



ANNUAL REPORT 2024

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LEHIGH COUNTY

2024 JUDGES OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

PRESIDENT JUDGE J. BRIAN JOHNSON

JUDGE ROBERT L. STEINBERG

JUDGE JAMES T. ANTHONY

JUDGE MICHELE A. VARRICCHIO

JUDGE DOUGLAS G. REICHLEY

JUDGE MELISSA T. PAVLACK

JUDGE ANNA-KRISTIE M. MARKS

JUDGE THOMAS M. CAFFREY

JUDGE THOMAS A. CAPEHART

JUDGE ZACHARY J. COHEN

SENIOR JUDGE CAROL K. MCGINLEY

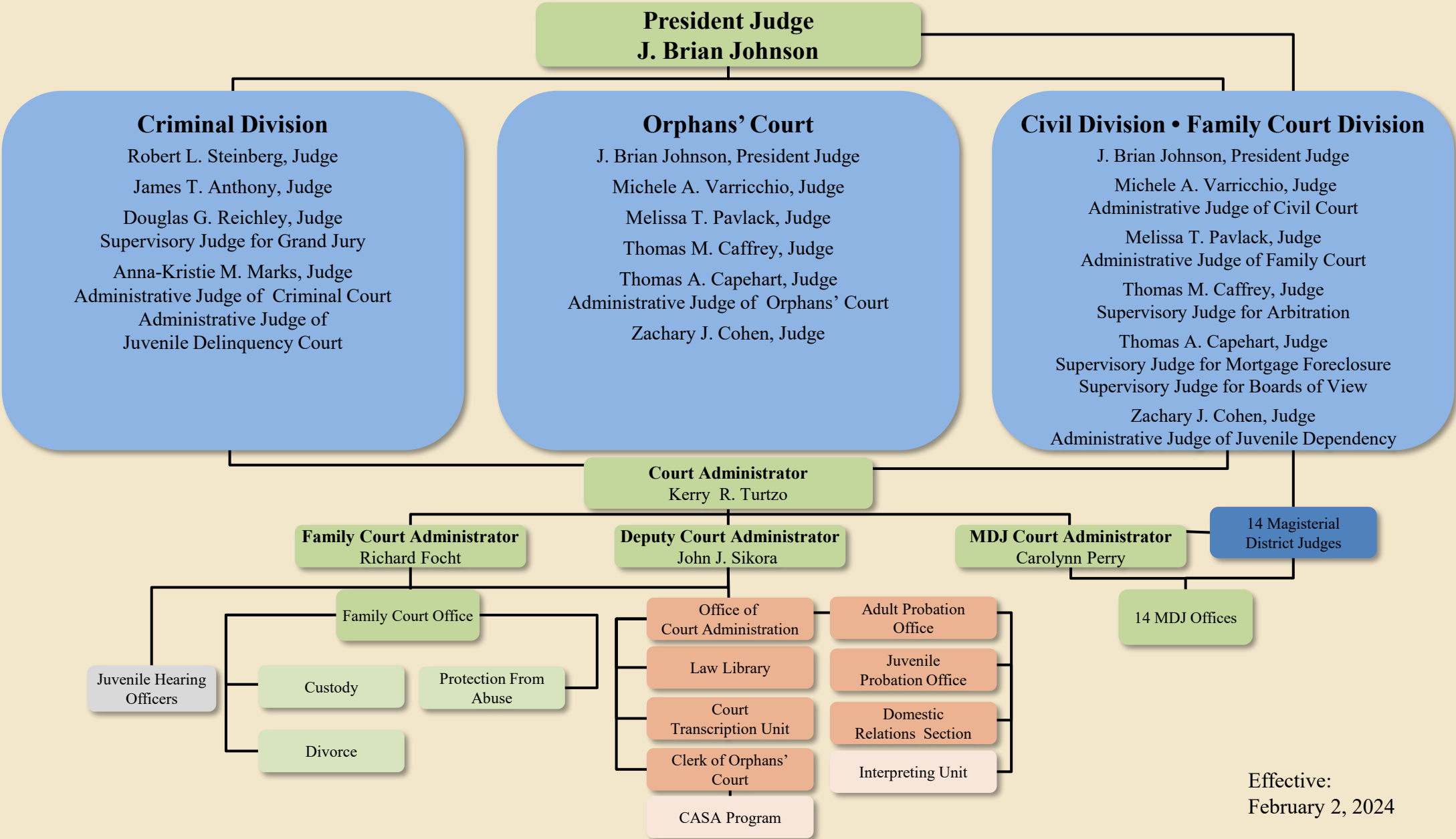
SENIOR JUDGE EDWARD D. REIBMAN

SENIOR JUDGE KELLY L. BANACH





2024 LEHIGH COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS ORGANIZATIONAL CHARTS



Effective:
February 2, 2024

**President Judge
J. Brian Johnson**

Criminal Division

Robert L. Steinberg, Judge
James T. Anthony, Judge
Anna-Kristie M. Marks, Judge
Administrative Judge of Criminal Division &
Administrative Judge of Juvenile Delinquency
Thomas M. Caffrey, Judge
Supervisory Judge for Grand Jury

Orphans' Court

J. Brian Johnson, President Judge
Michele A. Varricchio, Judge
Douglas G. Reichley, Judge
Melissa T. Pavlack, Judge
Thomas A. Capehart, Judge
Administrative Judge of Orphans' Court Division
Zachary J. Cohen, Judge

Civil Division • Family Court Division

J. Brian Johnson, President Judge
Michele A. Varricchio, Judge
Administrative Judge of Civil Division and Supervisory
Judge for Arbitration & Mortgage Foreclosure
Douglas G. Reichley, Judge
Supervisory Judge for Boards of View
Melissa T. Pavlack, Judge
Administrative Judge of Family Division
Thomas A. Capehart, Judge
Zachary J. Cohen, Judge
Administrative Judge of Juvenile Dependency

**Court Administrator
Kerry R. Turtzo**

**Family Court Administrator
Richard Focht**

**Deputy Court Administrator
John J. Sikora**

**MDJ Court Administrator
Carolynn Perry**

**14 Magisterial
District Judges**

Family Court Office

Juvenile Hearing
Officers

Custody

Protection From
Abuse

Divorce

Office of
Court Administration

Law Library

Court
Transcription Unit

Clerk of Orphans'
Court

CASA Program

Adult Probation
Office

Juvenile
Probation Office

Domestic
Relations Section

Interpreting Unit

14 MDJ Offices

Effective:
June 3, 2024

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS DIVISIONS

CRIMINAL/JUVENILE COURT DIVISION

Criminal Court
Juvenile Delinquency Court

CIVIL/FAMILY COURT DIVISION

Civil Court
Family Court
Juvenile Dependency Court

ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

The Orphans' Court
Marriage License Bureau



2024 CRIMINAL/JUVENILE COURT DIVISION

2024 CRIMINAL/JUVENILE COURT JUDGES

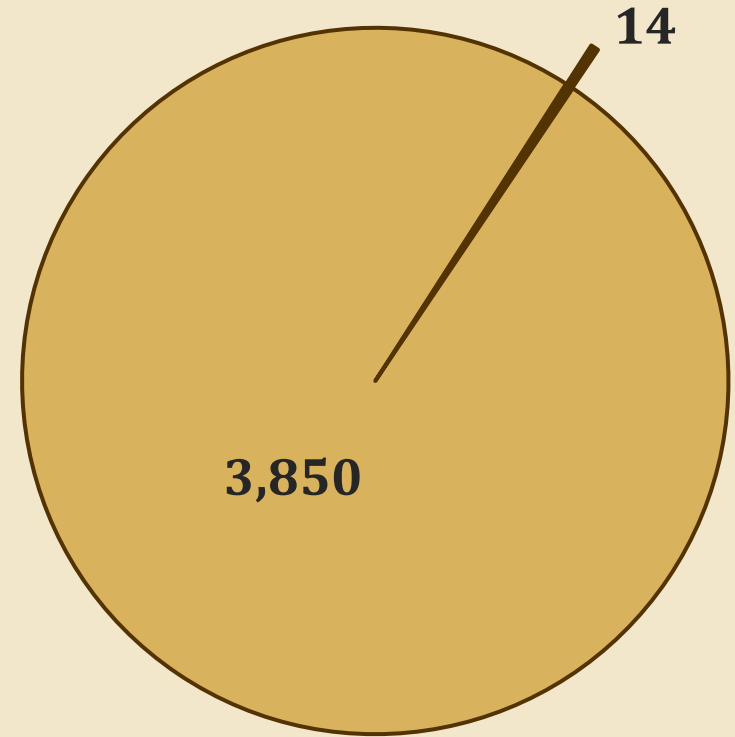
ROBERT L. STEINBERG, JUDGE

JAMES T. ANTHONY, JUDGE

DOUGLAS G. REICHLEY, JUDGE
SUPERVISORY JUDGE FOR GRAND JURY
(THROUGH 6/2/2024)

ANNA-KRISTIE M. MARKS, JUDGE
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF
CRIMINAL COURT &
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY COURT

THOMAS M. CAFFREY, JUDGE
SUPERVISORY JUDGE FOR GRAND JURY
(EFFECTIVE 6/3/2024)



■ New Adult Criminal Cases ■ New Homicide Cases

2024 CRIMINAL/JUVENILE COURT DIVISION

ADULT CRIMINAL COURT

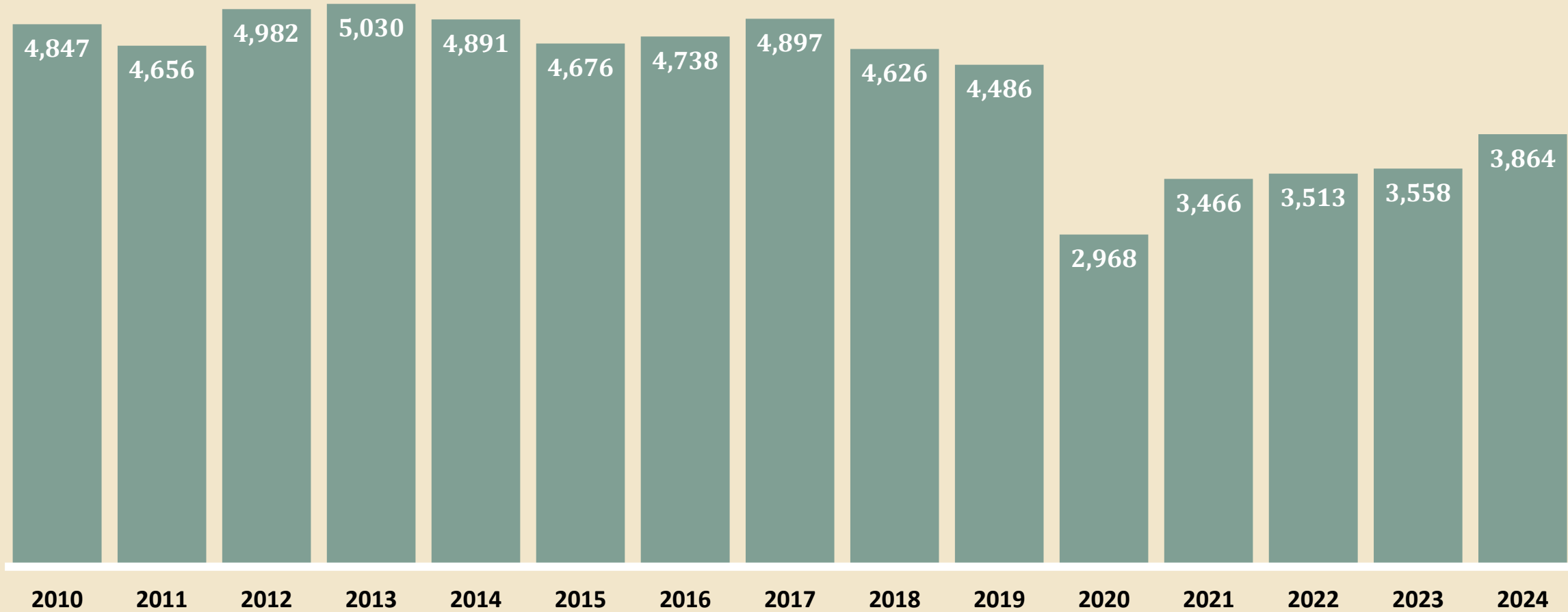
The Judges in the Criminal/Juvenile Court Division utilize an individual calendaring system.

The assigned Judge handles the case from formal arraignment through disposition.

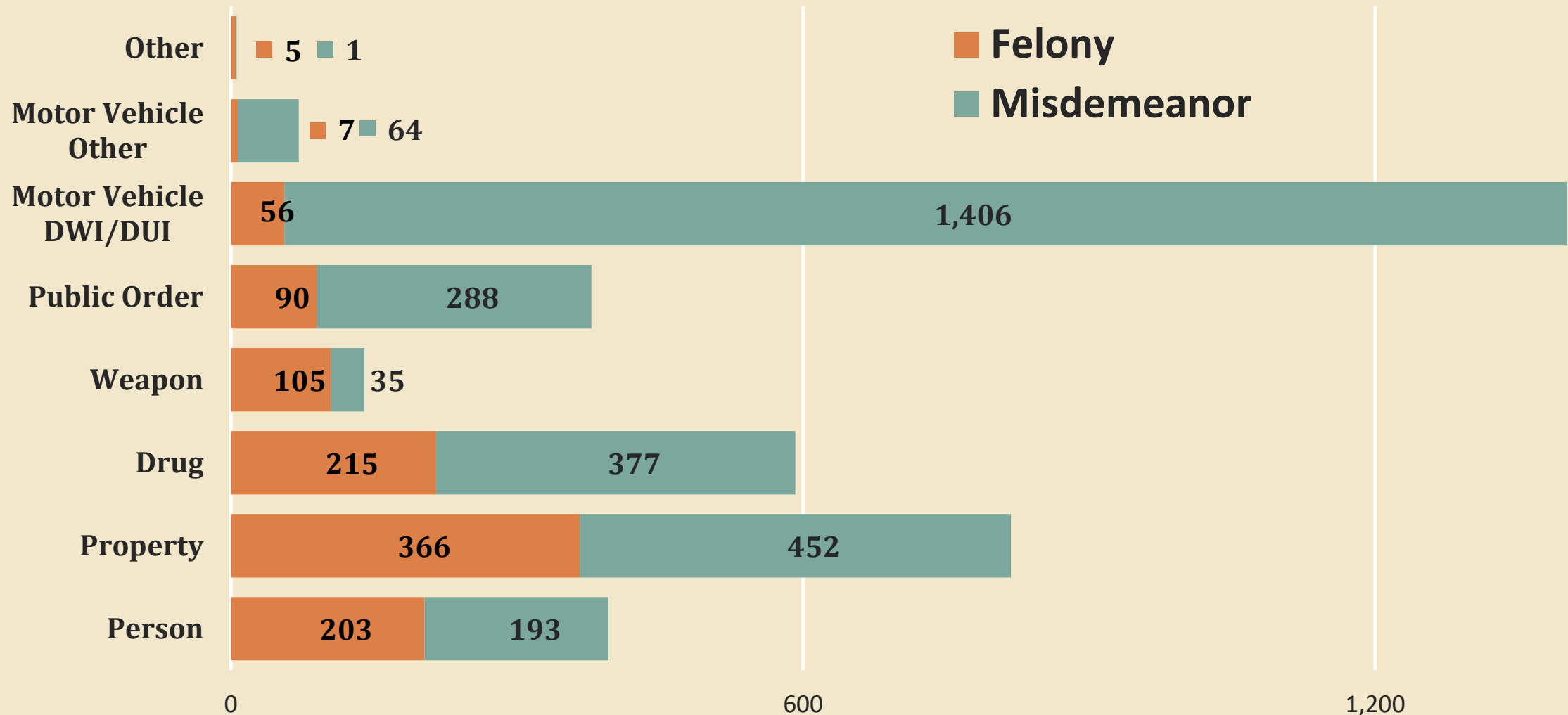
All probation and parole violations and any post-sentence motions are handled by the Judge who sentenced the defendant.

Total Cases Processed	4,344
2024 CRIMINAL FILINGS & DISPOSITIONS	
New Cases	3,864
Reopened Cases	615
ARD	1,416
Dismissed/Withdrawn	173
Guilty Plea	2,144
Jury Trial	26
Non-Jury Trial	13
Inactive	572
Other	0

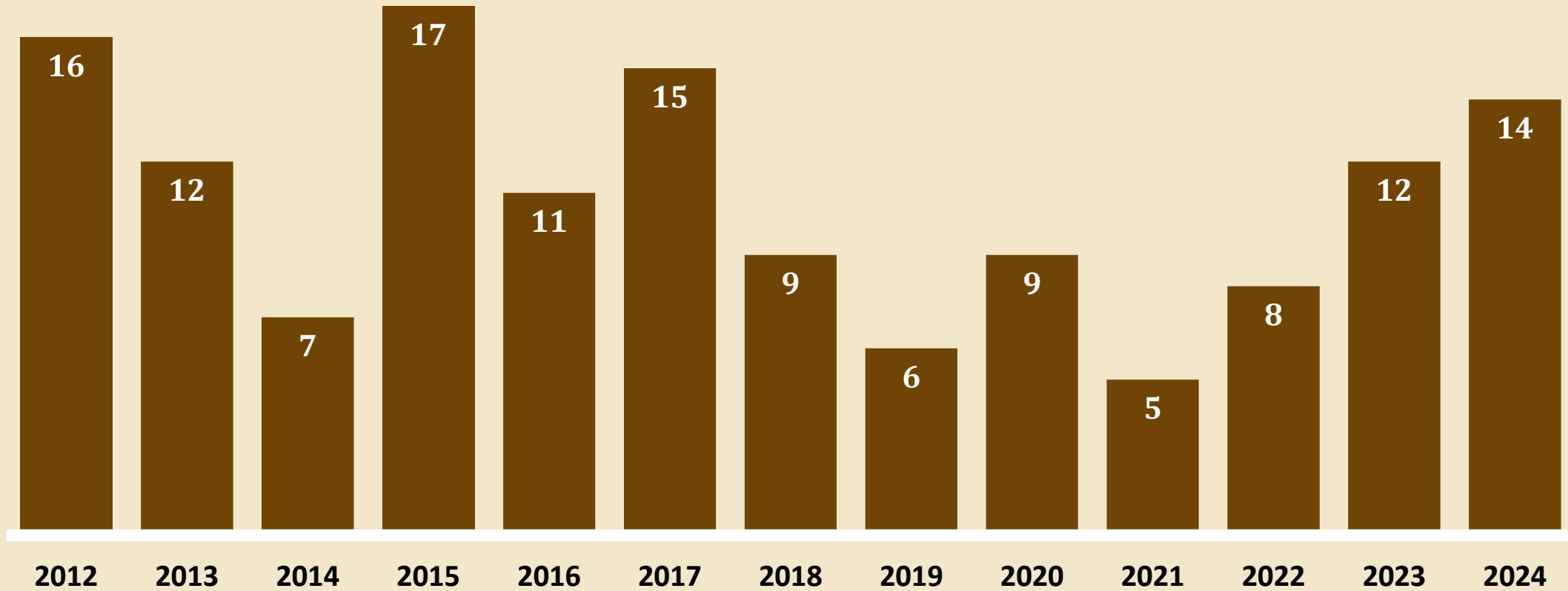
NEW CRIMINAL CASES FILED 2010 TO 2024



LEHIGH COUNTY CRIMINAL CASES BY TYPE 2024



LEHIGH COUNTY HOMICIDE FILINGS 2012 TO 2024



2024 JUVENILE JUSTICE IN LEHIGH COUNTY

JUVENILE COURT

In 2024, the Juvenile Court fell under both the authority of the Administrative Judge of the Criminal/Juvenile Division and the Administrative Judge of Juvenile Dependency. The Juvenile Court Division is responsible for cases involving juvenile delinquency and juvenile dependency.

