

c. 2024 Lima Municipal Court Annual Report.



Lima Municipal Court  
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John R. Payne  
Judge

Tammie K. Hursh  
Presiding Judge

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March 20, 2025

The Board of County Commissioners  
Allen County Courthouse  
P.O. Box 1243  
Lima, OH 45802

Lima City Council  
City Municipal Building  
50 Town Square  
Lima, OH 45801

**RE: LIMA MUNICIPAL COURT – ANNUAL REPORT**

Dear Public Officials:

Pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Section 1901.14, Paragraph (D), the Annual Report of the Lima Municipal Court for the year 2024 is hereby submitted for your consideration.

The Annual Report is compiled from original records of the Court, which are available for your examination.

Should you have any questions about the report, please feel free to contact my office.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. K. Hursh'.

Tammie K Hursh  
Administrative & Presiding Judge

cc: Supreme Court of Ohio  
Mayor Sharetta Smith  
Auditor for the City of Lima  
Auditor for Allen County, Ohio  
Lima City Council  
Lima Municipal Court Clerk

Lima Municipal Court  
109 N. Union Street  
Lima, Ohio 45801

# **Annual Court Report 2024**

Tammie K. Hursh  
Presiding and Administrative Judge

Judge John R. Payne

Jim Link, CPA  
Clerk of Court



Kevin C. Smith, Senior Magistrate  
Michael J. Short, Magistrate  
Kelly Ricker, Acting Chief Security Officer  
Marjean L. Warren, Chief Probation Officer  
Tiffany R. May, Court Administrator/Chief Bailiff

# OUR COURT'S MISSION

THE COURT SHALL, IN FAIR, ACCESSIBLE, EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT METHODS, RESOLVE DISPUTES, AND IN SO DOING, SHALL INTERPRET AND APPLY THE LAW CONSISTENTLY AND IMPARTIALLY, TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES GUARANTEED BY THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THE STATE OF OHIO AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

TO PROTECT AND IMPROVE THE OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH JUDICIALLY SUPERVISED CONTROL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES. ALSO, TO ASSIST AND DIRECT INDIVIDUALS TO BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR BEHAVIOR AND TO BECOME PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY

## A Letter from the Elected Officials of Lima Municipal Court

The Lima Municipal Court hears misdemeanor criminal and traffic charges, which arise from violations of state code and municipal ordinances throughout Allen County, Ohio. It also hears civil cases arising throughout Allen County with damages not exceeding \$15,000. Those civil cases involve breaches of both oral and written contracts, tortious activity, and forcible entry and detainer (evictions) actions, to name a few. The Civil Division of the Court also has a Small Claims Division that hears contract and tort cases involving damages of no more than \$6,000. Additionally, the Court hears appeals and petitions from actions of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, which arise in Allen County.

Both courtrooms continue to conduct certified Treatment Courts. We serve individuals whose addictions have come before the court with the goal of being able to graduate and become free of the addictions that have been integral in their violations of law. To support these endeavors, the Court received a \$285,466 grant (year 1 of 5) from the Department of Health & Human Services — Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. These funds help cover the costs of treatment services and basic needs of participants. We also continue with our Veterans Court, which addresses alcohol and drug dependency issues along with mental health matters that is focused on persons who have served in our military in defense of our country.

Additionally, we have continued the expansion of our Pre-Trial Services program with a grant from the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties, which funds one full-time and one part-time position in the department. The Court is extremely thankful for this award. Pre-trial services monitor defendants released on bond and, where appropriate, initiates treatment while the case is pending for the immediate and long-term safety of the community.

The progression of the Lima Smart City Initiative for the Court continues with a “Go Live” date in 2025. It is our hope that this new software system will provide greater efficiencies within the courtroom, probation, and clerk’s office. One of the Court’s top priorities is to implement electronic filing and electronic notifications with the new software when technologically and economically feasible.

The following reports tell the statistical story of the Lima Municipal Court for 2024. They do not express the dedication that the employees of this court show daily in the performance of their duties. I hope this letter can adequately convey my admiration for them.



Tammie K. Hursh  
Presiding & Administrative Judge



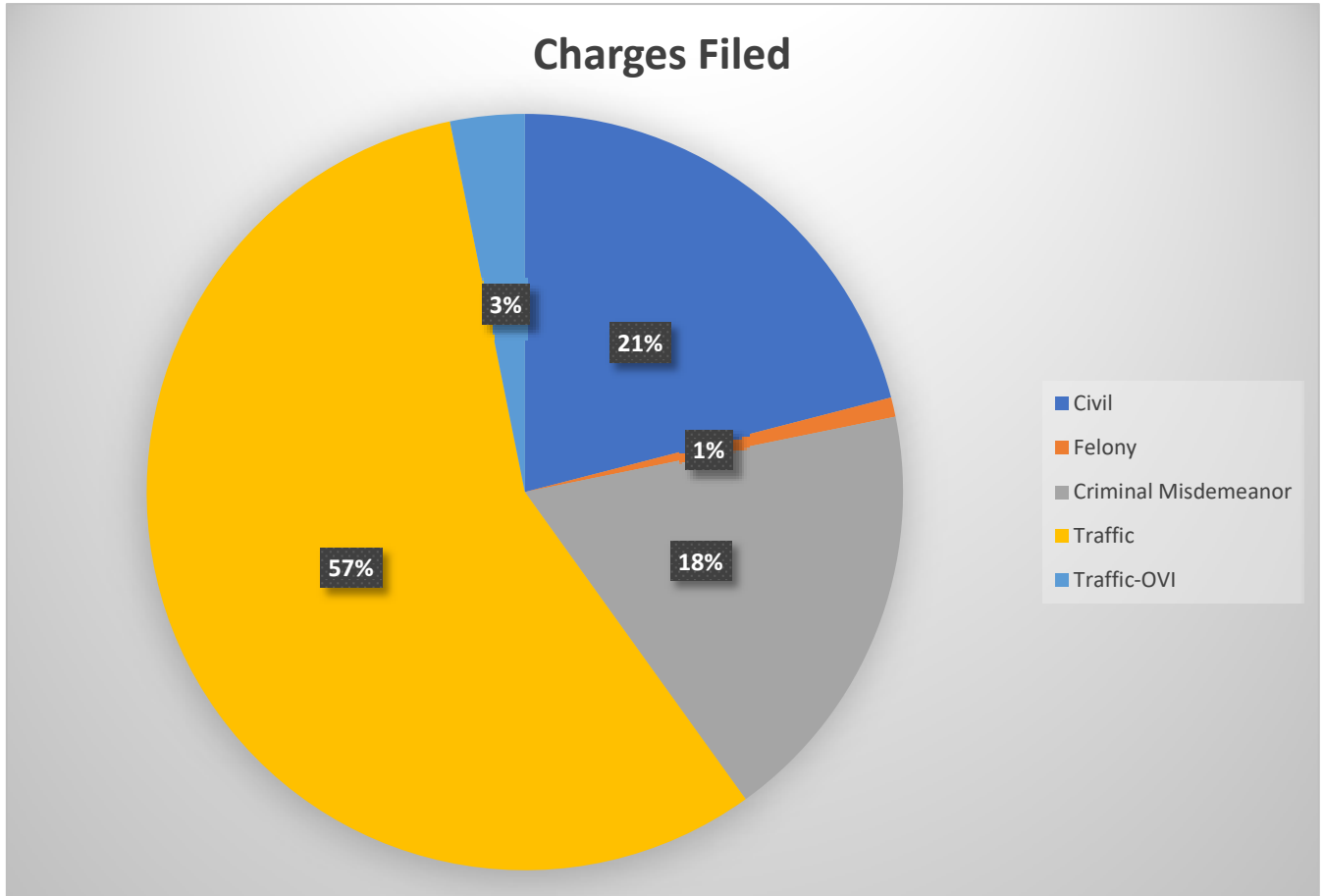
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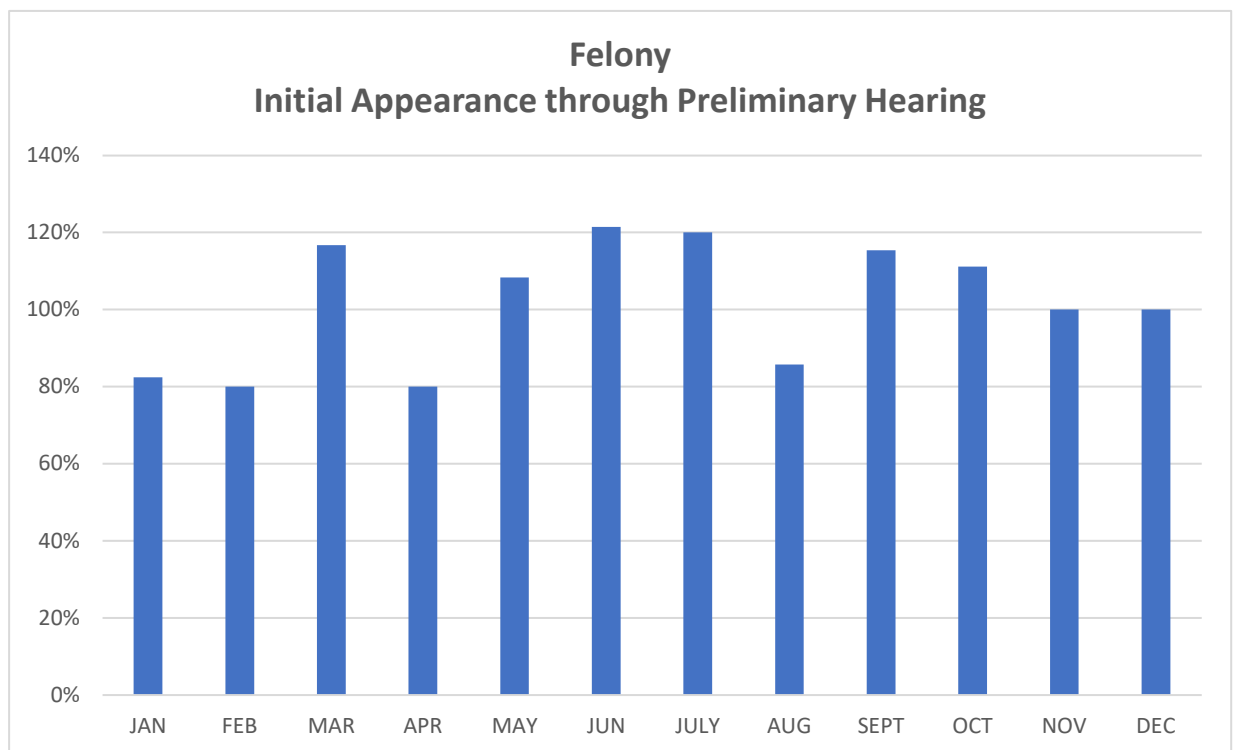
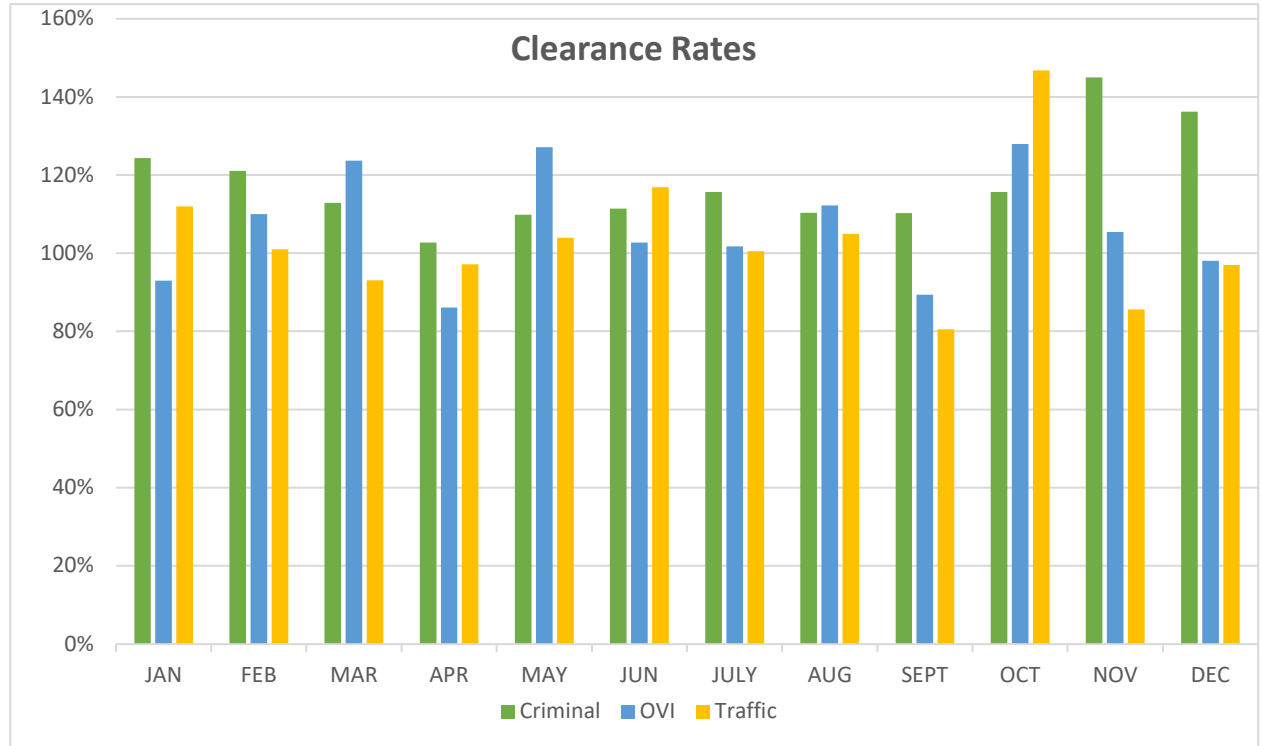
# Incoming Cases by Case Category

