

Miami County Juvenile Court Miami County Probate Court 2024 Annual Report

Judge Scott Altenburger



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HONORABLE SCOTT ALTENBURGER



Serving as the Judge of Miami County – Juvenile and Probate Courts is a privilege. Our primary objective is to prioritize community safety while also supporting families through various services aimed at assisting youth, parents/caregivers and guardians. Collaborating with community partners, we strive to establish and uphold standards of appropriate conduct for both adults and youth. Ohio law mandates a delicate balance between consequences for deviant behavior and rehabilitation, ensuring accountability for juveniles and adults alike.

Victims of crimes are afforded the utmost respect, compassion, and fairness. Under the recent Amendment to the Ohio Constitution, victims or their representatives, are receiving more information about court hearings and better opportunities to have a voice in the proceedings. Additionally, they have a fundamental right to restitution for damages resulting from a juvenile's actions. I take great pride in working alongside our dedicated court staff. Without their commitment, the Miami County Juvenile and Probate Courts would not be as effective in safeguarding the mental and physical well-being of children and ensuring community safety.

As we move forward into 2025, our collective dedication remains unwavering. We are steadfast in our resolve to provide access to justice and essential services for children and families, fostering improvements in their lives and contributing positively to community safety.

Biography of Judge

Judge Scott Altenburger was first elected in 2018 to fill an unexpired term, to serve as Judge of the Miami County Juvenile and Probate Courts. He was re-elected Judge in 2020. 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 of Ohio teaching license for 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 courts. 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 these roles, he personally handled in excess of 30,000 family law cases. For more than 18 years, he was 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.

Since being elected, Judge Altenburger has secured over 2.0 million dollars in state grants for the operation of the court and court programs. He secured an \$85,000.00 grant from the Ohio Supreme Court for courtroom video equipment to effectively and efficiently handle cases during the Covid-19 pandemic. He and his court have handled over 4,000 probate cases and 14,000 juvenile cases. Judge Altenburger believes experience, integrity and fairness are the hallmarks of an effective judge. He pledges to give each case the 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 Domestic Relations Judges, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and past member of the Ohio Magistrates Association.

He has been married for over 37 years to Kay Altenburger, a registered nurse and retired school treasurer. They have two daughters: Dr. Lauren Altenburger Hastings, graduate of The Ohio State University and an associate professor at Penn State University, and Dr. Kristen Altenburger, graduate of Stanford University and senior research scientist at Meta.

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

Katherine Severt



D. Andrew Venters



Hillary Jaqua



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 three full-time magistrates, 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 2024.

2024 Updates

New Staff to the Court

In 2024, the Court continued to have staffing changes. In Probation, the department hired a new probation assistant/community service supervisor, Hannah Munday.

The Juvenile and Probate Clerk's offices has added the following staff:



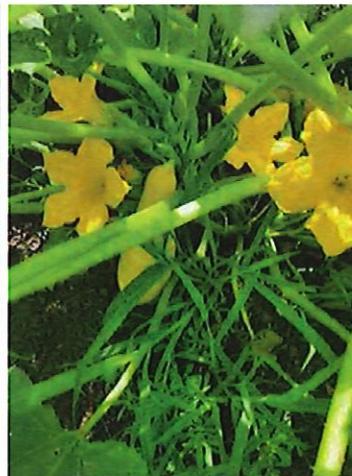
Brooks Welty-Juvenile



Tracey Fisher-Probate

New Crops for Change Location

In 2024, the Crops for Change program through the probation department was moved from its prior location at The Lincoln Center in Troy to West Central Juvenile Detention Center. This move came about in order to have a larger garden space to better serve the youth of the community.



Court Management System Upgrade

Throughout 2024 both Juvenile and Probate Court received technological upgrades. Both clerks' offices case management systems were upgraded through Henschen and Associates. The Juvenile Probation Department purchased their own new case management system geared specifically for juvenile probation supervision through EZ Justice.



Courtroom Upgrades

JAVS Digital Recording Device was upgraded in Courtroom 3.



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 2024 charges:

Charges	
Agg Arson	1
Assault Misdemeanor	73
Assault Felony	6
Curfew	4
Breaking & Entering	4
Burglary & Agg Burglary	7
Child Endangering	3
Contempt of Court Order	131
Criminal Damaging	17
Criminal Mischief	10
Cruelty to Animals	4
Discharge Firearm	1
Disorderly Conduct	53
Disrupting Public Service	1
Disseminating Harmful Material	6
Domestic Violence	31
Drug Abuse	1
Drug Possession	5
Escape	1
Extortion	2
Failure to Comply	14
Falsification	1
Inducing/Inciting Panic or Violence	2
Harassment	3
Illegal Use of a Minor	2
Making False Alarm	5
Menacing & Agg. Menacing	9
Obstructing Official Business/Justice/Failure to disclose	13
Pandering	3
Parole Violation	2
Public Indecency	2
Robbery & Agg Robbery	5

Possession of Alcohol/Underage Consumption	35
Probation Violation	32
Rape	8
Receiving Stolen Property	6
Resisting Arrest	1
Sexual Imposition & Gross Sexual Imposition	9
Strangulation	3
Tamper with Device/Sign	1
Tampering w/ Evidence/Property	3
Theft/Grand Theft Auto/Misuse of Credit Card/Identity	36
Trespassing/Criminal Trespassing	12
Unauthorized use of Motor Vehicle/Property	2
Unruly	13
Vandalism	8
Vehicular Manslaughter	1
Voyeurism	1
Furn Alcohol Minor	1
Weapon on School Grounds	1
Total Delinquency Charges	595
Total Delinquency Cases Filed or Reactivated	415

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

- ◆ Placing 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 Correctional 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 2024 unruly charges:

2024 Unruly Charges Filed

Truancy	43
Curfew Violations	4
Incorrigible	88
Behavior that injures health or morals	23
Tobacco Law Violations	1
Total Charges	159
Total Unruly Cases	269
Total dispositions entered	270

The Court has many options for dealing with an unruly child such as:

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Require the child to attend a specific community program

Juvenile Traffic

The Court has jurisdiction over all traffic offenses committed by juveniles. These cases in 2024 included:

2024 Traffic Charges Filed

Speeding	198
Fail To Control/Reckless Operation	105
Failure to Maintain Distance	0
Seatbelt/Child Restraint	13
Disregarding Traffic Control Device (Sign/Lights)	29
Fail To Yield	23
Improper Backing, Turn or Lane Change	10
No OL/Permit/Allowing Unlicensed Driver to Drive	33
Driving Under Influence & Related	6
Driving Under Suspension	12
Fictitious/Expired/Missing	2
Plate/Registration/insurance	5
Probationary or temporary license restriction	12
No Head or Tail Lights	5
Leaving the Scene	4
Failure to stop for School Bus	18
Drag Racing	1
Squealing Tires/Noise Ordinance	1
Off Road Vehicle	0
Speed in School Zone	2
Passing Within 100 Feet	0
Distracted Driving/Texting	4
Marked Lanes	7
Unsafe Vehicle	0
Turn Signal Violation	4
Disregard Public Safety	1
Drive on Sidewalk	1
Other	6
Total Traffic Bureau Charges	57
Total Traffic Charges	502
Total Traffic Cases	437

Possible dispositions for juvenile traffic offenders 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.

2024 Abuse, Neglect & Dependency Charges Filed

Abuse, Neglect and Dependency	126
Motion for Permanent Custody	10
Bridges Program	1
Permanent Planned Living Arrangement	0
Case Plan	101
Voluntary Agreement of Temporary Custody	0

When a child's physical, mental, and emotional health is at stake and when the child's needs are not being met, that 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.

2024 Paternity, Custody, Visitation & Child Support Charges Filed

Custody/Visitation	482
Support Enforcement/Modifications	316
Admin cases with no hearings	674
Parentage	67
Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	21
Caretaker Authorization	0
Grandparent Power of Attorney	13
Contempt (Child Support)	132
Contempt (Non-Child Support)	69

Imposition (Child Support)	11
Imposition (Non-Child Support)	1
Other	0

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.

