

# BARBERTON MUNICIPAL COURT

2025  
ANNUAL REPORT

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# Barberton Municipal Court

576 West Park Avenue, Barberton, Ohio 44203

Judge Todd McKenney  
Nancy Collin, Bailiff

Judge Diana M. Stevenson  
Megann Eberhart

Katie Reed, Clerk of Court

Dear Public Official:

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 1901.14(A)(4), we are pleased to submit the Barberton Municipal Court 2025 Annual Report for your consideration. The report reflects the Barberton Municipal Court's activities and financials in 2025.

We are proud to note the continuing efforts of our Specialized Docket Adult Drug Court which will apply for re-certification from the Ohio Supreme Court in 2026. The recertification process affords the Court opportunity to work closely with officials from the Ohio Supreme Court to further improve program services. These specialized docket courts, once recertified, qualify for additional state funding through Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services thus providing crucial recovery support for program participants.

The Barberton Municipal Court continued to see the expansion of efforts assisting those needing to reinstate, or otherwise obtain, valid Ohio driving privileges. Our probation department's SLIP program offers individuals an opportunity to address drivers license suspension issues. The SLIP program continues to see annual increases in participation, and the 2024 program retooling has proven successful. SLIP continues to be a vital part of the Court's efforts in assisting those who wish to gain valid Ohio driving privileges through the sometimes confusing and difficult reinstatement process.

The Barberton Municipal Court continues to use virtual technology to provide Court access for those unable to appear in person, to help those in other facilities address outstanding Court matters, and to make public access available to interested parties. Put in place during the height of COVID, we continue to utilize this technology to operate more efficiently and make the Court more accessible.

The Clerk of Court continues to engage in an expansive project to digitize casefiles and related operational documents. The aggressive scanning project netted significant savings in document retention space and provides a markedly more efficient case retrieval and sharing process. The digitizing efforts remain part of the day-to-day Clerk of Courts operation further enhancing savings, efficiency, and public access.

We look forward to continuing our progress in 2026 and thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Respectfully,

Todd McKenney  
Administrative Judge

Diana M. Stevenson  
Presiding Judge

Katie Reed  
Clerk of Court

# JURISDICTION AND ORGANIZATION

The Barberton Municipal Court District includes the residents of the following seven Summit County, Ohio communities:

City of Barberton  
City of Green  
City of New Franklin  
City of Norton  
Village of Clinton  
Copley Township  
Coventry Township

The Barberton Municipal Court is the court of original jurisdiction for the seven communities within its territory, as established by Section 1901.02 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Court is served by two elected judges and one elected Clerk of Courts, each of whom serve terms of six years.

The jurisdiction of the Court includes traffic, criminal, and civil cases. The Court hears misdemeanor criminal and traffic cases, with felony cases initially arraigned in the court and then bound over to the Common Pleas Court. Civil cases involving contested dollar amounts not exceeding \$15,000 are heard in the Court, as are eviction cases and small claims cases up to \$6,000.



# JUDGE TODD MCKENNEY



A life-long area resident, Judge Todd McKenney graduated from Manchester High School in 1982. He then graduated Magna Cum Laude, from Hiram College in 1986. He went on to earn his Juris Doctorate degree from the Ohio State University College of Law in 1989 and was thereafter admitted to the Ohio Bar. Judge McKenney is also licensed to practice in the Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio and the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

From 1989 to 1991 and again from 2005 to 2007, Judge McKenney served as the Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable David D. Dowd, Jr. in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. During his extensive legal career, Judge McKenney has practiced law with the firms of Black, McCuskey, Souers and Arbaugh and most recently with Leiby, Hanna, Rasnick, Towne, Evanchan, Palmisano & Hobson. He is also an ordained pastor serving at The Chapel in Akron and Green.

Judge McKenney has served the residents of the Barberton Municipal Court District in the past as a New Franklin City Council member, State Representative for the 43rd District of Ohio and Judge of the Summit County Common Pleas Court in both Probate and General Divisions and at the Barberton Municipal Court originally in 2014. Judge McKenney was appointed to the Court again in 2017 and was elected to a full 6-year term in November 2017.

