
Court Automation in Ohio

Results of the 2000 Court Automation Survey

The Supreme Court of Ohio
Technology Policy and Planning



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Introduction

Chief Justice Thomas Moyer created the Technology Resources Office to assist the courts with their information technology needs. Since 1993, the Supreme Court of Ohio has offered technical assistance at no cost to Ohio's courts. To date, nearly 200 appellate, common pleas, municipal and county courts have requested these services to support them in their computerization efforts.

To aid in this effort, a survey concerning technological issues is sent to the trial and appellate courts of Ohio every other year. The following pages include summarized highlights of the most recent survey, which was conducted in 2000. All 382 of Ohio's trial and appellate courts that were contacted participated. The Supreme Court and Court of Claims were not solicited. It is our hope that you find this information insightful.

Should you wish additional information, please feel free to contact Jim Mendel, Marlane Nibert, or Christian Selch toll free at 1-800-826-9010.

Ohio's 384 Trial and Appellate Courts

Composition

- 1 Supreme Court
 - 12 Courts of Appeals
 - 1 Court of Claims
 - 25 Common Pleas Courts: General Division (CP1)
 - 56 Common Pleas Courts: General Division and Domestic Relations (CP2)
 - 7 Common Pleas Courts: General Division, Domestic Relations, Probate and Juvenile (CP4)
 - 17 Common Pleas Courts: Domestic Relations (DR1)
 - 7 Common Pleas Courts: Domestic Relations and Juvenile (DR2)
 - 16 Common Pleas Courts: Probate (P1)
 - 64 Common Pleas Courts: Probate and Juvenile (P2)
 - 1 Common Pleas Courts: Probate, Juvenile and Domestic Relations (P3)
 - 9 Common Pleas Courts: Juvenile (J1)
 - 118 Municipal Courts (MC)
 - 47 County Courts (CC)
 - 1 Environmental Courts *
 - 2 Housing Courts *
- 384 Trial and appellate courts in Ohio

(*) *Although the housing court and environmental court are divisions of the municipal court, for purposes of superintendence they are counted separately.*

Extent of Automation

- 100% Supreme Court is automated
 - 92% Of Courts of Appeals are automated (11 of 12)
 - 100% Court of Claims is automated
 - 92% Of Common Pleas Courts (CP1) are automated (23 of 25)
 - 88% Of Common Pleas Courts (CP2) are fully automated (49 of 56)
 - 86% Of Common Pleas Courts (CP4) are fully automated (6 of 7)
 - 94% Of Common Pleas Courts (DR1) are fully automated (16 of 17)
 - 86% Of Common Pleas Courts (DR2) are fully automated (6 of 7)
 - 14% Of Common Pleas Courts (DR2) are partially automated (1 of 7)
 - 100% Of Common Pleas Courts (P1) are fully automated (16 of 16)
 - 92% Of Common Pleas Courts (P2) are fully automated (59 of 64)
 - 0% Of Common Pleas Courts (P3) are fully automated (0 of 1)
 - 100% Of Common Pleas Courts (P3) are partially automated (1 of 1)
 - 100% Of Common Pleas Courts (J1) are fully automated (9 of 9)
 - 100% Of Municipal Courts (MC) are fully automated (118 of 118)
 - 98% Of County Courts (CC) are fully automated (45 of 47)
 - 100% Of Environmental Courts are fully automated (1 of 1)
 - 100% Of Housing Courts are fully automated (2 of 2)
- 95% Of Ohio's courts are automated (365 of 384)

Lack of Automation

Of the 19 courts that are not automated:

- 8 Cite insufficient funding as a reason for not automating
- 3 Cite insufficient technical support personnel as a reason for not automating
- 6 Cite an insufficient need to automate as a reason for not automating
- 2 Cite a lack of technology purchasing expertise as a reason for not automating
- 9 Cite other reasons for not automating

*(*) Respondents had the option of providing more than one response.*

Providing Access to Court Information

Child Support Enforcement Agency

Of the 365 courts that are automated, respondents indicated:

- 95 Provide information to **CSEA**:
- 36 Provide a **direct view** to their systems
- 68 Provide **printed reports and forms**
- 1 Provide **data files on diskette**
- 2 **Transmit data files directly**

*(*) Respondents had the option of providing more than one response.*

Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation

Of the 365 courts that are automated, respondents indicated:

- 171 Provide information to the **BCI&I**:
- 3 Provide a **direct view** to their systems
- 111 Provide **printed reports and forms**
- 65 Provide **data files on diskette**
- 7 **Transmit data files directly**

*(*) Respondents had the option of providing more than one response.*

Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles

Of the 365 courts that are automated, respondents indicated:

- 250 Provide information to the **BMV**:
- 5 Provide a **direct view** to their systems
- 72 Provide **printed reports and forms**
- 196 Provide **data files on diskette**
- 7 **Transmit data files directly**

*(*) Respondents had the option of providing more than one response.*

Ohio Department of Health

Of the 365 courts that are automated, respondents indicated:

- 66 provide information to the **Department of Health**:
- 3 provide a **direct view** to their systems
- 62 provide **printed reports and forms**
- 1 provide **data files on diskette**
- 1 **transmit data files directly**

*(*) Respondents had the option of providing more than one response.*

Ohio Department of Youth Services

Of the 365 courts that are automated, respondents indicated:

- 70 provide information to **DYS**:
- 2 provide a **direct view** to their systems
- 61 provide **printed reports and forms**
- 9 provide **data files on diskette**
- 1 **transmit data files directly**

*(*) Respondents had the option of providing more than one response.*

Supreme Court of Ohio

Of the 365 courts that are automated, respondents indicated:

- 277 provide information to the **Supreme Court**
- 4 provide a **direct view** to their systems
- 266 provide **printed reports and forms**
- 13 provide **data files on diskette**
- 5 **transmit data files directly**

(*) Respondents had the option of providing more than one response.

Technologies Used

Imaging

Of the 365 courts that are automated, respondents indicated:

- 33 have document imaging systems

Bar-Coding

Of the 365 courts that are automated, respondents indicated:

- 11 have bar-coding systems

Internet

Of the 365 courts that are automated, respondents indicated:

- 152 have **Internet access**
- 95 have a **web page**
- 23 have **interactive Internet access to case records** via a web page

(*) Respondents had the option of providing more than one response.

E-mail

Of the 365 courts that are automated, respondents indicated:

160 have e-mail

Video Arraignments

Of the 365 courts that are automated, respondents indicated:

82 conduct video arraignments

Real-Time Court Reporting

Of the 365 courts that are automated, respondents indicated:

24 use real-time court reporting software

Voice-Command Transcription

Of the 365 courts that are automated, respondents indicated:

13 Use voice-command transcription software

Multi-Media Courtroom Presentation Technologies

Of the 365 courts that are automated, respondents indicated:

14 use multi-media courtroom presentation technologies

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