

2001 ANNUAL REPORT

COUNTY OF SUMMIT COURT OF COMMON PLEAS GENERAL DIVISION

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Administrative Judge

JUDGE JANE BOND
JUDGE PATRICIA A. COSGROVE
JUDGE JAMES E. MURPHY
JUDGE TED SCHNEIDERMAN

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

On behalf of the Judges of the General Division of the Court of Common Pleas, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in our Court.

The year of 2001 was a busy one for the Court and each of its Judges. Each Judge disposed over 1,000 civil and criminal cases during the year. This accomplishment demonstrates one-third more case terminations than the average General Division Judge in Ohio.

In addition to managing ever increasing caseloads, the Court's Judges were active in developing new and innovative programs, and were honored for their contributions to the Community.

Judges Jane Bond and Brenda Burnham Unruh lead a committee which developed a plan for Drug Court for the Common Pleas Court. Judge Mary Spicer will preside over Drug Court beginning in April, 2002.

Judge Patricia Cosgrove provided the Court with leadership in developing new and innovative technology for use by the Judges and Court staff. Also, Judge Cosgrove was elected to serve as a Trustee of the Akron Bar Association.

Judge James Williams was recently elected to serve as President of the Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association. Judge Williams was also honored for his outstanding personal, professional and civic contributions to the community by receipt of the Outstanding Alumni Award from The University of Akron School of Law Alumni Association, as well as the Sir Thomas More Award given by the Catholic Diocese and Akron Bar Association.

Judge Jane Bond was recognized by the YWCA as one of Summit County's 100 Women of Distinction.

Judge James Murphy continues to serve the Court as Monitor of the Summit County Jail, and strives to reduce overcrowding.

Judge John Adams was recently appointed to the Summit County Criminal Justice Advisory Board, and was recently recommended for appointment as a Federal Judge by Senators DeWine and Voinovich.

Many thanks to Judge Ted Schneiderman for his four years of service as Administrative Judge for the Court. He continues to provide valuable assistance in the day to day operations of the Court.

Significant events and accomplishments:

1. The Jury Assembly Room was renovated to allow for the enhanced comfort of jurors.
2. An additional courtroom was created to meet the needs of an ever increasing caseload and to provide courtroom facilities for visiting judges.
3. The Courthouse elevators were replaced to enhance reliability.
4. Case management software for civil, criminal and Adult Probation began. The Court has contracted with Proware who has the experience with larger Ohio County Courts to enhance operations and service as well as move forward in centralizing the Summit County criminal justice system.
5. Andrew J. Bauer was promoted to Court Executive Officer upon the resignation of Robert G. Heffern.
6. A centralized duress security system was installed for all divisions housed within the Courthouse, as well as the Court of Appeals, Clerk of Courts, Prosecutor and Sheriff's offices located downtown.
7. The Court in conjunction with Akron Legal News developed a website (www.summitpcourt.net) to provide greater access and information to the resources of the Court.
8. The Probation Department developed a New Sex Offender Unit as well as a Mental Health Unit.

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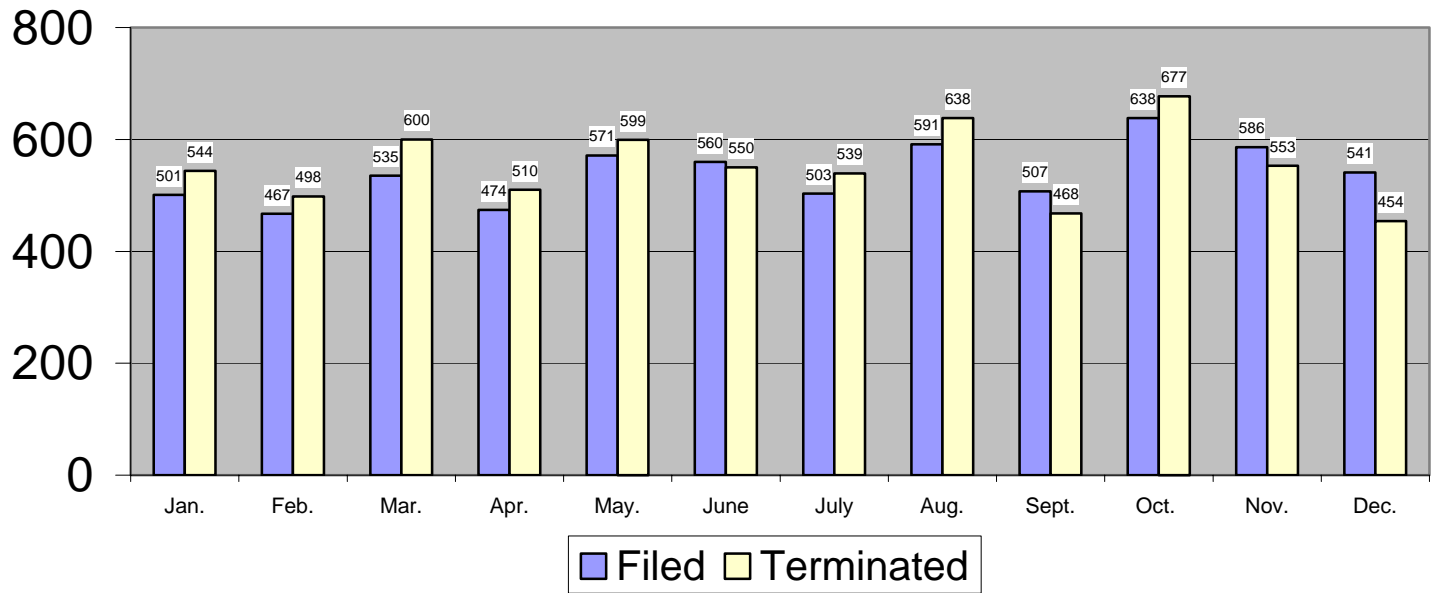
CIVIL CASE ACTIVITY

