

# LAKE COUNTY CRIMINAL BRANCH COURT STUDY

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## LAKE COUNTY BRANCH COURTS

- MUNDELEIN (2003)
- PARK CITY (2005)
- ROUND LAKE BEACH (2008)

# OPERATIONS



- Annual clerk/security salaries and maintenance costs range from \$452,533 to \$611,741.
- Buildings are open to the public 5 days/week to access the Clerk’s Office and Probation Services.
  - Courts can operate 5-6 days per week.
- Park City Branch Court has two courtrooms (A &B).
  - Since end of 2017, only one courtroom is used for 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Court Cases.

<b>Summary of Branch Court Operations</b>				
<b>Annual</b>	Mundelein	Park City	Round Lake Beach	Total
<b># of Municipalities</b>	28	14	24	66
<b>Days/Month</b>	14	14	11	
<b>Days/Year</b>	168	168	144	
<b>Days / Week</b>	3 to 4	3 to 4	3	
<b>Clerk Staffing (2019)</b>	7	8	7	22

Case Filings and Reinstatements								
Year	Conservation Violation (CV)	Ordinance Violation (OV)	Traffic (Non-DUI)	Civil Law (CL)	Total	Difference	Cumulative difference	Notes
2002	2,423	10,983	192,320	0	205,726	0%	increase of 8.4%	Leased space
2003	1,874	10,556	196,862	0	209,292	2%		Mundelein opened
2004	2,113	10,293	208,919	0	221,325	6%		
2005	2,544	9,728	210,731	0	223,003	1%	127,762 decrease in cases and a 57% overall decrease	Round Lake opened
2006	2,263	11,205	203,037	0	216,505	-3%		
2007	2,333	10,366	192,558	0	205,257	-5%		
2008	2,009	10,169	186,676	0	198,854	-3%		Park City Opened
2009	2,034	9,241	174,941	0	186,216	-6%		
2010	2,050	9,038	170,911	0	181,999	-2%		
2011	1,298	8,052	149,459	0	158,809	-13%		
2012	1,269	7,468	138,989	0	147,726	-7%		
2013	1,120	6,464	137,614	0	145,198	-2%		
2014	1,189	5,254	126,598	0	133,041	-8%		
2015	758	4,774	112,405	0	117,937	-11%		
2016	858	4,108	99,353	200	104,519	-11%		
2017	433	3,689	99,961	482	104,565	0%		
2018	339	3,359	94,911	327	98,936	-5%	Courtroom B use change (Pg. 12-13)	
2019	347	2,890	91,816	188	95,241	-4%	"	
2020	99	780	26,391	22	27,292		"	

2020 filings & Reinstatements only represent 6 months data

### Mundelein Branch (2003)

Year	Net Cash Received & Applied to Fines (Table 6)	Net Bond Applied to Fines Costs Fees (Table 6)	Scheduled Cases (Table 5)	Circuit Court Staffing (Table 8)	Staffing Cost (Table 8)	Operating Cost (pg 22)	Sheriff Court Security (Table 9)	Contracted Court Security (Table 10)
2015				6	\$ 403,117	\$ 106,891.00		
2016	\$ 5,780,393	\$ 140,411				\$ 107,425.45		
2017	\$ 5,630,339	\$ 106,249	44,949			\$ 107,962.58		
2018	\$ 5,019,815	\$ 71,997	43,222			\$ 108,502.39		
2019	\$ 5,172,306	\$ 49,379	44,567	7	\$ 258,199.50	\$ 109,044.90	\$ 158,644	\$ 84,732.21
2020				7		\$ 53,255.00	\$ 79,322	\$ 66,076.04

\*No 2020 staff reductions

2020 w/o COVID = \$109,590

\*2020 total from LCSO

Notes (Table 3 and Pg. 22)	
Assigned Jurisdictions	28
Court days / month	14
Court days / week	3 to 4
Court days / year	168
5 year capital maintenance forecast	\$ 447,447
Savings if closed *	\$ 973,881

