

Fiscal Year 2017 Burnet County Public Defender's Office Statistics

The Burnet County Public Defender's Office budget for FY2017 was a total of \$496,936. 25% of the Chief Public Defender's time given to administrative duties (10 hours per week) with the remaining time split between 58% to felonies, 12% to misdemeanors and 5% to juveniles. The First Assistant's time was split 15% to juvenile and 85% to felony caseloads. The Assistant Public Defender's time was given 100% to misdemeanors, while the Legal Assistant and the Investigators time were designated as administrative. Cost per case was figured on the salary of the participating attorneys for each level as compared to the number of cases closed.

In Fiscal Year 2017, the Public Defender's Office took in a total of 617 misdemeanors with a total caseload of 320 from the previous year and disposed of 481 misdemeanors during FY17 for an approximate cost per case of \$163.88. This number is \$13.81 increase cost per case than FY2016.

In FY 2017, the Public Defender's Office took in a total of 516 felonies with a total caseload of 578 from the previous year and disposed of a total of 401 cases during this time for an approximate cost per case of \$301.65 per case. This is a cost per case decrease of \$101.08 from FY 2016.

Total juvenile cases during this time period were 29 cases with 14 cases disposed at a cost per case of \$1125.57 per case. This cost per case is an increase of \$611.57 per case from FY2016.

In FY2017, the Burnet County PD Office had 4 felony trials.

The Public Defender's Office regularly covers drug court as the defense attorney for approximately 35-40 people that are not figured into these costs.

