	77	49	28
Hardy	74	29	24	21
Harrison	332	97	115	120
Jackson	63	38	15	10
Jefferson	157	62	73	22
Kanawha	607	438	113	56
Lewis	29	22	7	0
Lincoln	173	57	36	80
Logan	254	81	106	67
Marion	189	49	84	56
Marshall	141	27	78	36
Mason	135	44	33	58
McDowell	211	81	26	104
Mercer	568	273	76	219
Mineral	30	7	14	9
Mingo	176	116	11	49
Monongalia	95	56	16	23
Monroe	6	2	2	2
Morgan	109	74	24	11
Nicholas	190	128	34	28
Ohio	151	102	27	22
Pendleton	23	2	3	18
Pleasants	27	16	7	4
Pocahontas	61	14	30	17
Preston	81	54	8	19
Putnam	197	46	34	117
Raleigh	687	277	194	216
Randolph	129	42	55	32
Ritchie	48	42	1	5
Roane	55	35	3	17
Summers	49	26	7	16
Taylor	92	40	22	30
Tucker	26	5	15	6
Tyler	26	17	6	3
Upshur	59	29	25	5
Wayne	296	110	147	39
Webster	39	36	3	0
Wetzel	76	33	22	21
Wirt	26	10	10	6
Wood	217	128	40	49
Wyoming	170	78	45	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,644</b>	<b>4,005</b>	<b>2,503</b>	<b>2,136</b>

## 2014 Total Circuit Court Case Filings

	2014 Filings	Civil	Criminal	Juvenile
Barbour	289	139	62	88
Berkeley	2,302	1,375	494	433
Boone	895	500	185	210
Braxton	389	135	88	166
Brooke	500	312	114	74
Cabell	4,138	2,511	880	747
Calhoun	225	55	70	100
Clay	232	119	28	85
Doddridge	206	115	46	45
Fayette	1,017	517	301	199
Gilmer	158	61	64	33
Grant	260	104	114	42
Greenbrier	792	365	287	140
Hampshire	401	202	145	54
Hancock	640	313	173	154
Hardy	320	174	72	74
Harrison	1,704	948	424	332
Jackson	441	261	117	63
Jefferson	1,034	649	228	157
Kanawha	6,707	4,774	1,326	607
Lewis	706	481	196	29
Lincoln	699	364	162	173
Logan	1,049	522	273	254
Marion	1,243	808	246	189
Marshall	743	480	122	141
Mason	566	298	133	135
McDowell	856	377	268	211
Mercer	2,550	1,153	829	568
Mineral	506	277	199	30
Mingo	756	383	197	176
Monongalia	2,182	1,721	366	95
Monroe	135	101	28	6
Morgan	420	220	91	109
Nicholas	632	318	124	190
Ohio	1,059	844	64	151
Pendleton	88	52	13	23
Pleasants	138	87	24	27
Pocahontas	261	141	59	61
Preston	663	364	218	81
Putnam	1,161	559	405	197
Raleigh	2,948	1,449	812	687
Randolph	680	331	220	129
Ritchie	195	109	38	48
Roane	297	148	94	55
Summers	196	77	70	49
Taylor	394	147	155	92
Tucker	111	61	24	26
Tyler	221	150	45	26
Upshur	417	253	105	59
Wayne	1,070	453	321	296
Webster	242	109	94	39
Wetzel	420	258	86	76
Wirt	104	42	36	26
Wood	4,441	3,781	443	217
Wyoming	657	269	218	170
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,456</b>	<b>30,816</b>	<b>11,996</b>	<b>8,644</b>



## Circuit Court Summary

West Virginia's fifty-five counties are divided into thirty-one circuits with seventy judges. The circuits vary in size; one has seven judges while nine have one judge. While every county has a courthouse where a judge presides, a single circuit can be composed of up to four counties.

Circuit Judges must have practiced law for at least five years. They serve eight year terms.

Circuit courts are trial courts of record. They have jurisdiction over all civil cases in which more than \$2,500 is at issue, with limited exceptions; 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 from the Division of Workers' Compensation.

In 2014, there were 51,456 cases filed in West Virginia's circuit court, a 0.6 percent decrease from 2013 cases filed. Of those, 30,816 were civil case filings, or about 59.9 percent, were civil cases; 11,996 criminal filings, or about 23.3 percent, were criminal cases; and 8,644 juvenile filings, or about 16.8 percent, were juvenile matters.

