

**Pennsylvania Statutes Imposing Court Costs in Criminal Cases
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This is intended to be a comprehensive list of the court costs imposed in criminal cases in Pennsylvania courts. While it should be comprehensive, it is possible that some costs are missing from this list. The list of statutes is in alphabetical order using the name as it appears on the docket sheet.

Please note that: 1) costs can only be imposed as set forth by statute; 2) no court cost can be imposed more than once per case; and 3) costs can only be imposed if a defendant is convicted of the offense. Please refer to the materials on www.aclupa.org/finesandcosts for more information.

Cost Name	Citation	Statutory Language	Condition of Imposition	Notes	2019 Amount¹
Amber Alert System Fee	35 P.S. § 7025.4	<p>Unless the court finds that undue hardship would result, in addition to any other cost imposed by law, a cost of \$25 shall automatically be assessed on each person convicted, adjudicated delinquent or granted accelerated rehabilitative disposition (ARD) of the offenses named in this section. The cost shall be forwarded to the Commonwealth and used by the Pennsylvania State Police to establish and maintain the Pennsylvania Amber Alert System and apply to the following offenses:</p> <p>18 Pa.C.S. § 2901 (relating to kidnapping). 18 Pa.C.S. § 2902 (relating to unlawful restraint). 18 Pa.C.S. § 2903 (relating to false imprisonment).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARD • Convicted • Adjudicated delinquent of <p>18 Pa.C.S. § 2901 (relating to kidnapping). 18 Pa.C.S. § 2902 (relating to unlawful restraint). 18 Pa.C.S. § 2903 (relating to false imprisonment). 18 Pa.C.S. § 2904 (relating to interference with custody of children). 18 Pa.C.S. § 2905 (relating to interference with custody of committed persons). 18 Pa.C.S. § 2906 (relating to criminal coercion). 18 Pa.C.S. § 2907 (relating to disposition of ransom). 18 Pa.C.S. § 2908 (relating to missing children). 18 Pa.C.S. § 2909 (relating to concealment of whereabouts of a child).</p>	<p>Funds the Pennsylvania State Police maintaining Amber Alert.</p> <p>Enacted in Act 153 of 2004</p>	\$25

¹ The dollar figures tend to vary. The main reason for variation from county to county is that 42 Pa.C.S. §1725.4(a) permits counties outside of Philadelphia to increase costs based on inflation. However, it is not an automatic process and it appears that not all counties do so consistently.

		<p>18 Pa.C.S. § 2904 (relating to interference with custody of children).</p> <p>18 Pa.C.S. § 2905 (relating to interference with custody of committed persons).</p> <p>18 Pa.C.S. § 2906 (relating to criminal coercion).</p> <p>18 Pa.C.S. § 2907 (relating to disposition of ransom).</p> <p>18 Pa.C.S. § 2908 (relating to missing children).</p> <p>18 Pa.C.S. § 2909 (relating to concealment of whereabouts of a child).</p> <p>18 Pa.C.S. § 2910 (relating to luring a child into a motor vehicle).</p>	18 Pa.C.S. § 2910 (relating to luring a child into a motor vehicle).		
ATJ (Access to Justice)	42 Pa.C.S. § 3733.1(a)(3) (cross-references § 3733(a.1)(1)(iii)); 72 P.S. § 1795.1-E	<p>42 Pa.C.S. § 3733.1(a)(3) A permanent fee of \$2 shall be charged and collected.</p> <p>(iii) An additional fee of \$10 shall be charged by the clerks of courts of all courts of common pleas, or by any officials designated to perform the functions thereof, for the initiation of any criminal proceeding for which a fee, charge or cost is now authorized and a conviction is obtained or guilty plea is entered. The additional fee under this subparagraph shall also be charged and collected when a defendant is granted entry into Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition or any other pretrial diversionary program.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARD • Conviction • Guilty Plea • Other diversionary program 	<p>Funds civil legal aid.</p> <p>The funds in 42 Pa.C.S. § 3733(a.1)(1)(iii) are split between Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account and Access to Justice fund.</p> <p>The funds in 72 P.S. § 1795.1-E(b)(2) go solely to Access to Justice to fund legal aid. This provision expires in 2020.</p>	<p>\$2 from 42 Pa.C.S. § 3733.1(a)(3)</p> <p>\$2 from 42 Pa.C.S. § 3733(a.1)(1)(iii)</p> <p>\$2 from 72 P.S. § 1795.1-E(b)(2)</p> <p>Total: \$6</p>

