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MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Summit County Court of Common Pleas-General Division is to insure justice, thereby serving and protecting the public by:

- Providing access to fair, just and understandable forums for the timely resolution of differences and disputes;
- Applying and enforcing all laws in a timely and equitable manner; and
- Taking appropriate corrective, remedial, rehabilitative and preventive actions and using appropriate progressive programs.

The Vision of the Summit County Court of Common Pleas General Division will provide the highest quality of justice and justice system services to Summit County communities by:

- Promoting cooperation among the courts, justice system and other community agencies and services;
- Initiating and implementing programs and policies designed to encourage ethical standards, enhance timely court performance and user accessibility;
- Using progressive court management technologies;
- Encouraging the use of appropriate dispute resolution mechanisms; and
- Continuously ascertaining, shaping and responding to the needs and expectations of court users and the community.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

The Summit County Court of Common Pleas-General Division Judges and staff appreciate this opportunity to share this statistical information with the citizens of Summit County. Once again our statistics support the fact that the Court has operated with extreme efficiency during the past year with each Judge handling caseloads that surpass all other State Courts in Ohio.

The General Division has once again realized an increase in caseloads throughout the operation. Individual Judges as well as the Adult Probation and Psycho-Diagnostic Departments have shared in the responsibility of allocating the proper resources to accommodate these increases. Over the past several years the Court has operated in a fashion as not to increase the burden on Summit County taxpayers by avoiding excessive spending, justifying personnel levels and reallocating efforts where the greatest benefits will be achieved.

During the past and upcoming years the Judges of the General Division will continue to focus on the following areas of the Court:

- Provide oversight for the expansion and programmatic changes to the Pretrial Department to provide greater services for defendants and victims.
- Through changes in the Pretrial operation, reduce day-to-day population at the Summit County Jail.
- Continue efforts to provide technology to Court visitors expediting the litigation processes and providing equal resources to all people regardless of financial position.
- Promote the use of customized software technologies to reduce manual processes thereby limiting staff requirements.
- Actively seek funding sources beyond the pockets of local taxpayers.

After 21 years on the bench as a Judge of the Common Pleas and Akron Municipal Courts, the Honorable James R. Williams retired at the end of 2004. Judge Williams observed the highest standards of judicial decorum and exhibited the utmost of patience, dignity and courtesy to all lawyers and litigants throughout his distinguished judicial career. He contributed significantly to preserving the highest standards of professional conduct in Summit County. We wish the best for Judge Williams in his retirement and look forward to him serving as a Visiting Judge.

As always, the Judges of the Summit County Common Pleas-General Division are pleased to serve the citizens of Summit County in a fair and professional manner. We welcome any input you may have to aid in improving the service levels provided by this organization.

Sincerely,

JAMES E. MURPHY
Administrative Judge

THE HONORABLE JAMES E. MURPHY

Judge Murphy graduated from Notre Dame as an Accounting Major in 1953. He was employed by a CPA firm for two years. He then served as Assistant Administrator of St. Thomas Hospital until graduating from The University of Akron School of Law in 1962. He was admitted to the Bar that same year.

Judge Murphy served as Assistant Summit County Prosecutor in 1963 and 1964, and entered private practice until being appointed Akron Municipal Court Judge in October 1980. He was elected in 1981 in that position and then appointed to the Summit County Court of Common Pleas in January 1983 and elected in 1984, and to full terms in 1988, 1994 and 2000.

Judge Murphy is a member of the Ohio and Akron Bar Associations, and the American Judges Association.

Judge Murphy served as the Administrative Judge of the General Division of Common Pleas Court for the 1985 term and as Presiding Judge for six sessions of Court and was elected Administrative Judge for 2003 and 2004.



THE HONORABLE JANE BOND

Judge Jane Bond earned a Bachelor of Science degree in journalism from Ohio University, graduating in 1968 with honors. She received a Juris Doctorate degree in 1976 from The University of Akron and was admitted to the Ohio Bar.

Judge Bond entered the private practice of law in 1977 and served as an Assistant Summit County Prosecutor. In 1981, she became General Counsel for the County Executive in the first county-chartered government in Ohio.

In February 1989, Judge Bond was appointed Judge of Akron Municipal Court and was elected to that position in November 1989. In January of 1991, she was appointed to the Summit County Court of Common Pleas and elected in 1992, 1994, and 2000.

THE HONORABLE PATRICIA A. COSGROVE

Judge Cosgrove received her Bachelor of Arts from The University of Akron in 1974 and was the recipient of the Akron University Alumni Scholarship. She received her Juris Doctorate degree from The University of Akron and was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1978. While working her way through school, Judge Cosgrove served as a Law Clerk for the Ninth District Court of Appeals.

From 1978 to 1980, Judge Cosgrove served as Assistant Akron Law Director. She was a Senior Assistant Summit County Prosecutor in the Criminal Trial Division from 1981 to 1991. She also maintained a private law practice. Judge Cosgrove later served as Chief Counsel of the Civil Division of the Summit County Prosecutor's office. In 1993, she was appointed to the Summit County Court of Common Pleas, elected in 1994 and re-elected in 2000.

Judge Cosgrove served as the Administrative Judge of the Common Pleas Court, General Division, in 1995 and 1996 and as Presiding Judge for two sessions. Judge Cosgrove has been active in community organizations such as the Victim Assistance Program, Community Drug Board Foundation and the Akron Bar Association.

Judge Cosgrove has served as President of the Scanlon Inn of Court, a professional organization that is dedicated to mentoring new lawyers.



THE HONORABLE JUDY HUNTER

Judge Hunter graduated from Ohio State University and later earned her Juris Doctorate degree from the The University of Akron School of Law. Judge Hunter worked in the private sector engaged in the general practice of law from 1978 to 1990. Prior to becoming a lawyer, Judge Hunter taught school. Past public service includes serving as elected Clerk of the Akron Municipal Court from 1991-1995.

On April 26, 2003, Judge Judy Hunter was appointed by Governor Bob Taft to the General Division of the Summit County Common Pleas Court and was elected in 2004. Judge Hunter's past judicial service includes a term as Judge on Summit County's Juvenile Court from 1996-2002.

Judge Hunter is active in the community, having served on many boards and committees, including serving as President of the Board of Trustees of The Goodwill Industries of Akron, Ohio. Judge Hunter belongs to various professional organizations including the American, Ohio, and Akron Bar Associations and the Ohio Association of Common Pleas Judges. Judge Hunter has been a frequent speaker at educational forums and community events.

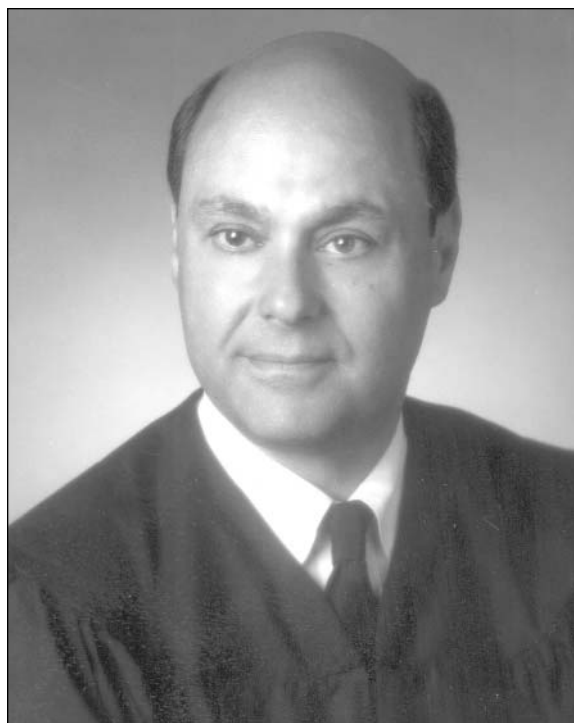
Special awards include the Community Health Center's 1999 Friend of the Field Award, the 2002 Urban Light Award from the Department of Public Administration at The University of Akron, and a January 2000 award from the Better Business Bureau for "vision and innovative leadership in establishing the most successful conflict resolution mediation program in Summit County".

THE HONORABLE MARVIN A. SHAPIRO

Judge Marvin A. Shapiro graduated from The University of Akron with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1960. He thereafter received a Juris Doctorate degree from The University of Akron in 1965 and was admitted to the Ohio Bar the same year.

Judge Shapiro served as an assistant City of Akron Prosecutor, Assistant Summit County Prosecutor and an Assistant Ohio Attorney General and engaged in private practice between 1965 and 1991.

In January 1991, Judge Shapiro was appointed Judge of Akron Municipal Court and was elected to that position in November 1991 and re-elected in 1993 and 1999. During his tenure in Akron, he was the Drug Court Judge 2000-2003. In November 2002, Judge Shapiro was elected Summit County Common Pleas Judge with the term beginning May 1, 2003.



THE HONORABLE MARY F. SPICER

Judge Spicer received her Bachelor of Arts from Heidelberg College in 1958, her Master of Arts degree from the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration in 1960 and her Juris Doctorate degree from The University of Akron School of Law in 1965. She was admitted to the Bar in 1965.

Judge Spicer was in the private practice of law with her father F.W. Spicer, from 1965 to 1975, when she was appointed as Referee in the Summit County Court of Common Pleas, Probate Division. In Probate Court, she also served as Director of Human Services. She was elected as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in 1984, and re-elected in 1990, 1996 and 2002.

Judge Spicer served as the Administrative Judge of Common Pleas Court, General Division, in 1987 and as Presiding Judge for many sessions and is the Presiding Judge for the year 2004. Judge Spicer presides over the Felony Drug Court in this Court of Common Pleas.

