

ANNUAL REPORT

2025

Lucas County Common Pleas Court
General Division



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JUDGES OF THE LUCAS COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT GENERAL TRIAL DIVISION - 2025



Back Row: Judge Dean Mandros, Judge Ian B. English, Judge Gary G. Cook, Judge Joseph McNamara, Judge Eric Allen Marks

Front Row: Judge Lori Olender, Judge Stacy L. Cook, Judge Ken Walz, Judge Michael R. Goulding, Judge Lindsay D. Navarre



A Message from the Administrative Judge



As we present the 2025 Annual Report of the General Division of the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas, I am proud to reflect on a year marked by both transition and continued progress. Our Court remains steadfast in its mission to administer justice fairly, efficiently, and with integrity for the citizens of Lucas County. The dedication of our judges and staff ensures that we meet the evolving needs of our community while upholding the highest standards of the judicial system.

This year, we recognized the retirement of our esteemed colleague, Linda J. Jennings. Judge Jennings served with distinction, bringing wisdom, professionalism, and an unwavering commitment to the rule of law. Her contributions to this Court and to the people of Lucas County have left a lasting legacy. On behalf of the entire General Division, I extend our sincere gratitude for her years of dedicated service.

We also welcomed Ken Walz to the bench. Judge Walz has brought energy, insight, and a deep respect for the responsibilities entrusted to our Court. His addition strengthens our ability to serve the public and continue the tradition of excellence that defines the General Division.

Throughout 2025, the Court has remained focused on timely case resolution, responsible stewardship of public resources, and expanding access to justice. Just as importantly, we have continued our longstanding commitment to fiscal discipline. The General Division operates with a careful and deliberate approach to budgeting, ensuring that taxpayer dollars are used efficiently and transparently. Through prudent management of personnel, technology investments, and operational expenses, the Court has maintained high levels of service while remaining mindful of its financial responsibilities to the community.

A significant development this year was the addition of a dedicated, grant-funded Resource Officer within our Adult Probation Department. This officer serves as a centralized point of assistance for probationers, helping to connect them with essential quality-of-life resources such as literacy services, transportation, food access, health care, housing support and other community-based assistance. By addressing barriers that often contribute to reoffending, the Resource Officer plays a critical role in reducing risk, promoting accountability, and improving long-term outcomes for those under supervision.

As Administrative Judge, I am honored to work alongside such committed professionals. Together, we will continue to ensure that the General Division of the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas serves as a pillar of fairness, accountability, and public trust in our community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael R. Goulding". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue background.

Hon. Michael R. Goulding
Administrative Judge
Lucas County Common Pleas Court, General Division



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·ELEVATION FRONTING ADAMS STREET·

COURT ADMINISTRATION

Timothy P. Lubbe, Esq., CCM, CCE, SHRM-SCP
Court Administrator



Kevin Helminski
Deputy Court Administrator

Jillian Harris
Director of Human Resources

COURT ADMINISTRATION

The Lucas County Common Pleas Court Administration reflects on a year marked by meaningful progress in technology, security, and employee engagement. Over the past year, Court Administration successfully launched a new, user-friendly website to improve public access to information and services, while also enhancing courtroom recording capabilities through the initial implementation phases of real-time transcription technology. In addition, significant upgrades to building security, including the installation of a modern access control system, have strengthened the safety of all who work in and visit the Court. Complementing these operational advancements, the Court also prioritized workplace culture by hosting employee appreciation events that recognize the dedication and professionalism of its staff. Together, these efforts underscore the Court's ongoing commitment to innovation, transparency, and excellence in public service.



ADMINISTRATION STAFF

Court Administrator

Deputy Court Administrator

Magistrates

Magistrates' Staff

Court Reporters

AV Technicians

Administrative Bailiff

Staff Attorney

Administrative Clerks

Office Manager

Jury Manager

Jury Commissioners

Human Resources Staff

LUCAS COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS GENERAL DIVISION TABLE OF ORGANIZATION



**ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE
and NINE JUDGES**
Courtroom staff include:
Staff Attorneys, Bailiffs, and
Treatment Court Staff

COURT ADMINISTRATION
Staff include: Court Administrator, Deputy Court
Administrator, Magistrates and their staff, Court
Reporters, AV Technicians, Administrative Bailiff,
Staff Attorney, Administrative Clerks, Office
Manager, Jury Manager, and Jury Commissioners

ADULT PROBATION
Staff Include: Director,
Deputy Director, Unit
Managers, Office
Manager, Fiscal
Coordinator, Clinical
Assessment Officer,
Forensic Monitor,
Probation Officers,
Resource Officer
Receptionist, and
Administrative Clerks

COURT DEPUTIES
Staff include: Chief,
Sergeants, Training
Officer, Deputies

REGIONAL COURT SERVICES
Staff Include: Director, Deputy
Director, Office Manager, and
Administrative Clerks

HUMAN RESOURCES
Staff Include: Director, Payroll/
Benefits Coordinator, HR
Specialist

Pre-Trial Booking
Staff Include: Unit
Manager and Pretrial
Assessment Officers

Electronic Monitoring
Staff Include: Unit Manager, EM
Supervision Officers, and EM Intake
Technicians

Pre-Trial Supervision
Staff Include: Unit Manager
and Pretrial Supervision
Officers

Drug Testing
Staff Include: Unit Manager, Drug
Testing Technician, Administrative
Clerk, and Drug Testing Monitors

INCOMING CASES

Total New Cases

(filed, reactivated, or transferred in)



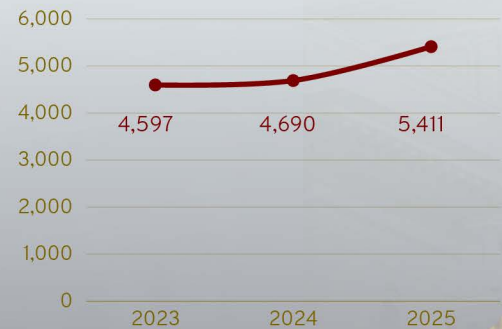
New Criminal Cases

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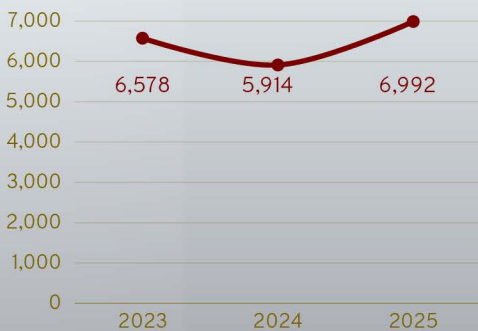
New Civil Cases

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OUTGOING CASES

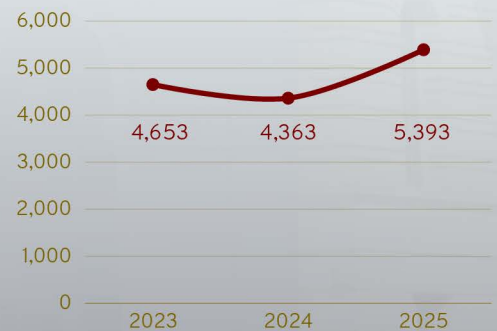
Total Cases Terminated



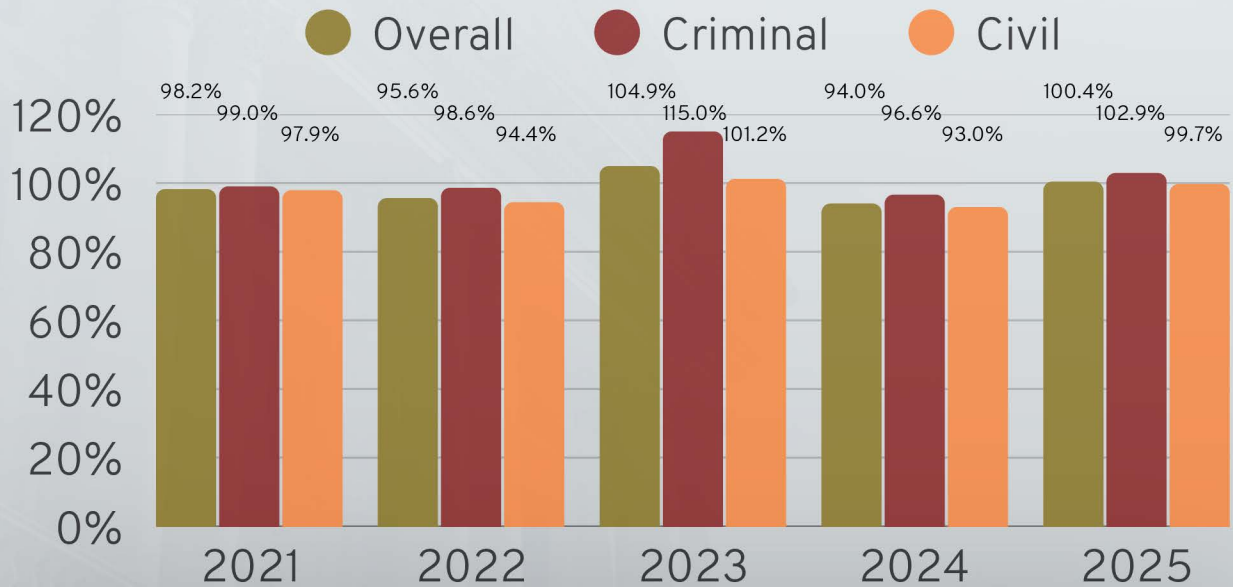
Criminal Cases Terminated



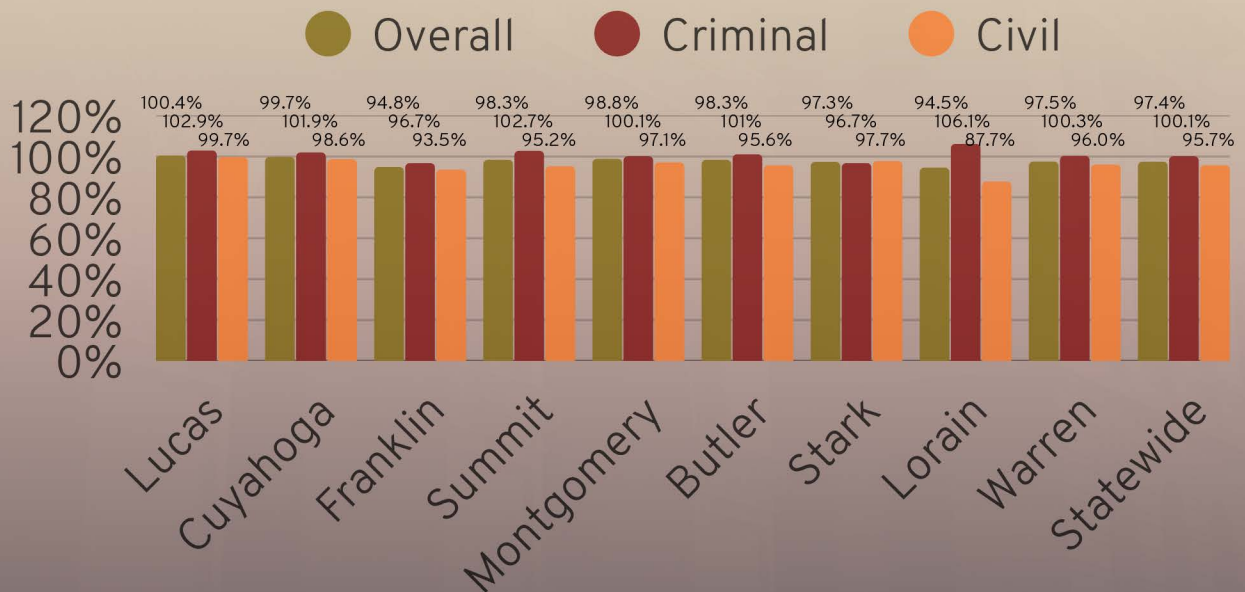
Civil Cases Terminated



CLEARANCE RATES



Clearance Rates Statewide in 2025 (10 Most Populous Counties)



Note: Clearance rate is a statistical calculation that compares the number of cases filed during the year to the number of cases terminated during the same year. It is determined by dividing the total number of terminations by the total number of new filings, reactivations and transfers. It is expressed as a percentage and reported annually to the State of Ohio on the Court's Form A Report.

