

Lawrence Municipal Court



2021 Annual Report
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2021 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. Criminal Damage to Property

Misdemeanor Traffic Violations

1. No Insurance
2. Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and/or Drugs
3. Driving while License is Suspended/Cancelled/Revoked

Traffic Infractions

1. Speeding
2. Inattentive Driving
3. Expired Tag

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 2021. Court staff processed 1,846 warrants, completed 786 open records requests, and assisted citizens in obtaining fingerprints 292 times.

Citations: The total number of traffic, parking and public offense citations (charges) issued for the year was 7,672, up slightly from the 2020 total of 7,250. There were 50,485 downtown meter citations issued in 2021.

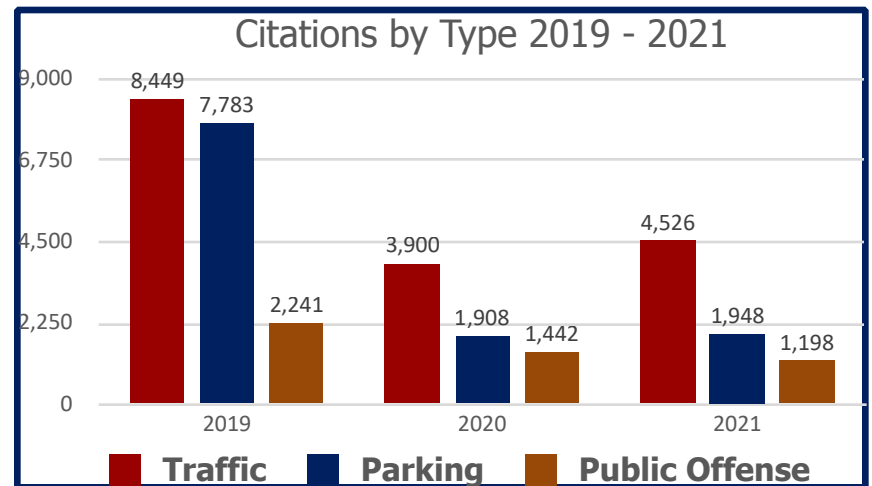
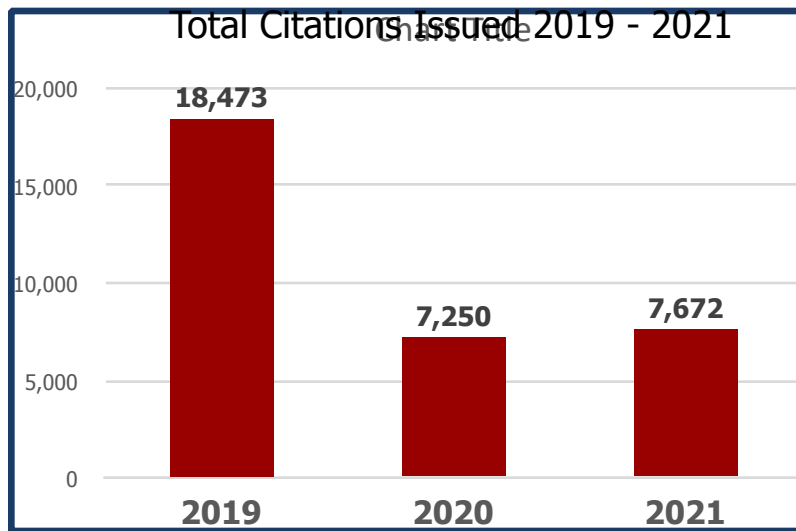
Revenue: Annual gross revenue in Municipal Court was \$1,384,491.00, down 4% from the 2020 total. Revenue from meter parking fees totaled \$613,822.53, In April 2021, new parking technology was introduced and meter fines were increased from \$5.00 to \$10.00.

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 2021, 78 defendants worked over 2,100 hours of community service. This sentencing option reduces a defendant's monetary obligation and the community benefits from the hours worked.

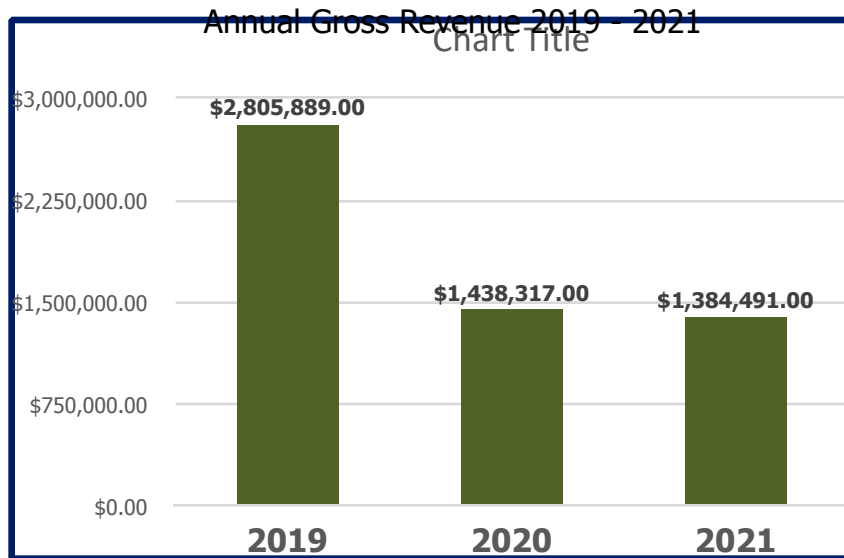
Probation: As of December 31, 2021 there were 58 defendants on supervised probation, up slightly from the 2020 total. Approximately 721 defendants were placed on unsupervised probation and 482 defendants successfully completed their probation term in 2021.

Diversions: There were 448 charges diverted through the City Prosecutor's office in 2021, and 514 diversions were successfully completed.

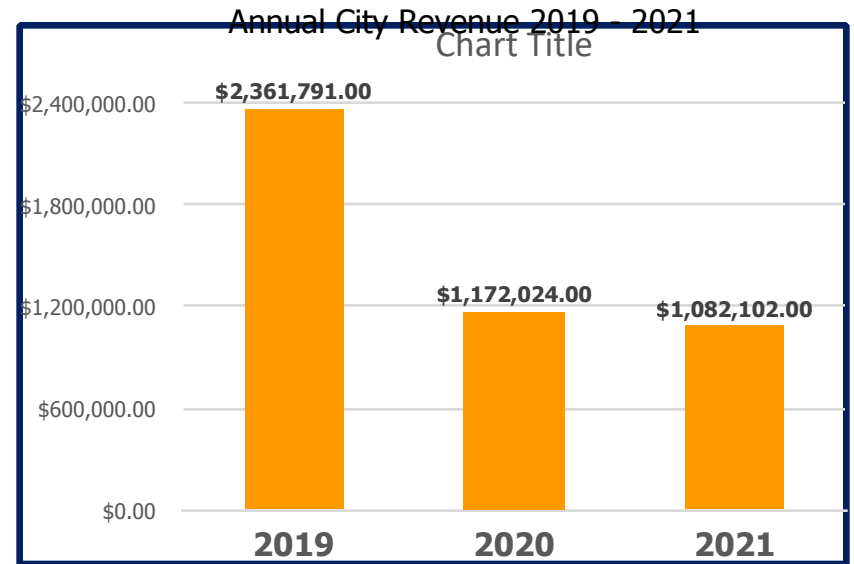
Yearly Citation Totals



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, 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.



The city revenue total combines money received 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.