CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY BOARD DATA COMMITTEE REPORT YEAR END 2023

CRIMINAL COURT FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS

| | <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> | 2022 | 2023 |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Cases Filed | 5306 | 3645 | 4270 | 4287 | 4239 |
| New Cases | 4488 | 2969 | 3466 | 3514 | 3559 |
| Reopened Cases | 818 | 676 | 804 | 773 | 680 |
| Cases Disposed | 5306 | 3710 | 4219 | 4315 | 4130 |
| Bench Warrant (Failure to Appear) | 781 | 599 | 789 | 718 | 550 |
| Withdrawn/Dismissed Percent of total ¹ | 97 2.1% | 94 3% | 93 2.7% | 83 2.3% | 74 2.1% |
| ARD Percent of total ¹ | 1705 37.7% | 1212 40% | 1072 31.3% | 1245 34.6% | 1259 35.2% |
| Guilty Plea Percent of total ¹ | 2684 59.3% | 1709 54.9% | 2186 63.7% | 2211 61.5% | 2186 61.1% |
| Bench Trial Percent of total ¹ | 18 04% | 7 0.2% | 11 0.3% | 5 0.1% | 12 0.3% |
| Jury Trial Percent of total ¹ | 21 0.5% | 8 0.3% | 25 0.7% | 19 0.5% | 30 0.8% |
| Transferred Cases ² Percent of total ¹ | | | 5 0.2% | 5 0.1% | 0 0% |
| Rule 586 ³ Percent of total ¹ | | | 38 1.1% | 29 0.8% | 19 0.5% |
| Year-End Cases Available | 1170 | 1105 | 1156 | 1142 | 1258 |

New Criminal Charges Recidivism Rates

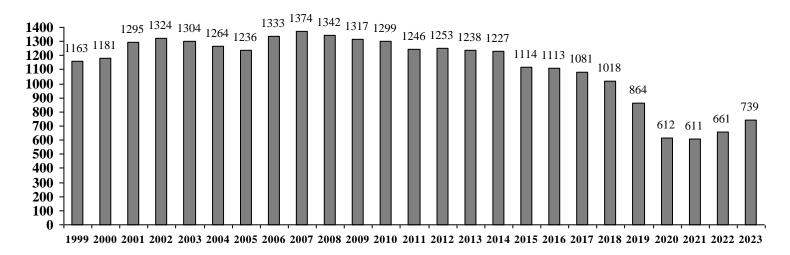
The following table represents the recidivism rate summaries for offenders returning due to new criminal charges for each of the 2018 through 2022 datasets.

| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|------------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 3-year recidivism rate | 27.23% | 26.43% | 26.25% | | |
| 2-year recidivism rate | 22.88 % | 21.10% | 21.02% | 22.76% | |
| 18 months | 19.54 % | 17.83% | 17.50% | 17.80% | |
| 1-year recidivism rate | 16.00 % | 13.93% | 13.64% | 12.54% | 13.67% |
| 6 months | 8.99 % | 7.25% | 7.05% | 6.35% | 7.44% |

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (ADULT SYSTEM)⁴

| Total number of commitments | <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|--|---|
| | 5250 | 3432 | 3018 | 3555 | 3683 |
| Males | 4225 | 2804 | 2506 | 2911 | 2993 |
| | (80.5%) | (81.7%) | (83%) | (81.9%) | (81.3%) |
| Females | 1025 | 628 | 512 | 644 | 690 |
| | (19.5%) | (18.3%) | (17%) | (18.1%) | (18.7%) |
| Race (Male) ⁵ | White: 2009 (47.6%) | White: 1320 (47.1%) | White: 1156 (46.1%) | White: 1324 (45.5%) | White: 1322 (44.1%) |
| | Hisp: 933 (22.1%) | Hisp: 664 (23.7%) | Hisp: 608 (24.3%) | Hisp: 684 (23.5%) | Hisp: 732 (24.5%) |
| | Blk: 1091 (25.8%) | Blk: 719 (25.6%) | Blk: 617 (24.6%) | Blk: 770 (26.4%) | Blk: 805 (26.9%) |
| | Other: 192 (4.5%) | Other: 101 (3.6%) | Other: 125 (5.0%) | Other: 133 (4.6%) | Other: 134 (4.5%) |
| Race (Female) ⁵ | White: 680 (66.34%) Hisp: 157 (15.32%) Blk: 160 (15.61%) Other: 28 (2.73%) | White: 444 (70.7%) Hisp: 80 (12.7%) Blk: 84 (13.4%) Other: 20 (3.2%) | White: 358 (69.9%) Hisp: 61 (11.9%) Blk: 76 (14.8%) Other: 17 (3.3%) | White: 425 (66%) Hisp: 84 (13%) Blk: 112 (17.4%) Other: 23 (3.6%) | White: 442 (64%) Hisp: 100 (14.5%) Blk: 119 (17.3%) Other: 29 (4.2%) |
| Average Daily Population | 864 | 612 | 611 | 661 | 739 |
| Males | 732 | 534 | 546 | 590 | 660 |
| | (85%) | (87%) | (89%) | (89%) | (89%) |
| Females | 132 | 78 | 65 | 71 | 79 |
| | (15%) | (13%) | (11%) | (11%) | (11%) |

AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION



DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (ADULT SYSTEM) continued

| | <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> | 2023 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Sentenced ⁶ | 64.16% | 49.72% | 45.41% | 50.27% | 51.59% |
| Pre-trial detainees ⁷ | 31.6% | 46.29% | 47.32% | 42.19% | 43.2% |
| Pre-trial detainees in lieu of bail ⁸ | 15.98% | 24.88% | 26.81% | 25.06% | 27.36% |
| Other ⁹ | 4.24% | 3.99% | 7.27% | 7.54% | 5.21% |
| Average # of county Prob./Parole violators in custody each day | 321 (37%) | 192 (31%) | 189 (31%) | 185 (28%) | 193 (26%) |
| Average length of stay (in days) ¹⁰ | 60 | 62 | 69 | 66 | 64 |
| Pre-Trial ALOS (in days) | | | | 24 | 24 |
| Sentenced ALOS (in days) | | | | 129 | 125 |
| Bed days for writs | 7593 | 3253 | 5237 | 6572 | 5013 |
| Average length of stay per writ (in days) | 14.44 | 18.91 | 17.93 | 15.14 | 12.35 |
| Number sentenced to State Correctional Institution | 276 | 90 | 142 | 233 | 247 |
| Juveniles charged and incarcerated as adults | 10 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| Psychiatric Data ¹¹ | | | | | |
| Number of all new commitments referred a | nd evaluated b | y Mental Health | clinicians. | | |
| | <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> |
| Total, % of total | 1245 (22.1%) | 891 (24.9%) | 956 (25.1%) | 1430 (31.6%) | 1321 (28.7%) |
| Male, % of committed males | 879 (19.2%) | 685 (23.4%) | 776 (24.4%) | 1042 (28.1%) | 936 (24.9%) |
| Female, % of committed females | 366 (34.5%) | 206 (32.1%) | 180 (28.8%) | 388 (48%) | 385 (46%) |
| Of the 1321 identified in 2023: | | | | | |
| 30.7% prior suicide attempt | | 45.8% c | urrent psychotropic | medication use | |
| 50% prior psychiatric hospitalization | | 62.5% c | o-occurring drug a | nd/or alcohol diso | rder |
| 89.8% history of psychotropic medication | on | | | | |
| Average percent of population prescribed psychotropic meds | 40.4% | 37.9% | 43.2% | 45.5% | 40% |
| Average # of SMI inmates in custody each day | 49 (5.2%) | 44 (6.6%) | 65 (9.5%) | 107 (14.6%) | 144 (18.2%) |

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (ADULT SYSTEM) continued

896 of the 3,683 commitments (24.3%) needed to undergo medically supervised detoxification.

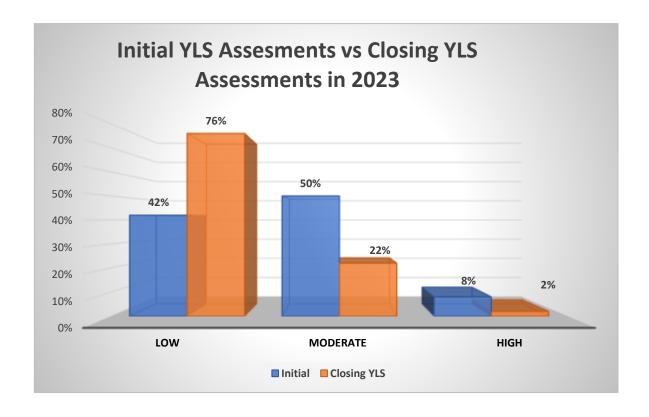
| | <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Heroin | 208 | 167 | 202 | 201 | 71 |
| Alcohol | 394 | 199 | 192 | 258 | 159 |
| Alcohol/Heroin | 78 | 51 | 49 | 35 | 7 |
| Opiate | 78 | 46 | 46 | 151 | 253 |
| Methadone | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 2 |
| Benzodiazepine | 65 | 45 | 37 | 50 | 49 |
| Various Combinations | 319 | 160 | 169 | 155 | 335 |

Points of Interest:

