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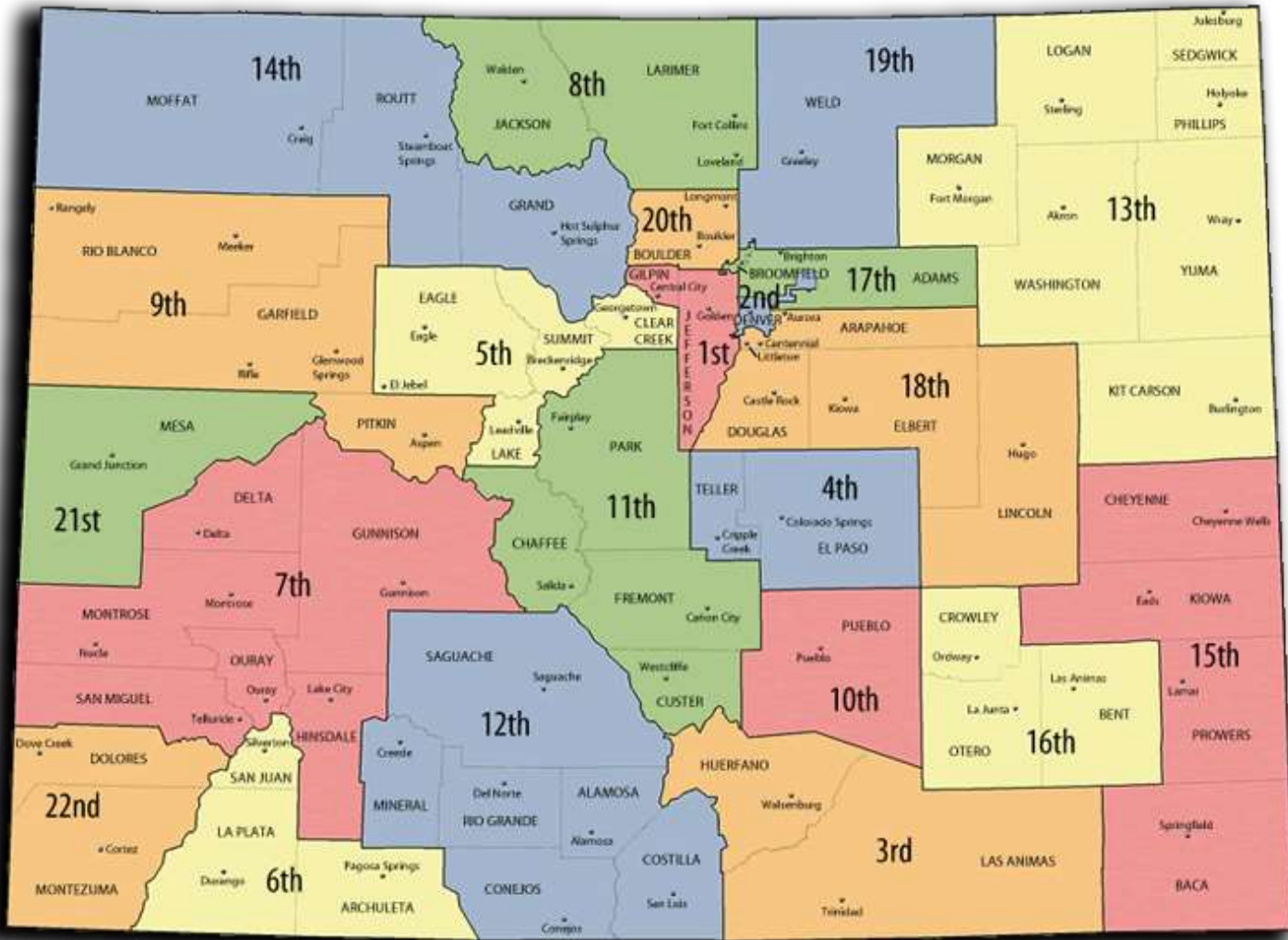
*Annual Report*