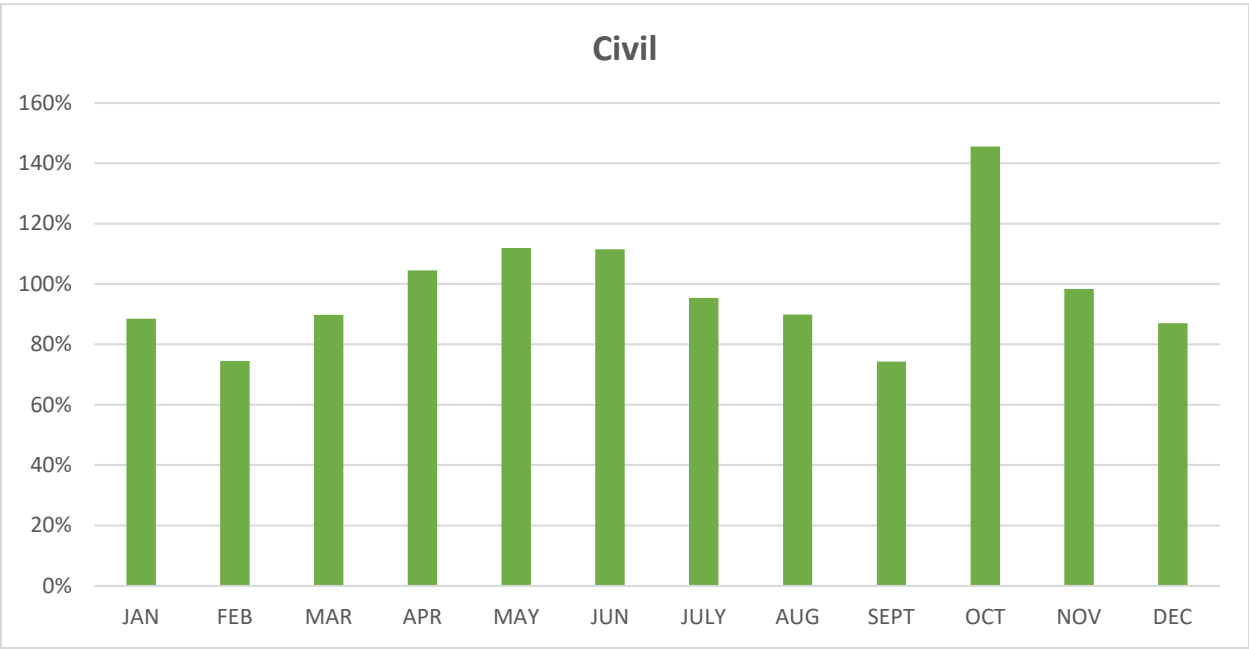
## 2024



# MONTHLY CLEARANCE RATE

Clearance rates are calculated by dividing the number of cases disposed in each month by the number of cases coming into court in the same month.





**Total number of civil cases filed in 2024**

**3,671**



## CASES FILE BY TYPE

### TRAFFIC/CRIMINAL DIVISION FOR THE YEAR 2024

Agency #	Agency	CRA	CRB	CR SUB	TRC	TRD	TR SUB	AGENCY TOTAL	PARKING
02	Ohio Highway Patrol	7	47	11	274	5,041	1,019	6,399	-
03	Lima City Police	104	1,450	690	178	1,085	547	4,054	148
03A	City Park Ranger	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
04	ACSO	28	471	186	51	466	201	1,403	-
05	Spencer Twp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
06	Marion Twp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
07	Amanda Twp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
08	Sugar Creek Twp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
09	American Twp	-	65	12	3	211	58	349	-
10	Shawnee Twp	5	53	26	23	692	168	967	-
11	Monroe Twp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Bath Twp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Perry Twp	-	14	2	2	29	4	51	-
14	Richland Twp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Jackson Twp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Auglaize Twp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Spencerville PD	-	4	1	2	45	8	60	-
18	Delphos PD	-	21	9	20	112	64	226	-
19	Elida PD	-	3	4	1	10	8	26	-
20	Fort Shawnee Police	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Cairo PD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Beaverdam PD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	Bluffton PD	-	6	-	1	147	14	168	-
24	Lafayette PD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Harrod PD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	ODNR-Budget & Finance	-	6	4	-	-	-	10	-
27	Liquor Control	-	24	11	-	-	-	35	-
28	B & O Railroad Detective	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	PUCO of Ohio	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	Ohio Dept of Agriculture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31	Metropolitan Park Officer	-	5	2	-	-	-	7	-
32	AC Humane Office (Society)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	AC Dog Warden	-	45	15	-	-	-	60	-
34	Ohio Dept Tax	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	-
35	Board of Health	-	8	-	-	-	-	8	-
36	Ohio Board of Nursing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
37	Dept of Industrial Relations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
38	Ohio Bureau of Employment Serv	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
39	Board of Pharmacy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	Allen County Sanitary Engineer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	Ohio Div of Watercraft	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	CSX Railroad	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
43	Ohio Bureau of Work. Comp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	Ohio Attorney General	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		144	2,225	973	555	7,838	2,091	13,826	148

# **2024 COURT PERSONNEL**

## COURTROOM 1

Judge John R. Payne

Deputy Bailiffs

Brian Jenkins  
Crystal Dilbone

Uniformed Court Bailiff

Charles Ganson  
Heather Buell

Assignment Commissioner

Nicole R. Spees  
Stephanie Evans

## COURTROOM 2

Judge Tammie K. Hursh

Staff Attorney

Michael J. Short

Uniformed Court Bailiff

H. Reid Foust

Deputy Bailiff/Assignment Commissioner

Stephanie Evans  
Patricia Bunch  
Kelly Morris

## COURTROOM 3

Chief Magistrate Richard K. Warren - Retired 8/24

Senior Magistrate, Kevin C. Smith

Magistrate Michael Short

Deputy Bailiff

Kelly M. Morris  
Nicole Spees

## COURT ADMINISTRATOR

Tiffany R. May

# PROBATION

## Chief Probation Officer

Marjean Warren

### Pretrial Services Officer

Patricia Painter

Kylee Creller – Part-time

### Pretrial Services Manager

Shannon Pugh

### Probation Officer

Amy Heath – Pre-Sentence Investigations/Expungements

Mitch Castle – Veteran's Court

Brianna Leary – Community Service

Joshua Snyder

### Drug Court Probation Officer

Goia Coleman

### Secretary/Court Receptionist

Denise Richardson

# PROBATION/SECURITY DIVISION

## Chief of Security

J. Donald Chiles – Resigned 9/24

Kelly Ricker – Acting Chief

### Security

Bill Meyer – Retired 6/24

Kelly Ricker

Marissa Kennedy – Part-time

### Bailiff/Process Server

J. Brian Maginnity – Retired 9/24

Douglas Vermillion

Charles Ganson

Richard Shade

Marissa Kennedy – Part-time

# **2024 Clerk's Office Personnel**

## **CLERK OF COURT**

Jim Link

## **CIVIL CLERK'S OFFICE**

Chief Deputy Clerk

Pam Osmon

Deputy Clerk

Katie Bowman

Terri Dawson

Carol Floyd

Shawn Stephens

Kim Rex

Deputy Clerk/Systems Administrator

Matt Schmunk

## **CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC CLERK'S OFFICE**

Chief Deputy Clerk

Brenda Benedict

Deputy Clerk/Trainer

Dionne Shook

Accountant

Brent Riemesch

Deputy Clerk

Amanda Bassett

Claire Burger

Jessica Carder

Angela Clark

Lucinda Daley

Ashlee Mathewson

Carm Miller

# Criminal/Traffic Financial Summary – 2024

DISTRIBUTION REPORT  
LIMA MUNICIPAL COURT - TR/CR DIVISION  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Year-to-date  
Withdrawals

## PAID TO CITY OF LIMA:

301 CITY POLICE	94,278.77
302 CITY POLICE ORD ONLY	364.00
303 WORKER'S COMPENSATION	0.00
304 CITY HIGHWAY PATROL TRAFFIC	100,084.11
305 CITY HIGHWAY PATROL CRIMINAL	6,881.27
306 CITY COSTS	689,166.80
307 TEXAS BOOT	0.00
308 PARKING TICKETS	999.00
309 NOISE	1,710.00
310 RETURNED CHECKS	120.00
311 EMPLOYMENT OF MINORS	0.00
316 CONFISCATED MONEY	0.00
320 EHA-ELECTRONIC HOUSE ARREST	0.00
321 EHAC-ELECTRONIC HOUSE ARREST/C	0.00
329 COMMUNITY CONTROL	62,902.30
330 LEGAL RESEARCH	31,138.94
340 COMPUTER COSTS	103,599.55
341 SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	478,438.95
341A SPECIAL PROJECTS-NON MOVING	930.00
341B SPECIAL PROJECTS PER SB17	20,138.97
666C DRUG ENFORCEMENT - CITY	7,263.00
703 INTEREST	540.94
704 BANK ADJUSTMENTS	0.00
800C DUI ENF & EDUC FUND - CITY	4,071.97
801 INDIGENT DRIVERS ALCOHOL FUND	34,914.75
802B AGENCY HOUSING - CITY	0.00
900C HANDICAP/SIGNAGE - LPD	0.00

TOTAL PAID ALL CITY OF LIMA ACCOUNTS

1,637,543.32

# Criminal/Traffic Financial Summary – 2024

## DISTRIBUTION REPORT LIMA MUNICIPAL COURT - TR/CR DIVISION FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Year-to-date  
withdrawals

### PAID TO ALLEN COUNTY:

400 SHERIFF - CRIMINAL	139,887.48
400LC LIQUOR CONTROL - COUNTY	3,040.50
401 ROAD REPAIR	0.00
402 COUNTY HIGHWAY PATROL TRAFFIC	26,180.50
403 COUNTY HIGHWAY PATROL CRIMINAL	585.31
404 SHERIFF - TRAFFIC	264,053.78
405 SPENCER TOWNSHIP	0.00
406 MARION TOWNSHIP	0.00
407 AMANDA CONSTABLE	0.00
408 SUGAR CREEK TOWNSHIP	0.00
409 AMERICAN TOWNSHIP	0.00
410 SHAWNEE TOWNSHIP	0.00
411 MONROE TOWNSHIP	0.00
412 BATH TOWNSHIP	0.00
413 PERRY TOWNSHIP	0.00
414 RICHLAND TOWNSHIP	0.00
415 DOG & KENNEL	3,066.50
416 AUGLAIZE TOWNSHIP	0.00
417 BOARD OF HEALTH	0.00
419 JACKSON TOWNSHIP	0.00
422 STREAM LITTERING	0.00
425 WATERCRAFT	0.00
426 COUNTY COSTS	18,514.35
427 SANITARY ENGINEER	0.00
431 PD APPLICATION FEE	36,330.60
666B DRUG ENFORCEMENT - ACSO	1,100.00
800B DUI ENF & EDUC FUND - ACSO	1,585.00
802A AGENCY HOUSING - COUNTY	25,613.47
900B HANDICAP/SIGNAGE - ACSO	150.00
 TOTAL PAID TO ALLEN COUNTY	 <u>\$ 520,107.49</u>
 301A LAW LIBRARY - CITY	 3,500.00
404A LAW LIBRARY - COUNTY	3,500.00
 TOTAL PAID TO LAW LIBRARY	 <u>\$ 7,000.00</u>
 423 SHERIFF'S FEES	 \$ 39,395.99
 428 REMAND COURT COSTS	 \$ 236.00



# Criminal/Traffic Financial Summary – 2024

## DISTRIBUTION REPORT LIMA MUNICIPAL COURT - TR/CR DIVISION FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Year-to-date withdrawals
 PAID TO STATE AGENCIES	
200 HIGHWAY PATROL REGULAR	2,521.43
204 HIGHWAY PATROL TRAFFIC	117,813.42
205 TRAUMA FUND	13,369.26
432 INDIGENT DEFENSE SUPPORT FUND	229,204.65
500B IND DRIVERS ALC TREAT FUND	0.00
500C IND DEFENSE SUPPORT FUND HB562	44,450.55
500D JUSTICE PROGRAM SERVICE FUND	887.97
500E DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND	30,188.91
505 LIQUOR CONTROL	3,040.50
527 EXPUNGEMENT	1,170.00
528 VICTIMS OF CRIME FUND	79,771.75
530 STATE GENERAL FUND	0.00
531 SEAT BELT LAW	23,823.00
532 CHILD HIGHWAY SAFETY FUND	2,245.00
533 STATE HIGHWAY SAFETY FUND	87.50
534 SEALING	2,971.00
6660 DRUG ENF - LIQUOR CONTROL	25.00
TOTAL PAID TO STATE ROTARY FUND	\$ 551,569.94
 555 BMV - SB 121	 60.00
556 BMV - WARRANT BLOCK	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO BMV	\$ 60.00
 666A DRUG ENFORCEMENT - OSP	 2,313.00
900A HANDICAP SIGNAGE - OSP	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO OSP	\$ 2,313.00
 506 WILDLIFE	 536.00
666K DRUG ENFORCEMENT - WILDLIFE	0.00
529 STATE WATERCRAFT	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO WILDLIFE	\$ 536.00
 509 BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY	 \$ 0.00
 513 BOARD OF NURSING	 \$ 0.00
 508 BOARD OF PHARMACY	 \$ 12,225.53
 418 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	 \$ 0.00
 800A DUI ENF & EDUC FUND - OSP	 \$ 4,924.00