- The number of commitments and average daily population continues to increase.
- The average length of stay is decreasing.
- The number of inmates sentenced to a SCI is increasing.
- The average number of SMI inmates in custody continues to increase.
- Heroin, Alcohol and Alcohol/Heroin detox decreased while Opiate (fentanyl) detox increased.

| | <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> | 2023 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------|
| Referrals ¹¹ | 639 | 335 | 250 | 506 | 582 |
| Males | 71% | 72% | 72% | 72% | 66% |
| Females | 29% | 28% | 28% | 28% | 34% |
| Violations of Probation (Petitions) | 62 | 27 | 25 | 29 | 50 |
| Felony cases ¹² | 225 | 124 | 153 | 209 | 405 |
| Misdemeanor cases ¹² | 893 | 460 | 439 | 748 | 802 |

- The number of referrals increased again in 2023 to a level very more comparable to 2019 numbers (prior to COVID-19).
- Felony charges had a significant increase where it was nearly doubled in 2023 from 2022.
- Female referrals represent the highest percentage that we have seen in our department.



The Youth Level of Service/Case Management Inventory 2.0 (YLS/CMI 2.0™) is a gender and culturally informed, strengths-based risk/needs assessment tool that reliably and accurately classifies and predicts **re-offending** within male and female juvenile populations. The juvenile probation department has administered the YLS since 2009. The information above compares the initial YLS assessments to the assessments done at time of case closing. This information shows the change in risk level from the onset of supervision to the time supervision ends.

| | JUVENILE PROBATION PRIMARY DISPOSITIONS | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|---|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|--|--|--|--|
| | | | Diversio | n | | | | | | | |
| YEAR | Referrals/Written Allegations (Includes Non-Payments) | Informal Adjustment | Consent Decree | Counsel and Release | Non- Payments | Probation | Placement | | | | |
| 2023 | 705 | 53 | 148 | 9 | 123 | 139 | 53 | | | | |
| 2022 | 588 | 25 | 115 | 4 | 82 | 115 | 47 | | | | |
| 2021 | 321 | 16 | 54 | 2 | 71 | 66 | 39 | | | | |
| 2020 | 428 | 15 | 97 | 3 | 93 | 109 | 54 | | | | |
| 2019 | 839 | 28 | 125 | 8 | 200 | 162 | 78 | | | | |

Adjudicated Probation Supervision Dispositions

Probation: A type of disposition following the filing of a petition and an adjudication of delinquency. The most structured and intensive form of probation supervision. Typically for a period of six months to a year but can last for up to age 21.

Placement: Following an adjudication of delinquency and a determination that a youth presents a risk to the community or that their needs are too significant to be handled in the community; the youth is committed to an out of home placement ranging from foster care through secure placement.

Diversion

Non-Payments: An out of court disposition where a case is diverted, no petition is filed. Juveniles are offered a payment plan to settle outstanding costs assessed by Magisterial District Courts.

Counsel and Release: An out of court disposition where a case is diverted, no petition is filed. After the completion of an intake if diversion was approved by the District Attorney's office a Probation Officer can obtain supervisor approval to counsel and release.

Informal Adjustment: An out of court disposition where a case is diverted or handled informally, no petition is filed, and no adjudication of delinquency. Typically for a period of six months or less.

Consent Decree: A type of disposition where there is no adjudication of delinquency, yet a more structured form of supervision than an Informal Adjustment. Typically for a period of six months but can be extended for an additional six months.

Diversion prior to any referral received by Juvenile Probation

Pre-adjudication diversion is defined as providing opportunities for youth who would otherwise face formal processing in the court system so that they can avoid an adjudication of delinquency or conviction for a summary offense and instead directing them into an alternative program, including treatment when appropriate.

The Impact Project has worked with Lehigh County in developing and running panels as a diversion since 1999.

| | Community Justice Panel (CJP) | School Justice Panel (SJP) Urban | School Justice Panel (SJP) suburban | Totals |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-------------|
| Referred | 390 | 130 | 83 | 603 |
| Ineligible/rejected or chose court | 79 (20%) | 36 (27.7%) | 14 (16.9) | 129 (21.4%) |
| Successful | 243 (86.8%) | 65 (76%) | 41 (79%) | 349 (83.7%) |
| Unsuccessful | 37 (13.2%) | 20 (24%) | 11 (21%) | 68 (16.3%) |

Community Justice Panels

The Community Justice Panel Program is a youth aid panel diversion program designed to utilize trained community volunteers to effectively handle first-time, juvenile offenders charged with summary and misdemeanor offenses.

