

ROSS COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
PROBATE-JUVENILE DIVISIONS
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2009 ANNUAL REPORT



Richard G. Ward, Judge

To the Board of Commissioners and Citizens of Ross County:

It is with considerable pride that I submit the report of this Court and its accomplishments. The Probate and Juvenile Divisions of the Ross County Common Pleas Court continue to strive to be staffed and structured in a manner that will best serve and meet the needs of the families and children of Ross County.

The volume and magnitude of family and child needs continue to increase with our growth in population and changes in the law. We recognize that what worked in the past will not necessarily work in the future. We must marshal our resources, prioritize our services, and promote coordination of services among our support agencies.

The information contained in this report documents the demands upon and the services of our Court. Thank you for your cooperation as we accept the challenges. We need the support of each other.

Richard G. Ward
Ross County Court of Common Pleas
Probate and Juvenile Divisions

PROBATE DIVISION

THE RECORDS OF THE PROBATE COURT OF ROSS COUNTY, OHIO PRE-
DATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE OF OHIO IN 1803

INTRODUCTION TO THE PROBATE DIVISION

The Probate Division of the Court of Common Pleas has jurisdiction concerning estates of deceased persons and of incompetent persons and minor persons, adoptions, trusts, mental illness proceedings, marriage licenses, civil actions, and various miscellaneous matters touching on inheritance and family law, other than divorce and dissolution.

There were 1,145 probate court cases filed in 2009. This is a 2% decrease from 2008 when there were 1,167 probate court cases filed.

CASE FILINGS

■ Estates

The Probate Division of the Court of Common Pleas of Ross County, Ohio, reports that:

- 374 new estate cases were filed for the year 2009.
- Thirty-three (33) cases were reopened.
- 235 estate cases pending at the end of 2008.
- In 2009, there were 405 terminations or closings, leaving 237 estates pending at the end of the year.

■ Guardianships

There were 59 new guardianships filed in 2009.

- Thirty-four (34) were guardianships of an incompetent person.

- Twenty-five (25) of the guardianship cases were guardianships of minors.

■ **Trusts**

In 2009, there was one (1) trust filed.

- During 2009, four (4) cases was terminated, leaving a caseload of fifty-four (54) trust cases pending at the end of the year.

■ **Civil Actions**

There were eleven (11) civil actions filed in 2009.

- Twelve (12) cases were terminated in 2009.

■ **Adoptions**

Forty-five (45) adoptions were filed in the year 2009.

- Two (2) were court appointed adoption placements.
- Twenty-nine (29) were adoptions by individuals or Agencies.
- Fourteen (14) were step-parent adoptions.
- Thirty-seven (37) adoptions were completed.
- Eleven (11) adoptions remain pending on the adoption docket.

■ **Mental Illness**

In the year 2009, seventy-three (73) mental illness cases were filed and terminated in this Court.

- Forty-seven (47) for the Veteran's Administration Medical Center
- Seven (7) for Adena Regional Hospital
- One (1) for the Chillicothe Correctional Institution
- Two (2) for out of county filings
- Sixteen (16) for the Scioto Paint Valley Mental Health Center

■ **Minor Settlement**

Seven (7) new applications for approval to settle injuries to minors were filed in the year 2009. One (1) case was reopened.

- Three (3) cases were pending at the end of 2008.
- Six (6) cases were terminated in 2009 leaving five (5) cases pending at the end of the year.

■ **Birth Registrations**

There were no delayed birth registrations filed in 2009.

■ **Birth Corrections**

There were five (5) application for birth correction filed in 2009.

■ **Change of Name**

There were forty-seven (47) change of name applications filed in 2009.

- Twenty-two (22) applications were for the change of name of an adult
- Twenty-five (25) applications were for the change of name of a minor
- Forty-one (41) changes of name cases were closed in 2009.

■ **Marriage License**

In 2009, five hundred (500) marriage licenses were issued.

■ **Other**

In 2009, there were twenty-three (23) additional probate filings.

Of those twenty-three (23) cases, six (6) were INRE files, fourteen (14) were wills placed on deposit with the Court for safekeeping, one (1) application for disinterment, one (1) application for unclaimed property and one (1) application for authorized monies received from inmates.

PROBATE FINANCES

\$104,769.74 in court costs was paid in the Probate Division in 2009.

