



The 2019 Annual Statistics Report

on Circuit, Family, and Magistrate Courts



The West Virginia Court System

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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Circuit Courts
2019 Criminal Case Filings

	Total	Felony	Magistrate Appeals	Misdemeanor	Other Criminal Cases
Barbour	116	116	0	0	0
Berkeley	580	369	4	11	196
Boone	59	0	0	59	0
Braxton	82	79	2	1	0
Brooke	107	79	0	2	26
Cabell	874	420	9	126	319
Calhoun	55	47	0	8	0
Clay	39	34	1	0	4
Doddridge	80	46	1	1	32
Fayette	225	205	0	0	20
Gilmer	16	15	0	0	1
Grant	59	48	1	10	0
Greenbrier	245	190	2	9	44
Hampshire	119	60	4	0	55
Hancock	159	119	4	2	34
Hardy	52	37	0	0	15
Harrison	403	253	0	9	141
Jackson	181	148	0	16	17
Jefferson	371	153	0	10	208
Kanawha	1,300	648	15	177	460
Lewis	133	106	0	2	25
Lincoln	160	138	0	8	14
Logan	187	146	0	15	26
Marion	339	277	8	13	41
Marshall	88	80	8	0	0
Mason	143	85	3	9	46
McDowell	150	104	5	14	27
Mercer	594	250	26	12	306
Mineral	108	101	1	6	0
Mingo	186	113	1	1	71
Monongalia	378	345	8	4	21
Monroe	36	0	2	0	34
Morgan	71	54	2	4	11
Nicholas	73	73	0	0	0
Ohio	205	37	0	0	168
Pendleton	18	14	0	0	4
Pleasants	35	35	0	0	0
Pocahontas	61	24	3	12	22
Preston	298	152	2	10	134
Putnam	372	180	9	15	168
Raleigh	1,308	379	4	71	854
Randolph	180	127	0	19	34
Ritchie	54	52	0	1	1
Roane	143	131	0	10	2
Summers	80	65	1	1	13
Taylor	164	122	1	7	34
Tucker	37	28	1	0	8
Tyler	58	26	0	3	29
Upshur	169	132	0	18	19
Wayne	270	218	1	13	38
Webster	29	29	0	0	0
Wetzel	80	73	3	4	0
Wirt	22	22	0	0	0
Wood	525	329	4	4	188
Wyoming	145	107	0	38	0
Total	12,021	7,220	136	755	3,910