The 6,474 civil cases filed in 2001 show an increase of 714 cases or 12.4 percent above the 5,760 cases filed in 2000. Civil cases terminated in 2001 of 6,630 show a decrease of 31 cases or 0.5 percent below the 6,661 cases that were terminated in 2000. In 1996, the number of new case filings was 5,257 compared to 6,474 cases filed in 2001 which show an increase of 23 percent or 1,217 cases in total. Civil terminations have increased from 5,268 in 1996 to 6,630 which represents an increase of 1,362 terminated cases or 26 percent. The average civil caseload per Judge was 472 on December 31, 2001, compared to an average civil caseload per Judge of 421 in 2000.

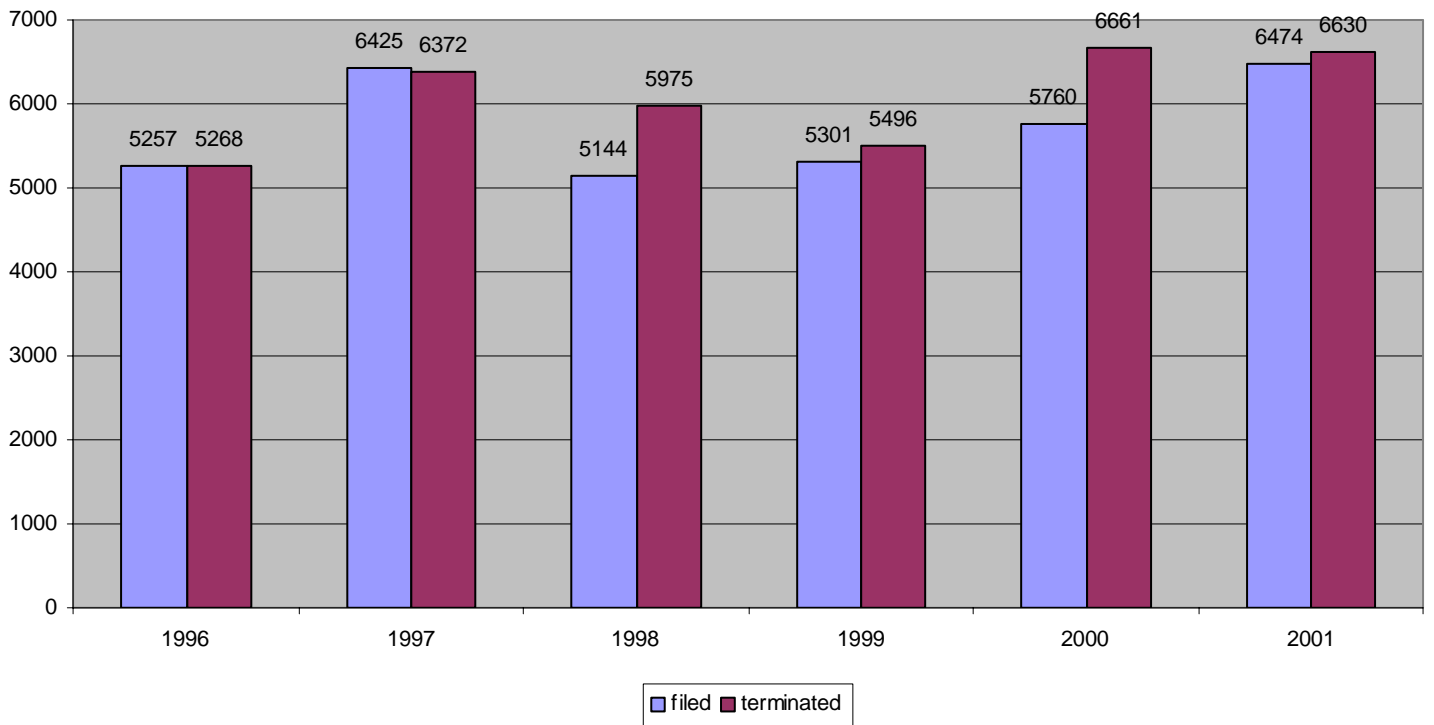
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2001 Annual Report											
TYPE OF CASE	Professional Tort	Product Liability	Other Torts	Workers Compensation	Foreclosure	Administrative Appeal	Complex Litigation	Other Civil	Criminal	TOTAL	Visiting Judges
Pending beginning of period	179	14	1070	256	727	57	0	1063	646	4035	63
New cases filed	179	15	1344	351	2525	69	X	1991	3533	10007	0
Cases transferred, reactivated or redesignated	47	2	149	63	139	7	1	155	264	827	0
TOTAL	405	31	2563	670	3391	133	1	3209	4443	14846	63

