

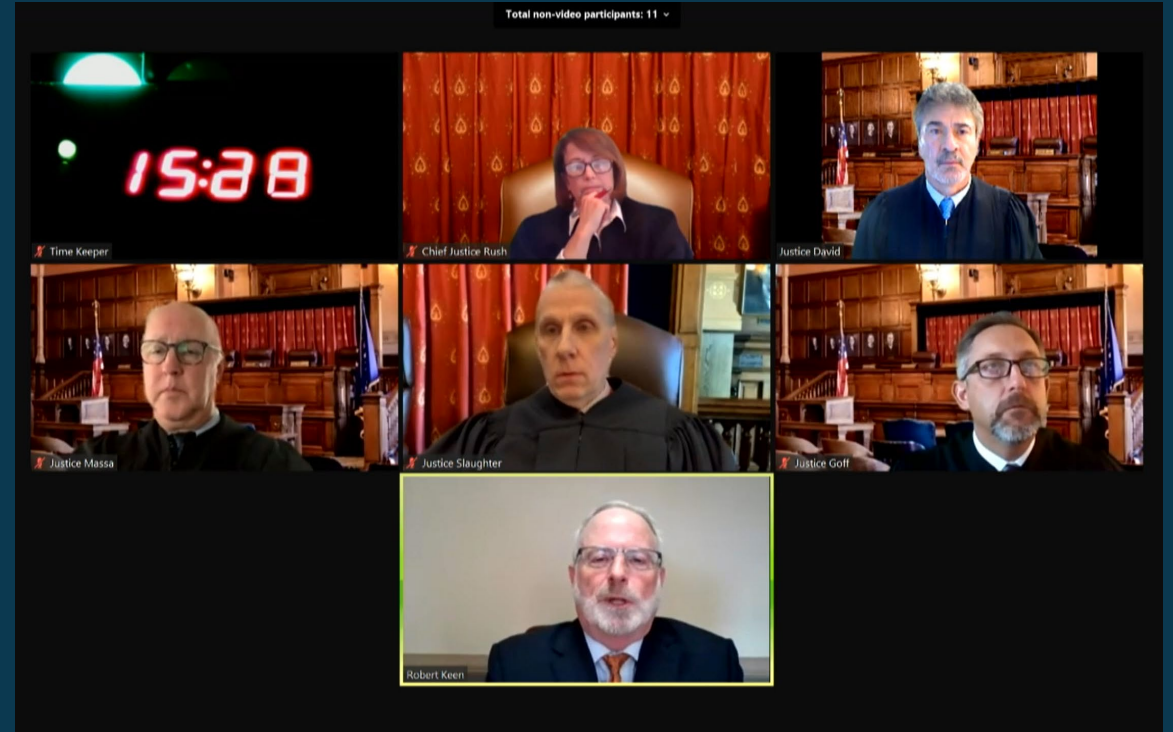


# INDIANA SUPREME COURT

Budget Presentation  
December 14, 2020

# Courts Are Open, Serving the Public

- 1.2 million cases filed in trial and appellate courts (last year)
- Remote and in-person hearings taking place everyday
- Pandemic does not stop the work of the court
- Constitutionally required for Courts to remain open



# Doing Our Part In Hard Times

- Must be able to sustain constitutional and critical services as we return to post-pandemic world
- **NO** new budget requests from Indiana Supreme Court
- We will have increased needs and expenses going forward, but we will work to temporarily absorb costs
- Committed to **ALL** pandemic savings being reverted

# Reverting One-Time Savings

- Self-imposed restrictions
  - Limited travel
  - Limited training
  - Limited office operations

These costs will return as we expand court technology, advance pre-trial reforms, visit counties to certify Problem-Solving Courts, host required educational trainings for judges and court staff, and work to provide critical services to Hoosiers.

# Technology, the Engine of the Courts

The judiciary deeply appreciates the resources devoted to ensuring fair, impartial, and open access to the courts.

If not for the generous and ongoing investment in court technology and other initiatives, justice would have stalled.

Thanks to your support, Hoosier courts carry on serving our citizens through the current crisis and into the future.

