



# City of Lawrence



Municipal Court  
2020 Annual Report  
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# The Details

The Lawrence Municipal Court is dedicated to providing fair and appropriate resolutions of Municipal Code violations in an efficient, knowledgeable and respectful manner.

## Top 3 Cited Offenses

### Traffic Violations

1	Speeding	529
2	No Proof of Insurance	468
3	Seat Belt Violation	462

### Parking Violations

1	Parked with Expired Tag	549
2	Habitual Violator	359
3	Posted no Parking	350

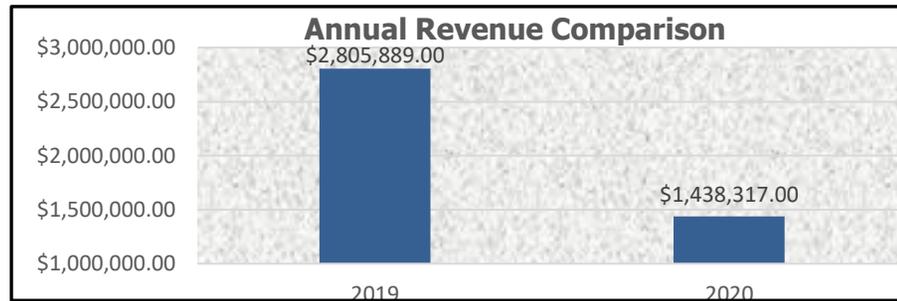
### Public Offenses

1	Theft	272
2	Criminal Trespass	226
3	Battery	111

**Court Operations:** Court was in session approximately 900 times in 2020. In-person court hearings were cancelled for three months in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Court staff processed 1,878 warrants, mailed nearly 8,000 notices for past due traffic and parking citations, assisted citizens in obtaining fingerprints 196 times, and processed over 700 open records requests.

**Citations:** The total number of traffic, parking and public offense citations (charges) issued for the year was 7,250, down 61% from 2019. There were 27,145 downtown meter citations issued in 2020. On average, 68% of meter tickets were paid within 10 days of issuance.

**Revenue:** Annual gross revenue in Municipal Court was \$1,438,317, down 49% from the 2019 total. More than 11,000 credit card payments were received, either at the customer service counter or online. This accounts for 39% of the court's revenue total. Revenue from meter parking fees totaled \$215,560, down 61% from the 2019 total.

