### Fairborn Municipal Court 2024 Annual Report



## BETHW. CAPPELLI, Administrative Judge ANDREW J. HUNT, Judge

1148 Kauffman Avenue Fairborn, Ohio 45324

## THE FAIRBORN MUNICIPAL COURT MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Fairborn Municipal Court is to ensure accessibility and fairness in the administration of justice and to serve all individuals in a courteous and professional manner.

#### **VISION STATEMENT**

To accomplish this mission the Court's vision is to ensure the judges and magistrate shall in a fair, ethical, impartial, and efficient manner resolve disputes consistent with the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of Ohio. The Fairborn Municipal Court Probation Department is committed to enhancing community safety, holding individuals accountable, and working towards rehabilitation with grace and empathy. The Fairborn Municipal Court Clerk of Court's Office shall accurately maintain and store all court documents as well as collect and disburse all monies as directed by law. The employees of the Fairborn Municipal Court will treat all individuals fairly and respectfully and provide a safe, secure environment while implementing the policies and procedures established by the Judiciary and Legislature.

#### Fairborn Municipal Court

1148 Kauffman Avenue Fairborn, Ohio 45324

Beth W. Cappelli – Judge Andrew J. Hunt - Judge

Melissa Litteral - Clerk of Court/Court Administrator

Serah Siemann, Magistrate

Wayne Furay - Chief Bailiff

Chelsea Waugh/ Shaun Miley - Chief Probation Officer

The Fairborn Municipal Court submits its annual report for the year ending 2024, in compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 1901.14.

The contents of this report are based upon data assembled by the Clerk of Court, the Probation Department, The Supreme Court of Ohio, and the Fairborn Municipal Court staff. The following are noteworthy figures for the year 2024:

Total funds disbursed from all sources (traffic, criminal, and civil) in 2024 were \$ 3,592,711.01 up from \$3,262,803.91 in 2023.

The total number of traffic, criminal and civil cases filed in 2024 was 13,252 (not including reactivated cases), up from 11,869 in 2023.

Total funds disbursed to the City of Fairborn's general fund in 2024 were \$1,165,300.59, up from \$997,836.82 in 2023.

The City of Fairborn, Ohio, is the funding authority for the Fairborn Municipal Court and furnishes the budget for the Court's operation. However, the City of Beavercreek also contributes to the court budget and in 2024, contributed \$91,643.29 by way of reimbursement to the City of Fairborn for its share of the operating expenses of the Court. This was a decrease from \$96,976.09 in 2023. The amount contributed is based upon a formula set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 1901.026(B), which states that a municipal corporation within the territory of the municipal court is not required to pay that part of its proportionate share of operating costs of the court that exceeds the total amount of costs, fees, fines, bail, or other monies distributed to that municipal corporation.

The Court also utilizes its Special Projects Fund, Court Clerk Computerization Fund, and Legal Research Fund to pay for many of the Court's budget items. An overview of these funds and the manner in which the funds are expended is included within this Annual Report.

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#### **AUTHORITY AND TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION**

- 1. Date of Establishment to include the present territory: January 1, 1978.
- 2. Authority: Ohio Revised Code, Section 1901.01.
- 3. Territorial Jurisdiction with populations per the year 2020 census. The next census results will be published in 2030.

Fairborn City	34,510
Beavercreek City	46,549
Bath Township	4,855
Beavercreek Township	_9,476
Total Populations	95,390

4. Territorial Area by square miles, 78.18.

#### **COURT PERSONNEL**

JudgeBETH W. CAPPELLIJudgeANDREW J. HUNTAccounting ClerkJASON WHILDING

Assignment Commissioners APRIL STEWART

KEVIN GREBNER/CINDY RILEY

Chief Bailiff WAYNE FURAY
Clerk of Court/Court Administrator MELISSA LITTERAL
Deputy Bailiffs GERALD TUTTLE

JAMIE SPICER
NICK HENSEL
DAN ZWIESLER

Security/Bailiff CRAIG SHOUP
BRYAN SIMPSON/JAMES HANNON

Chief Deputy Clerk KIMBERLY HUTCHINSON

Deputy Clerks

JESSICA CUMMINS

ASA ADKINS
ANA APONE

ASHLEY NICOLE FRIEDMAN

KRISTIN HOPWOOD LYNETTE JACQUES

CINDY RILEY/BRYNN HOFFMASTER

Deputy Clerks-Civil Division LISA NEVILLE
DEBBIE CARLTON

Chief of Probation SHAUN MILEY/CHELSEA WAUGH

Magistrate SERAH SIEMANN Probation Officer BRIAN MARTIN

Probation Officer DAN ZWIESLER/CHELSEA WAUGH

Probation Officer RHONDA STEWART

Probation Officer LAURA CHELMAN/BRYAN

**SIMPSON** 

Probation Officer RYAN SIMPSON
Probation Officer ANDY STOCKTON

#### STATISTICS AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following represents a statistical and financial breakdown of all new criminal, traffic, and civil cases filed in the Fairborn Municipal Court in 2024, compared with the calendar year 2023, and all monies received in said years.

