



# Akron Municipal Court 2020 Annual Report

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# A LETTER FROM JUDGE RON CABLE



*Judge Ron Cable  
Administrative/Presiding Judge for 2021*

All,

I hope this message finds you safe and healthy. 2020 was filled with many challenges for all of us and I am proud of how my colleagues and I adapted allowing us to continue serve our community in a positive way.

When I was selected as our Administrative/Presiding Judge for 2021, I vowed to lead efforts that will uphold our positive reputation and our nationally recognized specialized dockets while keeping our residents safe.

I am dedicated to providing improvements to the Court's physical space and technology needs which will better serve our region.

Thank you to my staff and fellow Judges who have made this a top priority for this year as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R Cable', written in a cursive style.



# MEET OUR SIX JUDGES

**JUDGE  
RON  
CABLE**

Administrative/  
Presiding Judge for  
2021



**JUDGE  
ANNALISA  
WILLIAMS**



**JUDGE  
JERRY  
LARSON**



**JUDGE  
JON  
OLDHAM**



**JUDGE  
NICOLE  
WALKER**



**JUDGE  
DAVID  
HAMILTON**



# ABOUT US

## OUR MISSION

To promote public confidence and trust in the judicial system by protecting rights and liberties; Upholding and interpreting the law consistently, timely, impartially and independently; And providing for the peaceful, fair and efficient resolution of disputes.

## OUR JURISDICTION

The Akron Municipal Court serves the cities of Akron and Fairlawn; the townships of Bath, Richfield and Springfield; the Villages of Lakemore and Richfield; and that part of Mogadore in Summit County, Ohio.