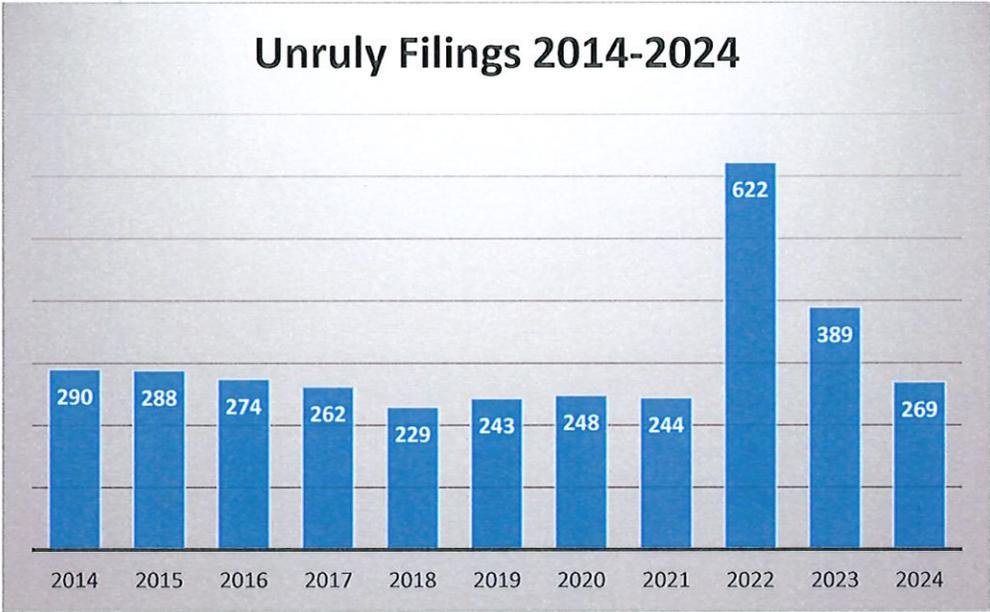
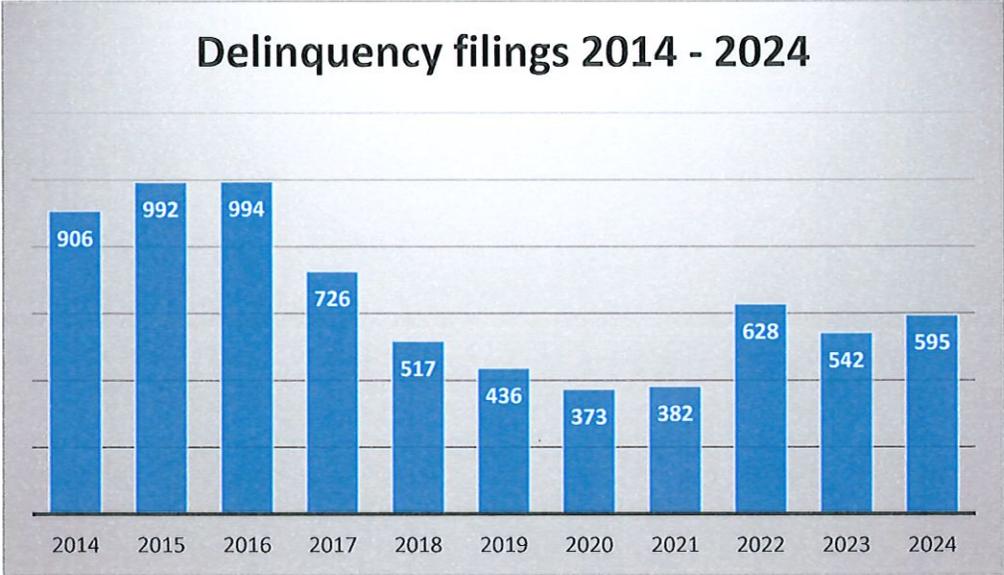
2024 Adult Charges Filed

Child Endangering	0
Contempt of Court	35
Contributing to the Delinquency or Unruliness of a Minor	5
Failure to send to school	20
Imposition of sentence	0
Adult charges filed	60
Total Adult Criminal Cases Filed and Reactivated	46

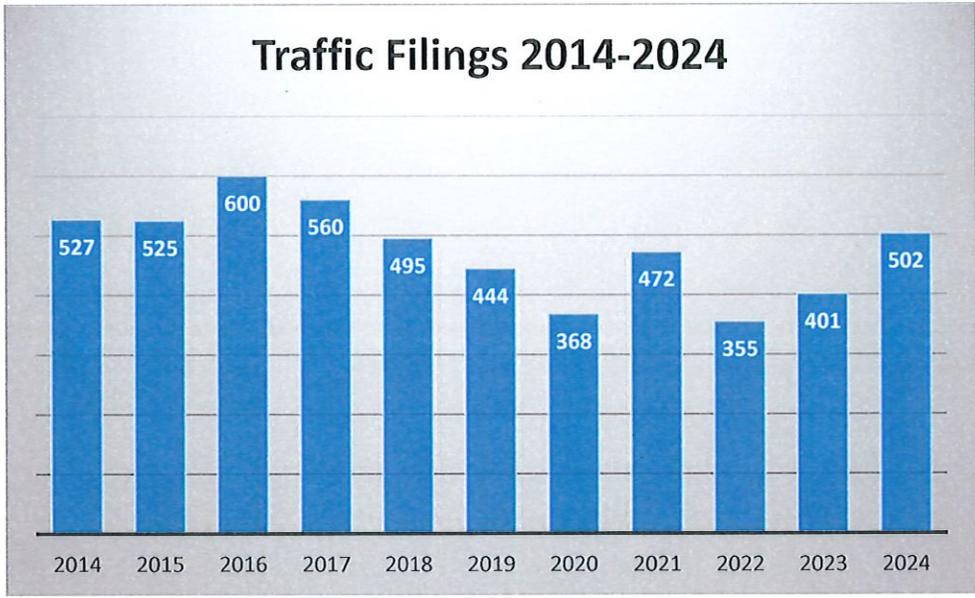
Miscellaneous Cases

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 2024, the court handled 11 such filings, all of which were civil protection cases.

