

# Barbour County

*The Barbour County Courthouse in Philippi was built in 1903 of hand-cut Hummelstown stone and adorned with stained glass.*



## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$ 38,126
Family Court .....	302,194
Magistrate Court .....	356,062
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$696,382</b>

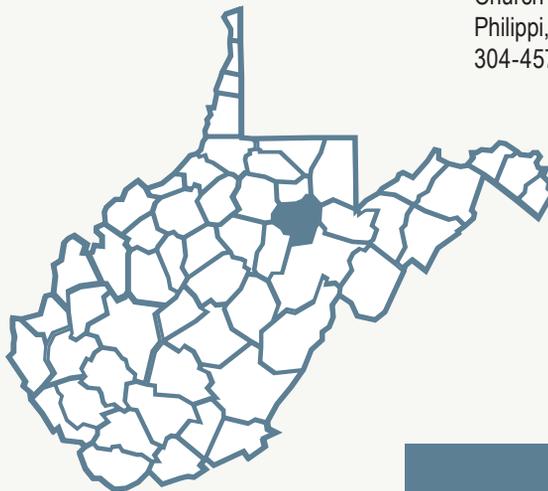
## Courthouse Facilities

<b>Improvement Authority Grant (Roof replacement) .....</b>	<b>\$64,000</b>
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There were 252 cases filed in Barbour County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 56.75 percent were civil cases, 20.63 percent were criminal cases, and 22.62 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings decreased 28.61 percent compared to 2008. Barbour County is part of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, which also includes Taylor County.

During 2009, 196 new cases were filed in Barbour County Family Court. There were also sixty-four modification and sixty-nine contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings decreased 16.95 percent compared to 2008. Barbour County is part of the Twenty-First Family Court Circuit, which also includes Taylor County.

In 2009, there were 2,073 cases filed in Barbour County Magistrate Court, a decrease of 3.31 percent from 2008. Of those, 80.13 percent were criminal cases, 10.76 percent were special proceedings, and 9.12 percent were civil cases.



### Circuit Judge

Alan D. Moats, Chief Judge

### Family Court Judge

Beth Longo

### Magistrates

Kathi S. McBee

Tina M. Mouser

### Circuit Clerk

Jerry Lantz

### Magistrate Clerk

Sandra K. Skidmore

### Chief Probation Officer

Susan Christian

### Barbour County Courthouse

8 North Main Street

Philippi, WV 26416

304-457-3454

### Barbour County Magistrate Court

Church and Main Streets

Philippi, WV 26416

304-457-3676

# Berkeley County



*Berkeley County added a dome in 1908 to the Martinsburg courthouse, built in the 1850s of brick and limestone. A separate Berkeley County Judicial Center opened in 2006.*

## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$2,719,365
Family Court .....	404,734
Magistrate Court .....	1,126,106
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$4,250,204</b>
Court Security Fund Grant .....	\$ 28,350
<b>Courthouse Facilities</b>	
Improvement Authority Grant (Roof replacement and heating and air conditioning) .....	\$80,000

### Circuit Judges

David H. Sanders, Chief Judge  
Gina M. Groh  
Gray Silver, III  
Christopher C. Wilkes  
John C. Yoder

### Family Court Judges

David P. Greenberg  
Sally G. Jackson  
William T. Wertman Jr.

### Magistrates

Joan V. Bragg  
Sandra L. "Sandy" Miller  
JoAnn B. Overington  
Randy Smith  
Harry L. Snow

### Circuit Clerk

Virginia Sine

### Magistrate Clerk

Ruby Kay Hawkins

### Chief Probation Officer

Mark Hofe

### Berkeley County Judicial Center

380 West South Street  
Martinsburg, WV 25401  
304-264-1918

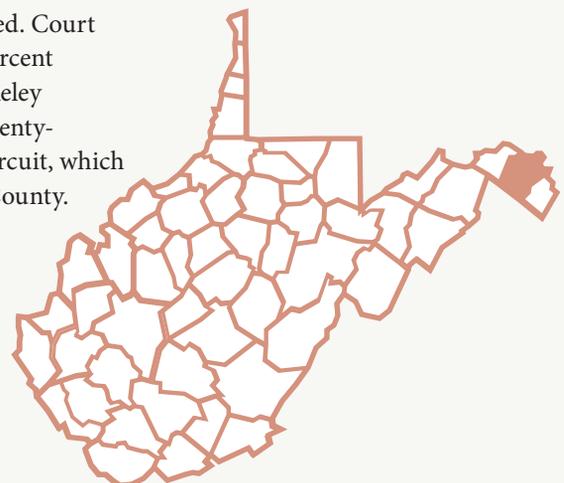
### Berkeley County Magistrate Court

380 West South Street  
Martinsburg, WV 25401  
304-264-1957

There were 2,329 cases filed in Berkeley County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 66.34 percent were civil cases, 16.1 percent were criminal cases, and 17.56 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings decreased 18.31 percent compared to 2008. Berkeley County is part of the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit, which also includes Morgan and Jefferson Counties.

During 2009, 1,713 new cases were filed in Berkeley County Family Court. There were also 367 modification and 253 contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings decreased 1.55 percent compared to 2008. Berkeley County is part of the Twenty-Fourth Family Court Circuit, which also includes Jefferson County.

In 2009, there were 18,594 cases filed in Berkeley County Magistrate Court, a decrease of 15.81 percent from 2008. Of those, 57.61 percent were criminal cases, 14.45 percent were special proceedings, and 27.94 percent were civil cases.



*The Boone County Courthouse in Madison was built between 1914 and 1921 of Indiana limestone.*



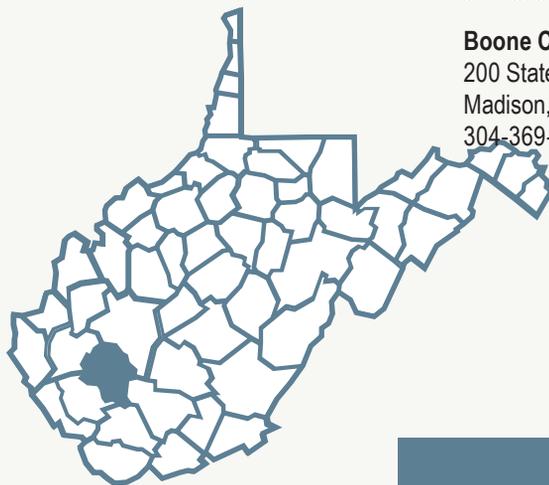
## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$ 853,695
Family Court .....	309,411
Magistrate Court .....	467,884
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,630,990</b>
<b>Court Security Fund Grant .....</b>	<b>\$9,770</b>
<b>Courthouse Facilities</b>	
<b>Improvement Authority Grant</b>	
<b>(Exterior masonry repairs) .....</b>	<b>\$74,400</b>

There were 977 cases filed in Boone County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 61.51 percent were civil cases, 18.83 percent were criminal cases, and 19.65 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings increased 3.72 percent compared to 2008. Boone County is part of the Twenty-Fifth Judicial Circuit, which also includes Lincoln County.

During 2009, 649 new cases were filed in Boone County Family Court. There were also 372 modification and 131 contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 17.36 percent compared to 2008. Boone County is part of the Tenth Family Court Circuit, which also includes Lincoln County.

In 2009, there were 5,087 cases filed in Boone County Magistrate Court, a decrease of 4.18 percent from 2008. Of those, 75.6 percent were criminal cases, 19.03 percent were special proceedings, and 5.37 percent were civil cases.



### Circuit Judges

Jay M. Hoke, Chief Judge  
William S. Thompson

### Family Court Judges

Scott E. Elswick  
Cynthia J. Jarrell

### Magistrates

Charles M. Byrnside  
Clarence "Porter" Snodgrass

### Circuit Clerk

Sue Ann Zickefoose

### Magistrate Clerk

Janet E. Dent

### Chief Probation Officer

Jerry Swanson

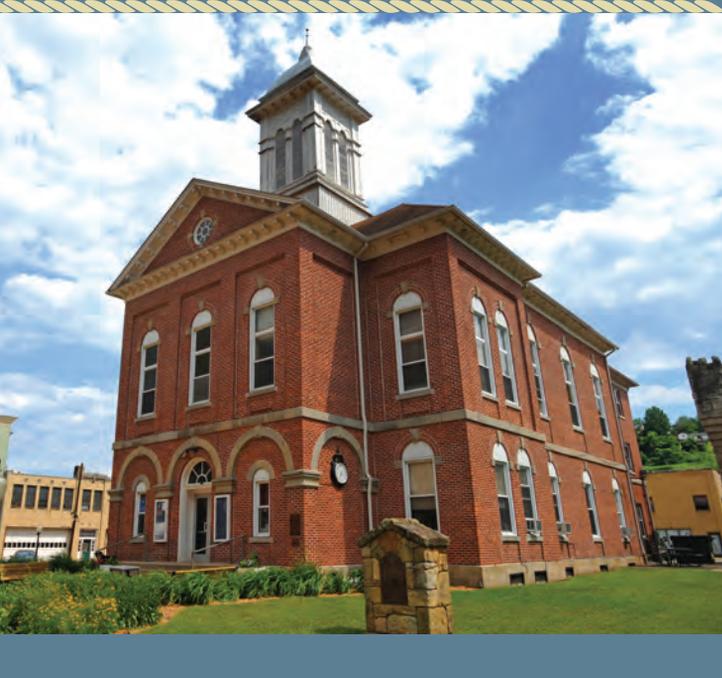
### Boone County Courthouse

200 State Street  
Madison, WV 25130  
304-369-7321

### Boone County Magistrate Court

200 State Street  
Madison, WV 25130  
304-369-7364

# Braxton County



*The Braxton County Courthouse in Sutton, built of clay bricks, was finished in 1882. Additions were made in 1938. Its predecessor building was burned by Confederate troops during the Civil War.*

## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$ 895,295
Family Court .....	308,211
Magistrate Court .....	435,250
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1,638,757</b>

### Circuit Judges

Richard A. Facemire, Chief Judge  
Jack Alsop

### Family Court Judge

Robert Reed Sowa

### Magistrates

Larry B. Clifton  
Mary Beth Smith

### Circuit Clerk

J.W. Morris

### Magistrate Clerk

Carol J. Frame

### Chief Probation Officer

Lucy Cruickshanks

### Braxton County Courthouse

300 Main Street  
Sutton, WV 26601  
304-765-2837

### Braxton County Magistrate Court

307 Main Street  
Sutton, WV 26601  
304-765-7362

There were 290 cases filed in Braxton County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 58.28 percent were civil cases, 23.1 percent were criminal cases, and 18.62 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings decreased 4.29 percent compared to 2008. Braxton County is part of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, which also includes Clay, Gilmer, and Webster Counties.

During 2009, 234 new cases were filed in Braxton County Family Court. There were also sixteen modification and seven contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 11.96 percent compared to 2008. Braxton County is part of the Seventeenth Family Court Circuit, which also includes Lewis and Upshur Counties.

In 2009, there were 2,855 cases filed in Braxton County Magistrate Court, a decrease of 10.45 percent from 2008. Of those, 79.4 percent were criminal cases, 12.43 percent were special proceedings, and 8.16 percent were civil cases.



# Brooke County

Brooke County's red brick courthouse with an octagonal cupola was built in Wellsburg in 1849. It is the county's second courthouse, and the bell from the first was moved to the new building. There have been two additions.



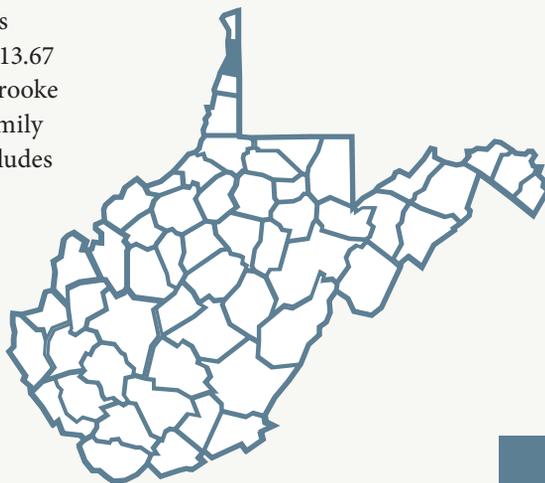
## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$1,295,682
Family Court .....	16,940
Magistrate Court .....	420,535
Total.....	\$1,733,158
Court Security Fund Grant .....	\$6,359

There were 519 cases filed in Brooke County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 68.02 percent were civil cases, 23.12 percent were criminal cases, and 8.86 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings decreased 2.63 percent compared to 2008. Brooke County is part of the First Judicial Circuit, which also includes Hancock and Ohio Counties.

During 2009, 341 new cases were filed in Brooke County Family Court. There were also fifty modification and eleven contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 13.67 percent compared to 2008. Brooke County is part of the First Family Court Circuit, which also includes Hancock and Ohio Counties.

In 2009, there were 3,162 cases filed in Brooke County Magistrate Court, an increase of 7.26 percent from 2008. Of those, 76.98 percent were criminal cases, 13.57 percent were special proceedings, and 9.46 percent were civil cases.



### Circuit Judges

Arthur M. Recht, Chief Judge  
 Martin J. Gaughan  
 James P. Mazzone  
 Ronald E. Wilson

### Family Court Judges

Joyce Dumbaugh Chernenko  
 William F. Sinclair

### Magistrates

Michael H. Allman  
 Michael F. Fuscardo  
*(Took office December 9, 2009)*  
 Deborah K. Lunsford  
*(Died October 28, 2009)*

### Circuit Clerk

Glenda Brooks

### Magistrate Clerk

Valerie S. Hood

### Chief Probation Officer

James Lee

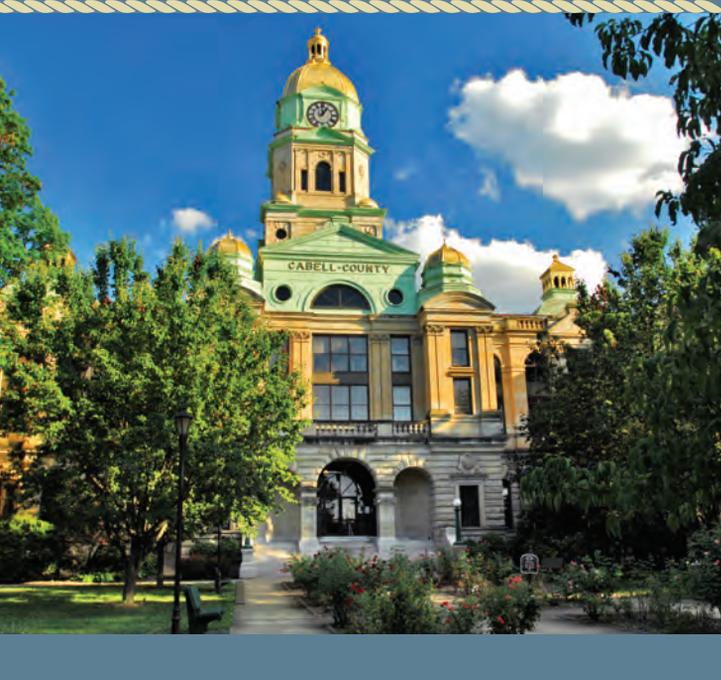
### Brooke County Courthouse

302 Courthouse Square  
 Wellsburg, WV 26070  
 304-737-3662

### Brooke County Magistrate Court

744 Charles Street  
 Wellsburg, WV 26070  
 304-737-1321

# Cabell County



*Construction of the Cabell County Courthouse in Huntington, built of Berea sandstone and topped with copper, was completed in 1901. Wings were added in 1924 and 1946.*

## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$3,720,734
Family Court .....	680,447
Magistrate Court .....	1,453,751
Total .....	\$5,854,931

## Courthouse Facilities

**Improvement Authority Grant  
(Courthouse exterior restoration) ..... \$80,000**

### Circuit Judges

F. Jane Husted, Chief Judge  
Alfred E. Ferguson  
Dan P. O'Hanlon  
David M. Pancake

### Family Court Judges

Ronald E. Anderson  
Patricia Keller

### Magistrates

Rondall "Ron" Baumgardner  
Darrell G. Black  
Daniel Goheen  
*(Took office June 4, 2009)*  
Don Maynard  
*(Died May 30, 2009)*  
John H. McCallister  
Patty R. Spence  
Michael J. Woelfel  
Betty J. Wolford

### Circuit Clerk

Adell Chandler

### Magistrate Clerk

Hope E. Romine

### Chief Probation Officer

Jonny Winkler

### Cabell County Courthouse

750 Fifth Avenue  
Huntington, WV 25701  
304-526-8622

### Cabell County Magistrate Court

750 Fifth Avenue  
Huntington, WV 25701  
304-526-8642 or 8644

There were 3,933 cases filed in Cabell County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 68.8 percent were civil cases, 15.08 percent were criminal cases, and 16.12 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings decreased 2.6 percent compared to 2008. Cabell County comprises the Sixth Judicial Circuit.

During 2009, 2,572 new cases were filed in Cabell County Family Court. There were also 480 modification and 281 contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 3.58 percent compared to 2008. Cabell County makes up the Sixth Family Court Circuit.

In 2009, there were 18,370 cases filed in Cabell County Magistrate Court. Filing levels were similar to those of 2008. Of the 2009 filings, 64.6 percent were criminal cases, 15.74 percent were special proceedings, and 19.67 percent were civil cases.