# HOW WE PIVOTED DURING THE PANDEMIC

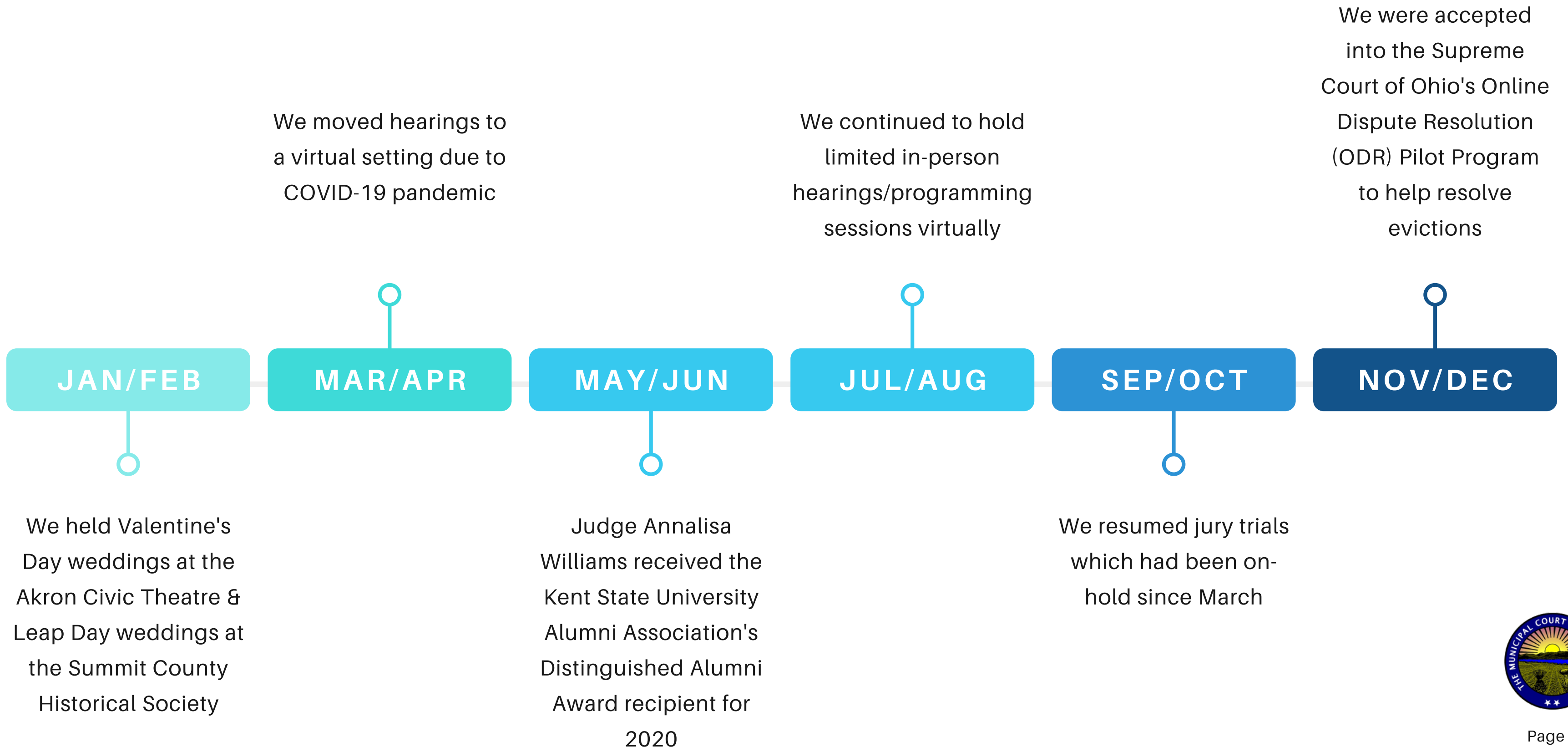


When COVID-19 became present in our region in March 2020, we put the health and safety of our community first. We moved a majority of hearings into a virtual setting and allowed staff to work remotely when able.

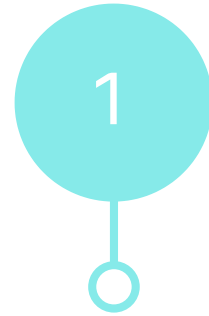
In spring of 2021, as COVID-19 restrictions were lifted statewide, all staff were back on-site and most hearings and specialized docket sessions were in-person.



# HOW WE SERVED OUR COMMUNITY IN 2020



# OUR SIX SPECIALIZED DOCKETS



## MENTAL HEALTH COURT

Led by:  
Judge Annalisa  
Williams

Created for misdemeanor offenders who have been diagnosed with a severe and persistent mental illness

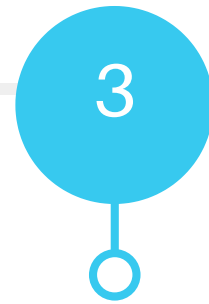


## ARCH COURT

Led by:  
Judge  
Nicole Walker

Post-plea, voluntary program that allows defendants to work toward recovery from alcohol and addiction

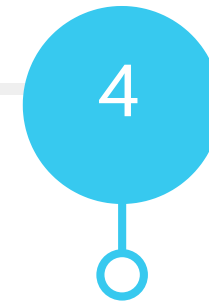
ARCH = Active Recovery  
Creates Hope



## RECOVERY COURT

Led by:  
Judge  
Jon Oldham

Oversees drug abuse offenders and addresses the disease of addiction by merging treatment with accountability



## FAMILY INTERVENTION COURT

Led by:  
Judge  
Ron Cable

Targets domestic violence offenders and is a therapeutic alternative to traditional court practices



## RISE COURT

Led by:  
Judge  
Ron Cable

Provides resources and support to human trafficking, prostitution and sexual exploitation victims

RISE = Restore Individual  
Self-Empowerment



## VALOR COURT

Led by:  
Judge  
Jerry Larson

Dedicated to defendants with military service involved in the criminal justice system



# OUR TWO PROGRAMS



## PEACE OF MIND

Launched in 2015

Led by:

Judge

Annalisa S. Williams

Specific for women:

Addresses the "thinking"  
behind criminal behavior  
and guides women on a new  
life path



## COMPASS

Launched in 2020

Led by:

Judge

David Hamilton

Specific for men:

Created for males who are  
high risk to reoffend and  
provides an alternative to jail

COMPASS = Compassion, Oppportunity,  
Mentoring, Purpose, Assistance, Survival,  
Stepping forward





# OUR BEST 2020 MEMORIES

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## JUDGE HAMILTON INVESTITURE

Judge David Hamilton's Investiture took place on January 9, 2020 at the City of Joy Life Enrichment Center.



