

ROSS COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
PROBATE-JUVENILE DIVISIONS
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2010 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 1,117 probate court cases filed in 2010. This is a 2% decrease from 2009 when there were 1,149 probate court cases filed.

CASE FILINGS

■ Estates

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

- 380 new estate cases were filed for the year 2010.
- 237 estate cases pending at the end of 2009.
- In 2010, there were 401 terminations or closings, leaving 248 estates pending at the end of the year.

■ Guardianships

There were 50 new guardianships filed in 2010.

- Thirty-three (33) were guardianships of an incompetent person.
- Seventeen (17) of the guardianship cases were guardianships of minors.

■ **Trusts**

In 2010, there were no new trusts filed.

- During 2010, five (5) cases were terminated, leaving a caseload of forty-nine (49) trust cases pending at the end of the year.

■ **Civil Actions**

There were thirteen (13) civil actions filed in 2010.

- Nine (9) cases were terminated in 2010.

■ **Adoptions**

Twenty-five (25) adoptions were filed in the year 2010.

- Seventeen (17) were adoptions by individuals or Agencies.
- Six (6) were step-parent adoptions.
- Two (2) were foreign adoptions.
- Thirty (30) adoptions were completed.
- Six (6) adoptions remain pending on the adoption docket.

■ **Mental Illness**

In the year 2010, sixty-five (65) mental illness cases were filed and sixty-six (66) cases were terminated in this Court.

- Forty-one (41) for the Veteran's Administration Medical Center
- Eight (8) for Adena Regional Hospital
- One (1) for an out of county filing
- Fifteen (15) for the Scioto Paint Valley Mental Health Center

■ **Minor Settlement**

Six (6) new applications for approval to settle injuries to minors were filed in the year 2010.

- Five (5) cases were pending at the end of 2009.
- Seven (7) cases were terminated in 2010 leaving four (4) cases pending at the end of the year.

▪ **Birth Registrations**

There were no delayed birth registrations filed in 2010.

▪ **Birth Corrections**

There were two (2) application for birth correction filed in 2010.

▪ **Change of Name**

There were thirty-three (33) change of name applications filed in 2010.

- Seventeen (17) applications were for the change of name of an adult
- Sixteen (16) applications were for the change of name of a minor
- Thirty-eight (38) changes of name cases were closed in 2010.

▪ **Marriage License**

In 2010, five hundred twenty-four (524) marriage licenses were issued.

▪ **Other**

In 2010, there were nineteen (19) additional probate filings.

Of those nineteen (19) cases, eleven (11) were INRE files, six (6) were wills placed on deposit with the Court for safekeeping, one (1) application for unclaimed property and one (1) application for authorized monies received from inmates.

PROBATE FINANCES

\$105,211.92 in court costs was paid in the Probate Division in 2010.

