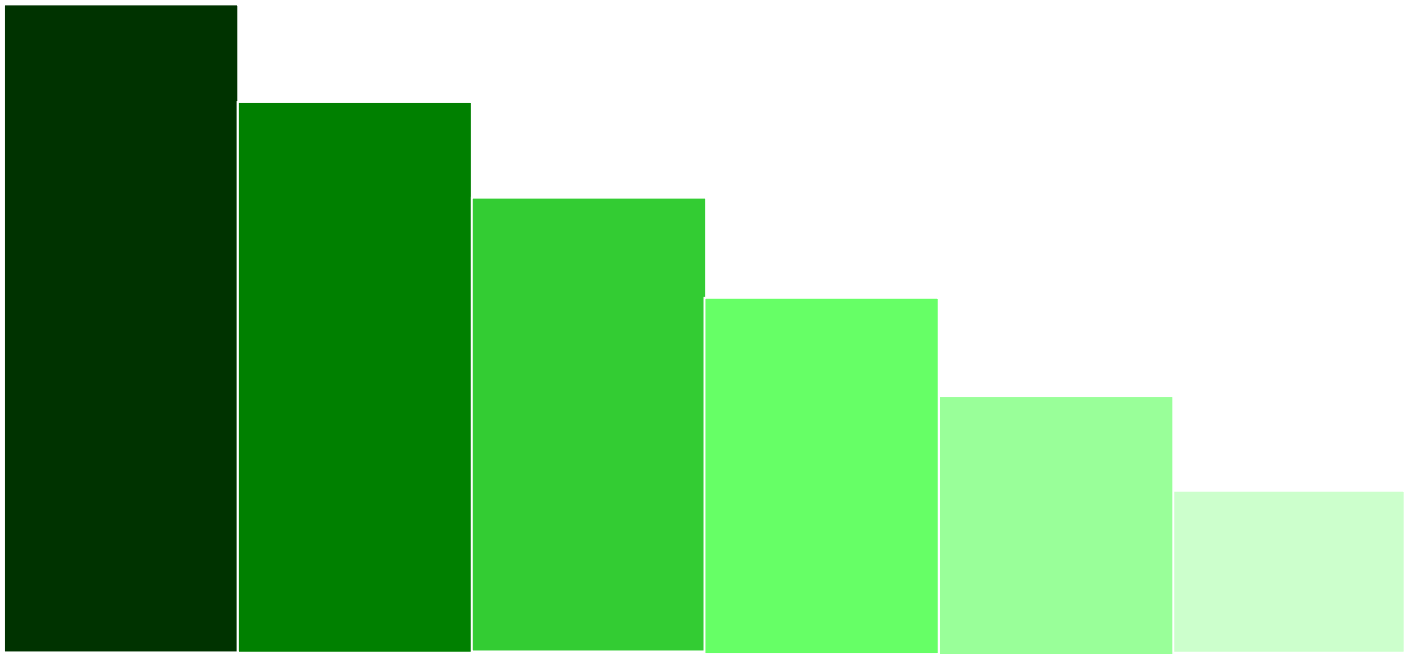




The Annual Statistical Report on Circuit, Family and Magistrate Courts

The West Virginia Court System 2017 Data



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Circuit Courts
2017 Circuit Court Criminal Case Filings

