

Magistrate Courts
2017 Magistrate Court Civil Case Filings

	Total	Small Claims	Personal Safety Petitions	Domestic Violence	
				EPO	TEPO
Barbour	272	181	20	71	0
Berkeley	4,892	3,893	224	775	0
Boone	402	149	39	214	0
Braxton	265	185	1	79	0
Brooke	427	202	125	99	1
Cabell	3,710	2,882	125	699	4
Calhoun	124	101	0	23	0
Clay	132	74	0	58	0
Doddridge	166	96	18	52	0
Fayette	778	510	3	264	1
Gilmer	120	86	3	31	0
Grant	295	212	7	72	4
Greenbrier	951	579	71	301	0
Hampshire	709	643	1	65	0
Hancock	523	380	35	108	0
Hardy	398	296	2	100	0
Harrison	2,062	1,575	1	484	2
Jackson	656	362	80	213	1
Jefferson	1,522	1,263	55	203	1
Kanawha	6,264	3,593	612	2,055	4
Lewis	660	568	10	82	0
Lincoln	370	160	62	148	0
Logan	1,094	319	286	487	2
Marion	1,591	1236	29	326	0
Marshall	425	325	28	72	0
Mason	545	305	63	177	0
McDowell	756	112	498	144	2
Mercer	2,296	1,193	358	744	1
Mineral	496	295	75	124	2
Mingo	578	223	65	288	2
Monongalia	2,901	2,312	92	497	0
Monroe	252	127	21	104	0
Morgan	524	432	18	74	0
Nicholas	380	244	8	128	0
Ohio	1,009	760	64	185	0
Pendleton	142	99	10	33	0
Pleasants	177	137	0	39	1
Pocahontas	338	200	30	107	1
Preston	1126	891	34	200	1
Putnam	1197	735	46	415	1
Raleigh	1,646	1,019	19	606	2
Randolph	1,047	740	67	240	0
Ritchie	198	129	0	69	0
Roane	276	194	2	77	3
Summers	141	87	0	54	0
Taylor	384	282	1	99	2
Tucker	141	96	12	33	0
Tyler	190	104	13	72	1
Upshur	547	395	13	139	0
Wayne	793	588	42	163	0
Webster	194	126	8	60	0
Wetzel	342	232	12	98	0
Wirt	119	69	6	43	1
Wood	3,152	2,089	224	835	4
Wyoming	379	131	27	221	0
Total	51,074	34,216	3,665	13,149	44

2017 Magistrate Court Criminal Case Filings

	Total	Worthless Check	Felony		Misdemeanor		
			Motor Vehicle	Other	Motor Vehicle	DNR	Other
Barbour	1,285	233	13	118	421	31	469
Berkeley	8,099	37	85	1,020	4,026	44	2,887
Boone	2,361	16	19	326	1,151	74	775
Braxton	1,818	14	15	180	973	34	602
Brooke	2,414	41	11	190	1,706	25	441
Cabell	9,620	224	101	1,225	4,987	65	3,018
Calhoun	465	32	5	31	245	26	126
Clay	836	95	7	102	320	22	290
Doddridge	1,128	14	12	48	903	19	132
Fayette	4,371	120	29	547	2,441	32	1,202
Gilmer	566	45	2	45	299	7	168
Grant	948	74	5	87	364	41	377
Greenbrier	2,260	295	16	206	905	48	790
Hampshire	1,931	58	13	144	1,094	26	596
Hancock	1,466	18	12	154	934	23	325
Hardy	2,215	150	14	112	1,357	26	556
Harrison	4,507	165	36	567	1,568	46	2,125
Jackson	2,454	60	18	189	1,542	59	586
Jefferson	3,844	14	36	366	2,075	69	1,284
Kanawha	15,232	180	299	2,382	8,384	174	3,813
Lewis	2,326	101	9	184	1,480	60	492
Lincoln	3,516	21	26	155	2,767	58	489
Logan	5,159	49	31	399	2,966	171	1,543
Marion	2,644	90	23	506	1,224	24	777
Marshall	2,059	33	22	217	974	25	788
Mason	2,815	37	11	168	1,820	132	647
McDowell	1,161	22	12	203	427	40	457
Mercer	5,195	146	32	595	2,956	60	1,406
Mineral	1,773	36	11	178	936	26	586
Mingo	2,482	12	8	197	1,630	101	534
Monongalia	6,955	112	48	668	3,270	104	2,753
Monroe	566	5	1	37	329	26	168
Morgan	2,296	21	4	108	1,725	16	422
Nicholas	2,944	148	17	225	1,784	70	700
Ohio	4,537	52	17	428	2,834	43	1,163
Pendleton	457	32	2	34	269	28	92
Pleasants	515	38	3	70	271	14	119
Pocahontas	833	105	6	79	355	52	236
Preston	2,247	222	22	122	1,258	89	534
Putnam	3,919	120	39	237	2,828	35	660
Raleigh	7,465	224	47	730	4,041	51	2,372
Randolph	2,940	457	11	242	1,539	52	639
Ritchie	1,037	52	4	80	665	25	211
Roane	1,602	27	28	157	813	35	542
Summers	702	83	3	69	294	41	212
Taylor	1,258	55	9	121	807	16	250
Tucker	751	120	1	34	457	11	128
Tyler	882	37	1	43	556	36	209
Upshur	2,259	171	15	171	1,105	56	741
Wayne	2,296	32	28	408	1,241	66	521
Webster	650	30	6	72	274	25	243
Wetzel	1,511	46	5	127	929	7	397
Wirt	305	23	7	20	148	17	90
Wood	6,437	66	71	727	2,882	76	2,615
Wyoming	1,897	55	14	144	1,243	31	410
Total	154,211	4,765	1,342	15,994	84,792	2,610	44,708