Judge Spicer is a member of the Akron, Ohio, and American Bar Associations, as well as community and other professional and charitable organizations.

THE HONORABLE BRENDA BURNHAM UNRUH

Judge Burnham Unruh earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wheaton College in 1980, graduating with honor. She received a Juris Doctorate degree in 1984 from The University of Akron School of Law.

Judge Burnham Unruh was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1984 and was in private practice in Florida until she returned to Ohio. She was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1992.

Judge Burnham Unruh was the Coordinator of the Summit County Juvenile Court Guardian Ad Litem program from 1992-1993. In 1993, Judge Burnham Unruh joined the Summit County Prosecutor's Office as an Assistant Prosecutor. She served first in the Juvenile Division and then in the Criminal Division.

In 1997, Judge Burnham Unruh was appointed as a Magistrate in Juvenile Court.

In July of 1998, Judge Burnham Unruh was appointed to the Akron Municipal Court. In March 1999, Judge Burnham Unruh was appointed to the Summit County Court of Common Pleas. Judge Burnham Unruh was elected to the Court in 2000 and 2002.

Judge Burnham Unruh is a member of the Akron and Ohio Bar Associations and is active in many community activities.

Judge Burnham Unruh is married to Robert Unruh and has a son and daughter.



THE HONORABLE JAMES R. WILLIAMS

Judge Williams received his Bachelor of Arts degree from The University of Akron in 1960 and his Juris Doctorate degree in 1965. He was admitted to the Bar in 1965. He has attended the National Judicial College.

Judge Williams was in the private practice of law with the firm of Parns, Purnell, Stubbs, and Williams before his appointment by President Jimmy Carter as U.S. District Attorney for Northern Ohio in 1978. He returned to private practice of law with the firm of Guren, Merritt, Feibel, Sogg, and Cohen in 1982 before his appointment as Judge of the Akron Municipal Court in 1983. He was elected to that Court in 1985 and again in 1987.

Judge Williams was appointed to the Summit County Court of Common Pleas in February of 1989 and elected in 1990 to serve the unexpired term. He was elected to full terms in 1992 and 1998.

Judge Williams is a member of the Akron Bar, Ohio Bar and American Bar Associations. He is a past President of the Common Pleas Judges Association of Ohio and also a past member of the Ohio Supreme Court's Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline.

Judge Williams served one term in 1991 as Administrative Judge and four sessions as Presiding Judge, including the 1998 session.

2004 ORGANIZATION PERSONNEL ROSTER

Title	Number Positions	Employees	Title	Number Positions	Employees
Administration					
Administrative Specialist	2	Kay Scaffidi Denna Steiner	Secretary II	6	Carol Hoover Evelyn James Kay Kinker Joan Mosley Barbara Nikola Debra Young
Administrative Specialist/HR	1	Jennifer Parks	Special Projects Officer	1	Ruth Squires
Arbitration Clerk	1	Cora Dawkins	Probation Department		
Assistant Court Executive Officer	1	Robert Gainer	Clerk-Typist II	3	Janet Long Theresa Miller Nancy Palmer
Chief Court Reporter	1	Janet Krulock	Offender Services Director	1	Pete Hoose
Civil Assignment Administrator	1	Cheryl Goldstein	Grant Coordinator	1	James Ward
Computer Help Desk	1	Donna Simone	Pre-Trial Release Officer	4	Kelli Blue Marc Cunningham Kerri Defibaugh Steve Urbon
Computer Network Manager	1	Jay Chapman	Probation Officer	35	Kelly Anderson Laurie Boyd Elaine Butler Renee Cooper Jeffrey Cutler Lisa Davis Lorri Dunn Douglas Elliott Sandra Ferracane Laurie Fisher Tiffany Foxworth Brian Freyhauf James Gibbons Shay Greven Jennifer Haviland Shari Kastor Anthony King Michael Klamut Lesley Martin Michael Mims Patricia Pfander Rudolph Polovich Michael Rick Anthony Rodgers Helen Rogerson Cynthia Schwarz Rebecca Shepard David Siko Ronald Smith Ernest Stallworth Kecia Wallace Karen Weletyk Barbara Wesig Jean White Robert Woods
Computer Systems Engineer	1	James Rafferty			
Court Executive Officer	1	Andrew Bauer			
Court Executive Secretary	1	Edna Glinsky			
Court Reporter	11	Barbara Day Kristie Gowens Maxine Hosch Patricia Klein Thomas Lazar Gary Maharidge Sandra Maxson Teresa Orlovsky LeAnn Ross Terri Sims Peggy Wellemeyer			
Court Secretaries' Supervisor	1	Polly McEndree-White			
Courtroom Bailiff	8	Janet Ciotola Jill Coleman Kenneth Masich Thomas McLaughlin Alys Pearson Marvin Rasberry Rose Yovanovich Caroline Zito			
Criminal Assignment Administrator	1	Patricia Carillon			
Drug Court Liaison/Pretrial Coord.	1	Doug Jenney			
Judicial Assistant	8	Tiffany Menches Jason Adams Todd Connell Matthew Dickinson Kim Miller Ashley Brown Kathie Nelson Shana Schweikert			
Judicial Attorney	12	Crystal Burnett Marilyn Childress Janet Dutt Christine Hill Dawn Humphrys Joann Leong Michelle Neiman Kandi O'Connor Corey Minor Smith Susie Steinhauer Suzanne Stephens David Watson	Probation Secretary Supervisor	1	Sue Roszkowski
Judicial Secretary	2	Diane Edwards Cynthia Maxson	Probation Supervisor	3	Arian Davis Saverio Lijoi Terry Strubbe
Jury Bailiff Assistant	1	Monica Prexta	Secretary II	11	Linda Backer Martha Beitel Lynn Carpenter Christina Hartman Tamara Keefer Barbara Killian Patricia Marotto Debora Rians Karyn Rogers Lee Runkle Jackie Shannon
Jury Commissioner	2	Frances Brooks Chester Thomas	Special Activities Manager	1	George Harper
Jury Department Spvsr/Bailiff	1	Deborah Ruggles	Work Release Coordinator/ LEADS Operator	1	Michelle Kocian
Magistrate	1	John Shoemaker	Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic		
Mediator	2	Burton Jones Frank Motz	Administrative Secretary	2	Paula McAviney Arra Robinson
Mediator Secretary	1	Lynn Covert	Administrative Social Worker	1	Joanne Arndt
Purchasing Agent	1	Corinne Sanders	Clinical Psychologist	1	Jody Pickle
Secretary I	5	Helga Cursio Julie Glinsky Susann Heimbaugh Marie Hillis Theresa Skinner	Director	1	Kathleen Stafford, Ph.D.
			Psychology Assistant	2	Stephen James Dustin Wygant

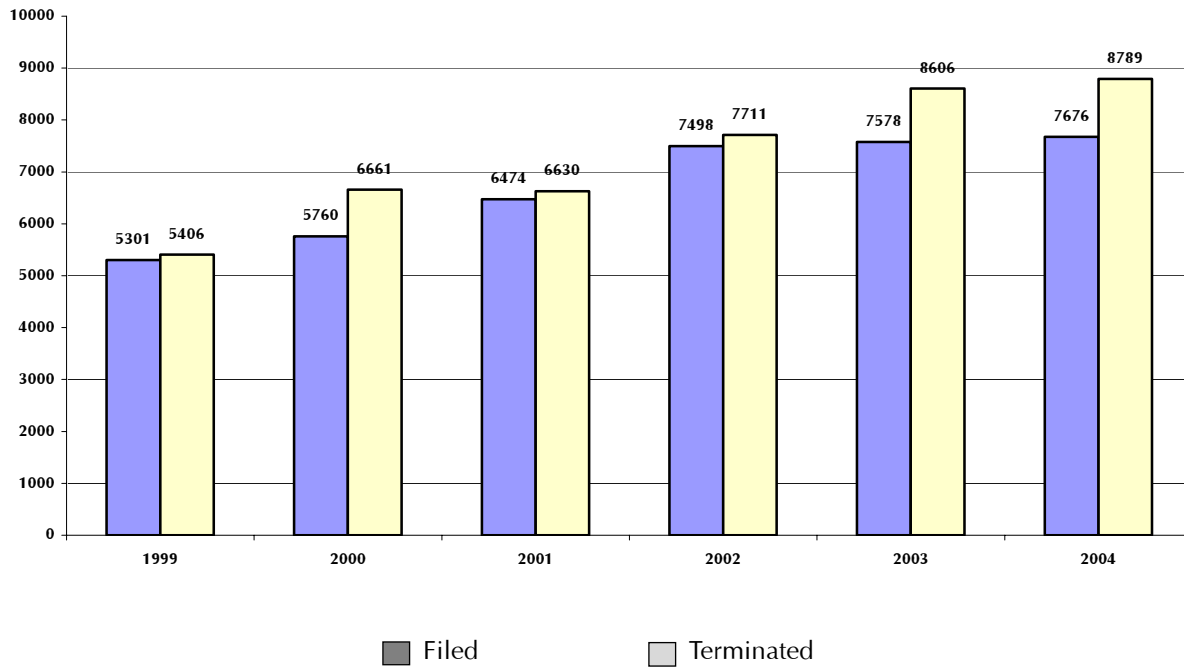
CIVIL CASE ACTIVITY

The 7,676 civil cases filed in 2004 show an increase of 98 cases or 1.3 percent above the 7,578 cases filed in 2003. Civil cases terminated in 2004 of 8,789 show an increase of 183 cases or 2.1 percent above the 8,606 cases that were terminated in 2003. In 1999 the number of new case filings was 5,301 compared to 7,676 cases filed in 2004 which show an increase of 45 percent or 2,375 cases in total. Civil terminations have increased from 5,406 in 1999 to 8,789 in 2004, which represents an increase of 3,383 terminated cases or 63 percent. The average civil caseload per Judge was 526 on December 31, 2004, compared to an average civil caseload per Judge of 414 in 2003.