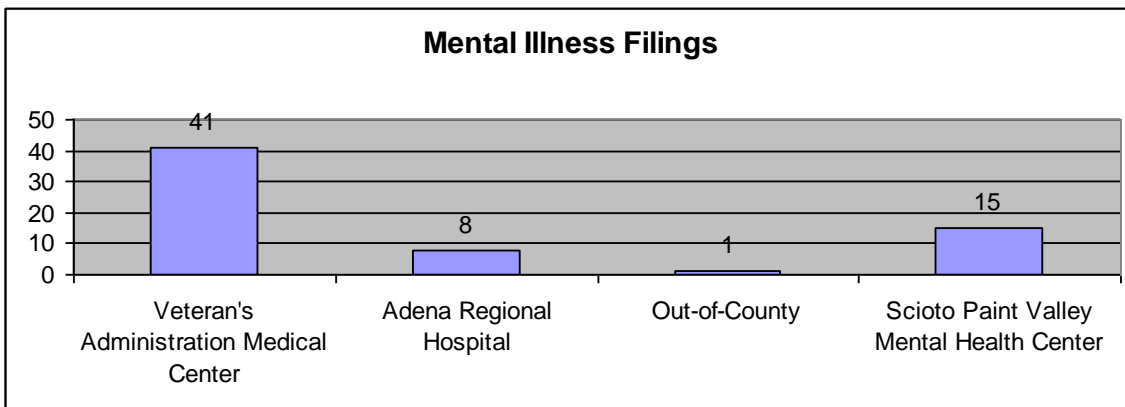
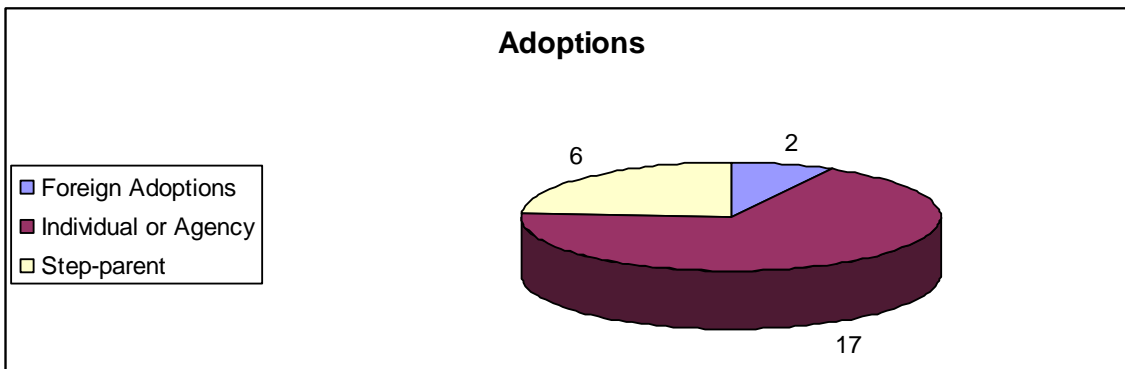
\$306,772.95 was expended in the Probate Division in 2010.

All pending litigation is current.

PROBATE CASE COMPARISONS

Probate Case Table

| Year | 2004 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Estates | 424 | 424 | 357 | 416 | 337 | 404 | 374 | 380 |
| Trusts & Guardianships | 83 | 83 | 47 | 59 | 43 | 59 | 60 | 50 |
| Civil Actions | 20 | 20 | 19 | 16 | 14 | 9 | 11 | 13 |
| Adoptions | 49 | 49 | 30 | 34 | 49 | 29 | 45 | 25 |
| Mental Illness | 71 | 71 | 55 | 52 | 64 | 51 | 73 | 65 |
| Others | 647 | 647 | 618 | 587 | 603 | 615 | 582 | 584 |
| Total | 1294 | 1294 | 1126 | 1164 | 1110 | 1167 | 1145 | 1117 |



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 1,430 juvenile court cases filed in 2010.

CASE FILINGS

■ Delinquent

There were 421 delinquent cases filed. Of these filings, there were 503 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 2010, one (1) motion for bind over was filed and one was granted.

■ Unruly

In 2010, there were 81 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 79 adult cases filed in 2010.

- Of these adult case filings, there were thirteen (13) charges filed for contributing to the unruliness/delinquency of a minor.
- Sixty-six (66) 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.
- There were no filings 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 2010, three hundred fifty-five (355) traffic citations were filed against juveniles.

- Of the 355 citations there were 415 charges filed.

■ **Dependent, Neglect, Abuse**

In 2010, there were 176 dependent, neglect and abuse cases filed.

- Of that 176, eighteen (18) were abuse.
- One (1) was for neglect
- One hundred fifty-seven (157) 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 2010, two hundred thirty-eight (238) cases were filed regarding child support, visitation and custody.

- There were thirty-one (31) paternity proceedings filed in 2010.
 - Paternity cases establish the parent/child relationship for children born of unwed parents.
- One hundred twenty-eight (128) were child support cases.
- Fifteen (15) were visitation cases.
- Sixty-four (64) 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 2010, there were twenty-eight (28) grandparent power of attorney/child caretaker authorization affidavits filed.

• **Marriage Consent**

There were two (2) marriage consents filed and granted in 2010.

• **Miscellaneous Cases**

- Three (3) INRE cases were filed.
- Forty-two (42) assignments to Paint Creek Youth Center (Lighthouse) were filed.
- Two (2) parental agreements were filed.
- One (1) request for a DNA sample was filed.

- **Juvenile Civil Protection Order**

Amended Substitute House Bill 10 authorized juvenile courts to issue and enforce civil protection orders against juveniles who commit certain offenses of violence, aggravated trespass, sexually oriented offenses, or domestic violence regardless of the familial relationship between the parties.

