

The West Virginia Court System – 2024

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On Circuit, Family, and Magistrate Court Judges



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Circuit Courts

2024 Criminal Case Filings

	Felonies	Magistrate Appeals	Misdemeanors	Other Criminal Cases	Total
Barbour	83	0	4	25	112
Berkeley	376	1	12	194	583
Boone	74	0	4	65	143
Braxton	49	1	0	7	57
Brooke	70	0	0	34	104
Cabell	356	5	35	255	651
Calhoun	27	0	0	6	33
Clay	25	3	0	6	34
Doddridge	54	3	0	35	92
Fayette	182	4	1	34	221
Gilmer	14	0	1	20	35
Grant	33	3	8	3	47
Greenbrier	104	0	1	23	128
Hampshire	84	3	1	47	135
Hancock	55	2	0	55	112
Hardy	71	1	1	24	97
Harrison	233	4	4	47	288
Jackson	100	3	4	133	240
Jefferson	114	7	4	69	194
Kanawha	273	22	84	176	555
Lewis	101	0	0	10	111
Lincoln	69	2	11	41	123
Logan	290	0	7	191	488
Marion	263	15	33	24	335
Marshall	85	2	0	59	146
Mason	23	1	4	5	33
McDowell	105	4	1	95	205
Mercer	219	17	6	556	798
Mineral	78	3	0	62	143
Mingo	122	0	0	90	212
Monongalia	377	10	7	79	473
Monroe	38	6	1	14	59
Morgan	54	4	1	28	87
Nicholas	86	0	1	58	145
Ohio	126	1	1	180	308
Pendleton	30	0	1	8	39
Pleasants	32	0	0	18	50
Pocahontas	36	1	5	10	52
Preston	125	3	0	112	240
Putnam	140	10	2	85	237
Raleigh	205	8	52	331	596
Randolph	91	4	9	91	195
Ritchie	35	1	0	2	38
Roane	108	3	14	99	224
Summers	24	1	11	9	45
Taylor	67	2	3	23	95
Tucker	15	0	2	3	20
Tyler	25	1	3	15	44
Upshur	111	1	14	24	150
Wayne	154	1	10	72	237
Webster	38	0	0	7	45
Wetzel	84	0	4	12	100
Wirt	26	0	0	5	31
Wood	341	5	2	140	488
Wyoming	48	2	16	11	77
Total	6,148	170	385	3,827	10,530

Circuit Courts

2024 Civil Case Filings

	Admin Appeals	Adoption	Domestic Violence	General Civil	Guardianship	Magistrate Appeals	Mental Health	Other Civil Cases	Other Domestic Relations	Personal Safety Appeals	Total
Barbour	0	17	0	60	14	0	14	15	0	0	120
Berkeley	0	81	0	668	48	28	227	254	0	26	1,332
Boone	0	51	0	100	13	2	43	42	0	0	251
Braxton	0	23	0	57	9	3	27	15	0	0	134
Brooke	0	16	0	101	10	4	10	22	0	9	172
Cabell	0	79	0	485	49	30	1,049	148	0	7	1,847
Calhoun	0	15	0	23	2	1	22	9	0	1	73
Clay	0	18	0	31	4	3	22	17	0	0	95
Doddridge	0	12	0	29	6	3	8	8	1	0	67
Fayette	0	34	0	159	17	8	69	67	0	2	356
Gilmer	0	7	0	20	2	1	1	10	0	0	41
Grant	0	8	0	26	1	4	5	27	0	1	72
Greenbrier	0	20	0	153	31	10	83	46	0	0	343
Hampshire	0	8	0	94	2	7	22	21	0	0	154
Hancock	0	10	0	109	16	3	8	36	0	4	186
Hardy	1	4	0	39	6	6	12	31	0	0	99
Harrison	0	52	0	378	37	12	200	104	0	1	784
Jackson	0	17	0	105	13	8	50	49	0	2	244
Jefferson	0	41	0	266	21	18	62	103	0	3	514
Kanawha	1	201	0	1,334	130	188	124	395	0	36	2,409
Lewis	0	20	0	78	7	5	278	22	0	1	411
Lincoln	0	29	0	88	15	6	50	45	0	2	235
Logan	0	53	0	181	13	2	79	58	0	1	387
Marion	0	34	0	216	28	24	251	104	0	10	667
Marshall	0	18	0	145	13	5	227	33	0	0	441
Mason	0	11	0	92	5	5	43	20	0	0	176
McDowell	0	11	0	60	15	7	63	20	0	2	178
Mercer	0	41	0	334	59	27	232	97	0	25	815
Mineral	0	17	0	88	8	12	24	41	0	4	194
Mingo	0	19	0	130	17	1	39	34	0	0	240
Monongalia	4	65	0	489	37	43	233	325	0	9	1,205
Monroe	0	9	0	41	7	9	5	22	0	3	96
Morgan	0	11	0	76	14	6	8	15	0	2	132
Nicholas	0	38	0	109	20	4	66	44	0	1	282
Ohio	0	25	0	261	9	4	55	102	0	0	456
Pendleton	0	14	0	20	5	1	6	2	0	2	50
Pleasants	0	6	0	33	3	1	9	10	0	0	62
Pocahontas	0	3	0	27	8	4	15	14	0	8	79
Preston	0	38	0	158	20	6	38	30	0	3	293
Putnam	0	39	0	255	34	19	59	79	0	4	489
Raleigh	0	56	0	432	46	27	61	103	0	12	737
Randolph	1	30	0	186	15	13	54	59	0	2	360
Ritchie	0	10	0	39	4	1	8	25	0	0	87
Roane	0	33	0	49	6	5	50	17	0	0	160
Summers	0	7	0	36	9	1	15	17	0	0	85
Taylor	0	11	0	80	13	3	20	19	0	1	147
Tucker	0	3	0	40	6	2	0	18	0	0	69
Tyler	0	7	0	32	2	3	22	20	0	2	88
Upshur	0	21	0	82	9	3	17	37	0	0	169
Wayne	0	76	0	143	26	11	85	70	0	0	411
Webster	0	7	0	30	6	1	9	13	0	0	66
Wetzel	0	22	0	62	7	1	54	56	0	0	202
Wirt	0	9	0	18	3	2	9	9	0	1	51
Wood	0	76	0	435	52	13	557	180	0	11	1,324
Wyoming	0	23	0	75	13	7	12	29	0	1	160
Total	7	1,606	0	8,857	985	623	4,811	3,208	1	199	20,297

