

# Justice of the Peace Court

The Justice of the Peace Court continues to improve the quality of services provided and to expedite case dispositions. During fiscal year 2003, the Justice of the Peace Court focused much attention on improving the efficacy of existing programs and services.

## **Customer Service**

**Program:** In an effort to improve customer service in general, the Court conducted public surveys on the services it provides. Approximately 78% of the respondents indicated that the efficiency, speed of services and overall experience was

“excellent” or “good.” To better serve the needs of both the public and members of the bar, all non-judicial employees are being provided customer service training. This effort, funded by a grant from the First State Quality Improvement Fund and through the donated services of Ken Shock, Customer Service Specialist for the Division of Motor Vehicles, promotes uniformity and better service to the public. With the completion of the training, surveys will be conducted again for comparison purposes.

## **Pilot Project Providing Legal Representation**

**at Court 20:** Midway through its second year, this pilot project demonstrates the benefits of coordinated efforts amongst state agencies, by using existing resources (for the Judiciary) and federal grant funds (for the Attorney General and the Public Defender), to reduce delays and provide better services to victims and others in the courts. Statistics prepared by the Statistical Analysis Center have consistently shown the pro-



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gram’s success: since it began in November of 2001, the project has decreased the transfer rate for eligible cases from J.P. Court 20 to the Court of Common Pleas from 46% pre-project to 28.7% since the pilot started. More importantly, the overall average processing time for eligible cases has decreased from 114 days pre-pilot to 63 days post-pilot.

## **Statewide Videophone**

**Court:** The statewide Videophone Court continued in “full swing” at J.P. Court 2 in Rehoboth during fiscal year 2003. The Court has continued to provide sub-

stantial benefits and resource savings to the criminal justice community through distributing the Justice of the Peace Court’s videophone workload more efficiently and providing quicker and more consistent service. The success of the Statewide Videophone Court is demonstrated in Court 2’s dramatic increase in caseload – a 43% increase (from 18,943 in FY 2002 to 27,059 cases filed in FY 2003), and its average of over 1,000 videophone proceedings per month.

**Truancy Court:** 2003 represented a banner year for the Justice of the Peace Court’s Truancy Court. The Truancy Court is being recognized as the “2003 Program of the Year” by the International Association for Truancy and Dropout Prevention, because of its comprehensive approach and successfulness in reducing truancy — it combines community health and social service resources with intensive court oversight to strengthen families, improve school attendance, and prevent juvenile delinquency.

**Court Facilities:** The Justice of the Peace Court received the funding to relocate Court 1 from its rental facility in Millsboro to a former bank building owned by the Town of Frankford. This new facility, which is being renovated during FY 2004, is larger and more suitable for a courthouse, and more centrally located in southwest Sussex County. It is also expected to house the Sussex Truancy Court operations. In addition, efforts continue in constructing a new facility in Houston to allow for the merger of Courts 5 (Milford) and 6 (Harrington), and extended hours of operation at that site. It is expected that this long-overdue project will be completed in FY 2004.

**Constable Security:** Although security remains a concern in all Justice of the Peace Courts (without sufficient resources to provide security coverage at all shifts of operation), the Court implemented a new program to enhance the security/safety of the Justice of the Peace Court constables by tracking all constable location radio calls through the State Police emergency personnel radio system.

**Tax and Lottery Intercept:** The Justice of the Peace Court has participated in the tax and lottery intercept program since 1995 and has collected \$110,000 in unpaid fines/costs/restitution through the program since its inception. FY 2003 was a particularly successful year, with triple the usual amount of fines/costs being collected.



Justice of the Peace Court, New Castle County

*Front Row* (sitting from left to right)

Judge Rosalind Toulson, Judge Kathleen Lucas, Judge Marie Page, Judge Cheryl Stallmann, Judge Susan Cline, Judge Rosalie Rutkowski, Judge Roger Barton and Judge Stanley Petraschuk

*Middle Row* (standing from left to right)

Judge Terry Smith, Judge Thomas Cole, Judge David Skelley, Judge Sidney Clark, Judge William Moser, Judge Thomas Brown, Judge James Tull and Judge Lawrence Fitchett

*Back Row* (standing from left to right)

Judge Paul Smith, Judge Wayne Hanby, Judge Marilyn Letts, Judge Roberto Lopez, Judge Thomas Kenney and Deputy Chief Magistrate Bonita N. Lee

*Not Pictured*

Judge Robert Armstrong, Judge Linda Gray, Judge Sean McCormick, Judge Nancy Roberts, Judge Katharine Ross, Judge Vernon Taylor and Deborah McNesby

Justice of the Peace Court, Kent County



*Front Row* (sitting left to right)  
Judge Pamela Darling, Judge Ellis Parrott and Judge Agnes Pennella

*Back Row* (standing left to right)  
Judge Harvey Leighty, Judge Robert Wall, Judge James Murray and Deputy Chief Magistrate Charles Stump

*Not Pictured*  
Judge Ernst Arndt, Judge Margrett Barrett, Judge Frederick Dewey, Judge Debora Foor and Judge Fred Lord

Justice of the Peace Court, Sussex County

*Front Row* (sitting left to right)  
Judge John Hudson, Judge Jeni Coffelt, Judge William Hopkins, Judge Edward Davis, Judge Jana Mollohan

*Back Row* (standing left to right)  
Judge John McKenzie, Judge Walter Goodwin, Judge Howard Mulvaney, Judge Joseph Melson, Judge John Martin, Judge Herman Hagan and Judge William Wood

*Not Pictured*  
Deputy Chief Magistrate Sheila Blakely, Judge William Boddy III, Judge William Brittingham, Judge Marcealeate Ruffin and Judge John O'Bier



**Legal Authorization**

The Justice of the Peace Court is authorized by the Constitution of Delaware, Article IV, Section 1.