	Total	Felony	Magistrate Appeals	Misdemeanor	Other Criminal Cases
Barbour	69	67	0	2	0
Berkeley	631	373	2	16	240
Boone	122	82	1	39	0
Braxton	68	54	0	0	14
Brooke	118	90	0	5	23
Cabell	1,006	553	5	156	292
Calhoun	43	38	1	4	0
Clay	55	50	2	0	3
Doddridge	77	31	1	3	42
Fayette	202	180	6	2	14
Gilmer	76	31	0	1	44
Grant	4	4	0	0	0
Greenbrier	247	179	1	31	36
Hampshire	170	92	1	0	77
Hancock	164	130	3	1	30
Hardy	102	59	1	14	28
Harrison	439	256	3	17	163
Jackson	93	88	1	4	0
Jefferson	257	176	6	14	61
Kanawha	1,373	711	7	192	463
Lewis	124	106	0	0	18
Lincoln	209	158	0	11	40
Logan	163	157	1	5	0
Marion	315	184	4	43	84
Marshall	111	103	4	4	0
Mason	173	114	1	12	46
McDowell	167	130	9	11	17
Mercer	1,006	449	36	16	505
Mineral	210	152	0	25	33
Mingo	149	97	0	2	50
Monongalia	369	333	7	8	21
Monroe	79	53	0	10	16
Morgan	102	75	4	0	23
Nicholas	83	82	1	0	0
Ohio	181	90	0	0	91
Pendleton	19	15	4	0	0
Pleasants	30	29	0	1	0
Pocahontas	60	31	2	8	19
Preston	242	112	2	3	125
Putnam	361	163	17	11	170
Raleigh	812	381	5	67	359
Randolph	223	169	2	18	34
Ritchie	72	61	2	4	5
Roane	147	132	2	3	10
Summers	90	64	2	9	15
Taylor	145	115	0	2	28
Tucker	32	24	1	4	3
Tyler	53	28	1	10	14
Upshur	134	97	0	28	9
Wayne	529	225	1	14	289
Webster	37	37	0	0	0
Wetzel	47	47	0	0	0
Wirt	38	37	1	0	0
Wood	519	343	8	6	162
Wyoming	112	81	0	31	0
Total	12,459	7,718	158	867	3,716