School Justice Panels

A pre-adjudicatory, school based, mental health diversion program

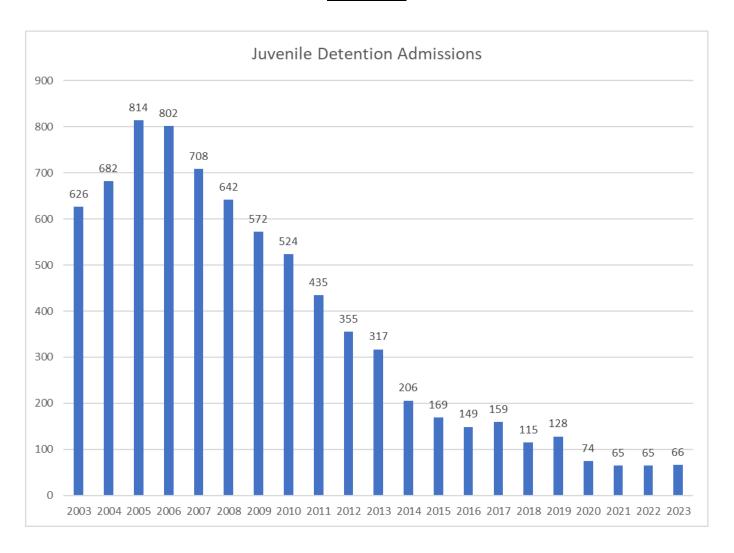
Using clinical assessment and screening tools, SJP clinicians provide the information and have the means to assess underlying mental health issues that the schools often lack the resources to investigate.

Urban Panels are made up of Allentown and Whitehall

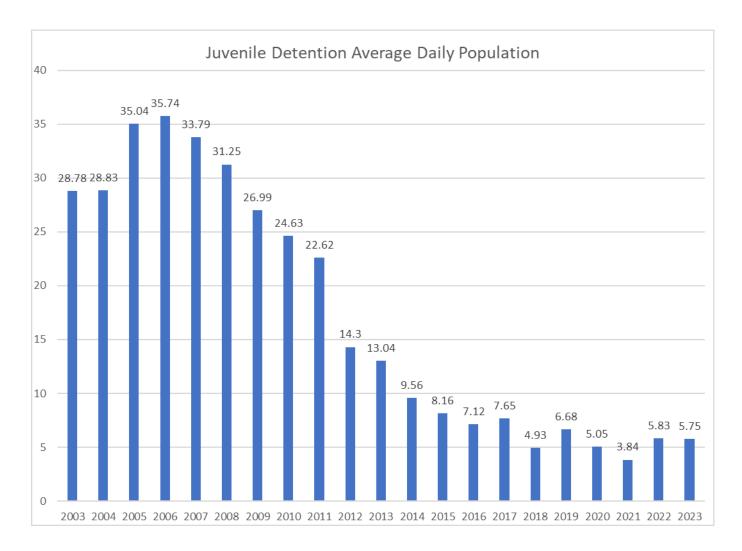
Suburban Panels are made up of all other school districts in Lehigh County

| | Juvenile Detention | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------|-------|------|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | <u>2023</u> | | | | | | |
| Number of Admissions | 128 | 74 | 65 | 65 | 66 | | | | | | |
| Male | 105 | 65 | 49 | 57 | 61 | | | | | | |
| Female | 23 | 9 | 16 | 8 | 5 | | | | | | |
| Average Daily Population | 6.68 | 5.05 | 3.84 | 5.83 | 5.75 | | | | | | |
| Average Length of Stay in Days | 19.05 | 25.34 | 21.54 | 30 | 27.80 | | | | | | |

ADMISSIONS



AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION



Points of Interest:

- This year there was no significant changes in the number of admissions to detention or our Average Daily Population (ADP) by two. The average length of stay decreased a small amount.
- Throughout 2023, we continue to attempt to keep the number of occurrences that we could not find a bed for a youth to a minimum. It happened a bit more frequently this year due to our contracted facility reduced our number of guaranteed beds from six to three. Additionally, they also stopped taking females there and we have no guarantee beds for female offenders.
- Currently we contract with four (4) different facilities in the eastern part of the state to handle our detention needs. We currently have 3 pre-paid beds with Abraxas Academy.

| | Placement Data | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|----------------|-------|------------------------------------|------------|-------|--------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Year | Private | State | Total | Admissions | ADP | ALS | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2023 | 83 | 14 | 97 (79 Unduplicated youth) | 72 | 31.41 | 118.21 | | | | | |
| 2022 | 54 | 20 | 74 (61 Unduplicated youth) | 45 | 34.07 | 168.05 | | | | | |
| 2021 | 50 | 16 | 66 (56 Unduplicated youth) | 41 | 25.24 | 137.48 | | | | | |
| 2020 | 65 | 22 | 87 (73 Unduplicated youth) | 57 | 30.71 | 123.19 | | | | | |
| 2019 | 67 | 47 | 114 (102 Unduplicated youth) | 87 | | | | | | | |