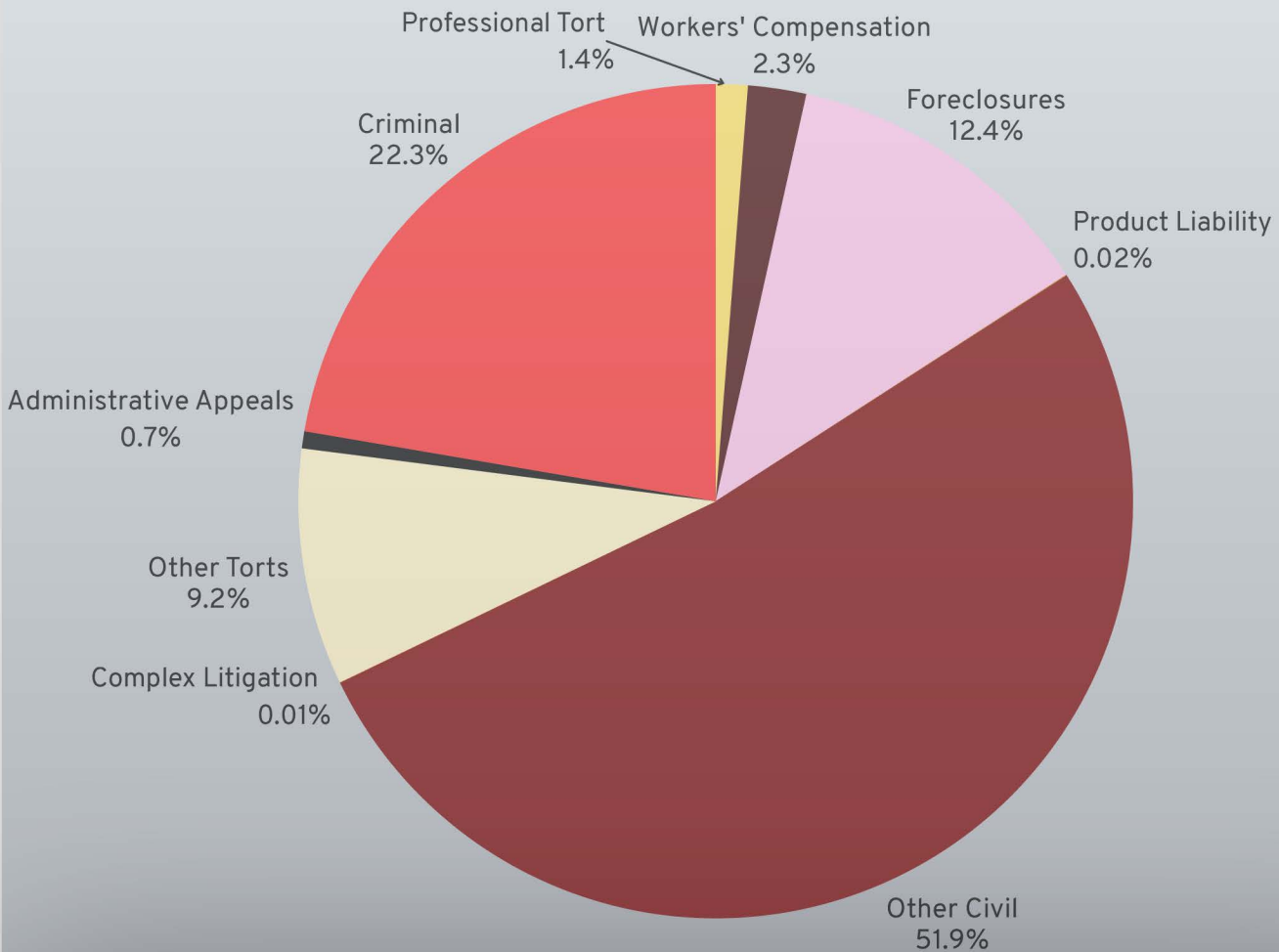
CASES FILED BY TYPE

Professional Tort Workers' Compensation

Foreclosures Product Liability Other Civil

Complex Litigation Other Torts

Administrative Appeals Criminal



2025 FORM A

Lucas County Court of Common Pleas

Hon. Courtwide

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	T	V
	Professional Tort	Product Liability	Other Torts	Workers' Compensation	Foreclosures	Administrative Appeal	Complex Litigation	Other Civil	Criminal	Total	Visiting Judge
Pending Beginning	76	5	668	141	356	18	10	1,171	573	3,018	6
New Filings	76	2	595	145	708	40	X	3,331	1,406	6,303	0
Reactivations and Transfers In	10	0	44	12	154	6	1	287	148	662	5
Total Cases	162	7	1,307	298	1,218	64	11	4,789	2,127	9,983	11

TERMINATIONS BY:

Jury Trial	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	41	47	2
Court Trial	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	11	16	30	0
Settled/Dismissed Pre-Trial	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	7	60	72	0
Dismissal	56	2	609	153	293	16	3	622	85	1,839	2
Dismissal (Speedy/No Pros.)	2	2	32	12	9	9	0	432	0	498	1
Magistrate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	826	X	826	0
Diversion/Arbitration	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	12	28	43	0
Plea (Original Charge)	1	0	28	0	433	0	0	753	254	1,469	0
Plea (Reduced Charge)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	995	995	0
Unavailability of Party	0	0	4	0	108	0	0	22	91	225	0
Transfer	9	0	35	4	28	2	0	239	11	328	1
Referral to Private Judge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	0
Bank. Stay/Int. Appeal	2	0	4	0	17	0	0	33	0	56	0
Other Terminations	17	0	39	12	34	20	0	424	18	564	0
Total Terminations	90	4	759	183	923	47	4	3,383	1,599	6,992	6

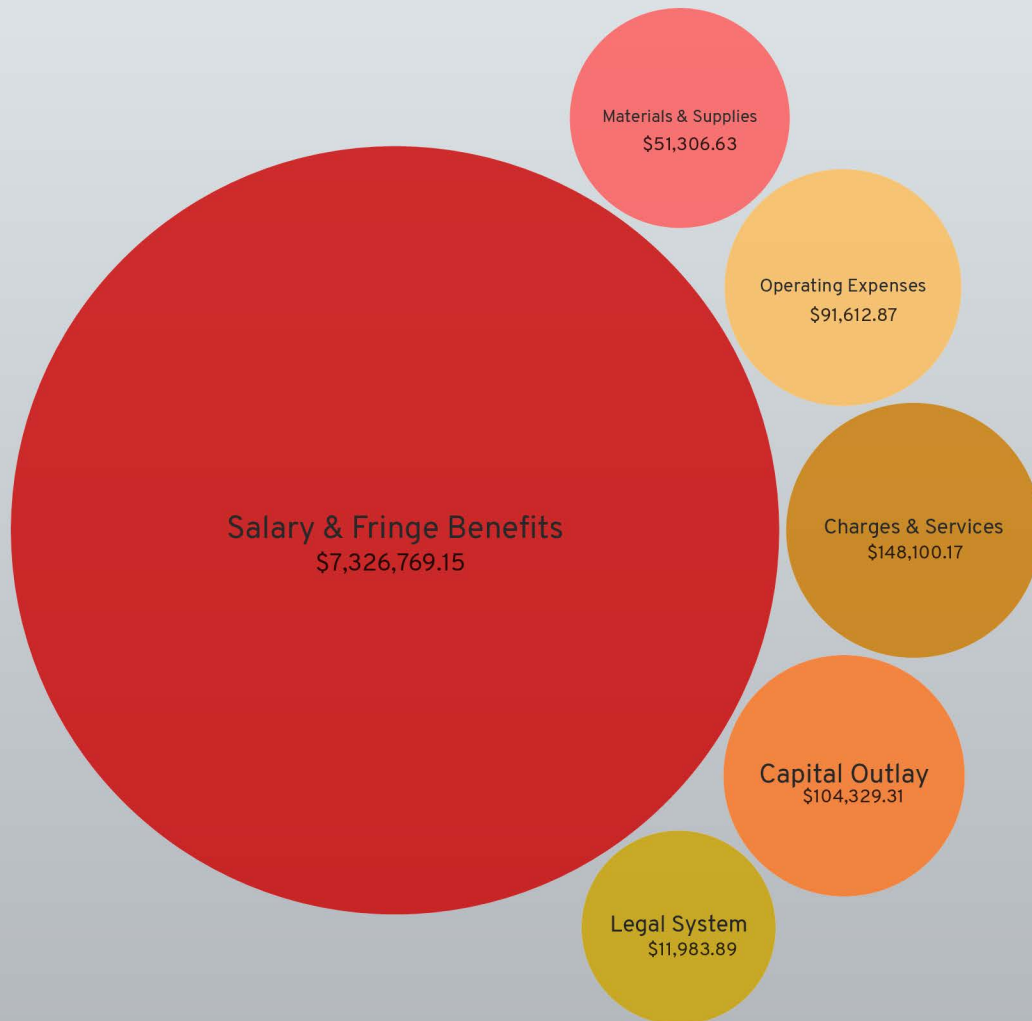
Clearance Rate	105%	200%	119%	117%	107%	102%	400%	94%	103%	100%	120%
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Time Guideline (Months)	24	24	24	12	12	9	36	24	6	X	X
Pending End	72	3	548	115	295	17	7	1,406	528	2,991	4
Over-Age Cases	4	0	6	2	5	3	2	1	56	79	0
Over-Age Rate	6%	0%	1%	2%	2%	18%	29%	0%	11%	3%	0%

Months Oldest Case Over-Age	18	0	4	3	5	5	93	7	16	X	0
Subm./Awaiting, Over-Age	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	10	12	0

Note: X indicates that the measure is not applicable to the case type.

COURT EXPENDITURES IN 2025



The 2025 General Fund Budget appropriation for the Common Pleas Court, General Division, was set at \$15,641,914.13. The Court is pleased to report that we finished the fiscal year under budget, with General Fund expenses totaling \$13,165,998.34.

The 2025 General Fund expenditures, listed by Department, were as follows:

Judicial Administration Expenses = \$7,853,166.49: This included funding for the following departments: Judicial, Administration, Bailiffs, Jury Commission, Judicial Staff Attorneys, Magistrates, Treatment Court, Dispute Resolution, Court Reporters, and A/V Tech.

Regional Court Services Expenses = \$2,465,254.06: This included funding for the following departments: Centralized Drug Testing, Electronic Monitoring, and Pre-Trial Services.

Adult Probation Expenses = \$2,847,577.79

ADULT PROBATION



Ashley Richardson
Director of Adult Probation

Amanda Wilson
Deputy Director of Adult Probation

LUCAS COUNTY ADULT PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Established in 1950, the Lucas County Adult Probation Department provides supervision of individuals ordered to Community Control in lieu of incarceration by the Lucas County Common Pleas Court. The department serves as a major partner in the justice system whose overall mission is to carry out orders from the Court to rehabilitate offenders in a cost-effective community-based setting, while preserving public safety. We strive to hold offenders accountable while promoting positive behavior change to effectively reduce recidivism and support those whose lives have been impacted by crime.



PROBATION STAFF

Director

Deputy Director

Administrative Clerks

Fiscal Coordinator

Office Manager

Unit Managers

Resource Officer

Clinical Assessment Officer

Intake Officer

Supervising Probation Officers

Investigative Probation Officers

OFFENDER SUPERVISION



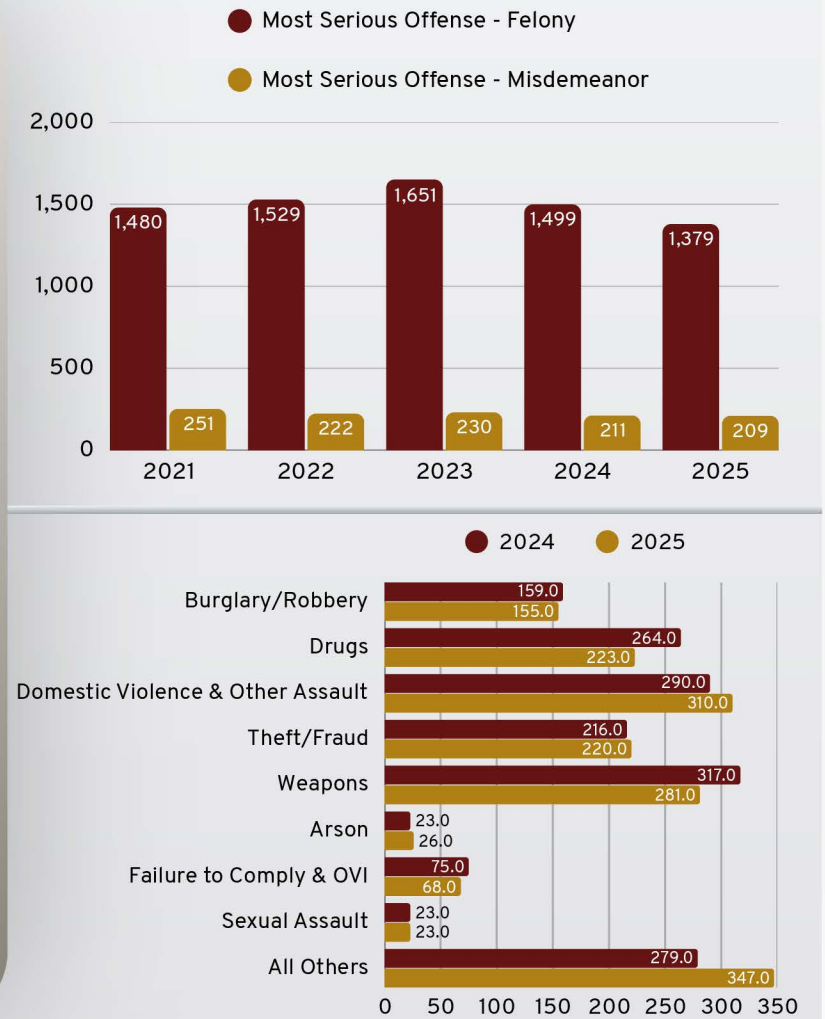
As of January 1, 2025, the department supervised 1,754 offenders. At this same time, 78 defendants were actively undergoing a presentence investigation, and another 150 clients were being supervised in the Pretrial Diversion program. Throughout the year, 773 new probationers were placed on Community Control, and another 934 were terminated or removed from supervision. By year's end, LCAPD was supervising a total of 1,589 probationers.



Of those probationers, 87% were under supervision for at least one (or more) felony conviction(s), and another 13% of probationers were under supervision for misdemeanor (only) conviction(s).