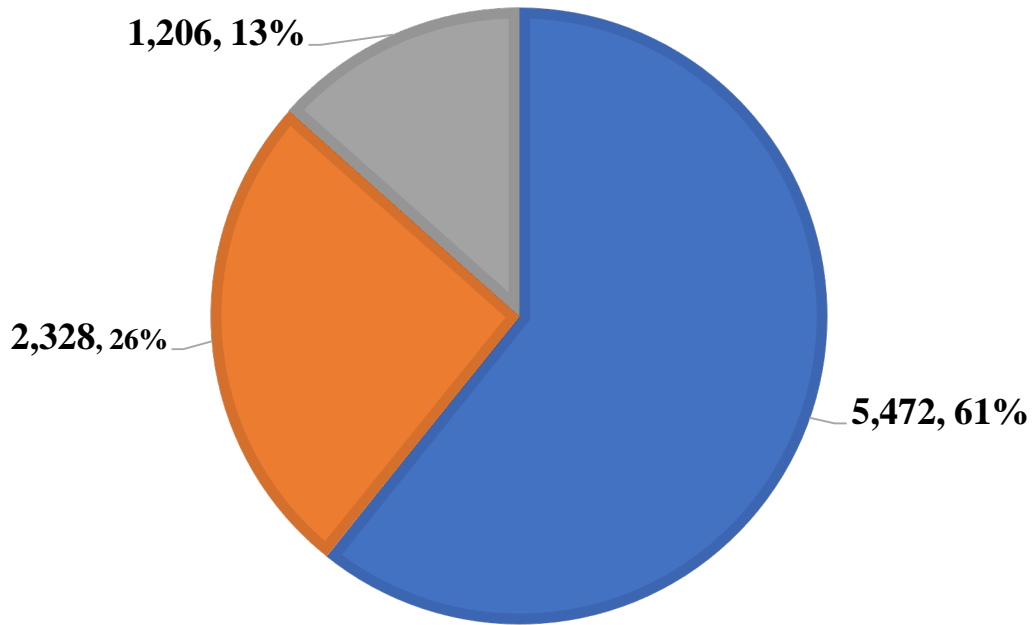
Circuit Courts

2024 Juvenile Case Filings

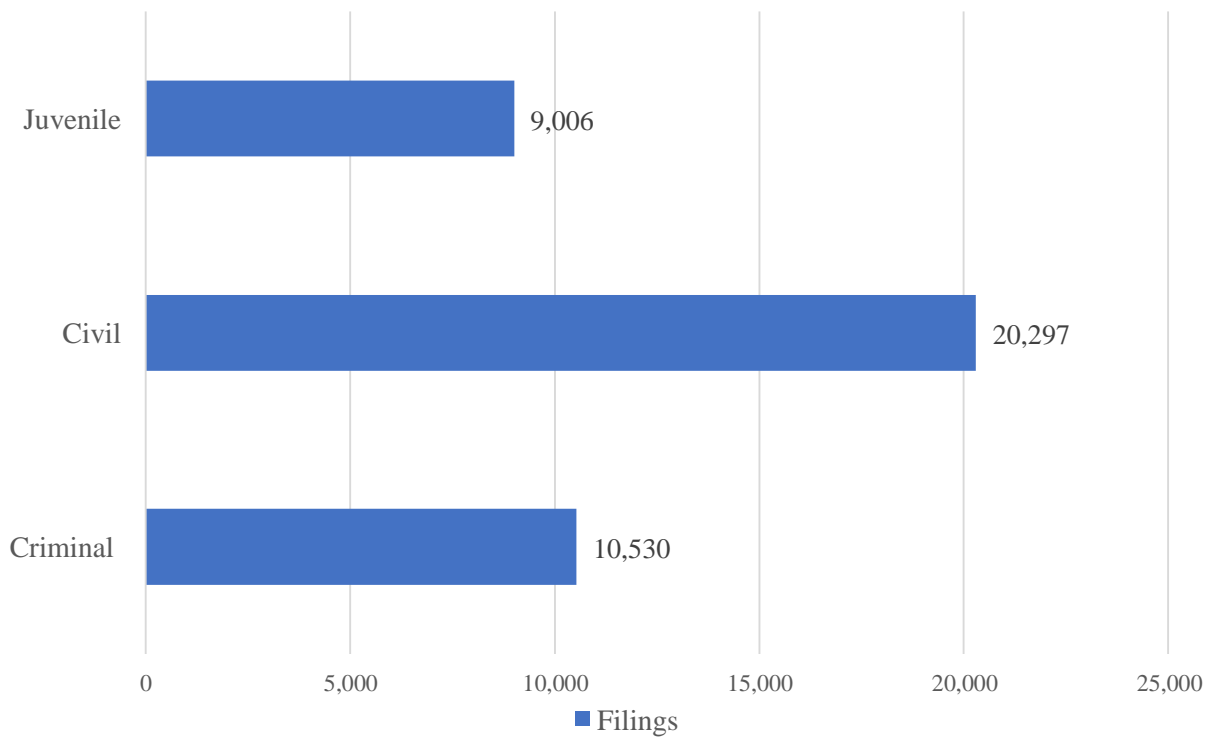
	Child Abuse / Neglect	Delinquency	Status Offenses	Total
Barbour	90	23	0	113
Berkeley	321	107	65	493
Boone	72	28	38	138
Braxton	50	17	2	69
Brooke	60	20	9	89
Cabell	265	495	108	868
Calhoun	40	2	2	44
Clay	48	6	2	56
Doddridge	32	8	3	43
Fayette	138	33	11	182
Gilmer	20	7	1	28
Grant	54	27	7	88
Greenbrier	85	16	16	117
Hampshire	72	18	2	92
Hancock	92	23	0	115
Hardy	70	13	1	84
Harrison	200	107	114	421
Jackson	71	38	17	126
Jefferson	136	53	13	202
Kanawha	472	159	122	753
Lewis	51	27	0	78
Lincoln	36	23	28	87
Logan	121	53	4	178
Marion	225	58	40	323
Marshall	80	39	25	144
Mason	94	19	25	138
McDowell	97	13	6	116
Mercer	288	67	56	411
Mineral	47	34	10	91
Mingo	103	14	7	124
Monongalia	224	52	16	292
Monroe	10	13	3	26
Morgan	52	23	11	86
Nicholas	116	22	20	158
Ohio	136	40	18	194
Pendleton	16	3	0	19
Pleasants	19	16	1	36
Pocahontas	21	5	1	27
Preston	85	21	4	110
Putnam	108	52	91	251
Raleigh	153	190	135	478
Randolph	60	13	33	106
Ritchie	35	24	9	68
Roane	49	14	6	69
Summers	34	16	6	56
Taylor	84	23	8	115
Tucker	7	11	0	18
Tyler	10	8	0	18
Upshur	74	61	9	144
Wayne	108	55	52	215
Webster	69	13	1	83
Wetzel	54	14	1	69
Wirt	19	1	3	23
Wood	302	57	30	389
Wyoming	97	34	14	145
Total	5,472	2,328	1,206	9,006

CIRCUIT COURT - JUVENILE CASE FILINGS

■ Child Abuse & Neglect ■ Delinquency ■ Status Offense



2024 CIRCUIT FILINGS BY CASE TYPE



Circuit Court Summary

As of 2024, 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 magistrate courts, municipal courts and family court decisions in domestic violence cases. Circuit courts receive recommended orders from mental hygiene commissioners.

