

Miami County Juvenile Court

2022 Annual Report

Judge Scott Altenburger



Magistrates:

Katherine Kemp Severt

Rebecca Hall

J. Andrew Wannemacher (Court Administrator)

Chief Probation Officer:

Elizabeth Harshbarger

Chief Deputy Clerk:

Nicole Rodriguez

Diversion/Truancy Coordinator:

Brady Schnitzler

Fiscal Officer:

Hannah Parshall

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HONORABLE SCOTT ALTENBURGER



Judge Scott Altenburger was elected in 2018 to serve as Judge of the Miami County Juvenile and Probate Court. He earned his Juris Doctorate from The University of Toledo, School of Law and a Bachelor's Degree in Education from The University of Toledo, receiving a state teaching license 7th grade – 12th grades. He has completed the necessary course work through the Ohio Supreme Court to mediate family law cases.

Judge Altenburger's life, education and career experiences make him uniquely qualified to lead the court. He has been a magistrate and later appointed chief magistrate of the Miami County Court of Common Pleas, General Division from May 1995 to November 2018. In those roles, he has handled in excess of 30,000 family law cases. For more than 18 years, he had been an adjunct instructor for Edison State Community College teaching Family Law and Legal Research and Writing. Additionally, he taught paralegal courses at Capital University Law School. He has given legal presentations to the Miami County Bar Association, Montgomery County Bar Association, Dayton Bar Association, Lucas County Bar Association, Toledo Bar Association, and The Ohio Association of Magistrates. Prior to being a magistrate, he was an assistant city law director, assistant county prosecutor, and mayor's court magistrate.

Judge Altenburger believes experience, integrity and fairness are the hallmarks of an effective judge. He pledges to give each case individual attention, which families in Miami County deserve, while adhering to the rule of law. As a fiscal conservative, he believes in the teamwork concept to ensure effective government that is efficiently run in a responsible manner. He is a member of the Miami County Bar Association, Ohio State Bar Association, Ohio Association of Juvenile Court Judges, Ohio Association of Probate Court Judges, National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges and past member of the Ohio Magistrates Association and Ohio Association of Domestic Relations Judges.

He has been married for 33 years to Kay Altenburger, treasurer/CFO for Milton-Union Exempted Village Schools. They have two daughters: Dr. Lauren Altenburger, graduate of The Ohio State University, and Dr. Kristen Altenburger, Stanford University.

Miami County Juvenile Court Judges

Hon. Raymond Kerr	1925-1929
Hon. Harry Powell	1929-1933
Hon. Guy O'Donnell	1933-1941
Hon. Carl Felger	1941-1949
Hon. Samuel Faust	1949-1973
Hon. James R. O'Donnell	1973-1974
Hon. Richard A. Goater	1974-1996
Hon. Lynnita K.C. Wagner	1996-2008
Hon. W. McGregor Dixon Jr.	2008-2018
Hon. Scott Altenburger	2018 - Present

Current Magistrates

Rebecca Hall



Katherine Severt



J. Andrew Wannemacher



Our Purpose

The Juvenile Court of Miami County is a division of the Miami County Common Pleas Court. Our purpose is to protect the Miami County community from juvenile crime, assist the victims of that crime, counsel and rehabilitate youth who commit crimes, protect children from abuse, neglect, and dependency and provide allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for children whose parents were never married.

Juvenile Court becomes involved in the lives of persons under 18 who:

- ❖ Do not obey their parents, school officials, and other custodians
- ❖ Do not attend school, who violate curfew, who drink alcohol and use drugs
- ❖ Commit violations of traffic laws
- ❖ Commit criminal acts
- ❖ Are victims of abuse, neglect or dependency
- ❖ And whose circumstances require orders of paternity, custody, visitation, and child support

The Court also hears cases involving adults who contribute to the unruliness or delinquency of a minor, and those parents who fail to send their children to school as required by law.

The Court protects the interests and rights of our children and the public by holding youth accountable for their actions and providing services aimed at rehabilitating the youth and their families. The Court strives to strengthen the family and empower parents to actively provide the balance of love, structure, supervision, and responsibility so that their children will develop the self-control and independence needed to become productive, self-sufficient, law-abiding adults.

The Court becomes involved with youth through various channels, including parents, school officials, law enforcement authorities, neighbors, the Child Protective Services Agency, and the Prosecutor's office.

Under the direction of Judge Scott Altenburger and with the support of two full-time magistrates and one part time magistrate, the Court provides a broad range of preventative services, interventions, and consequences. This report is intended to help you understand the children we serve and give you an overview of the services we provided in 2022.

2022 Updates

New Chief Probation Officer



Elizabeth Harshbarger

In October, Elizabeth Harshbarger became the Chief Probation Officer. Liz has been with the Court since 2017, first as a deputy clerk in the Juvenile Clerk's office, then moving to the probation department as a probation officer. Liz has progressed quickly through several positions within the department. Liz's drive and knowledge of the Court allows the probation department to continue to be a leader in juvenile justice.

New position in the Clerk's office.



Dawn Putney

Dawn Putney was promoted to a newly created position of Clerk Service Supervisor. Dawn has been a deputy clerk with the Court since 2001. As the Clerk Service Supervisor, Dawn's extensive experience will be utilized to train new staff and assist the Chief Deputy Clerk.

New Staff to the Court

In 2022, the Court continued to have staffing changes. In Probation, the department hired two new probation officers.



Kylee Brooks



Angela Cromwell

The Juvenile Clerk's office has added the following staff:



Julie Probst



Joy Adkins

Supreme Court Technology Grant

The Court received a Supreme Court technology grant to assist the court in implementing a text reminder system. The Court received \$5,000 to work with its case management system, to develop a system enabling the case management system to send text reminders regarding court hearings. Studies have shown that text reminders used in large court systems have reduced the number of people of failing to appear by 26%. Court Administrator Andrew Wannemacher stated "the impact of people not appearing is far reaching. Not only is there the inconvenience factor for all other court participants, you then add the cost of having the hearing continued. Then in certain case types, a warrant may be issued, which uses countless other county resources, such as the cost to the sheriff to search for the person and then house the person once found. This doesn't even address the impact of the warrant being served on the individual and the disruption caused when they are found and arrested. Whatever we can do to get individuals to appear to court without the necessity of a warrant will benefit the community."

Supreme Court Failure to Appear Pilot Program

In conjunction with the technology grant, the Supreme Court developed a pilot program to work with several counties across Ohio helping them to implement the text reminder system. Miami County Juvenile/Probate Court is part of this pilot program.

The Youth We Serve

Juvenile Delinquency

In Ohio, a juvenile delinquent is defined as “.... [a]ny child, except a juvenile traffic offender, who violates any law of this state or the United States, or any ordinance of a political subdivision of the state, that would be an offense if committed by an adult;...” This definition also includes any child who violates any lawful order of the Juvenile Court. Each year the Court handles many types of delinquency charges, some are considered misdemeanors and others are felonies. The following is a summary of the 2022 charges:

Charges	
Arson	1
Assault Misdemeanor	35
Assault Felony	5
Curfew	8
Breaking & Entering	10
Burglary & Agg Burglary	3
Carry/Concealed Weapon	2
Conspiracy	0
Contempt of Court Order	145
Counterfeiting	0
Convey Drugs	0
Criminal Damaging	46
Criminal Mischief	15
Cruelty to Animals	0
Discharge Fireworks	1
Disorderly Conduct	48
Disseminating Harmful Material	8
Domestic Violence	31
Driving Prohibitions	0
Drug Abuse	21
Drug Paraphernalia	7
Drug Possession	14
Drug Trafficking & Agg. Drug Trafficking	2
Failure to Comply	4
Falsification	0
Inducing/Inciting Panic or Violence	0
Harassment	3
Littering	1
Making False Alarm	0

Menacing & Agg. Menacing	12
Obstructing Official Business/Justice/Failure to disclose	6
Other Weapons Charges	2
Pandering	2
Robbery	1
Possession of Alcohol/Underage Consumption	29
Probation Violation	55
Public Indecency	2
Rape	2
Receiving Stolen Property	3
Resisting Arrest	2
Sexual Imposition & Gross Sexual Imposition	8
Open Container	3
Tobacco Violation	10
Tampering w/ Evidence/Property	3
Theft/Grand Theft Auto/Misuse of Credit Card/Identity	39
Consent Required	1
Park Hour Viol	1
Trespassing/Criminal Trespassing	20
Unauthorized use of Motor Vehicle/Property	3
Unruly	10
Vandalism	2
Furn Alcohol Minor	1
Weapon on School Grounds	1
Total Delinquency Charges	628
Total Delinquency Cases Filed or Reactivated	555

The Court has many dispositional options for a delinquent child including:

- ◆ Place the child on community control which may include:
 - Probation supervision
 - Community service
 - Curfew
 - Drug/alcohol evaluation and monitoring
 - House arrest
 - Electronic home monitoring
- ◆ Commit the child to the Ohio Department of Youth Services (felony only)
- ◆ Commit the child to a Community Control Facility (felony only)
- ◆ Place the child in foster care or in a residential center
- ◆ Require the child attend a specific community program
- ◆ Require the child make restitution
- ◆ Order the child to attend a specific treatment program
- ◆ Impose a fine and court cost
- ◆ Make any order the Court finds will benefit the child

Unruly Child

An unruly child is defined by the Ohio Revised Code § 2151.02 as

- (a) Any child who does not submit to the reasonable control of the child's parents, teachers, guardian, or custodian, by reason of being wayward or habitually disobedient;
- (b) Any child who is an habitual truant from school;
- (c) Any child who behaves in a manner as to injure or endanger the child's own health or morals or the health or morals of others;

The following is a summary of the 2022 unruly charges:

2022 Unruly Charges Filed

Truancy	87
Curfew Violations	40
Incorrigible	197
Behavior that injures health or morals	25
Tobacco Law Violations	12
Total Charges	361
Total Unruly Cases	622
Total dispositions entered	627

The Court has many options for dealing with an unruly child and they are:

- ◆ Place child on community control which may include
 - Probation supervision
 - Community Service
- ◆ Suspend operator's license
- ◆ Commit the child to the temporary or permanent custody of the Court
- ◆ Require drug and alcohol evaluation, monitoring or treatment
- ◆ Require the child attend school, participate in an academic program or alternative school
- ◆ Require the child receive appropriate medical or psychological treatment or counseling

Juvenile Traffic

The Court has jurisdiction over all traffic offenses committed by juveniles. These cases in 2022 included:

2022 Traffic Charges Filed

Speeding	143
Fail To Control/Reckless Operation	37
Failure to Maintain Distance	47
Seatbelt/Child Restraint	10
Disregarding Traffic Control Device (Sign/Lights)	29
Fail To Yield	23
Improper Backing, Turn or Lane Change	7
No OL/Permit/Allowing Unlicensed Driver to Drive	23
Driving Under Influence & Related	3
Driving Under Suspension	6
Fictitious/Expired/Missing	5
Plate/Registration/insurance	2
Probationary or temporary license restriction	0
No Head or Tail Lights	1
Leaving the Scene	3
Failure to stop for School Bus	8
Drag Racing	0
Squealing Tires/Noise Ordinance	0
Motorcycle Helmet	2
Off Road Vehicle	0
Speed in School Zone	0
Passing Within 100 Feet	0
Distracted Driving/Texting	0
Marked Lanes	2
Unsafe Vehicle	1
Turn Signal Violation	1
Other	2
Total Traffic Bureau Charges	69
Total Traffic Charges	355
Total Traffic Cases	333

Possible dispositions for juvenile traffic offender include:

- ◆ Suspend the child's license for any time period up to age 21
- ◆ Place child on probation
- ◆ Impose fines or costs
- ◆ Place child in Detention (for serious violations)
- ◆ Order child to attend CARTEENS or a driver's improvement program
- ◆ Order restitution
- ◆ Have the child attend a specific program, such as community service or a therapeutic program

Abused, Neglected and Dependent Children

An abused child includes any child that exhibits evidence of any serious physical or emotional injury inflicted other than by accidental means or is the victim of sexual activity. A neglected child is one who is abandoned or lacks parental care because of the faults, habits, and indifference of the parents or custodians. A dependent child lacks proper care or support through no fault of the parents or custodian. The juvenile court has the responsibility to hear such cases and make a finding or adjudication. The Court may make orders altering legal custody or redefining the parental rights and responsibilities to protect the child. These cases are very complex and require close cooperation with Miami County Child Protective Services, law enforcement, and other social agencies.

2022 Abuse, Neglect & Dependency Charges Filed

Abuse, Neglect and Dependency	151
Motion for Permanent Custody	16
Bridges Program	9
Permanent Planned Living Arrangement	0
Case Plan	113
Voluntary Agreement of Temporary Custody	1

When a child's physical, mental and emotional health is at stake and when the child's needs are not being met, that the child needs an advocate. Therefore, in all of these cases the Court appoints a guardian ad litem either through CASA/GAL of MIAMI COUNTY or a private attorney. Based on the complaint before it, and by considering the best interest of the child, the Court may use a variety of options concerning abused, neglected, and dependent children including:

- ◆ Order protective supervision by Miami County Child Protective Services
- ◆ Remove the child from the home on a temporary basis and give custody to Child Protective Services during which time the parties can work on a plan for reunification
- ◆ Give legal custody to a relative
- ◆ Place the child in long-term foster care when the parent is not able to assume care
- ◆ Award permanent custody to Child Protective Services, so that the child can be adopted

The Bridges Program allows young adults, who were in foster care at the time they turned 18, to continue to receive certain services, such as education, housing and employment, until they reach the age of 21.

Paternity, Custody, Child Support, and Visitation

The Juvenile Court has jurisdiction to determine custody, visitation (parenting time) and child support involving children whose parents were never married. Sometimes, this involves determining who the father of a child is. The Court also hears cases in which people, other than parents are seeking custody of a child.

Child Support establishment and enforcement cases involve working with the Miami County Child Support Agency.

2022 Paternity, Custody, Visitation & Child Support Charges Filed

Custody/Visitation	550
Support Enforcement/Modifications	400
Admin cases with no hearings	349
Parentage	43
Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	10

Caretaker Authorization	2
Grandparent Power of Attorney	17
Contempt (Child Support)	62
Contempt (Non-Child Support)	17
Imposition (Child Support)	43
Imposition (Non-Child Support)	2
Other	1

Adult Misdemeanor Cases

The Juvenile Court also has jurisdiction in misdemeanor cases against adults charged with acts against children. This includes contributing to the delinquency or unruliness of a minor, failure to send a child to school and contempt of court regarding orders made by the Juvenile Court.

2022 Adult Charges Filed

Child Endangering	0
Contempt of Court	35
Contributing to the Delinquency or Unruliness of a Minor	11
Failure to send to school	52
Imposition of sentence	1
Adult charges filed	99
Total Adult Criminal Cases Filed and Reactivated	102

Miscellaneous Cases

The Court hears a number of cases that do not fall into any particular category. These include such issues as applications for a marriage license by an underage child, hospitalization of a mentally ill minor, certain kinds of consents for medical treatment, judicial bypass, search warrants, and civil protective orders. In 2022, the court handled 10 such filings, including nine civil protection cases and a consent to wed.