Judge McKenney has been active in the community and has been the recipient of several awards recognizing his community involvement, including the 2013 Liberty Bell Award. This award from the Akron Bar Association is for promoting a better understanding of the rule of law, encouraging a greater respect for law and the courts, stimulating a sense of civic responsibility and contributing to good government in the community.

Judge McKenney serves on the Green Opiate Task Force, sits as President-elect of the Magic City Kiwanis (2018-2019), and is a member of the Barberton Rotary Club. He serves on the boards of Faithful Servants (free medical clinic) and Mission USA Disaster Relief and as a member of the Akron Bar Association. Judge McKenney is currently serving as Senior Pastor of the Akron Chinese Christian Church.

Judge McKenney formerly served on the Board of the International Institute of Akron, Youth Excellence Performing Arts Workshop (YEPAW) for African-American Teen Leadership, Akron Area YMCA Trustee, Green Family YMCA Advisory Board, Lake Anna YMCA Capital Campaign and Love Akron.

Judge McKenney is a lifelong resident of Summit County. He and his wife, Summit County Councilwoman Bethany McKenney, have two teenage children.

# JUDGE DIANA M. STEVENSON



Judge Diana Stevenson was elected Judge of the Barberton Municipal Court in November 2023 after being appointed to the judicial seat by Governor Mike DeWine in July 2023 and currently sits as Presiding Judge of the Barberton Municipal Court. Prior to assuming her role as Judge, Diana Stevenson served as Clerk of the Barberton Municipal Court since January 2012. Among her other responsibilities as judge, Judge Stevenson presides over the Adult Mental Health Court, a specialty docket receiving certification from the Ohio Supreme Court.

Judge Stevenson has a long history of public service in the Court system. After graduating from The University of Akron School of Law, Judge Stevenson served various courts as a judicial attorney, including the Supreme Court of Ohio, the Summit County Probate Court and the Stark County Common Pleas Court. She also served 12 years as a Magistrate in Summit County Probate Court.

Judge Stevenson is a member of the Association of Municipal/County Judges of Ohio, the Ohio Judicial Conference, the Akron Bar Association, and also holds certificates from the National Center for State Courts completing their Court Management and Certified Court Executive programs.

Judge Stevenson is an active member of our community, serving as a past Lieutenant Governor of Ohio Kiwanis International and continues as a member of the Magic City Kiwanis. Judge Stevenson serves as Chair of the Tuscora Park Health and Wellness Board, is a Fellow of the Akron Bar Association, and a member of the Barberton Rotary.

Judge Stevenson received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics and her Juris Doctorate from the University of Akron.

She resides in Barberton with her husband, Scot, and two sons.

# KATIE REED

## CLERK OF COURT



Katie Reed has served the communities of Barberton, Norton, Green, New Franklin, Copley, Coventry and Clinton as the Clerk of the Barberton Municipal Court since July 2023. Katie strives for her office to provide the best service to all the citizens who have business with the court. She continues to advance the court in its use of technology in order to enhance the efficiency and quality of the administration of justice.

Katie has a history of public service in the Court system. She began her career as a judicial bailiff at Akron Municipal Court. She also worked under longstanding Akron Clerk of Court, Jim Laria, before joining the Barberton Clerk of Court team. Katie is a graduate of Kent State University, a member of the Ohio Association of Municipal/County Court Clerks, and a member of the Barberton Kiwanis.

The Clerk of Courts office is responsible for processing all the paperwork that is submitted to the court and to collect money owed to the court. The office has 12 employees and serves the communities of Barberton, Green, Norton, New Franklin, Clinton, Copley, and Coventry. Katie continues to work with the judges in order to help the court operate more effectively for the citizens of the municipal court district. She also continues to seek new and innovative means to enhance the office's efficiency.

