

# CLERK OF COURTS

## Yearly Comparison

### 2021

	2011-2020 <u>AVERAGE</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Legal	\$153,093	\$148,832	\$182,312
Titles	\$434,249	\$476,488	\$536,355
B.M.V.	\$98,600	\$102,906	\$110,421
Dept. Taxation	\$11,473,088	\$16,729,362	\$19,647,505
Passports	639	218	323
Cert. of Title	30,623	31,756	33,861
Notations of Lien	8,709	9,306	9,602
Memos	8,386	9,492	9,855
Duplicates	1,403	1,432	1,742
W/C Cert of Title	437	652	586
W/C Notations	20	32	15
Salvage	202	257	220
Divorces Granted	94	73	95
Dissolutions Granted	82	64	65
<b>Total Cases Filed</b>	<b>1,065</b>	<b>1,005</b>	<b>982</b>
Civil	457	377	334
Domestic	247	233	253
Criminal	353	369	375
<u>Court of Appeals</u>	26	26	20
<b>Foreclosures</b> (included in Civil)	205	191	134

*The Clerk of Courts has two main divisions -  
- the legal office and the title office.*

*The clerk's team places a priority on customer  
service. Our mission is to provide prompt,  
courteous, accurate service to each  
of our customers.*



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## 2021

## A Year in Review

# **HURON COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS 2021 ANNUAL REVIEW**

Despite our desire to no longer be held captive by the Corona Virus, we couldn't seem to escape the grip that COVID had on us during 2021. Variants of the virus continue to strain lives, businesses and our health care systems.

Throughout 2021, the Huron County Clerk of Courts' staff at the courthouse and title office continued to focus on excellence in customer service. Working cooperatively with county and state offices, area businesses and the public was at the core of the clerks' daily operations. During the past year, the county's new IT director also assisted in coordinating efficient improvements in technology.

Even with COVID limitations, fees contributed to the county general fund from both the legal and title divisions were approximately 20% above the previous ten-year average. A record, 19.6 million dollars was submitted to the Department of Taxation from the title office. Remote accessibility expanded at both offices during 2021. The number of court cases viewable online increased. Filings by fax and by authorized emails were also greater. Electronic title work was completed for more area dealerships in 2021.



- ◇ Title transactions were at least 10% above the previous ten-year average.
- ◇ Divorce & Dissolutions granted were 10% less than the 10-year average. 95 Divorces were granted in 2021 - 30% more than the prior year.
- ◇ 982 total new cases were filed in 2021 - about 8% less than the ten-year average.
- ◇ New civil cases were down by 1/4.
- ◇ 134 foreclosures were filed in 2021 - a 30% drop from 2020 and 35% below the 10-year average.
- ◇ Criminal cases were 6% above the ten-year average.
- ◇ 20 cases were filed from Huron County to the 6th District Court of Appeals.

Due to travel limitations, passport numbers for 2021 were half of the ten-year average. Those considering travel plans outside of the U.S. should note that a \$20 fee increase by the U.S. Department of State for passport books went into effect on December 27, 2021. The Passport Agency currently advises individuals allow 8 to 11 weeks plus mailing time for the processing of a standard passport application. Adult passport renewals within 5 years of expiration, are to be mailed directly to the Passport Agency. Those completing passport applications for the first time or for children may call the clerk of courts (419-668-5113) to schedule an appointment to submit their paperwork in person. Details regarding passports and travel guidelines are available online at [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov).

Clark Hunter, former clerk of courts, passed away in November. Clark was a true public servant – serving as clerk for 22 years; supporting the American Red Cross; and working as a church and community volunteer until he died at age 92.