Criminal and Traffic Cases	2023 10,125	<b>2024</b> 11,260
Civil Cases	1,573	1,790
Small Claims Cases	171	202
Total Criminal/Traffic Receipts	\$2,071,436.35	\$2,227,046.03
Total Civil, Small Claims, Tenant/Landlord Receipts	\$1,161,130.65	\$1,391,849.93

Comparative figures are provided for the past ten (10) and five (5) years.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2024</u>
Number of New Criminal & Traffic Cases	15,187	15,605	11,260
Number of New Civil Cases	1,705	1,909	1,790
Number of Small New Claims Cases	209	208	202
Total Criminal/Traffic Receipt	\$2,767,816.88	\$2,674,517.09	\$2,227,046.03
Total Civil/Small Claims Receipts	\$753,950.89	\$1,167,408.35	\$1,391,849.93

In 2024, the Court conducted 35 criminal and traffic trials. There were 2 jury trials in 2024. The Court also conducted thousands of arraignments and sentencing hearings where the accused did not request a trial, but the Court received evidence and performed sentencing. There were 11 civil trials held and 202 small claims hearings. There were also 232 felony cases filed in the Fairborn Municipal Court, which required first appearances. In addition, numerous other hearings were held, and motions ruled on while administering justice in matters before the Court. In 2024, the Court also performed 26 weddings.

#### **CASELOAD COMPARISON**

In 2024, Fairborn Municipal Court had a total of 15,650 cases. The average caseload for an individual Municipal/County Judge in 2024 in Ohio was 6,989.

Court	Judge	Traffic Cases	Civil Cases	Criminal Cases	Total Cases	Cases per Judge
Ohio Municipal and County Courts (State Average per Judge)		3,892	1,631	1,466	6,989	6,989
Fairborn Municipal Court	2	11,382	2,004	2,264	15,650	7,825
Xenia Municipal Court	1	5,166	1,937	1,529	8,627	8,627
Miamisburg Municipal Court	1	3,317	2,375	1,456	7,148	7,148
Vandalia Municipal Court	1	7,657	3,021	3,142	13,820	13,820
Oakwood Municipal Court (Part-time)	1	1,083	77	77	1,237	1,237
Kettering Municipal Court	2	7,452	2,782	2,604	12,838	6,419
Dayton Municipal Court	5	8,705	7,005	6,160	21,870	4,374
Montgomery County Municipal Courts	2	7,420	4,042	2,914	14,376	7,188
Clark County Municipal	3	13,893	4,233	4,971	23,097	7,699

<sup>\*</sup>Data obtained from Dashboard on The Supreme Court of Ohio's website and includes reactivated cases.

#### CRIMINAL AND TRAFFIC DIVISION

All criminal and traffic citations are filed with the Criminal and Traffic Division of the Court. Eight (8) full-time clerks are assigned to this section.

The Court is also fortunate to be involved in intern programs with Wright State University, Cedarville University, and occasionally other area colleges. Periodically, the Court has interns assisting the Court in the performance of its daily duties. The intern position is voluntary, and the student receives class credit and experience in the criminal justice system as a result of intern participation.

The duties of the personnel in the Criminal and Traffic Division include processing all cases from initial filing to final disposition; receiving, posting, and disbursing all fines and court costs collected; answering questions from the public; and accurately maintaining all court records and documents. They are also responsible for answering the telephones; filing cases; and issuing notices, subpoenas, and warrants. They perform record searches; complete reports and forms required to be transmitted to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation; provide for inspection and copying of public records; enter decisions and dispositions into case dockets; and maintain the statistical records that are reported monthly to the Supreme Court of Ohio.

The Assignment Commissioners schedule all pending cases and wedding ceremonies. They are responsible for scheduling hearings, trials, and dispositions and coordinating the calendars of legal counsel to efficiently process cases through the court system. The assignment commissioners have assumed additional responsibilities of drafting entries.

#### 2024 Criminal and Traffic Division Receipts and Disbursements

#### Receipts

Sundries +/- Bond Amt	\$146,300.36
Local Court Costs	\$944,994.22
State Court Costs	\$343,149.60
Fines Collected	\$644,480.77
Fees Collected	\$148,121.08
Total Receipts	\$2,227,046.03
<u>Disbursements</u>	
City of Fairborn	\$1,215,073.14
City of Beavercreek	\$91,643.29
State of Ohio & State Agencies	\$516,179.25
Greene County & County Agencies	\$250,475.27
Miscellaneous Agencies & Sheriff Fees	\$7,374.72
Bond Refunds, Transfers & Overpayments	\$150,956.36
Total Disbursements	\$2,231,702.03