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## LARGE GRANT RECEIVED

The Supreme Court of Ohio awarded us a \$195,000 grant to upgrade our outdated case management system.



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## HAVE GAVEL, WILL TRAVEL

Pre-pandemic, we had five "Have Gavel, Will Travel" visits at local schools. We continued the program virtually during the rest of 2020.



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## NEW MAGISTRATES AND STAFF JOIN OUR COURT

Magistrates Thomas D. Bown and Kani Hightower, who are photographed below, joined our Court in addition to several other staff members.



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## LITTLE FREE LIBRARY RIBBON CUTTING

We received grant dollars from the Akron Host Lions Club to install a Little Free Library.



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## AN EVENT TO HONOR VETERANS

On a lovely November afternoon, we visited Mount Peace Cemetery recognizing Civil War Veteran Alvin C. Smith who passed away in 1948 at age 104. Mr. Smith was the last living Civil War Veteran in Summit County.



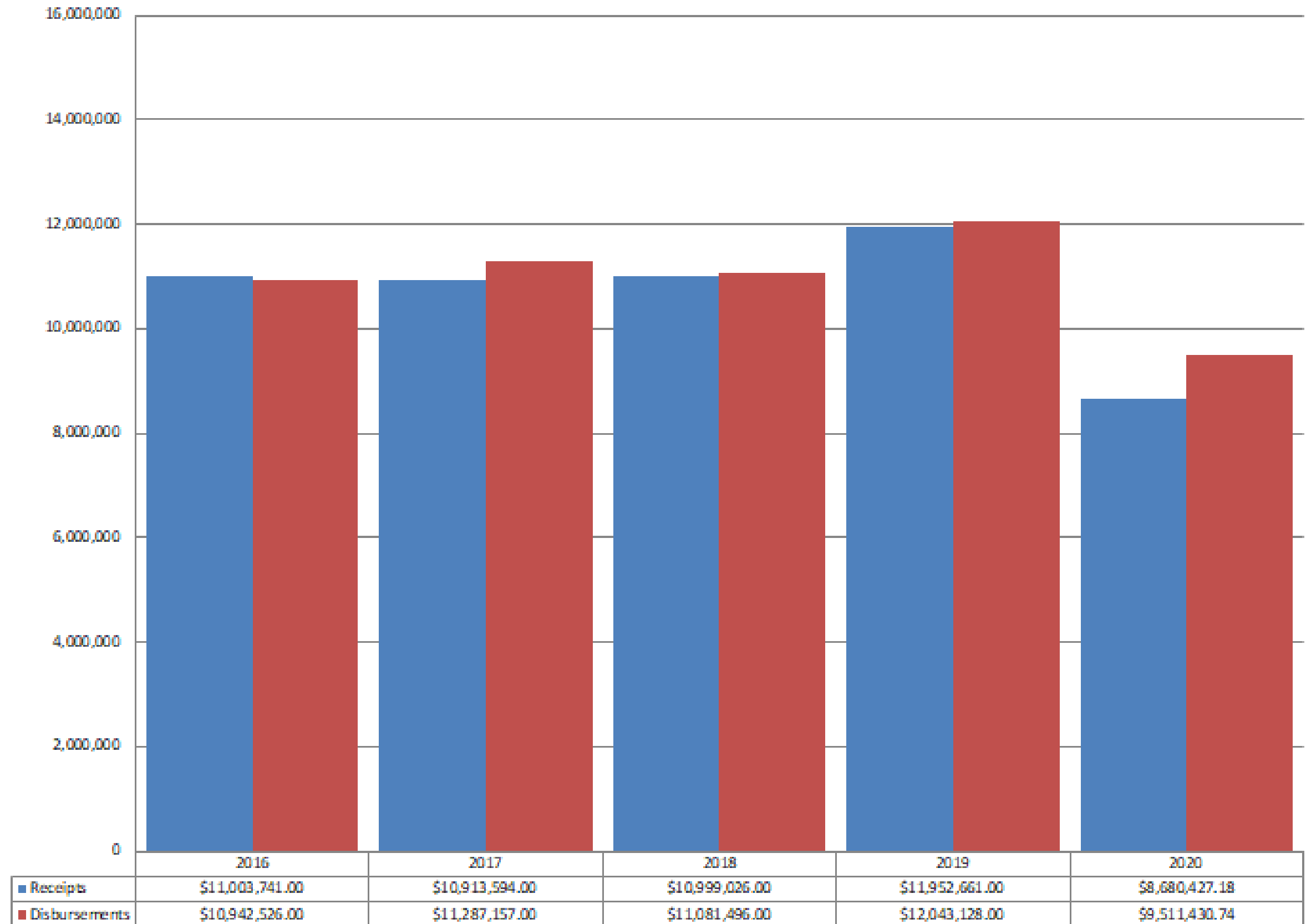
# OUR COURT YEAR

## Receipts & Disbursements

Receipts and Disbursements  
2016-2020 Data

### WHAT THIS DATA SHOWS:

Receipts and disbursements identify how many dollars were collected throughout the year and how many dollars were disbursed.