2017 Circuit Court Civil Case Filings

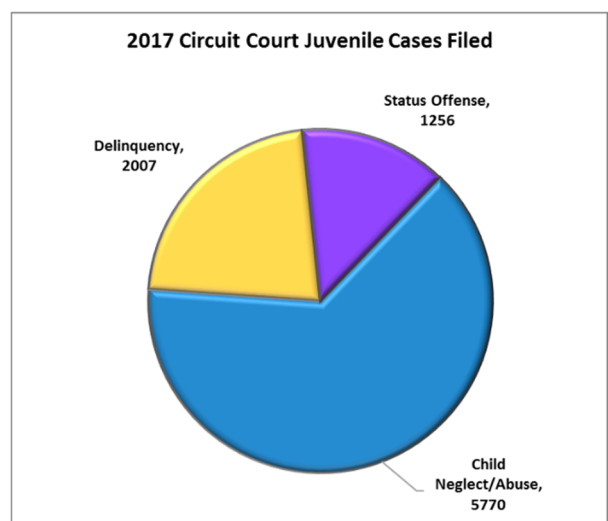
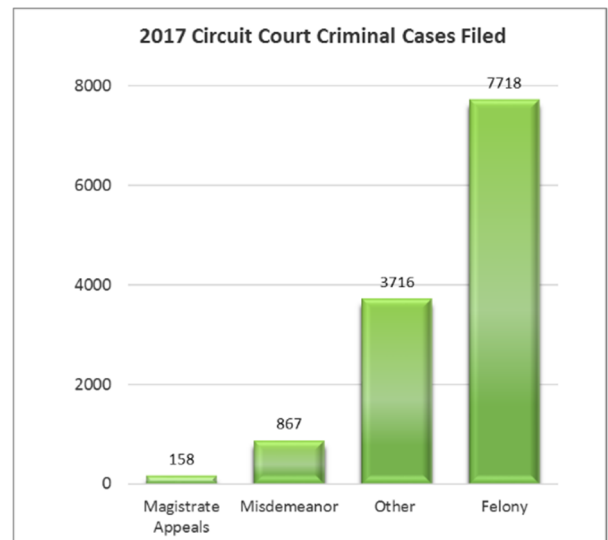
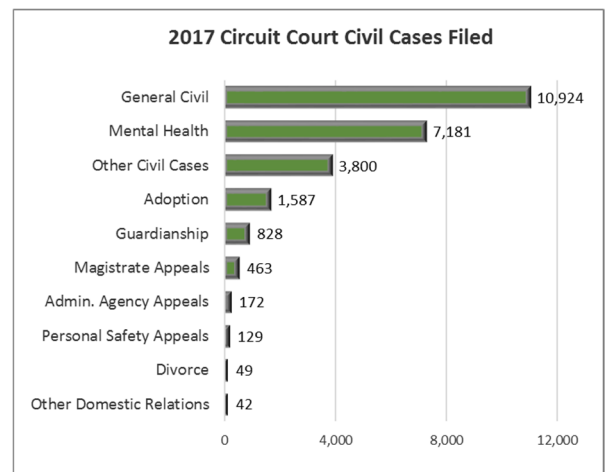
	Total	Admin. Agency Appeals	Adoption	Divorce	General Civil	Guardianship	Magistrate Appeals	Mental Health	Other Civil Cases	Other Domestic Relations	Personal Safety Appeals
Barbour	118	0	14	0	57	12	1	9	23	2	0
Berkeley	1,234	6	106	0	485	52	26	272	260	0	27
Boone	403	0	17	0	167	10	2	118	85	4	0
Braxton	106	1	14	0	31	6	0	25	29	0	0
Brooke	213	3	5	0	133	2	1	30	38	1	0
Cabell	2,257	0	86	0	692	59	22	1,253	145	0	0
Calhoun	49	0	11	0	21	2	1	8	5	1	0
Clay	109	0	16	0	41	5	3	26	17	1	0
Doddridge	119	4	5	0	43	4	0	43	19	0	1
Fayette	541	0	32	0	353	20	0	61	75	0	0
Gilmer	53	0	7	0	26	3	3	5	9	0	0
Grant	44	0	7	0	20	2	1	3	11	0	0
Greenbrier	378	1	29	0	220	24	6	68	29	0	1
Hampshire	193	2	24	0	91	5	2	20	49	0	0
Hancock	264	4	18	0	149	6	3	27	57	0	0
Hardy	102	0	12	0	58	4	0	12	16	0	0
Harrison	872	0	37	0	407	20	11	302	95	0	0
Jackson	260	1	43	1	127	9	2	48	29	0	0
Jefferson	584	2	32	0	311	22	7	69	139	0	2
Kanawha	4,239	104	175	0	1,614	108	193	1,550	481	0	14
Lewis	387	1	17	0	99	7	1	235	27	0	0
Lincoln	339	0	35	0	103	10	3	79	103	0	6
Logan	522	1	28	0	343	21	8	107	12	2	0
Marion	680	1	28	0	219	19	9	246	155	0	3
Marshall	499	2	14	36	271	15	1	121	39	0	0
Mason	275	0	20	0	99	4	0	97	53	2	0
McDowell	359	0	20	0	120	17	5	42	155	0	0
Mercer	886	4	55	0	438	51	5	180	134	0	19
Mineral	185	3	14	0	106	6	3	10	43	0	0
Mingo	347	1	50	0	210	19	4	45	18	0	0
Monongalia	1,238	4	34	0	490	19	51	192	444	0	4
Monroe	110	0	12	0	51	2	2	6	37	0	0
Morgan	125	0	10	0	71	6	1	11	24	0	2
Nicholas	321	3	39	0	146	11	6	61	53	2	0
Ohio	757	4	18	0	330	15	2	282	106	0	0
Pendleton	40	0	2	0	27	2	0	1	4	4	0
Pleasants	87	0	0	0	35	2	0	10	40	0	0
Pocahontas	120	1	8	0	37	3	5	41	22	0	3
Preston	275	1	29	0	155	6	11	25	41	0	7
Putnam	515	3	46	0	246	27	5	115	73	0	0
Raleigh	1,148	3	77	0	768	31	8	194	59	8	0
Randolph	331	0	18	0	157	19	12	30	94	0	1
Ritchie	115	3	8	0	59	8	0	24	13	0	0
Roane	179	0	28	1	49	6	3	34	35	1	22
Summers	100	1	20	0	55	10	0	9	5	0	0
Taylor	144	0	13	0	69	11	3	19	25	4	0
Tucker	55	1	6	0	21	2	1	4	20	0	0
Tyler	91	1	4	5	37	1	0	26	15	0	2
Upshur	228	0	16	0	128	5	3	23	53	0	0
Wayne	456	0	87	0	186	28	7	73	70	0	5
Webster	84	0	18	0	33	8	0	2	14	9	0
Wetzel	251	1	10	6	92	9	1	113	19	0	0
Wirt	59	0	7	0	16	3	0	12	20	0	1
Wood	1,483	4	71	0	451	42	19	736	150	1	9
Wyoming	246	1	35	0	161	8	0	27	14	0	0
Total	25,175	172	1,587	49	10,924	828	463	7,181	3,800	42	129