Circuit Courts
2019 Civil Case Filings

	Total	Admin. Agency	Adoption	Divorce	Domestic Violence	General Civil	Guardian ship	Magistrate Appeals	Mental Health	Other Civil Case	Other Domestic	Personal Safety
Barbour	131	1	36	0	0	52	12	2	6	22	0	0
Berkeley	1,108	9	115	0	0	465	59	14	205	222	0	19
Boone	481	2	50	0	0	168	17	2	89	150	3	0
Braxton	134	2	20	0	0	36	10	1	20	45	0	0
Brooke	210	1	10	0	0	90	9	0	65	31	0	4
Cabell	2,152	0	128	0	0	574	62	16	1,213	153	0	6
Calhoun	38	0	15	0	0	9	1	0	7	5	1	0
Clay	97	0	24	0	0	33	5	2	20	13	0	0
Doddridge	67	1	4	0	0	27	2	0	21	12	0	0
Fayette	358	1	33	0	0	185	25	3	68	43	0	0
Gilmer	25	0	1	0	0	10	5	0	3	6	0	0
Grant	94	0	15	1	1	20	6	4	23	21	3	0
Greenbrier	330	3	32	0	0	170	18	5	63	32	0	7
Hampshire	140	1	18	0	0	57	10	4	21	29	0	0
Hancock	253	2	20	0	0	126	6	3	41	53	0	2
Hardy	106	0	24	0	0	38	6	4	9	25	0	0
Harrison	822	1	67	0	0	355	26	7	271	94	0	1
Jackson	286	0	55	0	0	94	12	5	62	55	0	3
Jefferson	330	4	36	0	0	212	17	4	55	0	0	2
Kanawha	3,292	175	281	0	0	1,177	130	174	832	485	0	38
Lewis	160	1	16	0	0	76	7	1	33	25	0	1
Lincoln	365	1	50	0	0	93	18	5	83	111	0	4
Logan	512	2	54	0	0	175	15	4	114	145	0	3
Marion	687	1	43	0	0	240	21	18	276	85	0	3
Marshall	500	0	15	33	0	280	12	2	109	49	0	0
Mason	245	0	41	0	0	65	7	3	72	54	0	3
McDowell	286	0	22	0	0	91	4	2	49	118	0	0
Mercer	928	5	64	0	0	311	62	10	282	177	0	17
Mineral	162	3	16	0	0	85	4	3	14	37	0	0
Mingo	330	1	52	0	0	178	17	1	63	17	0	1
Monongalia	1,193	4	53	0	0	396	31	42	236	429	0	2
Monroe	114	1	17	0	0	88	0	1	5	2	0	0
Morgan	136	2	27	0	0	67	7	3	6	23	0	1
Nicholas	260	5	40	0	0	87	8	3	68	49	0	0
Ohio	809	3	23	0	0	326	10	9	354	80	4	0
Pendleton	30	0	0	0	0	17	4	0	2	7	0	0
Pleasants	88	0	11	0	0	52	4	0	6	15	0	0
Pocahontas	94	1	7	0	0	45	5	4	8	21	0	3
Preston	266	1	37	0	0	119	13	6	44	45	0	1
Putnam	516	6	66	0	0	259	20	6	91	68	0	0
Raleigh	772	18	94	0	0	521	39	6	53	38	3	0
Randolph	299	2	34	0	0	127	22	11	49	54	0	0
Ritchie	107	0	25	0	0	43	1	0	11	24	3	0
Roane	169	0	29	0	0	43	8	0	33	40	0	16
Summers	99	0	19	0	0	39	9	0	7	25	0	0
Taylor	138	0	31	0	0	46	8	2	22	29	0	0
Tucker	64	2	21	0	0	20	6	0	6	9	0	0
Tyler	95	0	8	0	0	28	4	0	19	35	0	1
Upshur	197	1	22	0	0	77	4	4	25	64	0	0
Wayne	475	0	86	0	0	185	20	5	86	91	0	2
Webster	89	0	24	0	0	26	7	0	14	18	0	0
Wetzel	210	0	5	1	0	86	3	1	92	22	0	0
Wirt	46	0	9	0	0	21	1	0	3	12	0	0
Wood	1,297	3	63	0	2	323	38	8	707	145	0	8
Wyoming	240	4	35	0	0	121	17	0	34	26	2	1
Total	22,432	270	2,143	35	3	8,654	894	410	6,170	3,685	19	149

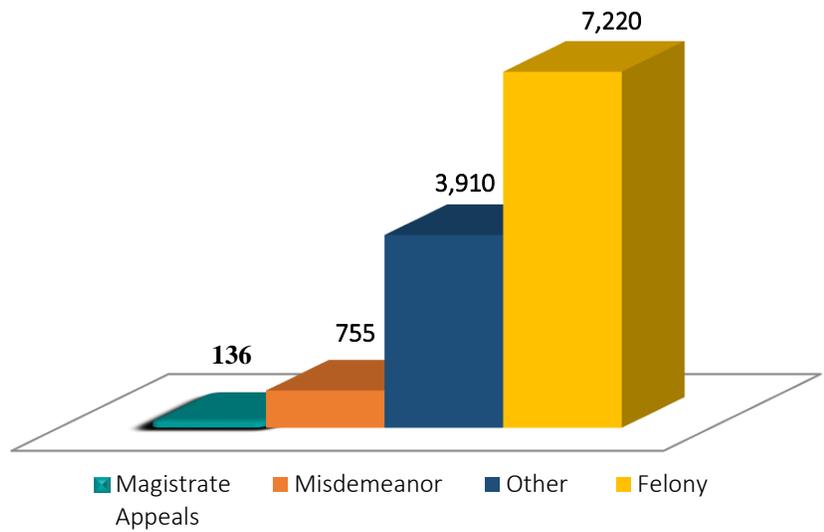
Circuit Courts
2019 Juvenile Case Filings