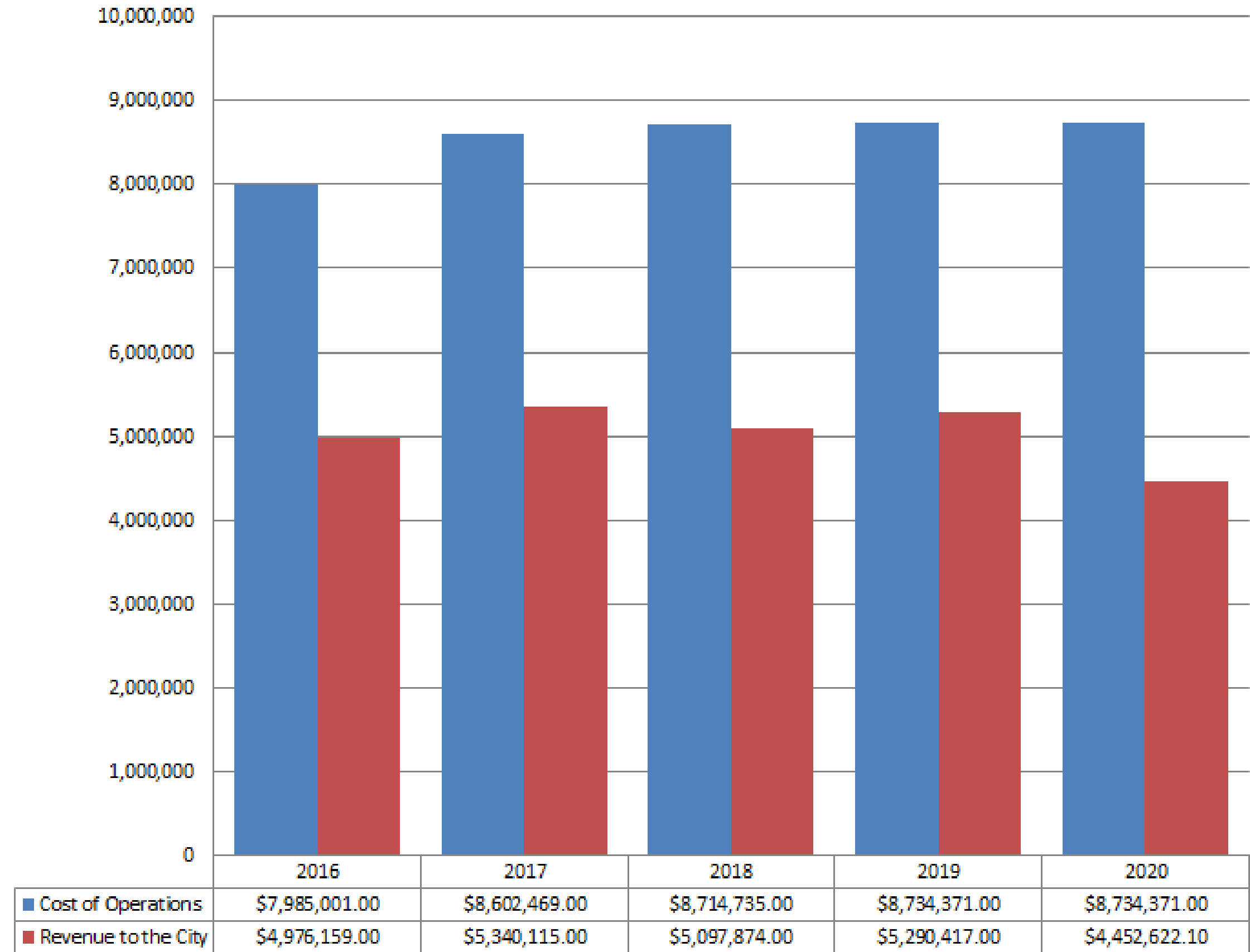
# MORE OF OUR COURT YEAR

## Cost Versus Revenue to The City of Akron

### WHAT THIS DATA SHOWS:

The statistics compare the cost to operate all divisions of the Akron Municipal Court to revenues from the collection of court fees which were deposited to the City of Akron by the Court.

