

BEREA MUNICIPAL COURT

Sean Kilbane
Judge

Joseph C. DeMio
Clerk of Courts



ANNUAL REPORT ***2023***

*Proudly serving the Communities of:
Berea, Brook Park, Middleburg Heights, Olmsted Falls,
Olmsted Township, Strongsville, in addition to the
Cleveland Metropolitan Park District, Cuyahoga County Sheriff
and the Ohio State Patrol*

Pursuant to Section 1901.14(A)(4) of the Ohio Revised Code, the Berea Municipal Court herewith submits its 65th Annual Report for the year 2023. The contents of this report are based on data assembled and tabulated by Joseph C. DeMio, the Clerk of Courts and his staff of Deputy Clerks. This report reflects the financial and statistical activity of the Court in detail with respect to all political subdivisions within the Court district.

The Berea Municipal Court has been located in the City of Berea, by an act of the Ohio Legislature, since 1958. The Court district boundaries cover an area of 60.8 square miles and have a total population of 122,993 (per 2020 U.S. Census).

The Court serves the cities of Berea, Brook Park, Middleburg Heights, Olmsted Falls, Olmsted Township, Strongsville, in addition to the Ohio Turnpike (Ohio State Patrol) in Strongsville, Berea, and Olmsted Township; Interstate 71 (Ohio State Patrol) in Brook Park, Middleburg Heights, and Strongsville; and the Cleveland Metropolitan Park System within the Berea Municipal Court's boundaries.

BEREA MUNICIPAL COURT DISTRICT POPULATION (2020 Census)

City of Berea	18,545
City of Brook Park	18,595
City of Middleburg Heights	16,004
City of Olmsted Falls	8,852
City of Strongsville	46,491
Olmsted Township	<u>14,506</u>

Total Court District Population 122,993



Berea Municipal Court

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March 1, 2024

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To the Cuyahoga County Executive; Office of the County Council; County Sheriff; Mayors; Trustees; City Council Members; Police Chiefs of the Cities of Berea, Brook Park, Middleburg Heights, Olmsted Falls, Olmsted Township, Strongsville, Cleveland Metro Parks and Post Commanders of the Ohio State Patrol:

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is with great pleasure that we present to you the 2023 Berea Municipal Court Annual Report as required by O.R.C. 1901.14. This report is our 65th such Annual Report. The content of this report includes data assembled by Clerk of Court Raymond J. Wohl and the Berea Municipal Court Community Control Department. The following are highlights for the year 2023:

Our Traffic/Criminal Department opened a total of 8,421 cases which is a 9.5% increase over 2022. These cases consist of 6,371 traffic cases, 1,369 criminal misdemeanors, 305 felony cases and 376 OVI (Operating Vehicle Under the Influence).

The Civil Department processed 3,118 new cases which is a 17.8% increase over 2022. These cases consist of 1,760 civil cases with a maximum limit of \$15,000 by statute, 803 small claims cases with a maximum limit of \$6,000 and 555 eviction cases. In addition to these civil cases, the Clerk of Courts Office processed 1,002 wage garnishments and 306 bank attachments on cases previously adjudicated.

The Berea Municipal Court continues its relationship with the Attorney General of Ohio (AGO) for collecting outstanding Court costs and fines from defendants. In addition to working with defendants who agree to payment arrangements, the Court forwards uncollectable cases to the AGO for assistance with recovery. Since forming this partnership in late 2020, the AGO has recovered nearly \$661,000 from delinquent defendants.

Serving
Berea
Brook Park
Middleburg Heights
Olmsted Falls
Olmsted Township
Strongsville
Ohio State Patrol
Cleveland Metroparks

(440) 826-5860 • Civil Fax: (440) 891-3387 • Traffic/Criminal Fax: (440) 234-2768

As always, we would like to recognize and thank our entire staff including the Civil Department, Traffic/Criminal Department, Probation Department, Bailiffs, Magistrates, and Acting Judges for their outstanding services in 2023. Their professionalism and exceptional dedication are truly appreciated. Grateful appreciation is also extended to Berea Mayor Cyril Kleem along with his directors, staff, Berea City Council, Berea Police Chief Dan Clark and his officers as well as all Law Enforcement Agencies within the Court's jurisdiction. A special thanks goes out to former Clerk Raymond J. Wohl and former Judge Mark A. Comstock who both retired in 2023. Their years of service and dedication to the Berea Municipal Court are unparalleled.

In closing, the Berea Municipal Court will continue to operate in a manner truly deserving of all who utilize its services. We will continue to monitor and evaluate all operations and expenses in a manner that serves justice to the court communities as efficiently as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. DeMio', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Joseph C. DeMio
Clerk of Courts

A handwritten signature in blue ink, clearly legible as 'Sean Kilbane'.

Sean Kilbane
Judge

THE BEREA MUNICIPAL COURT

Judge Mark A. Comstock and Clerk of Courts Raymond J. Wohl would like to recognize members of the Berea Municipal Court District. It has been our distinct pleasure to work with you in a spirit of cooperation and look forward to our continued work together.

City of Berea

Mayor Cyril Kleem
Prosecutor Megan Matthews
Police Chief Dan Clark

City of Brook Park

Mayor Edward Orcutt
Prosecutor Peter Sackett
Police Chief Edward Powers

City of Middleburg Heights

Mayor Matthew Castelli
Prosecutor Myra Staresina-Severyn
Police Chief Ed Tomba

City of Olmsted Falls

Mayor James Graven
Prosecutor John Castele
Police Chief Odis Roger

City of Strongsville

Mayor Thomas Perciak
Prosecutor John Castele
Police Chief Thomas O'Deens

Olmsted Township

Trustees Riley Alton Tom Cole Lisa Zver
Prosecutor Danielle Fekete Swisher
Police Chief Mark Adam

MetroParks

Prosecutor Marisa Marniella
Police Chief Kelly Stillman

Cuyahoga County Sheriff

Sheriff Harold A. Pretel

The Ohio State Patrol

Division Headquarters

Staff Lt. William Haymaker

Post 18

Lt. Pablo Cruz

Post 52

Lt. Mark Neff

Post 90

Lt. Brett Gocksetter

Post 91

Lt. Philip Robinson

**BEREA MUNICIPAL COURT
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Maxim Klinar
Jessica Wathey
Joanna Williams

Presiding Judge

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Chief Bailiff
Deputy Bailiff/Assignment Commissioner
Magistrate/Acting Judge
Magistrate/Acting Judge
Magistrate/Acting Judge
Magistrate
Law Clerk

Administrator of Judicial Operations/
Chief Community Control Officer
Community Control Officer
Community Control Officer
Community Control Officer
Community Control Compliance Officer

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Clerk of Courts

Chief Deputy Clerk
Financial Officer
Traffic/Criminal Department Supervisor
Administrative Assistant - Deputy Clerk
Deputy Clerk/Payment Officer

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SECTION ONE

FINANCIAL

CASH RECEIPTS ALL SOURCES - 2023

TRAFFIC/CRIMINAL ACCOUNT	\$2,605,752 *
CIVIL AND SMALL CLAIMS ACCOUNT	2,141,412
BOND ACCOUNT	126,268

CASH RECEIPTS FOR 2023 TOTAL \$4,873,432

* Includes \$0 collected through the Ohio Attorney General

TOTAL MONIES DISBURSED TO THE CITY OF BEREA - ALL SOURCES

Disbursed to the General Fund of the City of Berea

Traffic/Criminal	\$1,196,056	
Civil/Small Claims	465,364	
Miscellaneous	48,624	
Sub-Total		\$1,710,044