*Calhoun County's cut-stone courthouse was completed in Grantsville in 1940. It is the county's fourth courthouse. The first burned before it was occupied.*



## Court Expenditures for 2009

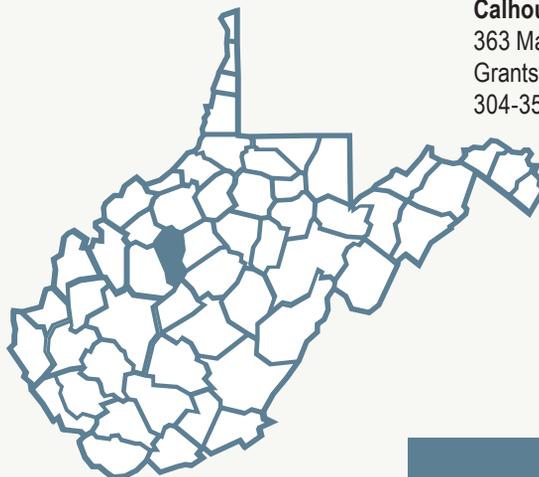
Circuit Court .....	\$127,151
Family Court .....	30,181
Magistrate Court .....	346,437
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$503,769</b>

Court Security Fund Grant .....	\$17,140
<b>Courthouse Facilities</b>	
<b>Improvement Authority Grant</b>	
<b>(Repair roof and interior damage).....</b>	<b>\$9,298</b>

There were 154 cases filed in Calhoun County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 52.6 percent were civil cases, 10.39 percent were criminal cases, and 37.01 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings increased 21.26 percent compared to 2008. Calhoun County is part of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, which also includes Jackson, Mason, and Roane Counties.

During 2009, 137 new cases were filed in Calhoun County Family Court. There were also thirty-six modification and eighteen contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings decreased 6.8 percent compared to 2008. Calhoun County is part of the Fourth Family Court Circuit, which also includes Gilmer, Ritchie, and Roane Counties.

In 2009, there were 939 cases filed in Calhoun County Magistrate Court, an increase of 1.84 percent from 2008. Of those, 78.49 percent were criminal cases, 10.12 percent were special proceedings, and 11.4 percent were civil cases.



### Circuit Judges

Thomas C. Evans, III, Chief Judge  
David W. Nibert

### Family Court Judge

Larry S. Whited

### Magistrates

Richard G. Postalwait  
Teresa D. Robinson

### Circuit Clerk

Sheila Garretson

### Magistrate Clerk

Gary D. Smith

### Chief Probation Officer

Patricia McCartney

### Calhoun County Courthouse

363 Main Street  
Grantsville, WV 26147  
304-354-6910

### Calhoun County Magistrate Court

363 Main Street  
Grantsville, WV 26147  
304-354-6698

# Clay County



*The Clay County Courthouse is the county's third. The red brick structure was completed in the Town of Clay in 1978 and is the state's newest courthouse.*

## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$138,947
Family Court .....	18,308
Magistrate Court .....	350,124
Total .....	\$507,378

## Courthouse Facilities

Improvement Authority Grant (Partial roof replacement and repair) .....	\$17,776
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### Circuit Judges

Richard A. Facemire, Chief Judge  
Jack Alsop

### Family Court Judge

Donald K. Bischoff

### Magistrates

Jeffrey W. Boggs  
Mitchel H. King

### Circuit Clerk

Mike Asbury

### Magistrate Clerk

Trisha L. Triplett

### Chief Probation Officer

Lucy Cruickshanks

### Clay County Courthouse

246 Main Street  
Clay, WV 25043  
304-587-4256

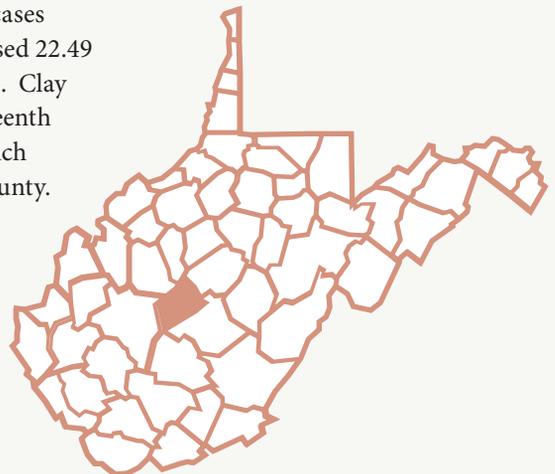
### Clay County Magistrate Court

246 Main Street  
Clay, WV 25043  
304-587-2131

There were 193 cases filed in Clay County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 56.48 percent were civil cases, 17.62 percent were criminal cases, and 25.91 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings decreased 15.35 percent compared to 2008. Clay County is part of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, which also includes Braxton, Gilmer, and Webster Counties.

During 2009, 305 new cases were filed in Clay County Family Court. There were also eighty-five modification and forty-eight contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 22.49 percent compared to 2008. Clay County is part of the Sixteenth Family Court Circuit, which also includes Nicholas County.

In 2009, there were 1,714 cases filed in Clay County Magistrate Court, are similar to those of 2008. Of those, 78.7 percent were criminal cases, 12.84 percent were special proceedings, and 8.46 percent were civil cases.



# Doddridge County

*The Doddridge County Courthouse, built in West Union, was completed in 1904 of red brick and cut stone. It is the county's third courthouse; the first two were destroyed by fire.*



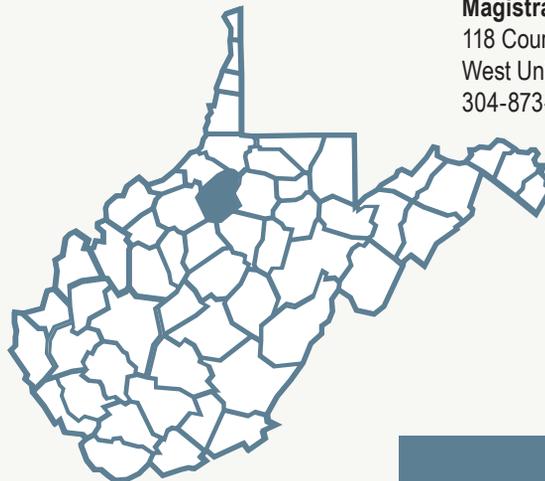
## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$542,555
Family Court .....	3,631
Magistrate Court .....	379,488
Total.....	\$925,675

There were 147 cases filed in Doddridge County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 62.59 percent were civil cases, 16.33 percent were criminal cases, and 21.09 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings decreased 12.5 percent compared to 2008. Doddridge County is part of the Third Judicial Circuit, which also includes Pleasants and Ritchie Counties.

During 2009, 117 new cases were filed in Doddridge County Family Court. There were also sixteen modification and nine contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings did not fluctuate compared to 2008. Doddridge County is part of the Eighteenth Family Court Circuit, which also includes Harrison County.

In 2009, there were 1,269 cases filed in Doddridge County Magistrate Court, an increase of 14.84 percent from 2008. Of those, 78.41 percent were criminal cases, 12.77 percent were special proceedings, and 8.83 percent were civil cases.



### Circuit Judge

Robert L. Holland, Jr., Chief Judge

### Family Court Judges

Lori B. Jackson  
Cornelia A. Reep

### Magistrates

D. Frances Davis  
Jamie Lou Moran

### Circuit Clerk

Dwight E. Moore

### Magistrate Clerk

Candi E. Rollins

### No Chief Probation Officer

### Doddridge County Courthouse

118 East Court Street  
West Union, WV 26456  
304-873-2331

### Doddridge County Magistrate Court

118 Court Street  
West Union, WV 26456  
304-873-2694

# Fayette County



*Fayette County's fourth courthouse was completed in 1895 of Washington brick and cut stone. The Fayetteville landmark was expanded in 1948, 1958, and 1976. An annex was constructed in 1987 and houses one of the county's two circuit judges as well as magistrate court.*

## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$1,634,821
Family Court .....	452,422
Magistrate Court .....	828,382
Total .....	\$2,915,625

## Courthouse Facilities

Improvement Authority Grant (Exterior walkway and masonry repairs) .....	\$80,000
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### Circuit Judges

John W. Hatcher, Jr., Chief Judge  
Paul M. Blake Jr.

### Family Court Judge

Janet Frye Steele

### Magistrates

Charles L. Garvin, III  
Sharon R. McGraw  
Michael D. Parsons  
Danita G. Young

### Circuit Clerk

Daniel Wright

### Magistrate Clerk

Beverly J. Hundley

### Chief Probation Officer

Janette Woodrum

### Fayette County Courthouse

100 North Court Street  
Fayetteville, WV 25840  
304-574-4249

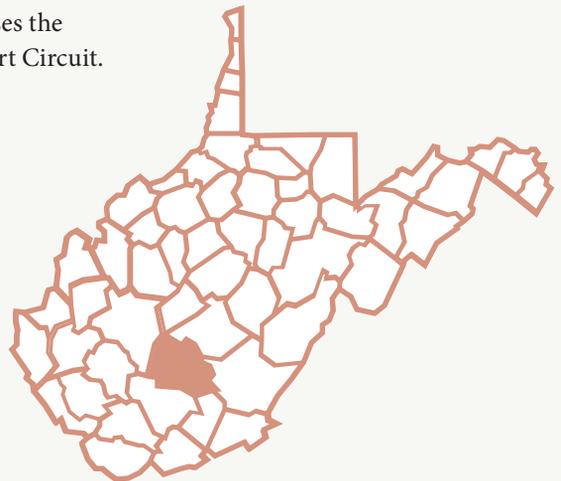
### Fayette County Magistrate Court

100 Church Street  
Fayetteville, WV 25840  
304-574-4279

There were 840 cases filed in Fayette County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 57.98 percent were civil cases, twenty-five percent were criminal cases, and 17.02 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings decreased 5.3 percent compared to 2008. Fayette County comprises the Twelfth Judicial Circuit.

During 2009, 1,031 new cases were filed in Fayette County Family Court. There were also 294 modification and 202 contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings did not fluctuate compared to 2008. Fayette County comprises the Fourteenth Family Court Circuit.

In 2009, there were 8,497 cases filed in Fayette County Magistrate Court, an increase of 4.67 percent from 2008. Of those, 74.17 percent were criminal cases, 15.17 percent were special proceedings, and 10.66 percent were civil cases.



*Gilmer County's courthouse was completed in 1923 in Glenville. The county's third, it has been enlarged and an annex added.*



## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$ 38,482
Family Court .....	5,518
Magistrate Court .....	269,299
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$313,299</b>

There were 140 cases filed in Gilmer County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 71.43 percent were civil cases, 23.57 percent were criminal cases, and five percent were juvenile cases. Court filings decreased 10.83 percent compared to 2008. Gilmer County is part of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, which also includes Braxton, Clay, and Webster Counties.

During 2009, 125 new cases were filed in Gilmer County Family Court. There were also fifteen modification and nine contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 2.46 percent compared to 2008. Gilmer County is part of the Fourth Family Court Circuit, which also includes Calhoun, Ritchie, and Roane Counties.

In 2009, there were 1,009 cases filed in Gilmer County Magistrate Court, an increase of 25.65 percent from 2008. Of those, 63.23 percent were criminal cases, 20.91 percent were special proceedings, and 15.86 percent were civil cases.



### Circuit Judges

Richard A. Facemire, Chief Judge  
Jack Alsop

### Family Court Judge

Larry S. Whited

### Magistrates

Robert W. Minigh  
Carol L. Wolfe

### Circuit Clerk

Lane Smith  
*(Retired February 28, 2009)*  
Karen Elkins  
*(Appointed March 1, 2009)*

### Magistrate Clerk

Dixie L. Moyers

### Chief Probation Officer

Lucy Cruickshanks

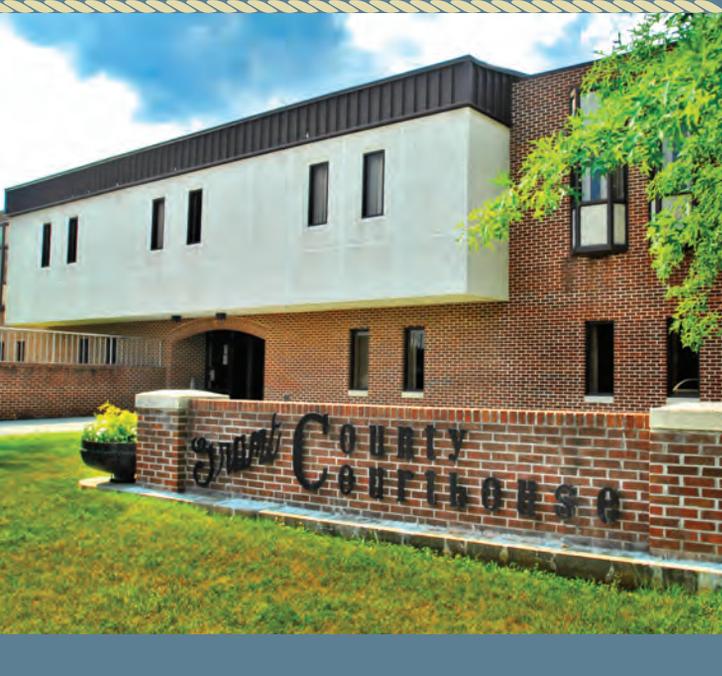
### Gilmer County Courthouse

10 Howard Street  
Glenville, WV 26351  
304-462-7241

### Gilmer County Magistrate Court

201 North Court Street  
Glenville, WV 26351  
304-462-7812

# Grant County



*The Grant County Courthouse in Petersburg was completed in 1976 to replace the county's first courthouse, built in 1879, a structure that still stands several blocks away.*

## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$390,304
Family Court .....	7,775
Magistrate Court .....	351,109
Total .....	\$749,188

## Courthouse Facilities

Improvement Authority Grant (Roof replacement) .....	\$39,712
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### Circuit Judges

Phillip B. Jordan, Jr., Chief Judge  
Lynn A. Nelson

### Family Court Judge

Amanda H. See

### Magistrates

Willard L. Earle, II  
Larry W. Ours

### Circuit Clerk

Betty Moomau

### Magistrate Clerk

Janet S. Frye

### Chief Probation Officer

Jerome DiBacco

### Grant County Courthouse

5 Highland Street  
Petersburg, WV 26847  
304-257-4545

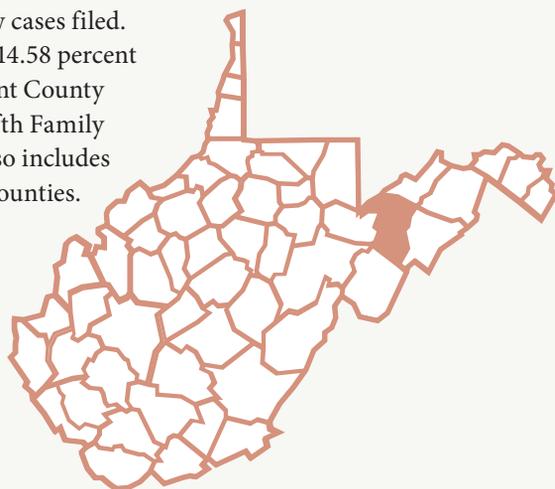
### Grant County Magistrate Court

4 North Main Street  
Petersburg, WV 26847  
304-257-4637

There were 253 cases filed in Grant County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 58.89 percent were civil cases, 20.16 percent were criminal cases, and 20.95 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings increased 12.44 percent compared to 2008. Grant County is part of the Twenty-First Judicial Circuit, which also includes Mineral and Tucker Counties.

During 2009, 220 new cases were filed in Grant County Family Court. There were also sixty-one modification and twenty-three contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 14.58 percent compared to 2008. Grant County is part of the Twenty-Fifth Family Court Circuit, which also includes Hardy and Pendleton Counties.

In 2009, there were 2,136 cases filed in Grant County Magistrate Court, a decrease of 10.44 percent from 2008. Of those, 72.94 percent were criminal cases, 16.76 percent were special proceedings, and 10.3 percent were civil cases.



# Greenbrier County

*The Greenbrier County Courthouse in Lewisburg was built in 1837, while the county was still part of Virginia. Wings were added in 1937 and 1963. The red brick colonial building is the oldest functioning courthouse in West Virginia.*



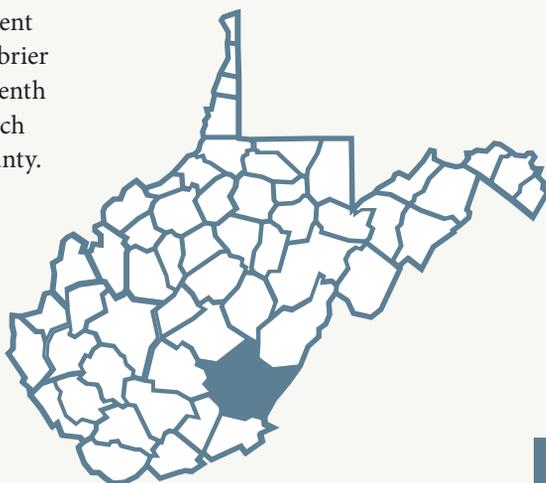
## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$1,564,668
Family Court .....	278,812
Magistrate Court .....	716,036
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,559,516</b>
 Court Security Fund Grant .....	 \$108,620

There were 795 cases filed in Greenbrier County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 61.76 percent were civil cases, 22.26 percent were criminal cases, and 15.97 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings did not fluctuate compared to 2008. Greenbrier County is part of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, which also includes Pocahontas County.

During 2009, 714 new cases were filed in Greenbrier County Family Court. There were also 149 modification and 186 contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 4.23 percent compared to 2008. Greenbrier County is part of the Fifteenth Family Court Circuit, which also includes Monroe County.

In 2009, there were 4,431 cases filed in Greenbrier County Magistrate Court, a decrease of 10.72 percent from 2008. Of those, 68.36 percent were criminal cases, 10.81 percent were special proceedings, and 20.83 percent were civil cases.



