

CLERK OF COURTS

Yearly Comparison

2023

	2013-2022	2022	2023
	AVERAGE	2022	2023
Legal	\$164,882	\$157,515	\$167,498
Titles	\$457,154	\$455,254	\$459,458
B.M.V.	\$100,311	\$86,922	\$87,094
Dept. Taxation	\$13,250,833	\$15,185,959	\$14,367,459
Passports	574	416	521
Cert. of Title	31,058	26,839	27,410
Notations of Lien	8900	6,976	6,431
Memos	8648	6,937	6,601
Duplicates	1453	1,378	1,381
W/C Cert of Title	461	447	629
W/C Notations	19	20	164
Salvage	215	223	227
Divorces Granted	90	72	76
Dissolutions			
Granted	78	76	70
Total Cases Filed	1043	973	900
Civil	425	429	369
Domestic	238	233	211
Criminal	366	291	292
<u>Court of Appeals</u>	25	20	32
Foreclosures			
(included in Civil)	180	255	199

*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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Title Department

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A Year in Review

HURON COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS 2023 ANNUAL REVIEW

The year 2023 was one of management changes at both the Courthouse in the Legal Division and in our Title Office. Susan S. Hazel after serving 21 years as Huron County Clerk of Courts was able to breathe easy and officially retire after finding a suitable leader for the office in Gina M. Hartman who started in mid-August and was appointed to fill Susan's position on November 1, 2023. Susan left a legacy of professional and very attentive care for all of the responsibilities her title held including being a good steward of public funds. She grew with the technology and changes that happened during her time as Clerk. She worked with other elected officials and collaborated on essential projects for the county. Before retiring, Susan Hazel made sure the Title office was in good order moving Tammy Cutcher to Supervisor and re-hiring long time Deputy Delana Lichoff. Both were good moves for the chemistry and high-quality Customer Service in that office. In addition, Susan Hazel was a part of civil groups including FTMC Board and the United Fund that allowed her to make additional impact on our community—THANK YOU SUSAN!

It is important for the Public to understand how vital a close-working relationship the Clerks office has in relationship to other County offices. Our Legal office plays an integral part of how things work and move in and out of the Courtroom and how cases start, are filed and change as time and circumstances develop. They are in close contact with the Court but often times with the Auditor, Recorder, Treasurer, Prosecutor and Sheriff's offices as well. Then as the cases close, court costs, fines, and restitution are figured so sheriffs, attorneys, banks, courts and individuals are paid or satisfied after a court case has closed. It is good that we all work together to collaborate for the good of the people of Huron County.



- ◇ Passports increased 10% in 2023.
- ◇ The title office collected more than 14.3 million dollars for the Department of Taxation. While this was 8% above the ten-year average, it was substantially less than the 2021 record high of 19.6 million.
- ◇ Fees collected by the clerk for the county general fund were up by 2% in both the title and legal offices from the previous year.
- ◇ 900 total new cases were filed in 2023—about 14% less than the ten-year average.
- ◇ 76 Divorces were granted in 2023 and 70 Dissolutions—nearly the opposite from the prior year.
- ◇ Foreclosures were down 20% from 2022 with only 199 filed in 2023.
- ◇ 292 Criminal cases were filed in 2023—20% less than the ten-year average.

Under Gina Hartman's leadership, some exciting things are on the horizon. The new County website will be under construction this summer so the public will have access to all county information in one central location. Our Legal office will start E-filing by Summer of 2024. This will allow attorneys and pro se cases to be started paper-free! The information system will all be entered electronically and will serve as the official case as it progresses through the Court. All details will be accessible on our website as public record unless sealed by the Judge. We are joining many other counties who have laid the groundwork for this process and are excited to see that it may one day lead to a paperless office (cases). While we are pleased to move forward with technology, the greatest asset is the knowledge and longevity of our Legal staff. These seven women have a combined 100+ years experience and it shows in the diligence and accuracy of the cases we maintain for the Court. They take great care in protecting people's identity and integrity to the best of their means. We all help with record requests and accepting Passport applications in our office.

We hope Huron County residents (and surrounding counties) visit our offices soon and continue to count on us to keep things moving both in the Court and in your life.

Cheers to the years ahead!