2017 Circuit Court Juvenile Case Filings

	Total	Child Neglect/Abuse	Delinquency	Status Offense
Barbour	128	110	18	0
Berkeley	332	137	155	40
Boone	375	158	121	96
Braxton	91	82	5	4
Brooke	84	47	24	13
Cabell	745	346	216	183
Calhoun	62	48	6	8
Clay	47	43	1	3
Doddridge	41	30	9	2
Fayette	122	88	33	1
Gilmer	30	21	7	2
Grant	38	21	13	4
Greenbrier	136	93	24	19
Hampshire	126	94	26	6
Hancock	140	61	71	8
Hardy	66	44	14	8
Harrison	374	155	130	89
Jackson	119	103	5	11
Jefferson	127	51	62	14
Kanawha	643	564	61	18
Lewis	43	36	6	1
Lincoln	144	105	26	13
Logan	134	90	39	5
Marion	288	178	64	46
Marshall	119	41	69	9
Mason	115	46	61	8
McDowell	173	137	21	15
Mercer	469	362	68	39
Mineral	96	28	48	20
Mingo	129	112	10	7
Monongalia	251	171	41	39
Monroe	38	26	6	6
Morgan	59	38	17	4
Nicholas	201	182	7	12
Ohio	179	143	24	12
Pendleton	10	5	4	1
Pleasants	50	25	17	8
Pocahontas	36	23	4	9
Preston	112	87	20	5
Putnam	224	104	29	91
Raleigh	634	327	144	163
Randolph	144	99	25	20
Ritchie	45	29	10	6
Roane	156	135	14	7
Summers	67	43	14	10
Taylor	153	128	22	3
Tucker	20	5	12	3
Tyler	20	12	7	1
Upshur	48	23	22	3
Wayne	227	127	47	53
Webster	136	123	9	4
Wetzel	47	33	14	0
Wirt	33	25	7	1
Wood	446	334	61	51
Wyoming	161	92	17	52
Total	9,033	5,770	2,007	1,256

2017 Total Circuit Court Case Filings

	Total	Civil	Criminal	Juvenile
Barbour	315	118	69	128
Berkeley	2,197	1,234	631	332
Boone	900	403	122	375
Braxton	265	106	68	91
Brooke	415	213	118	84
Cabell	4,008	2,257	1,006	745
Calhoun	154	49	43	62
Clay	211	109	55	47
Doddridge	237	119	77	41
Fayette	865	541	202	122
Gilmer	159	53	76	30
Grant	86	44	4	38
Greenbrier	761	378	247	136
Hampshire	489	193	170	126
Hancock	568	264	164	140
Hardy	270	102	102	66
Harrison	1,685	872	439	374
Jackson	472	260	93	119
Jefferson	968	584	257	127
Kanawha	6,255	4,239	1,373	643
Lewis	554	387	124	43
Lincoln	692	339	209	144
Logan	819	522	163	134
Marion	1,283	680	315	288
Marshall	729	499	111	119
Mason	563	275	173	115
McDowell	699	359	167	173
Mercer	2,361	886	1,006	469
Mineral	491	185	210	96
Mingo	625	347	149	129
Monongalia	1,858	1,238	369	251
Monroe	227	110	79	38
Morgan	286	125	102	59
Nicholas	605	321	83	201
Ohio	1,117	757	181	179
Pendleton	69	40	19	10
Pleasants	167	87	30	50
Pocahontas	216	120	60	36
Preston	629	275	242	112
Putnam	1,100	515	361	224
Raleigh	2,594	1,148	812	634
Randolph	698	331	223	144
Ritchie	232	115	72	45
Roane	482	179	147	156
Summers	257	100	90	67
Taylor	442	144	145	153
Tucker	107	55	32	20
Tyler	164	91	53	20
Upshur	410	228	134	48
Wayne	1,212	456	529	227
Webster	257	84	37	136
Wetzel	345	251	47	47
Wirt	130	59	38	33
Wood	2,448	1,483	519	446
Wyoming	519	246	112	161
Total*	46,667	25,175	12,459	9,033



