

Annual Statistics Report

on Circuit, Family, and Magistrate Courts

2022

The West Virginia Court System



SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

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Circuit Courts

2022 Criminal Case Filings

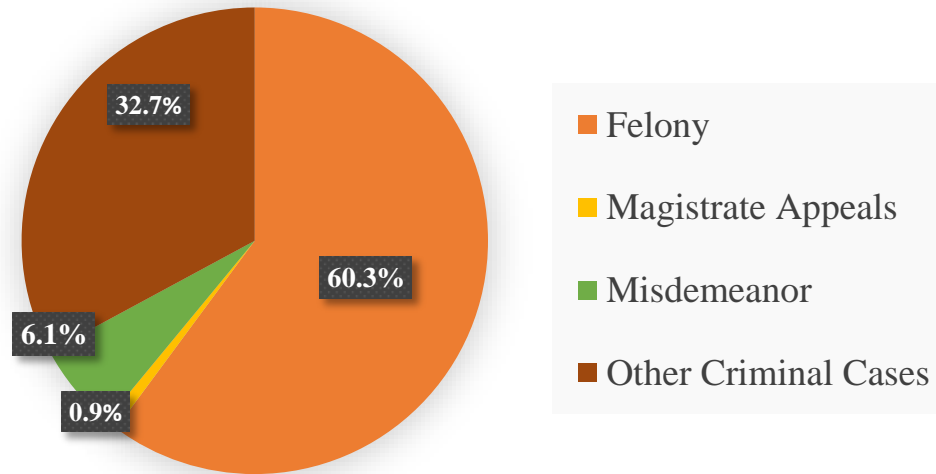
	Felony	Magistrate Appeals	Misdemeanor	Other Criminal Cases	Total
Barbour	74	0	3	0	77
Berkeley	364	3	6	251	624
Boone	63	0	5	58	126
Braxton	40	1	0	14	55
Brooke	105	0	4	39	148
Cabell	320	8	50	282	660
Calhoun	44	1	0	18	63
Clay	42	5	1	4	52
Doddridge	48	0	3	35	86
Fayette	194	1	0	28	223
Gilmer	10	1	0	26	37
Grant	55	2	7	3	67
Greenbrier	175	4	5	32	216
Hampshire	84	0	5	61	150
Hancock	86	2	2	62	152
Hardy	45	1	2	29	77
Harrison	251	1	7	153	412
Jackson	103	0	3	24	130
Jefferson	120	2	7	201	330
Kanawha	356	11	131	346	844
Lewis	83	1	3	10	97
Lincoln	80	1	17	22	120
Logan	265	0	26	237	528
Marion	320	4	3	21	348
Marshall	61	2	0	0	63
Mason	51	1	20	57	129
McDowell	124	0	24	133	281
Mercer	266	3	12	492	773
Mineral	83	10	1	60	154
Mingo	146	0	0	50	196
Monongalia	393	2	11	16	422
Monroe	52	1	2	12	67
Morgan	44	3	2	31	80
Nicholas	92	1	0	52	145
Ohio	111	3	1	220	335
Pendleton	25	0	0	5	30
Pleasants	28	0	0	16	44
Pocahontas	45	3	0	19	67
Preston	106	0	3	106	215
Putnam	138	5	11	69	223
Raleigh	458	1	182	88	729
Randolph	149	1	8	40	198
Ritchie	57	3	1	5	66
Roane	74	0	5	62	141
Summers	59	0	0	10	69
Taylor	74	0	4	20	98
Tucker	8	0	0	0	8
Tyler	17	4	6	8	35
Upshur	115	1	18	11	145
Wayne	158	1	14	58	231
Webster	52	0	0	8	60
Wetzel	71	0	7	0	78
Wirt	17	1	0	1	19
Wood	399	5	0	84	488
Wyoming	33	0	70	16	119
Total	6,833	100	692	3,705	11,330