During 2024, the Juvenile Court Judges were assisted by Juvenile Court Hearing Officers, Theresa M. Loder, Esquire, Jacquelyn C. Paradis, Esquire, and Lisa Cipoletti, Esquire who adjudicate both delinquency and dependency cases.

Juveniles may be either or both delinquent and dependent.

In 2024, Juvenile Judges and Hearing Officers disposed of 250 delinquency cases and 126 dependency cases. There were 497 new delinquency filings and 159 new dependency filings.

DEPENDENT JUVENILES

Children who are, or who have been, subject to abuse or neglect may be dependent. Cases are initiated by the Lehigh County Office of Children and Youth Services or the Lehigh County Juvenile Probation Department. Cases referred to a judge are handled by the Civil/Family Court Division.

Dependent juveniles may enter foster care, be reunited with family or placed for adoption.

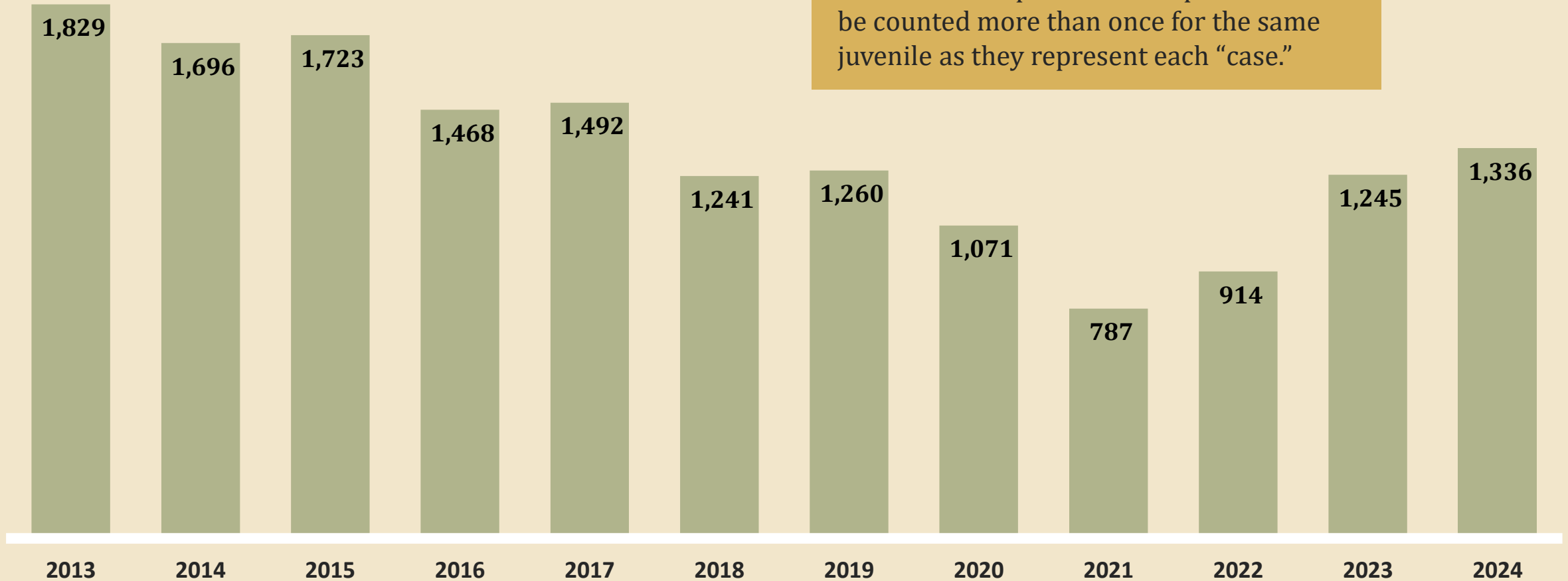
DELINQUENT JUVENILES

Children under the age of 18 who are in violation of criminal law may be delinquent. Delinquency cases referred to a judge are handled by the Criminal/Juvenile Court Division.

These juveniles may be referred to the Juvenile Probation Department.

NUMBER OF JUVENILE CASES DISPOSED 2013 TO 2024

Probation and placement dispositions can be counted more than once for the same juvenile as they represent each "case."



PRIMARY JUVENILE PROBATION DISPOSITIONS



Each referral/written allegation received by Lehigh County Juvenile Probation may include multiple “cases” resulting in multiple dispositions per allegation. Complex issues within cases require collaboration with partners and heightened attention to the dynamics of each case.

Heightened attention is also required for sex offender supervision. The use of drugs and gang activity remain a concern and require an increased level of supervision. The number of youth with a mental health diagnosis continues to increase. These youth require special attention and interventions.

The numbers on the following slide include Lehigh County Juvenile Probation’s most frequent dispositions, but are not reflective of all dispositions.

PRIMARY DISPOSITIONS JUVENILE PROBATION 2019-2024

YEAR	Referrals/Written Allegations (Includes Non-Payment)	Diversion				Probation	Placement
		Informal Adjustment	Consent Decree	Counsel and Release	Non-Payments		
2024	683	49	147	21	120	151	54
2023	705	53	148	9	123	139	53
2022	588	25	115	4	82	115	47
2021	321	16	54	2	71	66	39
2020	428	15	97	3	93	109	54
2019	839	28	125	8	200	162	78

JUVENILE PROBATION PRIMARY DISPOSITIONS

DIVERSION PRIOR TO ANY REFERRAL BY JUVENILE PROBATION

	Community Justice Panel (CJP)	School Justice Panel (SJP) Urban	School Justice Panel (SJP) Suburban	Totals
Referred	356	79	69	504
Ineligible/Rejected or Chose Court	76 (21%)	18 (23%)	9 (13%)	103 (20%)
Successful	235 (66%)	42 (53%)	48 (70%)	325 (64%)
Unsuccessful	45 (13%)	19 (24%)	12 (17%)	76 (15%)

Pre-adjudication diversion is defined as providing opportunities for youth who would otherwise face formal processing in the court system so that they can avoid an adjudication of delinquency or conviction for a summary offense, instead directing them into an alternative program, including treatment when appropriate. The Impact Project has worked with Lehigh County in developing and running panels as a diversion since 1999.

JUVENILE PROBATION: PRE-ADJUDICATION DIVERSION

COMMUNITY JUSTICE PANELS

- The Community Justice Panel Program is a youth aid panel diversion program designed to utilize trained community volunteers to effectively handle first-time juvenile offenders charged with summary and misdemeanor offenses.

SCHOOL JUSTICE PANELS

- A pre-adjudicatory, school-based mental health diversion program. Using clinical assessment and screening tools, SJP clinicians provide the information and have the means to assess underlying mental health issues that the schools often lack the resources to investigate.
- Urban Panels are made up of Allentown and Whitehall.
- Suburban Panels are made up of all other districts in Lehigh County.



2024 CIVIL/FAMILY COURT DIVISION

CIVIL/FAMILY COURT JURISDICTIONS

Civil Actions

- Tort Cases
- Real Property
- Statutory Appeals
- Contract & Debt Cases
- Professional Malpractice
- Miscellaneous Civil Cases

Orphans' Court

- Termination of Parental Rights
- Adoptions
- Guardianships
- Fiduciary Accounts
- Appeals from Register of Wills

Family Court

- Child Custody
- Divorce
- Protection From Abuse
- Child & Spousal Support

J. BRIAN JOHNSON,
PRESIDENT JUDGE

MICHELE A. VARRICCHIO, JUDGE
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF CIVIL COURT
&
SUPERVISORY JUDGE FOR ARBITRATION
AND MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
(EFFECTIVE 6/3/2024)

MELISSA T. PAVLACK, JUDGE
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF FAMILY COURT

DOUGLAS G. REICHLEY, JUDGE
SUPERVISORY JUDGE FOR BOARDS OF VIEW
(EFFECTIVE 6/3/2024)

THOMAS M. CAFFREY, JUDGE
ARBITRATION SUPERVISORY JUDGE
(THROUGH 6/2/2024)

THOMAS A. CAPEHART, JUDGE
ORPHANS' COURT ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE &
SUPERVISORY JUDGE FOR MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE CONCILIATION & BOARDS OF VIEW
(THROUGH 6/2/2024)

ZACHARY J. COHEN, JUDGE
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF JUVENILE DEPENDENCY COURT

2024 CIVIL/ FAMILY COURT DIVISION JUDGES



CIVIL COURT OPERATIONS

CIVIL ACTIONS

Civil actions involve the resolution of private conflicts between people or organizations.

Civil cases include personal injury or personal property claims, matters of equity, products liability, malpractice, or commercial and contract disputes.

License and Registration Suspension Appeals, Mortgage Foreclosures, Assessment Appeals, Quiet Title Actions, Zoning Appeals, Ejectment, and Actions in Replevin are also in the civil category.

Juvenile Dependency cases are also heard by the Civil/Family Court Division.

2024 CIVIL OPERATIONS SECTION

In 2024, the Civil Operations Section of the Court Administrator's Office, under the direction of Court Operations Officer Paige White, was responsible for scheduling and tracking all civil cases.

The staff of the Civil Operations section schedule and distribute notices for status conferences, arguments, hearings, settlement conferences, and trials. The staff is responsible for tracking the result of each court proceeding.

The Judges of the Civil/Family Court Division work with the Civil Operations staff to proactively manage the civil caseload.

2024 CIVIL COURT DIVISION

CIVIL FILINGS BY TYPE

New Civil Filings Total	4,152
Contract	2,372
Professional Liability	35
Tort	689
Civil Appeals- Administrative Agencies	510
Miscellaneous	108
Real Property	438

2024 CIVIL DISPOSITIONS

Civil Dispositions Total	3,932
Default Judgments	979
Arbitrations Held	286
Dispositive Motions	29
Settlements	1,283
Stayed	36
Transferred/Withdrawn	77
Dismissed/Discontinued	929
Administrative Purge	47
Other	222
Jury Trial	14
Non-Jury Trial	30



THE FAMILY COURT OFFICE

THE FAMILY COURT OFFICE: 2024 CHILD CUSTODY

PROVIDING FAMILY-RELATED COURT SERVICES

The vast majority of parties in custody cases are not represented by attorneys. When a self-represented custody litigant comes to the Family Court Office, an intake employee asks questions to begin the assessment of whether the Lehigh County Court has jurisdiction to decide the custody issue.

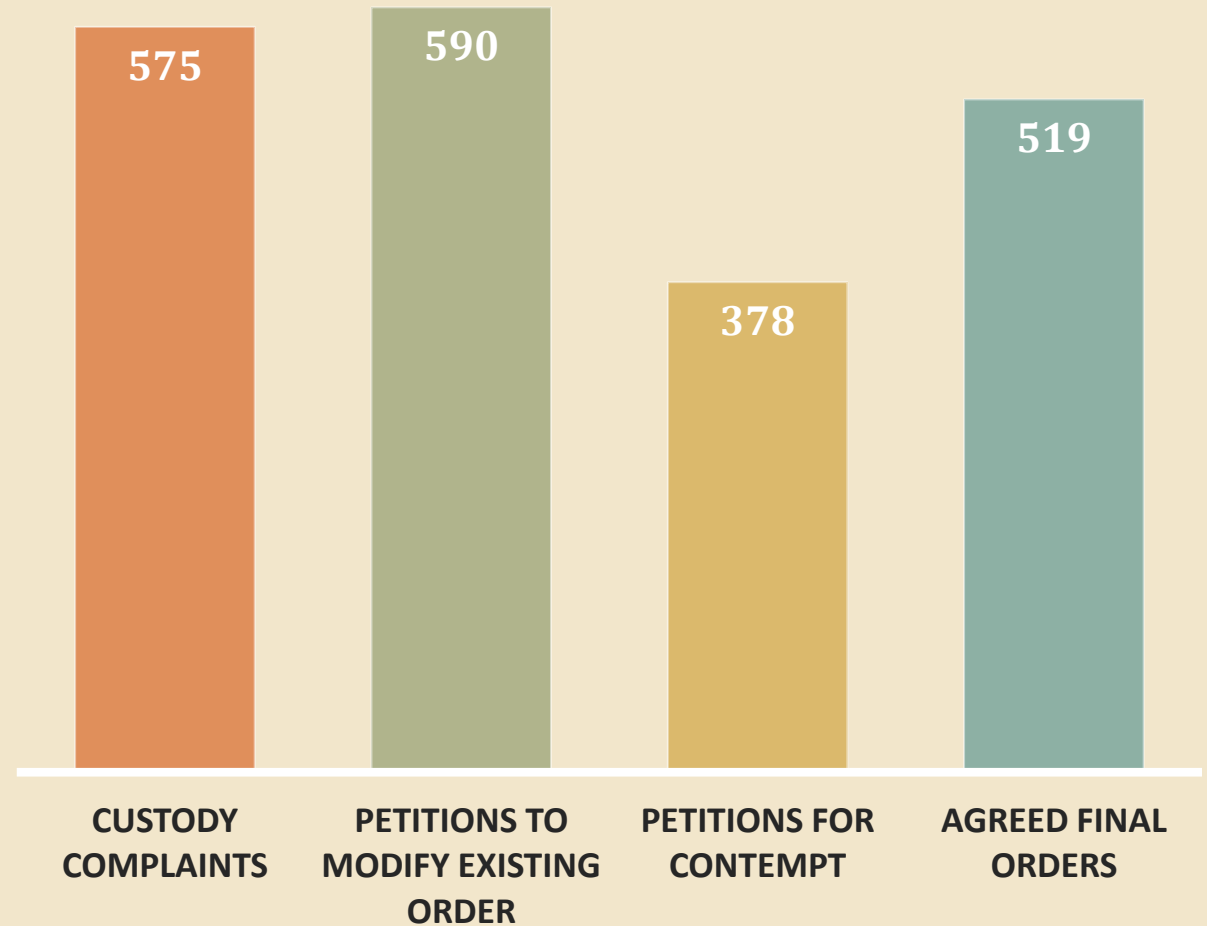
The necessary forms to start a custody lawsuit are available online and filings are completed by e-filing. General instructions on completing the forms and filing and serving the pleadings are also available on the Court's website at lccpa.org.

After the filing of one or more pleadings, custody cases proceed to a conciliation conference where efforts are made to have the parties reach an agreement. A Custody Hearing Officer (CHO) conducts the conference and identifies the issues, helping the parties settle the case according to the best interests of the child. If a settlement is reached, the CHO prepares a Court Order that summarizes the custodial agreement. If the parties are unable to agree, the case proceeds to a trial on the merits before a Judge (most cases) or a CHO (only in cases involving partial physical custody).

2024 CHILD CUSTODY

In 2024, 575 custody complaints were disposed of through the Family Court system. In addition, 590 Petitions to Modify an Existing Order and 378 Petitions for Contempt were resolved. Petitions to Modify and Petitions for Contempt are often filed at the same time. Agreed final orders resulting from custody conferences before the CHO numbered 519 in 2024. Other custody cases were discontinued, transferred, withdrawn, dismissed by the court, resolved by stipulations of the parties, or went to trial before a Judge or CHO.

