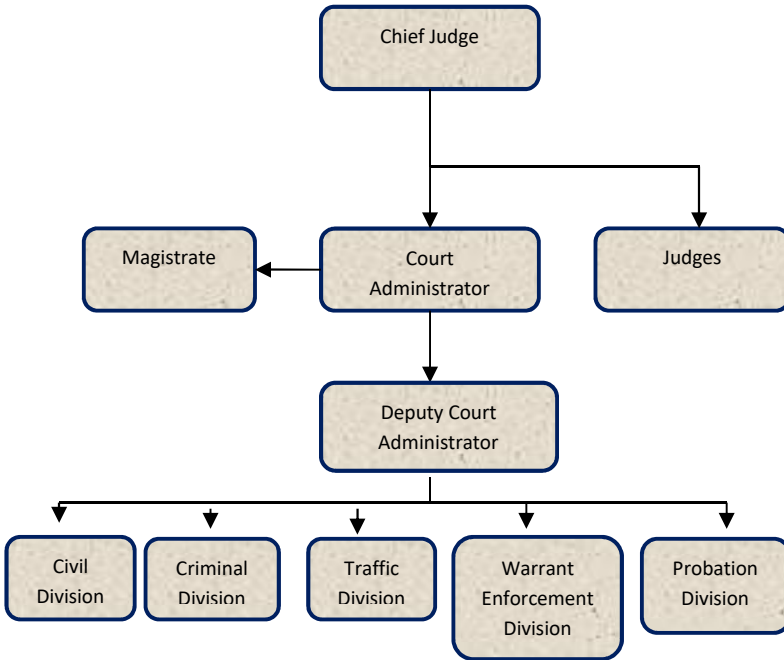


## 12<sup>th</sup> District Court



### Activities

There are five divisions of 12<sup>th</sup> District Court: Civil, Criminal, Warrant Enforcement, Probation and Traffic.

The District Court processes civil lawsuits, performs weddings, and processes all statute and ordinance misdemeanors.

The District Court is also responsible for processing felony matters up to the preliminary examination stage.

We collect current and delinquent fines and costs owed to the court, and execute criminal bench warrants.

Additionally, we conduct presentence investigations; supervise individuals on probation, and process traffic, marine, snow-mobile, conservation, animal control, and come parking violations.

Lastly, we operate two specialty courts – Mental Health and Domestic Violence.



# Mission Statement

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The 12th Judicial District Court is dedicated to dispensing equal justice in all matters under the court's jurisdiction, providing the highest quality of professional services in a prompt and efficient manner, and recognizing and respecting the individual dignity of all people served by the court.

# Programs

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Specialty Court Programs

Aggression/Domestic Violence Court

## 12<sup>th</sup> District Court Program

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### Strategic Plan Impact

✓ Safe Community

The 12th District Court plays an important role in providing Jackson County residents with a safe community. Through the adjudication process, we hope to create an environment where residents peacefully coexist and participate in all aspects of life. The District Court has two specialized courts for increased focus and attention on areas of concern, which are Domestic Violence/ Aggression Court and Mental Health Court. Both courts are fully functional and are proving beneficial for community safety. Our probation department has an Alternative Sentencing Division created in October of 2017 to provide alternatives to incarceration and to provide a practical alternative to resolving fine and cost issues; this is achieved through the use of court authorized monitoring programs and assignments to community based improvement initiatives. Video arraignment technology provides added security benefits when arraigning individuals currently housed at the County Jail and /or Department of Corrections, eliminating the need to remove the offender from the secured location.