YOUTH CROSS SYSTEMS

Youth Cross System Team (YCST) is a multidisciplinary administrative work group with representation from each Human Services office, including MH/ID, D&A, and Children & Youth, Juvenile Probation, and the Court Appointed Special Advocate program.

| | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Unduplicated Youth Managed | 38 | 51 | 27 | 28 | 30 |
| Males | 26 | 33 | 24 | 23 | 22 |
| Females | 12 | 16 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| Transgender | | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

LEHIGH COUNTY ADULT PROBATION & PAROLE

| | <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Number of cases investigated for parole or re-parole | 1582 | 920 | 726 | 946 | 1121 |
| Granted | 93% | 93% | 93% | 94% | 96.8% |
| Denied | 8% | 7% | 7% | 6% | 3.2% |
| Number of court reporting network evaluations (CRN) performed | 1707 | 1156 | 1216 | 1342 | 1309 |
| | 376 | 177 | 305 | 294 | 270 |
| Number of pre-sentence investigations (PSI) completed | | | | | |
| Number of defendants per average | 110 | 77 | 76 | 71 | 84.5 |
| caseload ¹⁴ | 19 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Parolees or probationers placed on out mate status | 10 | - | O . | Ŭ | Ü |
| Total number of cases under supervision as of 12/31 | 4576 | 3511 | 3159 | 3565 | 4059 |
| Case type: | 050/ | 070/ | 470/ | 4.407 | 450/ |
| Probation | 35% | 37% | 47% | 44% | 45% |
| Parole | 27% | 27% | 25% | 29% | 25% |
| ARD | 27% | 27% | 24% | 26% | 23% |
| Intermediate Punishment ¹⁵ | 11% | 9% | 4% | 1% | 7% |
| Offense types ¹⁶ | | | | | |
| Felony | 17% | 17% | 17% | 17% | 17% |
| Misdemeanor | 79% | 80% | 80% | 81% | 81% |
| Other ¹⁷ | 4% | 3% | 3% | 2% | 2% |
| Gender | | | | | |
| Male | 74% | 74% | 77% | 77% | 76% |
| Female | 26% | 26% | 23% | 23% | 24% |

Technical Parole Violation Recidivism Rates

The following table represents the recidivism rate summaries for offenders returning only due to technical violations of parole for each of the 2018 through 2022 datasets.

| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|------------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 3-year recidivism rate | 14.30% | 10.59% | 10.00% | | |
| 2-year recidivism rate | 13.34% | 9.63% | 9.09% | 12.07% | |
| 18 months | 12.66 % | 8.76% | 7.61% | 10.84% | |
| 1-year recidivism rate | 11.16% | 7.88% | 6.93% | 9.91% | 10.89% |
| 6 months | 7.69% | 4.54% | 3.75% | 5.88% | 7.67% |