**Cost Versus Revenue  
2016-2020 Data**



# MORE OF OUR COURT YEAR

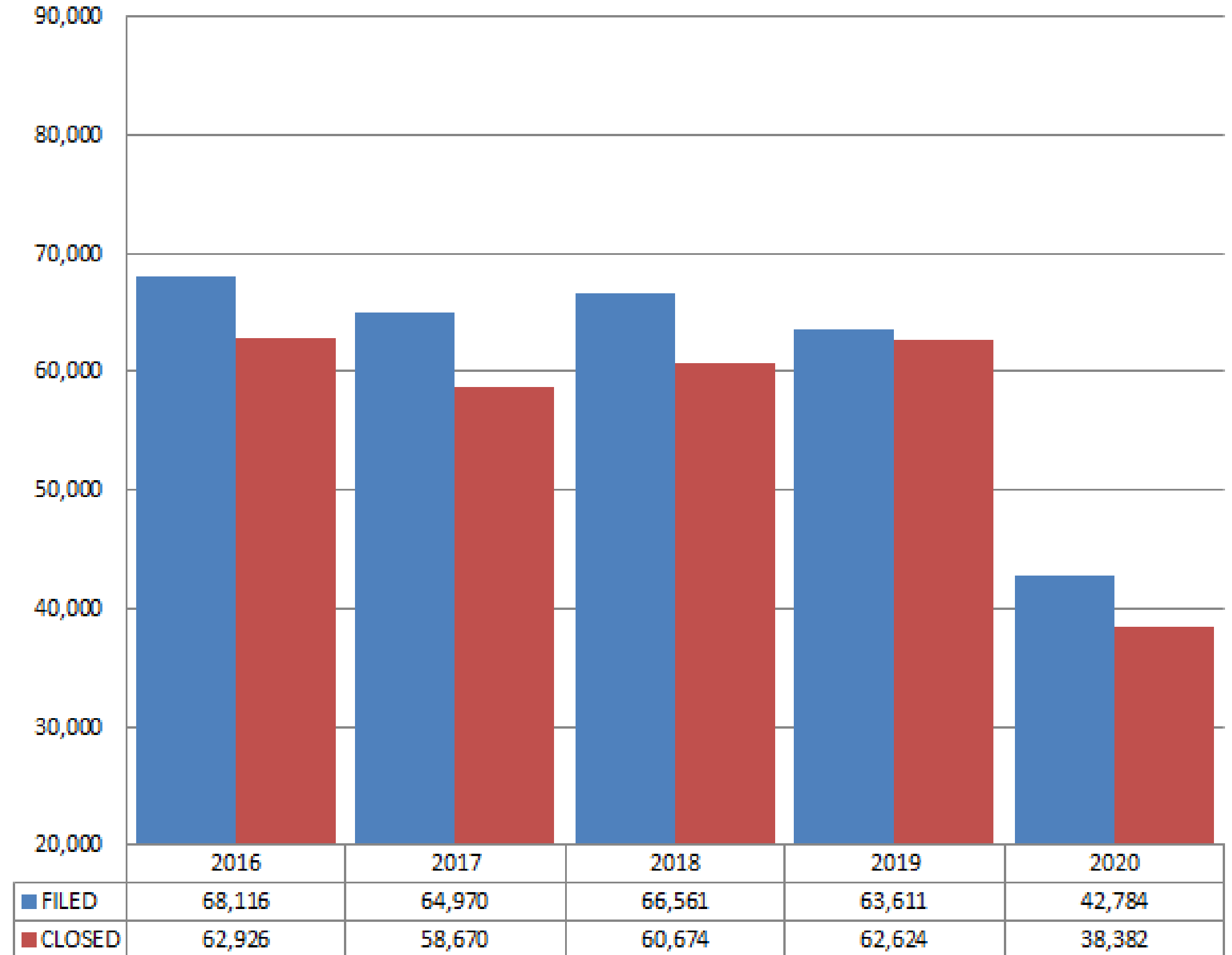
## Case Filings and Dispositions

### WHAT THIS DATA SHOWS:

Case filings and dispositions show how many cases were filed per year and how many reached a final outcome before the end of that year.

Types of dispositions include conviction, acquittal, dismissal and expungement.

### Case Filings and Dispositions 2016-2020 Data



# COMMUNITY SERVICE STATISTICS

The Akron Municipal Court Community Service Program is committed to helping restore communities and prevent crime through restoration, reparation and/or rehabilitation.

This team develops activities offenders can complete to fulfill their court-ordered community service hours in ways that benefit our residents and neighborhoods.

## 2020 Community Service Work Referrals

American Cancer Society Discovery Shop...2

Burning Bush Church...3

City of Akron Service Department...15

Goodwill Industries of Akron...6

Haven of Rest...2

Keep Akron Beautiful...42

New Beginnings Thrift Store...39

Oriana House CBCF, RIP, SHARP...6

Salvation Army Barberton...3

Salvation Army Maple Street...19

Sarah's House...3

The Genesis Program...6

Truly Reaching You...15



Sarah's House is a food pantry in Akron. Those who do community service work for Sarah's House organize food that has been donated and assemble bags of food for those in need.

(Photo taken by Karen Schiely of the *Akron Beacon Journal*)



# FINAL 2020 NUMBERS

## 2020 Case Filings & Dispositions

Total Civil Cases Filed...6,640

Personal Injury/Property Damage...65

Contracts...4,564

Forcible Entry/Detainer (Evictions)...1,648

Landlord/Tenant/Other Civil...126

Small Claims...237

Total Criminal Cases Filed...10,041

Total Traffic Cases Filed...14,756

Total...31,437

## 2020 Probation Statistics

Total Probation Department Referrals &  
Specialized Docket Admissions...1,500+

Restitution Collected...\$43,400+

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