### Child Abuse and Neglect Overlap Cases

Types of petitions filed:	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Juvenile Administrative Order (JAA)	420	466	458	521	459
Juvenile Administrative Order where <i>Mandamus</i> was issued (JAM)	1	4	1	5	3
Family Infant Guardianship (FIG)	1,288	1,274	1,116	1,178	1,059
Circuit Court Infant Guardianship (CIG)	515	486	418	414	349
Circuit Court Infant Guardianship Removed (CIGR)	106	113	91	87	100

"Overlap" cases are generally defined as cases originating in family court that indirectly involve some allegations of child abuse and neglect, which is handled 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 circuit court and the prosecuting attorney. A circuit judge then issues a JAA directing child protective services to assess the referral and make a written investigation report to circuit court within the timeframe specified within the JAA, typically forty-five days.
- **Juvenile Administrative Order where mandamus was issued (JAM):** If the written report is not filed within the time frame specified within the juvenile 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 treat the family court referral as a petition for a writ of mandamus.
- **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.

# Family Courts

## 2014 Family Court Case Filings

Table 1

	Total Filings	Divorce	Domestic Violence	Other Domestic Relations	Total	Contempt	Modification
Barbour	206	78	83	45	100	32	68
Berkeley	1,724	581	513	630	645	268	377
Boone	495	192	187	116	158	48	110
Braxton	215	68	64	83	88	44	44
Brooke	325	112	100	113	43	14	29
Cabell	1,722	593	746	383	836	326	510
Calhoun	121	67	21	33	52	15	37
Clay	234	90	91	53	121	63	58
Doddridge	103	41	35	27	44	15	29
Fayette	836	274	274	288	521	215	306
Gilmer	112	43	37	32	36	14	22
Grant	185	63	62	60	139	54	85
Greenbrier	743	215	274	254	249	176	73
Hampshire	333	124	58	151	128	45	83
Hancock	448	127	132	189	62	21	41
Hardy	235	77	83	75	182	47	135
Harrison	1,165	372	486	307	483	198	285
Jackson	570	189	205	176	233	79	154
Jefferson	722	219	212	291	361	186	175
Kanawha	4,185	1,146	1,934	1,105	1,626	672	954
Lewis	237	95	56	86	119	52	67
Lincoln	518	175	175	168	800	562	238
Logan	921	295	373	253	569	176	393
Marion	688	257	235	196	244	83	161
Marshall	470	146	193	131	224	79	145
Mason	480	158	175	147	136	50	86
McDowell	577	158	218	201	232	83	149
Mercer	1,523	464	675	384	523	154	369
Mineral	449	156	104	189	211	84	127
Mingo	930	270	408	252	244	78	166
Monongalia	947	341	370	236	345	137	208
Monroe	332	88	140	104	92	59	33
Morgan	197	66	74	57	79	32	47
Nicholas	507	193	186	128	279	138	141
Ohio	523	147	184	192	169	93	76
Pendleton	115	42	32	41	63	21	42
Pleasants	105	37	37	31	24	6	18
Pocahontas	139	46	40	53	76	47	29
Preston	489	169	190	130	239	103	136
Putnam	800	347	250	203	169	57	112
Raleigh	1,353	526	572	255	684	318	366
Randolph	535	175	251	109	209	75	134
Ritchie	146	70	42	34	78	36	42
Roane	261	116	66	79	187	90	97
Summers	245	84	97	64	163	76	87
Taylor	215	114	64	37	106	46	60
Tucker	74	30	24	20	38	12	26
Tyler	109	39	41	29	44	15	29
Upshur	352	188	84	80	96	31	65
Wayne	491	256	130	105	549	280	269
Webster	140	60	6	74	108	76	32
Wetzel	219	69	71	79	94	21	73
Wirt	116	38	51	27	71	43	28
Wood	1,583	538	673	372	266	86	180
Wyoming	640	185	296	159	367	159	208
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>32,105</b>	<b>10,809</b>	<b>12,180</b>	<b>9,116</b>	<b>14,004</b>	<b>5,990</b>	<b>8,014</b>