TERMINATIONS BY:											
Jury trial	18	1	68	3	0	0	0	24	104	218	0
Court trial	3	0	1	1	1	6	0	30	13	55	0
Settled or dismissed prior to trial	74	9	709	207	118	7	0	500	12	1636	0
Dismissal	48	3	280	74	463	24	0	331	150	1373	0
Dismissal for lack of speedy trial (criminal) or want of prosecution (civil)	4	0	12	3	48	3	0	39	0	109	0
Magistrate	0	0	5	2	5	3	0	57	X	72	0
Diversion or arbitration	5	0	145	40	1	0	0	56	42	289	0
Guilty or no contest plea to original charge (criminal); Default (civil)	1	0	38	0	1006	2	0	484	1422	2953	0
Guilty or no contest plea to reduced charge	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1689	1689	0
Unavailability of party for trial or sentencing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	305	305	0
Transfer to another judge or court	45	4	127	68	19	6	0	145	15	429	0
Referral to private judge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	0
Bankruptcy stay or interlocutory appeal	4	1	21	1	263	0	0	94	0	384	0
Other terminations —	13	0	116	22	423	29	0	267	1	871	0
TOTAL —	215	18	1522	421	2347	80	0	2027	3753	10383	0
PENDING END OF PERIOD	190	13	1041	249	1044	53	1	1182	690	4463	0

Civil Filings and Terminations for 2001 Monthly Comparison



Comparison of Filings/Terminations for Past Six Years



CRIMINAL CASE ACTIVITY - 2001

Caseload: The number of criminal cases filed in 2001 was 3,986 compared to 3,449 in 2000 for an increase of 537 cases. A total of 3,556 defendants were involved in 2001, which was an increase of 315 defendants over the 2000 defendant count of 3,241.

Felonies: In 2001 there were 5,702 felony charges, of which 3,509 resulted in convictions or dismissals of 2,708 defendants. There were 824 defendants sentenced to the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, 109 were sentenced to the Ohio Reformatory for Women, 1,558 were given probation/community control, 3 were given suspended sentences, 4 were sentenced to the Summit County Jail, 1 was transferred to another county, and 209 cases were dismissed. A total of 2,193 felony charges were dismissed.

Misdemeanors: In 2001 there were 2,180 misdemeanor charges, of which 880 resulted in convictions or dismissals of 429 defendants. There were 49 defendants given Summit County Jail sentences, 343 were given probation/community control, 9 were ordered to pay fines and costs, and 28 were given suspended sentences. A total of 1,300 misdemeanor charges were dismissed.

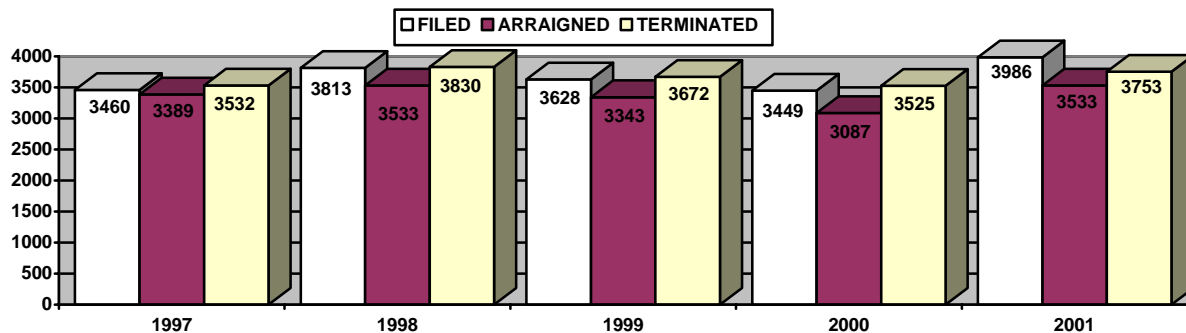
Trials:

(Jury) – There were 104 jury trials involving 103 defendants. The defendants were found guilty of 86 felonies and 34 misdemeanors, not guilty of 62 felonies and 11 misdemeanors, and the defendants pled at the time of trial to 13 felonies and 4 misdemeanors. There were 40 felonies and 12 misdemeanors dismissed at the time of trial. Dispositions of the trials were: 46 sentenced to the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, 2 sentenced to the Ohio Reformatory for Women, 20 were placed on probation/community control, 7 were sentenced to the Summit County Jail, 5 cases were dismissed, and 24 Not Guilty verdicts were returned.

(Court) – There were 13 court trials involving 13 defendants. The defendants were found guilty of 5 felonies and 6 misdemeanors, and not guilty to 13 felonies and 1 misdemeanor. There were 3 felonies and 3 misdemeanors dismissed at the time of trial. Dispositions of the court trials were: 5 found not guilty by reason of insanity, 4 sentenced to the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, 1 was given probation/community control, 1 was given a suspended sentence, and 2 Not Guilty verdicts were returned.

Shock Probation/Judicial Release: A total of 626 motions for shock probation/judicial release were filed in 2001. This represents a decrease of 109 motions compared with the 2000 total of 735.

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



ARBITRATION CASES

In 2001 the Court had 292 cases referred to Rule 10 Arbitration which was a decrease of 154 cases below the previous calendar year. There were 194 cases arbitrated and 96 cases settled before hearing. Appeals De Novo were filed for 98 cases which were 50% percent of the cases heard. A total of 46 cases were appealed and settled. There were 36 cases filed for appeal by plaintiffs and 62 by defendants. The total cost for Arbitration during 2001 was \$47,850.00. The Court has 400 attorneys on the volunteer arbitration list who spend an average of 3.0 hours on each hearing.

VISITING JUDGES

In 2001 the Summit County Common Pleas Court General Division continued its use of visiting judges to assist with the caseload. The Court used active and retired judges to preside over a total of 126.5 days during 2001.