**Court History**

As early as the 1600s, justices of the peace were commissioned to handle minor civil and criminal cases. Along with a host of other duties, the administering of local government in the 17th and 18th Centuries on behalf of the English Crown was a primary duty of the justices of the peace. With the adoption of the State Constitution of 1792, the justices of the peace were stripped of their general administrative duties leaving them with minor civil and criminal jurisdiction. During the period 1792 through 1964, the justices of the peace were compensated entirely by the costs and fees assessed and collected for the performance of their legal duties.

**Legal Jurisdiction**

The Justice of the Peace Court has jurisdiction over civil cases in which the amount in controversy is not greater than \$15,000. This increased from \$5,000 in January 1995. Justice of the Peace Court is authorized to hear certain misdemeanors and most motor vehicle cases (excluding felonies) and may act as committing magistrates for all crimes. Appeals may be taken to the Court of Common Pleas effective January 1995. In the past, these appeals were taken to the Superior Court. The subject matter jurisdiction of the Justice of the Peace Courts is shared with the Court of Common Pleas, except for summary possession actions.

The Court's jurisdiction was increased on May 1, 1998, to include filings in the city of Wilmington as a result of the Municipal Court merger.

**Geographic Organization**

The jurisdiction of the Court is statewide and sessions are held throughout the State. Of the 19 courts currently operating, eight are in New Castle County, four are in Kent County and seven are in Sussex County. The Voluntary Assessment Center, which handles mail-in fines, is located in Dover.

**Justice of the Peace**

The Delaware Code authorizes a maximum of 58 justices of the peace. The maximum number of justices of the peace permitted in each county is 29 in New Castle County, 12 in Kent County and 17 in Sussex County. All justices of the peace are nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate for terms of four years. A justice of the peace must be at least 21 years of age and a resident of the state of Delaware and the county in which the justice of the peace serves. In addition to the 58 justices of the peace, the Governor nominates a chief magistrate, subject to Senate confirmation.

**Support Personnel**

An administrator, two operations managers, an administrative officer, and a fiscal administrative officer help the chief magistrate direct the Justice of the Peace Court on a daily basis. The State provides clerks of the court, constables, and other personnel for the Court.

| <b>Caseload Summary Fiscal Year 2003 - Total Cases (defendants)</b> |                      |                |                |                      |                      |                        |
|---|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
|   | Pending<br>6/30/2002 | Filings        | Dispositions   | Pending<br>6/30/2003 | Change<br>In Pending | % Change<br>In Pending |
| Criminal  | 44,949               | 215,115        | 219,867        | 40,197               | -4752                | -10.6%                 |
| Civil   | 9,533                | 30,329         | 27,501         | 12,361               | +2828                | +29.7%                 |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>54,482</b>        | <b>245,444</b> | <b>247,368</b> | <b>52,558</b>        | <b>-1924</b>         | <b>-3.5%</b>           |

| <b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2002-2003 - Total Cases Filings (defendants)</b> |                |                |                |              |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
|  | 2002           | 2003           | Change         | % Change     |
| Criminal   | 229,817        | 215,115        | -14,702        | -6.4%        |
| Civil  | 28,910         | 30,329         | +1419          | +4.9%        |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>258,727</b> | <b>245,444</b> | <b>-13,283</b> | <b>-5.1%</b> |

| <b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2002-2003 - Total Cases Dispositions (defendants)</b> |                |                |              |              |
|---|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
|   | 2002           | 2003           | Change       | % Change     |
| Criminal  | 213,754        | 219,867        | +6113        | +2.9%        |
| Civil   | 29,637         | 27,501         | -2136        | -7.2%        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>243,391</b> | <b>247,368</b> | <b>+3977</b> | <b>+1.6%</b> |