CUSTODY DISPOSITIONS 2024



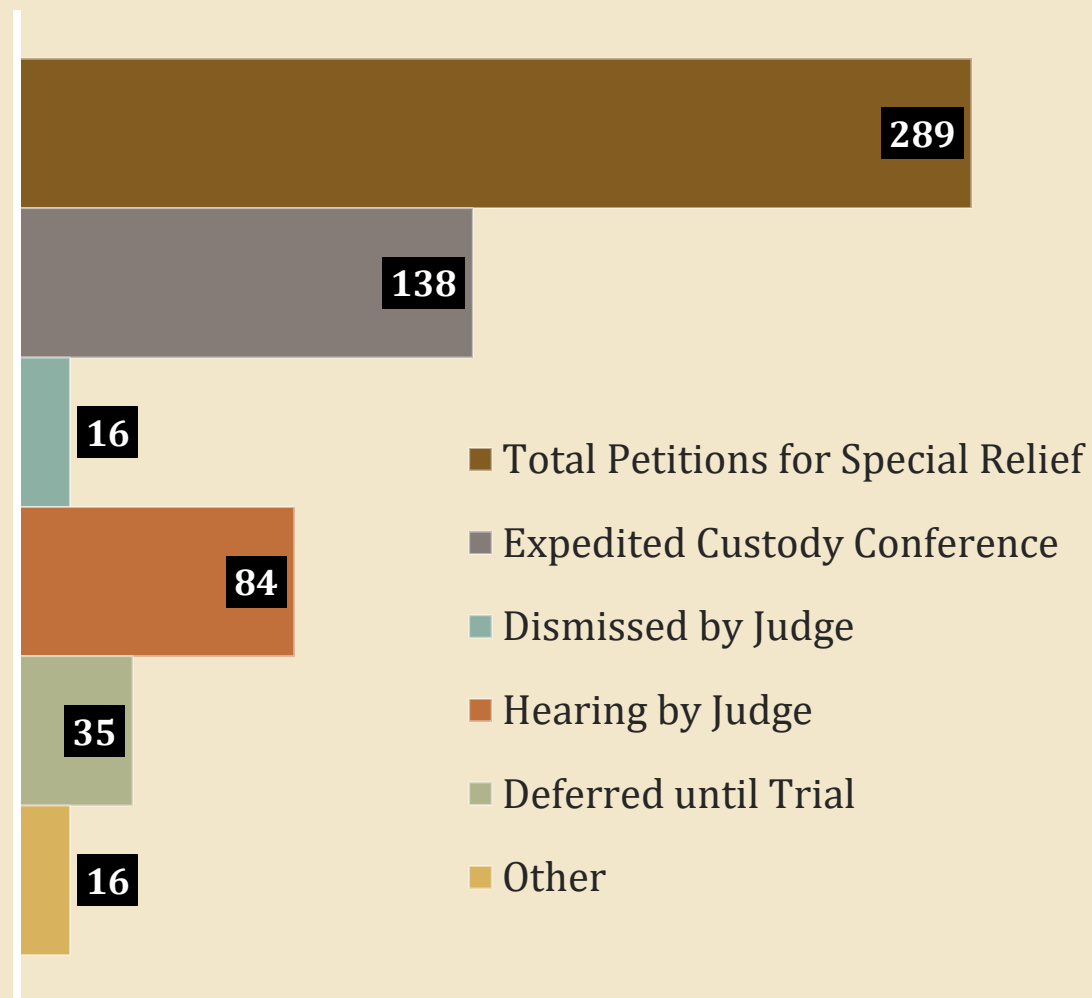
2024 CHILD CUSTODY

CUSTODY SPECIAL RELIEF

The Domestic Relations Code and the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure permit the filing of a Petition for Special Relief in instances where a litigant believes an emergency exists in a custody case. In 2024, the Family Court Office received 289 Petitions for Special Relief.

In 2024, of the 289 filings, 138 were ordered to proceed to an expedited custody conference before a Custody Hearing Officer, while 16 were summarily dismissed by a Judge. The Judges held 84 hearings on Petitions for Special Relief. Thirty-five Petitions were deferred until the trial. Sixteen cases were otherwise addressed and resolved.

2024 PETITIONS FOR CUSTODY SPECIAL RELIEF



THE FAMILY COURT OFFICE: 2024 DIVORCE



Contested divorce cases are often resolved by the Hearing Officer in Divorce, an attorney appointed by the Court. Following the filing of a motion by a divorce litigant to appoint the Hearing Officer to a case, the Hearing Officer conducts one or more settlement conferences with the litigants and attempts to resolve the issues. If those efforts are unsuccessful, the Hearing Officer conducts hearings and prepares reports and recommended Orders subject to judicial review. Approximately 90-95% of cases before a Hearing Officer are settled before a hearing.

*As an uncontested divorce case may become a contested divorce during the pendency of the action over more than one year, these numbers do not sum to the total divorce cases filed in any given year.

THE FAMILY COURT OFFICE: 2024 PROTECTION FROM ABUSE

1,635

1,635 New Protection From Abuse Petitions were Filed in 2024.

535

535 Final PFA Orders were Entered in 2024. 282 were Granted and 253 were Stipulated.

In 2024, approximately 33% of new Protection From Abuse Petitions resulted in Final Orders of Protection.

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355 PFA Petitions were Withdrawn by Plaintiffs

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Plaintiff Did Not Appear at the Final PFA Hearing in 373 cases

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286 Temporary PFA Orders were Dismissed at the Final Hearing

PROTECTION FROM ABUSE FILINGS 2016 to 2024

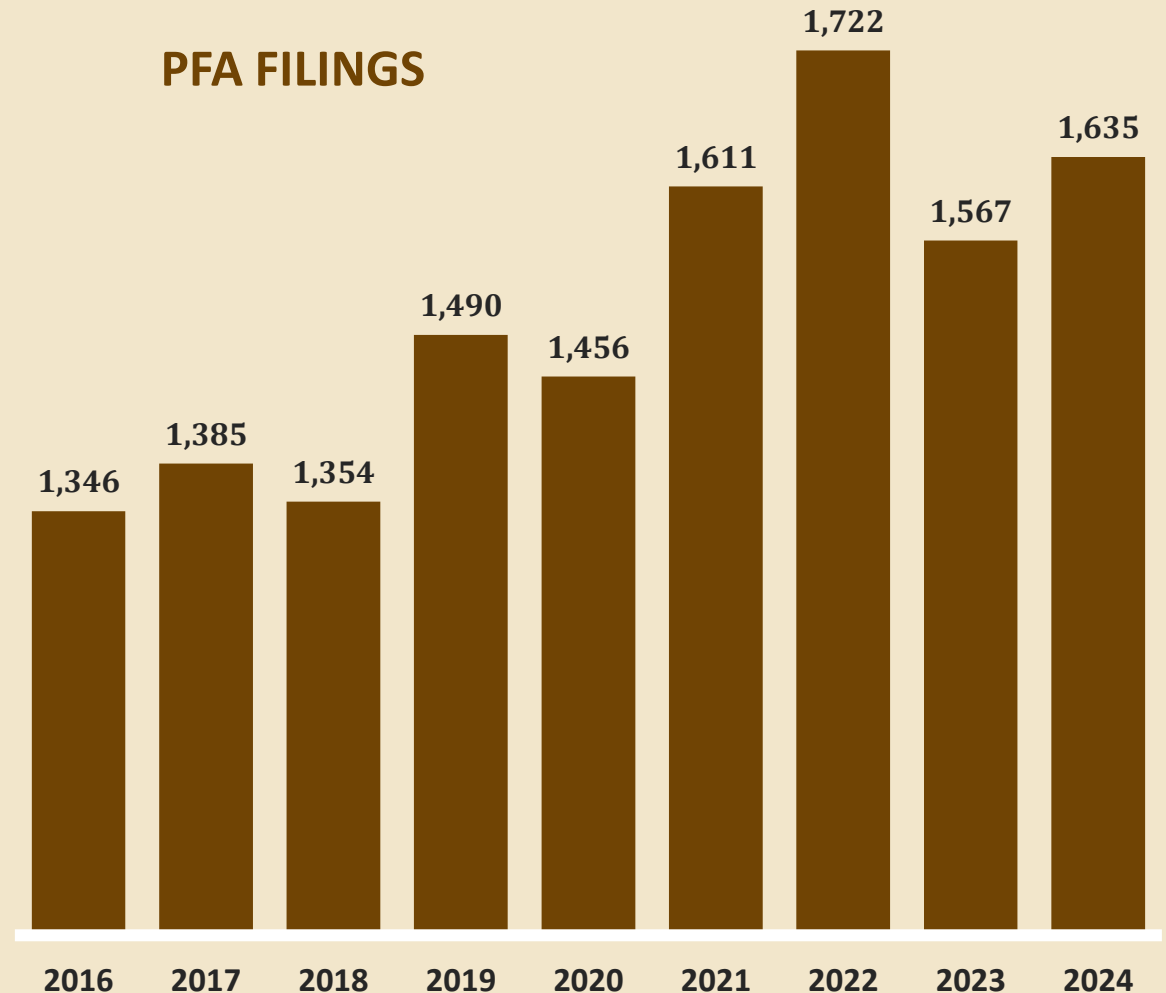
Pennsylvania law requires every court to assist domestic violence victims who seek Protection From Abuse Orders. Individuals may seek a protection order on their own behalf and/or on behalf of their minor children.

Lehigh County Family Court staff provide private intake assistance during specific hours. Litigants appear before a Common Pleas Court Judge during a morning or afternoon session. Special security measures are taken in all cases, especially in cases where cross-petitions have been filed.

Emergency PFA relief is available during non-business hours through the Magisterial District Judges.

See the Family Court Office webpage on lccpa.org for PFA hours and more information.

PFA FILINGS



THE FAMILY COURT OFFICE: 2024 PROTECTION FROM SEXUAL VIOLENCE & INTIMIDATION

15

Intimidation
Cases

12

Sexual
Violence
Cases

The Protection From Sexual Violence and Intimidation Act became effective in Pennsylvania in July 2015. The Act protects victims of sexual violence and intimidation who may not be covered by the Protection From Abuse Act. A victim may seek a Sexual Violence Protection Order against a perpetrator where there is no family or personal relationship between them. A minor may obtain a Protection From Intimidation Order against an offender who is 18 or older for certain types of conduct. Assistance available from the Lehigh County Family Court Office is the same as that described in the Protection From Abuse information on the prior page.



THE ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

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WHAT IS ORPHANS' COURT?

The name Orphans' Court is an anachronism derived from an era in which those persons who traditionally had no legal “voice” (minor children, widows, orphans, decedents) required an objective entity—the Orphans' Court—to “speak” for them and assure that their rights and interests were protected. Unlike the other divisions of the Court of Common Pleas, many of the matters that come before the Orphans' Court are non-adversarial.

ORPHANS' COURT JURISDICTION

THE ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION...	Oversees Trusts, Powers of Attorney, and certain aspects of non-profit organizations	Reviews & approves settlement of litigation/claims involving minors, incapacitated persons, and/or decedents' estates	Audits all formal fiduciary accounts
THE ORPHANS' COURT HEARS...	Appeals from Register of Wills, including will contests or contested letters of administration	All parental rights termination cases	Petitions for adult guardianships (incapacities)
	Disputes regarding administration/distribution in decedents' estates	Adoptions & minors' guardianship cases	Judicial by-pass hearings required by the Abortion Control Act
THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF ORPHANS' COURT...	Issues marriage licenses upon "in person" application	Maintains marriage license records and issues certified copies of those records	Responds to requests for access to both identifying and non-identifying information from adoption files

ORPHANS' COURT UNIQUE CHALLENGES

REQUIREMENTS POSING UNIQUE CHALLENGES TO ORPHANS' COURT

Statutory requirement to appoint counsel to represent each indigent parent who contests the termination of his/her parental rights (many cases involve more than one paternal parent) and counsel to represent the minor child.

Effective June 11, 2024, requirement to appoint legal counsel to represent alleged and previously adjudicated incapacitated persons in every matter involving incapacitated persons.

Statutory prohibition on imposition of filing fee for Judicial Bypass Hearings.

THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE ORPHANS' COURT

The Office of the Clerk of the Orphans' Court Division is a judicial office distinct from the Register of Wills (which is a division of the Clerk of Judicial Records). All scheduling for Orphans' Court cases is done by the Office of the Clerk of the Orphans' Court.

The Clerk of the Orphans' Court is an appointed position held by Wendy A. W. Parr. Juan Rivera, Esquire, serves as Orphans' Court Counsel.

A full-time law clerk, four full-time assistant clerks and an assistant clerk/analyst, (who reviews all formally filed fiduciary accounts), comprise the staff of the Clerk of the Orphans' Court.

The Orphans' Court Administrative Judge in 2024 was Thomas A. Capehart, Judge. Five other Judges are assigned to the Orphans' Court Division.

2024 ORPHANS' COURT STATISTICS

102

Persons Adjudicated as Incapacitated and Appointed Guardians for their Persons and/or Estates

43

Adoptions Granted

73

Minors' Settlements Involving Lump Sum Payouts, Creation of Trusts, and Structured Settlements Approved

19

Fiduciary Accountings Audited, Confirmed, and Adjudicated

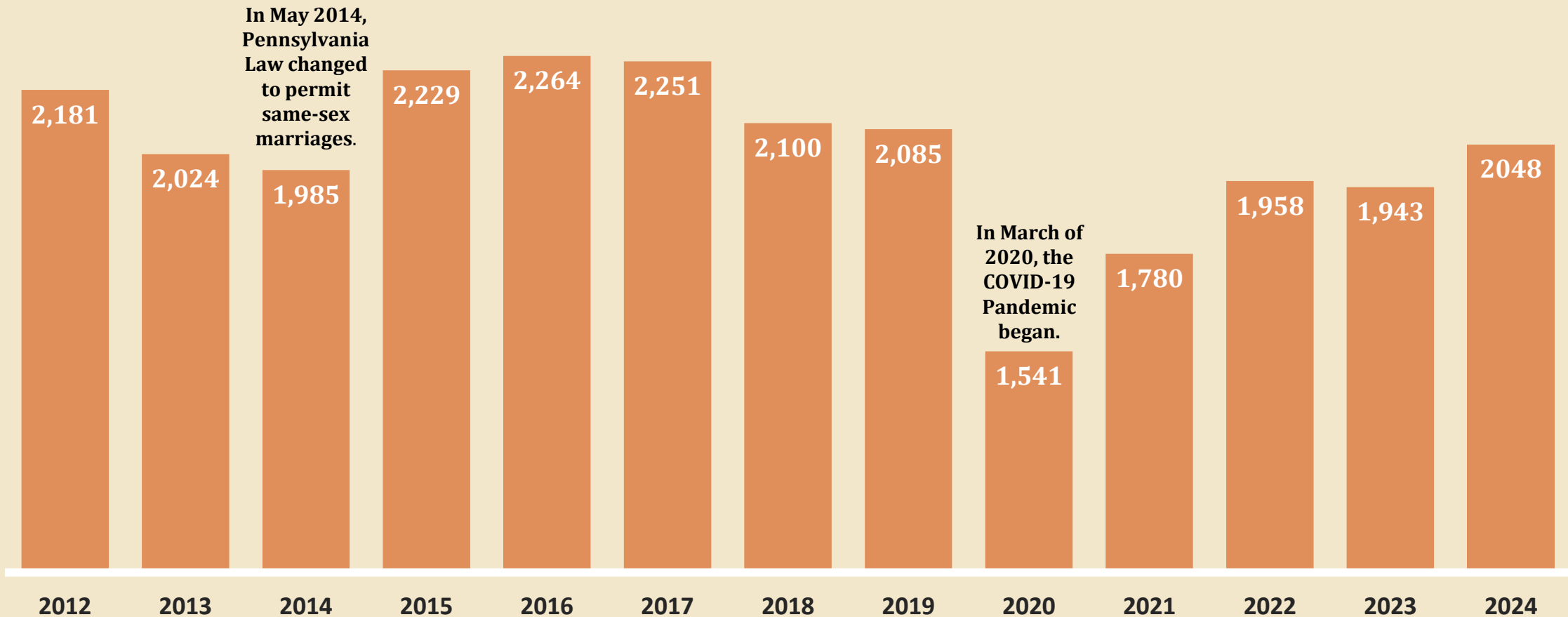
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Minor Guardian Cases

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Judicial Bypass Hearing Pursuant to the Abortion Control Act

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED 2012 TO 2024





COURT ADMINISTRATION

LEHIGH COUNTY COURT ADMINISTRATION

PROVIDING COURT MANAGEMENT

Complex modern courts require the delegation of administrative functions to the Court Administrator.

The office of the Court Administrator manages the non-judicial functions of the Court under the guidance of the President Judge, providing Judges with more time for adjudication.

In 2024, District Court Administrator Kerry R. Turtzo and Deputy District Court Administrator John J. Sikora continued to serve in the positions to which they were appointed in 2016.

In Lehigh County, Jury Management, the Court Interpreting Unit, the Court Transcription Unit, Library Information Services and the CASA program are considered components of Court Administration.

