



WYOMING
JUDICIAL BRANCH

Overview of the Courts

Joint Judiciary Committee

May 19, 2025

Municipal, State and Federal Courts

Municipal Courts
98 Municipalities
78 Judges

Wyoming Supreme Court
Chief Justice
4 Justices

Wyoming District Courts
9 Districts
27 Judges

Wyoming Circuit Courts
24 Judges
4 Magistrates

Chancery Court

US Supreme Court
Chief Justice
8 Associate Justices

Federal Court of Appeals
13 Circuits
Wyoming in 10th Cir.

Federal District Courts
94 Districts

*Between 2012 and 2023 an average of 98.5% of cases were filed in state courts.

State Courts

District #1 Judges

District Court – 4

Circuit Court – 3

District #2 Judges

District Court – 2

Circuit Court – 2

District #3 Judges

District Court – 4

Circuit Court – 4

District #4 Judges

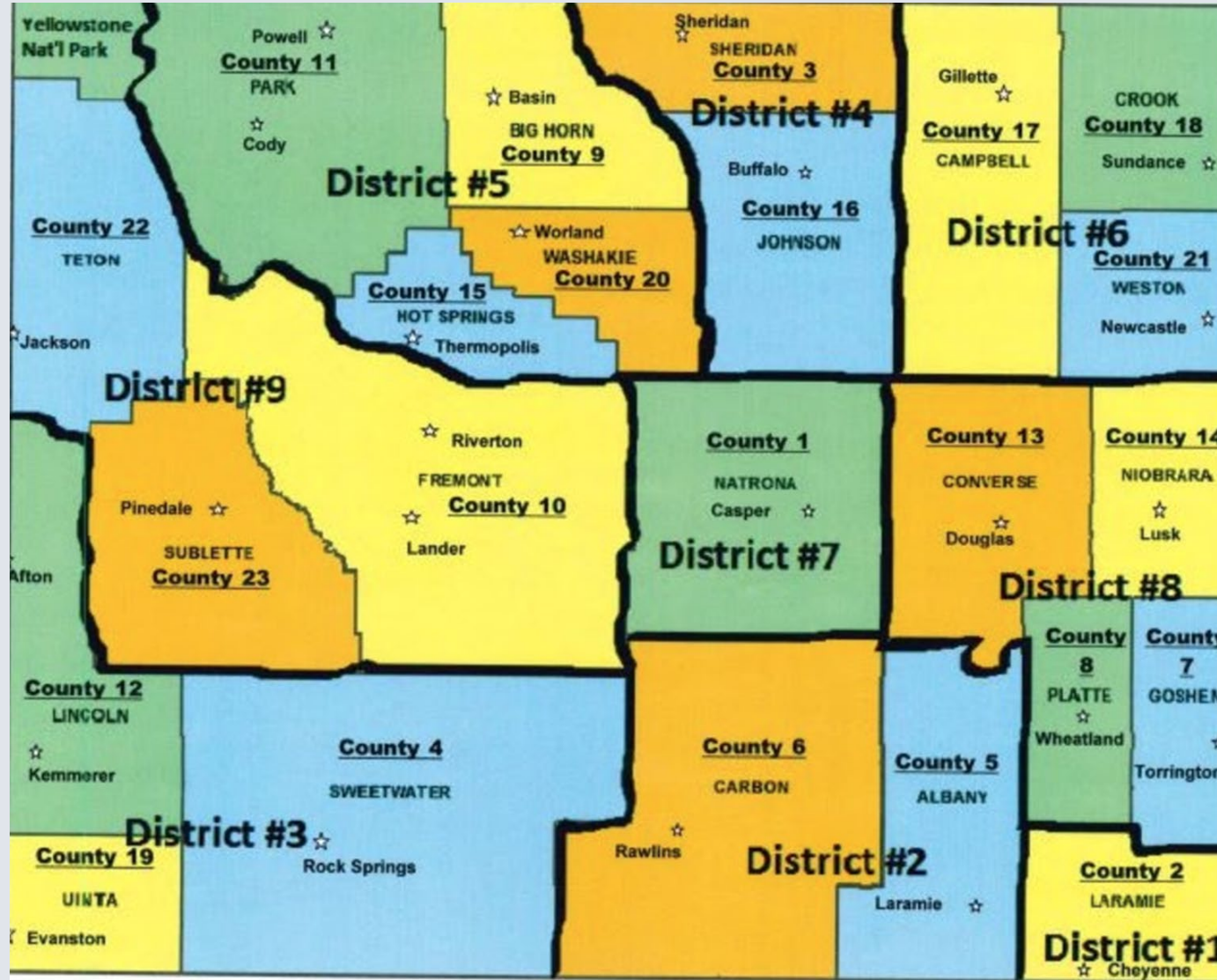
District Court – 2

Circuit Court – 1

District #5 Judges

District Court – 2

Circuit Court – 2



District #6 Judges

District Court – 4

Circuit Court – 3

District #7 Judges

District Court – 4

Circuit Court – 3

District #8 Judges

District Court – 2

Circuit Court – 2

District #9 Judges

District Court – 3

Circuit Court – 4

Total Judges

District Court – 27