		----- 72 P.S. § 1795.1-E(b)(2) In addition to the fee under 42 Pa.C.S. § 3733(a.1)(1) and (2)(iii) (relating to deposits into account), an additional surcharge of \$2 shall be charged and collected by a division of the Unified Judicial System and deposited into the Access to Justice Account under 42 Pa.C.S. § 4904 (relating to establishment of Access to Justice Account).			
Automation Fee (Act 36 of 2000)	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725.4(b)	(b) In addition to any other fee authorized by law, an automation fee of not more than \$5 may be charged and collected by the clerk of courts of counties of the second class A and the third through eighth class, including home rule counties of the same class, for the initiation of any action or legal proceeding. The automation fee shall be deposited into a special clerk of courts automation fund established in each county. Moneys in the special fund shall be used solely for the purpose of automation and continued automation update of the office of the clerk of courts.	Any case where another cost is authorized.	Funds individual courts, for “automation” purposes. Applies in all cases where another cost is authorized. Not applicable in Philadelphia.	\$5
Booking Center	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725.5	(a) Imposition.--Following the adoption of a countywide booking center plan, a person may, in addition to any other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Probation without verdict in drug cases 	Money goes to the county, into a separate fund solely to implement a countywide booking center plan	Up to \$300

		<p>finest, penalties or costs imposed by law, be required by the court to pay a booking center fund fee of no more than \$300 if the person:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARD, guilty plea, nolo contendere, or convicted of a crime under: (i) 18 Pa.C.S. § 106(a) (relating to classes of offenses). (ii) 75 Pa.C.S. § 3735 (relating to homicide by vehicle while driving under influence). (iii) 75 Pa.C.S. § 3802 (relating to driving under influence of alcohol or controlled substance). (iv) A violation of The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act. 		
CAT/MCARE/General Fund	75 Pa.C.S. § 6506	[Too lengthy to excerpt]	Traffic offenses	Goes to state general fund.	<p>\$45-450, depending on the offense</p> <p>Same line item as General Fund Surcharge below</p>
CJES (Criminal Justice Enhancement Surcharge)	72 P.S. § 1795.1-E(c)(3)(iii) (formerly in 71 P.S. § 720.102(a)(3))	<p>(c) Other surcharge and fees.-- In addition to the fees imposed under 42 Pa.C.S. §§ 3733(a.1) (relating to deposits into account) and 3733.1 (relating to surcharge), except as set forth in paragraph (2), the following apply:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(ii) A permanent fee of \$2.50 shall be charged and collected.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARD • Conviction • Guilty Plea • Other diversionary program 	<p>Funds DA salaries. The money goes into the same fund as Costs of Prosecution (Criminal Justice Enhancement Account) 42 Pa.C.S. § 3575(b).</p> <p>Until 2017, this was in 42 Pa. Cons. Stat. §</p>	\$2.50

		<p>...</p> <p>(c)(3) The fee under subsection (c)(1)(2) shall be deposited into the Criminal Justice Enhancement Account.</p>		<p>3733.1(a)(2) (repealed 2017) (cross references to § 3733(a.1)(1)(iii)). (1) and (2) were repealed in 2017. However, it remains in effect and is now in 71 P.S. § 720.102(a)(2).</p>	
<p>Clerk of Courts Processing Fee (COC Processing Fee Misd/Fel)</p>	<p>42 P.S. § 21061</p>	<p>The fees to be charged and collected by the clerks of courts or equivalent officer in home rule counties or second, second class A, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth class counties shall be as follows:</p> <p>(1) A fee of not less than \$35 nor more than \$100 for all proceedings in all misdemeanor and felony cases disposed of at any time during or after trial.</p> <p>(2) A fee of not less than \$20 nor more than \$75 for all proceedings in all misdemeanor and felony cases disposed of before trial.</p> <p>(3) The fees referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be set annually by the clerk of courts on or before January 1 of each year except in 1982 when they shall be set immediately and when added to other fees charged shall bear a reasonable relationship to the sum sufficient to maintain and operate the office of clerk of courts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Felony, misdemeanor, or summary conviction • Appeal from MDJ to common pleas court • Appeal from common pleas court to appellate court 	<p>For the first two costs only – those assessed for felony and misdemeanor cases – the costs can be increased each year by the Clerk of Courts</p>	<p>Varies</p>