#### **DETAILED DISBURSEMENTS FROM CRIMINAL AND TRAFFIC CASES 2024**

GREENE COUNTY TREASURER:  OSP 10% Traffic		27,021.19	
OSP 10% Criminal		113.73	
Traffic (ORC violations)		113,998.39	
Criminal (ORC violations)	62,222.71		
Ohio Dept of Taxation (OTAX)	225.00	62,447.71	
Beavercreek Township Traffic		10,628.78	
Beavercreek Township Criminal		1,278.48	
Overweights (HWY MAINT) (5577.99B)		0.00	
Liquor (LIQ)		758.71	
Dog & Kennel (DOG)		8,638.07	
Witness/Jury Fees (SWJF)	Add the Add the Comment of the Comme	792.41	
Expungement Fees (EXPG)		2,084.00	
Greene County Parks (Comm) (GCPC)	\	0.00	
Greene County Health (SGCH)		0.00	
Housing (DH)		8,460.32	
Public Defender Fees (PDF)		13,262.98	
		249,484.77	
Ck#			\$249,484.77
GREENE COUNTY SHERIFF:			
Drug Enforcement			
Ck#			\$318.20
GREENE COUNTY SHERIFF:			
Law Enforcement		Ţ	
Ck#		1	\$337.30
GREENE COUNTY PARKS (GCP):		225.00	
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Drug Enforcement		0.00	
Law Enforcement		0.00	
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Bor		BS) (Eff. 10-16-09)	10,425.00	249,595.56	
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97	% Drug Law Enforce	ement Fund (DEFC)	28,804.42		
		Services Fund (JPSF)	846.20	29,650.62	
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Ck#					\$468.50
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Ck#					\$1,565.04
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Fine			1		
Ck#					\$1,684.71
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TREASURER	OF STATE, BMV:				
		orfeiture Fees (BMV)			
Ck#					\$15.00
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		Block Fees (BMVW)			
Ck#					\$30.00
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	GM/BPD CODES ONLY	0.00	90,214.94	
Drug Enforcement	BPD	507.35		
	GM	0.00	507.35	
Law Enforcement	BPD	921.00	į.	
	GM	0.00	921.00	
Expungement Fees	(EXPB)		0.00	
Parking Violations (E	BPRK)		0.00	
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				365,330.91	
	TIP Fees		16,489.78	104,259.22	
	SRC Fees		0.00		
	REST Fees		138.25		
	Money Management Class Fees	(MMC)	0.00		
	EMHA Fees		212.00		
	CRPF Fees		2,008.98		
	Probation Fees (PRB + SPRO)		85,410.21		
	Special Projects Fund (UDLF Fee	es \$2.50)	0.00	169,518.07	
	Special Projects Fund		169,518.07		
	Computerized Legal Research Fu	ind		9,625.84	
	Clerk's Office Computer Fund			58,341.41	
_	Law Enforcement/Fund 113	5		723.80	
	Drug Enforcement	alektore		851.05	
	SB 17 (IIFL)		77.50	5,413.35	
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	Immobilization Fees (IMB)	ì		1,600.00	
	Expungement Fees (EXPF)			0.00	
-	Evaluation Fees (EVAL)	-		0.00	
-	Contested Drug Tests (CDT)	-		98.00	
	Convenience Fees (ED)		6.4.	90.65	
*** ********	City Witness/Jury Fees (CWJF)	-1		0.00	
	Workers' Compensation Fees (B)	NC)		116.60	africals, me :
	10% Bond Fees (10%)			6,500.00	
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trik	Court Costs (= LC + VWIT prior to	o 1/2014)	SELECTION OF THE SECRETARY	694,806.63	
	Ordinances			37,990.28	
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	OSP 40%			108,540.07	

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Drug Enforcement	0.00	
Law Enforcement	0.00	
Ck#		\$1,320.00
MIAMI VALLEY TASK FORCE (MVTF):		
Fines		
Ck#		\$500.00
ALLEN COUNTY SHERIFF:		
Service of Subpoenas		
Ck#		\$91.98
BUTLER COUNTY TREASURER:		and the state of t
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CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF (CCS):		
Service of Subpoenas		
Ck#		\$368.23
DELAWARE COUNTY SHERIFF:		
Service of Subpoenas		
Ck#		\$35.00
FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF:		
Service of Subpoenas		
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GREENE COUNTY SHERIFF (GREE + JAIL):		
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HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF:		
Service of Subpoenas		
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-	Ck#	\$71.37
MONTG	OMERY COUNTY SHERIFF:	
	Service of Subpoenas	
	Ck#	\$792.49
PREBLE	COUNTY SHERIFF:	
	Service of Subpoenas	
	Ck#	\$86.00
SHELBY	COUNTY SHERIFF:	
	Service of Subpoenas	
	Ck#	\$17.90
UNION	COUNTY SHERIFF:	
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	Ck#	\$24.00
WARRE	N COUNTY SHERIFF:	
WAININE	Service of Subpoenas	
	Ck#	\$62.00
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_ 5 . 51	Service of Subpoenas	
	Ck#	\$30.84
END OF	YEAR DISTRIBUTION 2024	\$2,080,745.67
		3 / 24 / 32
Overpay	ments, Bond Refunds (Sundries)	\$150,956.36
	DISTRIBUTION 2024	\$2,231,702.03