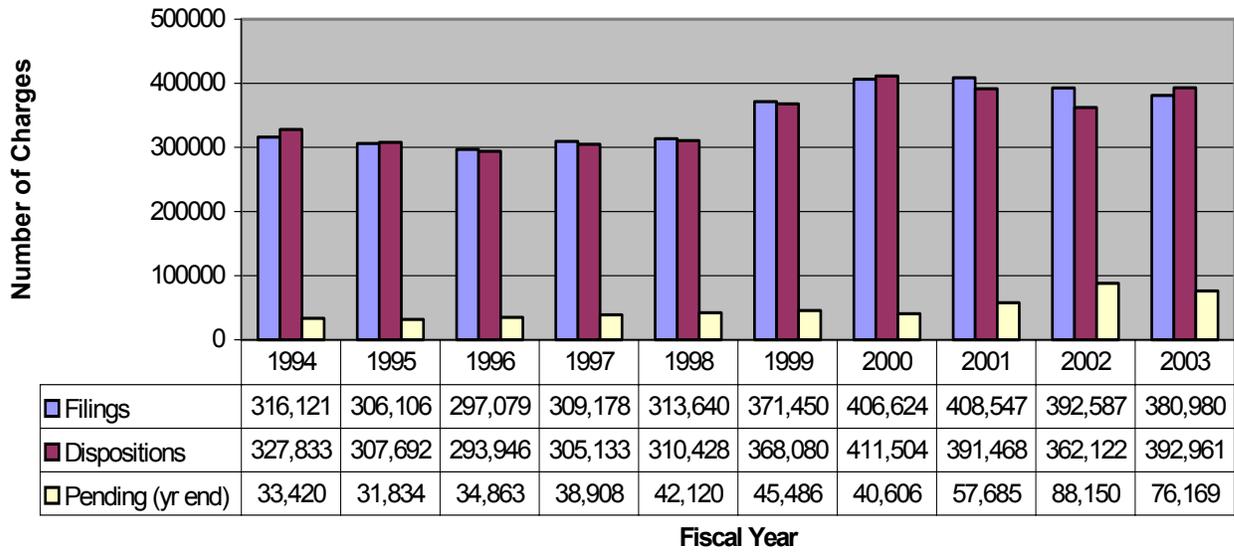
| <b>Caseload Summary Fiscal Year 2003-Total Cases (charges)</b> |                      |                |                |                      |                      |                        |
|--|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
|  | Pending<br>6/30/2002 | Filings        | Dispositions   | Pending<br>6/30/2003 | Change<br>In Pending | % Change<br>In Pending |
| Criminal   | 78,617               | 350,651        | 365,460        | 63,808               | -14809               | -18.8%                 |
| Civil  | 9,533                | 30,329         | 27,501         | 12,361               | +2828                | +29.7%                 |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>88,150</b>        | <b>380,980</b> | <b>392,961</b> | <b>76,169</b>        | <b>-11981</b>        | <b>-13.6%</b>          |

| <b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2002-2003 - Total Cases Filed (charges)</b> |                |                |                |              |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
|   | 2002           | 2003           | Change         | % Change     |
| Criminal  | 363,677        | 350,651        | -13,026        | -3.6%        |
| Civil   | 28,910         | 30,329         | +1419          | +4.9%        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>392,587</b> | <b>380,980</b> | <b>-11,607</b> | <b>-3.0%</b> |

| <b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2002-2003 - Total Cases Disposed (charges)</b> |                |                |               |              |
|--|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
|  | 2002           | 2003           | Change        | % Change     |
| Criminal   | 332,485        | 365,460        | +32975        | +9.9%        |
| Civil  | 29,637         | 27,501         | -2136         | -7.2%        |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>362,122</b> | <b>392,961</b> | <b>+30839</b> | <b>+8.5%</b> |

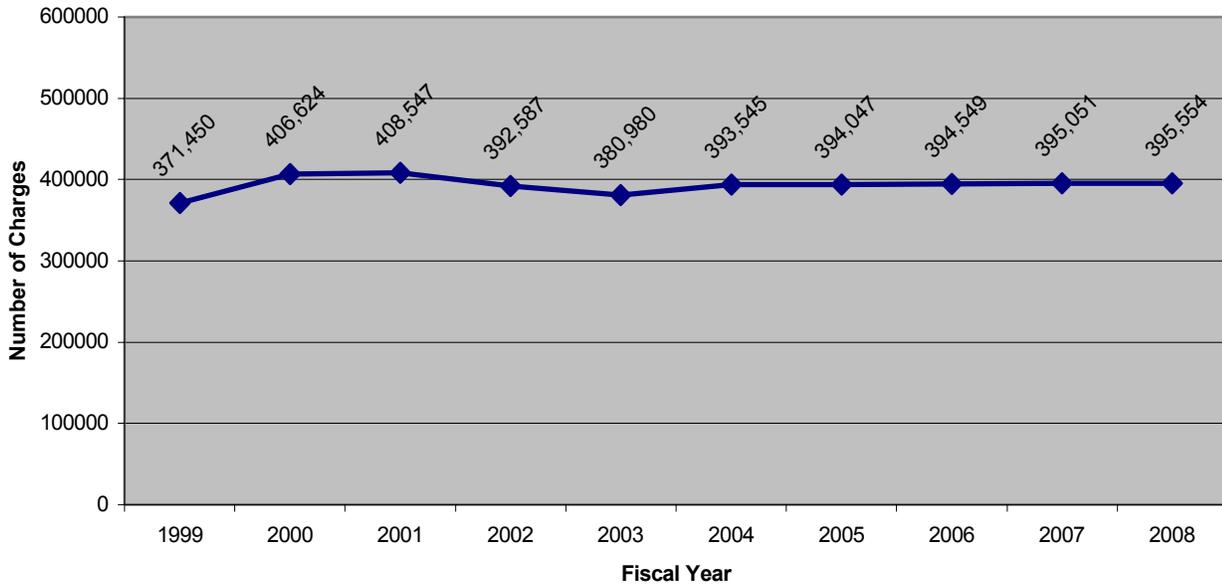
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**JP Court - 10 Year Total Caseload Trend**