### Accomplishments

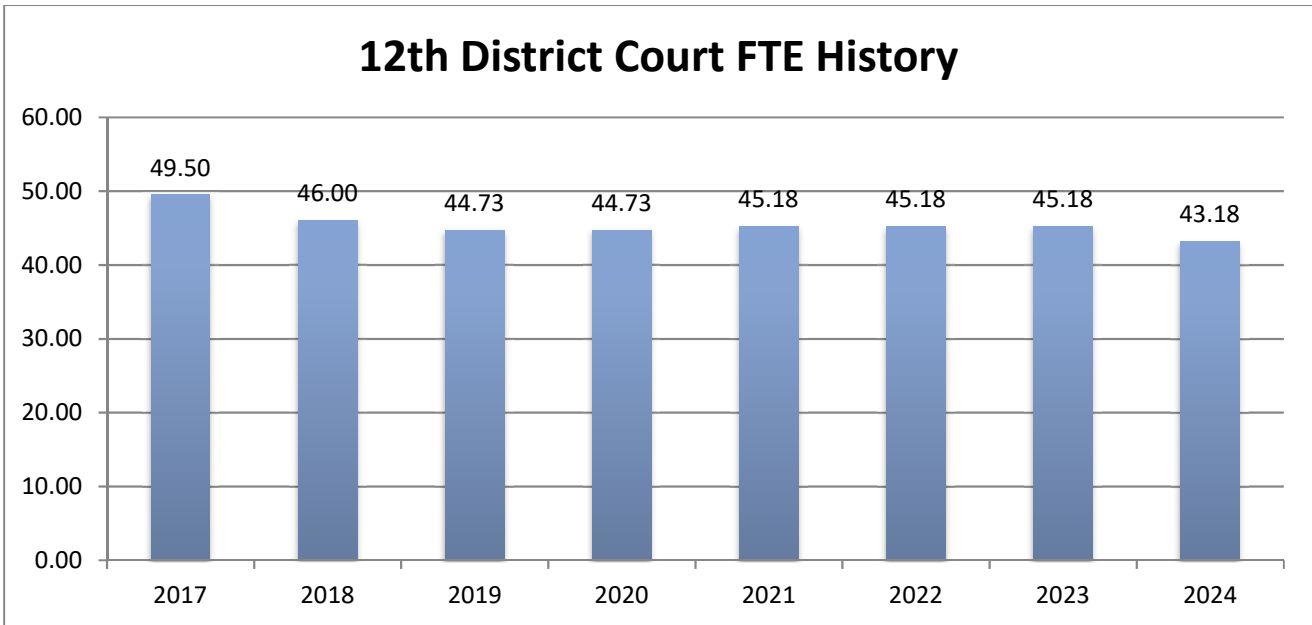
- ✓ The Michigan Supreme Court's Administrative Order 2020-17 continues to dictate how court handle Landlord/Tenant (LT) cases. The 12<sup>th</sup> District Court previously was an "answer" court, in which the tenant had to respond to the summons of eviction if they were contesting it. If there was no response from the tenant, the landlord was found in favor and could proceed with eviction. Current State Court rules require all LT cases to move through the court process for multiple hearings.
- ✓ Specialty Courts are still a high priority for District Court. Honorable Allison L. Bates began serving the court and continue overseeing the Aggression Court. This Court (Domestic Violence) completed its fifteenth year. This specialty court is dedicated to reducing the number of domestic violence incidents in Jackson County through a coordinated effort, which focuses on safety and accountability. This year the court successfully graduated 76 defendants, making 1429 successful graduates since inception. In addition to domestic violence offenses, the Aggression Court handles all other assault, stalking, child abuse, malicious destruction of property, and resisting and opposing cases. Aggression cases are

referred to the probation department for a presentence investigation. Once these offenders are referred, the fast-track begins. The department has two dedicated officers to manage the caseload. Offenders sentenced to probation are typically sentenced to at least 15 months and are required to attend and successfully complete a batterer's intervention program. While success ultimately depends on the offender's willingness to change, these batterer intervention programs are the court's foundation. Program length ranges from 26 to 52 weeks, depending on offenders needs.

- ✓ Non-profit organizations have begun accepting community service referrals for 2022. However, due to legislative changes in presumptive fines and costs, referral for community service has decreased. 64 defendants were sentenced to the community service program resulting in \$29,160 jail bed savings. A total of 102 referrals were made for SCRAM and 9 referrals to GPS tether, which led to a jail bed savings of \$612,405.
- ✓ 2022 was the second year that the collection department was dissolved. Collection efforts were transferred to court officers to oversee a caseload. The four Court Officers had a combined total of just over \$726,000 in collected fines and costs. The two Warrant Officers added an additional \$137,000 in collected fines and costs, arrested 539 individuals, and cleared 1937 warrants.
- ✓ Our Probation team works very hard to assist offenders in trying to get their lives back on track after being charged with an offense. Probation is a sentence that allows offenders to live in the community under the supervision of a probation officer. The sentencing judge makes this decision after careful study of the defendant's background, behavior, and potential for success is evaluated. Our probation department conducted 809 pre-sentence investigations in 2022. As of 12/31/22, there were 585 individuals placed on probation; 28% of that population was offenses for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, 39% for Domestic Violence, 20% Property/Theft offenses, 4% for Controlled Substance, 6% Assault, and 3% Disorderly Conduct/Other.
- ✓ The Criminal team processed 3708 criminal cases in 2022; 377 drunk driving cases, 2032 misdemeanors, and 1299 felonies. Magistrate Dickerson handled approximately 938 Video Arraignments, which has significantly decreased the number of inmates requiring transportation to and from the courthouse by law enforcement, thereby increasing security at both the courthouse and the Jackson County Jail.
- ✓ In 2022 we processed 12,773 electronic traffic citations. Magistrate Dickerson also conducted 622 informal hearings.