In 2024, there were 39,833 cases filed in West Virginia’s Circuit Courts, a less than 1 % increase from 2023 cases filed (39,800). Of the 2024 Circuit cases, **20,297** were Civil case filings (51%), **10,530** were criminal case filings (26%), and **9,006** were juvenile case filings (23%).

Child Abuse and Neglect Overlap Cases

Types of petitions filed:	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Juvenile Administrative Order (JAA)	659	588	476	467	397	512
Juvenile Administrative Order where Mandamus was issued (JAM)	7	1	6	7	2	2
Family Infant Guardianship (FIG)	630	689	735	846	806	1,269
Circuit Court Infant Guardianship (CIG)	531	568	556	511	440	623
Circuit Court Infant Guardianship Removed (CIGR)	140	165	158	184	144	133

“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

108,926 documents were electronically filed, and 3,970,400 documents were electronically served in all Mass Litigation cases subject to electronic filing and service in 2024. From December 2008, when electronic filing and service was first implemented in certain Mass Litigation cases, through December 2024, a total of 1,518,074 documents were electronically filed, and 45,372,243 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.

615,503 pages were electronically filed in all Mass Litigation cases subject to electronic filing and service in 2024. This translates to over 256 boxes of paper, based on 2400 pages per box. From December 2008 through December 2024, a total of 9,588,944 pages were electronically filed in all Mass Litigation cases subject to electronic filing and service. This translates to over 3,995 boxes of paper, based on 2400 pages per box.

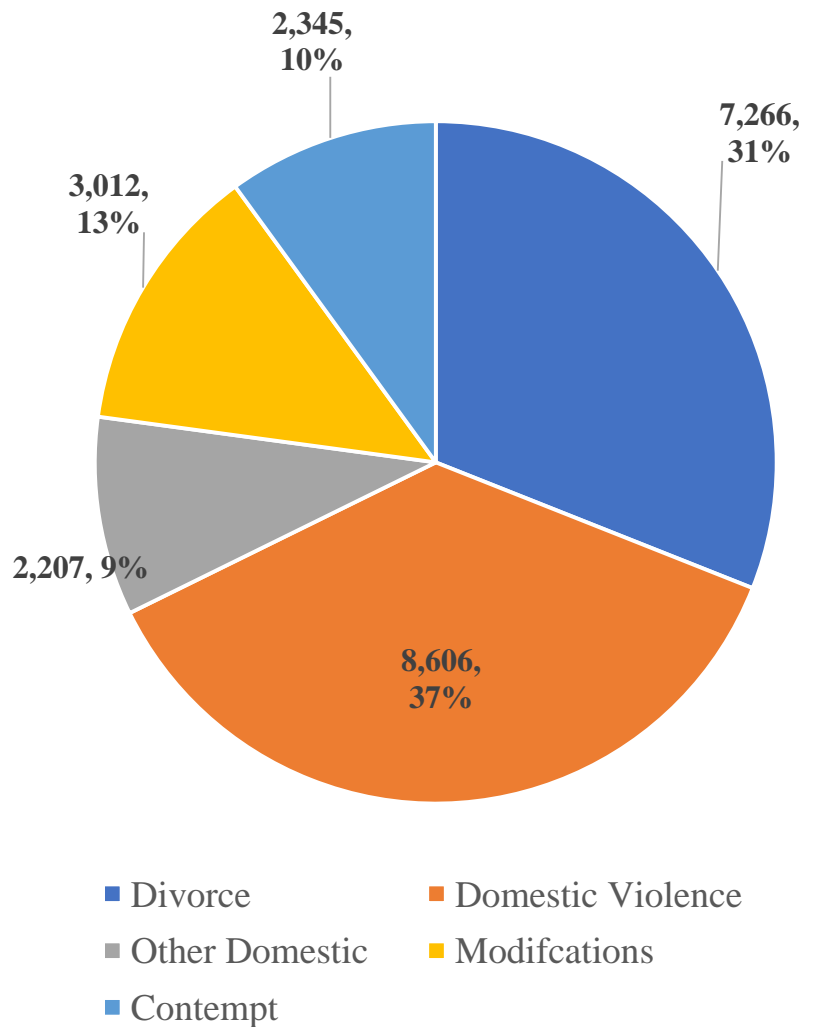
ALL PROJECTS	Jan -24	Feb -24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	2024 YTD Total
Cases Added	7	16	6	18	9	2	6	16	6	2	6	4	98
Filing Transactions	4,015	4,643	3,010	2,589	5,304	4,177	4,306	2,954	4,460	6,127	2,610	2,379	46,574
Documents Filed	14,170	7,029	6,429	6,475	18,159	7,209	6,865	5,733	15,405	11,385	5,246	4,821	108,926
Ave. Documents/Transaction	4	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2.3
Pages Filed	69,102	45,029	43,988	33,841	82,196	50,079	44,836	31,566	79,531	73,434	33,976	27,925	615,503
Ave. Pages/Document	5	6	7	5	5	7	7	6	5	6	6	6	5.7
Rejected Documents	198	89	39	39	207	76	80	41	160	221	15	65	1,230
Rejected Pages	793	684	245	175	995	700	823	410	1,029	2,388	132	733	9,107
Service Transactions	4,117	5,611	3,224	2,850	5,453	4,254	5,348	3,243	4,750	7,162	2,780	2,569	51,361
Documents Served	566,778	245,530	202,418	247,429	681,763	247,445	242,854	187,008	606,784	390,974	188,739	162,678	3,970,400
Pages Served	2,953,189	1,724,263	1,464,783	1,476,700	3,042,734	1,908,790	1,801,474	1,320,091	3,455,293	2,637,481	1,662,475	1,002,202	24,449,475
Multi Case Filings	753	474	28	134	496	354	388	388	688	436	30	135	4,304