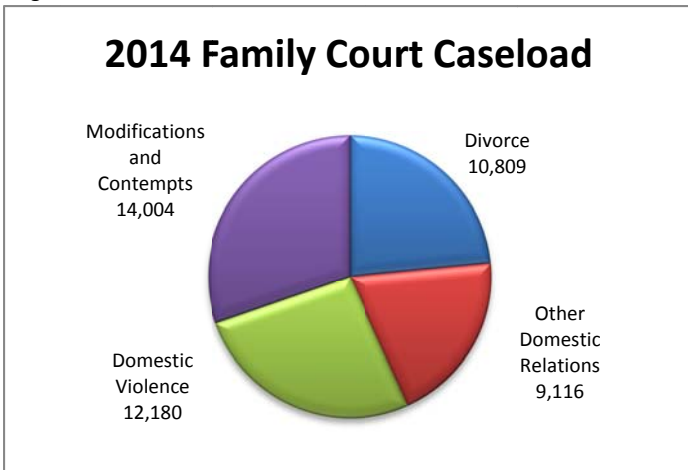
## 2014 Family Court Marriages Performed by Count

Table 2

County	Total Marriages	County	Total Marriages	County	Total Marriages
Barbour	7	Kanawha	131	Preston	46
Berkeley	36	Lewis	3	Putnam	0
Boone	13	Lincoln	9	Raleigh	30
Braxton	19	Logan	25	Randolph	8
Brooke	3	Marion	1	Ritchie	2
Cabell*	-	Marshall	6	Roane	7
Calhoun	1	Mason	23	Summers	3
Clay	5	McDowell	0	Taylor	16
Doddridge	0	Mercer	3	Tucker	0
Fayette	1	Mineral	1	Tyler	5
Gilmer	8	Mingo	4	Upshur	3
Grant	6	Monongalia	68	Wayne	0
Greenbrier	0	Monroe	0	Webster	0
Hampshire	0	Morgan	15	Wetzel	7
Hancock	7	Nicholas	35	Wirt	2
Hardy	26	Ohio	3	Wood	9
Harrison	79	Pendleton	3	Wyoming	4
Jackson	25	Pleasants	1	<b>Grand total</b>	<b>750</b>
Jefferson	41	Pocahontas	0		

Note: \* Data was not provided for Cabell county.

Figure 1



West Virginia has forty-five 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, except those incidental to child abuse and neglect. Family court judges also hold final hearings in civil domestic relations and may perform marriages.

In 2014, there were 32,105 new cases filed in family court in West Virginia, a 3.3 percent decrease from 2013 cases filed. Of those, 12,180 were domestic violence, 10,809 were divorces, and 9,116 were other domestic relations. There were also 14,004 modifications and contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Details can be seen in Table 1 and Figure 1.

In 2014, 750 weddings were held in family courts. Details can be seen in Table 2.

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 Table 3.

Table 3

West Virginians Served by Supreme Court–Supported Family Visitation Centers in 2014	
Category	Number
Total Clients Served.....	1, 079
Fathers.....	502
Mothers.....	519
Grandparent /Legal Guardian.....	58
Children Involved.....	799
Supervised Visitation.....	650
Neutral Drop-off.....	429
<i>Total number of clients served = fathers + mothers + grandparent/legal guardian</i>	