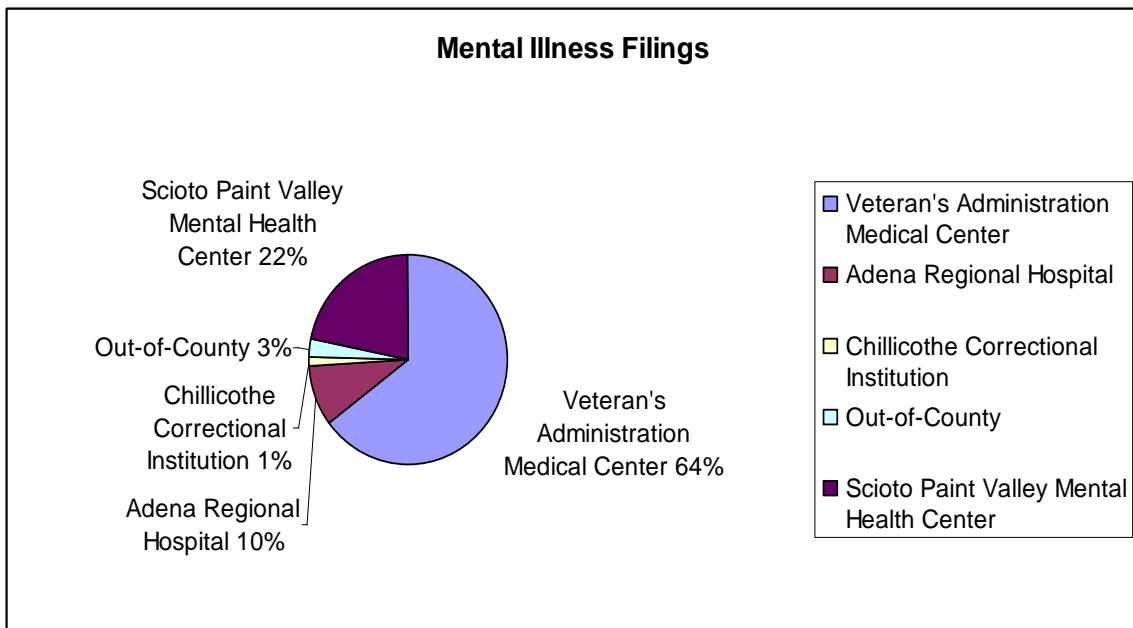
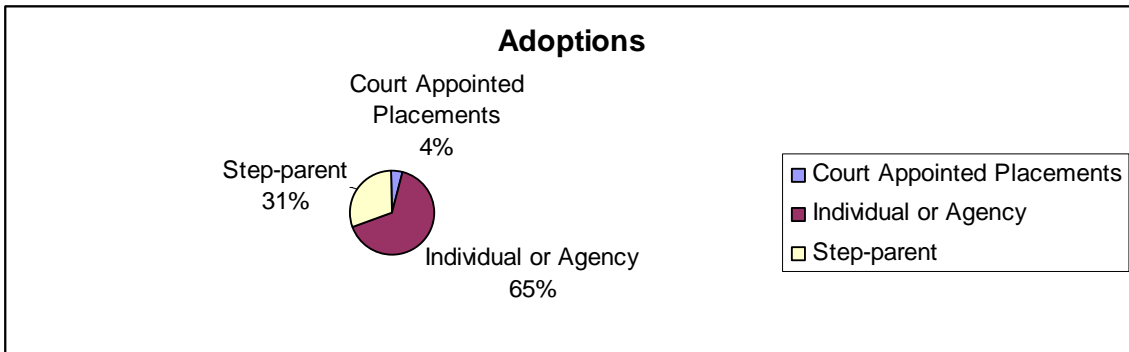
\$304,684.82 was expended in the Probate Division in 2009.

All pending litigation is current.

PROBATE CASE COMPARISONS

Probate Case Table

Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Estates	398	424	357	416	337	404	374
Trusts & Guardianships	63	83	47	59	43	59	60
Civil Actions	13	20	19	16	14	9	11
Adoptions	37	49	30	34	49	29	45
Mental Illness	70	71	55	52	64	51	73
Others	596	647	618	587	603	615	582
Total	1177	1294	1126	1164	1110	1167	1145



JUVENILE DIVISION

INTRODUCTION TO THE JUVENILE DIVISION

The Juvenile Division of the Court of Common Pleas has jurisdiction concerning juveniles, including: delinquency, unruly, school truancy, juvenile traffic offender, alternative school assignments, dependency, neglect, abuse, and other juvenile matters. This division also has jurisdiction concerning adults: custody, paternity, child support, visitation, and contributing to the delinquent and/or unruliness of a minor. The Juvenile Division also has jurisdiction concerning adults in regards to school truancy matters: Failure to cause and compel the child under their charge to attend school regular in accordance with law, and aiding and abet to the unruliness of the minor by failing to cause the child under their charge to attend school in accordance with law.

There were 1,580 juvenile court cases filed in 2008.

CASE FILINGS

■ Delinquent

There were 462 delinquent cases filed. Of these filings, there were 538 charges filed.

- A delinquent child is a child who commits a violation that would be a crime if committed by an adult.
- BIND OVER – A bind over is a delinquent case in which the State files a motion to transfer jurisdiction of the case to the General Division of Ross County, Ohio to try the juvenile as an adult. In 2009, two (2) motions for bind over were filed and one was granted.

■ Unruly

In 2009, there were 85 unruly cases filed.

- Unruly cases include school tardy, school truancy, curfew, home truancy and unruly behavior. An unruly child is defined as any child who fails to submit themselves to the reasonable control of their parents, teachers, school officials, guardians, or custodians.
- First time unruly and school truancy offenders are diverted to mediation and chronic school truants are filed as delinquent complaints.

■ **Adult**

There were 94 adult cases filed in 2009.

- Of these adult case filings, there were thirteen (13) charges filed for contributing to the unruliness/delinquency of a minor.
- Eighty (80) cases filed were for cause and compel.
- Cause and compel charges are related to a parent(s) or custodian(s) not causing the child under their charge to attend school in accordance with the law.
- One (1) case was filed for aid and abet.
- In late 2000, the Court and the surrounding school systems, county and city, adopted a new school truancy program, which will change how juvenile and adult charges are filed in truancy complaints. The new law passed by the State gives stricter penalties for parents/custodians who fail to send their child/or child under their charge to attend school and also for the children themselves.