# Collaborative Work, Court & Partners

FY 2020



**76,000**

traffic tickets paid online



**40,000**

marriage licenses issued



**112,000**

criminal dispositions  
sent to state police



**4,700**

criminal case fines paid  
online



**58,000**

support tickets answered  
from court & clerk staff,  
attorneys, and the public



**512,000**

driver convictions &  
suspensions sent to BMV

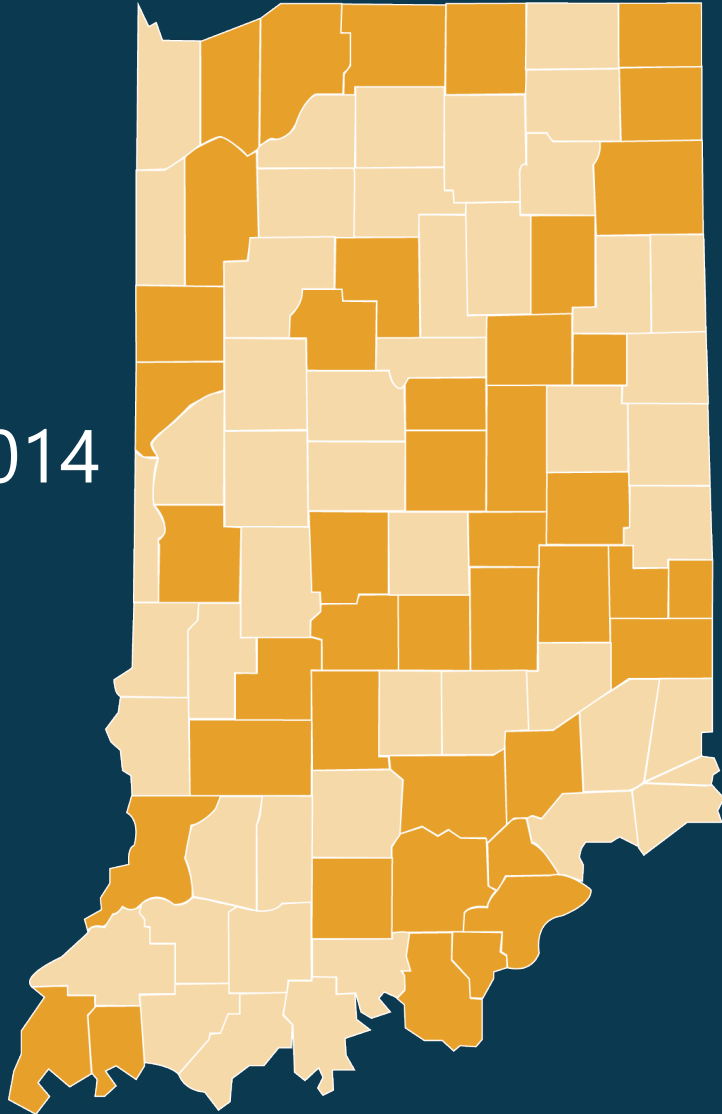
Over 33,000 governmental users have access to shared court data through 36 applications

# Public access to online court hearings during pandemic

- Courts open through pandemic with remote capabilities and public transparency <https://public.courts.in.gov/incs>
- Hardware and 800 Enterprise Zoom licenses to trial courts (\$180,000 cost)
- 43,000 remote sessions with 297,000 Zoom Participants
- 13,000 streamed live through the Courts online portal (Zoom and WebEx)