OFFICE OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR

NON-JUDICIAL FUNCTIONS

Personnel
Management

Fiscal
Management

Jury
Management

Interpreting
Services

Records Control

Calendar and
Scheduling
Management

Information
Systems

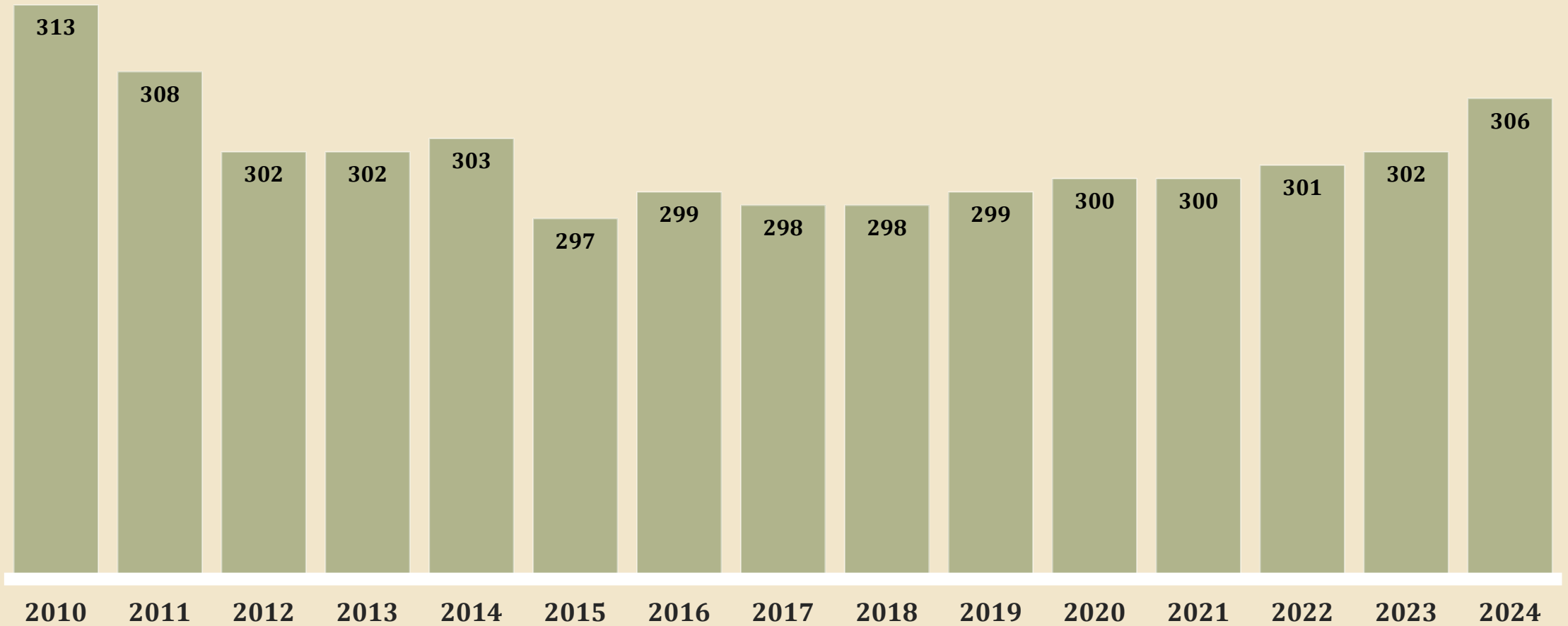
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Facilities
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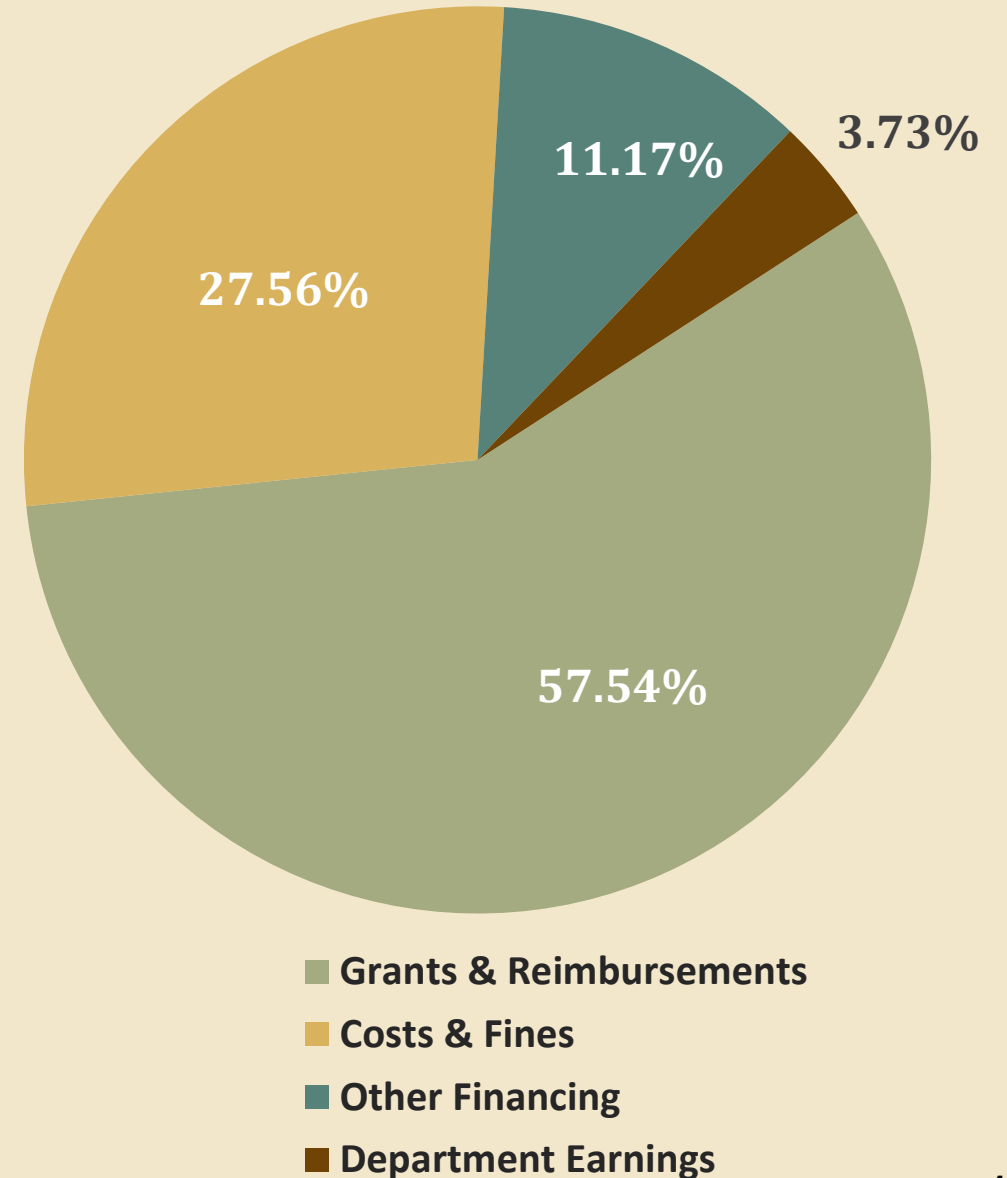
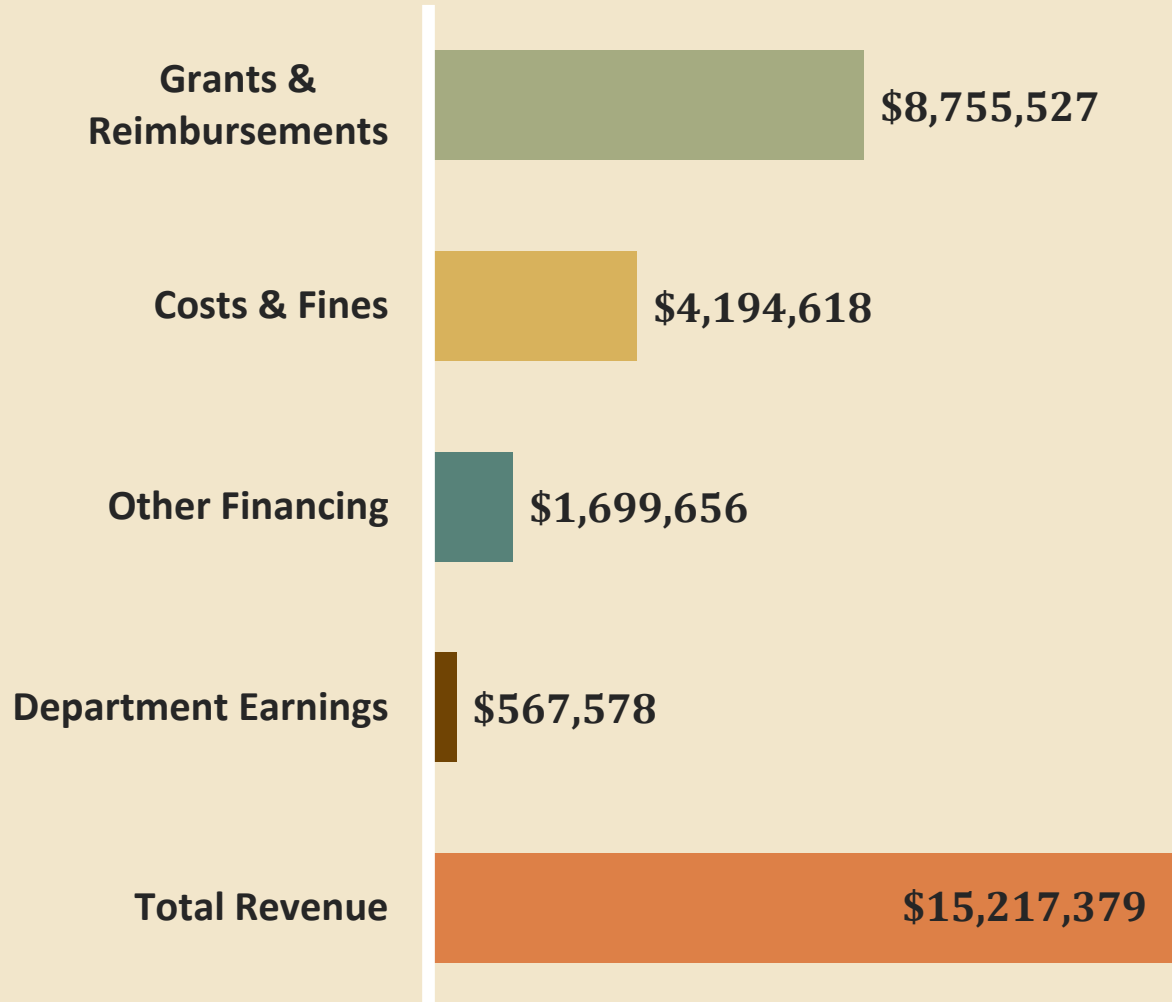
FULL-TIME JUDICIAL PERSONNEL 2010 to 2024



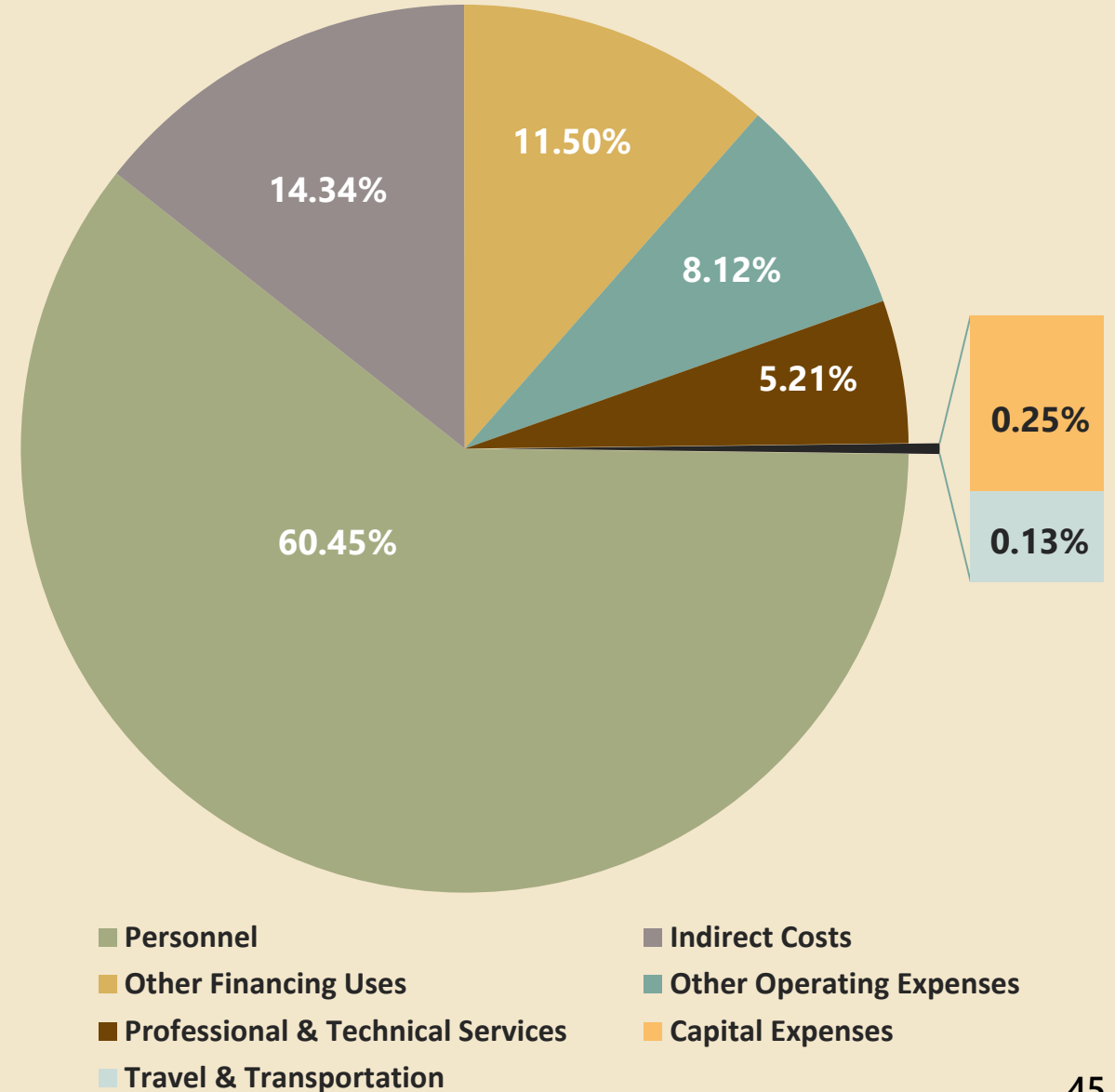
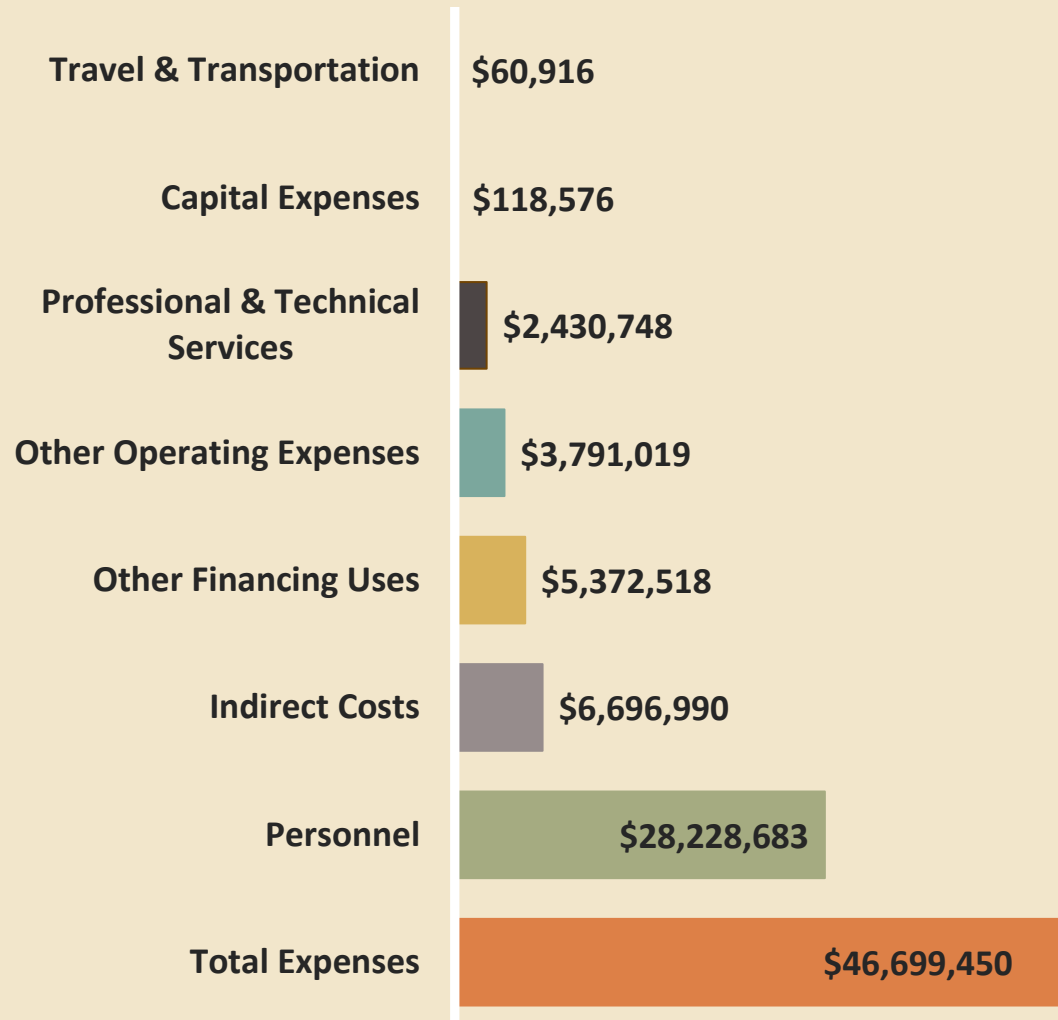
FULL-TIME JUDICIAL PERSONNEL BY DEPARTMENT 2015 to 2024

YEAR	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
COURT ADMINISTRATION	76	76	75	75	75	75	75	76	76	77
ADULT PROBATION	52	54	54	54	54	55	55	55	55	55
JUVENILE PROBATION	48	48	48	48	48	48	48	48	48	48
ORPHANS' COURT	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	62	62	62	62	62	62	62	62	62	61
DISTRICT JUDGES	51	51	51	51	52	52	52	52	53	57
LAW LIBRARY	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL	297	299	298	298	299	300	300	301	302	306

2024 COURT REVENUE



2024 COURT EXPENSES



GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT PROBATION

Adult Probation receives state funding based on the rate of compliance with state-wide standards for probation operations. Currently, the Lehigh County Adult Probation Department receives the maximum in state funding.

JUVENILE PROBATION

The Juvenile Probation Department works closely with the Lehigh County Office of Children and Youth to produce a “needs-based” budget maximizing state assistance to the Court.

YOUTH PLACEMENT

The Court is reimbursed in the form of services at state youth institutions and funding for some delinquent youth placement expenditures.

The Court of Common Pleas pursues federal and state grants to offset the costs of court programs.

2024 CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD GRANT ACTIVITIES

ADULT PROBATION GRANT ACTIVITIES

PROJECT TITLE	GRANT	GRANT \$	DEPARTMENT	STATUS
Adult Probation/Drug/Alcohol Restrictive Intermediate Punishment	PCCD	\$660,000	SCA/ Adult Probation	Awarded
Continuing County Adult Probation and Parole Grant	PCCD	\$528,239	Adult Probation	Awarded

2024 CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD GRANT ACTIVITIES

JUVENILE PROBATION GRANT ACTIVITIES

PROJECT TITLE	GRANT	GRANT \$	STATUS
Grant-In-Aid/Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy Implementation Plan	JCJC	\$467,389	Awarded
Juvenile Court Judges' Commission Training Grant	JCJC	\$17,496	Awarded
Youth Juvenile Advisory Board Grant	PCCD	\$94,173	Awarded
Violence Prevention Grant with OCYS	PCCD	\$488,053	Awarded
Pennsylvania Academic Career Technical Training (PACTT)	PCCD	\$5,000	Awarded

COURT ADMINISTRATION: JURY MANAGEMENT

PROVIDING SELECTION AND CONTROL OF JURORS

Lehigh County has adopted the “one day, one trial” method of juror selection to increase the efficiency of the jury system while making a minimal imposition on the lives of residents. Citizens selected for jury duty will serve one day, or, if selected for a jury, will serve the duration of the trial. This method ensures juries are available to Judges and only keeps those jurors who are necessary for trials.

The selection and control of juries requires cooperation between jury management staff and courtroom staff. The web-based jury management system allows potential jurors to complete qualification questionnaires online. Correspondence to jurors about their status and reminders may be via text message and email, reducing reliance on the U.S. Postal system.