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DISTRIBUTION REPORT  
LIMA MUNICIPAL COURT - TR/CR DIVISION  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Year-to-date withdrawals
OTHER CITIES, VILLAGES, TOWNSHIPS AND AGENCIES:	
666I DRUG ENF - AMERICAN TOWNSHIP	50.00
8000 DUI ENF & EDUC FUND - AMER TWP	25.00
900K HANDICAP/SIGNAGE - AMERICAN TP	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO AMERICAN TOWNSHIP	\$ 75.00
666L DRUG ENF - BATH TOWNSHIP	0.00
800P DUI ENF & EDUC FUND - BATH TWP	0.00
900L HANDICAP/SIGNAGE - BATH TWP	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO BATH TOWNSHIP	\$ 0.00
618 GENERAL FINES - DELPHOS	0.00
6600 DRUG ENFORCEMENT - DELPHOS	150.00
8000 DUI ENF & EDUC FUND - DELPHOS	175.00
9000 HANDICAP/SIGNAGE - DELPHOS	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO CITY OF DELPHOS	\$ 325.00
750 COLLECTIONS	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO CAPITAL RECOVERY	\$ 0.00
540 CRIME STOPPERS	1,673.00
TOTAL PAID TO CRIME STOPPERS	\$ 1,673.00
510 HUMANE SOCIETY	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO HUMANE SOCIETY	\$ 0.00
666N DRUG ENF-MARION TOWNSHIP	0.00
800L DUI ENF & EDUC FUND-MARION TWP	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO MARION TOWNSHIP	\$ 0.00
700 JAMPD PARK BOARD	250.00
700A JAMPD PARK BOARD DRUG FUND	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO PARK BOARD	\$ 250.00
666M DRUG ENF - PERRY TOWNSHIP	0.00
800N DUI ENF & EDUC FUND-PERRY TWP	50.00
TOTAL PAID TO PERRY TOWNSHIP	\$ 50.00
666H DRUG ENF - SHAWNEE TWP PD	50.00
800J DUI ENF & EDUC FUND - SH TWP	444.00
900J HANDICAP/SIGNAGE - SHAWNEE TWP	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO SHAWNEE TOWNSHIP	\$ 494.00
621 GENERAL FINES - BEAVERDAM	0.00
800K DUI ENF & EDUC FUND - BEAVERDAM	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO VILLAGE OF BEAVERDAM	\$ 0.00

DISTRIBUTION REPORT  
LIMA MUNICIPAL COURT - TR/CR DIVISION  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Year-to-date withdrawals
OTHERS CONTINUED:	
620 GENERAL FINES - BLUFFTON	\$60.00
620A BLUFFTON DRUG FUND	0.00
666J DRUG ENFORCEMENT - BLUFFTON	0.00
800I DUI ENF & EDUC FUND - BLUFFTON	60.00
900I HANDICAP/SIGNAGE - BLUFFTON	1,541.00
TOTAL PAID TO VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON	<u>\$ 2,161.00</u>
616 GENERAL FINES - CAIRO	0.00
800H DUI ENF & EDUC FUND - CAIRO	0.00
900H HANDICAP/SIGNAGE - CAIRO	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO VILLAGE OF CAIRO	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
619 GENERAL FINES - ELIDA	100.00
666G DRUG ENF - ELIDA PD	0.00
800E DUI ENF & EDUC FUND - ELIDA	0.00
900E HANDICAP/SIGNAGE - ELIDA	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO VILLAGE OF ELIDA	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
622 GENERAL FINES - FT SHAWNEE	101.00
666E DRUG ENFORCEMENT - FT SHAWNEE	0.00
800F DUI ENF & EDUC FUND - FT SHAWN	0.00
900F HANDICAP/SIGNAGE - FT SHAWNEE	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO VILLAGE OF FT SHAWNEE	<u>\$ 101.00</u>
625 GENERAL FINES - HARROD	0.00
800M DUI ENF & EDUC FUND-HARROD PD	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO VILLAGE OF HARROD	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
626 GENERAL FINES - LAFAYETTE	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO VILLAGE OF LAFAYETTE	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
617 GENERAL FINES - SPENCERVILLE	25.00
666F DRUG ENF - SPENCERVILLE PD	0.00
800G DUI ENF & EDUC FUND - SPENCERVL	25.00
900G HANDICAP/SIGNAGE-SPENCERVILLE	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO VILLAGE OF SPENCERVILLE	<u>\$ 50.00</u>

# Civil

## Financial Summary – 2024

### LIMA MUNICIPAL COURT - CIVIL DIVISION FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Beginning Year Balance	Year To Date Actual Receipts	Year To Date Withdrawals	Year To Date Adjustments	Year To Date Balance
INTC - CIVIL ACCT	\$ -	\$ 380.63	\$ (380.63)	\$ -	\$ -
VCAP - SPEC PROJ	\$ -	\$ 282,300.00	\$ (281,850.00)	\$ (450.00)	\$ -
VCB - CLERK BAILIFF	\$ -	\$ 143.00	\$ (143.00)	\$ -	\$ -
VLCL - COMP LGL RES	\$ -	\$ 16,938.00	\$ (16,911.00)	\$ (27.00)	\$ -
VCPA - COMP COST	\$ -	\$ 61,780.00	\$ (61,680.00)	\$ (100.00)	\$ -
VFF - FILING FEES	\$ -	\$ 438,859.70	\$ (438,001.70)	\$ (858.00)	\$ -
VFFR - FILING FEES RET	\$ -	\$ 933.09	\$ (2,117.09)	\$ 1,184.00	\$ -
VJUD - PAID IN JDG	\$ 65,705.64	\$ 2,040,935.68	\$ (2,004,885.25)	\$ 24,528.84	\$ 126,284.91
VMAR - MARRIAGES	\$ -	\$ 1,300.00	\$ (1,300.00)	\$ -	\$ -
VPND - POUNDAGE	\$ -	\$ 40,950.43	\$ (40,909.28)	\$ (41.15)	\$ -
VSC - SM CLAIMS	\$ -	\$ 3,972.00	\$ (3,972.00)	\$ -	\$ -
VSEC - SECURITY	\$ 1,456.61	\$ 11,745.62	\$ (12,641.10)	\$ 820.61	\$ 1,381.74
VSF - ST OHIO FEES	\$ -	\$ 90,167.00	\$ (90,089.00)	\$ (78.00)	\$ -
<b>TOTAL CIVIL ACCOUNT</b>	<b>\$ 67,162.25</b>	<b>\$ 2,990,405.15</b>	<b>\$ (2,954,880.05)</b>	<b>\$ 24,979.30</b>	<b>\$ 127,666.65</b>
VRE - RENTAL ESC	\$ -	\$ 9,500.00	\$ (9,100.00)	\$ -	\$ 400.00
<b>TOTAL RENTAL ESC ACCOUNT</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 9,500.00</b>	<b>\$ (9,100.00)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>
VTT - TRUSTEE	\$ -	\$ 4,634.47	\$ (4,824.47)	\$ 190.00	\$ -
VTTC - TRUSTEE CITY	\$ -	\$ 109.58	\$ (109.58)	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL TRUSTEE ACCOUNT</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,744.05</b>	<b>\$ (4,934.05)</b>	<b>\$ 190.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

## Bailiff/Process Service 2024

Executions for Mobile Homes (Sale)	1
Executions for Property	13
Executions for Money	0
Affidavit of Garnishment	0
Money Property Credits	0
Notice To Appear and Answer	33
Small Claims Summons	12
Summons	26
Alias Summons	109
Summons and Notice of Court Order	0
Wage Garnishment Contempt Notice	2
Order of Possession W / Locksmith	0
Order of Possession No Locksmith	0
Subpoenas	2,989
Summons Forcible Detention	1,063
Summons Forcible Detention for Money	85
Writ of Restitution	880
Notice to Leave Premises	2
Total Papers Served	5215

The Court employs two (2) Full-time and two (2) Part-time Bailiff/Process Sever.

Total Mileage for 2024 - 26,018

# **Probation 2024**

The Lima Municipal Probation Department supervised 770 defendants on probation and 515 defendants on pretrial services in 2024. The probation department prioritizes community safety and accountability, along with community service. The probation department continues to expand services to meet the needs of defendants. The probation department continues to utilize the “one stop” internal referral source for services at the court. These services include case management referrals twice a month, general educational diploma, literacy services, and employment placements. These services, along with court ordered accountability, improve the quality of life for the defendants we supervise.

The probation department continues to offer defendant support groups, facilitated by probation staff for Moral Recognition Therapy, Anger Management, Parenting, and Trauma. During 2024, 90 defendants completed group programming. The probation department partners with the Lima Public Library to utilize rooms at the library at no cost.

The probation department continues to participate in the Allen Soil and Water adopt a road clean-up project. This project is utilized for most of our court ordered community service defendants. The probation department has been involved in this project for four years, with 57 defendants participating in 2024.

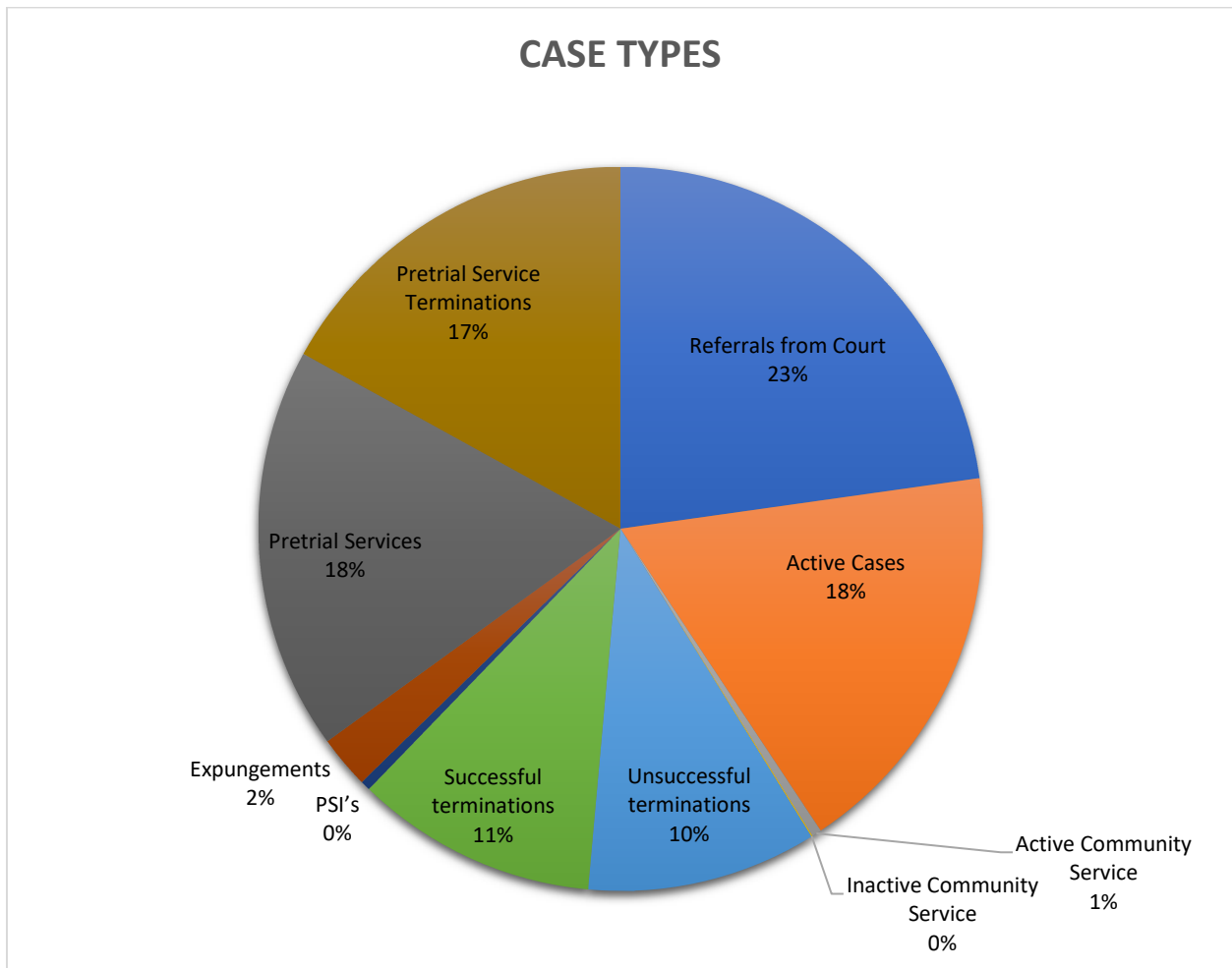
The probation department refers defendants to local non-profit and for-profit agencies for mental health and substance abuse treatment. Referrals are also made to inpatient treatment centers for substance abuse and mental health treatment throughout Ohio.

During 2024, the probation department partnered with agencies such as Allen County Board of Disabilities, Guardianship Board, Mental Health Board, Goodwill Industries, Wheelhouse, Regional Transit Authority, Allen County Public Health, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, local and state homeless shelters and local recovery houses.

Looking into 2024, the probation department will continue to hold defendants accountable, prioritize treatment services, and maintain and expand services to mitigate further court involvement.