Filing Trends 2012-2022

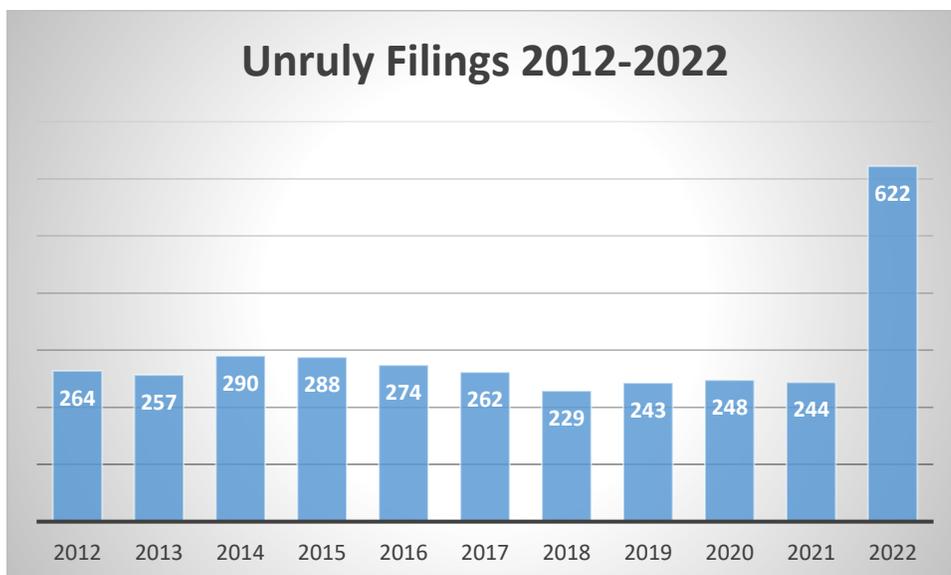
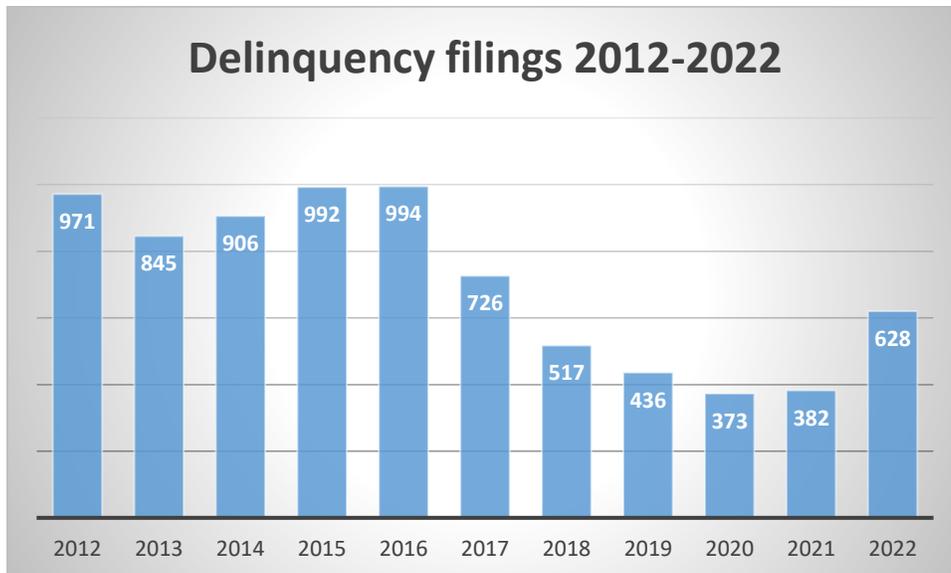
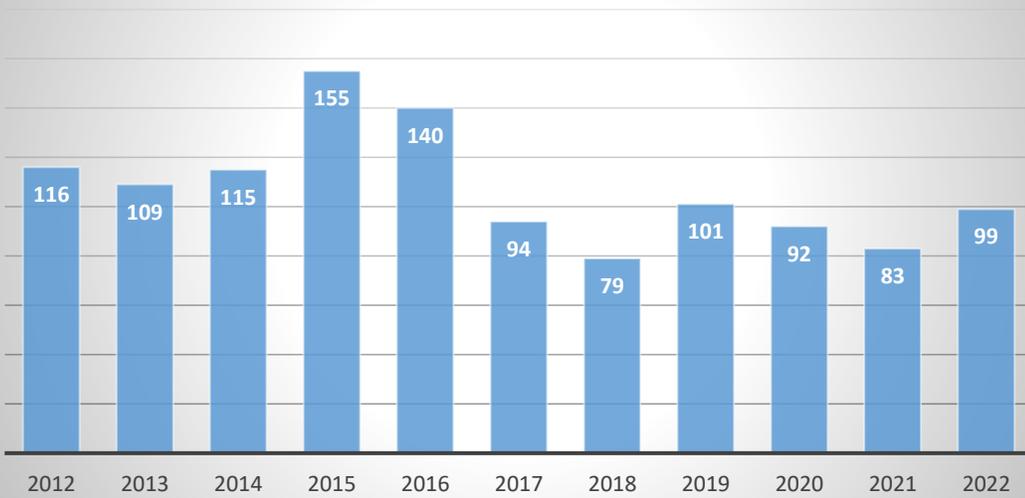