■ **Traffic**

In 2009, four hundred fifteen (415) traffic citations were filed against juveniles.

- Of the 415 citations there were 481 charges filed.

■ **Dependent, Neglect, Abuse**

In 2009, there were 100 dependent, neglect and abuse cases filed.

- Of that 100, fifteen (15) were abuse.
- Seven (7) were neglect
- Seventy-eight (78) were dependent filings.
- A dependent child is a child who lacks proper care, through no fault of his parents, guardians, or custodians.
- A neglected child is a child who lacks proper parental care due to the faults or habits of their parents, guardians, or custodians.
- An abused child is one who is a victim of physical or sexual abuse.

▪ **Paternity Child Support, Visitation, Custody**

In 2009, one hundred sixty-one (161) cases were filed regarding child support, visitation and custody.

- There were thirty (30) paternity proceedings filed in 2009.
 - Paternity cases establish the parent/child relationship for children born of unwed parents.
- Seventy-eight (78) were child support cases.
- Thirteen (13) were visitation cases.
- Thirty-eight (38) were custody cases.

• **Grandparent Power of Attorney/Child Caretaker Authorization Affidavit**

Description: House Bill 130 creates two ways for grandparents to obtain “care, physical custody, and control” over grandchildren *without changing legal custody*: 1) Power of Attorney (POA) completed by parent(s), a custodian, or a guardian of a child; and 2) Child Caretaker Authorization Affidavit (CAA), created by the grandparent when the child’s parent(s), guardian, or custodian cannot be located. The documents must be properly signed and notarized. They are valid for one year, unless terminated earlier as specified in the bill. They may be renewed after one year, subject to court review.

- In 2009, there were twenty-one (21) grandparent power of attorney/child caretaker authorization affidavits filed.

• **Marriage Consent**

There were two (2) marriage consents filed and granted in 2009.

• **Miscellaneous Cases**

- One (1) request for courtesy supervision was filed.
- Two (2) INRE cases were filed.
- Thirty-five (35) assignments to Paint Creek Youth Center (Lighthouse) were filed.
- Three (3) parental agreements were filed.
- One (1) permanent surrender was filed.

JUVENILE FINANCES

\$77,272.57, in court costs, was paid in the Juvenile Division in 2009.

\$446,284.29 was expended in the Juvenile Division in 2009.

JUVENILE CASE COMPARISONS

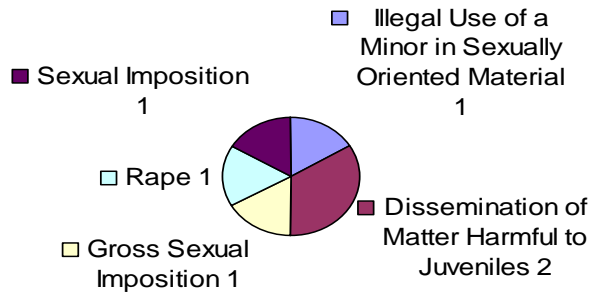
Juvenile Cases per Year

(not including miscellaneous cases)

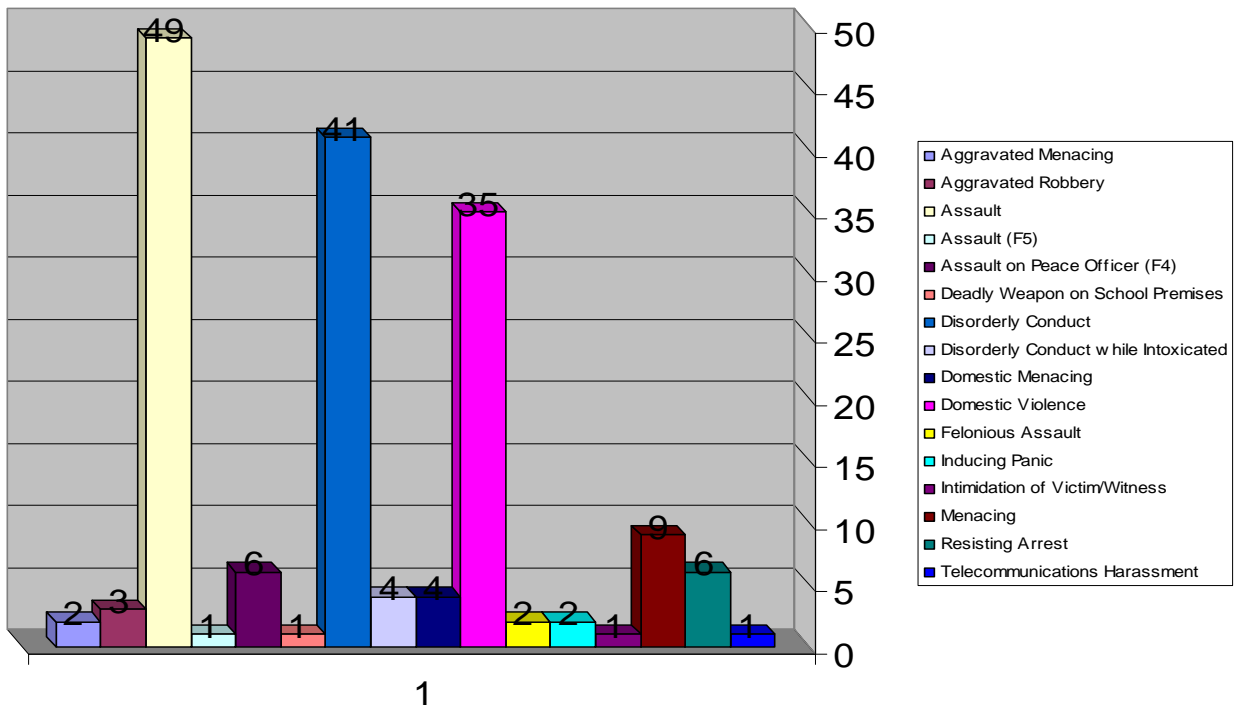
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Year	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Delinquent	501	524	482	554	557	462
Unruly	95	127	146	111	112	85
Traffic	500	446	497	470	430	415
Dependent/Neglect/Abuse	108	113	151	140	145	100
Adult	91	95	105	89	101	94
Paternity/Custody/Child Support	133	148	144	184	132	161
Total	1428	1453	1525	1548	1477	1317