# Statewide Case Management Growth

2014



2020



Remaining trial courts on board by 2021



# Public access to online documents

FY 2020



**92%**

of newly filed cases are in the Odyssey CMS



**7.6 Million**

documents e-filed statewide



**3,900**

protection order cases e-filed statewide



**28 Million**

visits to mycase.in.gov



**12 Million**

document downloads from mycase.in.gov



**13,000**

appellate briefs e-filed and available at mycase.in.gov

# Prioritizing Public Safety

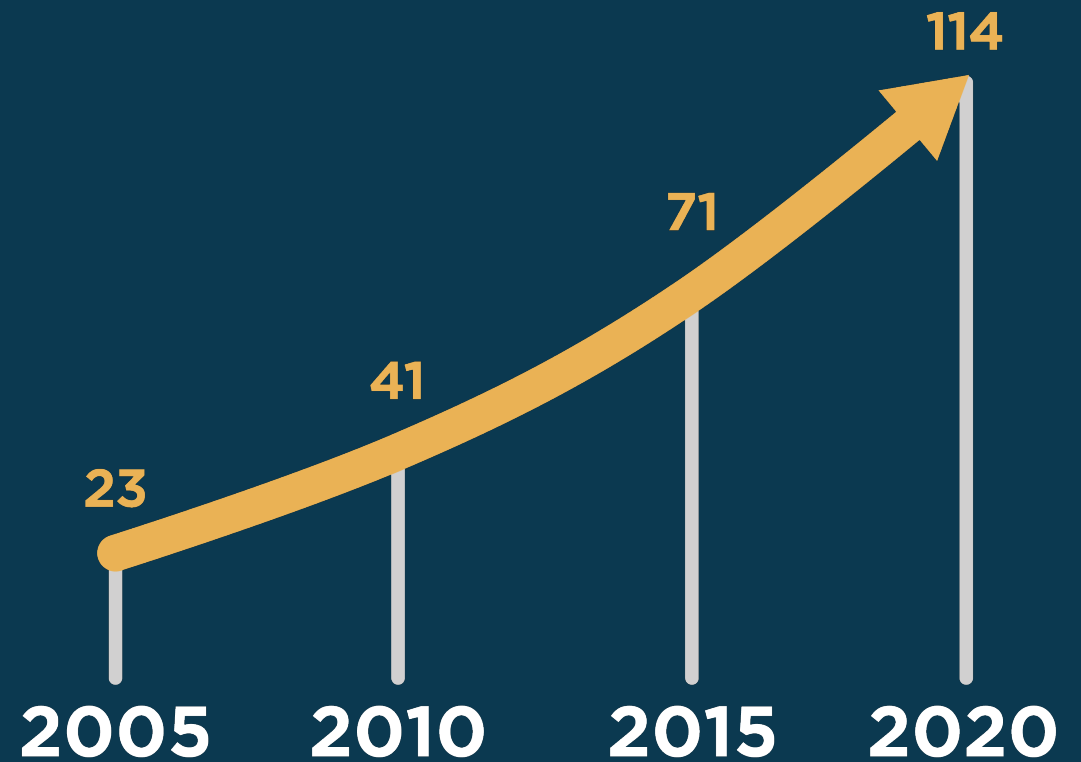
All community corrections and DOC have the Supervised Release System to manage pretrial and post-conviction defendants.



# Growing Programs to keep up with Growing Needs

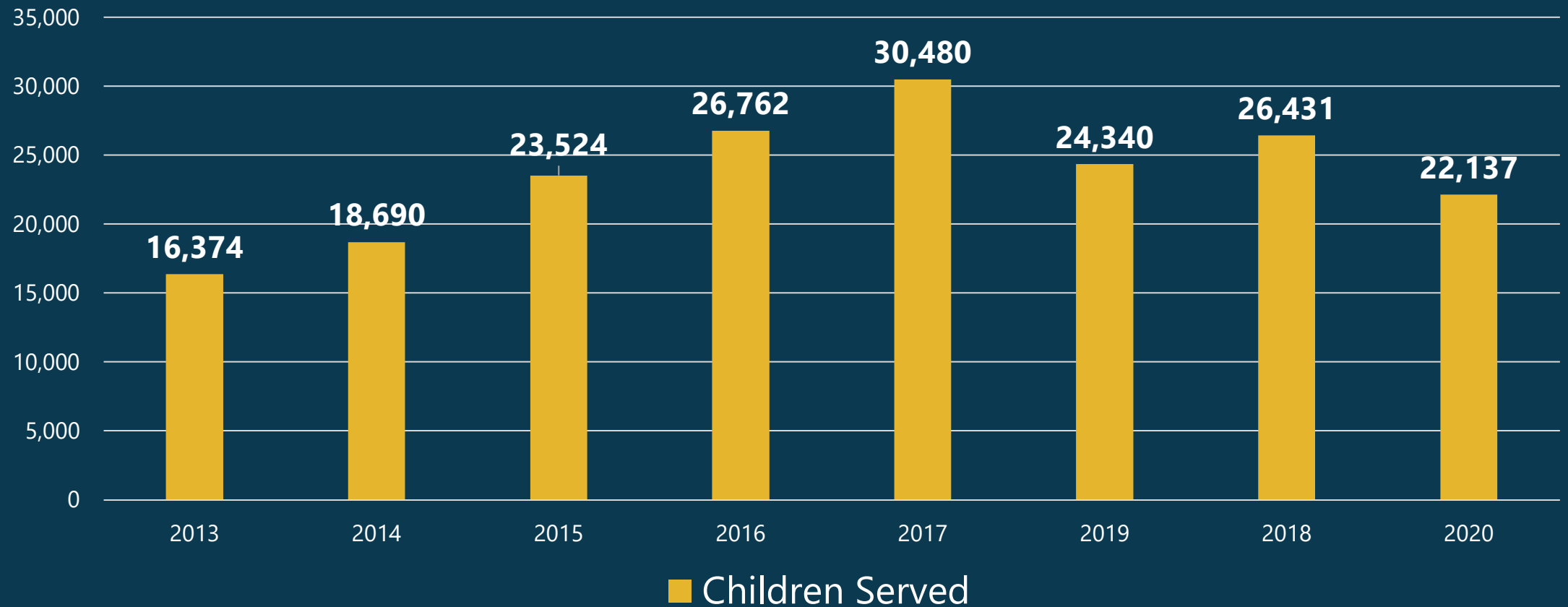
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Problem-Solving  
Courts