- There were two (2) filings for juvenile civil protections orders. Both filings were dismissed.

JUVENILE FINANCES

\$83,170.31, in court costs, was paid in the Juvenile Division in 2010.

\$461,489.82 was expended in the Juvenile Division in 2010.

JUVENILE CASE COMPARISONS

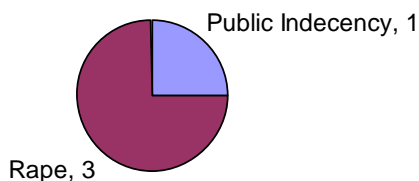
Juvenile Cases per Year

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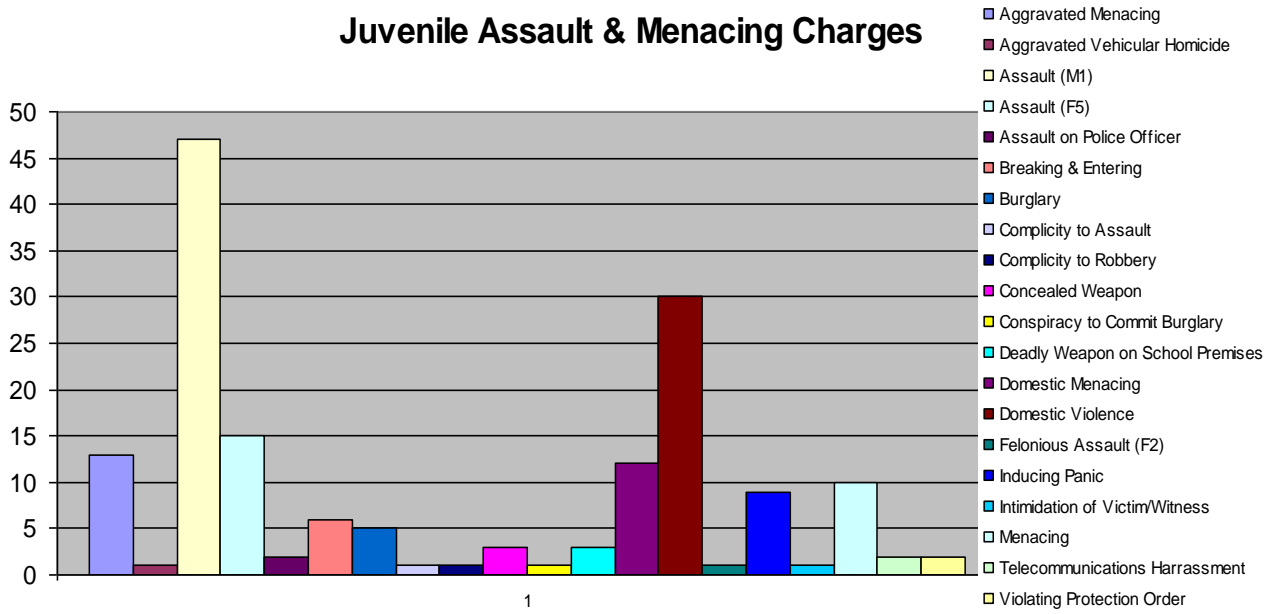
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| Year | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Delinquent | 524 | 482 | 554 | 557 | 462 | 421 |
| Unruly | 127 | 146 | 111 | 112 | 85 | 81 |
| Traffic | 446 | 497 | 470 | 430 | 415 | 355 |
| Dependent/Neglect/Abuse | 113 | 151 | 140 | 145 | 100 | 176 |
| Adult | 95 | 105 | 89 | 101 | 94 | 79 |
| Paternity/Custody/Child Support | 148 | 144 | 184 | 132 | 161 | 238 |
| Total | 1453 | 1525 | 1548 | 1477 | 1317 | 1350 |