Chart reflects change in accounting for diversion cases

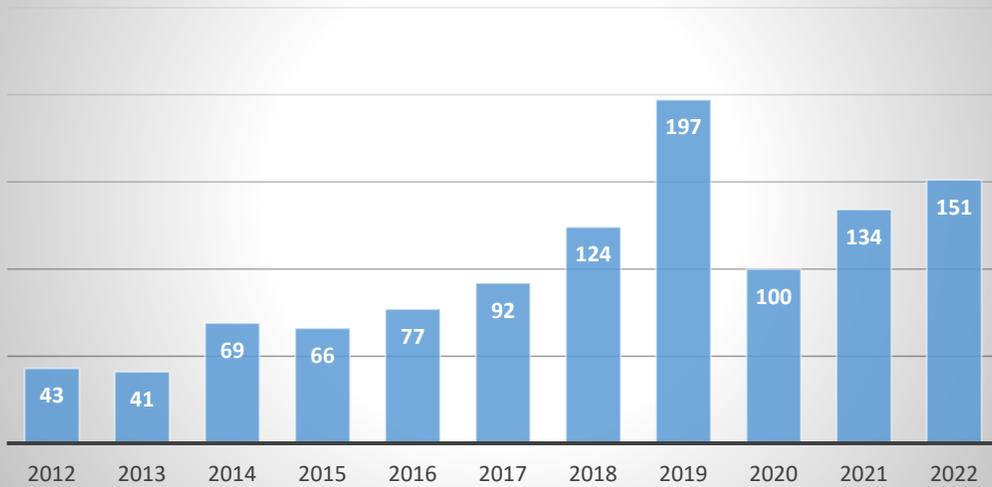
Traffic Filings 2012-2022



Adult Filings 2012-2022



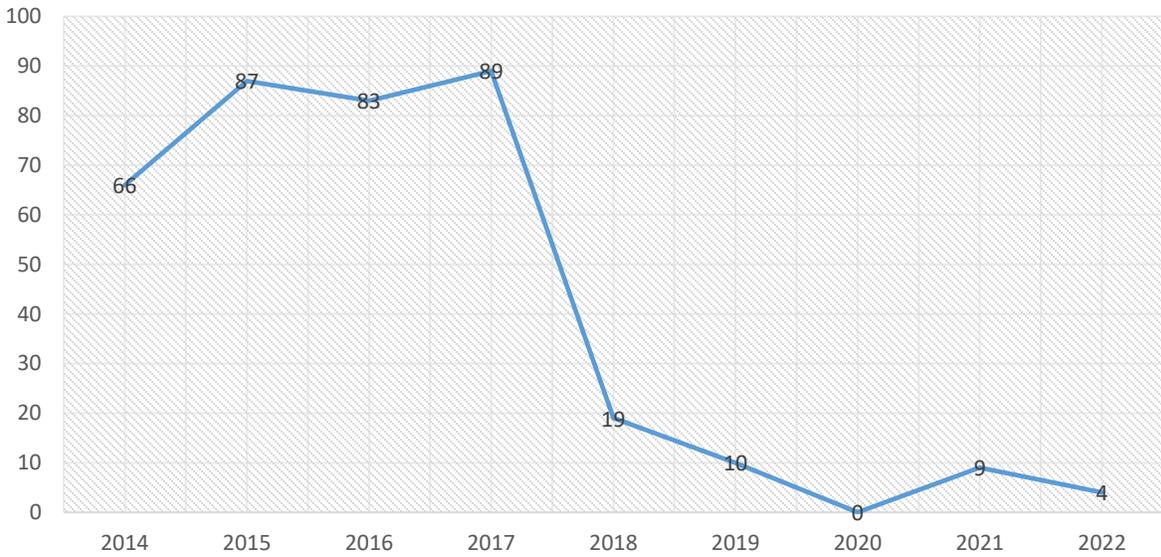
Abuse/Neglect/Dependency 2012-2022



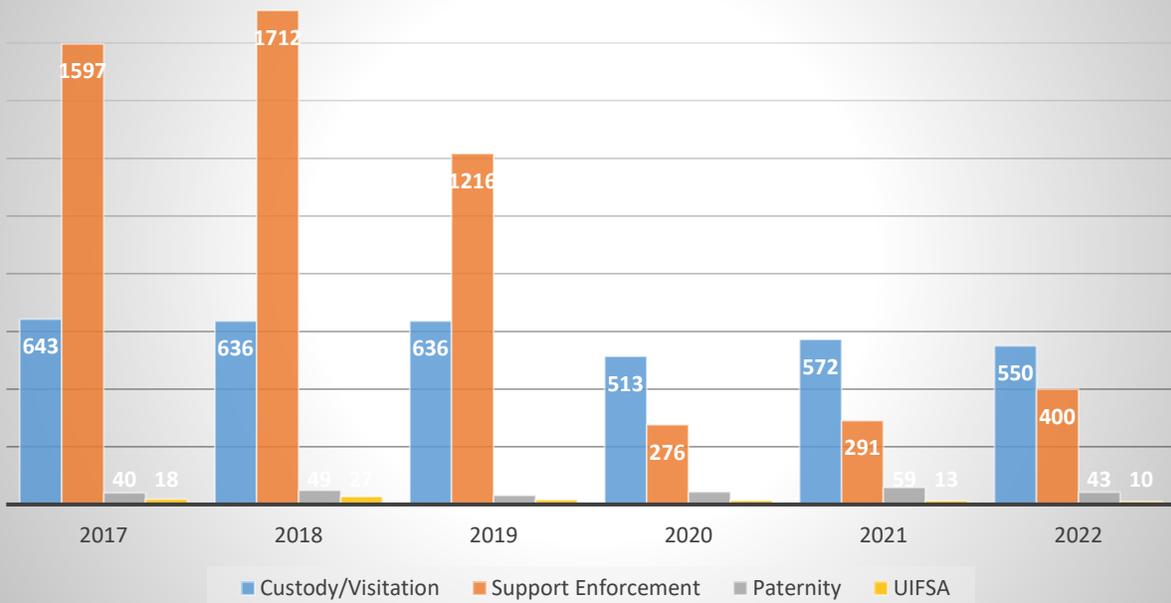
Permanent Custody 2012-2022



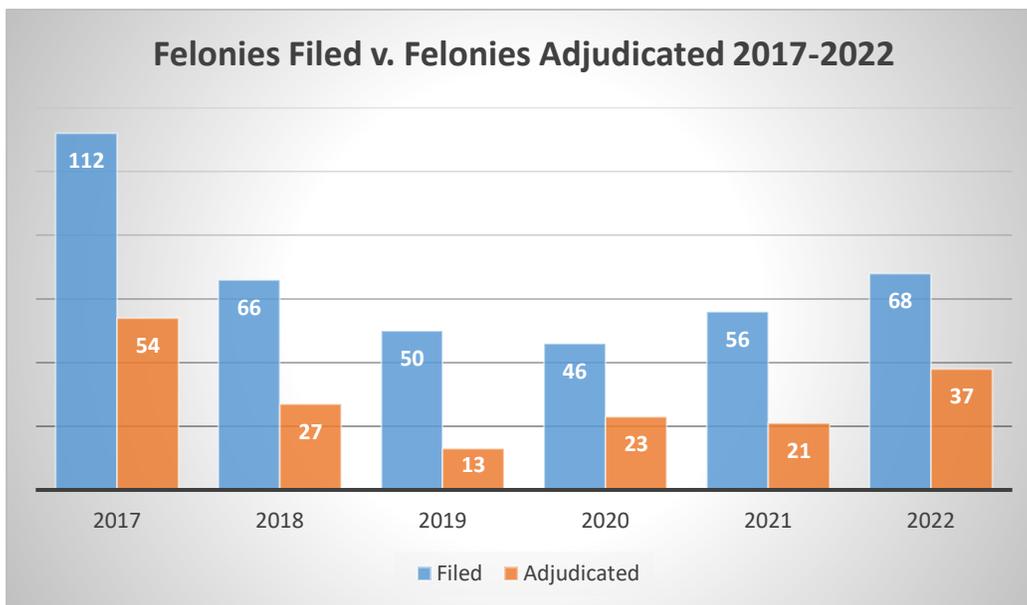
Number of Cases Pending Beyond Supreme Court Time Guidelines 2014-2022



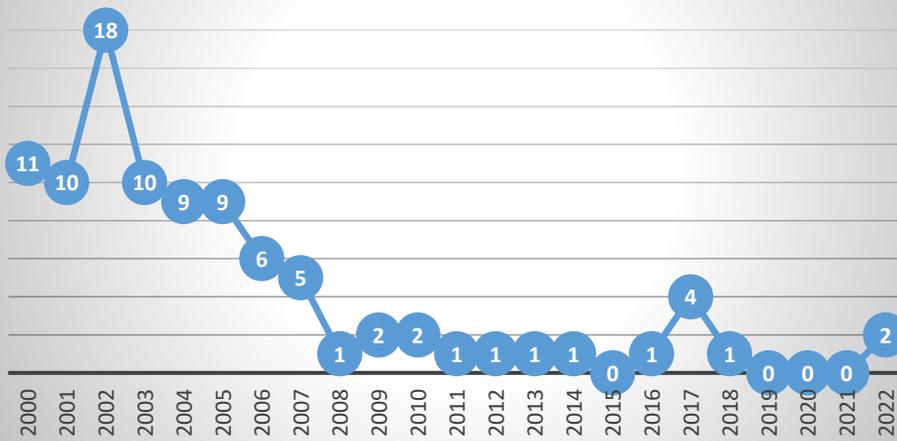
Custody/Visitation, Child Support and Paternity 2017-2022



Adjudication Trends

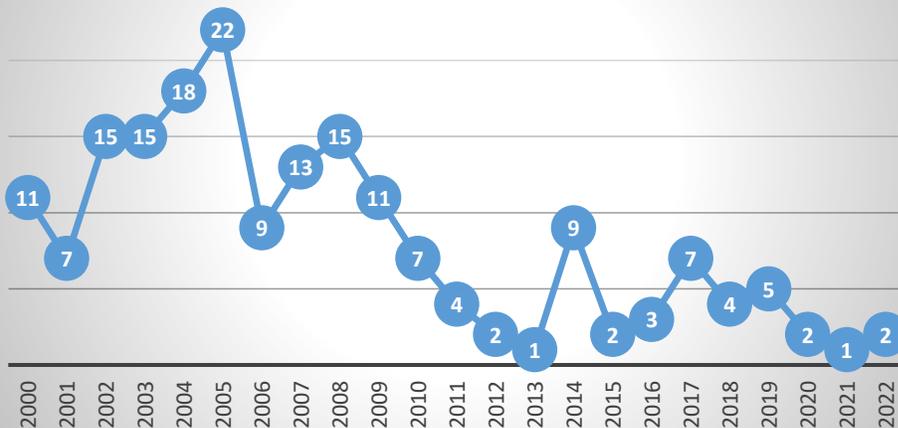


DYS Commitments 2000-2022



The Ohio Department of Youth Services operates institutions (prisons) for youth that commit a serious crime. The Court uses a commitment to DYS only if other dispositional options are not available.

CCF Commitments 2000-2022



Community Control Facilities house youth that have committed felonies for generally a period of six to nine months.

The Ohio Department of Youth Services operates 11 CCFs (Community Correctional Facility) across the state. A CCF is a locked facility for youth that have committed a felony level offense. It is a local dispositional alternative in lieu of a commitment to DYS. Many of the CCFs have specific programming, such as sex offender treatment.

