

# WADSWORTH MUNICIPAL COURT

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023



SUSANA B. LEWIS

Judge

CASSANDRA M. FRYE

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Presiding Judge Susana B. Lewis

The Wadsworth Municipal Court gratefully acknowledges the service of its former judges:

Honorable Stephen B. McIlvaine from 1997 to 2023

Honorable James Kimbler from 1986 to 1996

Honorable David Hensal from 1977 to 1986

Dear Medina County Commissioners, Mayors, Trustees and Councilmembers:

Enclosed is the 2023 Annual Report of the Wadsworth Municipal Court containing the Court's finances, civil and criminal cases, programs and services. The jurisdiction and power of municipal courts in Ohio are established by statute. ORC §1901.14, provides that on or before the last day of March of each year, the court shall render a complete report of its operation during the preceding calendar year to the legislative authority and to the board of county commissioners of each county within its territory.

Municipal courts are vested with territorial jurisdiction to conduct preliminary hearings in felony cases, and have jurisdiction over traffic and non-traffic misdemeanors as well as limited jurisdiction for civil cases in which the amount in controversy does not exceed \$15,000 and small claims cases up to \$6,000.

Judges of municipal courts have statewide authority to solemnize marriage ceremonies. The Wadsworth Municipal Court has jurisdiction over several areas in Ohio, including the City of Wadsworth and neighboring regions.

The following are the specific areas of Medina County covered by the court:

1. City: Wadsworth
2. Villages: Lodi, Seville, Westfield Center, and Glora Glens Park
3. Townships: Wadsworth, Guilford, Harrisville, Westfield, Homer, Sharon.

<b><u>JURISDICTION</u></b>	<b><u>POPULATION SIZE</u></b>
City of Wadsworth	24,261
Village of Lodi	2,754
Village of Seville	2,328
Village of Westfield Center	1,195
Village of Glora Glens Park	374
Township of Wadsworth	4,408
Township of Guilford	3,352
Township of Harrisville	1,847
Township of Westfield	2,613
Township of Homer	1,529
Township of Sharon	5,364
Total Population:	50,025