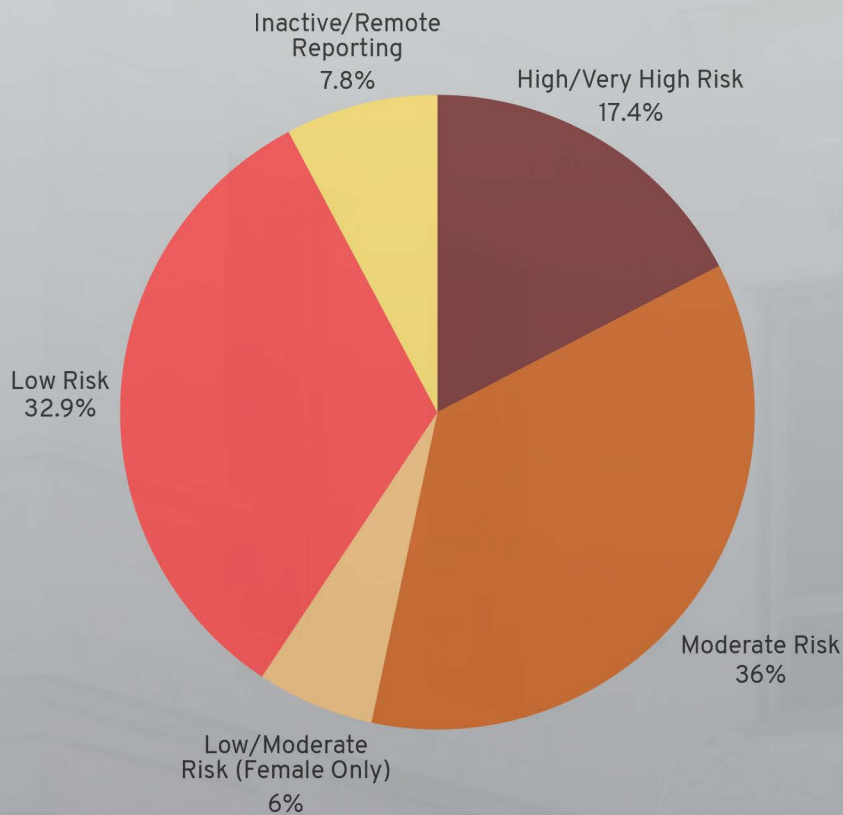
Of these convictions, the most serious offense for which each probationer was convicted is as follows:



CASELOAD BY RISK LEVEL

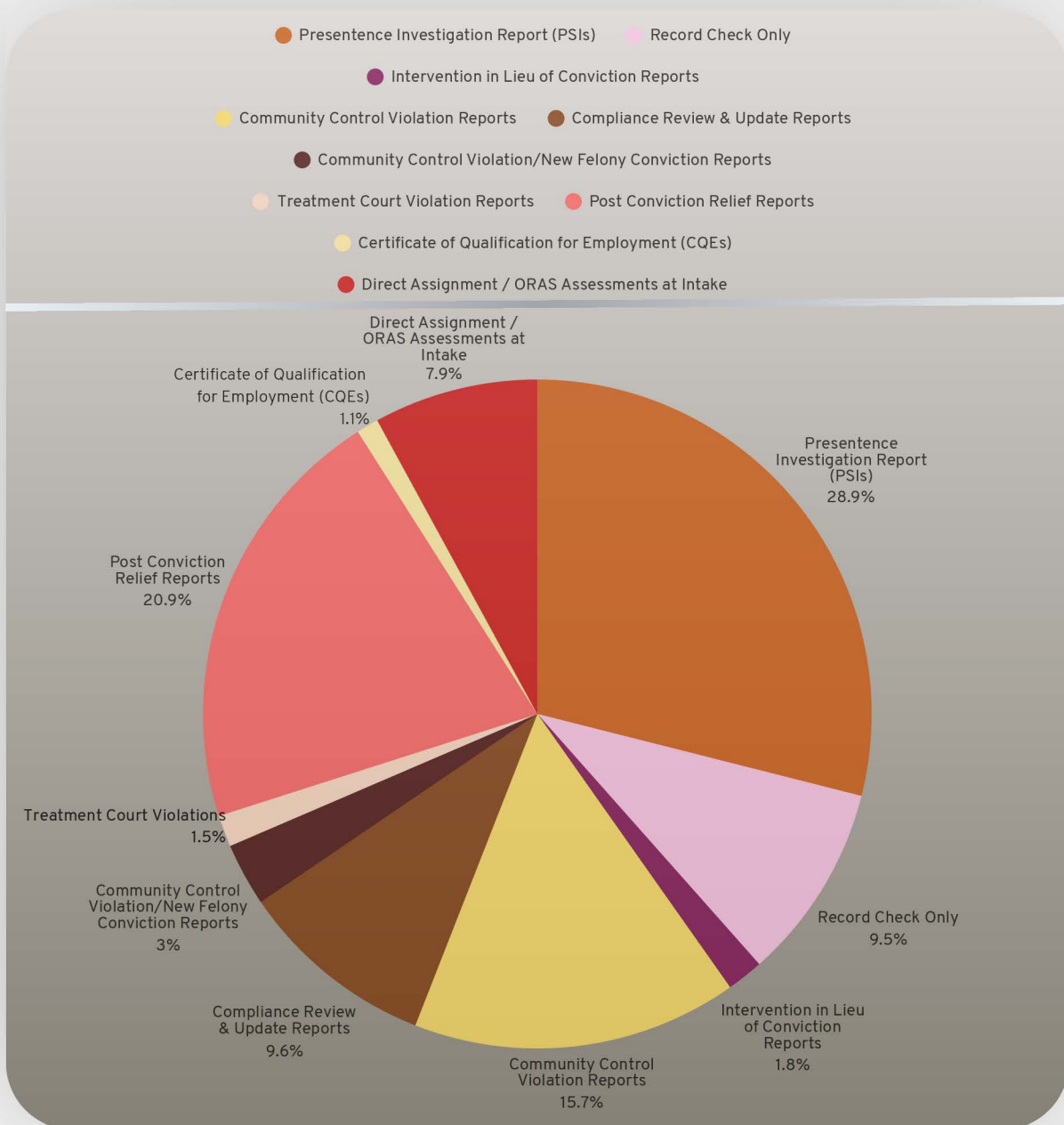
The Probation Department supervises offenders ordered to Community Control using an evidence-based risk reduction model. Probationers are assigned to caseloads based upon their identified risk for recidivism and the needs they present with.

As of December 31, 2025, the following chart depicts probationer assignment by risk level:



PROBATION DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A primary function of the Probation Department is to gather and provide information to the Court at various stages of the criminal justice process. The department completed and forwarded to Court 2,429 reports during 2025. A breakdown of the reports submitted is below:



PROBATION DEPARTMENT REPORTS

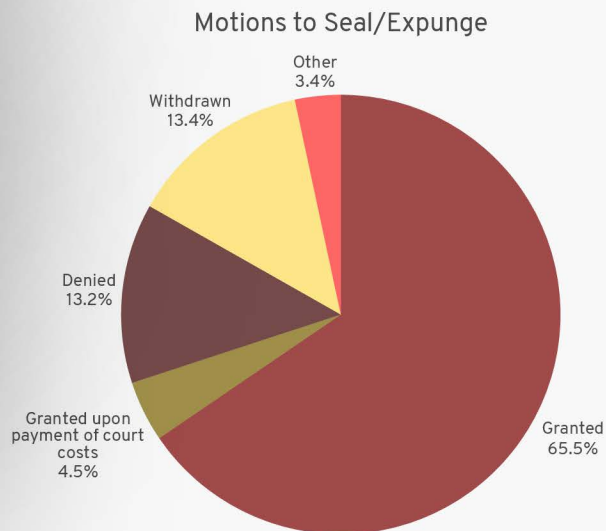
POST-CONVICTION RELIEF REPORTS COMPLETED

536

SEALING / EXPUNGEMENT OF RECORDS

Of those cases before the Court for sealing or expungement in 2025, 65% were granted (57% had their records sealed from public access and 43% had their cases expunged). Another 13% were denied, 13% were withdrawn by the applicant, and 3% had dispositions listed as "Other." An additional 14 cases that were successfully completed in Treatment Court had their records sealed upon termination.

Of the reports prepared by the Probation Department, post-conviction relief reports help to clear the record of dismissal or conviction, as well as aid in the determination of relief from certain convictions for those individuals that apply. The reports consist of motions for sealing and expungement of criminal records, petitions for relief from weapons disability, and Certificates of Qualification for Employment (CQEs), among others. The Probation Department prepared 536 post-conviction relief reports during 2025.



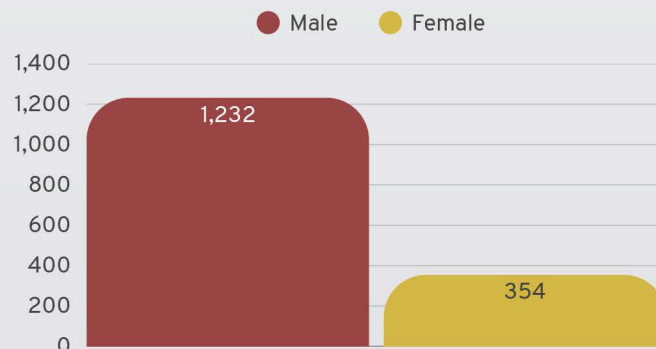
FORENSIC MONITOR

The Forensic Monitor serves as a liaison between Northwest Ohio Behavioral Healthcare, local treatment agencies, and the Court for those clients found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGRI) or Incompetent to Stand Trial – Unrestorable – Criminal Court Jurisdiction. This position is responsible for ensuring the supervision of these individuals once they return to the community. At year end, the Forensic Monitor was supervising 78 total clients, with 43 of those clients supervised in the community on Conditional Release. During 2025, there were 10 individuals whose commitment to the Court had expired.

78
Defendants

10
EXPIRED
COMMITMENTS

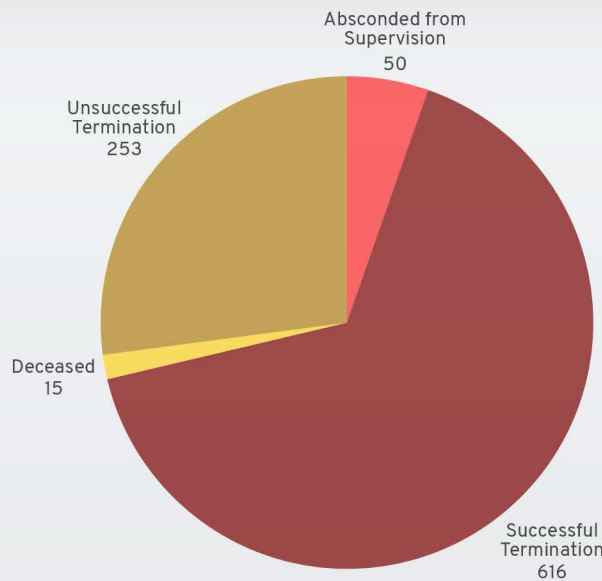
PROBATIONER STATISTICS



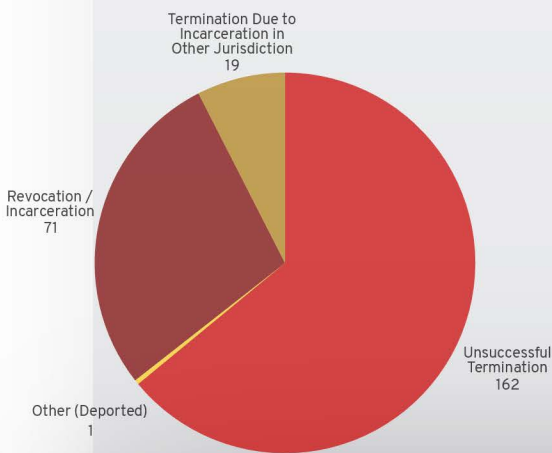
TERMINATIONS FROM PROBATION

Terminated from Supervision in 2025

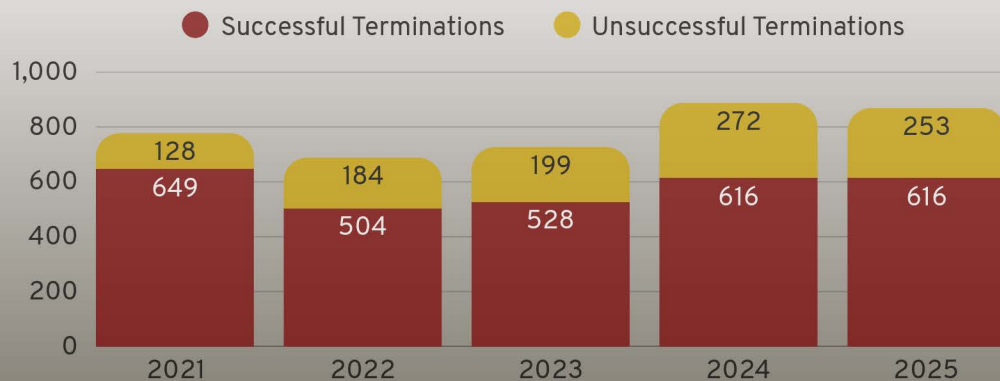
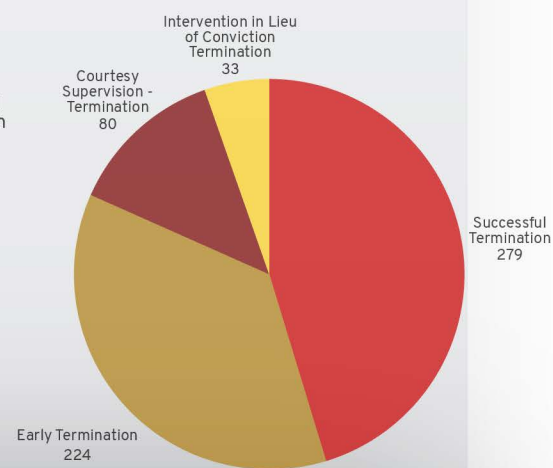
Total = 934



Unsuccessful Terminations Total = 253



Successful Termination Total = 616



INTENSIVE SUPERVISION / HIGH RISK PROBATION



The Intensive Supervision/High Risk probation unit, funded by the Community Corrections Act grant through the Bureau of Community Sanctions, oversees those defendants whose felony level offenses may have warranted state level incarceration, however, were placed on Community Control. This unit supervises those offenders granted Judicial Release, as well as several specialized caseloads.



Mental Health Caseload (2): Felony level offenders with a recent diagnosis of a severe and persistent mental illness and are at a moderate to high risk of recidivism may be placed on this caseload. Two Probation Officers overseeing these caseloads work closely with community treatment agencies, including the Unison ACT (Assertive Community Treatment) Team, which uses a multidisciplinary approach to deliver comprehensive community based behavioral health services. At year end, two Probation Officers were supervising 71 clients with diagnosed significant mental health disorders.



Sex Offender Caseload (1): Felony offenders sentenced for an offense under Chapter 2907 (Sex Offenses) of the Ohio Revised Code, are placed on this caseload and supervised by a Probation Officer with multiple certifications in overseeing a population of sex offenders. The Probation Officer facilitates group programming using the Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Sexual Offending (CBISO) curriculum, ensuring that offenders complete 52 sessions geared toward increasing the value participants place on prosocial thoughts and choices. At year's end, one Probation Officer was supervising 33 clients convicted of sex offenses.



Interpersonal Violence Caseload (1): Felony offenders sentenced for a Domestic Violence offense or those whose offenses are related to a pattern of relational violence are assigned to this caseload and supervised by a Probation Officer specially trained in this topic. Two supervising Probation Officers within the department are certified in the Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Interpersonal Violence (CBI-IPV) programming through the University of Cincinnati. Since the onset of the CBI-IPV groups in late 2023, 4 groups of offenders have completed a 30 week course.

INTENSIVE SUPERVISION / HIGH RISK PROBATION



The Intensive Supervision Unit of the Probation Department admitted 260 probationers and terminated 286 probationers from the program.