Court Services - Clerk's Office



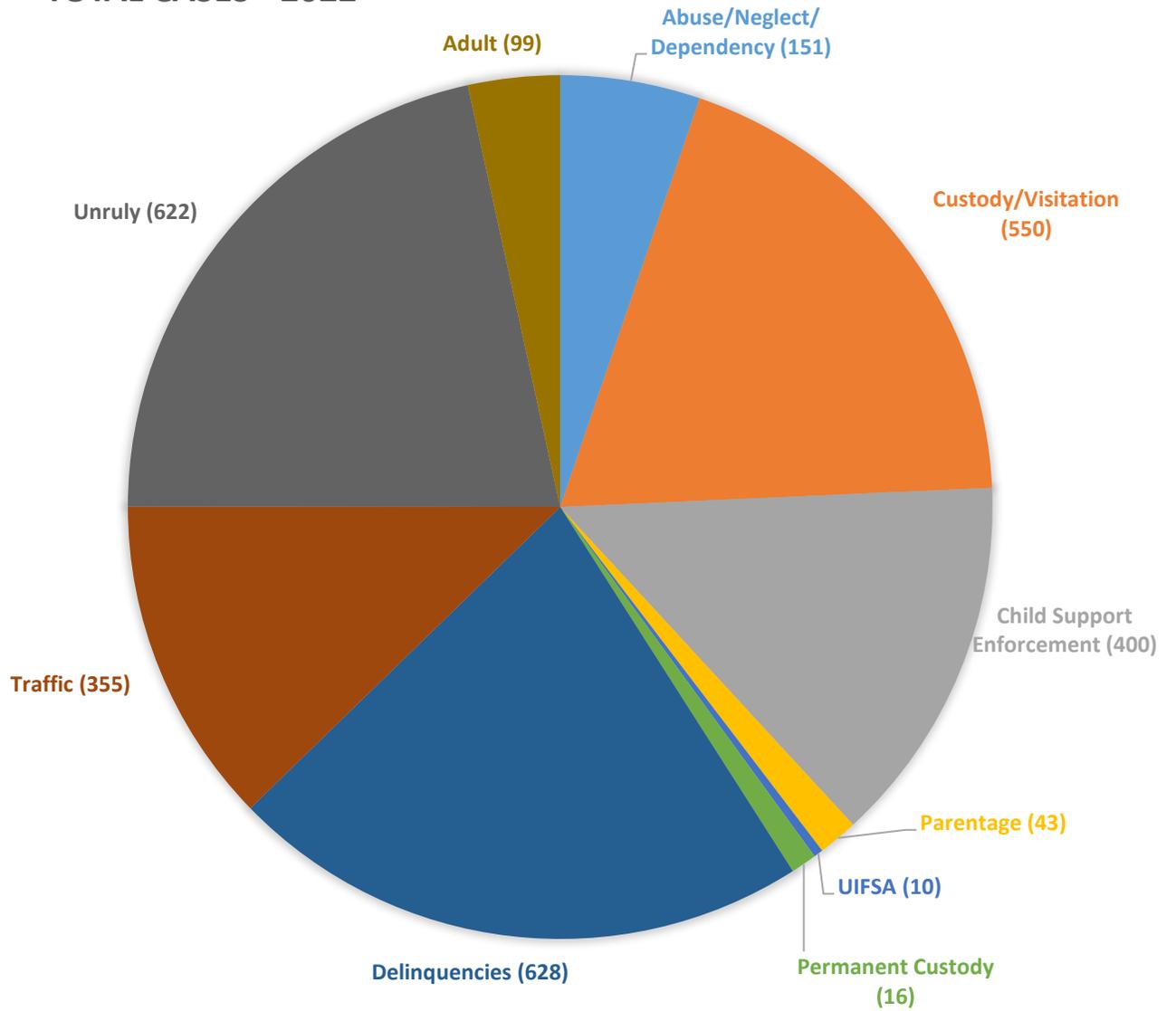
Nicole Rodriguez – Chief Deputy Clerk

The clerk's office is responsible for handling all the paperwork related to any court case. It accepts the filings, schedules hearings, certifies all orders, processes all the paperwork, acts as court reporters and generally maintains all case records. Under the direction of Chief Deputy Clerk, Nicole Rodriguez and with the help of six full-time clerks, the office serves all the clients of the Court.

2022 Court Activity

Total Cases Filed	2671
Total Cases Terminated	2705

TOTAL CASES - 2022



Juvenile Probation



Elizabeth Harshbarger – Chief Probation Officer

The Miami County Juvenile Probation Department's mission is to encourage youth to behave responsibly, and ensure the community's safety through the enforcement of court orders and terms of probation. The department engages youth through the combination of evidence-based practices, incentivized goals, and collaborations with local agencies and schools. Skill streaming groups for youth and parents on probation are offered. These groups allow families to gain knowledge and skills that will make them less likely to commit future violations. Providing probation supervision, enforcement of court orders, and establishing meaningful connections with youth and their families, the probation department's goal is to effectuate change in the youth's behavior and to empower parents to manage behavioral issues without law enforcement intervention.

In 2022, the probation staff consisted of six full-time probation officers and one probation assistant/community service supervisor. They have been able to serve the needs of the youth and their families by utilizing a team-based approach to serve the community. Additionally, the probation department offers online educational courses to both youth and their parents. These online classes are available at no cost to court-involved families and allow families to access resources from their home, accommodating families with transportation barriers.

To achieve the mission the department maintains the following components:

- A Diversion program for first time offenders, which includes an array of education and mental health services to assist families in addressing communication and behavior problems.
- A variety of assessments of the youth's level of risk, trauma history, and thought process to develop dispositional recommendations with individualized treatment plans using multiple modes of intervention.
- Specialized supervision of sex offenders and youth in specialized out-of-home placements.
- Probation supervision which concentrates on changing behavior and improving pro-social skills through individualized treatment planning and using community resources. Working with parents, officers monitor court orders to assure accountability.
- House Arrest Monitoring Program which supervises youth placed on house arrest and EHM during weekend and evening hours.
- Community Service Program which gives youth the opportunity to participate in supervised work projects which benefit the community.
- Utilization of Carey Guides, an evidence-based practice, which provides insight regarding past behaviors and decision making, and educates the youth and families regarding appropriate, respectable future choices and actions.
- Facilitation of groups by partnerships with community agencies, which serve as beneficial interventions for both youth and parents.

2022 Assessment Statistics

Miami County Juvenile Court utilizes the Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS) risk assessments, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES), Child & Adolescence Needs and Strengths (CANS), and How I Think (HIT) assessments to guide staff. Any youth adjudicated on a first degree misdemeanor offense or higher will undergo one or more of these assessments. The assessments provide the court with the level of risk that a youth poses, history of trauma, the families' strengths and needs, and insight into possible cognitive distortions. Following assessments, probation staff uses the information gathered to make dispositional recommendations and individualized treatment plans using multiple modes of intervention.

Assessment Demographics	
Total	53
Males	42
Females	11

Offense Type	
Misdemeanor	31
Felony	17
Unruly/Truancy (first time)	0
Unruly	3
Traffic	0

City of Residence	
Piqua	20
Troy	18
Tipp City	7
West Milton/Laura	5
Bradford	1
Covington	1
Other	1

Disposition	
Probation	39
Other	10
DYS	0
Lived out of county	0
Pending	4

Charges placed on Probation				
		Receiving Stolen Property (or att)		0
Unruly/truancy	3	Theft		6
CCW	1	Obstruction/falsification/Resisting		0
Misuse of credit card	2	Menacing (Including Agg)		0
Criminal Damaging	3	Firearm Offense		1
Tampering with Property	0	Drug Abuse/Possession		4
Unauthorized Use of MV	1	Probation violation		1
Assault/Agg Assault	4	Domestic Violence		3
UAC/Possession	3	Robbery		1
Disorderly Conduct	3	Arson related		0
Contributing	1	Weapon on School		0
B & E (or attempted)	5	Sexual Imposition		1
Contempt	0	Failure to Comply		1
Make false alarm	0	Gross Sexual Imposition/Attempt		4
Harm Animal	0	Disseminating Harmful Material		1
Telephone Harassment	1	Pandering		1
Vandalism	0	Total		51

2022 Probation Department

Probation Assignments		Probation by City	
Males	33	Tipp City	6
Females	7	Bradford/Covington/Pleasant Hill	2
African American	4	West Milton/Ludlow Falls/Laura	4
Caucasian	35	Piqua	15
Other	1	Troy	13
Felony	16	Charges filed by Department	
Misdemeanor	24	Miami County Sheriff Office	7
Unruly	0	Piqua PD.	10
		Troy PD	8
		West Milton PD.	2
		Tipp City PD	2
		Miami Co. Prosecutor	6
		Other	5
Total Youth Ordered	40	Probation by Age	
Total Youth from Previous Year	30	11- Under	0
TOTAL SERVED	70	12 & 13	4
		14 & 15	15
		16 & Up	21

Charges Resulting in Probation

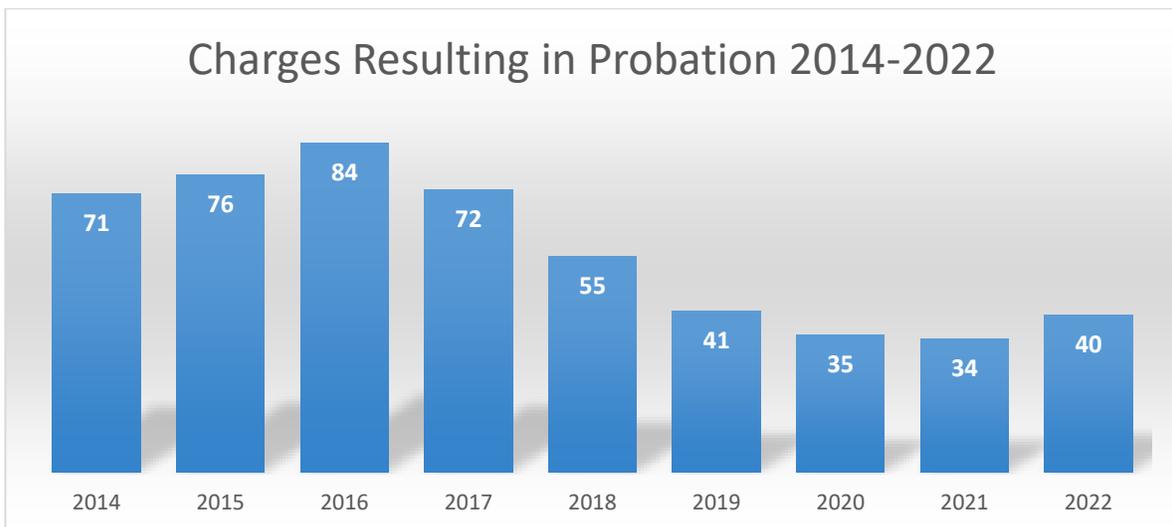
Animal Related	0
Arson	0
Assault	3
Breaking Entering/Burglary	6
Contempt	0
Criminal Mischief	0
Criminal Damaging/Misc./Vand./Tres.	1
Disorderly Conduct	3
Disseminating/Pandering	2
Domestic Violence	1
Drug Possession	5
Felonious Assault/Agg Assault	3
Felony Drug Possession	1
Felonious Theft	0
Unauthorized Use of Credit Card	1
Receiving Stolen Property	0
Robbery/Agg. Robbery	0
Sex Offenses	5
Underage consumption	1
Theft Related	5
Unauthorized Use of Credit Card	2
Unruly/Truancy/Curfew	0
Weapon Charge	1
Total Charges	40

School Attended

Homeschooled	0
Miami East High	2
Milton Union High	3
Milton Union Middle	1
Piqua High	9
Piqua Jr. High	5
Troy Jr. High	1
Troy High	4
Upper Valley Career	3
Other	12

Felony Charges

Agg Assault	2
Felonious Assault	1
Breaking Entering	6
Drug Offense	1
Gross Sexual Imposition	4
Pandering	1
Weapons	1
Theft	1
Total Charges	17



Out of Home Placement

Miami County Juvenile Court Probation Department may take custody/care and control of an adjudicated unruly or delinquent youth when the parent is unable to effectively parent or manage the child's behavioral problems. The child can be placed in an out-of-home setting such as foster care or residential treatment. This decision is only made when the Probation Department has made reasonable efforts to prevent placement and the Court determines it is in the child's best interest to live away from their parent or guardian.

