

# WAYNE COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

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## 2024 Statistics



# WAYNE COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

Personnel 2024

**Michael W. Rickett**

Nathan R. Shaker

**Administrative Judge**

Presiding Judge

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## Judge's Staff

Michael P. Cooper

David Baney

Terri Boreman

Holly Hughes

Tom Anderson

Curtiss Ricker

Ryan McKibben

Dennis Felter

Stephanie Farley

Valerie Huffman

Albert Hartzler

Denise Favalon

Michele Hobart

Joseph Taylor

Justin McGrath

Ariel Walker

James DeFelice

Natalie Martz

Jontie Garretson

Jen Haven

Magistrate

Court Administrator

Assignment Commissioner

Court Secretary/Jury Commissioner

Bailiff

Bailiff

Court Security/Bailiff

Court Security/Bailiff

Court Security/Bailiff

Court Security/Bailiff

IT Administrator

Court Secretary/Fiscal Officer

Home Arrest Supervisor

Senior Home Arrest Officer

Chief Probation Officer

Probation Officer

Probation Officer

Probation Officer

Probation Officer

Administrative Assistant



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## Personnel Changes 2024

- Ariel Walker was hired as a Probation Officer on January 16, 2024
- Ryan McKibben was hired as a Court Security Officer/Bailiff on February 20, 2024
- Curtiss Ricker resigned from his position as Bailiff on April 25, 2024
- Stephanie Farley resigned from her position as Court Security Officer/Bailiff on May 10, 2024
- Valerie Huffman was hired as a Court Security Officer/Bailiff on July 29, 2024
- Natalie Martz resigned from her position as Probation Officer on September 30, 2024
- Natalie Martz was rehired as a Probation Officer on November 11, 2024



## WAYNE COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT Bailiffs 2024

In 2024, the Municipal Court employed four bailiffs, two courtroom bailiffs and two court security bailiffs.

The courtroom bailiffs are responsible for security in the courtrooms, monitoring the daily courtroom calendars, and ensuring the proper function of the digital recording systems within the courtrooms. The security bailiffs are responsible for the security of the courthouse and all offices within the courthouse. Security bailiffs operate a metal detector and scanner at the front entrance, secure the building at the beginning and end of each business day, and are responsible for the operation and maintenance of the security cameras and video recording system.

In addition, all four bailiffs serve the process of the court. This includes personal service of summons and orders, eviction notices and actual set outs, and executions on personal property including conducting bailiff sales.



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## 2024 Case Statistics



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## Cases Filed and Disposed 2024

| <u>Cases Filed</u>          | <u>2023</u>   | <u>2024</u>   |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Criminal – Felony           | 7             | 11            |
| Criminal – Misdemeanor      | 1,545         | 1,486         |
| D.W.I.                      | 304           | 286           |
| Traffic                     | 9,171         | 9,140         |
| Civil                       | 1,613         | 2,101         |
| Small Claims                | <u>271</u>    | <u>260</u>    |
| <b>Total Cases Filed</b>    | <b>12,911</b> | <b>13,284</b> |
| <b>Total Cases Disposed</b> | <b>12,128</b> | <b>12,004</b> |

\* Cases disposed include waivers, defaults, pleas in court, and assignment to judge when not guilty plea (criminal, traffic) or answer (civil) is entered.



# WAYNE COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

## Cases Assigned for Trial 2024

### Not Guilty Plea (Criminal – Traffic) or Answer (Civil)

|                         | <u>2023</u>  | <u>2024</u>  |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Criminal – Misdemeanors | 958          | 958          |
| D.W.I.                  | 215          | 180          |
| Other Traffic           | 448          | 431          |
| Civil-Small Claims      | <u>119</u>   | <u>172</u>   |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>1,740</b> | <b>1,741</b> |

