

Analysis of Fines and Fees

Colorado's First Judicial District, 2019-2023

Most Cases have Fines and Fees Imposed

98%



of cases had any fine/fee imposed.

\$270



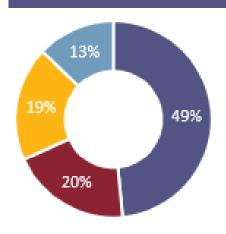
median amount of fines/fees per case.

\$53.1 mil



in total funding imposed 2019-2023.

Most Funding Comes from Justice System Fees



- Justice System Fees
- Victim-Related Fines
- Special Purpose Funds
- Charge Related Fines

Few cases are sentenced to restitution



4% of cases had restitution imposed.

\$22.8 million in restitution imposed 2019-2023.

Five Fines/Fees Made Up >75% of Total Funding

- 1. Probation Supervision Fee
- 2. Victim Assistance Surcharge
- 3. Drug Offender Surcharge
- 4. DUI Fine
- 5. Victim Compensation



Victim-Related Fines and Fees have Remained Steady

Victim-related fines and fees made up **~\$2 million each year** from 2019-2023.



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Total funding decreased from \$13.4 mil in 2019 to \$8.4 mil in 2020, due to fewer cases.



Total funding increased from \$9.5 mil in 2021 to \$11.3 mil in 2023

The median amount of funding per case remained steady between 2019 and 2022 but increased in 2023.



Fines and fees are infrequently waived.

10% of total funding waived.

\$6 million in fines/fees were waived from 2019-2023.

DUI cases make up **13% of total cases,** but **31% of total fines/fees.**

Drug cases make up **7% of total cases,** but **17% of total fines/fees**

Methods

We examined all fines and fees imposed as sentences from January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2023, for all cases and all associated charges. If there were a mixture of fines/fees marked as "active" and "void," we only considered "active" fines fees. However, if all fines/fees were marked as "void," we considered this to be a clerical error or an indication that fines/fees were imposed outside the study timeframe, therefore we considered those fees to be "active." We examined fines/fees by year, which was categorized based on the latest sentencing date for the case, and case type.







Fines and Fees Assessment First Judicial District, Colorado Cases sentenced 2019 – 2023

Total Cases: 66,981

Table 1a. All Fines/Fees: Summary

	Cases with the fine/fee n (%) ¹	Total funding waived across cases (\$)	Total funding imposed across cases (\$) 2	Percent of total funding ³
	N=65,594			
Charge-Related Fines	29,522 (45%)	\$878,355.00	\$6,644,674.16	13%
Victim-Related Fine/Fees	61,597 (94%)	\$634,692.11	\$10,445,774.46	20%
Justice System Fees	65,325 (99%)	\$3,883,758.17	\$25,788,561.07	49%
Special Purpose Funds	61,620 (94%)	\$618,088.50	\$10,248,362.51	19%
Total		\$6,014,893.78	\$53,127,372.2	100%

¹ Percents represent the number of cases with a fine/fee imposed of the total number of cases with a fine fee (65,594); percents do not add to 100 since cases can have multiple types of fines/fees imposed.

Table 1b. Restitution: Summary

	Range	Cases with restitution n (%) 1	Total restitution waived across cases	Total restitution imposed across cases (\$) ²
Restitution ³	\$0.01-\$2,266,270.00	2,932 (4%)	\$141,604.30	\$22,849,150.78

¹ Percent of case with restitution, of total cases

² Excludes fees that were waived.

³ Imposed

² Excludes restitution that was waived.

