



# The 2021 Annual Statistics Report

on Circuit, Family, and Magistrate Courts



# The West Virginia Court System

**SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA**

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

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**Circuit Courts**  
**2021 Criminal Case Filings**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Felony</b>	<b>Magistrate Appeals</b>	<b>Misdemeanor</b>	<b>Other Criminal Cases</b>
Barbour	87	84	0	3	0
Berkeley	562	343	2	3	214
Boone	78	41	1	3	33
Braxton	74	53	3	1	17
Brooke	108	68	0	8	32
Cabell	722	370	7	18	327
Calhoun	32	23	0	2	7
Clay	65	43	5	2	15
Doddridge	65	45	1	4	15
Fayette	277	234	3	5	35
Gilmer	34	20	1	0	13
Grant	53	51	0	2	0
Greenbrier	142	109	3	3	27
Hampshire	203	132	1	2	68
Hancock	66	51	1	0	14
Hardy	70	47	2	0	21
Harrison	356	220	2	6	128
Jackson	157	127	1	6	23
Jefferson	317	120	1	8	188
Kanawha	816	404	6	115	291
Lewis	99	90	0	1	8
Lincoln	88	68	0	15	5
Logan	455	264	0	16	175
Marion	348	293	12	7	36
Marshall	84	82	2	0	0
Mason	124	70	0	12	42
McDowell	227	126	1	10	90
Mercer	806	290	12	15	489
Mineral	138	75	2	3	58
Mingo	261	171	0	6	84
Monongalia	388	350	10	4	24
Monroe	76	56	0	3	17
Morgan	99	65	3	0	31
Nicholas	118	83	1	2	32
Ohio	288	113	2	3	170
Pendleton	47	36	1	0	10
Pleasants	36	29	0	0	7
Pocahontas	36	27	1	0	8
Preston	254	128	2	7	117
Putnam	224	161	10	9	44
Raleigh	1,041	463	30	157	391
Randolph	204	158	0	10	36
Ritchie	53	51	0	0	2
Roane	192	99	0	5	88
Summers	80	69	0	2	9
Taylor	85	70	0	0	15
Tucker	18	12	0	2	4
Tyler	47	24	0	13	10
Upshur	109	80	1	20	8
Wayne	253	163	2	26	62
Webster	41	34	1	0	6
Wetzel	97	95	1	1	0
Wirt	14	14	0	0	0
Wood	530	313	5	1	211
Wyoming	134	91	1	40	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,378</b>	<b>6,898</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>3,759</b>

## Circuit Courts 2021 Civil Case Filings

	Total	Admin. Agency Appeals	Adoption	Domestic Violence	General Civil	Guardianship	Magistrate Appeals	Mental Health	Other Civil Cases	Other Domestic Relations	Personal Safety Appeals
Barbour	127	0	27	1	52	8	2	12	25	0	0
Berkeley	1,172	4	128	0	413	59	4	261	282	0	21
Boone	255	0	51	0	81	11	3	65	44	0	0
Braxton	138	1	33	0	37	15	0	32	20	0	0
Brooke	170	1	12	0	80	4	2	41	27	0	3
Cabell	1,809	0	124	0	488	65	19	1,035	73	0	5
Calhoun	80	0	16	0	21	6	0	26	11	0	0
Clay	107	0	36	0	31	11	2	13	14	0	0
Doddridge	103	0	17	0	34	1	2	29	17	0	3
Fayette	386	1	51	0	142	19	6	93	74	0	0
Gilmer	59	0	9	0	24	1	1	1	23	0	0
Grant	89	1	8	0	36	17	1	17	5	4	0
Greenbrier	301	0	34	0	132	17	6	59	48	0	5
Hampshire	162	1	37	0	64	11	5	25	19	0	0
Hancock	186	0	9	0	84	12	1	36	44	0	0
Hardy	125	0	22	0	39	8	0	17	39	0	0
Harrison	821	0	120	0	300	22	10	278	91	0	0
Jackson	298	2	55	0	97	19	4	72	49	0	0
Jefferson	407	6	29	0	189	21	10	76	75	0	1
Kanawha	2,796	77	301	0	1,109	106	160	593	433	0	17
Lewis	645	1	19	0	84	2	7	493	39	0	0
Lincoln	294	1	29	2	79	18	3	64	96	0	2
Logan	465	2	65	0	166	13	4	61	154	0	0
Marion	561	0	62	0	189	26	11	146	111	10	6
Marshall	440	0	10	0	102	10	2	253	40	23	0
Mason	249	0	34	0	74	13	2	75	48	0	3
McDowell	232	0	19	0	82	14	0	72	45	0	0
Mercer	788	0	75	0	251	71	12	256	106	0	17
Mineral	157	0	19	0	65	10	3	19	41	0	0
Mingo	272	0	40	0	168	9	4	39	9	0	3
Monongalia	1,223	3	82	0	375	23	44	282	407	0	7
Monroe	76	1	15	0	29	4	3	4	20	0	0
Morgan	155	0	25	0	80	10	3	16	21	0	0
Nicholas	272	1	45	0	101	11	3	58	53	0	0
Ohio	713	0	28	0	213	19	4	356	88	0	5
Pendleton	35	0	7	0	13	3	1	6	5	0	0
Pleasants	59	0	13	0	17	3	0	8	18	0	0
Pocahontas	94	1	5	0	42	0	3	18	20	0	5
Preston	277	0	65	0	111	12	2	52	33	0	2
Putnam	491	2	62	0	205	33	9	95	85	0	0
Raleigh	931	2	119	0	379	35	15	230	151	0	0
Randolph	279	0	32	0	120	7	14	51	51	0	4
Ritchie	100	0	27	0	36	3	1	20	13	0	0
Roane	144	0	28	0	47	12	2	37	17	0	1
Summers	100	0	7	0	41	10	1	26	15	0	0
Taylor	119	0	32	0	44	4	0	26	13	0	0
Tucker	53	0	5	0	32	6	0	2	8	0	0
Tyler	79	0	7	0	24	4	0	16	28	0	0
Upshur	233	0	30	0	86	8	2	34	72	0	1
Wayne	349	0	63	0	112	29	4	74	67	0	0
Webster	76	0	19	0	26	7	0	12	12	0	0
Wetzel	177	0	17	0	42	8	1	81	25	3	0
Wirt	42	0	15	0	9	5	1	2	9	0	1
Wood	1,353	0	95	1	329	29	8	721	155	0	15
Wyoming	198	1	21	0	113	17	8	28	7	2	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,322</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>2,355</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7,339</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>6,514</b>	<b>3,495</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>128</b>

