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DEPENDENCY AND CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT CASES FILED
CALENDAR YEARS 2019 – 2023 FAYETTE COUNTY
- PRESENCE OF COUNSEL FOR PARENTS -

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Statistics Request Overall Description

On June 20, 2024, a request was made to Research and Statistics for a report on Dependency and Child Abuse/Neglect cases filed calendar years (CY) 2019 through 2023, that are represented by a private attorney, appointed attorney, or appear pro se.

CourtNet, which provides a summary of cases statewide, was queried for specific party codes within DNA cases disposed January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2023, along with whether counsel (see specified party types below) or an Order Appointing Counsel (OAC) document was entered in the case. Cases that have been transferred (have document type RTRF - RECORD TRANSFERRED FROM ANOTHER COURT / AGENCY, CCF – CIRCUIT COURT FILE, or case disposition type TRF - TRANSFERRED) are excluded.

Has Attorney (highlighted are grouped as appointed along with OAC document):

ACP: Attorney-Cross Plaintiff
AD: Attorney for Defendant
ADI: Attorney for Defendant – intervening
ADT: Attorney for Defendant – Third Party
AP: Attorney for Plaintiff
APTP: Attorney for Plaintiff – Third Party
APA: Attorney – Public Advocate
API: Attorney for Plaintiff – Intervening
APR: Attorney – Private
APRA: Attorney – Private Appointed
ARF: Attorney Representing Father
ARM: Attorney Representing Mother
AROP: Attorney Representing Other Party
ATT: Attorney

These two are specific party types, however, no entries returned:

- AN: Attorney None
- APS: Attorney – Pro Se

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The following party types were not applicable/desired to be included in this report:

- AAPE: Attorney for Appellee
- AAPT: Attorney for Appellant
- AF: Attorney/Fiduciary
- AG: Attorney General
- CA: Commonwealth's Attorney
- CC: County Attorney
- GAL: Guardian Ad Litem
- MA: Military Attorney
- WOA: Warning Order Attorney
- WOAM: Warning Order Attorney/Military Attorney

Statistical Table (24_RS3101)

Report 24_RS3101 provides counts of Dependency and Child Abuse/Neglect cases disposed from CY 2019 through CY 2023, excluding cases that have been transferred. Cases with none of the specified attorney party types are counted as *No Counsel*.

Page 1: Provides a line graph (**Figure 1**) with the count of DNA cases disposed by case type per CY. The sunburst chart (**Figure 2**) shows the total DNA cases by case type broken down by the additional sub-category of *Has Counsel* and *No Counsel*. The cross table (**Table 1**) provides the same counts along with grand totals for Dependency and for the Child Abuse/Neglect cases.

Page 2: The cross table (**Table 2**) provides the distinct count of cases by CY, Case Type, and Counsel Group. Counsel Type is exclusively counted and grouped into four categories; *Has Attorney Party*, *No Counsel*, *Has Appointed and Attorney Party* and *Has Appointed Attorney*.

Pages 3 & 4 provide the count of attorney parties within the DNA cases disposed. Cases can have multiple party types within a case, and the case may have both an attorney party and an appointed party. In that situation, a case is counted in each of the party groups that apply to at least one party within the case. Parties are grouped into three categories: Attorney Party, No Counsel, and Appointed Attorney Party. The distinct count of cases in each overall grand total will provide a true distinct count of cases for that group.

Page 3: The cross table (**Table 3**) provides the count of attorney parties within the DNA cases by CY, Case Type, and Counsel Group (*Attorney Party*, *No Counsel*, and *Appointed Attorney Party*).

Page 4: The cross table (**Table 4**) provides the count of attorney parties within the DNA cases filed by CY and Counsel Group (*Appointed Attorney Party*, *Attorney Party*, *No Counsel*) and by each individual party type.

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Statistical Analysis Considerations:

- The statistics presented are a snapshot in time, as of the date the data was queried.
- DNA cases are defined by the following case type codes: ‘CHA’ refers to child abuse, ‘NEG’ refers to neglect, and ‘CA’ refers to the combined group. The code ‘DP’ refers to Dependency cases. Nominally, all abuse or neglect cases should be classified as ‘CA,’ but the older codes are still frequently in use.
- Disposed DNA cases may have one or more of the reported documents or scheduled events.
- Cases that have been transferred (document type RTRF - RECORD TRANSFERRED FROM ANOTHER COURT / AGENCY, CCF – CIRCUIT COURT FILE, or case disposition type TRF - TRANSFERRED) are excluded.