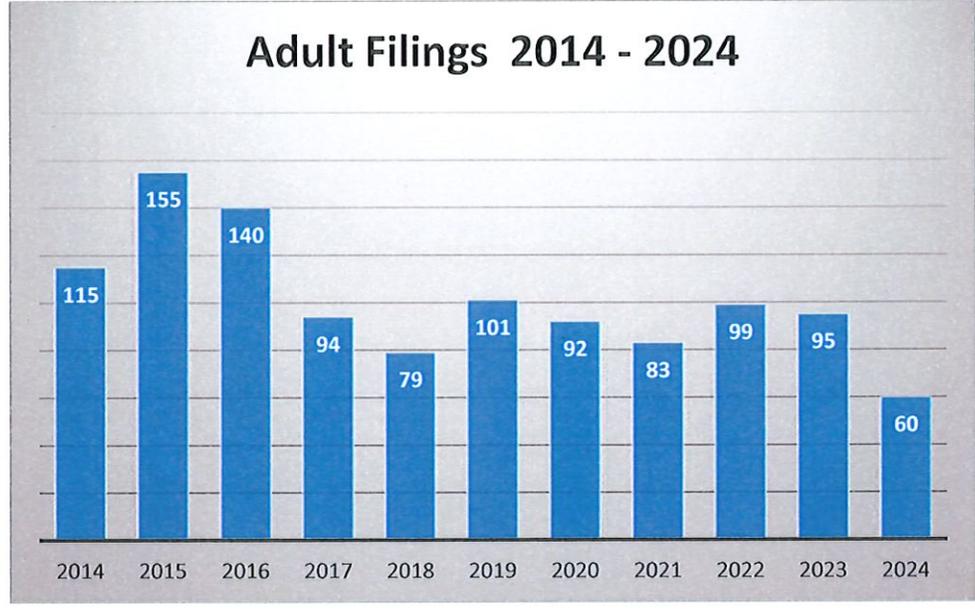
Filing Trends 2014-2024



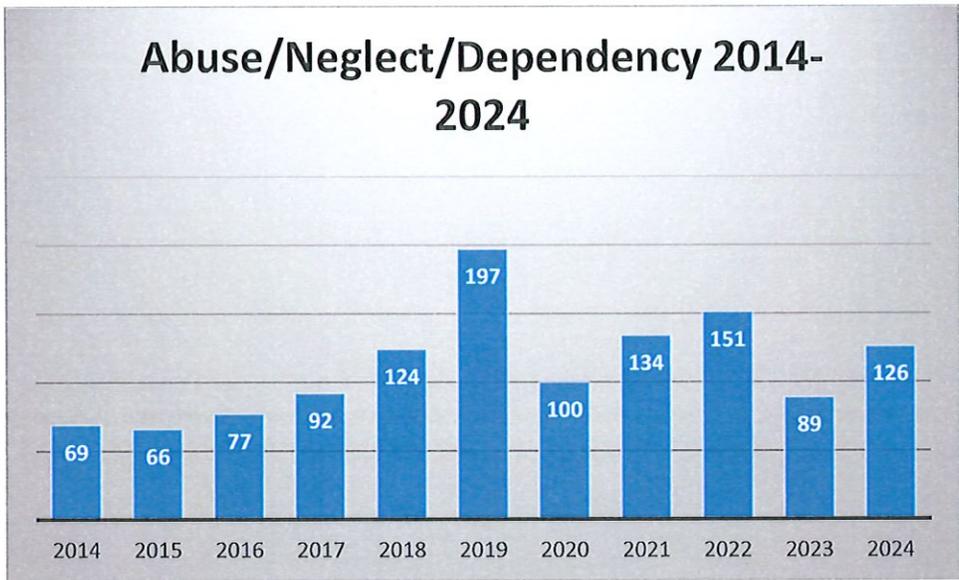
Traffic Filings 2014-2024



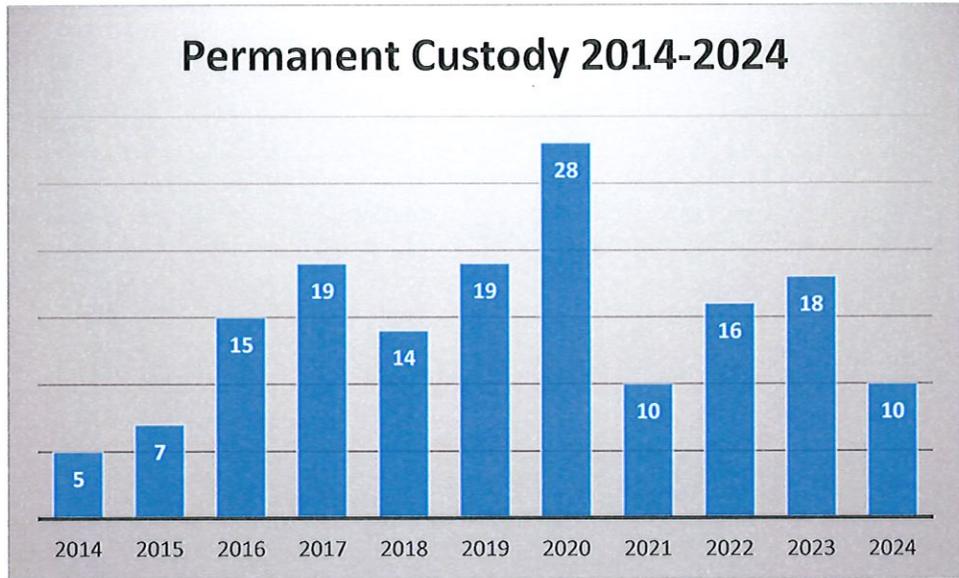
Adult Filings 2014 - 2024



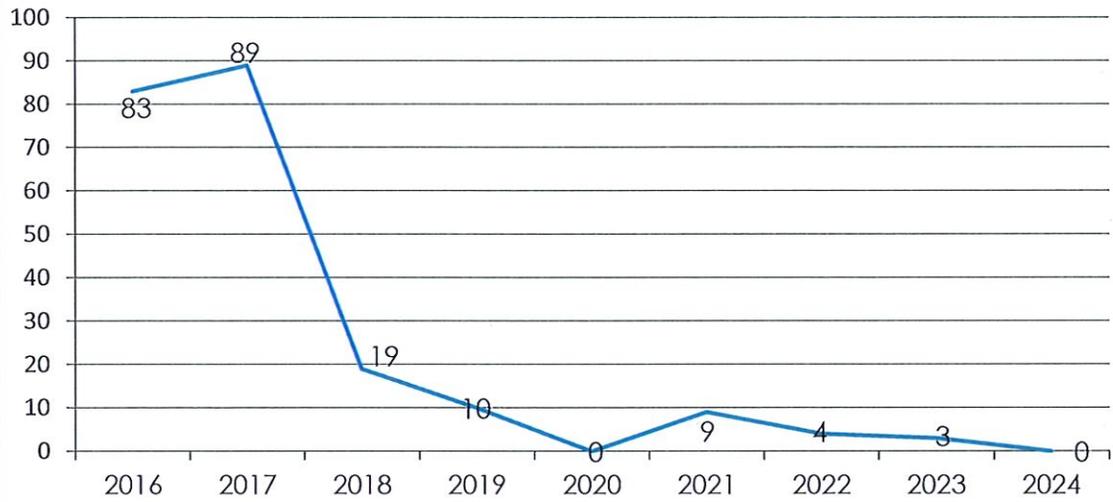
Abuse/Neglect/Dependency 2014-2024



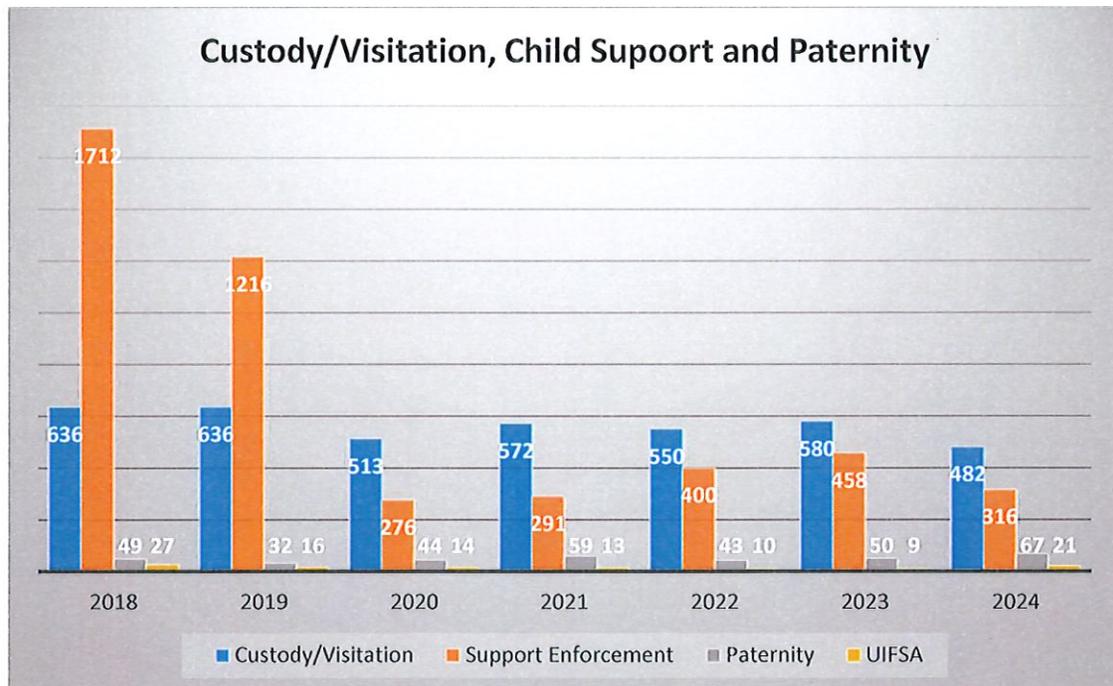
Permanent Custody 2014-2024



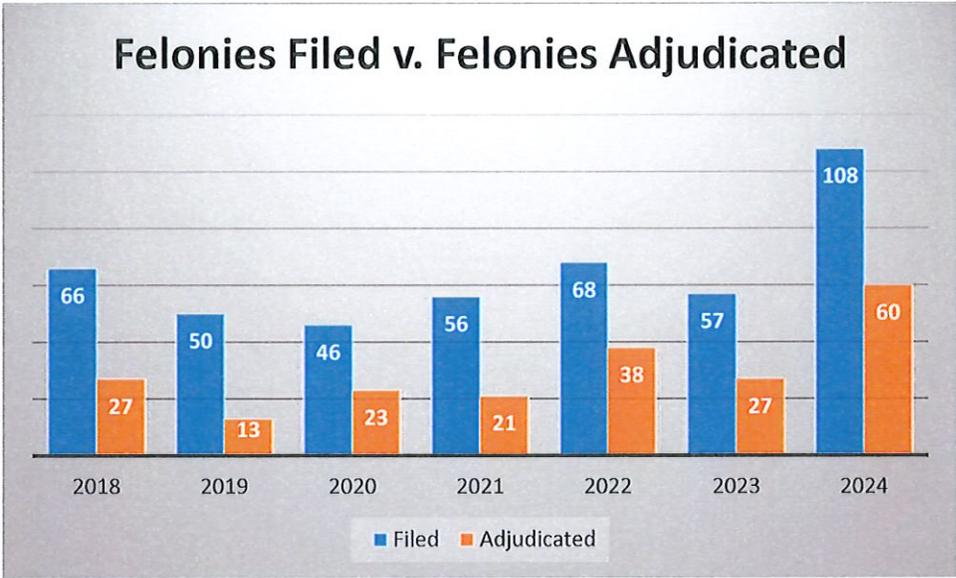
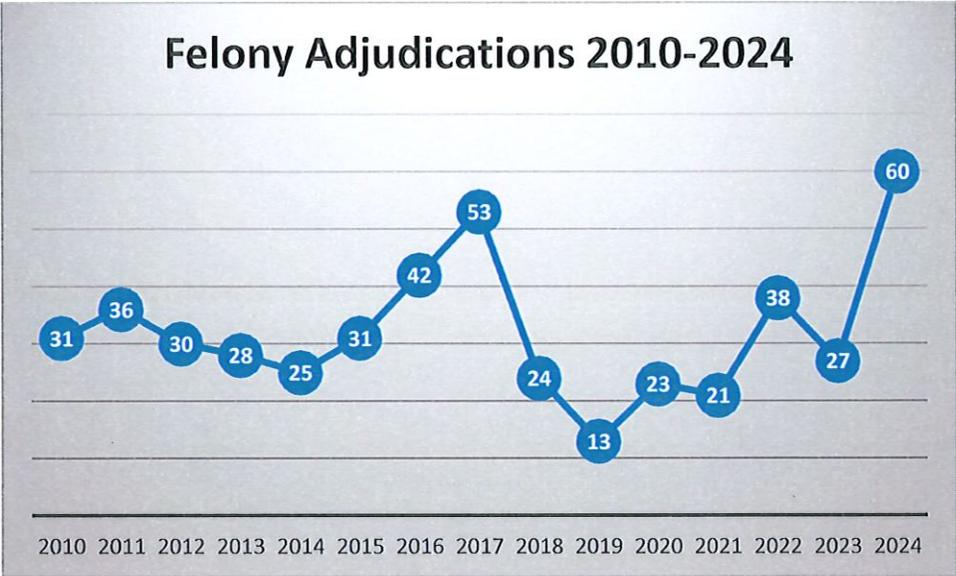
Number of Cases Pending Beyond Supreme Court Time Guidelines