		<p>(4) A fee of \$15 for all proceedings in summary matters.</p> <p>(5) A fee of \$5 for all certifications.</p> <p>(6) A fee of \$10 for all other matters filed in the office and for all reports prepared by the clerk except that no fee shall be charged for filing township and borough audit reports or transcripts received which indicate a final disposition by the district justice.</p> <p>(7) A fee of \$25 for the filing of an appeal from a summary conviction before a district justice.</p> <p>(8) A fee of \$30 for an appeal from the court of common pleas to an appellant court.</p> <p>(9) A fee of 3¢ per dollar for the first \$1,000 and 1¢ per dollar for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof for the handling of money paid into court.</p>			
Commonwealth Cost – HB627 (Act 167 of 1992)	42 Pa.C.S. § 3571(c)(2)	(c) Costs in magisterial district judge proceedings.-- Amounts payable to the Commonwealth . . .	N/A	This statute does not impose any costs; instead, it explains which portion of the costs imposed by 42 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 1725.1(b) go to the Commonwealth. See below for the statute imposing the “County Court Cost” and “State Court Cost.” Section 3571(c)(2) tells the court which portion of that goes to the Commonwealth.	<p>(1) Summary conviction, except motor vehicle cases ...\$51.00</p> <p>(2) Summary conviction, motor vehicle cases, other than paragraph (3) ...\$40.50</p> <p>(3) Summary conviction, motor vehicle cases,</p>

				For more information about the legal basis for how this is assessed and categorized, please see the description above for County Court Cost.	hearing demanded...\$48.50 (4) Misdemeanor ...\$58.50 (5) Felony ...\$67.50
Constable Education and Training Act	44 Pa.C.S. § 7149	(b) Surcharge.--There is assessed as a cost in each case before a magisterial district judge a surcharge of \$5 per docket number in each criminal case and \$5 per named defendant in each civil case in which a constable or deputy constable performs a service provided in Subchapter G (relating to compensation), ¹ except that no county shall be required to pay this surcharge on behalf of any indigent or other defendant in a criminal case.	Summary cases before an MDJ.	Funds constable education through the Constables' Education and Training Account.	\$5
Constable Fees	44 Pa.C.S. § 7161(g)	Various fees for services	Every criminal case where a constable performs services.	Money is paid by the court to the constable. Per 44 Pa.C.S. § 7161(g)(16), the county—not the defendant—must pay if the defendant is indigent or not convicted.	Varies
Costs Associated with Prosecution	42 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 9728(g)	(g) Costs, etc.--Any sheriff's costs, filing fees and costs of the county probation department, clerk of courts or other appropriate governmental agency, including, but not limited to,	Every criminal case.	Added by Act 143 in 2006. This is a somewhat vague category, which <i>may</i> cover fees such as "witness fees." There is some confusion about whether this applies only to costs associated	Varies