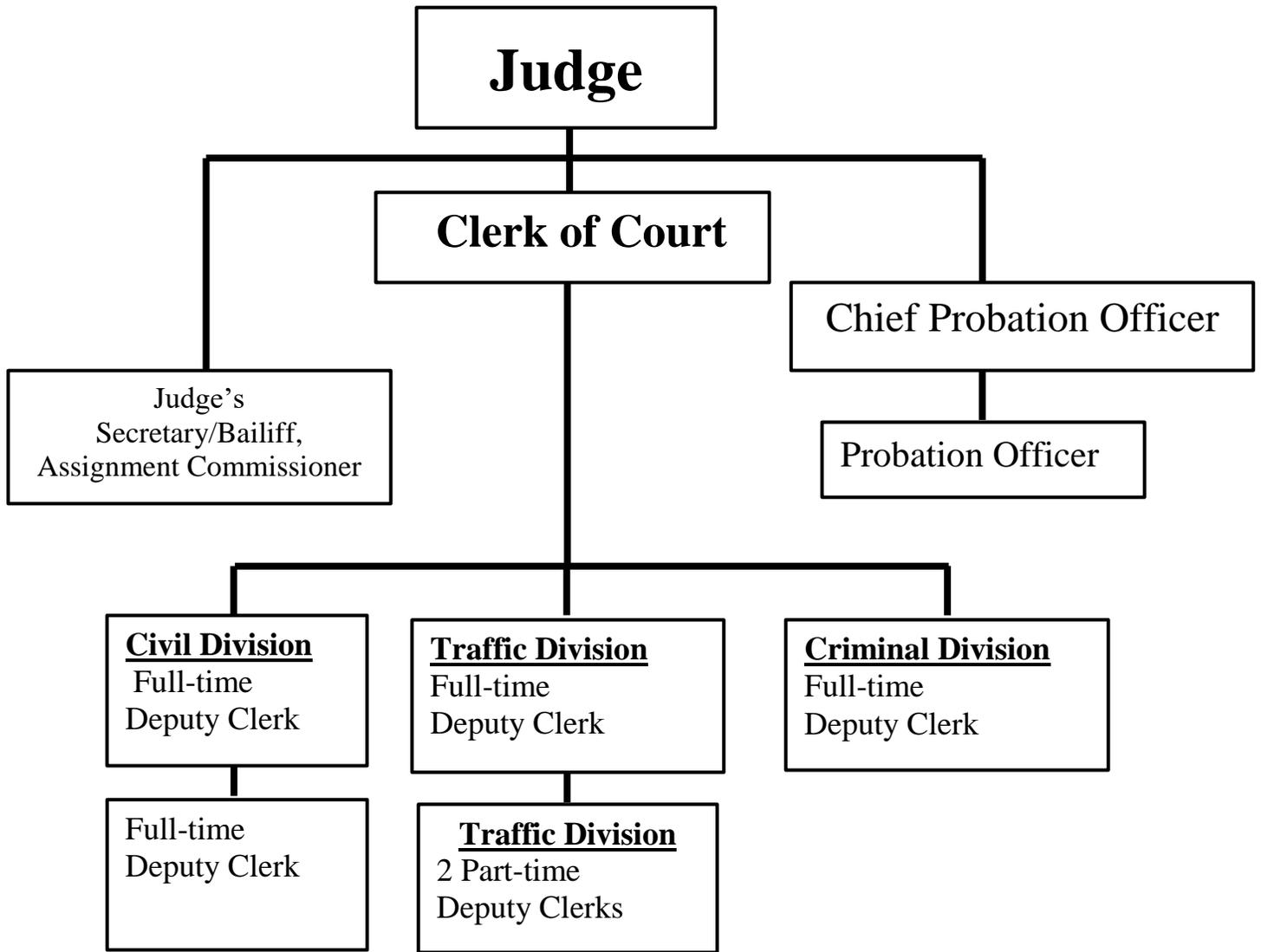
\*Information obtained through the U.S. Census Bureau ([www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov))

This annual report represents the work of the Wadsworth Municipal Court in 2023, and acknowledges the service of our community partners including agencies like police agencies, fire & rescue agencies, and dispatch centers. We also acknowledge all city and local government, mental health, addiction service providers, and so many more that make our communities among the very best in Ohio.