The following reflects current supervision totals during 2024 at year end:

Total Probation Referrals from Court	893
Total Active Probation Cases	703
Total pending failure to comply cases	124
Total Active Community Service Cases	17
Total Inactive Community Service Cases	2
Total PSI's	17
Total Expungements	92
Total Pretrial Cases	706
Total Pretrial Terminations	666



The Lima Municipal Court Probation Department is made up of four (4) subdivisions that work together to serve the needs of the defendant. Those four (4) subdivisions will be discussed in more depth on the following pages.

## *Pretrial Services*

Lima Municipal Court Pre-trial Services provides misdemeanor defendants services upon entering the court system, prior to disposition of their cases. The court utilizes the least restrictive sanctions for bond, using these officers to supervise and monitor treatment while the defendants' case is pending.

There are currently two full-time and one part-time pretrial service officers that supervise defendants and refer defendants to resources based upon individual needs. Pretrial services maximize the safety of the community and minimize the risk of nonappearance at court proceedings. Defendants are afforded the opportunity to engage in services at an early stage upon entering the Court system. Pretrial services serve defendants in Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin counties, and receive funding from the Mental Health Board for those defendants. The pretrial service manager serves additional defendants from other counties.

## *General Probation*

### Post and Pre-Sentence Reporting

The Lima Municipal Court Probation Department conducts written and oral, post and pre-sentence investigation reports ordered by the Court. Additionally, the Probation Department also completes expungements & sealing of the record reports for the Court's review. In 2024 there are 17 post and pre-sentence investigation reports completed. In 2024 the probation department and court processed 92 expungements and/or sealing of records.

### Non-Reporting Probation

Defendant may be placed on non-reporting probation for any of the following reasons:

1. Good conduct
2. Residing out of state
3. Receiving dual supervision from another Probation department
4. Ordered to non-reporting probation at sentencing.

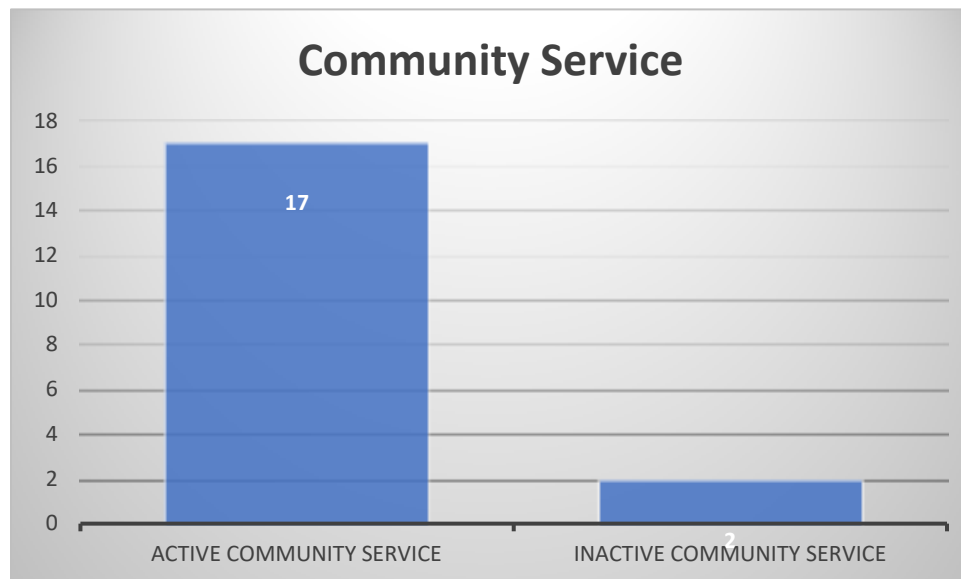


## Community Service

The Lima Municipal Court Probation Department continues to provide community service opportunities for those individuals ordered to complete community service. Community service can be ordered for the following reasons:

1. In lieu of fines
2. In lieu of jail
3. For unspecified driving offenses

The Lima Municipal Court has several agencies in the area that can be utilized for defendants to complete community service. However, it should be noted that the most notably used agencies are the Allen County Regional Transit Authority and the West Ohio Food Bank. A total of 19 people were ordered by the Court to complete community service in 2024.



## Electronic Monitoring/Ignition Interlock

The Probation Department continues to monitor the Ignition Interlock Program to date and also assists in supervising Court ordered Electronically Monitored House Arrest as well as alcohol monitoring via the In-Hom Breathalyzer Unit. In 2024, the Probation Department was able to continue utilizing the S.M.A.R.T. Mobile device through Smart Start Ohio. This device allows Officers to set timeframes in which the offender must take a breath test. The Officer can request the defendant to test up to ten (10) times a day. The S.M.A.R.T Mobile Device is the primary source of alcohol monitoring in this Court.

## Intensive Probation

Since December of 1997, the Lima Municipal Court has contracted with the Allen County Court of Common Pleas for Intensive Probation services. The program is designed to supervise defendants classified as moderate or higher on the Ohio Risk Assessment System-Community Supervision Tool. The intensive Probation Officer will carry a significantly smaller caseload, allowing more contact with offenders.

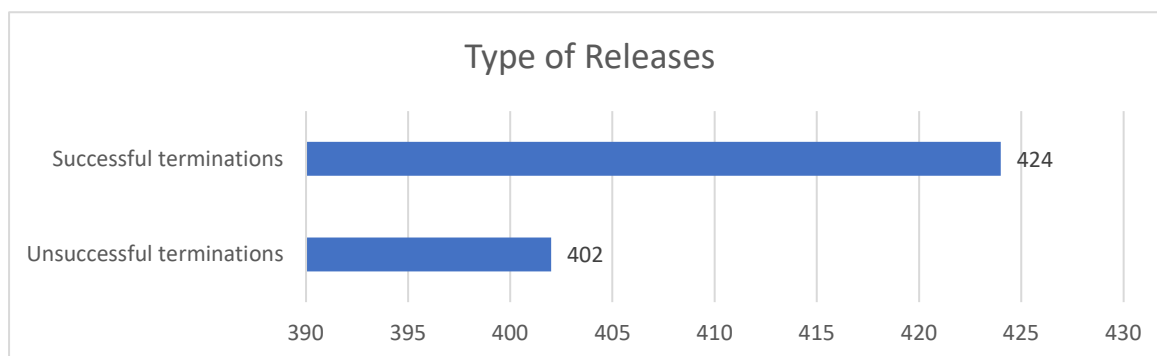
The Lima Municipal Court currently has 18 defendants being supervised through the Allen County Common Pleas Intensive Probation Department. If the defendant successfully completes intensive probation, they may be referred back to the Lima Municipal Court Probation Department for traditional supervision for the balance of their Probation period. Upon successful completion of intensive probation defendants may also be successfully release from probation.

## Releases/Terminations from Probation

Probation releases are divided into two categories:

1. Successful completion of the Probation period.
  - a. If a defendant has completed all terms of supervision, they may be eligible to be released early
    - i. Provided they have completed *at least* half of their supervision time ordered.
    - ii. Unless they violent offenders,
    - iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> in 10-years OVI offender.
2. Unsuccessful terminations
  - a. Failure to comply with terms of Probation.
  - b. Absconds from supervision.
  - c. Receives an extended jail or prison sentence from this or any other court.
  - d. Failure to complete tasks ordered by the Court during the Probation period.

The following is a total count of Probationers released from Probation in 2024.



## *Lima Municipal Treatment Court*

In 2024 the Lima Municipal Treatment Court under Judges Tammie K. Hursh celebrated 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Lima Municipal Treatment Court under Judge John R. Payne was successfully certified and approved as a Treatment Court with the Supreme Court of Ohio. Judge Payne took over the treatment court previously administered under Judge David A. Rodabaugh. There was much to celebrate while reflecting on the number of participants who have been touched by the support of the programs. A number of resources and community connections were made through the work of the team members, participants, and stakeholders. While serving as advocates, accountability partners, and allies within the community no one involved in the program lost sight of the reason for its existence. Allen County, Ohio has been hit hard by Substance Use Disorders and the fallout from their impact. These disorders commonly occur along with mental health issues. The program works diligently to access services for the individuals who become involved in the criminal justice system through the Lima Municipal Court due to their dependence on a mood-altering substance. These individuals may be eligible to participate in one of the Treatment Court dockets. The mission statement of the program reads: "To protect and improve the overall quality of life, in our community, through judicially supervised care and rehabilitation services for court involved individuals; to increase the likelihood of their being accountable for their behavior and becoming productive members of society." This is and has always been the focus of the program in its efforts to engage, support, and improve our community.

Both dockets obtained initial certification from the Supreme Court of Ohio within a year after holding their first status hearings and have maintained that status to date. Through ongoing education, training, and commitment to the Best Standards Practices the dockets are able to respond to the fundamental, unique, and ever-changing needs of the population we serve. This in turn sustains our community by reducing recidivism rates among the participants, adding to the viable work-force, and increasing the number of prosocial citizens who are engaged in positive, healthy lifestyles. The participants complete educational goals, explore and progress in career goals, secure gainful employment, and obtain safe, stable housing during their journey. They attend prosocial events throughout the county to increase community engagement and work to restore the community as a whole. All of this is evidenced in the jobs that they pursue, volunteer hours that they perform, and the many accomplishments that they achieve even after they complete the program.

The Lima Municipal Treatment Courts supported fifty-nine (59) participants directly throughout 2024. A team of treatment providers, case managers, advocates, and employment specialists along the probation officer and Judges coordinate wrap-around services to give each participant the best chance of success possible. The program utilizes licensed treatment providers to assess the participants' level of care and ensure that the services they receive are

individualized, well-rounded, and appropriate. Wrap-round services are offered to support participants in virtually all areas of their lives. Intensive supervision, mentoring, and non-clinical case management services are also provided throughout the program. A combination of urine drug testing, mobile breath testing, and sweat patch testing were utilized to hold the participants accountable during their time in the program. Less than 5 percent of those tests yielded positive results indicating that the participants were taking their sobriety seriously. This could include scheduling orientation for GED or adult education programming, accessing information about higher education, or exploring resources and options to set educational goals. Individuals received services related to prosocial and quality of life improvement activities such as mentoring. The majority of the participants accessed support to remove some of the most common barriers to success in the program: transportation, supplies, personal hygiene items, shelter, and clothing. All of these services, with the exception of mentoring, are provided through the Probation Officer who is employed by the Court through the Probation Department. The Probation Officer is also responsible for the day-to-day coordination of the Drug Court Program. Mentoring services are provided by Nine Consulting Services, LLC. Treatment services are provided by Lima UMADAOP, Spero Health, BrightView, Lighthouse Behavioral Health, and Coleman Professional Services in addition to other agencies locally as well as across the state. Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities assists with employment and career services including job searches, job coaching, career counseling, and interview preparation. The program is also supported by past participants who offer encouragement and guidance from a peer-to-peer perspective.

Eleven (11) participants successfully completed the program. As part of the graduation process each participant shares a presentation detailing their recovery journey to date, a summary of their relapse prevention plan, and their future goals. Graduates are presented with a Certificate of Completion and words of praise from various team members, the judge, participants and visitors who may be present. Twelve (12) participants were unsuccessfully or neutrally discharged from the program in 2024.

In October 2024 the Treatment Courts were awarded a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration which has allowed the court to work on expanding services to its participants

### *Veteran's Court Specialized Docket*

A Veterans Court Docket for misdemeanor offenders in Lima Municipal Court was established in March 2020. The specialized docket is a continuation of the effort to provide a reasoned, effective, and evidence-based response to the needs of offenders in Lima/Allen County. The partners involved in the planning and implementation of this specialized docket include the Lima Municipal Prosecutor, Public Defender, Veterans Administration (VA) - Dayton, Lima

Municipal Court Probation Department, and Allen County Veterans' Services Commission. Magistrate Kevin C. Smith oversees the docket and the treatment team.

The Magistrate holds court once per month and participants return regularly to Court for status reviews with the probation department. Prior to each docket, the treatment team meets with the Magistrate to review progress and problems and will work together to implement cross-disciplinary responses. The treatment team consists of: The Magistrate, Probation Officer/Program Manager, Veterans' Justice Outreach Support Specialist (VJO) from the VA in Dayton, a designated Public Defender, a designated Prosecutor, and a Representative from the Allen County Veterans' Services Commission.

The Lima Municipal Veterans' Court is committed to addressing the unique mental health, trauma, and substance abuse related needs of our veterans in Lima/Allen County by providing a judicially-supervised, intensive treatment program that creates prompt access to a range of services within the community with the intent of promoting self-sufficiency, reducing recidivism, promoting public safety, and providing an alternative to incarceration. The average expected completion timeframe is 12-18 months.

A unique advantage to the participants is the Veteran Peer Mentor who acts as a coach, a guide, a role model, an advocate, and gives support to the Veteran. Based on shared military experience, the Veteran Peer Mentor has a unique affiliation, which makes it possible to encourage new behaviors with the Veteran, as s/he progresses through the Court process. This will include listening to the concerns of the Veteran and making general suggestions, assisting the Veteran in determining what their needs are, and acting as support for the Veteran at a time when they may feel alone in a way that only another Veteran can understand. There are currently three (3) mentors working with the eight (8) participants.

In addition to the formal docket for Veterans, the Probation Department has designated one Probation Officer to supervise all identified Veterans under Court supervision. Specialized services for which they may be entitled are explored through the Veterans Benefit Administration. In 2024, there have been 13 referrals and 9 active participants. Those not participating either were ineligible or declined to voluntarily participate. Most importantly, the probation department has identified at least 22 Veterans on supervision and benefit qualifications have been explored with several finding they were eligible for additional services.