		any reasonable administrative costs associated with the collection of restitution, transportation costs and other costs associated with the prosecution, shall be borne by the defendant		with <i>collecting</i> funds, or if it also applies to costs that are imposed at sentencing.	
Costs of Prosecution (Criminal Justice Enhancement Account)	42 Pa.C.S. § 3575(b)	(b) Costs of prosecution.--In addition to any other costs of prosecution, an assessment in the amount of \$50 shall be imposed and directed to the account in each judicial proceeding where: (1) the defendant accepts Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition; (2) the defendant is convicted of or enters a plea of guilt or nolo contendere for a felony, misdemeanor of the first degree or misdemeanor of the second degree set forth in 18 Pa.C.S. (relating to crimes and offenses); or (3) the defendant is convicted of or enters a plea of guilt or nolo contendere for a violation of section 13(a)(16) <u>1</u> of the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L. 233, No. 64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act.	All drug crimes, felonies, and misdemeanors of the first or second degree (or any crime where the defendant enters ARD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARD • Conviction • Guilty Plea • Nolo contendere 	Funds DA salaries. This is a flat fee with a separate line-item; it is distinct from “costs associated with prosecution” under 42 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 9728(g) and with the DA’s costs of prosecution under 16 P.S. § 1403.	\$50
County Court Cost (Act 204 of 1976)	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725.1(b)	(b) Criminal cases.--Subject to subsection (f), the costs to be charged by the minor judiciary or by the court of common pleas where appropriate in every criminal case, except as otherwise provided in this section, shall be as follows:	Every criminal case.	The cost imposed by § 1725.1 is split between the “County Court Cost,” the “State Court Cost,” and the “Commonwealth Cost.” This single cost is imposed once, and it is divided three ways on the docket sheet,	(1) Summary conviction, except motor vehicle cases ...\$51.00 (2) Summary conviction, motor

		<p>(1) Summary conviction, except motor vehicle cases: \$28.50 (2) Summary conviction, motor vehicle cases, other than paragraph (3): \$22.50 (3) Summary conviction, motor vehicle cases, hearing demanded: \$27.50 (4) Misdemeanor: \$32.50 (5) Felony: \$37.50</p> <p>Such costs shall include all charges including the costs of giving a magisterial district judge's transcript to the prosecutor or defendant, or both, if requested. Such costs shall not include, however, the cost of postage and registered mail which shall be paid by the defendant upon conviction.</p>		<p>although that allocation is not set forth in Section 1725.1. Instead, it comes from 42 Pa.C.S. §§ 3571(a) and 3572. These provisions were added as part of Act 53 of 1978 the Judiciary Act Repealer Act (“JARA”). JARA repealed the old Act 204 of 1976, known as the Magisterial District Reform Act (“MDRA”), which in Section 209 split the payment of what is now the Section 1725.1 cost between the state and county. Now that the MDRA has been repealed, Section 3571 provides that costs that “have heretofore been paid” to the state will continue to be, and Section 3572 states that all costs except those otherwise provided for in the subchapter, i.e. Section 3571, are paid to the county. Thus, under JARA, the allocation split between the state and county in the MDRA remains in effect.</p> <p>The cost increases over time, per § 1725.1(f), with the amount specified each year in 204 Pa.Code § 29.402</p>	<p>vehicle cases, other than paragraph (3) ...\$40.50</p> <p>(3) Summary conviction, motor vehicle cases, hearing demanded...\$48.50</p> <p>(4) Misdemeanor ...\$58.50</p> <p>(5) Felony ...\$67.50</p>
Court Child Care	42 Pa.C.S. § 3721(c)(2)(iii)	(iii) In addition to any other court cost or filing fee authorized to be collected by law, an additional fee of \$5 shall be charged and collected	Conviction or guilty plea.	The funds are supposed to pay for a court child-care facility if the county has one.	\$5

		by the clerk of courts of the county or by any official designated to perform the functions thereof for the initiation of any criminal proceeding for which a fee, charge or cost authorized on the effective date of this subsection and for which a conviction is obtained or guilty plea is entered.			
CQS Fee (Clerk of Quarter Sessions Fee – Act 188 of 1984)	42 P.S. § 21081	The following fees shall be received by the Clerk of Quarter Sessions of Philadelphia: Felony: \$75 Misdemeanor: \$50	Every criminal case.	Only in Philadelphia. The statute also specifies numerous additional costs for certain actions in Philadelphia.	Felony: \$75 Misdemeanor: \$50
Crime Lab User Fee	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725.3(b)	(1) The director or similar officer of the county laboratory or emergency medical services agency that has provided services in the prosecution shall determine the actual cost of the laboratory or paramedic services provided in the prosecution and transmit a statement for services rendered to the court. (2) If a Pennsylvania State Police laboratory has provided services in the prosecution, the director or similar officer of the Pennsylvania State Police laboratory shall determine the actual cost of the laboratory services provided in the prosecution and transmit a statement for services rendered to the court.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARD, pleads guilty, nolo contendere, or convicted of any crime in Title 18 or DUI • Probation without verdict for a drug crime 	Used to fund the crime lab.	Amount varies.