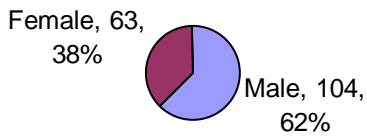
Juvenile Sex Related Charges



Juvenile Assault/Menacing Charges



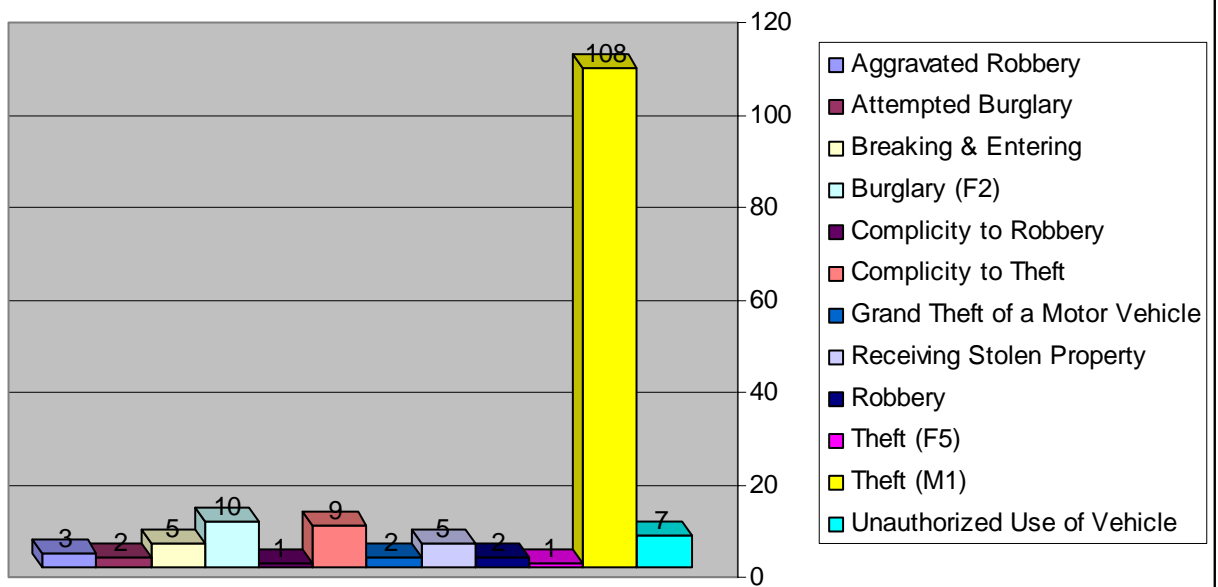
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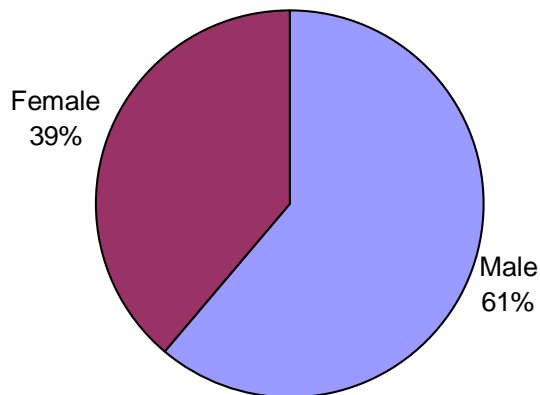
Juvenile Theft Type Charges Male/Female Ratio