*Mass litigation filings handled by the Mass Litigation Panel are not included in the 2017 filing totals. Please refer to the Mass Litigation section of this report for statistical information on mass litigation cases.

Circuit Court Summary

As of 2017, fifty-five counties divided into thirty-one circuits with seventy-four judges make up the State of West Virginia. The circuits vary in size; one has seven judges while eight have one judge. While every county has a courthouse where a judge presides, a single circuit can be comprised of up to four counties.

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

Circuit courts are trial courts of record. They have jurisdiction with limited exceptions over all civil cases in which more than \$2500 is at issue, all felonies and misdemeanors, and proceedings in habeas corpus, mandamus, quo warranto, certiorari, and probation.

Circuit courts receive appeals from family courts, magistrate courts, municipal courts, and all administrative agencies except the Division of Workers' Compensation.

In 2017, there were 46,667 cases filed in West Virginia's circuit courts, an almost 4 percent increase from 2016 cases filed. However, Monroe and Marion Counties' civil, criminal, and juvenile data were not included in 2016 annual statistical reporting. Comparatively, if those two counties' numbers were likewise excluded in 2017, then only a 0.6 percent increase would be realized.

Of the 2017 circuit cases, 25,175 were civil case filings (about 54 percent), 12,459 were criminal case filings (about 27 percent), and 9,033 were juvenile case filings (about 19 percent).

Child Abuse and Neglect Overlap Cases

Types of petitions filed:	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Juvenile Administrative Order (JAA)	409	414	439	420	466	458
Juvenile Administrative Order where Mandamus was issued (JAM)	0	4	1	1	4	1
Family Infant Guardianship (FIG)	1,383	1,470	1,333	1,288	1,274	1,116
Circuit Court Infant Guardianship (CIG)	461	542	498	515	486	418
Circuit Court Infant Guardianship Removed (CIGR)	131	96	96	106	113	91

"Overlap" cases are cases originating in family court that indirectly involve some allegations of child abuse and/or neglect, and so are transferred to and handled in circuit court.

- **Juvenile Administrative Orders (JAA):** A family court judge who suspects child abuse and/or neglect in a pending case issues a written referral to a Child Protective Services Office and sends copies to the circuit court and the prosecuting attorney. A circuit judge then issues a JAA directing child protective services to assess the referral and make a written investigation report to the circuit court within the timeframe specified within the JAA, typically forty-five days.

- **Juvenile Administrative Order where mandamus was issued (JAM):** If the written report is not filed within the time frame specified within the juvenile administrative order, or if the report indicates that filing a child abuse and neglect petition is not necessary and the circuit judge disagrees, the circuit judge may treat the family court referral as a petition for a writ of mandamus.

- **Family Infant Guardianship (FIG):** Originating in family court, a third party other than the parents may request to be the guardian of the child.

- **Circuit Court Infant Guardianship (CIG):** Originating in circuit court, a third party other than the parents may request to be the guardian of the child.

- **Circuit Court Infant Guardianship Removed (CIGR):** Originating in family court when the family court judge suspects there has been child abuse and neglect, the family court judge will submit a written referral to child protective services and the guardian case is removed to circuit court.