Lima Municipal Court  
109 N. Union Street, Lima, Ohio 45801  
Phone: 419-221-5275 Fax: 419-998-5537

John R. Payne  
Judge

Tammie K. Hursh  
Presiding Judge

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March 20, 2025

The Board of County Commissioners  
Allen County Courthouse  
P.O. Box 1243  
Lima, OH 45802

Lima City Council  
City Municipal Building  
50 Town Square  
Lima, OH 45801

**RE: LIMA MUNICIPAL COURT – ANNUAL REPORT**

Dear Public Officials:

Pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Section 1901.14, Paragraph (D), the Annual Report of the Lima Municipal Court for the year 2024 is hereby submitted for your consideration.

The Annual Report is compiled from original records of the Court, which are available for your examination.

Should you have any questions about the report, please feel free to contact my office.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. K. Hursh'.

Tammie K Hursh  
Administrative & Presiding Judge

cc: Supreme Court of Ohio  
Mayor Sharetta Smith  
Auditor for the City of Lima  
Auditor for Allen County, Ohio  
Lima City Council  
Lima Municipal Court Clerk

Lima Municipal Court  
109 N. Union Street  
Lima, Ohio 45801

# **Annual Court Report 2024**

Tammie K. Hursh  
Presiding and Administrative Judge

Judge John R. Payne

Jim Link, CPA  
Clerk of Court



Kevin C. Smith, Senior Magistrate  
Michael J. Short, Magistrate  
Kelly Ricker, Acting Chief Security Officer  
Marjean L. Warren, Chief Probation Officer  
Tiffany R. May, Court Administrator/Chief Bailiff

# OUR COURT'S MISSION

THE COURT SHALL, IN FAIR, ACCESSIBLE, EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT METHODS, RESOLVE DISPUTES, AND IN SO DOING, SHALL INTERPRET AND APPLY THE LAW CONSISTENTLY AND IMPARTIALLY, TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES GUARANTEED BY THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THE STATE OF OHIO AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

TO PROTECT AND IMPROVE THE OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH JUDICIALLY SUPERVISED CONTROL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES. ALSO, TO ASSIST AND DIRECT INDIVIDUALS TO BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR BEHAVIOR AND TO BECOME PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY



## A Letter from the Elected Officials of Lima Municipal Court

The Lima Municipal Court hears misdemeanor criminal and traffic charges, which arise from violations of state code and municipal ordinances throughout Allen County, Ohio. It also hears civil cases arising throughout Allen County with damages not exceeding \$15,000. Those civil cases involve breaches of both oral and written contracts, tortious activity, and forcible entry and detainer (evictions) actions, to name a few. The Civil Division of the Court also has a Small Claims Division that hears contract and tort cases involving damages of no more than \$6,000. Additionally, the Court hears appeals and petitions from actions of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, which arise in Allen County.

Both courtrooms continue to conduct certified Treatment Courts. We serve individuals whose addictions have come before the court with the goal of being able to graduate and become free of the addictions that have been integral in their violations of law. To support these endeavors, the Court received a \$285,466 grant (year 1 of 5) from the Department of Health & Human Services — Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. These funds help cover the costs of treatment services and basic needs of participants. We also continue with our Veterans Court, which addresses alcohol and drug dependency issues along with mental health matters that is focused on persons who have served in our military in defense of our country.

Additionally, we have continued the expansion of our Pre-Trial Services program with a grant from the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties, which funds one full-time and one part-time position in the department. The Court is extremely thankful for this award. Pre-trial services monitor defendants released on bond and, where appropriate, initiates treatment while the case is pending for the immediate and long-term safety of the community.

The progression of the Lima Smart City Initiative for the Court continues with a “Go Live” date in 2025. It is our hope that this new software system will provide greater efficiencies within the courtroom, probation, and clerk’s office. One of the Court’s top priorities is to implement electronic filing and electronic notifications with the new software when technologically and economically feasible.

The following reports tell the statistical story of the Lima Municipal Court for 2024. They do not express the dedication that the employees of this court show daily in the performance of their duties. I hope this letter can adequately convey my admiration for them.



Tammie K. Hursh  
Presiding & Administrative Judge



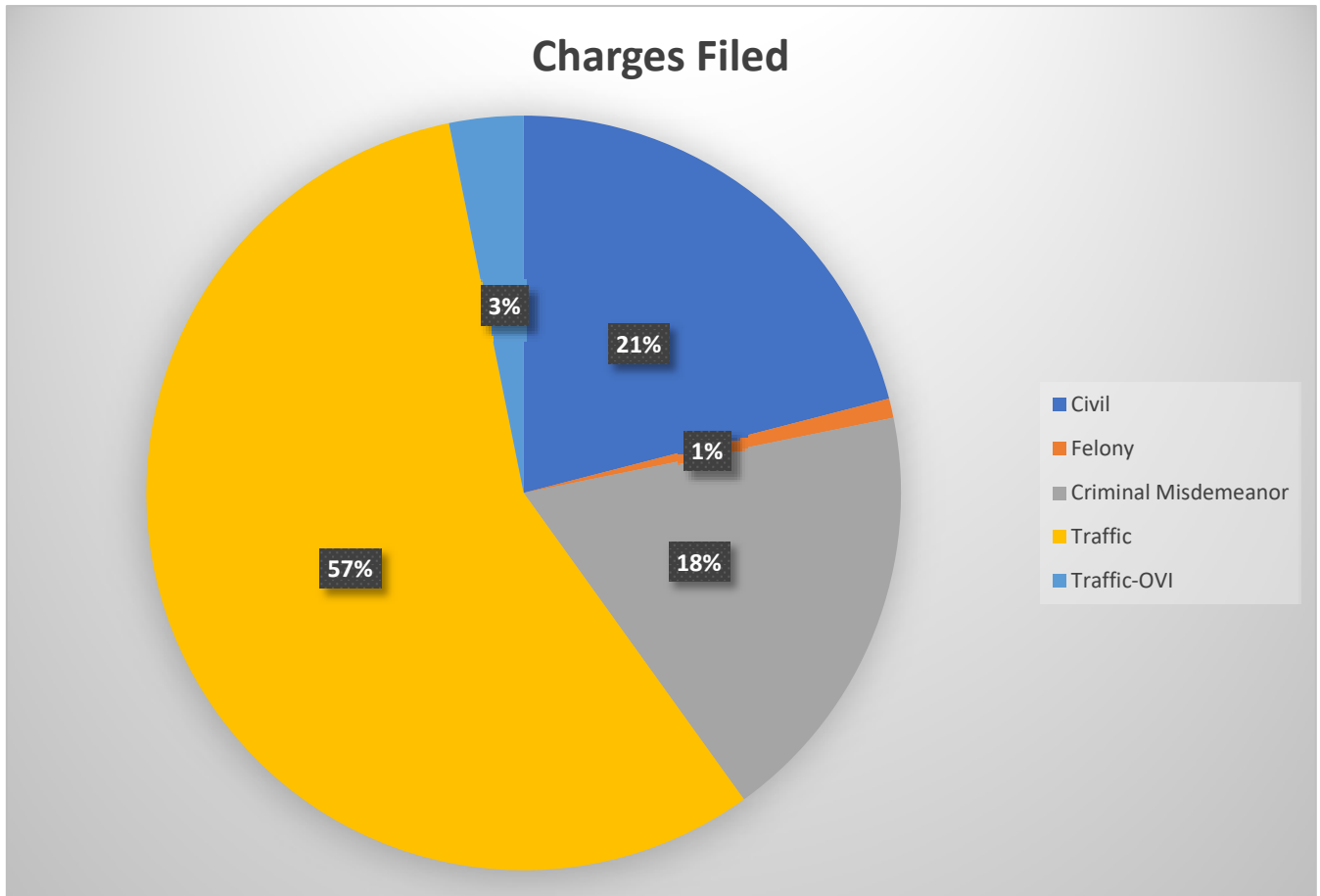
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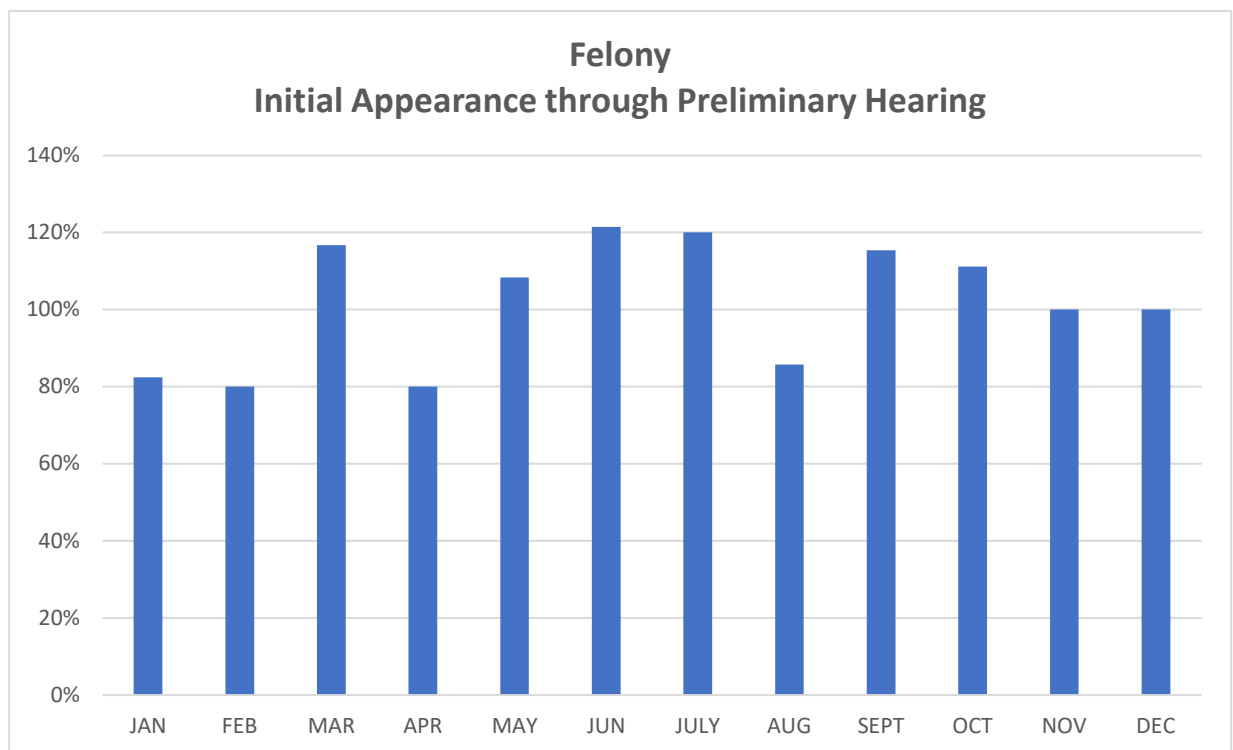
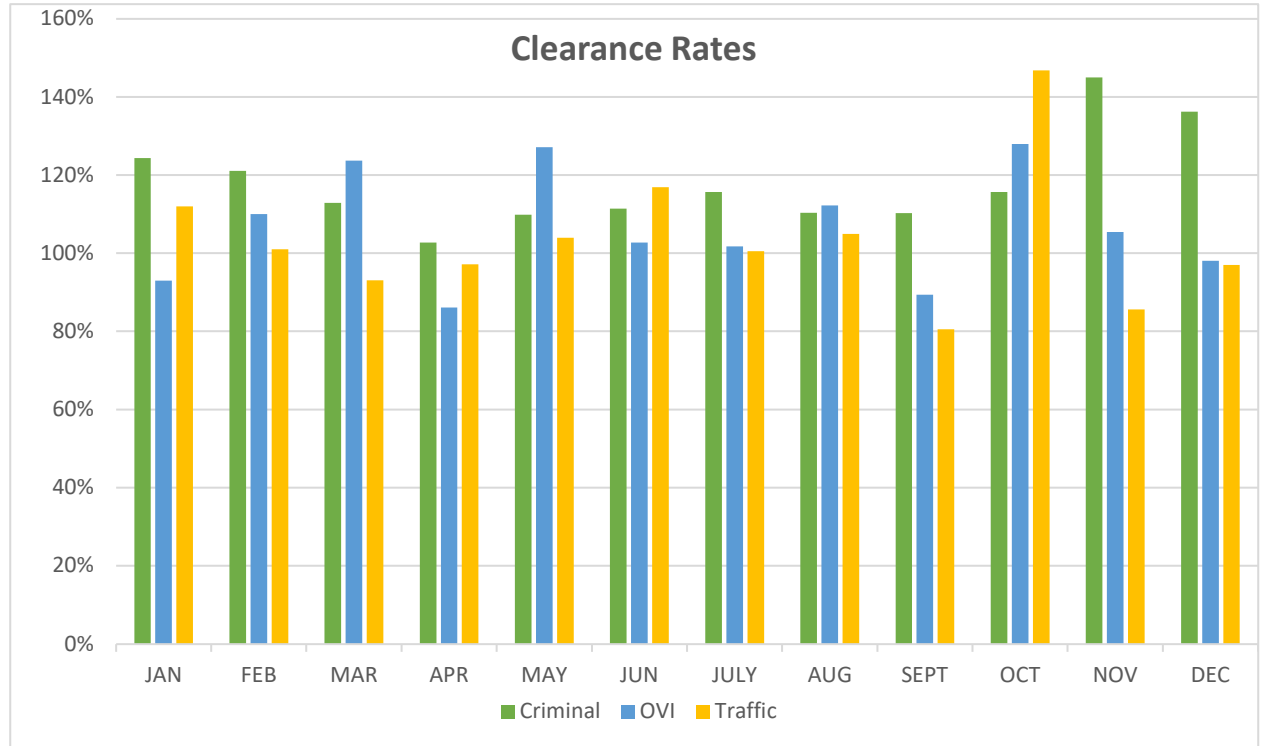
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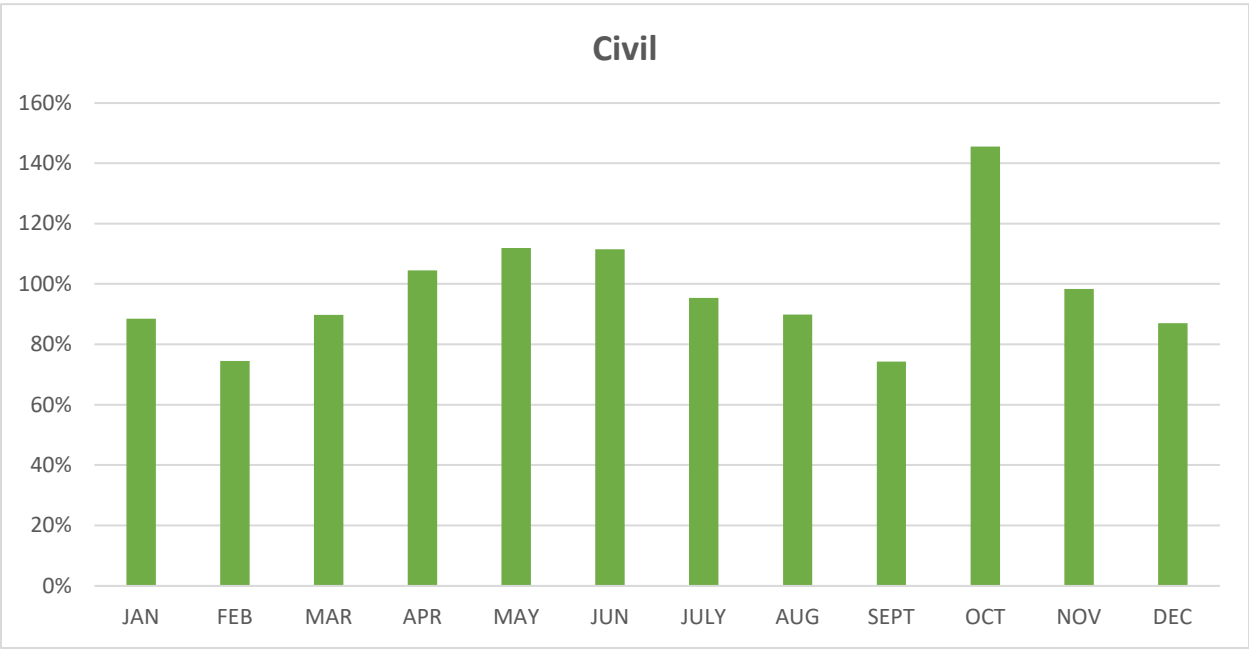
## 2024