Disbursed to Other Funds within the City of Berea

Probation	\$194,753	
Fines	46,424	
Diversion Program Funds	50,286	
State Highway Patrol	4,795	
Unclaimed Funds	6,252	
Indigent DUI Fines	14,010	
Alcohol Education Programs	1,858	
Construction Fund	34,704	
Computer Research Funds	34,581	
Computer Maintenance Fees	115,326	
Special Projects Fund I	115,720	
Special Projects Fund II	11,473	
Special Projects Fund III	69,562	
Special Projects Fund IV	92,159	
Sub-Total		\$791,903

MONIES DISBURSED TO THE CITY OF BEREA TOTAL \$2,501,947

OTHER TRAFFIC AND CRIMINAL DISBURSEMENTS

CUYAHOGA COUNTY

50% Liquor Control Cases	\$382
Regular Fines Fund Cases	39,134
Uniform Traffic Cases	53,595
Expungement Filing Fees	2,100
HSG OMVI	10,826
Indigent Application Fee	14,158
10% OSP Cases	17,493
Olmsted Township Cases	23,983
REDDS	32,516
Crime Stoppers	739
State Highway	0
Cleveland APL	60

CUYAHOGA COUNTY TOTAL \$194,986

STATE OF OHIO

Victims of Crime	\$55,788
OSP UTT Cases	87,342
State Liquor Fines	363
Expungement Filing Fees	3,300
Child Restraint Fines	400
State Highway Safety Fund SB 17	185
Seat Belt Fines	5,563
Indigent Defense Support Fund	184,122
Drug LE & Justice 100% Funds	19,708
Department of Natural Resources	470
Mandatory Drug & Gang Fines	0
Board of Pharmacy	1,215
Civil Legal Aid	65,123

STATE OF OHIO TOTAL \$423,579

CITY OF BROOK PARK

Fines	\$16,545
Law Enforcement Education	800
Drug Split	0
Expungements	20

BROOK PARK TOTAL \$17,365

CITY OF MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS

Fines	\$15,557
Law Enforcement Education	500
Drug Split	0
Expungements	0

MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS TOTAL \$16,057

OTHER TRAFFIC AND CRIMINAL DISBURSEMENTS CONT'D

CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS

Fines	\$4,443
Law Enforcement Education	150
Drug Split	0
Expungements	20

CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS TOTAL \$4,613

OLMSTED TOWNSHIP

Fines	\$278
Law Enforcement Education	750
Drug Split	0
Expungements	0

OLMSTED TOWNSHIP TOTAL \$1,028

CITY OF STRONGSVILLE

Fines	\$84,232
Law Enforcement Education	1,295
Drug Split	0
Expungements	20

STRONGSVILLE TOTAL \$85,547

METROPARKS

Fines	\$8,172
Law Enforcement Education	50
Drug Split	0
Expungements	0

METROPARKS TOTAL \$8,222

GARNISHMENT AND BANK ATTACHMENT PAYOUTS \$1,360,331

OHIO MAX TECHNOLOGIES \$14,834

RETURNED CHECKS (\$4,697)

JURY / WITNESS FUND REIMBURSEMENT \$1,356

DISBURSEMENTS FOR 2023 TOTAL \$4,625,168

COURT EXPENDITURES 2021, 2022, and 2023

Expenditure	2021 Actual Expense	2022 Actual Expense*	2023 Actual Expense
Salaries			
Regular	\$1,165,530	\$1,147,892	\$1,125,748
Overtime	0	0	1,662
Part-time	58,256	52,959	46,976
Total	\$1,223,786	\$1,200,851	\$1,174,385
Benefits **			
Workers Compensation	0	10,179	21,415
Medicare	16,432	14,203	17,044
PERS	157,674	137,273	161,733
Hospitalization	397,893	302,764	316,026
Hospitalization Reimbursement	(14,446)	(26,687)	(21,687)
Life Insurance	1,939	1,034	1,342
Total	\$559,492	\$438,766	\$495,872
General			
Supplies	11,738	15,649	23,132
Membership & Subscriptions	1,449	2,470	1,765
Travel Expense	435	603	1,154
Contracts	62,130	75,990	87,066
Postage	40,000	40,838	40,018
Special Counsel	0	0	0
Publications	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle R.M.	424	1,331	0
Gas & Oil	1,280	1,654	1,905
Jury & Witness Fees	56	1,224	2,348
Insurance	1,725	1,525	1,700
Unemployment Compensation	4,666	0	0
State Exam Fee	5,000	4,973	4,406
Other	537	75	1,005
Subcontractor Expense	0	0	1,972
TOTAL	\$129,441	\$146,332	\$166,470
COURT TOTAL	\$1,912,719	\$1,785,949	\$1,836,728

* 2021 Salary Expense Adjusted to Reflect \$190,000 Credit From American Rescue Plan Act Through The City of Berea

** 2023 Benefits Expense Adjusted to include all Court personnel categories

SECTION TWO

CIVIL / SMALL CLAIMS

CIVIL DIVISION CASE COUNT REPORT

Cases Pending - January 1, 2023		1,669
New Cases Filed - 2023		
Civil	1,760	
Small Claim	803	
Eviction	555	
Sub-Total		3,118
TOTAL		4,787