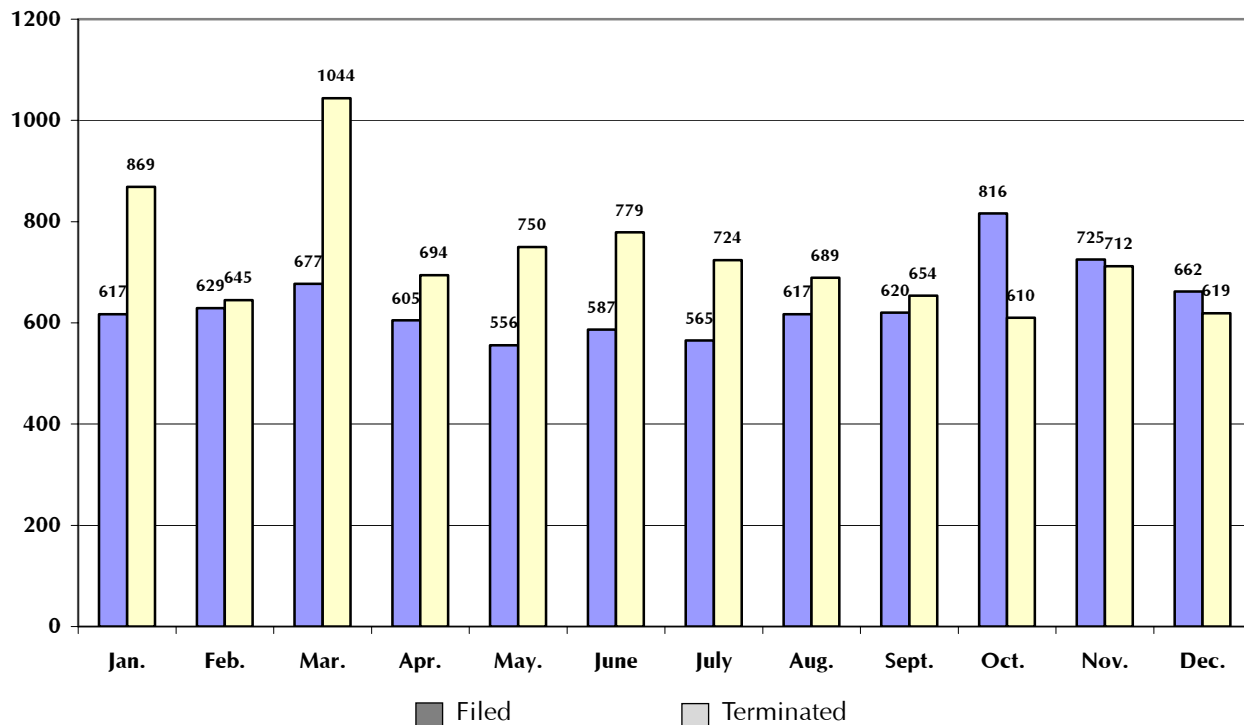
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TYPE OF CASE	Professional Tort	Product Liability	Other Torts	Workers Compensation	Foreclosures	Administrative Appeal	Complex Litigation	Other Civil	Criminal	TOTAL	Visiting Judges
Pending beginning of period	149	13	1100	269	1245	62	1	1221	859	4919	419
New cases filed	123	13	1175	411	3339	80	X	2465	4774	12400	50
Cases transferred in, reactivated or redesignated	34	2	146	80	379	9	0	192	503	1345	46
TOTAL	306	28	2421	760	4983	151	1	3878	6136	18664	515

TERMINATIONS BY:											
Jury trial	11	0	46	4	1	0	0	34	129	225	0
Court trial	1	0	8	3	1	4	0	10	19	46	0
Settled or dismissed prior to trial	57	10	676	217	221	13	0	536	14	1744	41
Dismissal	49	0	227	76	534	22	1	368	264	1541	305
Dismissal for lack of speedy trial (criminal) or want of prosecution (civil)	4	0	21	1	60	6	0	51	1	144	2
Magistrate	0	0	4	0	7	4	0	71	X	86	0
Diversion or arbitration	6	0	132	46	19	0	0	75	50	328	0
Guilty or no contest plea to original charge (criminal); Default (civil)	0	0	18	1	1827	1	0	590	1739	4176	0
Guilty or no contest plea to reduced charge	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2346	2346	0
Unavailability of party for trial or sentencing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	553	554	0
Transfer to another judge or court	36	2	114	84	98	7	0	217	47	605	32
Referral to private judge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	0
Bankruptcy stay or interlocutory appeal	2	0	24	1	353	3	0	90	0	473	54
Other terminations	9	0	159	44	553	41	0	406	3	1215	37
TOTAL	175	12	1429	477	3674	101	1	2449	5165	13483	471
PENDING END OF PERIOD	131	16	992	283	1309	50	0	1429	971	5181	44

Comparison of Filings/Terminations for Past Six Years



Civil Filings and Terminations for 2004 - Monthly Comparison

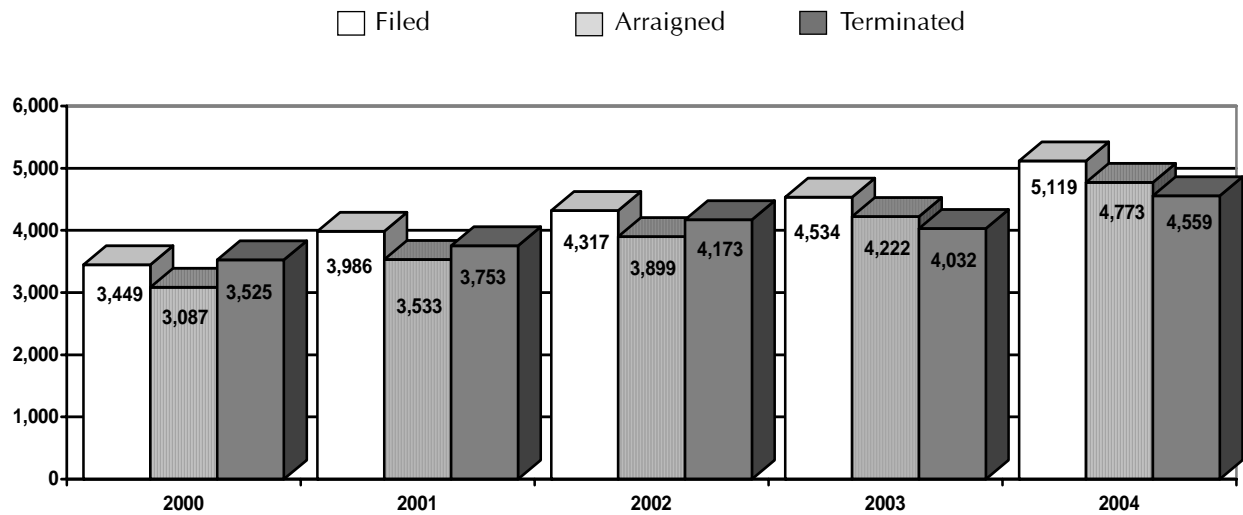


CRIMINAL CASE ACTIVITY

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
CASES FILED	3,449	3,986	4,317	4,534	5,119
CASES ASSIGNED/ARRAIGNED	3,087	3,533	3,899	4,222	4,773
CASES TERMINATED	3,525	3,753	4,173	4,032	4,559
TRIALS:					
Jury	87	104	106	112	129
Court	11	13	13	8	19
FELONY CHARGES:					
Filed	n/a	n/a	n/a	8,704	9,423
Convictions	3,419	3,688	4,337	4,052	4,356
Dismissals	3,742	2,236	2,776	3,284	3,351
MISDEMEANOR CHARGES:					
Filed	n/a	n/a	n/a	2,981	3,964
Convictions	810	936	1,024	1,029	1,447
Dismissals	1,047	1,315	1,677	1,834	2,436
DISPOSITIONS:					
Ohio Dept. of Rehabilitation	908	874	1,166	1,167	1,168
Ohio State Reform. For Women	120	111	137	115	182
Community Control	1,644	1,922	2,015	1,937	2,274
Probation	*Combined with Comm. Control	*Combined with Comm. Control	*Combined with Comm. Control	389	402
Summit County Jail	65	60	56	52	94
Suspended Sentence	31	32	44	32	45
Dismissals	284	214	205	186	230
Fine/Costs	52	9	12	18	27
Transfer to Another County	0	1	1	0	0
IILC Completion	n/a	n/a	54	40	50
PDP Completion	n/a	n/a	30	64	50
Not Guilty Verdicts (Trials)	14	26	20	28	27
NGRI	2	5	4	4	9
Death Penalty	0	0	0	0	1