Juvenile Sex Offense Charges



Juvenile Assault & Menacing Charges

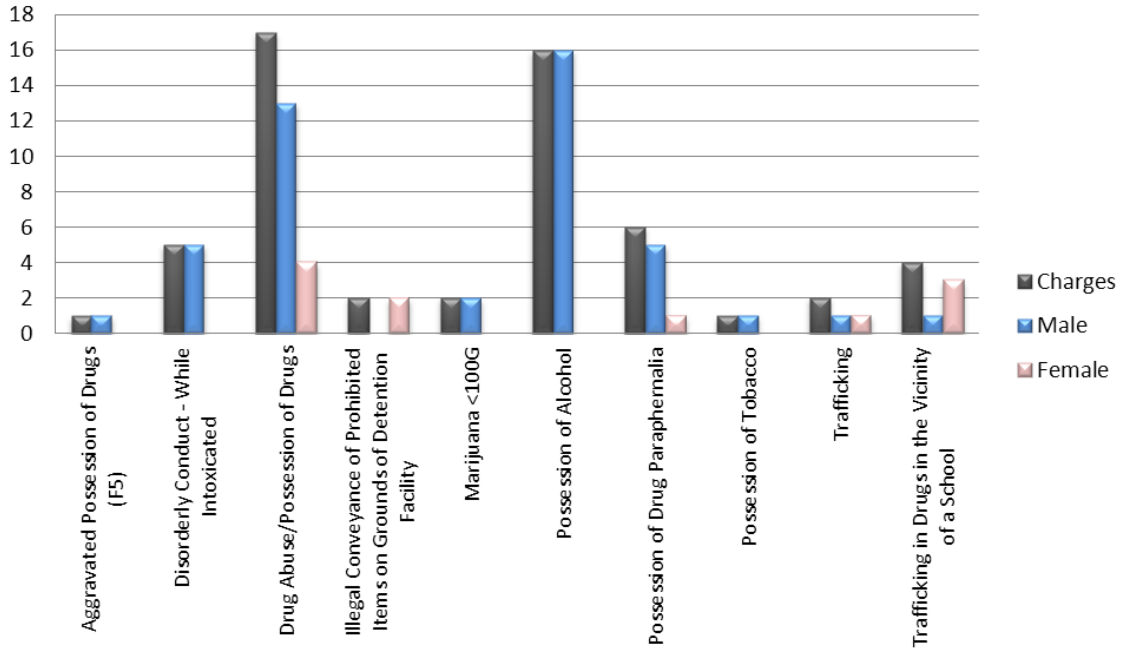


Juvenile Theft Charges



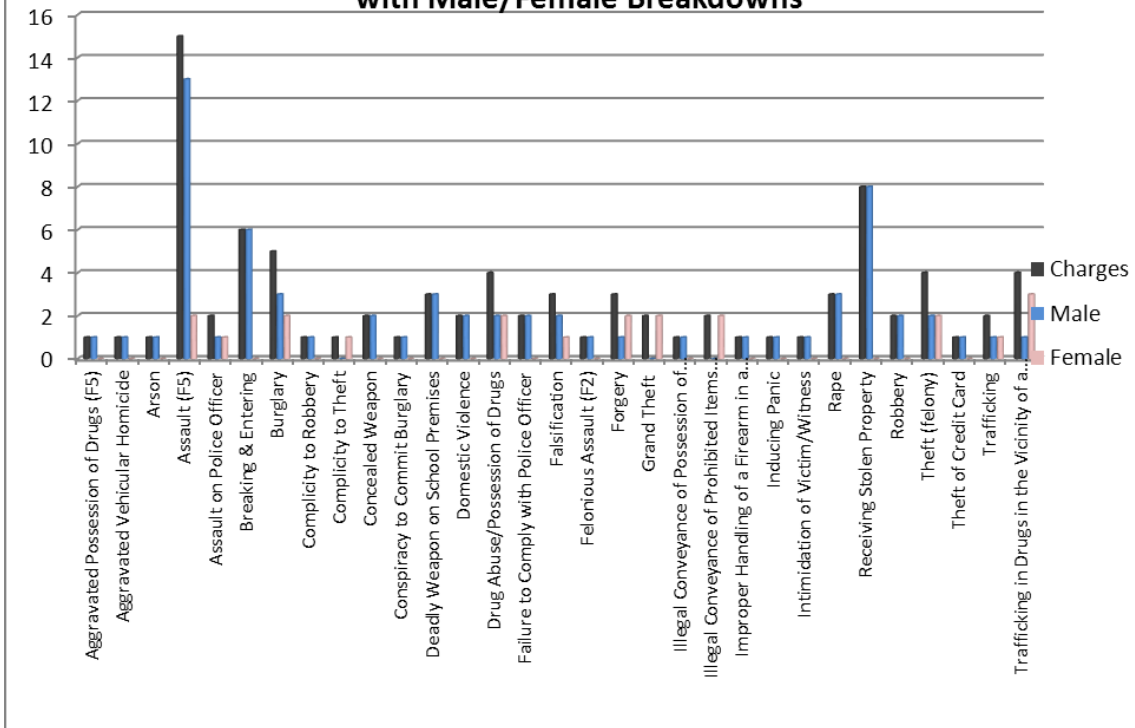
Juvenile Alcohol and Drug Charges

