

Magistrate Courts

2015 Magistrate Court Case Filings

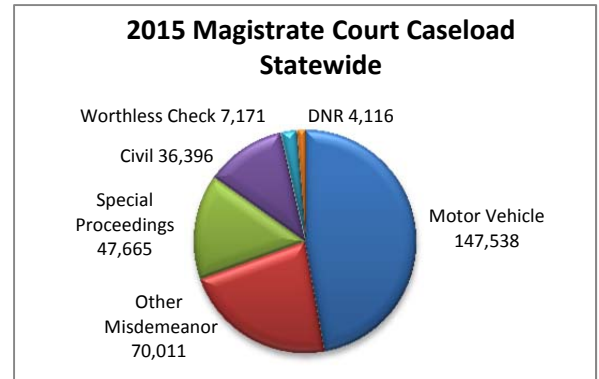
	Total	Civil	DNR	Motor Vehicle	Other Misdemeanor	Worthless Check
Barbour	1,933	171	83	839	478	362
Berkeley	17,646	4,614	60	7,770	5,130	72
Boone	4,520	153	142	2,980	1,236	9
Braxton	2,770	245	105	1,480	886	54
Brooke	3,598	215	35	2,678	603	67
Cabell	15,585	3,154	203	6,994	4,931	303
Calhoun	1,401	146	45	642	468	100
Clay	1,600	110	36	952	383	119
Doddridge	2,282	71	21	1,997	180	13
Fayette	6,350	508	91	3,751	1,727	273
Gilmer	990	117	89	369	398	17
Grant	2,121	232	58	845	921	65
Greenbrier	3,799	666	91	1,558	1,182	302
Hampshire	3,397	718	114	1,780	652	133
Hancock	2,883	412	33	1,814	594	30
Hardy	2,987	329	52	1,878	559	169
Harrison	7,378	1,720	53	2,798	2,463	344
Jackson	4,247	403	131	2,659	961	93
Jefferson	6,404	1,325	159	2,647	2,153	120
Kanawha	23,444	3,347	140	13,639	6,152	166
Lewis	4,209	880	119	2,284	828	98
Lincoln	6,251	131	1	4,878	1,223	18
Logan	8,722	414	155	5,663	2,381	109
Marion	4,697	855	42	2,489	1,088	223
Marshall	3,320	625	38	1,422	1,195	40
Mason	4,602	285	155	3,368	710	84
McDowell	3,030	142	22	1,224	1,639	3
Mercer	11,321	1,821	17	6,235	2,982	266
Mineral	3,348	329	47	1,840	1,079	53
Mingo	6,021	243	150	4,169	1,444	15
Monongalia	10,372	2,073	96	5,184	2,939	80
Monroe	1,202	145	51	674	318	14
Morgan	2,986	855	32	1,608	449	42
Nicholas	5,325	262	202	2,655	1,742	464
Ohio	6,823	947	65	4,216	1,452	143
Pendleton	822	68	55	517	144	38
Pleasants	1,024	167	39	577	200	41
Pocahontas	1,130	110	31	560	332	97
Preston	4,198	742	142	2,317	863	134
Putnam	7,117	534	91	5,303	1,059	130
Raleigh	13,862	1,106	76	8,267	4,020	393
Randolph	4,699	571	72	2,446	864	746
Ritchie	1,831	185	60	1,366	183	37
Roane	2,197	160	83	1,013	898	43
Summers	1,093	74	103	395	417	104
Taylor	1,940	267	23	1,311	307	32
Tucker	1,092	136	54	574	198	130
Tyler	761	74	11	446	163	67
Upshur	3,186	401	81	1,596	813	295
Wayne	5,435	617	118	3,847	804	49
Webster	1,189	47	34	583	491	34
Wetzel	1,388	157	25	830	320	56
Wirt	542	70	34	265	138	35
Wood	11,061	2,069	1	5,621	3,314	56
Wyoming	3,101	178	50	1,725	957	191
Total	265,232	36,396	4,116	147,538	70,011	7,171