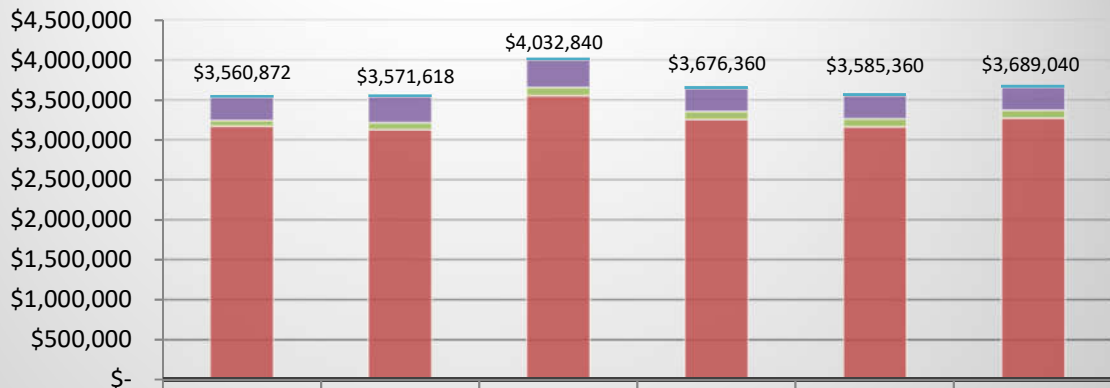
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- ✓ The Civil Team continues to be under the State Supreme Court’s Administrative Order 2017-20. The Civil team is still working through a backlog of over 600 landlord/tenant cases due to these restrictions. In total, the Civil team processed 5,980 filings; 2484 General Civil cases, 849 Small Claims, 2551 Landlord Tennant, 59 Summary Proceedings, and 29 Miscellaneous Civil.



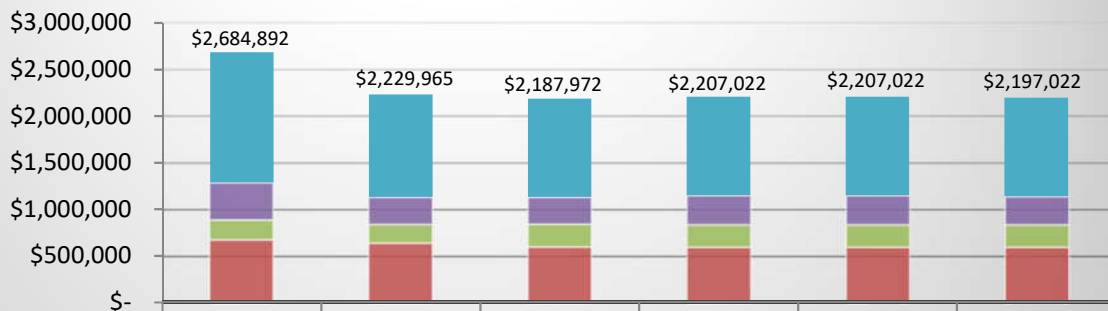
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## 12th District Court Expenditures



	2021 ACTUAL	2022 ACTUAL	2023 AMENDED BUDGET	2024 DEPT REQUESTED	2024 BUDGET	DRAFT 2025 BUDGET
OTHER	\$30,306	\$32,371	\$34,500	\$37,000	\$37,000	\$36,000
CONTRACT SERVICES	\$290,869	\$326,179	\$343,750	\$285,000	\$285,000	\$285,000
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	\$72,541	\$87,258	\$102,800	\$100,300	\$100,300	\$100,300
PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$3,167,156	\$3,125,810	\$3,551,790	\$3,254,060	\$3,163,060	\$3,267,740
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM COSTS</b>	<b>\$3,560,872</b>	<b>\$3,571,618</b>	<b>\$4,032,840</b>	<b>\$3,676,360</b>	<b>\$3,585,360</b>	<b>\$3,689,040</b>

## 12th District Court Revenues



	2021 ACTUAL	2022 ACTUAL	2023 AMENDED BUDGET	2024 DEPT REQUESTED	2024 BUDGET	DRAFT 2025 BUDGET
FINES & FORFEITURES	\$1,398,550	\$1,096,943	\$1,057,450	\$1,057,470	\$1,057,470	\$1,057,470
OTHER	\$394,943	\$290,234	\$283,730	\$308,730	\$308,730	\$298,730
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$212,246	\$199,654	\$243,097	\$243,097	\$243,097	\$243,097
CHARGES/FEES	\$679,153	\$643,134	\$603,695	\$597,725	\$597,725	\$597,725
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM REVENUE</b>	<b>\$2,684,892</b>	<b>\$2,229,965</b>	<b>\$2,187,972</b>	<b>\$2,207,022</b>	<b>\$2,207,022</b>	<b>\$2,197,022</b>

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Indicator	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual
Fees collected by Internal Collection Program	\$2,164,426	\$2,065,550	\$2,229,606	No data	\$1,221,646	\$726,000
Total Number of Cases Processed	39,220	36,158	37,232	28,036	31,176	29,246

\* Four judges are budgeted for the District Court.

Indicator	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual
Number of Probation Agents processing PSI's	6	6	4	4	4	4
Number of Judges Processing cases	4	4	4	4	4	4
Number of PSI's per agent	200	175	234	186	206	206
Number of cases per Judge	9,805	9,040	9,308	7,009	7,794	7312



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