including male/female breakdowns

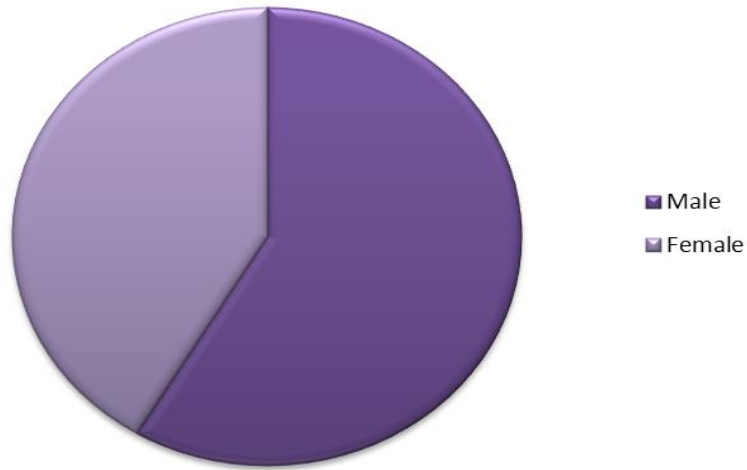


Juvenile Felony Charges

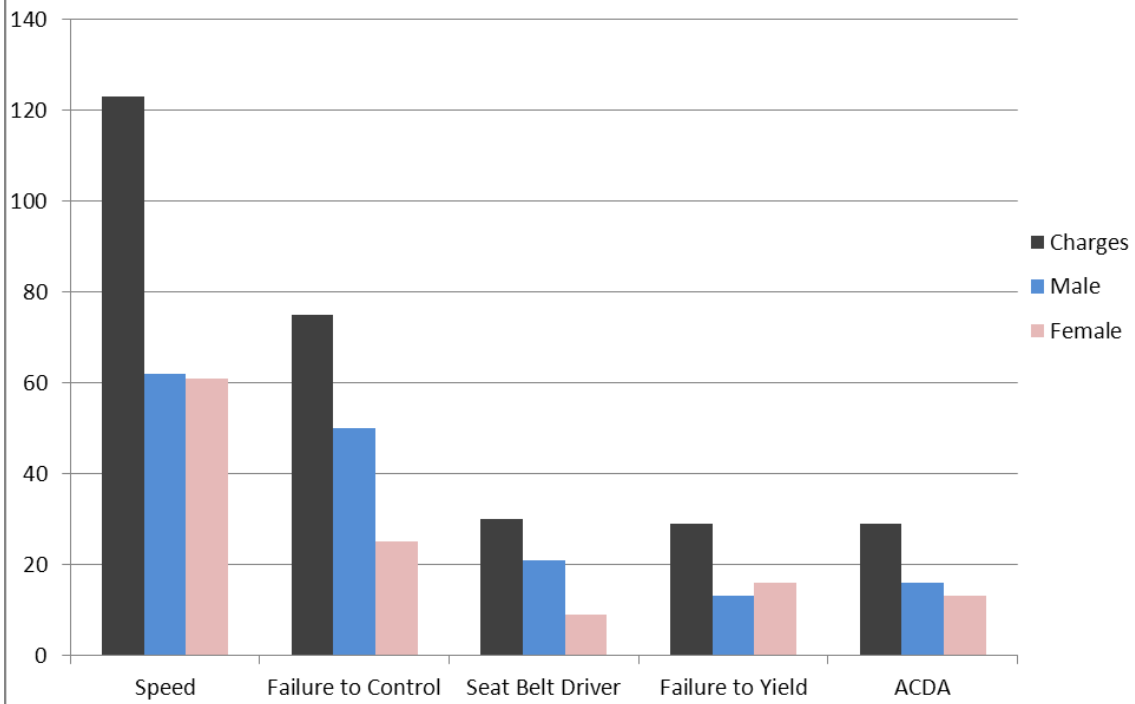
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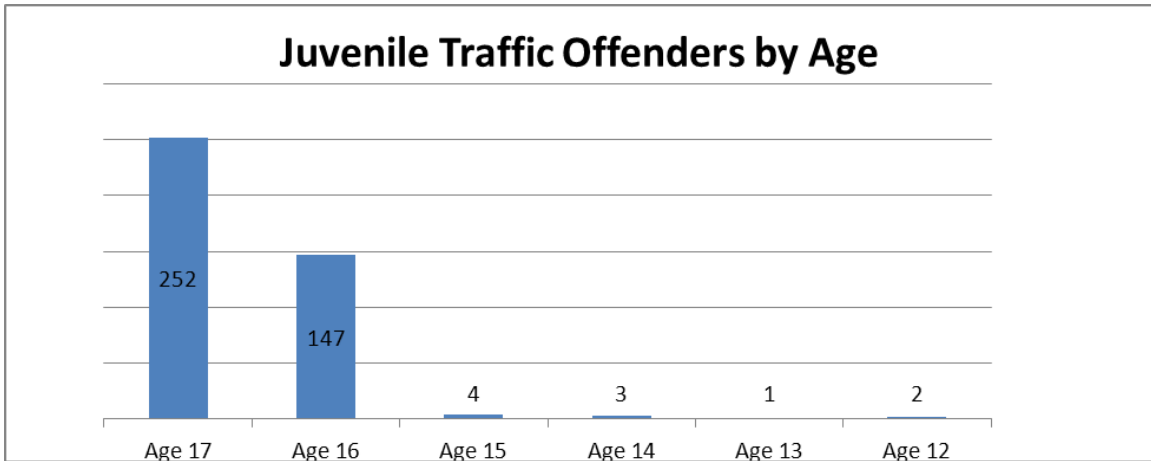