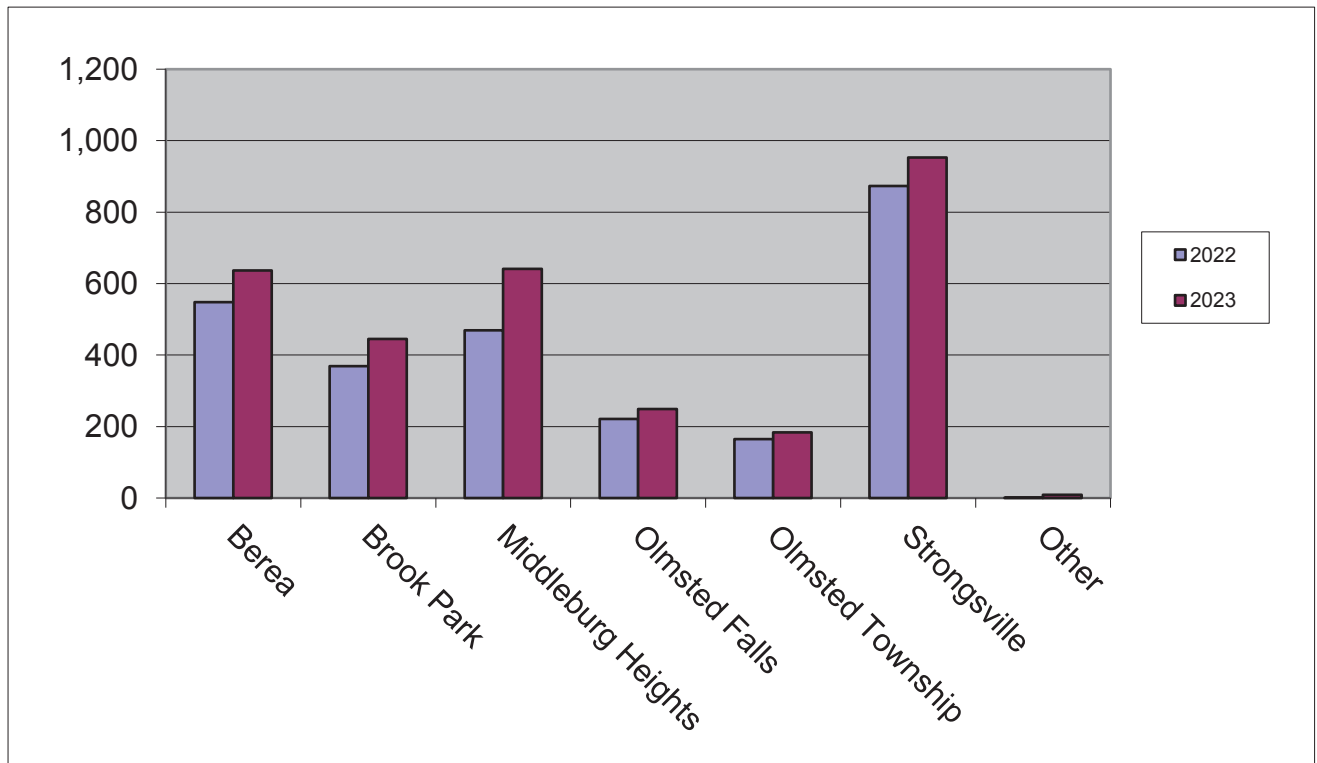
DISPOSITIONS OF CIVIL CASES BEFORE THE COURT DURING 2023

Default & Judgments	1,888	
Dismissals	930	
Stayed by Reason of Bankruptcy	14	
Transferred to Other Courts	12	
Total Dispositions		2,844

CASES PENDING - DECEMBER 31, 2023		1,943
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**Civil, Small Claims and Eviction Cases Filed
2022 vs. 2023 By Municipality**

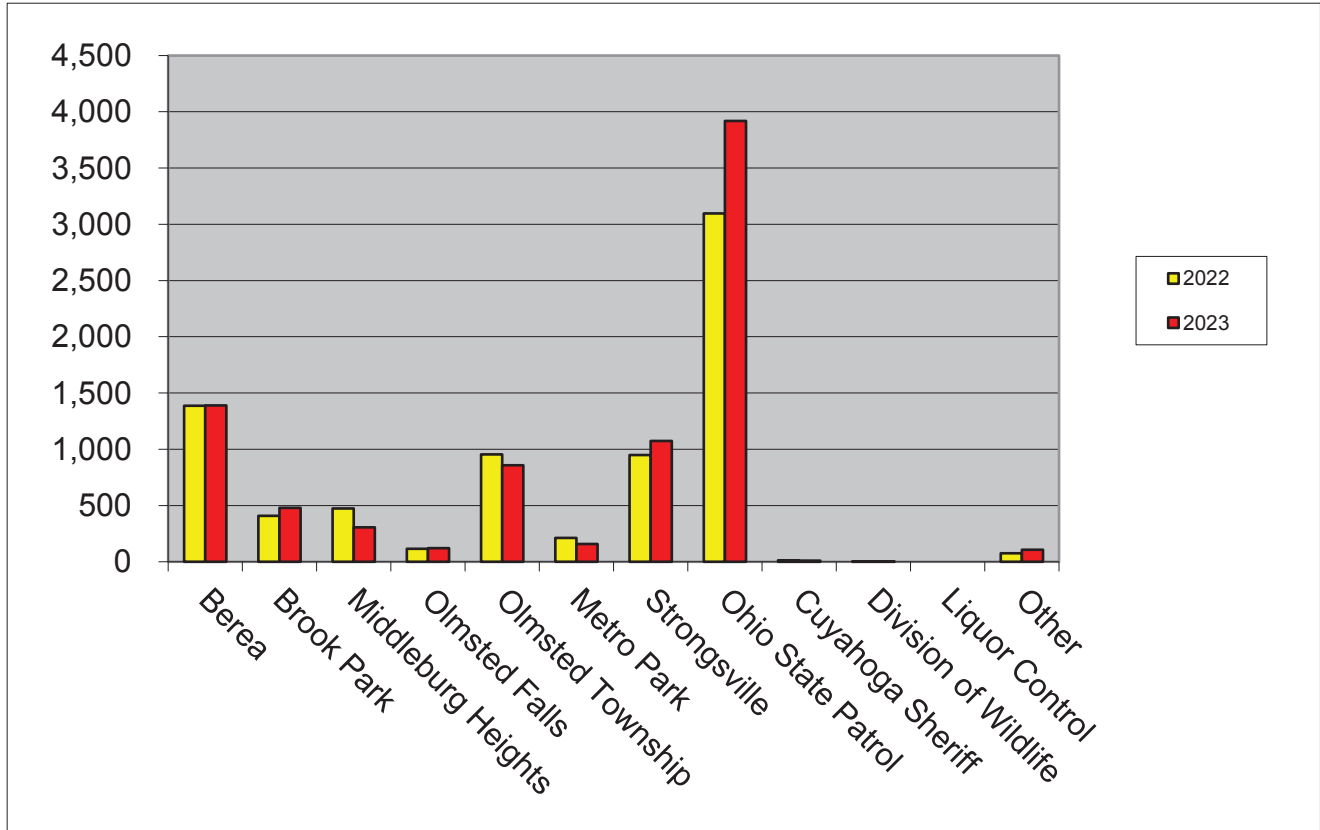
MUNICIPALITY	CIVIL		SMALL CLAIMS		EVICTION		TOTAL	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Berea	210	271	236	270	102	96	548	637
Brook Park	298	357	14	18	57	70	369	445
Middleburg Heights	327	440	58	79	84	122	469	641
Olmsted Falls	117	140	86	93	18	16	221	249
Olmsted Township	113	112	6	27	46	45	165	184
Strongsville	400	432	299	316	174	205	873	953
Other	1	8	0	0	0	1	1	9
TOTAL	1,466	1,760	699	803	481	555	2,646	3,118