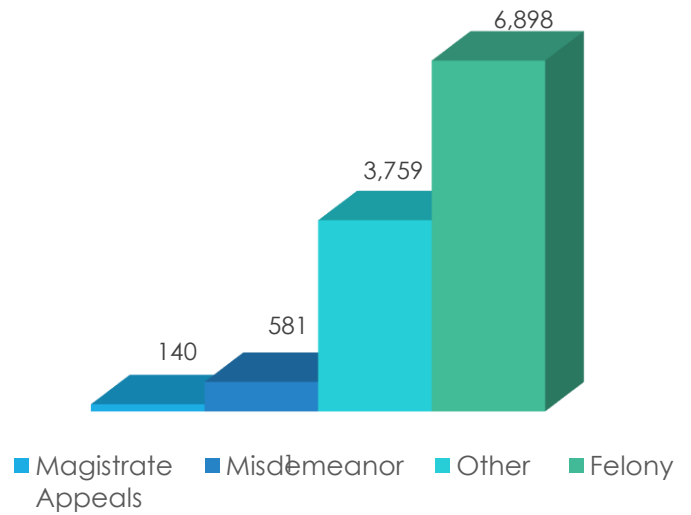
**Circuit Courts**  
**2021 Juvenile Case Filings**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Child Neglect/Abuse</b>	<b>Delinquency</b>	<b>Status Offense</b>
Barbour	120	109	11	0
Berkeley	428	289	102	37
Boone	184	97	28	59
Braxton	81	71	10	0
Brooke	46	30	14	2
Cabell	555	201	279	75
Calhoun	49	37	6	6
Clay	41	41	0	0
Doddridge	41	34	6	1
Fayette	211	194	16	1
Gilmer	67	52	15	0
Grant	48	33	14	1
Greenbrier	105	76	12	17
Hampshire	119	107	10	2
Hancock	104	58	45	1
Hardy	155	129	21	5
Harrison	473	320	61	92
Jackson	171	137	18	16
Jefferson	143	101	32	10
Kanawha	761	698	38	25
Lewis	140	126	11	3
Lincoln	86	52	17	17
Logan	218	156	43	19
Marion	221	161	33	27
Marshall	117	49	54	14
Mason	139	76	30	33
McDowell	73	63	8	2
Mercer	330	208	67	55
Mineral	89	58	26	5
Mingo	83	75	3	5
Monongalia	198	135	34	29
Monroe	52	25	17	10
Morgan	92	63	10	19
Nicholas	171	139	12	20
Ohio	188	171	11	6
Pendleton	16	11	5	0
Pleasants	41	21	15	5
Pocahontas	25	22	2	1
Preston	133	122	6	5
Putnam	232	109	31	92
Raleigh	399	195	112	92
Randolph	151	91	16	44
Ritchie	55	34	10	11
Roane	89	63	18	8
Summers	54	43	10	1
Taylor	121	114	7	0
Tucker	19	7	10	2
Tyler	32	27	5	0
Upshur	88	80	7	1
Wayne	137	92	18	27
Webster	39	36	2	1
Wetzel	47	46	1	0
Wirt	40	33	3	4
Wood	364	291	47	26
Wyoming	106	68	30	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,287</b>	<b>5,876</b>	<b>1,469</b>	<b>942</b>

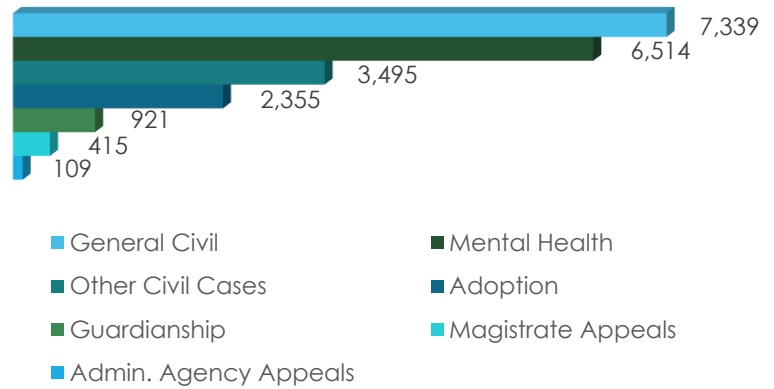
## Circuit Courts 2021 Total Case Filings

	Total	Civil	Criminal	Juvenile
Barbour	334	127	87	120
Berkeley	2,162	1,172	562	428
Boone	517	255	78	184
Braxton	293	138	74	81
Brooke	324	170	108	46
Cabell	3,086	1,809	722	555
Calhoun	161	80	32	49
Clay	213	107	65	41
Doddridge	209	103	65	41
Fayette	874	386	277	211
Gilmer	160	59	34	67
Grant	190	89	53	48
Greenbrier	548	301	142	105
Hampshire	484	162	203	119
Hancock	356	186	66	104
Hardy	350	125	70	155
Harrison	1,650	821	356	473
Jackson	626	298	157	171
Jefferson	867	407	317	143
Kanawha	4,373	2,796	816	761
Lewis	884	645	99	140
Lincoln	468	294	88	86
Logan	1,138	465	455	218
Marion	1,130	561	348	221
Marshall	641	440	84	117
Mason	512	249	124	139
McDowell	532	232	227	73
Mercer	1,924	788	806	330
Mineral	384	157	138	89
Mingo	616	272	261	83
Monongalia	1,809	1,223	388	198
Monroe	204	76	76	52
Morgan	346	155	99	92
Nicholas	561	272	118	171
Ohio	1,189	713	288	188
Pendleton	98	35	47	16
Pleasants	136	59	36	41
Pocahontas	155	94	36	25
Preston	664	277	254	133
Putnam	947	491	224	232
Raleigh	2,371	931	1,041	399
Randolph	634	279	204	151
Ritchie	208	100	53	55
Roane	425	144	192	89
Summers	234	100	80	54
Taylor	325	119	85	121
Tucker	90	53	18	19
Tyler	158	79	47	32
Upshur	430	233	109	88
Wayne	739	349	253	137
Webster	156	76	41	39
Wetzel	321	177	97	47
Wirt	96	42	14	40
Wood	2,247	1,353	530	364
Wyoming	438	198	134	106
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,987</b>	<b>21,322</b>	<b>11,378</b>	<b>8,287</b>

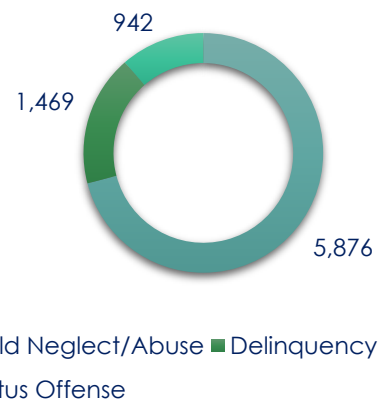
2021 Circuit Court Criminal Cases Filed



2021 Circuit Court Civil Cases Filed



2021 Circuit Court Juvenile Cases Filed



## Circuit Court Summary

As of 2020, West Virginia has seventy-five judges in thirty-one judicial circuits. The circuits vary in size; one has seven judges while seven have one judge. While every county has a courthouse where a judge presides, a single circuit can be comprised of up to four counties.