# MONTHLY CLEARANCE RATE

Clearance rates are calculated by dividing the number of cases disposed in each month by the number of cases coming into court in the same month.





**Total number of civil cases filed in 2024**

**3,671**

## CASES FILE BY TYPE

### TRAFFIC/CRIMINAL DIVISION FOR THE YEAR 2024

Agency #	Agency	CRA	CRB	CR SUB	TRC	TRD	TR SUB	AGENCY TOTAL	PARKING
02	Ohio Highway Patrol	7	47	11	274	5,041	1,019	6,399	-
03	Lima City Police	104	1,450	690	178	1,085	547	4,054	148
03A	City Park Ranger	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
04	ACSO	28	471	186	51	466	201	1,403	-
05	Spencer Twp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
06	Marion Twp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
07	Amanda Twp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
08	Sugar Creek Twp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
09	American Twp	-	65	12	3	211	58	349	-
10	Shawnee Twp	5	53	26	23	692	168	967	-
11	Monroe Twp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Bath Twp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Perry Twp	-	14	2	2	29	4	51	-
14	Richland Twp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Jackson Twp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Auglaize Twp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Spencerville PD	-	4	1	2	45	8	60	-
18	Delphos PD	-	21	9	20	112	64	226	-
19	Elida PD	-	3	4	1	10	8	26	-
20	Fort Shawnee Police	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Cairo PD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Beaverdam PD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	Bluffton PD	-	6	-	1	147	14	168	-
24	Lafayette PD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Harrod PD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	ODNR-Budget & Finance	-	6	4	-	-	-	10	-
27	Liquor Control	-	24	11	-	-	-	35	-
28	B & O Railroad Detective	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	PUCO of Ohio	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	Ohio Dept of Agriculture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31	Metropolitan Park Officer	-	5	2	-	-	-	7	-
32	AC Humane Office (Society)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	AC Dog Warden	-	45	15	-	-	-	60	-
34	Ohio Dept Tax	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	-
35	Board of Health	-	8	-	-	-	-	8	-
36	Ohio Board of Nursing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
37	Dept of Industrial Relations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
38	Ohio Bureau of Employment Serv	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
39	Board of Pharmacy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	Allen County Sanitary Engineer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	Ohio Div of Watercraft	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	CSX Railroad	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
43	Ohio Bureau of Work. Comp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	Ohio Attorney General	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		144	2,225	973	555	7,838	2,091	13,826	148

**2024  
COURT  
PERSONNEL**

## **COURTROOM 1**

Judge John R. Payne

Deputy Bailiffs

Brian Jenkins  
Crystal Dilbone

Uniformed Court Bailiff

Charles Ganson  
Heather Buell

Assignment Commissioner

Nicole R. Spees  
Stephanie Evans

## **COURTROOM 2**

Judge Tammie K. Hursh

Staff Attorney

Michael J. Short

Uniformed Court Bailiff

H. Reid Foust

Deputy Bailiff/Assignment Commissioner

Stephanie Evans  
Patricia Bunch  
Kelly Morris

## **COURTROOM 3**

Chief Magistrate Richard K. Warren - Retired 8/24

Senior Magistrate, Kevin C. Smith

Magistrate Michael Short

Deputy Bailiff

Kelly M. Morris  
Nicole Spees

## **COURT ADMINISTRATOR**

Tiffany R. May

# PROBATION

## Chief Probation Officer

Marjean Warren

### Pretrial Services Officer

Patricia Painter

Kylee Creller – Part-time

### Pretrial Services Manager

Shannon Pugh

### Probation Officer

Amy Heath – Pre-Sentence Investigations/Expungements

Mitch Castle – Veteran's Court

Brianna Leary – Community Service

Joshua Snyder

### Drug Court Probation Officer

Goia Coleman

### Secretary/Court Receptionist

Denise Richardson

# PROBATION/SECURITY DIVISION

## Chief of Security

J. Donald Chiles – Resigned 9/24

Kelly Ricker – Acting Chief

### Security

Bill Meyer – Retired 6/24

Kelly Ricker

Marissa Kennedy – Part-time

### Bailiff/Process Server

J. Brian Maginnity – Retired 9/24

Douglas Vermillion

Charles Ganson

Richard Shade

Marissa Kennedy – Part-time



# **2024 Clerk's Office Personnel**

## **CLERK OF COURT**

Jim Link

## **CIVIL CLERK'S OFFICE**

Chief Deputy Clerk

Pam Osmon

Deputy Clerk

Katie Bowman

Terri Dawson

Carol Floyd

Shawn Stephens

Kim Rex

Deputy Clerk/Systems Administrator

Matt Schmunk

## **CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC CLERK'S OFFICE**

Chief Deputy Clerk

Brenda Benedict

Deputy Clerk/Trainer

Dionne Shook

Accountant

Brent Riemesch

Deputy Clerk

Amanda Bassett

Claire Burger

Jessica Carder

Angela Clark

Lucinda Daley

Ashlee Mathewson

Carm Miller

# Criminal/Traffic Financial Summary – 2024

DISTRIBUTION REPORT  
LIMA MUNICIPAL COURT - TR/CR DIVISION  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Year-to-date  
Withdrawals

## PAID TO CITY OF LIMA:

301 CITY POLICE	94,278.77
302 CITY POLICE ORD ONLY	364.00
303 WORKER'S COMPENSATION	0.00
304 CITY HIGHWAY PATROL TRAFFIC	100,084.11
305 CITY HIGHWAY PATROL CRIMINAL	6,881.27
306 CITY COSTS	689,166.80
307 TEXAS BOOT	0.00
308 PARKING TICKETS	999.00
309 NOISE	1,710.00
310 RETURNED CHECKS	120.00
311 EMPLOYMENT OF MINORS	0.00
316 CONFISCATED MONEY	0.00
320 EHA-ELECTRONIC HOUSE ARREST	0.00
321 EHAC-ELECTRONIC HOUSE ARREST/C	0.00
329 COMMUNITY CONTROL	62,902.30
330 LEGAL RESEARCH	31,138.94
340 COMPUTER COSTS	103,599.55
341 SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	478,438.95
341A SPECIAL PROJECTS-NON MOVING	930.00
341B SPECIAL PROJECTS PER SB17	20,138.97
666C DRUG ENFORCEMENT - CITY	7,263.00
703 INTEREST	540.94
704 BANK ADJUSTMENTS	0.00
800C DUI ENF & EDUC FUND - CITY	4,071.97
801 INDIGENT DRIVERS ALCOHOL FUND	34,914.75
802B AGENCY HOUSING - CITY	0.00
900C HANDICAP/SIGNAGE - LPD	0.00

TOTAL PAID ALL CITY OF LIMA ACCOUNTS

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1,637,543.32

# Criminal/Traffic Financial Summary – 2024

## DISTRIBUTION REPORT LIMA MUNICIPAL COURT - TR/CR DIVISION FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Year-to-date  
withdrawals

### PAID TO ALLEN COUNTY:

400 SHERIFF - CRIMINAL	139,887.48
400LC LIQUOR CONTROL - COUNTY	3,040.50
401 ROAD REPAIR	0.00
402 COUNTY HIGHWAY PATROL TRAFFIC	26,180.50
403 COUNTY HIGHWAY PATROL CRIMINAL	585.31
404 SHERIFF - TRAFFIC	264,053.78
405 SPENCER TOWNSHIP	0.00
406 MARION TOWNSHIP	0.00
407 AMANDA CONSTABLE	0.00
408 SUGAR CREEK TOWNSHIP	0.00
409 AMERICAN TOWNSHIP	0.00
410 SHAWNEE TOWNSHIP	0.00
411 MONROE TOWNSHIP	0.00
412 BATH TOWNSHIP	0.00
413 PERRY TOWNSHIP	0.00
414 RICHLAND TOWNSHIP	0.00
415 DOG & KENNEL	3,066.50
416 AUGLAIZE TOWNSHIP	0.00
417 BOARD OF HEALTH	0.00
419 JACKSON TOWNSHIP	0.00
422 STREAM LITTERING	0.00
425 WATERCRAFT	0.00
426 COUNTY COSTS	18,514.35
427 SANITARY ENGINEER	0.00
431 PD APPLICATION FEE	36,330.60
666B DRUG ENFORCEMENT - ACSO	1,100.00
800B DUI ENF & EDUC FUND - ACSO	1,585.00
802A AGENCY HOUSING - COUNTY	25,613.47
900B HANDICAP/SIGNAGE - ACSO	150.00
 TOTAL PAID TO ALLEN COUNTY	 <u>\$ 520,107.49</u>
 301A LAW LIBRARY - CITY	 3,500.00
404A LAW LIBRARY - COUNTY	3,500.00
 TOTAL PAID TO LAW LIBRARY	 <u>\$ 7,000.00</u>
 423 SHERIFF'S FEES	 \$ 39,395.99
 428 REMAND COURT COSTS	 \$ 236.00

# Criminal/Traffic Financial Summary – 2024

## DISTRIBUTION REPORT LIMA MUNICIPAL COURT - TR/CR DIVISION FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Year-to-date  
withdrawals

### PAID TO STATE AGENCIES

200 HIGHWAY PATROL REGULAR	2,521.43
204 HIGHWAY PATROL TRAFFIC	117,813.42
205 TRAUMA FUND	13,369.26
432 INDIGENT DEFENSE SUPPORT FUND	229,204.65
500B IND DRIVERS ALC TREAT FUND	0.00
500C IND DEFENSE SUPPORT FUND HB562	44,450.55
500D JUSTICE PROGRAM SERVICE FUND	887.97
500E DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND	30,188.91
505 LIQUOR CONTROL	3,040.50
527 EXPUNGEMENT	1,170.00
528 VICTIMS OF CRIME FUND	79,771.75
530 STATE GENERAL FUND	0.00
531 SEAT BELT LAW	23,823.00
532 CHILD HIGHWAY SAFETY FUND	2,245.00
533 STATE HIGHWAY SAFETY FUND	87.50
534 SEALING	2,971.00
6660 DRUG ENF - LIQUOR CONTROL	25.00

TOTAL PAID TO STATE ROTARY FUND	\$ 551,569.94
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555 BMV - SB 121	60.00
556 BMV - WARRANT BLOCK	0.00

TOTAL PAID TO BMV	\$ 60.00
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666A DRUG ENFORCEMENT - OSP	2,313.00
900A HANDICAP SIGNAGE - OSP	0.00

TOTAL PAID TO OSP	\$ 2,313.00
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506 WILDLIFE	536.00
666K DRUG ENFORCEMENT - WILDLIFE	0.00
529 STATE WATERCRAFT	0.00