Circuit Court – 24

Wyoming Constitution; Article 2

“The powers of the government of this state are divided into three distinct departments: The legislative, executive and judicial, and no person or collection of persons charged with the exercise of powers properly belonging to one of these departments shall exercise any powers properly belonging to either of the others...”

Wyoming’s Constitution Distinctly Separates Powers

Disputes Happen...

Amongst Wyoming people everyday, on multiple levels

And when disputes happen...the Wyoming Constitution, Article 1, Section 8 stipulates:

“All courts shall be open and every person for an injury done to person, reputation or property shall have justice administered without sale, denial or delay...”

Judicial Selection in Wyoming

Judicial Nomination Commission:

- 3 attorneys selected by bar association;
- 3 non-attorneys selected by governor; and
- Chief Justice as non-voting member.

Takes applications, interviews, and nominates 3 names to governor

Governor must appoint from the 3 names in 30 days

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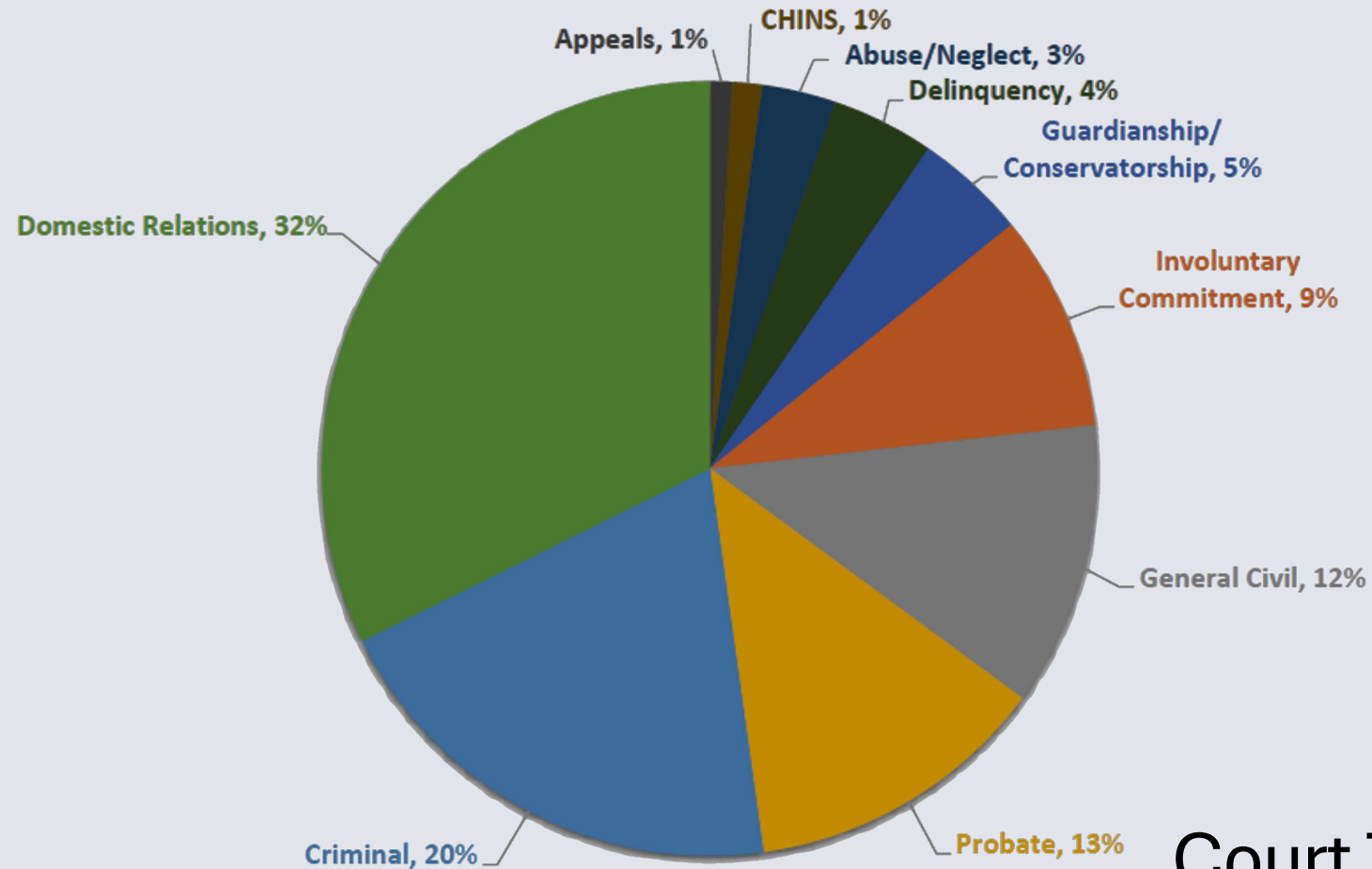
Retention Elections:

- Supreme Court justices – every 8 years;
- District Court judges – every 6 years;
- Chancery Court judges – every 6 years; and
- Circuit judges – every 4 years.

Municipal Court judges are selected by the municipality, not by the nominating commission and governor, no retention elections

The Stats: District Courts

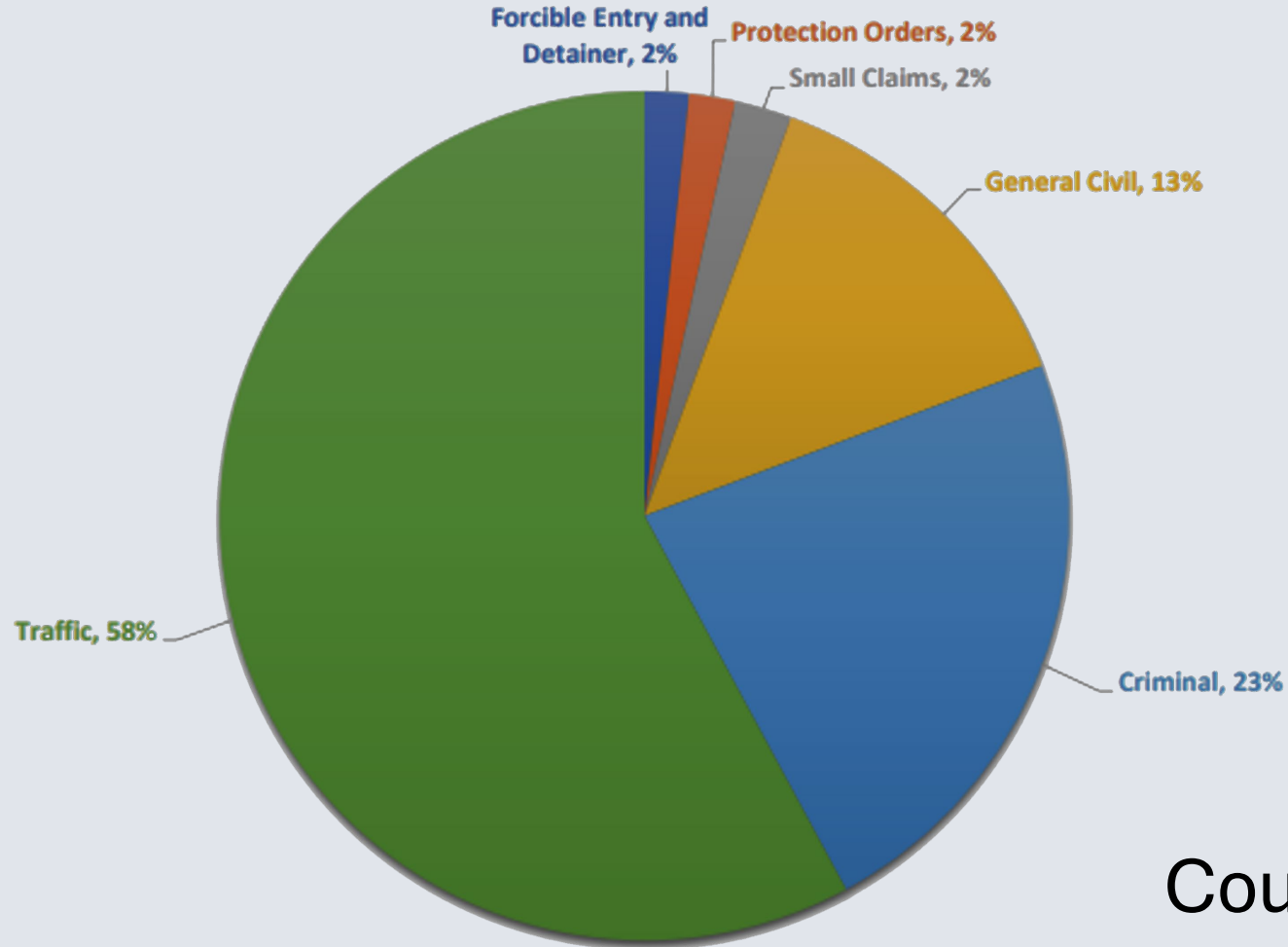
District Court Proportion of Cases by Category FY24