Circuit Judges are required to reside in the circuit they serve and must be admitted to practice law in West Virginia for at least five years prior to taking office. The elections are non-partisan and they serve eight-year terms. If a Circuit Judge leaves office prior to the expiration of his or her term, the Governor of the State of West Virginia appoints a replacement to serve until the next election.

Circuit Courts are trial courts of record. They have jurisdiction with limited exceptions over all civil cases in which more than \$7,500 is at issue, all felonies and misdemeanors, and proceedings in habeas corpus, mandamus, quo warranto, certiorari, and probation. Circuit Courts receive appeals from Family Courts, Magistrate Courts, Municipal Courts, and all administrative agencies except the Division of Workers' Compensation.

In 2021, there were 40,987 cases filed in West Virginia's Circuit Courts, a six percent increase from 2020 cases filed. Of the 2021 circuit cases, 21,510 were civil case filings (52.4%), 11,190 were criminal case filings (27.4%), and 8,287 were juvenile case filings (20.2%).

### Child Abuse and Neglect Overlap Cases

Types of petitions filed:	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
<b>Juvenile Administrative Order (JAA)</b>	467	397	512	439	409
<b>Juvenile Administrative Order where Mandamus was issued (JAM)</b>	7	2	2	3	0
<b>Family Infant Guardianship (FIG)</b>	846	806	1,269	1,366	1,383
<b>Circuit Court Infant Guardianship (CIG)</b>	511	440	623	508	461
<b>Circuit Court Infant Guardianship Removed (CIGR)</b>	184	144	133	122	131

"Overlap" cases are cases originating in Family Court that involve some allegation of child abuse and/or neglect, and due to this allegation are transferred to and processed in Circuit Court.

- **Juvenile Administrative Orders (JAA):** A Family Court Judge who suspects child abuse and/or neglect in a pending case issues a written referral to a Child Protective Services Office and sends copies to the Circuit Court and the Prosecuting Attorney. A Circuit Judge then issues an order directing Child Protective Services to assess the referral and make a written investigation report to the Circuit Court within the timeframe specified within the law, typically 45 days.
- **Juvenile Administrative Order where mandamus was issued (JAM):** If the written report is not filed within the time frame specified within the administrative order, or if the report indicates that filing a child abuse and neglect petition is not necessary and the Circuit Judge disagrees, the Circuit Judge may issue a writ of mandamus requiring Child Protective Services to explain its decision or to file the petition.
- **Family Infant Guardianship (FIG):** Originating in Family Court, a third party other than the parents may request to be the guardian of the child.
- **Circuit Court Infant Guardianship (CIG):** Originating in Circuit Court, a third party other than the parents may request to be the guardian of the child.
- **Circuit Court Infant Guardianship Removed (CIGR):** Originating in Family Court when the Family Court Judge suspects there has been child abuse and neglect, the Family Court Judge will submit a written referral to child protective services and the guardian case is removed to Circuit Court.

## **Electronic Filing and Service in Mass Litigation**

The Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia has adopted a process for efficiently managing and resolving Mass Litigation that includes the establishment of a Mass Litigation Panel. The Mass Litigation Panel consists of seven active or senior status circuit court judges appointed by the Chief Justice, with the approval of the Supreme Court of Appeals. Each appointment is for a term of three years and there is no prohibition against serving successive terms. The Chief Justice annually designates a Panel Member to serve as its Chair to preside over the activities of the Panel and report to the Supreme Court of Appeals.

The Mass Litigation Panel began using electronic filing in December 2008. Electronic filing saves paper, storage space, and litigants' time and money. If the Panel determines it is appropriate, the Panel Chair enters an order designating Mass Litigation for electronic filing and service and transfers the Mass Litigation to either the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, Ohio County or Raleigh County for purposes of electronic filing and service.

102,314 documents were electronically filed, and 2,726,200 documents were electronically served in all Mass Litigation cases subject to electronic filing and service in 2021. From December 2008, when electronic filing and service was first implemented in certain Mass Litigation cases, through December 2021, a total of 1,191,117 documents were electronically filed, and 33,785,331 documents were electronically served in all Mass Litigation cases subject to electronic filing and service. Filing and service statistics include items rejected in the clerk review process to capture all work performed in clerk review, as well as orders, which do not go through the clerk review process.

613,129 pages of documents were electronically filed in all Mass Litigation cases subject to electronic filing and service in 2021. This translates to over 255 boxes of paper, based on 2400 pages per box. From December 2008 through December 2021, a total of 7,710,478 pages of documents were electronically filed in all Mass Litigation cases subject to electronic filing and service. This translates to over 3,212 boxes of paper, based on 2400 pages per box.