#### **CIVIL AND SMALL CLAIMS DIVISION**

The Civil Section of the Court accepts complaints to recover money, resolve contract disputes, and other civil actions for claims having a monetary value of Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) or less. Also, the Civil Division accepts complaints for eviction for the termination of tenancies and replevin complaints seeking the return of property. Two (2) full-time deputy clerks are assigned to the Civil Division. The deputy clerks process all cases from initial filing to final disposition, as well as post disposition activity to collect the judgments. The deputy clerks also receive monies involved in civil cases, post the funds to the appropriate accounts and ledgers, and disperse said funds as required by law.

The Small Claims Division of the Court handles claims not to exceed Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00). Small claims filings may be made by citizens with or without the assistance of an attorney. The deputy clerks assigned to the Civil Division also handle the complaints filed in the Small Claims Division. They schedule hearings and trials and receive, post, and disperse money as required by law.

In 2024, the Civil Division had total monetary receipts, which included Civil, Small Claims and Tenant/Landlord cases, of \$1,391,849.93 and disbursed the sum of \$1,360,725.19 at the conclusion of the cases to all required agencies.

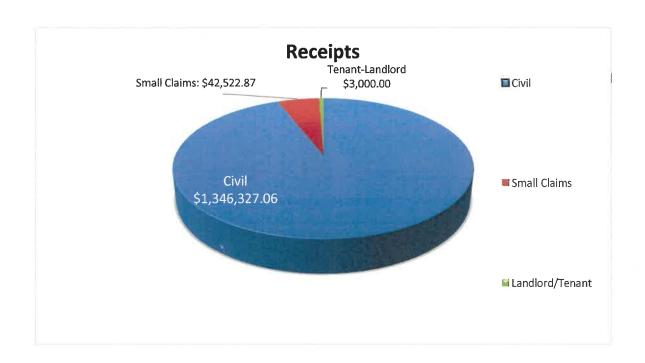
### <u>CIVIL, SMALL CLAIMS, LANDLORD/TENANT</u> RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS TO THE CITY OF FAIRBORN

#### Receipts

Civil \$1,346,327.06

Small Claims \$42,522.87 Tenant Landlord \$3,000.00

Total \$1,391,849.93



#### **Disbursements**

Civil \$344,179.56

Small Claims \$17,423.80

Tenant Landlord \$30.00

**Total** \$361,633.36

Includes the sum of \$315,558.36 paid into the City of Fairborn general fund.

#### **CITY OF FAIRBORN CASHBOOK REPORT**

01/01/2024 to 12/31/2024

#### Civil Account

Local Court Costs	300,184.56
Marriage Fees	1,300.00
Special Project	28,450.00
Legal Research	3,565.00
Computer Improvement	10,680.00

Total Check 344,179.56

#### **Small Claims Account**

Local Court Costs	14,043.80
Marriage Fees	0.00
Special Project	2,956.00
Legal Research	0.00
Computer Improvement	424.00

**Total Check** 17,423.80

#### Landlord/Tenant

Local Court Costs	30.00
Marriage Fees	0.00
Special Project	0.00
Legal Research	0.00
Computer Improvement	0.00

Total Check 30.00

#### TOTAL DISBURSEMENT TO THE CITY OF FAIRBORN: \$361,633.36

### CIVIL, SMALL CLAIMS, AND LANDLORD/TENANT DISBURSEMENTS TO THE STATE OF OHIO IN 2024

**CIVIL** 

TOTAL: \$46,325.00

**SMALL CLAIMS** 

TOTAL: \$2,334.00

LANDLORD/TENANT

**TOTAL: \$0.00** 

TOTAL DISBURSEMENT TO THE STATE OF OHIO:

\$48,659.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENT TO THE CITY OF FAIRBORN AND STATE OF OHIO:

\$410,292,36

#### An additional:

- \* \$956,995.21 for Judgment Collections (Garnishment money received and disbursed in collection of the Judgment amount).
- \* \$22,204.03 in Sundries; and
- \* \$2,358.3300 on deposit.