### Trials To Court

|               |           |            |
|---------------|-----------|------------|
| Criminal      | 32        | 36         |
| D.W.I.        | 0         | 0          |
| Other Traffic | 66        | 68         |
| Civil         | <u>0</u>  | <u>0</u>   |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>98</b> | <b>104</b> |

### Jury Trials

|               |           |           |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| Criminal      | 17        | 11        |
| D.W.I.        | 2         | 2         |
| Other Traffic | 0         | 0         |
| Civil         | <u>0</u>  | <u>0</u>  |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>19</b> | <b>13</b> |

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## 2024 Payouts & Disbursements





**WAYNE COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT**  
Disbursements: Paid to Wayne County 2024

|  | <u>2023</u>           | <u>2024</u>           |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Paid to A13-N1 & A15-F1                      | <b>738,001.58</b>     | <b>781,823.18</b>     |
| Criminal-Traffic                             | 255,485.39            | 243,342.50            |
| Civil-Small Claims                           | 268,223.63            | 333,445.15            |
| OSP, State and Others                        | 214,292.56            | 205,035.53            |
| <br>   |                       |                       |
| Paid to A13-G1 Housing/DUI                   | 13,901.79             | 11,525.50             |
| Paid to A13-S1 Restitution Fee               | 1,899.89              | 772.75                |
| Paid to A13-Z1 Driving Privilege Fee         | 2,079                 | 1,700                 |
| Paid to B18-A Diversion Program (Prosecutor) | 11,100                | 12,350                |
| Paid to B15-A1 Alcohol Treatment             | 20,821.36             | 17,532.62             |
| Paid to B25-A1 Municipal IDIAF               | 11,409.71             | 9,968.85              |
| Paid to K1-A3 Roads and Bridges              | 35,267.53             | 33,995.12             |
| Paid to B1-A6 Dog and Kennel Fund            | 10,180                | 10,425                |
| Paid to B16-A1 Education Fund                | 473.45                | 395.36                |
| Paid to A42-C1 from sale of UTC              | 99.50                 | 337                   |
| Paid to A45-O1 Misc. Reimbursements          | 0                     | 0                     |
| Paid to B53-A1 Special Projects Fees*        | 173,789.44            | 175,487.00            |
| Paid to B20-A1/A2 Computer Funds             | 157,219.11            | 185,220.70            |
| Paid to B12-A1 Probation Fees                | 191,620.02            | 176,760.75            |
| Paid to W35-A2 Indigent Application          | 8,917.93              | 9,172.37              |
| Paid to A13-T1 Home Arrest Fees              | <u>53,275.75</u>      | <u>65,502.85</u>      |
| <br>   |                       |                       |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>\$1,430,055.90</b> | <b>\$1,492,969.05</b> |

\*On August 1, 2019, the Special Projects Fund was created for Special Projects of the Wayne County Municipal Court pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section R.C. 1901.26(B)(1).



## WAYNE COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

Disbursements: Paid to State of Ohio 2024

|                               | <u>2023</u>         | <u>2024</u>         |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Ohio State Patrol Fines       | 157,615.81          | 150,429.32          |
| Victims of Crime              | 71,664.09           | 70,580.36           |
| General Revenue*              | 0                   | 0                   |
| Expungement Fees              | 1,590               | 1,740               |
| Dept. of Liquor               | 1,584.55            | 1,749               |
| Division of Wildlife          | 625                 | 1,716               |
| Legal Aid from Civil          | 41,118.23           | 53,687.05           |
| Legal Aid from Small Claims*  | 2,929.41            | 2,809.78            |
| Seat Belt Fines               | 73,100.15           | 59,515              |
| Child Safety Fund             | 525                 | 705                 |
| OSP Drug Fines                | 2,666.40            | 706                 |
| OSP Education Fund            | 4,260.22            | 4,170.98            |
| Ohio Board of Pharmacy        | 7,983.91            | 6,245.04            |
| Grant Refunds                 | 0                   | 0                   |
| BMV Fees                      | <u>45</u>           | <u>60</u>           |
| <b>Totals</b>                 | <b>\$365,707.77</b> | <b>\$354,113.53</b> |
| Indigent Defense Support Fund | <u>\$236,699.54</u> | <u>\$225,566.55</u> |
|                               | <b>\$602,407.31</b> | <b>\$579,680.08</b> |

\* In 2010, per the Clerk of Courts, this account was consolidated into the Indigent Defense Support Fund (IDSF) for disbursements to the Treasurer of the State.