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
CHARGE/PLEA STATISTICS:					
<i>Pled Guilty - Original Charge</i>					
- Felonies	n/a	n/a	n/a	3,975	3,928
- Misdemeanors	n/a	n/a	n/a	652	940
<i>Pled Guilty - Amended Charge</i>					
- Felonies	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,313	1,474
- Misdemeanors	n/a	n/a	n/a	19	24
<i>Pled No Contest</i>					
- Felonies	n/a	n/a	n/a	14	26
- Misdemeanors	n/a	n/a	n/a	10	6
<i>Merged Counts</i>					
- Felonies	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	0
- Misdemeanors	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	0
<i>Dismissals</i>					
- Felonies	3,742	2,236	2,776	3,284	3,351
- Misdemeanors	1,047	1,315	1,677	1,834	2,436
<i>Jury Verdict - Guilty</i>					
- Felonies	114	86	123	161	179
- Misdemeanors	17	34	24	40	45
<i>Jury Verdict - Not Guilty</i>					
- Felonies	53	62	65	104	75
- Misdemeanors	5	11	12	9	13
<i>Court Verdict - Guilty</i>					
- Felonies	19	5	14	8	21
- Misdemeanors	7	6	3	6	9
<i>Court Verdict - Not Guilty</i>					
- Felonies	2	13	9	0	13
- Misdemeanors	2	1	3	0	2
<i>Court Verdict - NGRI</i>					
- Felonies	n/a	n/a	n/a	6	17
- Misdemeanors	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	7
MOTIONS FOR JUDICIAL RELEASE	735	626	803	858	852

FIVE YEAR COMPARISON OF CRIMINAL CASES FILED, ARRAIGNED, AND TERMINATED



ARBITRATION CASES

In 2004 the Court had 146 cases referred to Rule 10 Arbitration which was a decrease of 11 cases below the previous calendar year. There were 81 cases arbitrated and 47 cases settled before hearing. Appeals De Novo were filed for 31 cases which were 38 percent of the cases heard. A total of 16 cases were appealed and settled. There were 15 cases filed for appeal by plaintiffs and 16 by defendants. The total cost for Arbitration during 2004 was \$20,950.00. The Court has 400 attorneys on the volunteer arbitration list who have spent an average of 3.0 hours on each case.

VISITING JUDGES

In 2004 the Summit County Common Pleas Court General Division continued its use of visiting judges to assist with the caseload. The Court used active and retired judges to preside over a total of 153.5 days during 2004.

Cost of Visiting Judges		
Payment by County		\$19,768.00
Payment by State		\$133,428.34
	Total	153,196.34

The following judges presided over cases for the court during 2004:

- William F. Chinnock, Cuyahoga County (retired)
- Judith Cross, Medina, County Common Pleas Court (retired)
- Thomas P. Curran, 8th District Court of Appeals (retired)
- Joyce J. George, 9th District Court of Appeals (retired)
- Roger G. Lile, Tuscarawas County (retired)
- Richard Markus, 8th District Court of Appeals (retired)
- John R. Milligan, 5th District Court of Appeals (retired)
- Glen B. Morgan, Summit County Common Pleas Court (retired)
- Ted Schneiderman, Summit County Common Pleas Court (retired)

MEDIATION

In June of 1998 the Court began to offer court-sponsored mediation to parties who have filed suit in Common Pleas Court under the direction of Frank Motz, Chief Court Mediator. Cases are mediated as assigned by the General Division Judges. Cases which can be assigned to mediation include personal injury, business disputes, workers' compensation, foreclosure, quiet title and non-payment of student loans. Cases can be selected by the assigned judge or can be sent to mediation because all of the parties have consented. In 2004, 746 cases were settled after referral to mediation.

Mediation Statistics	1998*	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Cases Pending Beginning of Year	--	44	117	251	304	321	439
Cases Referred	169	330	805	970	1092	1265	1442
Returned to Court	73	140	236	288	320	364	412
Cases Settled	52	124	416	495	575	609	746
Removed prior to completion	--	--	35	147	185	191	256
Cases Pending End of Year	44	110	235	291	316	430	467

* Program started June 1998. Statistics for six months only.

MAGISTRATE

John Shoemaker, the Chief Magistrate for the General Division, has served the Court for eighteen years. The Magistrate assists the General Division Judges by handling a variety of civil matters assigned to him via general and limited orders of reference. Under Civil Rule 53, the Magistrate may handle any matters preliminary to litigation. In 2004, as part of his civil duties, the Magistrate presided over 27 trials: 7 jury trials and 20 bench trials.

Under ORC 2903.214, effective 1998, persons are authorized to petition the Court for an anti-stalking civil protection order. The Magistrate has received references on the majority of these petitions. The Magistrate conducted 60 ex parte and full hearings on such petitions during 2004.

Under Criminal Rule 19, the Magistrate can perform some criminal tasks. The Magistrate conducts all arraignments for the General Division Judges. The video arraignment procedure which commenced in 1998 continues. Out of a total of 5877 Defendants arraigned in 2004, 2570 incarcerated inmates were arraigned by video closed circuit television. Beginning in 2004, a walk-through waiver of arraignment procedure, which is overseen by the Magistrate, was instituted and has been successful to date.

MAGISTRATE'S 2004 STATISTICS		CIVIL CASE ACTIVITIES:	2004	CRIMINAL CASE ACTIVITIES:	2004
CASES:	2004	Bench Trials	20	Arraignment Call Days	100
		Jury Trials	7		
Pending Jan 1	74	Oral Hearings	202		
Referred	395	Status Conferences	<u>384</u>		
Closed	<u>364</u>	Total Activities	613		
Pending Dec 31	105				

FELONY DRUG COURT

On April 10, 2003, the Felony Drug Court of Summit County completed its first year in session. Felony Drug Court is made possible through a federal grant administered by the Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services (ADM) Board. It is a coordinated and cooperative effort utilizing treatment agencies, law enforcement and the Prosecutor's Office. Our aim is to take non-violent, substance abusing offenders who cycle through the judicial system due to lack of intervention measures and provide the sanctions and services necessary to change their deviant behavior. Drug Court provides early intervention, intense supervision and treatment. The purpose is to offer, then assist appropriate offenders in modifying/changing their behavior from reckless and irresponsible into responsible and productive members of their families and our community. The Drug Court team is motivated and very enthusiastic to ensure the success of this program.

Total Number Screened	1357
Total Number Accepted	41

ADULT PROBATION DEPARTMENT

SUPERVISION

The number of offenders under supervision at the Adult Probation Office at the end of 2004 was 4,633 compared to 3,298 in 2003. The number of new referrals in 2004 was 2,800 compared to 2,390 in 2003. We have several specialized caseloads with lower numbers, but our general supervision caseload average is **185** cases per officer.

The following chart shows a breakdown of the new cases referred to probation over the past five years.

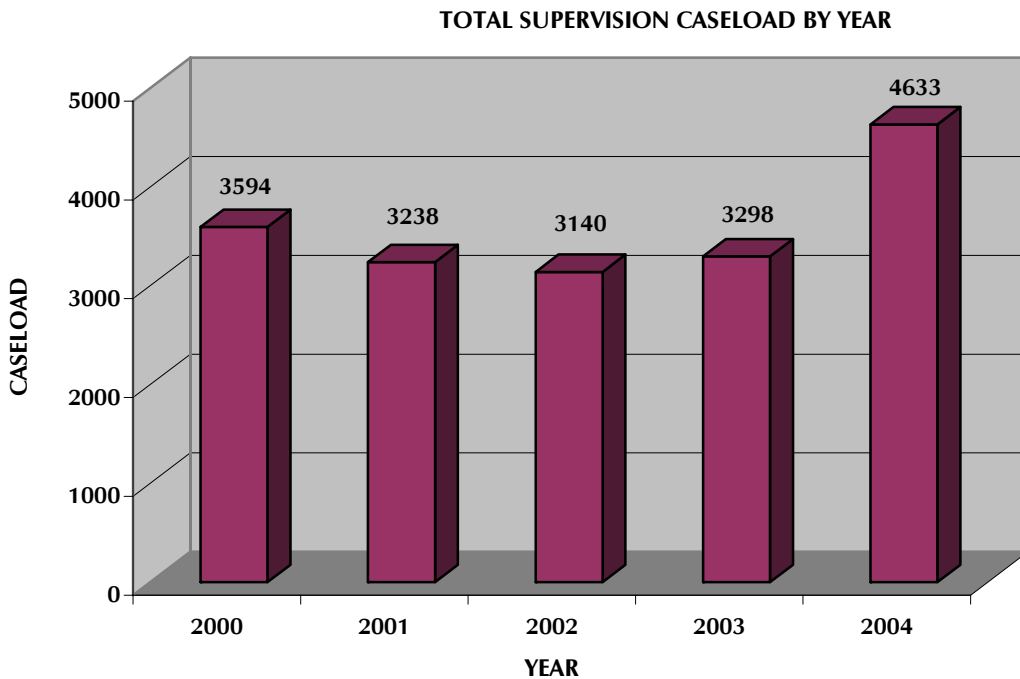
New Probation Referrals

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Probation or Community Control from Court	2305	1994	1769	1710	1464
Judicial Release	191	184	163	133	183
Intensive	111	120	101	119	130
Courtesy Supervision	48	14	*	*	*
Intervention in Lieu of Conviction	<u>145</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>42</u>
**Total New Referrals	2800	2390	2115	2017	1819

* numbers not available

** these totals were revised from last years' report as CBCF referrals were being double counted

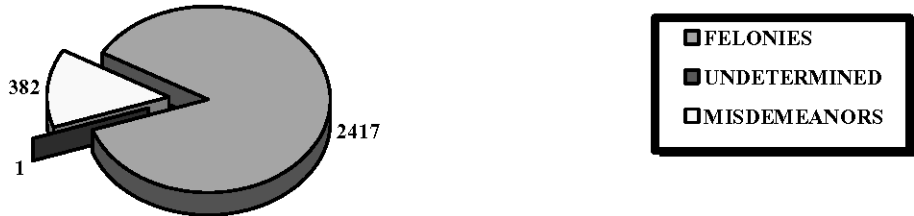
Below please find a graph reflecting the total number of offenders under supervision over the past five years.