### Circuit Judges

Joseph C. Pomponio, Jr., Chief Judge  
James J. Rowe

### Family Court Judge

David M. Sanders

### Magistrates

Charles D. Beard  
Brenda L. Campbell  
Brenda J. Smith

### Circuit Clerk

Louvonne Arbuckle

### Magistrate Clerk

Deborah A. Kaizer  
*(Appointed March 1, 2009)*  
Teresa E. "Terry" King  
*(Retired February 28, 2009)*

### Chief Probation Officer

Fred Taylor

### Greenbrier County Courthouse

200 North Court Street  
Lewisburg, WV 24901  
304-647-6626

### Greenbrier County Magistrate Court

203 Green Lane  
Lewisburg, WV 24901  
304-647-6632

# Hampshire County



*The cream-colored brick Hampshire County Courthouse is in Romney, which was founded in 1762 and is the oldest county seat in West Virginia. The present courthouse was built in 1922. A new Hampshire County Judicial Center opened in 2008.*

## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$ 766,336
Family Court .....	299,200
Magistrate Court .....	435,844
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1,501,380</b>
<b>Court Security Fund Grant .....</b>	<b>\$4,879</b>

### Circuit Judges

Donald H. Cookman, Chief Judge  
Jerry D. Moore

### Family Court Judge

Charles E. Parsons

### Magistrates

Eugene T. Billmeyer  
Shirley A. Timbrook

### Circuit Clerk

Sonja Embrey

### Magistrate Clerk

Wanda L. Billmeyer

### Chief Probation Officer

John Rohrbaugh

### Hampshire County Courthouse

50 South High Street  
Romney, WV 26757  
304-822-5022

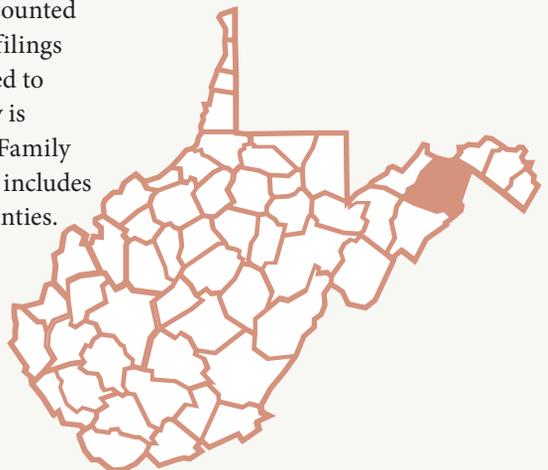
### Hampshire County Magistrate Court

50 South High Street  
Romney, WV 26757  
304-822-4311

There were 353 cases filed in Hampshire County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 60.06 percent were civil cases, 29.18 percent were criminal cases, and 10.76 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings decreased 15.95 percent compared to 2008. Hampshire County is part of the Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit, which also includes Hardy and Pendleton Counties.

During 2009, 308 new cases were filed in Hampshire County Family Court. There were also eighty-three modification and forty-eight contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings did not fluctuate compared to 2008. Hampshire County is part of the Twenty-Third Family Court Circuit, which also includes Mineral and Morgan Counties.

In 2009, there were 4,686 cases filed in Hampshire County Magistrate Court, a decrease of 1.66 percent from 2008. Of those, 70.17 percent were criminal cases, 9.18 percent were special proceedings, and 20.66 percent were civil cases.



# Hancock County

*Hancock County's stone-faced courthouse was built in New Cumberland in the 1920s. It replaced the first courthouse, which burned. An annex has been added.*



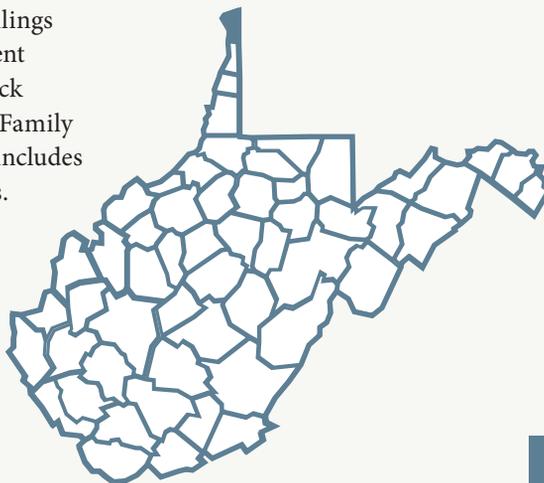
## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$ 766,367
Family Court .....	44,270
Magistrate Court .....	603,478
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1,414,115</b>

There were 740 cases filed in Hancock County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 46.62 percent were civil cases, 36.89 percent were criminal cases, and 16.49 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings increased 29.14 percent compared to 2008. Hancock County is part of the First Judicial Circuit, which also includes Brooke and Ohio Counties.

During 2009, 611 new cases were filed in Hancock County Family Court. There were also twenty-nine modification and seventeen contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased thirty-four percent compared to 2008. Hancock County is part of the First Family Court Circuit, which also includes Brooke and Ohio Counties.

In 2009, there were 4,125 cases filed in Hancock County Magistrate Court, an increase of 2.77 percent from 2008. Of those, 70.72 percent were criminal cases, 16.61 percent were special proceedings, and 12.68 percent were civil cases.



### Circuit Judges

Arthur M. Recht, Chief Judge  
 Martin J. Gaughan  
 James P. Mazzone  
 Ronald E. Wilson

### Family Court Judges

Joyce Dumbaugh Chernenko  
 William F. Sinclair

### Magistrates

Betty J. Bauer  
 William S. Hicks  
 Michael W. Powell

### Circuit Clerk

Brenda Jackson

### Magistrate Clerk

Tamera A. Smith

### Chief Probation Officer

James Lee

### Hancock County Courthouse

102 Court Street  
 New Cumberland, WV 26047  
 304-564-3311

### Hancock County Magistrate Court

102 Court Street  
 New Cumberland, WV 26047  
 304-564-3355

# Hardy County



*The Hardy County Courthouse in Moorefield, the county's third, was built in 1914 of red brick. The two earlier courthouses still stand.*

## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$ 437,194
Family Court .....	287,872
Magistrate Court .....	340,616
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1,065,682</b>

### Circuit Judges

Donald H. Cookman, Chief Judge  
Jerry D. Moore

### Family Court Judge

Amanda H. See

### Magistrates

Craig A. Hose  
Daniel M. Poling

### Circuit Clerk

Janet Ferrell

### Magistrate Clerk

Helen H. Martin

### Chief Probation Officer

John Rohrbaugh

### Hardy County Courthouse

204 Washington Street  
Moorefield, WV 26836  
304-530-0232

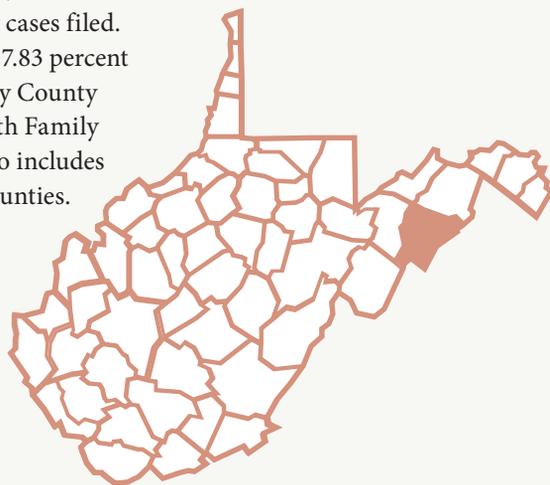
### Hardy County Magistrate Court

204 Washington Street  
Moorefield, WV 26836  
304-530-0212

There were 269 cases filed in Hardy County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 53.53 percent were civil cases, 33.46 percent were criminal cases, and 13.01 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings increased 10.25 percent compared to 2008. Hardy County is part of the Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit, which also includes Hampshire and Pendleton Counties.

During 2009, 271 new cases were filed in Hardy County Family Court. There were also fifty-three modification and thirty-six contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 17.83 percent compared to 2008. Hardy County is part of the Twenty-Fifth Family Court Circuit, which also includes Grant and Pendleton Counties.

In 2009, there were 3,380 cases filed in Hardy County Magistrate Court, a decrease of 2.96 percent from 2008. Of those, 76.57 percent were criminal cases, 10.65 percent were special proceedings, and 12.78 percent were civil cases.



*Harrison County's courthouse in Clarksburg was dedicated in 1932. The county's fourth courthouse, it is a superb example of art deco architecture.*



## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$2,502,485
Family Court .....	652,813
Magistrate Court .....	1,022,941
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,178,239</b>

Court Security Fund Grant ..... \$37,360

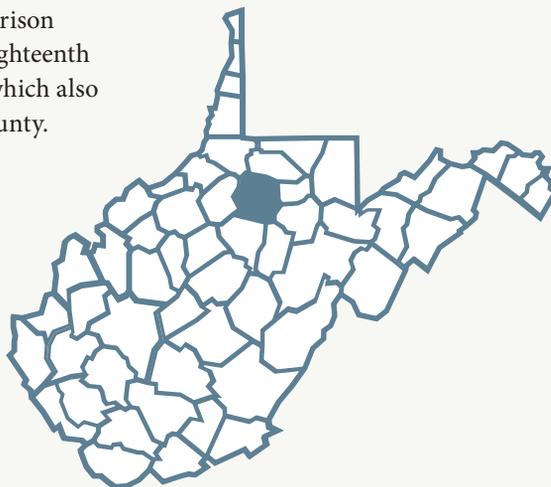
### Courthouse Facilities

Improvement Authority Grant  
(Installation of  
thirty-seven windows)..... \$80,000

There were 1,674 cases filed in Harrison County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 58.12 percent were civil cases, 18.76 percent were criminal cases, and 23.12 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings decreased 9.95 percent compared to 2008. Harrison County comprises the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit.

During 2009, 1,388 new cases were filed in Harrison County Family Court. There were also 158 modification and 118 contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 8.27 percent compared to 2008. Harrison County is part of the Eighteenth Family Court Circuit, which also includes Doddridge County.

In 2009, there were 11,717 cases filed in Harrison County Magistrate Court, a decrease of 5.13 percent from 2008. Of those, 64.91 percent were criminal cases, 16.78 percent were special proceedings, and 18.31 percent were civil cases.



### Circuit Judges

Thomas A. Bedell, Chief Judge  
J. Lewis Marks, Jr.  
James A. Matish

### Family Court Judges

Lori B. Jackson  
Cornelia A. Reep

### Magistrates

Warren E. Davis  
Frank A. DeMarco  
Mark A. Gorby  
Keith W. Marple  
Tammy F. Marple

### Circuit Clerk

Donald L. Kopp II

### Magistrate Clerk

Wendy Davis  
*(Appointed February 1, 2009)*  
Mary R. Walker  
*(Retired January 31, 2009)*

### Chief Probation Officer

Charles Scott

### Harrison County Courthouse

301 West Main Street  
Clarksburg, WV 26301  
304-624-8640

### Harrison County Magistrate Court

306 Washington Avenue  
Clarksburg, WV 26301  
304-624-8648

# Jackson County



*The Jackson County Courthouse in Ripley was completed in 1920 and is the site of one of West Virginia's largest annual Fourth of July gatherings. The courthouse is the county's third; and it was remodeled and expanded in 1961.*

## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$ 734,435
Family Court .....	323,282
Magistrate Court .....	477,886
Total .....	\$1,535,604
Court Security Fund Grant .....	\$16,144

### Circuit Judges

Thomas C. Evans, III, Chief Judge  
David W. Nibert

### Family Court Judges

Rebecca Stafford Cornett  
Constance Fisher Thomas

### Magistrates

Jacqueline R. Casto  
William T. Reynolds

### Circuit Clerk

Keith Brotherton

### Magistrate Clerk

Amy S. Smith

### Chief Probation Officer

Patricia McCartney

### Jackson County Courthouse

100 Court Street  
Ripley, WV 25271  
304-373-2210

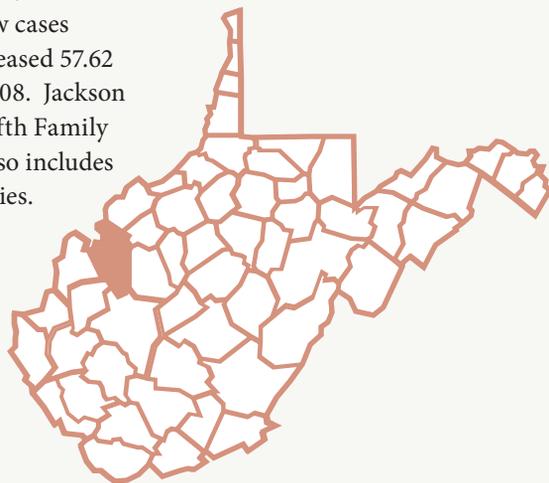
### Jackson County Magistrate Court

100 Main Street  
Ripley, WV 25271  
304-373-2313

There were 487 cases filed in Jackson County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 52.98 percent were civil cases, 31.62 percent were criminal cases, and 15.4 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings increased 3.18 percent compared to 2008. Jackson County is part of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, which also includes Calhoun, Mason, and Roane Counties.

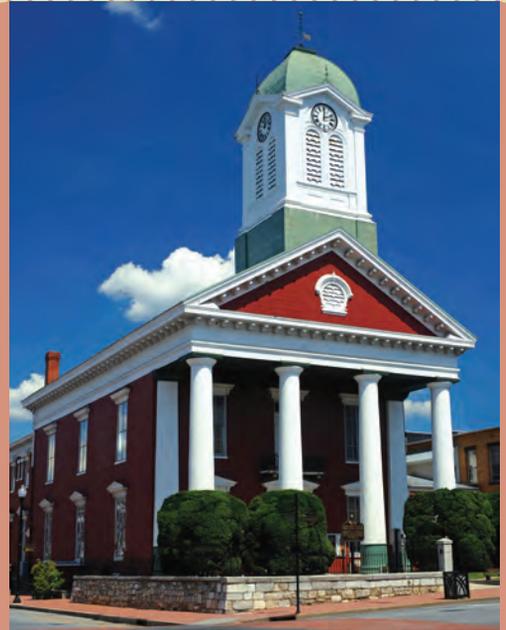
During 2009, 703 new cases were filed in Jackson County Family Court. There were also 159 modification and eighty-nine contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 57.62 percent compared to 2008. Jackson County is part of the Fifth Family Court Circuit, which also includes Mason and Wirt Counties.

In 2009, there were 3,880 cases filed in Jackson County Magistrate Court, a decrease of 2.76 percent from 2008. Of those, 71.8 percent were criminal cases, 15.03 percent were special proceedings, and 13.17 percent were civil cases.



# Jefferson County

*The Jefferson County Courthouse in Charles Town, built in 1836 and rebuilt in the 1870s, was the site of the 1859 treason trial of abolitionist John Brown. An annex was added in 1910.*



## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$1,111,317
Family Court .....	518,507
Magistrate Court .....	681,105
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,310,930</b>

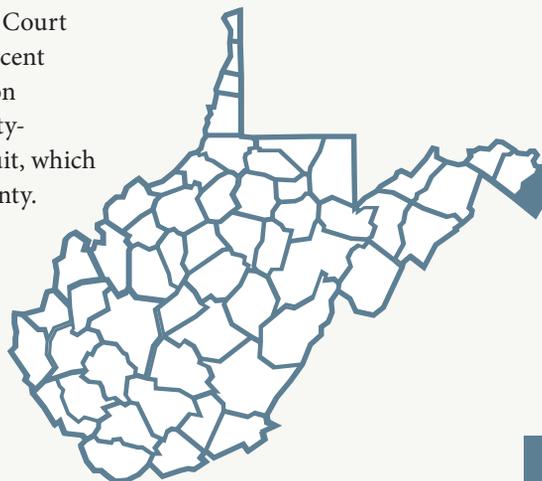
## Courthouse Facilities

<b>Improvement Authority Grant (Heating and air conditioning updates) .....</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>
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There were 1,082 cases filed in Jefferson County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 64.6 percent were civil cases, 23.29 percent were criminal cases, and 12.11 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings increased 3.05 percent compared to 2008. Jefferson County is part of the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit, which also includes Berkeley and Morgan Counties.

During 2009, 817 new cases were filed in Jefferson County Family Court. There were also 153 modification and 119 contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased eleven percent compared to 2008. Jefferson County is part of the Twenty-Fourth Family Court Circuit, which also includes Berkeley County.

In 2009, there were 9,241 cases filed in Jefferson County Magistrate Court, an increase of 19.39 percent from 2008. Of those, 72.91 percent were criminal cases, 10.65 percent were special proceedings, and 16.44 percent were civil cases.



### Circuit Judges

David H. Sanders, Chief Judge  
Gina M. Groh  
Gray Silver, III  
Christopher C. Wilkes  
John C. Yoder

### Family Court Judges

David P. Greenberg  
Sally G. Jackson  
William T. Wertman Jr.

### Magistrates

Gail C. Boober  
Mary P. Rissler  
William E. Senseney

### Circuit Clerk

Laura Rattenni

### Magistrate Clerk

Bonnie L. Seal

### Chief Probation Officer

Mark Hofe

### Jefferson County Courthouse

119 North George Street  
Charles Town, WV 25414  
304-728-3231

### Jefferson County Magistrate Court

110 North George Street  
Charles Town, WV 25414  
304-728-3233 ext. 342

# Kanawha County



*The Kanawha County Courthouse in Charleston was built in 1892, with additions in 1917 and 1926. A separate Judicial Building was completed in 1982, renovated in 2005, and now houses all of the county's judicial officers.*

## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$ 7,099,649
Family Court .....	1,713,134
Magistrate Court .....	2,205,280
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$11,018,063</b>

Court Security Fund Grant ..... \$47,185

### Courthouse Facilities

Improvement Authority Grant  
(Attic sprinklers for fire suppression)

..... \$80,000

### Circuit Judges

James C. Stucky, Chief Judge

Jennifer F. Bailey

Irene C. Berger

*(Resigned November 9, 2009)*

Louis H. "Duke" Bloom

Tod J. Kaufman

Charles E. King

Carrie Webster

*(Appointed December 28, 2009)*

Paul Zakaib Jr.

### Family Court Judges

Kenneth D. Ballard

Mike Kelly

Robert M. Montgomery

Sharon M. Mullens

D. Mark Snyder

### Magistrates

Kim J. Aaron

Carol A. Fouty

Tim C. Halloran

Ward Harshbarger, III

Pete C. Lopez

Jack Pauley

Joseph L. Shelton

Traci L. Strickland

Paris Workman

Julie M. Yeager

### Circuit Clerk

Cathy Gatson

### Magistrate Clerk

Agnes D. Riffel

### Chief Adult Probation Officer

Judy Jones

### Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

James Kane

### Kanawha County Judicial Building

111 Court Street

Charleston, WV 25301

304-357-0440

### Kanawha County Magistrate Court

111 Court Street

Charleston, WV 25301

304-357-0422

There were 6,989 cases filed in Kanawha County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 67.85 percent were civil cases, 25.23 percent were criminal cases, and 6.93 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings increased 9.99 percent compared to 2008. Kanawha County is the only county in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit.