Court Total: 13,221

The Stats: Circuit Courts

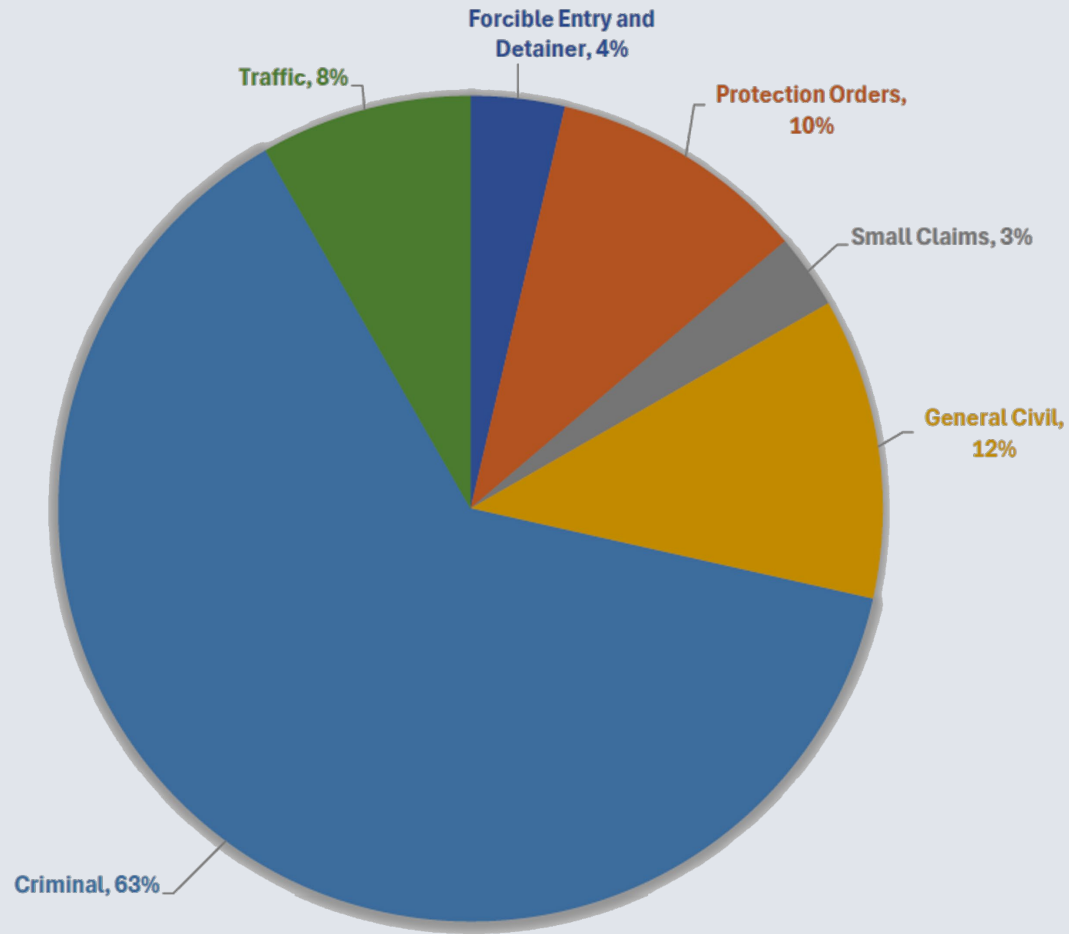
Circuit Court Proportion of Cases by Category FY24