\* On February 1, 2014, the Clerk of Courts assumed responsibility of the Small Claims Bank Account.



**WAYNE COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT**  
Disbursements: Drug Fines 2024

|                        | <u>2023</u>       | <u>2024</u>       |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Creston                | 0                 | 0                 |
| Chippewa Township      | 500               | 274.60            |
| Dalton                 | 0                 | 0                 |
| Doylestown             | 21.50             | 0                 |
| Medway                 | 150               | 0                 |
| Ohio State Police      | 0                 | 0                 |
| Orrville               | 538.50            | 503.65            |
| Paint Township         | 0                 | 0                 |
| Rittman                | 0                 | 400               |
| Shreve                 | 0                 | 0                 |
| Smithville             | 0                 | 0                 |
| Wayne County Sheriff   | 1,653.70          | 750.03            |
| West Salem             | 0                 | 0                 |
| Wooster                | 2,440.28          | 1,384.97          |
| Village of Apple Creek | <u>50</u>         | <u>150</u>        |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>\$5,353.98</b> | <b>\$3,463.25</b> |



**WAYNE COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT**  
Paid to the Wayne County Law Library 2024

|                              | <u>2023</u>         | <u>2024</u>         |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| OSP Fines                    | 77,170.18           | 74,487.57           |
| State Fines                  | 34,726.15           | 31,968.14           |
| From Traffic                 | 30,388.66           | 28,795.56           |
| From Non-Traffic             | 4,800               | 4,800               |
| Dept. of Liquor Control      | 1,200               | 1,074.50            |
| Townships                    | 4,538.94            | 3,023.50            |
| <b>Municipal Ordinances:</b> |                     |                     |
| Wooster                      | 1,300               | 1,300               |
| Orrville                     | 750                 | 750                 |
| Rittman                      | 150                 | 150                 |
| Burbank                      | <u>69</u>           | <u>0</u>            |
| <b>Totals</b>                | <b>\$155,092.93</b> | <b>\$146,349.27</b> |



**WAYNE COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT**  
Paid to Cities and Villages 2024

|                | <u>2023</u>        | <u>2024</u>        |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Wooster        | 41,508.53          | 42,792.92          |
| Orrville       | 5,018              | 5,542.40           |
| Rittman        | 6,393.05           | 6,369.80           |
| Dalton         | 3,674.40           | 8,437.70           |
| Apple Creek    | 462                | 50                 |
| West Salem     | 132                | 146                |
| Mt. Eaton      | 45.50              | 412                |
| Shreve         | 200                | 292.50             |
| Smithville     | 638.35             | 0                  |
| Creston        | 450                | 949                |
| Doylestown     | 318                | 325                |
| Marshallville  | 75                 | 610                |
| Burbank        | 95                 | 0                  |
| Fredericksburg | <u>335.50</u>      | <u>74</u>          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$59,345.33</b> | <b>\$66,001.32</b> |



