

A photograph of a row of classical columns in a courthouse hallway. The columns are light-colored with vertical fluting and are set on a tiled floor. The perspective is from the side, looking down the length of the hallway.

\$42,000 for a Courthouse Hour

**The Cost of Processing
Adult Criminal Cases in
Hamilton County, Ohio**

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Objective

How much does it cost to process adult criminal cases through the Hamilton County court system? Using cost assessments from calendar year 2008, this study considers all direct expenditures across county departments to realistically assess the burden of court functions on taxpayers.

Key Finding

The cost of prosecuting adult criminal cases through the Hamilton County court system exceeded **\$42,000 per hour** and totaled over **\$100 million** in 2008. This limited assessment excludes all costs associated with policing, juvenile cases, civil cases, and post-conviction incarceration.

Background

Hamilton County (Cincinnati), Ohio, files twice as many misdemeanor cases annually per capita as Franklin County (Columbus). Despite comparable population size and demographics, the misdemeanor filing rate is 1 per 23 people in Hamilton County and 1 per 45 in Franklin County.

Such heavy misdemeanor caseloads carry enormous costs. Prosecuting petty infractions such as loitering, open container, and curfew violations often leads to expensive prosecutions. These costs were the subject of 2009 report by the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL), aptly titled, “Minor Crimes, Massive Waste.” Policymakers and taxpayers should understand the economic impact of misdemeanor arrests and subsequent court functions.

Excessive misdemeanor caseloads have social impacts beyond cost. They scar petty offenders as ‘criminals,’ who then face barriers to jobs and education. Excessive caseloads prevent public safety officials and prosecutors from identifying truly criminal cases.

Our criminal justice system is the functional equivalent of a resource-intensive hospital emergency room, explains Janet Moore, a former Senior Staff Attorney with the Ohio Justice & Policy Center and a 2008 Soros Justice Fellow. “Flooding the system with lower-level misdemeanor cases is equivalent to swamping the ER with head colds and nosebleeds.”

Besides obscuring the important cases, the flooded system makes it harder for judges, prosecutors, defenders, and jail personnel to implement evidence-based best practices, such as risk/needs assessments and diversion programs that improve public safety.

For these reasons, intercepting petty infractions before they reach the courtroom would be prudent. One promising strategy, which worked successfully in Hamilton County from 1974 until recent years, when it fell victim to budget cuts, is mediation. Mediation diverted many misdemeanor cases from the courts, including assault, criminal damaging, trespassing, disorderly conduct, and telecommunication harassment. In 2008, there were 14,399 County-filed misdemeanors in these categories, nearly 40% of the average annual misdemeanor caseload.

Processing these cases through the criminal justice system is costly. This study aggregated expenditures spread across city and county departments to calculate the full financial burden of court prosecution. It provides hard numbers to substantiate the expense of pre-conviction operations and to provide an impetus to seek less costly alternatives like mediation.

Please refer to the Methods section for a precise summary of our research methodology.

Methods

Calculating Court Operations

The Judicial & Public Safety sections of the Hamilton County budget were reviewed, using 2008 actuals (rather than projections). Expenditures from departments or programs that did not serve adults charged with criminal offenses were excluded. Probate Court, Juvenile Court, Coroner, Emergency Management, and Sheriff (partially) were among those excluded departments.

River City Community-Based Correctional Facility was also excluded, even though it falls within the Judicial section of the county budget, because it was altogether a post-conviction expenditure unrelated to court functioning.

Probation department expenditures were included, as probation officers participate in court proceedings, are overseen by the court, and work closely with court officers on a daily basis.

Direct costs of prosecution, public defense, pretrial, and court personnel were included.

All funding sources were considered in the study, whether they were municipal, state, or federal tax dollars, or “court costs” or fees that function as taxes levied on court-involved people.

Outside the Hamilton County budget, the costs of the City of Cincinnati Prosecutor as well as the cost of officer testimony from the Cincinnati Police Department were included. Costs incurred by other police departments in Hamilton County were not available and were not included.