During 2009, 4,686 new cases were filed in Kanawha County Family Court. There were also 1,123 modification and 747 contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 10.41 percent compared to 2008. Kanawha County makes up the Eleventh Family Court Circuit.

In 2009, there were 38,658 cases filed in Kanawha County Magistrate Court, a decrease of 13.71 percent from 2008. Of those, 75.33 percent were criminal cases, 13.51 percent were special proceedings, and 11.16 percent were civil cases.



*The Lewis County Courthouse in Weston was built in 1887 of grey stone and brick. It is the county's third. Although fire destroyed the second courthouse in 1886, all records were saved.*

## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$376,244
Family Court .....	44,244
Magistrate Court .....	443,714
Total.....	\$864,201

## Courthouse Facilities

Improvement Authority Grant (Fire safety upgrades).....	\$80,000
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### Circuit Judge

Thomas H. Keadle, Chief Judge

### Family Court Judge

Robert Reed Sowa

### Magistrates

Sharon A. Hull  
James D. Moody

### Circuit Clerk

John Hinzman

### Magistrate Clerk

Carolyn S. Williams

### Chief Probation Officer

Serena Peterson

### Lewis County Courthouse

110 Center Avenue  
Weston, WV 26452  
304-269-8210

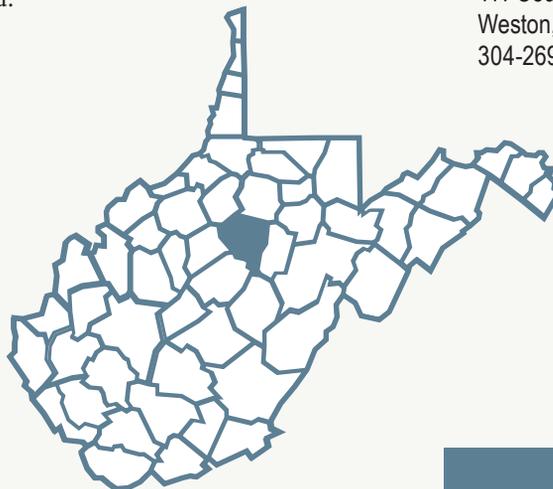
### Lewis County Magistrate Court

111 Court Street  
Weston, WV 26452  
304-269-8230

There were 738 cases filed in Lewis County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 83.74 percent were civil cases, 11.65 percent were criminal cases, and 4.61 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings increased 5.13 percent compared to 2008. Lewis County is part of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial Circuit, which also includes Upshur County.

During 2009, 284 new cases were filed in Lewis County Family Court. There were also twenty-six modification and twenty-three contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings did not fluctuate compared to 2008. Lewis County is part of the Seventeenth Family Court Circuit, which also includes Braxton and Upshur Counties.

In 2009, there were 4,324 cases filed in Lewis County Magistrate Court. Filing levels were similar to those of 2008. Of the 2009 filings, 76.85 percent were criminal cases, 5.2 percent were special proceedings, and 17.95 percent were civil cases.



# Lincoln County



*The Lincoln County Courthouse in Hamlin was completed in 1964. It is at least the third to serve the county. An earlier courthouse burned in 1909, along with all county land records to that time.*

## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$ 972,326
Family Court .....	381,188
Magistrate Court .....	406,829
Total .....	\$1,760,344

### Circuit Judges

Jay M. Hoke, Chief Judge  
William S. Thompson

### Family Court Judges

Scott E. Elswick  
Cynthia L. Jarrell

### Magistrates

Mona Dell Snodgrass  
Sophia J. Tully

### Circuit Clerk

Charlie Brumfield

### Magistrate Clerk

Darlana Kay Adkins

### Chief Probation Officer

Jerry Swanson

### Lincoln County Courthouse

8000 Court Avenue  
Hamlin, WV 25523  
304-824-7887, ext. 239

### Lincoln County Magistrate Court

8000 Court Avenue  
Hamlin, WV 25523  
304-824-5001 ext. 235

There were 625 cases filed in Lincoln County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 47.36 percent were civil cases, 19.52 percent were criminal cases, and 33.12 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings decreased 11.47 percent compared to 2008. Lincoln County is part of the Twenty-Fifth Judicial Circuit, which also includes Boone County.

During 2009, 447 new cases were filed in Lincoln County Family Court. There were also 186 modification and 186 contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 7.19 percent compared to 2008. Lincoln County is part of the Tenth Family Court Circuit, which also includes Boone County.

In 2009, there were 4,627 cases filed in Lincoln County Magistrate Court, a decrease of 1.45 percent from 2008. Of those, 82.54 percent were criminal cases, 13.44 percent were special proceedings, and 4.02 percent were civil cases.



*The Logan County Courthouse in the City of Logan was built in 1965, the fourth since the Civil War. An earlier structure was burned by Union troops, along with all records.*



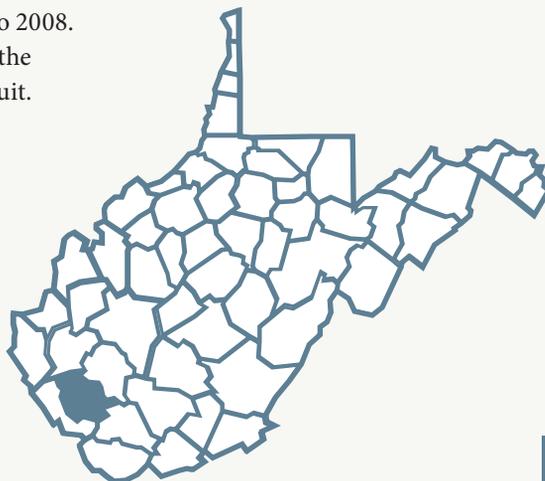
## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$1,746,192
Family Court .....	565,604
Magistrate Court .....	762,883
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,074,678</b>
<b>Court Security Fund Grant .....</b>	<b>\$61,483</b>

There were 1,025 cases filed in Logan County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 57.76 percent were civil cases, 14.44 percent were criminal cases, and 27.8 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings decreased 10.4 percent compared to 2008. Logan County comprises the Seventh Judicial Circuit.

During 2009, 1,350 new cases were filed in Logan County Family Court. There were also 241 modification and ninety-two contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 16.78 percent compared to 2008. Logan County makes up the Ninth Family Court Circuit.

In 2009, there were 9,374 cases filed in Logan County Magistrate Court, a decrease of 9.42 percent from 2008. Of those, 76.93 percent were criminal cases, 17.3 percent were special proceedings, and 5.77 percent were civil cases.



### Circuit Judges

Roger L. Perry, Chief Judge  
Eric H. O'Briant

### Family Court Judges

Kelly Gilmore Codispoti  
Jason D. Harwood

### Magistrates

Leonard Codispoti  
Jeffrey S. Lane  
Dwight A. Williamson

### Circuit Clerk

Alvis Porter

### Magistrate Clerk

Deeanna J. Briggs

### Chief Probation Officer

Charles Brown

### Logan County Courthouse

300 Stratton Street  
Logan, WV 25601  
304-792-8550

### Logan County Magistrate Court

300 Stratton Street  
Logan, WV 25601  
304-792-8651 or 8650

# Marion County



*Marion County's courthouse was built in Fairmont between 1897 and 1900 of Cleveland sandstone. The county's second courthouse, it features a stained-glass rotunda and a stained-glass dome in the third-floor courtroom.*

## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$1,710,034
Family Court .....	289,645
Magistrate Court .....	823,300
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,822,980</b>

## Courthouse Facilities

<b>Improvement Authority Grant (Cast-iron cornice and ornamental repairs) .....</b>	<b>\$ 80,000</b>
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### Circuit Judges

Fred L. Fox, II, Chief Judge  
David R. Janes

### Family Court Judge

Amy J. Swisher

### Magistrates

Melissa R. Linger  
Hank E. Middlemas  
Cathy L. Reed-Vanata  
Muriel L. "Peggy" Twyman

### Circuit Clerk

Barbara Core

### Magistrate Clerk

Cathy L. Gower

### Chief Probation Officer

Thomas Carpenter

### Marion County Courthouse

219 Adams Street  
Fairmont, WV 26554  
304-367-5360

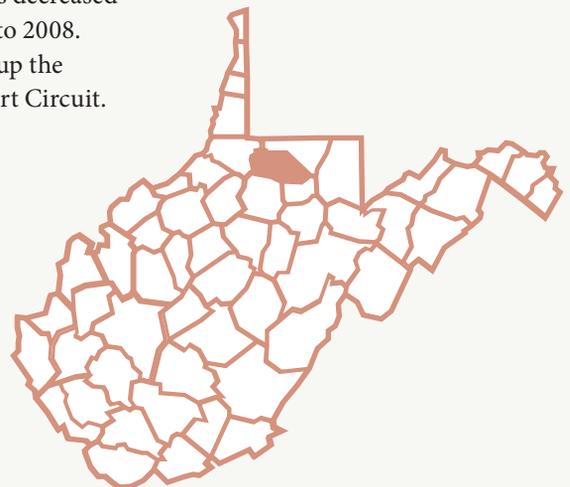
### Marion County Magistrate Court

200 Jackson Street  
Fairmont, WV 26554  
304-367-5330

There were 1,584 cases filed in Marion County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 64.9 percent were civil cases, 18.37 percent were criminal cases, and 16.73 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings increased 9.09 percent compared to 2008. Marion County comprises the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit.

During 2009, 868 new cases were filed in Marion County Family Court. There were also 166 modification and seventy-nine contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings decreased 5.65 percent compared to 2008. Marion County makes up the Nineteenth Family Court Circuit.

In 2009, there were 9,008 cases filed in Marion County Magistrate Court, an increase of 21.27 percent from 2008. Of those, 70.55 percent were criminal cases, 13.43 percent were special proceedings, and 16.02 percent were civil cases.



# Marshall County

*Marshall County's courthouse in Moundsville, the county's second, was built in the mid-1870s. A matching red brick addition was built in 1974.*



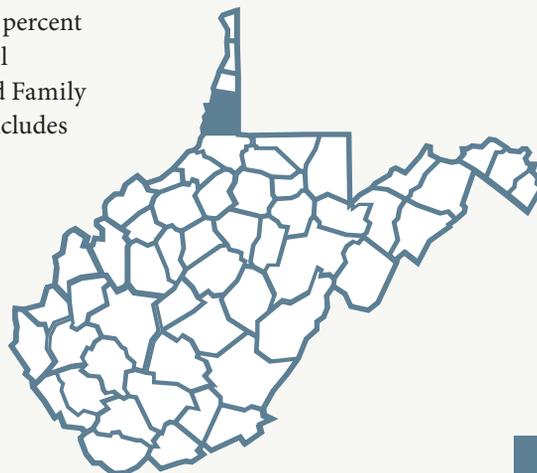
## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$1,569,472
Family Court .....	70,486
Magistrate Court .....	679,655
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,319,613</b>

There were 968 cases filed in Marshall County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 61.67 percent were civil cases, 10.33 percent were criminal cases, and twenty-eight percent were juvenile cases. Court filings did not fluctuate compared to 2008. Marshall County is part of the Second Judicial Circuit, which also includes Tyler and Wetzel Counties.

During 2009, 582 new cases were filed in Marshall County Family Court. There were also 178 modification and eighty-two contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 5.05 percent compared to 2008. Marshall County is part of the Second Family Court Circuit, which also includes Tyler and Wetzel Counties.

In 2009, there were 4,767 cases filed in Marshall County Magistrate Court, a decrease of 9.66 percent from 2008. Of those, 69.52 percent were criminal cases, 14.56 percent were special proceedings, and 15.92 percent were civil cases.



### Circuit Judges

Mark A. Karl, Chief Judge  
David W. Hummel, Jr.

### Family Court Judge

Robert C. Hicks

### Magistrates

William D. Anderson  
David M. Buzzard  
Mark A. Kerwood

### Circuit Clerk

David Ealy

### Magistrate Clerk

Angela Bee

### Chief Probation Officer

Robert Joltes

### Marshall County Courthouse

600 Seventh Street  
Moundsville, WV 26041  
304-845-2130

### Marshall County Magistrate Court

511 Sixth Street  
Moundsville, WV 26041  
304-845-4811

# Mason County



*The Mason County Courthouse, completed in Point Pleasant in 1956, is the county's second. There is an impression cut into the side of the sandstone building depicting an image of the first courthouse, which was on the same site.*

## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$ 837,203
Family Court .....	352,975
Magistrate Court .....	446,025
Total .....	\$1,636,203

## Courthouse Facilities

Improvement Authority Grant (Steps and mortar joint repairs) .....	\$80,000
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### Circuit Judges

Thomas C. Evans, III, Chief Judge  
David W. Nibert

### Family Court Judges

Rebecca Stafford Cornett  
Constance Fisher Thomas

### Magistrates

Cheryl M. Ross  
Gail L. Roush

### Circuit Clerk

Bill Withers

### Magistrate Clerk

Brenda L. Baldwin

### Chief Probation Officer

Patricia McCartney

### Mason County Courthouse

200 Sixth Street  
Point Pleasant, WV 25550  
304-675-4400

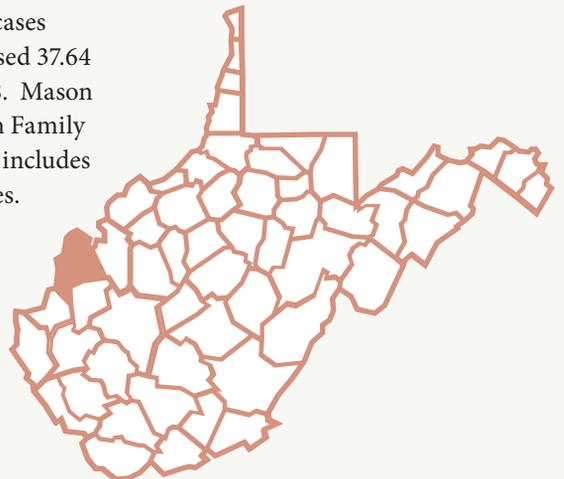
### Mason County Magistrate Court

200 Sixth Street  
Point Pleasant, WV 25550  
304-675-6840

There were 539 cases filed in Mason County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 71.99 percent were civil cases, 13.91 percent were criminal cases, and 14.1 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings decreased 53.3 percent compared to 2008. Mason County is part of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, which also includes Calhoun, Jackson, and Roane Counties.

During 2009, 596 new cases were filed in Mason County Family Court. There were also ninety modification and eighty-one contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 37.64 percent compared to 2008. Mason County is part of the Fifth Family Court Circuit, which also includes Jackson and Wirt Counties.

In 2009, there were 5,272 cases filed in Mason County Magistrate Court, an increase of 11.34 percent from 2008. Of those, 69.65 percent were criminal cases, 24.92 percent were special proceedings, and 5.42 percent were civil cases.



# McDowell County

The McDowell County Courthouse in Welch was built in 1894 of Berea stone and is still used by one of the county's two circuit judges. An annex was added in 1908, and a wing was added in 1961. The county purchased a former post office in the early 1980s and that building now houses the second circuit judge.

## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$1,270,766
Family Court .....	51,436
Magistrate Court .....	586,371
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1,908,573</b>

## Courthouse Facilities

### Improvement Authority Grant

(Roof replacement) ..... \$80,000



Unfortunately, due to technical malfunctions the 2009 circuit court case numbers are not available for McDowell County.

During 2009, 628 new cases were filed in McDowell County Family Court. There were also 146 modification and sixty-three contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings did not fluctuate compared to 2008. McDowell County is in the Twelfth Family Court Circuit, which also includes Mercer County.

In 2009, there were 4,925 cases filed in McDowell County Magistrate Court, a decrease of 18.38 percent from 2008. Of those, 68.77 percent were criminal cases, 25.4 percent were special proceedings, and 5.83 percent were civil cases.



## Circuit Judges

Booker T. Stephens, Chief Judge  
Rudolph J. Murensky, II

## Family Court Judges

Anthony Bisaha  
Lisa K. Clark  
Mary Ellen Griffith

## Magistrates

Pete J. Beavers, Jr.  
Steve L. Cox  
Martin B. West

## Circuit Clerk

Michael Brooks  
(Retired December 7, 2009)  
Francine Spencer  
(Appointed December 8, 2009)

## Magistrate Clerk

Janet L. England

## Chief Probation Officer

Jerome Powell

## McDowell County Courthouse

90 Wyoming Street  
Welch, WV 24801  
304-436-8535

## McDowell County Magistrate Court

105 Wyoming Street  
Welch, WV 24801  
304-436-8587

# Mercer County



*The Mercer County Courthouse was built in Princeton in 1931. The county's fifth courthouse is made of sandstone. Two earlier courthouses burned, one ignited by Confederate troops.*

## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$2,771,849
Family Court .....	1,033,776
Magistrate Court .....	1,091,930
Total .....	\$4,897,555
Court Security Fund Grant .....	\$64,909

### Circuit Judges

William J. Sadler, Chief Judge  
Omar J. Aboulhosn  
Derek C. Swope

### Family Court Judges

Anthony Bisaha  
Lisa K. Clark  
Mary Ellen Griffith

### Magistrates

Harold L. Buckner (*Retired July 31, 2009*)  
Roy M. Compton  
James Dent (*Took Office August 1, 2009*)  
Michael D. Flanigan  
Richard D. Fowler  
Charles N. Poe

### Circuit Clerk

Julie Ball (*Took Office August 1, 2009*)  
Brenda Davis (*Retired July 31, 2009*)

### Magistrate Clerk

Donna J. Arnold

### Chief Adult Probation Officer

Joseph Allen

### Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

Charlotte Crowe

### Mercer County Courthouse

1501 Main Street  
Princeton, WV 24740  
304-487-8323

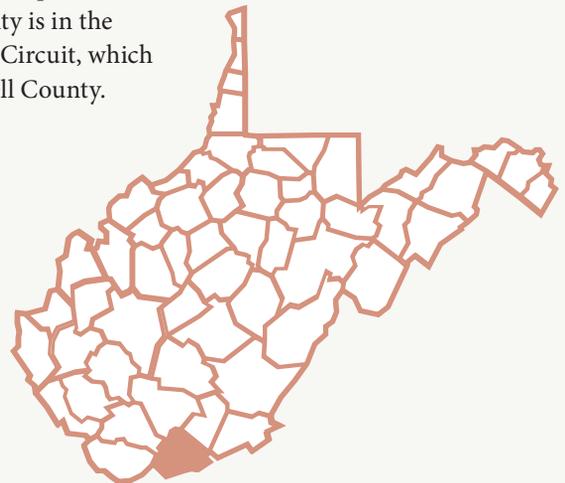
### Mercer County Magistrate Court

Courthouse Annex  
120 Scott Street  
Princeton, WV 24740  
304-431-7115

There were 2,045 cases filed in Mercer County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 58.24 percent were civil cases, 27.43 percent were criminal cases, and 14.33 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings decreased 8.62 percent compared to 2008. Mercer County comprises the Ninth Judicial Circuit.