	Total	Child Neglect/Abuse	Delinquency	Status Offense
Barbour	163	152	11	0
Berkeley	275	105	121	49
Boone	432	177	75	180
Braxton	124	107	10	7
Brooke	73	30	21	22
Cabell	803	265	317	221
Calhoun	55	37	12	6
Clay	54	52	0	2
Doddridge	36	32	4	0
Fayette	224	200	23	1
Gilmer	42	24	17	1
Grant	69	49	18	2
Greenbrier	119	73	28	18
Hampshire	88	68	19	1
Hancock	109	42	48	19
Hardy	59	34	18	7
Harrison	395	221	67	107
Jackson	170	134	24	12
Jefferson	111	46	61	4
Kanawha	824	769	40	15
Lewis	110	78	27	5
Lincoln	162	118	16	28
Logan	232	188	43	1
Marion	306	199	71	36
Marshall	124	60	52	12
Mason	149	95	13	41
McDowell	78	62	9	7
Mercer	353	212	66	75
Mineral	101	59	24	18
Mingo	118	96	15	7
Monongalia	316	253	28	35
Monroe	22	14	3	5
Morgan	66	35	19	12
Nicholas	211	159	29	23
Ohio	180	133	35	12
Pendleton	12	4	7	1
Pleasants	53	29	17	7
Pocahontas	29	20	2	7
Preston	153	139	10	4
Putnam	190	82	26	82
Raleigh	539	281	114	144
Randolph	239	190	29	20
Ritchie	46	33	7	6
Roane	95	69	19	7
Summers	39	17	16	6
Taylor	134	119	14	1
Tucker	49	31	17	1
Tyler	40	30	8	2
Upshur	104	80	20	4
Wayne	169	93	23	53
Webster	58	51	5	2
Wetzel	37	20	16	1
Wirt	18	9	4	5
Wood	365	254	64	47
Wyoming	154	60	43	51
Total	9,293	5,975	1,877	1,441