**Family Courts**  
**2021 Domestic Case Filings**

	Total	Divorce	Domestic Violence	Other Domestic Relations	Total	Contempt	Modification
Barbour	164	61	80	23	36	15	21
Berkeley	1,238	530	361	347	524	249	275
Boone	278	92	116	70	123	29	94
Braxton	151	72	56	23	76	49	27
Brooke	233	81	91	61	32	15	17
Cabell	1,073	379	427	267	626	357	269
Calhoun	98	34	50	14	32	14	18
Clay	125	51	58	16	75	42	33
Doddridge	81	51	25	5	20	11	9
Fayette	455	205	132	118	299	191	108
Gilmer	60	20	32	8	25	10	15
Grant	141	66	57	18	101	37	64
Greenbrier	416	158	166	92	73	45	28
Hampshire	229	82	61	86	122	62	60
Hancock	324	88	147	89	42	20	22
Hardy	181	68	75	38	103	43	60
Harrison	711	277	338	96	255	91	164
Jackson	316	125	144	47	136	59	77
Jefferson	467	192	128	147	219	100	119
Kanawha	2,392	747	1,221	424	791	417	374
Lewis	186	78	68	40	76	39	37
Lincoln	268	128	85	55	156	51	105
Logan	591	194	338	59	196	59	137
Marion	571	227	255	89	148	65	83
Marshall	218	87	49	82	65	26	39
Mason	207	96	72	39	18	5	13
McDowell	258	94	106	58	47	7	40
Mercer	1,111	346	608	157	257	110	147
Mineral	266	120	97	49	162	90	72
Mingo	434	160	175	99	210	77	133
Monongalia	731	278	324	129	203	93	110
Monroe	159	62	78	19	19	10	9
Morgan	199	86	61	52	111	56	55
Nicholas	353	138	168	47	159	85	74
Ohio	370	132	141	97	60	29	31
Pendleton	86	25	47	14	61	28	33
Pleasants	84	29	43	12	8	6	2
Pocahontas	147	33	87	27	59	41	18
Preston	354	133	153	68	112	54	58
Putnam	614	268	240	106	180	92	88
Raleigh	1,078	379	391	308	209	86	123
Randolph	272	127	110	35	94	43	51
Ritchie	103	59	32	12	34	16	18
Roane	161	76	58	27	67	34	33
Summers	146	51	67	28	48	27	21
Taylor	143	67	52	24	34	11	23
Tucker	60	24	25	11	15	4	11
Tyler	83	30	39	14	14	3	11
Upshur	230	93	90	47	121	61	60
Wayne	384	181	118	85	361	134	227
Webster	79	33	34	12	71	50	21
Wetzel	175	62	70	43	20	8	12
Wirt	73	31	30	12	8	5	3
Wood	1,290	395	670	225	176	59	117
Wyoming	411	140	233	38	147	74	73
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,028</b>	<b>7,841</b>	<b>8,979</b>	<b>4,208</b>	<b>7,436</b>	<b>3,494</b>	<b>3,942</b>

## Family Courts 2021 Reported Marriages Performed by County

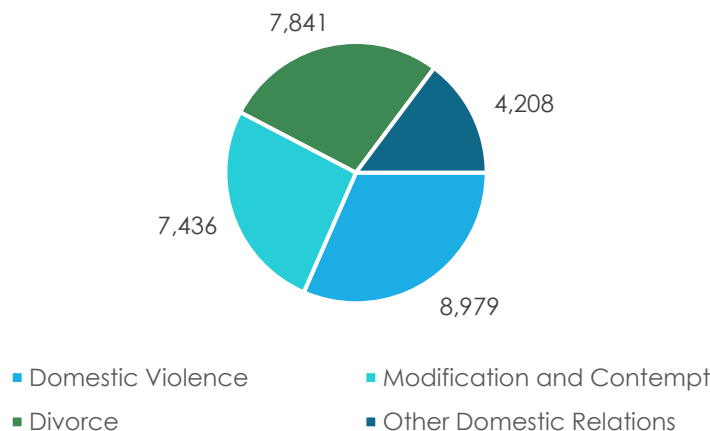
County	Total Marriages	County	Total Marriages	County	Total Marriages
Barbour	0	Kanawha	46	Preston	14
Berkeley	41	Lewis	0	Putnam	1
Boone	0	Lincoln	0	Raleigh	80
Braxton	0	Logan	0	Randolph	1
Brooke	0	Marion	49	Ritchie	0
Cabell	25	Marshall	0	Roane	0
Calhoun	0	Mason	8	Summers	0
Clay	4	McDowell	0	Taylor	0
Doddridge	0	Mercer	4	Tucker	0
Fayette	0	Mineral	9	Tyler	0
Gilmer	0	Mingo	26	Upshur	0
Grant	11	Monongalia	59	Wayne	0
Greenbrier	0	Monroe	0	Webster	2
Hampshire	0	Morgan	0	Wetzel	1
Hancock	0	Nicholas	48	Wirt	1
Hardy	28	Ohio	2	Wood	0
Harrison	166	Pendleton	3	Wyoming	3
Jackson	18	Pleasants	0		
Jefferson	1	Pocahontas	0		
					<b>Grand Total: 651</b>

### Family Court Summary

West Virginia has forty-seven Family Court Judges in twenty-seven Family Court circuits. Family Court Judges are required to reside in their circuit and must be admitted to practice law in West Virginia for at least five years before taking office. Like Circuit Court Judges, their elections are non-partisan, their terms are for eight years and the Governor appoints a replacement to serve until the next election if a Family Court Judge leaves office prior to the expiration of his or her term.

Family Courts have jurisdiction over divorce, annulment, separate maintenance, paternity, grandparent visitation, name change, infant guardianship, child custody, and family support proceedings except in cases involving child abuse and neglect. Family Court Judges also hold final hearings in civil domestic violence cases and may perform marriages.

### 2021 Family Court Cases Filed



In 2021, there were 21,028 new cases filed in Family Courts in West Virginia, a three percent increase from 2020 cases filed. In addition to new cases filed, there were 7,422 modifications and contempt proceedings in reopened cases this year. For details see table on Page 8. Family Court Judges also performed 651 weddings. For details see table on Page 9.

Family Court Judges can refer divorcing parents to mediation and parent education. In cases involving high conflict parents or safety concerns, visitation and exchange centers are used where available. See table below. Cases involving allegations of abuse or neglect that do not meet the statutory standard to file a petition in Circuit Court can result in guardian ad litem being appointed for a child. A guardian provides a detailed report to the Family Court Judge providing for the safety of the child and the appropriate parenting time for each parent.