Family Courts

2024 Domestic Case Filings

MODIFICATIONS	CONTEMPT
3,012	2,345

2024 - Family Court Domestic Filings



	Divorce	Domestic Violence	Other Domestic Relations
Barbour	62	92	10
Berkeley	517	505	206
Boone	123	99	25
Braxton	63	34	10
Brooke	62	110	37
Cabell	401	485	91
Calhoun	30	21	1
Clay	57	31	9
Doddridge	26	30	0
Fayette	169	181	47
Gilmer	21	32	3
Grant	39	64	10
Greenbrier	150	213	52
Hampshire	84	34	49
Hancock	80	151	25
Hardy	50	59	16
Harrison	275	355	89
Jackson	113	126	44
Jefferson	221	133	58
Kanawha	716	1,099	195
Lewis	59	52	25
Lincoln	93	106	38
Logan	184	271	43
Marion	207	220	66
Marshall	120	28	40
Mason	95	97	39
McDowell	64	122	22
Mercer	309	565	94
Mineral	104	98	36
Mingo	159	180	46
Monongalia	276	335	55
Monroe	61	59	10
Morgan	57	37	29
Nicholas	131	159	21
Ohio	111	127	61
Pendleton	20	15	5
Pleasants	24	38	9
Pocahontas	37	63	17
Preston	117	120	34
Putnam	225	241	61
Raleigh	297	358	105
Randolph	121	95	34
Ritchie	45	45	8
Roane	80	35	16
Summers	41	54	11
Taylor	72	41	12
Tucker	26	19	3
Tyler	39	42	7
Upshur	109	50	33
Wayne	182	99	29
Webster	44	24	17
Wetzel	50	68	23
Wirt	11	27	4
Wood	326	686	149
Wyoming	111	176	28
Total	7,266	8,606	2,207

Family and Circuit Courts

2024 Reported Marriages Performed by County

Total Marriages		Total Marriages		Total Marriages	
Barbour	14	Kanawha	196	Preston	15
Berkeley	188	Lewis	1	Putnam	0
Boone	33	Lincoln	23	Raleigh	39
Braxton	0	Logan	79	Randolph	50
Brooke	11	Marion	94	Ritchie	0
Cabell	121	Marshall	5	Roane	9
Calhoun	1	Mason	54	Summers	0
Clay	6	McDowell	0	Taylor	16
Doddridge	1	Mercer	46	Tucker	0
Fayette	2	Mineral	28	Tyler	4
Gilmer	0	Mingo	28	Upshur	0
Grant	14	Monongalia	103	Wayne	0
Greenbrier	51	Monroe	0	Webster	1
Hampshire	22	Morgan	14	Wetzel	12
Hancock	3	Nicholas	57	Wirt	2
Hardy	38	Ohio	43	Wood	5
Harrison	177	Pendleton	7	Wyoming	0
Jackson	30	Pleasants	0		
Jefferson	77	Pocahontas	3	Grand Total	1,723

West Virginias Served by Supreme Court

Grant Supported Family Visitation Centers

Grant Cycle 2024

Category	Number
Total Clients Served.....	359
Fathers.....	75
Mothers.....	171
Grandparent / Legal Guardian.....	13
Children Involved.....	247
Supervised Visitation.....	295
Neutral Drop-off	66

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 2024, there were 18,079 new cases filed in Family Courts in West Virginia, a 2.6% decrease from the 2023 cases filed (18,547). In addition to new cases filed, there were 5,357 modifications and contempt proceedings this year. Family and Circuit Court Judges performed 1,723 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. 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

2024 Civil Case Filings

	Small Claims	Personal Safety	Domestic Violence		Total
			EPO	TEPO	
Barbour	183	18	105	0	306
Berkeley	4,993	401	878	0	6,272
Boone	165	67	101	0	333
Braxton	170	2	43	0	215
Brooke	226	84	134	0	444
Cabell	2,005	274	660	1	2,940
Calhoun	68	15	23	1	107
Clay	76	3	36	0	115
Doddridge	70	18	35	0	123
Fayette	387	26	189	10	612
Gilmer	87	6	33	0	126
Grant	103	0	69	0	172
Greenbrier	335	74	259	0	668
Hampshire	370	4	54	1	429
Hancock	325	56	56	0	437
Hardy	368	13	60	0	441
Harrison	1,471	39	377	0	1,887
Jackson	404	47	166	2	619
Jefferson	1,009	128	256	3	1,396
Kanawha	3,320	753	1,465	0	5,538
Lewis	303	50	69	0	422
Lincoln	108	74	2	1	185
Logan	284	209	287	0	780
Marion	753	117	34	0	904
Marshall	409	16	42	1	468
Mason	217	77	109	0	403
McDowell	80	52	14	0	146
Mercer	979	401	651	1	2,032
Mineral	356	76	145	0	577
Mingo	142	109	18	0	269
Monongalia	1,720	219	503	0	2,442
Monroe	93	37	65	1	196
Morgan	297	34	69	0	400
Nicholas	307	39	191	0	537
Ohio	871	124	60	3	1,058
Pendleton	50	15	5	1	71
Pleasants	79	14	38	0	131
Pocahontas	97	34	75	1	207
Preston	310	35	42	0	387
Putnam	617	84	307	0	1,008
Raleigh	1,017	156	478	1	1,652
Randolph	383	66	149	0	598
Ritchie	86	16	44	1	147
Roane	115	23	60	1	199
Summers	81	9	51	0	141
Taylor	237	1	50	1	289
Tucker	142	2	21	0	165
Tyler	161	20	58	1	240
Upshur	412	33	69	1	515
Wayne	400	36	35	1	472
Webster	75	15	21	0	111
Wetzel	256	56	81	0	393
Wirt	71	27	3	0	101
Wood	2,299	288	727	2	3,316
Wyoming	118	78	197	0	393
Total	30,060	4,670	9,769	36	44,535