*2024 Fort Collins City  
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**Office of the District Attorney**

Gordon P. McLaughlin, District Attorney  
8th Judicial District  
*Serving Larimer and Jackson Counties*



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 Larimer & Jackson Counties  
 (pop. ~370,000)  
 6<sup>th</sup> most populous JD

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## **Mission**

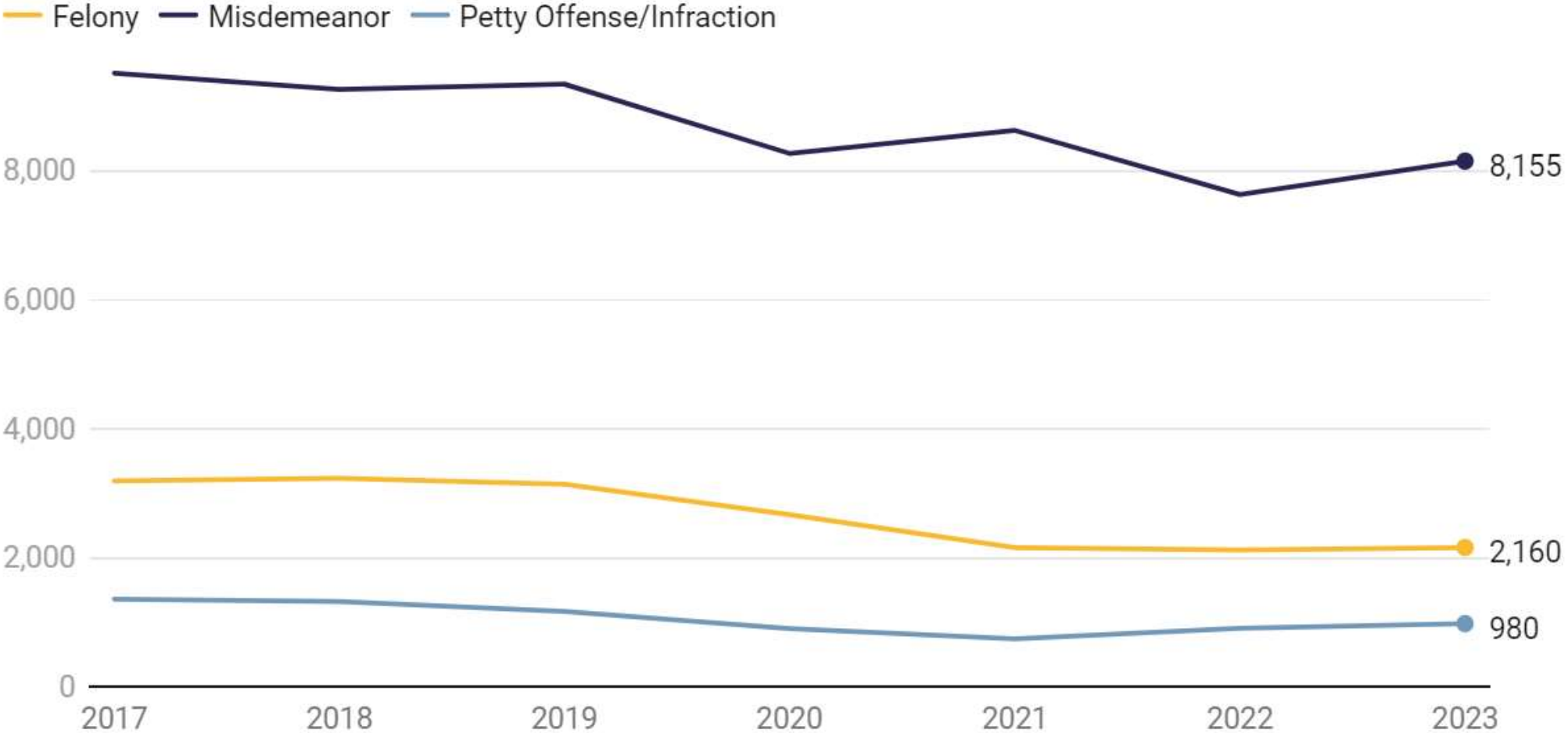
The District Attorney's office serves to seek justice and ensure the safety of our community in an equitable manner. Every day we work to thoughtfully prosecute crime, protect victims of crime, address systemic bias, rectify injustice, and provide transparency about our work. We are zealous advocates for the truth and fair practitioners of justice.

