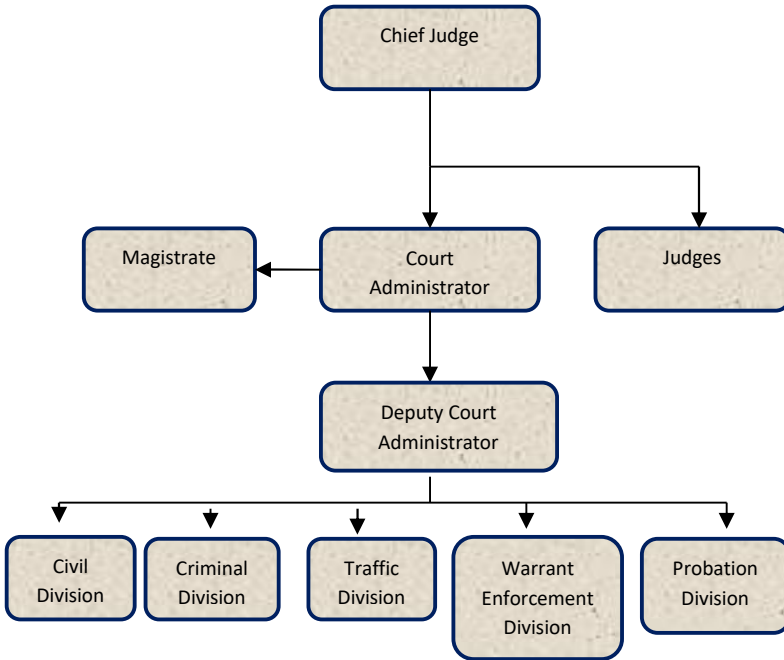


12th District Court



Activities

There are five divisions of 12th 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.



Mission Statement

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.

12th District Court Program

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. This year, due to budget cuts, there was a reduction of 2 probation officers resulting in the need to close the Aggression court. While those that are charged with Domestic Violence are still afforded the option to participate in specialized programming and probation, this is now only offered to Domestic Violence defendants. 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

- ✓ Legislative changes in presumptive fines and costs continue to negatively impact the referrals for community service; 46 defendants were sentenced to the community service program resulting in \$15,030 jail bed savings. A total of 99 referrals were made for SCRAM and 3 referrals to GPS tether, which led to a jail bed savings of \$558,760.
- ✓ The four Court Officers had a combined total of just over \$838,000 in collected fines and costs. The two Warrant Officers added an additional \$60,000 in collected fines and costs, arrested 699 individuals, and cleared 1974 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 774 pre-sentence investigations in 2023. As of 12/31/23, there were 481 individuals placed on probation; 27% of that population were offenses for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, 36% for

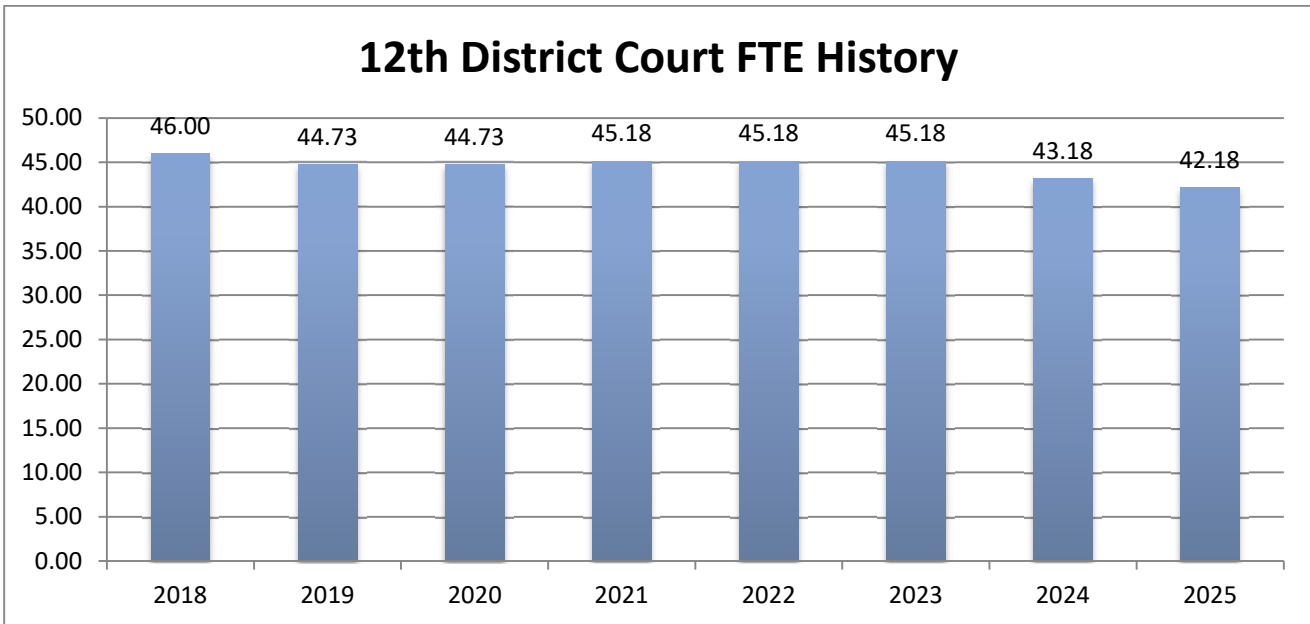
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Domestic Violence, 22% Property/Theft offenses, 4% for Controlled Substance, 9% Assault, and 2% Disorderly Conduct/Other.