Cost of Visiting		
Payment by County		\$6,580.00
Payment by State		\$35,485.00
	Total	\$42,065.00

The following judges presided over cases for the court during 2001:

Phillip A. Baird, Medina County (retired)
 Frank J. Bayer, Summit County (retired)
 Mary Cacioppo, 9th District Court of Appeals (retired)
 Joseph Cirigliano, 9th District Court of Appeals (retired)
 William F. Chinnock, Cuyahoga County (retired)
 Sheila G. Farmer, 5th District Court of Appeals
 Robert B. Ford, Geauga County (retired)
 Robert M. Lawther, Cuyahoga County (retired)
 Roger G. Lile, Tuscarawas County (retired)
 Glen B. Morgan, Summit County (retired)
 John W. Wise, 5th District Court of Appeals

MEDIATION

In June of 1998 the Court began to offer court-sponsored mediation to parties who have filed suit in Common Pleas Court. Frank Motz, the Court Mediator, mediates cases assigned to him by the General Division Judges. Cases, which can be assigned to mediation, include personal injury, business disputes, workers' compensation, foreclosure, quiet title, and non-payment of student loans. Cases can be selected by the assigned judge or can be sent to mediation because all of the parties have consented. In 2001, 495 cases were settled after referral to mediation.

Mediation Statistics	1998*	1999	2000	2001
Cases Pending Beginning of Year	-	44	117	251
Cases Referred	169	330	805	970
Returned to Court	73	140	236	288
Cases Settled	52	124	416	495
Removed prior to completion	-	-	35	147
Cases Pending End of Year	44	110	235	291

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

MAGISTRATE

John Shoemaker, the Chief Magistrate for the General Division, has served the Court for fifteen years. The Magistrate assists the General Division Judges by handling a variety of civil matters assigned to him via general and limited orders of reference. Under Civil Rule 53, the Magistrate can preside over bench and jury trials, and can handle any matters preliminary to litigation. In 2001, as part of his civil duties, the Magistrate presided over 13 jury trials and 30 bench trials.

Under ORC 2903.214, effective 1998, persons are authorized to petition the Court for an anti-stalking civil protection order. The Magistrate has received references on the majority of these petitions. The Magistrate conducted ex parte and full hearings on 28 such petitions during 2001.

Under Criminal Rule 19, the Magistrate can perform some criminal tasks. The Magistrate conducts all arraignments for the General Division Judges. The video arraignment procedure which commenced in 1998 continues. Out of a total of 4754 Defendants arraigned in 2001, 2068 incarcerated inmates were arraigned by video closed circuit television.

Since 1988 the Court has held Settlement Week in early June. In 2001 the Magistrate coordinated settlement week for the 13th year. Local attorneys volunteer as mediators to handle the settlement conferences. As a result of their efforts, 67 cases were settled which represents 37% of the 181 submitted.

MAGISTRATE'S 2001 STATISTICS

CASES:	2001
Pending Jan 1	173
Referred	657
Closed	(705)
Pending Dec 31	125

CIVIL CASE ACTIVITIES:

Bench Trials	30
Jury Trials	13
Oral Hearings	174
Status Conferences	485
Total Activities	702

CRIMINAL CASE ACTIVITIES: 2001

Oral Hearings	18
Arraignment Call Days	100
Total Items	118

ADULT PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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The caseload of the Adult Probation Department was 3,238 in 2001 compared to 3,594 in 2000. The number of new probation referrals to this department in 2001 was 2,017 compared with 1,676 in 2000. The number of presentence investigations decreased from 1,781 in 2000 to 1,097 in 2001.

The major development in 2001 was the increases in the number of officers working with specialized workloads and the continuing development of the computerization as the Court moves toward automated case management.

PERSONNEL ACTIVITY

The following personnel activity occurred during 2000:

Additions:

Michelle Kocian
Steve Urbon

Separations:

Jennifer Wallace
Marianne Gaffga
Rene' Watson
Michael Hairston
Janice Sturkey

PROGRAMS

Pretrial Release:

Steve Urbon replaced John McAleese as Pretrial Release Officer. The judges are considering the expansion of this program as the result of a consultant's comprehensive study which identified the development of a supervision component as an area of need in the pretrial release program.

Community Service/ Work Release:

The duties of the Community Service Coordinator and those of the Work Release Coordinator have been combined. Marianne Gaffga the former Community Service Coordinator, resigned after thirteen years of service to the department. Michelle Kocian has replaced her assuming the duties of this program along with the Work Release and LEADS programs.

Intensive Supervision:

The Intensive Supervision Unit is supervising 250 individuals; as of December 31,2001and the referral rate remains steady, as has the staff.

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

	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
Referrals	345	363	274	311	249
Commitments	116	107	91	78	51
New Offenses	41	16	20	20	13
Technical Violation	67	67	63	79	38
Capiases	106	106	83	94	94
Successful Completion	194	141	163	95	112
Average Length of Supervision	8.7 mos	9.1 Mos	9.2 Mos	8 Mos	10Mos.

The caseloads of the Intensive Supervision Unit continue to exceed its annual projection of 200 referrals. The average length of supervision was 8.7 months in 2001 compared with 9.1 months in 2000.

Program Development during 2001

During the past year, the department has initiated several specialized teams of officers in response to consultant's study conducted by Dr. Kalmanoff, which point out the need for a more concerted effort by the Adult Probation Department to match specific offenders with specific supervision methods. Assigning specific officers facilitates communication with the relevant agencies and current information relating to particular offender groups. To that end, the department has created the following programs.

Child Support Enforcement Team:

This team consists of three officers who focus primarily on felony child support cases.

DUI Officer

Two officers have been assigned the supervision of felony DUI cases along with their regular caseloads.

Job and Family Services (Welfare Fraud)

There are two probation officers assigned to this group of offenders.

Mental Health Team

This team consists of two probation officers who handle the supervision of severely mentally ill offenders.