Magistrate Courts

2024 Criminal Case Filings and Special Proceedings

	Criminal Case Filings			
	Felony	Misdemeanor	Worthless Check	Juvenile Case Filings
Barbour	102	786	28	8
Berkeley	779	9,412	16	134
Boone	143	1,660	5	9
Braxton	103	1,014	3	19
Brooke	171	1,202	6	14
Cabell	1,063	5,862	19	18
Calhoun	30	346	3	3
Clay	77	962	11	12
Doddridge	86	569	2	15
Fayette	326	2,194	8	25
Gilmer	45	455	6	7
Grant	49	940	5	43
Greenbrier	193	1,468	40	33
Hampshire	111	926	8	39
Hancock	158	1,007	4	29
Hardy	98	1,123	6	42
Harrison	462	3,096	22	94
Jackson	163	1,127	9	16
Jefferson	262	2,444	8	27
Kanawha	1,518	13,840	10	125
Lewis	124	1,434	16	23
Lincoln	137	1,146	4	12
Logan	421	3,595	12	104
Marion	505	2,948	26	36
Marshall	201	1,188	1	21
Mason	185	1,089	10	29
McDowell	173	1,027	5	33
Mercer	373	3,862	8	39
Mineral	126	1,225	3	27
Mingo	402	1,338	3	11
Monongalia	599	4,111	8	95
Monroe	34	388	2	30
Morgan	61	2,162	3	45
Nicholas	206	1,841	25	33
Ohio	305	2,792	4	32
Pendleton	48	412	0	13
Pleasants	56	409	13	4
Pocahontas	60	541	23	10
Preston	146	960	7	29
Putnam	261	3,685	14	33
Raleigh	922	7,450	9	93
Randolph	142	1,837	48	35
Ritchie	65	715	14	7
Roane	121	1,219	0	20
Summers	65	598	1	17
Taylor	80	1,086	14	13
Tucker	24	360	10	3
Tyler	29	576	8	9
Upshur	187	1,731	36	135
Wayne	261	1,325	6	15
Webster	96	692	5	9
Wetzel	163	927	0	9
Wirt	26	209	6	4
Wood	572	4,114	17	47
Wyoming	121	1,450	4	21
Total	13,236	110,875	584	1,808

Special Proceedings		
Juvenile	Mental Health	Abuse & Neglect
60	14	0
61	0	31
9	0	0
14	22	12
20	0	6
492	0	0
0	22	14
9	14	10
11	1	17
10	3	0
8	0	3
2	6	6
27	13	28
17	22	13
26	0	4
13	10	19
115	13	51
8	19	24
8	0	22
767	0	0
19	3	0
8	6	0
15	5	61
26	0	56
19	0	21
7	5	20
11	51	16
0	0	0
4	21	8
15	8	25
0	0	0
11	9	0
12	0	12
29	50	52
59	0	136
3	2	7
12	1	5
4	8	13
11	34	10
659	0	0
161	21	0
0	33	0
31	0	9
8	34	22
3	4	11
9	22	0
5	0	5
9	0	6
59	2	9
20	32	14
13	9	12
2	0	16
0	0	0
0	0	99
40	6	25
2,961	525	930

Magistrate Courts 2024 - Criminal Charges

	Civil					Fugitive From Justice	Felony				Misdemeanor				Juvenile Misdemeanor			
	Civil	Commercial Credit	Detinue Action	Unlawful Detainer	Wrongful Occupation	Extradition / Fug. From	DNR	Motor Vehicle	Motor Vehicle - DUI	Other	DNR	Motor Vehicle	Motor Vehicle - DUI	Other	DNR	Motor Vehicle	Motor Vehicle - DUI	Other
Barbour	183	0	0	3	42	3	0	6	2	162	26	520	46	436	0	9	1	0
Berkeley	4993	53	0	143	2331	170	0	45	20	1575	41	8992	356	4440	3	157	0	5
Boone	165	0	0	19	60	3	0	5	3	221	48	2715	62	710	0	14	0	1
Braxton	170	4	0	2	39	3	0	7	0	306	14	954	36	493	0	11	0	10
Brooke	226	3	0	21	96	29	0	7	1	423	41	897	49	666	1	7	0	8
Cabell	2005	36	0	44	1078	152	0	60	18	1401	55	4988	307	3923	0	21	0	4
Calhoun	68	11	1	2	14	3	0	2	6	129	57	411	16	175	0	4	0	0
Clay	86	2	0	3	20	0	0	10	0	361	22	1431	9	526	0	19	0	0
Doddridge	70	1	3	0	12	27	0	4	1	151	38	551	13	221	0	6	0	10
Fayette	387	0	0	22	133	20	0	27	1	612	102	2021	30	906	3	24	0	3
Gilmer	87	3	0	0	24	18	0	4	0	91	21	374	21	324	1	6	0	1
Grant	103	17	0	1	37	7	0	3	1	70	74	861	21	358	5	17	0	24
Greenbrier	335	16	0	27	135	17	0	7	1	353	142	1034	59	1008	2	15	0	33
Hampshire	370	35	0	34	54	43	0	9	1	163	38	719	66	755	6	8	0	27
Hancock	325	1	0	28	174	48	0	10	5	269	32	674	59	1427	0	6	0	23
Hardy	368	2	0	4	61	19	0	2	2	160	28	1213	19	420	4	25	0	24
Harrison	1471	94	5	75	478	28	0	29	7	726	30	2234	214	2043	1	67	0	41
Jackson	404	8	0	31	101	27	0	8	7	246	72	972	62	550	5	8	0	6
Jefferson	1009	10	0	44	477	52	0	10	5	627	50	2042	229	1942	1	30	0	2
Kanawha	3320	27	18	296	1746	124	3	81	13	2373	245	14841	552	4414	4	137	0	22
Lewis	303	7	0	11	94	4	0	10	0	342	54	1258	15	533	0	24	0	3
Lincoln	108	20	0	5	28	5	0	9	2	1291	28	1499	21	454	0	20	0	0
Logan	284	4	0	26	96	30	1	28	8	951	174	4189	126	1924	8	92	0	45
Marion	753	33	0	39	261	14	0	28	6	987	27	2681	99	1093	2	37	0	3
Marshall	409	3	0	23	120	54	0	6	4	315	23	659	113	862	0	13	0	12
Mason	217	7	0	34	55	14	0	13	1	1234	55	1070	55	774	2	21	0	17
McDowell	80	1	0	16	22	83	0	19	3	337	84	877	50	1025	3	2	0	30
Mercer	979	30	0	43	468	211	0	18	10	841	170	4226	105	1538	0	56	0	2
Mineral	356	0	0	23	110	59	0	8	3	223	41	1021	38	902	0	21	0	20
Mingo	142	6	0	12	62	22	0	15	6	815	43	1205	52	1101	2	13	0	2
Monongalia	1720	20	0	15	1096	87	0	35	16	809	48	2991	263	2315	1	26	0	74
Monroe	93	2	0	7	35	9	0	1	0	51	49	357	5	288	0	2	0	31