# Children & Family Support

## Kids served by GAL/CASA programs



# Elderly Hoosiers In Need

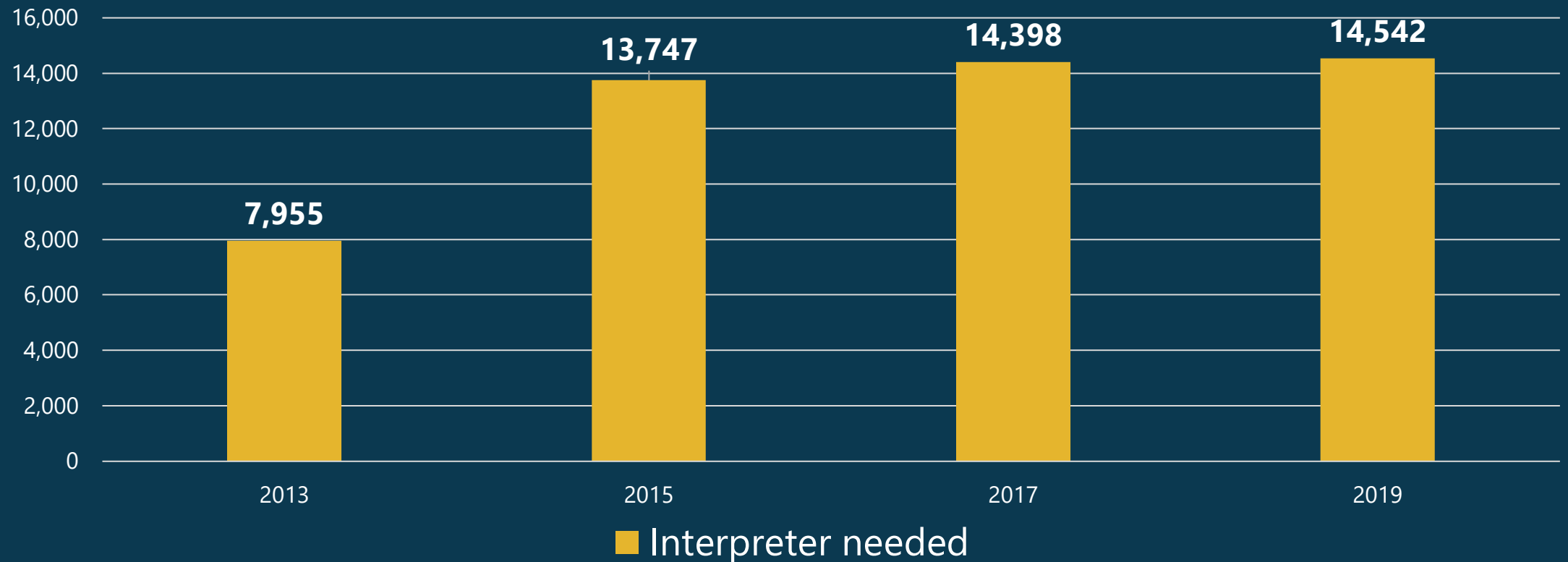