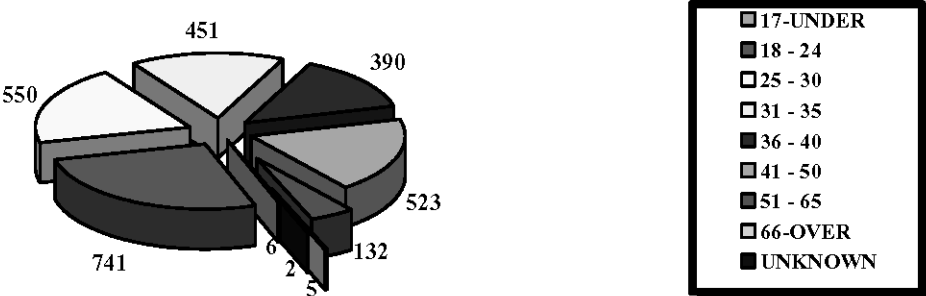
NOTE: Total supervision caseload for 2004 of 4,633 was obtained via SCORS.

Demographics For Offender Population

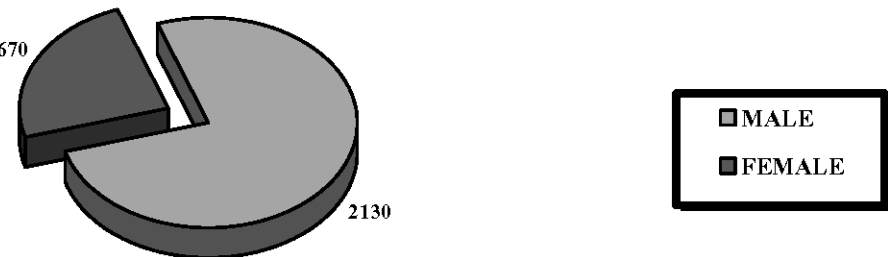
OFFENDERS BY FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS FOR 2004



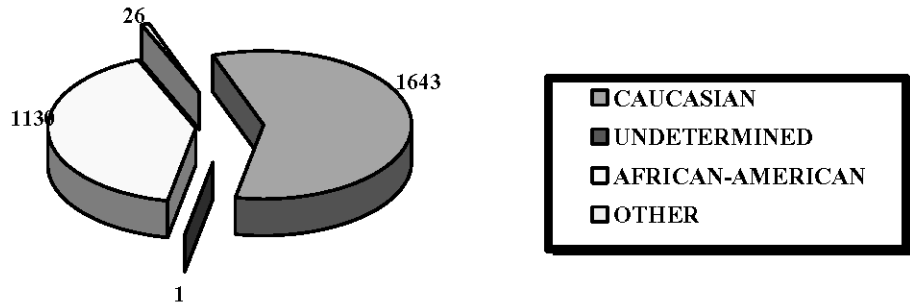
OFFENDERS BY AGE GROUP FOR 2004



OFFENDERS BY GENDER FOR 2004



OFFENDERS BY RACE FOR 2004



SUPERVISION (continued)

Termination of Supervision

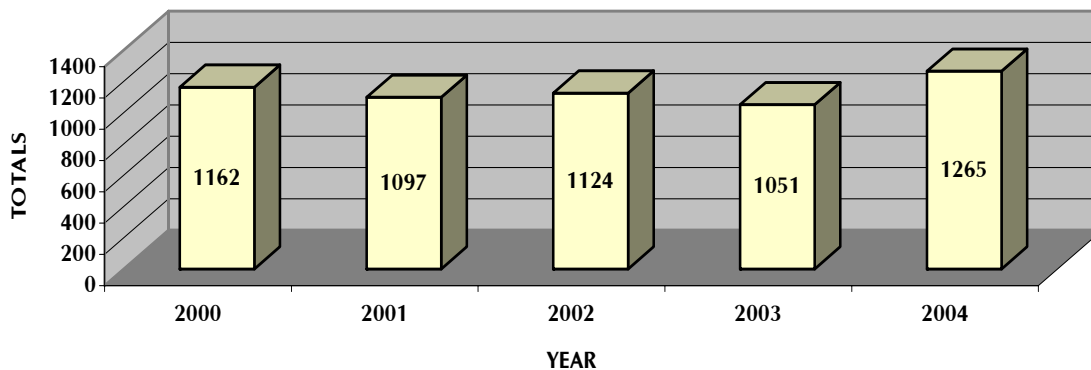
During 2004 our office closed 1,326 cases. There were 864 cases closed at full term. Early terminations (462) include, favorable adjustment, violations and others. We have been working with ProWare to develop statistics that show the number of favorable terminations versus terminations as a result of violation conduct. We hope to have these numbers next year.

PRESENTENCE STATISTICS

We have five probation officers in our presentence unit who write reports full time. They do not have caseloads. Our office completed 1,265 presentence reports last year. Officers who were supervising offenders when a new case was referred did those presentence reports, about 100. All other reports were done by the presentence unit, for an average of 233 reports per writer for the year.

Below please find a graph reflecting the number of presentence reports completed by the probation office over the past five years.

TOTAL PRESENTENCE INVESTIGATIONS BY YEAR



SENTENCING STATISTICS

Our records show 3,879 offenders sentenced by the Common Pleas Court in 2004 who were processed through the Probation Office. This includes 2,800 offenders sentenced to community supervision as noted in the supervision section of this report. The 1,352 offenders sentenced to custody sentences are noted below along with the type of sentence.

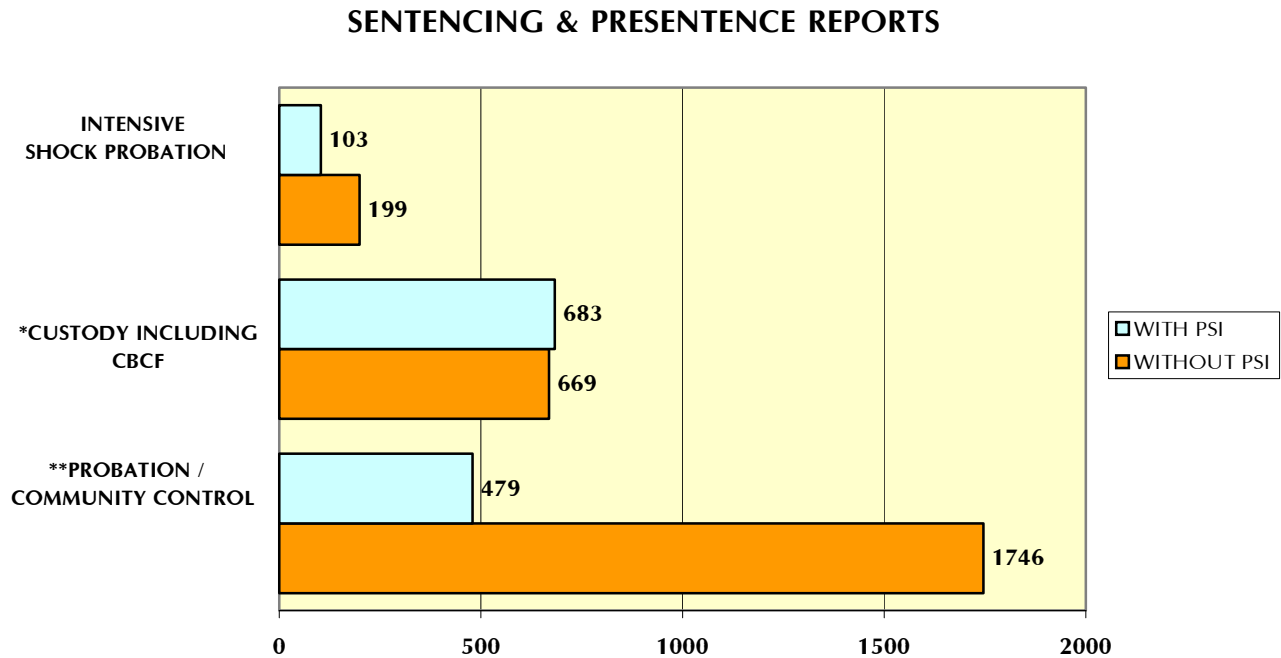
Custody Sentences in 2004

Department of Corrections	822
Ohio State Reformatory for Women	192
*Community Based Corrections Facility	273
Summit County Jail	<u>65</u>
TOTAL	1352

*For statistical purposes all of these offenders are also on Community Control Supervision.

Sentencing and Presentence Reports

The following graph shows three categories of dispositions on the 3,879 criminal cases at the Common Pleas Court and denotes as to whether or not a presentence investigation was completed.



*CBCF cases are also on supervision, but are counted here for the purpose of this graph.

**We do not do presentence reports on most Treatment in Lieu of Conviction cases or in Courtesy Supervision cases.

Victim Impact Statements

Victim Impact Statements are done by the Probation Office when Court ordered or when the victim is clearly identified and information is obtainable. For confidentiality purposes these statements are presented on green paper. In 2004, our writers completed 461 Victim Impact Statements.

PROGRAMS

Intensive Supervision

The Intensive Supervision Unit is a state funded program that was added to Adult Probation in 1990 as an alternative to a prison sentence. Its annual objective is to divert 200 such cases. In 2004 this program diverted over 250 felony offenders from the prison system.