Respectfully,

Judge Susana B. Lewis

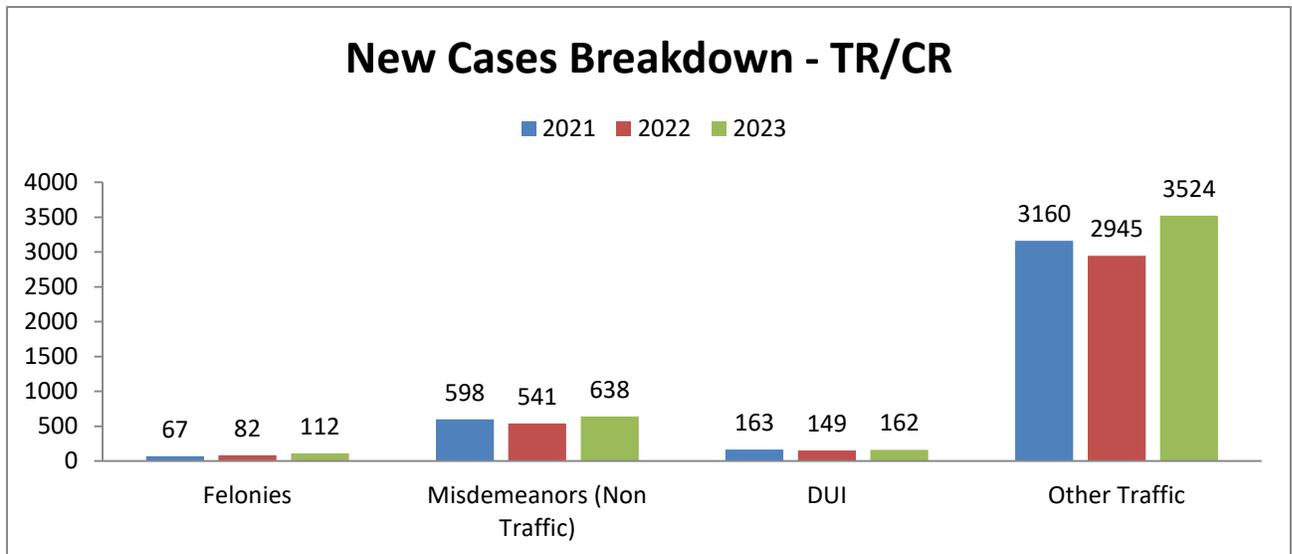
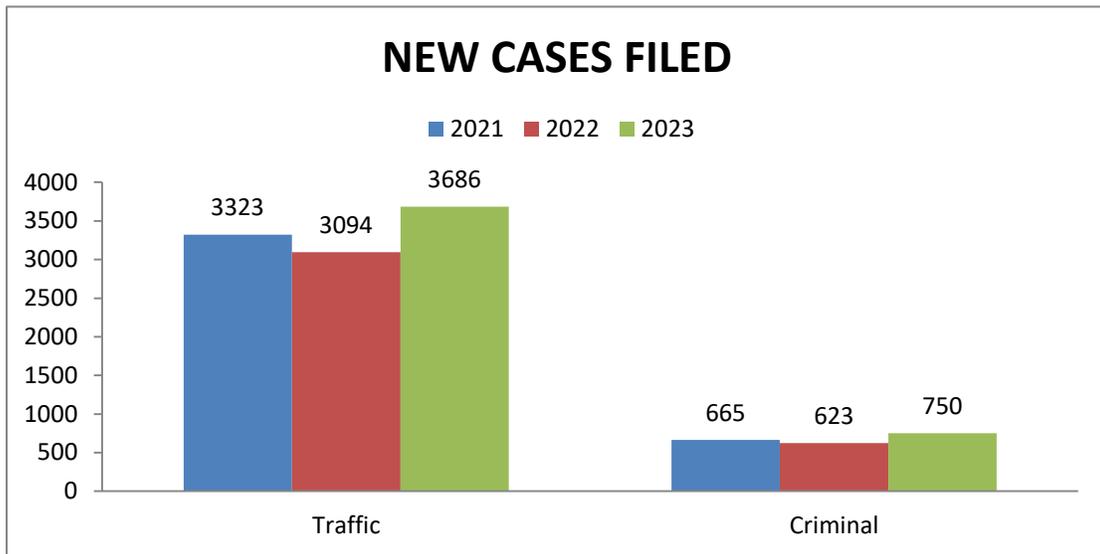
# ADMINISTRATION