<p>Crime Victims Compensation (Act 96 of 1984)</p>	<p>18 P.S. § 11.1101(a)(1)</p>	<p>(a) Imposition.-- (1) A person who pleads guilty or nolo contendere or who is convicted of a crime shall, in addition to costs imposed under 42 Pa.C.S. § 3571(c) (relating to Commonwealth portion of fines, etc.), pay costs of at least \$60 and may be sentenced to pay additional costs in an amount up to the statutory maximum monetary penalty for the offense committed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conviction • Guilty Plea • Nolo contendere • Other diversionary program 	<p>The cost imposed by § 11.1101(a)(1) was split between the “Crime Victims Compensation” and “Victim Witness Service” funds. The sentencing judge could have imposed a higher amount above \$60, and any amount over \$60 is listed as the “Variable Amount to Be Distributed CVC/VWS (Act 96)” on the docket sheet.</p> <p>Act 77 of 2022 eliminated the Victim Witness Service cost eliminated, and all costs imposed in 18 P.S. § 11.1101 instead go to the Crime Victim Compensation fund, rather than being split.</p>	<p>\$60</p>
<p>DA’s Costs of Prosecution</p>	<p>16 P.S. § 1403</p>	<p>In any case where a defendant is convicted and sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and trial, the expenses of the district attorney in connection with such prosecution shall be considered a part of the costs of the case and be paid by the defendant.</p>	<p>Any case where the defendant is convicted and sentenced.</p>	<p>Reimburses the DA.</p>	<p>Varies</p>
<p>District Attorney (County Name)</p>	<p>16 P.S. §§ 11442-11445, 16 P.S. § 11481</p>	<p>[too lengthy to excerpt]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All crimes 	<p>Various fees collected by the District Attorney depending on the type of case and outcome. Which statute applies depends on the specific county:</p> <p>16 P.S. § 11442: counties with more than 800,000 inhabitants</p>	<p>Varies</p>

				<p>16 P.S. § 11443: Counties with a population of 750,000 to 1,200,000</p> <p>16 P.S. § 11444: Allegheny County</p> <p>16 P.S. § 11445: Counties of the third and fourth class</p> <p>16 P.S. § 11481: Counties of the second class A are the same as counties of the third class</p> <p>The statute does not actually compel the defendant to pay—that requirement comes from 16 P.S. § 1403.</p>	
DNA Detection Fund (Act 185 of 2004)	44 Pa.C.S. § 2322	Unless the court finds that undue hardship would result, a mandatory cost of \$250, which shall be in addition to any other costs imposed pursuant to statutory authority, shall automatically be assessed on any person convicted, adjudicated delinquent or granted ARD for a felony sex offense or other specified offense, and all proceeds derived from this section shall be transmitted to the fund.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All felonies (not just sex offenses), • Offenses under 18 Pa.C.S. § 2910 (relating to luring a child into a motor vehicle or structure) or 3126 (relating to indecent assault) or an attempt to commit such an offense. • An offense subject to 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 97 Subch. H (relating to registration of sexual offenders). <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjudicated delinquent 	§ 2322 authorizes the cost for not only felony sex offenses but also any “other specified offense,” which is defined in 44 Pa.C.S. § 2303 to include all felonies.	\$250