ADMITTED

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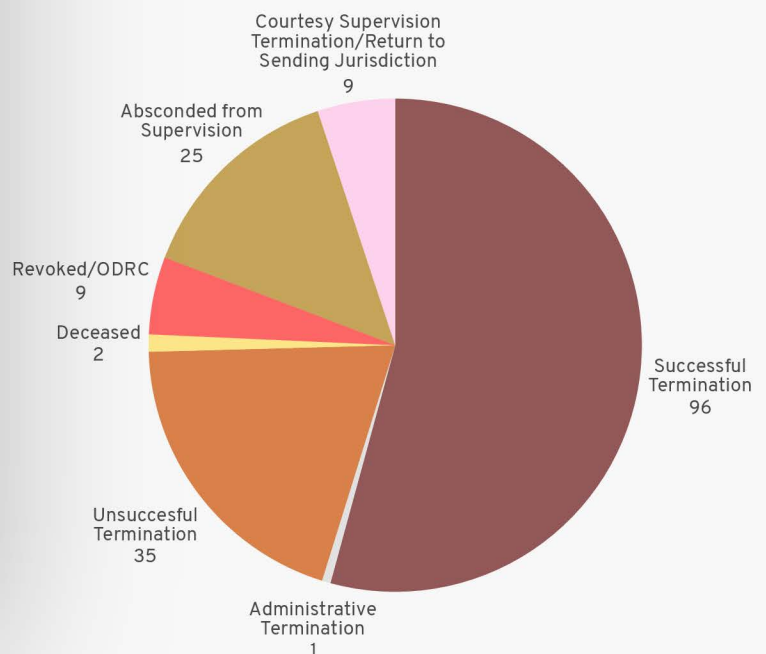
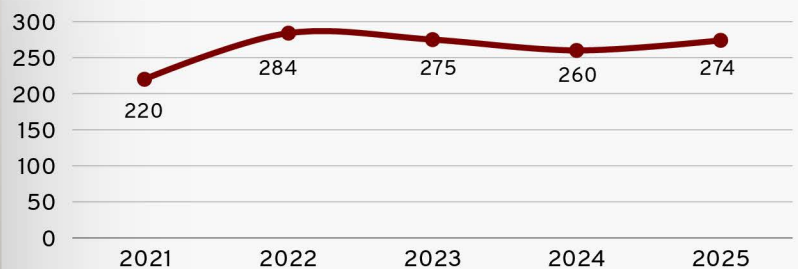
TERMINATED

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Of the terminations, 127 defendants were successfully terminated from supervision (44%), 40 were terminated unsuccessfully (27%), 5 had their supervision revoked resulting in state level incarceration (2%), 23 absconded from supervision (8%), and 9 were deceased (3%). An additional 42 probationers were under courtesy supervision from another county and were terminated/returned to their sending county, and another 16% had terminations listed as "other."

ISP Admissions



NEW AND NOTABLE

With the use of Community Corrections Act grant funds, the Lucas County Adult Probation Department created and hired a new position titled Resource Officer. This position is referral based and designed to assist probationers in reducing barriers to improve their likelihood of prosocial behavior change thereby reducing the overall risk of recidivism.

STARTED

September 2025

Partnerships

12 Community
Agencies

Referred

25 Clients

Actively Engaged

17 Clients

REGIONAL COURT SERVICES



Michelle Butts
Director of Regional Court Services

Grant Chaffee
Deputy Director of Regional Court Services

LUCAS COUNTY REGIONAL COURT SERVICES

Regional Court Services plays an integral role in the criminal legal system in Lucas County by providing substance use testing, electronic monitoring supervision, and pretrial assessment and supervision to all criminal courts in the County.

Regional Court Services employs 44 full-time and 5 part-time dedicated individuals. Each staff member is obligated to maintain the integrity of the Department and provide the judiciary with the highest possible level of service.



REGIONAL COURT SERVICES STAFF

Director

Deputy Director

Administrative Clerks

Office Manager

Unit Managers

Pretrial Supervision Officers

Electronic Monitoring Supervision
Officers

Electronic Monitoring Intake Technician

Drug Testing Technician

Drug Testing Monitors

Pretrial Assessment Officers

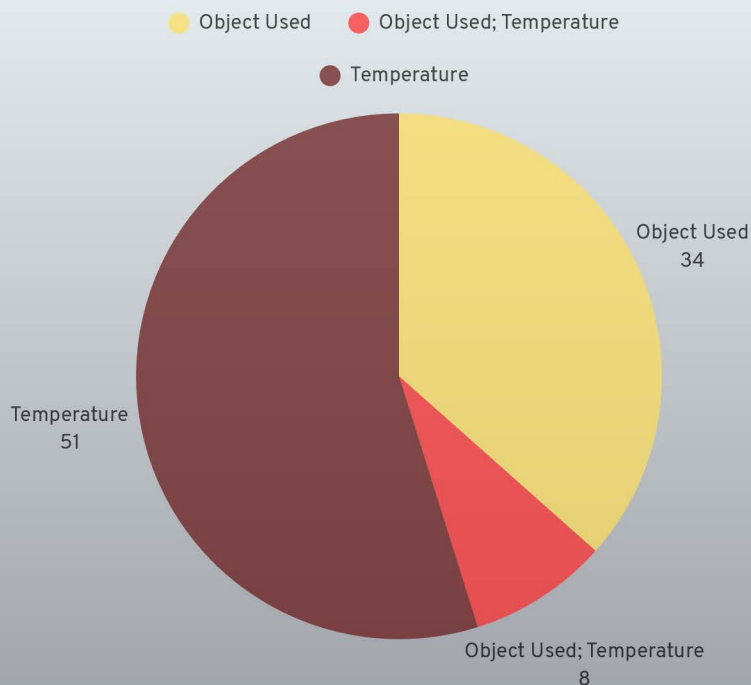
CENTRALIZED DRUG TESTING UNIT (CDTU)

The primary function of the Centralized Drug Testing Unit (CDTU) is to conduct forensic substance use testing for prevention and detection of substance use to aid in early intervention and treatment. CDTU performs substance use testing for the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas, as well as other area courts and agencies.

CDTU operates its own laboratory using a clinical chemistry system and immunoassay technology to screen for substance use via urinalysis. Each year, CDTU obtains its American Bioanalyst Certification. This certification indicates that the results generated by CDTU's drug testing equipment are accurate and confirms that the staff working in the lab are in compliance with all testing procedures. CDTU continues to achieve 100% on all of its certifications, which are performed quarterly every year.

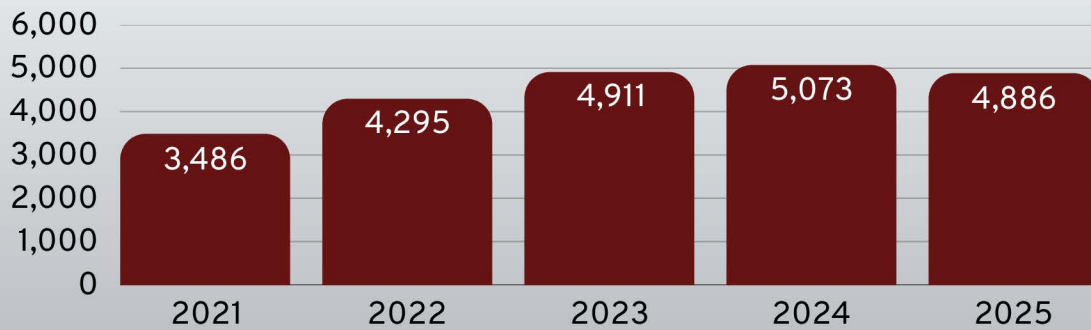
CDTU staff observe collection of urine specimens and are trained to look for signs of tampering or adulteration. In 2025, CDTU Drug Testing Monitors discovered 93 such incidents, as evidenced by abnormal specimen temperature and/or use of an object to submit a specimen that was not that of the client's.

2025 Incident Data

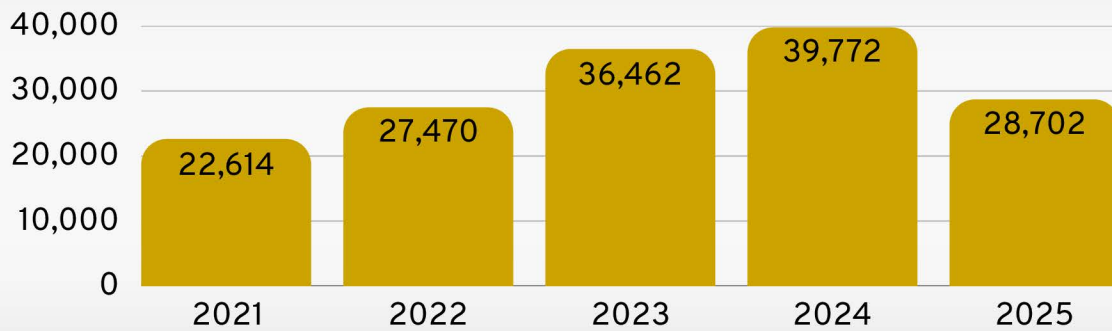


Substance Use Testing Characteristics

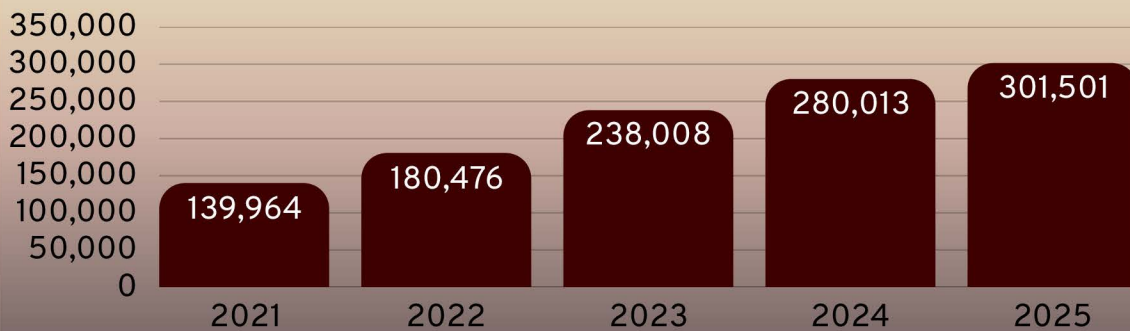
Number of Clients Tested



Number of Specimens Tested



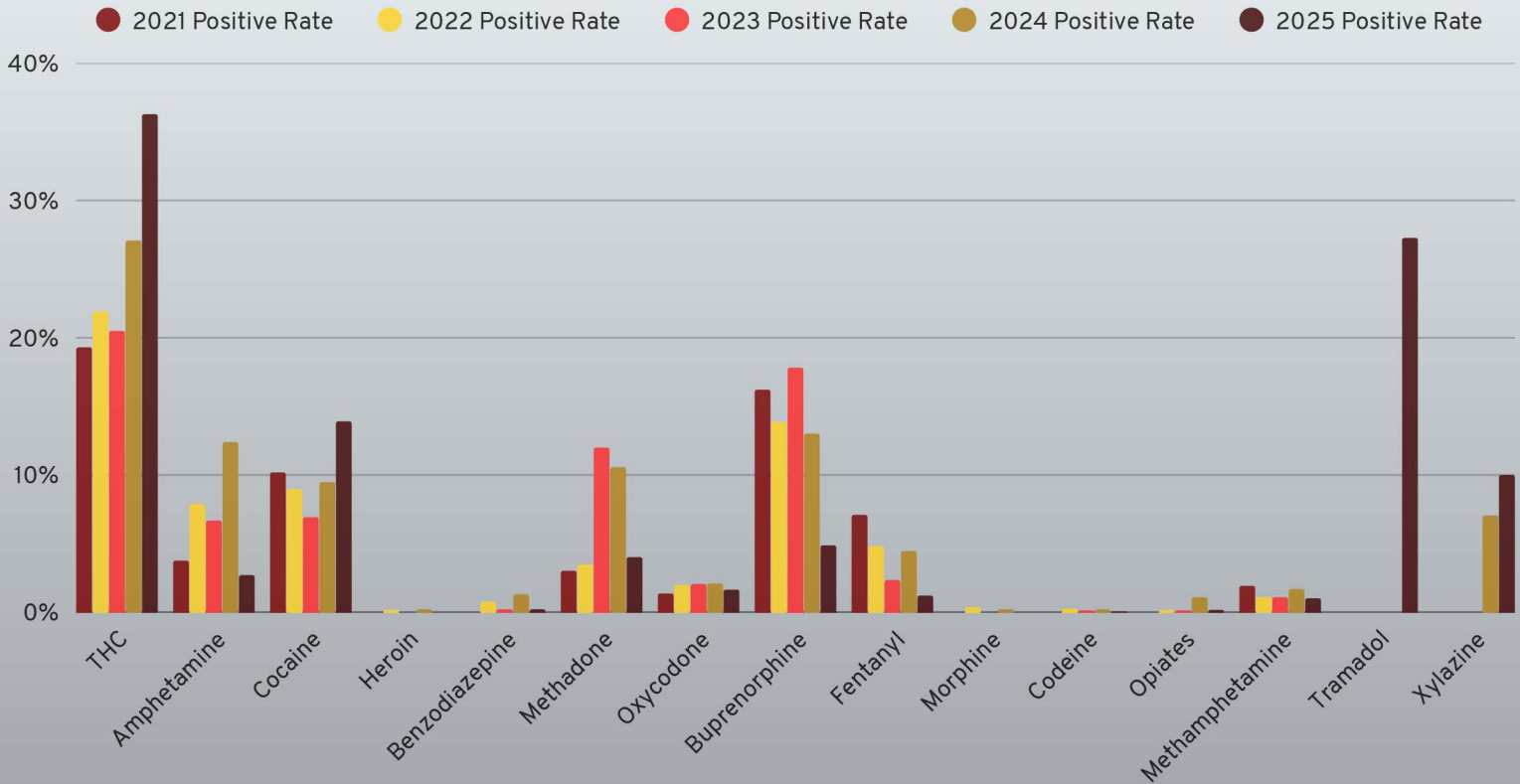
Number of Substances Tested



SUBSTANCES OF ABUSE

Positivity rates help us understand usage trends. They are determined by the percentage of specimens that tested positive for any given substance. For urinalysis testing during 2025, marijuana (THC) continued to test positive most often, followed by Buprenorphine and Cocaine.