**West Virginians Served by Supreme Court –  
Grant Supported**

**Family Visitation Centers**

**Grant Cycle 2021**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Number</b>
Total Clients Served.....	331
Fathers.....	159
Mothers.....	162
Grandparent / Legal Guardian...	10
Children Involved.....	223
Supervised Visitation.....	215
Neutral Drop-off.....	116

*Total number of clients served = fathers + mothers + grandparent/legal guardian*

**Magistrate Courts  
2021 Civil Case Filings**

County	Total	Small Claims	Personal Safety Petitions	Domestic Violence	
				EPO	TEPO
Barbour	333	225	26	82	0
Berkeley	4,045	3,089	245	711	0
Boone	339	130	87	122	0
Braxton	260	200	0	60	0
Brooke	323	166	49	107	1
Cabell	2,608	1,903	161	543	1
Calhoun	108	54	1	53	0
Clay	115	58	0	57	0
Doddridge	134	86	27	20	1
Fayette	451	316	0	133	2
Gilmer	132	96	3	33	0
Grant	169	100	13	55	1
Greenbrier	586	307	67	210	2
Hampshire	773	696	2	75	0
Hancock	478	271	44	158	5
Hardy	352	270	3	77	2
Harrison	1,915	1,536	8	371	0
Jackson	600	343	58	199	0
Jefferson	1,249	985	62	200	2
Kanawha	4,455	2,279	538	1,636	2
Lewis	550	440	25	85	0
Lincoln	265	130	35	100	0
Logan	761	258	164	338	1
Marion	1,419	977	113	329	0
Marshall	412	348	14	50	0
Mason	368	170	70	124	4
McDowell	196	84	0	112	0
Mercer	2,155	1,140	352	662	1
Mineral	633	454	58	121	0
Mingo	363	125	63	175	0
Monongalia	2,249	1,621	153	475	0
Monroe	276	137	46	93	0
Morgan	416	294	46	76	0
Nicholas	433	230	26	175	2
Ohio	885	641	87	157	0
Pendleton	90	31	11	48	0
Pleasants	145	100	2	42	1
Pocahontas	255	113	47	95	0
Preston	642	454	26	161	1
Putnam	1,067	724	47	295	1
Raleigh	1,400	831	37	531	1
Randolph	679	443	61	175	0
Ritchie	162	124	4	33	1
Roane	252	170	8	74	0
Summers	138	72	0	66	0
Taylor	255	201	1	53	0
Tucker	81	59	0	22	0
Tyler	144	72	27	45	0
Upshur	621	480	40	100	1
Wayne	561	351	45	165	0
Webster	155	111	7	37	0
Wetzel	259	156	27	76	0
Wirt	100	64	5	31	0
Wood	3,412	2,406	310	693	3
Wyoming	438	106	82	247	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,662</b>	<b>27,227</b>	<b>3,433</b>	<b>10,963</b>	<b>39</b>

**Magistrate Courts**  
**2021 Criminal Case Filings**

	Total	Worthless Check	Felony		Misdemeanor		
			Motor Vehicle	Other	Motor Vehicle	DNR	Other
Barbour	855	42	5	96	359	40	313
Berkeley	8,543	12	65	940	4,833	35	2,658
Boone	2,702	1	22	206	1,771	42	660
Braxton	868	6	10	94	464	16	278
Brooke	1,488	4	14	114	975	35	346
Cabell	6,972	31	71	891	3,729	29	2,221
Calhoun	593	7	6	42	336	28	174
Clay	1,086	12	10	66	774	37	187
Doddridge	499	2	4	60	308	3	122
Fayette	2,294	7	19	328	1,247	41	652
Gilmer	376	1	3	44	171	14	143
Grant	1,434	14	7	75	959	29	350
Greenbrier	1,675	42	5	232	744	59	593
Hampshire	1,268	31	13	133	573	50	468
Hancock	1,551	10	37	159	865	31	449
Hardy	2,144	23	5	116	1,438	42	520
Harrison	3,976	39	48	549	1,818	34	1,488
Jackson	1,749	31	14	270	858	68	508
Jefferson	2,551	3	26	266	1,309	63	884
Kanawha	13,326	32	176	1,572	7,997	95	3,454
Lewis	1,278	15	3	84	708	69	399
Lincoln	1,589	2	10	103	1,216	23	235
Logan	3,799	8	50	526	1,667	133	1,415
Marion	2,744	23	27	527	1,274	51	842
Marshall	1,752	3	14	229	696	16	794
Mason	1,462	9	12	142	755	64	480
McDowell	1,694	1	20	214	818	22	619
Mercer	3,493	21	35	421	1,957	45	1,014
Mineral	1,978	4	8	119	1,097	14	736
Mingo	1,569	5	20	379	535	52	578
Monongalia	4,188	48	30	543	1,562	58	1,947
Monroe	493	2	2	38	227	32	192
Morgan	2,049	12	1	63	1,108	6	859
Nicholas	2,166	23	25	223	1,192	90	613
Ohio	3,140	14	15	256	1,717	31	1,107
Pendleton	402	1	4	50	241	31	75
Pleasants	501	7	4	46	324	6	114
Pocahontas	960	36	11	60	533	68	252
Preston	2,261	10	31	154	1,322	39	705
Putnam	2,993	12	29	170	2,103	36	643
Raleigh	8,319	20	53	874	5,193	72	2,107
Randolph	1,724	43	19	189	804	66	603
Ritchie	918	6	5	88	620	26	173
Roane	1,308	2	16	109	808	36	337
Summers	690	1	3	68	353	26	239
Taylor	606	3	6	66	281	10	240
Tucker	333	25	2	12	200	10	84
Tyler	609	13	11	25	407	7	146
Upshur	1,735	30	31	167	989	18	500
Wayne	2,448	2	21	268	1,688	34	435
Webster	545	19	6	78	187	33	222
Wetzel	899	9	12	171	422	15	270
Wirt	314	3	0	18	177	17	99
Wood	4,485	12	31	616	1,464	83	2,279
Wyoming	1,904	3	24	144	1,002	83	648
<b>Total</b>	<b>123,298</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>1,151</b>	<b>13,493</b>	<b>67,175</b>	<b>2,213</b>	<b>38,469</b>

## Magistrate Courts

### 2021 Juvenile Case Filings

	Total	Motor Vehicle	DNR	Other
Barbour	13	7	0	6
Berkeley	89	80	0	9
Boone	19	10	6	3
Braxton	4	1	2	1
Brooke	58	22	0	36
Cabell	16	15	0	1
Calhoun	10	9	0	1
Clay	9	9	0	0
Doddridge	10	2	0	8
Fayette	19	14	0	5
Gilmer	9	4	0	5
Grant	31	22	0	9
Greenbrier	22	7	3	12
Hampshire	33	8	2	23
Hancock	31	7	0	24
Hardy	23	22	1	0
Harrison	61	23	0	38
Jackson	11	6	4	1
Jefferson	26	17	5	4
Kanawha	96	54	3	39
Lewis	24	10	0	14
Lincoln	13	13	0	0
Logan	63	30	2	31
Marion	30	22	3	5
Marshall	10	7	0	3
Mason	42	9	1	32
McDowell	10	3	0	7
Mercer	12	11	0	1
Mineral	30	22	0	8
Mingo	12	6	2	4
Monongalia	72	22	1	49
Monroe	26	2	1	23
Morgan	40	24	0	16
Nicholas	14	10	3	1
Ohio	26	26	0	0
Pendleton	10	8	2	0
Pleasants	7	3	0	4
Pocahontas	13	9	1	3
Preston	13	11	2	0
Putnam	21	20	1	0
Raleigh	137	50	1	86
Randolph	25	21	3	1
Ritchie	14	8	0	6
Roane	11	11	0	0
Summers	23	4	2	17
Taylor	6	6	0	0
Tucker	1	1	0	0
Tyler	4	4	0	0
Upshur	28	16	0	12
Wayne	30	25	1	4
Webster	4	3	1	0
Wetzel	2	2	0	0
Wirt	11	0	1	10
Wood	54	12	3	39
Wyoming	28	26	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,456</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>602</b>