Morgan	297	0	0	3	58	24	0	3	3	96	14	2242	24	632	0	44	0	10
Nicholas	307	9	3	18	32	10	0	14	5	494	103	1714	118	910	2	39	0	5
Ohio	871	7	0	34	313	132	0	17	1	471	14	1979	85	1491	0	35	0	2
Pendleton	50	9	0	6	9	7	0	2	0	57	85	322	9	102	0	14	0	0
Pleasants	79	0	0	3	7	14	0	0	2	97	28	326	9	253	0	0	0	3
Pocahontas	97	1	0	14	27	2	0	5	2	103	16	490	9	308	0	7	0	4
Preston	310	5	1	36	65	27	0	9	4	186	62	581	43	627	5	9	0	16
Putnam	617	17	4	30	193	26	0	31	12	378	54	3472	341	1604	2	43	0	1
Raleigh	1017	102	0	53	470	55	0	37	11	1618	90	6730	263	3096	1	94	0	33
Randolph	383	35	0	13	134	25	0	13	1	244	41	1699	37	701	1	33	0	9
Ritchie	86	4	0	3	8	1	0	3	2	106	56	714	13	173	0	8	0	2
Roane	115	2	0	8	30	2	0	13	0	317	54	1378	29	626	8	22	0	0
Summers	81	31	0	5	24	6	0	6	1	154	47	530	21	219	0	11	0	7
Taylor	237	8	0	8	77	1	1	9	3	126	34	929	67	423	0	16	0	2
Tucker	142	3	0	3	11	2	0	0	0	29	11	305	10	169	2	2	0	0
Tyler	161	29	0	15	20	7	0	2	1	32	16	546	15	146	0	14	0	1
Upshur	412	5	0	16	105	5	0	23	4	369	35	1404	98	924	0	33	0	123
Wayne	400	12	0	9	142	52	1	16	5	423	50	1270	31	796	3	15	0	1
Webster	75	1	0	1	27	0	0	16	0	275	37	810	10	599	2	6	0	1
Wetzel	256	0	0	6	105	12	0	8	2	858	11	616	30	531	4	4	0	2
Wirt	71	6	0	11	11	0	0	2	1	40	15	202	1	130	0	0	0	4
Wood	2299	150	0	62	708	103	0	24	5	896	188	3337	119	2536	7	53	0	4
Wyoming	118	2	0	22	37	10	0	9	0	345	187	978	37	841	3	17	0	3
Total	15,537	894	35	1,432	12,172	1,908	6	788	218	23,329	94	3,220	103,05	4,587	94	1,437	1	716