**257% increase**

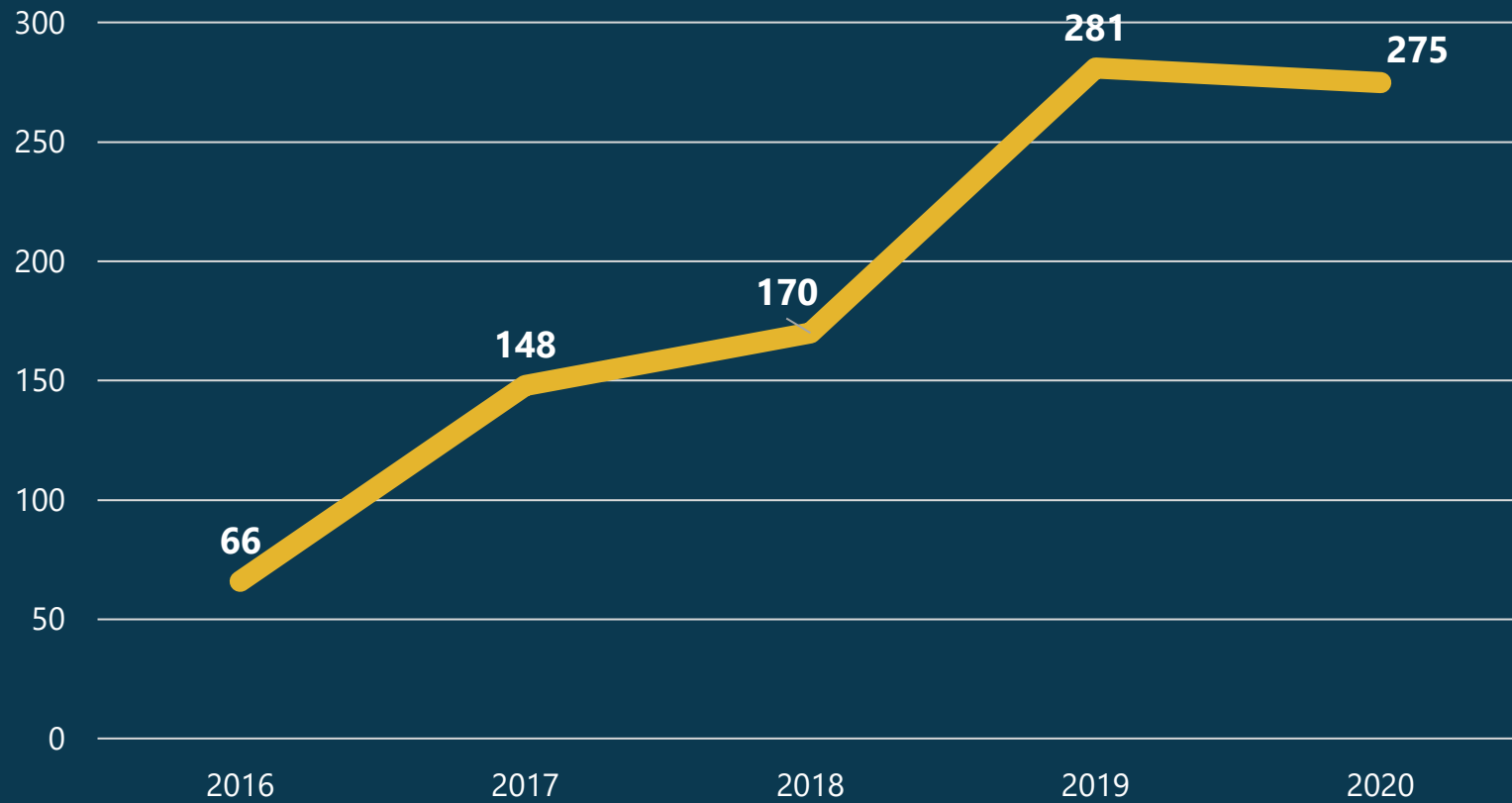
in counties served by Adult  
Guardianship Office since 2014

