

FAMILY COURT

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Mediation Filings				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	9,147	7,795	-1,352	-14.8%
Kent County	2,577	2,458	-119	-4.6%
Sussex County	3,350	2,804	-546	-16.3%
State	15,074	13,057	-2,017	-13.4%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Mediation Dispositions				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	9,159	7,726	-1,433	-15.6%
Kent County	2,572	2,296	-276	-10.7%
Sussex County	3,464	2,583	-881	-25.4%
State	15,195	12,605	-2,590	-17.0%

Mediation Explanatory Notes Fiscal Year 2008

1. Mediation is the process prior to adjudication in which a trained mediator attempts to assist the parties in reaching an agreement. If the parties are unable to reach an agreement, the matter is scheduled to be heard before a commissioner or judge.
2. Custody, support, visitation, guardianship, imperiling family relations, and rule to show cause filings are scheduled for mediation.

Note: Mediation data was reported as Arbitration data in some previous fiscal years.

Source: Court Administrator, Family Court; Administrative Office of the Courts