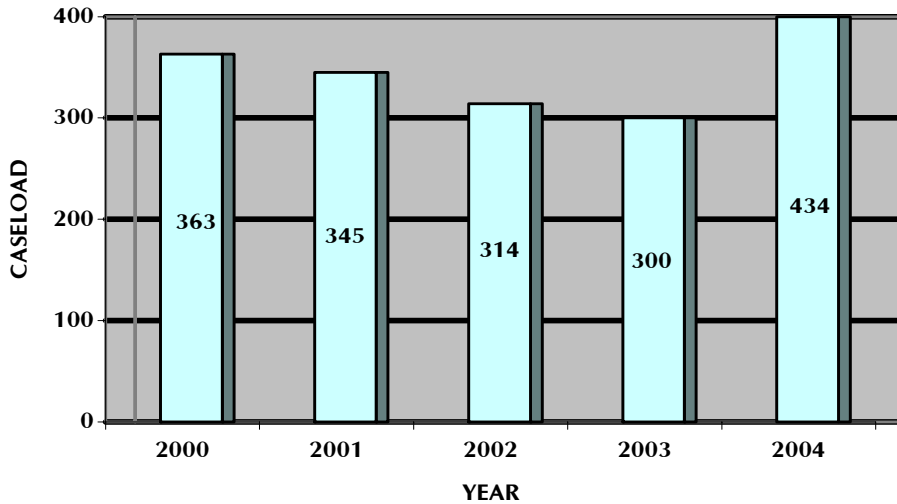
The following statistical table includes referrals from all sources (i.e., court orders, transfers, probation violations, etc.) and summarizes the activity of this program during the past five years:

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Referrals	434	300	314	345	363
Commitments	14	28	110	116	107
New Offenses	15	20	N/A	41	16
Technical Violation	55	58	N/A	67	67
Capiases		31	N/A	106	106
Successful Completion	117	118	204	194	141
Average Length of Supervision (in Months)	5.4	7.7	8.5	8.7	9.1

Intensive Supervision (continued)

The caseloads of the Intensive Supervision Unit continue to exceed its annual projection of 200 referrals. The average length of supervision was 5.4 months this year compared to 7.7 months in 2003. The caseload average in 2004 was approximately 80 per officer, compared with a caseload of 45, as designed in the original proposal. This year we had 15 offenders charged with new criminal conduct, 14 were sentenced to custody. We had 55 technical violations that met with alternative sanctions and 117 offenders satisfactorily completed intensive supervision.

TOTAL INTENSIVE SUPERVISION CASELOAD BY YEAR



Program Developments During 2004

Child Support Enforcement Team

There were **402** new indictments for felony Non Support in **2003** and **326** new indictments in **2004**. This drastic increase in the number of Child Support cases and programmatic reorganization in Adult Probation necessitated the disbanding of this specialized unit and the dispersal of these cases into the general population.

The parties involved recognize the problem. We have met and agreed to pursue federal funds to assist in reforming a specialized unit with operational guidelines. The matter is currently on hold as we were unable to come up with matching local funds for the grant and there are still a few unresolved issues.

DUI Caseload

This program continues to be an important part of Adult Probation. David Siko specializes in DUI cases and most supervision referrals are assigned to him.

Job and Family Services (Welfare Fraud)

There were no major increases in the number of these cases in 2004. Michael Mims specializes in these cases and most Welfare Fraud cases are assigned to him.

Mental Health Team

The Mental Health Unit is continuing to connect with the treatment community through participation in the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board and the Probation and Treatment Advisory Board. Our working relationship with local treatment providers remains effective and open. Mental Health Officer Laurie Fisher received the Ohio Chief Probation Officers' Association's Line Officer of the year award for her outstanding contribution to the continuing development and supervision of mentally ill offenders in the community.

Sex Offender Unit

The Sex Offender Unit continues to cooperate with law enforcement and treatment agencies in order to develop a comprehensive strategy for managing sex offenders in the Summit County community. The Probation Office worked with the Criminal Justice Affairs Division of the Summit County Executive's Office and the County obtained a federal grant that could greatly enhance the capabilities and effectiveness of this unit. The grant proposal includes funding for a presentence writer, a reentry coordinator, lie detector testing and overtime for sheriff's deputies to verify registration requirements.

There are 146 offenders under the supervision of this unit. Ernest Stallworth and Rebecca Shepard share the load equally. During 2004, the members of the sex offenders unit were able to carry the message of prevention to six of the eight public high schools in the Akron Public School System by making presentations to Street Law classes. To date these efforts were well received by students and faculty.

Community Service /Work Release/LEADS

The workload in this area has increased greatly with the increased use of Community Service. Michelle Kocian coordinates work assignments for 64 clients who perform Community Service in lieu of Court costs and Probation Fees. These clients worked a total of 3,094 hours. At an assumed fee of \$8.00 per hour this is equivalent to \$24,752.00. There were 104 partner agencies used.

Michelle also does computerized case histories (LEADS requests). She retrieved 5,494 criminal histories in 2002, and 4,572 in 2003. In 2004 there were 9,336 criminal histories retrieved.

Urine Screens

Drug and alcohol testing is done during treatment, when Court ordered or at the direction of the probation officer. Treatment providers generally test offenders placed in programs. Additionally, when probation officers are reasonably suspicious of substance abuse, they send offenders to the Community Health Center or Oriana House for drug testing at the offender's expense of \$8.00 per standard screen. In 2004, offenders were sent for urine testing 4,777 times with 974 positive results.

Sealings

Michael Rick conducts investigation on Sealing Criminal Records as ordered by the Court. In 2004, there were 298 referrals; 250 sealing reports were completed. Of those, 85 offenders were granted sealings, 14 were withdrawn and 59 were denied. The remainder are pending before the Courts.

Intervention in Lieu of Conviction

Karen Weletyk supervises all 210 cases in this unit. Offenders with minute histories of substance abuse are placed in the program with a view towards dismissing the case, if the offender is compliant with treatment and is not engaged in new criminal conduct.

PERSONNEL ACTIVITY

The following personnel activity occurred during 2004:

Additions:

Sandra Ferracane - new probation officer
Tiffany Foxworth - new probation officer
Andrew Rudgers - new probation officer
Bill Daniels - pretrial

Separations:

James Gibbons - probation officer
Steve Urbon - pretrial
James Ward – transferred to Drug Court

At the end of 2004, the Probation Office had 62 employees: the director, four probation office managers, one support staff manager, one working pretrial manager, 14 support staff, five presentence report writers, four pretrial officers, four intensive probation officers, one interstate officer, one sealings officer, one LEADS/community service coordinator, two sex offender officers, one drug court coordinator, one mental health officer, one treatment in lieu of officer, and 20 general supervision officers (one is part-time).

LINE OFFICER OF THE YEAR FOR THE STATE OF OHIO



On June 24, 2004 in Columbus, Ohio, Summit County Adult Probation Officer, Laurie Fisher was presented with the **2004 George Farmer Line Officer of the Year Award** for excellence in the Adult Felony Supervision category for the State of Ohio.

Laurie has assisted countless citizens through her dedicated service to the Court and casework with offenders under her supervision. Through her diligence and determination, Laurie became the Summit County Adult Probation Mental Health Specialist and in 2001, she created the mental health unit. Her involvement in the community reaches beyond her work at Adult Probation. Laurie is a member of the Ohio Supreme Court's Probation and Treatment Advisory Board to assist statewide in the training of adult probation officers supervising the mentally ill offender, the Summit County ADM Board's Criminal Justice Forum and is a trustee of Tarry House, a residential treatment facility for persons with mental illness. She is also involved in training and cross-training of other professionals involved with offenders with mental illness issues at both the local and state level.

***Presented locally by
Honorable Mary F. Spicer***

Pretrial Services

The Probation Office has a Pretrial Services unit in place to serve the Common Pleas Court and the community relative to issues of pretrial release. This unit primarily functions to assist the Court in making bail decisions and providing supervision of defendants on release. The first of those services is to conduct a detailed investigation on defendants arrested and detained. Pretrial officers stationed at the Summit County Jail interview every person charged with a felony offense. As a follow up to the investigation, pretrial officers located at the Court submit a report to the Court and recommend bail based upon factors as stated in Criminal Rule 46 (C) of the Ohio Revised Code.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR PRETRIAL 2004

Pretrial Release

Bond Reviews Completed	514
Felonies screened through Municipal Court	3775
Bonds Modified at Magistrate Arraignment	812
Inmates Interviewed at the County Jail	3110
Jail Time Credit Reports Completed	334

Pretrial Supervision

Active Referrals	1148
In-Person Interviews	1679
Telephone Contacts	1482
Drug Screens	886
Negative	344
Positive	237
Closings	477
Successful	352
Unsuccessful	124

Felony Drug Court

Total Screened	1357
Total Accepted	41

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PSYCHO-DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC

Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic is one of eleven certified forensic centers in the state of Ohio. The Clinic is funded by the Ohio Department of Mental Health to provide evaluations and testimony pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 2945.37 through 2945.40 to the Common Pleas Courts of Summit, Stark, Portage, Medina and Geauga Counties. The Clinic also provides evaluations to Summit County Domestic Relations Court and to Municipal Courts in Summit County through limited funding by the County of Summit Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board. Through revenue from the Summit County General Fund, the Clinic provides other statutory evaluations to Summit County Common Pleas Court, including Intervention in Lieu of Conviction, Mitigation of Penalty and Post-sentence evaluations. Evaluations are occasionally provided to other courts on a fee-for-service basis.

Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic is directed by a clinical psychologist, board certified in forensic psychology, and staffed by a full-time clinical psychologist, part-time doctoral students in clinical psychology, a full-time social worker, consulting psychologists, and a consulting psychiatrist. In 2004, Dr. Stafford, Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic Director, received the Ohio Forensic Mental Health Leadership Award from the Ohio Department of Mental Health, in recognition of her "excellent clinical work, teaching skill and knowledge of forensic issues," her publications, and her leadership in national and state forensic organizations. Clinic examiners are profiled in Table 1.

COURT-ORDERED EVALUATIONS

The Clinic conducted 541 court-ordered evaluations in 2004. Sixty-eight percent (68%) of these evaluations were provided for Summit County Common Pleas Court. Twenty percent (20%) of these evaluations were ordered by Stark, Medina, Portage and Geauga County Common Pleas Courts. Ten percent (10%) of Clinic evaluations were completed for Municipal and Domestic Relations Courts in Summit County. Two percent (2%) of the evaluations were completed for other courts the Clinic serves on a fee-for-service basis. Clinic referrals by referral source over the past eight years are summarized in Table 2.

Table 3 contains a breakdown of referrals to the Clinic by referral issue over the past eight years. The primary referral issues the Clinic is ordered to address are competency to stand trial (32% of referrals), sanity at the time of the act (16% of referrals), and commitment and non-secured status of defendants acquitted by reason of insanity or found incompetent-nonrestorable and committed under court jurisdiction (5% of referrals).

Increasingly, the Clinic has been ordered by Summit County Common Pleas Court to evaluate defendants referred for consideration of Intervention in Lieu of Conviction under Ohio Revised Code Section 2951.041. In 2004, the number of Intervention evaluations conducted rose by 57% to 212, or 39% of Clinic referrals. This increased demand was met by developing a cost-effective protocol that meets reasonable professional standards. However, the resources of Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic have been taxed by this increase in Intervention evaluations, without a proportionate increase in the County General Fund revenue that funds them.

The Clinic also conducted mitigation of penalty or post-sentence evaluations (7% of referrals) and evaluations of indigent families for Domestic Relations Court (1% of referrals) during 2004.

CONDITIONAL RELEASE MONITORING

In 1985, Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic developed a monitoring program for Summit County Common Pleas Court to follow defendants found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity who were committed to community mental health treatment on conditional release status. This monitoring program has attempted to ensure that these individuals are provided appropriate treatment and that, if their adjustment in the community deteriorates, they are readily hospitalized.

Information on the number of individuals monitored on conditional release commitment under the jurisdiction of

Summit County Common Pleas Court over the past eight years is presented in Table 4. In 2004, the Clinic social worker monitored a total of 50 individuals committed to conditional release by the court. Nine individuals were newly committed to treatment in the community on conditional release. Nine individuals were discharged from conditional release commitment. Eight of these 50 clients (16%) required revocation of conditional release and hospitalization. This is the largest rate of revocations documented since the start of the monitoring program. Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic attempts to work closely with Community Support Services in Summit County to increase the likelihood that conditional release clients and mentally ill probationers receive the services they need to make a successful community adjustment.

RESEARCH AND TRAINING

The Clinic continued to collaborate in research and training activities with the Kent State University Department of Psychology, the Ohio Department of Mental Health, the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine (NEOUCOM) and the Louis Stokes Veterans Affairs Medical Center in 2004. Four doctoral students from the American Psychological Association (APA)-approved training program in clinical psychology at Kent State University served clinical placements at Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic. Four psychiatry residents from the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine Psychiatry Residency program served forensic rotations at the Clinic as part of their training. Two psychology interns from the Cleveland Veterans Affairs Medical Center APA-approved clinical internship participated in weekly enrichment training at Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic. These future psychologists and psychiatrists provide service to the Clinic while receiving valuable professional training.

The results of research based on the Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic database continue to be published in referred journals and presented at professional meetings. This research is not funded by Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic.

TABLE I

PSYCHO-DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC EXAMINERS

Kathleen P. Stafford, Director
<p>Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, Kent State University Certified in Forensic Psychology, American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) Past President, American Board of Forensic Psychology Past Chair, Ethics Committee, American Psychological Association Specialty in evaluation of competencies and criminal responsibility, assessment and treatment of high-risk clients, and standards of practice</p>
Jody Pickle
<p>Ph. D., Clinical Psychology, Kent State University Specialty in neurocognitive assessment and research on substance-related aggression</p>
Yossef S. Ben-Porath
<p>Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, University of Minnesota Professor, Department of Psychology, Kent State University Specialty in forensic assessment and research on MMPI-2 and assessment of malingering</p>
Gary N. Sales
<p>M.D., Wright State University School of Medicine Board certified in Psychiatry and Neurology with Specialty Certification in Forensic Psychiatry J.D., The Ohio State University College of Law</p>
Steven Neuhaus
<p>Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, St. Louis University Specialty in child, adolescent and family evaluations</p>
Marianne K. Wohl
<p>Ph.D., Psychology, Tulane University Postdoctoral Fellowship, John F. Kennedy Institute, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine Specialty in mental retardation/developmental disabilities</p>
Tamara H. Wolf
<p>Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, Arizona State University Postdoctoral Forensic Psychology Fellowship, St. Louis Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center</p>

TABLE 2
 PSYCHO-DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC
REFERRALS BY SOURCE AND YEAR

REFERRAL SOURCE	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
Summit Common Pleas Court	369	307	260	284	255	225	217	217
Stark Common Pleas Court	59	40	65	44	45	37	48	27
Medina Common Pleas Court	30	20	30	14	17	16	17	18
Portage Common Pleas Court	13	8	6	5	11	12	5	5
Geauga Common Pleas Court	5	2	2	1	2	0	5	8
Summit County Domestic Relations	7	11	6	22	17	22	7	11
Akron Municipal Court	38	40	39	37	35	58	45	41
Cuyahoga Falls Municipal Court	3	5	6	11	9	11	5	4
Barberton Municipal Court	5	3	5	1	2	3	3	5
Medina County Municipal Courts	9	15	6	11	15	16	17	10
Stark County Municipal Courts	0	1	0	4	2	6	0	6
Portage County Municipal Court	0	0	1	0	1	9	8	7
Summit County Adult Probation	0	0	2	3	2	5	8	10
Other Courts	**3	*1	0	*1	*1	0	5	1
TOTAL	541	453	428	438	414	420	390	370

* Juvenile Courts

** Wadsworth Municipal Court

TABLE 3

REFERRALS BY TYPE AND YEAR

REFERRAL TYPE	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
Competency to Stand Trial ORC Section 2945.371(G)(3)	172	167	174	160	154	189	166	150
Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity ORC Section 2945.37 (G)(4)	87	74	74	65	70	69	73	79
Intervention in Lieu of Conviction ORC Section 2951.041	212	135	106	120	75	52	49	58
Mitigation of Penalty ORC Section 2947.06	16	13	15	20	46	35	32	18
Post Sentence ORC Section 2967.22	22	20	17	12	24	19	20	24
Non Secured Status ORC Section 2945.401	11	14	21	21	13	22	28	14
Incompetent – Nonrestorable ORC 2945.39(A)(2)	0	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Commitment-NGRI ORC Section 2945.40	14	12	7	17	12	10	8	11
Domestic Relations	7	11	6	22	17	22	7	11
Sexual Classifications	0	5	6	1	3	2	4	5
TOTALS	541	453	428	438	414	420	387	370

TABLE 4

CONDITIONAL RELEASE MONITORING

CLIENTS	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
Monitored	50	56	45	48	43	41	32	27
New Commitments	9	12	10	10	10	15	7	8
Discharges	9	6	8	7	4	3	2	3
Revocations	8	3	4	1	3	6	2	1
Death	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-

JURY MANAGEMENT

Each year, on the first working Monday of September, the Summit County Court of Common Pleas Jury Commissioners perform the annual jury draw. Potential jurors are selected from the voter registration list as certified by the Board of Elections from the preceding general election. The annual draw is performed pursuant to O.R.C. section 2313.06 et seq. Prior to performing the draw, the Presiding Judge designates by order, the number of jurors to be summoned for each court jurisdiction in Summit County, that being Common Pleas Court and Akron, Barberton and Cuyahoga Falls Municipal Courts. Furthermore, the Jury Commissioners also draw jurors for Grand Jury pursuant to O.R.C. section 2313.06 et seq.

From the annual jury list, jurors are drawn for each of the four-month sessions of court within the jury year pursuant to O.R.C. 2313.19 et seq. The sessions commence on the first working Monday of September, January and May. The Jury Commissioners, in the presence of the Presiding Judge, the Sheriff and the Clerk of Courts draw the number of jurors previously designated for that session by the Presiding Judge. Upon completion and recording of the session jury lists, the jurors are summoned, using a one-step summons and questionnaire.

Jurors who receive summonses are asked to return the questionnaire portion providing a certain amount of information. The questionnaire also provides jurors with an opportunity to notify the court that they are eligible for an exemption pursuant to O.R.C. 2313.12. Any person eligible for an exemption may waive that exemption. Depending on information provided by the jurors, they may also be excused for a limited number of reasons pursuant to O.R.C. section 2313.16. The Jury Commissioners are solely responsible for determining which jurors' exemptions are valid and which jurors may be excused.

Beginning October 28, 2002, jurors for Common Pleas and Akron Municipal Court service, received an informational brochure included with their summons. This brochure helps to answer many of the commonly asked questions by jurors prior to beginning their service such as how they are chosen, where to park, jury fees, what to wear, etc.