39.1% of the budget for the Clerk of Courts Mail Center was attributable to adult criminal court-related functions, based on a per-department review of outgoing mail delivered by the Mail Center in 2008. Incoming mail was a negligible expense and did not factor into the percentage. Thus 39.1% of the Clerk of Courts Mail Center budget was included.

What percentage of the Hamilton County caseload was criminal?

73% of the overall caseload were adult criminal cases. This study used that percentage to calculate the expenditures of those court departments that serve both criminal and civil cases. Budgets of the Clerk of Courts, Common Pleas, Court Reporters, Municipal Court, and Prosecutor were included based on this 73% allocation.

This percentage was calculated using the 2008 Ohio Supreme Court Statistical Summary. To avoid duplication, only “new filings” in Municipal Court were counted. Parking tickets, which in Hamilton County are filed as “Other Civil,” were excluded. Nearly 100% of parking tickets are simply paid out and very few parking cases enter the court system.

Distinguishing Pre- and Post-Conviction Expenses

Some departments serve individuals both pre-conviction and post-conviction. Only pre-conviction expenses were included in this study.

Electronic monitoring reported 50% pretrial defendants, so only 50% of its budget was included.

Only the pretrial use of Hamilton County incarceration was included. In 2008, an average 36% of Hamilton County inmates were pre-conviction. The following items from the Sheriff's budget were counted at 36%: Justice Center, Queensgate, Food, Mental Health, and Medical.

After counting Central Warrants, Court Security, and Electronic Monitoring, \$30 million of the Sheriff's total budget of \$93 million, or 32% of that budget, had been included. Therefore 32% (\$1.1 million) of the Sheriff's allocation for General Office and Administration was included.

In Hamilton County, *reentry services* is a system-wide endeavor, tucked into a number of budgets, namely pretrial (3 staff), probation (2 mitigation specialists), and sheriff (2 staff). The 3 staff in pretrial and the 2 in probation – both associated with the Judicial section of the budget – were included, but not the 2 staff for the sheriff, under the Public Safety section.

Allocating Facilities Expenditures

Only facilities that served adult criminal defendants were included. Facilities used for civil, juvenile, policing, and corrections functions were excluded.

Thus parts of 230 E. 9th St. (William Howard Taft Building), 1000 Main St. (Courthouse), and 1000 Sycamore St., (Justice Center) were included and other parts were excluded. For example, for 230 E. 9th St, the rentable area of the Court of Appeals, County Facilities, Probate Court, Clerk of Courts, and Veterans Services Commission were excluded, while the rentable areas of the Prosecuting Attorney, Municipal Court, and Public Defender were included.

Public records indicate how much space each department was allocated in each building as well as the cost per square foot in each building. The rentable area of departments that did not serve adult criminal pre-conviction functions was subtracted from a building's gross rentable area. The number of remaining square feet was multiplied by the expenses (in dollars) per square foot.

For the Courthouse, only 73% of the facilities costs were included, in accordance with the percentage of criminal to total cases. This allocation is clearly an approximation.

Sections of the Justice Center facility that were operated by the Sheriff were distinguished from those operated by Pre-trial and Municipal Court. Sections that were operated by the Sheriff were

assessed at 36%, the percentage of pre-conviction inmates to total inmates. Sections of the Justice Center operated by Pre-trial and Municipal Court were assessed at 100%.

The Clerk of Courts Record Center (5035 Winton Rd.), 800 Broadway St., juvenile correctional facilities (2020 Auburn Ave. or Hillcrest), and other Clerk of Courts space, were excluded.

Distinguishing 8-hr and 24-hr Operations to Calculate Time-Based Rates

To present expenses in terms of cost per unit time, it was necessary to know how many hours per day each department operated. Most court operations operate eight hours a day, five days a week. Pretrial offices and pretrial detention operate 24/7. Courtroom A operates on Saturdays and holidays. To be conservative, Courtroom A was counted as if it operated continuously.