## **Vision**

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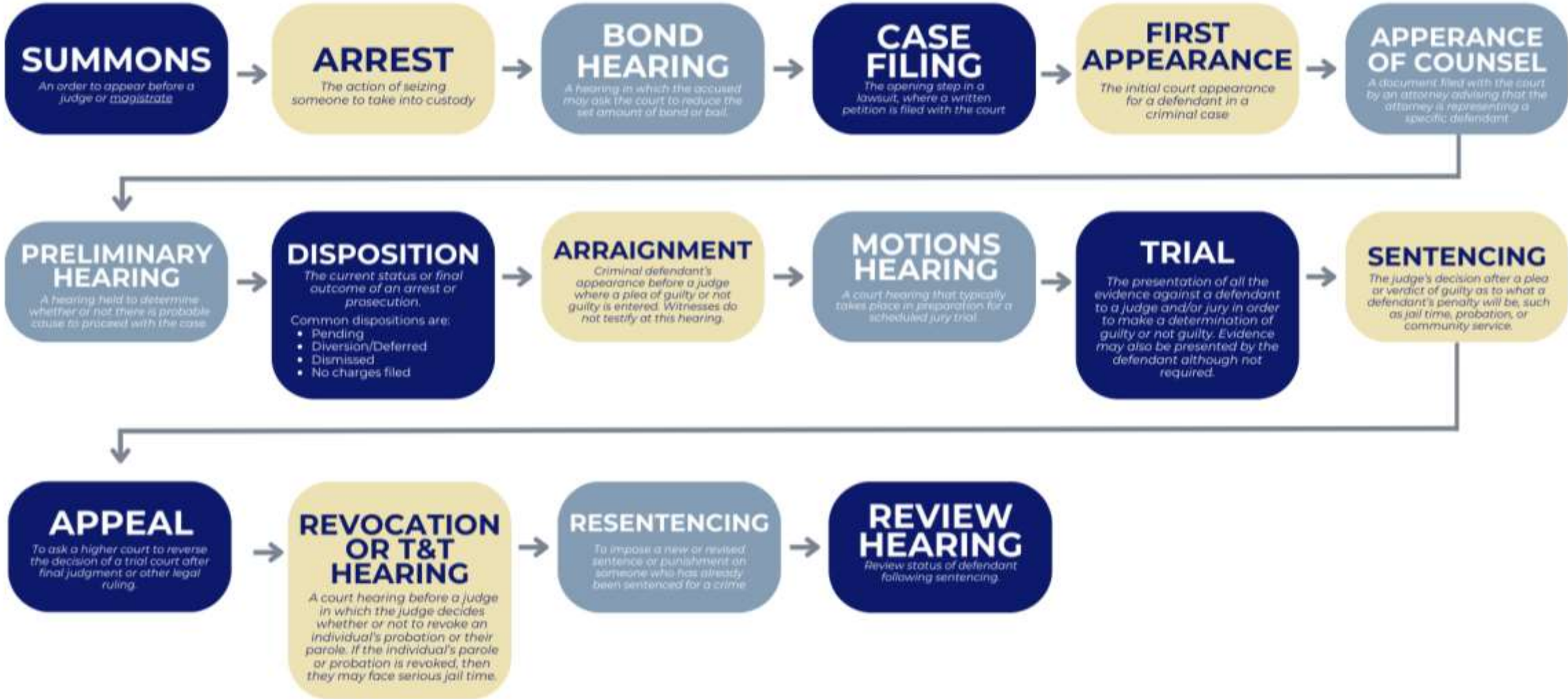