# COURT PERSONNEL



## **Judge Todd McKenney**

Administrative Judge

Bailiff Nancy Collin

## **Judge Diana M. Stevenson**

Presiding Judge

Bailiff Megann Eberhart

Magistrate Andrew Peck

Bob Incorvati, Court Administrator

Michael Coughenour, Court Service Bailiff

Bob Davis, Court Security Bailiff

Joseph Storar, Court Security Bailiff

Rebecca Dilbeck, Chief Probation Officer

Renee Loshark, Senior Probation Officer

Kristina VanCamp, Senior Probation Officer

Melodie Bruckmann, Probation Officer

# CLERK OF COURTS PERSONNEL

**Katie Reed**  
**Clerk of Court**

Caitlin Dennis, Chief Deputy Clerk - Finance  
Stephanie Bowen, Chief Deputy Clerk – Supervisor

## Deputy Clerks

Stephanie Bowen	Supervisor
Jodie Shaffer	Disposition Clerk
Michelle Richardson	Records Clerk
Logan Metcalf	Traffic Division Clerk
Bella Lanzinger	Traffic Division Clerk
Eileen Robinson	Criminal Division Clerk
Ashley Carr	Civil Division Supervisor
Michael Shehorn	Civil Division Clerk
Anna Tatham	Civil Division Clerk
Kylie Dawson	Front Counter Clerk
Shannon Beaver	Front Counter Clerk
Florance Magelaner	Bookkeeper



# PROBATION DEPARTMENT

The primary role of the Barberton Probation Department is community control supervision of offenders and enforcement of court orders. The Department performs several other functions for the court including random drug and alcohol testing of offenders, conducting presentence investigations, preparing sealing of records recommendations, and compliance with court orders related to assessment, treatment, employment, and restitution. As alternatives to jail sentence dispositions are sought, the probation department continues to expand its role in serving the court and community.

In 2025, the Barberton Probation Department continues work in the following areas:

- Chief Probation Officer Rebecca Dilbeck oversaw the expansion of agency referral services and incarceration alternatives to better assist those with a variety of needs. Consistently meeting the challenge to find appropriate services for those served by the department.
- Chief Probation Officer Rebecca Dilbeck and Probation Officer Kristina VanCamp maintained their responsibilities as they undertook assisting Judge McKenney with the Barberton Municipal Court Drug Court programming.
- Senior Probation Officer Renee Loshark continued her role to include overseeing the Adult Mental Health Court Specialized Docket and bringing expanded capabilities to the program.
- Probation Officer Kristina Taylor continues to expand her involvement and contributions to the department, including specialized docket record keeping and participant support – a much welcome addition.

## **SLIP Program**

The Barberton Municipal Court continues to provide assistance to Ohio drivers seeking to reinstate valid driving privileges and saw a continued expansion in participation during 2025 with a revamp of the program. SLIP participants are guided through their individual reinstatement requirements and given an opportunity to benefit in a diversion program setting.



# SPECIALIZED DOCKETS

## **Barberton Municipal Drug Court**

In February 2016, the Barberton Municipal Court received certification from the Ohio Supreme Court to begin a specialized docket Drug Court program. Upon assuming responsibility for handling the Drug Court docket in 2017, Judge Todd McKenney sought and received ongoing Final Certification from the Ohio Supreme Court ensuring the program would continue to assist those struggling with opioid and similar addictions.

Under Judge McKenney's guidance the Barberton Municipal Drug Court continues to grow and serve those in need of addiction services. Participation continued to expand in 2025 and new members directly benefit from the expanded services provided in this specialized docket program.

Drug Court is a minimum of 18 months and a maximum of 2 years. Participants are required to maintain a year of sobriety and are subject to random alcohol and drug screens. The Drug Court Program consists of four (4) phases. These phases are used as guidelines that can be modified to meet Participant's specific needs. Participant is required to frequently report to the Drug Court Judge and other treatment team members for compliance monitoring, assistance with treatment plans, and random alcohol and drug testing.

