

Ohio Court Filings



The majority of incoming cases were filed in municipal or county courts in 2023

Incoming Court Cases Filed in 2023 by Type of Court*		
Type of Court	Total Incoming Cases	% of Total Incoming Cases
Supreme Court	1,650	0.1%
Courts of Appeals	7,849	0.3%
Court of Claims	788	0.0%
Common Pleas	564,070	22.9%
General Division	196,154	8.0%
Juvenile Division	181,227	7.4%
Domestic Relations Division	94,046	3.8%
Probate Division	92,643	3.8%
Municipal and County	1,696,720	69.0%
Mayor's Courts	187,766	7.6%
Total	2,458,843	100.0%

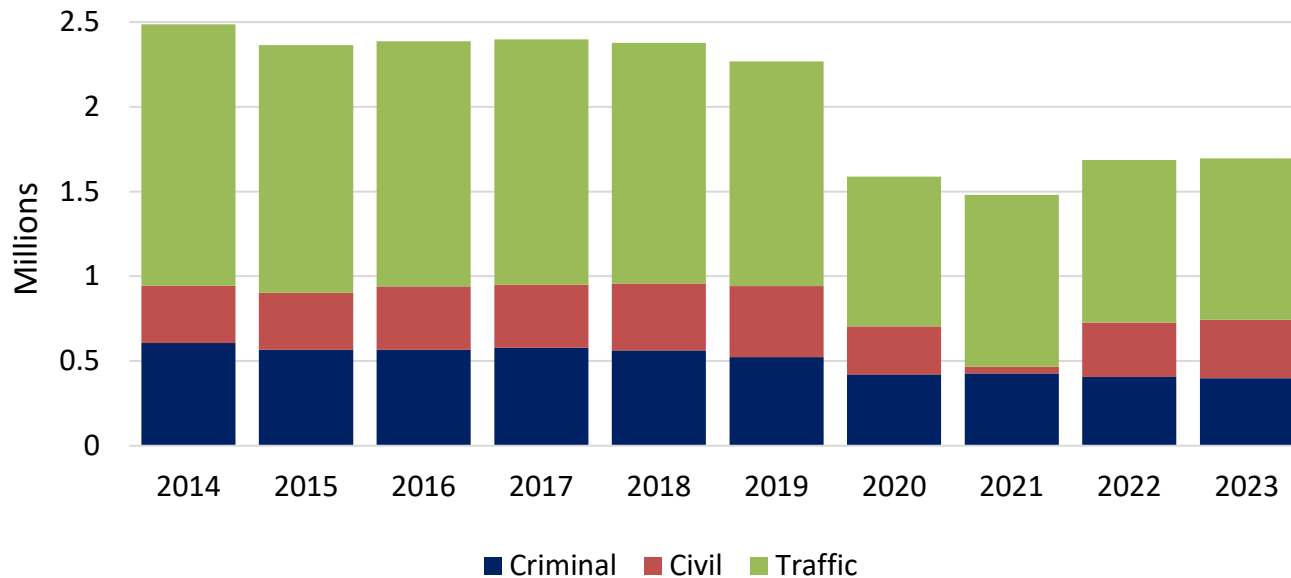
*Incoming cases include new cases, transferred cases, and reactivated cases. Reactivated cases are those that were previously placed on inactive reporting status and later reopened.

Source: Ohio Supreme Court

- In 2023, there were 2.5 million incoming cases in Ohio courts.
- Compared to 2022, overall incoming case filings increased by 25,536 statewide, or 1.0%.
- Approximately 1.7 million of those cases, or 69%, were filed in municipal or county courts.
- 564,070, or 23%, were filed in Ohio's courts of common pleas.
- 187,766, or nearly 8%, were filed in mayor's courts which are not courts of record but are authorized to hear cases involving violations of local ordinances and state traffic laws. Those convicted in a mayor's court may appeal their conviction to the municipal or county court having jurisdiction over those cases.

56.2% of incoming cases in county and municipal courts in 2023 were traffic cases

Incoming Court Cases by Type of Filing, 2014-2023*



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Source: Ohio Supreme Court

- In 2023, 1.7 million new, transferred, or reactivated cases were filed in county and municipal courts.
 - 952,929 of those cases, or 56.2%, were traffic cases.
 - 397,902, or 23.5%, were criminal cases.
 - 345,889, or 20.4%, were civil cases.
- Municipal and county courts have jurisdiction over felonies (preliminary matters only), misdemeanors, traffic (including OVI), and civil cases involving amounts of \$15,000 or less including small claims. In 2023, there were 131 municipal courts with 216 judges and 32 county courts with 34 judges in Ohio.
- The COVID-19 pandemic had significant impacts on the courts, with caseload volumes still recovering. From 2020-2023, the annual average of incoming cases was 1.7 million, about 29% below the 2014-2019 annual average of 2.4 million.