SECTION THREE
TRAFFIC / CRIMINAL

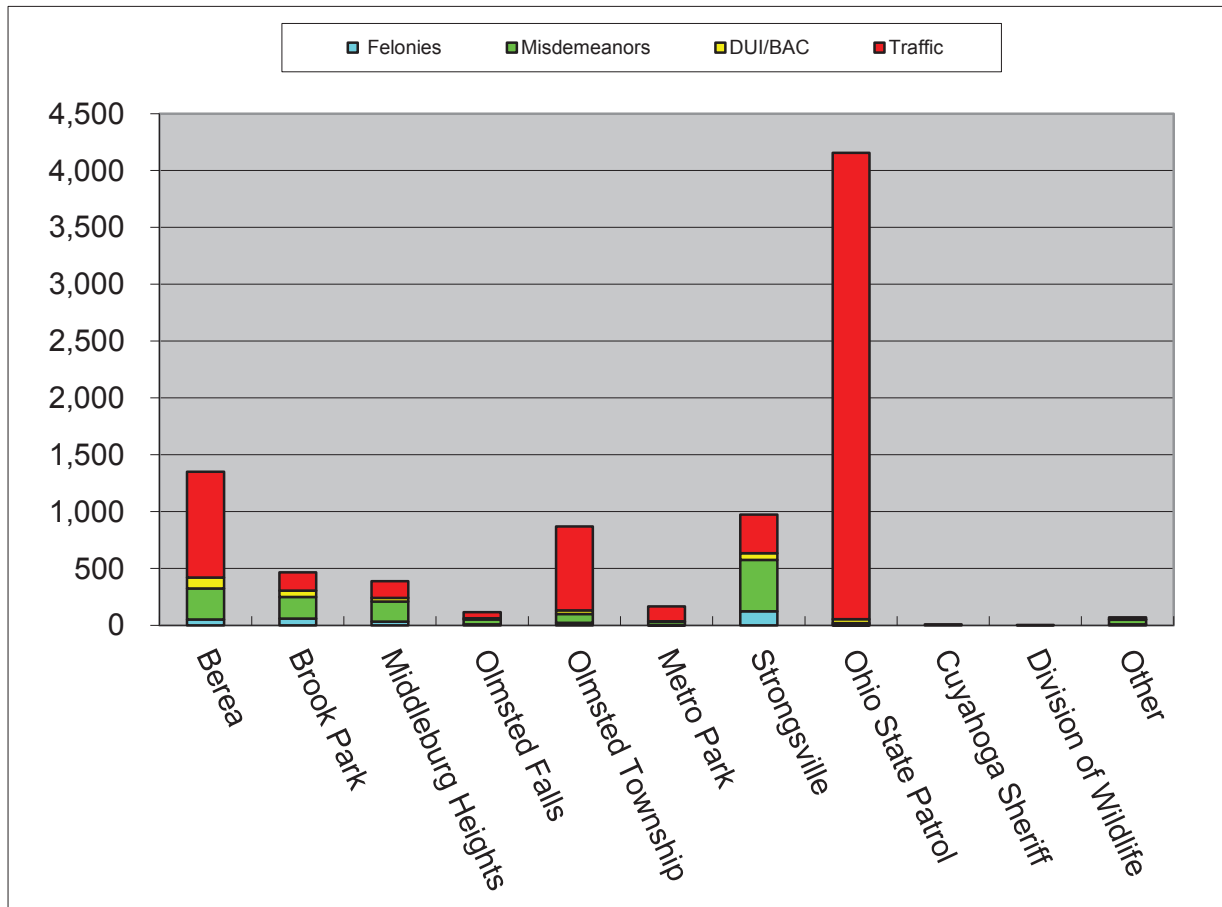
**TRAFFIC AND CRIMINAL CASES FILED
2022 vs. 2023 CASES BY MUNICIPALITY**

MUNICIPALITY	Criminal				Traffic				TOTALS	
	Felonies		Misdemeanors		DUI / BAC		Uniform Tickets		2022	2023
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023		
Berea	62	51	300	280	68	116	957	943	1,387	1,390
Brook Park	67	62	170	176	49	67	123	174	409	479
Middleburg Heights	43	27	187	167	25	24	219	89	474	307
Olmsted Falls	11	10	42	38	12	8	50	64	115	120
Olmsted Township	18	26	80	76	37	31	820	725	955	858
Metro Park	3	0	47	21	8	3	154	134	212	158
Strongsville	184	118	345	561	93	64	327	332	949	1,075
Ohio State Patrol	1	1	22	9	28	22	3,045	3,886	3,096	3,918
Cuyahoga Sheriff	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	9	13	9
Division of Wildlife	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Liquor Control	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	5	10	37	40	8	41	26	15	76	106
TOTAL	394	305	1,231	1,369	328	376	5,734	6,371	7,687	8,421



TRAFFIC AND CRIMINAL CASES COMPLETED IN 2023

MUNICIPALITY	Criminal		DUI/BAC	Traffic	Totals by Agency
	Felonies	Misdemeanors			
Berea	53	271	97	930	1,351
Brook Park	61	188	56	160	465
Middleburg Heights	32	177	32	148	389
Olmsted Falls	9	44	9	55	117
Olmsted Township	22	77	32	739	870
Metro Park	2	28	5	133	168
Strongsville	123	452	59	341	975
Ohio State Patrol	1	18	35	4,101	4,155
Cuyahoga Sheriff	0	0	0	10	10
Division of Wildlife	0	3	0	0	3
Other	9	40	6	15	70
TOTAL	312	1,298	331	6,632	8,573



TRAFFIC AND CRIMINAL REPORT - CITY OF BEREA - 2023 COMPLETED CASES

CRIMINAL

Felonies

Aggravated Burglary	1	Kidnapping	2
Assault	1	Passing Bad Checks	1
Assaulting a Police Officer	1	Possession of Controlled Substance-Drug Abuse	16
Burglary	1	Possession of Firearm	1
Carrying Concealed Weapon	1	Rape	1
Disrupting Public Services	1	Receiving Stolen Property	1
Domestic Violence	1	Strangulation	2
DUI Alcohol and or Drugs	2	Theft - Grand Theft	2
Escape	1	Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	1
Failure to Comply	5	Vandalism	1
Felonious Assault	6	Weapons Under Disability	3
Improper Handling of Firearm in MV	1		
		TOTAL FELONY CASES	53

Misdemeanors

Aggravated Menacing	8	Furnish Beer to Underage Person	1
Allowing Underage Consumption	2	Littering	1
Animal at Large	6	Littering from Motor Vehicle	1
Assault	13	Marijuana Drug Paraphernalia	11
Attempted Assault	2	Menacing	7
Attempted Drug Abuse	1	Menacing by Stalking	2
Attempted Endangering Children	1	Misrepresenting of Minor Under 21	1
Attempted Escape	1	Misuse of Credit Cards	1
Attempted Harassment by Inmate	1	Negligent Assault	2
Attempted Misuse of Credit Card	1	Noise Disturbance	15
Attempted Possession of Controlled Substance	6	Nuisance Conditions	1
Attempted Poss of Drugs	3	Obstructing Official Business	15
Attempted Sexual Imposition	1	Open Container	3
Attempted Telecommunications Harassment	1	Open Container in Vehicle	4
Attempted Theft	2	Petty Theft	1
Carrying Concealed Weapons	2	Possess Drug Abuse Instruments	3
Compliance	1	Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	5
Complicity	1	Possession of Controlled Substance-Drug Abuse	2
Confining/Restraining Debarking Dangerous Do	1	Possession of Open Container/Motor Vehicle	4
Criminal Damaging/Endangering	1	Public Indecency	2
Criminal Mischief	4	Receiving Stolen Property	1
Criminal Trespass	5	Resisting Arrest	4
Cruelty to Animals	1	Sale to Underage Person	1
Disorderly Conduct	16	Telecommunications Harassment	2
Disorderly Conduct Fighting	2	Telephone Harassment	2
Disorderly Conduct Intoxication	3	Theft	11
Disorderly Conduct Intoxication Persist	2	Theft by Deception	1
Disorderly Conduct with Persisting	4	Theft without Consent	5
Domestic Violence	9	Unauthorized use of MV	1
Drug Abuse Controlled Substance	6	Underage Consumption-Possession of Alcohol	12
Drug Paraphernalia Offense	19	Using Weapons/Intoxicated	2
Fail to Comply	2	Violating Protection Order	10
Failure to Disclose Information	1	Willfully Fleeing and Eluding	1
Falsification	2	Yard Area Maintenance	4
Furnish Alcohol to Underage Person	1		
		TOTAL MISDEMEANOR CASES	271
		TOTAL CRIMINAL CASES	324

TRAFFIC

DUI/BAC	59	Uniform Traffic Tickets	930
Physical Control/Reckless Operation	38	TOTAL TRAFFIC CASES	1,027
		TOTAL CITY OF BEREA - CASES HEARD AND COMPLETED IN 2023	1,351

