

# WAYNE COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

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## 2025 Statistics



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Personnel 2025

**Nathan R. Shaker**  
Michael W. Rickett

**Administrative Judge**  
Presiding Judge

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## Judge's Staff

Michael P. Cooper	Magistrate
David Baney	Court Administrator
Terri Boreman	Assignment Commissioner
Holly Hughes	Court Secretary/Jury Commissioner
Tom Anderson	Bailiff
Curtiss Ricker	Bailiff
Ryan McKibben	Court Security/Bailiff
Michael McKibben	Court Security/Bailiff
Dennis Felter	Court Security/Bailiff
Bryan Price	Court Security/Bailiff
Valerie Huffman	Court Security/Bailiff
Albert Hartzler	IT Administrator
Denise Favalon	Court Secretary/Fiscal Officer
Michele Hobart	Home Arrest Supervisor
Joseph Taylor	Senior Home Arrest Officer
Jennifer Haven	Home Arrest Officer
Justin McGrath	Chief Probation Officer
Ariel Walker	Probation Officer
James DeFelice	Probation Officer
Natalie Martz	Probation Officer
Jontie Garretson	Probation Officer
Emily Stapel	Administrative Assistant



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## Personnel Changes 2025

- Michele Hobart retired from her position as Home Arrest Supervisor on February 28, 2025
- Valerie Huffman resigned from her position as Court Security Officer/Bailiff on March 14, 2025
- Bryan Price was hired as a Court Security Officer/Bailiff on March 31, 2025
- Emily Stapel was hired as the Probation/Home Arrest Administrative Assistant on April 1, 2025
- Jennifer Haven was promoted to the position of Home Arrest Officer on April 14, 2025
- Michael McKibben was hired as a Court Security Officer/Bailiff on August 4, 2025
- Dennis Felter resigned from his position as Court Security Officer on July 21, 2025
- Thomas Anderson was terminated from his position of Bailiff on September 15, 2025
- Valerie Huffman was rehired as a Court Security Officer/Bailiff on October 20, 2025
- Curtiss Ricker was rehired as Bailiff on November 11, 2025



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## Bailiffs 2025

In 2025, the Municipal Court employed three courtroom bailiffs, and four court security officer/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 court security officer/bailiffs are responsible for the security of the courthouse and all offices within the courthouse. Court security officer/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 three courtroom 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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## 2025 Case Statistics



**WAYNE COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT**  
Cases Filed and Disposed 2025

<u>Cases Filed</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Criminal – Felony	11	10
Criminal – Misdemeanor	1,486	1,069
D.W.I.	286	255
Traffic	9,140	9,138
Civil	2,101	2,511
Small Claims	<u>260</u>	<u>239</u>
<b>Total Cases Filed</b>	<b>13,284</b>	<b>13,222</b>
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>12,004</b>	<b>11,704</b>

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



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## Cases Assigned for Trial 2025

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

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Criminal – Misdemeanors	958	906
D.W.I.	180	218
Other Traffic	431	670
Civil-Small Claims	<u>172</u>	<u>322</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,741</b>	<b>2,116</b>

### Trials To Court

Criminal	36	22
D.W.I.	0	0
Other Traffic	68	92
Civil	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>114</b>

### Jury Trials

Criminal	11	10
D.W.I.	2	0
Other Traffic	0	0
Civil	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>

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## 2025 Payouts & Disbursements



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### Disbursements: Paid to Wayne County 2025

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Paid to A13-N1 & A15-F1	<b>781,823.18</b>	<b>809,426.24</b>
Criminal-Traffic	243,342.50	236,235.95
Civil-Small Claims	333,445.15	370,286.95
OSP, State and Others	205,035.53	202,903.34
Paid to A13-G1 Housing/DUI	11,525.50	10,230.62
Paid to A13-S1 Restitution Fee	772.75	2,584.81
Paid to A13-Z1 Driving Privilege Fee	1,700	2,650
Paid to B18-A Diversion Program (Prosecutor)	12,350	10,000
Paid to B15-A1 Alcohol Treatment	17,532.62	19,657.85
Paid to B25-A1 Municipal IDIAF	9,968.85	8,970.64
Paid to K1-A3 Roads and Bridges	33,995.12	39,194.58
Paid to B1-A6 Dog and Kennel Fund	10,425	10,331
Paid to B16-A1 Education Fund	395.36	353.62
Paid to A42-C1 from sale of UTC	337	306
Paid to A45-O1 Misc. Reimbursements	0	0
Paid to B53-A1 Special Projects Fees*	175,487.00	235,197.85
Paid to B20-A1/A2 Computer Funds	185,220.70	265,518.97
Paid to B12-A1 Probation Fees	176,760.75	195,083.74
Paid to W35-A2 Indigent Application	9,172.37	9,530.47
Paid to A13-T1 Home Arrest Fees	<u>65,502.85</u>	<u>61,912.35</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,492,969.05</b>	<b>\$1,680,948.74</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 2025