# Number of Cases Filed, by Year and Charge Level



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# Case Roadmap



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# Current Programs & Projects

## Diversion

- Divert cases away from traditional CJ resolution – address root causes
- In 2023:
  - 452 Juveniles – 52% success rate
  - 182 Adults – 94% success rate

## Fentanyl Causing Death

- New law started in July 2022
- Charged 7 distribution causing death cases since July 2023
- First conviction in the state

## Community Engagement & Accountability

- [www.larimer.gov/da](http://www.larimer.gov/da)
- @DA8Colorado (Twitter & FB)
- Community Presentations / Annual Report
- Citizens Academy

## Problem Solving Courts

- Competency Docket - efficient treatment & services for those w/ MH needs
  - Statewide/nationwide model
- Veterans Court – coming soon!

## Collaborative Task Forces

- Economic Crime: Never Summer Yurts (107 victims & \$24k in restitution)
- Drug Crime: 78,323 dosage units of fentanyl seized in 2023
  - Grand Jury Indictments – 8.5lbs fentanyl, 32lbs meth, 45 firearms...



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# Current Programs & Projects

## Domestic Violence Team

- DDA, Investigator, & Advocate
  - High risk case assessment & earlier victim support
  - Investigation of DV firearm restrictions
- Victim Rights Week (April 25<sup>th</sup> Event)

## Award Winners

- Judge Conrad Ball Award: Victim Witness Manager Kate Perrill
- Colorado District Attorney Prosecutor of the Year: Chief Deputy District Attorney Amanda Duhon
- Colorado Drug Investigators Assoc. Prosecutor of the Year: Complex Crimes Deputy DA Lynzi Mass

## Warrant Clearance

- Resolve case (restitution, treatment, etc.)
- Accountability & resources
- Cleared 125 warrants in 2023
- Loveland Warrant Event 4/6 (72 warrants cleared)

## Legislation

- 2023:
  - Strengthening of Auto Theft Laws
  - Indecent Exposure Penalties
- 2024:
  - Fixes to Victim Services Funding
  - Social Media Accountability
  - Preventing Felons from Possessing Firearms



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# Significant Fort Collins Case Update

- Tyler Zanella
  - 2023CR000799
  - Pled guilty to 7 Counts of Assault in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree-At Risk Person (F6)
  - Sentenced to 12.5 Years
    - 10.5 in the Department of Corrections after 2 years in the Larimer County Jail
- Adrian Pacheco
  - 2024CR000397
  - Murder 1-After Deliberation (F1)
  - Ongoing
- Marc Risheill
  - 2024CR000842
  - Enticement of a Child (F5) and Attempted Sex Assault on a Child (F5)
  - Ongoing



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# Number of Cases Filed (FCPS)

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● Felony ● Misdemeanor ● Petty Offense/Infraction