³ Includes: Joint and Several Restitution, Restitution – Person, Restitution-Insurance Company, and Restitution-Victim Comp Board

Table 2. All Fines/Fees: Detailed

	Fine/Fee amount or range (\$)	Cases with the fine/fee n (%) ¹ N=65,594	Frequency imposed at the fine level (n)	Frequency waived at the fine level (n)	Frequency waived at the fine level (%) ²	Total funding waived across cases (\$)	Total funding imposed across cases (\$) 3	Percent of total funding ⁴
Charge-Related Fines								
Felony Fine	\$100.00- \$10,000.00	20 (<1%)	20	1	5%	\$100.00	\$62,700.00	<1%
Misdemeanor Fine	\$5.00-\$5,000.00	2,472 (4%)	1,725	809	47%	\$183,000.00	\$315,394.50	1%
Juvenile Fine	\$10.00-\$300.00	11 (<1%)	11	0	0%	\$0	\$2,110.02	<1%
Drive Under Influ/Abil Impair	\$15.00-\$2,000.00	8,541 (13%)	7,665	961	13%	\$542,950.00	\$4,683,059.00	9%
Minor in Possession of Alcohol	\$25.00	92 (<1%)	86	6	8%	\$150.00	\$2,150.00	<1%
Traffic Fines ⁵	\$1.95-\$5,000.00	18,699 (29%)	17,943	1,288	7%	\$151,295.00	\$1,453,302.45	3%
Other Fines ⁶	\$1.00-\$11,370.00	448 (1%)	478	13	3%	\$860.00	\$125,958.19	<1%
Victim Related Fines								
Address Confidentiality Fund	\$18.00-\$35.00	6,079 (9%)	5,576	544	10%	\$15,232.00	\$156,132.00	<1%
Victim Assistance Surcharges ⁷	\$1.00-\$4,206.00	61,206 (93%)	64,117	4,398	7%	\$353,637.15	\$6,586,216.68	12%
Victim Compensation	\$1.50-\$370.00	48,481 (75%)	45,463	3,476	8%	\$265,822.96	\$3,703,425.78	7%
Justice System Fees								
Alcohol Eval Fee	\$8.00-\$500.00	9,046 (14%)	8,887	193	2%	\$38,307.50	\$1,777,892.50	3%
Drug Stand Assessment	\$5.00-\$75.00	17,253 (26%)	16,589	836	5%	\$37,562.01	\$746,817.99	1%
Drug Test Cost Recovery	\$10.00-\$15.00	19 (<1%)	19	0	0%	\$0	\$198.50	<1%
Sex Offender Evaluation Fee	\$21.00-\$850.00	9 (<1%)	9	0	0%	\$0	\$5,921.00	<1%
Probation - Supervision Fee	\$2.00-\$12,000.00	21,752 (33%)	21,510	3,948	18%	\$3,530,404.66	\$18,722,664.83	40%

Probation Alcohol	\$100.00-	6 (<1%)	4	2	50%	\$900.00	\$3,200.00	<1%
Supervision	\$1,200.00							
Restorative Justice Charge	\$5.00-\$140.00	63,058 (96%)	58,684	4,752	8%	\$47,535.00	\$587,086.00	1%
Alternative Def Recovery Costs	\$25.00	19 (<1%)	18	1	6%	\$25.00	\$450.00	<1%
Cost of Pros - Sheriff	\$23.50-\$7,753.00	24 (<1%)	24	0	0%	\$0	\$64,731.49	<1%
Cost of Pros Charging Agency	\$2.00-\$4,911.65	65 (<1%)	64	2	3%	\$176.00	\$16,859.59	<1%
Cost of Prosecution	\$7.12-\$310.00	4 (<1%)	4	0	0%	\$0	\$551.12	<1%
Court Costs	\$0.01-\$1,503.50	417 (1%)	429	5	1%	\$105.00	\$12,098.04	<1%
Court Costs - Infraction	\$21.00-\$35.00	16 (<1%)	16	0	0%	\$0	\$350.00	<1%
Court Costs prior to 6/6/03	\$2.00-\$250.00	59,730 (91%)	57,080	2,925	5%	\$67,677.00	\$1,422,981.00	2%
Court Security Cash Fund	\$1.00-\$21.00	59,964 (91%)	57,280	2,958	5%	\$14,790.00	\$286,483.50	<1%
DA Cost Recovery	\$9.58-\$16,629.75	22 (<1%)	23	0	0%	\$0	\$26,589.27	<1%
DA Local Payment	\$34.00-763.27	3 (<1%)	3	0	0%	\$0	\$1,170.77	<1%
E-Discovery	\$5.00-\$25.00	16,944 (26%)	15,157	1,834	12%	\$9,235.00	\$80,915.00	<1%
Late Fee	\$10.00	4 (<1%)	4	0	0%	\$0	\$40.00	<1%
Outstanding Judge/Warrant Fee	\$30.00	1 (<1%)	1	0	0%	\$0	\$30.00	<1%
Pub Defender Appl Receivable	\$5.00-\$250.00	21,268 (32%)	19,160	2,365	12%	\$59,294.00	\$479,182.02	1%
Public Defender Appl Fee	\$25.00	14 (<1%)	14	0	0%	\$0	\$350.00	<1%
Public Defender Recovery Cost	\$25.00	2 (<1%)	2	0	0%	\$0	\$50.00	<1%
Request For Time To Pay	\$4.00-\$25.00	18,227 (28%)	17,405	1,059	6%	\$26,458.00	\$435,052.00	1%
Useful Public Service	\$0.85-\$1200.00	13,501 (21%)	13,287	614	5%	\$51,289.00	\$1,115,285.85	2%
Cost of Proceedings	\$110.60	1 (<1%)	1	0	0%	\$0.00	\$110.60	<1%