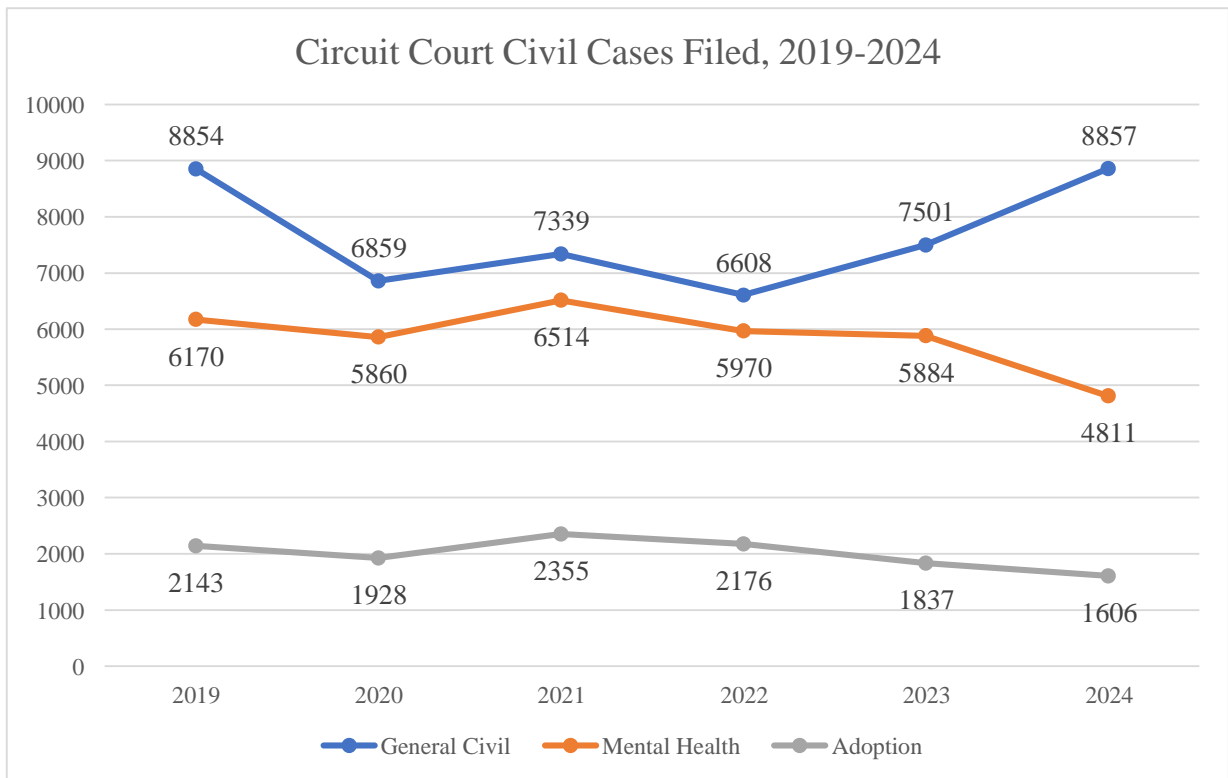
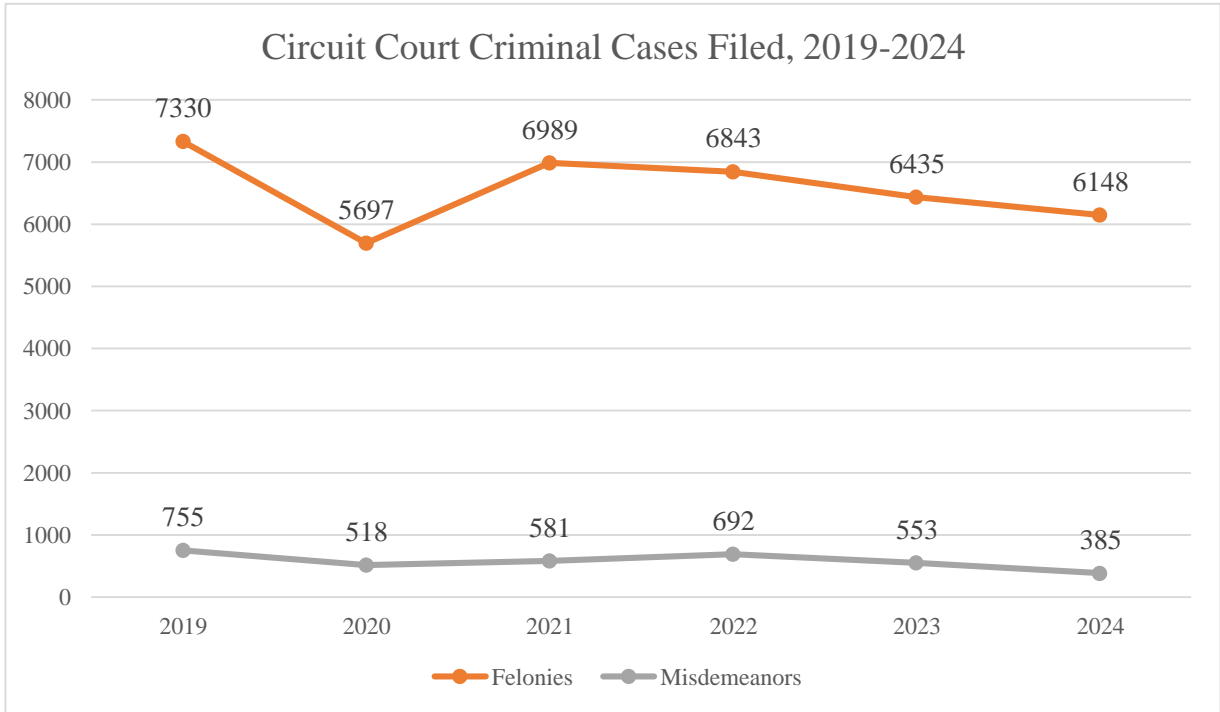
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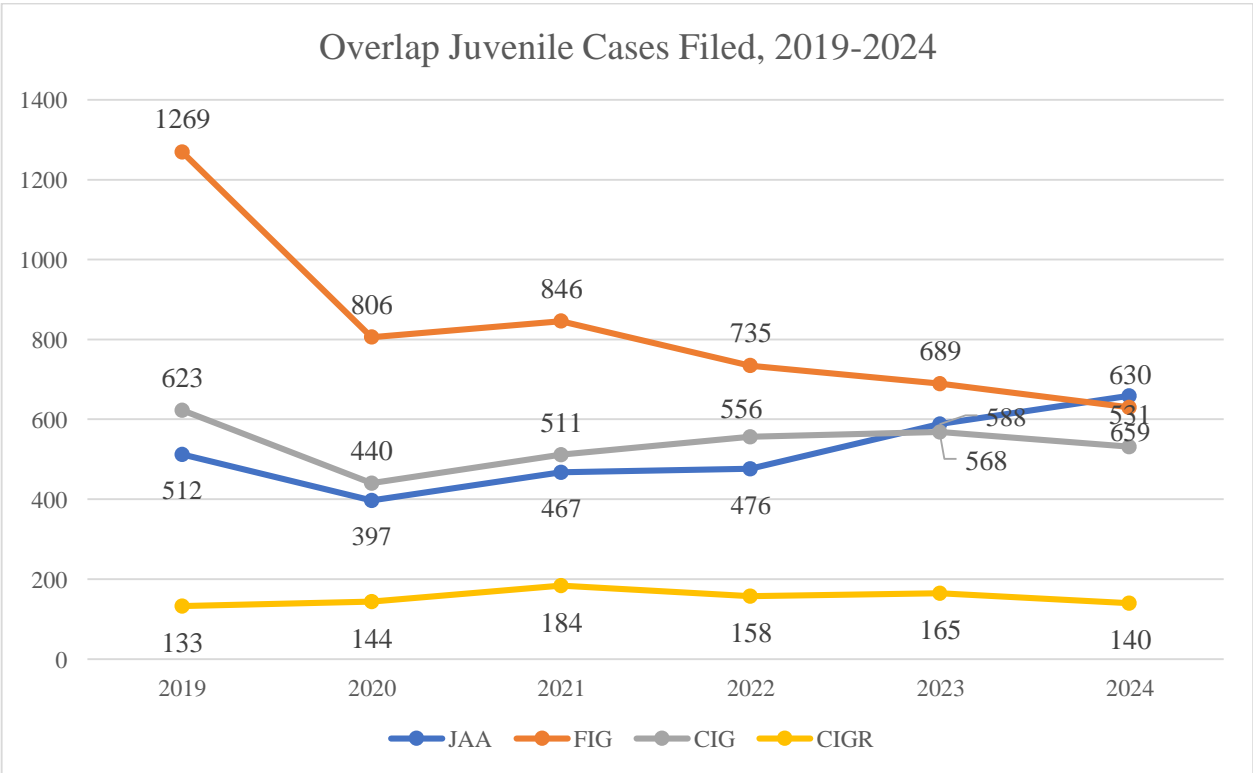
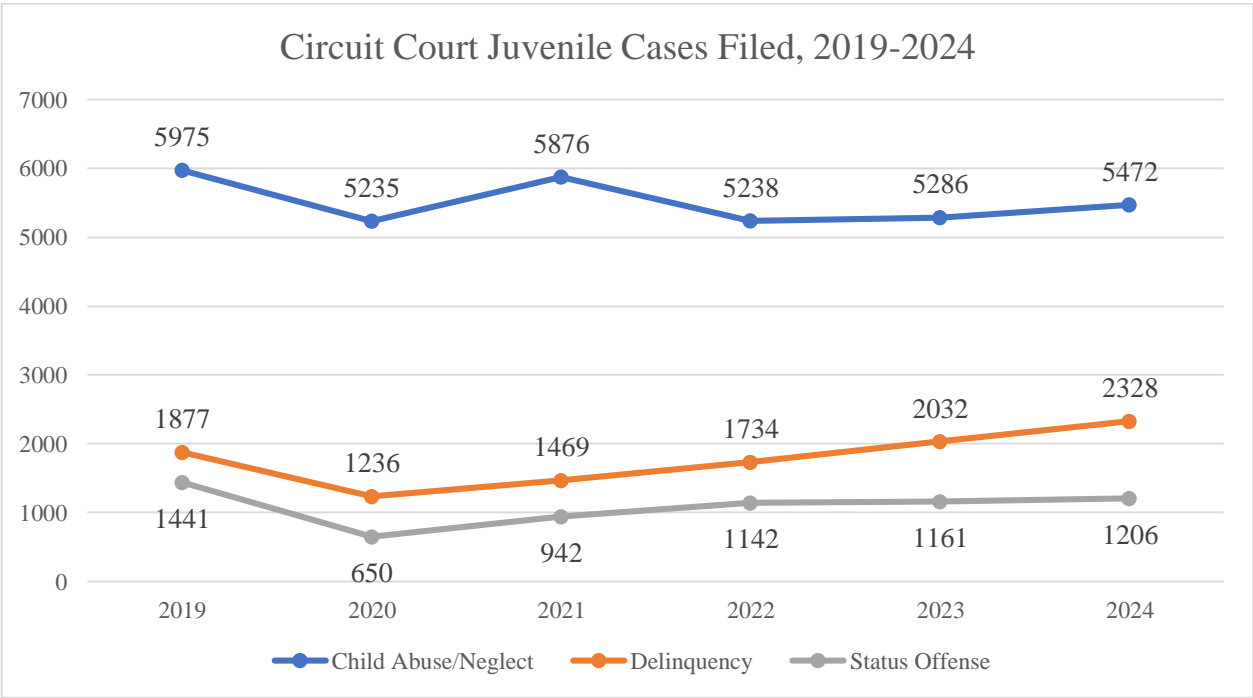
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Magistrates have jurisdiction over civil cases in which the financial amount in dispute is less than \$10,000. They hear misdemeanor cases, conduct preliminary examinations in felony cases and preside in emergency domestic violence proceedings. In 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.