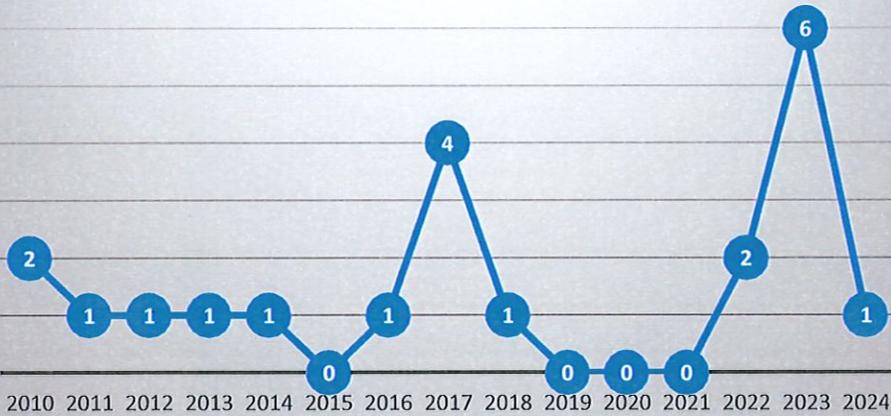
Custody/Visitation, Child Support and Paternity



Adjudication Trends

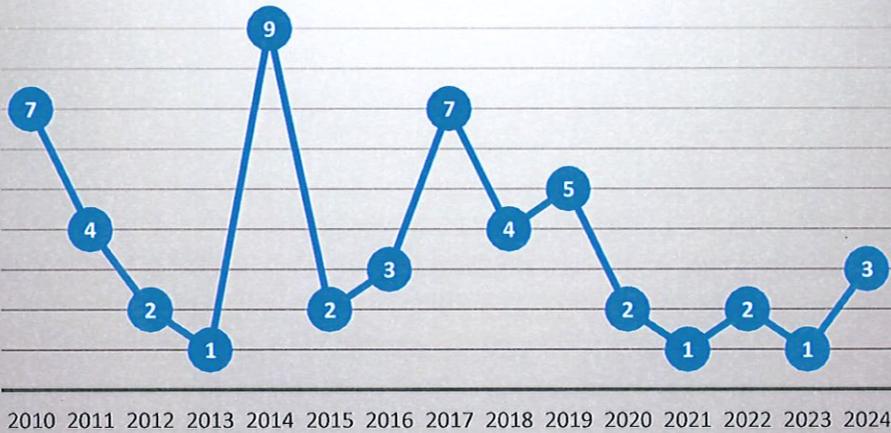


DYS Commitments 2010-2024



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.

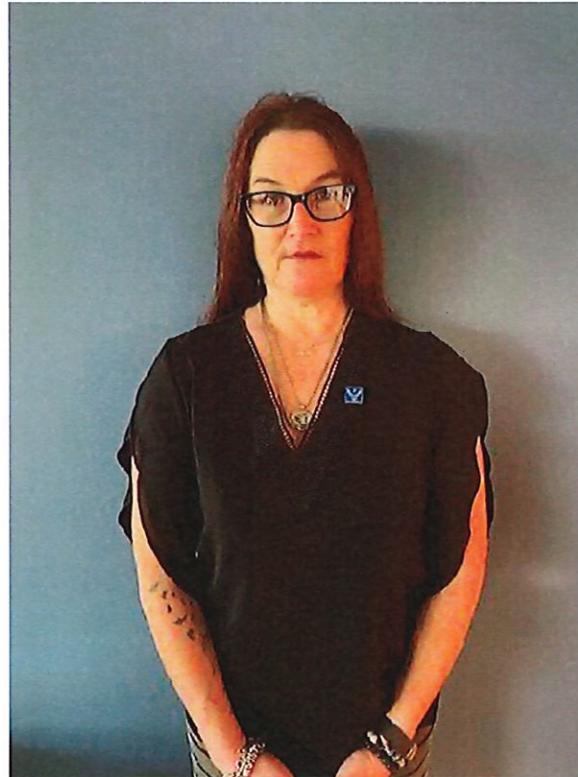
CCF Commitments 2010-2024



Community Correctional 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

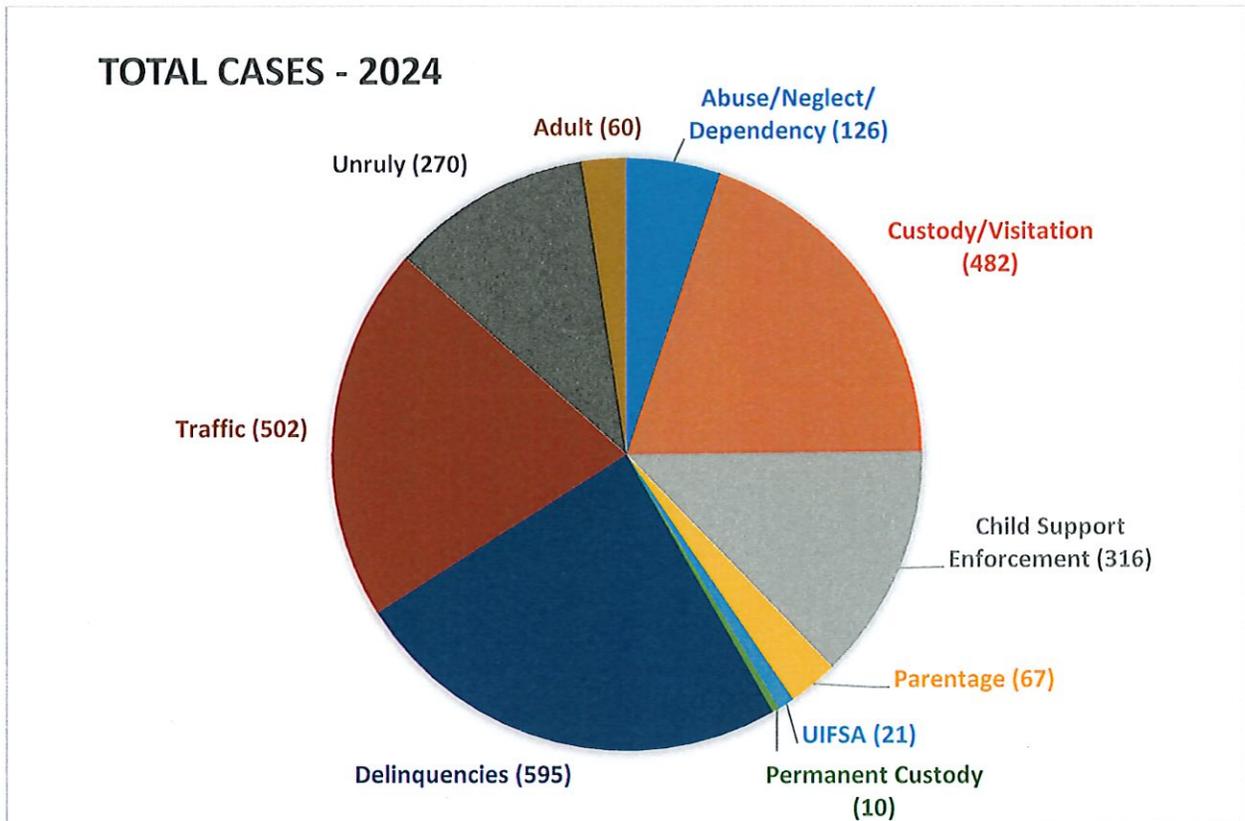


Nicole Rodriguez – Chief Deputy Clerk

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.

2024 Court Activity

Total Cases Filed	2248
Total Cases Terminated	2359



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 parents and youth on probation are offered. These groups allow families to gain knowledge and skills that will make youth 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 2024, the probation staff consisted of five full-time probation officers and one probation assistant/community service supervisor. The staff serves the needs of the youth and their families by utilizing a team-based approach. 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 set forth above, 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 ensure accountability.
- House Arrest Monitoring Program which supervises youth placed on house arrest and Electronically Monitored House Arrest.
- **YEI!** (Youth Enhancement Initiative) formally our community service program, which gives youth the opportunity to participate in supervised work projects which benefit the community. This includes a focus on Educational Empowerment, Social Empowerment, and Personal Empowerment.
- 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 in partnerships with community agencies, which serve as beneficial interventions for both youth and parents.

2024 Assessment Statistics

Miami County Juvenile Court utilizes the Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS) risk assessments, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES), and Child & Adolescence Needs and Strengths (CANS) 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	78
Males	53
Females	25

Offense Type	
Misdemeanor	56
Felony	22
Unruly	0
Traffic	0

City of Residence	
Piqua	34
Troy	28
Tipp City	6
West Milton/Laura	8
Bradford	0
Covington	2
Other	0

Disposition	
Probation	48
Other	29
DYS	1
Lived out of county	0
Pending	0

Charges placed on Probation

	Theft	6
Misuse of credit card	1 Failure to Comply	3
Criminal Damaging	1 Pandering	1
Assault or Attempted	6 Burglary	1
Strangulation	1 Telecommunications Harassment	1
UAC/Possession	4 Domestic Violence	3
Disorderly Conduct	3 Gross Sexual Imposition/Attempt	6
Aggravated Burglary	3 Disseminating Harmful Material	3
Unauthorized Use of MV	1 Endangering Children	1
Rape	1 Inducing Panic	1
Vehicular Manslaughter	1	
	Total	48

2024 Probation Department

Probation Assignments

Males	36
Females	12
African American	4
Caucasian	44
Other	0
Felony	21
Misdemeanor	27
Unruly	0
Total Youth Ordered	48
Total Youth from Previous Year	38
TOTAL SERVED	86

Probation by City

Tipp City	4
Bradford/Covington/Pleasant Hill	2
West Milton/Ludlow Falls/Laura	5
Piqua	22
Troy	15
Other	0