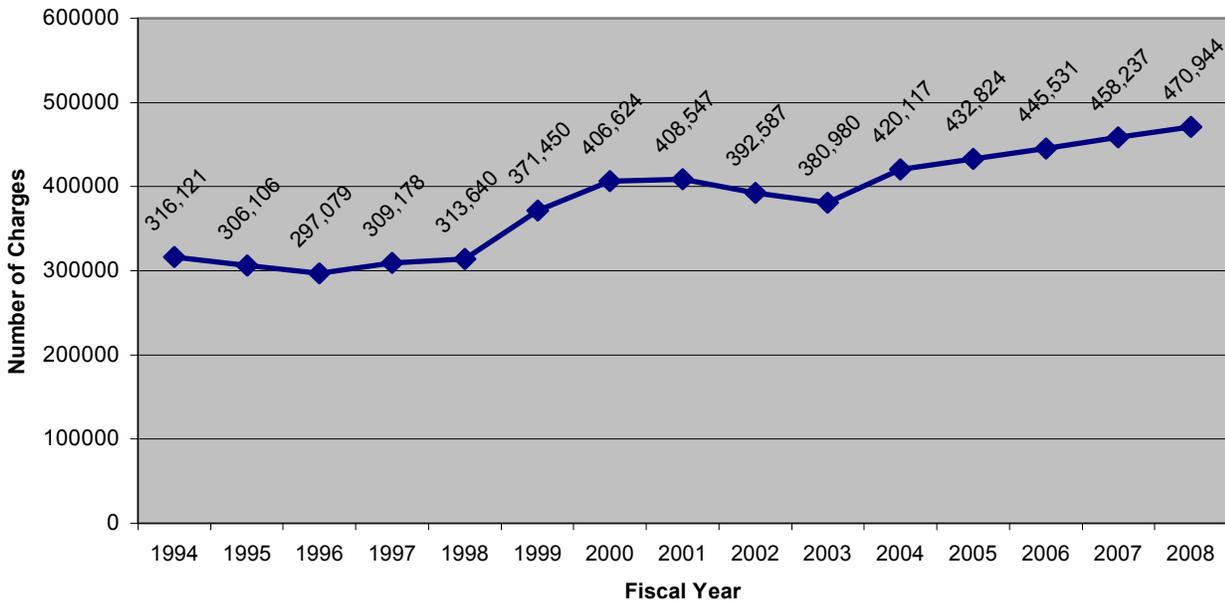


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**JP Court - 5 Year Total Filing Projections With 5 Year Base**



**JP Court - 5 Year Total Filing Projections Using 10 Year Base**



Trend lines computed by regression analysis.

Source: Chief Magistrate’s Office, Justice of the Peace Court; Administrative Office of the Courts.

| <b>Caseload Summary Fiscal Year 2003 - Criminal and Traffic Cases (defendants)</b> |                      |                |                |                      |                      |                        |
|--|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
|  | Pending<br>6/30/2002 | Filings        | Dispositions   | Pending<br>6/30/2003 | Change<br>In Pending | % Change<br>In Pending |
| <b>New Castle County</b>   |                      |                |                |                      |                      |                        |
| Court 9  | 607                  | 1,934          | 2,114          | 427                  | -180                 | -29.7%                 |
| Court 10   | 2,317                | 7,378          | 6,506          | 3,189                | +872                 | +37.6%                 |
| Court 11   | 5,454                | 17,031         | 17,676         | 4,809                | -645                 | -11.8%                 |
| Court 15   | 2,609                | 6,108          | 6,710          | 2,007                | -602                 | -23.1%                 |
| Court 18   | 0                    | 0              | 0              | 0                    | -----                | -----                  |
| Court 20   | 3,439                | 16,241         | 15,125         | 4,555                | +1116                | +32.5%                 |
| <b>Kent County</b>   |                      |                |                |                      |                      |                        |
| Court 6  | 1,043                | 2,909          | 3,455          | 497                  | -546                 | -52.3%                 |
| Court 7  | 3,285                | 15,891         | 16,775         | 2,401                | -884                 | -26.9%                 |
| Court 8  | 238                  | 2,114          | 2,057          | 295                  | +57                  | +23.9%                 |
| <b>Sussex County</b>   |                      |                |                |                      |                      |                        |
| Court 1  | 571                  | 2,613          | 2,575          | 609                  | +38                  | +6.7%                  |
| Court 2  | 1,031                | 11,361         | 11,498         | 894                  | -137                 | -13.3%                 |
| Court 3  | 1,877                | 10,893         | 10,706         | 2,064                | +187                 | +10.0%                 |
| Court 4  | 1,360                | 6,840          | 6,845          | 1,355                | -5                   | -0.4%                  |
| Court 5  | 430                  | 2,209          | 2,141          | 498                  | +68                  | +15.8%                 |
| Court 14   | 324                  | 1,677          | 1,391          | 610                  | +286                 | +88.3%                 |
| <b>State without VAC</b>   | <b>24,585</b>        | <b>105,199</b> | <b>105,574</b> | <b>24,210</b>        | <b>-375</b>          | <b>-1.5%</b>           |
| <b>VAC</b>   | <b>20,364</b>        | <b>109,916</b> | <b>114,293</b> | <b>15,987</b>        | <b>-4377</b>         | <b>-21.5%</b>          |
| <b>State with VAC</b>  | <b>44,949</b>        | <b>215,115</b> | <b>219,867</b> | <b>40,197</b>        | <b>-4752</b>         | <b>-10.6%</b>          |