Court Total: 97,852

The Stats: Circuit Courts

Circuit Court Judge Time by Category FY24



Chancery Court

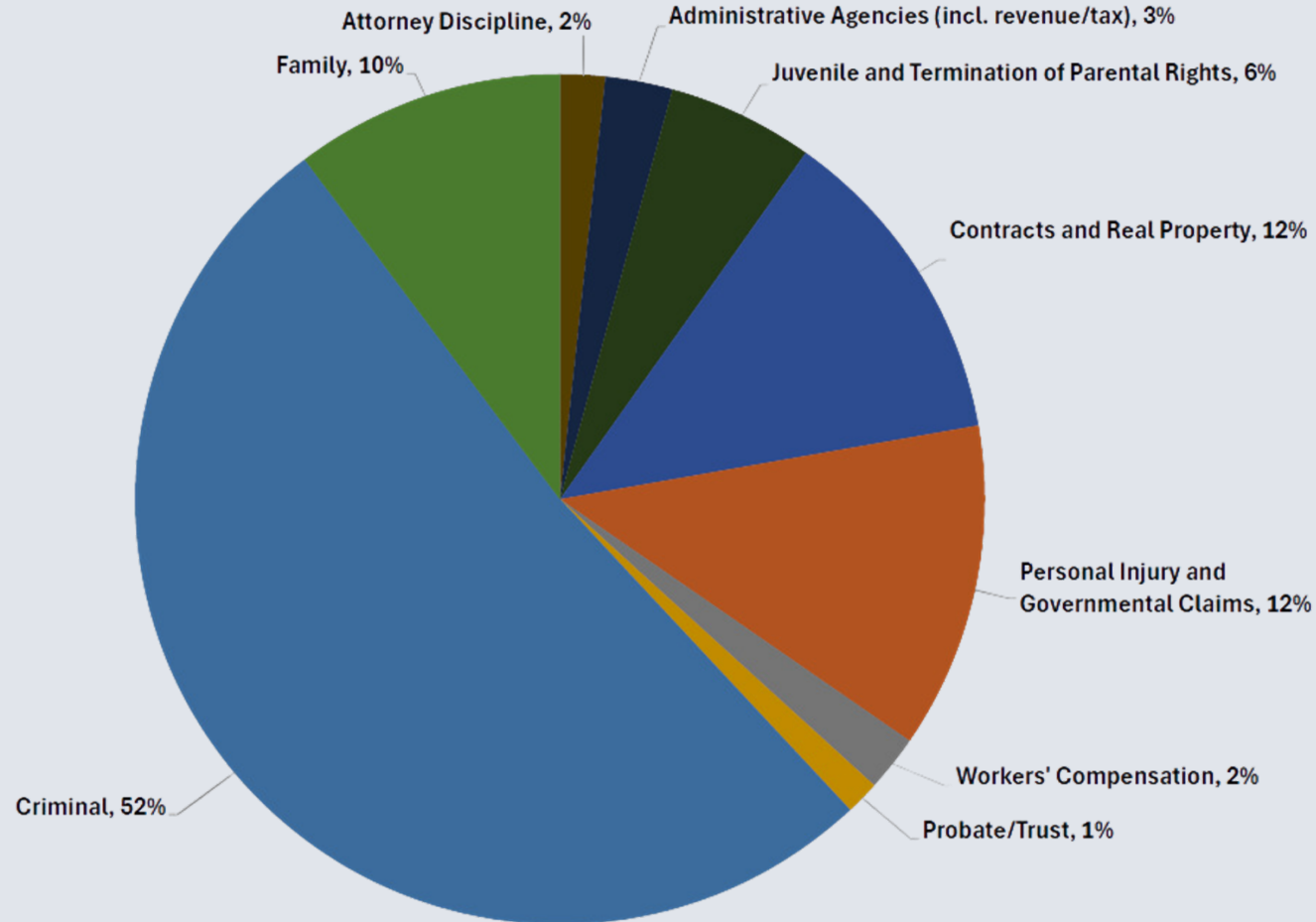
- Uses eFiling
- January 1, 2025: At least 1 full time judge, and up to 3
- Same pay and staff as district court
- Chancery court clerk employed by Supreme Court
- Courtroom in Casper

Court Stats

2022 (Includes cases filed in Dec. 2021)	15
2023	31
2024	47

Wyoming Supreme Court Stats

Supreme Court Cases by Subject Matter FY24



Administrative Office of the Courts

Provides administrative support to all courts throughout the state, including:

- Technology;
- HR;
- Fiscal;
- Education;
 - Accountable to the Wyoming Judicial Council.
- State Court Administrator oversees AOC; and
- WJC hires/fires State Court Administrator;
 - Provides technology systems and support to clerks of district court.

Administrative Office of the Courts

Provides direct constituent services, including:

- ADA;
- Translation;
- Court navigator;
- Volunteer reference attorney;
- Library and legal research support; and
- Forms and Other Support for Self Represented Litigants.