Lawrence Municipal Court

2024 Annual Report

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2024 in Review

The Lawrence Municipal Court is dedicated to providing fair and appropriate resolutions of Municipal Code Violations in an efficient, knowledgeable and respectful manner.

Top 3 Cited Offenses

Misdemeanor Non-Traffic Violations

1. Theft
2. Criminal Trespass
3. Battery

Misdemeanor Traffic Violations

1. No Insurance
2. No Valid Driver's License
3. Driving while License is Suspended/Cancelled/Revoked

Traffic Infractions

1. Speeding
2. Stop Sign Violation
3. Expired Tag

Parking Violations

1. Posted No Parking
2. Parked with Expired Tag
3. Parked more than 48 Hours

Court Operations: Court was in session approximately 1,142 times in 2024. Court staff issued 2,227 warrants, completed 706 open records requests, and assisted 557 citizens in obtaining fingerprints before ceasing this operation in December, 2024.

Citations: The total number of traffic, parking and public offense citations (charges) issued for the year was 9,856, up slightly from the 2023 total of 9,814. There were 58,299 downtown meter citations issued in 2024, down from the 2023 total of 60,812.

Revenue: Annual gross revenue in Municipal Court for 2024 was $1,282,908.00, up 5% from the 2023 total of $1,221,681.00. Revenue to all City funds totaled $1,019,301.00, up 4% from $979,558.00 in 2023.

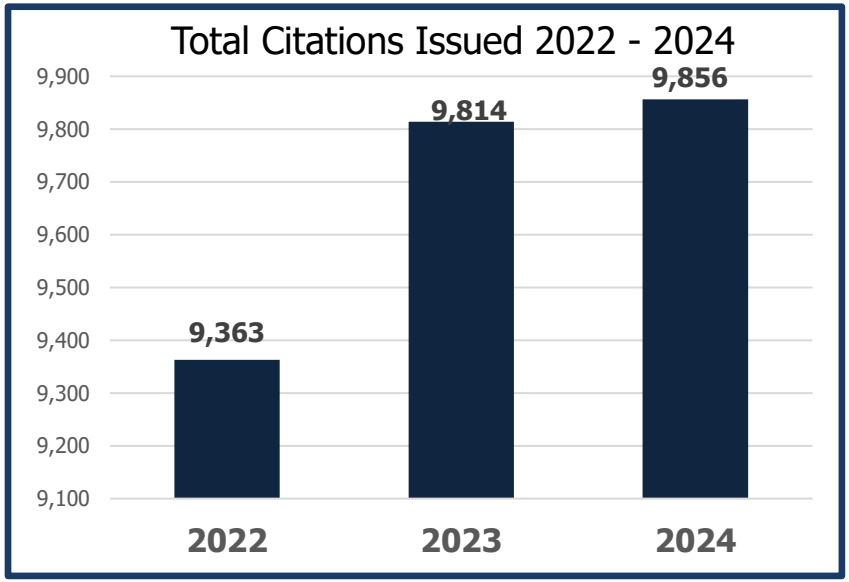
Community Service: Upon conviction, defendants with financial obligations to the court may do community service work in lieu of fines. Workers are assigned to several area agencies, including Habitat Restore, Just Food and the Lawrence Humane Society.
In 2024, defendants worked approximately 2,952 hours of community service. This sentencing option reduces a defendant's monetary obligation and the community benefits from the hours worked.