Male/Female Ratio for Traffic Charges



Top 5 Juvenile Traffic Charges





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 2010 with 29 probationers and received 72 new probationers.

- Seventy-one (71) probations were terminated during the year.
- Leaving thirty (30) probationers for 2011.
- Of the seventy-two (72) respondents placed on probation in 2010, twenty-four (24) resided within the city of Chillicothe.
- Forty-eight (48) resided in the county.
- Of these probationers, sixty-six (66) were Caucasian.
- Six (6) were non-Caucasian.
- Twenty-five (25) were female.
- Forty-seven (47) were male.

■ Community Service

In 2010, two thousand seven hundred forty-nine (2,749) hours of community service were ordered.

■ Restitution & RESCUE funds

In 2010, restitution paid to victims of crimes amounted to \$3,714.34.

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 2010, \$5,745.69 was paid to victims of crimes through the RESCUE program.

■ **DRUG TEST**

The Juvenile Probation Department performed drug tests on seventy (70) youths in 2010.

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 \$5.40 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 2010, seven (7) youth, with a total of seven (7) charges, were placed on electronic monitoring.

The total cost for electronic monitoring for 2010 was \$4,430.75 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 2010, two (2) juveniles were committed and one (1) was recommitted to the custody of the Ohio Department of Youth Services. Commitment to the Department of Youth Services is only for felony offenders. There were also three (3) parole revocations.

- All were male.
- All were white.

Diversion

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 2010, fifty-three (53) juveniles were referred to the Court's Diversion Officer and fifteen (15) cases remained open from 2009. The Diversion Officer monitored 68 youths on "at-risk" probation throughout 2010.

The Diversion Officer made a total of twenty-four (24) referrals to other agencies in Ross County. Those referrals were:

- Six (6) referrals to the Scioto Paint Valley Mental Health Center:
 - Four (4) for individual counseling
 - One (1) for home-based services
 - One (1) for drug and alcohol counseling
- Adena Counseling Center
 - One (1) for individual counseling
- Ten (10) referrals to Integrated Services of Appalachian Ohio
 - Eight (8) for the Intensive Home Based Program.
 - Two (2) for the Roweton Alternative Education Program
- Three (3) referrals to Job and Family Services
 - Two (2) to Ross County Children's Division
 - One (1) to CLUSTER
- One (1) Juvenile Detention Center tour
- One (1) Child Protection Center
- One (1) Goodwill Mentor Program
- One (1) Domestic Violence Coalition

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 8th 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.