Data Variables Requested

Database	Data Variable	Description										
CourtNet	Cases	The total count of distinct cases is reported.										
	County	The county in which each case was filed.										
	Case Filing Date	The date each case was filed. Case Filing Date is reported by Calendar Year. The Calendar Year is January 1 through December 31. This report is limited to Calendar Years 2019 through 2023.										
	Cases	The distinct count of DNA cases filed.										
	Parties	The total count of parties in DNA cases filed.										
	Case Types	The code used to indicate the type of case. This report is limited to the following case type codes: DNA Case Types: <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Code</th> <th>Description</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>CA</td> <td>Child Abuse/Neglect</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CHA</td> <td>Child Abuse</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NEG</td> <td>Neglect</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DP</td> <td>Dependency</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Code	Description	CA	Child Abuse/Neglect	CHA	Child Abuse	NEG	Neglect	DP	Dependency
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CHA	Child Abuse											
NEG	Neglect											
DP	Dependency											
	Document	The document filed within the case. This report includes only the Order Appointing Counsel (OAC) document type.										
	Party Type (Attorney)	The type of attorney as indicated by the party type code entered in the case. The following attorney party types were grouped and included: Has an Attorney: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACP: Attorney-Cross Plaintiff • AD: Attorney for Defendant • ADI: Attorney for Defendant – Intervening • ADT: Attorney for Defendant – Third Party • AP: Attorney for Plaintiff 										

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	Counsel Group	<p>Groups cases into four (4) categories:</p> <p><i>Has Appointed Attorney:</i> Has only an APA/APRA attorney or an OAC document.</p> <p><i>Has Attorney Party:</i> Has one or more of the specified attorney party types listed above.</p> <p><i>Has Appointed Attorney and Attorney Party:</i> has both <i>Has Appointed Attorney</i> and <i>Has Attorney Party</i></p> <p><i>No Counsel:</i> Cases which do not fall into any of the above categories</p>

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CHILD ABUSE / NEGLECT DEPENDENCY

CHILD ABUSE / NEGLECT, No Counsel DEPENDENCY, No Counsel
CHILD ABUSE / NEGLECT, Has Counsel DEPENDENCY, Has Counsel

Figure 1: DNA Cases Filed by Case Type

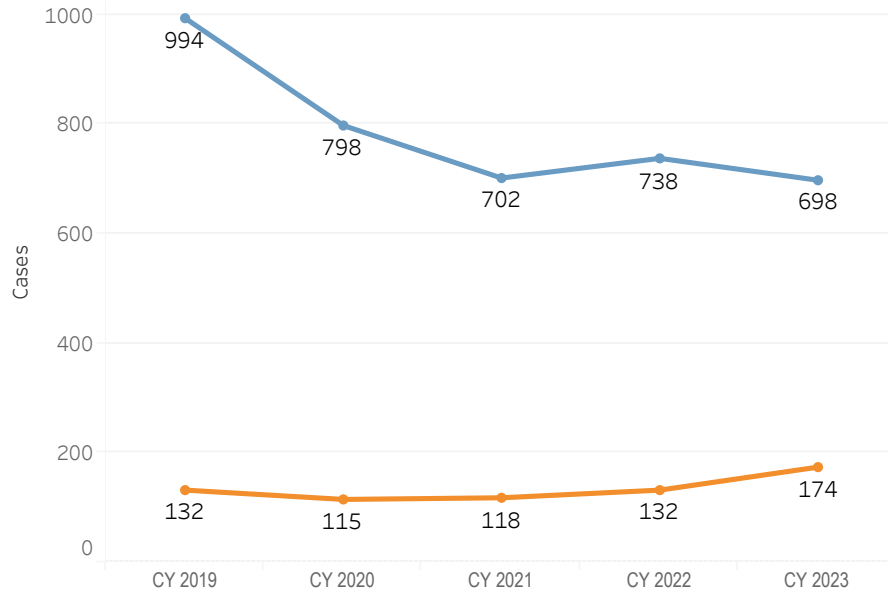
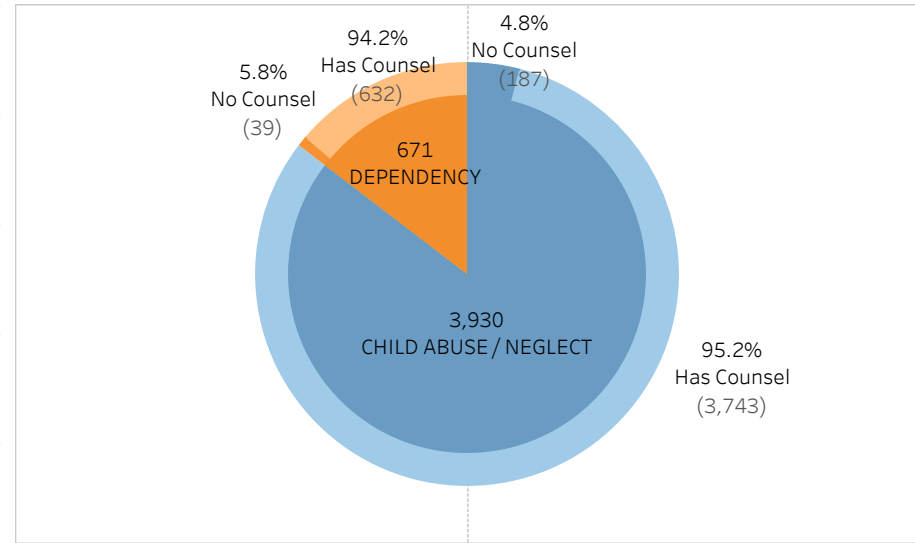