TOTAL PAID TO WILDLIFE	\$ 536.00
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509 BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY	\$ 0.00
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513 BOARD OF NURSING	\$ 0.00
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508 BOARD OF PHARMACY	\$ 12,225.53
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418 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	\$ 0.00
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800A DUI ENF & EDUC FUND - OSP	\$ 4,924.00
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# Criminal/Traffic Financial Summary – 2024

DISTRIBUTION REPORT  
LIMA MUNICIPAL COURT - TR/CR DIVISION  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Year-to-date withdrawals
OTHER CITIES, VILLAGES, TOWNSHIPS AND AGENCIES:	
666I DRUG ENF - AMERICAN TOWNSHIP	50.00
8000 DUI ENF & EDUC FUND - AMER TWP	25.00
900K HANDICAP/SIGNAGE - AMERICAN TP	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO AMERICAN TOWNSHIP	\$ 75.00
666L DRUG ENF - BATH TOWNSHIP	0.00
800P DUI ENF & EDUC FUND - BATH TWP	0.00
900L HANDICAP/SIGNAGE - BATH TWP	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO BATH TOWNSHIP	\$ 0.00
618 GENERAL FINES - DELPHOS	0.00
6600 DRUG ENFORCEMENT - DELPHOS	150.00
8000 DUI ENF & EDUC FUND - DELPHOS	175.00
9000 HANDICAP/SIGNAGE - DELPHOS	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO CITY OF DELPHOS	\$ 325.00
750 COLLECTIONS	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO CAPITAL RECOVERY	\$ 0.00
540 CRIME STOPPERS	1,673.00
TOTAL PAID TO CRIME STOPPERS	\$ 1,673.00
510 HUMANE SOCIETY	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO HUMANE SOCIETY	\$ 0.00
666N DRUG ENF-MARION TOWNSHIP	0.00
800L DUI ENF & EDUC FUND-MARION TWP	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO MARION TOWNSHIP	\$ 0.00
700 JAMPD PARK BOARD	250.00
700A JAMPD PARK BOARD DRUG FUND	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO PARK BOARD	\$ 250.00
666M DRUG ENF - PERRY TOWNSHIP	0.00
800N DUI ENF & EDUC FUND-PERRY TWP	50.00
TOTAL PAID TO PERRY TOWNSHIP	\$ 50.00
666H DRUG ENF - SHAWNEE TWP PD	50.00
800J DUI ENF & EDUC FUND - SH TWP	444.00
900J HANDICAP/SIGNAGE - SHAWNEE TWP	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO SHAWNEE TOWNSHIP	\$ 494.00
621 GENERAL FINES - BEAVERDAM	0.00
800K DUI ENF & EDUC FUND - BEAVERDAM	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO VILLAGE OF BEAVERDAM	\$ 0.00

DISTRIBUTION REPORT  
LIMA MUNICIPAL COURT - TR/CR DIVISION  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Year-to-date withdrawals
OTHERS CONTINUED:	
620 GENERAL FINES - BLUFFTON	\$60.00
620A BLUFFTON DRUG FUND	0.00
666J DRUG ENFORCEMENT - BLUFFTON	0.00
800I DUI ENF & EDUC FUND - BLUFFTON	60.00
900I HANDICAP/SIGNAGE - BLUFFTON	1,541.00
TOTAL PAID TO VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON	\$ 2,161.00
616 GENERAL FINES - CAIRO	0.00
800H DUI ENF & EDUC FUND - CAIRO	0.00
900H HANDICAP/SIGNAGE - CAIRO	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO VILLAGE OF CAIRO	\$ 0.00
619 GENERAL FINES - ELIDA	100.00
666G DRUG ENF - ELIDA PD	0.00
800E DUI ENF & EDUC FUND - ELIDA	0.00
900E HANDICAP/SIGNAGE - ELIDA	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO VILLAGE OF ELIDA	\$ 100.00
622 GENERAL FINES - FT SHAWNEE	101.00
666E DRUG ENFORCEMENT - FT SHAWNEE	0.00
800F DUI ENF & EDUC FUND - FT SHAWN	0.00
900F HANDICAP/SIGNAGE - FT SHAWNEE	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO VILLAGE OF FT SHAWNEE	\$ 101.00
625 GENERAL FINES - HARROD	0.00
800M DUI ENF & EDUC FUND-HARROD PD	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO VILLAGE OF HARROD	\$ 0.00
626 GENERAL FINES - LAFAYETTE	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO VILLAGE OF LAFAYETTE	\$ 0.00
617 GENERAL FINES - SPENCERVILLE	25.00
666F DRUG ENF - SPENCERVILLE PD	0.00
800G DUI ENF & EDUC FUND - SPENCERVL	25.00
900G HANDICAP/SIGNAGE-SPENCERVILLE	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO VILLAGE OF SPENCERVILLE	\$ 50.00

# Civil

## Financial Summary – 2024

### LIMA MUNICIPAL COURT - CIVIL DIVISION FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Beginning Year Balance	Year To Date Actual Receipts	Year To Date Withdrawals	Year To Date Adjustments	Year To Date Balance
INTC - CIVIL ACCT	\$ -	\$ 380.63	\$ (380.63)	\$ -	\$ -
VCAP - SPEC PROJ	\$ -	\$ 282,300.00	\$ (281,850.00)	\$ (450.00)	\$ -
VCB - CLERK BAILIFF	\$ -	\$ 143.00	\$ (143.00)	\$ -	\$ -
VLCL - COMP LGL RES	\$ -	\$ 16,938.00	\$ (16,911.00)	\$ (27.00)	\$ -
VCPA - COMP COST	\$ -	\$ 61,780.00	\$ (61,680.00)	\$ (100.00)	\$ -
VFF - FILING FEES	\$ -	\$ 438,859.70	\$ (438,001.70)	\$ (858.00)	\$ -
VFFR - FILING FEES RET	\$ -	\$ 933.09	\$ (2,117.09)	\$ 1,184.00	\$ -
VJUD - PAID IN JDG	\$ 65,705.64	\$ 2,040,935.68	\$ (2,004,885.25)	\$ 24,528.84	\$ 126,284.91
VMAR - MARRIAGES	\$ -	\$ 1,300.00	\$ (1,300.00)	\$ -	\$ -
VPND - POUNDAGE	\$ -	\$ 40,950.43	\$ (40,909.28)	\$ (41.15)	\$ -
VSC - SM CLAIMS	\$ -	\$ 3,972.00	\$ (3,972.00)	\$ -	\$ -
VSEC - SECURITY	\$ 1,456.61	\$ 11,745.62	\$ (12,641.10)	\$ 820.61	\$ 1,381.74
VSF - ST OHIO FEES	\$ -	\$ 90,167.00	\$ (90,089.00)	\$ (78.00)	\$ -
<b>TOTAL CIVIL ACCOUNT</b>	<b>\$ 67,162.25</b>	<b>\$ 2,990,405.15</b>	<b>\$ (2,954,880.05)</b>	<b>\$ 24,979.30</b>	<b>\$ 127,666.65</b>
VRE - RENTAL ESC	\$ -	\$ 9,500.00	\$ (9,100.00)	\$ -	\$ 400.00
<b>TOTAL RENTAL ESC ACCOUNT</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 9,500.00</b>	<b>\$ (9,100.00)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>
VTT - TRUSTEE	\$ -	\$ 4,634.47	\$ (4,824.47)	\$ 190.00	\$ -
VTTC - TRUSTEE CITY	\$ -	\$ 109.58	\$ (109.58)	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL TRUSTEE ACCOUNT</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,744.05</b>	<b>\$ (4,934.05)</b>	<b>\$ 190.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>



## Bailiff/Process Service 2024

Executions for Mobile Homes (Sale)	1
Executions for Property	13
Executions for Money	0
Affidavit of Garnishment	0
Money Property Credits	0
Notice To Appear and Answer	33
Small Claims Summons	12
Summons	26
Alias Summons	109
Summons and Notice of Court Order	0
Wage Garnishment Contempt Notice	2
Order of Possession W / Locksmith	0
Order of Possession No Locksmith	0
Subpoenas	2,989
Summons Forcible Detention	1,063
Summons Forcible Detention for Money	85
Writ of Restitution	880
Notice to Leave Premises	2
Total Papers Served	5215

The Court employs two (2) Full-time and two (2) Part-time Bailiff/Process Sever.

Total Mileage for 2024 - 26,018

# **Probation 2024**

The Lima Municipal Probation Department supervised 770 defendants on probation and 515 defendants on pretrial services in 2024. The probation department prioritizes community safety and accountability, along with community service. The probation department continues to expand services to meet the needs of defendants. The probation department continues to utilize the “one stop” internal referral source for services at the court. These services include case management referrals twice a month, general educational diploma, literacy services, and employment placements. These services, along with court ordered accountability, improve the quality of life for the defendants we supervise.

The probation department continues to offer defendant support groups, facilitated by probation staff for Moral Recognition Therapy, Anger Management, Parenting, and Trauma. During 2024, 90 defendants completed group programming. The probation department partners with the Lima Public Library to utilize rooms at the library at no cost.

The probation department continues to participate in the Allen Soil and Water adopt a road clean-up project. This project is utilized for most of our court ordered community service defendants. The probation department has been involved in this project for four years, with 57 defendants participating in 2024.

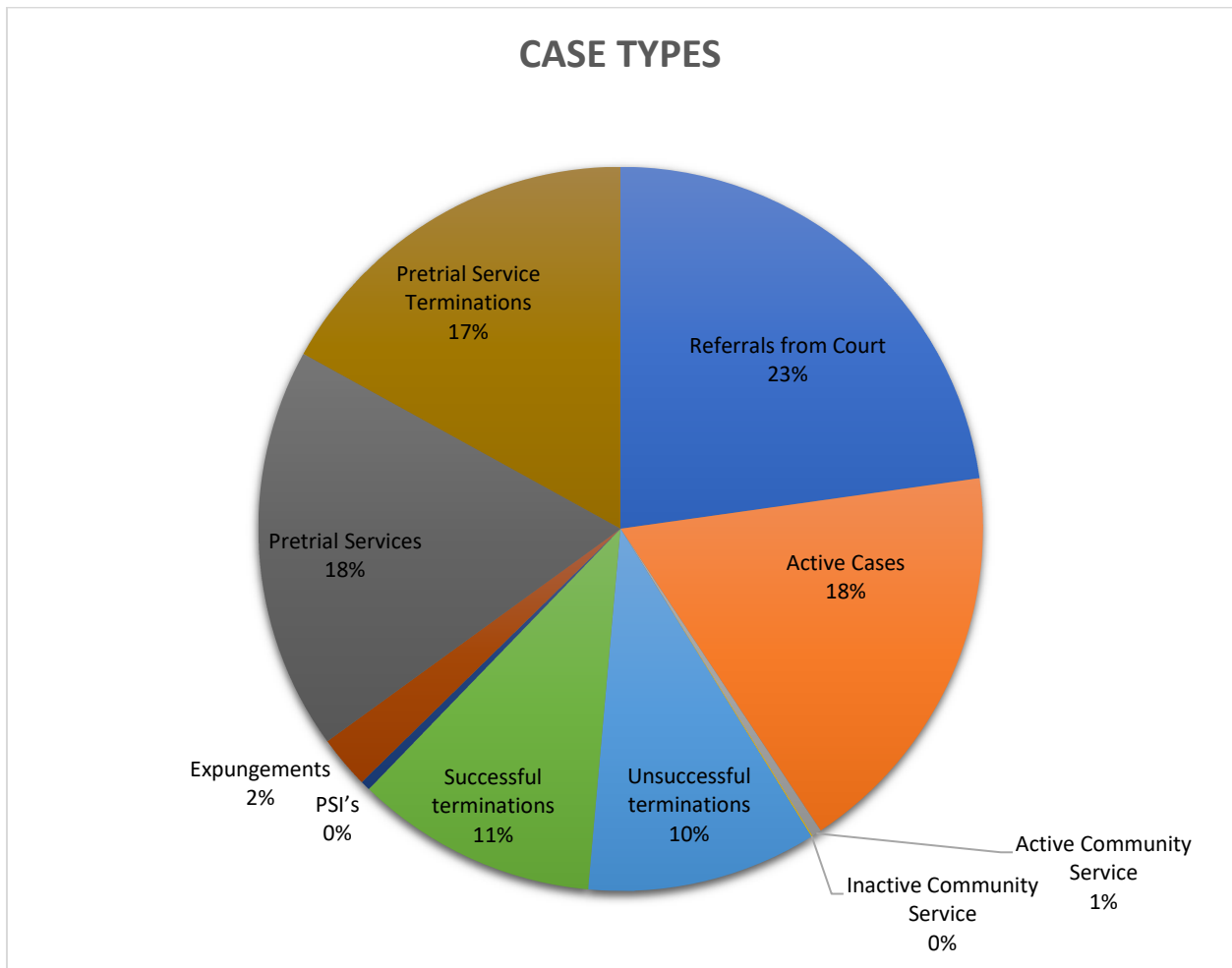
The probation department refers defendants to local non-profit and for-profit agencies for mental health and substance abuse treatment. Referrals are also made to inpatient treatment centers for substance abuse and mental health treatment throughout Ohio.

During 2024, the probation department partnered with agencies such as Allen County Board of Disabilities, Guardianship Board, Mental Health Board, Goodwill Industries, Wheelhouse, Regional Transit Authority, Allen County Public Health, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, local and state homeless shelters and local recovery houses.

Looking into 2024, the probation department will continue to hold defendants accountable, prioritize treatment services, and maintain and expand services to mitigate further court involvement.

