



DLS Tetlow - Orphans Court Appeals (FY19 - 24), Minor Guardianships (FY21-24), and Trustee Cases (FY21 - 24)

Circuit Court Aggregates

Data Notes:

- All counts represent distinct cases filed by fiscal year.
- Table 2 represents distinct cases filed in Circuit Courts from Fiscal Year 2021 to Fiscal Year 2024 under the following case types: Guardianship - Minor Person; Guardianship - Minor Property; or Guardianship - Minor Person and Property.
 - Baltimore City minor guardianship numbers for all three sub case types in Table 2 are incomplete, as this Circuit Court location previously utilized a generic "Guardianship" case type which did not distinguish between adult and minor guardianship cases.
- Table 3 represents distinct Appeal - Orphans Court case types filed in Circuit Courts from Fiscal Year 2019 to Fiscal Year 2024.
 - These cases are not broken down by de novo appeals vs. transmissions of fact.
 - These cases do not represent underlying totals of Orphans Court cases processed by the Register of Wills in each county.
- Appeals directly to the Appellate Court of Maryland (ACM) cannot be provided at this time, because the ACM does not utilize specific case type or event codes related to Orphans Court Appeals. These cases are grouped under the Civil Appeal case type **at the Appellate Court of Maryland** and would require extensive manual case review to aggregate.
- Similarly, results of individual appeals / transmissions of fact are unavailable at this time, as Circuit Courts do not utilize specific event or disposition codes to record the final outcome of each Appeal - Orphans Court case. Rather, the outcomes are embedded within the text of final orders on each case and would require extensive manual case review to aggregate.

T1. FY21 - FY24 Trustee Cases Filed in Circuit Courts by Fiscal Year

Location	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	Total
Allegany Circuit Court	1				1
Anne Arundel Circuit Court	4	6	8	7	25
Baltimore City Circuit Court			3	2	5
Baltimore County Circuit Court	13	12	14	18	57
Calvert Circuit Court	1		2	1	4
Carroll Circuit Court			4	3	7
Cecil Circuit Court	3	1	1	4	9
Charles Circuit Court	1			2	3
Dorchester Circuit Court			1		1
Frederick Circuit Court	2	1	4	1	8
Harford Circuit Court	2		4	3	9
Howard Circuit Court	2	3	5	3	13
Montgomery Circuit Court	17	12	10	21	60
Prince Georges Circuit Court	6	2	5	4	17
Saint Marys Circuit Court	1	1	1		3
Talbot Circuit Court				1	1
Washington Circuit Court		1	2	3	6
Wicomico Circuit Court	3	2		2	7
Worcester Circuit Court				1	1
Total	56	41	64	76	237

T2. FY21 - FY24 Minor Guardianship Cases Filed in Circuit Courts by Case Type and Fiscal Year

Case Type	Guardianship - Minor Person					Guardianship - Minor Person and Property					Guardianship - Minor Property					Total
	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	Total	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	Total	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	Total	
Location																
Allegany Circuit Court	1		4	9	14	1	1			2	1				1	17
Anne Arundel Circuit Court	28	49	54	73	204	5	8	7	5	25	19	25	21	27	92	321
Baltimore City Circuit Court	3	6	11	26	46			2	3	5			1	2	3	54
Baltimore County Circuit Court	93	144	153	183	573	15	12	21	20	68	19	21	23	43	106	747
Calvert Circuit Court	3	3	3	1	10	4	5	6	3	18	3	5	3	5	16	44
Caroline Circuit Court	1		1	3	5	1				1	4	2	2		8	14
Carroll Circuit Court	8	7	9	11	35	2	1		2	5	7	1	7	10	25	65
Cecil Circuit Court	3	1	1	2	7		1	2		3	10	6	7	6	29	39
Charles Circuit Court	33	40	53	40	166	7	2	5	12	26	4	4	2	6	16	208
Dorchester Circuit Court	1	1	3	2	7			2	1	3		1	3		4	14
Frederick Circuit Court	7	8	11	12	38	3	4	7	2	16	5	14	10	13	42	96
Garrett Circuit Court			3		3		1			1		1			1	5
Harford Circuit Court	6	4	8	10	28	2	3	1	3	9	7	10	4	12	33	70
Howard Circuit Court	52	86	75	71	284	3	3	7	6	19	12	9	18	12	51	354
Kent Circuit Court			1		1	1		1	1	3						4
Montgomery Circuit Court	61	76	83	124	344	10	2	12	8	32	24	25	34	30	113	489
Prince Georges Circuit Court	152	222	289	255	918	16	27	31	18	92	26	27	31	38	122	1,132
Queen Annes Circuit Court	9	2	1	2	14	1	2			3		4	2		6	23
Saint Marys Circuit Court	7	6	8	6	27	2	2	4	6	14		5	1	2	8	49
Somerset Circuit Court	3	3	7	2	15	1	2			3			1		1	19
Talbot Circuit Court	1	1	1	2	5	2			1	3						8
Washington Circuit Court	8	6	2	10	26	1		2	1	4	3	1	3		7	37
Wicomico Circuit Court	6	17	15	14	52	5	3	4	5	17			2		2	71
Worcester Circuit Court	1	1	1	2	5			2	1	3	1	2	1	1	5	13
Total	487	683	797	860	2,827	82	79	116	98	375	145	163	176	207	691	3,893

Note: Baltimore City Circuit Court previously utilized a generic "Guardianship" case type which did not distinguish between minor and adult guardianship cases. Those cases are not reflected in the above table, and thus the numbers shown for Baltimore City in this table are significantly lower than the actual total cases filed prior to 2025.

T3. FY19 - FY24 Orphans Court Appeals Cases Filed in Circuit Courts by Fiscal Year

Location	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	Total
Allegany Circuit Court	2	3		1	2	1	9
Anne Arundel Circuit Court	13	7	4	8	9	20	61
Baltimore City Circuit Court	5	3	8	9	13	11	49
Baltimore County Circuit Court	4	3	4	7	2	3	23
Calvert Circuit Court	2	2	3		1	1	9
Caroline Circuit Court	2	1		2	1		6
Carroll Circuit Court	2	3	5	4	3	3	20
Cecil Circuit Court	3	2	1	2	3		11
Charles Circuit Court	3	3	4	3	4	6	23
Dorchester Circuit Court			2		2	1	5
Frederick Circuit Court	4	4		4	2	2	16
Garrett Circuit Court	1	2	1		3	1	8
Howard Circuit Court		4	7	5	1	1	18
Kent Circuit Court	1		1				2
Montgomery Circuit Court	2	2	1	4	3	4	16
Prince Georges Circuit Court	14	5	4	7	7	8	45
Queen Annes Circuit Court		1	2	1	1		5
Saint Marys Circuit Court	1		1	2		3	7
Somerset Circuit Court			1		1		2
Talbot Circuit Court	1	2			1	3	7
Washington Circuit Court		2	1	1	4	2	10
Wicomico Circuit Court	5	1	1	6	1	1	15
Worcester Circuit Court	4		1		1	2	8
Total	69	50	52	66	65	73	375