The 8-hour services were separated from the 24-hour services. For the 8-hour services, weekly rates (50, accounting for 10 federal holidays), daily rates (five per week), and hourly rates, were calculated, to arrive at an hourly rate of \$40,017.79. For the 24-hour services, weekly, daily, and hourly rates were again calculated, to arrive at an hour rate of \$2,329.15. Thus, for the eight hours per day that the Hamilton County courthouse operated, the hourly rate was \$42,346.94.

The 8-hour services came to \$320,142.32 per day, and the 24-hour services came to \$56,053.23 per day. Thus the daily weekday cost of processing adult criminal cases totaled \$376,041.98.

Conclusions

According to a cost per unit-time format, adult criminal pre-conviction expenses came to:

Hourly rate for 8-hr functions	\$40,017.79
Hourly rate for 24/7 functions	\$2,329.15
Hourly rate, combining 8-hr and 24-hr	\$42,346.94
Daily rate for weekdays (workweek)	376,041.98
Weekly rate, combining 8-hr and 24-hr	\$1,993,084.19
Annual rate	\$100,438,954.53

In narrative form:

The per hour cost to process adult pre-conviction criminal cases exceeded \$42,000.

The per day cost for weekdays was nearly \$400,000.

The per week cost was nearly \$2 million.

Overall, adult pre-conviction expenses exceeded \$100 million in 2008.

There are other ways of presenting this information besides cost per unit-time.

Cost per criminal case	
Sum	\$100,438,954.53
# of misdemeanor, felony, and traffic cases	151,901
Average cost per criminal case	\$661.21

Cost per adult (18 and older) in Hamilton County	
Sum	\$100,438,954.53
# of Hamilton County residents 18 and older	642,026
Average cost per resident 18 and older	\$156.44

Comparisons

Hamilton County spends three-and-a-half times more on adult pre-conviction expenses than on Public Works, including stormwater management and road, bridge, and highway maintenance.

Comparison with Public Works budget	
Hamilton County pre-conviction adult crim	\$100,438,954.53
Hamilton County Public Works	\$28,511,103.34
Factor	3.52

Hamilton County spends nearly 14 times more on adult pre-conviction expenses than on Environmental Control, including solid waste, air quality, and litter management.

Comparison with Environmental Control budget	
Hamilton County pre-conviction adult crim	\$100,438,954.53
Hamilton County Environmental Control	\$7,308,574.63
Factor	13.74

Hamilton County spends 1.35 times more on adult pre-conviction expenses than on Recreational Activities, including Riverfront Development, Paul Brown Stadium Operations, Baseball Stadium Operations, the Cincinnati Museum Center, and Zoological Gardens.

Comparison with Recreational Activities budget	
Hamilton County pre-conviction adult crim	\$100,438,954.53
Hamilton County Recreational Activities	\$74,209,285.96
Factor	1.35

Findings May Understate True Cost

Cost assessments were not available for the following functions:

1. Mayor's Courts, which see misdemeanors.
2. Summit Behavioral Health, the state psychiatric facility that sees pre-conviction defendants, often for months at a time, for restoration of competency.
3. Police testimony for police departments in Hamilton County other than the Cincinnati Police Department. A *Cincinnati Enquirer* study (Police overtime: Necessary or milking the system? 12/11/09) found court testimony greatly contributed to overtime costs.

None of these costs was included in the study.

In addition, since 2008, Hamilton County lost 1,100 jail beds at the Queensgate jail. With fewer jail beds, many sentenced offenders were deferred from jail to serve their sentence at a later date. Accordingly, more of the jail beds at the Hamilton County Justice Center were occupied by individuals awaiting trial. In 2008, the jail population was approximately 36% pre-conviction. By 2009, the lack of bed space pushed this percentage to 66%. If one were to count jail-related expenses at 66% instead of 36%, the overall pre-conviction cost would increase by \$13 million. For 24-hour functions, these costs would add approximately \$1,500 to the hourly assessment.

Future Work

Future work could include the costs of policing, corrections, and the juvenile system, as well as reentry-related costs such as lost wages and lost tax revenue from the collateral consequences of convictions, e.g., increased unemployment due to statutory restrictions faced by ex-offenders.