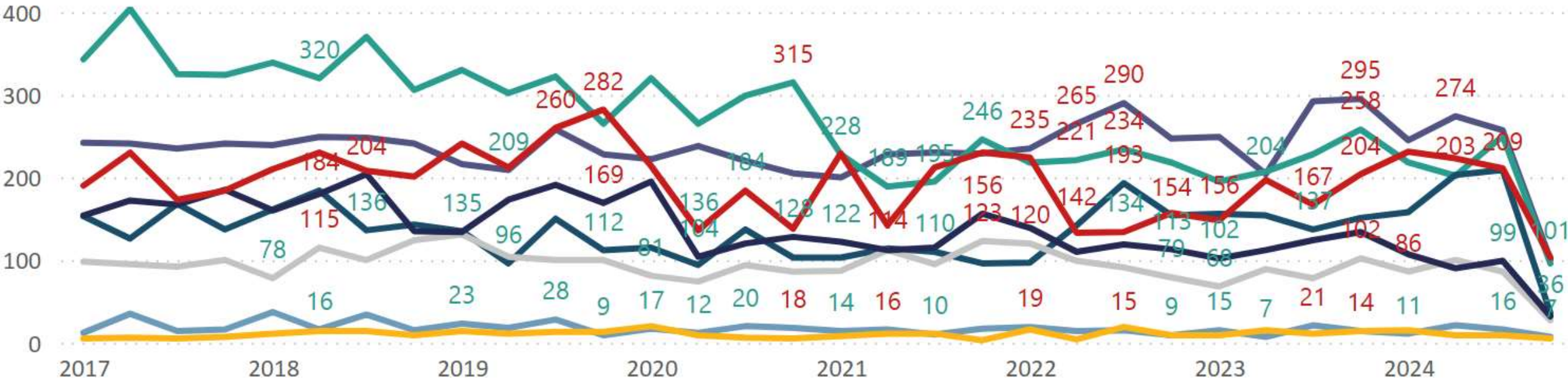


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# FCPS Total Case Filings

## Number of Cases Filed

● Person 
 ● Sex Offense 
 ● Weapons 
 ● Property 
 ● Drugs 
 ● DUI 
 ● Other 
 ● Traffic