Electronic Filing and Service in Mass Litigation

As reported by the Mass Litigation Manager

Exactly 110,684 documents were electronically filed and 3,483,831 documents were electronically served from January 2017 through December 2017 in all Mass Litigation cases subject to electronic filing and service. These statistics include items rejected in the clerk review process in order to capture all work performed in the three circuit court clerks' offices handling Mass Litigation, as well as orders, which do not go through the clerk review process.

During 2017, 686,518 pages were electronically filed in all Mass Litigation cases subject to electronic filing and service. This translates to a little over 286 boxes of paper, based on 2400 pages per box. From December 2008, when electronic filing and service was first implemented in certain Mass Litigation cases, through the end of December 2017, there were 761,639 documents filed electronically, and 4,750,267 pages electronically filed. This translates to over 1,979 boxes of paper.

From January 2017 through December 2017, a total of 5,185 orders were entered in Mass Litigation cases subject to electronic filing and service. This includes bench orders entered by the judge but filed by a circuit clerk or attorney. The following is a breakdown of orders by each Mass Litigation subject to electronic filing and service:

Litigation	Jan-Dec 2017
Alderson Broaddus University Asbestos	15
Asbestos Personal Injury	4,998
FELA Asbestos Cases	10
Gavin Landfill	24
Marcellus Shale	16
Mingo County Coal Slurry	8
Tobacco	16
Water Contamination	9
Yeager Airport	85
Zoloft	4
Total	5,185

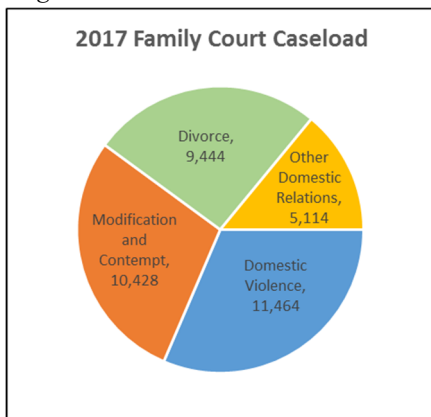
Family Courts
2017 Family Court Domestic Case Filings

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

2017 Family Court Marriages Performed by County

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

Figure 1



Family Court Summary

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

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

Figure 2

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

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

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

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

Magistrate Courts
2017 Magistrate Court Civil Case Filings

	Total	Small Claims	Personal Safety Petitions	Domestic Violence	
				EPO	TEPO
Barbour	272	181	20	71	0
Berkeley	4,892	3,893	224	775	0
Boone	402	149	39	214	0
Braxton	265	185	1	79	0
Brooke	427	202	125	99	1
Cabell	3,710	2,882	125	699	4
Calhoun	124	101	0	23	0
Clay	132	74	0	58	0
Doddridge	166	96	18	52	0
Fayette	778	510	3	264	1
Gilmer	120	86	3	31	0
Grant	295	212	7	72	4
Greenbrier	951	579	71	301	0
Hampshire	709	643	1	65	0
Hancock	523	380	35	108	0
Hardy	398	296	2	100	0
Harrison	2,062	1,575	1	484	2
Jackson	656	362	80	213	1
Jefferson	1,522	1,263	55	203	1
Kanawha	6,264	3,593	612	2,055	4
Lewis	660	568	10	82	0
Lincoln	370	160	62	148	0
Logan	1,094	319	286	487	2
Marion	1,591	1236	29	326	0
Marshall	425	325	28	72	0
Mason	545	305	63	177	0
McDowell	756	112	498	144	2
Mercer	2,296	1,193	358	744	1
Mineral	496	295	75	124	2
Mingo	578	223	65	288	2
Monongalia	2,901	2,312	92	497	0
Monroe	252	127	21	104	0
Morgan	524	432	18	74	0
Nicholas	380	244	8	128	0
Ohio	1,009	760	64	185	0
Pendleton	142	99	10	33	0
Pleasants	177	137	0	39	1
Pocahontas	338	200	30	107	1
Preston	1126	891	34	200	1
Putnam	1197	735	46	415	1
Raleigh	1,646	1,019	19	606	2
Randolph	1,047	740	67	240	0
Ritchie	198	129	0	69	0
Roane	276	194	2	77	3
Summers	141	87	0	54	0
Taylor	384	282	1	99	2
Tucker	141	96	12	33	0
Tyler	190	104	13	72	1
Upshur	547	395	13	139	0
Wayne	793	588	42	163	0
Webster	194	126	8	60	0
Wetzel	342	232	12	98	0
Wirt	119	69	6	43	1
Wood	3,152	2,089	224	835	4
Wyoming	379	131	27	221	0
Total	51,074	34,216	3,665	13,149	44