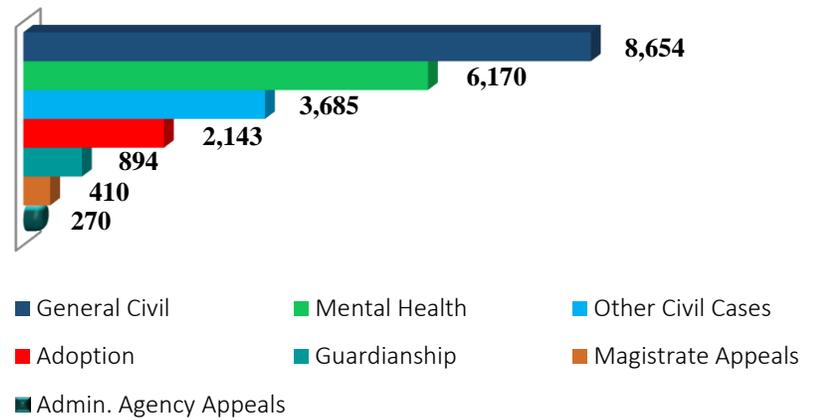
Circuit Courts 2019 Total Case Filings

	Total	Civil	Criminal	Juvenile
Barbour	410	131	116	163
Berkeley	1,963	1,108	580	275
Boone	972	481	59	432
Braxton	340	134	82	124
Brooke	390	210	107	73
Cabell	3,829	2,152	874	803
Calhoun	148	38	55	55
Clay	190	97	39	54
Doddridge	183	67	80	36
Fayette	807	358	225	224
Gilmer	83	25	16	42
Grant	222	94	59	69
Greenbrier	694	330	245	119
Hampshire	347	140	119	88
Hancock	521	253	159	109
Hardy	217	106	52	59
Harrison	1,620	822	403	395
Jackson	637	286	181	170
Jefferson	812	330	371	111
Kanawha	5,416	3,292	1,300	824
Lewis	403	160	133	110
Lincoln	687	365	160	162
Logan	931	512	187	232
Marion	1,332	687	339	306
Marshall	712	500	88	124
Mason	537	245	143	149
McDowell	514	286	150	78
Mercer	1,875	928	594	353
Mineral	371	162	108	101
Mingo	634	330	186	118
Monongalia	1,887	1,193	378	316
Monroe	189	114	36	39
Morgan	273	136	71	66
Nicholas	544	260	73	211
Ohio	1,194	809	205	180
Pendleton	60	30	18	12
Pleasants	176	88	35	53
Pocahontas	184	94	61	29
Preston	717	266	298	153
Putnam	1,078	516	372	190
Raleigh	2,619	772	1,308	539
Randolph	718	299	180	239
Ritchie	207	107	54	46
Roane	407	169	143	95
Summers	218	99	80	39
Taylor	436	138	164	134
Tucker	150	64	37	49
Tyler	193	95	58	40
Upshur	470	197	169	104
Wayne	914	475	270	169
Webster	176	89	29	58
Wetzel	327	210	80	37
Wirt	86	46	22	18
Wood	2,187	1,297	525	365
Wyoming	539	240	145	154
Total	43,746	22,432	12,021	9,293

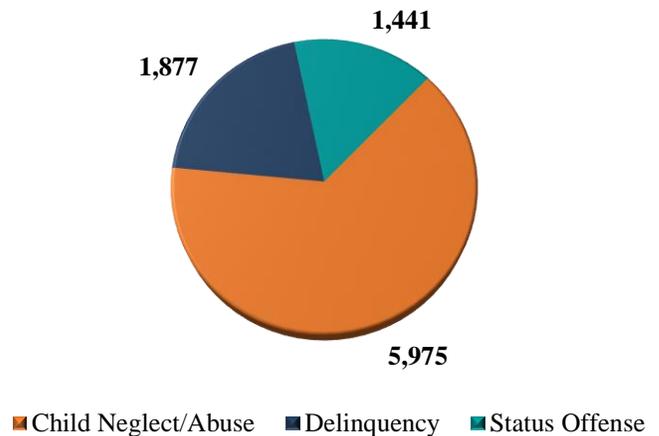
2019 Circuit Court Criminal Cases Filed



2019 Circuit Court Civil Cases Filed



2019 Circuit Court Juvenile Cases Filed



Circuit Court Summary

As of 2019, 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 2019, there were 43,746 cases filed in West Virginia's Circuit Courts, an almost 1 percent decrease from 2018 cases filed. Of the 2019 circuit cases, 22,432 were civil case filings (51.2 percent), 12,021 were criminal case filings (27.4 percent), and 9,293 were juvenile case filings (21.2 percent).

Child Abuse and Neglect Overlap Cases

Types of petitions filed:	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Juvenile Administrative Order (JAA)	512	439	409	414	439	420
Juvenile Administrative Order where Mandamus was issued (JAM)	2	3	0	4	1	1
Family Infant Guardianship (FIG)	1269	1366	1,383	1,470	1,333	1,288
Circuit Court Infant Guardianship (CIG)	623	508	461	542	498	515
Circuit Court Infant Guardianship Removed (CIGR)	133	122	131	96	96	106

“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.

106,075 documents were electronically filed and 3,282,346 documents were electronically served from January 2019 through December 2019 in all Mass Litigation cases subject to electronic filing and service. These statistics include items rejected in the clerk review process in order to capture all work performed in the three circuit court clerks' offices handling Mass Litigation cases, as well as orders, which do not go through the clerk review process.

871,015 pages were electronically filed in all Mass Litigation cases subject to electronic filing and service during 2019. This translates to almost 363 boxes of paper, based on 2400 pages per box. From December 2008, when electronic filing and service was first implemented in certain Mass Litigation cases, through the end of December 2019, a total of 991,441 documents were electronically filed, and 6,426,414 pages were electronically filed in all Mass Litigation cases subject to electronic filing and service. This translates to almost 2,678 boxes of paper.