Probation by Age

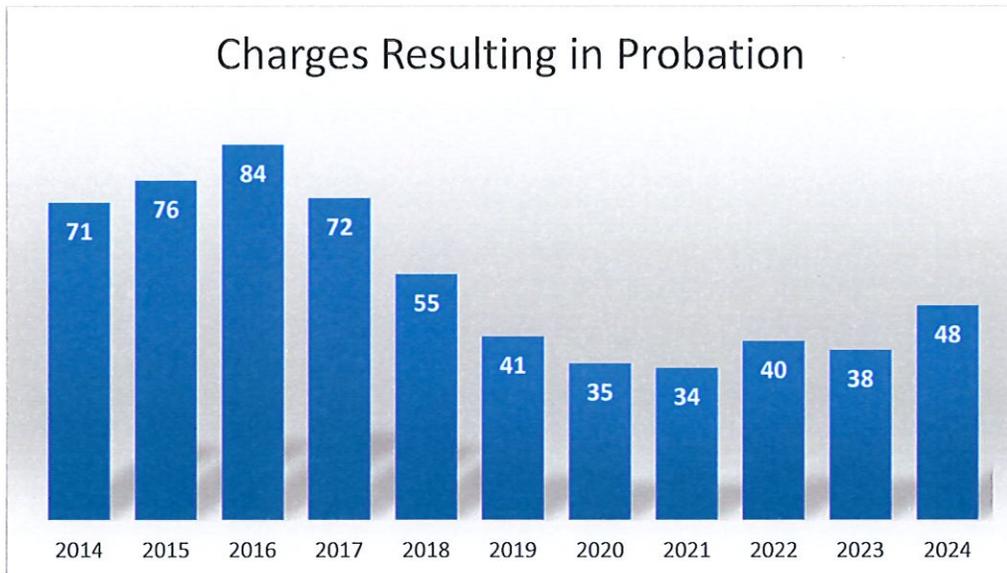
11- Under	1	14 & 15	17
12 & 13	8	16 & Up	22

School Attended

Homeschooled/Online	7
Miami East High	1
Milton Union High	5
Piqua High	5
Piqua Jr. High	11
Troy High	6
Troy Jr. High	3
Upper Valley Career	2
Tippecanoe High	2
Other	6

Felony Charges

Failure to Comply	3
Endangering Children	1
Aggravated Burglary	3
Burglary	1
Domestic Violence	1
Gross Sexual Imposition	6
Pandering	1
Strangulation	1
Dissemination	3
Rape	1
Total Charges	21



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 measures 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.

2024 Care & Control Statistics

Released from custody during year to:				Placed in Care & Control	
Parental Home		3		Males	4
Relative Placement		0		Females	0
Miami Co. Child Protective Service		0		Caucasian	3
Other Custodian		0		African American	1
				Other	0
Age at time of placement				IV(e) eligible	3
12 & 13	1	16 & Up	2		
14 & 15	1				

Alternatives to Detention

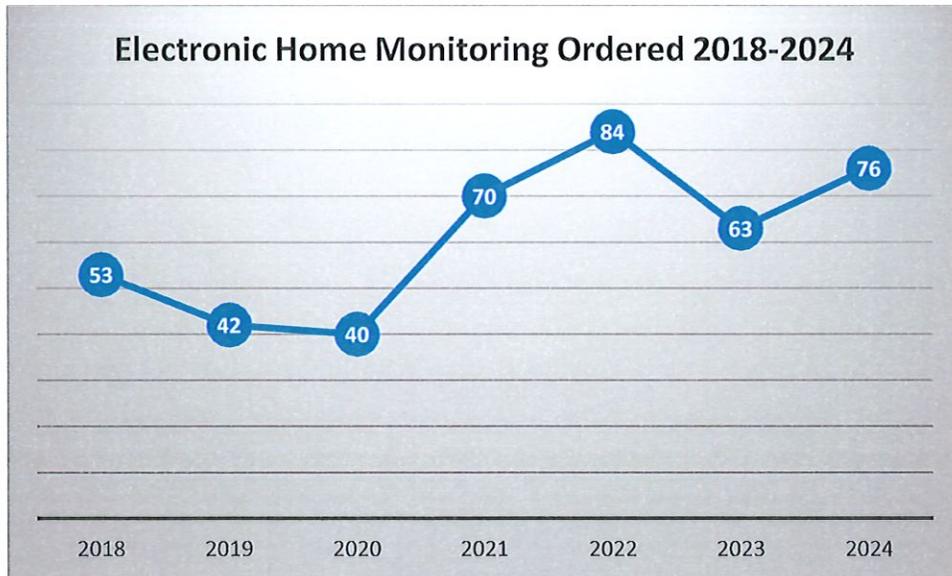
House arrest and electronic home monitoring are two alternatives that allow a youth to remain in the community yet restrict a youth's movement within the community. These strategies allow a youth to continue to live at home and attend school, work, counseling, and other approved activities. These programs 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 with GPS 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 GPS enabled 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.

2024 Electronic Home Monitoring

Males	42	Terminated Unsuccessfully	24
Females	22	Terminated Successfully	39
Caucasian	55	Carryover from 2023	12
African American	8	Still Active	14
Other	1		
Felony	34	TOTAL YOUTH SERVED	76
Misdemeanor	30		
Total Youth Ordered	64		

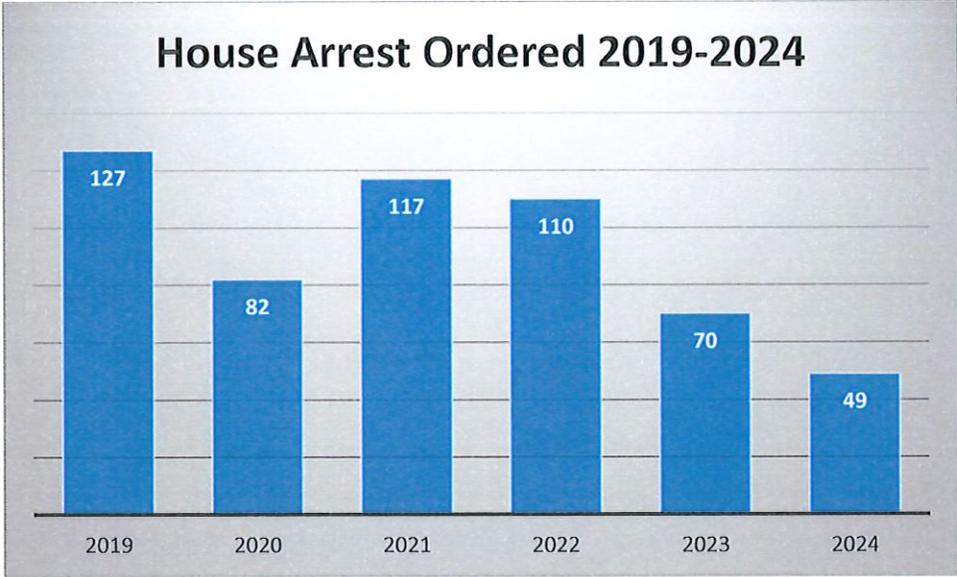


House Arrest Monitoring Program

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.

2024 House Arrest Monitoring

Males	32	Felony	13
Females	17	Misdemeanor	36
		Unruly	0
Caucasian	39	Terminated Unsuccessfully	14
African American	9	Terminated Successfully	37
Other	1		
TOTAL YOUTH ORDERED	49	Average length of time on HA	56 days



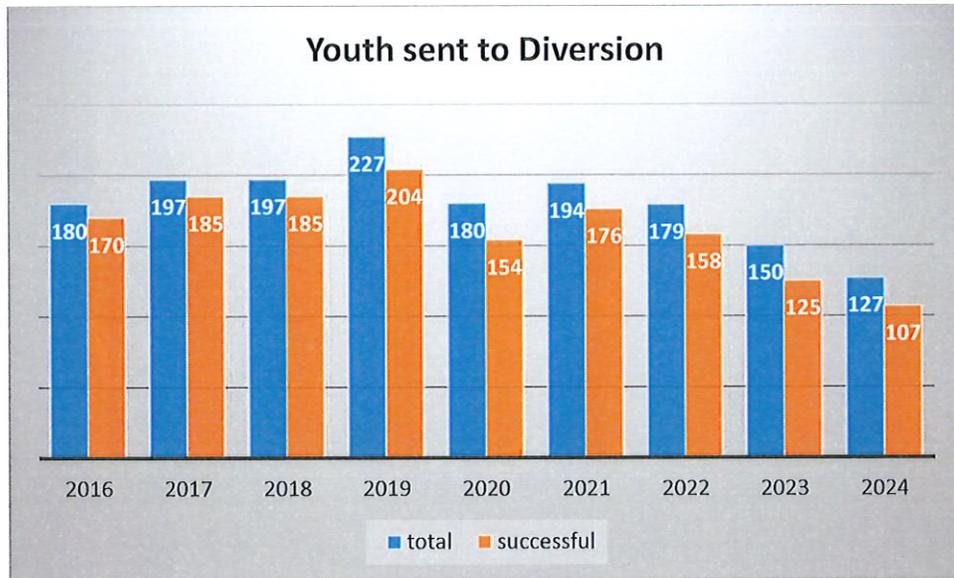
Diversion Services

The Diversion Program is an alternative to formal court proceedings. All charges against first-time offenders are reviewed by a probation officer, 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.