2017 Magistrate Court Criminal Case Filings

	Total	Worthless Check	Felony		Misdemeanor		
			Motor Vehicle	Other	Motor Vehicle	DNR	Other
Barbour	1,285	233	13	118	421	31	469
Berkeley	8,099	37	85	1,020	4,026	44	2,887
Boone	2,361	16	19	326	1,151	74	775
Braxton	1,818	14	15	180	973	34	602
Brooke	2,414	41	11	190	1,706	25	441
Cabell	9,620	224	101	1,225	4,987	65	3,018
Calhoun	465	32	5	31	245	26	126
Clay	836	95	7	102	320	22	290
Doddridge	1,128	14	12	48	903	19	132
Fayette	4,371	120	29	547	2,441	32	1,202
Gilmer	566	45	2	45	299	7	168
Grant	948	74	5	87	364	41	377
Greenbrier	2,260	295	16	206	905	48	790
Hampshire	1,931	58	13	144	1,094	26	596
Hancock	1,466	18	12	154	934	23	325
Hardy	2,215	150	14	112	1,357	26	556
Harrison	4,507	165	36	567	1,568	46	2,125
Jackson	2,454	60	18	189	1,542	59	586
Jefferson	3,844	14	36	366	2,075	69	1,284
Kanawha	15,232	180	299	2,382	8,384	174	3,813
Lewis	2,326	101	9	184	1,480	60	492
Lincoln	3,516	21	26	155	2,767	58	489
Logan	5,159	49	31	399	2,966	171	1,543
Marion	2,644	90	23	506	1,224	24	777
Marshall	2,059	33	22	217	974	25	788
Mason	2,815	37	11	168	1,820	132	647
McDowell	1,161	22	12	203	427	40	457
Mercer	5,195	146	32	595	2,956	60	1,406
Mineral	1,773	36	11	178	936	26	586
Mingo	2,482	12	8	197	1,630	101	534
Monongalia	6,955	112	48	668	3,270	104	2,753
Monroe	566	5	1	37	329	26	168
Morgan	2,296	21	4	108	1,725	16	422
Nicholas	2,944	148	17	225	1,784	70	700
Ohio	4,537	52	17	428	2,834	43	1,163
Pendleton	457	32	2	34	269	28	92
Pleasants	515	38	3	70	271	14	119
Pocahontas	833	105	6	79	355	52	236
Preston	2,247	222	22	122	1,258	89	534
Putnam	3,919	120	39	237	2,828	35	660
Raleigh	7,465	224	47	730	4,041	51	2,372
Randolph	2,940	457	11	242	1,539	52	639
Ritchie	1,037	52	4	80	665	25	211
Roane	1,602	27	28	157	813	35	542
Summers	702	83	3	69	294	41	212
Taylor	1,258	55	9	121	807	16	250
Tucker	751	120	1	34	457	11	128
Tyler	882	37	1	43	556	36	209
Upshur	2,259	171	15	171	1,105	56	741
Wayne	2,296	32	28	408	1,241	66	521
Webster	650	30	6	72	274	25	243
Wetzel	1,511	46	5	127	929	7	397
Wirt	305	23	7	20	148	17	90
Wood	6,437	66	71	727	2,882	76	2,615
Wyoming	1,897	55	14	144	1,243	31	410
Total	154,211	4,765	1,342	15,994	84,792	2,610	44,708