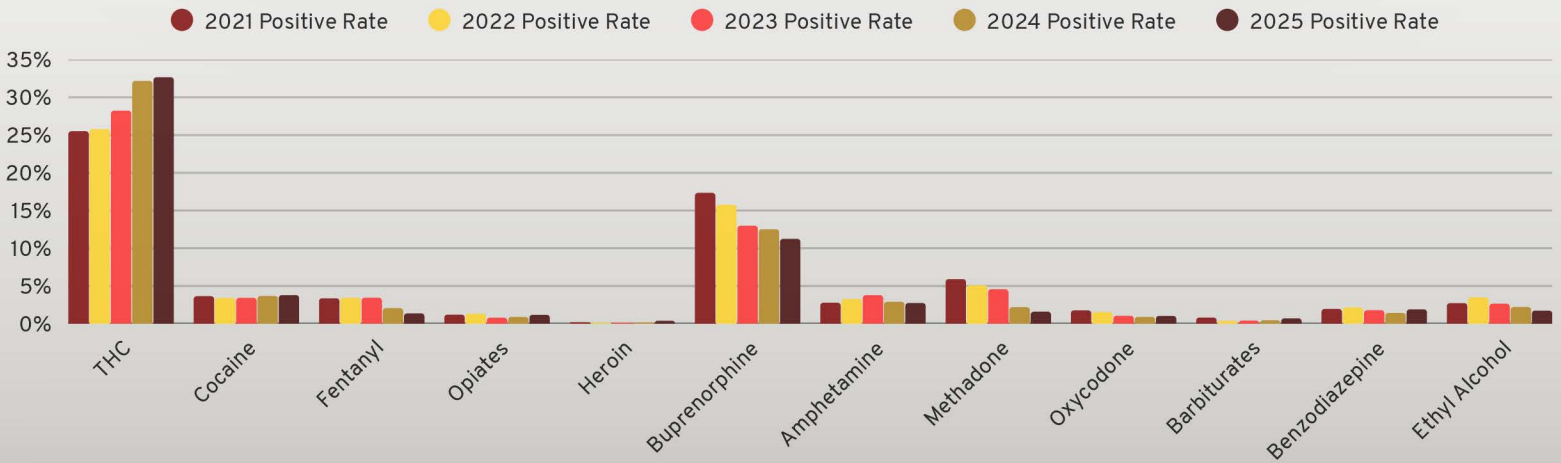
Oral Swab Positivity Rate



SUBSTANCES OF ABUSE

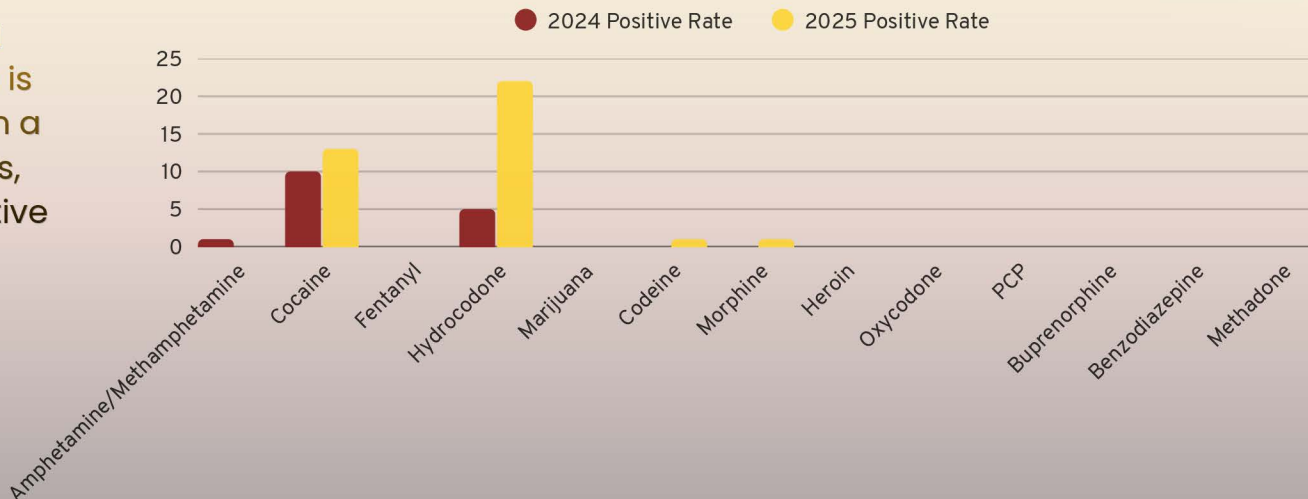
In addition to urinalysis, substance use testing is also conducted via oral swab testing under certain circumstances. Oral swabs test all substances that could be screened for in a urine specimen. Oral swabs will not always yield the same results as urinalysis testing due to different detection windows and cutoff values. Yet, positivity rates by substance for oral swabs compare to those of urinalysis.

Urinalysis Positivity Rates



Sweat Patch Positivity Rates

Testing via sweat patch is performed on a limited basis, with few positive results.



ELECTRONIC MONITORING (EM)

Regional Court Services' Electronic Monitoring program provides intensive supervision services to many of the courts in Lucas County through Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) and Transdermal Alcohol Detection (TAD) technology. These units are made available to all courts within the County through contractual agreement with Sylvania and Toledo Municipal Courts and other agreements with County administrators. Additionally, GPS units continue to be utilized with defendants who are ordered into the County's Work Release program.



**GPS Units
Deployed**

2003



**TAD Units
Deployed**

317



**Simultaneous
Deployment**

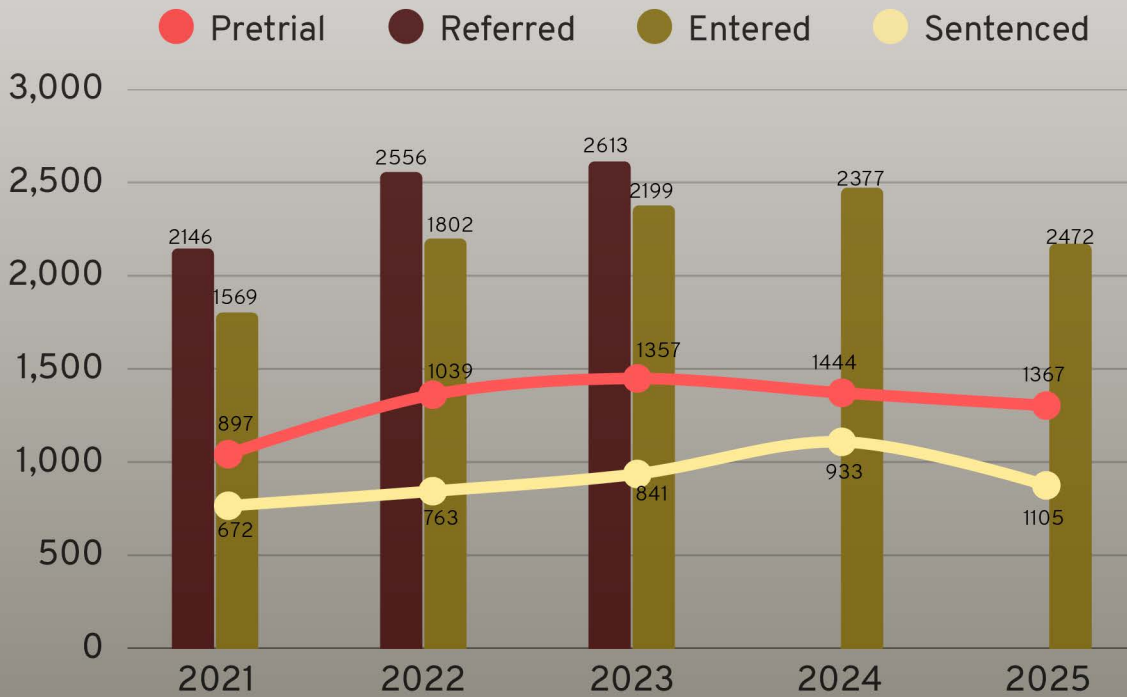
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DEFENDANT POPULATION

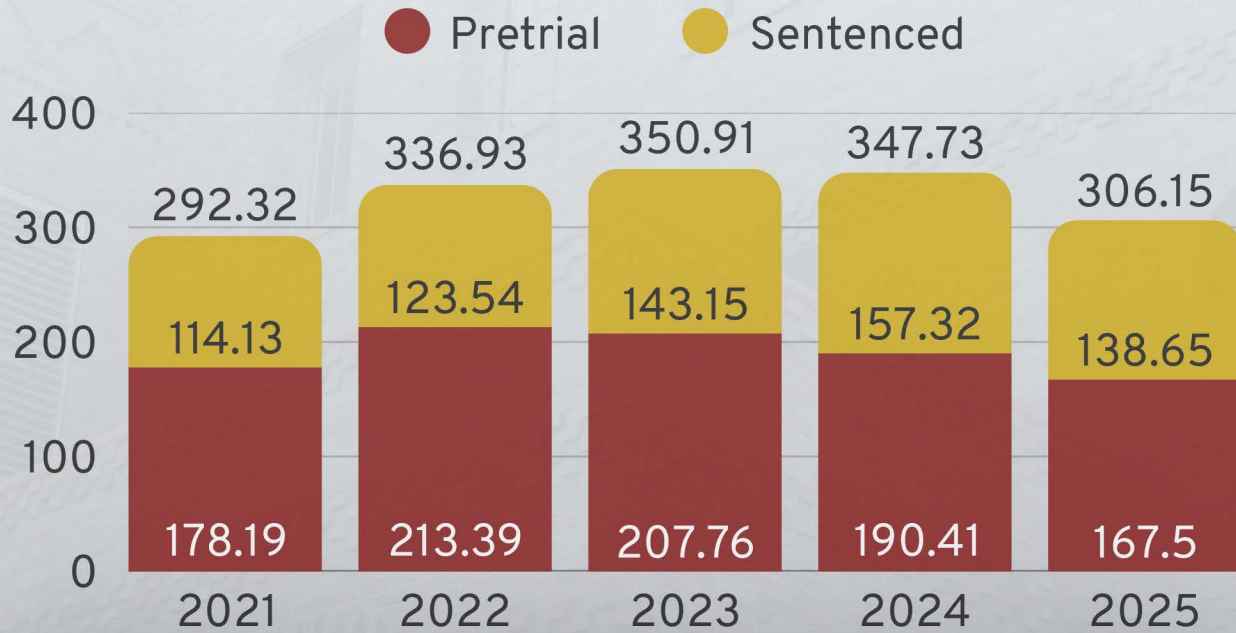
The number of defendants placed in the Electronic Monitoring program during 2025 declined by 3% as compared to 2024. Of those placed, 55.3% were in pretrial status and awaiting resolution of their case. Traditionally not all clients who are referred to EM are able to be placed in the program. Some are found to be ineligible, while others had their EM condition modified, revoked or stayed prior to placement or had other cases or bonds that prevented placement. Data regarding the total number of clients referred to Electronic Monitoring during 2025 remained unavailable.

New Clients

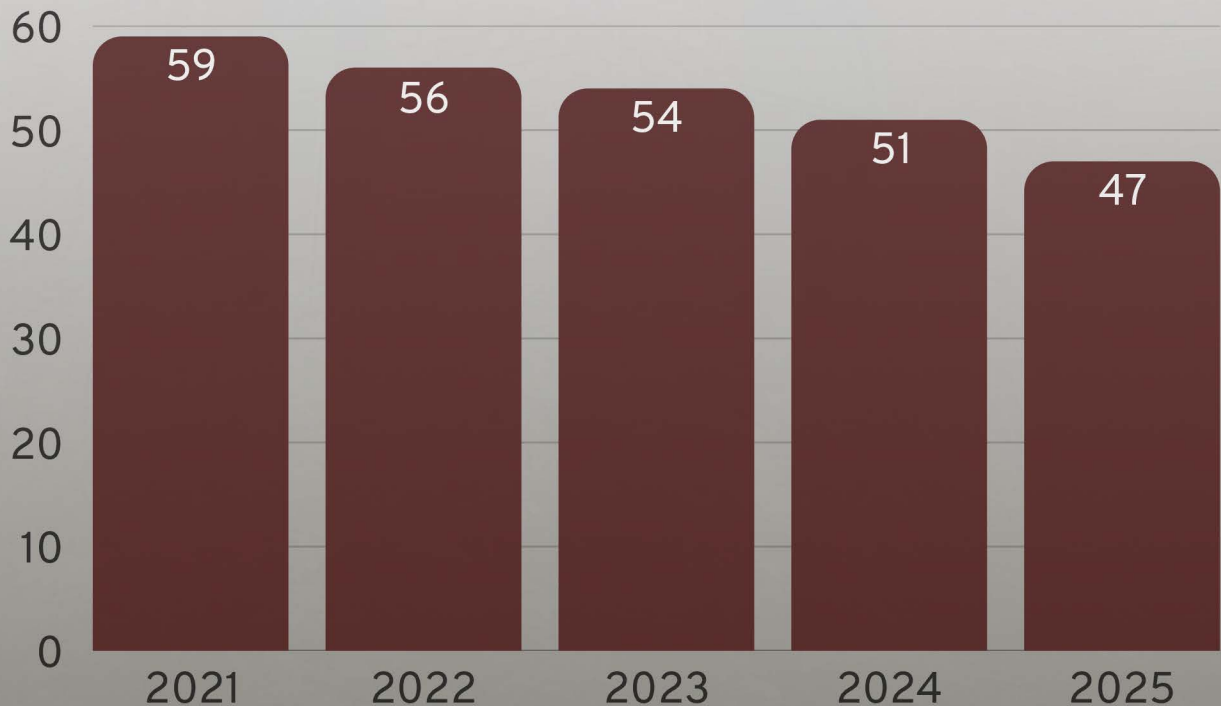


DEFENDANT POPULATION

Average Daily EM Population



Average Number of Days Served



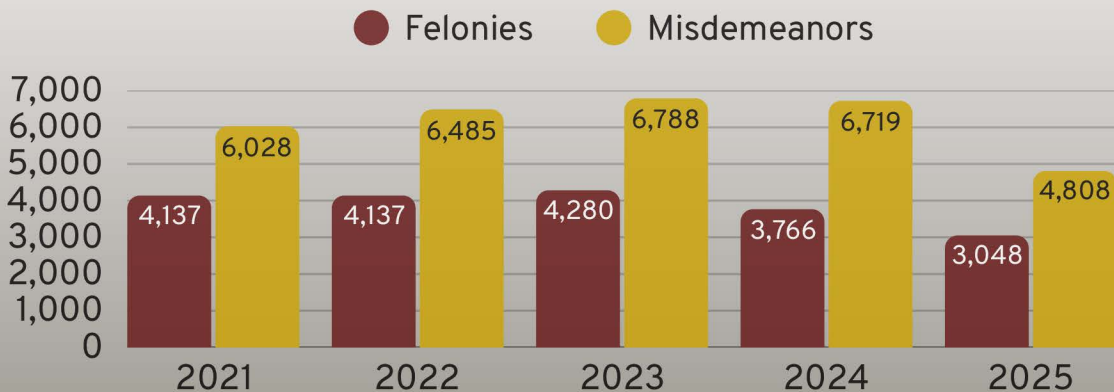
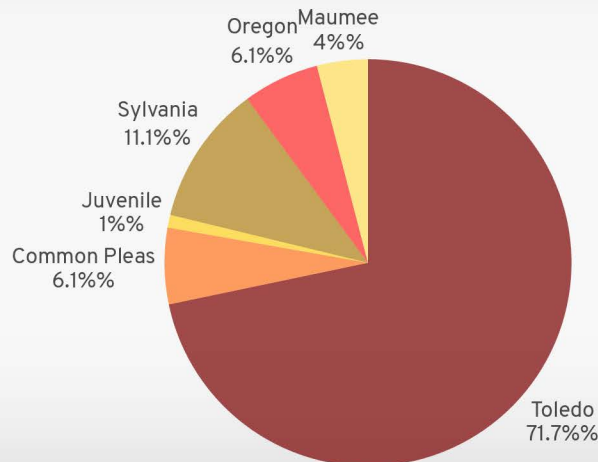
PRETRIAL SERVICES

Pretrial Services is responsible for the processing of defendants at arrest and subsequent monitoring of defendants placed on supervised release. The primary focus is on court appearance, public safety and the use of evidence-based practices.