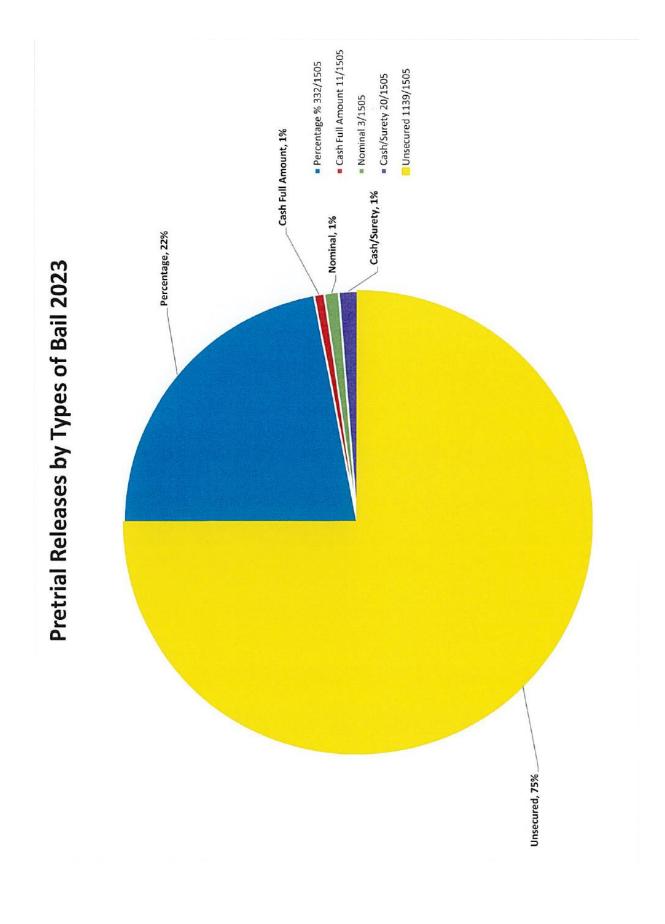
LEHIGH VALLEY PRETRIAL SERVICES

| | <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total interviews conducted | 3713 | 2961 | 3196 | 3466 | 3358 |
| Veterans (self-report) | 107 | 52 | 89 | 106 | 72 |
| Total Cases Supervised | 2785 | 2739 | 3094 | 3001 | 2736 |
| New defendants supervised | 1783 | 1621 | 1908 | 1721 | 1504 |
| Released at preliminary arraignment or released by MDJ subsequent to summons hearing | 953 | 812 | 1003 | 1108 | 1121 |
| Released from LCJ, post commitment | 655 | 601 | 688 | 655 | 591 |
| BW walk-ins released (post hearing) | 170 | 208 | 217 | 206 | 214 |
| Average days on supervision | 142 | 176 | 143 | 154 | 163 |
| Male | 66% | 73% | 75% | 72% | 70% |
| Female | 34% | 27% | 25% | 28% | 30% |
| 10% | \$11,518 | \$9,430 | \$11,460 | \$9,798 | \$12,093 |
| Surety | \$11,278 | \$12,485 | \$15,221 | \$9,531 | \$37,400 |
| Unsecured bail | \$7,324 | \$7,803 | \$6,477 | \$7,167 | \$7,423 |
| Identified ¹⁸ | 720 | 552 | 634 | 692 | 685 |
| Diverted ¹⁹ | 413 (57%) | 321 (58%) | 400 (63%) | 412 (60%) | 381 (56%) |
| Case Dispositions Custodial (Received a term of incarceration) Non-Custodial (did not serve a term of incarceration) | 22% 78% | 17% 83% | 11% 89% | 12% 88% | 14% 86% |
| Special needs mental health defendants addressed by Team MISA committee | 118 | 84 | 91 | 116 | 99 |

LEHIGH VALLEY PRETRIAL SERVICES

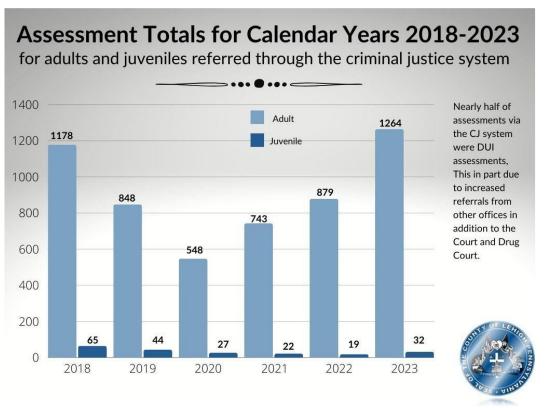
LEHIGH COUNTY PRETRIAL RELEASES/TYPES OF BAIL 2023

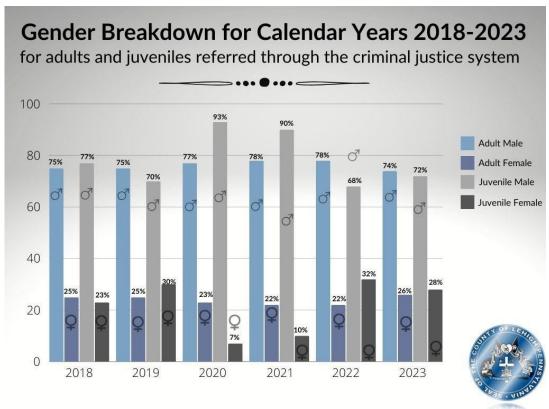
| FOR BAIL TYPE= 10% TEN PERCENT | | |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------|
| NUMBER OF CASES FOR TYPE | 10% | 332 |
| TOTAL BAIL AMOUNTS FOR TYPE | 10% | 4,015,000 |
| AVERAGE BAIL AMOUNT FOR TYPE | 10% | 12,093 |
| FOR BAIL TYPE= CFA CASH FULL AMOUNT | | 32,070 |
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| NUMBER OF CASES FOR TYPE | USBL | 1,139 |
| TOTAL BAIL AMOUNTS FOR TYPE | USBL | 8,454,413 |
| AVERAGE BAIL AMOUNT FOR TYPE | USBL | 7,423 |
| RUNNING TOTAL -NUMBER OF CASES IN THE LISTING | | 1,505 |