From January 2019 through December 2019, a total of 5,104 orders were entered in Mass Litigation cases subject to electronic filing and service. This includes bench orders entered by the judge, but filed by a circuit clerk or attorney. The following chart is a breakdown of orders entered in each Mass Litigation subject to electronic filing and service in 2019:

Litigation	Jan-Dec 2019
Asbestos Personal Injury Litigation	4,822
FELA Asbestos Cases	6
Gavin Landfill Litigation	5
Marcellus Shale Litigation	39
Mingo County Coal Slurry Litigation	1
Opioid Litigation	80
Raleigh Heart Clinic Litigation	65
Tobacco Litigation	20
Water Contamination Litigation	1
Yeager Airport Litigation	65
TOTAL NUMBER OF ORDERS	5,104

Family Courts
2019 Domestic Case Filings

	Total	Divorce	Domestic Violence	Other Domestic Relations	Total	Contempt	Modification
Barbour	218	89	100	29	71	27	44
Berkeley	1,320	527	374	419	530	250	280
Boone	345	131	151	63	144	75	69
Braxton	171	68	72	31	105	71	34
Brooke	268	87	95	86	54	31	23
Cabell	1,365	473	634	258	819	468	351
Calhoun	83	37	37	9	35	10	25
Clay	141	61	61	19	115	75	40
Doddridge	80	32	34	14	33	10	23
Fayette	577	239	188	150	397	211	186
Gilmer	99	51	39	9	1	0	1
Grant	166	57	80	29	118	59	59
Greenbrier	479	155	229	95	140	94	46
Hampshire	283	122	75	86	151	65	86
Hancock	307	106	102	99	31	7	24
Hardy	191	79	67	45	139	72	67
Harrison	857	325	376	156	350	140	210
Jackson	439	144	212	83	192	94	98
Jefferson	585	211	160	214	234	136	98
Kanawha	2,971	953	1,497	521	1,107	572	535
Lewis	225	95	73	57	87	47	40
Lincoln	357	121	184	52	249	90	159
Logan	767	208	481	78	243	99	144
Marion	650	227	306	117	241	130	111
Marshall	262	101	70	91	136	53	83
Mason	379	128	168	83	143	76	67
McDowell	281	121	101	59	79	27	52
Mercer	1,391	409	741	241	432	223	209
Mineral	327	135	122	70	263	146	117
Mingo	549	199	252	98	236	90	146
Monongalia	908	294	450	164	274	119	155
Monroe	181	37	0	144	56	37	19
Morgan	217	73	73	71	116	62	54
Nicholas	386	155	166	65	242	137	105
Ohio	387	119	172	96	104	60	44
Pendleton	70	31	26	13	44	27	17
Pleasants	84	33	33	18	5	3	2
Pocahontas	112	38	51	23	71	46	25
Preston	432	138	220	74	161	71	90
Putnam	713	282	321	110	227	118	109
Raleigh	1,185	431	590	164	615	335	280
Randolph	191	75	81	35	151	64	87
Ritchie	152	43	80	29	6	0	6
Roane*	152	78	40	34	0	0	0
Summers	148	68	48	32	87	39	48
Taylor	183	89	64	30	67	27	40
Tucker	66	31	27	8	19	10	9
Tyler	126	44	58	24	32	15	17
Upshur	313	146	98	69	148	69	79
Wayne	460	229	144	87	331	166	165
Webster	121	62	39	20	111	79	32
Wetzel	164	59	58	47	59	20	39
Wirt	100	33	55	12	49	29	20
Wood	1,510	423	787	300	210	129	81
Wyoming	452	162	243	47	205	103	102
Total	24,767	8,864	11,005	5,077	10,265	5,213	5,052