Circuit Courts

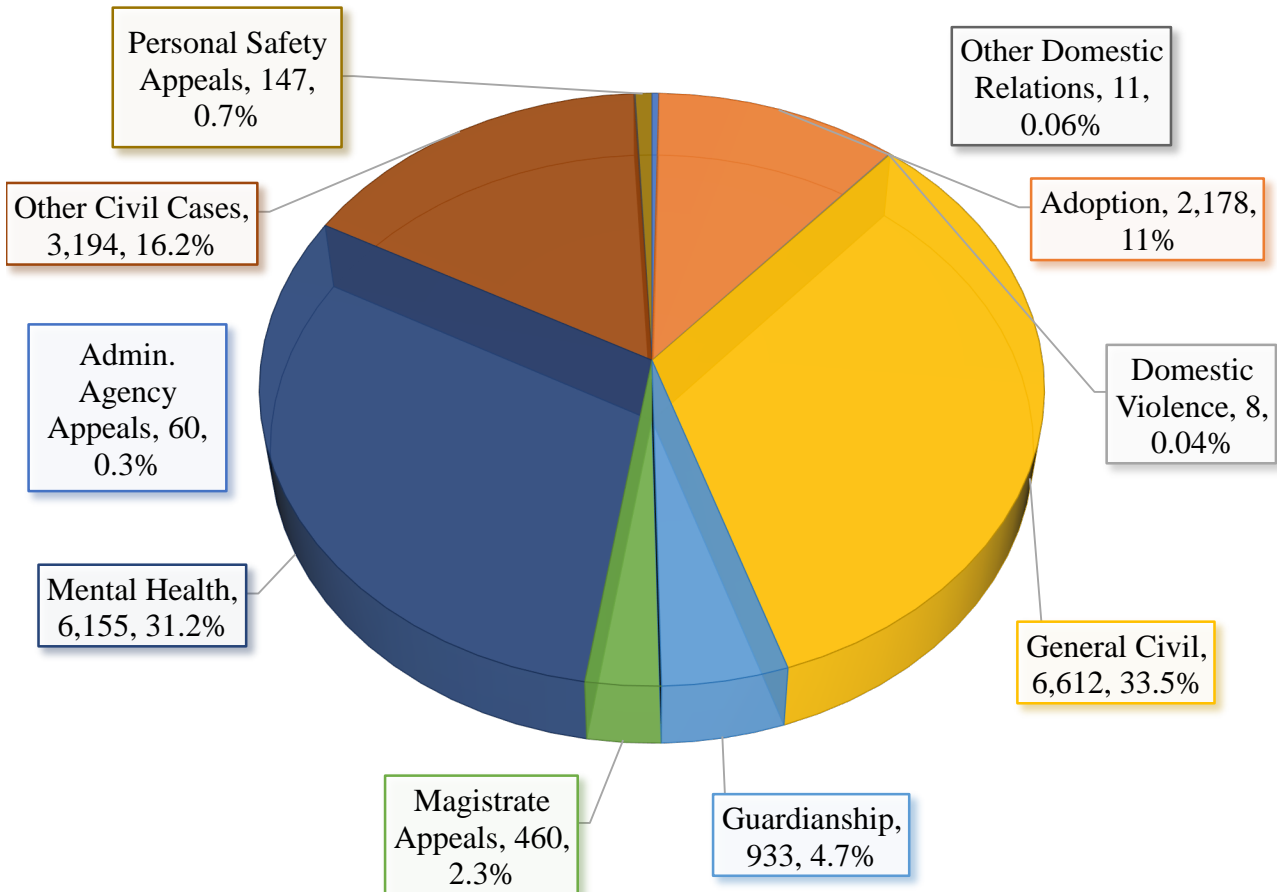
2022 Civil Case Filings

	Admin. Agency Appeals	Adoption	Domestic Violence	General Civil	Guardianship	Magistrate Appeals	Mental Health	Other Civil Cases	Other Domestic Relations	Personal Safety Appeals
Barbour	1	18	0	43	14	0	10	23	0	0
Berkeley	1	108	0	374	54	20	203	209	0	26
Boone	0	50	0	94	18	0	62	16	0	0
Braxton	1	18	0	42	4	0	26	24	0	0
Brooke	0	9	0	68	5	1	22	21	0	2
Cabell	0	125	0	435	63	23	1,086	66	0	6
Calhoun	0	7	0	12	0	0	9	6	0	0
Clay	0	16	0	24	6	0	19	7	0	0
Doddridge	0	9	0	15	3	0	17	11	0	0
Fayette	0	35	0	146	31	2	70	56	0	0
Gilmer	0	3	0	17	0	0	3	12	0	0
Grant	0	8	0	30	11	3	22	16	1	0
Greenbrier	3	29	0	137	16	11	70	46	0	8
Hampshire	0	22	0	56	11	3	21	15	0	0
Hancock	0	9	0	88	10	4	31	32	0	3
Hardy	0	17	0	29	10	4	24	26	0	0
Harrison	0	90	0	241	38	15	200	103	0	1
Jackson	0	60	0	93	14	5	71	37	0	0
Jefferson	0	36	0	153	23	11	80	120	0	1
Kanawha	40	304	0	1,027	98	148	610	433	0	43
Lewis	0	31	0	91	6	3	518	33	0	0
Lincoln	1	40	1	69	24	3	58	57	1	3
Logan	0	35	0	153	12	4	72	46	0	2
Marion	0	83	0	155	14	10	178	107	0	0
Marshall	0	12	0	114	11	4	230	66	1	0
Mason	0	17	0	58	11	0	34	26	0	1
McDowell	0	25	0	87	4	2	70	36	0	0
Mercer	0	75	0	221	78	17	302	71	0	11
Mineral	2	12	0	60	11	9	28	37	1	2
Mingo	0	46	0	106	13	2	36	23	0	0
Monongalia	2	67	0	308	33	35	233	360	0	7
Monroe	2	11	0	29	5	2	10	14	0	3
Morgan	0	13	0	55	6	1	22	11	0	0
Nicholas	0	40	0	75	9	3	54	39	0	1
Ohio	0	48	0	222	10	10	206	82	0	1
Pendleton	0	13	0	11	1	0	9	10	1	1
Pleasants	0	7	0	15	4	0	12	12	0	0
Pocahontas	0	6	0	29	3	3	15	15	0	4
Preston	0	73	0	86	9	9	33	26	5	4
Putnam	0	66	0	180	44	11	80	98	0	1
Raleigh	4	80	0	384	41	22	232	157	0	0
Randolph	1	55	0	143	12	8	40	73	0	0
Ritchie	0	22	0	27	5	1	14	6	0	0
Roane	0	20	0	42	15	1	36	27	0	1
Summers	0	18	0	34	10	0	30	15	0	0
Taylor	0	24	0	49	7	0	31	19	0	0
Tucker	0	9	0	20	1	0	7	10	0	0
Tyler	1	4	0	24	4	0	26	17	0	0
Upshur	0	32	0	52	11	5	32	74	0	0
Wayne	0	63	0	130	23	11	51	53	0	3
Webster	0	15	0	34	4	0	5	15	0	0
Wetzel	0	17	2	42	3	5	68	38	0	0
Wirt	0	11	0	14	4	0	1	8	0	0
Wood	1	67	5	296	42	27	701	196	1	8
Wyoming	0	48	0	73	14	2	25	38	0	4
Total	60	2,178	8	6,612	933	460	6,155	3,194	11	147

2022 CIRCUIT COURT CRIMINAL CASES FILED



2022 CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL CASES FILED



Circuit Courts

2022 Juvenile Case Filings

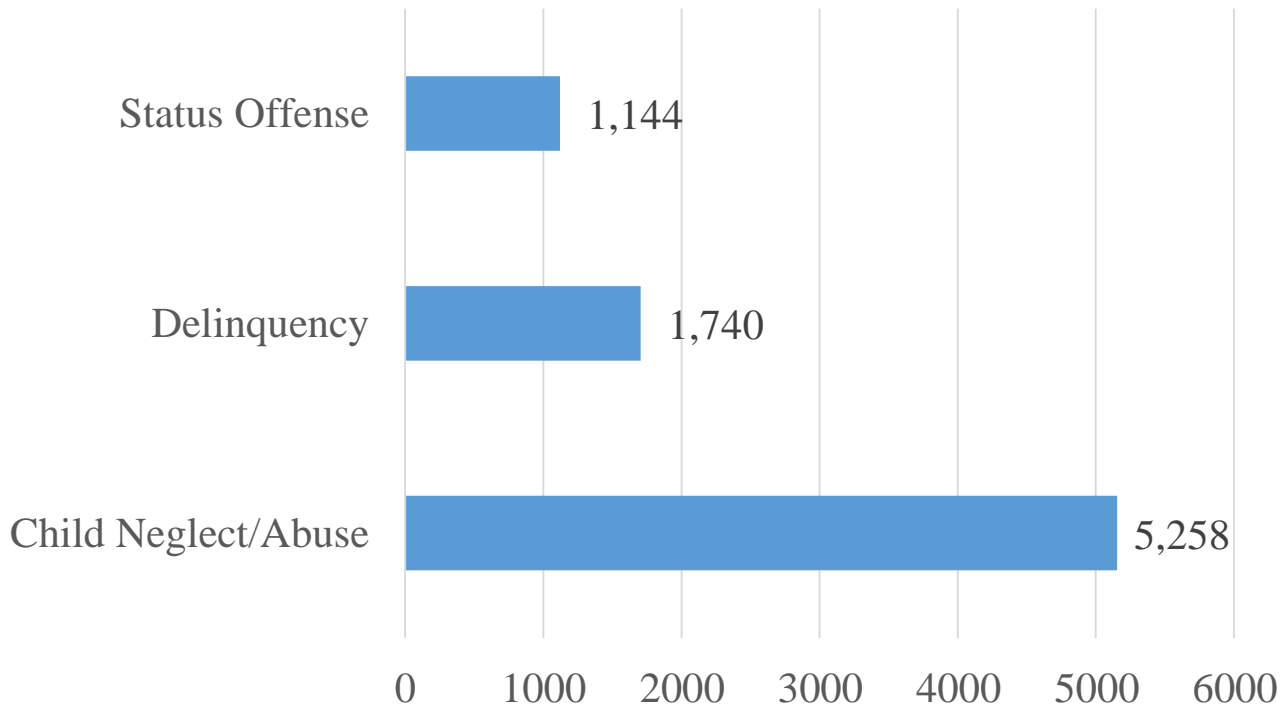
	Child Neglect/Abuse	Delinquency	Status Offense	Total
Barbour	93	25	0	118
Berkeley	114	120	41	275
Boone	103	27	50	180
Braxton	75	13	1	89
Brooke	65	54	4	123
Cabell	185	304	99	588
Calhoun	41	0	5	46
Clay	66	21	2	89
Doddridge	36	5	3	44
Fayette	123	17	0	140
Gilmer	14	23	1	38
Grant	66	30	6	102
Greenbrier	61	16	10	87
Hampshire	64	20	5	89
Hancock	48	35	4	87
Hardy	56	13	7	76
Harrison	233	84	153	470
Jackson	113	18	12	143
Jefferson	80	43	12	135
Kanawha	521	22	10	553
Lewis	84	27	1	112
Lincoln	73	30	22	125
Logan	123	55	9	187
Marion	157	26	22	205
Marshall	61	21	2	84
Mason	114	14	43	171
McDowell	51	19	8	78
Mercer	218	79	74	371
Mineral	56	41	11	108
Mingo	78	6	0	84
Monongalia	176	27	22	225
Monroe	17	9	8	34
Morgan	33	15	10	58
Nicholas	84	20	17	121
Ohio	138	25	26	189
Pendleton	12	0	0	12
Pleasants	49	5	2	56
Pocahontas	37	4	6	47
Preston	118	11	3	132
Putnam	95	30	114	239
Raleigh	134	115	106	355
Randolph	82	13	49	144
Ritchie	47	12	4	63
Roane	93	9	4	106
Summers	32	18	4	54
Taylor	70	12	1	83
Tucker	9	7	2	18
Tyler	27	5	2	34
Upshur	102	32	8	142
Wayne	140	41	52	233
Webster	53	6	1	60
Wetzel	55	13	0	68
Wirt	28	4	4	36
Wood	373	57	61	491
Wyoming	82	42	21	145
Total	5,258	1,740	1,144	8,142