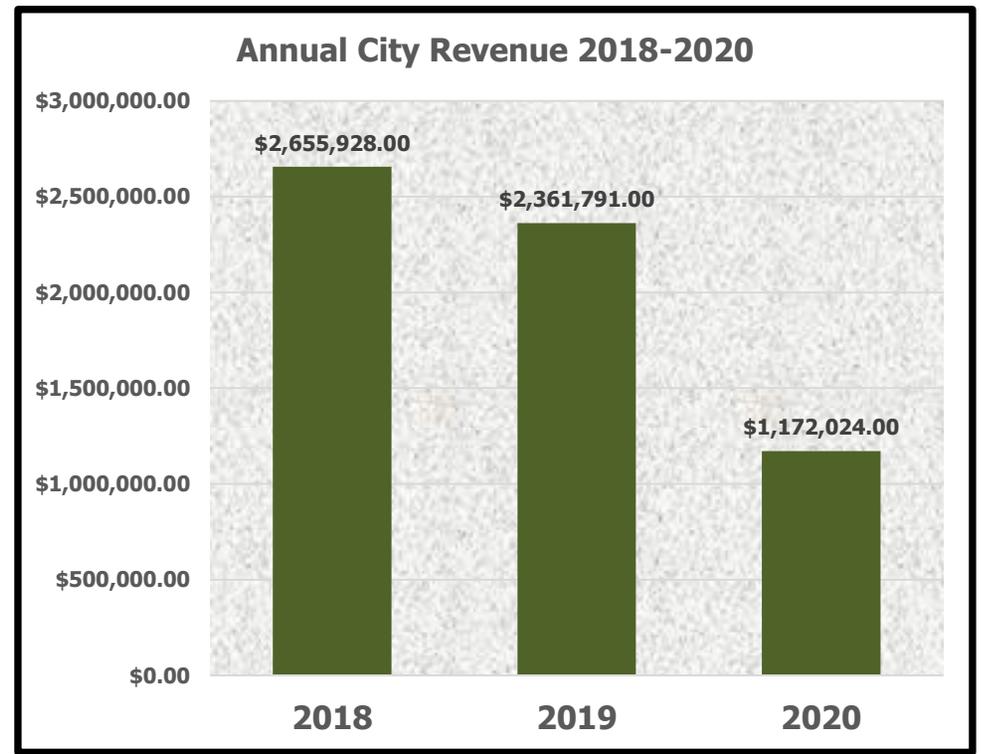
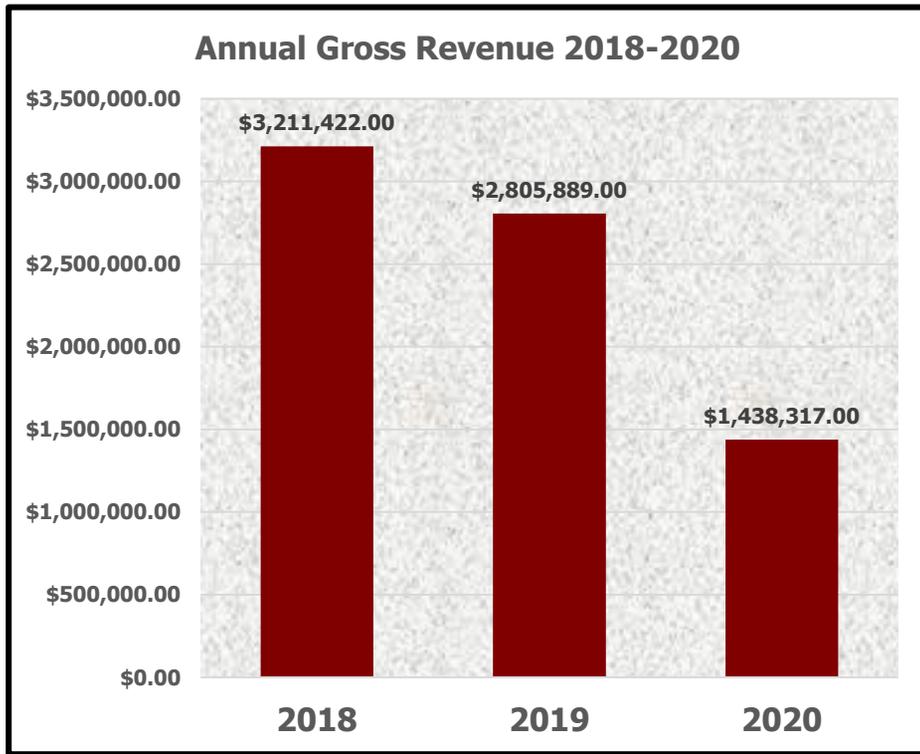


**Community Service:** Upon conviction, defendants with financial obligations to the court are given the opportunity to do community service work in lieu of fines. In 2020, defendants worked approximately 2,500 hours of community service. This sentencing option reduces a defendant's monetary obligation and the community benefits from the hours worked. Workers are assigned to several area agencies, including Penn House, Habitat Restore, Just Food and the Lawrence Humane Society. Many of these agencies would have difficulty operating at full capacity without assistance from community service workers.

**Probation:** As of December 31, 2020, there were 51 defendants on supervised probation, down 13% from the 2019 total. Approximately 748 defendants were placed on unsupervised probation, and 1,087 defendants successfully completed their probation term in 2020.

**Diversions:** There were 498 charges diverted through the City Prosecutor's office in 2019, and 1,740 diversions were successfully completed.

# Yearly Revenue Totals



The gross revenue depicted above is the total of all money received by the Municipal Court and includes fees that are remitted to the State of Kansas as required by law. These fees are used to fund training programs for judges and law enforcement personnel, community corrections supervision, forensic laboratory costs and other services. Payments received for court ordered restitution are also included in the gross revenue amount. Once collected, restitution payments are disbursed to victims of crime.

The city revenue total combines money received in the General Fund for court fines and fees, as well as revenue to the Parking Fund for downtown meter fees and long term parking passes.

# Yearly Citation Totals