**WAYNE COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT**  
 Disbursements: Other Fines and Fees 2024

|                         | <u>2023</u>        | <u>2024</u>        |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Court of Appeals        | 365                | 125                |
| Humane Society          | 0                  | 0                  |
| Chippewa Township       | 4,240.66           | 2,949.50           |
| Sheriff Fees            | 9,591.69           | 11,544.45          |
| Wooster Police Fees     | 3,955.34           | 3,236.83           |
| Creston Police Fees     | 63.10              | 110.50             |
| Doylestown Police Fees  | 217                | 155                |
| Orrville Police Fees    | 336.36             | 233                |
| Dalton Police Fees      | 0                  | 35                 |
| Rittman Police Fees     | 858.23             | 858.23             |
| Smithville Police Fees  | 0                  | 95                 |
| Shreve Police Fees      | 53                 | 31                 |
| Apple Creek Police Fees | 92                 | 0                  |
| All Other Misc. Fees    | 611.16             | 717.15             |
| Credit Card Fees        | <u>0</u>           | <u>0</u>           |
| <b>Totals</b>           | <b>\$20,383.54</b> | <b>\$20,090.66</b> |



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## 2024 Small Claims Court Statistics



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## Small Claims Court 2024

Small Claims Court handles monetary claims up to \$6,000.00. All Small Claims cases are initially scheduled for a pre-trial mediation hearing. In 2024, there were 260 Small Claims cases filed. Thirty (30) cases went to trial, resulting in an approximately 88.5% mediation settlement rate.

In addition to processing complaints, the Small Claims staff assists judgment creditors with post judgment collection actions. These include wage garnishments, attachments, executions on property and conducting judgment debtor exam hearings.

### **2024 filings by location:**

Wooster        260

\*Due to numerous reasons, on March 1, 2020, the Municipal Court ceased operating at its Orrville Branch.





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## 2024 Probation & Home Arrest Statistics



**WAYNE COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT**  
Probation Department 2024

|                             | <u><b>2023</b></u> | <u><b>2024</b></u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Pre-Sentence Investigations | 214                | 200                |
| Placed on Probation         | 544                | 582                |
| Released from Probation     | 1,021              | 908                |
| Probation Violations        | 241                | 279                |
| Expungement Investigations  | 88                 | 169                |
| Community Service Hours     | 2,472.5            | 5,653.5            |
| Probation Fees Collected    | \$199,526.65       | \$176,760.75       |

**1<sup>st</sup> Offense DUI Program**

|                         |     |     |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|
| Placed on Probation     | 121 | 88  |
| Probation Violations    | 31  | 25  |
| Released from Probation | 132 | 129 |



**WAYNE COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT**  
Home Arrest Department 2024

|                                | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Placed on Home Arrest          | 115         | 132         |
| Number of Days Served          | 8,168       | 6,885       |
| Number of Violations           | 6           | 9           |
| <b>Home Arrest Receipts</b>    |             |             |
| Total Paid to Wayne County     | \$53,275.75 | \$65,502.85 |
| Received from State CCA Grant* | \$225,496   | \$236,770   |

\* The CCA 408 Electronic Monitoring Grant funds Home Arrest employees (salaries and benefits).

At the 2024 rate of \$95.00 (the cost to house one inmate per day at the Wayne County Jail in 2024), the Home Arrest department **saved a total of \$654,075.00** in inmate per day, jail costs.



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Disbursements: DUI Fines, Law Enforcement & Education Fund 2024

|                       | <u>2023</u>       | <u>2024</u>       |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Wooster               | 1,098.32          | 564.57            |
| Wayne County Sheriff  | 0                 | 0                 |
| Orrville              | 235.92            | 172.65            |
| Rittman               | 353.32            | 96.08             |
| Dalton                | 0                 | 0                 |
| Apple Creek           | 0                 | 50                |
| West Salem            | 60                | 25                |
| Mt. Eaton             | 0                 | 0                 |
| Shreve                | 0                 | 0                 |
| Burbank               | 0                 | 0                 |
| Smithville            | 50                | 75                |
| Creston               | 136.09            | 62.25             |
| Doylestown            | 85                | 94.34             |
| Chippewa Township     | 149.85            | 50                |
| Ohio State University | <u>0</u>          | <u>0</u>          |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>\$2,168.50</b> | <b>\$1,189.89</b> |