2015 Magistrate Court Special Proceedings

	Total	Abuse/ Neglect	Domestic Violence	Felony	Juvenile	Mental Health	Personal Safety Petitions	Temporary Protective Orders
Barbour	364	0	110	212	7	8	25	2
Berkeley	2,652	0	752	1,558	189	0	152	1
Boone	739	0	185	536	0	0	18	0
Braxton	609	17	51	520	18	2	1	0
Brooke	433	5	118	251	39	2	16	2
Cabell	3,157	0	675	2,361	0	0	116	5
Calhoun	130	10	44	46	13	11	6	0
Clay	253	18	62	165	4	0	3	1
Doddridge	222	14	35	123	11	5	34	0
Fayette	1,349	6	304	1,027	1	10	1	0
Gilmer	352	4	45	292	5	0	6	0
Grant	357	0	90	244	0	0	22	1
Greenbrier	879	18	318	438	43	0	61	1
Hampshire	378	8	81	261	26	0	2	0
Hancock	570	0	162	311	72	0	24	1
Hardy	369	0	67	289	12	0	0	1
Harrison	1,714	0	537	1,131	25	0	19	2
Jackson	726	0	229	410	4	0	81	2
Jefferson	1,144	4	272	728	93	0	44	3
Kanawha	6,469	18	2,006	3,222	575	0	648	0
Lewis	365	13	58	278	10	1	2	3
Lincoln	957	0	190	579	127	14	47	0
Logan	1,364	2	392	762	13	0	194	1
Marion	1,038	0	385	630	0	0	22	1
Marshall	643	0	169	434	0	0	40	0
Mason	543	0	191	291	0	0	60	1
McDowell	902	2	181	521	91	31	74	2
Mercer	2,373	0	757	1,334	4	0	275	3
Mineral	578	1	151	374	2	0	49	1
Mingo	992	13	368	464	87	8	52	0
Monongalia	1,544	0	527	887	0	0	130	0
Monroe	283	0	122	97	0	0	63	1
Morgan	188	2	65	85	26	0	10	0
Nicholas	1,273	35	179	1,018	17	10	14	0
Ohio	631	17	171	354	45	0	44	0
Pendleton	226	1	19	195	11	0	0	0
Pleasants	132	4	44	48	27	9	0	0
Pocahontas	248	3	55	117	25	12	36	0
Preston	429	0	254	173	1	1	0	0
Putnam	757	0	378	327	0	0	49	3
Raleigh	2,753	2	729	1,565	364	81	9	3
Randolph	715	0	362	251	0	0	101	1
Ritchie	140	4	46	69	20	0	0	1
Roane	388	7	70	286	11	2	12	0
Summers	225	27	57	135	2	1	3	0
Taylor	268	0	67	150	23	23	1	4
Tucker	80	0	22	47	4	0	7	0
Tyler	112	0	64	36	4	0	8	0
Upshur	346	1	117	184	22	0	22	0
Wayne	845	0	189	612	1	13	30	0
Webster	391	20	68	264	7	1	31	0
Wetzel	247	6	76	159	5	0	1	0
Wirt	95	0	63	24	0	0	8	0
Wood	1,781	8	799	711	5	0	255	3
Wyoming	970	25	280	491	114	5	55	0
Total	47,688	315	13,808	28,077	2,205	250	2,983	50

2015 Total Magistrate Court Case Filings

	Criminal and Civil	Special Proceedings	2015 Total
Barbour	1,933	364	2,297
Berkeley	17,646	2,652	20,298
Boone	4,520	739	5,259
Braxton	2,770	609	3,379
Brooke	3,598	433	4,031
Cabell	15,585	3,157	18,742
Calhoun	1,401	130	1,531
Clay	1,600	253	1,853
Doddridge	2,282	222	2,504
Fayette	6,350	1,349	7,699
Gilmer	990	352	1,342
Grant	2,121	357	2,478
Greenbrier	3,799	879	4,678
Hampshire	3,397	378	3,775
Hancock	2,883	570	3,453
Hardy	2,987	369	3,356
Harrison	7,378	1,714	9,092
Jackson	4,247	726	4,973
Jefferson	6,404	1,144	7,548
Kanawha	23,444	6,469	29,913
Lewis	4,209	365	4,574
Lincoln	6,251	957	7,208
Logan	8,722	1,364	10,086
Marion	4,697	1,038	5,735
Marshall	3,320	643	3,963
Mason	4,602	543	5,145
McDowell	3,030	902	3,932
Mercer	11,321	2,373	13,694
Mineral	3,348	578	3,926
Mingo	6,021	992	7,013
Monongalia	10,372	1,544	11,916
Monroe	1,202	283	1,485
Morgan	2,986	188	3,174
Nicholas	5,325	1,273	6,598
Ohio	6,823	631	7,454
Pendleton	822	226	1,048
Pleasants	1,024	132	1,156
Pocahontas	1,130	248	1,378
Preston	4,198	429	4,627
Putnam	7,117	757	7,874
Raleigh	13,862	2,753	16,615
Randolph	4,699	715	5,414
Ritchie	1,831	140	1,971
Roane	2,197	388	2,585
Summers	1,093	225	1,318
Taylor	1,940	268	2,208
Tucker	1,092	80	1,172
Tyler	761	112	873
Upshur	3,186	346	3,532
Wayne	5,435	845	6,280
Webster	1,189	391	1,580
Wetzel	1,388	247	1,635
Wirt	542	95	637
Wood	11,061	1,781	12,842
Wyoming	3,101	970	4,071
Total	265,232	47,688	312,920



There are 158 magistrates in West Virginia. There are at least two magistrates in every county, and ten in the largest county, Kanawha.

Current Magistrates ran for four-year terms in partisan elections. Magistrates have jurisdiction over civil cases in which the financial amount in dispute is less than five thousand dollars. They hear misdemeanor cases and conduct preliminary examinations in felony cases. In criminal cases they issue and record affidavits, complaints, arrest warrants, and search warrants. They set bail and make decisions concerning proposed plea agreements, the collection of courts' costs, cash bonds, and fines.

In 2015, 312,920 cases were filed in magistrate courts in West Virginia, a 1.7 percent decrease from 2014 cases filed. Of the 2015 cases filed, 228,836 were criminal cases; 36,396 were civil cases; and 47,688 were special proceedings.