Probation – Alcohol	\$600.00-\$900.00	2 (<1%)	2	0	0%	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	<1%
Eval/Supervision								
Special Purpose Fund	S							
Animal Cruelty	\$75.00	1 (<1%)	1	0	0%	\$0	\$75.00	<1%
Surcharge								
At-Risk Surcharge	\$138.00-	146 (<1%)	157	5	3%	\$2,825.00	\$69,688.00	<1%
Fund	\$1,500.00							
Drug Offender	\$30.00-\$4,500.00	5,097 (8%)	4,803	529	11%	\$486,291.00	\$6,039,153.00	10%
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Crimes Against Children	\$75.00-\$1,500.00	1,342 (2%)	1,287	73	6%	\$13,650.00	\$407,275.00	1%
Family Friendly	\$1.00-\$10.00	17,677 (27%)	17,615	471	3%	\$471.00	\$17,624.00	<1%
Fund								
Genetic Testing	\$2.00-\$12.00	60,852 (93%)	57,196	3,928	7%	\$9,820.00	\$142,999.01	<1%
Service Charge								
Offender ID Fund	\$30.00-\$168.00	391 (1%)	332	97	29%	\$12,407.00	\$42,082.00	<1%
Rural Youth Alc/Sub	\$2.50-600.00	14,177 (22%)	13,791	898	7%	\$4,532.50	\$70,250.50	<1%
Abuse Surc								
Persistent Drunk	\$25.00-\$500.00	9,021 (14%)	8,750	300	3%	\$30,100.00	\$881,819.00	2%
Driv Surcharge								
Sex Offender ID	\$150.00-	708 (1%)	858	31	4%	\$19,450.00	\$751,956.00	1%
Fund / Sex Offender	\$3,000.00							
Surcharge								
Special Advocate	\$1,300.00	568 (1%)	557	14	3%	\$18,200	\$724,100.00	1%
Surcharge								
Sub Aff.Driving Data	\$2.00	8,558 (13%)	8,308	271	3%	\$542.00	\$16,616.00	<1%
Surcharge								
Traumatic Brain	\$10.00-\$200.00	12,939 (20%)	12,784	203	2%	\$4,410.00	\$282,735.00	<1%
Injury Fund								
Leaf Fine	\$90.00	9,052 (14%)	8,911	171	2%	\$15,390.00	\$801,990.00	1%
Total						\$6,014,893.78	\$53,127,372.20	100%

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² Number of times fine was waived divided by the total times it was imposed.

³ Excludes fees that were waived.

⁴ Imposed

⁵ Traffic Fines include County Traffic Fine, Seat Belt Fine, Toll, No Insurance Penalty HB1193.

⁶ Other Fines include Fare Evasion, Dog Fine, Fish and Game Fine / Game, Hazardous Material Fine, Misc County Ordinance Fine, Open Space Fine, Park and Recreation Fine, Fine, County Parks Fine, County Zoning Fine, Defacing Caves, Trash Fine- Local Penalty, Wildlife Crossing Zone.