In 2012, Miami Juvenile Court Probation Department became a Title IV-E certified court. Title IV-E is a federal program that subsidizes the cost of out-of-home care for eligible youth. The goal of the program is to reduce the reliance on out-of-home care and encourage the use of preventive and reunification services. Through this program the Court acts as a child service agency and provides services which are individualized and in the best interest of a child. To be eligible for this program, each Court must be approved by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and must comply with federal and state regulations.

If a child in custody meets income eligibility, the Court can receive reimbursement for some of the foster care maintenance costs and reimbursement for administrative and training costs related to serving youth at risk for placement. The Court utilizes these funds to improve services to children and youth services in Miami County, with special emphasis given to specialized placements for high risk youth and reducing the number of placements in state funded correctional institutions.

2022 Care & Control Statistics

Released from custody during year to:				Placed in Care & Control	
Parental Home		2		Males	2
Relative Placement		0		Females	1
Miami Co. Child Protective Services		1		Caucasian	2
Other Custodian		1		African American	1
				Other	0
Age				IV(e) eligible	1
12 & 13	0	16 & Up	3		
14 & 15	0				

Alternatives to Detention

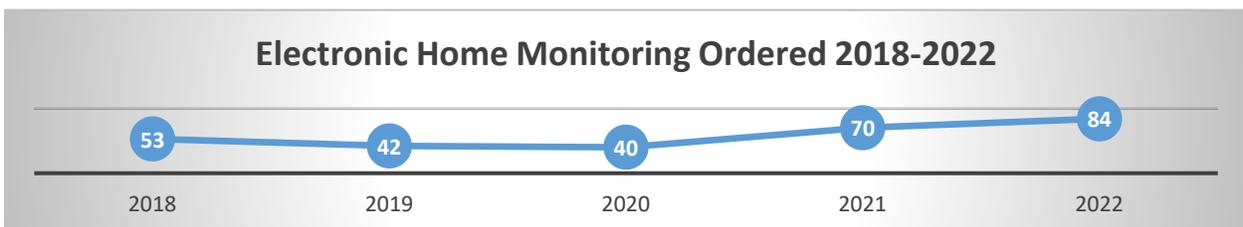
House arrest and electronic home monitoring are two alternatives that allow a youth to remain in the community yet restrict a youth's movement within the community. These strategies allow a youth to continue to live at home and attend school, jobs, counseling, and other approved activities. These programs serve as a short-term sanction and remind juveniles that they need to follow curfews and other court imposed expectations. House arrest is less restrictive and relies heavily on a youth's compliance, parental participation and monitoring. Electronic home monitoring uses an ankle bracelet technology that detects movement and alerts probation officers when a child is engaging in activity away from approved venues. Both approaches are used extensively by probation officers to enhance supervision.

Electronic Home Monitoring

The Electronic Home Monitoring Program uses ankle bracelets to allow the probation department to know the whereabouts of the child at all times. It gives the youth the ability to remain in their home while remaining a part of the community. Youth in the EHMA program are typically permitted to attend school and other supportive outlets including counseling, behavior groups and community service.

2022 Electronic Home Monitoring

Males	65	Terminated Unsuccessfully	28
Females	19	Terminated Successfully	62
Caucasian	70	Carryover from 2021	9
African American	12	Still Active	3
Other	2		
Felony	53	TOTAL YOUTH SERVED	93
Misdemeanor	31		
Total Youth Ordered	84		

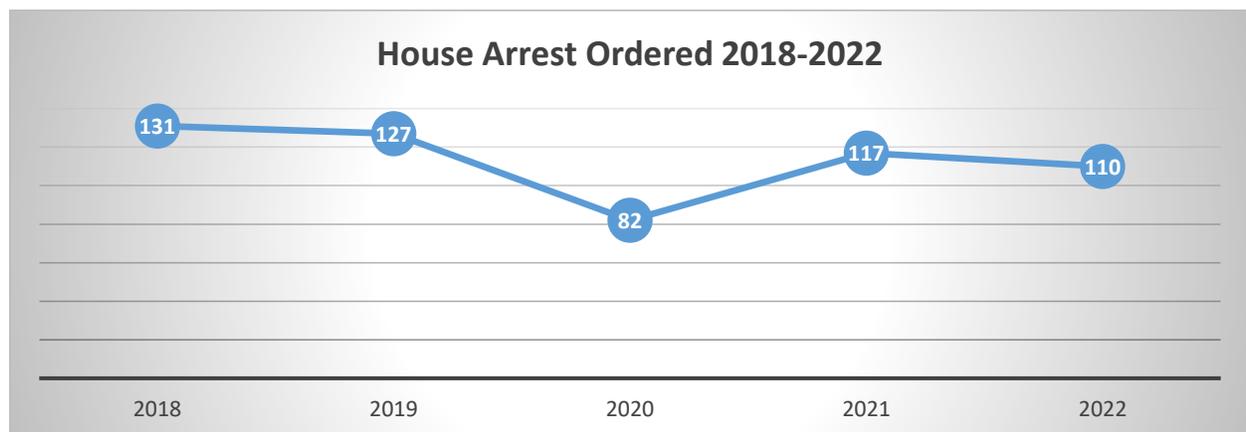


House Arrest Monitoring Program

House arrest requires a youth be at home unless in the presence of a parent or at school or work. The goal of house arrest is to curtail unsupervised activity in the community. The probation department does random, unscheduled visits to the home of youth placed under an order of house arrest in order to determine their compliance with the Court's order. In addition to monitoring youth's compliance with the Court's orders, it also allows the probation officers to have a more visible presence after "traditional Court hours", in the evenings and on weekends.

2022 House Arrest Monitoring

Males	80	Felony	53
Females	30	Misdemeanor	56
		Unruly	3
Caucasian	94	Terminated Unsuccessfully	34
African American	15	Terminated Successfully	75
Other	3	TOTAL YOUTH ORDERED	110
Average length of time on HA			49 days



Diversion Services

The Diversion Program is an alternative to formal court proceedings. All charges against first-time offenders are reviewed by Diversion Coordinator, Abrina Nimer, to assess whether diversion is appropriate. Only specific types of charges, such as unruly offenses, (school truancy, running away, curfew violations, tobacco offenses or violating the rules set by their parents or school officials), as well as minor delinquencies such as petty theft, disorderly conduct, criminal trespassing and criminal damaging are diversion eligible. In 2020, the diversion program expanded to include drug and alcohol complaints.

2022 Diversion Program

Diversion	
Retained from Previous Year	30
Filed in 2022	179
Successfully Completed	158
Unsuccessful	29
Total Pending at end of Year	21
TOTAL SERVED	209

Truancy Charges	
Sent to Diversion	47
Successful	25
Unsuccessful	16
Dismissed	1
Adjudicated charges	15
Pending	6



Diversion – Outcomes/Status			
	Successful	Unsuccessful	Pending
Assault	7	0	0
Criminal Damaging	2	0	0
Criminal Mischief	3	0	0
Criminal Trespassing	6	1	1
Curfew	19	1	2
Disorderly Conduct	13	2	1
Drug Abuse	8	0	2
Drug Paraphernalia	1	0	0
Drug Possession	6	0	0
Fireworks	1	0	0
Littering	1	0	0
Furn Alcohol Minor	4	0	0
Pandering/Disseminating	5	0	0
Rec. Stolen Property	1	1	0
Tampering	0	0	0
Theft	5	0	0
Tobacco	3	1	0
Truancy	25	16	7
Underage Consumption	3	0	0
Unruly	45	7	8
TOTALS	158	29	21