Sources

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Hamilton County Budget (2008 actuals)

Hamilton County Department of County Facilities 2008 Annual Report

Hamilton County Department of County Facilities. Departmental Room Analysis by Building,
Department of County Facilities (2008)

Interviews with Hamilton County court and finance personnel.

Ohio Supreme Court 2008 Statistical Summary, Municipal & Common Pleas Courts

U.S. Census, 2006-2008 American Community Survey for Hamilton County Ohio

Appendices

1. Judicial and Public Safety sections of the 2008 Hamilton County budget
2. County Facilities
3. Hamilton County Caseload
4. Computations

Appendix 1: Hamilton County Operational Budget

Function	Fund	Subfund	Department	Org Cost Account	2008 Exp	% Adult Crim	Relevant Expenditure	24hr
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Clerk of Courts	Microfilm	87134.33	0.73	63604.87	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Clerk of Courts	Records Center	16119.99	0.73	11767.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Clerk of Courts	Criminal Baliffs	2021776.55	1.00	2021776.55	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Clerk of Courts	Appellate	2394.47	0.73	1747.88	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Clerk of Courts	Civil Bailiff	80573.61	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Clerk of Courts	Criminal Bailiff	97619.66	1.00	97619.66	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Clerk of Courts	Common Pleas	388989.11	0.73	283947.81	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Clerk of Courts	Administration/MIS	226631.58	0.73	165432.75	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Clerk of Courts	Mail Center	1373796.02	0.39107	537250.28	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Clerk of Courts	Municipal Civil	389372.35	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Clerk of Courts	Municipal Criminal Traffic	75094.68	1.00	75094.68	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Clerk of Courts	Personnel	10322371.89	0.73	7534953.50	
Judicial	Special Revenue	Victims of Domestic Violence	Clerk of Courts	Domestic Violence Shelter	65536.00	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	Special Revenue	Title Administration	Clerk of Courts	Title Administration	3482022.23	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	Special Revenue	Citizen Reward Program	Clerk of Courts	Citizen Reward Program	12333.31	1.00	12333.31	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Court of Appeals	Court of Appeals	64906.27	0.73	47379.20	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Court of Common Pleas	Court's Judges	1938735.86	0.73	1415206.19	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Court of Common Pleas	Arbitration	119196.96	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Court of Common Pleas	Administration	1860713.24	0.73	1358252.53	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Court of Common Pleas	Court Reporter Transcripts	111330.80	0.73	81267.41	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Court of Common Pleas	Magistrates	127078.91	0.73	92762.95	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Court of Common Pleas	Visiting Judges	165.74	0.73	120.98	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Court of Common Pleas	Assignment Commissioner	345240.15	0.73	252012.67	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Court of Common Pleas	Jury Commissioner	229945.78	0.73	167852.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Court of Common Pleas	CMSNet	4010778.96	0.73	2927721.77	
Judicial	Special Revenue	Clerk of Courts Automation	Court of Common Pleas	Clerk of Courts Automation	546691.54	0.73	399064.81	
Judicial	Special Revenue	Legal Research Services	Court of Common Pleas	Legal Research	1090357.66	0.73	795921.17	
Judicial	Special Revenue	Administration of Justice	Court of Common Pleas	Administration of Justice	72622.48	0.73	53011.75	
Judicial	Special Revenue	Common Pleas Mediation	Court of Common Pleas	Mediation Services	246110.16	0.73	179651.40	
Judicial	Special Revenue	Common Pleas Court Special	Court of Common Pleas	Special Projects	215721.51	0.73	157468.80	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Court of Domestic Relations	Judge's Office Court Referees	1895758.98	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Court of Domestic Relations	Administration	1926968.67	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Court of Domestic Relations	Investigations & Counseling	691838.42	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Court Reporters	Court Reporter	2647643.85	0.73	1932683.06	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Court Reporters	Computer Aided Transcripts	63529.29	0.73	46374.06	
Judicial	Calendar Grants	Misc Court Grants	Court Reporters	Court Reporter Grants	36802.96	0.73	26864.81	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Juvenile Court	Probation General Fund	1344214.63	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Juvenile Court	Work Detail	434904.10	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Juvenile Court	Court Services Administration	131788.57	0.00	0.00	