⁷ Victim assistance surcharges include_VAST NonTitle 42 on/af 7/1/, VAST Title 42 on/af 7/1/07, VAST NonTitle 42 on/af 7/1/07, Victim Surcharge, Victim Assist 37% Fine 050103, Victm Asst Vast Mn Aftr 050103.

Table 3. All Fines/Fees, By Case Type

	Total cases with a fine/fee n (%) N=65,594	Total funding imposed across cases (\$) 1	Percent of total funding
Drugs (n=4,993)	4,890 (7%) ²	\$8,822,926.00	17%
Charge-Related Fines	761 (16%) ³	\$150,467.02	<1%
Victim-Related Fine/Fees	4,428 (91%)	\$964,780.75	2%
Justice System Fees	4,872 (100%)	\$2,442,887.73	5%
Special Purpose Funds	4,814 (98%)	\$5,264,790.50	10%
DUI (n=8,334)	8,289 (13%)	\$16,335,609.11	31%
Charge-Related Fines	7,757 (94%)	\$4,307,249.00	8%
Victim-Related Fine/Fees	8,257 (100%)	\$2,159,741.79	4%
Justice System Fees	8,281 (100%)	\$8,073,793.82	15%
Special Purpose Funds	8,275 (100%)	\$1,794,824.50	3%
Person (n=10,962)	10,628 (16%)	\$9,136,297.14	17%
Charge-Related Fines	724 (7%)	\$262,750.00	<1%
Victim-Related Fine/Fees	10,567 (99%)	\$2,217,744.20	4%
Justice System Fees	10,556 (99%)	\$6,148,408.43	12%
Special Purpose Funds	10,286 (97%)	\$507,394.51	1%
Property (n=11,546)	11,180 (17%)	\$8,206,719.15	15%
Charge-Related Fines	807 (7%)	\$168,162.00	<1%
Victim-Related Fine/Fees	9,686 (87%)	\$2,358,432.11	4%
Justice System Fees	11,096 (99%)	\$5,010,132.54	9%
Special Purpose Funds	9,439 (84%)	\$669,992.50	1%
Sex Offense (n=847)	782 (1%)	\$3,010,775.98	6%
Charge-Related Fines	7 (1%)	\$1,800.00	<1%
Victim-Related Fine/Fees	715 (91%)	\$214,663.46	<1%
Justice System Fees	767 (98%)	\$1,205,216.02	2%
Special Purpose Funds	725 (93%)	\$1,589,096.50	3%
Traffic (n=24,230)	23,964 (37%)	\$4,365,409.15	8%
Charge-Related Fines	18,211 (76%)	\$1,454,500.45	3%
Victim-Related Fine/Fees	23,482 (98%)	\$1,636,315.95	3%
Justice System Fees	23,920 (100%)	\$1,115,691.75	2%
Special Purpose Funds	23,801 (99%)	\$158,901.00	<1%
Weapons (n=878)	805 (1%)	\$763,058.77	1%
Charge-Related Fines	112 (14%)	\$52,540.00	<1%
Victim-Related Fine/Fees	801 (100%)	\$195,578.80	<1%
Justice System Fees	802 (100%)	\$435,853.97	1%
Special Purpose Funds	760 (94%)	\$79,086.00	<1%
Other (n=5,191)	5,056 (8%)	\$2,486,576.90	5%
Charge-Related Fines	1,143 (23%)	\$247,205.69	<1%
Victim-Related Fine/Fees	3,661 (72%)	\$698,517.40	1%
Justice System Fees	5,031 (100%)	\$1,356,576.81	3%
Special Purpose Funds	3,520 (70%)	\$184,277.00	<1%
TOTAL		\$53,127,372.20	100%

- 1 Excludes fees that were waived.
- 2 Percents in shaded rows represent the distribution of case types for the cases with a fine/fee imposed (65,594). Percents add to 100%.
- 3 Percents in unshaded rows represent the percent of cases with that fee type (e.g., percent of drug cases with a fee that had a charge-related fine imposed); percents do not add to 100 since cases can have multiple types of fines/fees imposed.