Sex Offender Unit

The Sex Offender Unit was formed in July of 2001. During the initial month, general cases of the unit's officers were transferred to supervision officers while the unit received sex offense cases. Upon receipt of all cases, three group reporting sessions are scheduled to inform sex offender probationers of the transfer, their assignment to the sex offender unit and for signing of rules and sex offender special conditions. Actual supervision of the cases began in August of 2001. The unit caseload total has increased each month since inception, with an average caseload total of 80. The caseload continues to rise due to increasing arrests/convictions under the "Failure to Register"/"Failure to Notify" statute, also known as "Megan's Law".

Supervision within the field including verification of the registered sex offender's residence has been a primary goal of the sex offender unit. Each month statistics have been submitted for field contacts, collateral contacts and office contacts. The average monthly total contacts for 2001 equaled 151.

The unit meets on a monthly basis with the Portage Path Sex Offender Program's treatment providers as well as with other enforcement agencies including representatives of the Summit County Sheriff's Office and officers of the Adult Parole Authority's Sex Offender Unit. A task force designed to enhance the supervision of sex offenders has been formed between this unit, the Adult Parole Authority, the Prosecutor's Office, the Sheriff's Office, and the Children's Services Board.

The statistical tables on the following pages summarize all other department activity.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR 2001

	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
Total Caseload	3,238	3,594	3,580	3,538	3,173
New Probation Referrals					
Probation*	1,710	1,470	1,643	1,846	1,684
Probation/CBCF***	278	Incl.	Incl.	Incl.	108
Probation/Summit County Jail	0	0	0	0	0
Shock Probation	95	170	193	198	124
Treatment in Lieu of Conviction	55	36	37	35	28
Courtesy Supervision	0	0	0	0	0
Unsupervised Probation	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0
Bond Supervision	0	0	3	0	2
TOTAL	<u>2,138</u>	<u>1,676</u>	<u>1,876</u>	<u>2,079</u>	<u>1,946</u>

*Includes Intensive Supervision, Probation/Fine, and referrals for Work Release.

Felonies and Misdemeanors	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
Felonies					
Males	1,269	1,013	1,146	1,284	1,206
Females	404	356	353	428	477
Undetermined.....	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	<u>1,673</u>	<u>1,369</u>	<u>1,499</u>	<u>1,712</u>	<u>1,683</u>
Misdemeanors					
Males	270	220	294	275	203
Females	74	87	81	92	59
Undetermined.....	0	0	1	0	1
TOTAL	<u>344</u>	<u>307</u>	<u>376</u>	<u>367</u>	<u>263</u>
AGES					
17 and under	1	3	8	2	1
18	109	89	96	122	131
19	132	113	125	142	116
20	131	90	109	106	103
21	94	90	95	122	103
22	71	71	73	68	92
23	57	52	72	67	71
24	73	54	65	68	46
25-30	382	318	337	395	403
31-35	293	219	270	322	330
36-40	267	234	273	290	272
41-50	265	265	271	293	219
51-65	67	71	69	76	55
66 & Over	9	7	12	5	11
Undetermined.....	0	0	1	1	1
TOTAL	<u>1,951</u>	<u>1,676</u>	<u>1,876</u>	<u>2,079</u>	<u>1,954</u>
Victim Impact Statements	676	469	587	603	478

Disposition of Arrested While on Probation	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
Department of Corrections	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	161
Reformatory for Women	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	27
Summit County Jail	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	38

Summit County Jail/Probation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
Probation Continued.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	185
Probation Terminated.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	20
Pending	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	36
Dismissed	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6
Capias	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7
TOTAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	480
Disposition of Those Cited for Probation Violations					
Dept of Corrections	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	102
Reformatory for Women	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17
Summit County Jail	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11
Summit County Jail/Probation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3
Probation Continued.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	196
Probation Terminated.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	23
Pending	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	36
Dismissed	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6
Capias	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7
TOTAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	401

Pretrial Release Program	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
Interview	550	572	618	740	772
Positive Recommendations.....	414	473	495	597	668
Released on Bond.....	88	67	80	52	75
Pretrial Release.....	289	309	330	385	381
Males Released	206	232	260	327	284
Females Released	83	77	70	58	97
No Shows	4	12	23	20	23
Drug Court.....	87	161	218	148	173
Work/Study Release Program	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
Referrals.....	N/A	264	338	174	190
Release Granted	N/A	252	323	174	190
Release Denied.....	N/A	12	15	0	0
Completions	N/A	96	119	154	108
Violations.....	N/A	24	61	12	13
Other Closed Cases	N/A	0	16	0	0
Active Cases as of 12/31/01	N/A	132	32	77	69
Community Service Program					
Referrals.....	N/A	98	166	192	198
Placements*	N/A	99	163	220	242
Completions*	N/A	137	137	224	224
Violations.....	N/A	4	1	105	7
Other Closed Cases.....	N/A	22	0	0	0
Active Cases as of 12/31/01	N/A	78	109	105	111

Figures for 2000 are estimated and reliable figure unavailable for 2001 because of the absence of a Work Release Coordinator for the final six months of the 2000 and first eleven months of 2001.