Figure 2: Total Cases CY 19-23 by Case Type and Presence of Counsel



* The percentage in this figure is per case type, see below for the overall % of total DNA cases.

Table 1: DNA Cases Filed by Presence of Counsel

		CY 2019		CY 2020		CY 2021		CY 2022		CY 2023		Grand Total	
		Cases	% of Cases	Cases	% of Cases	Cases	% of Cases	Cases	% of Cases	Cases	% of Cases	Cases	% of Cases
CHILD ABUSE / NEGLECT	Has Counsel	972	97.8%	766	96.0%	662	94.3%	681	92.3%	662	94.8%	3,743	95.2%
	No Counsel	22	2.2%	32	4.0%	40	5.7%	57	7.7%	36	5.2%	187	4.8%
	Total	994	100.0%	798	100.0%	702	100.0%	738	100.0%	698	100.0%	3,930	100.0%
DEPENDENCY	Has Counsel	120	90.9%	111	96.5%	111	94.1%	129	97.7%	161	92.5%	632	94.2%
	No Counsel	12	9.1%	4	3.5%	7	5.9%	3	2.3%	13	7.5%	39	5.8%
	Total	132	100.0%	115	100.0%	118	100.0%	132	100.0%	174	100.0%	671	100.0%
Grand Total		1,126	100.0%	913	100.0%	820	100.0%	870	100.0%	872	100.0%	4,601	100.0%

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Table 2: Cases Filed by Presence of Counsel by Counsel Group

		CY 2019		CY 2020		CY 2021		CY 2022		CY 2023		Grand Total	
		Cases	% of Cases	Cases	% of Cases	Cases	% of Cases	Cases	% of Cases	Cases	% of Cases	Cases	% of Cases
CHILD ABUSE/ NEGLECT	HAS ATTORNEY PARTY	27	2.7%	27	3.4%	16	2.3%	18	2.4%	29	4.2%	117	3.0%
	* NO COUNSEL	22	2.2%	32	4.0%	40	5.7%	57	7.7%	36	5.2%	187	4.8%
	HAS APPOINTED ATTORNEY AND ATTORNEY PARTY	928	93.4%	711	89.1%	638	90.9%	656	88.9%	617	88.4%	3,550	90.3%
	HAS APPOINTED ATTORNEY	17	1.7%	28	3.5%	8	1.1%	7	0.9%	16	2.3%	76	1.9%
	Total	994	100.0%	798	100.0%	702	100.0%	738	100.0%	698	100.0%	3,930	100.0%
DEPENDENCY	HAS ATTORNEY PARTY	7	5.3%	3	2.6%	1	0.8%	3	2.3%	2	1.1%	16	2.4%
	* NO COUNSEL	12	9.1%	4	3.5%	7	5.9%	3	2.3%	13	7.5%	39	5.8%
	HAS APPOINTED ATTORNEY AND ATTORNEY PARTY	107	81.1%	97	84.3%	103	87.3%	110	83.3%	144	82.8%	561	83.6%
	HAS APPOINTED ATTORNEY	6	4.5%	11	9.6%	7	5.9%	16	12.1%	15	8.6%	55	8.2%
	Total	132	100.0%	115	100.0%	118	100.0%	132	100.0%	174	100.0%	671	100.0%
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Table 3: Attorney Parties within DNA Cases Filed by Case Type Group and Counsel Group