- ✓ The Criminal team processed 5,742 criminal cases in 2023; 347 drunk driving cases, 4044 misdemeanors, and 1351 felonies. Magistrate Dickerson handled approximately 1422 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.
- ✓ 2023 saw the implementation of the Automatic Clean Slate Legislation (MCL 780.621) which became effective on April 11, 2023. For eligible offenses, MCL 780.621g(5) allows for a maximum total of two felony and four misdemeanor (93 day or more) convictions to be automatically set aside during the lifetime of an individual. There is no limit on how many 92-day or less (nonprintable) misdemeanors can be automatically set aside. Approximately 121,446 charges were automatically set aside pursuant to MCL 750.621 in 2023. This legislation also requires the court to inform each law enforcement agency of cases that are automatically set aside within their jurisdiction by the tenth day of each month. In 2023 we processed 9,084 electronic traffic citations. Magistrate Dickerson also conducted 1083 informal hearings.
- ✓ Most of the restrictions under the State Supreme Court's Administrative Order 2017-20 were revoked; however, became court rule. This permanent change to processing the Landlord/Tenant cases has significantly increased the processing time along with the court docket dedicated to these case types. However, with an approved ARPA grant funded position, the civil team successfully worked to reduce the large backlog of landlord/tenant cases and has found the new normal in processing these cases. In total, the Civil team processed 6,331 filings; 2986 General Civil cases, 726 Small Claims, 2547 Landlord Tennant, 49 Summary Proceedings, and 23 Miscellaneous Civil.
- ✓ The 12th District Court Civil Division was part of waive three of the Michigan Supreme Court/State Court Administrators Office statewide electronic filing initiative and our office became active as of November 26, 2023. The MiFILE system is composed of four modules; TrueFiling, where filers initiate cases, submit legal documents, and pay filing fees; MiFILE OnBase, where court staff review, process, and accept or reject submitted filings; MiFILE OnBase DMS, (document management system) where all filings are stored in an electronic file folder for each individual case; Judicial Information System (JIS), the Case Management

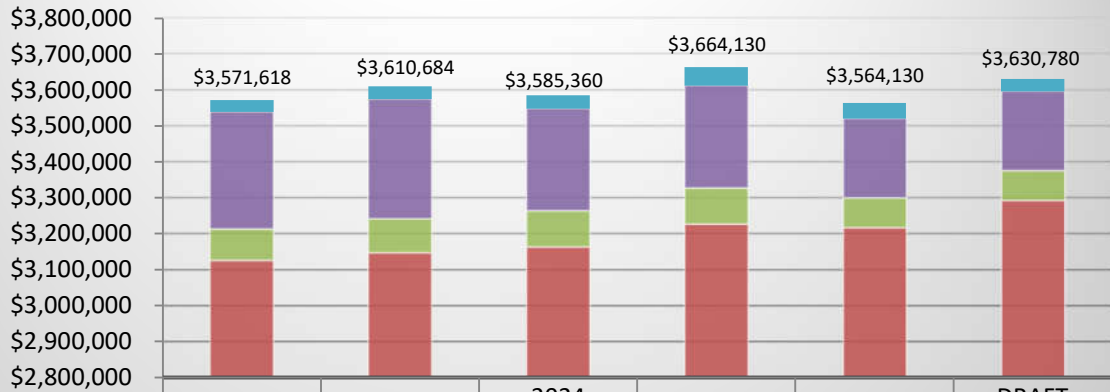
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System, where all case filings are coded as the official court record. Court Administration established a team of seven individuals to work together to become the court's MiFILE experts. The team was carefully selected and included Deputy Court Clerks, Court Administration, and Information Technology. For six months, the team spent an average of seven hours a week, in addition to their daily job duties, to study, test, practice, and discuss how MiFILE works and the impact on our current business practices and customers. The team trained, and continues to train and support, additional civil clerks, court staff, and judges.



