

Lawrence Municipal Court



2025 Annual Report
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2025 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. Operating Under the Influence

Traffic Infractions

1. Speeding
2. Expired Tag
3. Inattentive Driving

Parking Violations

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

Court Operations: Court was in session approximately 1,040 times in 2025. Court staff issued 2,559 warrants, completed 902 open records requests, handled over 1,500 attorney and court appointed attorney cases and completed 485 referrals for community service work.

Citations: The total number of traffic, parking and public offense citations (charges) issued for the year was 9,278, down about 5.8% from the 2024 total of 9,856.

Revenue: Annual gross revenue in Municipal Court for 2025 was \$1,351,745.00, up just over 5% from the 2024 total of \$1,282,908.00. Revenue to all City funds totaled \$1,011,782.00 in 2025.

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.

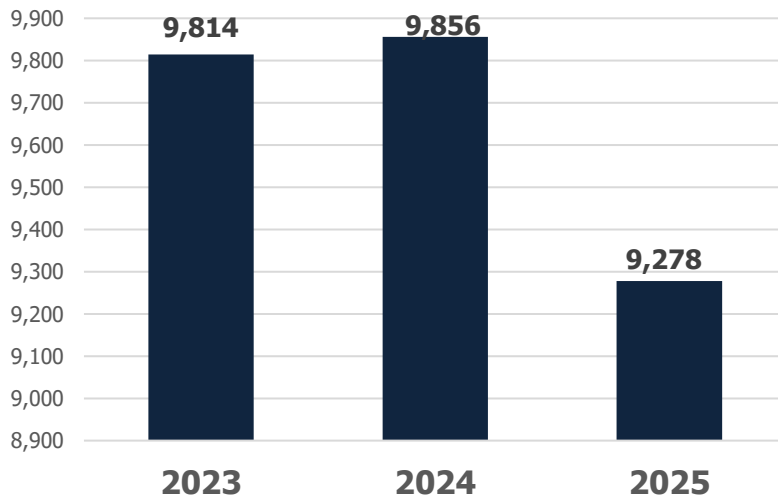
In 2025, defendants worked approximately 4,716 hours of community service. This number is up 59% from the 2024 total. This sentencing option reduces a defendant's monetary obligation and the community benefits from the hours worked.

Probation and Diversion: As of December 31, 2025 there were 74 defendants on supervised probation. This number has remained steady throughout the year. Approximately 900 defendants were placed on unsupervised probation and 723 defendants successfully completed their probation term in 2025. The City Prosecutor's office diverted approximately 782 charges in 2025.

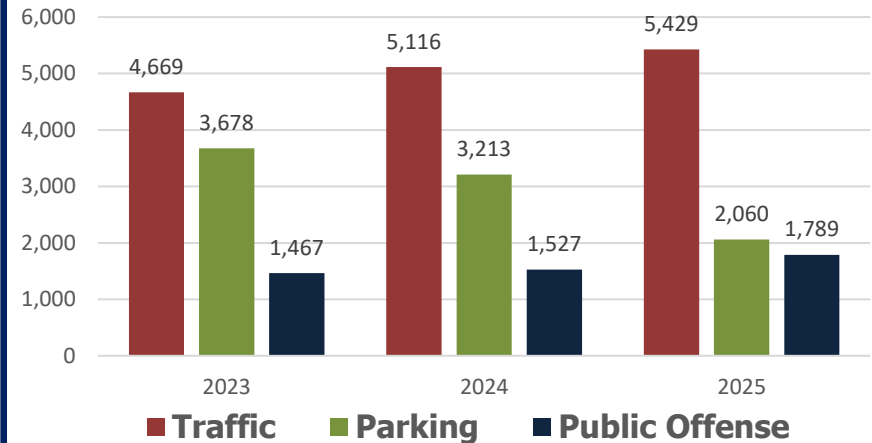
Community Outreach: In July and August, 2025, the Lawrence Municipal Court hosted its third annual School Supplies for Fines drive. Citizens could purchase \$15 worth of new school supplies and bring them to the Court along with the receipt to receive a \$50 credit towards traffic infraction or parking fines. For 2025, we had 34 participants in the program donating more than 700 items to our local schools. 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.

Yearly Citation Totals

Total Citations Issued 2023 - 2025

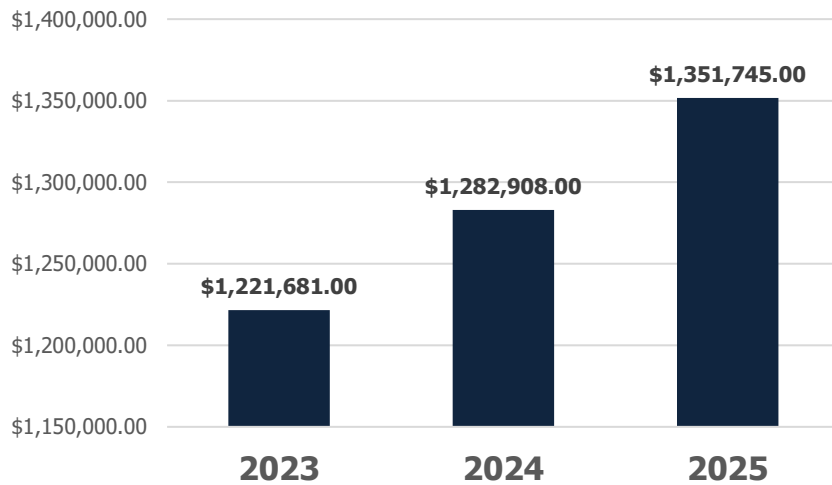


Citations by Type 2023 – 2025



Yearly Revenue Totals

Annual Gross Revenue 2023 - 2025



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.

Annual City Revenue 2023 - 2025



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.