PRETRIAL BOOKING ASSESSMENTS

The Pretrial Assessment Officers in the Pretrial Booking area of the Lucas County Corrections Center complete risk-based pretrial assessments on nearly all booked defendants to inform bond decisions for judicial officers from all five criminal courts in the County. The assessment predicts the likelihood of a defendant appearing in court, committing a new crime while awaiting trial and the probability of any new crime being violent. During 2025, nearly 39% of assessments were completed on felony cases.

Pretrial Assessments by Court
2021-2025

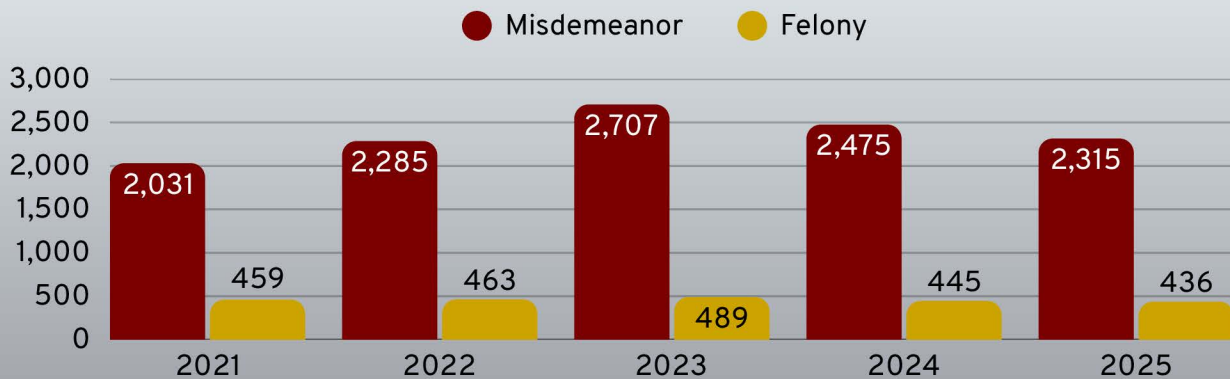


PRETRIAL BOOKING

RELEASES

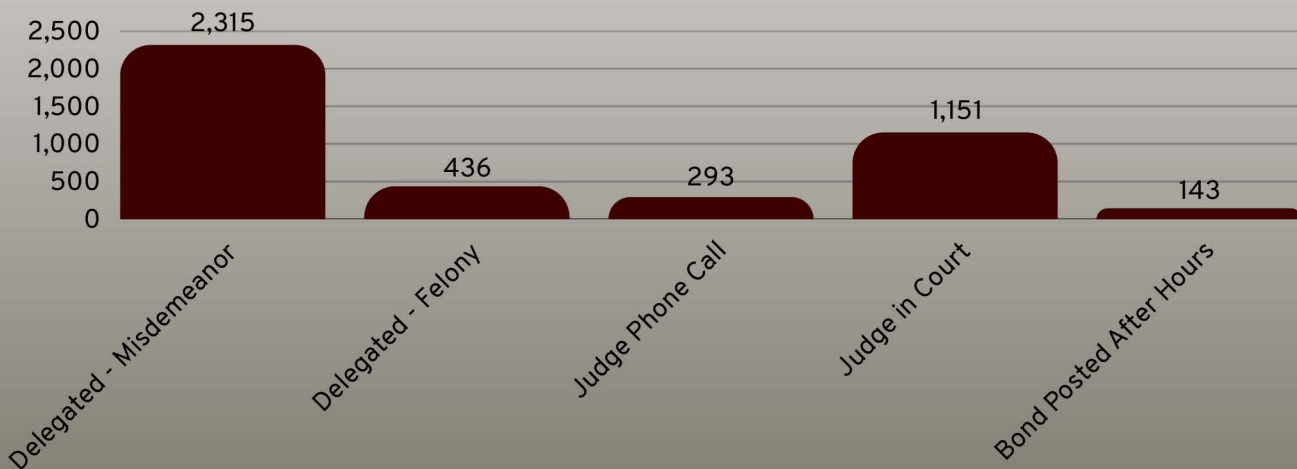
Pretrial Assessment Officers assist the LCSO with release of defendants from the pretrial detention facility. Pursuant to Lucas County’s Pretrial Jail Population Management Policy and best practices in the pretrial legal system, pretrial defendants who are booked with low-level, non-violent, no human victim or sexually-oriented offenses and who are assessed as having a higher probability of appearing in court and remaining arrest free are able to be released prior to seeing a Judge. These are referred to as delegated releases. During 2025, a total of 2,574 defendants with 5,061 cases met criteria for this release type. Many were released on both felony and misdemeanor charges.

Delegated Released



Pretrial Assessment Officers also execute paperwork for own recognizance releases that are ordered by Judges, either by phone or as a result of a court proceeding. Additionally, they also assist with cash bonds that are posted for the suburban municipal courts after normal court business hours.

2025 Releases by Type

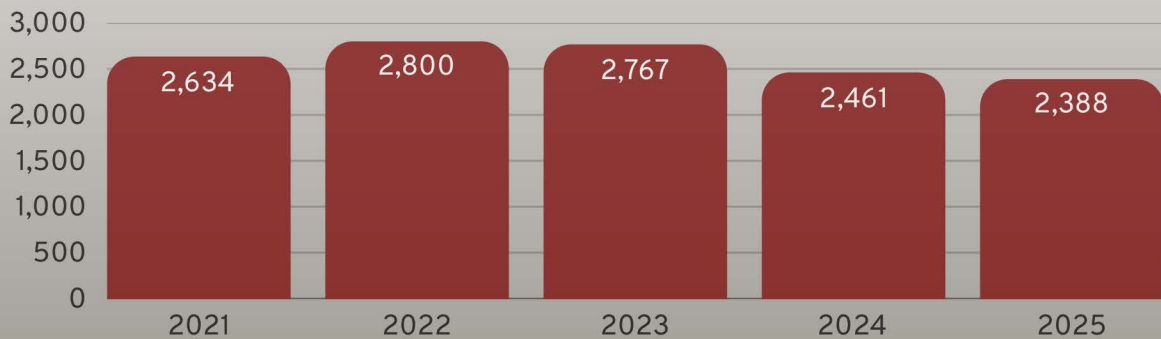


PRETRIAL BOND SUPERVISION

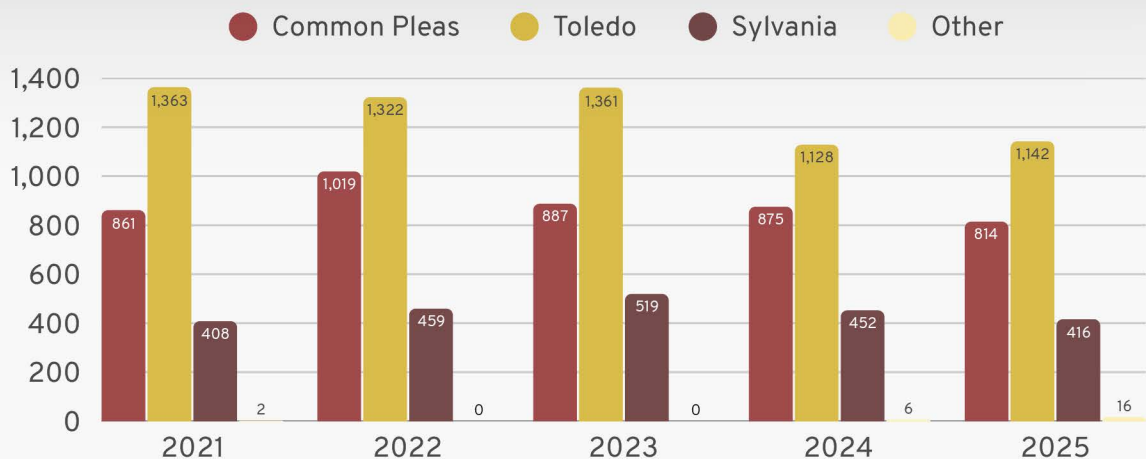
Pretrial Supervision Officers supervise defendants who are released on Supervised Own Recognizance or Monitored Own Recognizance bonds and monitor substance use testing orders, prohibitions against defendant contact with victims, and any other conditions as set by the Court. Most violations of conditions of bond are first managed internally through graduated misconduct responses before being reported to the Court. Graduated incentive responses are provided to clients who perform well on supervision.