Mediation

INTRODUCTION TO MEDIATION

In 2010, the Mediator was assigned three hundred thirty-seven (337) cases. Of that 337 cases there were:

- eighteen (18) were custody/paternity/child support cases
- twenty-five (25) were delinquent cases
- forty-three (43) first time unruly cases
- two hundred fifty-one (251) school truancy cases.

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 119 youth ranging from “at risk”, out of home placement and alcohol and other drug services from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

In 2010, the court’s IV-E Division provided the following services:

- Case management and probation services to a total of (one hundred nineteen) 119 youths in 2010.
 - Fifty-one (51) females
 - Forty-eight (48) Caucasian
 - Three (3) African American
 - Sixty-eight (68) males
 - Fifty-eight (58) Caucasian
 - Nine (9) African American
 - One (1) Hispanic

The unit worked with 16 youth committed to the Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS). There were nine (9) youth placed at **Hocking Valley Community Residential Center**. There were two (2) African Americans and seven (7) Caucasians. The facility is a residential program for male non-violent felony offenders. Two of the youth at Hocking Valley violated their terms of probation and were admitted to the Ohio Department of Youth Services. The remaining seven (7) youth remained in the community with intervention and treatment services.

- 65% (77) of the youth working with the IV-E Division were involved with mental and behavioral health services.
- The IV-E Division was involved with 37 youth who were age appropriate for either GED and/or graduation with suitable educational supports. The program provided a team approach and worked with educators and behavioral health specialists in developing alternative education strategies that supported youth and encouraged academic achievement.
 - 32% of the youth achieved academic success
 - 10 youth passed their GED with a youth entering the military
 - 2 youth completed all education requirements and have graduated.
 - 32% (12) youth completed the necessary educational requirements and are expected to graduate and or obtain GED by June 2011.
 - One youth has been accepted to college and one is involved with ROTC
 - 14% (5) youth continued to make improvements but remain academically behind.
 - 22% (8) youth reached age of majority before educational goals could be attained.

Court Assumed Custody of 27 Juveniles:

- Thirteen (13) females and Fourteen (14) males
 - Five (5) youth were African American and Twenty-Two (22) Caucasian
- Nineteen (19) were placed in foster care homes
- Three (3) were placed in a behavioral health and alcohol/drug IV-E certified program
- Five (5) youth were committed to the Department of Youth Services suspended with placement at Hocking Valley Community Residential Center.
 - One youth removed from this setting and placed in Sex Offender Treatment Program

Reunification Information: Of the 27 youth in juvenile court custody during 2010:

- 11 youth were reunified with a parent
- 9 youth were placed with relative/kinship care
- 1 youth aged out of foster care
- 1 transferred custody to ODYS
- 6 youth remained in custody as of January 1, 2011.

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. He was certified as a mediator in dispute resolution and domestic relations through the Supreme Court of Ohio and was appointed to the position of Mediator in 1999. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree Cum Laude in Criminology from St. Leo College in 1994. He is also a state certified guardianship investigator.
- ❖ 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. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology from Ohio University in 1998. She also received a Master of Arts in Sociology with a specialization in Crime and Deviance from Ohio University in 2003.
- ❖ Probation Officer/Guardianship Investigator, Matt Sutherland, joined the Probate and Juvenile Court in 2001. He has a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice and an Associates Degree in Law Enforcement Technology. Mr. Sutherland started with the Probate and Juvenile Court as a probation officer/guardianship investigator and currently retains that position. He is also a state certified guardianship investigator and was certified as a mediator in dispute resolution and domestic relations through the Supreme Court of Ohio.
- ❖ 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. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Community Health Education, Master Degree in Management and Public Administration and is a Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor. 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. She holds a Juvenile Sex Offender Counseling Certification from the University of Louisville.
- ❖ Probation Officer, Lance Stoneking, joined the Probate and Juvenile Court in 2007. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Education from Ohio University and a Masters Degree in School Counseling from the University of Dayton. 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.
- ❖ Reunification Probation Officer, Quincey Bailey, joined the Probate and Juvenile Court in 2010. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Juvenile Sex Offender Counseling Certification from the University of Louisville. Mr. Bailey started with the Probate and Juvenile Court as a reunification probation officer in the Title IV-E Department and maintains that position.

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