Sealing of Record	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
Granted	104	131	100	211	109
Withdrawn	9	10	6	102	13
Overruled	0	0	0	5	0
Dismissed.....	0	0	0	0	0
Denied.....	69	41	48	35	26

Filed in Error.....	0	0	0	0	0
Pending	357	227	229	69	73
TOTAL	439	409	383	422	221
Disposition of Presentence Investigations					
Probation.....	451	430	600	593	652
Probation/CBCF	278	236	Incl.	Incl.	Incl.
Probation/Summit County Jail.....	0	0	0	0	0
Work Release	Incl.	Incl.	Incl.	Incl.	Incl.
Department of Corrections	784	774	818	874	817
Reformatory for Women.....	161	143	153	157	132
Capias	32	38	0	31	0
Summit County Jail	45	54	40	53	33
Unsupervised Probation.....	0	0	0	0	0
Electric Chair.....	0	0	0	0	0
Pending	0	0	0	28	0
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0
Intensive Supervision	108	106	81	95	66
TOTAL	1,859	1,781	1,692	1,831	1,700
Probation Finals/Terminations					
	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
Terminations	453	442	413	392	341
Final	886	693	571	524	635
Sentenced in Another Case	12	4	8	15	6
Deceased	0	0	0	0	0
Other	9	22	9	4	8
Treatment in Lieu of Conviction	23	24	24	13	14
TOTAL	1,383	1,185	1,025	948	1,004
Sentencings					
Department of Corrections	784	774	818	874	817
Ohio State Reformatory for Women.....	161	143	153	157	132
Summit County Jail	45	54	40	53	33
TOTAL	990	971	1,011	1,084	982
Sentenced In					
Probation Violation	476	477	515	516	454
Capias	1	1	0	0	0
Presentence Investigation.....	549	543	552	614	566
Treatment in Lieu of Conviction	7	2	2	3	0
Victim Impact Statement Only.....	3	0	1	6	1
TOTAL	1,036	1,023	1,070	1,139	1,021

PSYCHO-DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC

Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic is the certified forensic center providing psychological evaluations, courtroom testimony and consultation to the Common Pleas (Criminal) Courts of Summit, Stark, Portage, Medina and Geauga Counties. The Clinic also provides these services to Summit County Domestic Relations Court and to Municipal Courts in Summit County. Evaluations are occasionally provided to other courts on a fee-for-service basis. The Clinic is funded by the Ohio Department of Mental Health, the Summit County General Fund, and the County of Summit Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board.

Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic is directed by a clinical psychologist board certified in forensic psychology and staffed by a full-time clinical psychologist, a social worker, and consulting psychologists. The Clinic examiners are listed in Table 1.

COURT-ORDERED EVALUATIONS

The Clinic performed 438 court-ordered evaluations in 2001. Sixty-five percent (65%) of these evaluations were provided for Summit County Common Pleas Court and Adult Probation Department. Fifteen percent (15%) of these evaluations were ordered by Stark, Medina, Portage and Geauga County Common Pleas Courts, which the Ohio Department of Mental Health funds the Clinic to serve. Sixteen percent (16%) of Clinic referrals came from Municipal and Domestic Relations Courts in Summit County, which the County of Summit Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board funds the Clinic to serve. Three percent (3%) of the evaluations were completed for other courts the Clinic serves on a fee-for-service basis. Juvenile courts accounted for less than one percent of 2001 referrals. Clinic referrals by referral source over the past six years are summarized in Table 2.

Table 3 contains a breakdown of referrals to the Clinic by referral issue over the past six years. The primary referral issues which the Clinic is asked to address are competency to stand trial (37% of referrals), sanity at the time of the act (15% of referrals), drug dependence (27% of referrals), evaluations following a finding of not guilty by reason of insanity (9% of referrals), mitigation of penalty or post-sentence evaluations (7% of referrals), and evaluations for indigent families for Domestic Relations Court (5% of referrals).

CONDITIONAL RELEASE MONITORING

In 1985, Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic developed a monitoring program for Summit County Common Pleas Court to follow defendants found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity who were committed to community mental health treatment on conditional release status. This monitoring program has ensured that these individuals are provided appropriate treatment and that, if their adjustment in the community deteriorates, they can be readily hospitalized. Dr. Stafford gave a presentation on this conditional release program to the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors' Forensic Division in September 2001.

Information on the number of individuals monitored on conditional release commitment under the jurisdiction of Summit County Common Pleas Court over the past six years is presented in Table 4. In 2001, the Clinic monitored a total of 48 individuals committed to conditional release by the court. Ten individuals were newly committed to treatment in the community on conditional release. Seven individuals were successfully discharged from conditional release commitment in 2001. Only one of these 48 clients required revocation of conditional release and hospitalization. The number of revocations has dramatically decreased from the eight revocations that occurred during a six-month period in 1998-1999. This decrease in conditional release revocations is the result of greater reliance on Clinic second opinions regarding when NGRJ patients are ready for discharge from the hospital to conditional release commitment in the community. Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic works closely with Community Support Services in Summit County to ensure that conditional release clients and mentally ill probationers receive the services they need to make a successful community adjustment.

RESEARCH AND TRAINING.

The Clinic continued to collaborate in research and training activities with the Kent State University Department of Psychology, the Ohio Department of Mental Health, the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine (NEOUCOM) and the Cleveland Veterans Administration Medical Center in 2001. Two doctoral students from the American Psychological Association (APA)-approved training program in clinical psychology at Kent State University served placements at Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic. Six psychiatry residents from the NEOUCOM Psychiatry Residency program served forensic rotations at the Clinic one day per week as part of their training. The results of research data continue to be published in refereed journals and presented at professional meetings. Research and publication activity is not funded by Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic.