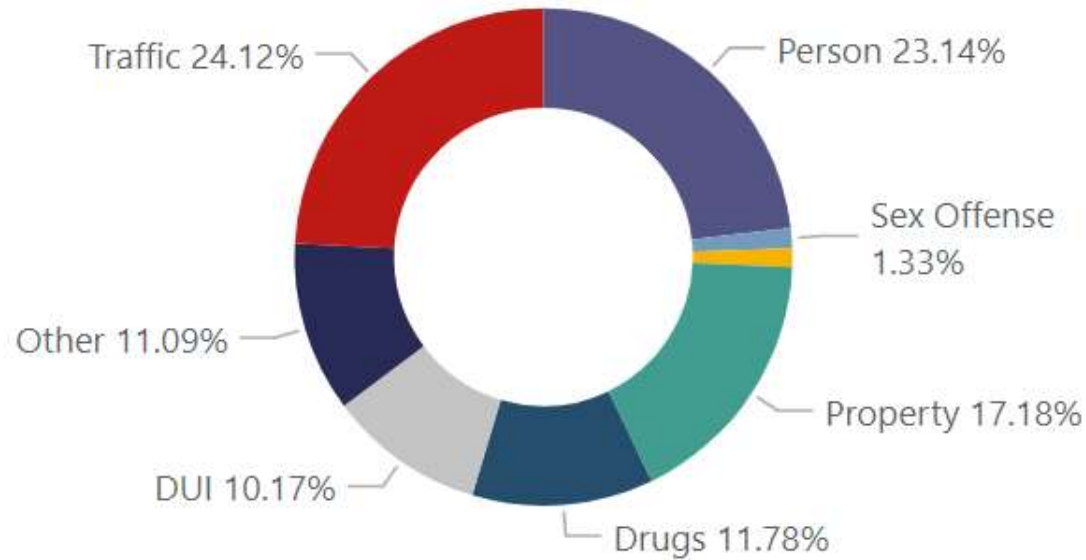


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# FCPS Case Filings by Type

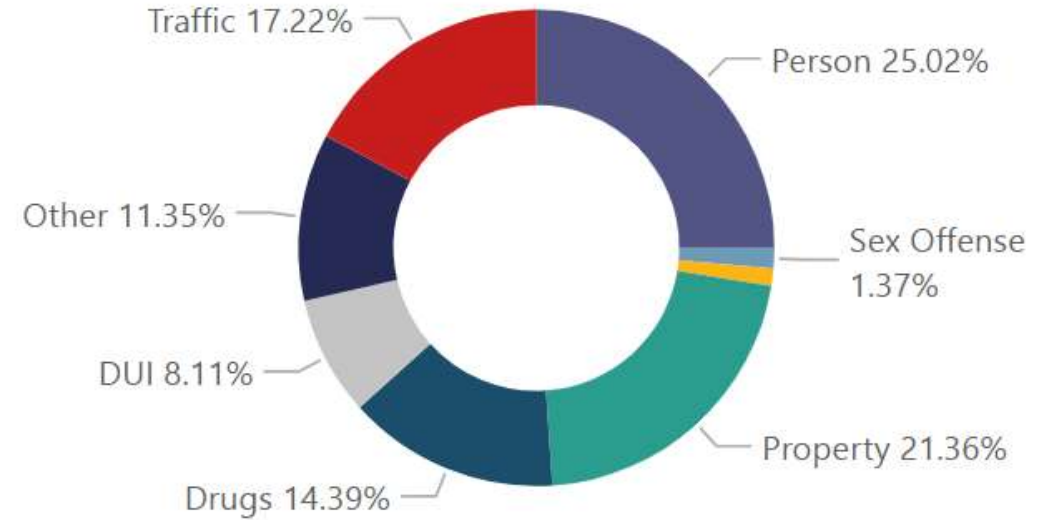
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Percent of Cases Filed



FCPS

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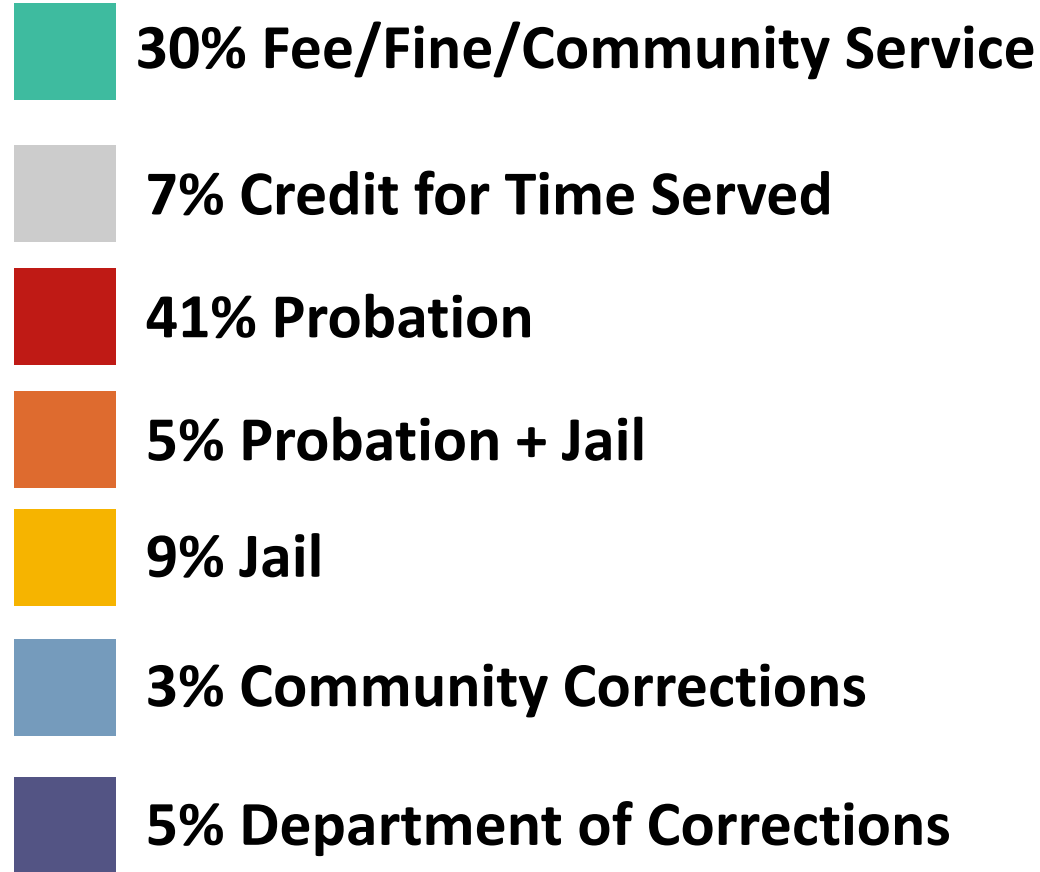