Circuit Courts

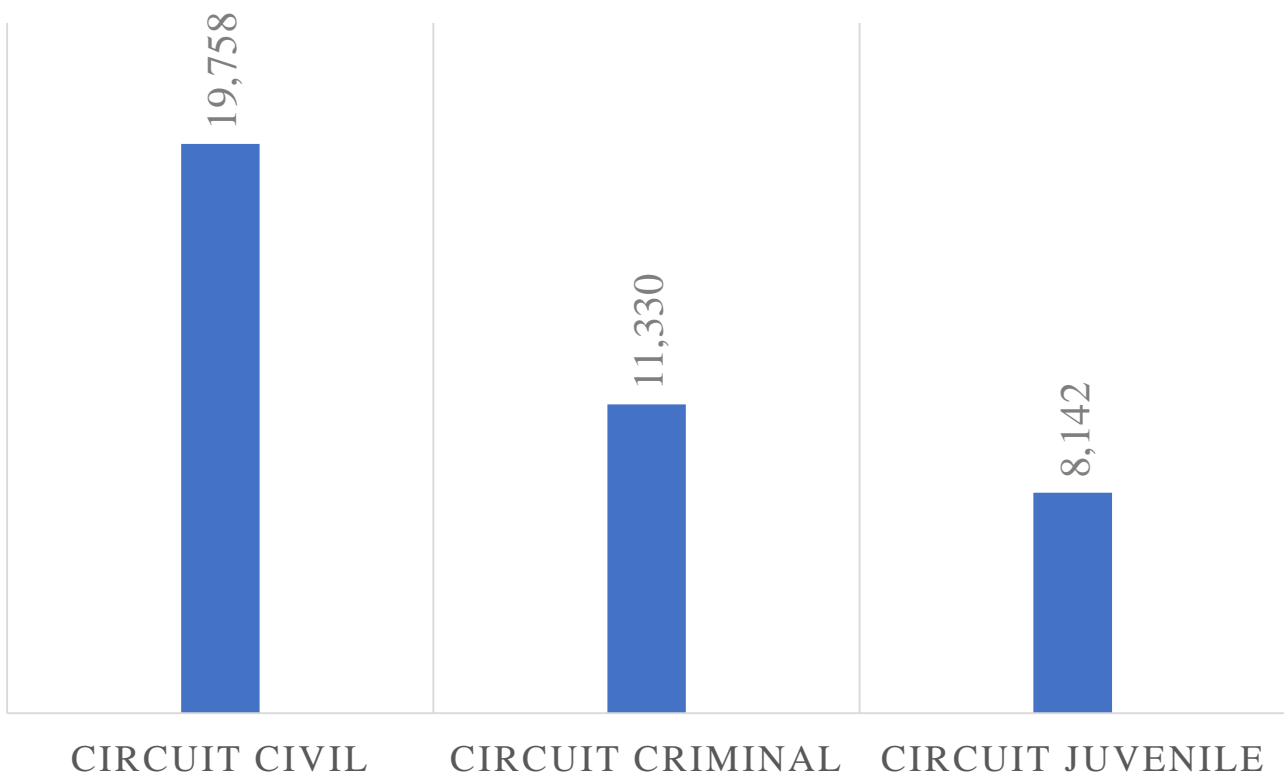
2022 Total Case Filings

	Civil	Criminal	Juvenile
Barbour	109	77	118
Berkeley	995	624	275
Boone	240	126	180
Braxton	115	55	89
Brooke	128	148	123
Cabell	1,804	660	588
Calhoun	34	63	46
Clay	72	52	89
Doddridge	55	86	44
Fayette	340	223	140
Gilmer	35	37	38
Grant	91	67	102
Greenbrier	320	216	87
Hampshire	128	150	89
Hancock	177	152	87
Hardy	110	77	76
Harrison	688	412	470
Jackson	280	130	143
Jefferson	424	330	135
Kanawha	2,703	844	553
Lewis	682	97	112
Lincoln	257	120	125
Logan	324	528	187
Marion	547	348	205
Marshall	438	63	84
Mason	147	129	171
McDowell	224	281	78
Mercer	775	773	371
Mineral	162	154	108
Mingo	226	196	84
Monongalia	1,045	422	225
Monroe	76	67	34
Morgan	108	80	58
Nicholas	221	145	121
Ohio	579	335	189
Pendleton	46	30	12
Pleasants	50	44	56
Pocahontas	75	67	47
Preston	245	215	132
Putnam	480	223	239
Raleigh	920	729	355
Randolph	332	198	144
Ritchie	75	66	63
Roane	142	141	106
Summers	107	69	54
Taylor	130	98	83
Tucker	47	8	18
Tyler	76	35	34
Upshur	206	145	142
Wayne	334	231	233
Webster	73	60	60
Wetzel	175	78	68
Wirt	38	19	36
Wood	1,344	488	491
Wyoming	204	119	145
Total	19,758	11,330	8,142

2022 CIRCUIT COURT JUVENILE CASES FILED



2022 CIRCUIT COURT TOTAL CASE FILINGS



Circuit Court Summary

As of 2022, West Virginia has seventy-five judges in thirty-one judicial circuits. The circuits vary in size; one has seven judges while seven have one judge. While every county has a courthouse where a judge presides, a single circuit can be comprised of up to four counties.

Circuit Judges are required to reside in the circuit they serve and must be admitted to practice law in West Virginia for at least five years prior to taking office. The elections are non-partisan, and they serve eight-year terms. If a Circuit Judge leaves office prior to the expiration of his or her term, the Governor of the State of West Virginia appoints a replacement to serve until the next election.

Circuit Courts are trial courts of record. They have jurisdiction with limited exceptions over all civil cases in which more than \$7,500 is at issue, all felonies and misdemeanors, and proceedings in habeas corpus, mandamus, quo warranto, certiorari, and probation. Circuit Courts receive appeals from Family Courts, Magistrate Courts, Municipal Courts, and all administrative agencies except the Division of Workers' Compensation.

In 2022, there were 39,230 cases filed in West Virginia's Circuit Courts, a 4% decrease from 2021 cases filed (40,987). Of the 2022 Circuit cases, 50% were Civil case filings 29% were criminal case filings, and 21% were juvenile case filings.

Circuit Court new cases filed not reflected in the Circuit Court Case Filings Table on page 4: Circuit Court Infant Guardianships (CIGs), totaling 556; Circuit Court Infant Guardianships Removed (CIGRs), totaling 158; and Domestic Violence Appeals, totaling 104 cases.

Child Abuse and Neglect Overlap Cases

Types of petitions filed:	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Juvenile Administrative Order (JAA)	476	467	397	512	439
Juvenile Administrative Order where Mandamus was issued (JAM)	6	7	2	2	3
Family Infant Guardianship (FIG)	735	846	806	1,269	1,366
Circuit Court Infant Guardianship (CIG)	556	511	440	623	508
Circuit Court Infant Guardianship Removed (CIGR)	158	184	144	133	122

“Overlap” cases are cases originating in Family Court that involve some allegation of child abuse and/or neglect, and due to this allegation are transferred to and processed in Circuit Court.

Juvenile Administrative Orders (JAA): A Family Court Judge who suspects child abuse and/or neglect in a pending case issues a written referral to a Child Protective Services Office and sends copies to the Circuit Court and the Prosecuting Attorney. A Circuit Judge then issues an order directing Child Protective Services to assess the referral and make a written investigation report to the Circuit Court within the timeframe specified within the law, typically 45 days.

Juvenile Administrative Order where mandamus was issued (JAM): If the written report is not filed within the time frame specified within the administrative order, or if the report indicates that filing a child abuse and neglect petition is not necessary and the Circuit Judge disagrees, the Circuit Judge may issue a writ of mandamus requiring Child Protective Services to explain its decision or to file the petition.

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

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

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

Electronic Filing and Service in Mass Litigation

The Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia has adopted a process for efficiently managing and resolving Mass Litigation that includes the establishment of a Mass Litigation Panel. The Mass Litigation Panel consists of seven active or senior status circuit court judges appointed by the Chief Justice, with the approval of the Supreme Court of Appeals. Each appointment is for a term of three years and there is no prohibition against serving successive terms. The Chief Justice annually designates a Panel Member to serve as its Chair to preside over the activities of the Panel and report to the Supreme Court of Appeals.