Total disbursement for Civil, Small Claims, and Landlord/Tenant: \$1.360.725.19

Ten Year Comparison-Cases and Distribution

Criminal / Traffic / Civil / Small Claims / Tenant Landlord / Miscellaneous Cases

Year	Total Cases	# of Charges	Total Distributions	Paid to City of Fairborn General Fund
2014	17,101	21,677	\$3,497,516.00	\$1,070,397.62
2015	15,993	20,452	\$3,656,482.78	\$1,106,465.09
2016	15,153	19,160	\$3,699,921.44	\$1,157,263.21
2017	19,923	24,933	\$4,315,357.02	\$1,472,225.11
2018	18,839	23,157	\$4,332,367.33	\$1,375,787.36
2019	17,722	22,117	\$3,913,638.40	\$1,306,153.59
2020	13,427	16,915	\$3,018,074.22	\$ 971,448.56
2021	13,755	17,186	\$3,223,254.47	\$1,080,519.01
2022	13,835	17,953	\$3,049,912.41	\$ 978,899.41
2023	14,497	18,121	\$3,262,803.91	\$ 997,836.82
2024	15,650	18,935	\$3,592,711.01	\$1,165,300.59

<sup>\*</sup>These numbers include reactivated cases

#### **CASES FILED AND TERMINATED**

The Court reports monthly the number of cases filed, reactivated, and terminated to The Supreme Court of Ohio. The reporting method established by the Supreme Court is based upon the assumption that the Court has more than one judge, and the Supreme Court requires that this report method be used by all courts even if the court has only one judge. The reports that are required to be filed are called the Administrative Judge Report (AJR) and the Individual Judge Report (IJR).

All cases initially filed with a court are listed as new cases and are filed on the Administrative Judge Report. If a defendant in a criminal or traffic case pleads not guilty to a charge, the case is transferred to the Individual Judge Report and all activity of the case is thereafter reported on the Individual Judge Report. In civil cases, if a defendant answers a complaint or if a motion is filed that would require a ruling by the Judge or Magistrate, the case is transferred to the Individual Judge Report.

There were 15,650 cases filed and reactivated on the Administrative Report in 2024. This number includes all new traffic, criminal, civil and small claims cases filed in 2024, and all pending cases that were reactivated. A case is reactivated when a party who was previously unavailable becomes available to proceed with the case. A reactivated case may be from an earlier calendar year.

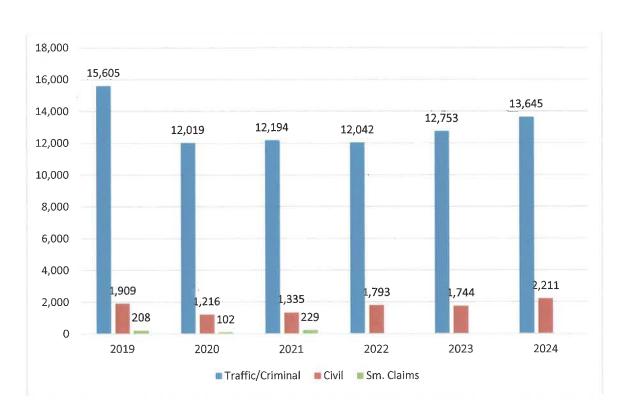
There were 15,262 cases on the Administrative Judge Report and 2,659 cases on the Individual Judges report that were heard, decided, and settled in 2024. There were 1,335 felony, criminal, traffic, civil and small claims cases pending before the court on December 31, 2024, that had not yet been completed.

Felony cases and small claims cases are only reported on the Administrative Judge Report.

#### **ANNUAL CASE FILINGS 2024**

Criminal and Traffic Cases	13	,64	15
Civil Cases & Small Claims	2	,21	1

#### Historical Comparison: Calendar Years 2019-2024

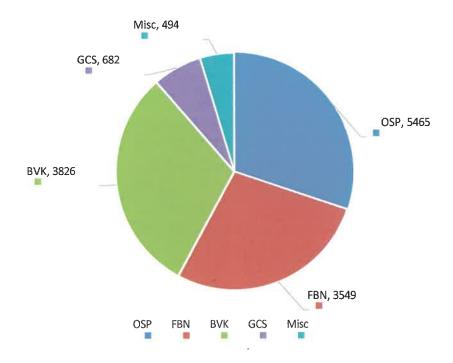


The chart above represents the total number of cases filed and reactivated in the Fairborn Municipal Court, in all divisions, for the last five calendar years.

In 2022, Civil and Small Claims were combined for all future reports.

#### Charges Filed by Police Jurisdiction in 2024

Each case filed with the Court may include several individual charges arising out of a single incident. Below is a breakdown by police agency of traffic and criminal charges filed in 2024.



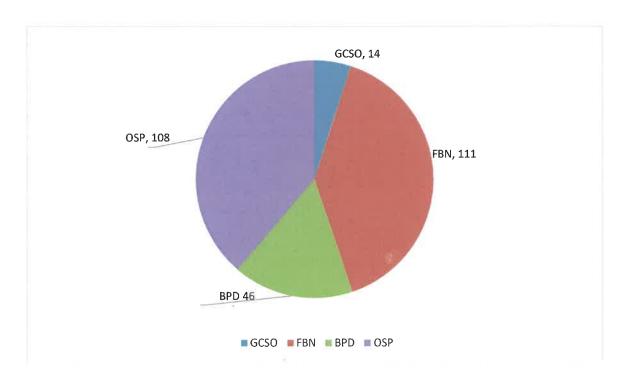
OSP: Ohio State Patrol; FBN: Fairborn Police Department; BVK: Beavercreek Police Department.