TRAFFIC AND CRIMINAL REPORT - CITY OF BROOK PARK - 2023 COMPLETED CASES

CRIMINAL

Felonies

Aggravated Burglary	1	Passing Bad Checks	3
Aggravated Riot	1	Possession of Controlled Substance-Drug Abuse	1
Assault	3	Rape	1
Breaking and Entering	1	Receiving Stolen Property	5
Carrying Concealed Weapons	1	Robbery	1
Complicity to Forgery	1	Sexual Battery	1
Domestic Violence	6	Strangulation	5
Fail to Comply	7	Tampering with Evidence	1
Felonious Assault	2	Telecommunications Fraud	2
Grand Theft	2	Theft	1
Grand Theft of Motor Vehicle	2	Theft by Deception	2
Harassment by Inmate	1	Theft without Consent	2
Improper Handling Firearm in Motor Vehicle	1	Uttering	1
Menacing by Stalking	1	Violating Protection Order	1
Misuse of Credit Cards	1	Weapons Under Disability	3

TOTAL FELONY CASES 61

Misdemeanors

Aggravated Menacing	8	Improper Handling Firearm in Motor Vehicle	1
Assault	17	Inciting Violence	2
Attempted Drug Possession	1	Making False Alarms	1
Attempted Misuse of 911	1	Marijuana Drug Paraphernalia	2
Attempted Receiving Stolen Property	1	Menacing	3
Attempted Commit Theft	1	Obstructing Official Business	10
Contributing to Delinquency of Child	1	Open Container	1
Criminal Damaging/Endangering	4	Possess Drug Abuse Instruments	4
Criminal Trespass	1	Possession of Controlled Substance - Drug Abuse	1
Dis Conduct (Persisting)	2	Possession Open Container in Motor Vehicle	8
Discharge or Explode Fireworks	2	Receiving Stolen Property	1
Disorderly Conduct	11	Resisting Arrest	7
Disorderly Conduct (Persisting)	3	Riot	1
Disorderly Conduct Intoxication Persist	1	Sidewalk and Driveway Maintenance	1
Disorderly Conduct Intoxicated	2	Telephone Harassment	1
Domestic Violence	19	Theft	3
Drive Without Owner Consent	1	Theft by Deception	3
Drug Paraphernalia Offense	6	Theft Without Consent	8
Endangering Children	3	Unauthorized Use of Property	1
Exterior Maintenance	1	Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	1
Fail to Comply	6	Using Weapons/Intoxicated	2
Fail to File Tax Return	2	Violating Protection Order	17
False Identifying Information	1		
Falsification	14		

TOTAL MISDEMEANOR CASES 188

TOTAL CRIMINAL CASES 249

TRAFFIC

DUI/BAC	56	Uniform Traffic Tickets	160
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TOTAL TRAFFIC CASES 216

TOTAL CITY OF BROOK PARK - CASES HEARD AND COMPLETED IN 2022 465

TRAFFIC AND CRIMINAL REPORT - CITY OF MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS - 2023 COMPLETED CASES

CRIMINAL

Felonies

Aggravated Arson	1	Menacing by Stalking	2
Carrying Concealed Weapons	2	Possession of Controlled Substance-Drug Abuse	3
Disseminating Matter Harmful to Juvenile	1	Possession of Controlled Substance	1
Domestic Violence	4	Receiving Stolen Property	5
Harassment by Inmate	1	Strangulation	7
Harmful Intoxicants	1	Violating Protection Order	1
Identity Fraud	2	Weapons Under Disability	1

TOTAL FELONY CASES 32

Misdemeanors

Animals at Large	1	Escape	1
Assault	10	Failure to Comply	2
Attempted	3	False Identifying Information	1
Attempted Assault	1	False Information	1
Attempted Drive w/out Owner Consent	1	Falsification	7
Attempted Harassment on an Inmate	1	Improper Handle Firearm	1
Attempted Menacing	1	Menacing	2
Attempted Obstructing Official Business	1	Misconduct at Emergency	2
Attempted Possession of Controlled Substance	11	Obstructing Justice	1
Attempted Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	1	Obstructing Official Business	17
Attempt to Commit Identity Fraud	1	Open Container	5
Attempted Veh Manslaughter	1	Open Container in MV	1
Carrying Concealed Weapons	2	Petty Theft	1
Criminal Mischief	1	Poss of Controlled Substance-Drug Abuse	1
Criminal Trespass	2	Possess Drug Abuse Instruments	12
Disorderly Conduct	20	Possession Open Container in Motor Vehicle	1
Disorderly Conduct Intoxication Persist	1	Receiving Stolen Property	1
Disorderly Conduct-Intoxicated	2	Soliciting	2
Dog Owner's Obligation	1	Theft	3
Domestic Violence	8	Theft Without Consent	11
Drug Paraphernalia	2	Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	2
Drug Paraphernalia Offense	24	Vehicular Manslaughter	1
Duties Responsibilities	1	Violating Protection Order	3
Endangering Children	1		

TOTAL MISDEMEANOR CASES 177

TOTAL CRIMINAL CASES 209

TRAFFIC

DUI/BAC	32	Uniform Traffic Tickets	148
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TOTAL TRAFFIC CASES 180

TOTAL CITY OF MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS - CASES HEARD AND COMPLETED IN 2023 389

TRAFFIC AND CRIMINAL REPORT - CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS - 2023 COMPLETED CASES

CRIMINAL

Felonies

Aggravated Vehicular Assault	1	Possession of Controlled Substance	2
Counterfeiting	1	Rape	1
Fail to Comply	1	Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	1
Felonious Assault	1	Theft	
Forgery	1	Weapons Under Disability	

TOTAL FELONY CASES 9

Misdemeanors

Aggravated Menacing	1	Fail to Comply	1
Assault	7	Fail to Obtain Permit	2
Attempted Poss of Controlled Substance-Drug /	1	Inducing Panic	2
Attempted Possession of Drugs	2	Inoperable Veh Prkg Violation	1
Attempted Telephone Harassment	1	Menacing	1
Attempted Violation of Protection Order	1	Misuse of Credit Cars	1
Consumption Alcohol MV	2	Obstructing Official Business	1
Disorderly Conduct	1	Open Container in MV	1
Disorderly Conduct (Persisting)	3	Passing Bad Checks	1
Disturbing the Peace	2	Resisting Arrest	1
Domestic Violence	4	Theft Without Consent	1
Drive Without Owner Consent	1	Violating Protection Order	3
Drug Paraphernalia Offense	2	TOTAL MISDEMEANOR CASES	44

TOTAL CRIMINAL CASES 53

TRAFFIC

DUI/BAC	9	Uniform Traffic Tickets	55
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TOTAL TRAFFIC CASES 64

TOTAL CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS - CASES HEARD AND COMPLETED IN 2023 117

TRAFFIC AND CRIMINAL CASES - OLMSTED TOWNSHIP - 2023 COMPLETED CASES

CRIMINAL

Felonies

Abduction	1	Possession of Controlled Substance-Drug Abuse	6
Aggravated Possession of Drugs	2	Possession of Drugs	3
Attempted Aggravated Burglary	1	Rape	1
Burglary	1	Strangulation	1
Failure to Comply	1	Violating Protection Order	3
Possession of Cocaine	1		
Possession of Controlled Substance	1		