Function	Fund	Subfund	Department	Org Cost Account	2008 Exp	% Adult Crim	Relevant Expenditure	24hr
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Juvenile Court	Magistrates General Fund	2541590.94	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Juvenile Court	Business Office	3086311.32	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Juvenile Court	Clerk's Office General Fund	585022.41	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Juvenile Court	Docketing General Fund	1621149.70	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Juvenile Court	Dependency	458361.20	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Juvenile Court	Administrative Services (GF)	301134.75	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Juvenile Court	Security General Fund	663166.53	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Juvenile Court	Operations General Fund	113828.06	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Juvenile Court	Information Services (GF)	1043103.86	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Juvenile Court	Judicial (GF)	814577.80	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Juvenile Court	Personnel General Fund	327022.89	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Juvenile Court	Housing	4113961.73	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Juvenile Court	Psychology	528647.61	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Juvenile Court	Programming / Services	325677.17	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Juvenile Court	Physical - General Fund	942592.86	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Juvenile Court	Administration	865860.25	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Juvenile Court	Operations	2555616.84	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Juvenile Court	Rehab	3202797.85	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Juvenile Court	Social Program Services	778708.82	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Juvenile Court	MAP	804666.70	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Juvenile Court	Medical Services Psych	290838.37	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Juvenile Court	Medical Services Physical (Non L	509010.75	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Juvenile Court	Administration	1176505.33	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Juvenile Court	Facility	53942.38	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Juvenile Court	Educational Services	1154334.24	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Juvenile Court	Security	341881.77	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	Special Revenue	Juv Indigent Driver Alcohol T	Juvenile Court	Administration Indigent Driver	-300.00	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	Special Revenue	Juvenile Court Legal Research	Juvenile Court	Juvenile Court Legal Research	56000.00	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	Tax Levies	Indigent Health Care	Juvenile Court	Physical	1447740.00	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	State Grants	Juvenile Court Grants	Juvenile Court	Probation Youth Service Grant	644601.52	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	State Grants	Juvenile Court Grants	Juvenile Court	Probation Reclaim Ohio	144651.80	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	State Grants	Juvenile Court Grants	Juvenile Court	Intervention Unit	368112.31	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	State Grants	Juvenile Court Grants	Juvenile Court	Work Detail Youth Service Grant	310821.72	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	State Grants	Juvenile Court Grants	Juvenile Court	Adminstration Reclaim Ohio	135133.10	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	State Grants	Juvenile Court Grants	Juvenile Court	Sex Offender Treatment	19430.00	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	State Grants	Juvenile Court Grants	Juvenile Court	Intensive Sup Youth Services Gra	59735.28	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	State Grants	Juvenile Court Grants	Juvenile Court	Wrap Around Reclaim Ohio Grant	553207.28	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	State Grants	Juvenile Court Grants	Juvenile Court	Out of Home Placemt Reclaim Or	800928.64	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	State Grants	Juvenile Court Grants	Juvenile Court	Educational Services	957238.68	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	State Grants	Juvenile Court Grants	Juvenile Court	Juvenile Accountability Program	56467.60	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	State Grants	Juvenile Court Grants	Juvenile Court	Hillcrest JABG	23804.08	0.00	0.00	