The Mass Litigation Panel began using electronic filing in December 2008. Electronic filing saves paper, storage space, and litigants' time and money. If the Panel determines it is appropriate, the Panel Chair enters an order designating Mass Litigation for electronic filing and service and transfers the Mass Litigation to either the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, Ohio County or Raleigh County for purposes of electronic filing and service.

110,257 documents were electronically filed, and 3,824,312 documents were electronically served in all Mass Litigation cases subject to electronic filing and service in 2022. From December 2008, when electronic filing and service was first implemented in certain Mass Litigation cases, through December 2022, a total of 1,301,374 documents were electronically filed, and 37,609,643 documents were electronically served in all Mass Litigation cases subject to electronic filing and service. Filing and service statistics include items rejected in the clerk review process to capture all work performed in clerk review, as well as orders, which do not go through the clerk review process.

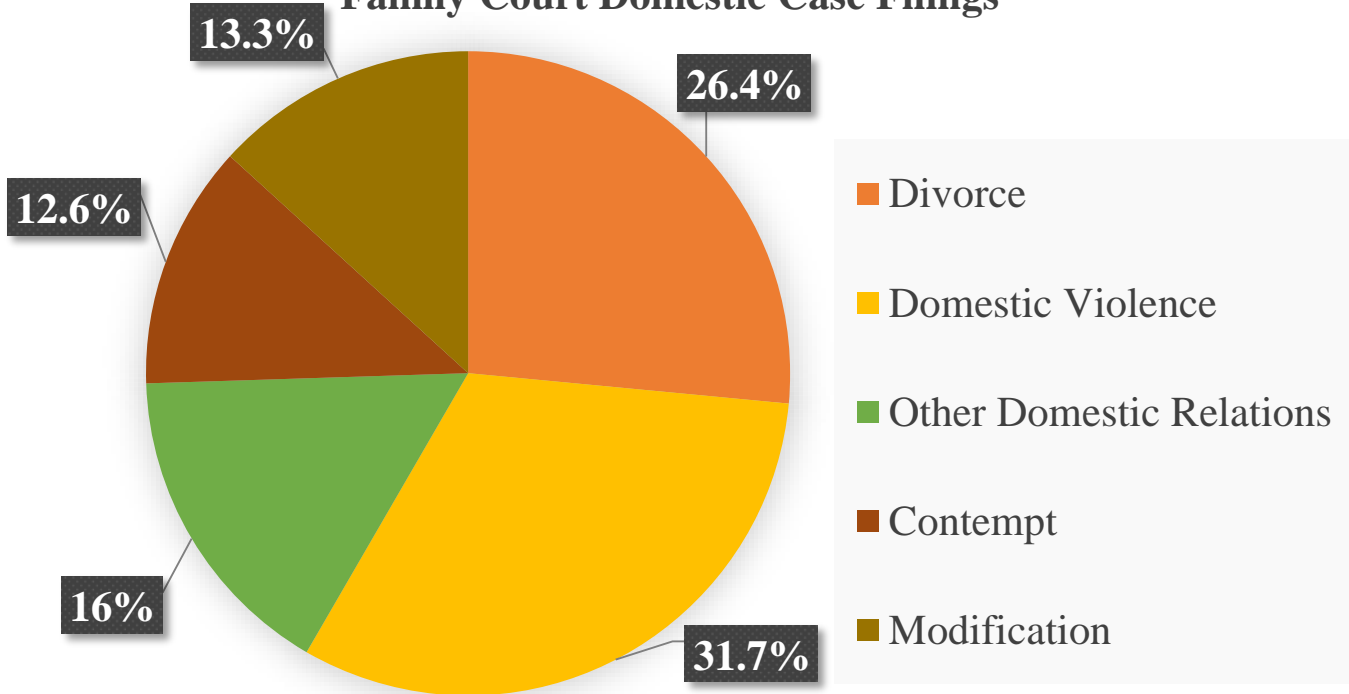
715,266 pages were electronically filed in all Mass Litigation cases subject to electronic filing and service in 2022. This translates to over 298 boxes of paper, based on 2400 pages per box. From December 2008 through December 2022, a total of 8,425,744 pages were electronically filed in all Mass Litigation cases subject to electronic filing and service. This translates to over 3,510 boxes of paper, based on 2400 pages per box.

Family Courts

2022 Domestic Case Filings

	Divorce	Domestic Violence	Other Domestic Relations	Contempt	Modification
Barbour	67	80	39	19	32
Berkeley	503	475	339	198	254
Boone	123	104	61	55	57
Braxton	49	36	31	43	44
Brooke	70	110	66	54	17
Cabell	411	483	285	294	253
Calhoun	23	19	8	6	12
Clay	4	5	24	26	24
Doddridge	23	20	17	14	12
Fayette	185	191	119	167	139
Gilmer	36	22	12	7	10
Grant	31	48	32	28	39
Greenbrier	128	145	125	65	35
Hampshire	87	44	82	59	71
Hancock	89	161	95	27	29
Hardy	68	73	48	67	64
Harrison	255	298	108	125	138
Jackson	128	165	50	69	76
Jefferson	167	113	117	70	100
Kanawha	734	1,112	482	522	342
Lewis	79	66	25	32	31
Lincoln	102	140	77	19	50
Logan	181	285	62	47	55
Marion	224	269	128	106	92
Marshall	90	47	64	42	86
Mason	114	96	76	51	65
McDowell	79	83	69	27	72
Mercer	317	539	193	87	158
Mineral	110	115	84	66	74
Mingo	176	147	116	45	98
Monongalia	227	418	130	72	109
Monroe	59	85	36	23	6
Morgan	52	71	70	41	49
Nicholas	128	148	56	58	61
Ohio	124	134	100	87	30
Pendleton	25	24	8	20	23
Pleasants	40	45	12	4	6
Pocahontas	27	74	27	39	11
Preston	132	121	52	58	55
Putnam	240	238	89	94	77
Raleigh	362	428	250	133	126
Randolph	111	116	54	39	84
Ritchie	34	25	16	11	18
Roane	82	41	31	23	22
Summers	53	48	33	41	24
Taylor	48	39	23	15	34
Tucker	27	17	14	17	18
Tyler	30	43	14	8	14
Upshur	135	88	44	47	69
Wayne	205	112	87	116	234
Webster	38	27	20	38	11
Wetzel	67	68	38	14	29
Wirt	26	31	16	3	15
Wood	362	688	236	37	63
Wyoming	122	215	52	85	56
Total	7,459	8,963	4,542	3,560	3,773

Family Court Domestic Case Filings



Family and Circuit Courts

2022 Reported Marriages Performed by County

Total Marriages		Total Marriages		Total Marriages	
Barbour	10	Kanawha	168	Preston	11
Berkeley	180	Lewis	0	Putnam	0
Boone	0	Lincoln	0	Raleigh	115
Braxton	4	Logan	13	Randolph	12
Brooke	9	Marion	60	Ritchie	0
Cabell	164	Marshall	7	Roane	1
Calhoun	0	Mason	41	Summers	0
Clay	2	McDowell	11	Taylor	17
Doddridge	0	Mercer	17	Tucker	0
Fayette	1	Mineral	18	Tyler	0
Gilmer	0	Mingo	32	Upshur	0
Grant	8	Monongalia	87	Wayne	0
Greenbrier	11	Monroe	0	Webster	2
Hampshire	0	Morgan	32	Wetzel	0
Hancock	8	Nicholas	53	Wirt	2
Hardy	28	Ohio	70	Wood	4
Harrison	150	Pendleton	3	Wyoming	10
Jefferson	120	Pocahontas	1		

Grand Total: 1,530

West Virginians Served by Supreme Court – Grant Supported

Family Visitation Centers

Grant Cycle 2022

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number</u>
Total Clients Served	352
Fathers.....	173
Mothers	173
Grandparent / Legal Guardian.....	006
Children Involved	244
Supervised Visitation.....	248
Neutral Drop-off.....	104

**Total number of clients served = fathers + mothers +
grandparent/legal guardian**

Family Court Summary

West Virginia has forty-seven Family Court Judges in twenty-seven Family Court circuits. Family Court Judges are required to reside in their circuit and must be admitted to practice law in West Virginia for at least five years before taking office. Like Circuit Court Judges, their elections are non-partisan, their terms are for eight years, and the Governor appoints a replacement to serve until the next election if a Family Court Judge leaves office prior to the expiration of his or her term.