Case Type Group	Counsel Group		CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021	CY 2022	CY 2023	Grand Total
CHILD ABUSE/ NEGLECT	ATTORNEY PARTY	Parties	2,089	1,641	1,507	1,467	1,328	8,032
		Cases	955	738	654	674	646	3,667
		% of Cases	96.1%	92.5%	93.2%	91.3%	92.6%	93.3%
	NO COUNSEL	Parties	22	32	40	57	36	187
		Cases	22	32	40	57	36	187
		% of Cases	2.2%	4.0%	5.7%	7.7%	5.2%	4.8%
	APPOINTED ATTORNEY PARTY	Parties	19	32	8	16	16	91
		Cases	19	32	8	16	16	91
		% of Cases	1.9%	4.0%	1.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.3%
	Total	Parties	2,130	1,705	1,555	1,540	1,380	8,310
		Cases	994	798	702	738	698	3,930
		% of Cases	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
DEPENDENCY	ATTORNEY PARTY	Parties	211	181	189	217	285	1,083
		Cases	114	100	104	113	146	577
		% of Cases	86.4%	87.0%	88.1%	85.6%	83.9%	86.0%
	NO COUNSEL	Parties	12	4	7	3	13	39
		Cases	12	4	7	3	13	39
		% of Cases	9.1%	3.5%	5.9%	2.3%	7.5%	5.8%
	APPOINTED ATTORNEY PARTY	Parties	7	12	11	24	21	75
		Cases	7	12	11	20	18	68
		% of Cases	5.3%	10.4%	9.3%	15.2%	10.3%	10.1%
	Total	Parties	230	197	207	244	319	1,197
		Cases	132	115	118	132	174	671
		% of Cases	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Grand Total	Parties	2,360	1,902	1,762	1,784	1,699	9,507	
	Cases	1,126	913	820	870	872	4,601	
	% of Cases	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

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Table 4: Attorney Parties within DNA Cases Filed by Counsel Group and Party Type

Counsel Group	Party Type	CY 2019		CY 2020		CY 2021		CY 2022		CY 2023		Grand Total	
		Parties	Cases	Parties	Cases	Parties	Cases	Parties	Cases	Parties	Cases	Parties	Cases
APPOINTED	OAC Document (No Party Entered)	23	23	37	37	14	14	21	21	31	31	126	126
ATTORNEY PARTY	APA-ATTORNEY-PUBLIC ADVOCATE	1	1	3	3	4	4	17	17	6	6	31	31
	APRA-ATTORNEY-PRIVATE APPOINTED	2	2	4	4	1	1	2	2			9	9
	Total	26	26	44	44	19	19	40	36	37	34	166	159
ATTORNEY PARTY	ARM-ATTORNEY REPRESENTING MOTHER	1,081	1,001	798	750	772	680	770	714	744	709	4,165	3,854
	ARF-ATTORNEY REPRESENTING FATHER	864	815	664	638	631	592	596	556	571	551	3,326	3,152
	AROP-ATTORNEY REPRESENTING OTHER PARTY	207	195	184	179	166	147	199	184	165	162	921	867
	APR-ATTORNEY-PRIVATE	103	100	107	100	58	58	65	64	89	88	422	410
	AD-ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT	31	31	41	41	45	44	36	36	26	26	179	178
	ATT-ATTORNEY	8	8	11	11	16	16	9	8	7	7	51	50
	AP-ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	2	2	8	8	3	3	1	1	3	3	17	17
	ADT-ATTY. FOR DEFENDANT - THIRD PARTY	2	2	5	5	1	1	1	1	4	4	13	13
	API-ATTY. FOR PLAINTIFF - INTERVENING			2	2	3	3	2	2	3	3	10	10
	ACP-ATTORNEY-CROSS PLAINTIFF	1	1	2	2	1	1	5	5	1	1	10	10
	ADI-ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT-INTERVENING	1	1									1	1
Total		2,300	1,069	1,822	838	1,696	758	1,684	787	1,613	792	9,115	4,244
NO COUNSEL	No Attorney	34	34	36	36	47	47	60	60	49	49	226	226
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