LEHIGH COUNTY DRUG & ALCOHOL ABUSE SERVICES

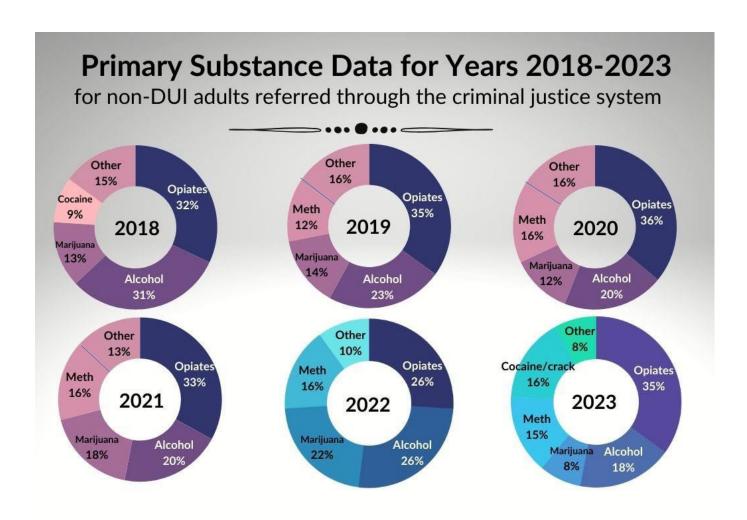
2023 brought changes to assessments within Lehigh County Jail. Over the summer an Assessor and Case Manager were stationed in the Jail to provide assessments. Also, the Rapid Assessment Diversion to Treatment (RADT) program began which increased assessment numbered.





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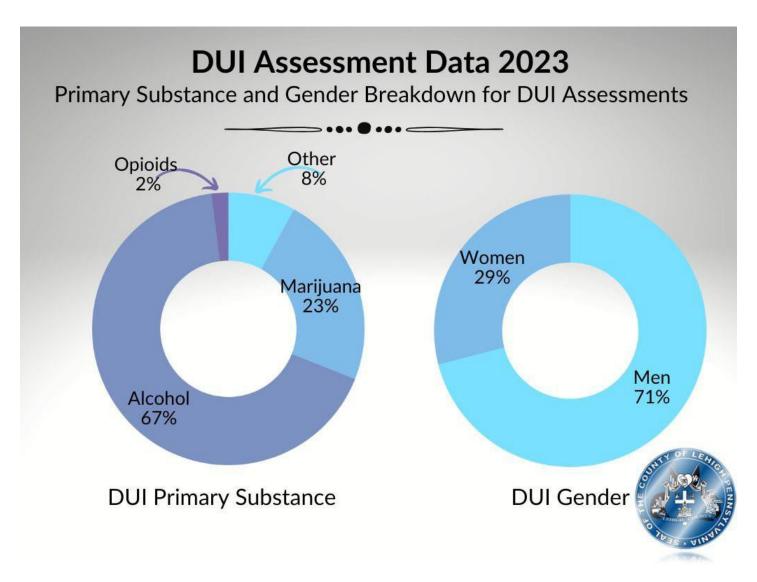
Cocaine/crack as a primary substance of use increased for adult clients, so there are five top substances reported instead of just four. Opioids continue to be the top substance of use.



LEHIGH COUNTY DRUG & ALCOHOL ABUSE SERVICES

DUI Data

571 of the total assessments were for DUI. Nor surprisingly, the vast majority of those were for alcohol.



Juvenile Data

Criminal justice referrals for juveniles continue to remain at low levels.

Values in green indicate an increase over the previous year, red a decrease, and yellow no change.

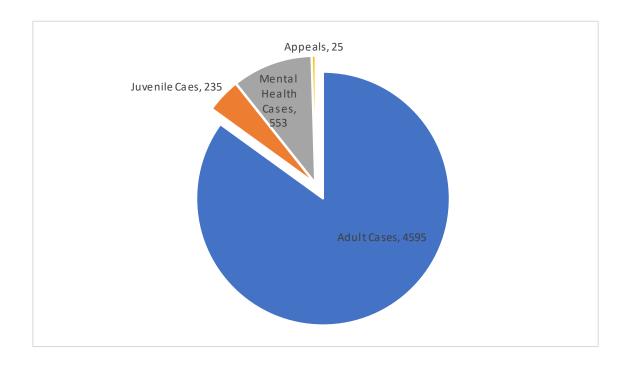
| Substance | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Marijuana | 89% | 93% | 93% | 100% | 79% | 100% |
| Opiates | 2% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Alcohol | 2% | 2% | 3% | 0% | 5% | 0% |
| K2 | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Meth | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 16% | 0% |
| % Totals | 93% | 95% | 96% | 100% | 100% | 100% |

LEHIGH COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

2023 Case Load

(Numbers do not include Bench Warrants, Costs and Fines Cases or any other case for which there is no application/jail request or court appointment)