# NEW CASES FILED

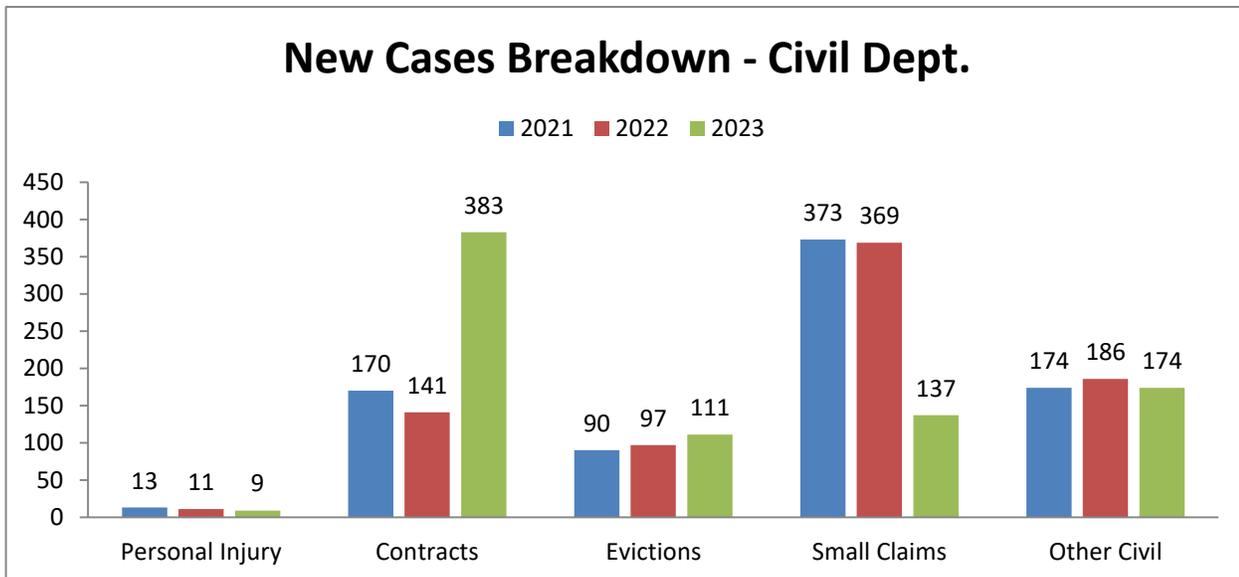
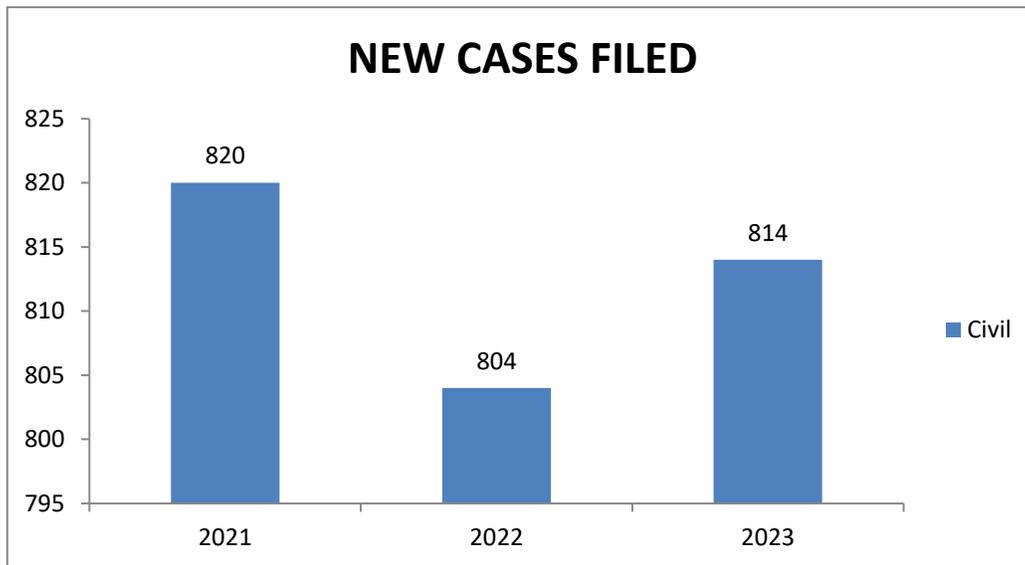
## 2023 Cases - Traffic and Criminal

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Felonies	67	82	112
Misdemeanors (Non-traffic)	598	541	638
OVI	163	149	162
Other Traffic	3160	2,945	3524



**2023 Cases - Civil**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Personal Injury/Property Damage	13	11	9
Contracts	170	141	383
Eviction	90	97	111
Other Civil	373	369	137
Small Claims	174	186	174



## RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

	<u>Criminal/Traffic</u>	<u>Civil</u>	<u>Trustee</u>	<u>Total</u>
Beginning Balance	19,700.00	4,778.35	0.00	24,478.35
Plus-Receipts	875,882.49	429,169.66	0.00	1,305,052.15
Total Subject To Disbursement	895,582.49	433,948.01	0.00	1,329,530.50
Less Disbursement	-815,557.88	-417,687.88	0.00	-1,233,245.76
<b>Ending Balances</b>	<b>\$80,024.61</b>	<b>\$16,260.13</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$96,284.74</b>