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARD • Conviction 		
Domestic Violence Compensation (Act 44 of 1988)	71 P.S. § 611.13	(b) Where any person after the effective date of this section pleads guilty or nolo contendere to or is convicted of any crime as herein defined, there shall be imposed, in addition to all other costs, an additional cost in the sum of ten dollars (\$10) for the purpose of funding the services as described in this section. Such sum shall be paid over to the State Treasurer to be deposited in the General Fund. Under no condition shall a political subdivision be liable for the payment of the ten dollars (\$10) in additional costs.	For a violation of the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conviction • Guilty Plea • Nolo contendere 	Money goes to the general fund, but is supposed to be earmarked for financial assistance to domestic violence centers and rape crisis centers for the operation of domestic violence and rape crisis programs.	\$10
DUI-ARD-EMS Fee (repealed)	35 P.S. § 6934(b)			Repealed in 2009. Applied to ARD.	
Emergency Medical Services (Act 45 of 1985)	75 Pa.C.S. § 3121	In addition to any other costs that may be imposed under this part for a traffic violation, except for a parking violation, a cost of \$10 shall be imposed. Moneys collected shall be forwarded to the State Treasurer for deposit in the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund.	Convictions for violations of Part III of Title 75, including summary offenses.	Funds EMS.	\$10
Filing fees	42 Pa.C.S. § 9728(g)	(g) Costs, etc.--Any sheriff's costs, filing fees and costs of the county probation department, clerk of courts or other appropriate governmental agency, including, but not limited to, any reasonable administrative	Every criminal case.	Seems to cover things like fees for motions, postage, etc. Applies to both the clerk of courts and probation department. There is some confusion about whether this applies only to costs associated with	Varies

		costs associated with the collection of restitution, transportation costs and other costs associated with the prosecution, shall be borne by the defendant		<i>collecting</i> funds, or if it also applies to costs that are imposed at sentencing.	
Firearms and Education Training Fund (158 of 1994)	61 Pa.C.S. § 6308(b)(1)	(b) Costs imposed.-- (1) A person who accepts Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition or pleads guilty or nolo contendere or is convicted of a felony or misdemeanor shall, in addition to any other court costs imposed under the laws of this Commonwealth, be sentenced to pay costs of \$5. Costs collected by the clerk of courts under this subsection shall be paid into the fund.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARD • Conviction • Guilty Plea • Other diversionary program 		\$5
General Fund Surcharge	75 Pa.C.S. § 6506(a)	[too lengthy to excerpt]	Traffic offenses	Goes to state general fund.	\$45-450, depending on the offense Same line item as CAT/MCARE/ General Fund above
JCPS – Judicial Computer Program Surcharge	71 P.S. § 720.102(a)(1) and 72 P.S. § 1795.1-E	71 P.S. § 720.102(a) Imposition of surcharge and fees.--In addition to the fees imposed under 42 Pa.C.S. §§ 3733(a.1) (relating to deposits into account) and 3733.1 (relating to surcharge), except as set forth in subsection (b), the following apply: (1) A surcharge of \$11.25 shall be charged and collected.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARD • Conviction • Guilty Plea • Other diversionary program 	Funds the court system. Until 2017, this was in 42 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 3733.1(a)(1) (repealed 2017) (cross references to (cross-references § 3733(a.1)(1)(iii)). (1) and (2) were repealed in 2017. It continues in 71 P.S. § 720.102(a)(1).	\$11.25 from 71 P.S. § 720.102(a)(1) \$10 from 72 P.S. § 1795.1-E(b)(1) Total: \$21.25

		<p>This paragraph shall expire December 31, 2020. . . .</p> <p>(c)(1) The separate reserve account within the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account established under 42 Pa.C.S. § 3733.1(c)(1) is continued, and the surcharge under subsection (a)(1) shall be deposited into the separate reserve account.</p> <p>Notwithstanding 42 Pa.C.S. § 3732 (relating to utilization of funds in account), money deposited under this paragraph is appropriated to the Supreme Court, upon compliance with Article XV of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L. 343, No. 176),¹ known as The Fiscal Code, for the operation of the Judicial Department.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>72 P.S. § 1795.1-E(b)(1) In addition to the fee under section 2802-E(a)(1) of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L. 177, No. 175),¹ known as The Administrative Code of 1929, an additional surcharge of \$10 shall be charged and collected by a division of the Unified Judicial System. The provisions of section 2802-E(b) of The Administrative Code of 1929 shall not apply to this subsection.</p>		<p>Deposited in the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account. Expires in 2020.</p> <p>The \$11.25 in 71 P.S. § 720.102(a)(1) does not apply to summary traffic offenses. However, the additional \$10 in 72 P.S. § 1795.1-E(b)(1) has no such restriction.</p>	
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Judicial Computer Project	42 Pa.C.S. § 3733(a.1)	<p>(a.1) Additional fees.—</p> <p>(1) In addition to the court costs and filing fees authorized to be collected by statute:</p> <p>(iii) An additional fee of \$10 shall be charged by the clerks of courts of all courts of common pleas, or by any officials designated to perform the functions thereof, for the initiation of any criminal proceeding for which a fee, charge or cost is now authorized and a conviction is obtained or guilty plea is entered. The additional fee under this subparagraph shall also be charged and collected when a defendant is granted entry into Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition or any other pretrial diversionary program.</p> <p>(2) The additional fees identified in paragraph (1) shall be fixed and charged for the fiscal years as indicated:</p> <p>(iii) For the fiscal year 2005-2006 and each fiscal year thereafter, \$8 of each additional fee shall be deposited into the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account, and \$2 of each additional fee shall be deposited into the Access to Justice Account under section 4904.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARD • Conviction • Guilty Plea • Other diversionary program 	Funds the court system.	\$8 from 42 Pa.C.S. § 3733(a.1)