- *Includes MDJ Level, Common Pleas Level, P.V.s.
- **Does not include direct file cases
- ***Civil Commitments
- ****Transfers from Trial Attorney to Appellate Attorney

FOOTNOTES

- The percent of cases disposed, without considering the initiation of bench warrants as dispositions.
- Cases that have been transferred from criminal court to juvenile court or remanded to an MDJ for further court proceedings.
- Disposition whereby a case involving a non-violent change(s) was dismissed upon consent of the commonwealth or satisfaction to the aggrieved person
- ⁴ All persons being held under Lehigh County authority, as well as arrestees detained for other jurisdictions awaiting pick-up. These numbers do not include Per Diem Holds, 7X transfers, or Outmates.
- Racial breakdown is self-reported and based on the total number of commitments being held under Lehigh County authority only. This does not include per diem holds, 7X transfers or Outmates.
- Serving a term of sentence by a Judicial authority on at least one case, including, but not limited to state and county parole violators.
- Not currently serving any term of sentence and includes bench warrants & county probation violators.
- Includes data of incarcerated Lehigh County Authority defendants that are held in lieu of bail and could be discharged with no additional holds. 2019 includes data from July 2019 to December 2019 only.
- Arrestees detained for other jurisdictions awaiting pick-up, as well as inmates temporarily transferred here via writ, another county, other jurisdiction or sentenced to a SCI.
- ¹⁰ Formula used to calculate ALOS (Average Length Of Stay) changed in 2022.
- Psychiatric data collected from all commitments, including per diem holds from other jurisdictions. Early in 2016, Prime Care Medical, the Department of Corrections' Medical Provider, made procedural changes which made a direct impact on the number of persons evaluated by MH staff within the first 14 days of incarceration. Certain information at the time of Booking assigns tasks to the Mental Health staff. Previously, all referrals were seen within 24 hours. Currently, the tasks are triaged and the focus is on the "at risk" population and those in need of acute care. Therefore, many of the inmates referred are released on bail within the first few days and subsequently not seen.
- ¹² Referrals adjusted to not include non-payment cases or violations of probation.
- Number of Felony and Misdemeanor cases exceeds number of referrals because, often, the youth is charged for multiple events of criminal activity.
- Wording is new for 2023. This number reflects all caseloads for those residing in Lehigh County, not just General Supervision.
- Intermediate punishment includes Probation with Restrictive sanctions, GPS (Global Positioning), Community Work Service Project, Retail Theft Rehabilitation, etc.
- Offense types refers exclusively to Parole Violations NOT Probation Violations.
- ¹⁷ "Other" offense type would include Summary Offenses, Indirect Criminal Contempt, Traffic Violations.
- Defendants/Inmates who by self-report and/or information obtained by family, agency, physician, etc. have experienced mental health problems or have been diagnosed with a major mental illness.
- 19 Identified defendants who were able to secure appropriate alternatives to incarceration prior to booking into LCJ.

ADDENDUM

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CPCMS Statistical Report Glossary

Unit of Count: Offense Tracking Number (OTN). One OTN equals one reportable case.

Cases (OTNs) Pending from Last Month's Report: All cases pending adjudication in Common Pleas Court at the end of last month. Cases awaiting sentencing are NOT included.

New Cases (OTNs) Received this Month: The number of new OTNs filed in Common Pleas Court during the report month. Included are juvenile cases that have been certified to adult court. Excluded are district justice fugitive cases.

Cases (OTNs) Reopened this Month: Previously disposed cases that were reopened during the report month. Common examples of reopened cases include fugitives returned, defendants deemed mentally fit for trial, ARD revocations, etc.

Cases (OTNs) Available for Disposition: This number is the sum of Cases *Pending from Last Month's Report* Plus *New Cases Received this Month* plus *Cases Reopened this Month.*

Cases Disposed By: A case is considered disposed at the common pleas level when a judge accepts a guilty plea, renders a verdict, the jury returns a verdict, or the case is otherwise adjudicated.

Categorized Dispositions: The sum of cases disposed this month in the following categories: Jury Trial, Non-Jury Trial, Guilty Pleas, Dismissals, No Penalty Dispositions, Inactive, Transfers, Administrative Closures, Other.

Uncategorized Dispositions: Cases disposed during the report month which do not fall into any of the standardized disposition categories.

Cases (OTNs) Disposed This Month: The sum of the Categorized Dispositions, Uncategorized Dispositions and the temporary adjustment category, "Non-trial Dispositions."

Cases Pending at End of Month: The number of cases awaiting disposition at the end of the month. *Cases (OTNs) Available for Disposition minus Cases (OTNs) Disposed This Month.*