Community Service/Restitution

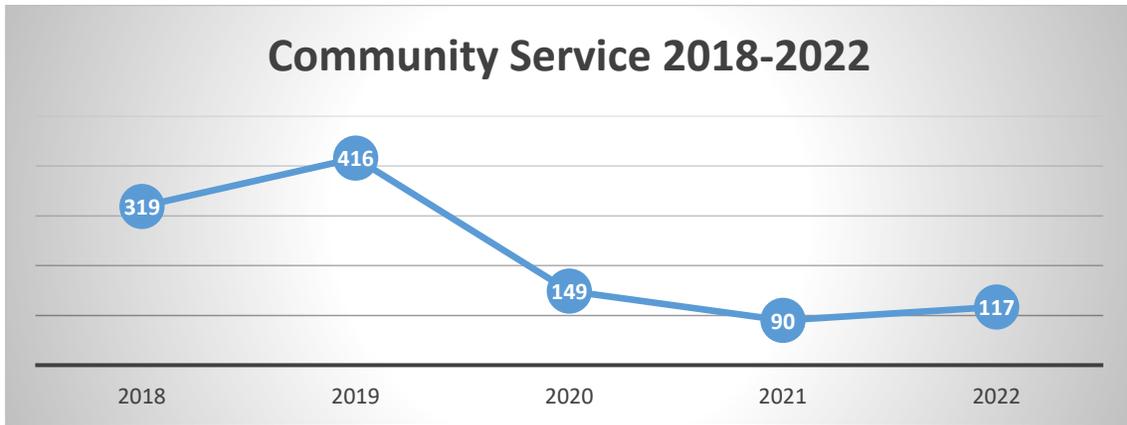
The Community Service Program is designed for youth who have been ordered by the Court to perform community service hours as a consequence for their behavior. The program also serves as an opportunity to educate and mentor youth. The Work Opportunity program allows youth to work to reimburse victims for their losses. The purpose of the program is to hold juveniles accountable for their actions by requiring them to participate in a work program that gives back to the community. It is also intended to promote appropriate work and employment skills. All youth involved with the Court can be enrolled in the program, whether they are on probation or in diversion and/or just have a charge before the court.

Youth work at sites in the community and are supervised by a Community Service Supervisor. Work is scheduled so as not to interfere with school, occurring late afternoon, weekends, and on school vacations. Efforts are made to enroll youth in sites within their home communities. The program has several sites including city and county municipal buildings, food pantries, the animal

shelter, and YMCAs/recreational facilities. In 2022, 117 youth provided 800 hours of service to the community.

2022 Community Service Program

Program Admissions	
Males	89
Females	28
TOTAL	117



Piqua Office

The Piqua Probation Office is located at 110 S. Wayne Street in downtown Piqua. To reach the Piqua office call 937-615-0657. This office is used by probation officers to conduct visits with youth and their families and to provide group treatment programming. The office was remodeled in 2017 and equipped with smartboards using a state grant.



Probation Department Programs

Court Solutions/Online Services

In 2020, Miami County Juvenile Probation began a partnership with Court Solutions. Court Solutions provides online education and support for youth and families. There are 16 classes that are offered on a wide variety of topics that include, but are not limited to, drug and alcohol classes, bullying, and parenting support. These courses are predominately offered to our youth that are in our diversion program. In total, Miami County Juvenile Probation/Court had youth and families access 214 classes in 2022.

R Rules Class

In the fall of 2022, Miami County Juvenile Court and Partners in Hope collaborated to develop a new program. The R Rules class strives to teach youth that all people have resources, all people are problem solvers, and all people use their resources to face challenges and live well. This 15-week course is geared toward our most at risk youth to provide additional skills and supports that will help them make better decisions in the future. There were 8 youth referred to this initial class in 2022.

Incentive Program

In 2020, the Miami County Probation Department continued to utilize incentives to motivate our youth to make better decisions. In conjunction with the state's new initiative to transform probation, our department has used incentives to fall in line with these state-based goals. Funding was provided by the Ohio Department of Youth Services. The basic premise behind this initiative is that by rewarding positive behaviors, youth will be less likely to exhibit the negative ones that have led to their court involvement. Incentives ranged from snacks, to books, to gift cards. The number and frequency of these rewards are administered by the probation department.

Community Partnerships

Miami County Juvenile Court has developed many partnerships with community agencies to provide services to the youth involved with the Court. Through contracts with the Court, these agencies provide needed services

developed specially for the youth and their parents. Juveniles are ordered into these programs according to their needs.

Educational Groups

- HEALTH class is provided by contract with Miami County Recovery Council. This program works with first time offenders who have come before the Court on an alcohol or substance abuse charge. The program includes an all-day educational session, a substance use assessment, and a parent component. In 2022, 14 youth were referred to this program. A total of three (3) groups were held.
- Independent Living is provided by contract with the local Ohio State University Extension Office. The program consists of 8 weekly classes that teach and demonstrate skills that are important to aid in their transition to adulthood. The program is geared toward youth ages 15-18. Skills covered in these groups include health and safety, housing and meal preparations, job readiness, financial management, life decisions and responsibilities, and personal and social relationships. In 2022, four (4) groups were held, educating 19 youth.
- Outreach is provided by contract with Miami County Recovery Council to provide on-going education, intervention, and usable skills to youth age 13-18 who are struggling with substance abuse. The goal of the group is to increase knowledge of personal use patterns, decrease or eliminate the use of substances, and decrease the risk of addiction and future substance abuse related offenses. In 2022, 17 youth were referred to Outreach.
- Parent Project is a nationally recognized educational and support program for parents and guardians. This program offers guidance and applicable lessons and skills for parents who are having difficulty with their children. These skills can be used with children who are exhibiting both unruly and delinquent behavior. The class is 8 weeks in length with 16 hours total classroom time, facilitated by Partner In Hope. In 2022, 16 families were referred to this program.
- Psychological Services are provided through contracts with licensed psychologists. Psychological evaluations are performed to provide the Court with assessments integral to further court treatment plans. Forensic evaluations are also provided. These are required when the Court must determine whether the child is competent to stand trial and when the

Prosecuting Attorney has filed a motion to have a youth bound over to the adult court.

- In 2022, Miami County Juvenile Court continued to contract with a licensed therapist. Kari Higgins completes assessments, evaluations as well as individual and family counseling. Ms. Higgins is also licensed in sex offender treatment. Youth adjudicated of a sexual offense received an assessment and possibly out-patient individual treatment by Ms. Higgins. These appointments occur at our Piqua Probation office, West Central Juvenile Detention Center and virtually. Ms. Higgins completed the following in 2022:
 - Diagnostic assessments - 13
 - Counseling – 21
 - Sex Offender assessments – 8
 - Sex Offender counseling - 8

Shared Placements

Placement services are provided for youth who receive assistance from multiple agencies, such as **Miami County Children Protective Services, Riverside Developmental Disabilities**, and **Tri-County Board of Recovery and Mental Health**. The Court shares in the placement costs of some youth in the custody of Children Protective Services who are also involved with the Court. Youth are placed in various types of settings including foster care, group homes, and residential treatment. In 2022, Juvenile Court had no shared funding youth.

Guardian Ad Litem

Juvenile Court provides funding to **CASA/GAL OF MIAMI COUNTY** to provide advocacy services on behalf of abused and neglected children. The advocates, specially trained volunteers serving as Guardian ad Litem (GAL), advocate for the best interest of children involved in dependency, neglect, and abuse cases in which placement is being determined by the Court, and, any other case where permanent custody has been filed. CASA/GAL OF MIAMI COUNTY is a private non-profit agency. In 2022, 59 volunteers served 254 children, which is an increase from 2021, when 55 volunteers served 198 children. The Court also may provide an attorney to represent the child.