# Magistrate Courts

## 2014 Magistrate Court Case Filings

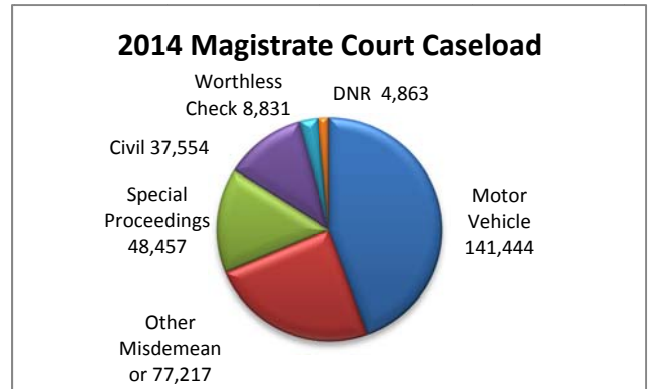
	Total	Civil	DNR	Motor Vehicle	Other Misdemeanor	Worthless Check
Barbour	1,405	187	60	546	315	297
Berkeley	15,060	4,874	61	5,025	5,033	67
Boone	4,703	209	136	3,200	1,142	16
Braxton	2,002	182	75	1,056	650	39
Brooke	3,450	221	35	2,473	614	107
Cabell	14,981	3,171	240	5,488	5,667	415
Calhoun	922	104	46	436	254	82
Clay	1,472	152	35	671	403	211
Doddridge	2,311	115	15	1,973	174	34
Fayette	6,610	425	78	3,718	2,141	248
Gilmer	1,077	126	51	458	408	34
Grant	1,778	198	60	963	535	22
Greenbrier	3,680	651	101	1,325	1,111	492
Hampshire	3,506	789	105	1,754	738	120
Hancock	3,484	399	35	2,239	762	49
Hardy	2,626	338	79	1,369	598	242
Harrison	8,754	1,591	65	4,017	2,582	499
Jackson	3,610	385	221	2,034	896	74
Jefferson	7,905	1,508	202	2,154	3,790	251
Kanawha	23,996	3,229	392	13,690	6,490	195
Lewis	4,349	595	103	2,671	772	208
Lincoln	4,753	143	117	3,056	1,411	26
Logan	8,885	371	79	5,947	2,412	76
Marion	5,124	808	121	3,098	960	137
Marshall	3,517	687	25	1,628	1,093	84
Mason	5,308	218	104	3,214	1,695	77
McDowell	3,508	104	19	674	2,697	14
Mercer	14,778	2,979	53	8,162	3,268	316
Mineral	3,327	325	45	1,939	978	40
Mingo	6,117	204	85	4,036	1,781	11
Monongalia	10,657	1,999	107	5,440	3,002	109
Monroe	1,061	110	88	521	330	12
Morgan	3,160	586	32	1,966	534	42
Nicholas	5,642	259	213	3,563	1,332	275
Ohio	7,714	759	48	5,109	1,669	129
Pendleton	744	58	51	414	118	103
Pleasants	1,450	127	14	1,043	179	87
Pocahontas	1,080	121	61	395	286	217
Preston	4,617	684	73	2,496	1,101	263
Putnam	5,872	748	106	3,353	1,428	237
Raleigh	13,588	1,220	53	6,245	5,685	385
Randolph	5,970	1,016	63	2,972	826	1,093
Ritchie	2,159	147	57	1,726	182	47
Roane	2,603	198	95	1,379	869	62
Summers	1,135	75	82	269	574	135
Taylor	1,947	225	41	1,417	219	45
Tucker	1,397	244	85	711	227	130
Tyler	770	74	50	429	133	84
Upshur	3,148	388	36	1,690	740	294
Wayne	4,775	883	159	2,705	920	108
Webster	1,293	83	39	663	461	47
Wetzel	1,696	182	35	946	419	114
Wirt	658	78	73	233	216	58
Wood	10,405	1,827	307	4,978	3,165	128
Wyoming	3,370	175	52	1,767	1,232	144
<b>Total</b>	<b>269,909</b>	<b>37,554</b>	<b>4,863</b>	<b>141,444</b>	<b>77,217</b>	<b>8,831</b>

## 2014 Magistrate Court Special Proceedings

	Total	Abuse/ Neglect	Domestic Violence	Felony	Juvenile	Mental Health	Personal Safety Petitions	Temporary Protective Orders
Barbour	255	0	106	136	0	0	12	1
Berkeley	2,960	2	765	1,785	266	0	142	0
Boone	714	0	222	483	0	0	9	0
Braxton	417	0	71	340	0	0	6	0
Brooke	393	0	112	211	50	0	20	0
Cabell	3,087	0	774	2,213	0	0	96	4
Calhoun	142	9	21	80	26	5	1	0
Clay	348	8	74	261	5	0	0	0
Doddridge	189	2	37	108	16	1	25	0
Fayette	1,256	0	295	959	0	0	2	0
Gilmer	168	4	39	118	6	0	1	0
Grant	434	15	71	292	34	1	20	1
Greenbrier	744	27	304	367	0	0	45	1
Hampshire	335	0	60	274	0	0	1	0
Hancock	514	0	146	281	62	0	24	1
Hardy	307	0	88	192	27	0	0	0
Harrison	1,853	0	584	1,135	106	0	25	3
Jackson	759	0	236	431	25	1	65	1
Jefferson	1,156	0	271	738	91	0	56	0
Kanawha	6,507	0	1,979	3,504	561	0	463	0
Lewis	532	0	58	470	0	0	4	0
Lincoln	895	0	201	521	100	15	57	1
Logan	1,505	2	405	965	22	1	110	0
Marion	1,043	0	338	673	0	0	31	1
Marshall	640	0	193	416	0	0	29	2
Mason	514	0	199	238	0	0	66	11
McDowell	1,111	1	218	665	111	34	80	2
Mercer	2,843	0	743	1,830	0	1	268	1
Mineral	531	0	130	368	0	0	32	1
Mingo	1,310	21	418	761	72	6	30	2
Monongalia	1,517	0	462	937	0	0	117	1
Monroe	283	0	144	98	0	0	41	0
Morgan	245	2	93	106	28	0	16	0
Nicholas	1,480	40	189	1,170	43	26	10	2
Ohio	716	0	210	439	37	0	30	0
Pendleton	55	1	32	17	3	1	1	0
Pleasants	146	6	39	85	11	2	3	0
Pocahontas	109	0	43	55	0	0	11	0
Preston	443	0	201	221	0	0	20	1
Putnam	806	0	347	438	0	0	21	0
Raleigh	2,890	5	718	1,778	351	30	5	3
Randolph	662	0	313	300	0	0	49	0
Ritchie	135	6	49	69	10	1	0	0
Roane	489	0	85	366	33	2	0	3
Summers	222	0	96	126	0	0	0	0
Taylor	165	0	70	94	0	0	0	1
Tucker	99	0	23	72	0	0	4	0
Tyler	138	3	41	82	1	0	11	0
Upshur	243	0	103	118	12	0	10	0
Wayne	954	0	147	772	0	17	18	0
Webster	419	5	51	344	3	1	15	0
Wetzel	197	0	79	116	1	0	1	0
Wirt	104	0	52	50	0	0	2	0
Wood	1,597	8	773	589	3	0	224	0
Wyoming	881	2	314	398	127	7	33	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,457</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>13,832</b>	<b>29,655</b>	<b>2,243</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>2,362</b>	<b>44</b>