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TABLE I

PSYCHO-DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC EXAMINERS

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TABLE 2
REFERRALS BY SOURCE AND YEAR

REFERRAL SOURCE	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
Summit Common Pleas Court	284	255	225	217	217	161
Stark Common Pleas Court	44	45	37	48	27	22
Medina Common Pleas Court	14	17	16	17	18	13
Portage Common Pleas Court	5	11	12	5	5	6
Geauga Common Pleas Court	1	2	0	5	8	7
Summit County Domestic Relations	22	17	22	7	11	25
Akron Municipal Court	37	35	58	45	41	31
Cuyahoga Falls Municipal Court	11	9	11	5	4	6
Barberton Municipal Court	1	2	3	3	5	6
Medina County Municipal Court	11	15	16	17	10	7
Stark County Municipal Court	4	2	6	0	6	2
Portage County Municipal Court	0	1	9	8	7	5
Summit County Adult Probation	3	2	5	8	10	15
Other Courts	*1	*1	0	5	1	0
TOTAL	438	414	420	390	370	306

* Juvenile Court

TABLE 3
REFERRALS BY TYPE AND YEAR

REFERRAL TYPE	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
Competency to Stand Trial ORC Section 2945.371(G)(3)	160	154	189	166	150	127
Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity ORC Section 2945.37 (G)(4)	65	70	69	73	79	57
Treatment in Lieu of Conviction ORC Section 2951.041	120	75	52	49	58	43
Mitigation ORC Section 2947.06	20	46	35	32	18	14
Post Sentence ORC Section 2967.22	12	24	19	20	24	28
Non Secured Status ORC Section 2945.401	21	13	22	28	14	0
Commitment-NGRI ORC Section 2945.40	17	12	10	8	11	11
Domestic Relations	22	17	22	7	11	25
Sexual Classifications	1	3	2	4	5	0
TOTALS	438	414	420	387	370	305

TABLE 4
CONDITIONAL RELEASE MONITORING

CLIENTS	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
Monitored	48	43	41	32	27	25
New Commitments	10	10	15	7	8	7
Discharges	7	5	3	2	3	2
Revocations	1	3	6	2	1	2

JURY MANAGEMENT

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

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

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

Jurors selected for Grand Jury were required to serve a four month term. Beginning May 4, 1999, the Grand Jury was reduced to a 2 month session to ease the burden on people called and to get more county residents involved in the justice system. The process for selecting the Grand Jury from the pool of jurors summoned for each session is governed by Crim.R. 6. Once the Grand Jury is selected, those jurors now serve for 2 months.

Beginning September 14, 1998, the term of service for Petit Jurors was reduced from 2 weeks to 1 week/or 1 trial. This was done in order to make jury service less of a hardship and to increase participation due to the recent changes to legislation governing excuses and exemptions. For the 2001-2002 jury year 40,000 jurors were drawn for Summit County, 10,000 for Akron Municipal Court, and 5,000 each for Barberton and Cuyahoga Falls Municipal Courts. These jurors are then divided equally between the three sessions of court, and summoned to one week of service within the four month session to which they were selected.

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

Total Year	Total Paid	Average Jurors	Muni Ct Days	Reimbursed Days	By Muni Cts
1997	\$199,680	7,153	2.79	2,760	* \$15,808
1998	\$302,830	9,469	3.19	2,710	\$36,986
1999	\$286,740	13,154	2.18	2,513	\$26,895
2000	\$340,321	12,586	2.73	2,362	\$38,420
2001	\$374,828	13,407	2.79	2,358	\$34,589

*In the past the dollar amount reported was the amount billed to the municipal courts. Commencing with 1997, the amount will be the dollars actually paid as reimbursements for jury fees by the municipal courts. The difference between billed and paid is the result of state code violations tried in municipal court and for which they do not reimburse jury fees pursuant to ORC 1901.25

COUNTY of SUMMIT

COURTHOUSE SECURITY

In the year 2001, the Sheriff's Court and Special Services Bureau had the responsibility of providing security and prisoner transport for the Summit County Court of Common Pleas. The tables below provide a statistical overview and comparison of the Security Surveillance Stations, Incident Reporting and Prisoner Transportation.

Security Surveillance Stations

	1998	1999	2000	2001
Firearms *	6	29	28	15
Edged or Sharp Items	2,761	2,768	2,210	2,859
Chemical Agents	1,715	1,065	572	385
Drug Paraphernalia	1	1	0	3
Miscellaneous **	123	373	548	670
TOTAL	4,606	4,236	3,358	3,932

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

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

Courthouse Incident Reporting Overview

	1998	1999	2000	2001
Assaults	3	2	2	1
Theft and Bad Checks	5	1	1	2
Disorderly Conduct	10	9	5	4
Injury / Illness	65	12	17	15
Lost / Found Property	11	5	6	11
Escape Attempts	0	0	0	0
Contraband Incidents	3	1	0	0
Alarm Activation	5	24	23	3
Arrests	2	5	20	15
Miscellaneous	12	6	0	20
Domestic Court Arguments	402	569	375	984
Domestic Court Threats	370	609	518	99

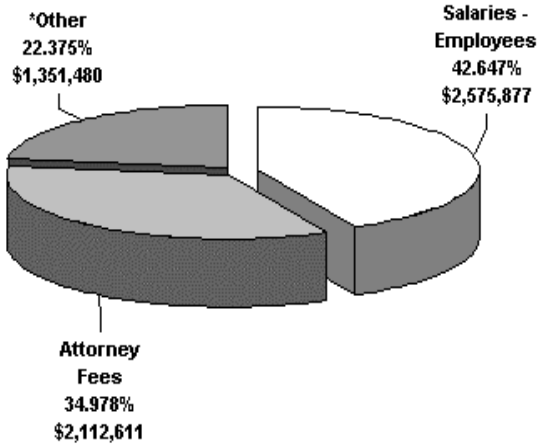
Prisoner Transportation by Court Order

	1998	1999	2000	2001
To Correction Institutions	1,782	1,878	1,908	1,946
From Correction Institutions	412	428	556	359
Common Pleas Court	9,320	7,865	6,974	6,803
Other Destinations	2,338	1,118	15,422	2,596
TOTAL	13,852	11,289	24,860	11,704

* Other destinations include IBH, Oriana House, CBCF, Municipal Courts, Funeral Visitation, Polygraph Examinations, Psychiatric Facilities, or any other destination that the Court may order.