Prospective jurors who fail to appear for jury service are scheduled for hearings before the President Judge, who will make a determination if the juror is to be held in contempt of court pursuant to 42 Pa. C. S. § 4584. If found in contempt, the sanctions include a fine not to exceed \$500 or imprisoned for no more than 10 days or both. Although all hearings are scheduled on one date each year, the President Judge will hear each juror’s case individually.

In 2024, there were 45 prospective jurors who were scheduled for hearings due to failure to appear for jury service.

2024 JURY MANAGEMENT

56,570

Jury
Summons
Mailed

4,071

Jurors
Reporting
for Duty

3,097

Jurors Sent
to Voir Dire
for Selection

666

Jurors
Empaneled
or Sworn In

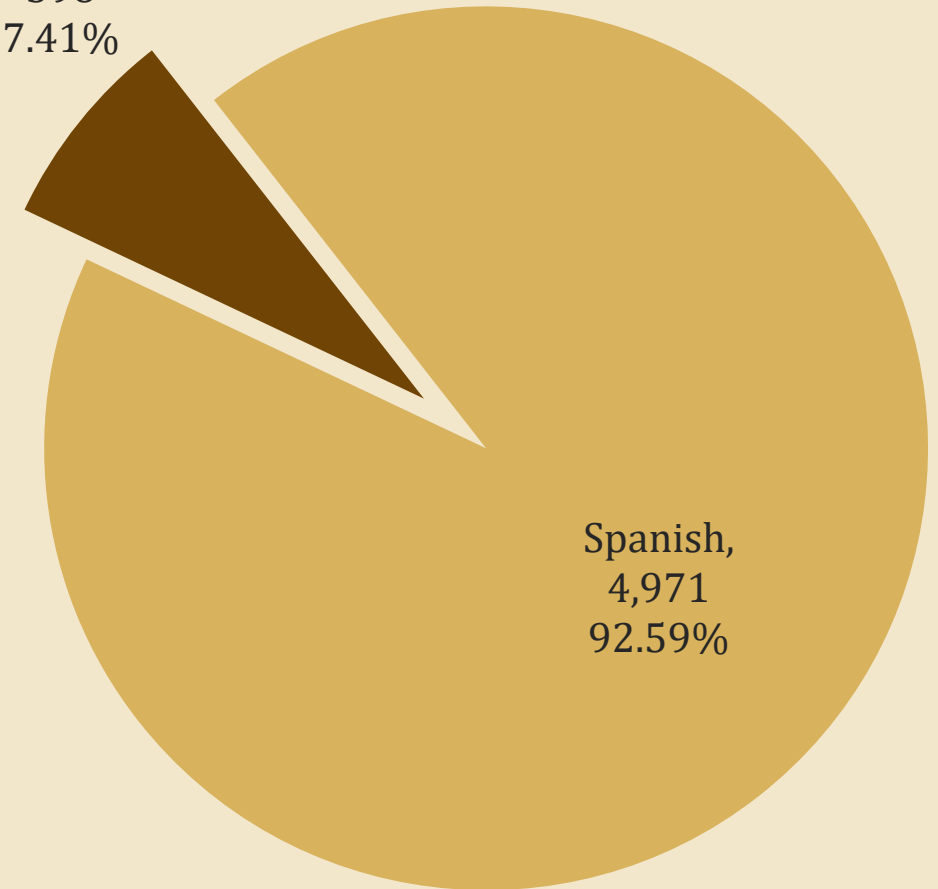
COURT ADMINISTRATION: 2024 INTERPRETING UNIT

PROVIDING FOREIGN AND SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION

The Court provides interpreters in all court proceedings. The Interpreting Coordinator schedules a pool of 9 per diem contractors, as well as many other interpreters by court order, to carry out court interpreting assignments.

In 2024, there were 5,369 interpreter assignments, 4,971 of which were for Spanish. Telephone interpretation is used when needed. Translations of written documents are also provided by the Interpreting Unit.

Other Languages,
398
7.41%



ANNUAL TOTAL INTERPRETER ASSIGNMENTS 2005 TO 2024



LEHIGH COUNTY LAW LIBRARY

Founded in 1869, the Lehigh County Law Library provides the court and community with Pennsylvania and United States legal sources. Lorelei A. Broskey, M.L.S., Director, has overseen the three related missions of the Library Information Services department since 1989.

LAW LIBRARY SERVICES

Operating the only public law library in Lehigh County by providing Self-Help and other legal resources to the Lehigh Valley community.

DOCUMENT PRODUCTION

Providing website support, scanning, color printing, brochure development and related document services to court offices.

LEGAL RESOURCE PROCUREMENT

Providing Judges, court, and county employees with essential print and electronic legal sources necessary for work performance.

2024 LAW LIBRARY SERVICES

92,300 WESTLAW SEARCHES WITH A RETAIL VALUE OF \$8.85 MILLION

Retail value of the 92,300 Westlaw research transactions performed by Court/County Employees and Law Library Patrons during 9,500+ hours of research. 1,217 Lexis transactions valued at \$51,146 were performed.

\$458,040.05 IN LEGAL RESOURCES PROCURED AND PROCESSED

Cost of all legal and other resources received and processed by the Lehigh County Law Library for the Court, County offices, and the Law Library. 718 invoices, the majority containing multiple items, were submitted for payment.

6,933 PUBLIC LAW LIBRARY PATRON SEARCHES

The total of 5,716 Westlaw Public Access Program and 1,217 Lexis Advance Public Access Program searches meant 6,933 online legal research searches were performed by or for patrons in the public Lehigh County Law Library during 2024.

TRADITIONAL LIBRARY SERVICES

2,281 pages of legal research were printed or photocopied by patrons in the public Law Library. Lehigh County Law Library staff handled 965 print book circulation transactions and recorded 272 in-house use transactions.

VIRTUAL REFERENCE SERVICE

Virtual reference service continued in 2024 with 200+ total documents requested in 150+ virtual service contacts received by Law Library staff by phone and email.

CASA: COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE

CASA VOLUNTEERS: PROVIDING “EYES AND EARS” FOR THE COURT

A CASA volunteer’s objective is to assist the Court in making decisions that will provide safe, secure and permanent homes for at-risk children. A CASA representative attends every hearing for their children. CASA volunteers aid the court by submitting written reports making recommendations in the best interest of the child.



2024 LEHIGH COUNTY CASA VOLUNTEERS

32

ACTIVE CASA VOLUNTEERS

37

**ABUSED & NEGLECTED CHILDREN
SERVED**

5

**CASA VOLUNTEERS SERVED AS
EDUCATIONAL DECISION MAKERS
FOR THEIR ASSIGNED CHILDREN**





ADULT PROBATION

LEHIGH COUNTY ADULT PROBATION

PROVIDING COMMUNITY PROTECTION THROUGH SUPERVISION

MISSION STATEMENT

To aid in reducing the incidents of crime in the community through field-based supervision, treatment and rehabilitation of the offender, thus protecting the public from recurring criminal and antisocial behavior.

ADULT PROBATION: PHILOSOPHY AND PRIMARY GOALS

- The primary goal of the Lehigh County Adult Probation Department is to provide protection to the community. The Department, led by Chief Adult Probation Officer Pamela Sheffer in 2024, works to achieve this goal through appropriate and relevant treatment and supervision of individuals by trained probation officers.
- The Department recognizes that no individual can change if they are not intrinsically motivated to do so. It is the Department's responsibility to evoke this need for change within the individual, while providing the opportunities, treatment, and experiences that can positively influence their re-entry into society. Ultimately, the goal of the Department is to reduce the likelihood that an individual will reoffend.

ADULT PROBATION: PHILOSOPHY AND PRIMARY GOALS

- Since 2020, the Department has utilized evidence-based practices into its standard of supervision. Use of evidence-based practices is a key factor in the establishment of safer communities, the reduction of recidivism, the enhancement of collaboration between agencies, and the reduction of costs. Using a validated risk assessment, officers target moderate to high-risk individuals, determine their criminogenic needs, and use programs to deliver cognitive-based treatment.
- The Department is audited annually by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and continues to be in compliance with standards promulgated by the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections.

2024 ADULT PROBATION STAFF COMPOSITION

3,973

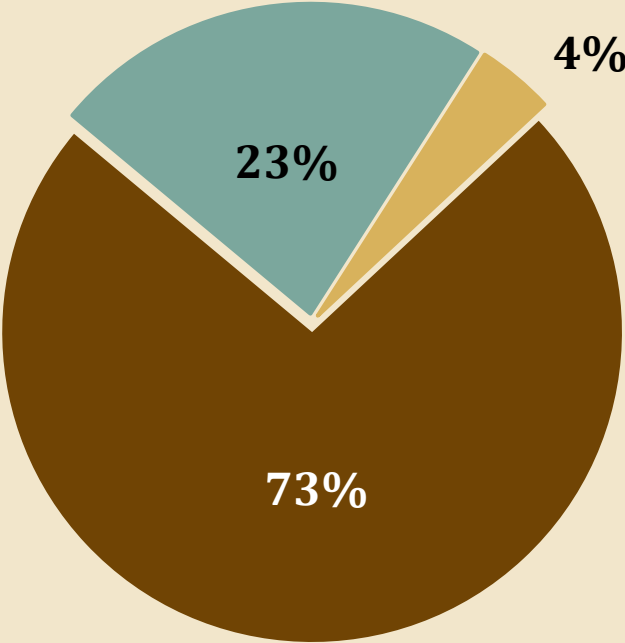
INDIVIDUALS ON ACTIVE SUPERVISION
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024

The 3,973 Individuals on Active Supervision are supervised by:

- 42 Full-Time Probation Officers
- 7 Part-Time Probation Officers
- 14 Full-Time Probation Aides/Clerical Staff
- 1 Part-Time Probation Aide

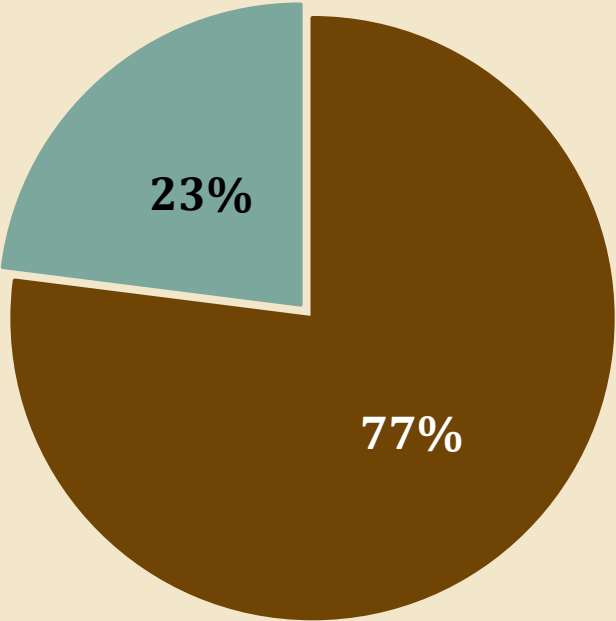
2024 LEHIGH COUNTY ADULT PROBATION CLIENT PROFILE

RACE



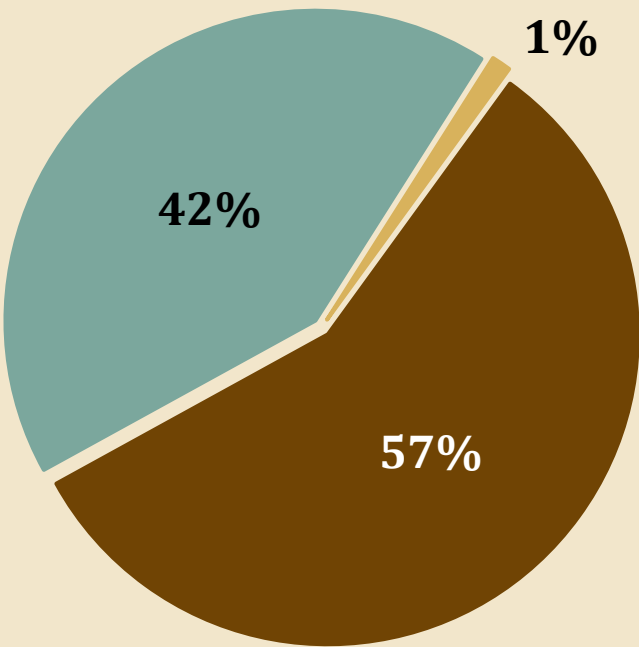
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GENDER



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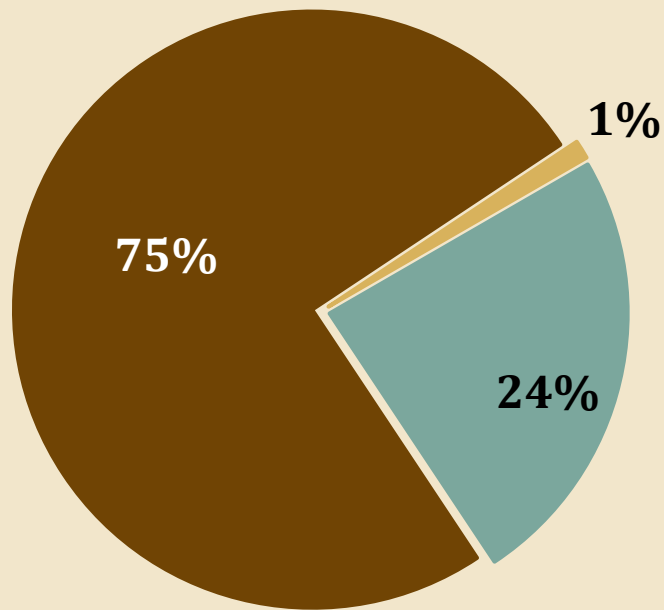
ETHNICITY



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■ Other

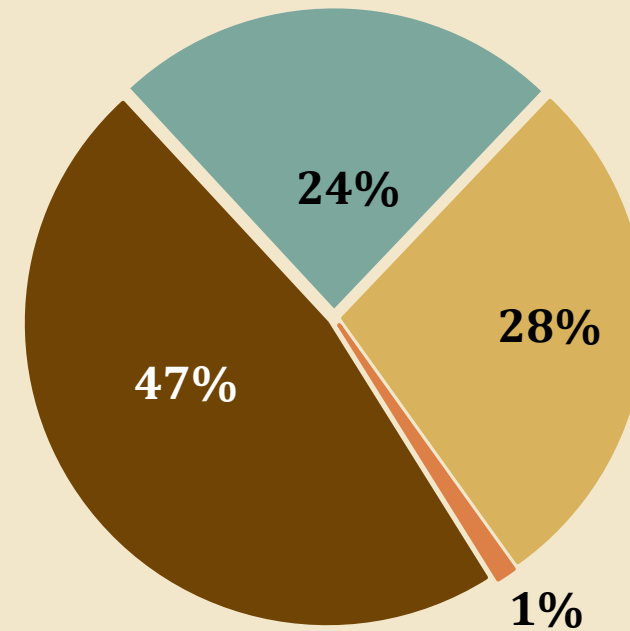
2024 LEHIGH COUNTY ADULT PROBATION CLIENT PROFILE

OFFENSE TYPE



Felony Misdemeanor Other

DISPOSITION



Probation Parole ARD Other



LEHIGH COUNTY ADULT PROBATION

DEPARTMENTAL UNITS 2024

2024 LEHIGH COUNTY ADULT PROBATION

1,348

Court Reporting
Network Evaluations
Completed

828

Pre-parole
Investigations
Completed

1,169

Individuals Completing
Alcohol Safe Driving
School

270

Pre-sentence
Investigations
Completed

2024 ADULT PROBATION PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

Drug Treatment
Court

Competency/
Accountability
Programs

Community Work
Service Project

SPORE

Intensive
Supervision

In-House Drug
Testing
Program

Outmate

Prevention
Through Anti-
Violence Education
(PAVE)

Electronic
Monitoring

Treatment
Continuum
Alternative Project
(TCAP)

Alcohol Highway
Safety Project

Effective Corrections
Programs
B.I.T.S./Carey Guides

Program Offering
Women
Empowerment and
Reentry (POWER)

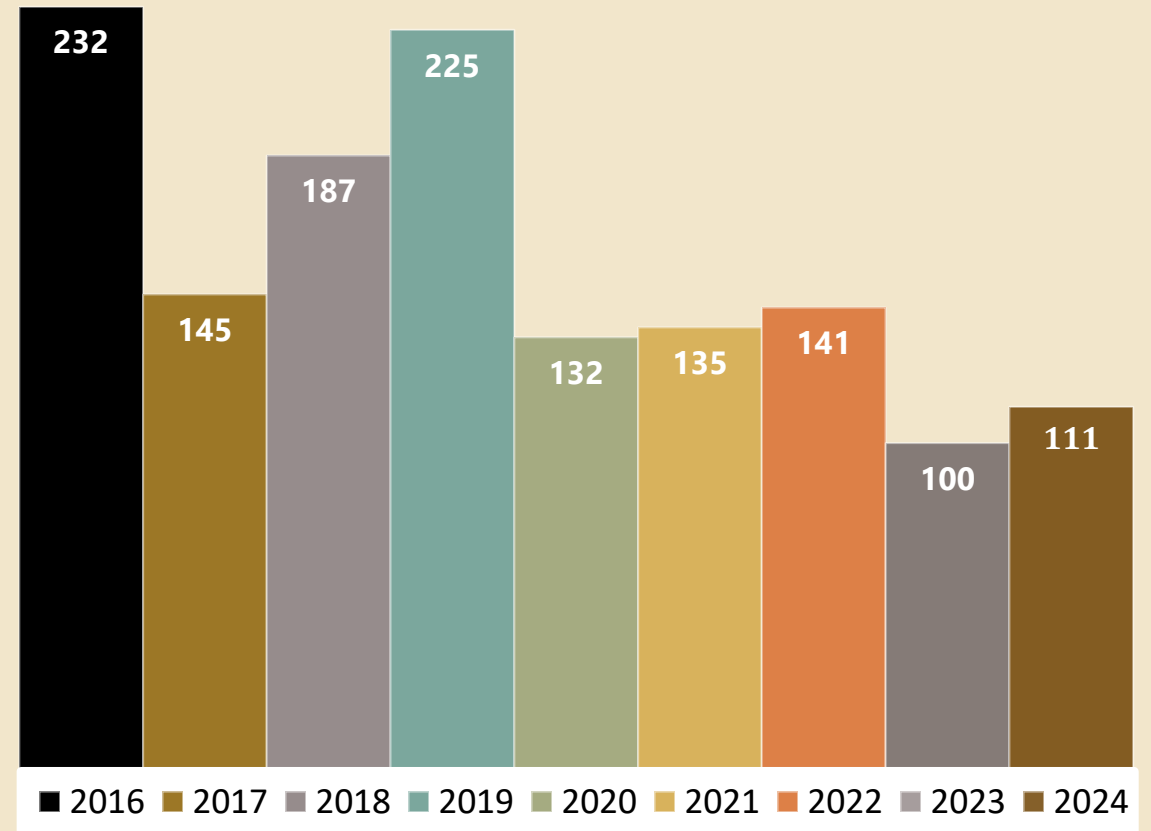
ADULT PROBATION ELECTRONIC MONITORING 2015 to 2024



LEHIGH COUNTY ADULT PROBATION SPORE 2024

- Special Program Offering Rehabilitation and Education (SPORE) provides services for mentally ill individuals.
- Adult Probation Officers and Mental Health Caseworkers jointly supervise individuals on intensive and maximum supervision levels.
- A psychiatrist and psychologist are available for evaluations.
- During 2024, SPORE received 111 formal referrals and 18 evaluations were completed.