2024 Diversion Program

Diversion	
Retained from Previous Year	43
Filed in 2024	127
Successfully Completed	107
Unsuccessful	30
Total Pending at end of Year	33
TOTAL SERVED	170

Truancy Charges	
Sent to Diversion	39
Successful	23
Unsuccessful	17
Dismissed	0
Adjudicated charges	11
Pending	20



Diversion – Outcomes/Status

	Successful	Unsuccessful	Pending
Criminal Damaging	2	0	0
Criminal Mischief	5	0	0
Criminal Trespassing	3	0	0
Curfew	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	18	1	1
Drug Abuse	0	0	0
Drug Paraphernalia	0	0	0
Drug Possession	2	0	0
Obstruction	1	0	0
Pandering	1	0	0
Purchase of Beer	1	0	0
Theft	7	1	0
Tobacco	0	0	0
Truancy	23	17	20
Underage Consumption	8	0	5
Unruly	36	11	7
TOTALS	107	30	33

Community Service/Restitution

The **YEI!** Program (Youth Empowerment Initiative), formally our 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. This program was revamped in September 2023 to focus not only on consequences for negative behaviors, but to also create an environment of empowerment for our youth. The key components include:

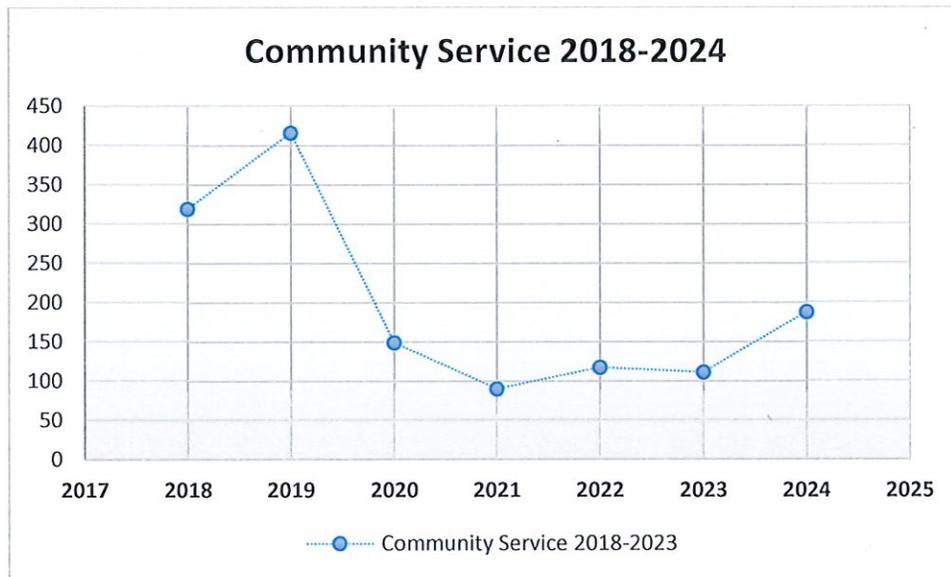
- **Educational Empowerment:** Offering quality education and educational resources to individuals, allowing them to acquire knowledge and skills that enhance their decision-making abilities and opportunities.
- **Social Empowerment:** Promoting inclusivity and social justice, ensuring that all individuals have equal rights and opportunities regardless of their background, gender, race, or other factors.
- **Personal Empowerment:** Boosting an individual's self-confidence, self-esteem, and self-belief, so they feel capable of making choices and taking action in their own lives.

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, participating in diversion and/or have a charge before the court without other supervision.

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, during summer break, 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 2024, 188 youth provided 1612 hours of service to the community.

2024 Community Service Program

Program Admissions	
Males	108
Females	80
TOTAL	188



Piqua Office

The Piqua Probation Office is located at 110 S. Wayne Street in downtown Piqua. 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 Court began a partnership with Court Solutions. Court Solutions provides online education and support for youth and families. There are over 100 classes offered across 3 platforms on a wide variety of topics. These topics include, but are not limited to, drug and alcohol education, bullying, decision making, truancy, cognitive thinking skills, anger management, and parenting support. These courses are offered to youth and families at all levels of involvement with the court. In total, Miami County Juvenile Probation/Court had youth and families access 248 classes in 2024.

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 8-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.

Incentive Program

In 2024, 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 motivate youth to change behaviors. 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, drawing materials, headphones, craft projects, and gift cards. The number and frequency of these rewards are determined by the probation department and the youth's behavior.

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 TCN. This program works with first time offenders who have come before the Court on an alcohol or substance abuse charge. The program includes a 4 hour educational session, a substance use assessment, and a parent component. In 2024, 21 youth were referred to this program. A total of seven (7) groups were held, once monthly.
- 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 2024, four (4) groups were held, educating 20 youth.
- Outreach is provided by contract with TCN 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 2024, 19 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 Partners in Hope. In 2024, 10 families were ordered 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.

- Adolescent Standard Out Patient (SOP) Group is contracted and facilitated through TCN. This group is an 8 to 10 week closed treatment group for youth who have continued to have substance abuse issues. This will be viewed as the third tier of treatment for youth as they are involved with the Court and Probation department. All youth will need to complete an intake appointment with TCN/MCRC and become a patient. This group provides each youth with up to 15 hours of service, along with the support of counseling.
- Resolving Conflict Peacefully is provided by a contract through Samaritan Behavioral Health to equip youth with education and skills to manage conflict in their daily lives. The program is geared toward youth 12-18 years old who consistently struggle to handle conflict in an unhealthy manner. These skills can be used with children who are exhibiting both unruly and delinquent behavior. The group is 6 weeks in length providing 9 hours of total classroom time. In 2024, 2 groups were held servicing 10 youth.

Mental Health Services

- In 2024, Miami County Juvenile Court continued to contract with a licensed therapist. Kari Higgins completes assessments, evaluations, and provides individual and family counseling. Ms. Higgins is also licensed in sex offender treatment. Youth adjudicated of a sexual offense are ordered to complete an assessment and if appropriate, 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 2024:
 - Diagnostic assessments - 5
 - Counseling – 8
 - Sex Offender assessments – 18
 - Sex Offender counseling - 3

Shared Placements

At times, youth involved with other county agencies are adjudicated delinquent. Placement services for these dual status youth may be provided with assistance from multiple agencies, such as **Miami County Child Protective Services, Riverside Developmental Disabilities, and Tri-County Board of Recovery and Mental Health**. The Court may share in the placement costs of some youth

in the custody of Child Protective Services who are also adjudicated delinquent. Youth may be placed in various types of settings including foster care, group homes, and residential treatment. In 2024, 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 are specially trained volunteers. These volunteers further 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 2024, 60 volunteers served 199 children, which is a decrease from 2023, when 55 volunteers served 205 children.

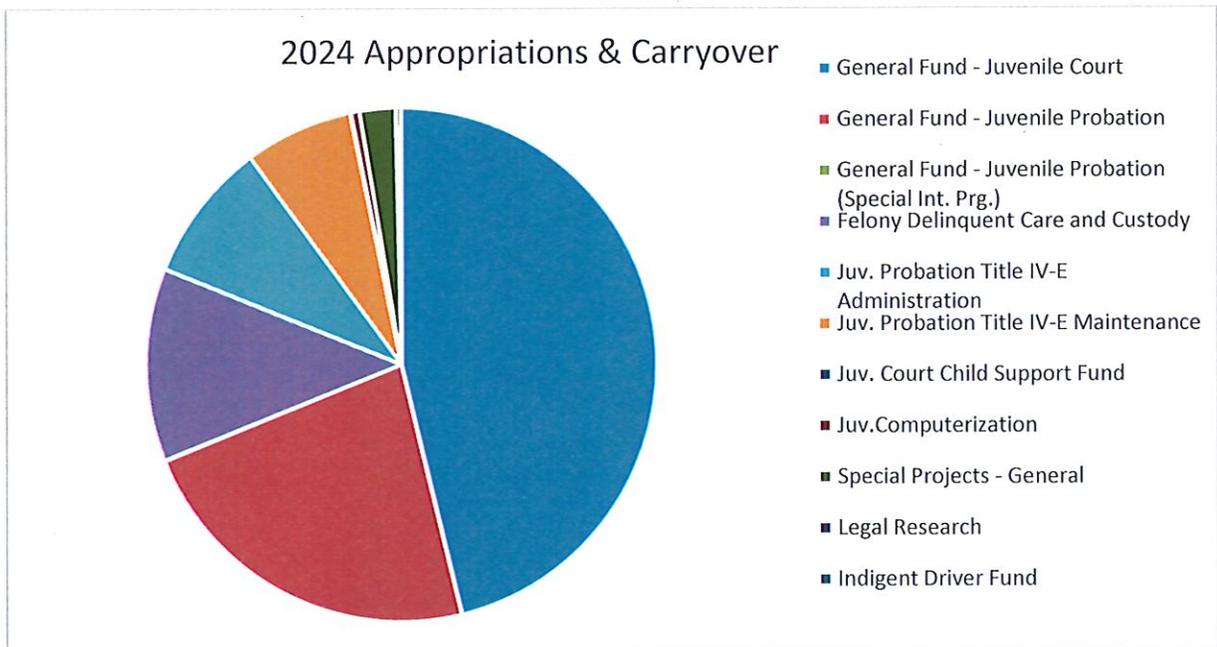
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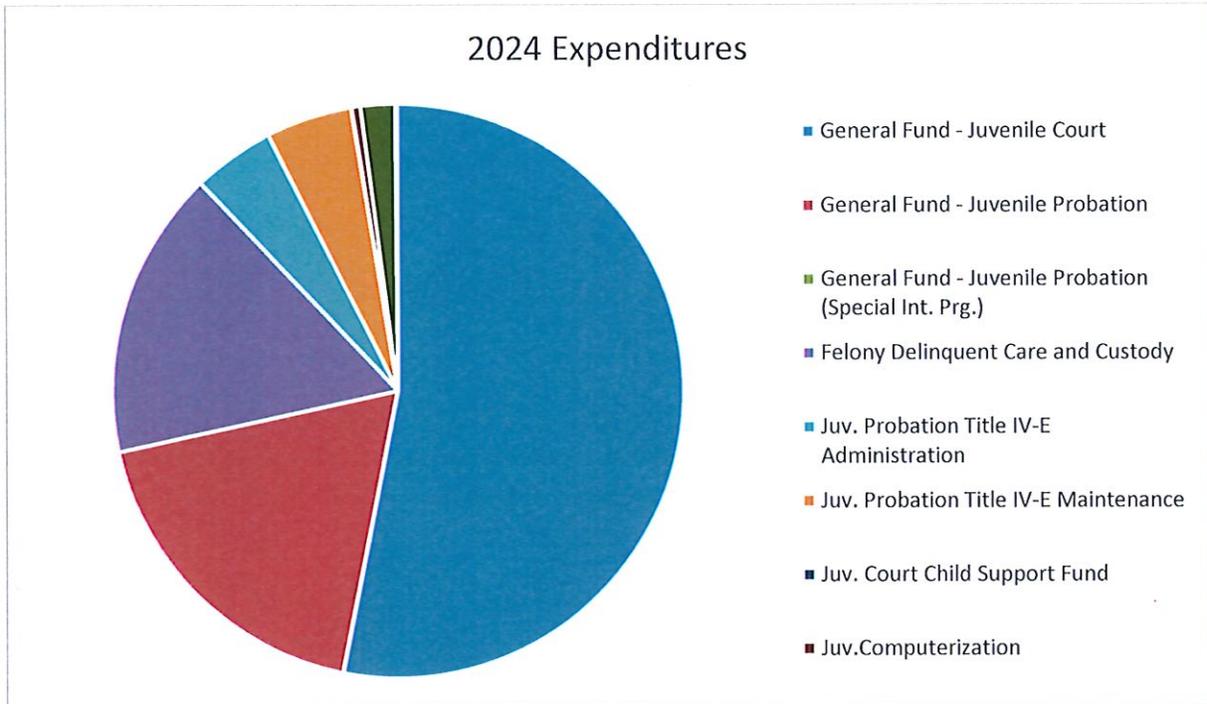