Family Courts
2019 Marriages Performed by County

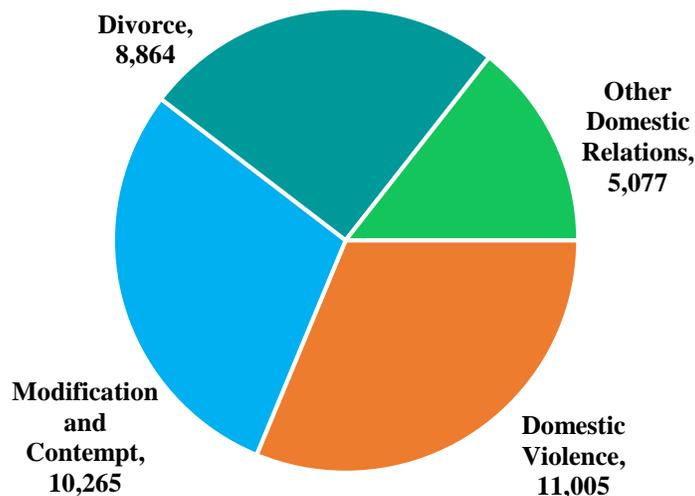
County	Total Marriages	County	Total Marriages	County	Total Marriages
Barbour	0	Kanawha	71	Preston	23
Berkeley	72	Lewis	1	Putnam	0
Boone	0	Lincoln	0	Raleigh	113
Braxton	0	Logan	64	Randolph	22
Brooke	5	Marion	84	Ritchie	0
Cabell	64	Marshall	3	Roane	0
Calhoun	0	Mason	13	Summers	0
Clay	1	McDowell	0	Taylor	1
Doddridge	0	Mercer	7	Tucker	0
Fayette	0	Mineral	0	Tyler	3
Gilmer	0	Mingo	24	Upshur	2
Grant	7	Monongalia	53	Wayne	0
Greenbrier	0	Monroe	0	Webster	3
Hampshire	0	Morgan	0	Wetzel	5
Hancock	2	Nicholas	43	Wirt	4
Hardy	26	Ohio	6	Wood	0
Harrison	127	Pendleton	1	Wyoming	5
Jackson	45	Pleasants	0	<i>Total</i>	900
Jefferson	0	Pocahontas	0		

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.

2019 Family Court Cases Filed



In 2019, there were 24,767 new cases filed in Family Courts in West Virginia, a 4 percent decrease from 2018 cases filed. In addition to new cases filed, there were 10,265 modifications and contempt proceedings in reopened cases this year. For details see table on *Page 8*. Family Court Judges also performed 900 weddings. For details see table on *Page 9*.

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. See table below. Cases involving allegations of abuse or neglect that do not meet the statutory standard to file a petition in Circuit Court can result in a 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.

**Roane County data is missing for modification and contempt.*

West Virginians Served by Supreme Court – Grant Supported Family Visitation Centers Grant Cycle 2019

Category	Number
Total Clients Served.....	695
Fathers.....	336
Mothers.....	342
Grandparent / Legal Guardian.....	17
Children Involved.....	509
Supervised Visitation.....	547
Neutral Drop-off.....	166
<i>Total number of clients served = fathers + mothers + grandparent/legal guardian</i>	