TOTAL FELONY CASES 22

Misdemeanors

Attempted Poss of Controlled Substance	1	Endangering Children	1
Aggravated Menacing	2	Fail to Comply	2
Assault	4	Interference with Custody	1
Attempted Menacing	1	Marijuana Drug Paraphernalia	5
Attempted Poss of Controlled Substance	3	Menacing	2
Attempted Poss of Drugs	4	Negligent Assault	2
Attempted Violating Protection Order	1	Obstructing Official Business	2
Cruelty to Animals	1	Open Container	2
Disorderly Conduct	11	Possession of Controlled Substance	1
Disorderly Conduct Intoxication Persist	2	Possession Open Container in MV	2
Disorderly Conduct with Persisting	3	Prohibitions Concerning Companion Animals	1
Disorderly Conduct Intoxicated	2	Public Indecency	1
Domestic Violence	5	Telephone Harassment	1
Domestic Violence Threat	1	Violating Protection Order	2
Drug Paraphernalia Offense	9	Theft	2

TOTAL CRIMINAL CASES 77

TRAFFIC

DUI/BAC	32	Uniform Traffic Tickets	739
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TOTAL TRAFFIC CASES 771

TOTAL OLMSTED TOWNSHIP CASES - HEARD AND COMPLETED IN 2023
TRAFFIC AND CRIMINAL CASES - CITY OF STRONGSVILLE - 2023 COMPLETED CASES

870

CRIMINAL

Felonies

Abduction	1	Possession of Drugs	4
Aggravated Burglary	1	Possession of Firearm	1
Burglary	1	Receiving Stolen Property	15
Carrying Concealed Weapons	2	Robbery	5
Counterfeiting	1	Safecracking	1
Disrupting Public Services	4	Sexual Battery	1
Domestic Violence	4	Strangulation	4
DUI Alcohol And Or Drugs	2	Taking Identity of Another	3
Fail To Comply	9	Theft	5
Felonious Assault	1	Theft by Deception	1
Forgery	2	Theft without Consent	20
Harassment by Inmate	1	Trafficking in Drugs	1
Improper Handling Firearms In Motor Vehicle	5	Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	1
Identity Fraud	1	Vandalism	4
Menacing by Stalking	2	Violating Protection Order	2
Obstructing Official Business	1	Weapons Under Disability	9
Possess of Controlled Substance Drug Abuse	4	Willfully Fleeing and Eluding	3
Possession of Controlled Substance Heroin	1		

TOTAL FELONY CASES

123

Misdemeanors

Aggravated Menacing	9	Inducing Panic	1
Assault	12	Interference with Custody	1
Attempted	4	Littering	1
Attempted Theft	6	Menacing	4
Attempted Drug Abuse	1	Menacing by Stalking	3
Attempted Falsification	1	Misuse of 911 System	1
Attempted Obstructing Official Business	1	Negligent Assault	1
Attempted Petty Theft	1	Obstructing Official Business	17
Attempted Poss of Controlled Substance	2	Open Container in Motor Vehicle	1
Attempted Possession of Drugs	5	Poss of Controlled Substance-Drug Abuse	3
Attempted Receiving Stolen Property	3	Possess Drug Abuse Instruments	12
Attempted Theft	32	Possession of Marijuana	1
Attempted Theft without Consent	1	Possession Open Container in Motor Vehicle	1
Attempted Violating Protection Order	2	Public Indecency	1
Carrying Concealed Weapons	7	Receiving Stolen Property	6
Criminal Damaging/Endangering	8	Resisting Arrest	4
Criminal Trespass	4	Sale To/Use by Underage Person	2
Disorderly Conduct	37	Telephone Harassment	4
Disorderly Conduct (Persisting)	20	Theft	47
Domestic Violence	23	Theft by Deception	5
Domestic Violence-Threat	1	Theft Deprive Owner of Prop/Svcs	2
Drug Paraphernalia Offense	12	Theft Without Consent	83
Endangering Children	5	Unauthorized Use	1
Failure to Comply	11	Unauthorized Use of Property	5
Falsification	10	Unlawful Sexual Conduct W/Minor	1
Harmful Intoxicants	1	Violating Protection Order	21
Improper Handling Firearm in Motor Vehicle	2	Willfully Fleeing and Eluding	2

TOTAL MISDEMEANOR CASES

452

TOTAL CRIMINAL CASES

575

TRAFFIC

DUI/BAC	59	Uniform Traffic Tickets	341
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TOTAL TRAFFIC CASES

400

TOTAL STRONGSVILLE CASES - HEARD AND COMPLETED IN 2023

975

TRAFFIC AND CRIMINAL REPORT - OHIO STATE PATROL - 2023 COMPLETED CASES

CRIMINAL

Felonies

Improper Handling Firearm in Motor Vehicle 1

TOTAL FELONY CASES 1

Misdemeanors

Attempted Improper Handling Firearm IN MV 1

Disorderly Conduct with Persisting 1

Littering 1

Open Container 1

Possession of Marijuana 14

TOTAL MISDEMEANOR CASES 18

TOTAL CRIMINAL CASES 19

TRAFFIC

DUI Alcohol and/or Drugs 23

Physical Control 9

Reckless Operation 3

Uniform Traffic Tickets 4,101

TOTAL TRAFFIC CASES 4,136

TOTAL OHIO STATE PATROL - CASES HEARD AND COMPLETED IN 2023 4,155

TRAFFIC AND CRIMINAL REPORT - CUYAHOGA COUNTY SHERIFF - 2023 COMPLETED CASES

CRIMINAL

Felonies

0

TOTAL FELONY CASES 0

Misdemeanors

TOTAL MISDEMEANOR CASES 0

TOTAL CRIMINAL CASES 0

TRAFFIC

DUI/BAC 0

Uniform Traffic Tickets 10

TOTAL TRAFFIC CASES 10

CUYAHOGA COUNTY SHERIFF - CASES HEARD AND COMPLETED IN 2023 10

TRAFFIC AND CRIMINAL REPORT - METROPARKS - 2023 COMPLETED CASES

CRIMINAL

Felonies

Possession of Controlled Substance-Drug Abus 1

Receiving Stolen Property 1

TOTAL FELONY CASES 2

Misdemeanors

Abandoning or Releasing Animals 1

After Hours 8

Alcohol Use by Underage Person 1

Assault 3

Criminal Trespass 1

Disorderly Conduct 4

Dogs at Large 3

Drug Abuse 2

Obstructing Official Business 1

Possess Drug Abuse Instruments 1

Possession of Alcohol 1

Property Defacement Destruction Removal 1

Use of Walks and Trails 1

TOTAL MISDEMEANOR CASES 28

TOTAL CRIMINAL CASES 30

TRAFFIC

DUI/BAC 5

Uniform Traffic Tickets 133

TOTAL TRAFFIC CASES 138

TOTAL METRO PARKS - CASES HEARD AND COMPLETED IN 2023 168

TRAFFIC AND CRIMINAL REPORT - OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE - 2023 COMPLETED CASES

<u>CRIMINAL</u>			
Felonies	0		
		TOTAL FELONY CASES	0
Misdemeanors			
Wild Animal Violation	2		
Disorderly Conduct	1		
		TOTAL MISDEMEANOR CASES	3
		TOTAL CRIMINAL CASES	3
TRAFFIC			
DUI/BAC	0	Uniform Traffic Tickets	0
		TOTAL TRAFFIC CASES	0
		TOTAL OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE - CASES HEARD AND COMPLETED IN 2023	3