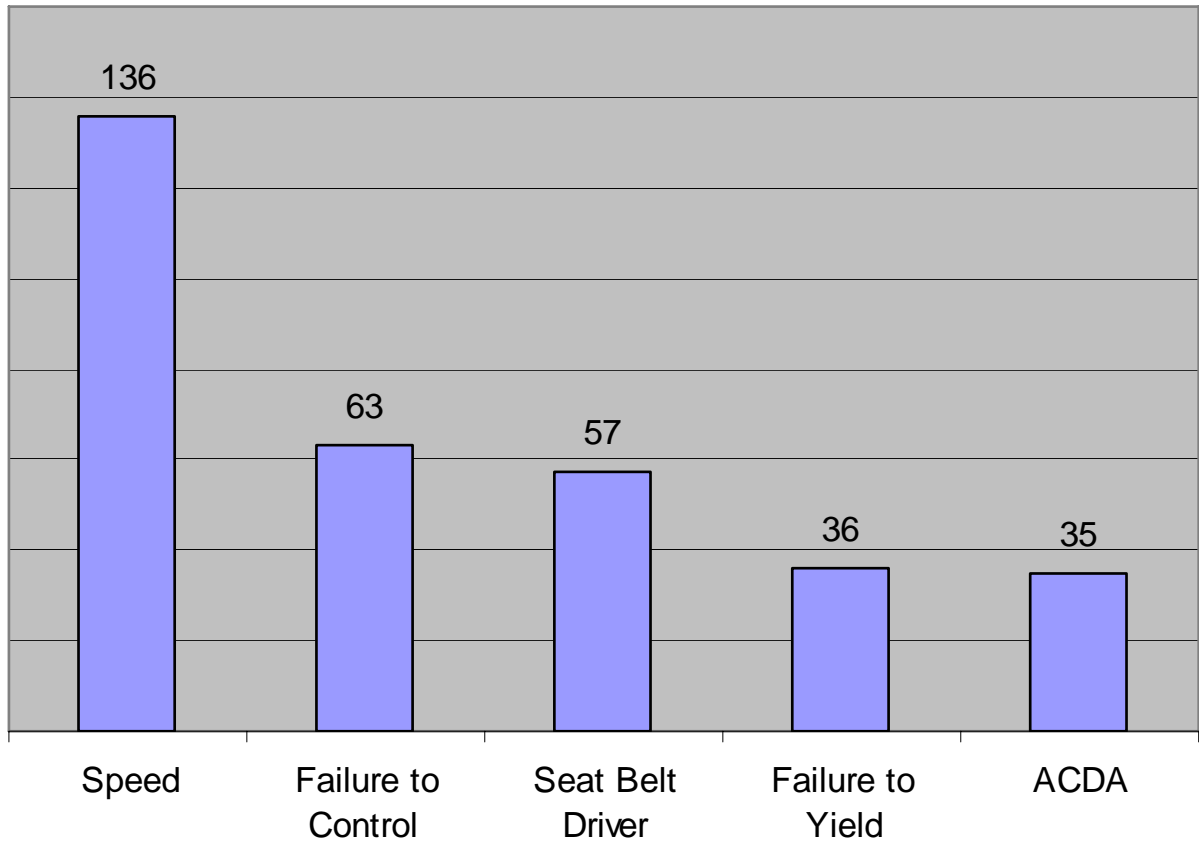
Juvenile Theft Type Charges



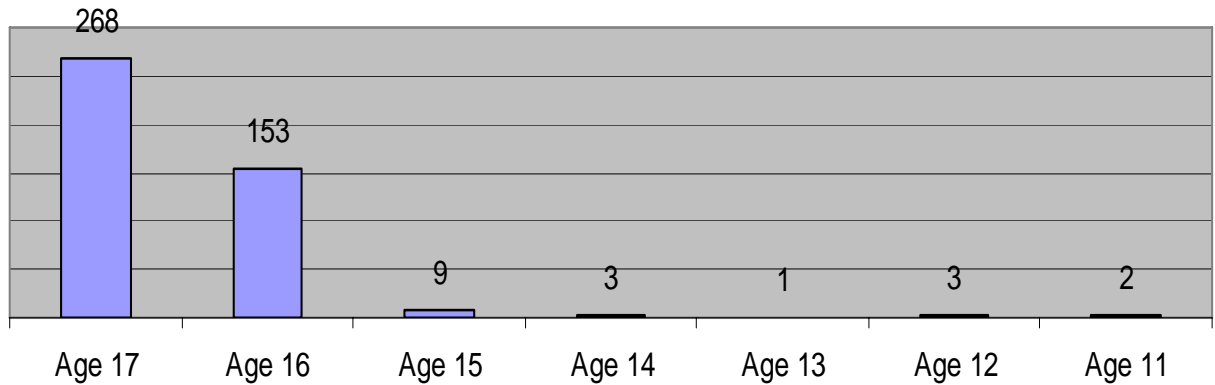
Male/Female Ratio for Traffic Charges



Top 5 Juvenile Traffic Charges



Juvenile Traffic Offenders by Age



JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

INTRODUCTION TO THE JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

The Juvenile Probation Department of the Court of Common Pleas monitors juveniles and adults placed on probation through the Juvenile Court of Ross County. The Juvenile Probation Department also:

- prepares and files monthly reports for the individuals on probation;
- prepares and files reports and memos ordered by the Juvenile Court;
- finds residential placements and non-residential treatment programs for juveniles with alcohol and drug abuse problems;
- monitors the probationer's school attendance;
- assigns community service worksites and monitors the juvenile's performance;
- assigns juveniles placed in the RESCUE program worksites; and
- takes payments for restitution.

The Juvenile Probation Department further administers drug tests and monitors children placed on electronic monitoring; and various other duties as directed by the Juvenile Court.

JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT CASE LOAD

■ Probationers

The Juvenile Probation Department began 2009 with 39 probationers and received 61 new probationers.