Function	Fund	Subfund	Department	Org Cost Account	2008 Exp	% Adult Crim	Relevant Expenditure	24hr
Judicial	Federal Grants	Juvenile Court Federal Grant	Juvenile Court	Pretrial Diversion Docket	285530.63	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	Federal Grants	Juvenile Court Federal Grant	Juvenile Court	Multisystemic Therapy Program	11201.92	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Municipal Court	Judicial	1063306.86	0.73	776175.07	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Municipal Court	Regular Office	688006.20	0.73	502219.33	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Municipal Court	Court Reporter Transcripts	386.54	0.73	282.16	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Municipal Court	Courtroom Staff	816778.73	0.73	596218.56	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Municipal Court	Assignment	962554.02	0.73	702629.19	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Municipal Court	Magistrates	720224.28	0.73	525737.35	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Municipal Court	Pre-Trial Services	2121336.85	1.00	2121336.85	X
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Municipal Court	Mental Health	54970.68	1.00	54970.68	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Municipal Court	Talbert House	73421.32	1.00	73421.32	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Municipal Court	1617 Reading Road	459571.60	1.00	459571.60	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Municipal Court	Private Complaint Mediation	347325.27	1.00	347325.27	
Judicial	Special Revenue	Court Delay Reduction	Municipal Court	Diversion Income	177911.40	1.00	177911.40	
Judicial	Special Revenue	Municipal Court Special Proj	Municipal Court	Special Projects	477088.75	0.73	348257.32	
Judicial	Tax Levies	Health & Hospitalization Levy	Municipal Court	Drake Levy - 1617 Reading	2350223.86	1.00	2350223.86	
Judicial	Tax Levies	Health & Hospitalization Levy	Municipal Court	Municipal Court Re-entry	328890.59	1.00	328890.59	
Judicial	Calendar Grants	Local Law Enforcement	Municipal Court	JAG/LLEBG	204059.46	0.73	148955.93	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Probate Court	Administration	2750932.46	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Probate Court	Mental Health	297218.70	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	Special Revenue	Victims of Domestic Violence	Probate Court	Victims of Domestic Violence	79747.00	1.00	79747.00	
Judicial	Special Revenue	Probate Court Conduct of Bu	Probate Court	Conduct of Business	39404.21	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	Special Revenue	Indigent Guardianship	Probate Court	Indigent Guardianship	81190.69	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	Special Revenue	Probate Court Automation	Probate Court	Automation	78292.95	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	Special Revenue	Probate Court Legal Research	Probate Court	Legal Research	28875.55	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Probation	Administration	720583.23	1.00	720583.23	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Probation	MDO	462669.03	1.00	462669.03	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Probation	PSI	1347475.08	1.00	1347475.08	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Probation	Common Pleas Court	1980137.42	1.00	1980137.42	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Probation	Municipal Court Services	3122212.95	1.00	3122212.95	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Probation	Drug Court	598362.44	1.00	598362.44	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Probation	Community Service	590871.27	1.00	590871.27	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Probation	Rehabilitative Services	-14582.41	1.00	-14582.41	
Judicial	Special Revenue	Probation Services	Probation	Behavioral Controls	50302.33	1.00	50302.33	
Judicial	Special Revenue	Probation Services	Probation	Crossroads	28094.70	1.00	28094.70	
Judicial	Special Revenue	Probation Services	Probation	Probation Fee Revenue	1865327.17	1.00	1865327.17	
Judicial	Special Revenue	Probation Services	Probation	Volunteers	7412.20	1.00	7412.20	
Judicial	Special Revenue	Probation Services	Probation	Substation Operations	47806.58	1.00	47806.58	
Judicial	Special Revenue	Probation Services	Probation	Grant Program Supplements	8247.80	1.00	8247.80	
Judicial	Tax Levies	Health & Hospitalization Levy	Probation	Contracted Services	1361697.12	1.00	1361697.12	
Judicial	Tax Levies	Health & Hospitalization Levy	Probation	Probation Re-entry	87125.64	1.00	87125.64	