# Language Needs Across the State

- 50 spoken languages and sign language
- Equal access required under the law

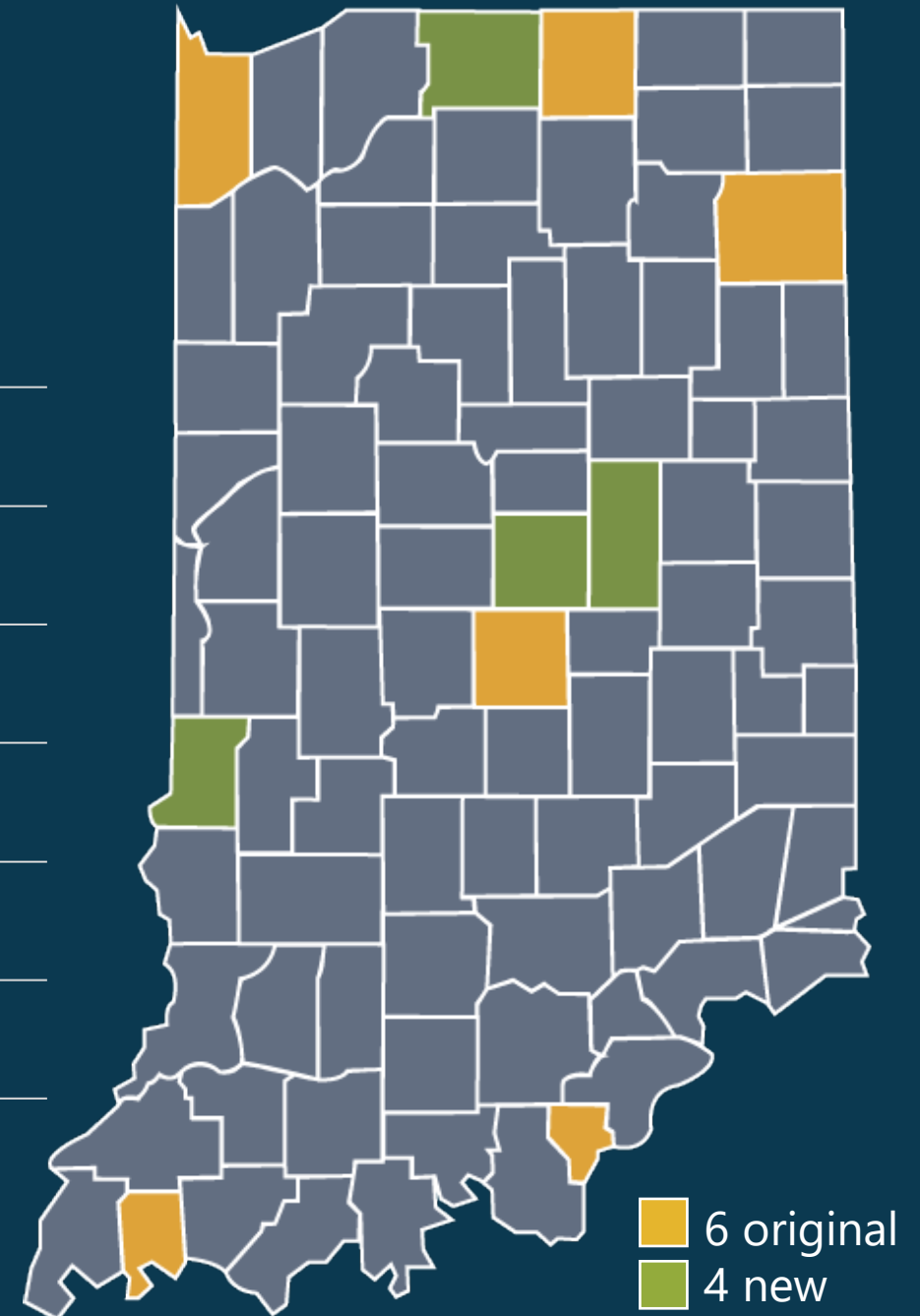


# Commercial Courts



— Number of cases by year\*

2016 data is half-year only, 2020 is through Nov



# Innovation Initiative, created to:

- **Analyze** research on justice reform
- **Assess** impact of reform efforts in other states
- **Identify** innovative strategies to manage cases
- **Recommend** best practices for our court structures and procedures



Online  
dispute  
resolution



Family  
law  
reforms



# You asked, we delivered

Protection Order  
Registry (POR)

Mental Health  
Report to FBI

Offender Risk  
Assessment  
Application

Presentence  
Investigation  
Report (PSI)

Criminal Abstract  
of Judgment

Case  
Management  
Search (CMS)

Convictions  
to BMV

Administrative  
Law CMS

Guardianship  
Registry

Interfaces  
to Federal,  
State, & Local  
Government

NPLeX  
(National Precursor  
Log Exchange)

Child Abuse  
Registry

Supervised  
Release System

Public Defender  
Information  
System

Landlord-  
Tenant  
Facilitation

# Serving Hoosiers through the Judicial Branch

- Resources are devoted to ensuring fair, impartial, and open access to the courts.
- A drop in any funding stream will handcuff our ability to continue providing the statewide essential—and ultimately cost-saving—initiatives described today.



**The Indiana Judicial Branch  
operates at less than 1%  
of the total state budget**