2017 Magistrate Court Juvenile Case Filings and Special Proceedings

	Juvenile				Special Proceedings			
	Total	Motor Vehicle	DNR	Other	Total	Mental Health	Abuse and Neglect	Juvenile
Barbour	9	3	2	4	21	9	0	12
Berkeley	109	96	3	10	155	0	0	155
Boone	19	15	3	1	0	0	0	0
Braxton	13	6	0	7	14	0	10	4
Brooke	80	45	2	33	245	8	9	228
Cabell	53	48	4	1	216	0	not reported	216
Calhoun	4	4	0	0	29	8	9	12
Clay	2	2	0	0	8	0	7	1
Doddridge	18	11	0	7	25	5	11	9
Fayette	45	35	1	9	9	4	0	5
Gilmer	1	1	0	0	12	0	6	6
Grant	21	7	0	14	13	4	9	0
Greenbrier	11	8	3	0	88	0	38	50
Hampshire	46	23	1	22	37	4	7	26
Hancock	15	12	0	3	71	0	0	71
Hardy	55	31	1	23	25	2	5	18
Harrison	45	13	0	32	597	18	4	575
Jackson	36	28	5	3	0	0	0	0
Jefferson	46	40	3	3	65	0	4	61
Kanawha	102	75	2	25	472	0	not reported	472
Lewis	36	21	3	12	11	0	0	11
Lincoln	46	40	4	2	49	18	0	31
Logan	78	29	15	34	122	10	59	53
Marion	28	24	3	1	86	1	49	36
Marshall	22	8	1	13	0	0	0	0
Mason	66	29	4	33	36	9	10	17
McDowell	7	4	2	1	36	9	10	17
Mercer	54	47	0	7	0	0	0	0
Mineral	21	20	1	0	3	1	1	1
Mingo	42	26	9	7	33	8	9	16
Monongalia	127	34	4	89	5	5	0	0
Monroe	16	4	3	9	6	0	6	0
Morgan	38	32	1	5	16	0	0	16
Nicholas	32	22	4	6	106	3	47	56
Ohio	41	40	0	1	58	0	31	27
Pendleton	10	6	3	1	4	0	0	4
Pleasants	4	3	0	1	44	3	16	25
Pocahontas	10	7	3	0	35	17	9	9
Preston	27	15	6	6	27	0	0	27
Putnam	42	33	3	6	0	0	0	0
Raleigh	68	37	0	31	386	57	1	328
Randolph	47	43	4	0	0	0	0	0
Ritchie	9	3	1	5	32	0	11	21
Roane	41	14	4	23	119	9	73	37
Summers	16	10	5	1	31	1	25	5
Taylor	12	9	2	1	44	20	0	24
Tucker	4	4	0	0	1	0	0	1
Tyler	15	12	2	1	5	0	3	2
Upshur	27	18	2	7	25	4	2	19
Wayne	22	16	1	5	69	19	20	30
Webster	8	3	0	5	34	3	21	10
Wetzel	26	21	0	5	6	0	5	1
Wirt	2	1	1	0	20	0	12	8
Wood	80	55	2	23	51	0	41	10
Wyoming	15	15	0	0	98	14	18	66
Total	1,869	1,208	123	538	3,700	273	598	2,829

Magistrate Court Reporting

The 2017 reporting year represents the first, full, statewide utilization of UJA, the Unified Judicial Application. The case management system processed data for reporting for all twelve months for all fifty-five counties.

Magistrate Court is the court of record for many felony, misdemeanor, and domestic proceedings. It is also within the Magistrates' authority to hear special proceedings which are filed in the Circuit Court.

Magistrate Court Summary

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

Magistrates run for four-year terms in nonpartisan elections. Magistrates have jurisdiction over civil cases in which the financial amount in dispute is less than \$10,000. They hear misdemeanor cases and conduct preliminary examinations in felony cases. In criminal cases they issue and record affidavits, complaints, arrest warrants, and search warrants. They set bail and make decisions concerning proposed plea agreements, the collection of courts' costs, cash bonds, and fines. In counties where there are no or not enough mental hygiene commissioners, the chief circuit judge may designate a magistrate(s) to handle all or part of probable cause involuntary hospitalization cases. These, along with child abuse and neglect, are collected as special proceedings.