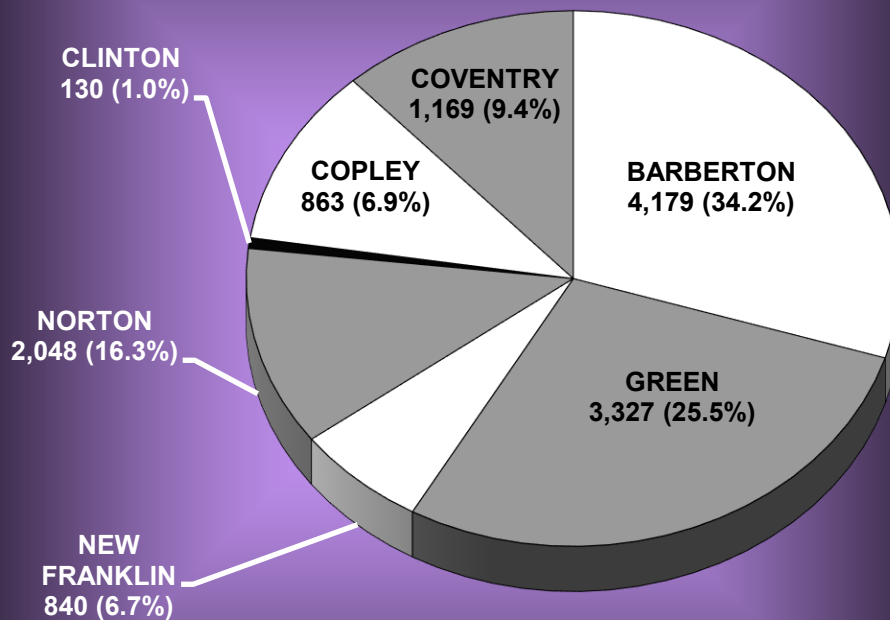
Today, there are 7 Drug Court participants with new potential participants are being screened weekly. Most importantly, the individuals that are able to participate in the Barberton Drug Court are on the road to recovery and a productive, crime free future.

2025 continued to see the successful graduation of Drug Court participants. In a proud series of successful completions, several drug court participants met their goals and graduated from the Drug Court program. Congratulations to them!

# 2025 CASES FILED BY COMMUNITY

	TRAFFIC	CRIMINAL	CIVIL	PARKING	TOTAL	
	CASES	CASES	CASES	CASES	CASES	%
<b>BARBERTON</b>	1519	955	1254	451	4179	34.2%
<b>GREEN</b>	2396	392	520	19	3327	25.5%
<b>NEW FRANKLIN</b>	338	162	340	0	840	6.7%
<b>NORTON</b>	1533	170	345	0	2048	16.3%
<b>CLINTON</b>	58	2	70	0	130	1.0%
<b>COPLEY</b>	322	223	318	0	863	6.9%
<b>COVENTRY</b>	536	221	411	1	1169	9.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6702</b>	<b>2125</b>	<b>3258</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>12,556</b>	<b>100%</b>

# 2025 CASES FILED BY COMMUNITY



# CASES FILED 2019 – 2025

CASE TYPE	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Criminal Division							
Felony (CRA)	530	484	609	654	951	782	824
Misdemeanor (CRB)	1,624	1,625	1,915	1918	2,386	2,321	2,530
<b>Criminal Total</b>	<b>2,154</b>	<b>2,109</b>	<b>2,524</b>	<b>2,572</b>	<b>3,337</b>	<b>3103</b>	<b>3,354</b>
Traffic Division							
OVI (TRC)	318	318	325	367	448	372	387
Regular (TRD)	5,913	6,521	7,693	7,522	6,902	6,449	6,582
<b>Traffic Total</b>	<b>6,839</b>	<b>6,839</b>	<b>8,018</b>	<b>7,889</b>	<b>7,350</b>	<b>6,821</b>	<b>6,969</b>
Civil Division							
Property Damage Personal Injury (CVE)	18	9	7	12	15	23	29
Contracts (CVF)	2,357	2,040	1,410	1,064	1,249	1,267	1,720
Evictions (CVG)	417	435	460	513	467	386	540
Other (CVH)	78	100	72	76	90	99	118
Small Claims (CVI)	388	530	421	172	151	140	159
<b>Civil Total</b>	<b>3,258</b>	<b>3,114</b>	<b>2,370</b>	<b>1,837</b>	<b>1,972</b>	<b>1,914</b>	<b>2,566</b>
Parking Division							
Barberton Police	451	913	678	866	608	769	949
New Franklin	0	10	7	25	3	-	-
Norton Police	0	1	1	2	2	9	7
Summit County SO	20	19	14	4	35	2	12
<b>Parking Total</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>968</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>12,722</b>	<b>13,005</b>	<b>13,612</b>	<b>13,195</b>	<b>13,307</b>	<b>12,618</b>	<b>13,857</b>