2017 Magistrate Court Juvenile Case Filings and Special Proceedings

	Juvenile				Special Proceedings			
	Total	Motor Vehicle	DNR	Other	Total	Mental Health	Abuse and Neglect	Juvenile
Barbour	9	3	2	4	21	9	0	12
Berkeley	109	96	3	10	155	0	0	155
Boone	19	15	3	1	0	0	0	0
Braxton	13	6	0	7	14	0	10	4
Brooke	80	45	2	33	245	8	9	228
Cabell	53	48	4	1	216	0	not reported	216
Calhoun	4	4	0	0	29	8	9	12
Clay	2	2	0	0	8	0	7	1
Doddridge	18	11	0	7	25	5	11	9
Fayette	45	35	1	9	9	4	0	5
Gilmer	1	1	0	0	12	0	6	6
Grant	21	7	0	14	13	4	9	0
Greenbrier	11	8	3	0	88	0	38	50
Hampshire	46	23	1	22	37	4	7	26
Hancock	15	12	0	3	71	0	0	71
Hardy	55	31	1	23	25	2	5	18
Harrison	45	13	0	32	597	18	4	575
Jackson	36	28	5	3	0	0	0	0
Jefferson	46	40	3	3	65	0	4	61
Kanawha	102	75	2	25	472	0	not reported	472
Lewis	36	21	3	12	11	0	0	11
Lincoln	46	40	4	2	49	18	0	31
Logan	78	29	15	34	122	10	59	53
Marion	28	24	3	1	86	1	49	36
Marshall	22	8	1	13	0	0	0	0
Mason	66	29	4	33	36	9	10	17
McDowell	7	4	2	1	36	9	10	17
Mercer	54	47	0	7	0	0	0	0
Mineral	21	20	1	0	3	1	1	1
Mingo	42	26	9	7	33	8	9	16
Monongalia	127	34	4	89	5	5	0	0
Monroe	16	4	3	9	6	0	6	0
Morgan	38	32	1	5	16	0	0	16
Nicholas	32	22	4	6	106	3	47	56
Ohio	41	40	0	1	58	0	31	27
Pendleton	10	6	3	1	4	0	0	4
Pleasants	4	3	0	1	44	3	16	25
Pocahontas	10	7	3	0	35	17	9	9
Preston	27	15	6	6	27	0	0	27
Putnam	42	33	3	6	0	0	0	0
Raleigh	68	37	0	31	386	57	1	328
Randolph	47	43	4	0	0	0	0	0
Ritchie	9	3	1	5	32	0	11	21
Roane	41	14	4	23	119	9	73	37
Summers	16	10	5	1	31	1	25	5
Taylor	12	9	2	1	44	20	0	24
Tucker	4	4	0	0	1	0	0	1
Tyler	15	12	2	1	5	0	3	2
Upshur	27	18	2	7	25	4	2	19
Wayne	22	16	1	5	69	19	20	30
Webster	8	3	0	5	34	3	21	10
Wetzel	26	21	0	5	6	0	5	1
Wirt	2	1	1	0	20	0	12	8
Wood	80	55	2	23	51	0	41	10
Wyoming	15	15	0	0	98	14	18	66
Total	1,869	1,208	123	538	3,700	273	598	2,829

Magistrate Court Reporting

The 2017 reporting year represents the first, full, statewide utilization of UJA, the Unified Judicial Application. The case management system processed data for reporting for all twelve months for all fifty-five counties.

Magistrate Court is the court of record for many felony, misdemeanor, and domestic proceedings. It is also within the Magistrates' authority to hear special proceedings which are filed in the Circuit Court.

Magistrate Court Summary

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

Magistrates run for four-year terms in nonpartisan elections. Magistrates have jurisdiction over civil cases in which the financial amount in dispute is less than \$10,000. 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 counties where there are no or not enough mental hygiene commissioners, the chief circuit judge may designate a magistrate(s) to handle all or part of probable cause involuntary hospitalization cases. These, along with child abuse and neglect, are collected as special proceedings.