Family Courts have jurisdiction over divorce, annulment, separate maintenance, paternity, grandparent visitation, name change, infant guardianship, child custody, and family support proceedings except in cases involving child abuse and neglect. Family Court Judges also hold final hearings in civil domestic violence cases and may perform marriages.

In 2022, there were 20,964 new cases filed in Family Courts in West Virginia, a less than 1% (< 1%) decrease from the 2021 cases filed (21,028). In addition to new cases filed, there were 7,333 modifications and contempt proceedings this year. Family and Circuit Court Judges performed 1,530 weddings.

Family Court Judges can refer divorcing parents to mediation and parent education. In cases involving high conflict parents or safety concerns, visitation and exchange centers are used where available. See table below. Cases involving allegations of abuse or neglect that do not meet the statutory standard to file a petition in Circuit Court can result in guardian ad litem being appointed for a child. A guardian provides a detailed report to the Family Court Judge providing for the safety of the child and the appropriate parenting time for each parent.

Magistrate Courts

2022 Civil Case Filings

	Small claims	Personal Safety Petitions	Domestic Violence		Total
			EPO	TEPO	
Barbour	204	23	85	0	312
Berkeley	3,341	332	817	1	4,491
Boone	160	71	111	2	344
Braxton	223	0	40	0	263
Brooke	165	68	131	0	364
Cabell	1,724	194	637	1	2,556
Calhoun	60	3	22	0	85
Clay	98	0	42	0	140
Doddridge	56	19	20	0	95
Fayette	393	2	194	2	591
Gilmer	117	7	23	1	148
Grant	86	19	49	1	155
Greenbrier	410	87	215	0	712
Hampshire	714	6	60	0	780
Hancock	300	53	176	2	531
Hardy	294	16	70	4	384
Harrison	1,455	12	336	0	1,803
Jackson	439	63	197	0	699
Jefferson	909	71	210	1	1,191
Kanawha	2,677	636	1,435	0	4,748
Lewis	625	32	91	0	748
Lincoln	103	73	138	0	314
Logan	297	150	299	0	746
Marion	901	95	340	0	1,336
Marshall	380	8	58	0	446
Mason	165	60	119	1	345
McDowell	111	0	85	2	198
Mercer	1,102	357	624	1	2,084
Mineral	583	71	173	0	827
Mingo	129	66	144	0	339
Monongalia	1,584	229	532	0	2,345
Monroe	93	28	98	0	219
Morgan	511	51	87	0	649
Nicholas	345	23	164	2	534
Ohio	713	68	169	2	952
Pendleton	49	16	23	0	88
Pleasants	100	10	45	0	155
Pocahontas	222	40	90	0	352
Preston	351	40	138	0	529
Putnam	617	79	281	1	978
Raleigh	886	48	528	1	1,463
Randolph	443	87	182	0	712
Ritchie	99	18	29	1	147
Roane	122	5	65	0	192
Summers	89	2	51	0	142
Taylor	180	1	41	1	223
Tucker	63	0	16	0	79
Tyler	97	30	43	1	171
Upshur	626	39	116	0	781
Wayne	359	52	159	0	570
Webster	135	21	32	0	188
Wetzel	197	59	75	0	331
Wirt	70	11	36	0	117
Wood	2,359	268	730	4	3,361
Wyoming	112	93	227	0	432
Total	28,643	3,912	10,898	32	43,485

Magistrate Courts

2022 Criminal Case Filings

	Felony		Misdemeanor			Worthless Check	Total
	Motor Vehicle	Other	Motor Vehicle	DNR	Other		
Barbour	4	69	511	20	351	27	982
Berkeley	54	819	5,321	45	2,505	30	8,774
Boone	8	162	1,074	46	533	6	1829
Braxton	8	104	522	22	226	7	889
Brooke	6	134	951	21	373	19	1,504
Cabell	53	774	3,598	16	2,181	43	6,665
Calhoun	7	58	282	14	108	5	474
Clay	5	48	652	21	158	11	895
Doddridge	5	47	228	7	114	1	402
Fayette	11	254	1,007	53	573	10	1,908
Gilmer	0	31	200	5	101	15	352
Grant	4	86	916	35	336	3	1,380
Greenbrier	3	227	594	31	674	88	1,617
Hampshire	4	114	797	30	388	9	1,342
Hancock	19	150	526	27	407	2	1,131
Hardy	12	107	1,156	31	384	21	1,711
Harrison	52	510	1,782	74	1,563	27	4,008
Jackson	12	185	901	38	345	21	1,502
Jefferson	8	199	1,260	84	785	2	2,338
Kanawha	119	1,565	10,360	100	3,329	15	15,488
Lewis	5	96	1399	48	516	26	2,090
Lincoln	7	88	816	24	253	4	1,192
Logan	37	357	2,424	125	1,239	9	4,191
Marion	24	444	1,910	48	769	14	3,209
Marshall	5	198	524	13	720	11	1,471
Mason	11	108	681	22	469	3	1,294
McDowell	25	181	826	17	577	14	1,640
Mercer	34	426	2,028	84	1,120	23	3,715
Mineral	6	152	1,030	54	625	6	1,873
Mingo	6	314	454	46	501	4	1,325
Monongalia	31	583	1,587	79	1,549	11	3,840
Monroe	1	76	181	14	186	3	461
Morgan	1	65	1,677	16	1,022	3	2,784
Nicholas	15	215	874	125	576	28	1,833
Ohio	11	349	1,663	10	1,056	8	3,097
Pendleton	1	24	210	47	89	4	375
Pleasants	2	67	271	26	202	8	576
Pocahontas	9	75	352	32	224	19	711
Preston	14	153	1,363	33	683	15	2,261
Putnam	19	185	2,747	24	678	18	3,671
Raleigh	24	811	3,925	38	2,187	22	7,007
Randolph	9	141	1,217	34	497	66	1,964
Ritchie	9	54	548	39	170	10	830
Roane	10	76	702	34	299	6	1,127
Summers	6	74	252	30	186	3	551
Taylor	11	75	641	30	251	8	1,016
Tucker	1	15	246	20	82	7	371
Tyler	2	21	327	23	101	5	479
Upshur	12	147	1,142	23	534	34	1,892
Wayne	15	262	1,442	30	412	2	2,163
Webster	5	76	408	51	194	4	738
Wetzel	10	148	452	10	330	0	950
Wirt	7	26	95	11	89	5	233
Wood	39	571	1,819	84	2,261	8	4,782
Wyoming	8	135	1,053	77	569	17	1,859
Total	826	12,431	69,924	2,141	36,650	790	122,762