GCS: Greene County Sheriff; and Miscellaneous filings.

#### **CASE STATISTICS BY OFFENSE TYPE**

The charts and graphs set forth in the following three pages represent a breakdown by police agency of certain types of cases filed with the Court in 2024. Each case may contain several charges arising out of the same incident. These charts consider only cases filed, regardless of the number of charges associated with an individual case. The chart below represents cases involving Operating a Vehicle While under the Influence of Alcohol and/or Drugs of Abuse.

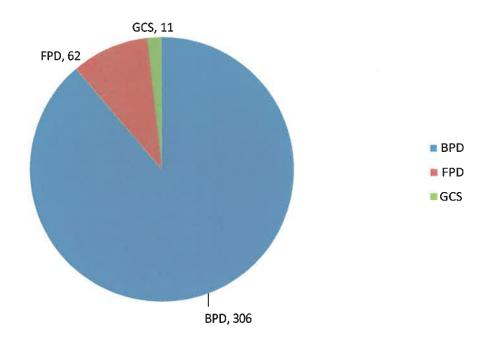
#### **OVI Cases filed by Jurisdiction**



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#### 2024 Theft Cases Filed by Jurisdiction

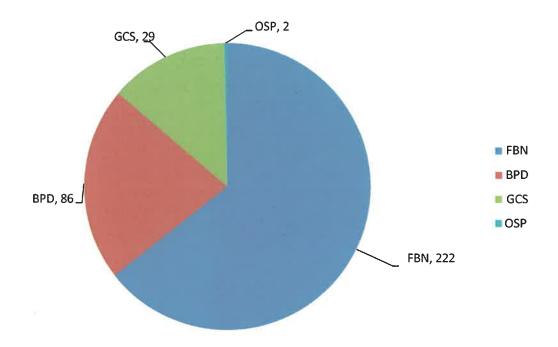
The chart below represents a breakdown of all the property theft and related crimes filed in 2024.



FBN: Fairborn Police Department; BVK: Beavercreek Police Department; GCS: Greene County Sheriff.

#### **Domestic Violence/Protection Order Cases by Jurisdiction**

The chart below represents a breakdown of Domestic Violence/Protection Order crimes filed in 2024.



OSP: Ohio State Patrol; FBN: Fairborn Police Department; BVK: Beavercreek Police Department; GCS: Greene County Sheriff.

## Court Fund Receipts and Expenditures Special Projects Fund 2024 Balances and Revenue

This fund is utilized for the Magistrate salary and courtroom upgrades. Additionally, this fund may be used for any structural building changes which will be necessary in the future due to the age of the building.

Ending Balance 12/31/2024	\$472,090.41
Outstanding Encumbrances	\$ 23, 085.84
Year to Date Expense	\$ 97,381.39
Year to Date Revenue	\$197,467,37
Fund Balance as of 01/01/2024	\$395,090.27

## Court Clerk's Computerization Fund 2024

#### **Balances and Revenue**

This fund is utilized for the paperless process and the conversion of files to electronic form.

Ending Balance 12/31/2024	\$ 259,479.28
Outstanding Encumbrances	\$ 15,320.49
Year to Date Expense	\$ 123,875.51
Year to Date Revenue	\$ 68,261.08
Fund Balance as of 01/01/2024	\$ 330,414.20

#### **Legal Research Fund 2024**

#### Balances and Revenues

Ending Balance 12/31/2024	\$ 41,721.14
Outstanding Encumbrances	\$ 13,276.62
Year to Date Expense	\$ 30,553.73
Year to Date Revenue	\$ 12,938.84
Fund Balance as of 01/01/2024	\$ 72,612.65

#### **FAIRBORN PROBATION DEPARTMENT 2024**

The Fairborn Municipal Court Probation Department has numerous responsibilities and duties in connection with the operation of the Court. The basic responsibility of the Probation Department is to supervise those persons convicted of misdemeanor offenses who have been placed on community control sanctions (probation) by the Court. The Court during the course of sentencing may impose specific conditions upon an individual, which are relevant to that individual's specific life circumstances and the offense for which the individual was convicted. For example, for someone convicted of operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs (OVI offense), the Court may require that a drug and alcohol assessment be completed, and that as a specific condition of community control, the person complete any recommended treatment. It is the responsibility of the assigned probation officer to ensure that the orders of the Judge are followed and also to assist the person in accomplishing any other conditions of probation supervision. Probation supervision ensures that the person receives a level of care that will enable the person to avoid repetitive criminal behavior in the future.