Hannah Parshall – Fiscal Director

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.

2024 Appropriations & Carryover		Expenditures
General Fund - Juvenile Court	\$ 1,618,108.00	\$ 1,381,113.88
General Fund - Juvenile Probation	\$ 795,487.00	\$ 480,941.42
General Fund - Juvenile Probation (Special	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Felony Delinquent Care and Custody	\$ 426,222.00	\$ 423,679.40
Juv. Probation Title IV-E Administration	\$ 309,631.00	\$ 121,139.00
Juv. Probation Title IV-E Maintenance	\$ 240,201.00	\$ 126,846.79
Juv. Court Child Support Fund	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 636.26
Juv.Computerization	\$ 18,433.00	\$ 12,847.83
Special Projects - General	\$ 79,201.00	\$ 50,973.31
Legal Research	\$ 1,241.00	\$ -
Indigent Driver Fund	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Youthful Driver Safety	\$ 9,650.00	\$ 2,375.00
Totals	\$ 3,502,174.00	\$ 2,600,552.89





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.

2024 FINES & COURT COSTS COLLECTED

COURT COSTS	47,317.35
COMPUTER FEES	12,331.70
LEGAL RESEARCH	2,496.00
SHERIFF FEES	1,767.00
LAW LIBRARY	1,532.00
COUNTY FINES	9,335.84
MOTOR VEHICLE FINES	2,202.41
COUNTY DRUG FINES	220.00
MISC COSTS	27.50
COPY SERVICE	45.00
WITNESS FEES	7.20
SPECIAL PROJECT - GEN	25,904.25
DRUG TESTING	70.00
P.D. APPLICATION FEE	2,412.00
P.D. RECOUP FEES	0.00
TOBACCO FEES	0.00
IDAT	459.00
STATE OF OHIO	13,902.10
BOARD OF PHARMACY	0.00
ARRESTING AGENCY	0.00
SUNDRIES	0.00
BONDS RECEIVED	0.00
DEPOSIT RECEIVED	0.00
TOTALS	120,029.35



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 2024, the center had revenue of \$2,112,057.09 and operational expenses were \$2,484,695.36. 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 and a snack in the evening. They have a structured gym period daily and attend an on-site school Monday through Friday. School is provided year-round and is guided by three full time certified teachers. The youth participate in multiple groups including anger management, substance abuse, health & hygiene, and mental health. Multiple times a year special speakers provide unique educational opportunities.

The youth have the option to participate in meditation, Bible study, and church service while at the Center. Parents, grandparents, or legal guardians may visit two times per week. Phone calls are offered once per week, letter writing is offered twice per week. Both phone calls and letter writing can increase with the youths' good behavior.

S.T.A.R. (Start Today Accepting Responsibility) is a 2 hour prevention program that is offered once per week. This program gives the at-risk youth a tour of the facility and a feel for the programming at West Central. It also brings the parents into the facility to allow a time for the family to understand the consequences of the youths' choices. The STAR program is offered to all of our contracted counties and special accommodations can be made for external

counties or agencies. This program is for "high risk" youth between the ages of 12 and 17. These youth are referred by the juvenile courts to ensure that they have access to court services before they attend the program.

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

West Central Juvenile Detention Center 2024

2024 Stats													
257 days	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Intakes	55	65	50	53	60	51	64	44	52	72	53	36	655
Female	15	16	15	17	16	15	24	15	19	32	20	10	214
Male	40	49	35	36	44	36	40	29	33	40	33	26	441
Non Conf	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DID	930	900	1139	1118	975	914	1068	966	877	1142	974	737	11740
Ave Daily Pop	30	31	36.7	37.3	31.5	30.5	34.5	31.2	29.2	36.8	32.5	23.8	32.07
Ave Stay Days	11.6	8.91	10.5	12.7	10.7	11	11.1	11.6	11.5	10.7	11.2	11.5	11.09
School Days	637	654	757	811	723	627	763	692	613	837	647	497	8258
Total Youth	80	101	86	88	91	83	96	83	76	107	87	64	
Ave School Pop	30.3	31.1	36	36.9	31.4	31.4	34.7	31.5	29.2	36.4	32.4	23.7	32.08

Totals per County in 2024										
	Auglaize	Clinton	Darke	Mercer	Miami	Preble	Shelby	Van Wert	Other	Total
Intakes	205	38	35	87	133	59	62	35	1	655
Total Days in Det.	2349	1048	686	1817	2558	636	1804	814	28	11740
Avg. Length of Stay	11.5	27.6	19.6	20.9	19.2	10.8	29.1	23.3	28	21.1
Average Age	16	16.03	15.36	15.53	15.68	15.84	15.67	15.49	15.8	15.71

2024 Annual Report Statistical Summary

Cases Filed in 2024

Cases Filed/Transferred In	
Delinquent	415
Traffic	337
Dependency/Neglect/Abuse	72
Unruly	269
Adult	46
Permanent Custody	10
Custody/Change of Custody/Visitation	537
Support Enforcement/Modifications	365
Parentage	65
UIFSA	21
Other	11
Total Cases Filed	2248

Cases Terminated in 2024

Cases Terminated by Case Type	
Delinquent	423
Traffic	434
Dependency/Neglect/Abuse	78
Unruly	270
Adult	56
Permanent Custody	20
Custody/Change of Custody/Visitation	618
Support Enforcement/Modification	375
Parentage	57
UIFSA	17
Other	11
Total	2359

Cases Terminated by Type of Termination	
Trial by Judge	6
Trial by Magistrate	111
Dismissal	447
Admission by Judge	175
Admission by Magistrate	1245
Certification/Waiver Granted	0
Unavailability of Party for Trial	199
Transfers to another Court	57
Interlocutory Appeal	0
Other Terminations	119
Total	2359

Types of Dispositions for Youth in 2024

Types of Dispositions

- Detention
- Suspended commitment and/or placement in a residential facility
- Suspended commitment and/or placement in a CCF
- Suspended commitment and/or placement in DYS
- Probation Supervision
- Electronic Home Monitoring
- House Arrest
- Random Drug Screens
- Individual and/or family counseling
- Substance Abuse Groups
- Employability Group
- Independent Living Group
- Resolving Conflict Peacefully Group
- Online classes
- Parent Project Group
- Suspended Driver's License and/or limited driving privileges
- YEI! Program (Community Service)
- Extra Chores
- CROPS Program
- Essays
- Letters of Apology
- Curfew
- No Contact orders
- Restitution/Fines/Court Costs
- Bind Over to Adult Court
- Protective Supervision CPS
- Permanent Custody CPS
- Jail Sentence (Adults)

Miami County Juvenile Court Contact Information

Judicial Assistant/Fiscal Officer – Hannah Parshall.....	440-3503
Juvenile Court Clerk's Office (general information)	440-5970
Chief Deputy Clerk –Nicole Rodriguez.....	440-3533
Chief Probation Officer – Elizabeth Harshbarger.....	440-5985
West Central Detention Center – Mike Phillips (Director).....	440-5428

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Ohio Revised Code § 2151.18 requires that the Court include on each printed copy of the Annual Report the cost of each printed copy. The Annual Report was printed using the Court's color copier so no exact costs are associated with its printing. Only two printed copies are being made in order to satisfy the legal requirements that two copies remain on file with the Court, with distribution of the Annual Report being made electronically in order to minimize costs. The Annual Report can be found on the Court's web site at www.miamicountyohio.gov/133/Juvenile

Miami County Probate Court

2024 Annual Report

Judge Scott Altenburger



Magistrates:

Katherine Kemp Severt
D. Andrew Venters
Hillary A. Jaqua

Chief Deputy Clerk/Fiscal Director:

Hannah Parshall

History of the Court

Probate Courts existed in the Northwest Territory prior to Ohio's statehood. They had authority in probate, testamentary, and guardianship cases, although the Probate Judge and two Common Pleas Judges issued all final judgments. In 1802, Ohio's first constitution abolished separate Probate Courts and transferred their authority to the Common Pleas Courts. Separate Probate Courts reappeared in 1851, when Ohio drafted a new constitution. This gave Probate Court the powers to grant marriage licenses and control land sales by appointed executors, administrators, and guardians. As a result of a 1912 constitutional amendment, county voters can decide by referendum whether or not to combine the Probate Court with the Court of Common Pleas. In 1969, the Probate Court became a division of the Court of Common Pleas.