The following reflects current supervision totals during 2024 at year end:

Total Probation Referrals from Court	893
Total Active Probation Cases	703
Total pending failure to comply cases	124
Total Active Community Service Cases	17
Total Inactive Community Service Cases	2
Total PSI's	17
Total Expungements	92
Total Pretrial Cases	706
Total Pretrial Terminations	666



The Lima Municipal Court Probation Department is made up of four (4) subdivisions that work together to serve the needs of the defendant. Those four (4) subdivisions will be discussed in more depth on the following pages.

## *Pretrial Services*

Lima Municipal Court Pre-trial Services provides misdemeanor defendants services upon entering the court system, prior to disposition of their cases. The court utilizes the least restrictive sanctions for bond, using these officers to supervise and monitor treatment while the defendants' case is pending.

There are currently two full-time and one part-time pretrial service officers that supervise defendants and refer defendants to resources based upon individual needs. Pretrial services maximize the safety of the community and minimize the risk of nonappearance at court proceedings. Defendants are afforded the opportunity to engage in services at an early stage upon entering the Court system. Pretrial services serve defendants in Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin counties, and receive funding from the Mental Health Board for those defendants. The pretrial service manager serves additional defendants from other counties.

## *General Probation*

### Post and Pre-Sentence Reporting

The Lima Municipal Court Probation Department conducts written and oral, post and pre-sentence investigation reports ordered by the Court. Additionally, the Probation Department also completes expungements & sealing of the record reports for the Court's review. In 2024 there are 17 post and pre-sentence investigation reports completed. In 2024 the probation department and court processed 92 expungements and/or sealing of records.

### Non-Reporting Probation

Defendant may be placed on non-reporting probation for any of the following reasons:

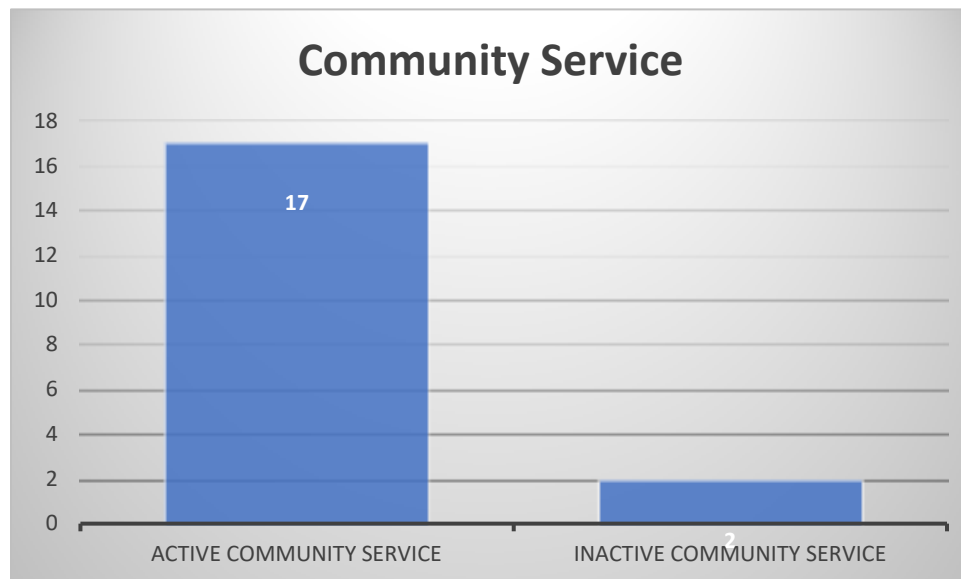
1. Good conduct
2. Residing out of state
3. Receiving dual supervision from another Probation department
4. Ordered to non-reporting probation at sentencing.

## Community Service

The Lima Municipal Court Probation Department continues to provide community service opportunities for those individuals ordered to complete community service. Community service can be ordered for the following reasons:

1. In lieu of fines
2. In lieu of jail
3. For unspecified driving offenses

The Lima Municipal Court has several agencies in the area that can be utilized for defendants to complete community service. However, it should be noted that the most notably used agencies are the Allen County Regional Transit Authority and the West Ohio Food Bank. A total of 19 people were ordered by the Court to complete community service in 2024.



## Electronic Monitoring/Ignition Interlock

The Probation Department continues to monitor the Ignition Interlock Program to date and also assists in supervising Court ordered Electronically Monitored House Arrest as well as alcohol monitoring via the In-Hom Breathalyzer Unit. In 2024, the Probation Department was able to continue utilizing the S.M.A.R.T. Mobile device through Smart Start Ohio. This device allows Officers to set timeframes in which the offender must take a breath test. The Officer can request the defendant to test up to ten (10) times a day. The S.M.A.R.T Mobile Device is the primary source of alcohol monitoring in this Court.

## Intensive Probation

Since December of 1997, the Lima Municipal Court has contracted with the Allen County Court of Common Pleas for Intensive Probation services. The program is designed to supervise defendants classified as moderate or higher on the Ohio Risk Assessment System-Community Supervision Tool. The intensive Probation Officer will carry a significantly smaller caseload, allowing more contact with offenders.

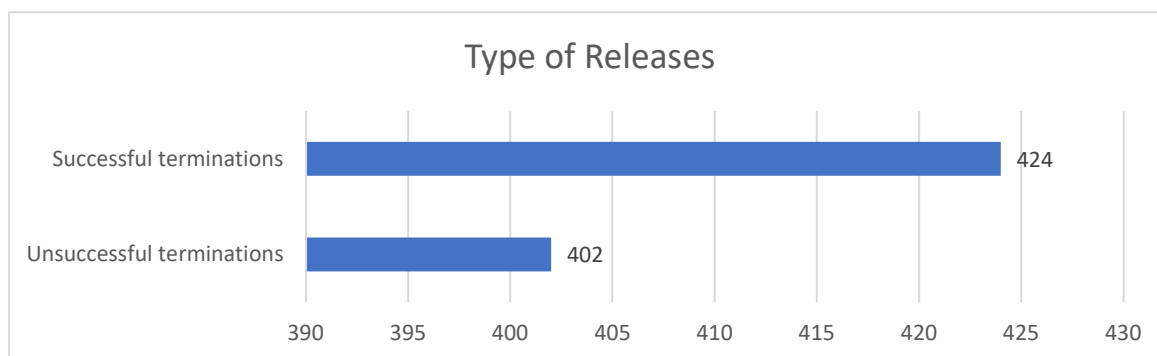
The Lima Municipal Court currently has 18 defendants being supervised through the Allen County Common Pleas Intensive Probation Department. If the defendant successfully completes intensive probation, they may be referred back to the Lima Municipal Court Probation Department for traditional supervision for the balance of their Probation period. Upon successful completion of intensive probation defendants may also be successfully release from probation.

## Releases/Terminations from Probation

Probation releases are divided into two categories:

1. Successful completion of the Probation period.
  - a. If a defendant has completed all terms of supervision, they may be eligible to be released early
    - i. Provided they have completed *at least* half of their supervision time ordered.
    - ii. Unless they violent offenders,
    - iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> in 10-years OVI offender.
2. Unsuccessful terminations
  - a. Failure to comply with terms of Probation.
  - b. Absconds from supervision.
  - c. Receives an extended jail or prison sentence from this or any other court.
  - d. Failure to complete tasks ordered by the Court during the Probation period.

The following is a total count of Probationers released from Probation in 2024.



## *Lima Municipal Treatment Court*

In 2024 the Lima Municipal Treatment Court under Judges Tammie K. Hursh celebrated 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Lima Municipal Treatment Court under Judge John R. Payne was successfully certified and approved as a Treatment Court with the Supreme Court of Ohio. Judge Payne took over the treatment court previously administered under Judge David A. Rodabaugh. There was much to celebrate while reflecting on the number of participants who have been touched by the support of the programs. A number of resources and community connections were made through the work of the team members, participants, and stakeholders. While serving as advocates, accountability partners, and allies within the community no one involved in the program lost sight of the reason for its existence. Allen County, Ohio has been hit hard by Substance Use Disorders and the fallout from their impact. These disorders commonly occur along with mental health issues. The program works diligently to access services for the individuals who become involved in the criminal justice system through the Lima Municipal Court due to their dependence on a mood-altering substance. These individuals may be eligible to participate in one of the Treatment Court dockets. The mission statement of the program reads: "To protect and improve the overall quality of life, in our community, through judicially supervised care and rehabilitation services for court involved individuals; to increase the likelihood of their being accountable for their behavior and becoming productive members of society." This is and has always been the focus of the program in its efforts to engage, support, and improve our community.

Both dockets obtained initial certification from the Supreme Court of Ohio within a year after holding their first status hearings and have maintained that status to date. Through ongoing education, training, and commitment to the Best Standards Practices the dockets are able to respond to the fundamental, unique, and ever-changing needs of the population we serve. This in turn sustains our community by reducing recidivism rates among the participants, adding to the viable work-force, and increasing the number of prosocial citizens who are engaged in positive, healthy lifestyles. The participants complete educational goals, explore and progress in career goals, secure gainful employment, and obtain safe, stable housing during their journey. They attend prosocial events throughout the county to increase community engagement and work to restore the community as a whole. All of this is evidenced in the jobs that they pursue, volunteer hours that they perform, and the many accomplishments that they achieve even after they complete the program.

The Lima Municipal Treatment Courts supported fifty-nine (59) participants directly throughout 2024. A team of treatment providers, case managers, advocates, and employment specialists along the probation officer and Judges coordinate wrap-around services to give each participant the best chance of success possible. The program utilizes licensed treatment providers to assess the participants' level of care and ensure that the services they receive are

individualized, well-rounded, and appropriate. Wrap-round services are offered to support participants in virtually all areas of their lives. Intensive supervision, mentoring, and non-clinical case management services are also provided throughout the program. A combination of urine drug testing, mobile breath testing, and sweat patch testing were utilized to hold the participants accountable during their time in the program. Less than 5 percent of those tests yielded positive results indicating that the participants were taking their sobriety seriously. This could include scheduling orientation for GED or adult education programming, accessing information about higher education, or exploring resources and options to set educational goals. Individuals received services related to prosocial and quality of life improvement activities such as mentoring. The majority of the participants accessed support to remove some of the most common barriers to success in the program: transportation, supplies, personal hygiene items, shelter, and clothing. All of these services, with the exception of mentoring, are provided through the Probation Officer who is employed by the Court through the Probation Department. The Probation Officer is also responsible for the day-to-day coordination of the Drug Court Program. Mentoring services are provided by Nine Consulting Services, LLC. Treatment services are provided by Lima UMADAOP, Spero Health, BrightView, Lighthouse Behavioral Health, and Coleman Professional Services in addition to other agencies locally as well as across the state. Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities assists with employment and career services including job searches, job coaching, career counseling, and interview preparation. The program is also supported by past participants who offer encouragement and guidance from a peer-to-peer perspective.

Eleven (11) participants successfully completed the program. As part of the graduation process each participant shares a presentation detailing their recovery journey to date, a summary of their relapse prevention plan, and their future goals. Graduates are presented with a Certificate of Completion and words of praise from various team members, the judge, participants and visitors who may be present. Twelve (12) participants were unsuccessfully or neutrally discharged from the program in 2024.

In October 2024 the Treatment Courts were awarded a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration which has allowed the court to work on expanding services to its participants

### *Veteran's Court Specialized Docket*

A Veterans Court Docket for misdemeanor offenders in Lima Municipal Court was established in March 2020. The specialized docket is a continuation of the effort to provide a reasoned, effective, and evidence-based response to the needs of offenders in Lima/Allen County. The partners involved in the planning and implementation of this specialized docket include the Lima Municipal Prosecutor, Public Defender, Veterans Administration (VA) - Dayton, Lima



Municipal Court Probation Department, and Allen County Veterans' Services Commission. Magistrate Kevin C. Smith oversees the docket and the treatment team.

The Magistrate holds court once per month and participants return regularly to Court for status reviews with the probation department. Prior to each docket, the treatment team meets with the Magistrate to review progress and problems and will work together to implement cross-disciplinary responses. The treatment team consists of: The Magistrate, Probation Officer/Program Manager, Veterans' Justice Outreach Support Specialist (VJO) from the VA in Dayton, a designated Public Defender, a designated Prosecutor, and a Representative from the Allen County Veterans' Services Commission.

The Lima Municipal Veterans' Court is committed to addressing the unique mental health, trauma, and substance abuse related needs of our veterans in Lima/Allen County by providing a judicially-supervised, intensive treatment program that creates prompt access to a range of services within the community with the intent of promoting self-sufficiency, reducing recidivism, promoting public safety, and providing an alternative to incarceration. The average expected completion timeframe is 12-18 months.

A unique advantage to the participants is the Veteran Peer Mentor who acts as a coach, a guide, a role model, an advocate, and gives support to the Veteran. Based on shared military experience, the Veteran Peer Mentor has a unique affiliation, which makes it possible to encourage new behaviors with the Veteran, as s/he progresses through the Court process. This will include listening to the concerns of the Veteran and making general suggestions, assisting the Veteran in determining what their needs are, and acting as support for the Veteran at a time when they may feel alone in a way that only another Veteran can understand. There are currently three (3) mentors working with the eight (8) participants.

In addition to the formal docket for Veterans, the Probation Department has designated one Probation Officer to supervise all identified Veterans under Court supervision. Specialized services for which they may be entitled are explored through the Veterans Benefit Administration. In 2024, there have been 13 referrals and 9 active participants. Those not participating either were ineligible or declined to voluntarily participate. Most importantly, the probation department has identified at least 22 Veterans on supervision and benefit qualifications have been explored with several finding they were eligible for additional services.