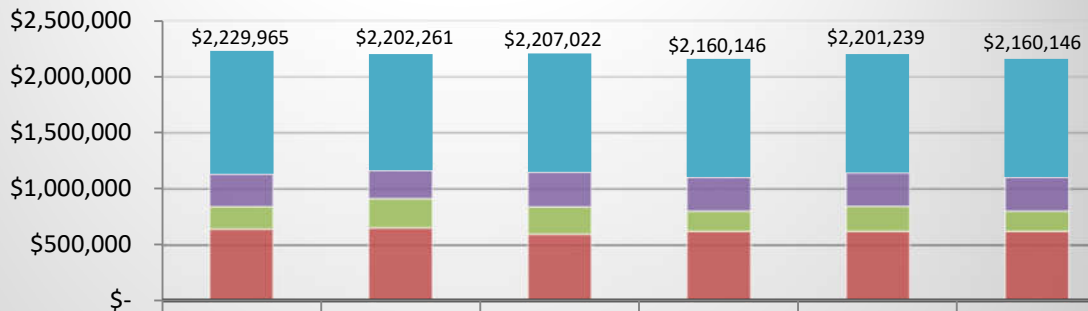
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12th District Court Expenditures



	2022 ACTUAL	2023 ACTUAL	2024 AMENDED BUDGET	2025 DEPT REQUESTED	2025 BUDGET	DRAFT 2026 BUDGET
OTHER	\$32,371	\$36,304	\$37,000	\$52,223	\$43,723	\$35,000
CONTRACT SERVICES	\$326,179	\$332,848	\$285,000	\$285,000	\$221,050	\$221,050
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	\$87,258	\$94,764	\$100,300	\$100,300	\$82,750	\$82,750
PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$3,125,810	\$3,146,768	\$3,163,060	\$3,226,607	\$3,216,607	\$3,291,980
TOTAL PROGRAM COSTS	\$3,571,618	\$3,610,684	\$3,585,360	\$3,664,130	\$3,564,130	\$3,630,780

12th District Court Revenues



	2022 ACTUAL	2023 ACTUAL	2024 AMENDED BUDGET	2025 DEPT REQUESTED	2025 BUDGET	DRAFT 2026 BUDGET
FINES & FORFEITURES	\$1,096,943	\$1,037,323	\$1,057,470	\$1,057,470	\$1,057,470	\$1,057,470
OTHER	\$290,234	\$250,862	\$308,730	\$298,730	\$298,730	\$298,730
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$199,654	\$260,645	\$243,097	\$182,446	\$223,539	\$182,446
CHARGES/FEES	\$643,134	\$653,431	\$597,725	\$621,500	\$621,500	\$621,500
TOTAL PROGRAM REVENUE	\$2,229,965	\$2,202,261	\$2,207,022	\$2,160,146	\$2,201,239	\$2,160,146

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<u>Indicator</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>
Fees collected by Internal Collection Program	\$2,229,606	No data	\$1,221,646	\$726,000	\$898,000
Total Number of Cases Processed	37,232	28,036	31,176	29,246	27,691

* Four judges are budgeted for the District Court.

<u>Indicator</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>
Number of Probation Agents processing PSI's	4	4	4	4	4
Number of Judges Processing cases	4	4	4	4	4
Number of PSI's per agent	234	186	206	206	114
Number of cases per Judge	9,308	7,009	7,794	7312	6923



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