Law Library	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725	(3) The sum of not less than \$5 nor more than \$40 for each misdemeanor or felony case processed by the clerk of courts.	Each misdemeanor and felony case “processed by the clerk of courts”	Only in 2A class counties (Allegheny).	\$5-\$40
OAG-JCP (Office of Attorney General – Judicial Computer Project)	72 P.S. § 1795.1-E(c)(3)(iii) (formerly in 71 P.S. § 720.102(a)(3))	(c) Other surcharge and fees.-- In addition to the fees imposed under 42 Pa.C.S. §§ 3733(a.1) (relating to deposits into account) and 3733.1 (relating to surcharge), except as set forth in paragraph (2), the following apply: (iii) A permanent fee of \$2.50 shall be charged and collected. ... (c) (3) (ii) The fee under subsection (i)(iii) shall be deposited in a restricted account established in the General Fund. Money in the restricted account is appropriated to the Office of Attorney General on a continuing basis to supplement general government operations.	All criminal cases other than summary traffic offenses.	Despite the name, the money goes to the Office of Attorney General.	\$2.50
OSP – Offender Supervision Program (Act 35 of 1991)	18 P.S. § 11.1102	(c) Court.--The court shall impose as a condition of supervision a monthly supervision fee of at least \$25 on any offender placed on probation, parole, accelerated rehabilitative disposition, probation without verdict or intermediate punishment unless the court finds that the fee should be reduced, waived or deferred based on the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARD • Intermediate punishment • Parole • Probation • Probation without verdict 	Prior to Act 77 of 2022, this cost appeared twice on the docket because it was split 50/50 between two separate funds, with half going to the county and half to the state. Act 77 of 2022 eliminated the split of the recipient of the costs.	

		offender's present inability to pay. Of the fee collected, 50% shall be deposited into the County Offender Supervision Fund established in each county pursuant to this section, and the remaining 50% shall be deposited into the State Offender Supervision Fund established pursuant to this section.			
PA Transportation Trust Surcharge	75 Pa.C.S. § 6506(a)(7)	[too lengthy to excerpt]	All traffic violations	Goes to the Public Transportation Trust Fund to fund highways.	\$75-150
Postage	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725.1(b)	Such costs shall not include, however, the cost of postage and registered mail which shall be paid by the defendant upon conviction.	Every criminal case.		Varies
Sheriff's costs	42 Pa.C.S. § 9728(g)	(g) Costs, etc.--Any sheriff's costs, filing fees and costs of the county probation department, clerk of courts or other appropriate governmental agency, including, but not limited to, any reasonable administrative costs associated with the collection of restitution, transportation costs and other costs associated with the prosecution, shall be borne by the defendant	Every criminal case.	Remitted to the sheriff. 42 P.S. § 21103 sets forth the fee schedule for the sheriff, while 42 Pa.C.S. § 9728(g) passes those costs onto the defendant. There is some confusion about whether this applies only to costs associated with <i>collecting</i> funds, or if it also applies to costs that are imposed at sentencing.	Varies
State Court Costs (Act 204 of 1976)	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725.1	(b) Criminal cases.--Subject to subsection (f), the costs to be charged by the minor judiciary or by the court of common pleas where appropriate in every criminal case, except as otherwise provided in this section, shall be as follows:	Every criminal case.	The cost imposed by § 1725.1 is split between the "County Court Cost," the "State Court Cost," and the "Commonwealth Cost." For more information about the legal basis for how this is assessed and categorized, please see the description	(1) Summary conviction, except motor vehicle cases ...\$51.00 (2) Summary conviction, motor vehicle cases, other than