During 2009, 1,755 new cases were filed in Mercer County Family Court. There were also 288 modification and 122 contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 1.8 percent compared to 2008. Mercer County is in the Twelfth Family Court Circuit, which also includes McDowell County.

In 2009, there were 14,143 cases filed in Mercer County Magistrate Court, a decrease of 4.15 percent from 2008. Of those, 64.58 percent were criminal cases, 17.13 percent were special proceedings, and 18.3 percent were civil cases.



# Mineral County

*The Mineral County Courthouse in Keyser is the county's original courthouse and was built around 1868 of brick and stone.*



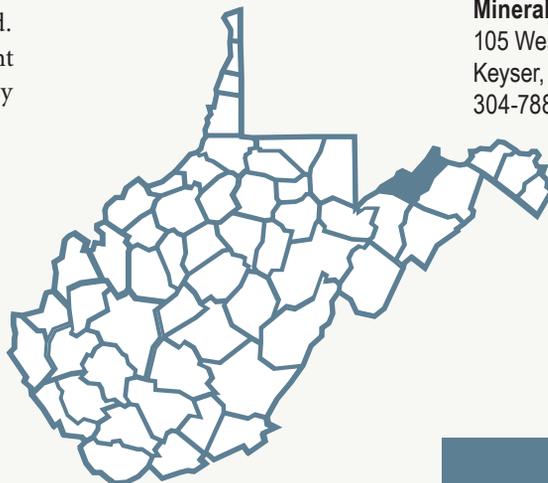
## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$ 887,347
Family Court .....	3,860
Magistrate Court .....	383,870
Total.....	\$1,275,077
Court Security Fund Grant .....	\$22,800

There were 703 cases filed in Mineral County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 34.14 percent were civil cases, 36.84 percent were criminal cases, and 29.02 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings increased 11.76 percent compared to 2008. Mineral County is part of the Twenty-First Judicial Circuit, which also includes Grant and Tucker Counties.

During 2009, 425 new cases were filed in Mineral County Family Court. There were also 110 modification and fifty-two contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings decreased 8.99 percent compared to 2008. Mineral County is part of the Twenty-Third Family Court Circuit, which also includes Hampshire and Morgan Counties.

In 2009, there were 4,976 cases filed in Mineral County Magistrate Court, an increase of 7.29 percent from 2008. Of those, 83.88 percent were criminal cases, 9.26 percent were special proceedings, and 6.85 percent were civil cases.



### Circuit Judges

Philip B. Jordan, Chief Judge  
Lynn A. Nelson

### Family Court Judge

Charles E. Parsons

### Magistrates

David C. Harman  
Carolyn S. Roby

### Circuit Clerk

Mary Margaret Rinehart

### Magistrate Clerk

Billie L. Simpson

### Chief Probation Officer

Jerome DiBacco

### Mineral County Courthouse

150 Armstrong Street  
Keyser, WV 26726  
304-788-1562

### Mineral County Magistrate Court

105 West Street  
Keyser, WV 26726  
304-788-2625

# Mingo County



*The Mingo County Courthouse in Williamson, finished in 1966, has a black granite base and sandstone top. It is the county's second courthouse.*

## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$ 884,866
Family Court .....	311,075
Magistrate Court .....	665,185
Total .....	\$1,861,126
Court Security Fund Grant .....	\$32,263

### Circuit Judge

Michael Thornsby, Chief Judge

### Family Court Judge

Miki Thompson

### Magistrates

Walter Eugene Crum  
 Pamela S. Newsome  
 Deloris D. "Dee" Sidebottom

### Circuit Clerk

Grant Preece

### Magistrate Clerk

William T. "Terry" Sanders

### No Chief Probation Officer

### Mingo County Courthouse

75 East Second Avenue  
 Williamson, WV 25661  
 304-235-0320

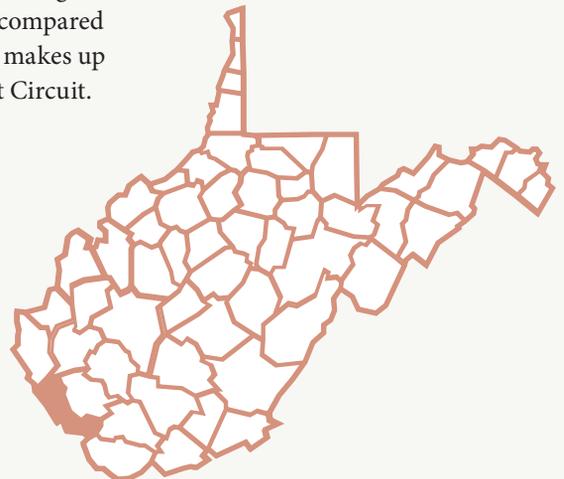
### Mingo County Magistrate Court

Logan Street and First Avenue  
 Williamson, WV 25661  
 304-235-2445

There were 1,218 cases filed in Mingo County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 43.35 percent were civil cases, 45.89 percent were criminal cases, and 10.76 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings increased 9.43 percent compared to 2008. Mingo County comprises the Thirtieth Judicial Circuit.

During 2009, 1,108 new cases were filed in Mingo County Family Court. There were also ninety-seven modification and forty-eight contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 26.77 percent compared to 2008. Mingo County makes up the Eighth Family Court Circuit.

In 2009, there were 6,301 cases filed in Mingo County Magistrate Court, a decrease of 15.8 percent from 2008. Of those, 74.69 percent were criminal cases, 20.66 percent were special proceedings, and 4.65 percent were civil cases.



# Monongalia County

*The red brick Monongalia County Courthouse in Morgantown, the county's fifth courthouse, was built in 1891. It was renovated and a large annex was added in 1976.*



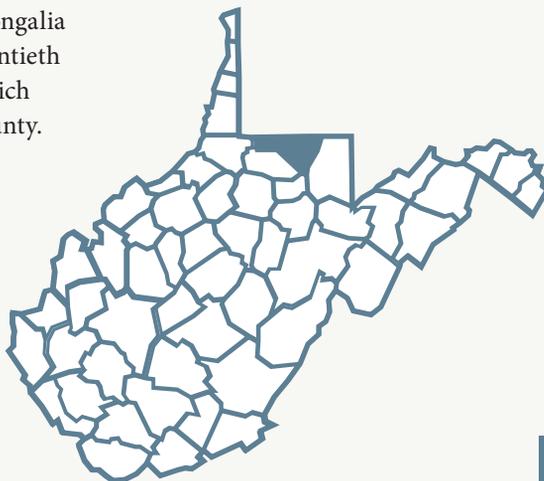
## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$2,191,162
Family Court .....	579,051
Magistrate Court .....	915,139
Total.....	\$3,685,353

There were 2,010 cases filed in Monongalia County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 77.36 percent were civil cases, 17.31 percent were criminal cases, and 5.32 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings did not fluctuate compared to 2008. Monongalia County comprises the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit.

During 2009, 1,195 new cases were filed in Monongalia County Family Court. There were also 194 modification and 120 contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings decreased 3.24 percent compared to 2008. Monongalia County is part of the Twentieth Family Court Circuit, which also includes Preston County.

In 2009, there were 11,215 cases filed in Monongalia County Magistrate Court, a decrease of 16.98 percent from 2008. Of those, 70.5 percent were criminal cases, 10.97 percent were special proceedings, and 18.53 percent were civil cases.



### Circuit Judges

Russell M. Clawges, Jr., Chief Judge  
Phillip Gaujot  
*(Took bench October 19, 2009)*  
Susan B. Tucker

### Family Court Judges

Patricia Tolle Hill  
Randal A. Minor

### Magistrates

Sandra K. Holepit  
Hershel R. Mullins  
James E. Nabors  
Darris J. Summers

### Circuit Clerk

Jean Friend

### Magistrate Clerk

Caroline A. Stoker

### Chief Probation Officer

Phyllis Stewart

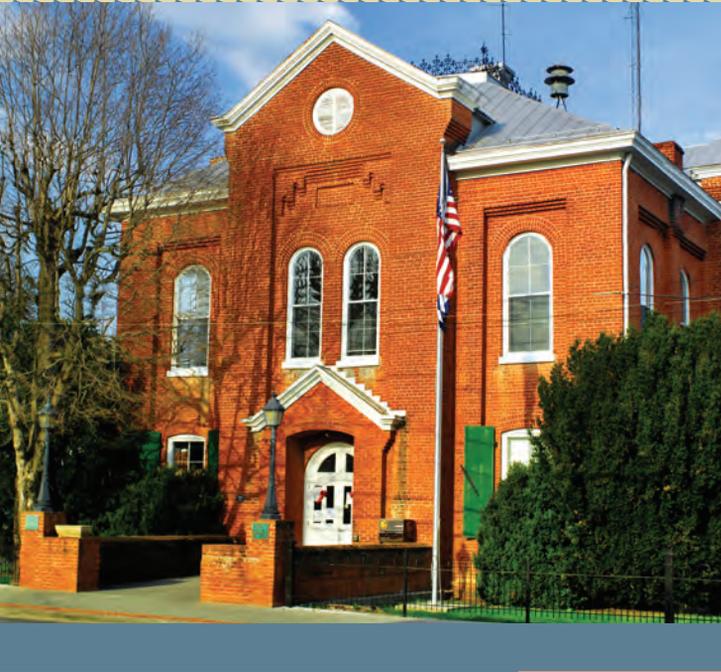
### Monongalia County Courthouse

243 High Street  
Morgantown, WV 26505  
304-291-7240

### Monongalia County

**Magistrate Court**  
265 Spruce Street  
Morgantown, WV 26505  
304-291-7296

# Monroe County



*Monroe County's courthouse in Union is the county's third courthouse. It is constructed of locally manufactured bricks on the same site as the earlier courthouses and was completed in 1881.*

## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$538,010
Family Court .....	33,055
Magistrate Court .....	335,178
Total .....	\$906,244

Court Security Fund Grant .....	\$15,300
<b>Courthouse Facilities</b>	
<b>Improvement Authority Grant</b>	
<b>(Air conditioning unit replacement)</b>	
.....	\$53,596

### Circuit Judge

Robert A. Irons, Chief Judge

### Family Court Judge

David M. Sanders

### Magistrates

Nancy P. Crews  
Kevin L. Miller

### Circuit Clerk

Julia Light

### Magistrate Clerk

Elizabeth D. Kountz

### Chief Probation Officer

Judson Childs

### Monroe County Courthouse

216 Main Street  
Union, WV 24983  
304-772-3017

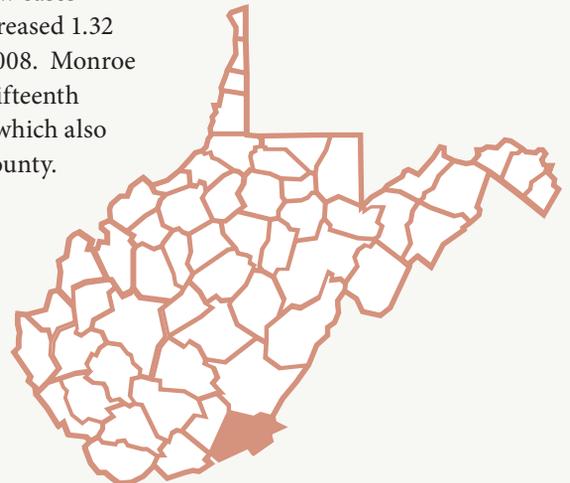
### Monroe County Magistrate Court

Greenhill Road  
Union, WV 24983  
304-772-3321

There were 226 cases filed in Monroe County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 62.39 percent were civil cases, 27.43 percent were criminal cases, and 10.18 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings decreased three percent compared to 2008. Monroe County is part of the Thirty-First Judicial Circuit, which also includes Summers County.

During 2009, 299 new cases were filed in Monroe County Family Court. There were also forty-two modification and fifty-five contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings decreased 1.32 percent compared to 2008. Monroe County is part of the Fifteenth Family Court Circuit, which also includes Greenbrier County.

In 2009, there were 1,362 cases filed in Monroe County Magistrate Court. Filing levels were similar to those of 2008. Of the 2009 filings, 69.09 percent were criminal cases, 16.45 percent were special proceedings, and 14.46 percent were civil cases.



*Morgan County's courthouse in Berkeley Springs, which was destroyed by a fire on August 8, 2006, was the county's third. The first courthouse also burned. The recent fire destroyed a county annex as well as the courthouse. This is an architect's rendering of the three-story, 40,000-square-foot courthouse replacement that will open in 2010.*

## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$318,791
Family Court .....	17,414
Magistrate Court .....	365,109
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$701,315</b>

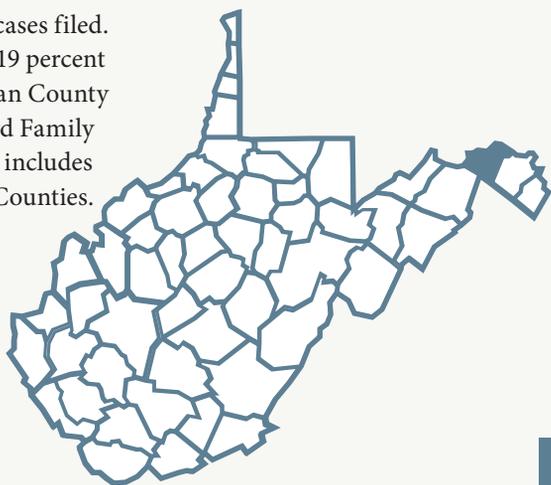
Court Security Fund Grant .....	\$105,000
<b>Courthouse Facilities</b>	
Improvement Authority Grant	
(Courthouse construction) .....	\$ 80,000



There were 399 cases filed in Morgan County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 65.16 percent were civil cases, 21.05 percent were criminal cases, and 13.78 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings increased 9.62 percent compared to 2008. Morgan County is part of the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit, which also includes Berkeley and Jefferson Counties.

During 2009, 223 new cases were filed in Morgan County Family Court. There were also fifty-two modification and thirty-eight contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 5.19 percent compared to 2008. Morgan County is part of the Twenty-Third Family Court Circuit, which also includes Hampshire and Mineral Counties.

In 2009, there were 3,758 cases filed in Morgan County Magistrate Court, an increase of 13.47 percent from 2008. Of those, 75.76 percent were criminal cases, 5.14 percent were special proceedings, and 19.11 percent were civil cases.



### Circuit Judges

David H. Sanders, Chief Judge  
Gina M. Groh  
Gray Silver, III  
Christopher C. Wilkes  
John C. Yoder

### Family Court Judge

Charles E. Parsons

### Magistrates

Kermit M. Ambrose  
Greg L. Miller

### Circuit Clerk

Kimberly J. Jackson

### Magistrate Clerk

Cynthia F. Stotler

### Chief Probation Officer

Mark Hofe

### Morgan County Courthouse

77 Fairfax Street  
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411  
304-258-8554

### Morgan County Magistrate Court

111 Fairfax Street  
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411  
304-258-8631

# Nicholas County



*The Nicholas County Courthouse in Summersville was completed in 1898. The stone structure, the county's second courthouse, has a large bell in its cupola. The courtroom was completely renovated in 1998.*

## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$ 894,049
Family Court .....	304,011
Magistrate Court .....	619,572
Total .....	\$1,817,631

### Circuit Judge

Gary L. Johnson, Chief Judge

### Family Court Judge

Donald K. Bischoff

### Magistrates

Michael E. Cooper  
Robert L. Gordon  
*(Retired October 15, 2009)*  
John D. Morton, Jr.  
Wayne Plummer  
*(Appointed October 19, 2009)*

### Circuit Clerk

Debbie Facemire

### Magistrate Clerk

Loriene L. Green

### Chief Probation Officer

Roger Beverage

### Nicholas County Courthouse

700 Main Street  
Summersville, WV 26651  
304-872-7810

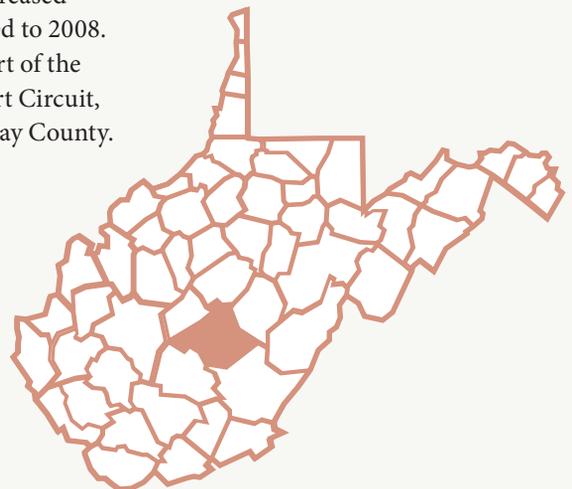
### Nicholas County Magistrate Court

511 Church Street  
Summersville, WV 26651  
304-872-7829

There were 768 cases filed in Nicholas County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 52.21 percent were civil cases, 22.27 percent were criminal cases, and 25.52 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings increased 6.67 percent compared to 2008. Nicholas County comprises the Twenty-Eighth Judicial Circuit.