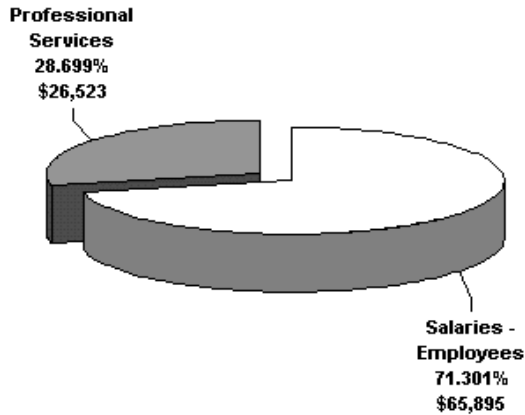
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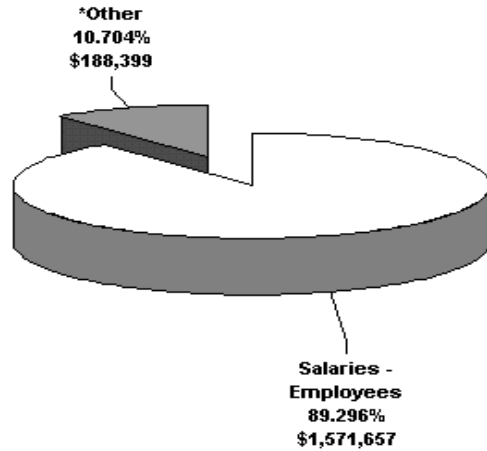


*Other		
Salaries-Officials-----	\$112,000	1.854%
Salaries Security-----	286,227	4.739%
Professional Services-----		
Transcripts-----	92,017	1.523%
Visiting Judges-----	8,404	0.139%
Arbitrator Fees-----	47,850	0.793%
Supplies-----	60,909	1.008%
Travel-----	32,040	0.530%
Contract Repair-----	24,970	0.413%
Other Expenses-----	88,564	1.466%
Jury Maintenance-----	18,864	0.312%
Witness Fees-----	418	0.007%
Juror Fees-----	374,828	6.206%
Equipment-----	136,102	2.254%
Witness Fees (G.J.)-----	4,032	0.067%
Juror Fees (G.J.)-----	64,255	1.064%
TOTAL	\$1,351,480	22.375%

PSYCHO-DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC



ADULT PROBATION DEPARTMENT



*Other		
Salaries-Security-----	\$122,669	6.970%
Supplies-----	\$16,109	0.915%
Travel-----	\$5,850	0.332%
Motor Vehicle Fuel/Repair	\$5,200	0.295%
Contract Repairs-----	\$12,582	0.715%
Other Expenses-----	\$25,989	1.477%
TOTAL	\$188,399	10.704%

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

() Indicates Number of Employees

		1998		1999		2000		2001
Court Administration								
Official Salaries		\$111,999		\$108,905		\$112,000		\$112,000
Employee Salaries	(68)	2,190,346	(68)	2,292,324	(68)	2,468,266	(69)	2,575,877
Security Salaries		257,253		268,893		278,538		286,227
Transcripts		124,244		126,346		115,913		92,017
Visiting Judges		15,122		17,925		10,252		8,404
Attorney Fees		2,108,441		2,699,772		2,217,748		2,112,611
Arbitrator Fees		151,040		88,683		76,680		47,850
Supplies		37,053		35,132		39,918		60,909
Travel		11,279		19,073		21,799		32,040
Contract Repairs		18,642		27,438		21,715		24,970
Other Expenses		76,791		74,805		83,321		88,564
Jury Maintenance		-----		12,121		13,742		18,864
Witness Fees (02308)		2,259		571		646		418
Juror Fees		302,830		286,740		340,321		374,828
Witness Fees (G.J.)		3,400		4,931		5,941		4,032
Juror Fees (G.J.)		<u>24,367</u>		<u>24,981</u>		<u>52,061</u>		<u>64,255</u>
Subtotal Administration		\$5,435,066		\$6,088,640		\$5,858,861		\$5,903,866
Adult Probation								
Adult Probation Salaries	(52)	\$1,385,273	(55)	\$1,485,723	(55)	\$1,580,279	(53)	\$1,571,657
Security Salaries						115,644		122,669
Supplies		16,349		16,600		21,000		16,109
Travel		3,963		3,983		3,980		5,850
Motor Vehicle Fuel/Repair		6,463		6,136		6,500		5,200
Contract Repairs		13,346		13,390		14,000		12,582
Other Expenses		<u>12,104</u>		<u>36,712</u>		<u>24,247</u>		<u>25,989</u>
Subtotal Adult Probation		\$1,437,498		\$1,562,544		\$1,765,650		\$1,760,056
Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic								
Salaries	(2)	\$53,753	(2)	\$57,532	(2)	\$54,874	(2)	\$65,895
Professional Services		<u>38,415</u>		<u>32,210</u>		<u>41,371</u>		<u>26,523</u>
Subtotal Psycho-Diagnostic		\$92,168		\$89,742		\$96,245		\$92,418
TOTAL COMMON PLEAS COURT	(122)	<u>\$6,964,732</u>	(125)	<u>\$7,740,926</u>	(125)	<u>\$7,720,756</u>	(124)	<u>\$7,756,340</u>