SPORE FORMAL REFERRALS





JUVENILE PROBATION

LEHIGH COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION

PROVIDING A BALANCED APPROACH TO JUVENILE JUSTICE

MISSION STATEMENT

We are dedicated to working with juvenile offenders, their families, victims and the community by utilizing evidence-based practices and balanced and restorative justice principles in order to build competencies, reduce risk to reoffend, restore victims, protect the community and assist in promoting long-term behavior change.

LEHIGH COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION

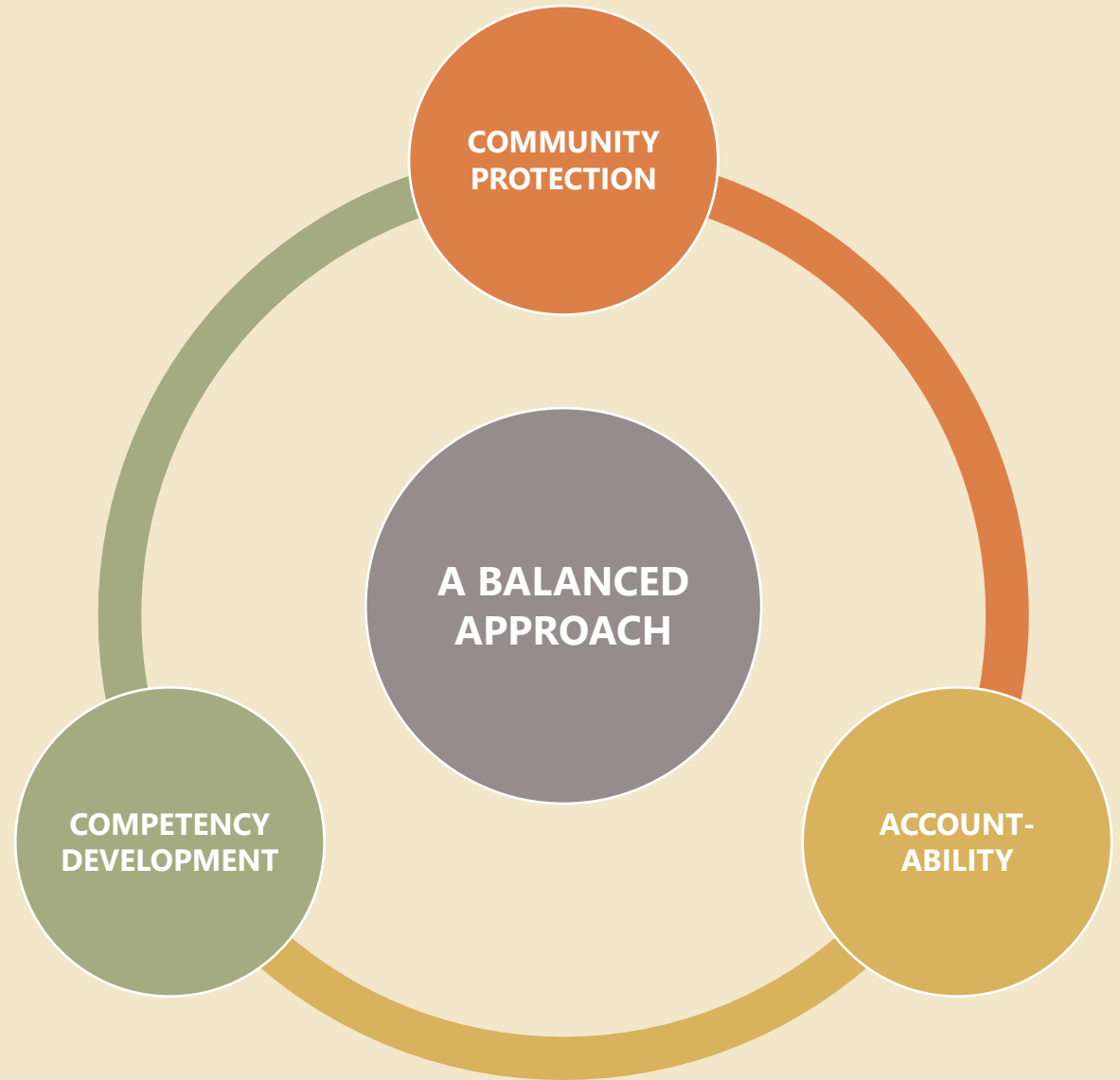
The Lehigh County Juvenile Probation Department is a division of the Court of Common Pleas reporting to the Administrative Judge responsible for juvenile probation activities.

The department, under the supervision of Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Kevin Miller, is responsible to the court and the community for delivering necessary and appropriate services to those juveniles referred to the department.

The jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court and the Juvenile Probation Department extends to both “delinquent” and “dependent” children as defined in the Pennsylvania Juvenile Act, Section 6302. In light of the mandate of this Act, it is essential for the department to have operational principles to guide its decision making and delivery of services.

JUVENILE PROBATION

- **Community Protection:** Residents have a right to live in a safe and secure community. Probation Officer's decisions must take into account the risk that each child poses and the degree of structure required to protect the community.
- **Accountability:** Every juvenile offender is to be held accountable for his or her actions and behavior. When a juvenile commits an offense against a person or property, the juvenile incurs an obligation to the victim of that offense. Victims are to be compensated by the offender as a rehabilitative measure.
- **Competency Development:** The department assesses each youth to determine how they can best become productive and responsible citizens. This is the part of our mission "that seeks to tap the strengths of young people, their immense capacity for change and growth, in order to achieve transformations."



ADMINISTRATION /MANAGEMENT

INTAKE UNIT (EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT)

COMMUNITY BASED SUPERVISION

SPORE (MENTAL HEALTH AND ID)

PLACEMENT/AFTERCARE UNIT

COMMUNITY SERVICES UNIT

VICTIM SERVICES UNIT

PROGRAM COORDINATOR

NON-PAYMENT OF COSTS AND FINES UNIT

QUALITY ASSURANCE UNIT

TRANSPORTATION UNIT

FISCAL UNIT

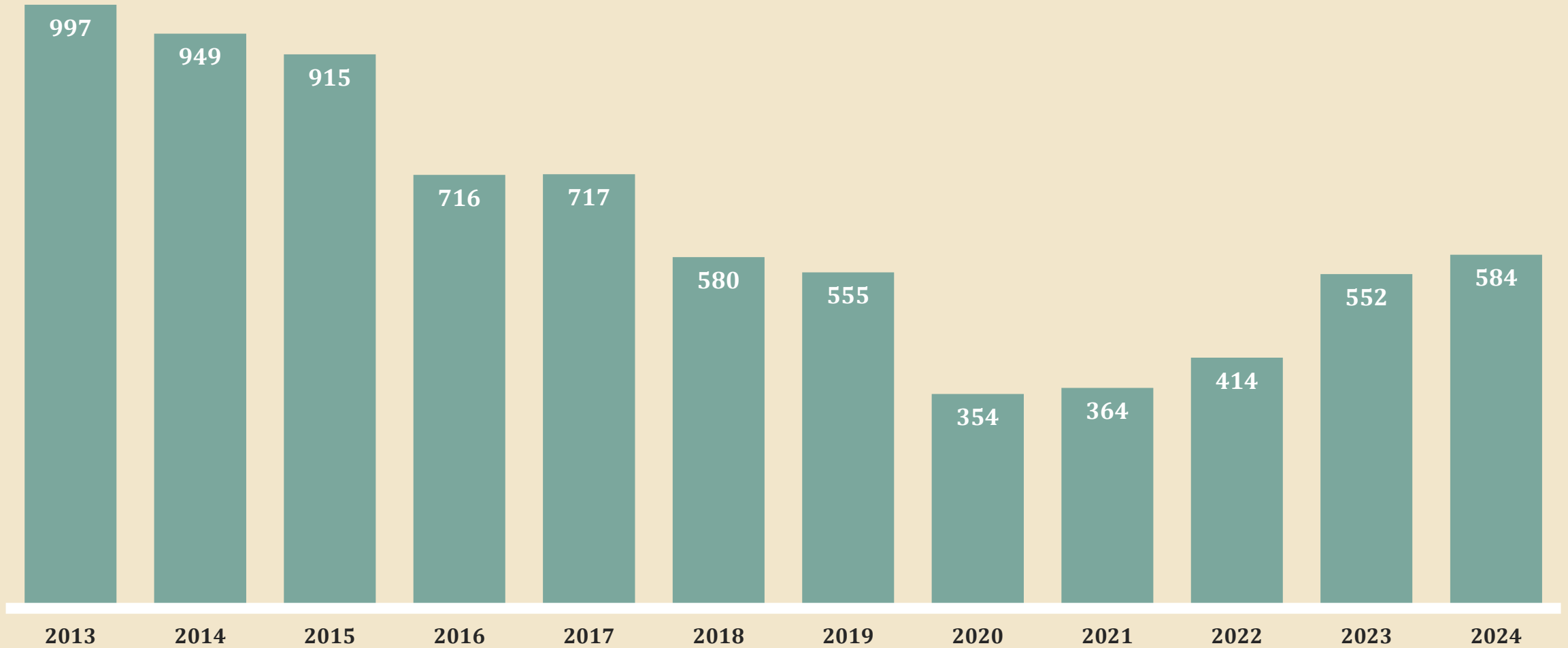
SUPPORT STAFF

MANAGEMENT UNIT

LEHIGH COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION

DEPARTMENTAL DIVISIONS

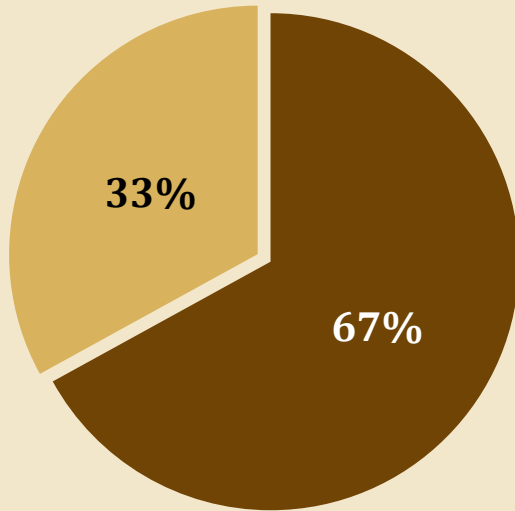
YOUTH UNDER SUPERVISION 2013 TO 2024



2024 LEHIGH COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION CLIENT PROFILE

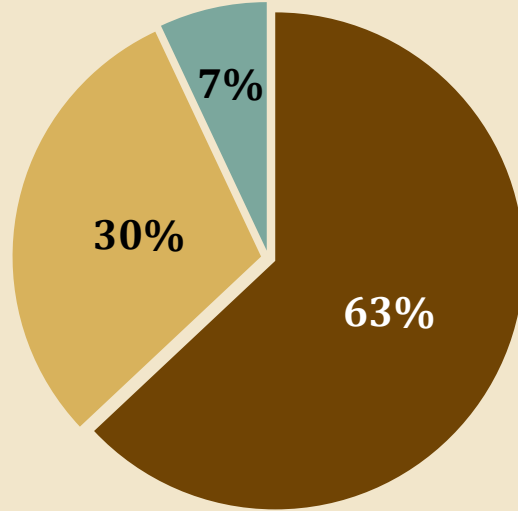
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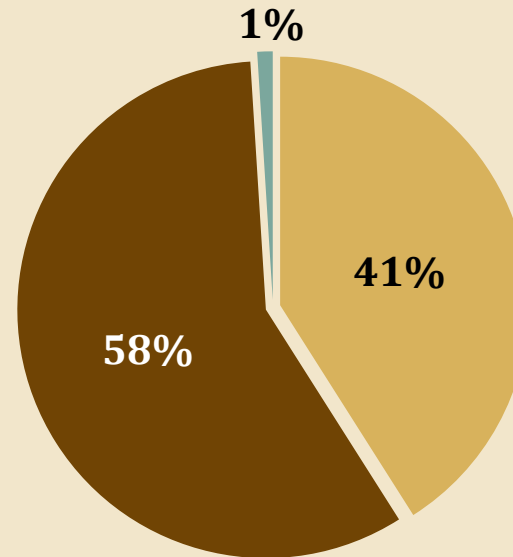
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- Other



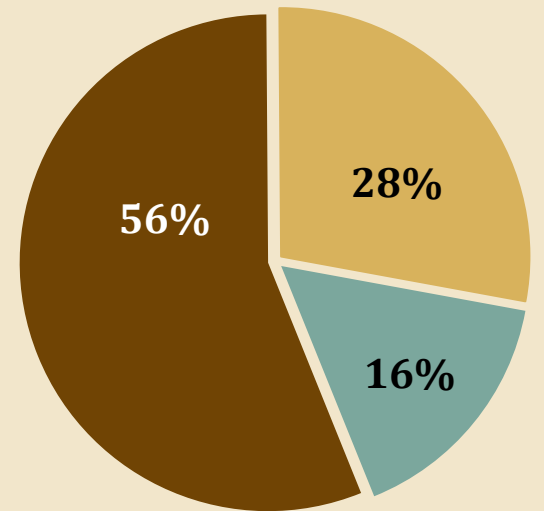
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- Hispanic
- Unknown



OFFENSE TYPE

- Misdemeanor
- Felony
- Other



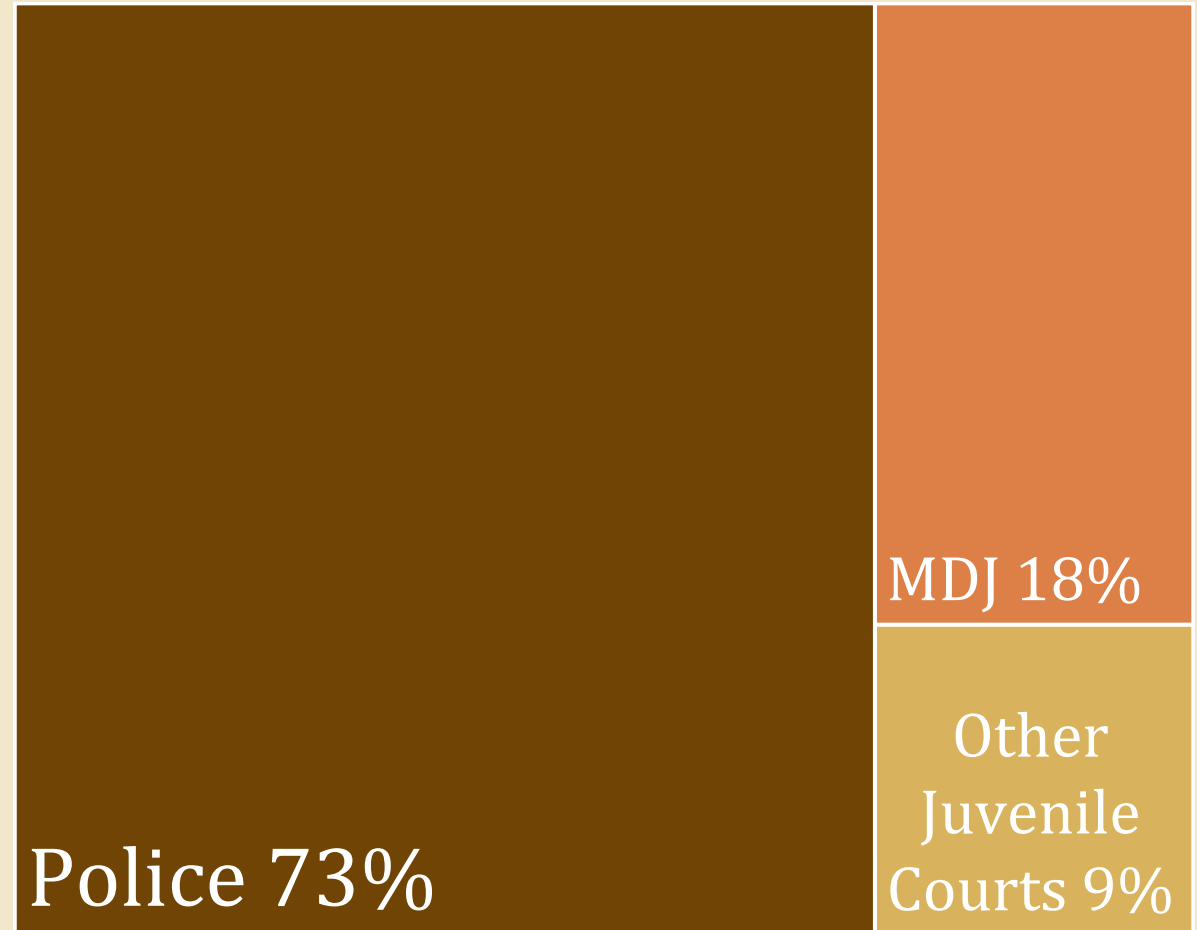
2024 LEHIGH COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION

ALLEGATIONS RECEIVED FROM:

SOURCES OF REFERRALS TO JUVENILE PROBATION

When a police department makes an arrest of a juvenile and the District Attorney's office approves the charges, the Juvenile Probation department receives a referral delineating the allegations faced by the juvenile.