During 2009, 615 new cases were filed in Nicholas County Family Court. There were also 121 modification and forty-eight contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 18.04 percent compared to 2008. Nicholas County is part of the Sixteenth Family Court Circuit, which also includes Clay County.

In 2009, there were 7,887 cases filed in Nicholas County Magistrate Court, an increase of 8.52 percent from 2008. Of those, 77.79 percent were criminal cases, 15.32 percent were special proceedings, and 6.9 percent were civil cases.



*The City-County Building in Wheeling is the only combined municipal government and county judicial facility in West Virginia. It was completed in 1960 and encompasses a city block. It is the fourth building to be used as a courthouse in Wheeling.*

## Court Expenditures for 2009

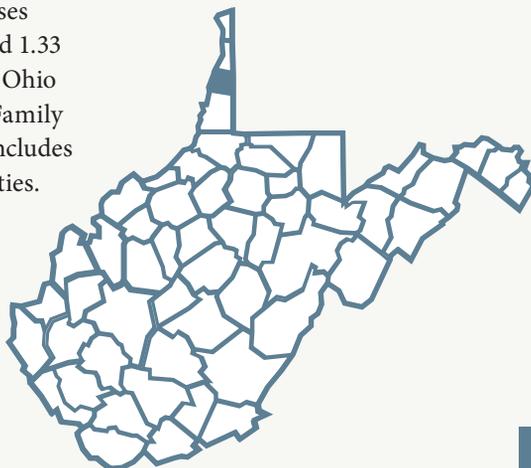
Circuit Court .....	\$1,589,672
Family Court .....	673,802
Magistrate Court .....	915,122
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,178,597</b>



There were 1,294 cases filed in Ohio County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 82.77 percent were civil cases, 3.79 percent were criminal cases, and 13.45 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings decreased 19.58 percent compared to 2008. Ohio County is part of the First Judicial Circuit, which also includes Brooke and Hancock Counties.

During 2009, 687 new cases were filed in Ohio County Family Court. There were also seventy-nine modification and ninety contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 1.33 percent compared to 2008. Ohio County is part of the First Family Court Circuit, which also includes Brooke and Hancock Counties.

In 2009, there were 7,566 cases filed in Ohio County Magistrate Court, an increase of 12.49 percent from 2008. Of those, 79.1 percent were criminal cases, 10.34 percent were special proceedings, and 10.56 percent were civil cases.



### Circuit Judges

Arthur M. Recht, Chief Judge  
 Martin J. Gaughan  
 James P. Mazzone  
 Ronald E. Wilson

### Family Court Judges

Joyce Dumbaugh Chernenko  
 William F. Sinclair

### Magistrates

Charles W. Murphy  
 Patricia L. Murphy  
 Harry A. Radcliffe  
 Joseph E. Roxby

### Circuit Clerk

Brenda Miller

### Magistrate Clerk

Gerald O. Ames, Jr.

### Chief Probation Officer

James Lee

### Ohio County City/County Building

1500 Chapline Street  
 Wheeling, WV 26003  
 304-234-3611

### Ohio County Magistrate Court

Ohio County Courthouse Annex  
 26 Fifteenth Street  
 Wheeling, WV 26003  
 304-234-3672

# Pendleton County



*Pendleton County's courthouse in Franklin was completed in 1926. The red brick structure fronted by four large columns with Ionic capitals is the county's third courthouse. The second burned.*

## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$456,747
Family Court .....	13,828
Magistrate Court .....	364,443
Total .....	\$835,019

### Circuit Judges

Donald H. Cookman, Chief Judge  
Jerry D. Moore

### Family Court Judge

Amanda H. See

### Magistrates

Andrew M. Hinkle  
Leland E. Propst

### Circuit Clerk

Shalee Wilburn

### Magistrate Clerk

Judy L. Grimm

### Chief Probation Officer

John Rohrbaugh

### Pendleton County Courthouse

100 South Main Street  
Franklin, WV 26807  
304-358-7067

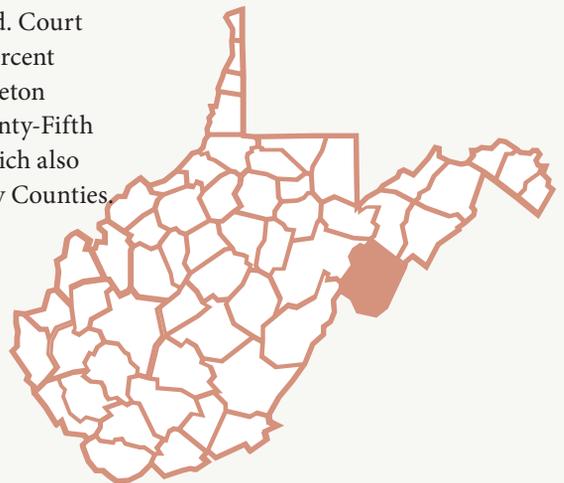
### Pendleton County Magistrate Court

100 South Main Street  
Franklin, WV 26807  
304-358-2343 or 2344

There were 108 cases filed in Pendleton County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 61.11 percent were civil cases, 21.3 percent were criminal cases, and 17.59 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings decreased 2.7 percent compared to 2008. Pendleton County is part of the Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit, which also includes Hampshire and Hardy Counties.

During 2009, seventy-one new cases were filed in Pendleton County Family Court. There were also thirty modification and four contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings decreased 26.04 percent compared to 2008. Pendleton County is part of the Twenty-Fifth Family Court Circuit, which also includes Grant and Hardy Counties.

In 2009, there were 865 cases filed in Pendleton County Magistrate Court, a decrease of four percent from 2008. Of those, 81.04 percent were criminal cases, 7.28 percent were special proceedings, and 11.68 percent were civil cases.



# Pleasants County

*The Pleasants County Courthouse was built in St. Marys in 1925 after the first courthouse had to be torn down due to damage from a lighting strike in 1923.*



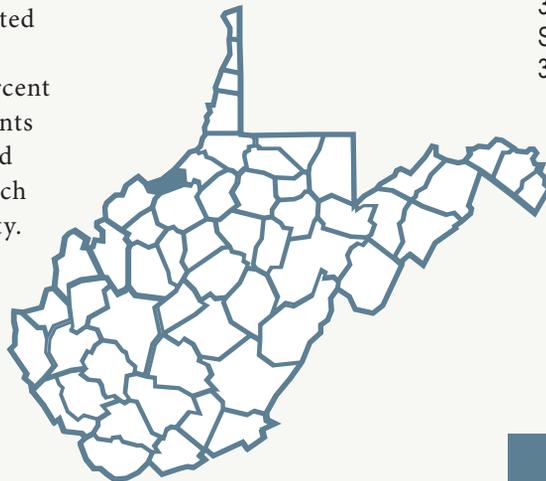
## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$156,507
Family Court .....	5,050
Magistrate Court .....	354,931
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$516,487</b>

There were 154 cases filed in Pleasants County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 65.58 percent were civil cases, 13.64 percent were criminal cases, and 20.78 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings increased 10.79 percent compared to 2008. Pleasants County is part of the Third Judicial Circuit, which also includes Doddridge and Ritchie Counties.

During 2009, 127 new cases were filed in Pleasants County Family Court. There were also one contempt and two modification proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 20.95 percent compared to 2008. Pleasants County is part of the Third Family Court Circuit, which also includes Wood County.

In 2009, there were 1,169 cases filed in Pleasants County Magistrate Court, a decrease of seven percent from 2008. Of those, 79.98 percent were criminal cases, 9.67 percent were special proceedings, and 10.35 percent were civil cases.



### Circuit Judge

Robert L. Holland, Jr., Chief Judge

### Family Court Judges

Brian C. Dempster  
C. Darren Tallman

### Magistrates

Kathy M. Elder  
Randy Nutter

### Circuit Clerk

Millie Farnsworth

### Magistrate Clerk

Lisa R. Taylor

### No Chief Probation Officer

### Pleasants County Courthouse

301 Court Lane  
St. Marys, WV 26170  
304-684-3513

### Pleasants County Magistrate Court

301 Court Lane  
St. Marys, WV 26170  
304-684-7197

# Pocahontas County



*Pocahontas County's courthouse was built in Marlinton in 1895. The hand-made clay structure with a bell tower was renovated in 1972 and an addition was added. It is the county's second courthouse, but the first in Marlinton. The original courthouse was in Huntersville.*

## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$ 22,997
Family Court .....	64,460
Magistrate Court .....	351,095
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$438,552</b>

Court Security Fund Grant .....	\$34,278
<b>Courthouse Facilities</b>	
<b>Improvement Authority Grant</b>	
<i>(Smoke detector installation) .....</i>	<b>\$20,000</b>

### Circuit Judges

Joseph C. Pomponio, Jr., Chief Judge  
James J. Rowe

### Family Court Judge

Jeffrey L. Hall

### Magistrates

Kathy L. Beverage  
Janet L. Kershner-Vanover

### Circuit Clerk

Earl Michael

### Magistrate Clerk

Rebecca M. Clendenen  
*(Last day of employment January 30, 2009)*  
Virginia Wagner  
*(Appointed April 21, 2009)*

### Chief Probation Officer

Fred Taylor

### Pocahontas County Courthouse

900 Tenth Avenue  
Marlinton, WV 24954  
304-799-4604

### Pocahontas County Magistrate Court

900 Tenth Avenue  
Marlinton, WV 24954  
304-799-6603

There were 237 cases filed in Pocahontas County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 56.54 percent were civil cases, 25.74 percent were criminal cases, and 17.72 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings decreased 1.66 percent compared to 2008. Pocahontas County is part of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, which also includes Greenbrier County.

During 2009, 165 new cases were filed in Pocahontas County Family Court. There were also sixty-one modification and sixty-four contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings decreased 9.34 percent compared to 2008. Pocahontas County is part of the Twenty-Seventh Family Court Circuit, which also includes Webster County.

In 2009, there were 1,989 cases filed in Pocahontas County Magistrate Court, an increase of 33.49 percent from 2008. Of those, 79.79 percent were criminal cases, 10.06 percent were special proceedings, and 10.16 percent were civil cases.



*The Preston County Courthouse in Kingwood, constructed of buff-colored Indiana limestone, was dedicated in August 1934 on the same site as its predecessor. It is the county's fifth courthouse. In 2008, all courts moved into the courthouse and other county offices moved into an annex.*



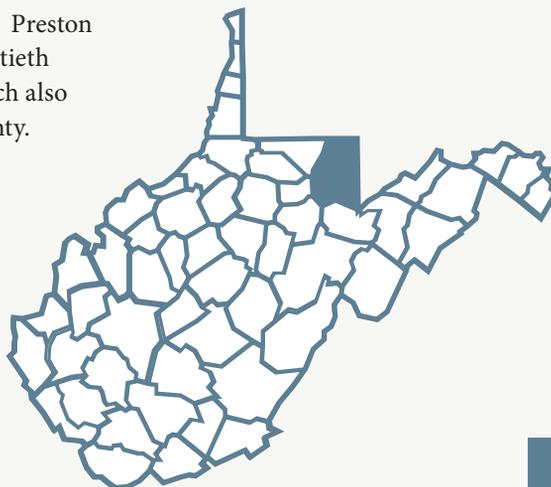
## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$ 857,817
Family Court .....	38,701
Magistrate Court .....	604,262
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1,500,780</b>

There were 661 cases filed in Preston County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 64.75 percent were civil cases, 28.9 percent were criminal cases, and 6.35 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings decreased 3.92 percent compared to 2008. Preston County comprises the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit.

During 2009, 609 new cases were filed in Preston County Family Court. There were also 109 modification and seventy-two contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 1.5 percent compared to 2008. Preston County is part of the Twentieth Family Court Circuit, which also includes Monongalia County.

In 2009, there were 4,591 cases filed in Preston County Magistrate Court, a decrease of 18.32 percent from 2008. Of those, 73.99 percent were criminal cases, 10.59 percent were special proceedings, and 15.42 percent were civil cases.



### Circuit Judge

Lawrance S. Miller, Jr., Chief Judge

### Family Court Judges

Patricia Tolle Hill

Randal A. Minor

### Magistrates

Lewis F. Ault

Harold E. Jenkins, Jr.

Janice K. Snider

### Circuit Clerk

Betsy Castle

### Magistrate Clerk

Donna J. Metheny

### Chief Probation Officer

Crystal K. Thomas

### Preston County Courthouse

101 West Main Street

Kingwood, WV 26537

304-329-0047

### Preston County Magistrate Court

101 West Main Street

Kingwood, WV 26537

304-329-2764 ext. 18

# Putnam County



*The red brick Putnam County Courthouse in Winfield was built in 1900 with an octagonal tower. The building is the county's second courthouse. A separate Judicial Building that now houses all of the court system offices was built in 1997.*

## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$1,587,360
Family Court .....	311,143
Magistrate Court .....	678,538
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,577,041</b>
<b>Court Security Fund Grant .....</b>	<b>\$ 5,510</b>

### Circuit Judges

O.C. Spaulding, Chief Judge  
Phillip M. Stowers

### Family Court Judge

William M. Watkins, III

### Magistrates

Kim M. Blair  
Elizabeth K. Brown  
Linda J. Hunt

### Circuit Clerk

Ronnie Matthews

### Magistrate Clerk

Louise W. Gunnoe

### Chief Probation Officer

Brenda Shrader

### Putnam County Judicial Building

3389 Winfield Road  
Winfield, WV 25213  
304-586-0203

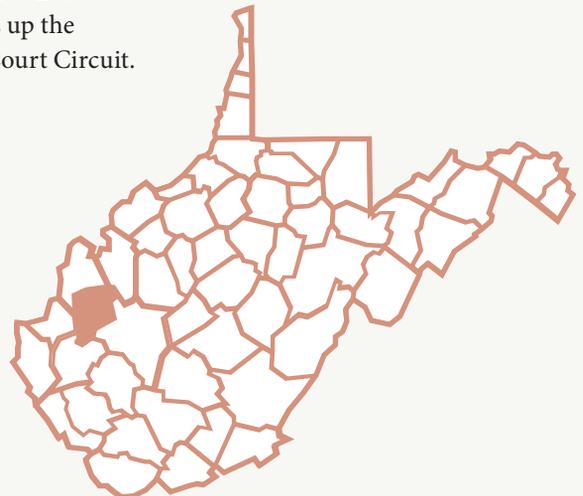
### Putnam County Magistrate Court

3389 Winfield Road  
Winfield, WV 25213  
304-586-0234

There were 1,163 cases filed in Putnam County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 70.68 percent were civil cases, 23.47 percent were criminal cases, and 5.85 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings increased 20.27 percent compared to 2008. Putnam County comprises the Twenty-Ninth Judicial Circuit.

During 2009, 926 new cases were filed in Putnam County Family Court. There were also 222 modification and 252 contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings did not fluctuate compared to 2008. Putnam County makes up the Twenty-Sixth Family Court Circuit.

In 2009, there were 8,110 cases filed in Putnam County Magistrate Court, a decrease of 7.13 percent from 2008. Of those, 78.06 percent were criminal cases, 10.92 percent were special proceedings, and 11.01 percent were civil cases.



# Raleigh County

*The Raleigh County Courthouse in Beckley, the third building to serve as a courthouse, was completed in 1937. It was built around the previous courthouse structure, which had been built in 1893.*



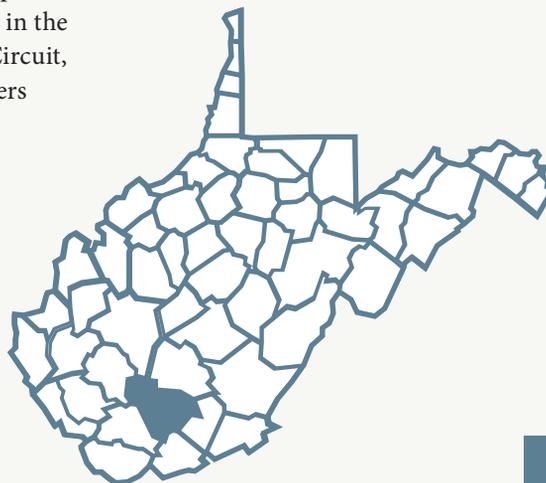
## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$2,513,770
Family Court .....	803,354
Magistrate Court .....	1,118,690
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,435,814</b>

There were 2,383 cases filed in Raleigh County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 62.53 percent were civil cases, 17.37 percent were criminal cases, and 20.1 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings increased 2.67 percent compared to 2008. Raleigh County comprises the Tenth Judicial Circuit.

During 2009, 1,772 new cases were filed in Raleigh County Family Court. There were also 330 modification and 264 contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 8.25 percent compared to 2008. Raleigh County is in the Thirteenth Family Court Circuit, which also includes Summers and Wyoming Counties.

In 2009, there were 15,545 cases filed in Raleigh County Magistrate Court, a decrease of 9.14 percent from 2008. Of those, 74.9 percent were criminal cases, 14.43 percent were special proceedings, and 10.67 percent were civil cases.