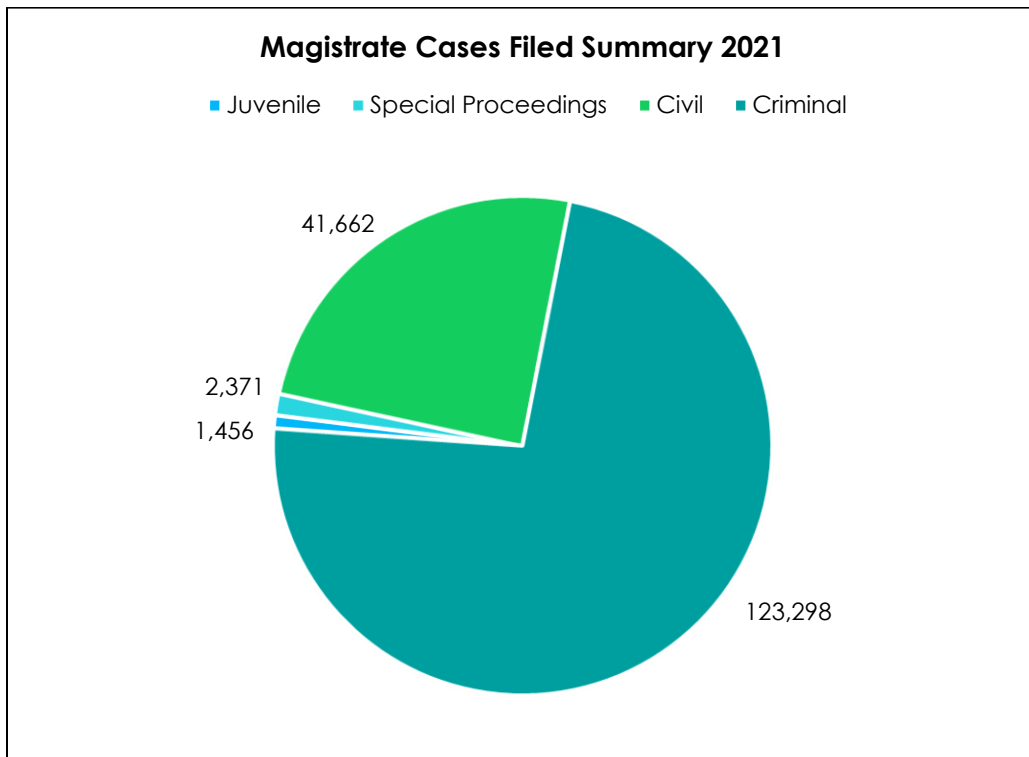
### 2021 Special Proceedings

Total	Mental Health	Abuse and Neglect	Juvenile
13	12	0	1
144	2	0	142
19	0	0	19
27	6	10	11
14	0	0	14
47	27	8	12
23	0	0	23
11	4	7	0
32	1	24	7
8	3	0	5
24	0	8	16
29	18	8	3
56	5	31	20
22	5	10	7
44	0	0	44
47	16	15	16
97	0	64	33
65	11	40	14
10	1	0	9
354	0	0	354
14	4	0	10
3	3	0	0
0	0	0	0
63	0	43	20
0	0	0	0
37	19	12	6
86	69	9	8
0	0	0	0
27	16	9	2
9	4	4	1
4	4	0	0
8	1	0	7
22	0	0	22
53	21	28	4
190	0	172	18
8	1	2	5
42	4	22	16
16	9	4	3
58	24	33	1
0	0	0	0
238	54	0	184
28	28	0	0
41	3	15	23
21	3	0	18
38	0	37	1
31	25	0	6
6	1	1	4
6	0	5	1
6	4	2	0
35	12	6	17
24	11	9	4
8	0	7	1
0	0	0	0
108	0	107	1
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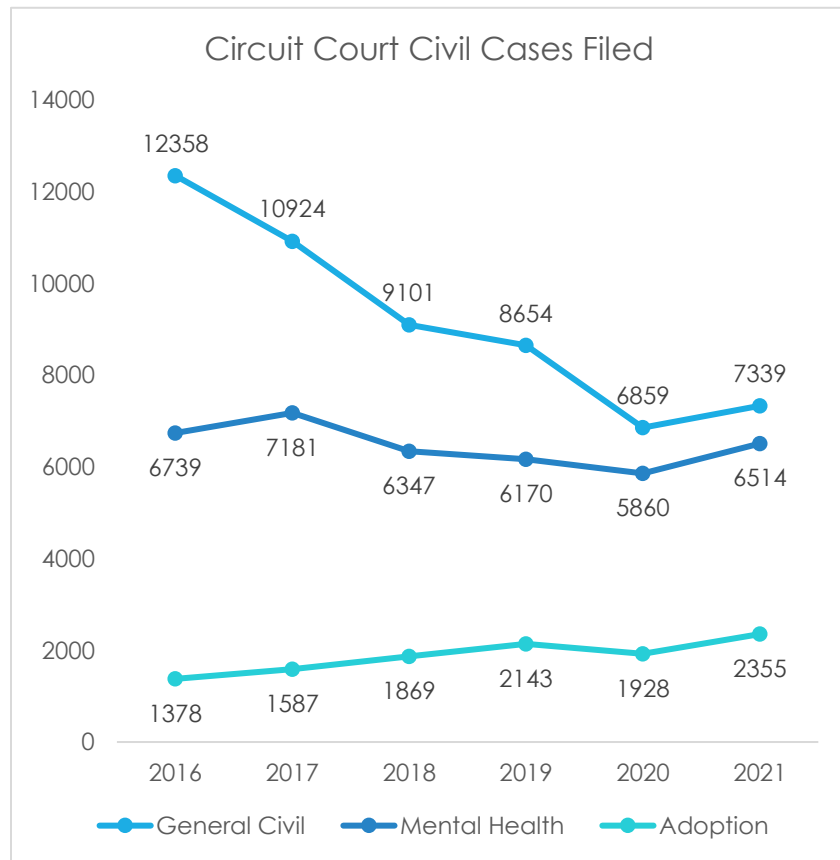
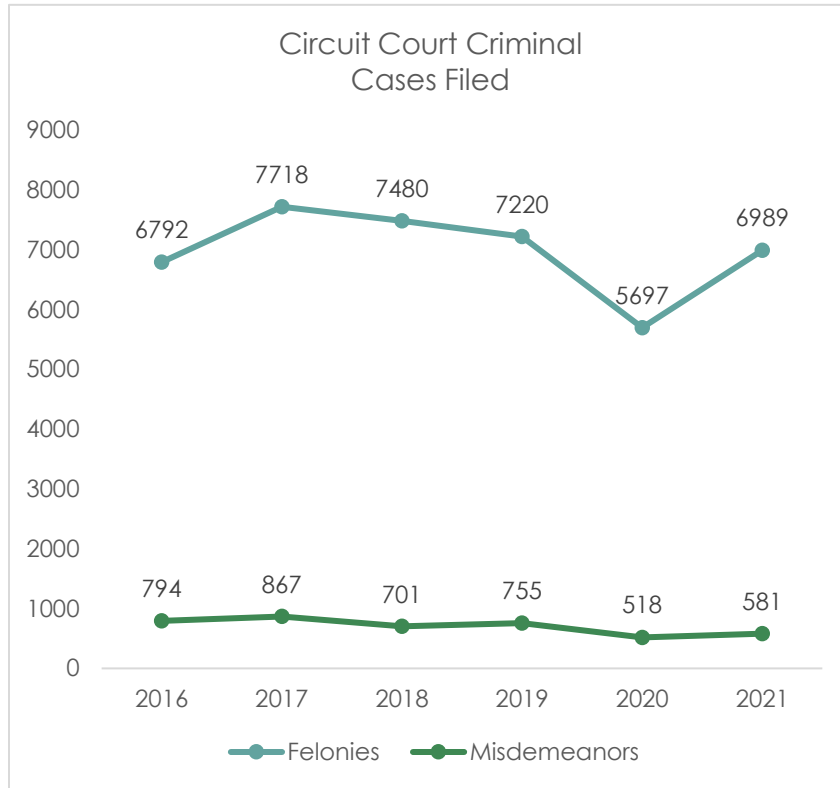
## Magistrate Court Summary