- Seventy-two (72) probations were terminated during the year.
- Leaving twenty-eight (28) probationers for 2010.
- Of the sixty-one (61) respondents placed on probation in 2009, twenty-two (22) resided within the city of Chillicothe.
- Thirty-nine (39) resided in the county.
- Of these probationers, fifty-five (55) were Caucasian.

- Six (6) were non-Caucasian.
- Twenty-five (25) were female.
- Thirty-eight (38) were male.

■ **Community Service**

In 2009, three thousand four hundred forty (3,440) hours of community service were ordered.

■ **Restitution & RESCUE funds**

In 2009, restitution paid to victims of crimes amounted to \$7,624.54.

RESCUE is a work program to assist juveniles in completing their restitution obligation.

- The child is assigned a work site in which the child receives a paycheck.
- However, the monies are paid to the Court and not to the child.
- The Court then deducts 65% of the child's pay and forwards this amount to the victim and of the remaining 35% the Court deducts poundage and then forwards to the child the balance of the monies.

In 2009, \$6,333.16 was paid to victims of crimes through the RESCUE program.

■ **DRUG TEST**

The Juvenile Probation Department performed one hundred forty (140) drug tests in 2009.

The Department also provided drug test kits to the Ross County Job and Family Services – Children's Division for testing on juveniles in their care. Results for those test kits are kept with the Ross County Job and Family Services – Children's Division.

- A five-drug panel test kit costs \$5.25 per urine test kit.
- The drug test costs are paid with monies received by the Court from the RECLAIM Ohio grant provided through the Ohio Department of Youth Services.

■ **Electronic Monitoring**

In 2008, sixteen (16) youth, with a total of thirty-three (33) charges, were placed on electronic monitoring.

The total cost for electronic monitoring for 2008 was \$7,563.25 at a per diem rate of \$9.75 per day for a regular HA monitor and \$17.00 for a GPS HA monitor. These costs are paid with monies received from the RECLAIM Ohio grant provided through the Ohio Department of Youth Services.

The use of electronic monitoring is an effective tool for the probation department and is more cost effective than alternative costs such as the per diem rate of \$111.00 for the Ohio Department of Youth Services, the per diem rate of \$74.00 for the Hocking Valley Community Residential Center, and a varied per diem rate at the Juvenile Detention Center (a non-member rate is \$90.00 per day).

▪ **Department of Youth Services**

In 2008, two (2) juveniles were committed to the custody of the Ohio Department of Youth Services. Commitment to the Department of Youth Services is only for felony offenders.

- Both were male.
- One (1) was white and one (1) was non-white.

▪ **Hocking Valley Community Residential Center.**

Four (4) male juveniles were placed at the Hocking Valley Community Residential Center. All were white. This facility is for male non-violent felony offenders.

Diversions

Introduction to the Court's Diversion Program

In 2008, the Court's Social Worker's position was changed to Juvenile Diversion Officer to provide a better continuity of services to youths whom are served thru the Court's Diversion Programs. This change also entailed a better collaboration of services provided to the youths who attend the Roweton Alternative Educational Campus and other schools by allowing the Juvenile Diversion Officer to serve as a Liaison between the schools and the Court.

In 2009, seventy-four (74) juveniles were referred to the Court's Diversion Officer and twenty-one (21) cases remained open from 2008. The Diversion Officer monitored 93 youths on "at-risk" probation throughout 2009.

The Diversion Officer made a total of forty-six (46) referrals to other agencies in Ross County. Those referrals were:

- Thirteen (13) referrals to the Scioto Paint Valley Mental Health Center:
 - Nine (9) for individual counseling.
 - One (1) for anger management.

- Three (3) for drug and alcohol counseling.
- Adena Counseling Center
 - Three (3) for child psychiatric services
- Sixteen (16) referrals to the Roweton Youth and Family Services
 - Twelve (12) for the Intensive Home Based Program.
 - Three (3) for the Roweton Alternative Education Program
 - One (1) for the Therapeutic Work Program
- Five (5) referrals to Job and Family Services
 - One (1) to Ross County Children’s Division
 - One (1) to Scioto County Children’s Division
 - Three (3) to CLUSTER
- One (1) Juvenile Detention Center tour
- One (1) CHS Virtual Learning Academy
- Three (3) Ross County ABLE Program
- Two (2) Armed Forces Recruiter’s Offices
- Two (2) Juvenile Court AOD Program

In addition to monitoring “at-risk” probation youths, the Court’s Diversion Officer also supervised the Court’s Intern Program. This Program employs five (5) students from Ohio University – Chillicothe each school year and places them in Ross County schools to work with Guidance and Family Intervention Staff. This was the 7^h year for this Program. The Court Diversion Officer also coordinates the Court’s Student Bailiff Program as well as collecting court data for the Ross County Family and Children First Council. In 2009, the Diversion Officer began holding weekly groups for female students placed at the Roweton Alternative Educational Campus. This group utilizes the Girls Circle curriculum which is a strength-based, skill building approach for girls to address risky behaviors, build on protective factors and improve relationships. This program is recognized by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention as a “promising approach” in working with court involved female youths.