### Circuit Judges

John A. Hutchison, Chief Judge  
Robert A. Burnside, Jr.  
H.L. Kirkpatrick III

### Family Court Judges

K. Bruce Lazenby  
H. Suzanne McGraw  
Louise G. Staton

### Magistrates

Charles R. Humphrey  
Mary H. Jennings  
Richard D. Jones  
Stephen D. Massie  
Gregory W. Tanner

### Circuit Clerk

Janice Davis

### Magistrate Clerk

Rebecca J. "Becky" Black

### Chief Adult Probation Officer

Fletcher Bowden

### Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

Douglas Dyer

### Raleigh County Courthouse

215 Main Street  
Beckley, WV 25801  
304-255-9135

### Raleigh County Magistrate Court

115 West Prince Street  
Beckley, WV 25801  
304-255-9197

# Randolph County



*Randolph County's courthouse in Elkins was built between 1902 and 1906. It is made of hand-cut stone and decorated by stained glass. The building is the second in Elkins to serve as a courthouse.*

*Three others in Beverly were previously used for court sessions.*

## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$ 820,691
Family Court .....	353,613
Magistrate Court .....	685,006
Total .....	\$1,859,311
Court Security Fund Grant .....	\$ 40,250

### Circuit Judge

Jaymie Godwin Wilfong, Chief Judge

### Family Court Judge

Michele W. Good

### Magistrates

Robert R. Elbon, Jr.  
George M. "Mike" Riggleman  
Benjamin E. Shepler

### Circuit Clerk

Phil Riggleman

### Magistrate Clerk

Phyllis A. Phares

### Chief Probation Officer

Heidi Flynn

### Randolph County Courthouse

2 Randolph Avenue  
Elkins, WV 26241  
304-636-2765

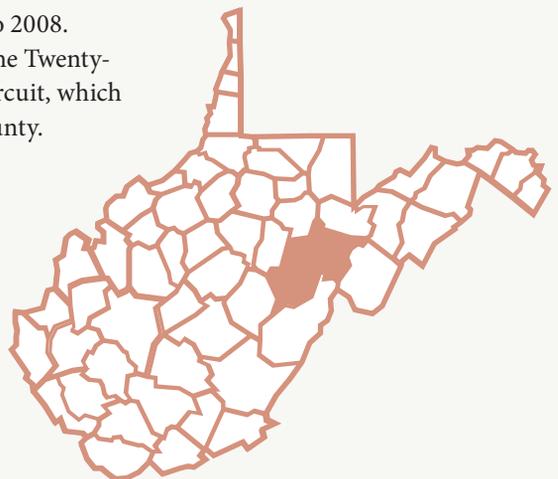
### Randolph County Magistrate Court

11 Randolph Avenue  
Elkins, WV 26241  
304-636-5885

There were 661 cases filed in Randolph County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 59.46 percent were civil cases, 19.82 percent were criminal cases, and 20.73 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings decreased 4.48 percent compared to 2008. Randolph County comprises the Twentieth Judicial Circuit.

During 2009, 613 new cases were filed in Randolph County Family Court. There were also 180 modification and ninety-five contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 9.46 percent compared to 2008. Randolph County is in the Twenty-Second Family Court Circuit, which also includes Tucker County.

In 2009, there were 5,969 cases filed in Randolph County Magistrate Court, a decrease of 13.48 percent from 2008. Of those, 77.99 percent were criminal cases, 9.95 percent were special proceedings, and 12.06 percent were civil cases.



*The Ritchie County Courthouse, built in Harrisville in 1922, is the county's third courthouse. The portico and tower were added in 1923, the clock in 1924. It has been remodeled several times and an annex has been incorporated into the original structure.*



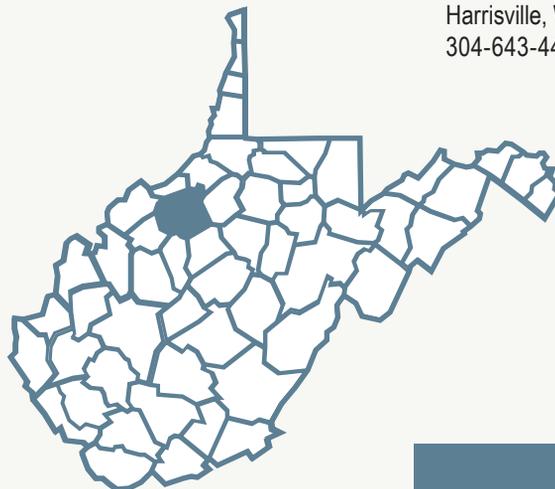
## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$196,315
Family Court .....	3,453
Magistrate Court .....	367,120
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$566,887</b>

There were 213 cases filed in Ritchie County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 55.87 percent were civil cases, 22.07 percent were criminal cases, and 22.07 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings increased 13.9 percent compared to 2008. Ritchie County is part of the Third Judicial Circuit, which also includes Doddridge and Pleasants Counties.

During 2009, 191 new cases were filed in Ritchie County Family Court. There were also thirty-eight modification and forty-five contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 9.77 percent compared to 2008. Ritchie County is part of the Fourth Family Court Circuit, which also includes Calhoun, Gilmer, and Roane Counties.

In 2009, there were 2,429 cases filed in Ritchie County Magistrate Court, a decrease of 23.33 percent from 2008. Of those, 85.34 percent were criminal cases, 8.69 percent were special proceedings, and 5.97 percent were civil cases.



### Circuit Judge

Robert L. Holland, Jr., Chief Judge

### Family Court Judge

Larry S. Whited

### Magistrates

Teresa C. Harper  
David Wayne Haugh

### Circuit Clerk

Rose Ellen Cox

### Magistrate Clerk

Janis L. Mahaney

### No Chief Probation Officer

### Ritchie County Courthouse

115 East Main Street  
Harrisville, WV 26362  
304-643-2164

### Ritchie County Magistrate Court

319 East Main Street  
Harrisville, WV 26362  
304-643-4409

# Roane County



*Roane County has had three courthouses in Spencer, all on the same site, built in 1856, 1887, and 1965. The first two courthouses burned and all records were destroyed.*

## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$236,571
Family Court .....	270,804
Magistrate Court .....	423,458
Total .....	\$930,833

### Circuit Judges

Thomas C. Evans, III, Chief Judge  
David W. Nibert

### Family Court Judge

Larry S. Whited

### Magistrates

Jason D. Bennett  
Russell W. Goodwin

### Circuit Clerk

Beverly Greathouse

### Magistrate Clerk

Brenda M. White

### Chief Probation Officer

Patricia McCartney

### Roane County Courthouse

200 Main Street  
Spencer, WV 25276  
304-927-2750

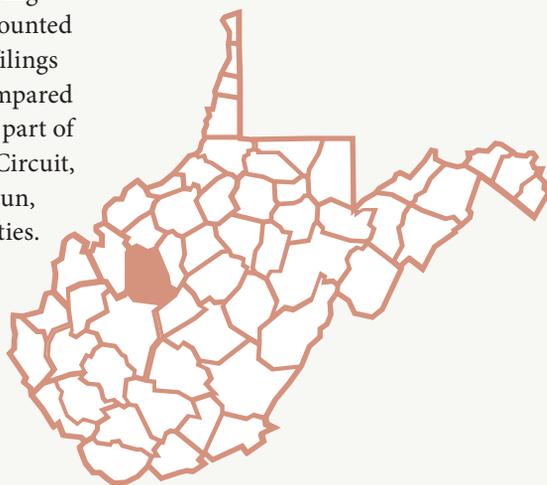
### Roane County Magistrate Court

201 Main Street  
Spencer, WV 25276  
304-927-4750

There were 293 cases filed in Roane County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 53.58 percent were civil cases, 32.42 percent were criminal cases, and 13.99 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings decreased 7.28 percent compared to 2008. Roane County is part of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, which also includes Calhoun, Jackson, and Mason Counties.

During 2009, 330 new cases were filed in Roane County Family Court. There were also eighty-eight modification and forty-five contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings decreased 7.56 percent compared to 2008. Roane County is part of the Fourth Family Court Circuit, which also includes Calhoun, Gilmer, and Ritchie Counties.

In 2009, there were 2,619 cases filed in Roane County Magistrate Court, a decrease of 14.66 percent from 2008. Of those, 69.38 percent were criminal cases, 21.57 percent were special proceedings, and 9.05 percent were civil cases.



# Summers County

*The Summers County Courthouse in Hinton was built in 1874 from red bricks fired on the grounds. The original building is still in use, as is a large annex built in 1939.*



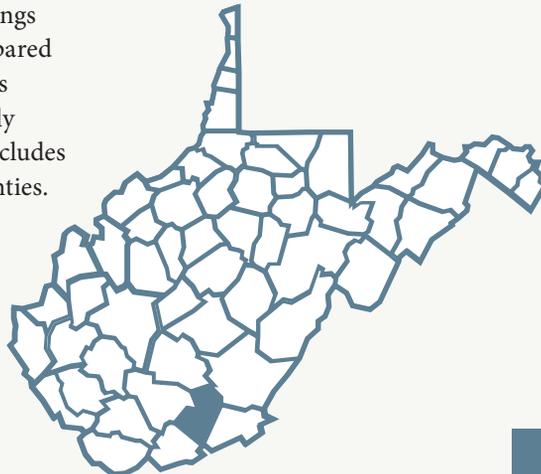
## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$299,960
Family Court .....	47,157
Magistrate Court .....	328,823
Total.....	\$675,939

There were 250 cases filed in Summers County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 42.8 percent were civil cases, 37.6 percent were criminal cases, and 19.6 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings decreased 16.39 percent compared to 2008. Summers County is part of the Thirty-First Judicial Circuit, which also includes Monroe County.

During 2009, 242 new cases were filed in Summers County Family Court. There were also fifty-seven modification and nineteen contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings decreased 3.97 percent compared to 2008. Summers County is part of the Thirteenth Family Court Circuit, which also includes Raleigh and Wyoming Counties.

In 2009, there were 1,782 cases filed in Summers County Magistrate Court. Filing levels were similar to those of 2008. Of the 2009 filings, 75.31 percent were criminal cases, 15.43 percent were special proceedings, and 9.26 percent were civil cases.



### Circuit Judge

Robert A. Irons, Chief Judge

### Family Court Judges

K. Bruce Lazenby  
H. Suzanne McGraw  
Louise G. Staton

### Magistrates

Jack K. Hellems  
Jack W. Jeffries, Jr.

### Circuit Clerk

Linda Brumit

### Magistrate Clerk

Vicki S. Jones

### Chief Probation Officer

Judson Childs

### Summers County Courthouse

120 Ballengee Street  
Hinton, WV 25951  
304-466-7103

### Summers County Magistrate Court

123 Temple Street  
Hinton, WV 25951  
304-466-7129

# Taylor County



*Taylor County's courthouse in Grafton was built in 1880 of brown brick. Many of the original Victorian details have now been removed from the building, which is the county's second courthouse. An annex was added in 1975.*

## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$ 895,608
Family Court .....	12,520
Magistrate Court .....	338,688
Total .....	\$1,246,817

### Circuit Judge

Alan D. Moats, Chief Judge

### Family Court Judge

Beth Longo

### Magistrates

James L. Lucas  
Ricky R. Reese

### Circuit Clerk

Vonda M. Reneman

### Magistrate Clerk

Brenda L. Vance

### Chief Probation Officer

Susan Christian

### Taylor County Courthouse

214 West Main Street  
Grafton, WV 26354  
304-265-2480

### Taylor County Magistrate Court

Courthouse Annex  
214 West Main Street  
Grafton, WV 26354  
304-265-5762

There were 365 cases filed in Taylor County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 49.32 percent were civil cases, 34.52 percent were criminal cases, and 16.16 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings decreased 16.86 percent compared to 2008. Taylor County is part of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, which also includes Barbour County.

During 2009, 201 new cases were filed in Taylor County Family Court. There were also ninety-four modification and fifty contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings decreased 7.37 percent compared to 2008. Taylor County is part of the Twenty-First Family Court Circuit, which also includes Barbour County.

In 2009, there were 1,800 cases filed in Taylor County Magistrate Court, a decrease of 15.13 percent from 2008. Of those, 70.33 percent were criminal cases, 12.22 percent were special proceedings, and 17.44 percent were civil cases.



# Tucker County

*The red brick Tucker County Courthouse in Parsons was built in 1898 after years of dispute over the location of the Tucker County seat. Court previously was held in Saint George for several years under an oak tree in the middle of the road, until a brick courthouse was built in that town.*



## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$313,220
Family Court .....	2,886
Magistrate Court .....	337,801
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$653,906</b>

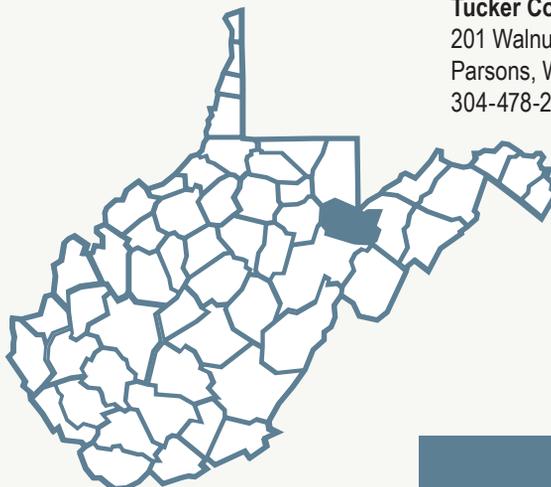
## Courthouse Facilities

<b>Improvement Authority Grant (Repair and repaint exterior brick).....</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>
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There were 136 cases filed in Tucker County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 72.06 percent were civil cases, 11.76 percent were criminal cases, and 16.18 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings did not fluctuate compared to 2008. Tucker County is part of the Twenty-First Judicial Circuit, which also includes Grant and Mineral Counties.

During 2009, 107 new cases were filed in Tucker County Family Court. There were also twenty-five modification and ten contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased seven percent compared to 2008. Tucker County is part of the Twenty-Second Family Court Circuit, which also includes Randolph County.

In 2009, there were 1,080 cases filed in Tucker County Magistrate Court, an increase of 8.43 percent from 2008. Of those, 69.26 percent were criminal cases, 7.22 percent were special proceedings, and 23.52 percent were civil cases.



### Circuit Judges

Philip B. Jordan, Chief Judge  
Lynn A. Nelson

### Family Court Judge

Michele W. Good

### Magistrates

Riley H. Barb  
Carol D. Irons

### Circuit Clerk

Donna Jean Bava

### Magistrate Clerk

Paula J. McDonald

### Chief Probation Officer

Jerome DiBacco

### Tucker County Courthouse

215 First Street  
Parsons, WV 26287  
304-478-2606

### Tucker County Magistrate Court

201 Walnut Street  
Parsons, WV 26287  
304-478-2665

# Tyler County



*Tyler County's courthouse in Middlebourne was built in 1852 as the county's first permanent courthouse. It was expanded in 1922, when the original section and the new wing were both faced with identical brick.*

## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$ 34,130
Family Court .....	2,588
Magistrate Court .....	352,012
Total .....	\$388,730

### Circuit Judges

Mark A. Karl, Chief Judge  
David W. Hummel, Jr.

### Family Court Judge

Robert C. Hicks

### Magistrates

Michael K. Griffin  
John E. Roberts

### Circuit Clerk

Candy Warner

### Magistrate Clerk

Jean Hayes

### Chief Probation Officer

Robert Joltes

### Tyler County Courthouse

121 Main Street  
Middlebourne, WV 26149  
304-758-4811

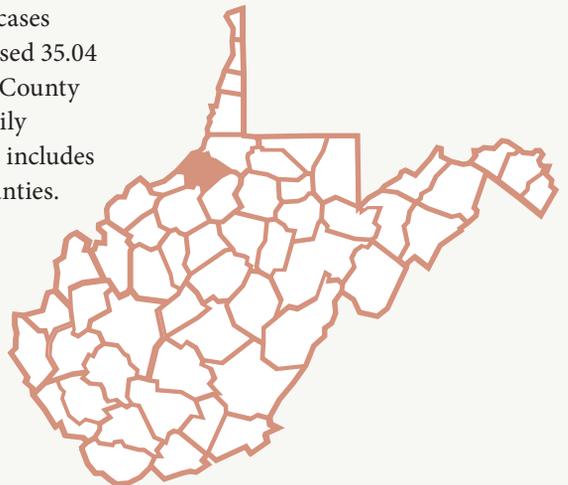
### Tyler County Magistrate Court

225 Main Street  
Middlebourne, WV 26149  
304-758-2137

There were 165 cases filed in Tyler County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 51.52 percent were civil cases, 32.73 percent were criminal cases, and 15.76 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings decreased 6.78 percent compared to 2008. Tyler County is part of the Second Judicial Circuit, which also includes Marshall and Wetzel Counties.

During 2009, 158 new cases were filed in Tyler County Family Court. There were also thirty-nine modification and nine contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 35.04 percent compared to 2008. Tyler County is part of the Second Family Court Circuit, which also includes Marshall and Wetzel Counties.

In 2009, there were 972 cases filed in Tyler County Magistrate Court, a decrease of 6.63 percent from 2008. Of those, 76.34 percent were criminal cases, 11.52 percent were special proceedings, and 12.14 percent were civil cases.



*The red brick Upshur County Courthouse in Buckhannon was completed in 1901. The interior was remodeled between 1972 and 1975. It is the county's second courthouse. The J. Dowell Jennings annex was completed in 1995.*



## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$ 832,447
Family Court .....	20,212
Magistrate Court .....	484,786
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1,337,445</b>

Court Security Fund Grant ..... \$24,640

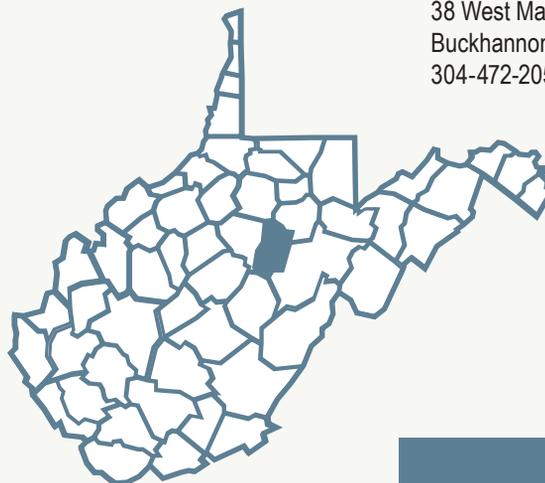
### Courthouse Facilities

Improvement Authority Grant  
(Boiler room renovation and new heating and air conditioning equipment) .....\$ 80,000

There were 478 cases filed in Upshur County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 48.33 percent were civil cases, 32.01 percent were criminal cases, and 19.67 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings decreased 1.04 percent compared to 2008. Upshur County is part of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial Circuit, which also includes Lewis County.