DEFENDANT POPULATION

Pretrial Supervision Placements

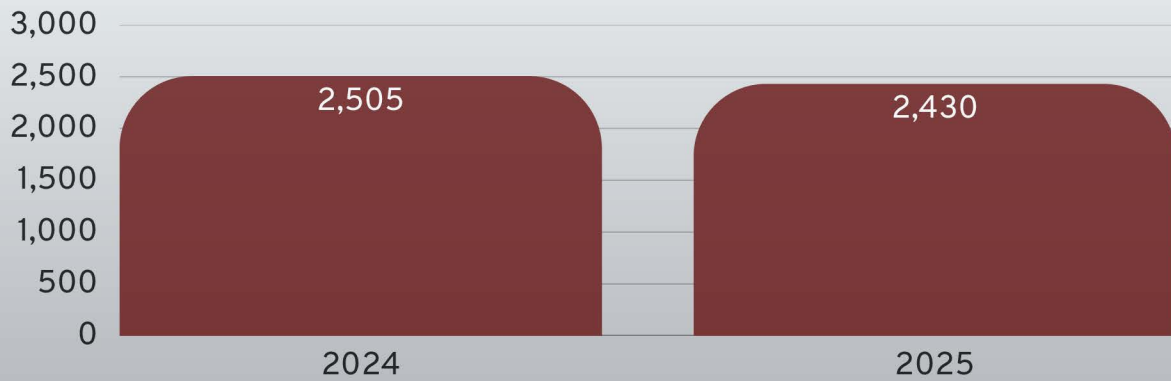


Pretrial Supervision by Court

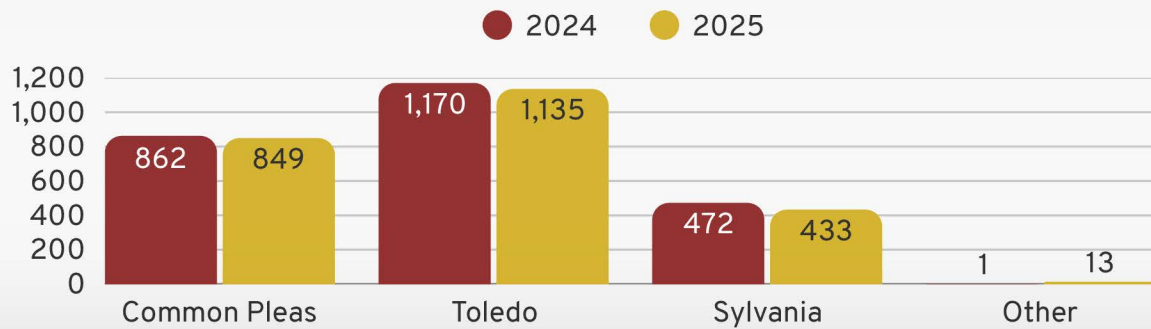


PRETRIAL BOND SUPERVISION

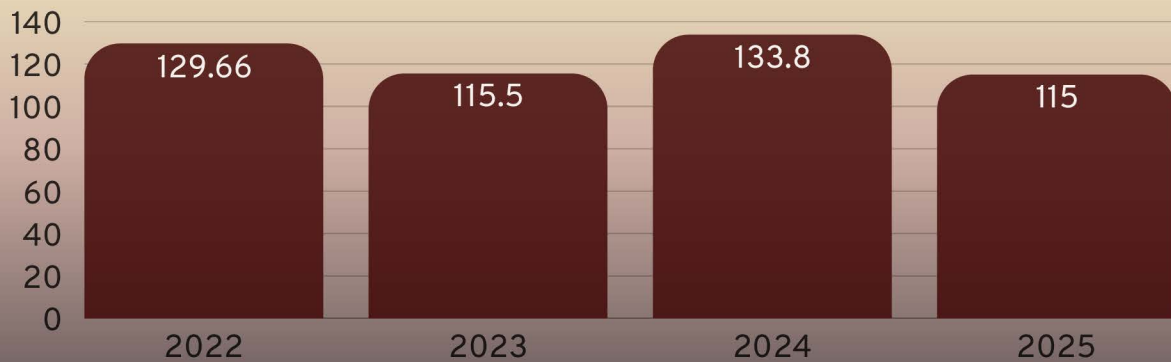
Total Pretrial Supervision Terminations



Pretrial Supervision Terminations by Court



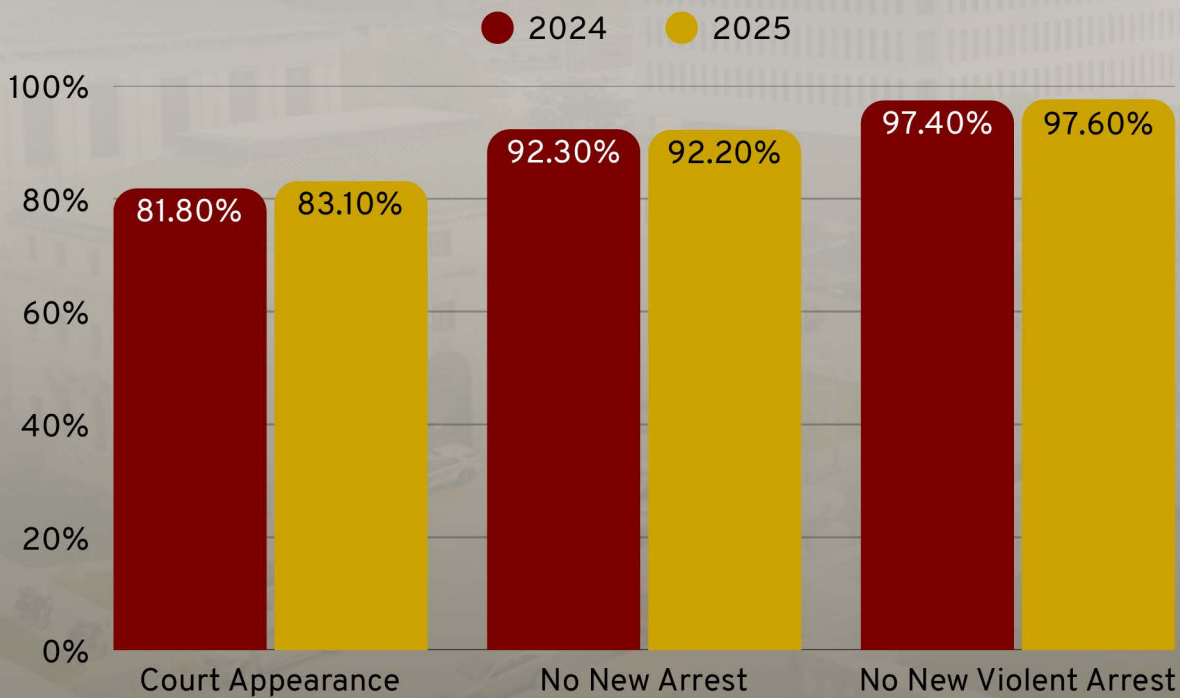
Average Length of Pretrial Supervision



PRETRIAL OUTCOMES

Defendants on pretrial supervision are considered to have been successful if they appeared at all scheduled court hearings and had no new arrest while on supervision. Outcome data is recorded by Pretrial Supervision Officers in the case management system.

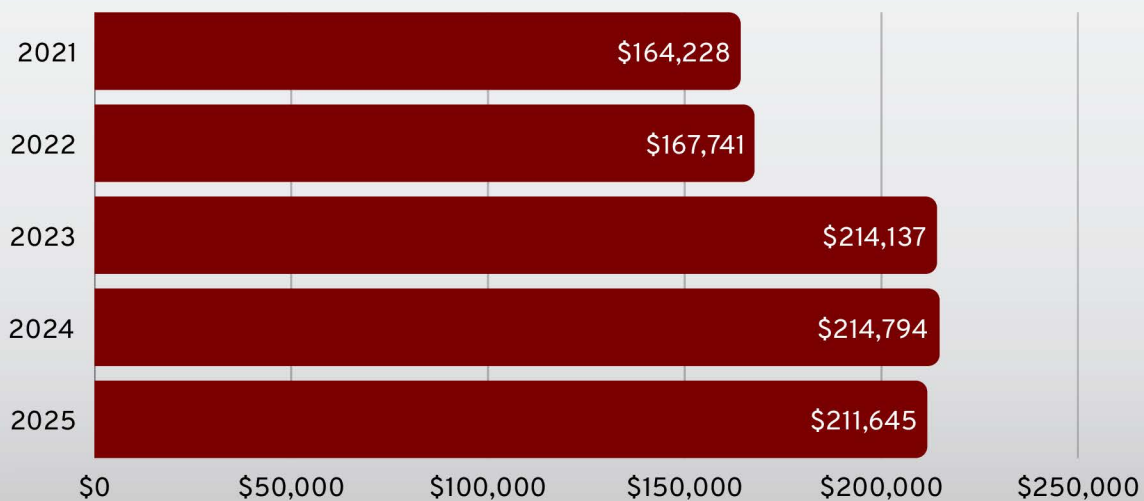
Pretrial Supervision Success Rates



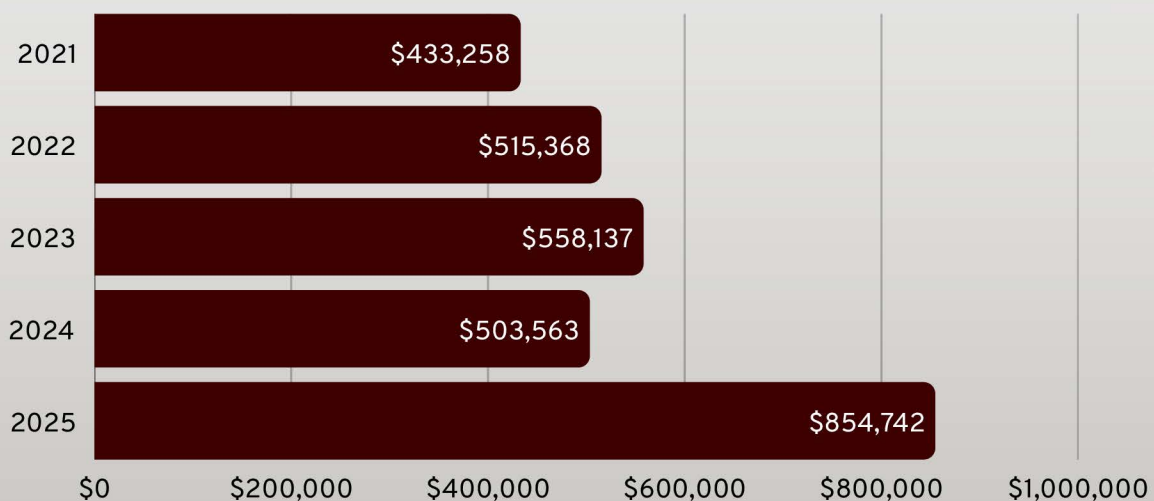
DEPARTMENT REVENUE

Fees for substance use testing and electronic monitoring services are assessed to defendants and/or agencies with whom Regional Court Services has agreements. Fees for outside agencies and courts are collected by the Lucas County Clerk of Courts for Common Pleas Court defendants and Regional Court Services staff for outside agencies and courts and returned to County funds as revenue. Due to a change in costing method with the courts with whom Electronic Monitoring contracts, revenue for Electronic Monitoring significantly increased during 2025.

Centralized Drug Testing Revenue



Electronic Monitoring Revenue



JURY COMMISSION

Michelle Heffner
Jury Manager



JURY COMMISSION

22
JUDGES SERVED

During 2024, the Jury Commission Office continued to render service to all divisions of the Lucas County Common Pleas Court and to the Toledo Municipal Court. A total of twenty-two (22) Judges are served through the centralized jury pool system.

\$15 /Per Day
(Serving one half day)

The Court operates on a one-week term of service, which requires prospective jurors to be on stand-by status for five specific days. The term for jury service is either five days, or if selected as a trial juror, the duration of one trial. Only the number of jurors sufficient to respond to the jury trials confirmed for the following day are instructed to report. Only those jurors who report to the courthouse for jury service are paid. During 2025, the Court compensated jurors at the rate of \$15.00 per day for prospective trial jurors serving one-half day and \$25.00 per day for prospective trial jurors serving more than one-half day and seated trial jurors.

\$25 /Per Day
(Serving more than one half day)

20,000 Summons
Received

4,119 Reported
for Duty

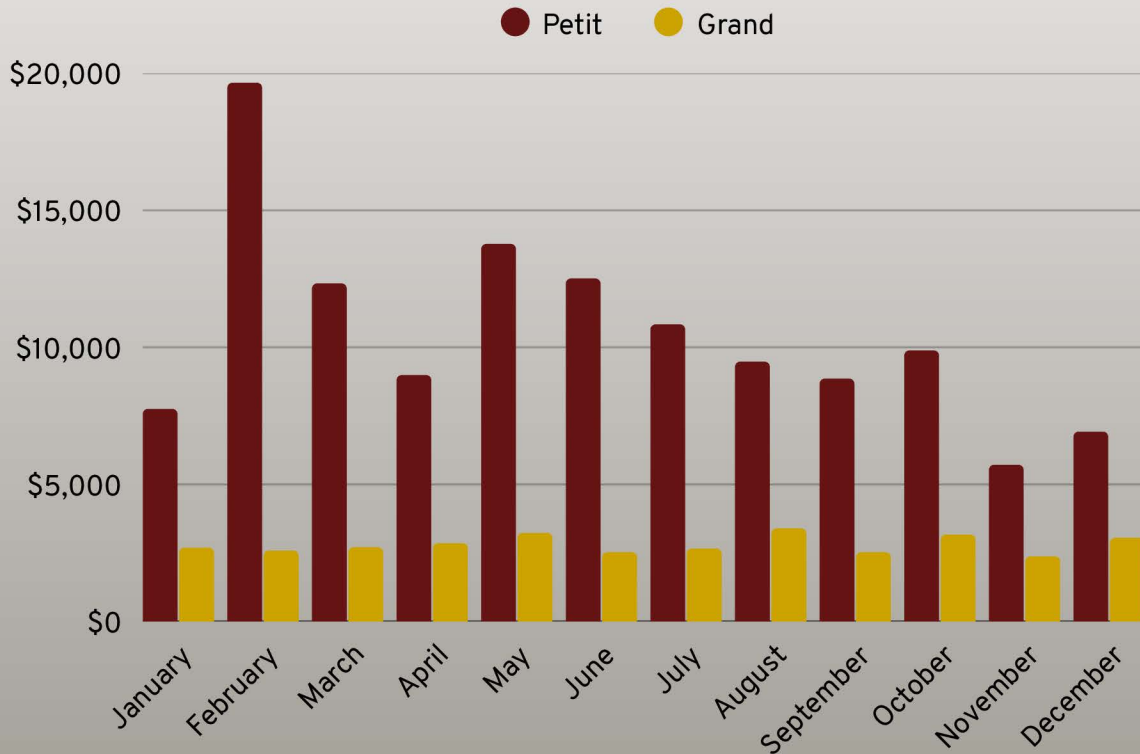
47 Panels Sent
to Trial

During 2025, 20,000 citizens received a summons for trial jury service, 4,119 individuals actually reported to the courthouse for jury service, and 47 panels were sent to a courtroom to begin a jury trial.

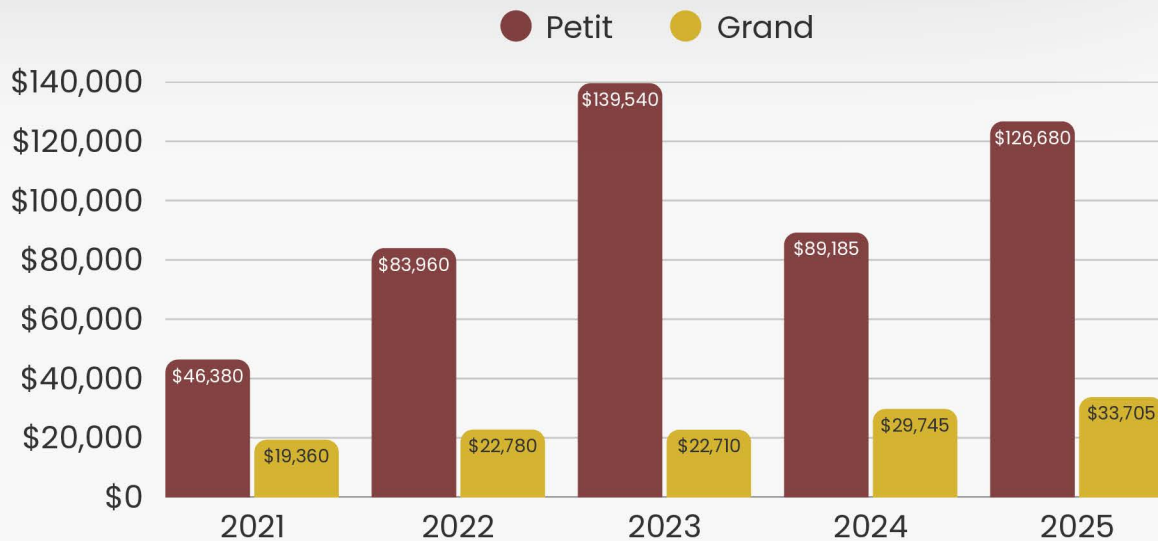
The Grand Jury system continues to operate as an everyday system. Grand Jurors generally serve one-half day, every day, for two weeks. Grand jurors are paid \$15.00 per day.

JURY COMMISSION

A total of \$160,385 was expended during 2025 for the payment of both petit (trial) and grand jurors. The monthly expenditures were as follows:



5-Year Comparison



JURY FEE DONATION PROGRAM

The Court has continued to authorize the Jury Commission to operate a program to accept the donation of all or part of the juror's daily fee, with the funds collected being deposited into the Administration of Justice fund. The money collected is used for the benefit of the jurors. A portion of this funding is used to provide free coffee and snack service to jurors while they are in the Jury Assembly Room. During 2025, a total of \$5,452.50 was collected in donations and \$3,800.00 was expended.



Donated

\$5,452.50



Expended

\$3,800.00

The Court has intentionally taken a very low-key approach to the project to avoid any sense that the jurors are being pressured to donate. The jurors have been very generous in their consideration of this program to cover costs that directly benefit the citizens who serve as jurors. This account has allowed the Jury Commission to continue offering various items to enhance juror comfort during their time at the Court.