Table 4. All Fines/Fees, By Year

	Total cases with a fine/fee n (%) N=65,594	Total funding imposed across cases (\$)1	Percent of total funding
2019 (n= 17,443)	17,182 (26%) ²	\$13,365,123.99	25%
Charge-Related Fines	7,741 (45%) ³	\$1,711,730.02	3%
Victim-Related Fine/Fees	16,368 (95%)	\$2,784,739.38	5%
Justice System Fees	17,139 (100%)	\$5,873,799.59	11%
Special Purpose Funds	16,187 (94%)	\$2,994,855.00	6%
2020 (n=10,353)	10,189 (16%)	\$8,381,382.98	16%
Charge-Related Fines	4,329 (42%)	\$1,025,610.50	2%
Victim-Related Fine/Fees	9,672 (95%)	\$1,707,621.99	3%
Justice System Fees	10,153 (100%)	\$3,920,800.98	7%
Special Purpose Funds	9,500 (93%)	\$1,727,349.51	3%
2021 (n=13,450)	13,317 (20%)	\$9,537,719.88	18%
Charge-Related Fines	6,470 (49%)	\$1,310,953.95	2%
Victim-Related Fine/Fees	12,585 (95%)	\$2,002,850.00	4%
Justice System Fees	13,256 (100%)	\$4,570,321.43	9%
Special Purpose Funds	12,530 (94%)	\$1,653,594.50	3%
2022 (n=12,999)	12,683 (19%)	\$10,570,199.91	20%
Charge-Related Fines	5,805 (46%)	\$1,326,921.90	2%
Victim-Related Fine/Fees	11,748 (93%)	\$1,982,369.48	4%
Justice System Fees	12,620 (100%)	\$5,334,817.53	10%
Special Purpose Funds	11,963 (94%)	\$1,926,091.00	4%
2023 (n=12,736)	12,223 (18%)	\$11,272,945.44	21%
Charge-Related Fines	5,177 (42%)	\$1,269,457.79	2%
Victim-Related Fine/Fees	11,224 (92%)	\$1,968,193.61	4%
Justice System Fees	12,157 (99%)	\$6,088,821.54	11%
Special Purpose Funds	11,440 (94%)	\$1,946,472.50	4%
TOTAL (n=66,981)		\$53,127,372.20	100%

¹ Excludes fees that were waived.

² Percents in shaded rows represent the distribution of years for the cases with a fine/fee imposed (65,594). Percents add to 100%.

³ Percents in unshaded rows represent the percent of cases with that fee type (e.g., percent of cases in 2019 with a fee that had a charge-related fine imposed); percents do not add to 100 since cases can have multiple types of fines/fees imposed.

Figure 1a. Total Number of Fines/Fees Imposed, By Year

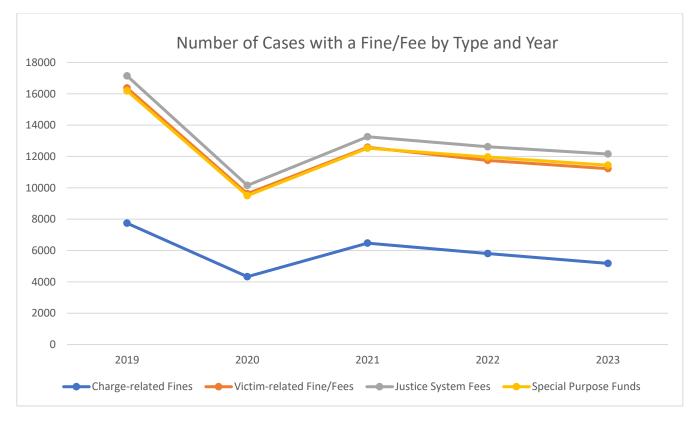


Table 5. Total Amount of Fines/Fees Imposed, Per Case (N=65,594) ¹

	All Years		By Year				
		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
		(n=17,182)	(n=10,189)	(n=13,317)	(n=12,683)	(n=12,223)	
Average Amount of	\$750.59	\$740.12	\$761.41	\$635.64	\$764.25	\$887.02	
Fines/Fees							
Standard Deviation	\$1,107.24	\$1,195.29	\$1,003.82	\$1,039.58	\$1,076.53	\$1,148.58	
Median	\$269.50	\$269.50	\$269.50	\$243.50	\$258.50	\$428.50	
Interquartile Range	\$139.50-	\$124.50-	\$168.50-	\$117.50-	\$136.00-	\$159.50-	
	\$988.50	\$959.50	\$1,054.25	\$636.50	\$1,108.50	\$1,279.50	

¹ Excludes fees that were waived; does not include restitution.