During 2009, 364 new cases were filed in Upshur County Family Court. There were also seventy-two modification and twelve contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 18.18 percent compared to 2008. Upshur County is part of the Seventeenth Family Court Circuit, which also includes Braxton and Lewis Counties.

In 2009, there were 5,310 cases filed in Upshur County Magistrate Court, an increase of 21.57 percent from 2008. Of those, 69.4 percent were criminal cases, 7.36 percent were special proceedings, and 23.24 percent were civil cases.



### Circuit Judge

Thomas H. Keadle, Chief Judge

### Family Court Judge

Robert Reed Sowa

### Magistrates

Juanita E. Adams

John M. Coffman

### Circuit Clerk

Brian Gaudet

### Magistrate Clerk

Angela J. Brady

### Chief Probation Officer

Serena Peterson

### Upshur County Courthouse

38 West Main Street  
Buckhannon, WV 26201  
304-472-2370

### Upshur County Magistrate Court

38 West Main Street  
Buckhannon, WV 26201  
304-472-2053

# Wayne County



*The Wayne County Courthouse in the City of Wayne opened in 1924 and was remodeled extensively in 1976. The structure is the fourth to be built for use as a courthouse. Its immediate predecessor burned in 1921, but records were preserved in a fireproof vault.*

## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$1,682,704
Family Court .....	315,236
Magistrate Court .....	646,904
Total .....	\$2,644,844

### Circuit Judges

Darrell Pratt, Chief Judge  
James H. Young, Jr.

### Family Court Judge

R. Stephen Lewis

### Magistrates

David Ferguson  
Teddy E. Mays  
Randall W. Wiles

### Circuit Clerk

Jamie Ferguson

### Magistrate Clerk

Patricia A. Smith

### Chief Probation Officer

Ruby Gail Fry

### Wayne County Courthouse

600 Hendricks Street  
Wayne, WV 25570  
304-272-6360

### Wayne County Magistrate Court

600 Hendricks Street  
Wayne, WV 25570  
304-272-6388

There were 1,015 cases filed in Wayne County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 51.13 percent were civil cases, 18.92 percent were criminal cases, and 29.95 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings decreased 11.28 percent compared to 2008. Wayne County comprises the Twenty-Fourth Judicial Circuit.

During 2009, 657 new cases were filed in Wayne County Family Court. There were also ninety-four modification and fifty-five contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings decreased 2.81 percent compared to 2008. Wayne County makes up the Seventh Family Court Circuit.

In 2009, there were 5,155 cases filed in Wayne County Magistrate Court, a decrease of 9.64 percent from 2008. Of those, 73.95 percent were criminal cases, 14.82 percent were special proceedings, and 11.23 percent were civil cases.



*Webster County's courthouse in Webster Springs was constructed after the county's first courthouse burned in 1888. An addition was completed in the late 1930s.*



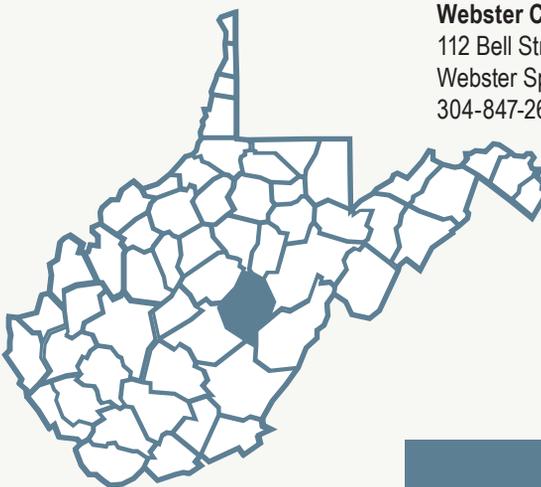
## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$ 646,225
Family Court .....	270,965
Magistrate Court .....	332,413
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 1,249,604</b>

There were 188 cases filed in Webster County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 42.55 percent were civil cases, twenty-five percent were criminal cases, and 32.45 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings decreased six percent compared to 2008. Webster County is part of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, which also includes Braxton, Clay, and Gilmer Counties.

During 2009, 222 new cases were filed in Webster County Family Court. There were also seventy-seven modification and thirty-five contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings decreased 3.48 percent compared to 2008. Webster County is part of the Twenty-Seventh Family Court Circuit, which also includes Pocahontas County.

In 2009, there were 1,363 cases filed in Webster County Magistrate Court, a decrease of 15.55 percent from 2008. Of those, 69.41 percent were criminal cases, 20.62 percent were special proceedings, and 9.98 percent were civil cases.



### Circuit Judges

Richard A. Facemire, Chief Judge  
Jack Alsop

### Family Court Judge

Jeffrey Hall

### Magistrates

Richard Robertson  
John R. Stone

### Circuit Clerk

Jeanine Moore

### Magistrate Clerk

Sheila E. Cogar

### Chief Probation Officer

Lucy Cruickshanks

### Webster County Courthouse

2 Court Square  
Webster Springs, WV 26288  
304-847-2421

### Webster County Magistrate Court

112 Bell Street  
Webster Springs, WV 26288  
304-847-2613

# Wetzel County



*The Wetzel County Courthouse was built in New Martinsville in 1901. It is the county's second courthouse and is made of cut stone.*

## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$332,097
Family Court .....	210,960
Magistrate Court .....	382,871
Total .....	\$925,928

### Circuit Judges

Mark A. Karl, Chief Judge  
David W. Hummel, Jr.

### Family Court Judge

Robert C. Hicks

### Magistrates

Judith P. Goontz  
Thomas J. Shepherd

### Circuit Clerk

Sharon Dulaney

### Magistrate Clerk

Sharon A. Manion

### Chief Probation Officer

Robert Joltes

### Wetzel County Courthouse

200 Main Street  
New Martinsville, WV 26155  
304-455-8219

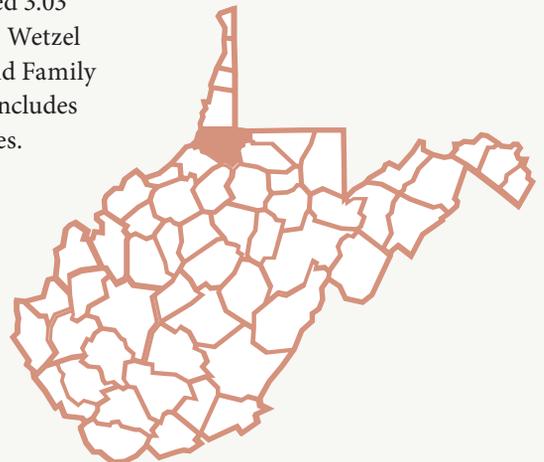
### Wetzel County Magistrate Court

303 Main Street  
New Martinsville, WV 26155  
304-455-5171

There were 450 cases filed in Wetzel County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 76.89 percent were civil cases, 9.56 percent were criminal cases, and 13.56 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings did not fluctuate compared to 2008. Wetzel County is part of the Second Judicial Circuit, which also includes Marshall and Tyler Counties.

During 2009, 272 new cases were filed in Wetzel County Family Court. There were also sixty-nine modification and forty-five contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 3.03 percent compared to 2008. Wetzel County is part of the Second Family Court Circuit, which also includes Marshall and Tyler Counties.

In 2009, there were 2,005 cases filed in Wetzel County Magistrate Court, an increase of 3.03 percent from 2008. Of those, seventy-nine percent were criminal cases, 9.58 percent were special proceedings, and 11.42 percent were civil cases.



*The Wirt County Courthouse in Elizabeth, a yellow brick structure, was completed in 1911 after the county's first courthouse burned in 1910. The courthouse is built on the site of the first.*



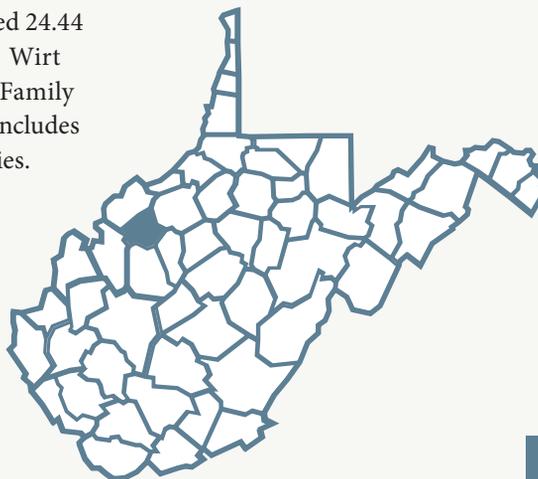
## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$ 41,549
Family Court .....	11,536
Magistrate Court .....	345,905
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$398,989</b>

There were eighty-two cases filed in Wirt County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 53.66 percent were civil cases, 31.71 percent were criminal cases, and 14.63 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings decreased 10.87 percent compared to 2008. Wirt County is part of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, which also includes Wood County.

During 2009, 112 new cases were filed in Wirt County Family Court. There were also twenty-four modification and thirteen contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 24.44 percent compared to 2008. Wirt County is part of the Fifth Family Court Circuit, which also includes Jackson and Mason Counties.

In 2009, there were 1,244 cases filed in Wirt County Magistrate Court, an increase of 18.03 percent from 2008. Of those, 86.66 percent were criminal cases, 5.06 percent were special proceedings, and 8.28 percent were civil cases.



### Circuit Judges

Robert A. Waters, Chief Judge  
J.D. Beane  
Jeffrey B. Reed

### Family Court Judges

Rebecca Stafford Cornett  
Constance Fisher Thomas

### Magistrates

Charles David Roberts  
Janey I. Wigal

### Circuit Clerk

Teresa Rollins

### Magistrate Clerk

Misty L. Campbell

### Chief Adult Probation Officer

Jeffrey Nuckolls

### Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

Larry Johnson

### Wirt County Courthouse

1 Washington Street  
Elizabeth, WV 26143  
304-275-6597

### Wirt County Magistrate Court

Court Street  
Elizabeth, WV 26143  
304-275-3642

# Wood County



*Wood County's courthouse in Parkersburg is the county's fifth and was completed in 1899. Circuit Courts, however, are now housed in the Holmes R. Shaver Wood County Judicial Building; the Family Courts are in the Judge Donald F. Black Courthouse Annex; and the Magistrate Court is in a third building.*

## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$3,065,104
Family Court .....	663,098
Magistrate Court .....	987,548
Total .....	\$4,715,750

### Circuit Judges

Robert A. Waters, Chief Judge  
J.D. Beane  
Jeffrey B. Reed

### Family Court Judges

Brian C. Dempster  
C. Darren Tallman

### Magistrates

Emily J. Bradley  
Donna Jackson  
Brenda K. Marshall  
Joyce S. Purkey

### Circuit Clerk

Carole Jones

### Magistrate Clerk

Paulina M. Yearego

### Chief Adult Probation Officer

Jeffrey Nuckolls

### Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

Larry Johnson

### Wood County Judicial Building

2 Government Square  
Parkersburg, WV 26101  
304-424-1700

### Wood County Magistrate Court

208 Avery Street  
Parkersburg, WV 26101  
304-422-3444

There were 2,156 cases filed in Wood County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 74.03 percent were civil cases, 14.14 percent were criminal cases, and 11.83 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings did not fluctuate compared to 2008. Wood County is part of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, which also includes Wirt County.

During 2009, 1,826 new cases were filed in Wood County Family Court. There were also 149 modification and sixty-two contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 11.82 percent compared to 2008. Wood County is part of the Third Family Court Circuit, which also includes Pleasants County.

In 2009, there were 14,262 cases filed in Wood County Magistrate Court, a decrease of 27.48 percent from 2008. Of those, 70.8 percent were criminal cases, 11.12 percent were special proceedings, and 18.08 percent were civil cases.



# Wyoming County

*The Wyoming County Courthouse in Pineville was built between 1916 and 1918 of native stone. The county's original courthouse is still in use, as is an annex added in 1958.*



## Court Expenditures for 2009

Circuit Court .....	\$ 811,602
Family Court .....	74,928
Magistrate Court .....	661,018
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1,547,548</b>

There were 607 cases filed in Wyoming County Circuit Court in 2009. Of those, 44.65 percent were civil cases, 25.37 percent were criminal cases, and 29.98 percent were juvenile cases. Court filings increased 3.76 percent compared to 2008. Wyoming County comprises the Twenty-Seventh Judicial Circuit.

During 2009, 737 new cases were filed in Wyoming County Family Court. There were also 192 modification and 101 contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Court filings increased 10.49 percent compared to 2008. Wyoming County is part of the Thirteenth Family Court Circuit, which also includes Raleigh and Summers Counties.

In 2009, there were 3,299 cases filed in Wyoming County Magistrate Court, a decrease of 5.06 percent from 2008. Of those, 60.93 percent were criminal cases, 30.4 percent were special proceedings, and 8.67 percent were civil cases.



### Circuit Judge

Warren R. McGraw, Chief Judge

### Family Court Judges

K. Bruce Lazenby  
H. Suzanne McGraw  
Louise G. Staton

### Magistrates

James R. Boles  
Donald C. Cook  
Kimberly R. Farmer

### Circuit Clerk

David Stover

### Magistrate Clerk

Carol D. Garrett

### Chief Probation Officer

Deborah Wiles

### Wyoming County Courthouse

24 Main Avenue  
Pineville, WV 24874  
304-732-8000

### Wyoming County Magistrate Court

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# State's first black attorney honored on postage stamp

J.R. Clifford, West Virginia's first African American attorney, was one of twelve civil rights pioneers whose likenesses are on first-class commemorative stamps issued February 21, 2009, in New York City. The day before, West Virginians celebrated Mr. Clifford's life during a ninety-minute tribute at the West Virginia Culture Center.

The stamp that features photos of J.R. Clifford and Joel Elias Spingarn was unveiled in Charleston by Karen Schenk, Appalachian District Manager of the U.S. Postal Service. Mr. Spingarn endowed the prestigious Spingarn Medal, awarded annually since 1915 for highlighting black achievement.

In New York, the Civil Rights Pioneers stamp sheet, bearing six First-Class commemorative stamps, was dedicated by U.S. Service Board of Governors member Thurgood Marshall Jr. The stamps also honored the achievements of Ella Baker, Daisy Gatson Bates, Medgar Evers, Fannie Lou Hamer, Charles Hamilton Houston, Ruby Hurley, Mary White Ovington, Mary Church Terrell, Oswald Garrison Villard, and Walter White.

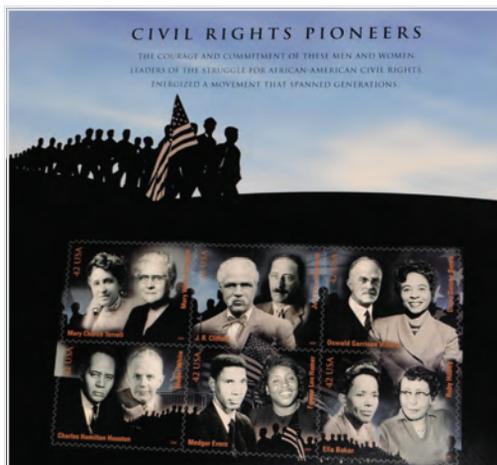
Mr. Clifford was born in 1848 in Williamsport, in what is now Grant County. He served in the Union Army during the Civil War and then attended Storer College before beginning a career as a teacher and principal. While teaching in Martinsburg he founded the *Pioneer Press*, West Virginia's first and longest-running African American newspaper, and studied law. In 1887 he became the first African American to pass the West Virginia bar examination. Mr. Clifford also worked with W.E.B. DuBois to found the Niagara Movement, the precursor to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Mr. Clifford argued two landmark cases before the West Virginia Supreme Court. In 1896, Mr. Clifford filed the first challenge of the state's segregated school system. In *Martin v. Board of Education*, the Supreme Court ruled that the children of Thomas Martin, an African American father in Morgan County, could not attend a white school, even though the alternative meant they would not receive an education. The decision upheld segregation.

In 1898, Mr. Clifford represented an African American teacher from Tucker County after the county board of education reduced the school term of African American schools from eight months to five months to save money. The teacher, Carrie Williams, continued teaching for the full eight months. When the board refused to pay her for the additional three months, Mr. Clifford took the case to court. In the *Williams v. Board of Education* opinion, the Supreme Court held in favor of Ms. Williams. It was the first ruling in the United States to hold that racial discrimination in school terms and teacher pay was illegal.

Mr. Clifford died in Martinsburg in 1933 at the age of 85 and initially was buried there. His body was moved to Arlington National Cemetery in 1954.

During the ceremony at the Culture Center, Rosemary Clifford McDaniel, the Clifford family historian, recounted how she had learned about her connections to Mr. Clifford and then helped others connect the dots in their own research. She was one of about a dozen of Mr. Clifford's descendants who attended the event.



The 2009 Civil Rights Pioneers stamps feature the likenesses of twelve civil rights pioneers, including J.R. Clifford, West Virginia's first African-American attorney. Mr. Clifford can be seen in the foreground of the stamp in the middle of the upper row. The six 42-cent commemorative stamps were unveiled in a ceremony in Charleston, West Virginia, on February 20, 2009. Photo by David L. Walton, USPS

House Speaker Richard Thompson read a resolution making February 20, 2009, "J.R. Clifford Day."

Former Supreme Court Justice Larry Starcher talked briefly about the J.R. Clifford Project and about a play his former law clerk, Tom Rodd, wrote about the Carrie Williams case. Former Justice Starcher, Mr. Rodd, Charleston attorney Kitty Dooley, and others have performed the play in several locations in West Virginia, including at the Centennial of the Niagara Movement in Harpers Ferry.

The program at the Culture Center was co-sponsored by the Friends of Blackwater/J.R. Clifford Project, the West Virginia State Bar, the West Virginia Department of Education, the Mountain State Bar Association, Inc., the Charleston Branch of the NAACP, the West Virginia Division of Culture and History, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority — Charleston-Institute Alumnae Chapter, and the West Virginia Humanities Council.