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Ohio State Patrol Fines	150,429.32	136,644.45
Victims of Crime	70,580.36	70,306.53
General Revenue*	0	0
Expungement Fees	1,740	1,590
Dept. of Liquor	1,749	1,875.56
Division of Wildlife	1,716	3,784
Legal Aid from Civil	53,687.05	58,045.75
Legal Aid from Small Claims*	2,809.78	2,559.15
Seat Belt Fines	59,515	54,683
Child Safety Fund	705	650
OSP Drug Fines	706	569.20
OSP Education Fund	4,170.98	3,400.59
Ohio Board of Pharmacy	6,245.04	8,708.68
Grant Refunds	0	0
BMV Fees	<u>60</u>	<u>45</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$354,113.53</b>	<b>\$342,861.91</b>
Indigent Defense Support Fund	<u>\$225,566.55</u>	<u>\$222,584.65</u>
	<b>\$579,680.08</b>	<b>\$565,446.56</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.



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## Disbursements: Drug Fines 2025

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Creston	0	0
Chippewa Township	274.60	100
Dalton	0	91.60
Doylestown	0	0
Medway	0	0
Ohio State Police	0	0
Orrville	503.65	300
Paint Township	0	0
Rittman	400	0
Shreve	0	0
Smithville	0	0
Wayne County Sheriff	750.03	803.43
West Salem	0	0
Wooster	1,384.97	1,637.70
Village of Apple Creek	<u>150</u>	<u>100</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,463.25</b>	<b>\$3,032.73</b>



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 Paid to the Wayne County Law Library 2025

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
OSP Fines	74,487.57	68,293.01
State Fines	31,968.14	37,160.23
From Traffic	28,795.56	35,671.20
From Non-Traffic	4,800	4,800
Dept. of Liquor Control	1,074.50	937.80
Townships	3,023.50	5,482.56
<b>Municipal Ordinances:</b>		
Wooster	1,300	1,300
Orrville	750	750
Rittman	150	150
Burbank	<u>0</u>	<u>18</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$146,349.27</b>	<b>\$154,562.80</b>



**WAYNE COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT**  
Paid to Cities and Villages 2025

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Wooster	42,792.92	45,358.84
Orrville	5,542.40	4,398
Rittman	6,369.80	9,561
Dalton	8,437.70	5,305.60
Apple Creek	50	48
West Salem	146	87.50
Mt. Eaton	412	277
Shreve	292.50	0
Smithville	0	50
Creston	949	529
Doylestown	325	350
Marshallville	610	466
Burbank	0	18
Fredericksburg	<u>74</u>	<u>1,424</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$66,001.32</b>	<b>\$67,872.94</b>



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 Disbursements: Other Fines and Fees 2025

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Court of Appeals	125	375
Humane Society	0	250
Chippewa Township	2,949.50	4,077.96
Sheriff Fees	11,544.45	13,856.40
Wooster Police Fees	3,236.83	4,186.52
Creston Police Fees	110.50	136
Doylestown Police Fees	155	121
Orrville Police Fees	233	280
Dalton Police Fees	35	346.50
Rittman Police Fees	858.23	1,051.94
Smithville Police Fees	95	22
Shreve Police Fees	31	29
Apple Creek Police Fees	0	30
All Other Misc. Fees	717.15	143.15
Credit Card Fees	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$20,090.66</b>	<b>\$24,905.47</b>



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## 2025 Small Claims Court Statistics



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## Small Claims Court 2025

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 2025, there were 239 Small Claims cases filed. Thirty-three (33) cases went to trial, resulting in an approximately 86.2% 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.

### **2025 filings by location:**

Wooster        239

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



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## 2025 Probation & Home Arrest Statistics



**WAYNE COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT**  
Probation Department 2025

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Pre-Sentence Investigations	200	142
Placed on Probation	582	562
Released from Probation	908	801
Probation Violations	279	156
Expungement Investigations	169	89
Community Service Hours	5,653.5	3,518.6
Probation Fees Collected	\$176,760.75	\$183,008.74

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

Placed on Probation	88	72
Probation Violations	25	23
Released from Probation	129	90



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Home Arrest Department 2025

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Placed on Home Arrest	132	185
Number of Days Served	6,885	9,581
Number of Violations	9	3
<b>Home Arrest Receipts</b>		
Total Paid to Wayne County	\$65,502.85	\$61,912.35
Received from State CCA Grant*	\$236,770	\$236,770

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

At the 2025 rate of \$120.00 (the cost to house one inmate per day at the Wayne County Jail in 2025), the Home Arrest department **saved a total of \$1,149,720.00** in inmate per day, jail costs.



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### Disbursements: DUI Fines, Law Enforcement & Education Fund 2025

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Wooster	564.57	710.31
Wayne County Sheriff	0	0
Orrville	172.65	243.92
Rittman	96.08	170
Dalton	0	12.21
Apple Creek	50	50
West Salem	25	50
Mt. Eaton	0	0
Shreve	0	0
Burbank	0	0
Smithville	75	12.64
Creston	62.25	0
Doylestown	94.34	110
Chippewa Township	50	0
Ohio State University	<u>0</u>	<u>25</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,189.89</b>	<b>\$1,384.08</b>

