

Lawrence Municipal Court



2023 Annual Report
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2023 in Review

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

Misdemeanor Non-Traffic Violations

1. Criminal Trespass
2. Theft
3. Disorderly Conduct

Misdemeanor Traffic Violations

1. No Insurance
2. No Valid Driver's License
3. Driving while License is Suspended/Cancelled/Revoked

Traffic Infractions

1. Speeding
2. Expired Tag
3. Seat Belt Violation

Parking Violations

1. Posted No Parking
2. Parked with Expired Tag
3. Parked more than 48 Hours

Court Operations: Court was in session approximately 1,100 times in 2023. Court staff processed 2,111 warrants, completed 772 open records requests, and assisted 483 citizens in obtaining fingerprints.

Citations: The total number of traffic, parking and public offense citations (charges) issued for the year was 9,814, up from the 2022 total of 9,363. There were 60,812 downtown meter citations issued in 2023, up slightly from the 2022 total of 59,659.

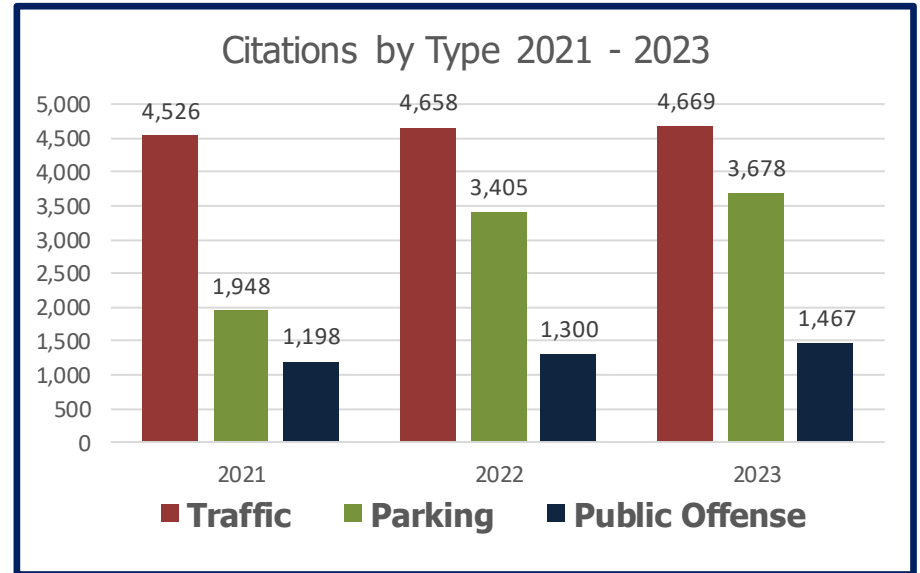
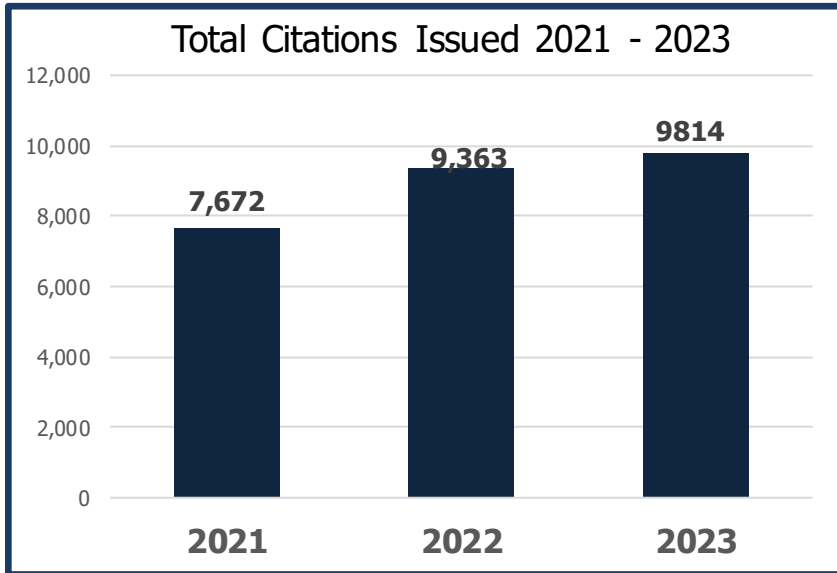
Revenue: Annual gross revenue in Municipal Court was \$1,221,681.00, up from the 2022 total of \$1,168,780.00. Revenue from meter parking fees totaled \$874,641.47, up from the 2022 total of \$801,019.59.

Community Service: Upon conviction, defendants with financial obligations to the court may do community service work in lieu of fines. Workers are assigned to several area agencies, including Habitat Restore, Just Food and the Lawrence Humane Society. In 2023, defendants worked more than 2,800 hours of community service. This sentencing option reduces a defendant's monetary obligation and the community benefits from the hours worked.

Probation and Diversion: As of December 31, 2023 there were 76 defendants on supervised probation, up slightly from the 2022 total. Approximately 611 defendants were placed on unsupervised probation and 419 defendants successfully completed their probation term in 2023. The City Prosecutor's office diverted nearly 700 charges in 2023.

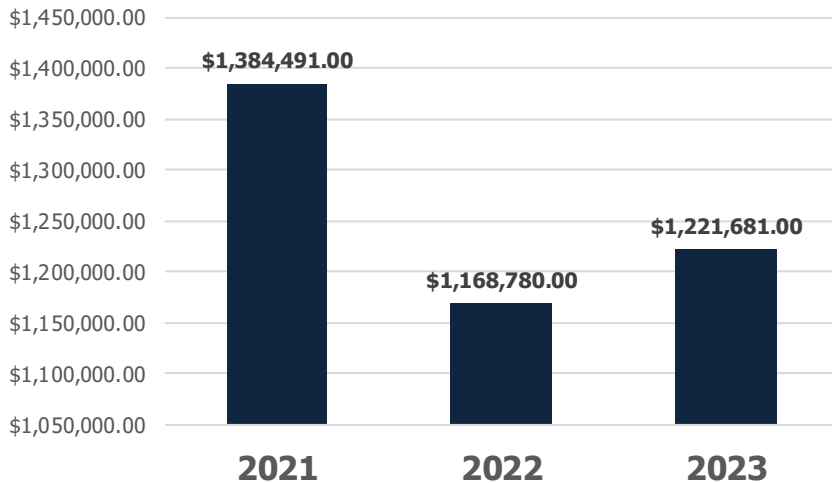
Community Outreach: In July and August, 2023, the Lawrence Municipal Court hosted its first annual School Supplies for Fines drive. Citizens could purchase \$15 worth of new school supplies and bring them to the Court along with the receipt to receive a \$50 credit towards traffic infraction or parking fines. There were 44 citizens who donated items in exchange for a reduction in parking or infraction fines. The total amount of fines reduced was \$2060.00 and the court received 924 school supply items with a total retail value of nearly \$900.00! This program demonstrates the City's Strategic Plan commitments to both Equity and Inclusion and Community Engagement by giving citizens an opportunity to reduce their court fines and fees while providing much needed school supplies to families in our community.

Yearly Citation Totals



Yearly Revenue Totals

Annual Gross Revenue 2021 - 2023



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, victim and trauma funds 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.

Annual City Revenue 2021 - 2023



The city revenue total combines money received by the Municipal Court in the General Fund for court fines and fees, as well as the revenue to the Parking Fund for downtown meter fees and long term parking passes. These totals do not include revenue to the Parking Fund from online payments.