There are 158 magistrates in West Virginia. There are at least two magistrates in every county and ten in the largest county of Kanawha. Magistrates are non-partisan and they serve four-year terms. If a Magistrate is unable to complete his or her term, the Chief Circuit Judge appoints a replacement to serve until the next election.

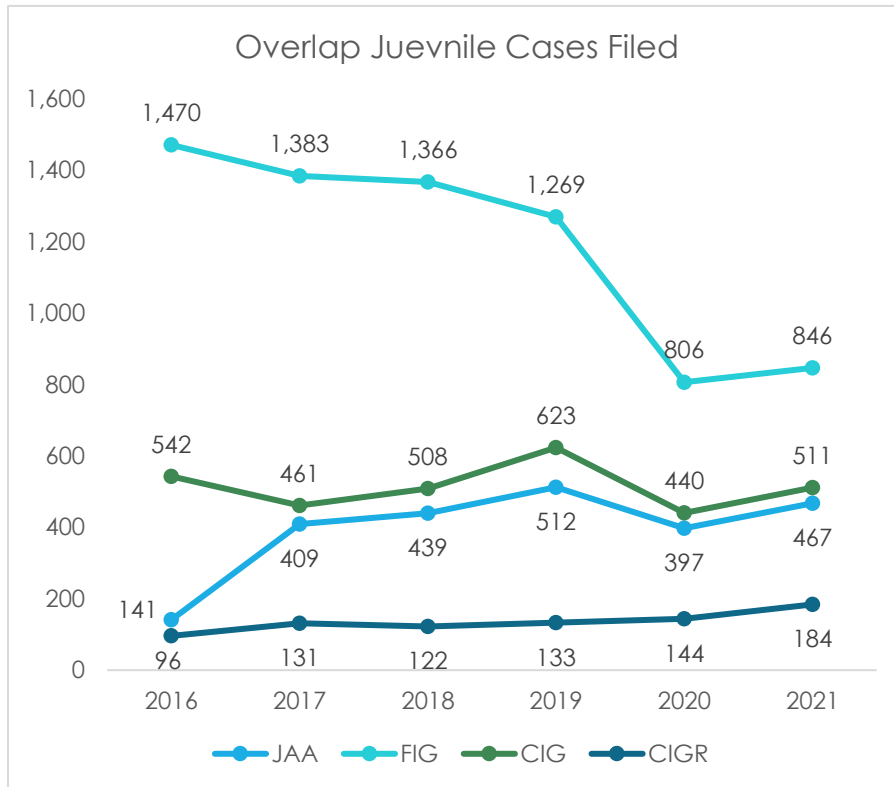
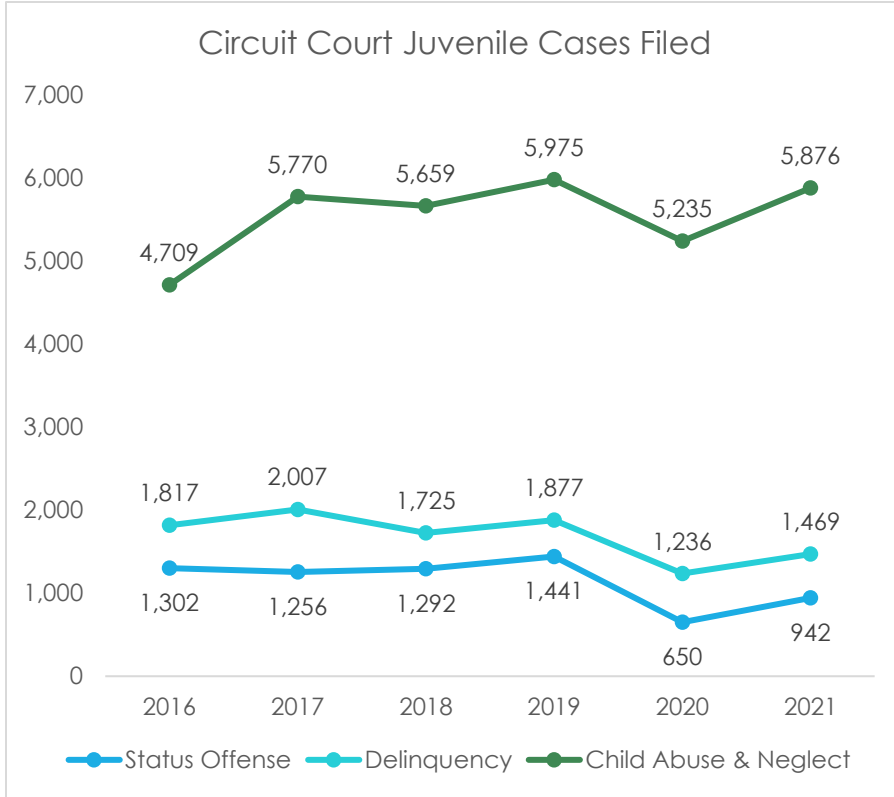
Magistrates have jurisdiction over civil cases in which the financial amount in dispute is less than \$10,000. They hear misdemeanor cases, conduct preliminary examinations in felony cases and preside in emergency domestic violence proceedings. In criminal cases Magistrates issue and record affidavits, complaints, arrest warrants, and search warrants. They set bail and make decisions concerning proposed plea agreements. They collect court costs, cash bonds, and fines. In counties where there are 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 emergency custody in child abuse and neglect cases, are counted as special proceedings for data collection purposes.