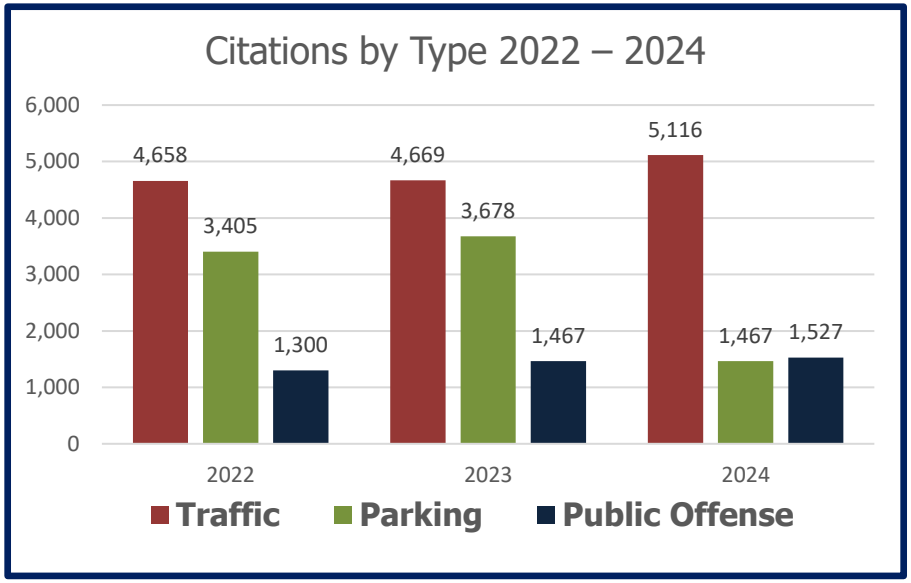
Probation and Diversion: As of December 31, 2024 there were 74 defendants on supervised probation, down slightly from the 2023 total. Approximately 812 defendants were placed on unsupervised probation and 541 defendants successfully completed their probation term in 2024. The City Prosecutor's office diverted approximately 740 charges in 2024.

Community Outreach: In July and August, 2024, the Lawrence Municipal Court hosted its second annual School Supplies for Fines drive. Citizens could purchase $15 worth of new school supplies and bring them to the Court along with the receipt to receive a $50 credit towards traffic infraction or parking fines. Several citizens participated in the program. In all, over 850 items were donated and nearly $1800 in fines were reduced! This program demonstrates the City's Strategic Plan commitments to both Equity and Inclusion and Community Engagement by giving citizens an opportunity to reduce their court fines and fees while providing much needed school supplies to families in our community.

Relocation: The Municipal Court relocated from the Riverfront building to City Hall in November, 2024. While this was a big transition for staff, everyone has worked well together to create some efficiencies for the citizens we serve. Continued improvements are planned for the year ahead.

Yearly Citation Totals





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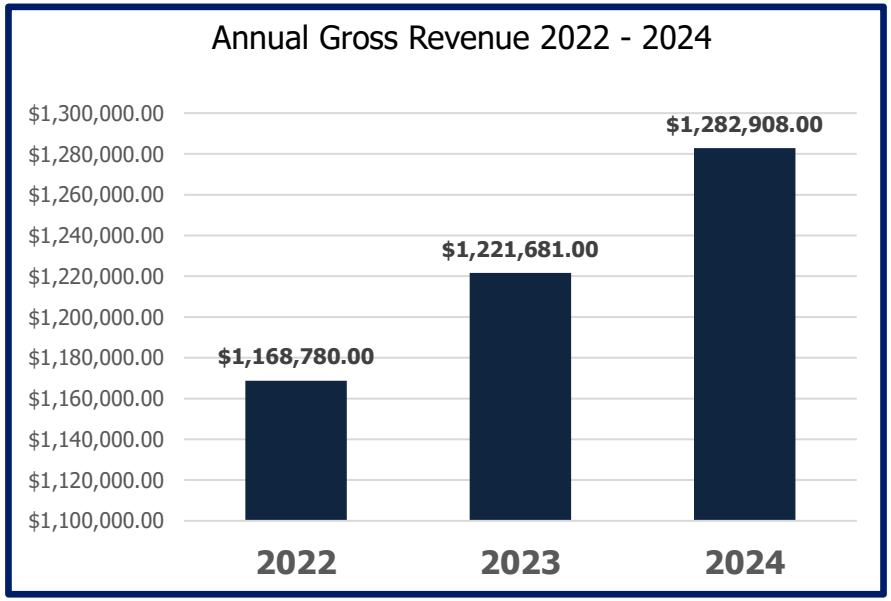
Yearly Revenue Totals



The gross revenue depicted above is the total of all money received by the Municipal Court and includes fees that are remitted to the State of Kansas as required by law. These fees are used to fund training programs for judges and law enforcement personnel, community corrections supervision, victim and trauma funds and other services. Payments received for court ordered restitution are also included in the gross revenue amount. Once collected, restitution payments are disbursed to victims of crime.

The city revenue total combines money received by the Municipal Court in the General Fund for court fines and fees, as well as the revenue to the Parking Fund for downtown meter fees and long-term parking passes. These totals do not include revenue to the Parking Fund from online payments.

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