\*Savings from staff and maintenance reductions

### Round Lake Beach (2005)

Year	Net Cash Received & Applied to Fines (Table 6)	Net Bond Applied to Fines Costs Fees (Table 6)	Scheduled Cases (Table 5)	Circuit Court Staffing (Table 8)	Staffing Cost (Table 8)	Operating Cost (pg 22)	Sheriff Court Security (Table 9)	Contracted Court Security (Table 10)
<b>2015</b>				8	\$ 700,190	\$ 133,239.00		
<b>2016</b>	\$ 4,160,322	\$ 31,628				\$ 133,905.20		
<b>2017</b>	\$ 3,884,078	\$ 51,852	43,868			\$ 134,574.72		
<b>2018</b>	\$ 3,668,912	\$ 35,615	41,487			\$ 135,247.59		
<b>2019</b>	\$ 3,656,416	\$ 11,196	40,545	7	\$ 319,722	\$ 135,923.83	\$ 158,644	\$ 84,241.75
<b>2020</b>				7		\$ 81,809.00	\$ 79,322	\$ 66,511.57

\*No 2020 staff reductions

\*2020 total from LCSO

2020 w/o COVID = \$136,296

Notes (Table 3 and Pg. 22)	
Assigned Jurisdictions	24
Court days / month	11
Court days / week	3
Court days / year	144
5 year capital maintenance forecast	\$ 107,464
Savings if closed *	\$ 722,126

\*Savings from staff and maintenance reductions

**Park City (2008)**

Year	Net Cash Received & Applied to Fines (Table 6)	Net Bond Applied to Fines Costs Fees (Table 6)	Scheduled Cases (Table 5)	Circuit Court Staffing (Table 8)	Staffing Cost (Table 8)	Operating Cost (pg 22)	Sheriff Court Security (Table 9)	Contracted Court Security (Table 10)
2015				15	\$ 976,419	\$ 140,808.00		
2016	\$ 4,936,964	\$ 42,452				\$ 141,512.04		
2017	\$ 4,530,850	\$ 358,880	54,928			\$ 142,219.60		
2018	\$ 4,173,457	\$ 39,874	50,813			\$ 142,930.70		
2019	\$ 3,736,769	\$ 45,307	52,008	8	\$ 383,077.50	\$ 143,645.35	\$ 158,644	\$ 84,299.14
2020				7		\$ 77,850.00	\$ 79,322	\$ 65,626.94

\*No 2020 staff reductions

2020 w/o COVID = \$144,364

\*2020 total from LCSO

Notes (Table 3 and Pg. 22)	
Assigned Jurisdictions	14
Court days / month	14
Court days / week	3 to 4
Court days / year	168
5 year capital maintenance forecast	\$ 237,072
Savings if closed*	\$ 923,158
Court Room B closed end of 2017	

\*Savings from staff and maintenance reductions



## Lake County Branch Courts

### Case Filings and Reinstatements (Table 4)

### Costs and Revenues

Year	Conservation Violation (CV)	Ordinance Violation (OV)	Traffic (Non-DUI)	Civil Law (CL)	Total	Difference	Cumulative difference	Notes	Building Cost to operate (Pg 22)	Circuit Court Clerk Staffing Costs (Table 8)	Staff Count (Table 8)	Court Security Staffing (Sheriff + Contractual) (Table 9 & 10)	Net Cash Received and Applied to Fines (Table 6)	Net Bond Applied to Fines Costs Fees (Table 6)	Online payments (Table 7)	Call-in payments (Table 7)
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2015	758	4,774	112,405	0	117,937	-11%			\$380,938	\$2,079,726	29					
2016	858	4,108	99,353	200	104,519	-11%			\$382,842				\$14,877,679	\$214,491		
2017	433	3,689	99,961	482	104,565	0%			\$384,756			*part time	\$14,045,267	\$516,981	\$179,021	\$60,719
2018	339	3,359	94,911	327	98,936	-5%		Courtroom B not used	\$386,680			*full-time	\$12,862,184	\$147,486	\$1,763,469	\$546,057
2019	347	2,890	91,816	188	95,241	-4%		"	\$388,614	\$960,999	22	\$729,205.10	\$12,565,491	\$105,882	\$2,288,869	\$623,558
2020	99	780	26,391	22	27,292		"	\$212,194			22	\$436,180.55			\$1,274,798*	*\$336,563

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**Building Notes:**  
 - 2020 full operation estimate \$390,250.  
 - Cost to operate buildings ~0.5% annual inflation estimate (Pg. 40).  
 - 5 year projected capital costs = **\$791.983**

**Court Security Notes:**  
 - Court security is present even when court is not in session.  
 - 2020 reduced staffing by 50% due to COVID.  
 - Part-time security staffing 2002-2017.  
 - Full-time security staffing 2018-current.

**Online and call-in payments:**  
 - began in the 4th quarter 2017.  
 - 2020 Data through June 30

All data from Branch Court Study

- Since 2005 branch court case types filings and reinstatements declined 57%.

Questions ?