Magistrate Courts
2019 Civil Case Filings

	Total	Small Claims	Personal Safety Petitions	Domestic Violence	
				EPO	TEPO
Barbour	330	221	5	104	0
Berkeley	4,859	3,907	194	757	1
Boone	338	169	0	169	0
Braxton	242	168	0	73	1
Brooke	419	245	50	124	0
Cabell	3,397	2,497	180	719	1
Calhoun	108	58	9	41	0
Clay	158	94	4	60	0
Doddridge	135	77	22	36	0
Fayette	691	498	2	184	7
Gilmer	160	118	2	40	0
Grant	306	207	11	88	0
Greenbrier	952	582	87	281	2
Hampshire	580	490	2	87	1
Hancock	511	371	26	114	0
Hardy	348	275	6	67	0
Harrison	2,143	1,713	13	416	1
Jackson	822	474	106	242	0
Jefferson	780	529	81	250	1
Kanawha	5,750	3,275	706	1,767	2
Lewis	712	612	23	77	0
Lincoln	428	185	61	182	0
Logan	1,090	340	252	498	0
Marion	1,605	1,160	79	364	2
Marshall	475	369	26	80	0
Mason	479	224	60	193	2
McDowell	297	103	57	137	0
Mercer	2,384	1,305	318	760	1
Mineral	620	424	48	148	0
Mingo	512	210	56	245	1
Monongalia	2,832	2,114	123	595	0
Monroe	268	119	44	104	1
Morgan	1,258	1,129	34	95	0
Nicholas	469	261	31	176	1
Ohio	1,019	756	66	197	0
Pendleton	94	64	4	26	0
Pleasants	103	72	0	31	0
Pocahontas	423	348	17	56	2
Preston	860	588	39	233	0
Putnam	1,254	814	61	377	2
Raleigh	1,802	1,077	21	699	5
Randolph	837	558	49	228	2
Ritchie	216	131	4	80	1
Roane	214	156	5	53	0
Summers	136	85	2	48	1
Taylor	345	271	2	69	3
Tucker	249	218	4	25	2
Tyler	195	114	20	61	0
Upshur	654	532	0	122	0
Wayne	797	566	33	198	0
Webster	185	127	11	47	0
Wetzel	201	122	18	61	0
Wirt	175	117	3	55	0
Wood	3,368	2,306	243	818	1
Wyoming	475	168	57	248	2
Total	50,141	33,713	3,377	13,005	46

Magistrate Courts
2019 Criminal Case Filings

	Total	Worthless Check	Felony		Misdemeanor		
			Motor Vehicle	Other	Motor Vehicle	DNR	Other
Barbour	1,115	156	10	94	395	36	424
Berkeley	7,661	29	77	743	4,426	27	2,359
Boone	2,396	7	17	267	1,304	54	747
Braxton	1,027	18	10	145	482	42	330
Brooke	1,888	37	8	144	1,279	38	382
Cabell	7,945	104	61	917	3,947	61	2,855
Calhoun	756	54	1	71	372	43	215
Clay	798	31	3	50	522	43	149
Doddridge	968	17	7	55	703	17	169
Fayette	3,422	31	21	440	1,733	29	1,168
Gilmer	560	10	2	41	356	18	133
Grant	1,401	65	2	94	651	37	552
Greenbrier	1,956	168	7	243	673	91	774
Hampshire	1,608	48	14	127	863	53	503
Hancock	1,479	4	19	145	936	26	349
Hardy	2,217	97	14	113	1,425	44	524
Harrison	3,712	130	52	555	1,555	33	1,387
Jackson	2,156	46	20	264	1,181	104	541
Jefferson	4,805	48	34	229	3,349	45	1,100
Kanawha	16,734	62	211	1,926	10,465	97	3,973
Lewis	2,386	93	15	156	1,285	123	714
Lincoln	1,406	32	11	147	876	27	313
Logan	4,694	27	31	465	2,373	163	1,635
Marion	2,923	51	25	517	1,407	55	868
Marshall	2,053	17	18	211	819	36	952
Mason	2,161	28	8	145	1,216	65	699
McDowell	1,409	4	18	221	592	19	555
Mercer	4,274	70	27	513	2,424	47	1,193
Mineral	1,782	25	6	113	969	37	632
Mingo	1,891	4	16	309	717	93	752
Monongalia	5,956	45	46	633	2,721	101	2,410
Monroe	444	4	2	44	202	25	167
Morgan	2,570	18	1	51	1,286	22	1,192
Nicholas	2,489	23	22	215	1,473	131	625
Ohio	3,582	51	14	311	2,110	30	1,066
Pendleton	338	18	1	38	184	25	72
Pleasants	848	27	3	76	570	5	167
Pocahontas	859	51	6	59	382	80	281
Preston	2,129	84	19	162	1,233	53	578
Putnam	4,089	73	37	283	2,703	55	938
Raleigh	8,196	94	64	790	4,518	36	2,694
Randolph	2,322	180	22	232	1,186	70	632
Ritchie	740	19	5	58	457	34	167
Roane	1,581	2	9	164	777	47	582
Summers	782	41	2	70	376	59	234
Taylor	1,001	33	12	80	539	17	320
Tucker	547	80	3	22	327	18	97
Tyler	570	35	6	39	314	30	146
Upshur	2,600	135	22	232	1,157	60	994
Wayne	1,578	22	10	304	689	26	527
Webster	583	9	2	76	180	34	282
Wetzel	1,300	28	14	125	701	18	414
Wirt	244	1	3	26	114	28	72
Wood	4,691	36	45	674	1,615	80	2,241
Wyoming	1,726	60	12	210	734	117	593
Total	141,348	2,682	1,147	14,434	75,843	2,804	44,438