TRAFFIC AND CRIMINAL REPORT - OTHER - 2023 COMPLETED CASES

CLEVELAND ANIMAL PROTECTIVE LEAGUE

Misdemeanors			
Cruelty to Animals	5		
		TOTAL MISDEMEANOR CASES	5

LORAIN COUNTY SHERIFF

Uniform Traffic Tickets	1
TOTAL TRAFFIC CASES	1

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Misdemeanors			
Activities Prohibited without Permit	2	Furnishing Beer to Underage Person	2
Disorderly Conduct	2	Underage Consumption Possession of Alcohol	1
Engaging in Prostitution	3		
		TOTAL MISDEMEANOR CASES	10
TRAFFIC			
DUI/BAC	0	Uniform Traffic Tickets	0
		TOTAL TRAFFIC CASES	0

NORTH ROYALTON

Felonies			
Flee and Elude	2		
Possession of Drugs	5		
Tampering with Evidence	2		
		TOTAL FELONY CASES	9
Misdemeanors			
Attempted Drug Abuse	1	Possession of Controlled Substance Drug Abuse	3
Disorderly Conduct	1	Possession of Marijuana	3
Drug Paraphernalia Offense	3	Possession Open Container in MV	1
Fail to Comply	1	Underage Consumption-Possession of Alcohol	2
Permitting Drug Abuse	3	Willfully Fleeing and Eluding	1
		TOTAL MISDEMEANOR CASES	19
		TOTAL CRIMINAL CASES	28
TRAFFIC			
DUI/BAC	6	Uniform Traffic Tickets	14
		TOTAL TRAFFIC CASES	20
		TOTAL NORTH ROYALTON - CASES HEARD AND COMPLETED IN 2023	48

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH CTR

Felonies

TOTAL FELONIES 0

Misdemeanors

Assault	1	Disorderly Conduct	1
Criminal Damaging/Endangering	1	Resisting Arrest	1
Criminal Mischief	1	Telephone Harassment	1

TOTAL MISDEMEANOR CASES 6

TOTAL CRIMINAL CASES 6

TRAFFIC

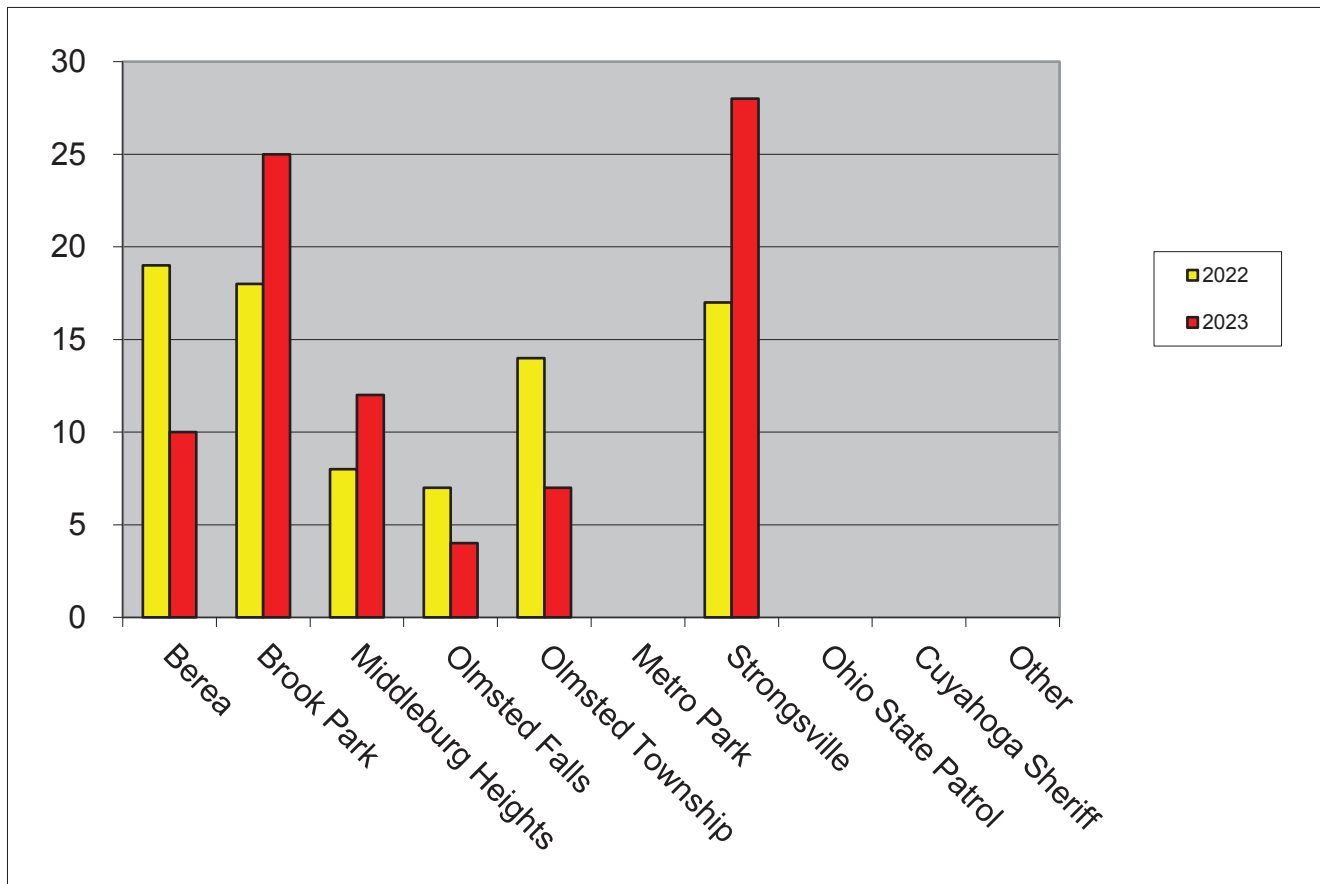
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TOTAL TRAFFIC CASES 2

TOTAL SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH CTR- CASES HEARD AND COMPLETED IN 2023 8

