



Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas

Trial Date Certainty Summary Report

Start Date: 1/1/2024 - End Date: 12/31/2024

The Court makes every effort to avoid continuing a trial date. However, when necessary the Court continues trials at the request of the County Prosecutor’s Office, defense counsel/Public Defender’s Office or when a judge is unavailable due to being engaged in another trial/hearing or due to illness.

Trials are continued by the Court for a number of reasons. Some common examples include (not in any particular order):

- Assistant Prosecutor or defense counsel is in trial in another courtroom or unavailable;
- Discovery request not yet completed;
- Victim is unavailable;
- The Coroner’s Report has not been completed;
- Police Officer and/or detective is not available;
- Witness is not available;
- Assistant Prosecutor or defense counsel is not prepared for trial;
- DNA evidence has not been examined;
- Expert witness is not available or reports have not been completed;
- Drugs and/or evidence has not been tested;
- Assistant Prosecutor or defense counsel is not available due to illness;
- Hospital records have not been received;
- Case has been re-indicted;
- No deputies available;
- Defendant referred for Psych evaluation;

| Case-Trial Type | Total Cases | Average Number of Settings | Percentage With 2 Settings or Less | Number of Settings | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----|-------|------|------|-----|-------|---------|--|
| | | | | One | Two | Three | Four | Five | Six | Seven | Eight + | |
| Civil-Bench | 63 | 1.5 | 75% | 41 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | |
| Civil-Jury | 36 | 3.1 | 39% | 10 | 4 | 13 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | |
| Criminal-Bench | 90 | 3.0 | 59% | 19 | 34 | 14 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 6 | |
| Criminal-Jury | 170 | 4.1 | 35% | 23 | 36 | 27 | 30 | 18 | 11 | 4 | 21 | |