The above disbursements were made according to the law in the following manner:

	<u>Criminal/Traffic</u>	<u>Civil</u>	<u>Trustee</u>	<u>Total</u>
City of Wadsworth	367,788.46	84,152.20	0.00	451,940.66
County of Medina	123,195.18	0.00	0.00	123,195.18
State of Ohio	194,852.31	14,843.00	0.00	209,695.31
Medina Sheriff	10,176.53	7,159.89	0.00	17,336.42
Judgements	113,739.73	314,480.17	0.00	428,219.9
Law Library	2,471.47	0.00	0.00	2,471.47
Seville Police	481.00	0.00	0.00	481.00
Lodi Police	1,208.00	0.00	0.00	1,208.00
Westfield Center	196.00	0.00	0.00	196.00
Foreign Sheriff Fees	2,147.80	0.00	0.00	2,147.80
* December Checks Not Written	-698.60	-2,947.38	0.00	-3,645.98
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$815,557.88</b>	<b>\$417,687.88</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,233,245.76</b>

\*December monies for Restitution & Garnishments – Paid out in January 2024

## PUBLIC DEFENDERS REFERRALS

<u>Accepted With Fee</u>	<u>Accepted Fee Waived</u>	<u>Total Accepted</u>	<u>Amount Collected</u>
324	0	324	\$5,209.19

## RESTITUTION

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Restitution Paid	\$14,588.52	\$9,275.25	\$ 6,329.30

In 2023, \$6,329.30 was paid to victims of crime from the restitution account of the Wadsworth Municipal Court. The payment of this amount was required as a condition of probation in cases in which victims suffered a monetary loss.

## WEDDINGS

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Wedding ceremonies preformed	48	72	66

## **SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS**

The Court has several special project funds which were created by Statute to allow courts to secure money to fund different projects at the Court. The funds are collected solely from court costs and paid by users of the Court. The Court has the following special funds:

- A) Court Improvement
- B) Court Computerization
- C) IATF (Indigent Alcohol Treatment Fund)
- D) IDIAMF (Indigent Driver Interlock & Alcohol Monitoring Fund)

In 2023, the following expenditures were made from these funds:

- A) Court Improvement
  - a. \$149.00 Zoom fee
  - b. \$10,306.44 new recording equipment for courtroom
  - c. \$4,515.13 off-site backup equipment for courtroom recording equipment
  - d. \$257.98 T.V. and mounting unit in clerk's office for courtroom view
- B) IDIAMF  
No money spent. All of these funds get paid directly to City of Wadsworth
- C) IATF
  - a. \$40,156.50 to Intensive Supervision Program

## DISPOSITION OF CASES FOR 2023

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Pending January 1	421	450	496
New Cases Filed	4,808	4,521	5250
Cases Reactivated	0	3	453
Disposed of Cases	4,779	4,478	5358
Pending Cases	450	496	841

## JURY TRIALS

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Criminal	7	6	3
DUI	4	3	4
Traffic	0	0	0
Civil	0	0	0
TOTAL	11	9	7

## Non-jury Trials

The Court conducted 68 non-jury trials in 2023

## 2023 YEAR END COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

Prepared by: **Stephanie Yockey, Administrator**  
**Wadsworth Community Service Program**

**In 2023, Judge McIlvaine sentenced 100 defendants to perform a total of 3384 hours of community service.**

**As of December 31, 2023, these defendants were able to complete 3484.95 hours of community service at charitable, government, or 501(C)(3) certified non-profit organizations.**

**Sixty-three different organizations received community service help from the Wadsworth Municipal Court. Those agencies are listed below:**

