

One Court of Justice

Michigan Supreme Court

2008 Annual Report

Probate Court Statistical Supplement

This supplement contains caseload data provided by every probate court in Michigan. The State Court Administrative Office, which compiles this data, thanks the courts and their case management system providers for their assistance.

2008 caseload data is provided in both summary and detail formats. The summary format is organized by categories that have been used in previous years' supplements to allow comparisons between each year's data. Each category is broken down by case type; case type codes are listed in the legend that follows. The detail format shows the totals for each case type.

For caseload trends analysis, see the *Michigan Supreme Court 2008 Annual Report*.

| | Estates, Trusts | | | | | Civil, Other | | Guardianships, Conservators, Admissions, Mental Commitments | | | | | | | Total |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Det. of Heirs | Estate Admin. | Small Estates | Trust Inter Vivos | Trust Test. | Civil | Other Matters | Adult Cons. | Adult Guardian. | Minor Cons. | Minor Guardian. | Protective Orders | Judicial Adm. | Mental Com. | |
| Beginning Pending | 0 | 874 | 94 | 292 | 47 | 321 | 69 | 493 | 1,625 | 175 | 902 | 69 | 5 | 1,704 | 6,670 |
| New Filings | 9 | 16,802 | 6,061 | 920 | 158 | 321 | 602 | 3,223 | 10,017 | 1,322 | 6,542 | 489 | 116 | 14,877 | 61,459 |
| Reopened | 0 | 1,057 | 407 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,465 | 2,937 |
| Total Caseload | 9 | 18,733 | 6,562 | 1,212 | 205 | 650 | 671 | 3,716 | 11,642 | 1,497 | 7,444 | 558 | 121 | 18,046 | 71,066 |
| Jury Verdict | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bench Verdict | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Uncontested/Dflt/Settled | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 148 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 148 |
| Petition Granted | 0 | 16,883 | 6,354 | 698 | 127 | 0 | 575 | 2,416 | 8,308 | 1,238 | 5,273 | 411 | 65 | 7,446 | 49,794 |
| Order Determining Testacy | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Order Determining Heirs | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Petition Denied | 0 | 54 | 12 | 16 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 47 | 98 | 5 | 189 | 7 | 6 | 87 | 524 |
| Transferred | 0 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 17 | 3 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 58 |
| Dismissed by Party | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 116 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 116 |
| Dismissed by Court | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 88 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 88 |
| Petition Withdrawn/Dis. | 0 | 248 | 42 | 90 | 14 | 0 | 9 | 669 | 1,553 | 28 | 1,102 | 36 | 40 | 3,144 | 6,975 |
| Deferred | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,312 | 5,312 |
| Inactive Status | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Other Disposition | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| Case Type Change | 0 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 30 | 4 | 32 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 96 |
| Total Dispositions | 5 | 17,221 | 6,408 | 810 | 143 | 374 | 586 | 3,145 | 10,006 | 1,278 | 6,607 | 456 | 111 | 15,998 | 63,148 |
| Ending Pending | 4 | 1,512 | 154 | 402 | 62 | 276 | 85 | 571 | 1,636 | 219 | 837 | 102 | 10 | 2,048 | 7,918 |

Estates and Trusts

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| Estate Cases Supervised by the Court During the Year | 2,674 |
| Total Number of Trust Registrations | 171 |

Wills

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| Total number of wills filed for safekeeping and delivered after death of testator | 10,034 |
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Foreign Birth

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| Total number of motions filed with the court to establish delayed registration of foreign birth by court order | 428 |
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Other Mental Commitment Petitions Filed and Disposed

| | Jan. 1 | New | Closed | Dec. 31 | | |
|---|---------------|------------|---------------|----------------|--|-------|
| Total Active Estate and Trust Cases | 37,845 | 18,937 | 17,625 | 39,157 | Total Petitions Filed for Second Order | 537 |
| | | | | | Total Petitions Filed for Continuing Order | 1,902 |
| | | | | | Total Number of Supplemental Petitions Presented to the Court for Court Ordered Examination on an Application for Hospitalization and Total Number of Petitions Presented to the Court for Court Ordered Transportation of a Minor | 2,811 |
| | | | | | Total Petitions Granted for Second Order | 502 |
| Guardianships/Conservatorships | Jan. 1 | New | Closed | Dec. 31 | Total Petitions Denied for Second Order | 10 |
| Total Adults with a Guardian | 28,192 | 7,528 | 7,502 | 28,218 | Total Petitions Granted for Continuing Order | 1,718 |
| Total Adults with a Conservator | 13,922 | 3,223 | 3,606 | 13,539 | Total Petitions Denied for Continuing Order | 13 |
| Total Minors with a Guardian | 28,367 | 6,542 | 8,942 | 25,967 | Assisted Outpatient Treatment Petitions Filed | 118 |
| Total Minors with a Conservator | 13,205 | 1,322 | 2,602 | 11,925 | Assisted Outpatient Treatment Petitions Granted | 107 |
| Total Dev. Disabled Persons w/ a Guardian | 20,657 | 2,489 | 1,939 | 21,207 | Assisted Outpatient Treatment Petitions Denied | 4 |

Probate Court Caseload Annual Report Legend

Estates, Trusts

Determination of Heirs – DH

Estate Administration

 Decedent Estates, Supervised Administration – DA

 Decedent Estates, Unsupervised Administration and Non-Administered Estates – DE

Small Estates – PE

Trust Inter Vivos – TV

Trust Testamentary – TT

Civil, Other

Civil – CZ

Other Matters – ML

Guardianships, Conservators, Admissions, Mental Commitments

Adult Conservatorship – CA

Adult Guardianship

 Developmental Disability Guardianship – DD

 Adult Guardianship – GA

 Limited Guardianship of Adult – GL

Minor Conservatorship – CY

Minor Guardianship

 Minor Guardianship – GM

 Limited Guardianship of Minor – LG

Protective Orders – PO

Judicial Admission – JA

Mental Commitment – MI