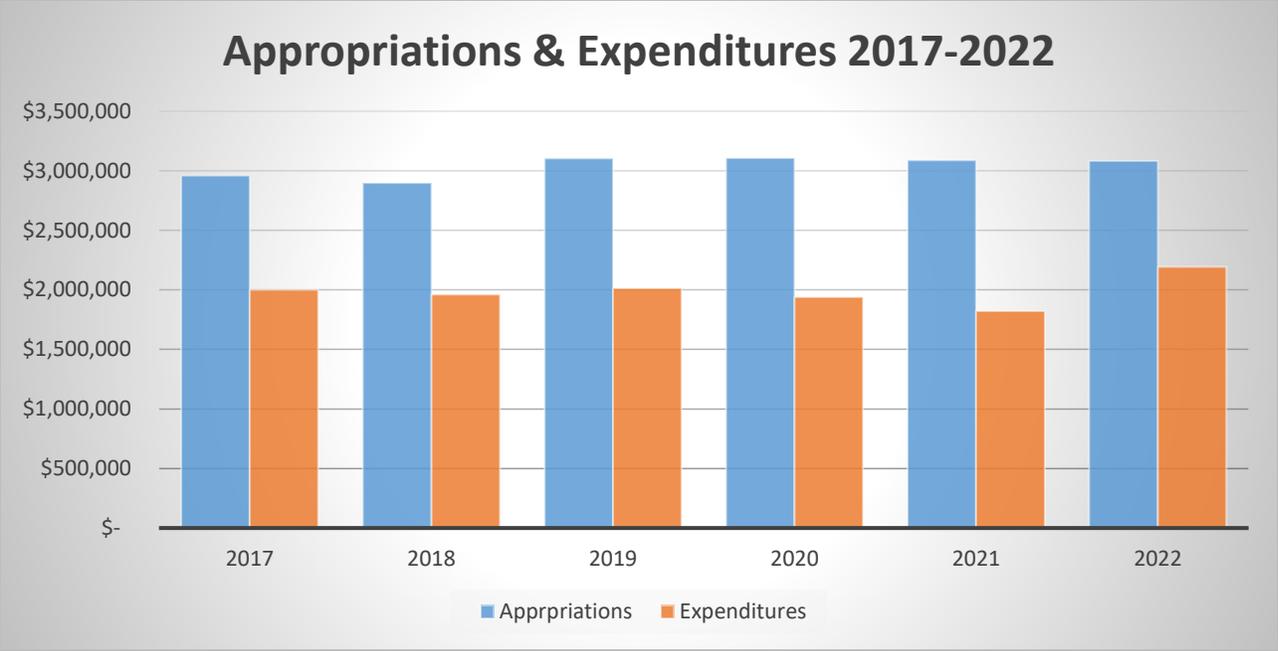
Financial Report



Hannah Parshall – Fiscal Officer

Miami County Juvenile Court receives funding from a variety of sources including the Miami County General Fund, the Department of Youth Services, and various federal and state grants.

	Appropriations & Carryover	Expenditures
General Fund - Juvenile Court	\$ 1,419,798.35	\$1,205,597.01
General Fund - Juvenile Probation	\$ 668,433.74	\$ 502,448.20
General Fund - Juvenile Probation (Special Int. Prg.)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1.80
Felony Delinquent Care and Custody	\$ 434,259.41	\$ 312,707.76
Juv. Probation Title IV-E Administration	\$ 305,775.05	\$ 102,882.14
Juv. Probation Title IV-E Maintenance	\$ 201,653.04	\$ 57,697.68
Juv. Court Child Support Fund	\$ 1,845.90	\$ -
Juv. Computerization	\$ 9,270.00	\$ 3,186.23
Special Projects - General	\$ 16,415.27	\$ 2,796.49
Legal Research	\$ 2,294.00	\$ -
Indigent Driver Fund	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Youthful Driver Safety	\$ 19,750.00	\$6,300.00
Totals	\$ 3,081,494.76	\$2,193,617.31



Fines and Court Costs

Fines and court costs are ways to hold youth and adults accountable for their actions. Miami County Juvenile Court believes that these fines and costs should be assessed to youth and they are encouraged to pay their own costs. Adults who are convicted in this court are also assessed fines and costs. Fines are assessed and collected immediately after court hearings. When individuals cannot pay immediately, a payment plan is established. Fines and costs are dispersed to the general fund and to other agencies as defined by law. Failure to pay fines can result in further court hearings and/or a suspension of driver's license.

2022 FINES & COURT COSTS COLLECTED

COURT COSTS	50,484.80
COMPUTER FEES	11,202.85
LEGAL RESEARCH	2,268.00
SHERIFF FEES	1,074.00
LAW LIBRARY	1,250.00
COUNTY FINES	5,552.20
MOTOR VEHICLE FINES	1,914.45
COUNTY DRUG FINES	100.00
SHERIFF DRUG FINES	0.00
COPY SERVICE	40.00
WITNESS FEES	8.00
SPECIAL PROJECT - GEN	23,262.00
DRUG TESTING	525.00
P.D. APPLICATION FEE	1,151.00
P.D. RECOUP FEES	0.00
TOBACCO FEES	150.00
IDAT	327.00
STATE OF OHIO	1,4208.05
BOARD OF PHARMACY	0.00
ARRESTING AGENCY	0.00
SUNDRIES	1,841.27
BONDS RECEIVED	200.00
DEPOSIT RECEIVED	0.00
TOTALS	108,004.17



WEST CENTRAL JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

The West Central Juvenile Detention Center is a secure holding facility serving youth from Auglaize, Clinton, Darke, Mercer, Miami, Preble, Shelby and Van Wert counties. The Center can house up to 44 males and females who will attend school year-round, undergo counseling and psychological assessments as needed. All youth participate in a variety of treatment and educational programming while detained.

The West Central Juvenile Detention Center opened in January 1993 as a 24-bed facility and later added a 20-bed pod. In 2022, the center had revenue of \$1,793,762.77 and operational expenses were \$1,817,063.20.* All revenue comes from the counties utilizing the facility with no contribution from the Miami County General Fund.

West Central JDC provides youth with the basic necessities. The residents receive three meals per day; they have structured gym exercise every day and attend an on-site school Monday through Friday. Youth must participate in group programs such as: anger management, substance abuse, health & hygiene, life choices, and receive education on various topics from community leaders, and motivational speakers. The youth have the option to participate in a Bible study program and to attend a Sunday morning service while at the Center. There are visitation appointments for parents to visit three times per week. The residents may make phone calls at designated times and are provided all necessary materials for writing letters to family.

The West Central JDC also provides a prevention program called STAR (Start Today Accepting Responsibility). This program is for “high risk” youth between ages 12 – 17 who must be referred from a Juvenile Court to be eligible for the realistic tour of the detention center. At least one parent must attend the program with the youth and remain on site at West Central JDC for the two-hour program. STAR is free of charge to the courts under contract with West Central JDC.

The West Central JDC is located in the Miami County Government Complex at 2044 North County Road 25A, north of Troy. Lance Ray is the Superintendent of Detention.

*Keeping this in perspective, the facility had not received bed space and tuition in the amount of \$57,879 for November of 2022 and \$221,495 for December 2022.

West Central Juvenile Detention Center 2022

2022 Stats

256 days	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Intakes	41	54	58	52	82	51	54	57	55	42	59	62	667
Female	11	17	17	19	31	16	14	11	14	12	19	20	201
Male	29	37	39	32	51	35	40	46	40	30	40	42	461
Non Conf	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
Days in Det.	641	768	746	556	858	714	855	905	1073	962	990	1012	10080
Avg. Daily Pop	20.68	27.43	24.06	18.53	27.68	23.80	27.58	29.19	35.77	31.03	31.94	32.65	27.06
Avg. Stay Days	10.68	9.60	9.34	8.30	11.59	9.27	10.18	10.06	12.33	12.49	11.38	11.00	10.52
School Days	433	545	550.5	398	607	535	535	676	794	651	702	700	7126.5

Totals per County in 2022

	Auglaize	Clinton	Darke	Mercer	Miami	Preble	Shelby	Van Wert	Other	Total
Intakes	159	63	50	88	154	59	36	49	9	667
Total Days in Det.	1318	1003	1120	918	1998	698	1445	810	770	10080
Avg. Length of Stay	8.29	15.92	22.40	10.43	12.97	11.83	40.14	16.53	85.56	24.90
Average Age	15.36	15.46	15.61	15.24	15.85	15.35	15.46	15.93	17.43	15.74

2022 Annual Report Statistical Summary

Cases Filed in 2022

Cases Filed/Transferred In	
Delinquent	555
Traffic	333
Dependency/Neglect/Abuse	125
Unruly	622
Adult	102
Permanent Custody	20
Custody/Change of Custody/Visitation	585
Support Enforcement/Modifications	265
Parentage	45
UIFSA	9
Other	10
Total Cases Filed	2671

Cases Terminated in 2022

Cases Terminated by Case Type	
Delinquent	540
Traffic	337
Dependency/Neglect/Abuse	116
Unruly	627
Adult	92
Permanent Custody	20
Custody/Change of Custody/Visitation	646
Support Enforcement/Modification	261
Parentage	47
UIFSA	10
Other	9
Total	2705

Cases Terminated by Type of Termination

Trial by Judge	6
Trial by Magistrate	111
Dismissal	571
Admission by Judge	66
Admission by Magistrate	1387
Certification/Waiver Granted	0
Unavailability of Party for Trial	463
Transfers to another Court	25
Interlocutory Appeal	0
Other Terminations	76
Total	2705

Types of Dispositions for Youth in 2022

Types of Dispositions

Bind over to adult court	0
Commitment to DYS	2
Detention	255
West Central Rehabilitation Center	1
Other CCF	0
Suspended commitment to DYS	28
Community Service	128
Probation	70
Electronic Home Monitoring	95
House Arrest	153
Temporary Custody CSB	31
Protective Supervision CSB	29
Permanent Custody CSB	6
Jail Sentence (Adult)	14
Restitution	17
Cases with Fines Assessed	320
Cases with costs Assessed	446
Waiver due to Indigence	358
Fines and Court costs	\$108,004.17

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Court Administrator – J. Andrew Wannemacher.....	440-5990
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