The graph at right demonstrates the percent of total referrals received from originating sources which are the Police, Magisterial District Judges and other Juvenile Courts.

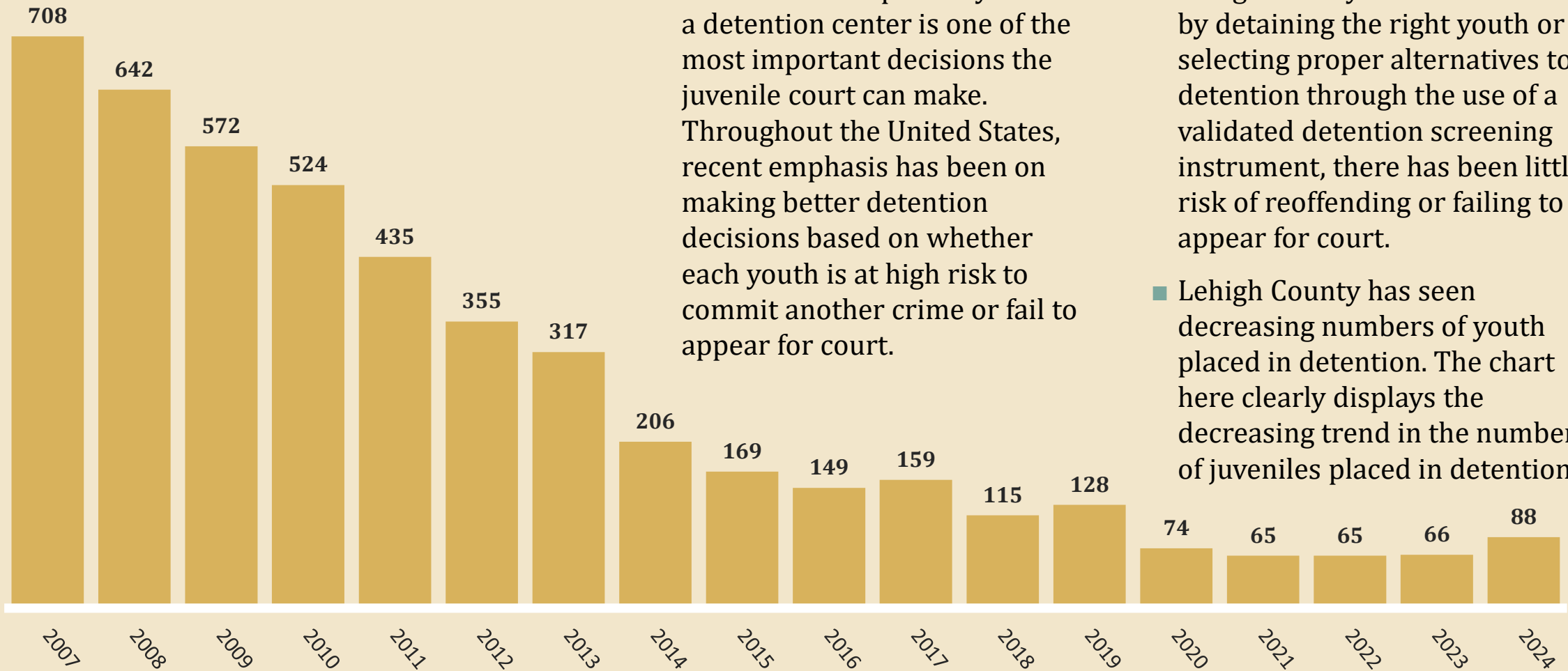


JUVENILE PROBATION DETENTION TRENDS 2007 TO 2024

■ The decision to place a youth in a detention center is one of the most important decisions the juvenile court can make. Throughout the United States, recent emphasis has been on making better detention decisions based on whether each youth is at high risk to commit another crime or fail to appear for court.

■ Lehigh County has shown that by detaining the right youth or selecting proper alternatives to detention through the use of a validated detention screening instrument, there has been little risk of reoffending or failing to appear for court.

■ Lehigh County has seen decreasing numbers of youth placed in detention. The chart here clearly displays the decreasing trend in the number of juveniles placed in detention.



OUTCOMES ON 312 JUVENILES INVOLVED WITH LEHIGH COUNTY PROBATION SERVICES

- Probation officers are required to report outcome measures whenever they release a juvenile from probation supervision.
- These outcomes measure activities while under supervision.

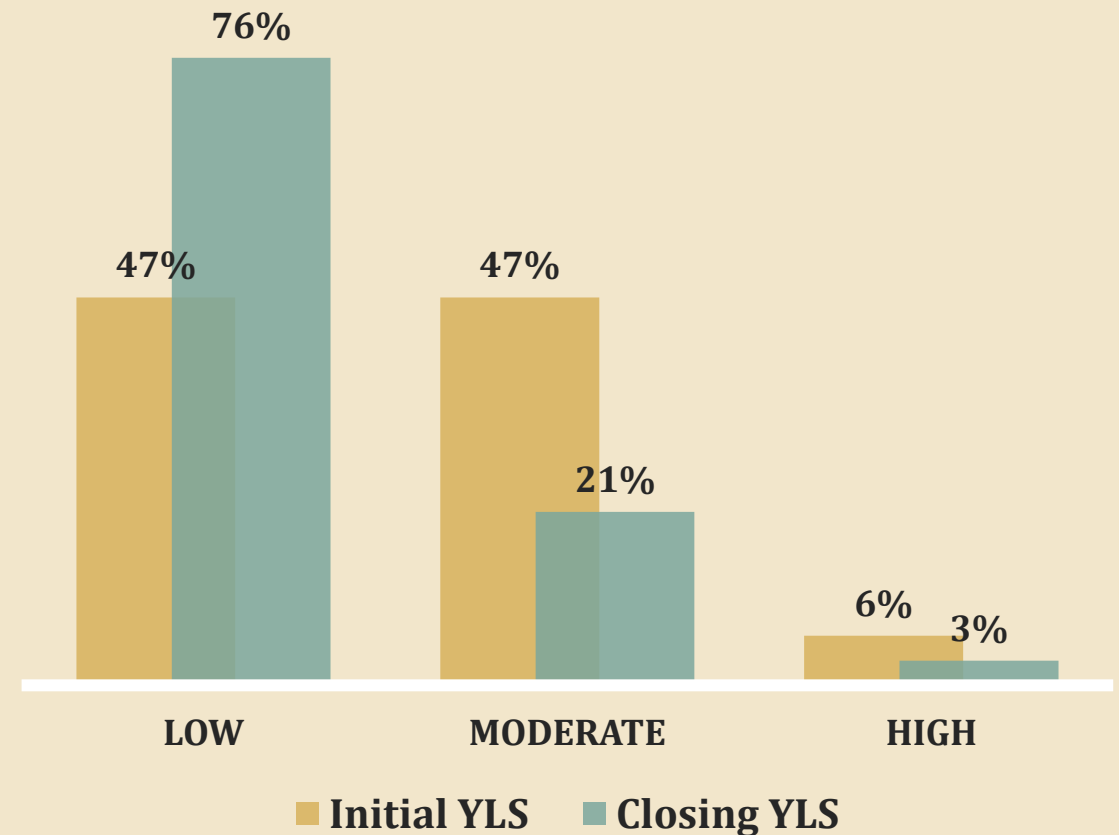
Juveniles who completed a community service obligation in full	98.4%
Juveniles in school or employed at case closing	98%
Juveniles who paid their restitution in full	93%
Juveniles who successfully completed supervision without a new offense resulting in a Consent Decree, Adjudication of Delinquency, ARD, Nolo Contendere, or finding of guilt in a criminal proceeding	93%
Juveniles with no judicial finding of technical violations of probation while under supervision	90%
Juveniles committed to placement (28 days or longer)	12%
Completion rate of juveniles ordered to Victim Awareness Curriculum	99%

2024 JUVENILE PROBATION RISK/NEEDS ASSESSMENT

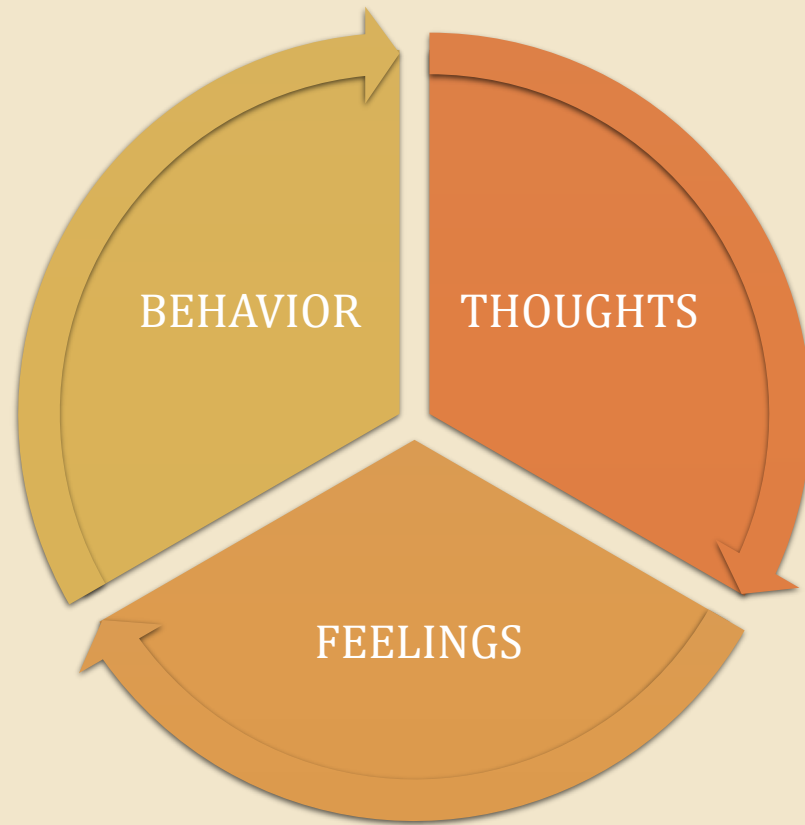
Initial YLS Assessments vs. Closing YLS Assessments

The Youth Level of Service/Case Management Inventory 2.0 (YLS/CMI 2.0™) is a gender and culturally informed, strengths-based risk/needs assessment tool that reliably and accurately classifies and predicts **re-offending** within juvenile populations. The juvenile probation department has administered the YLS since 2009.

The chart at left compares the initial YLS assessments to the assessments done at time of case closing. This information illustrates the change in risk level from the onset of supervision to the time supervision ends. In 2024, the percentage of youth who scored low at the time of case closing increased to 76%.



COGNITIVE-BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS



- Research is clear that the most effective interventions in reducing risk to reoffend are cognitive-behavioral interventions.
- Cognitive-behavioral interventions assist to identify and restructure negative thinking patterns, and help build, practice, and utilize previously lacked skills that are linked to re-offending behavior.
- Lehigh County Juvenile Probation utilizes a wide range of both cognitive-behavioral and educational interventions to tailor an individual plan for each juvenile under supervision.
- These programs and initiatives are listed on the next page.

JUVENILE PROBATION PROGRAMS & JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT INITIATIVES

YLS/CMI &
Other Screening
& Assessments

Young Offenders
Program

Community
Work Service
Program

Case Planning

Motivational
Interviewing

Massachusetts
Youth Screening
Instrument

CHOICES

Family
Engagement

Young Artist
Program

Thinking for a
Change

Graduated
Responses

Skill Building &
Cognitive Based
Interventions

Drug Awareness
& Prevention
Program (DAPP)

Forward
Thinking
Journaling

Child Trauma
Screening

Girls Circle

Aggression
Replacement
Training

Retail Theft &
Underage
Drinking
Programs

Effective
Practices in
Community
Supervision
(EPICS)

Victim
Awareness
Curriculum



THE DOMESTIC RELATIONS SECTION

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PROVIDING CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

The Domestic Relations Section (DRS) is the provider of child support services for the Lehigh County Court of Common Pleas under the federal Title IV-D child support program.

Under the leadership of Director Raymond Stabinsky, the DRS is responsible for providing services to dependent children and spouses through the establishment of paternity, location of absent parents, establishment of support orders, and enforcement of support orders.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS SECTION SERVICES

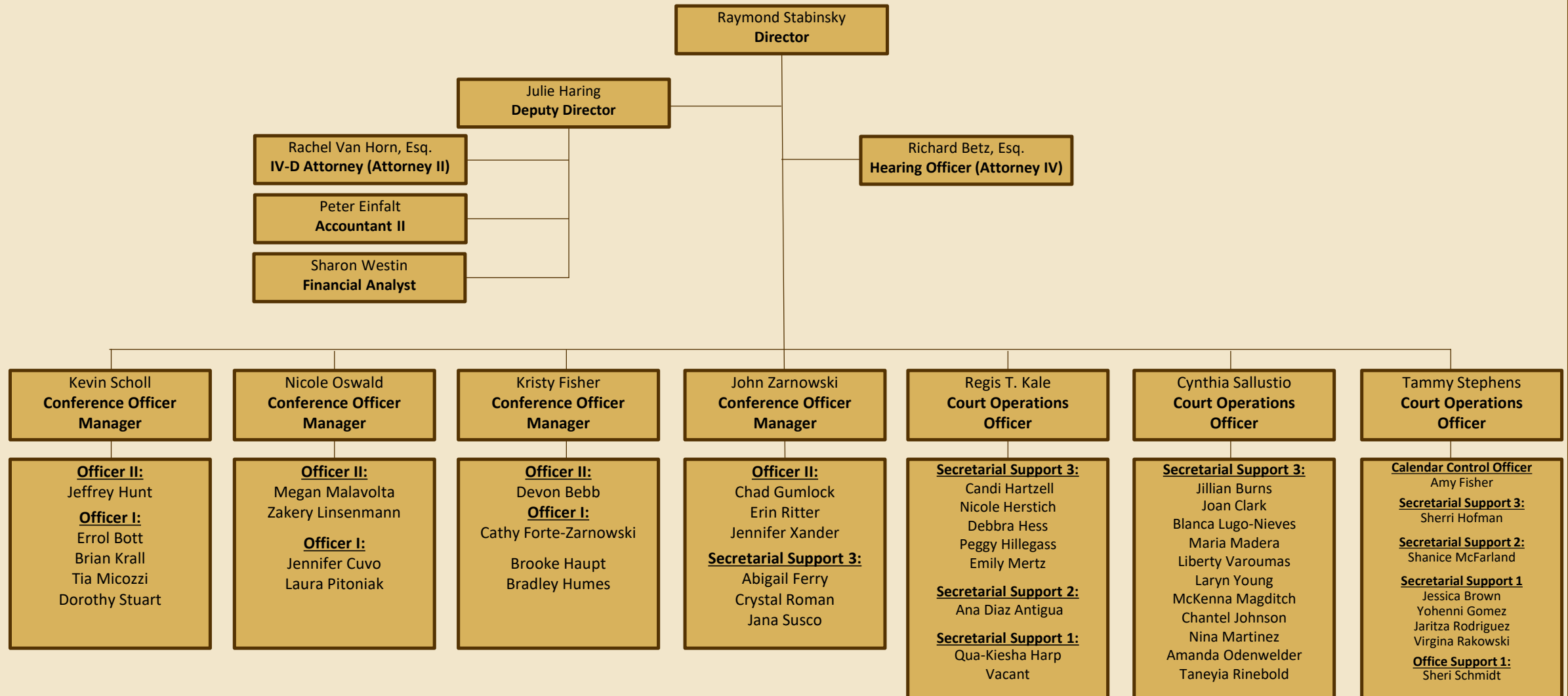
**Establishing
Paternity**

**Locating Absent
Parents**

**Establishing
Support Orders**

**Enforcing Support
Orders**

DOMESTIC RELATIONS SECTION ORGANIZATION



ESTABLISHING CHILD & SPOUSAL SUPPORT ORDERS

CONFERENCE OFFICER

Conducts conferences on support complaints and petitions for modification



HEARING OFFICER

Conducts hearings not settled by agreement by the conference officer



JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Conducts hearings on cases appealed from the hearing officer's order

In Lehigh County, establishment of a support order progresses under a 3-tier system. A conference officer conducts conferences on support complaints and petitions for modification on existing support orders. If an agreement cannot be reached between the parties at the conference, a temporary or "interim" support order is entered, and the case proceeds to a hearing before a hearing officer. The case will be scheduled for a hearing before a Judge of the Lehigh County Court of Common Pleas if one of the parties does not agree and files "exceptions" to the support order entered by the hearing officer.