Magistrate Courts

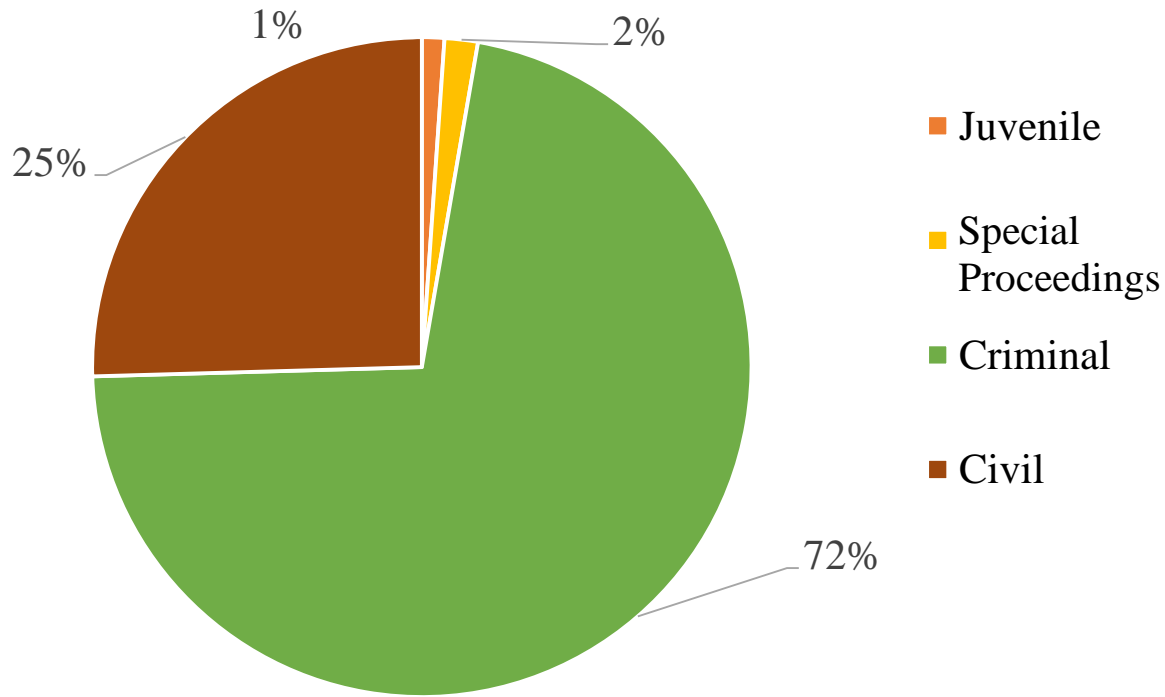
2022 Juvenile Case Filings

	Motor Vehicle	DNR	Other	Total
Barbour	8	0	8	16
Berkeley	102	1	2	105
Boone	8	2	2	12
Braxton	9	0	14	23
Brooke	23	0	64	87
Cabell	20	0	2	22
Calhoun	2	0	1	3
Clay	5	0	1	6
Doddridge	2	0	16	18
Fayette	11	1	2	14
Gilmer	1	0	3	4
Grant	21	1	9	31
Greenbrier	25	2	12	39
Hampshire	8	0	57	65
Hancock	8	0	40	48
Hardy	19	0	8	27
Harrison	7	2	39	48
Jackson	10	1	1	12
Jefferson	27	1	5	33
Kanawha	82	6	93	181
Lewis	19	1	23	43
Lincoln	3	3	0	6
Logan	35	3	67	105
Marion	22	0	2	24
Marshall	5	0	1	6
Mason	7	1	43	51
McDowell	6	0	7	13
Mercer	23	0	1	24
Mineral	24	0	18	42
Mingo	5	0	0	5
Monongalia	25	1	113	139
Monroe	3	1	27	31
Morgan	24	0	18	42
Nicholas	9	2	4	15
Ohio	22	0	0	22
Pendleton	12	2	0	14
Pleasants	4	1	0	5
Pocahontas	10	0	22	32
Preston	5	0	16	21
Putnam	31	0	11	42
Raleigh	43	0	83	126
Randolph	28	3	3	34
Ritchie	7	2	12	21
Roane	12	0	2	14
Summers	4	4	34	42
Taylor	5	7	2	14
Tucker	3	1	0	4
Tyler	5	0	0	5
Upshur	24	5	19	48
Wayne	9	0	0	9
Webster	0	3	0	3
Wetzel	5	0	10	15
Wirt	4	1	17	22
Wood	23	6	3	32
Wyoming	17	0	3	20
Total	881	64	940	1,885

2022 Special Proceedings

	Mental Health	Abuse and Neglect	Juvenile	Total
	12	0	2	14
	2	0	36	38
	0	0	12	12
	6	10	18	34
	0	0	58	58
	27	8	304	339
	0	0	0	0
	4	7	21	32
	1	24	5	30
	3	0	1	4
	0	8	26	34
	18	8	1	27
	5	31	22	58
	5	10	15	30
	0	0	39	39
	16	15	19	50
	0	64	109	173
	11	40	8	59
	1	0	13	14
	0	0	443	443
	4	0	16	20
	3	0	4	7
	0	0	0	0
	0	43	15	58
	0	0	5	5
	19	12	2	33
	69	9	11	89
	0	0	0	0
	16	9	10	35
	4	4	0	8
	4	0	0	4
	1	0	15	16
	0	0	13	13
	21	28	19	68
	0	172	49	221
	1	2	2	5
	4	22	5	31
	9	4	5	18
	24	33	1	58
	0	0	0	0
	54	0	136	190
	28	0	0	28
	3	15	19	37
	3	0	21	24
	0	37	7	44
	25	0	13	38
	1	1	1	3
	0	5	0	5
	4	2	40	46
	12	6	8	26
	11	9	6	26
	0	7	2	9
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	0	107	0	107
	6	27	55	88
	477	667	1,632	2,776

2022 Magistrate Cases Filed

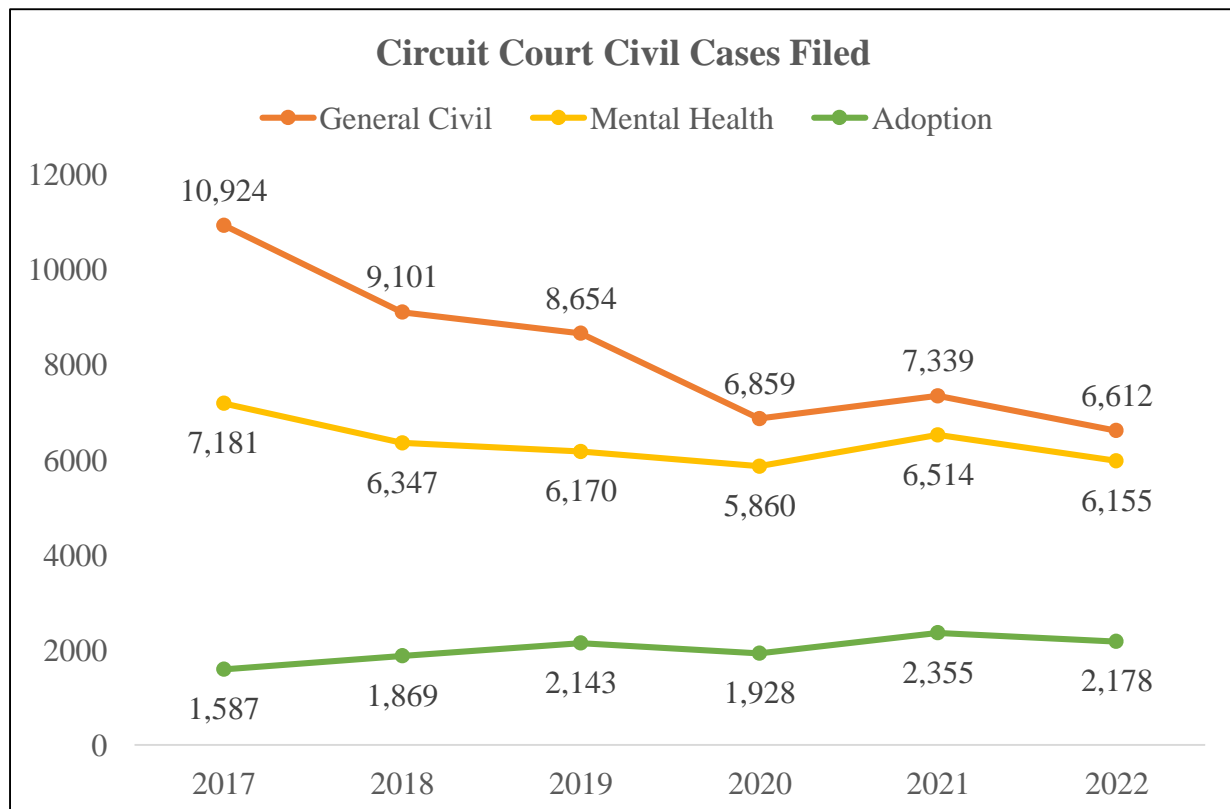
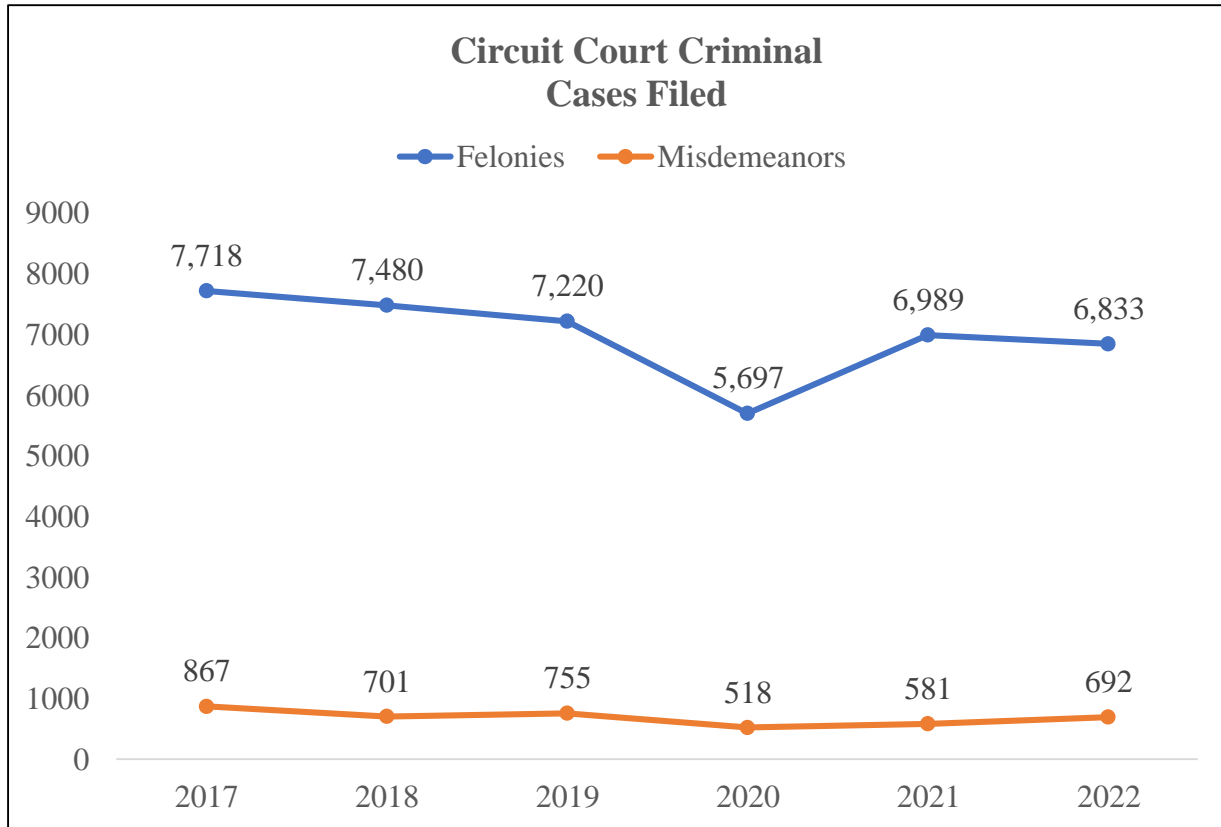