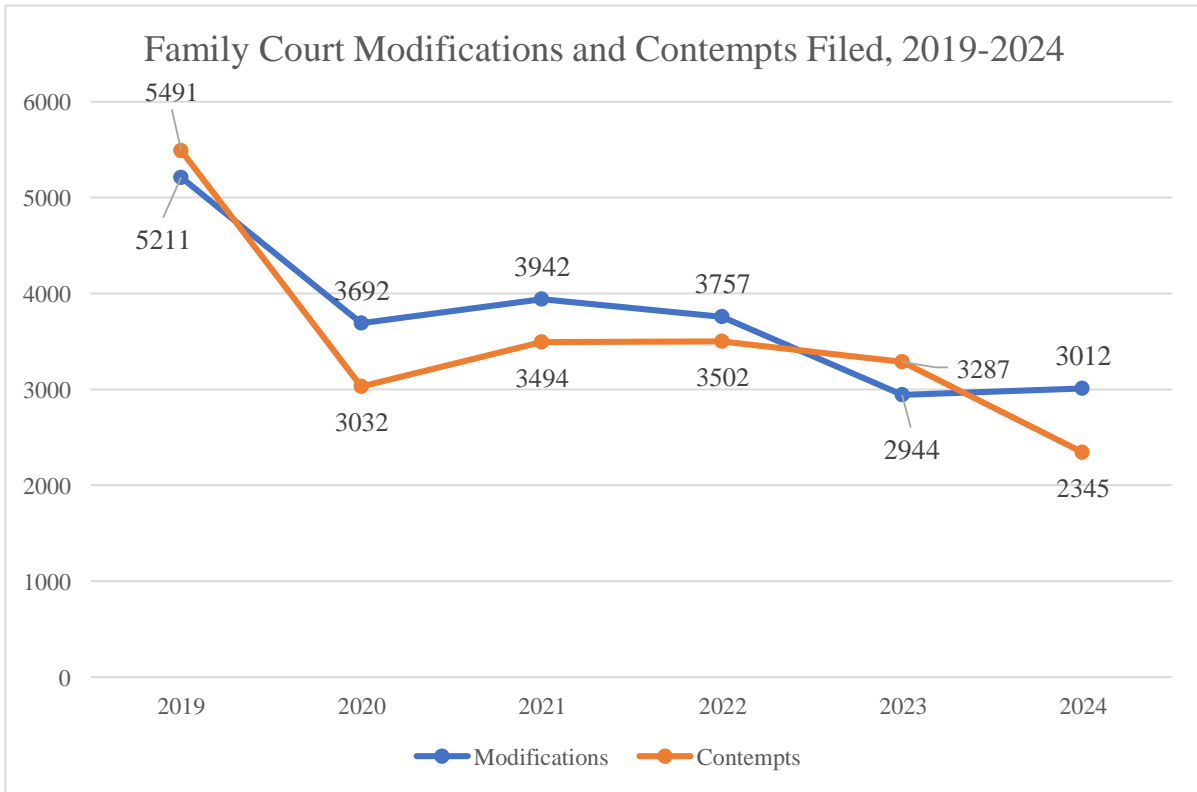
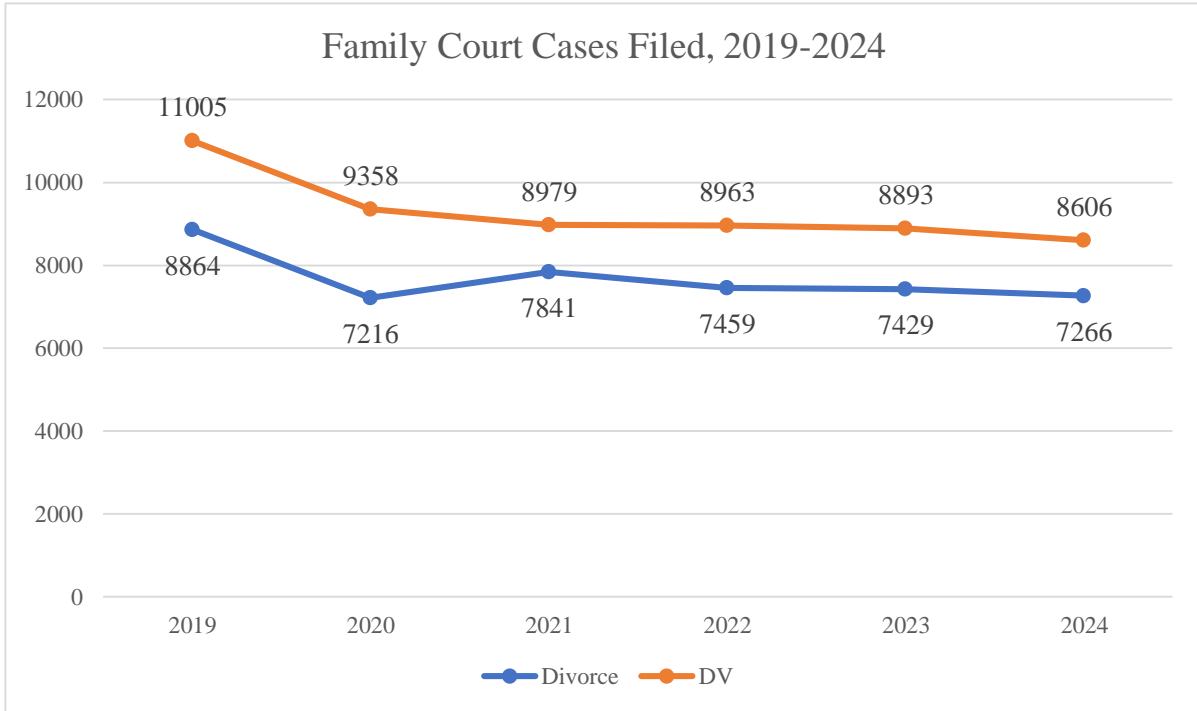
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Data Trends (6-year review)
Circuit Court





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