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## Case Resolution (8<sup>th</sup> JD)

Percent of Sentences Imposed  
**2023**

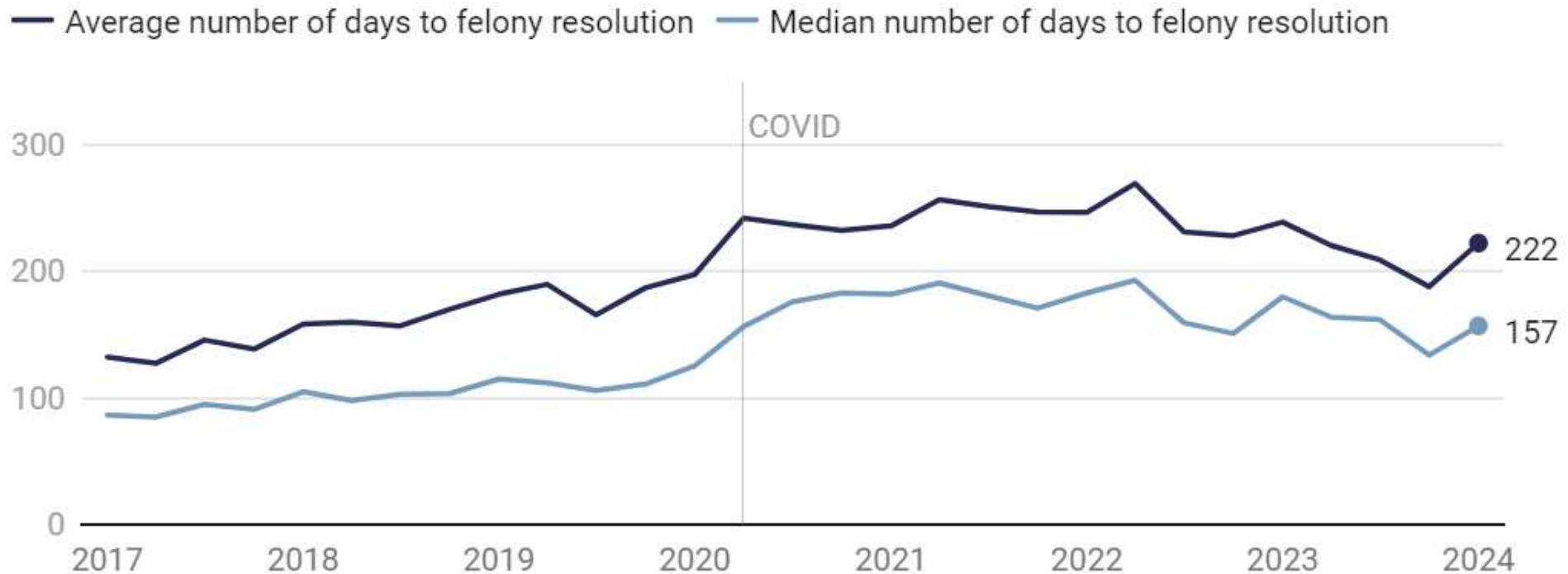
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are less than 0.5%*



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# Time to Felony Resolution

This chart shows the number of days from felony case filing to resolution. Lengthy court cases cause hardship for victims and defendants, require unnecessary expenditures, and add to system backlogs. The timeliness of the case is influenced by the DA's Office as well as the defense and the presiding judge.



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**Thank You!**

**Please  
Reach Out**

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Larimer County Justice Center (201 LaPorte Ave)**

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