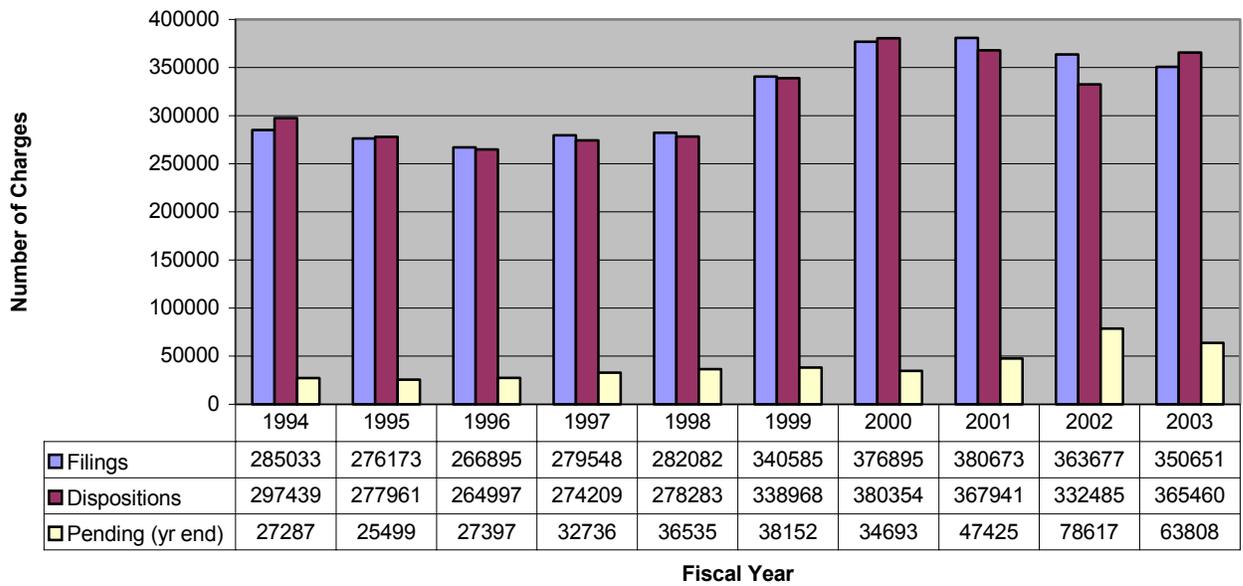
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| <b>Caseload Summary Fiscal Year 2003 - Criminal and Traffic Cases (charges)</b> |                      |                |                |                      |                      |                        |
|---|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
|   | Pending<br>6/30/2002 | Filings        | Dispositions   | Pending<br>6/30/2003 | Change<br>In Pending | % Change<br>In Pending |
| <b>New Castle County</b>  |                      |                |                |                      |                      |                        |
| Court 9   | 1,427                | 3,792          | 4,542          | 677                  | -750                 | -52.6%                 |
| Court 10  | 4,541                | 14,406         | 13,885         | 5,062                | +521                 | +11.5%                 |
| Court 11  | 12,596               | 37,702         | 42,664         | 7,634                | -4962                | -39.4%                 |
| Court 15  | 5,187                | 12,041         | 14,042         | 3,186                | -2001                | -38.6%                 |
| Court 18  | 0                    | 0              | 0              | 0                    | -----                | -----                  |
| Court 20  | 5,992                | 35,805         | 34,567         | 7,230                | +1238                | +20.7%                 |
| <b>Kent County</b>  |                      |                |                |                      |                      |                        |
| Court 6   | 1,878                | 4,958          | 6,047          | 789                  | -1089                | -58.0%                 |
| Court 7   | 6,214                | 36,949         | 39,352         | 3,811                | -2403                | -38.7%                 |
| Court 8   | 411                  | 3,652          | 3,594          | 469                  | +58                  | +14.1%                 |
| <b>Sussex County</b>  |                      |                |                |                      |                      |                        |
| Court 1   | 1,059                | 4,451          | 4,544          | 966                  | -93                  | -8.8%                  |
| Court 2   | 1,809                | 27,059         | 27,448         | 1,420                | -389                 | -21.5%                 |
| Court 3   | 4,305                | 31,698         | 32,726         | 3,277                | -1028                | -23.9%                 |
| Court 4   | 2,660                | 14,924         | 15,433         | 2,151                | -509                 | -19.1%                 |
| Court 5   | 828                  | 4,365          | 4,402          | 791                  | -37                  | -4.5%                  |
| Court 14  | 791                  | 4,590          | 4,413          | 968                  | +177                 | +22.4%                 |
| <b>State without VAC</b>  | <b>49,698</b>        | <b>236,392</b> | <b>247,659</b> | <b>38,431</b>        | <b>-11267</b>        | <b>-22.7%</b>          |
| <b>VAC</b>  | <b>28,919</b>        | <b>114,259</b> | <b>117,801</b> | <b>25,377</b>        | <b>-3542</b>         | <b>-12.2%</b>          |
| <b>State with VAC</b>   | <b>78,617</b>        | <b>350,651</b> | <b>365,460</b> | <b>63,808</b>        | <b>-14809</b>        | <b>-18.8%</b>          |