Figure 1b: Average Per-Case Fines/Fees, by Year

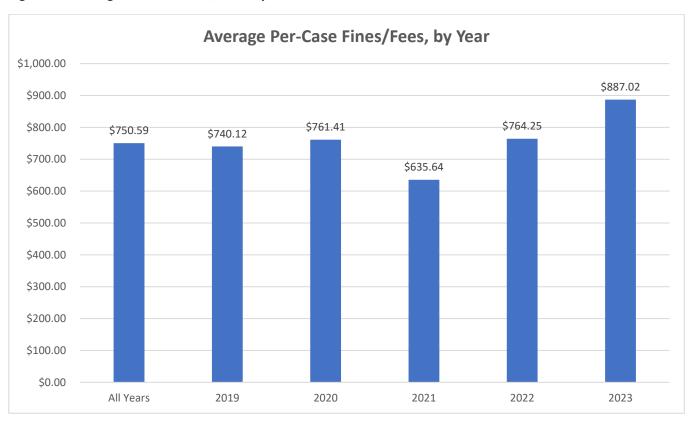


Table 6a. Summary of Fines/Fees, Three Metro-Denver Judicial Districts

	Cases with the fine/fee n (%) ¹	Total funding waived across cases (\$)	Total funding imposed across cases (\$) ²	Percent of total funding ³
JD1 (N=65,594 of 66,981)		\$6,014,893.78	\$53,127,372.20	
Charge-Related Fines	29,522 (45%)	\$878,355.00	\$6,644,674.16	13%
Victim-Related Fine/Fees	61,597 (94%)	\$634,692.11	\$10,445,774.46	20%
Justice System Fees	65,325 (99%)	\$3,883,758.17	\$25,788,561.07	49%
Special Purpose Funds	61,620 (94%)	\$618,088.50	\$10,248,362.51	19%
JD17 (N=66,342 of 68,243)		\$11,675,908.42	\$52,484,066.50	
Charge-Related Fines	29,475 (44%)	\$540,437.00	\$6,194,156.35	12%
Victim-Related Fine/Fees	62,230 (94%)	\$2,157,345.27	\$8,784,386.25	17%
Justice System Fees	65,872 (99%)	\$6,342,110.65	\$28,633,983.44	55%
Special Purpose Funds	62,347 (94%)	\$2,636,015.50	\$8,871,540.46	17%
JD18 (N=85,681 of 88,486)		\$6,400,659.30	\$67,125,382.29	
Charge-Related Fines	53,275 (62%)	\$231,087.50	\$10,067,834.26	15%
Victim-Related Fine/Fees	80,458 (94%)	\$684,080.83	\$11,157,170.61	17%
Justice System Fees	84,242 (98%)	\$5,039,682.98	\$34,430,868.41	51%
Special Purpose Funds	81,613 (95%)	\$445,807.99	\$11,469,509.01	17%

¹ Of the number of cases with a fine/fee imposed in that judicial district, percents do not add to 100 since cases can have multiple fines/fees imposed.

² Excludes fees that were waived.

³ Percent of total funding for the judicial district; percents add to 100%.