		<p>(1) Summary conviction, except motor vehicle cases: \$28.50</p> <p>(2) Summary conviction, motor vehicle cases, other than paragraph (3): \$22.50</p> <p>(3) Summary conviction, motor vehicle cases, hearing demanded: \$27.50</p> <p>(4) Misdemeanor: \$32.50</p> <p>(5) Felony: \$37.50</p>		above for County Court Cost.	<p>paragraph (3) ...\$40.50</p> <p>(3) Summary conviction, motor vehicle cases, hearing demanded...\$48.50</p> <p>(4) Misdemeanor ...\$58.50</p> <p>(5) Felony ...\$67.50</p>
Substance Abuse Education (Act 198 of 2002)	18 Pa.C.S. § 7508.1	(b) Imposition.--Unless the court finds that undue hardship would result, a mandatory cost of \$100, which shall be in addition to any other costs imposed pursuant to statutory authority, shall automatically be assessed on any individual convicted, adjudicated delinquent or granted Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition or any individual who pleads guilty or nolo contendere for a violation of the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L. 233, No. 64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, or a violation of 75 Pa.C.S. § 3802 (relating to driving under influence of alcohol or controlled substance).	<p>For a violation of the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjudicated delinquent • ARD • Conviction • Guilty Plea • Nolo contendere 	The Substance Abuse Education cost should appear twice on a docket sheet, like OSP probation supervision costs, because it is split between two funds: "Of the amount collected, 50% shall remain in that county to be used for substance abuse treatment or prevention programs and the remaining 50% shall be deposited into the Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction Fund established under this section." 18 Pa.C.S. § 7508.1(d). If this cost appears more than twice on a docket sheet in a single case, then it has been imposed unlawfully.	\$100, except for certain offenses that increase the amount.
Summary Appeal Costs	42 P.S. § 21061(7)	The fees to be charged and collected by the clerks of courts or equivalent officer in home rule counties or second,		All counties other than Philadelphia.	

		<p>second class A, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth class counties shall be as follows:</p> <p>(7) A fee of \$25 for the filing of an appeal from a summary conviction before a district justice.</p>			
Transportation costs	42 Pa.C.S. § 9728(g)	(g) Costs, etc.--Any sheriff's costs, filing fees and costs of the county probation department, clerk of courts or other appropriate governmental agency, including, but not limited to, any reasonable administrative costs associated with the collection of restitution, transportation costs and other costs associated with the prosecution, shall be borne by the defendant	Every criminal case.	Added by Act 143 in 2006. There is some confusion about whether this applies only to costs associated with <i>collecting</i> funds, or if it also applies to costs that are imposed at sentencing.	Varies
Victim Witness Service (Act 111 of 1998) (repealed)	18 P.S. § 11.1101(a)(1)	(a) Imposition.-- (1) A person who pleads guilty or nolo contendere or who is convicted of a crime shall, in addition to costs imposed under 42 Pa.C.S. § 3571(c) (relating to Commonwealth portion of fines, etc.), pay costs of at least \$60 and may be sentenced to pay additional costs in an amount up to the statutory maximum monetary penalty for the offense committed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conviction • Guilty Plea • Nolo contendere • Other diversionary program 	<p>The cost imposed by § 11.1101(a)(1) was split between the “Crime Victims Compensation” and “Victim Witness Service” funds. The sentencing judge could have imposed a higher amount above \$60, and any amount over \$60 is listed as the “Variable Amount to Be Distributed CVC/VWS (Act 96)” on the docket sheet.</p> <p>Act 77 of 2022 eliminated the Victim Witness Service cost eliminated, and all costs imposed in 18 P.S. § 11.1101 instead go to the Crime Victim</p>	At least \$60, split.

				Compensation fund, rather than being split.	
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