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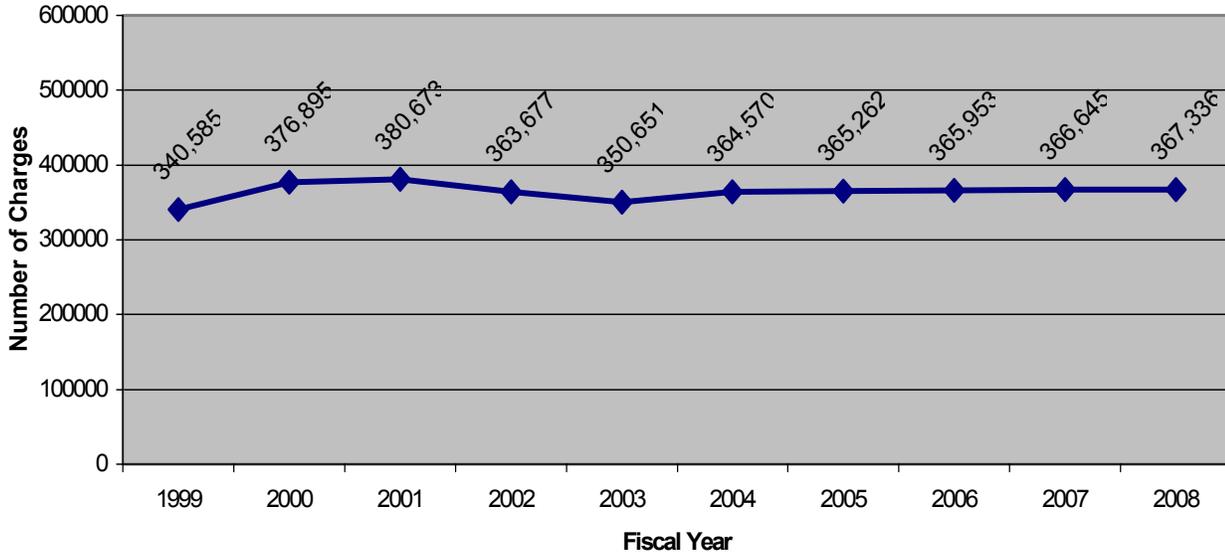
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**JP Court - 10 Year Criminal and Traffic Caseload Trend**

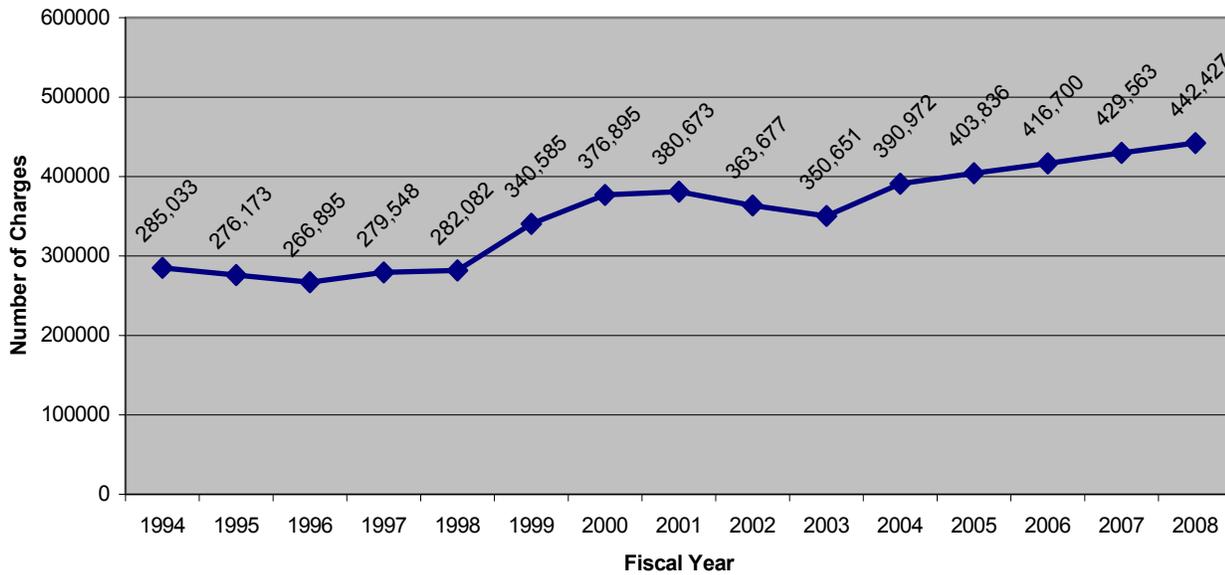


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**JP Court - 5 Year Criminal and Traffic Case Filing Projections  
With 5 Year Base**



**JP Court - 5 Year Criminal and Traffic Case Filing Projections  
With 10 Year Base**



Trend lines computed by regression analysis.

Source: Chief Magistrate's Office, Justice of the Peace Court; Administrative Office of the Courts.

| Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2003 - Criminal and Traffic Filings (defendants) |                     |             |                     |              |                    |              |               |             |                |               |
|--|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
|  | Title 7 - Fish/Game |             | Title 11 - Criminal |              | Title 21 - Traffic |              | Miscellaneous |             | Total          |               |
| New Castle County  |                     |             |                     |              |                    |              |               |             |                |               |
| Court 9  | 156                 | 8.1%        | 166                 | 8.6%         | 1,479              | 76.5%        | 133           | 6.9%        | 1,934          | 100.0%        |
| Court 10   | 167                 | 2.3%        | 857                 | 11.6%        | 5,504              | 74.6%        | 850           | 11.5%       | 7,378          | 100.0%        |
| Court 11   | 450                 | 2.6%        | 6,014               | 35.3%        | 9,068              | 53.2%        | 1,499         | 8.8%        | 17,031         | 100.0%        |
| Court 15   | 100                 | 1.6%        | 405                 | 6.6%         | 4,891              | 80.1%        | 712           | 11.7%       | 6,108          | 100.0%        |
| Court 18   | 0                   | ----        | 0                   | ----         | 0                  | ----         | 0             | ----        | 0              | 100.0%        |
| Court 20   | 35                  | 0.2%        | 5,834               | 35.9%        | 7,192              | 44.3%        | 3,180         | 19.6%       | 16,241         | 100.0%        |
| Kent County  |                     |             |                     |              |                    |              |               |             |                |               |
| Court 6  | 27                  | 0.9%        | 216                 | 7.4%         | 2,553              | 87.8%        | 113           | 3.9%        | 2,909          | 100.0%        |
| Court 7  | 360                 | 2.3%        | 4,896               | 30.8%        | 9,405              | 59.2%        | 1,230         | 7.7%        | 15,891         | 100.0%        |
| Court 8  | 2                   | 0.1%        | 232                 | 11.0%        | 1,810              | 85.6%        | 70            | 3.3%        | 2,114          | 100.0%        |
| Sussex County  |                     |             |                     |              |                    |              |               |             |                |               |
| Court 1  | 299                 | 11.4%       | 90                  | 3.4%         | 2,005              | 76.7%        | 219           | 8.4%        | 2,613          | 100.0%        |
| Court 2  | 482                 | 4.2%        | 6,503               | 57.2%        | 3,718              | 32.7%        | 658           | 5.8%        | 11,361         | 100.0%        |
| Court 3  | 208                 | 1.9%        | 4,145               | 38.1%        | 5,486              | 50.4%        | 1,054         | 9.7%        | 10,893         | 100.0%        |
| Court 4  | 50                  | 0.7%        | 1,127               | 16.5%        | 5,498              | 80.4%        | 165           | 2.4%        | 6,840          | 100.0%        |
| Court 5  | 13                  | 0.6%        | 386                 | 17.5%        | 1,702              | 77.0%        | 108           | 4.9%        | 2,209          | 100.0%        |
| Court 14   | 1                   | 0.1%        | 40                  | 2.4%         | 1,467              | 87.5%        | 169           | 10.1%       | 1,677          | 100.0%        |
| State without VAC  | 2,350               | 2.2%        | 30,911              | 29.4%        | 61,778             | 58.7%        | 10,160        | 9.7%        | 105,199        | 100.0%        |
| VAC  | 240                 | 0.2%        | 0                   | 0.0%         | 109,659            | 99.8%        | 17            | 0.0%        | 109,916        | 100.0%        |
| <b>State with VAC</b>  | <b>2,590</b>        | <b>1.2%</b> | <b>30,911</b>       | <b>14.4%</b> | <b>171,437</b>     | <b>79.7%</b> | <b>10,177</b> | <b>4.7%</b> | <b>215,115</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |

| Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2003 - Criminal and Traffic Dispositions (defendants) |                     |             |                     |              |                    |              |               |             |                |               |
|---|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
|   | Title 7 - Fish/Game |             | Title 11 - Criminal |              | Title 21 - Traffic |              | Miscellaneous |             | Total          |               |
| New Castle County   |                     |             |                     |              |                    |              |               |             |                |               |
| Court 9   | 160                 | 7.6%        | 150                 | 7.1%         | 1,650              | 78.1%        | 154           | 7.3%        | 2,114          | 100.0%        |
| Court 10  | 199                 | 3.1%        | 600                 | 9.2%         | 5,125              | 78.8%        | 582           | 8.9%        | 6,506          | 100.0%        |
| Court 11  | 340                 | 1.9%        | 6,025               | 34.1%        | 10,028             | 56.7%        | 1,283         | 7.3%        | 17,676         | 100.0%        |
| Court 15  | 125                 | 1.9%        | 390                 | 5.8%         | 5,194              | 77.4%        | 1,001         | 14.9%       | 6,710          | 100.0%        |
| Court 18  | 0                   | ----        | 0                   | ----         | 0                  | ----         | 0             | ----        | 0              | 100.0%        |
| Court 20  | 40                  | 0.3%        | 3,707               | 24.5%        | 8,196              | 54.2%        | 3,182         | 21.0%       | 15,125         | 100.0%        |
| Kent County   |                     |             |                     |              |                    |              |               |             |                |               |
| Court 6   | 20                  | 0.6%        | 367                 | 10.6%        | 2,919              | 84.5%        | 149           | 4.3%        | 3,455          | 100.0%        |
| Court 7   | 331                 | 2.0%        | 5,070               | 30.2%        | 10,025             | 59.8%        | 1,349         | 8.0%        | 16,775         | 100.0%        |
| Court 8   | 7                   | 0.3%        | 210                 | 10.2%        | 1,772              | 86.1%        | 68            | 3.3%        | 2,057          | 100.0%        |
| Sussex County   |                     |             |                     |              |                    |              |               |             |                |               |
| Court 1   | 244                 | 9.5%        | 97                  | 3.8%         | 2,039              | 79.2%        | 195           | 7.6%        | 2,575          | 100.0%        |
| Court 2   | 475                 | 4.1%        | 6,545               | 56.9%        | 3,853              | 33.5%        | 625           | 5.4%        | 11,498         | 100.0%        |
| Court 3   | 206                 | 1.9%        | 4,160               | 38.9%        | 5,223              | 48.8%        | 1,117         | 10.4%       | 10,706         | 100.0%        |
| Court 4   | 107                 | 1.6%        | 1,201               | 17.5%        | 5,347              | 78.1%        | 190           | 2.8%        | 6,845          | 100.0%        |
| Court 5   | 19                  | 0.9%        | 315                 | 14.7%        | 1,708              | 79.8%        | 99            | 4.6%        | 2,141          | 100.0%        |
| Court 14  | 1                   | 0.1%        | 27                  | 1.9%         | 1,255              | 90.2%        | 108           | 7.8%        | 1,391          | 100.0%        |
| State without VAC   | 2,274               | 2.2%        | 28,864              | 27.3%        | 64,334             | 60.9%        | 10,102        | 9.6%        | 105,574        | 100.0%        |
| VAC   | 224                 | 0.2%        | 0                   | 0.0%         | 114,064            | 99.8%        | 5             | 0.0%        | 114,293        | 100.0%        |
| <b>State with VAC</b>   | <b>2,498</b>        | <b>1.1%</b> | <b>28,864</b>       | <b>13.1%</b> | <b>178,398</b>     | <b>81.1%</b> | <b>10,107</b> | <b>4.6%</b> | <b>219,867</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |