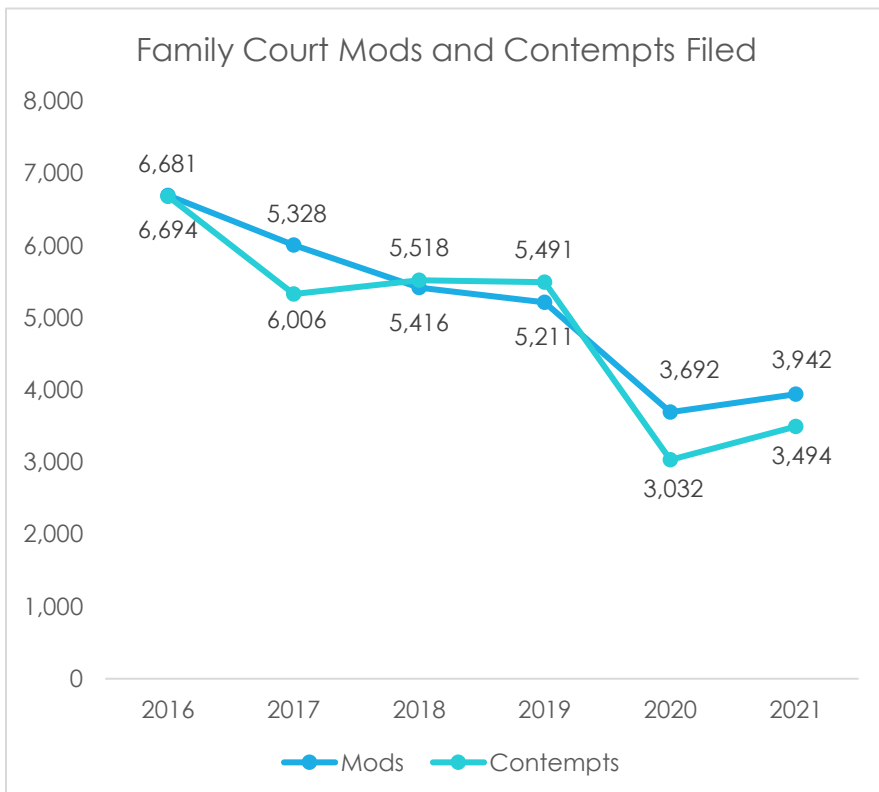
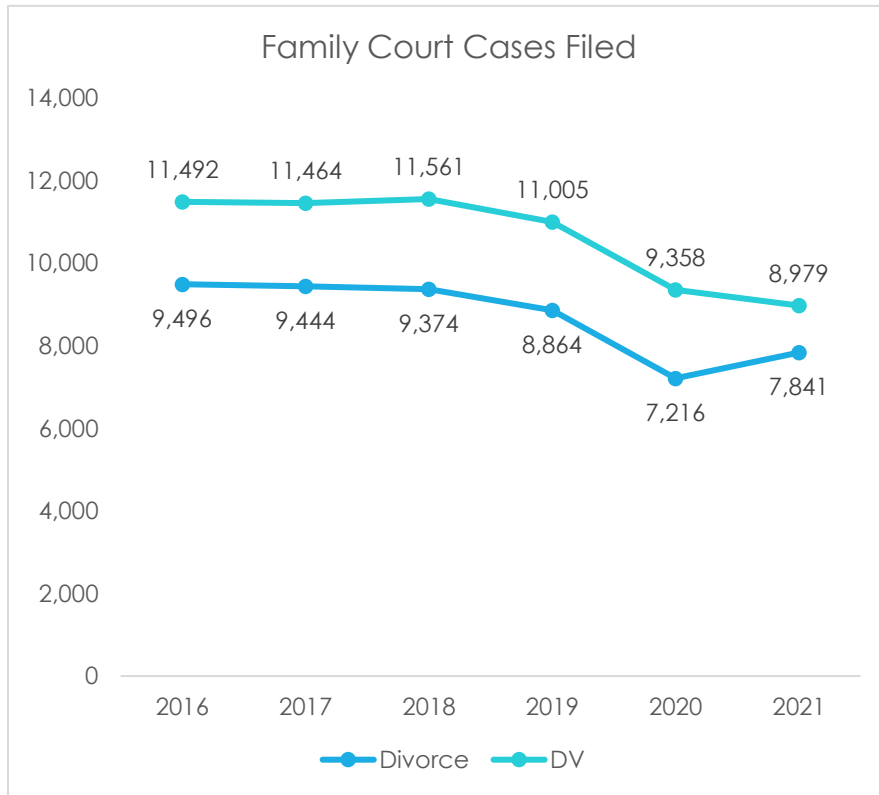
## Data Trends Circuit Court







## Data Trends Family Court



## Data Trends Magistrate Court