Magistrate Courts
2019 Juvenile Case Filings and Special Proceedings

	Total	Motor Vehicle	DNR	Other	Total	Mental Health	Abuse and Neglect	Juvenile
Barbour	17	3	3	11	12	7	0	5
Berkeley	105	89	1	15	48	1	0	47
Boone	21	11	2	8	0	0	0	0
Braxton	17	7	7	3	24	3	6	15
Brooke	107	22	2	83	38	0	5	33
Cabell	29	25	1	3	27	10	0	17
Calhoun	13	3	2	8	317	0	0	317
Clay	8	7	1	0	8	2	4	2
Doddridge	17	11	5	1	35	2	29	4
Fayette	16	3	1	12	12	0	0	12
Gilmer	14	9	3	2	26	1	1	24
Grant	39	11	6	22	33	23	9	1
Greenbrier	20	11	7	2	76	1	37	38
Hampshire	62	14	1	47	40	6	14	20
Hancock	16	8	4	4	65	0	0	65
Hardy	40	26	4	10	42	10	10	22
Harrison	84	24	2	58	126	0	52	74
Jackson	43	9	7	27	79	32	38	9
Jefferson	78	63	1	14	39	0	0	39
Kanawha	163	67	5	91	437	0	0	437
Lewis	41	17	1	23	17	0	2	15
Lincoln	13	5	8	0	53	9	0	44
Logan	90	20	4	66	0	0	0	0
Marion	20	17	3	0	92	1	71	20
Marshall	58	10	12	36	57	0	0	57
Mason	61	27	1	33	22	11	0	11
McDowell	40	1	9	30	96	70	3	23
Mercer	63	19	11	33	117	117	0	0
Mineral	22	17	5	0	15	6	0	9
Mingo	19	9	1	9	68	14	18	36
Monongalia	137	22	2	113	13	13	0	0
Monroe	12	4	2	6	5	2	0	3
Morgan	42	20	2	20	23	0	0	23
Nicholas	33	15	1	17	141	32	93	16
Ohio	40	39	1	0	90	0	44	46
Pendleton	19	15	2	2	12	1	1	10
Pleasants	14	9	0	5	59	1	31	27
Pocahontas	23	14	7	2	24	4	12	8
Preston	12	9	0	3	5	4	0	1
Putnam	54	31	1	22	0	0	0	0
Raleigh	157	34	1	122	303	69	0	234
Randolph	33	33	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ritchie	35	5	0	30	33	2	17	14
Roane	19	11	0	8	38	7	13	18
Summers	6	4	2	0	11	2	9	0
Taylor	13	10	1	2	34	22	0	12
Tucker	4	3	0	1	14	0	4	10
Tyler	11	10	1	0	6	0	3	3
Upshur	31	17	2	12	31	0	4	27
Wayne	8	5	1	2	71	30	21	20
Webster	0	0	0	0	33	14	13	6
Wetzel	13	11	0	2	6	0	3	3
Wirt	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Wood	48	20	2	26	71	0	71	0
Wyoming	24	17	2	5	124	21	18	85
Total	2,127	925	151	1,051	3,168	550	656	1,923

Magistrate Court Reporting

The 2019 reporting year represents the third, full, statewide utilization of the Unified Judicial Application (UJA). The case management system processed data statewide for all twelve months.

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.