TREATMENT COURT



Judge Ian B. English
Adult Treatment Court Judge

Nikki Kolasinski
Adult Treatment Court Coordinator

Christina Smith
Drug Court Support Specialist

ADULT TREATMENT COURT SPECIALIZED DOCKET

The Court continues to have a very effective specialized docket program. In 2025, under the leadership of Presiding Judge Ian B. English.

In coordination with state and federal initiatives, the Adult Treatment Court received grant funding from three different sources for the year 2025. These funds assist with programming needs; recovery services and additional treatment services to participants; and assist with the overall costs of Adult Treatment Court.

Adult Treatment Court also saw additional funds through the Treatment Court Fee that was instituted beginning 2025. This fee is paid by the participants of Adult Treatment Court.

SPECIALIZED DOCKETS SUBSIDY PROJECT FROM THE OHIO MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION SERVICES BOARD	\$55,000.00
ADDICTION TREATMENT PROJECT FROM THE OHIO MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION SERVICES BOARD	\$207,248.58
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE FUND	\$11,896.00
ADULT TREATMENT COURT FEE	\$2,266.89
FEDERAL BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT AWARD ENHANCEMENT OF THE LUCAS COUNTY TREATMENT COURT	PER YEAR \$169,583.00 (TOTAL FOR 4 YEARS: \$678,332.00)
COMBINED REVENUE RECEIVED TO ASSIST ADULT TREATMENT COURT FOR 2025	\$445,994.47

ADULT TREATMENT COURT STATISTICS

96 Referrals in 2025

27 Successful Graduations

65 Active Participants
as of 12/31/25

COURT SECURITY/ LAW ENFORCEMENT INVOLVEMENT IN ADULT TREATMENT COURT

The Adult Treatment Court Specialized Docket saw the addition of Lucas County Common Pleas Court Security/Law Enforcement as members of the Treatment Team. These officers act in a capacity of community policing with, in the field, checks of the participants in the program.

204 Field Visits

4 Arrests

GOALS & OBJECTIVES MET FOR 2025

1

IMPROVE PARTICIPANTS' OVERALL ACCESS TO AND COMPLIANCE WITH TREATMENT

Objective: Connect participants to substance use disorder and mental health treatment services through area agencies and provide a supportive environment that encourages long-term stability and self-sufficiency.

100%

2

REDUCE RECIDIVISM AMONG CURRENT PARTICIPANTS

Objective: Maintain a recidivism of incarceration rate of less than 70% among CURRENT participants.

LUCAS COUNTY: 27.15%

The State of Ohio's average recidivism rate of persons returning to prison after 2 years of being released is 33%.

3

REDUCE RECIDIVISM AMONG SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED PARTICIPANTS AFTER 2 YEARS

Objective: Maintain a recidivism of incarceration rate of less than 10% among participants who have successfully completed the LCTC program - for 2 years after completion.

0%

4

ESTABLISH STABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF GRADUATES

Objective: Maintain a successful completion rate of 25% of participants admitted to the program

SUCCESS RATE = 38.57%

5

REDUCE HOMELESSNESS OF PARTICIPANTS OF THE PROGRAM

Objective: Participants will increase financial stability and reduce housing insecurity through guided access to community resources for temporary and permanent housing.

100%

6

REDUCE LOCAL JAIL TIME FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAM

Objective: Maintain reduction of jail time by utilizing the least restrictive alternative sanction while balancing the safety of the community while keeping the participant stable with MAT service & treatment.

100%

It is through the support efforts of the Lucas County Treatment Court that the savings to the Lucas County taxpayers is more than \$8.8 million dollars since 2016.

MAGISTRATE'S DEPARTMENT

Gretchen Weston & John Wilmore
Magistrates



Sarah Altstadt
Case Manager

MAGISTRATE'S DEPARTMENT

The Magistrate's Department is composed of two General Division Magistrates, John Wilmore and Gretchen Weston. Magistrates Wilmore and Weston are supported by Case Manager Sarah Alstadt.

Three Primary Purposes:

1

Overseeing and adjudicating Civil Stalking Protection Order Petitions.

2

Mediating civil cases of all kinds, with a focus on personal injury, real estate disputes, mortgage foreclosures, and tax foreclosures.

3

Supporting the Lucas County Adult Treatment Court and providing additional support to the Lucas County General Division Judges as needed, such as pre-trial coverage and Ohio Civil Rule 55 hearings.

MAGISTRATE'S DEPARTMENT

825

CSPO CASES

275

**GENERAL CIVIL
MEDIATIONS**

129

**FORECLOSURE
MEDIATIONS**

\$115.00

**INCLUDED IN
CIVIL FILING FEE**

In 2025, the Magistrate's Department presided over 825 Civil Stalking Protection Order cases, 275 general civil mediations, and 127 foreclosure mediations.

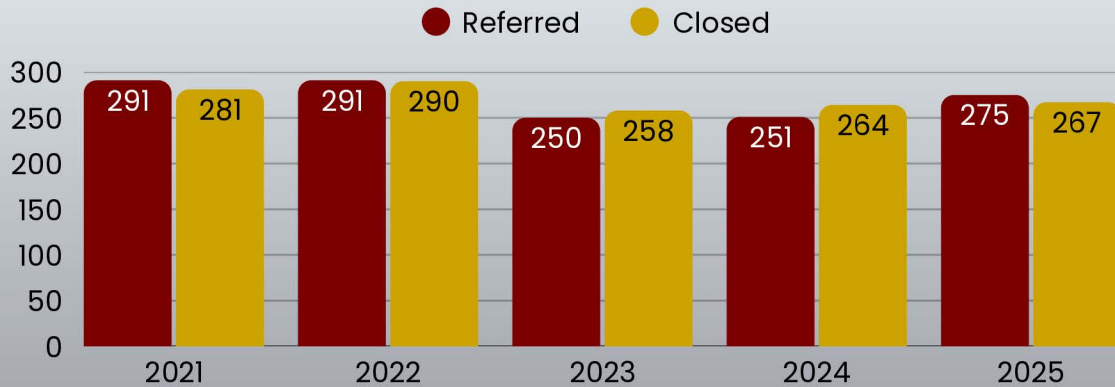
Our mediation program continues to be very effective, and cases can be referred to the program by Judges, Attorneys, or Litigants.

There is no restriction to the monetary value of cases that may be referred.

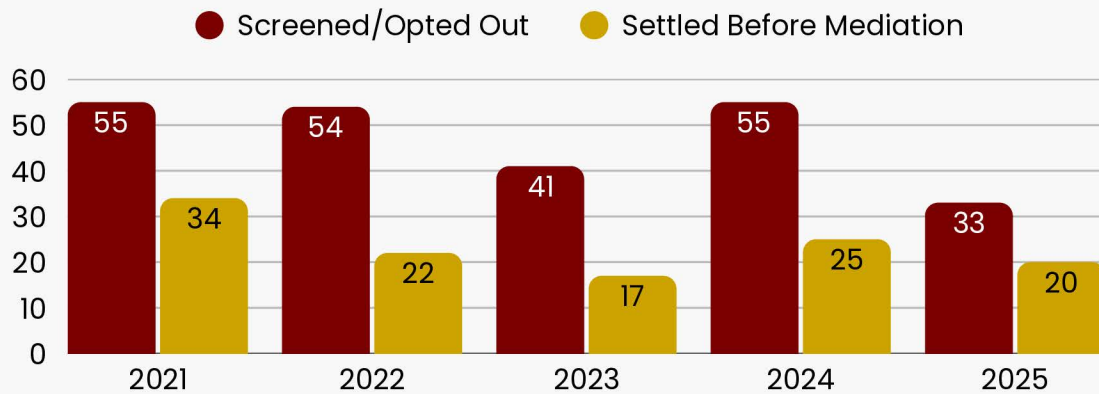
Funding for the mediation program comes from court filing fees.

CIVIL MEDIATION

Cases Screened & Closed



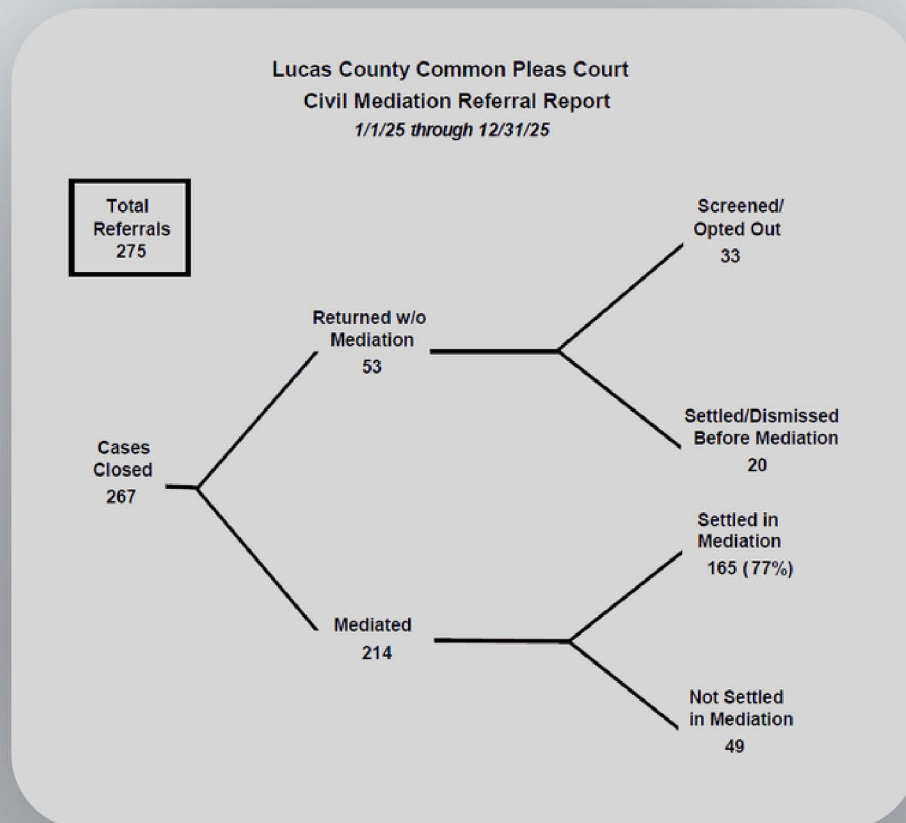
Cases Returned Without Mediation



Cases Mediated



CIVIL MEDIATION



Civil Mediation Program Year End Data

Cases closed in 2025: 267

Cases closed that were referred in 2025: 233

Cases closed that were referred in 2024: 34

Cases pending on 12/31/2025: 38

Cases pending that were referred in 2025: 38

Cases pending that were referred in 2024: 0

Cases pending where mediation not yet scheduled: 4

Cases pending where mediation is scheduled: 28

Cases pending where one mediation held and case still pending: 6

CIVIL STALKING PROTECTION ORDERS

2025 CSPO Dispositions

CPO Dismissed/Case Closed	100
CPO Granted/Exp Less Than 1 Year	5
CPO Granted/Exp 1 year	37
CPO Granted/Exp 2 years	34
CPO Granted/Exp 3 years	20
CPO Granted/Exp 5 years	47
CPO Withdrawn/Case Closed	16
Ex Parte Denied/Case Closed	480
Full Hearing Denied/Case Closed	57
No Contact Ordered/Exp 1 Year	3
No Contact Ordered/Exp 2 Years	1
No Contact Ordered/Exp 3 Years	1
Pending	24
Total	825

CIVIL STALKING PROTECTION ORDERS

CSPOs Filed Each Month

Month	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	24	39	68	31	45
February	27	38	49	55	47
March	28	58	46	47	71
April	43	37	43	65	62
May	55	65	69	63	70
June	54	63	61	73	97
July	52	53	58	62	76
August	48	72	64	82	79
September	61	54	59	50	88
October	58	53	60	56	86
November	52	45	50	59	49
December	51	43	49	57	55
Total	553	620	676	700	825

COURT DEPUTIES

Justin Hayden
Deputy Chief of Court Deputies



TRAINING

Over 1200 Hours

In-Service Training Completed in 2025

4 Court Deputies

Completed CIT Training

All Courthouse Staff

Up to date in Taser and Firearms Certifications

10 Court Deputies

AR15 Rifle Certified

All Court Deputies

CPR and AED Certified

REPORTS

ANNUAL UTILIZATION REVIEW

EM Equipment Recovery Request	60
EM Equipment Actual Recovery	46 (savings of \$70,000)
EM Equipment Not Recovered	14 (unable to locate)
EM Equipment Installation Requests	3
Probation Warrant Arrests and Transport to LCCC	214
Courthouse Warrant or Indictments Served	478
Treatment Court Warrant Arrests	20
Treatment Court Visits	262
EM Warrant Arrests	23
CPO Hearings Assigned	402
Non-Custody Treatment Court Transports	6
Common Pleas Non-Custody Transports	6
Outside Agency Assists	2

REPORTS

Office of Court Deputies 2025 Criminal and Non-Criminal Reports

Assault LEO	1
Found Property	3
General Information	21
Intimidation of a Witness	2
Medical	11
Menacing	3
Warrant Arrests	478
Total	519

Screening Encounters

Probation X-Ray - Number of Bags Screened	35,450 Items
Probation Walkthrough Metal Detector	61,509 People
Drug Testing Walkthrough Metal Detector	46,893 People
Courthouse Walkthrough Metal Detector	121,326 People

HONORING OUR RETIREEES

We extend our deepest appreciation to the following employees who retired in 2025. Each of them leaves behind a legacy of service, dedication, and professionalism that has helped shape our organization. We thank them for their years of commitment and wish them health, happiness, and fulfillment in retirement.

Honorable Linda Jennings – Judge

18 Years of Service

Pamela Spicocchi – Court Deputy

24 Years of Service

Dawn Stuck – Bailiff

26 Years of Service

Sabrina Miller – Unit Manager

19 Years of Service

David Schultz – Probation

26 Years of Service

Robert Carlon – Court Deputy

31 Years of Service

Susan Chapman – Administrative Technician

35 Years of Service

Lori Poulin – Criminal Bailiff

33 Years of Service

Thank you to each of our retirees for their extraordinary service. Your contributions will be long remembered and deeply appreciated.



IN MEMORIAM

With deep appreciation, we remember the employees who passed away this year. Their commitment and contributions will not be forgotten.

**Chad Jones – Adult Probation
Pretrial Diversion Officer**

**Kari Shortridge – Adult Probation
Intake Officer**



THANK YOU



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