Beginning May 4, 1999, Grand Jury service was reduced to a two-month session to ease the burden on people called and to get more county residents involved in the justice system. The process for selecting the Grand Jury from the pool of jurors summoned for each session is governed by Crim.R. 6. Once the Grand Jury is selected, those jurors now serve for two months.

Beginning September 14, 1998, the term of service for petit jurors was reduced to one week or one trial. This was done in order to make jury service less of a hardship and to increase participation due to the recent changes to legislation governing excuses and exemptions. For the 2004-2005 jury year, 40,000 jurors were drawn for Summit County, 10,000 for Akron Municipal Court, and 5,000 each for Barberton and Cuyahoga Falls Municipal Courts. These jurors are then divided equally between the three sessions of court and summoned to one week of service within the four-month session to which they were selected.

Petit jurors are paid \$20.00 per day for the first ten days of actual service. Jurors who serve more than ten days are paid \$30.00 per day for each subsequent day. Increase of juror fees became effective March 6, 2000.

Year	Total Paid	Total Jurors	Average Days	Muni Court Days	Reimbursed By Muni Cts
2000	\$340,321	12,586	2.73	2,362	\$38,420
2001	\$374,828	13,407	2.79	2,358	\$34,589
2002	\$387,538	13,279	2.92	2,693	\$48,654
2003	\$366,422	13,202	2.78	2,359	\$30,058
2004	\$402,460	15,177	2.65	2,847	\$48,096

Municipal Court dollars represents the amount actually paid as reimbursements for jury fees. The difference between billed and paid is the result of state code violations tried in Municipal Court and for which they do not reimburse jury fees pursuant to ORC 1901.25.

COUNTY of SUMMIT COURTHOUSE SECURITY

In the year 2004, the Sheriff's Court and Special Services Bureau had the responsibility of providing security and prisoner Transport for the Summit County Court of Common Pleas. The tables below provide a statistical overview and comparison of the Security Surveillance Stations, Incident Reporting and Prisoner Transportation.

Security Surveillance Stations

	2001	2002	2003	2004
Firearms *	15	3	4	6
Edged or Sharp Items	2,859	3,148	2,697	2183
Chemical	385	243	301	239
Drug Paraphernalia	3	0	0	0
Miscellaneous **	670	417	356	234
TOTAL	3,932	3,811	3,358	3,662

* Firearms belonging to off duty law enforcement officers who are in the Courthouse for personal business.

** Miscellaneous category includes items that are not illegal, but are inappropriate to be carried into the Courthouse.

Courthouse Incident Reporting Overview

	2001	2002	2003	2004
Assaults	1	5	6	6
Theft & Bad Checks	2	6	6	10
Disorderly Conduct	4	7	5	3
Injury / Illness	15	32	35	36
Lost / Found Property	11	7	8	14
Escape Attempts	0	0	0	0
Contraband Incidents	0	0	0	0
Alarm Activation	3	1	9	2
Arrests	15	9	3	4
Miscellaneous *	20	37	38	63

* Miscellaneous Incident Reports: i.e. Vehicle Accident, Telephone Harassment, and Property Damage.

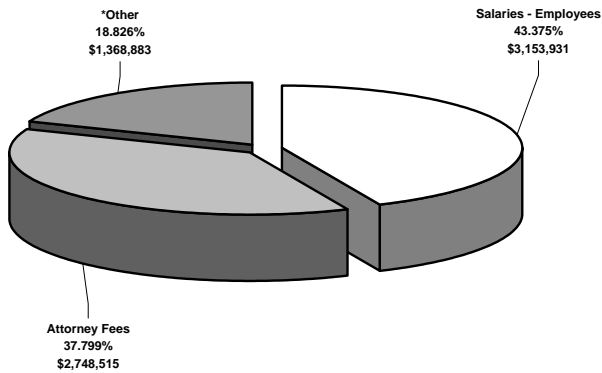
Prisoner Transportation by Court Order

	2001	2002	2003	2004
To Correctional Institution	1946	1852	1725	2081
From Correctional Institution	359	591	437	624
Common Pleas Court	6803	8236	8834	9789
Other Destinations	2596	2038	3889	3781
TOTAL	11704	12717	14885	16275

* Other destinations including IBH, Oriana, CBCF, Municipal Court, Funeral Visitation, Polygraph Exams, Psychiatric Facilities, or other destinations that the Court may order.

2004 GENERAL FUND OPERATING EXPENDITURES

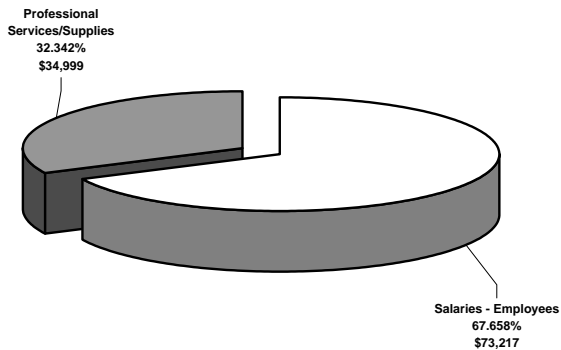
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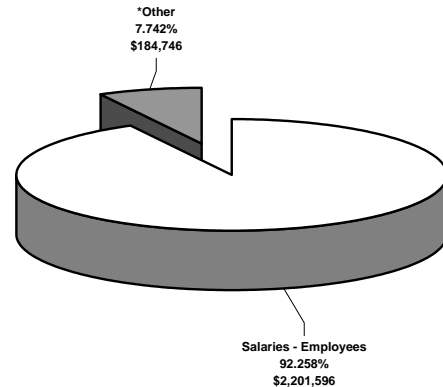
***Other**

Salaries-Officials	\$112,000	1.540%
Salaries Security	326,750	4.494%
Professional Services		
Transcripts	154,839	2.129%
Visiting Judges	21,766	0.299%
Arbitrator Fees	20,950	0.288%
Supplies	48,167	0.662%
Travel	26,620	0.366%
Contract Repair	52,763	0.726%
Other Expenses	111,565	1.534%
Jury Maintenance	13,965	0.192%
Witness Fees	1,164	0.016%
Juror Fees	402,460	5.535%
Equipment	12,622	0.174%
Witness Fees (G.J.)	3,611	0.050%
Juror Fees (G.J.)	59,641	0.820%
TOTAL	\$1,368,883	18.826%

PSYCHO-DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC



ADULT PROBATION DEPARTMENT



***Other**

Salaries-Security	\$141,453	5.928%
Supplies	\$17,451	0.731%
Travel	\$2,810	0.118%
Motor Vehicle Fuel/Repair	\$8,084	0.339%
Contract Repairs	\$14,948	0.626%
Other Expenses	\$0	0.000%
TOTAL	\$184,746	7.742%

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

() Indicates Number of Employees

		2001		2002		2003		2004
Court Administration								
Official Salaries		\$112,000		\$112,000		\$109,552		\$112,000
Employee Salaries	(69)	2,575,877	(70)	2,649,052	(72)	2,954,012	(71)	3,153,931
Security Salaries		286,227		292,651		293,396		326,750
Transcripts		92,017		134,315		142,524		154,839
Visiting Judges		8,404		15,275		20,187		21,766
Attorney Fees		2,112,611		2,257,565		2,308,205		2,748,515
Arbitrator Fees		47,850		35,045		22,970		20,950
Supplies		60,909		37,029		42,449		48,167
Travel		32,040		24,194		17,646		26,620
Contract Repairs		24,970		18,503		44,974		52,763
Other Expenses		88,564		85,504		62,165		111,565
Jury Maintenance		18,864		17,416		11,963		13,965
Witness Fees		418		1,040		3,780		1,164
Juror Fees		374,828		387,538		366,422		402,460
Equipment		136,665		98,276		7,371		12,622
Witness Fees (G.J.)		4,032		4,861		3,912		3,611
Juror Fees (G.J.)		64,255		66,255		62,541		59,641
		<u>64,255</u>		<u>66,255</u>		<u>62,541</u>		<u>59,641</u>
Subtotal Administration		\$6,040,531		\$6,236,519		\$6,474,068		\$7,271,329
Adult Probation								
Adult Probation Salaries	(53)	\$1,571,657	(53)	\$1,721,637	(54)	\$1,957,497	(55)	\$2,201,596
Security Salaries		122,669		126,355		136,212		141,453
Supplies		16,109		22,206		13,447		17,451
Travel		5,850		4,670		3,168		2,810
Motor Vehicle Fuel/Repair		5,200		6,500		5,202		8,084
Contract Repairs		12,582		12,810		13,451		14,948
Other Expenses		25,989		27,427		19,234		0
		<u>25,989</u>		<u>27,427</u>		<u>19,234</u>		<u>0</u>
Subtotal Adult Probation		\$1,760,056		\$1,921,605		\$2,148,212		\$2,386,342
Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic								
Salaries	(2)	\$65,895	(2)	\$65,367	(2)	\$67,687	(2)	\$73,217
Supplies						5,000		5,000
Professional Services		26,523		24,864		24,931		29,999
		<u>26,523</u>		<u>24,864</u>		<u>24,931</u>		<u>29,999</u>
Subtotal Psycho-Diagnostic		\$92,418		\$90,231		\$97,618		\$108,216
TOTAL COMMON PLEAS COURT	(124)	<u>\$7,893,005</u>	(125)	<u>\$8,248,355</u>	(128)	<u>\$8,719,898</u>	(128)	<u>\$9,765,887</u>

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