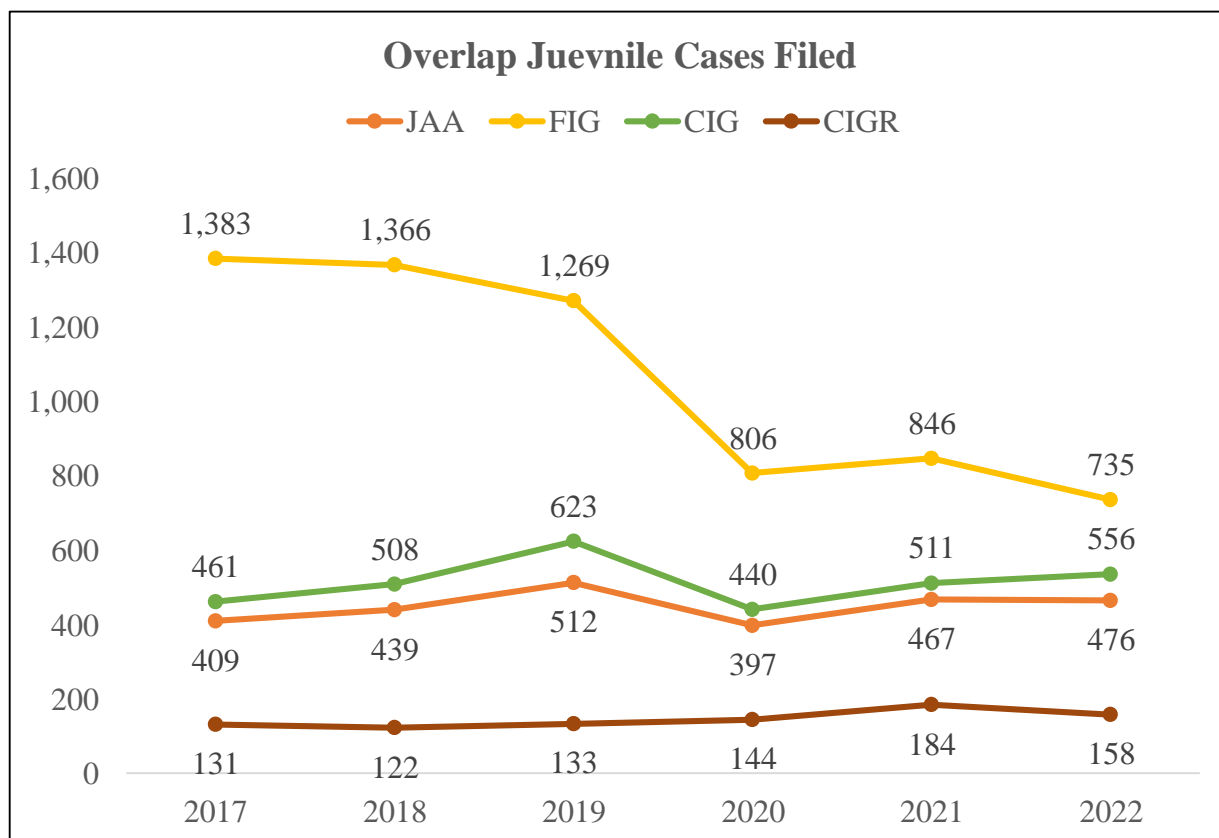
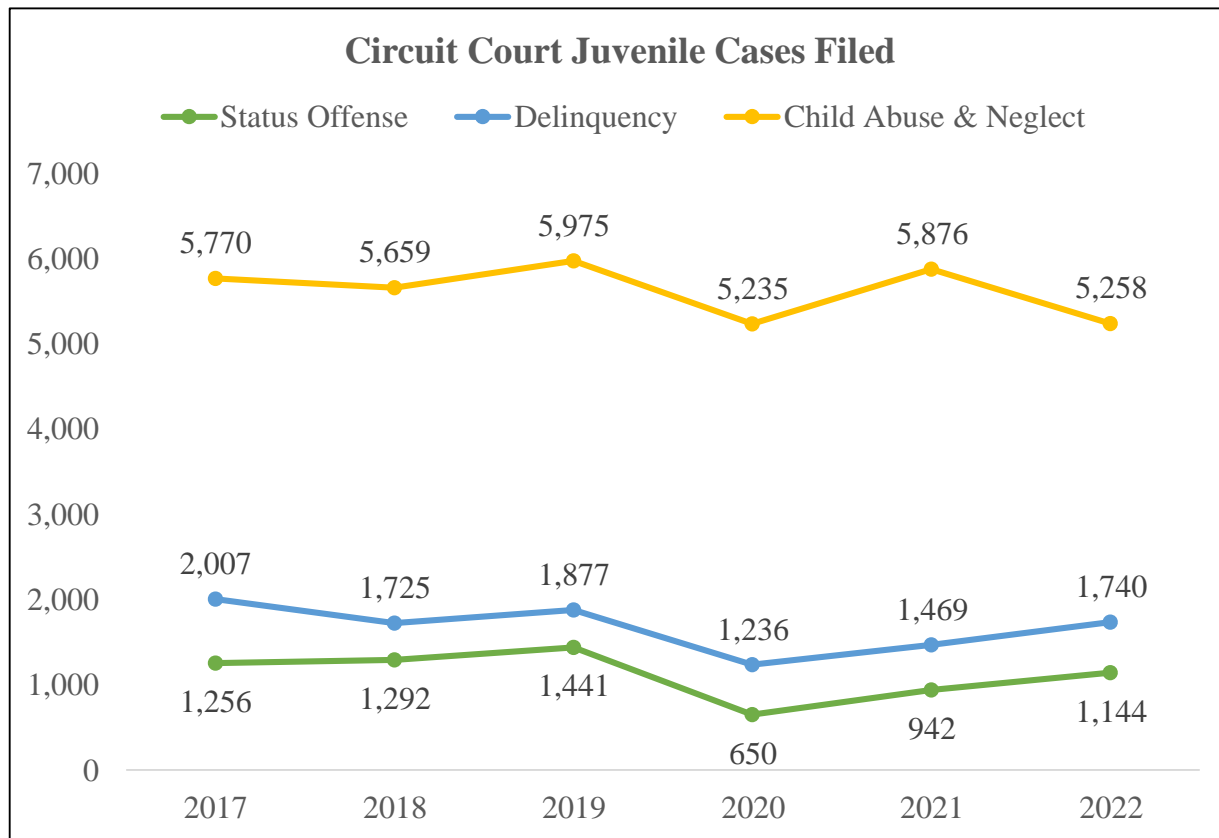
Magistrate Court Summary