AKRON CIVIC THEATRE	9.75 HOURS
AMERICAN LEGION	18 HOURS
BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS NE OH	16 HOURS
BIG PAWS LARGE BREED RESCUE	24 HOURS
BLUE TIP FESTIVAL	378 HOURS
CASSIDY'S HOPE FOUNDATION	20 HOURS
CATS	72 HOURS
CHURCH STREET MINISTRIES	5 HOURS
CHURCH OF THE ROCK - ELYRIA	48 HOURS
CLOVERLEAF REC CENTER	249.25 HOURS
COMMON THREAD	36 HOURS
COMMUNITY CHURCH PORTAGE LAKES	24 HOURS
CROWN HILL MENNONITE CHURCH	24 HOURS
CUPS CAFE	15.5 HOURS
FIND YOUR PATH CLEVELAN METROPARKS	6 HOURS
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - AKRON	15 HOURS
FIRST CONGRSESIONAL CHURCH - LODI	48.5 HOURS
FOE EAGLES	5 HOURS
GOODWILL	127.75 HOURS
GREATER CLE FOOD BANK	48 HOURS
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	543.25 HOURS
HANDS ON HEALTH (CLEVELAND)	8 HOURS
HANDMAIDENS MINISTRIES INC	24 HOURS
HAVEN OF REST	126 HOURS
HOPE RECOVERY COMMUNITY	43.45 HOURS
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH	24 HOURS
J. JIREH MINESTRIES - COLUMBUS	13 HOURS
LODI RAILROAD	3 HOURS

MAIN STREET WADSWORTH	4 HOURS
MARION'S CLOSET	225 HOURS
MEDINA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	43 HOURS
MOSAIC CHURCH	48 HOURS
MULTIPLE SCELROSIS SERVICES AGENCY	4.5 HOURS
NEW BRIDGE PLACE	33 HOURS
OTHER/OUT OF AREA	73.5 HOURS
PAID IN FULL ASHLAND OH	24 HOURS
PALMYRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY	3 HOURS
PALMYRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT	5.5 HOURS
REALLY RECOVERED	24 HOURS
RED KNIGHTS MOTORCYCLE CLUB	2.5 HOURS
RHEMA FELLOWSHIP CHURCH	24 HOURS
SALVATION ARMY	126.5 HOURS
SERENITE	5 HOURS
SERRELL O-YEAH, CLEVELAND	24 HOURS
SPCA	145 HOURS
SPECTRUM DIVERSITY COMMUNITY CENTER	24 HOURS
STARK COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY	24 HOURS
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH	39 HOURS
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CENTER	24 HOURS
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOODBANK	24 HOURS
TASTE OF WADSWORTH	40 HOURS
THE SERVER	91 HOURS
DEPT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS	24 HOURS
VFW	24 HOURS
VILLAGE OF GLORIA GLENS	24 HOURS
VILLAGE OF SEVILLE	72 HOURS
VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA, COLUMBUS	36 HOURS
WAYNE COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY	24 HOURS
WADSWORTH FISH	2 HOURS
WADSWORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT	25 HOURS
WESTLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY	50 HOURS
WOODLAWN CEMETARY	61.5 HOURS
YMCA	87.5 HOURS

# WADSWORTH MUNICIPAL COURT

## Probation Department

Year End Report for the Year 2023

To: Judge Susana B. Lewis  
From: Kimberly L. Whited, Chief Probation Officer  
Re: Probation Caseload as of December 31, 2023

Active probation cases as of 12/31/22		330
New Files opened in 2023		471
Cases Sentenced to Probation		279
Cases terminated		282
Cases that completed the Violence Prevention Program		15
Cases that completed the Courts Underage Alcohol 1 <sup>st</sup> Offender Program		7
Cases that completed the County 1 <sup>st</sup> Offender Diversion Program		35
Cases sentenced to Jail		111
Cases sentenced to other than Probation or Jail (home arrest, suspended sentence, restitution, community service, etc.)		70
Cases closed with FTA warrant		20
Cases Sealed	Granted	34
	Denied	4
Active Probation Cases as of 12/31/23		324