The Fairborn Municipal Court Probation Department was assigned 424 new clients for probation during the calendar year of 2024. The average total monthly number of probationers supervised was 419. To service these individuals, there were 443 treatment referrals made during the calendar year of 2024, with most of the referrals made to drug and alcohol treatment service providers. Mental health, anger management, driver intervention programs and parenting classes are other commonly ordered assessments and programs.

The Probation Department has a responsibility to ensure that the Court's orders are followed, but also to provide some measure of public safety if a probationer has failed to meet the obligations of community control. When a probationer has violated the terms or conditions of community control, it is incumbent upon the probation officer to sanction appropriately and report to the Court violations as warranted. This may include issuing an arrest warrant for the probationer for violating the terms and conditions of probation. In 2024, 74 individuals had their probation revoked and their suspended sentences imposed by the Court for failure to comply with the Court's orders and community control requirements.

In April of 2019, a Pretrial Program was implemented. The pretrial program has three primary functions: collect and analyze an incarcerated defendant's information to determine risk level and needs of the defendant; address the public's safety; and supervise defendants who are released from custody during the pretrial phase if ordered by the Court. This program is essential before trial in achieving the central goal, which is to minimize unnecessary detention of defendants before trial who are likely to appear for scheduled court dates and who do not pose a safety issue to the public. The Probation Department assessed 1,092 incarcerated defendants in 2024.

Another responsibility handled by the Probation Department is the preparation of Pre-Sentence Investigation (PSI) Reports. These reports are prepared at the direction of the Court for the purpose of assisting the Court in determining the appropriate sentence for a particular individual. The Court refers a case to the Probation Department after a guilty plea or finding of guilt has been entered on the record for a particular individual. After an individual is referred for a PSI, he or she is interviewed by a Probation Officer and certain basic social background information is obtained from the individual.

The individual is also provided with the opportunity to provide a written statement to the Court as to the circumstances of the offense of which he or she has been found guilty.

The follow-up investigation would consist of reviewing all police reports and victim impact statements which may be submitted, as well as interviewing the victims or victim advocates. Restitution figures are determined during the course of the PSI as well as a determination made as to any special needs of this particular defendant relating to treatment or counseling. This information is compiled into a report and provided to the Judge, along with a recommendation as to sentencing for a particular individual. There were four (4) PSI reports ordered and completed for the 2024 calendar year.

The Traffic Intervention Program (TIP) provides information and assists individuals who have been issued citations for Driving Under Suspension or Failure to Reinstate. The goals of the program are to divert cases from the court's docket, to determine what is needed to obtain a valid driver's license, and to provide this information to the individual so they can obtain a valid driver's license or obtain driving privileges within 120 days of their arraignment date. The defendant is also required to obtain insurance, thereby increasing the number of valid licensed drivers in our community. The success of the program is determined by the number of individuals who are able to obtain a valid driver's license or driving permit within 120 days. In 2024, 473 cases were referred to the program, and 325 individuals successfully completed the program.

The Probation Department is also responsible for the processing of applications for sealing or expungement of the records by those who have been convicted of criminal offenses and are requesting that their records of conviction be sealed or expunged. This process includes verification of their eligibility as well as determining the appropriate timeliness of the application. A total of 274 applications for sealing and/or expungements were reviewed and submitted in 2024. A total of 221 sealings and/or expungement were granted in 2024.

The Community Service Program was established in the Fairborn Municipal Court in 1978 and is administered through the Court's Probation Department. The Program is designed to give nonviolent individuals the opportunity to perform some type of labor for government agencies and nonprofit organizations in lieu of incarceration. The Court sentences an individual to a jail term and suspends the jail term on the condition the individual perform work in the Community Service Program. Community service allows the Court to assign community service hours in lieu of jail, thus avoiding jail costs. All persons ordered to perform community service are interviewed by the Court's Probation staff. This process allows for the determination of the type of work the individual is able to perform. When possible, the defendant has a work assignment that fits his/her special talents. Release of Claims forms are signed by the individual releasing the Court, the City, and the participating agency from any and all claims. The individuals are provided a date to return to Cout at the time of the initial interview. This procedure is to ensure compliance with the planned hours. During 2024, the Court assigned 31 participants to the program. A total of 412 community service hours were completed. There were no participants revoked from the program or jail time imposed.

The Court may use the option of Electronic Monitored House Arrest (EMHA) in lieu of jail or in conjunction with a jail sentence, providing the Court with more flexibility in sentencing an individual while also helping to alleviate the jail overcrowding situation. The individual is responsible for the cost of the EMHA, currently set at \$9.00 to \$13.50 per day, depending on the level of usage. A fund exists to pay for house arrest and alcohol monitors for those who are indigent and alcohol and/or drugs are involved in the offense. This fund is established by law and consists of reinstatement fees paid by those convicted of OVI's. EMHA consists of the individual being outfitted with a radio transmitter placed around his/her ankle or wrist which transmits a signal to a base unit in the individual's residence.