2024 CASE MANAGEMENT TEAM ACTIVITIES



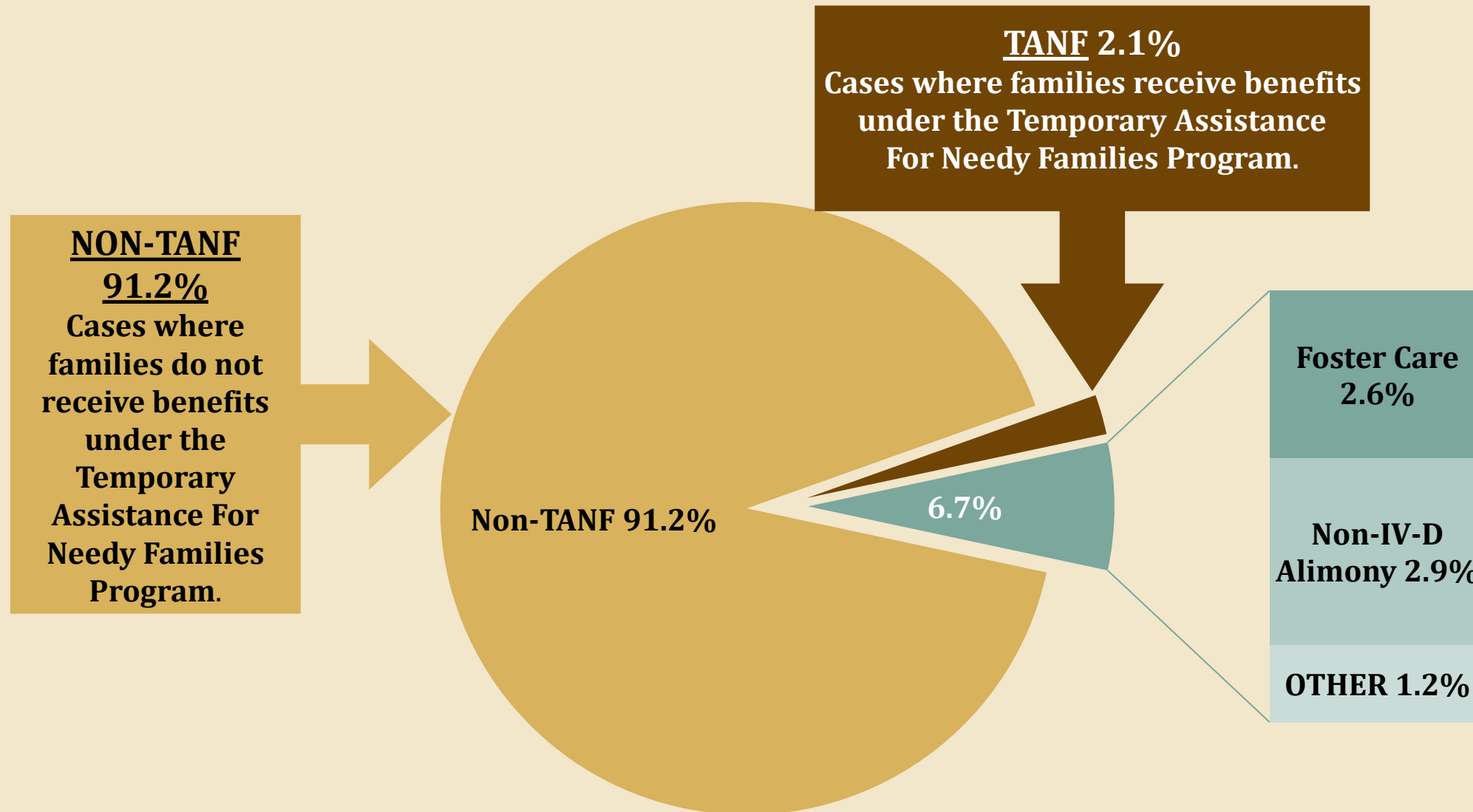
Conference officers and secretarial support staff are assigned to case management teams that are responsible for all case management activities of a support case from the establishment of a support order through the enforcement of a support order. In 2024, the Domestic Relations Section conducted 2,424 establishment conferences, 612 establishment hearings, and 1,656 contempt conferences/hearings.

2024 DOMESTIC RELATIONS SECTION FILINGS

2024 NON-TANF SUPPORT CASE FILINGS & DISPOSITIONS	
New Cases	2,723
Cases Transferred In	76
TANF to Non-TANF	69
Judge	51
Hearing Officer	441
Conference Officer	2,380
Cases Transferred Out	60
Non-TANF to TANF	87
Cases Processed	3,019

2024 TANF SUPPORT CASE FILINGS & DISPOSITIONS	
New Cases	247
Cases Transferred In	19
Non-TANF to TANF	87
Judge	4
Hearing Officer	116
Conference Officer	237
Cases Transferred Out	24
TANF to Non-TANF	69
Cases Processed	486

2024 SUPPORT CASES BY CASE TYPE



DOMESTIC RELATIONS SECTION SUMMARY 2024

**\$47 MILLION IN SUPPORT
PAYMENTS COLLECTED**

8,370 ACTIVE SUPPORT CASES

**4,692 CONFERENCES &
HEARINGS CONDUCTED**

**58 STAFF
MEMBERS**

The Lehigh County Domestic Relations Section conducted 4,692 conferences and hearings for the establishment and enforcement of support orders and collected \$47 million in support payments in 2024.

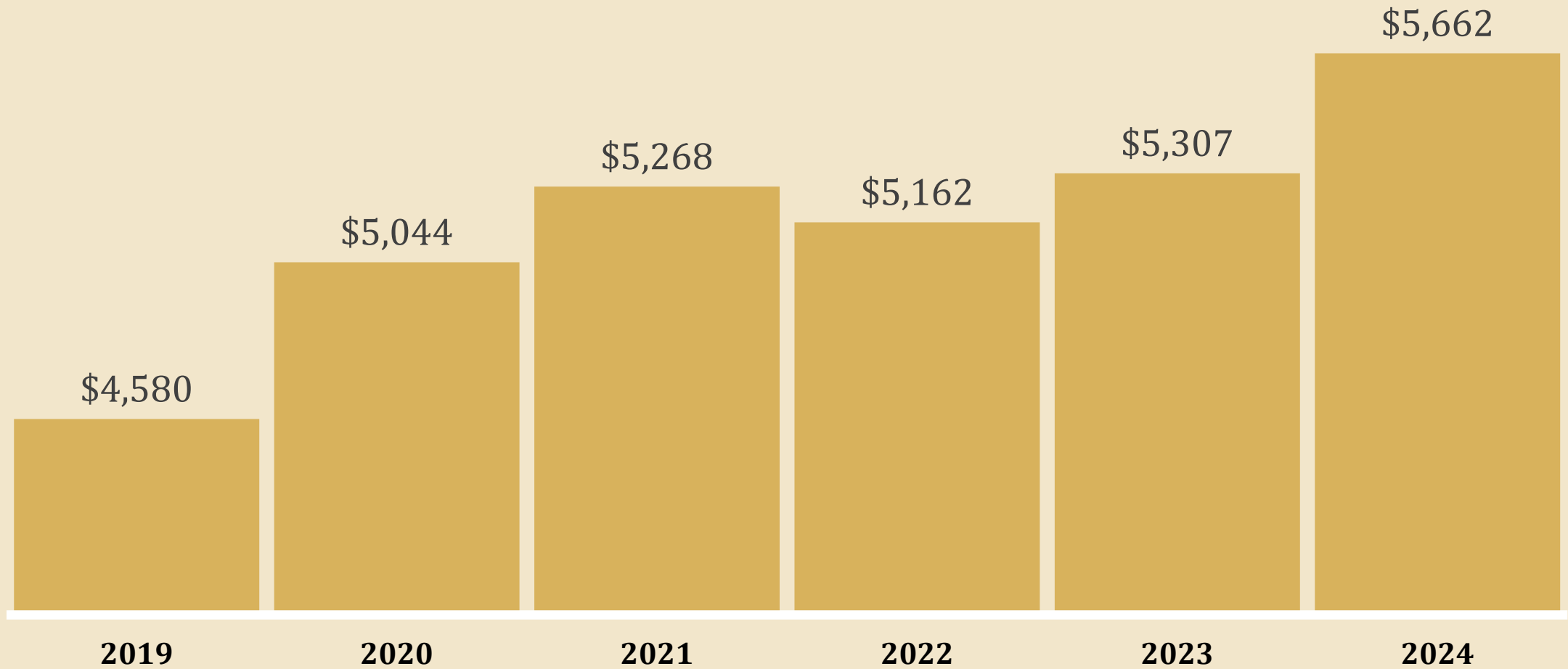
PACSES AND PA-SCDU

The Pennsylvania Child Support Enforcement System (PACSES) is a state-wide computer system used to enter, process and track all support case information and case management activities. All support payments that are collected from the defendant by the DRS are sent to the Pennsylvania State Collection and Disbursement Unit (PA-SCDU) and then forwarded to the plaintiff as a support payment.

**LEHIGH COUNTY DRS COLLECTED
\$47,394,329 IN SUPPORT PAYMENTS
IN 2024**

<https://freevectormaps.com/united-states/pennsylvania/US-PA-EPS-01-0001?ref=atr>

AVERAGE COLLECTIONS PER SUPPORT CASE 2019 TO 2024



FEDERAL FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

Through a Cooperative Agreement between the County of Lehigh and the Pennsylvania Bureau of Child Support Enforcement, the Domestic Relations Section is required to provide child support services as outlined in Title IV-D of the Social Security Act.

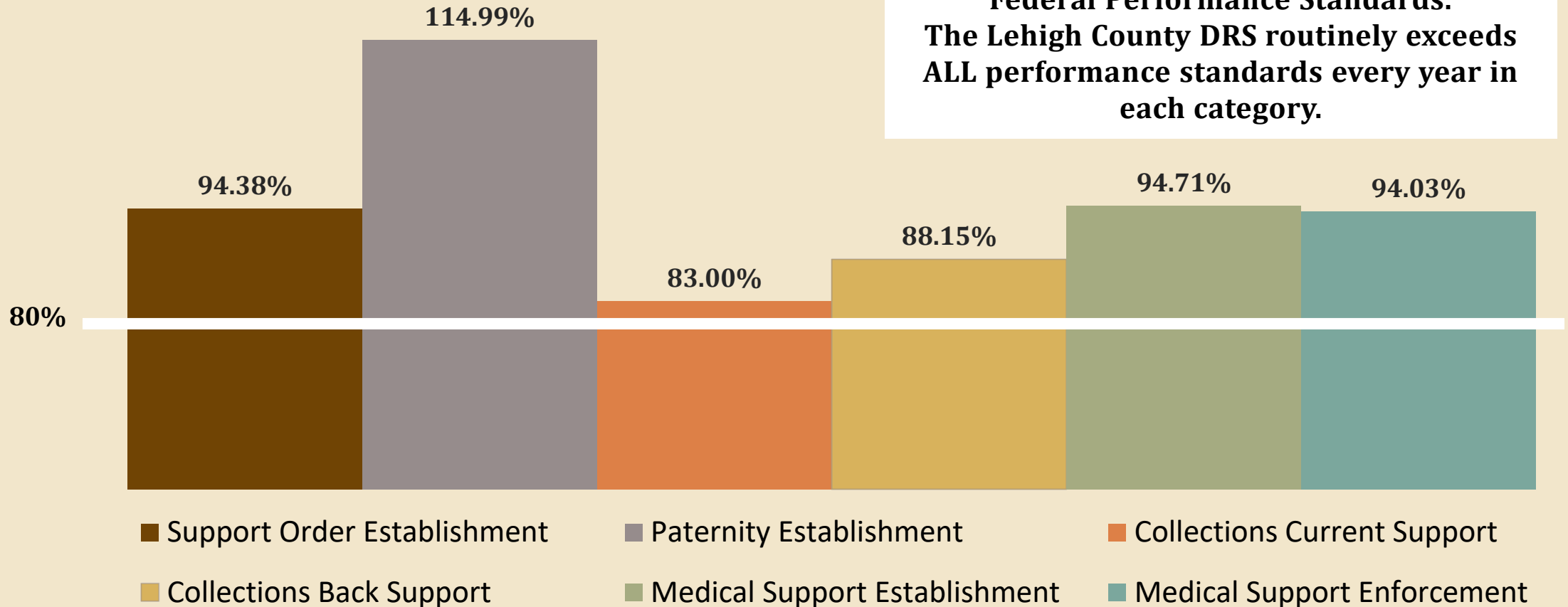
In order for the Domestic Relations Section to receive federal funding of 66% for all operating expenses, the child support services must be performed in accordance with the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure and the United States Code of Federal Regulations.

In order to maximize federal incentive funding for Pennsylvania and Lehigh County, the Domestic Relations Section is required to meet federal performance standards of at least 80% in the following categories:

- **CASES WITH SUPPORT ORDERS ESTABLISHED**
- **CASES WITH PATERNITY ESTABLISHED**
- **CASES WITH FULL MONTHLY COLLECTION OF CURRENT SUPPORT**
- **CASES WITH A PAYMENT ON BACK SUPPORT IN THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR**
- **CASES WITH MEDICAL SUPPORT ESTABLISHED (NOT TIED TO FUNDING)**
- **CASES WITH MEDICAL SUPPORT ENFORCED (NOT TIED TO FUNDING)**

FEDERAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2023 TO 2024

For the 2024 Federal Fiscal Year, which ended on September 30, 2024, the Domestic Relations Section exceeded 80% in all the Federal Performance Standards. The Lehigh County DRS routinely exceeds ALL performance standards every year in each category.



JUDICIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT OF SUPPORT ORDERS

- **FEDERAL AND STATE TAX REFUND INTERCEPT**

- **LOTTERY WINNINGS INTERCEPT**

- **FREEZE/SEIZE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS**

- **REAL PROPERTY LIENS**

- **CREDIT BUREAU REPORTING**

- **PASSPORT DENIAL**

- **DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSION**

- **RECREATIONAL LICENSE SUSPENSION**

- **PROFESSIONAL/OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE SUSPENSION**

- **BENCH WARRANTS/BODY ATTACHMENTS**

- **WORK SEARCH PROGRAM**

- **INCARCERATION WITH PURGE CONDITIONS/ WORK
RELEASE**

Conference Officers are responsible for conducting contempt conferences with delinquent defendants in an effort to gain compliance with the support order. If the defendant is habitually noncompliant with the support order, the defendant may be scheduled for a contempt hearing before a Judge for consideration of incarceration or other appropriate sanctions.

In addition, the judicial and administrative enforcement actions above may be initiated.



MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURTS

LEHIGH COUNTY MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURTS

PROVIDING THE FIRST LEVEL OF PENNSYLVANIA'S JUDICIARY

Magisterial District Courts handle traffic cases, minor criminal and summary cases, landlord/tenant cases, and civil cases involving amounts up to \$12,000.

In 2024, the Lehigh County Magisterial District Court consisted of 14 District Court offices, Night Court and Central Court. District Court 31-1-09 opened in January 2024 to serve Allentown Wards 6 and 10.

The personnel and administrative functions for the Magisterial District Courts are the responsibility of Magisterial District Judge Administrator Carolynn Perry.

2024 LEHIGH COUNTY MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGES

■ 31-1-01	Linda D. Vega	■ 31-1-08	Kyle B. Miller
■ 31-1-02	Rashid O. Santiago	■ 31-1-09	Mark A. McCants
■ 31-1-03	Ronald S. Manescu	■ 31-2-01	Karen C. Devine
■ 31-1-04	David M. Howells, Jr.	■ 31-2-02	Jacob E. Hammond
■ 31-1-05	Michael D. D'Amore	■ 31-3-01	Thomas Creighton
■ 31-1-06	Amy Zanelli	■ 31-3-02	Michael J. Faulkner
■ 31-1-07	Todd P. Heffelfinger	■ 31-3-03	Daniel C. Trexler

The supervision of each District Court is the responsibility of the elected Magisterial District Judge, a state employee. Other Magisterial District Court office employees are Lehigh County judicial employees.

2024 LEHIGH COUNTY MDJ COURT FILINGS

63,039

**Traffic
Cases**

5,310

**Non-
Traffic
Cases**

6,031

**Criminal
Cases**

4,840

Civil Cases

6,864

**Landlord/
Tenant
Cases**

SPECIAL MDJ COURTS

CENTRAL COURT



- Preliminary Hearings for all Incarcerated Defendants
- Located within the Lehigh County Courthouse
- MDJs preside on a rotating schedule
- DUI Court two days per month

NIGHT COURT



- Preliminary Arraignments for Arrests made after Courthouse hours
- Bail Payments
- Emergency PFA Orders
- Constable Warrant Matters

MORE INFORMATION

- In-depth information about the Lehigh County Court of Common Pleas is available at the Court's website at www.lccpa.org.
- This and prior annual reports and recent Criminal Justice Advisory Board Data Committee Reports are available in PDF at:
<https://www.lccpa.org/courtadmin/annualreports.nex>
- Information about careers with the Court is available at:
<https://www.lccpa.org/employment>

Lehigh County Court Of Common Pleas
SERVING THE CITIZENS OF LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Judges Departments Calendar Opinions Jury Service Forms FAQs Self Help Contacts

Court Home
Welcome to the Lehigh County Court of Common Pleas Website.

Court Divisions
Administration
Civil Court
Criminal Court
Drug Treatment Court
Domestic Relations Section
Family Court
Juvenile Court
Marriage Licenses
Orphans' Court
Judges of the Court
Services & Other Divisions/Departments

FAQs
Forms & Applications
Rules & Procedures
Self Help
Rule 509
Jury Service
Employment Opportunities

Self Help Section
Help for common tasks.

Find your Magisterial District Judge
Find your MDJ by entering your address.

Court Forms
Forms are available on our website by court division and category.

Court Calendar
The Court's calendar for this and upcoming months.

Rules & Procedures
Rules of the Court, Judges' Procedures and Administrative Orders.

Court Opinions
Court opinions are regularly posted online.

Schedule Changes & Important Notices
11/04/21 Judge Varricchio - Courtroom Rules
01/11/24 ORPHANS' COURT FINAL PHASE OF MANDATORY E-FILING - effective January 16, 2024
07/10/24 Walk-In Motions Cancellations

Court Calendar
Monday, July 15, 2024
9:00AM Assigned Civil Walk-In Motions (Canceled)
9:00AM Civil Trials
9:00AM Civil Trials
9:00AM Criminal Trials
9:30AM Civil Argument
9:30AM Civil Miscellaneous
9:30AM Civil Status Conference
9:30AM Criminal Miscellaneous
9:30AM Criminal Miscellaneous
9:30AM Custody
9:30AM Family Motion Court
9:30AM Hearings
1:30PM Juvenile Dependency Hearings
1:30PM Probation Violation Hearings (Gagnons)
Tuesday, July 16, 2024
9:00AM Assigned Civil Walk-In Motions
9:00AM Civil Trials
9:00AM Civil Trials
9:00AM Criminal Trials
9:30AM Civil Pre-trial Conferences
9:30AM Civil Pre-trial Conferences
9:30AM Criminal Miscellaneous
9:30AM Criminal Miscellaneous
9:30AM Custody

LEHIGH COUNTY EMAIL NOTIFICATION GROUP [Click here to sign up](#)

HISTORIC COURTHOUSE DEDICATION CEREMONY [Click here to see video](#)

The Court of Common Pleas of Lehigh County is a general jurisdiction trial court located in Allentown, Pennsylvania. There are ten full time judges and two senior judges providing judicial services to the citizens of Lehigh County. Each full time judge is assigned to one or more of the court divisions, which are the Criminal/Juvenile Division, the combined



LOCATION & CONTACT



COURT ADMINISTRATION

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