# 2025 OPERATING STATEMENT

<b>Municipal Court Operating Statement - General Fund</b>			
<b>Charges for Services:</b>			
101-0000-44110	Criminal/Traffic Court Costs	\$	199,653.47
101-0000-44111	Civil Court Costs		427,391.48
101-0000-44112	10% Criminal Bond Fees		4,423.34
101-0000-44115	Court Bank/Credit Card Fees		0.00
101-0000-44119	Copy Fees/Miscellaneous		7,266.50
101-0000-44120	Court Security		2.00
101-0000-44121	Probation (Monthly/Day) Fees		0.00
101-0000-44122	Garnishment Fees		26,241.15
101-0000-44124	Jury and Witness Fees		1,090.00
<b>Fines:</b>			
101-0000-45110	Court Fines		27,660.25
101-0000-45111	45% of OSP Fines		16,864.51
101-0000-45114	NSF Check Fees		0.00
101-0000-45116	OVI/Arresting Agency Costs		872.00
101-0000-45211	Unclaimed Funds		3,138.76
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>			
101-0000-48014	Restitution From Court		2,900.00
101-0000-48015	Court Cost Apportionment		37,950.44
101-0000-48024	Court Operating Fund Reimbursements		0.00
<b>Total General Fund Revenue</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>755,453.90</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			<b>Y-T-D</b>
101-4120	Municipal Court Judges		571,572.20
101-4121	Clerk of Municipal Courts		1,101,009.66
101-4235	Probation		259,447.22
<b>Total Expenditures</b>			<b>1,932,029.08</b>

# SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS 2025

208	Probation Services		
		Beginning Balance	506,266.37
		Revenue	96,461.44
		Expenditures	(124,200.38)
		Encumbrances	<u>(8,137.91)</u>
		Unencumbered Balance	470,389.52
209	Special Projects-Operations		
		Beginning Balance	318,956.46
		Revenue	509,847.52
		Expenditures	(558,612.23)
		Encumbrances	<u>(3,286.88)</u>
		Unencumbered Balance	266,904.87
210	Clerk Computer Fund		
		Beginning Balance	418,759.53
		Revenue	164,139.10
		Expenditures	(162,050.83)
		Encumbrances	<u>(5,593.43)</u>
		Unencumbered Balance	415,254.37
211	Special Projects-Buildings		
		Beginning Balance	2,894,012.48
		Revenue	876,689.65
		Expenditures	(312,178.81)
		Encumbrances	<u>(2,969.86)</u>
		Unencumbered Balance	3,455,553.46
214	Court Computerization and Legal Research		
		Beginning Balance	127,935.71
		Revenue	31,145.52
		Expenditures	(26,548.74)
		Encumbrances	<u>(5,590.72)</u>
		Unencumbered Balance	126,941.77

# 2025 DISBURSEMENTS TO CITY OF BARBERTON

<i>Criminal / Traffic Division</i>	
Criminal/ Traffic Court Costs	193,662.14
City Fines	27,007.60
Drug Fines	591.00
45% of OSP Fines	33,407.13
OVI Arresting Agency Costs	904.00
OVI Indigent Costs	5,307.00
10% Bond Fee	6,945.34
Jury and Witness Fees	1,090.00
Copy Fees / Misc.	638.15
Court Security Fund	2.00
Special Project Fund-Computer	113,397.87
Computer Legal Research	20,938.85
Special Project Fund-Operations	469,123.20
Credit Card Fees	0.00
Special Project Fund-Building	140,355.14
Indigent Alcohol Treatment Fund	6,880.10
Indigent Interlock Fund	11,074.60
Immobilization Fees	97.50
Probation Services Fund	51,922.38
Expungement Fees	200.00
Criminal / Traffic Subtotal	<u>1,083,544.00</u>
Credit Card Fees Back-Out	0.00
Misc. Adjustment Back-Out	0.00
<b>CRIMINAL / TRAFFIC TOTAL</b>	<u><b>1,083,544.00</b></u>
<i>Civil Division</i>	
Civil Court Costs	440,947.69
Special Project Fund-General	35,758.00
1% Legal Aid	792.19
Marriage Fees	8,960.00
Special Project Fund-Computer	56,670.00
Computer Legal Research	9,819.00
Copy Fees / Misc. and Jury	429.00
Special Project Fund-Building	65,452.19
2% Garnishment Fees	27,404.16
Civil Subtotal	<u>646,232.23</u>
Credit Card Fees Back-Out	0.00
Mis. Adjustment Back-Out	0.00
<b>CIVIL TOTAL</b>	<u><b>646,232.23</b></u>
<b>CITY OF BARBERTON TOTAL</b>	<u><b>1,729,776.23</b></u>