The individual on EMHA may be afforded the opportunity of work release which allows the individual to continue with his or her employment while on house arrest. The Court also has the option of requiring that an alcohol monitoring system be installed in conjunction with EMHA, so that the Court can ensure that an individual cannot consume alcoholic beverages while on house arrest. There is an additional fee per day for this service. Sixty-Seven individuals were placed on EMHA during 2024. This resulted in a savings of \$183,120 to the Greene County Sheriff's Office. Of those placed on EMHA, one (1) individual was revoked for violation of the conditions of EMHA.

The Probation Department is assigned the responsibility of monitoring Court ordered restitution payments. In certain cases, as part of the sentence imposed, the Court may instruct a particular individual to make restitution for financial losses that were incurred as a result of his or her actions. The probation staff monitors this restitution payment and, when proof or restitution has not been provided by the individual as instructed by the Court, the Court is notified of this lapse. A total of \$23,959.24 was collected and paid to victims in 2024.

The Fairborn Municipal Drug Court (FMDC) was implemented on September 15, 2015, and received final certification from The Ohio Supreme Court as a specialized docket on December 11, 2015. The Drug Court was recertified in 2017, 2020, and 2023. The mission of the FMDC is to provide a therapeutically oriented, court managed, treatment and monitoring program that assists participants with drug dependency diagnosis in developing a sober lifestyle through evidence-based intervention and the appropriate alcohol/drug/mental health treatment in a non-adversarial approach, as an alternative to traditional case processing. Since 2016, Fairborn Municipal Court has received a Specialized Dockets Payroll Subsidy Project grant from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addictions Services. This grant helps cover personnel expenses, both salary and fringe benefits, for the probation officer who supervises the Fairborn Municipal Drug Court caseload. This grant was renewed in 2024, in the amount of \$35,000. Ohio law changed in 2021, to allow a court to subsidize a probation officer's salary who presides over a drug court from an Indigent Driver Alcohol Treatment (IDAT) Fund if there has been declared a surplus. The Court utilized this change to distribute funds from the IDAT fund to supplement the assigned probation officer's salary and benefits.

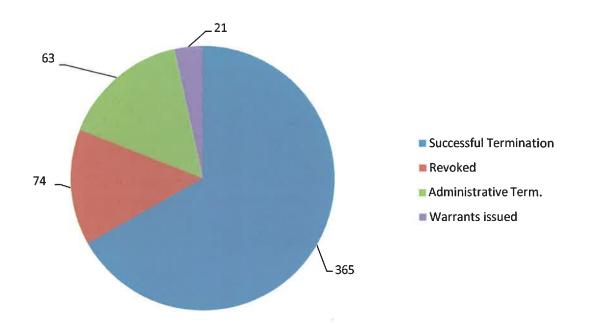
The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services made a significant investment in supporting Addiction Treatment Programs (ATP) to all eligible counties in Ohio. Fairborn Municipal Drug Court, Xenia Municipal Drug Court, and Clark County Municipal Drug Court were each granted funding in 2024. Fairborn Municipal Drug Court received \$1,333 in ATP funds to provide recovery supports services to drug court participants. Time limited recovery supports may be utilized to help eliminate barriers to treatment and are specific to the participant's needs, including assistance with housing, transportation, childcare, job training, obtaining a driver's license or state identification care, or any other matter considered relevant by the provider. In 2024, there were no successful drug court completions, one (1) unsuccessful completion, and no neutral completions. Fairborn Municipal Drug Court (FMDC) has a total of seven (7) active participants with five (5) new admissions into the program in 2024.

In June 2024, the Court applied for and was awarded a grant for Adult Drug and Veterans Treatment Courts Specialized Funding in the amount of \$31,972.00 through the Supreme Court of Ohio. This grant afforded the Fairborn Municipal Court Probation Department a centralized case management system known as the Ohio Community Supervision System (OCSS). This is a data driven system which shares information with other partner agencies. The system allows probation officers to track participants, perform case planning, create treatment team staffing reports and generate the necessary reports required by the Supreme

Court of Ohio and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

It is incumbent upon the Court and its Probation Department to work in close cooperation so that the responsibility for protection of society, as well as the rehabilitation of the individual, can be met. Community control can be effective as long as it remains flexible in meeting the needs of the Court, as well as meeting the needs of the clients it serves.

# FAIRBORN MUNICIPAL COURT PROBATION DEPARTMENT TERMINATIONS 2024



#### **CERTIFICATE**

I, Melissa A. Litteral, Clerk of Court/Court Administrator of the Fairborn Municipal Court, do hereby certify that the foregoing statistical and financial statements for the calendar year of 2024 were prepared from records maintained in the office of the Clerk of Court and accurately reflect all collections and distributions of the Court as recorded in its official records.

Completed at Fairborn, Ohio, this /7 day of February, 2025.

Melissa A. Litteral, Clerk of Court/Court Administrator

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