## 2014 Total Magistrate Court Case Filings

	Criminal and Civil	Special Proceedings	2014 Total
Barbour	1,405	255	1,660
Berkeley	15,060	2,960	18,020
Boone	4,703	714	5,417
Braxton	2,002	417	2,419
Brooke	3,450	393	3,843
Cabell	14,981	3,087	18,068
Calhoun	922	142	1,064
Clay	1,472	348	1,820
Doddridge	2,311	189	2,500
Fayette	6,610	1,256	7,866
Gilmer	1,077	168	1,245
Grant	1,778	434	2,212
Greenbrier	3,680	744	4,424
Hampshire	3,506	335	3,841
Hancock	3,484	514	3,998
Hardy	2,626	307	2,933
Harrison	8,754	1,853	10,607
Jackson	3,610	759	4,369
Jefferson	7,905	1,156	9,061
Kanawha	23,996	6,507	30,503
Lewis	4,349	532	4,881
Lincoln	4,753	895	5,648
Logan	8,885	1,505	10,390
Marion	5,124	1,043	6,167
Marshall	3,517	640	4,157
Mason	5,308	514	5,822
McDowell	3,508	1,111	4,619
Mercer	14,778	2,843	17,621
Mineral	3,327	531	3,858
Mingo	6,117	1,310	7,427
Monongalia	10,657	1,517	12,174
Monroe	1,061	283	1,344
Morgan	3,160	245	3,405
Nicholas	5,642	1,480	7,122
Ohio	7,714	716	8,430
Pendleton	744	55	799
Pleasants	1,450	146	1,596
Pocahontas	1,080	109	1,189
Preston	4,617	443	5,060
Putnam	5,872	806	6,678
Raleigh	13,588	2,890	16,478
Randolph	5,970	662	6,632
Ritchie	2,159	135	2,294
Roane	2,603	489	3,092
Summers	1,135	222	1,357
Taylor	1,947	165	2,112
Tucker	1,397	99	1,496
Tyler	770	138	908
Upshur	3,148	243	3,391
Wayne	4,775	954	5,729
Webster	1,293	419	1,712
Wetzel	1,696	197	1,893
Wirt	658	104	762
Wood	10,405	1,597	12,002
Wyoming	3,370	881	4,251
<b>Total</b>	<b>269,909</b>	<b>48,457</b>	<b>318,366</b>



There are 158 magistrates in West Virginia. There are at least two magistrates in every county, and ten in the largest county, Kanawha.

Magistrates run for four-year terms in partisan elections. Magistrates have jurisdiction over civil cases in which the financial amount in dispute is less than five thousand dollars. They hear misdemeanor cases and conduct preliminary examinations in felony cases. In criminal cases they issue and record affidavits, complaints, arrest warrants, and search warrants. They set bail and make decisions concerning proposed plea agreements, the collection of courts' costs, cash bonds, and fines.

In 2014, 318,366 cases were filed in magistrate courts in West Virginia, a 1.3 percent decrease from 2013 cases filed. Of the 2014 cases filed, 232,355 were criminal cases; 37,554 were civil cases; and 48,457 were special proceedings.