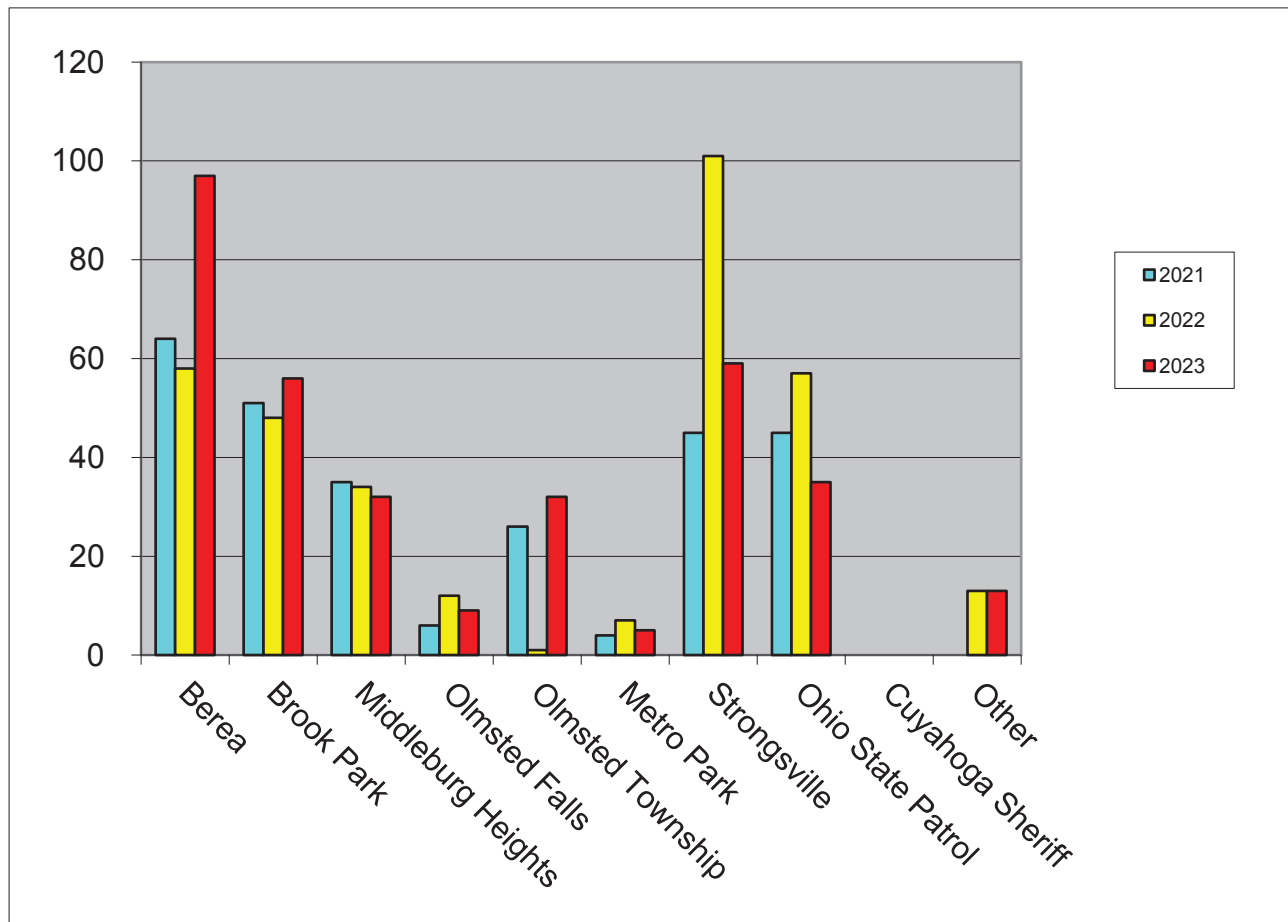
**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES COMPLETED
2022 vs. 2023 BY MUNICIPALITY**

MUNICIPALITY	Felonies		Misdemeanors		TOTALS	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Berea	7	1	12	9	19	10
Brook Park	8	6	10	19	18	25
Middleburg Heights	6	4	2	8	8	12
Olmsted Falls	0	0	7	4	7	4
Olmsted Township	2	0	12	7	14	7
Metro Park	0	0	0	0	0	0
Strongsville	3	4	14	24	17	28
Ohio State Patrol	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cuyahoga Sheriff	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	26	15	57	71	83	86



**DUI / BAC CASES COMPLETED
COMPARISON OF 2021, 2022 and 2023 BY MUNICIPALITY**

MUNICIPALITY	2021	2022	2023
Berea	64	58	97
Brook Park	51	48	56
Middleburg Heights	35	34	32
Olmsted Falls	6	12	9
Olmsted Township	26	1	32
Metro Park	4	7	5
Strongsville	45	101	59
Ohio State Patrol	45	57	35
Cuyahoga Sheriff	0	0	0
Other	0	13	13
TOTAL	276	331	338



SECTION FOUR
JURY COMMISSION

2023 Jury Report

JUROR RECAP

Panels Summoned for 1 day service		3
Jurors Served	47	
Jurors Excused	213	
Jurors Released	0	
Jurors Non-Appearance	17	
Jurors Summoned		277

JURY TRIAL RECAP

Traffic/Criminal Cases Scheduled		3
Finding of Guilty	0	
Finding of Not Guilty	2	
Dismissed Prior To Trial	0	
Plea Prior To Trial	1	
Civil Cases Heard		0
TOTAL CASES DECIDED		3

SECTION FIVE
COMMUNITY
CONTROL

2023 COMMUNITY CONTROL DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

The Berea Municipal Court Community Control Department provides a variety of services to the court and the offenders referred for monitoring. As directed by the Judge an offender may be referred for pre-sentence investigation reports. These reports are used by the court to determine the appropriate sentence with the goal to minimize the recidivism of the offender and protect the public. The department staff monitors offenders' compliance with the court's required sentence and aid offenders in completing these requirements. In addition to the monitoring of sentenced offenders the Community Control Department monitors the bond conditions of high- risk offenders with the use of Continuous Alcohol Monitoring Device (CAM), Global Position Tracking Device (GPS) and Pre-Trial Supervision.

The Community Control Department staff oversees four Diversion Programs. One such program is the Substance Abuse Intervention in Lieu of Conviction Program (SA/ILC). This program targets offenders in need of substance abuse treatment when their use of drugs and/or alcohol were the primary contributing factor that led to the charge(s). The 2nd program, called the Theft Diversion Program, targets specific intervention programming to participants to prevent, eliminate, or reduce the rate of recidivism among the program's participants and promote the collection of restitution to the victim(s). The 3rd program, called the DUS Diversion Program, assists the defendants in obtaining a valid driver's license. Lastly, the First Offender Program works with low-risk, non-violent, first-time offenders to educate each participant on the effects of their actions and to prevent the defendant from reoffending.

Community Control Staff:

Chief Community Control Officer/Administrator of Judicial Operations	1
Community Control Officer(s):	3
Community Control Administrative Assistant/Diversion Coordinator:	1

Pre-Sentence Investigations (PSI):

Total Investigations in 2023: 825

Reporting Cases (Basic and Intensive Probation):

Cases Sentenced in 2023: 516

Monitored Cases (Monitored Probation):

Cases Sentenced in 2023: 236

Sentenced to fine and/or Jail Only:

Out of the 825 Cases referred for a PSI in 2023: 96

Deferred Sentence pending completion of plea negotiated terms:

Out of the 825 Cases referred for a PSI in 2023: 9

Cases Not Sentenced:

Out of the 825 cases referred for a PSI in 2023: 246

Continuous Alcohol Monitoring (CAM) Bond Condition:

Offenders monitored: 20

Global Positioning Tracking (GPS) Bond Condition:

Offenders monitored: 35

Community Control Department run Diversion Programs

DUS Diversion Program:

Cases Referred in 2023:	119
Successfully Completed:	37
Failed:	1
Cases Pending:	39
Warrant/License Forfeiture	42
Voluntary withdraw:	0

First Offender Diversion Program:

Cases Referred in 2023:	56
Successfully Completed:	31
Failed:	3
Cases Pending:	19
Warrant/License Forfeiture	2
Voluntary withdraw:	1

Substance Abuse/Intervention in Lieu Of Conviction Program:

Cases Referred in 2023:	24
Successfully Completed:	13
Failed:	5
Cases Pending:	6
Warrant/License Forfeiture	0
Voluntary withdraw:	0

Theft Offender Diversion Program:

Cases Referred in 2023:	40
Successfully Completed:	18
Failed:	1
Cases Pending:	16
Warrant/License Forfeiture	5
Voluntary withdraw:	0

Court Hosted Educational Programs:

All court hosted programs are run independently from the court but are offered at the court in order to make it more convenient for the defendants to complete requirements as promptly as possible.

Finish First – hosted every other month.

MADD – Mothers Against Drunk Driving – hosted once a month.