Function	Fund	Subfund	Department	Org Cost Account	2008 Exp	% Adult Crim	Relevant Expenditure	24hr
Judicial	State Grants	Probation State Grants	Probation	State Grant Funds	2211914.24	1.00	2211914.24	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Public Defender	Public Defender	5977777.63	1.00	5977777.63	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Public Defender	GAL	1463907.22	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Public Defender	Juvenile Unit	20604.52	0.00	0.00	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Public Defender	Court Reporter Transcripts	366325.10	1.00	366325.10	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Public Defender	Felony Unit	455401.88	1.00	455401.88	
Judicial	General Fund	General Fund	Public Defender	Assigned Counsel	5162842.54	1.00	5162842.54	
Judicial	State Grants	Community Based Correction	River City CBCF	CBCF	5958451.07	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	Tax Levies	CLEAR	CLEAR	CLEAR	5565989.03	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Communications Cente	Telecommunications	1789784.47	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	Special Revenue	Wireless 911 Government As	Communications Cente	Wireless 911	863906.03	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	Internal Service	County Communication Cent	Communications Cente	Administration	627098.73	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	Internal Service	County Communication Cent	Communications Cente	Operations	5621451.51	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Coroner	Administration	1631401.63	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Coroner	Morgue	180649.77	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Coroner	Laboratory	1854581.78	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Coroner	Building Maintenance	124351.18	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	Special Revenue	Coroner's Out of County Fee	Coroner	Coroner's out of county fees	295880.98	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	Federal Grants	Coroner Federal Grants Fund	Coroner	Federal Grants	144736.09	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	Special Revenue	Dog & Kennel	Dog Warden	Dog Warden	1233949.34	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Emergency Managemer	Emergency Management Subsidy	328189.00	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	Special Revenue	Emergency Management Ag	Emergency Managemer	Administration	362701.44	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	Special Revenue	Emergency Management Ag	Emergency Managemer	Hazardous Materials/LEPC	150000.00	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	State Grants	EMA State Grants	Emergency Managemer	EMA State Grants	137597.85	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	Federal Grants	EMA Federal Grants	Emergency Managemer	EMA Grants	4560249.67	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Prosecutor	Administration	2892455.37	0.73	2111386.50	
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Prosecutor	Civil	1689713.22	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Prosecutor	Criminal	6295463.79	1.00	6295463.79	
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Prosecutor	Child Support	-11.47	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Prosecutor	Children's Services	1763052.52	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Prosecutor	Witness Protection Program	8157.31	1.00	8157.31	
Public Safet	Special Revenue	Prosecutors Delinquent Real	Prosecutor	Delinquent Real Estate	1565132.24	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	State Grants	Prosecutor Grants	Prosecutor	Project Safe Neighborhood	57737.74	1.00	57737.74	
Public Safet	Federal Grants	Prosecutor Federal Grants	Prosecutor	Victims of Crime	147716.74	1.00	147716.74	
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Sheriff	Organized Crime	2569308.71	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Sheriff	Patrol Administration	2731455.29	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Sheriff	District 1	4770041.49	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Sheriff	Special Patrol	62781.94	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Sheriff	District 2	1811677.82	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Sheriff	District 3	1991606.90	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Sheriff	District 5	1517699.93	0.00	0.00	