The Probate Court has original jurisdiction in the settlement of estates. The Court held limited jurisdiction in minor criminal offenses from 1851 – 1932. The Probate Judge maintained a permanent record of births and deaths from 1867 to 1908. Since the 1850's, the Court has had jurisdiction over the appointment of guardians for minors and the mentally ill; the Judge can also commit the mentally ill to institutional care. The Probate Court exercised jurisdiction in naturalization proceedings in the last half of the nineteenth century until 1906, when the federal government assumed this power. The Probate Judge serves a six-year term and must be a licensed attorney who has practiced law for at least six years prior to election.

Miami County Probate Judges

Judge	Term
Hon. Benjamin F. Powers	1852 - 1856
Hon. Joseph Pearson	1856 - 1861
Hon. Samuel S. Davis	1861 - 1867
Hon. W. N. Foster	1867 - 1873
Hon. A. S. McKinney	1873 - 1879
Hon. William Johnston	1879 - 1885
Hon. W. J. Clyde	1885 - 1891
Hon. John C. Geyer	1891 - 1897
Hon. William Freshour	1897 - 1903
Hon. J. Harrison Smith	1903 - 1906
Hon. E. W. Maier	1906 - 1913
Hon. Lewis E. St. John	1913 - 1921
Hon. E. M. Bell	1921 - 1923
Hon. Raymond Kerr	1923 - 1924
Hon. Harry Powell	1924 - 1925
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	1997 - 2009
Hon. W. McGregor Dixon, Jr.	2009 - 2018
Hon. Scott Altenburger	2018 - Present

2024 PROBATE COURT STAFF

HEARING OFFICERS:

Chief Magistrate – Katherine Kemp Severt

Magistrate – D. Andrew Venters

Magistrate – Hillary Jaqua

DEPUTY CLERKS

Chief Deputy Clerk/Fiscal Director – Hannah Parshall

Deputy Clerk – Lisa Dotson

Deputy Clerk – Sara Gregg

Deputy Clerk – Tracey Fisher

Deputy Clerk – Carl Stang

IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO

PROBATE DIVISION

2024

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JANUARY	\$14102.67
FEBRUARY	\$14310.12
MARCH	\$14604.92
APRIL	\$16338.62
MAY	\$14818.07
JUNE	\$16209.91
JULY	\$13420.98
AUGUST	\$18149.93
SEPTEMBER	\$17646.12
OCTOBER	\$18815.85
NOVEMBER	\$10599.46
DECEMBER	\$11925.99
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$180942.64

IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO

PROBATE DIVISION

2024

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RECEIPTS APPLIED	\$139,128.14
DISBURSEMENTS APPLIED	\$136,034.84
FEE FUND (General Fund)	\$89,154.23
COMPUTER LEGAL RESEARCH FUND	\$2,001.00
COMPUTER FUND	\$12,560.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$15,525.00
INDIGENT GDSP. FUND	\$14,530.00
SHERIFF	\$291.94
SUNDRIES	\$19,963.17
LEGAL AID ADMINISTRATIVE FEE	\$138.11
LEGAL AID FUND	\$13,672.89
SHELTER FUND	\$10,013.00
PUTATIVE FATHER FUND	\$0.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$180,942.64

Ohio Supreme Court Case Statistics

2024

		<i>Quarter</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
Decedent's Estates	Filed During Quarter		122	129	121	101
	Closed During Quarter		116	106	121	103
	Pending at the End of Quarter		431	454	454	452
Guardianships of Minors	Filed During Quarter		2	1	2	4
	Closed During Quarter		0	4	2	0
	Pending at the End of Quarter		44	44	44	48
Guardianship of Incompetents	Filed During Quarter		11	7	15	14
	Closed During Quarter		22	9	10	12
	Pending at end of Quarter		401	399	404	406
	Emergency Filed		2	1	0	0
Conservatorships	Filed During Quarter		0	0	0	0
	Closed During Quarter		0	2	0	0
	Pending at end of Quarter		7	5	5	5
Testamentary Trusts	Filed During Quarter		0	0	0	2
	Closed During Quarter		7	2	1	1
	Pending at end of Quarter		94	92	91	92
Civil Actions	Filed During Quarter		3	1	0	1
	Closed During Quarter		4	2	4	0
	Pending at end of Quarter		8	7	3	4
Adoptions	Filed During Quarter		13	9	9	6
	Closed During Quarter		7	13	10	4
	Pending at end of Quarter		16	12	11	13
Mental Health and Civil Commitments	Filed During Quarter		1	2	2	5
	Closed During Quarter		0	3	1	3
	Pending at end of Quarter		1	0	1	3
Minors' Settlements	Filed During Quarter		0	4	2	0
	Closed During Quarter		0	5	5	1
	Pending at end of Quarter		44	43	40	39
Wrongful Death	Filed During Quarter		1	0	0	0
	Closed During Quarter		0	0	0	0
	Pending at end of Quarter		3	3	3	3
Changed Name	Filed During Quarter		17	17	16	11
	Closed During Quarter		13	18	21	11
Delayed Birth/Birth Correction	Filed During Quarter		0	1	1	2
Marriage Applications	Filed During Quarter		78	173	211	134

TOTAL CASES FOR 2024

January – December 2024

Decedent's Estates	Filed During Year	473
	Closed During Year	446
	Pending at the End of Year	452
Guardianships of Minors	Filed During Year	9
	Closed During Year	3
	Pending at the End of Year	48
Guardianship of Incompetents	Filed During Year	47
	Closed During Year	53
	Pending at end of Year	406
	Emergency Filed	4
Conservatorships	Filed During Year	0
	Closed During Year	2
	Pending at end of Year	5
Testamentary Trusts	Filed During Year	2
	Closed During Year	11
	Pending at end of Year	92
Civil Actions	Filed During Year	5
	Closed During Year	10
	Pending at end of Year	4
Adoptions	Filed During Year	37
	Closed During Year	34
	Pending at end of Year	13
Mental Health and Civil Commitments	Filed During Year	10
	Closed During Year	7
	Pending at end of Year	3
Minors' Settlements	Filed During Year	6
	Closed During Year	11
	Pending at end of Year	39
Wrongful Death	Filed During Year	1
	Closed During Year	0
	Pending at end of Year	3
Changed Name	Filed During Year	61
	Closed During Year	63
Delayed Birth/Birth Correction	Filed During Year	4
Marriage Applications	Filed During Year	596

RESOLUTION NO. 25-05-530

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF 2024 ANNUAL REPORT
JUVENILE COURT AND PROBATE COURT

Mr. Westfall introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.R.C. 2151.18, not later than June of each year, the court shall prepare an annual report covering the preceding calendar year showing the number and kinds of cases that have come before it, the disposition of the cases, and any other data pertaining to the work of the court that the juvenile judge directs, and shall file copies of said report with the board of county commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Juvenile Court Judge, Scott Altenburger, has filed such report with the Board of Miami County Commissioners on May 6, 2025; and

WHEREAS, O.R.C. 2151.18 states, with approval of the board, the court may print or cause to be printed copies of the report for distribution to persons and agencies interested in the court or community program for dependent, neglected, abused, or delinquent children and juvenile traffic offenders.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Miami County Commissioners, to acknowledge receipt of Juvenile Court and Probate Court's 2024 Annual Report and authorize Juvenile Court to print the condensed version of said Annual Report for distribution to the community.

Mr. Simmons seconded the motion and the Board voted as follows upon roll call:

Mr. Simmons, Yea;

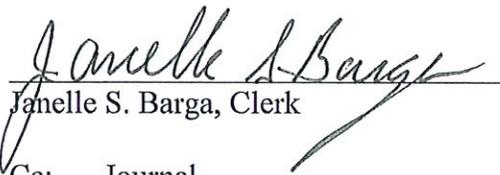
Mr. Mercer, Yea;

Mr. Westfall, Yea.

DATED: May 8, 2025

CERTIFICATION

I, Janelle S. Barga, Clerk to the Board of Miami County Commissioners, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct transcript of action taken by the board under the date of May 8, 2025.


Janelle S. Barga, Clerk

Cc: Journal
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Juvenile Court – Judge Altenburger c/o Hannah Parshall