IV-E Program

Introduction to the IV-E Program

Juvenile court has had a high degree of involvement and interest in community programs and collaborative ventures that support youth and families. The court has initiated diversion programs and fostered alternative strategies to divert youth from court sanctions and out of home placements. With dwindling budgets and increased pressures to serve unruly and delinquent youth the court has identified alternative resources to administer justice, rehabilitate juveniles, promote public safety and provide opportunities to strengthen families.

In September of 2006, Ross County Juvenile Court became a certified Title IV-E entity under the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Through Title IV-E, the federal government will reimburse a percentage of local dollars spent for services currently being provided by county juvenile courts. The juvenile court IV-E staff assesses youth for community risk, level of care and broker a range of services for youth and families. When necessary the IV-E program will assume care and

custody of unruly and delinquent youth and ensure education, comprehensive mental and behavioral health intervention services, and treatment are provided to youth and families to promote family preservation. IV-E staff also:

- Monitor service delivery in accordance with case plan activities
- Pre-dispositional investigations
- Compliance with federal IV-E regulations
- Adhere to state child welfare policies and regulations
- Recommend and supervise placements of unruly/delinquent youth
- Facilitate reunification efforts between youth and family
- Facilitate social service development for youth and family
- Complete required court reports and directives
- Supervise and case manage youth “at risk” for removal from the home
- Participate in identifying community service gaps and the development of collaborative relationships that proactively meets the needs of youth and family in the community.

The IV-E program served 120 youth ranging from “at risk”, out of home placement and alcohol and other drug services from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

In 2009, the court’s IV-E Division provided the following services:

- Case management and probation services to a total of (one hundred twenty) 120 youths in 2009.
 - Fifty-four (54) females
 - Fifty (50) Caucasian
 - Four (4) African American
 - Sixty-six (66) males
 - Sixty (60) Caucasian
 - Six (6) African American
- Youth placed in Court custody:
 - Sixteen (16) females
 - Eighteen (18) males
- For a total of thirty-four (34) juveniles and of these juveniles:
 - Five (5) were African American
 - Twenty-nine (29) were Caucasian
 - Eighteen (18) were placed in foster care homes
 - Two (2) were placed in a drug and alcohol rehabilitation setting
 - Five (5) were placed in a behavioral health and alcohol/drug IV-E certified program
 - Six (6) youth were committed to the Department of Youth Services suspended with placement at Hocking Valley Community Residential Center
 - Three (3) were released from JDC
- Reunification Information: Of the thirty-four (34) youth in juvenile court custody during 2009:
 - Sixteen (16) youth were reunified with a parent
 - Six (6) youth were placed in kinship care
 - One (1) youth was placed in a temporary custody arrangement
 - Three (3) youth aged out of the system
 - Eight (8) youth remained in custody as of January 1, 2009.

The Staff

THE STAFF OF THE PROBATE-JUVENILE DIVISIONS

- ❖ Judge Richard G. Ward became Ross County's Probate-Juvenile Court Judge in 1998. At the time of his appointment to the bench, Judge Ward was serving as Inspector General for the State of Ohio. He received his law degree from Villanova University College of Law in 1967 after graduating from Duquesne University in 1964. Judge Ward was in the private practice of law more than twenty-seven years most recently with the Ward, Kellenberger, Nusbaum, and Wissler firm in Chillicothe. The voters of Ross County elected him to his current position as Judge in November 1998 after electing him to five terms as Ross County Prosecuting Attorney.
- ❖ Magistrate Christine B. Hannan joined the Probate and Juvenile Court of Ross County in 1995. At the time of her appointment as Referee/Magistrate, Mrs. Hannan was an assistant prosecuting attorney for Ross County and a practicing lawyer with the law firm of Ward, Kellenberger, Nusbaum and Wissler. She received her law degree from Capital University School of Law in 1980 after graduating from Ball State University in 1977.
- ❖ Magistrate Steven E. Drotleff joined the Probate and Juvenile Court of Ross County in November of 2002. At the time of his appointment as Referee/Magistrate, Mr. Drotleff, was an assistant prosecuting attorney for Ross County and a practicing lawyer with the firm of Nusbaum, Ater, and Wissler. He received his law degree from Ohio State University College of Law in 1994 after graduating from Ohio University in 1991.
- ❖ Mediator, Donald E. Darby, joined the Probate and Juvenile Court in 1994. Mr. Darby started at with the Probate and Juvenile Court as a Youth Counselor and was appointed to the position of Mediator in 1999. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminology from St. Leo College in 1994.
- ❖ Data Systems Analyst, Lisa M. Bair, joined the Probate and Juvenile Court in 1990. Mrs. Bair started with the Probate and Juvenile Court as a court reporter and was formally appointed to the position of Data Systems Analyst in 2000.
- ❖ Administrative Clerk/Mediation Secretary, Wendy McWhorter, joined the Probate and Juvenile Court in 1991. Mrs. McWhorter started with the Probate and Juvenile Court as a Deputy Clerk and was appointed to the position of Administrative Clerk/Mediation Secretary in 1999.
- ❖ Court Reporter/Deputy Clerk, Donna Easter, joined the Probate and Juvenile Court in 1983. Ms. Easter started with the Probate and Juvenile Court as a Deputy Clerk and is currently working as a Court Reporter.
- ❖ General Deputy Clerk/Grant Administrator, Shelley Harper, joined the Probate and Juvenile Court in 1988. Ms. Harper started with the Probate and Juvenile Court as a Deputy Clerk and is currently working in the Juvenile Probation Department.