Table 6b. Fines/Fees by Case Type, Three Metro-Denver Judicial Districts

	Total cases with a fine/fee n (%)	Total funding imposed across cases (\$) ¹	Percent of total funding ²
JD1			
Drugs (n=4,993)	4,890 (98%)	\$8,822,926.00	17%
DUI (n=8,334)	8,289 (99%)	\$16,335,609.11	31%
Person (n=10,962)	10,628 (97%)	\$9,136,297.14	17%
Property (n=11,546)	11,180 (97%)	\$8,206,719.15	15%
Sex Offense (n=847)	782 (92%)	\$3,010,775.98	6%
Traffic (n=24,230)	23,964 (99%)	\$4,365,409.15	8%
Weapons (n=878)	805 (92%)	\$763,058.77	1%
Other (n=5,190)	5,056 (97%)	\$2,486,576.90	5%
JD17			
Drugs (n=6,781)	6,618 (98%)	\$8,773,558.13	17%
DUI (n=10,125)	10,001 (99%)	\$17,021,752.34	32%
Person (n=11,796)	11,051 (94%)	\$9,681,929.05	18%
Property (n=10,436)	9,961 (95%)	\$7,765,741.99	15%
Sex Offense (n=561)	499 (89%)	\$1,959,930.48	4%
Traffic (n=21,588)	21,550 (100%)	\$3,688,447.90	7%
Weapons (n=1,038)	896 (86%)	\$813,033.50	2%
Other (n=5,918)	5,766 (97%)	\$2,779,673.11	5%
JD18			
Drugs (n=5,653)	5,249 (93%)	\$10,702,472.17	16%
DUI (n=10,082)	9,943 (99%)	\$18,224,735.07	27%
Person (n=11,749)	10,984 (93%)	\$11,308,414.75	17%
Property (n=11,944)	11,114 (93%)	\$10,372,193.82	15%
Sex Offense (n=1,122)	1,026 (91%)	\$4,982,516.38	7%
Traffic (n=41,343)	41,290 (100%)	\$7,362,824.48	11%
Weapons (n=1,250)	1,052 (84%)	\$1,131,798.98	2%
Other (n=5,343)	5,023 (94%)	\$3,040,426.64	5%

¹ Excludes fees that were waived; does not include restitution.

 $^{^{\}rm 2}$ Percent of total funding for the judicial district; percents add to 100%.

Table 6c. Fines/Fees by Year, Three Metro-Denver Judicial Districts

	Total cases with a fine/fee n (%)	Total funding across cases (\$) ¹
2019	, , ,	(17
JD1 (n=17,443)	17,182 (98%)	\$13,365,123.99
JD17 (n=16,751)	16,445 (98%)	\$12,013,076.45
JD18 (n=21,632)	21,095 (98%)	\$15,756,348.51
2020		
JD1 (n=10,353)	10,189 (98%)	\$8,381,382.98
JD17 (n=9,520)	9,306 (98%)	\$7,444,236.99
JD18 (n=15,345)	14,798 (96%)	\$10,614,283.32
2021		
JD1 (n=13,450)	13,317 (99%)	\$9,537,719.88
JD17 (n=12,564)	12,253 (98%)	\$8,609,179.99
JD18 (n=16,819)	16,483 (98%)	\$11,997,194.56
2022		
JD1 (n=12,999)	12,683 (98%)	\$10,570,199.91
JD17 (n=13,918)	13,382 (96%)	\$10,453,044.28
JD18 (n=17,323)	16,738 (97%)	\$13,836,817.06
2023		
JD1 (n=12,736)	12,223 (96%)	\$11,272,945.44
JD17 (n=15,490)	14,956 (97%)	\$13,964,528.79
JD18 (n=17,367)	16,567 (95%)	\$14,920,738.84

¹ Excludes fees that were waived; does not include restitution.

Methods

We examined all fines and fees imposed as sentences from January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2023, for all cases and all associated charges. If there were a mixture of fines/fees marked as "active" and "void," we only considered "active" fines fees. However, if all fines/fees were marked as "void," we considered this to be a clerical error or an indication that fines/fees were imposed outside the study timeframe, therefore we considered those fees to be "active." We examined fines/fees by year, which was categorized based on the latest sentencing date for the case. We examined fines/fees by case type—classifying cases by their top charge into the following categories: person or sex, property, drug, driving under the influence (DUI), traffic, weapons, or other--as defined in the data dashboard. For benchmarking purposes, data from three Denver metro judicial districts are displayed. Similar estimates are not available from JD2 (Denver) due to the way fines/fees are captured from Denver County Court.