# 2025 DISBURSEMENTS TO SUMMIT COUNTY

<b>Disbursements to Summit County Fiscal Officer</b>		
Witness Fees Collected	0.00	
County Regular Fines	52,058.10	
County Uniform Fines	71,002.04	
OVI Housing	13,421.50	
Sheriff Drug Fines	628.00	
10% of OSP Fines	8,351.36	
50% of Liquor Fines	407.90	
Sheriff OVI Arresting Agency Fines	1,578.70	
Jury Fees	0.00	
Lakes Fines	262.00	
Expungement Fees	621.20	
<b>SUMMIT COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TOTAL</b>	<b>148,330.80</b>	
Other County Disbursements		
Crimestopper Fees Collected	846.39	
Public Defender Fees Collected	8,360.65	
<b>OTHER COUNTY TOTAL</b>	<b>9,207.04</b>	

# 2025 DISBURSEMENTS TO STATE OF OHIO

<b>Disbursements to Ohio Treasurer</b>	
Victims of Crime Costs	49,913.90
Expungement Costs	1,651.80
45% of OSP Fines	41,755.21
50% of Liquor Fines	407.90
Seat Belt Fines	6,230.00
Highway Safety Fund	260.00
General Revenue Costs	1,026.50
Ind Def Support Fund Fine (IDSF)	17,169.14
Ind Def Support Fund Cost (IDFC)	137,094.17
Ind Def Support Fund (FBB)	2,106.30
Ignition Interlock Fund (IIFS)	97.50
Drug Enforcement Fund (DEFC)	15,602.65
Justice Program Service Fund (JPSF)	457.70
Unlimited Driving State Fund	5.00
Statewide Treatment and Prevention Fund	3450.00
<b>Criminal / Traffic Subtotal</b>	<b>277,227.77</b>
99% Legal Aid (from Civil Division)	72,095.76
<b>OHIO TREASURER TOTAL</b>	<b>349,323.53</b>
<b>Other State Disbursements</b>	
OSP Drug Fines	96.00
OSP OVI Arresting Agency Fines	680.00
Board of Pharmacy Fines	1,721.00
BMV Fees	62.50
<b>OTHER STATE OF OHIO TOTAL</b>	<b>2,559.50</b>

# 2025 DISBURSEMENTS TO OTHER ENTITIES

Disbursements to Other Entities	
City of Green Ordinance Fines	27,826.10
Copley Police OVI Fines	615.30
Copley Police Drug Fines	219.00
<b>Copley Police Subtotal</b>	<b>834.30</b>
MetroParks	0.00
New Franklin Police OVI Fines	976.00
New Franklin Police Drug Fines	137.00
<b>New Franklin Police Subtotal</b>	<b>1,113.00</b>
City of Norton Ordinance Fines	11,000.00
Norton Police OVI Fines	768.00
Norton Police Drug Fines	124.00
Norton Local Court Transfer Fee	0.00
<b>Norton Subtotal</b>	<b>11,892.00</b>
State Wildlife	672.00
State Watercraft	357.00
State Parks	929.40
<b>ODNR Subtotal</b>	<b>2,887.80</b>
Humane Society	26.00
Collection Agency	69,483.73
Ohio Department of Taxation	0.00
Sheriff Fees	4,255.04
<b>Criminal / Traffic Division Subtotal</b>	<b>117,388.57</b>
Akron Legal News (Civil)	36,025.00
<b>OTHER ENTITY TOTAL</b>	<b>152,951.07</b>