- ❖ Probation Officer, Linda Young, joined the Probate and Juvenile Court in 1992. Mrs. Young started with the Probate and Juvenile Court as a probation officer and has continued to maintain that position in the Juvenile Probation Department.
- ❖ Deputy Clerk, Billie Lytle, joined the Probate and Juvenile Court in 1992. Ms. Schumaker started with the Probate and Juvenile Court as a deputy clerk and is currently working in the Court's Juvenile Division.
- ❖ Chief Juvenile Clerk, Lois Smith, joined the Probate and Juvenile Court in 1993. Mrs. Smith started with the Probate and Juvenile Court as a deputy clerk in the Court's Juvenile Division. In 2005, Mrs. Smith was promoted to Chief Juvenile Clerk.
- ❖ Deputy Clerk, Penny Fannon, joined the Probate and Juvenile Court in 1995. Mrs. Fannon started with the Probate and Juvenile Court as a deputy clerk and is currently working in the Court's Probate Division.
- ❖ Deputy Clerk, Marsha Wiles, joined the Probate and Juvenile Court in 1996. Mrs. Wiles started with the Probate and Juvenile Court as a deputy clerk and currently retains that position working in the Probate Division.
- ❖ Community Service Officer, Joseph Glandon, joined the Probate and Juvenile Court in 1996. Mr. Glandon started with the Probate and Juvenile Court as a Probation Officer and is now working as the Court's Community Service Officer.
- ❖ Archivist, Janet Ackley, joined the Probate and Juvenile Court in 1997. Mrs. Ackley started with the Probate and Juvenile Court as the Court's Archives and currently retains that position.
- ❖ Security Bailiff, Gary Steen, joined the Probate and Juvenile Court in 1998. Mr. Steen started with the Court as the security bailiff and continues to maintain that position. Prior to coming to work for the Probate and Juvenile Court, Mr. Steen was a Police Officer for the City of Chillicothe and retired in 1998.
- ❖ Deputy Clerk, Sara Mick, joined the Probate and Juvenile Court in 1998. Mrs. Mick started with the Probate and Juvenile Court as a deputy clerk and continues to maintain her position working as an intake clerk in the Court's front office.
- ❖ Deputy Clerk, Tonya McGraw, joined the Probate and Juvenile Court in 1998. Mrs. McGraw started with the Probate and Juvenile Court as a deputy clerk and is currently working in the Court's Juvenile Division.
- ❖ Social Worker, Brandy McCord, joined the Probate and Juvenile Court in 2000. Mrs. McCord joined the Probate and Juvenile Court as a social worker and currently maintains that position.
- ❖ Probation Officer/Guardianship Investigator, Matt Sutherland, joined the Probate and Juvenile Court in 2001. Mr. Sutherland started with the Probate and Juvenile Court as a probation officer/guardianship investigator and currently retains that position.

- ❖ Deputy Clerk, Tammy Kellough, joined the Probate and Juvenile Court in 2001. Mrs. Kellough started with the Probate and Juvenile Court as a deputy clerk and continues to maintain her position working in the Court's Juvenile Division.
- ❖ Deputy Clerk, Rhonda Kline, joined the Probate and Juvenile Court in 2001. Mrs. Kline started with the Probate and Juvenile Court as a deputy clerk and is currently working as an intake clerk in the Court's front office.
- ❖ Bailiff, Sally Nichols, joined the Probate and Juvenile Court in 2001. Mrs. Nichols started with the Probate and Juvenile Court as a bailiff and continues to retain that position.
- ❖ Deputy Clerk, Kristi Hay, joined the Probate and Juvenile Court in 2002. Miss Hay works with the Probate and Juvenile Court as an intake clerk in the Court's front office.
- ❖ Title IV-E Program Administrator, Cheri Smitley, joined the Probate and Juvenile Court in 2005. Mrs. Smitley started with the Court as a Title II grant project director.
- ❖ Deputy Clerk, Gloria Hinty, joined the Probate and Juvenile Court in 2007. Mrs. Hinty works with the Probate and Juvenile Court as a deputy clerk in the Title IV-E Department.
- ❖ Reunification Probation Officer, Shanna Haybron, joined the Probate and Juvenile Court in 2007. Ms. Haybron started with the Probate and Juvenile Court as a reunification probation officer in the Title IV-E Department and maintains that position.
- ❖ Probation Officer, Lance Stoneking, joined the Probate and Juvenile Court in 2007. Mr. Stoneking started with the Probate and Juvenile Court as a probation officer and maintains that position working in the Court's Probation Department.
- ❖ Deputy Clerk, Stephanie Wells, joined the Probate and Juvenile Court in 2007. Miss Wells works with the Probate and Juvenile Court as an intake clerk in the Court's front office.
- ❖ Substance Abuse Counselor, Sarah Kerry, joined the Probate and Juvenile Court in 2007. Ms. Kerry works with the Probate and Juvenile Court in the Title IV-E Department
- ❖ Deputy Clerk, Becky Baemel, joined the Probate and Juvenile Court in 2009. Mrs. Baemel started with the Probate and Juvenile Court as a court reported and now works as a deputy clerk in the Juvenile Division.