Function	Fund	Subfund	Department	Org Cost Account	2008 Exp	% Adult Crim	Relevant Expenditure	24hr
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Sheriff	Traffic	562558.03	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Sheriff	Support Services	1085211.65	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Sheriff	Bureau of Records	1720377.72	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Sheriff	Central Warrants	690572.54	1.00	690572.54	
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Sheriff	General Office & Administration	3445016.23	0.32	1100382.89	X
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Sheriff	Justice Center	24331242.94	0.36	8759247.46	X
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Sheriff	CIS	2671561.42	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Sheriff	Helicopter	194829.75	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Sheriff	Queensgate	9969407.16	0.36	3588986.58	X
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Sheriff	Electronic Monitoring	920206.95	0.50	460103.48	X
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Sheriff	Food	1998558.38	0.36	719481.02	X
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Sheriff	CSEA Security	363043.45	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Sheriff	Court Security	5272125.49	1.00	5272125.49	
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Sheriff	CDR Security	408083.82	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Sheriff	Child Welfare	579109.82	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Sheriff	JFS Central Parkway Security	1200767.46	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	General Fund	General Fund	Sheriff	GF Rotary	5184950.80	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	Special Revenue	Enforcement & Education	Sheriff	Enforcement/Education	1455.87	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	Special Revenue	Sheriff's Concealed Handgun	Sheriff	Concealed Handgun License Issu	67838.55	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	Tax Levies	Indigent Health Care	Sheriff	Medical	7359394.23	0.36	2649381.92	X
Public Safet	Tax Levies	Health & Hospitalization Levy	Sheriff	Sheriff Re-entry	78703.18	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	Tax Levies	Health & Hospitalization Levy	Sheriff	Mental Health	394386.07	0.36	141978.99	X
Public Safet	Calendar Grants	Sheriff Calendar Year Grants	Sheriff	Marine Grant	11692.37	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	Calendar Grants	Cops More	Sheriff	Cops More	911737.10	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	State Grants	Sheriff DARE	Sheriff	DARE Grant	21310.86	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	State Grants	Sheriff's State Grants	Sheriff	ABLE Centers Grant	97332.86	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	State Grants	Sheriff's State Grants	Sheriff	Title 1 State Grant	25526.72	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	Federal Grants	Sheriff Federal Grants	Sheriff	Ohio Safe Commute Grant	0.03	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	Internal Service	Sheriff's Rotary Fund	Sheriff	Colerain	377582.39	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	Internal Service	Sheriff's Rotary Fund	Sheriff	Anderson	1743374.23	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	Internal Service	Sheriff's Rotary Fund	Sheriff	Columbia	595931.08	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	Internal Service	Sheriff's Rotary Fund	Sheriff	Miami	453635.26	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	Internal Service	Sheriff's Rotary Fund	Sheriff	Sycamore	1264434.23	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	Internal Service	Sheriff's Rotary Fund	Sheriff	Symmes	873310.62	0.00	0.00	
Public Safet	Internal Service	Central Warrant ID Unit	Sheriff	Central Warrants-ID Unit	2303373.59	1.00	2303373.59	
	City Police Witness	Cincinnati Police Department (via Lt. Gladden and Fiance Dept.)			3000000.00	1.00	3000000.00	
	City Prosecutor	City (http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/cmgr/downloads/cmgr_pdf36477.pdf , p. 340)			2003000.00	1.00	2003000.00	
							96080117.30	

Note that electronic monitoring is counted at 50% and corrections is counted at 36%.

Sheriff General Office and Administration is counted at 32%, as included expenditures comprise 32% of the Sheriff's total budget.

Clerk of Courts Mail Center is counted at 39.1% to include adult criminal mail destinations and exclude other destinations in the county.

Appendix 2: County Facilities (2008)

Building	Gross Rentable Area (sq ft)	Rentable Area of Excluded Depts. (sq ft)	Gross Rentable Area, minus Excluded Depts.	Expense (\$/Sq Ft.)	Cost (\$): Area times Expense/Sq Ft.	% Criminal Pre-Conviction	Relevant Expenditure
230 E. 9th St., William Howard Taft Building	172180.00	53289.57	118890.43	6.39	759709.85	1.00	759709.8477
1000 Main St., Courthouse	400537.00	0.00	400537.00	9.36	3749026.32	0.72996338	2736651.932
1000 Sycamore St., Justice Center - Sheriff	413804.21	31916.19	381888.02	5.74	2192037.23	0.36	789133.4045
1000 Sycamore St., Justice Center - Pre-trial and Municipal Court	413804.21	401026.85	12777.36	5.74	73342.05	1.00	73342.0464
						Total	4358837.2

Sources:

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 Departmental Room Analysis by Building, Department of County Facilities (2008)

Appendix 3: Hamilton County Caseload (2008)

MUNICIPAL COURT

Case Type	Case Detail	New Filings
Criminal	Felony	9,457
Criminal	Misdemeanor	36,198
Criminal	Operating a Vehicle While Under the Influence	2,727
Criminal	Other Traffic	103,519
Civil	Personal Injury and Property Damage	706
Civil	Contracts	21,578
Civil	Forcible Entry and Detainer	14,646
Civil	Small Claims	5,124

COMMON PLEAS

Case Type	Case Detail	New Filings
Civil	Overall Civil	14139
Criminal	Overall Criminal - Not Included, Duplicates Municipal Court	

Total Criminal	151,901
Total Civil	56,193
Total Overall	208,094
% Criminal	0.729963382

Source:

Ohio Supreme Court 2008 Statistical Summary, Municipal & Common Pleas Court