There are 158 magistrates in West Virginia. There are at least two magistrates in every county and ten in the largest county of Kanawha. Magistrates are non-partisan and they serve four-year terms. If a Magistrate is unable to complete his or her term, the Chief Circuit Judge appoints a replacement to serve until the next election.

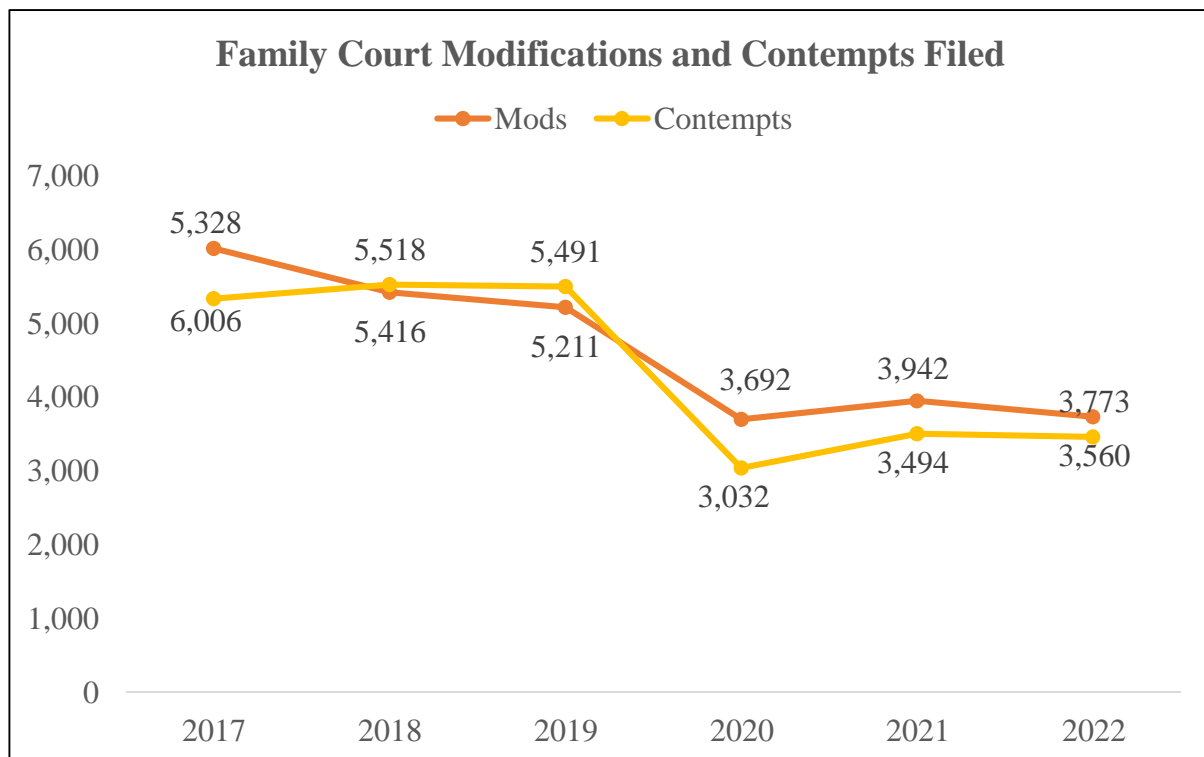
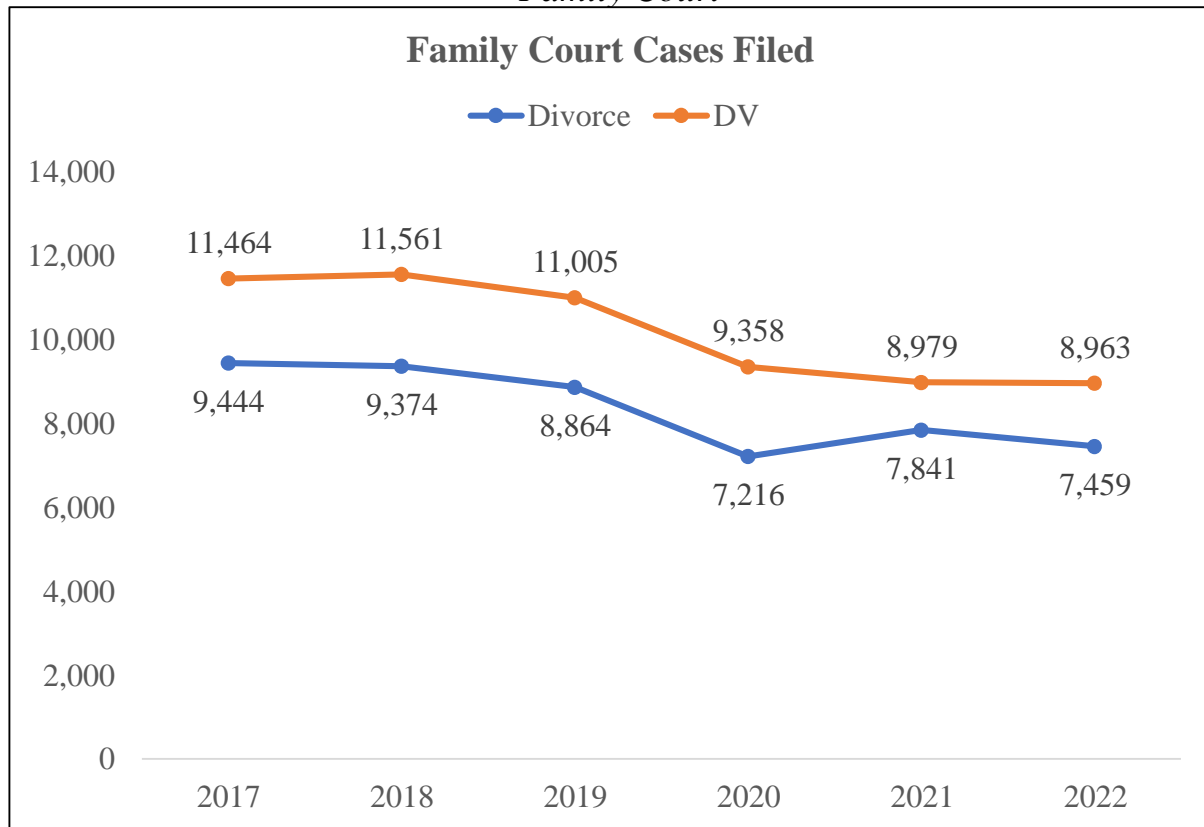
Magistrates have jurisdiction over civil cases in which the financial amount in dispute is less than \$10,000. They hear misdemeanor cases, conduct preliminary examinations in felony cases and preside in emergency domestic violence proceedings. In criminal cases Magistrates issue and record affidavits, complaints, arrest warrants, and search warrants. They set bail and make decisions concerning proposed plea agreements. They collect court costs, cash bonds, and fines. In counties where there are not enough mental hygiene commissioners, the Chief Circuit Judge may designate a magistrate(s) to handle all or part of probable cause involuntary hospitalization cases. These, along with emergency custody in child abuse and neglect cases, are counted as special proceedings for data collection purposes.

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