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| <b>Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2003 - Criminal and Traffic Filings (charges)</b> |                     |             |                     |              |                    |              |               |             |                |               |
|--|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
|  | Title 7 - Fish/Game |             | Title 11 - Criminal |              | Title 21 - Traffic |              | Miscellaneous |             | Total          |               |
| New Castle County  |                     |             |                     |              |                    |              |               |             |                |               |
| Court 9  | 244                 | 6.4%        | 265                 | 7.0%         | 3,124              | 82.4%        | 159           | 4.2%        | 3,792          | 100.0%        |
| Court 10   | 192                 | 1.3%        | 1,202               | 8.3%         | 11,717             | 81.3%        | 1,295         | 9.0%        | 14,406         | 100.0%        |
| Court 11   | 667                 | 1.8%        | 12,303              | 32.6%        | 21,680             | 57.5%        | 3,052         | 8.1%        | 37,702         | 100.0%        |
| Court 15   | 84                  | 0.7%        | 686                 | 5.7%         | 10,649             | 88.4%        | 622           | 5.2%        | 12,041         | 100.0%        |
| Court 18   | 0                   | ----        | 0                   | ----         | 0                  | ----         | 0             | ----        | 0              | 100.0%        |
| Court 20   | 72                  | 0.2%        | 11,944              | 33.4%        | 16,866             | 47.1%        | 6,923         | 19.3%       | 35,805         | 100.0%        |
| Kent County  |                     |             |                     |              |                    |              |               |             |                |               |
| Court 6  | 29                  | 0.6%        | 554                 | 11.2%        | 4,218              | 85.1%        | 157           | 3.2%        | 4,958          | 100.0%        |
| Court 7  | 744                 | 2.0%        | 12,049              | 32.6%        | 20,162             | 54.6%        | 3,994         | 10.8%       | 36,949         | 100.0%        |
| Court 8  | 4                   | 0.1%        | 451                 | 12.3%        | 3,063              | 83.9%        | 134           | 3.7%        | 3,652          | 100.0%        |
| Sussex County  |                     |             |                     |              |                    |              |               |             |                |               |
| Court 1  | 387                 | 8.7%        | 212                 | 4.8%         | 3,604              | 81.0%        | 248           | 5.6%        | 4,451          | 100.0%        |
| Court 2  | 550                 | 2.0%        | 16,554              | 61.2%        | 8,049              | 29.7%        | 1,906         | 7.0%        | 27,059         | 100.0%        |
| Court 3  | 624                 | 2.0%        | 12,435              | 39.2%        | 15,244             | 48.1%        | 3,395         | 10.7%       | 31,698         | 100.0%        |
| Court 4  | 97                  | 0.6%        | 2,693               | 18.0%        | 11,738             | 78.7%        | 396           | 2.7%        | 14,924         | 100.0%        |
| Court 5  | 14                  | 0.3%        | 603                 | 13.8%        | 3,625              | 83.0%        | 123           | 2.8%        | 4,365          | 100.0%        |
| Court 14   | 1                   | 0.0%        | 85                  | 1.9%         | 4,303              | 93.7%        | 201           | 4.4%        | 4,590          | 100.0%        |
| State without VAC  | 3,709               | 1.6%        | 72,036              | 30.5%        | 138,042            | 58.4%        | 22,605        | 9.6%        | 236,392        | 100.0%        |
| VAC  | 248                 | 0.2%        | 0                   | 0.0%         | 113,977            | 99.8%        | 34            | 0.0%        | 114,259        | 100.0%        |
| <b>State with VAC</b>  | <b>3,957</b>        | <b>1.1%</b> | <b>72,036</b>       | <b>20.5%</b> | <b>252,019</b>     | <b>71.9%</b> | <b>22,639</b> | <b>6.5%</b> | <b>350,651</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |

| <b>Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2003 - Criminal and Traffic Dispositions (charges)</b> |                     |             |                     |              |                    |              |               |             |                |               |
|---|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
|   | Title 7 - Fish/Game |             | Title 11 - Criminal |              | Title 21 - Traffic |              | Miscellaneous |             | Total          |               |
| New Castle County   |                     |             |                     |              |                    |              |               |             |                |               |
| Court 9   | 299                 | 6.6%        | 294                 | 6.5%         | 3,789              | 83.4%        | 160           | 3.5%        | 4,542          | 100.0%        |
| Court 10  | 219                 | 1.6%        | 952                 | 6.9%         | 11,905             | 85.7%        | 809           | 5.8%        | 13,885         | 100.0%        |
| Court 11  | 940                 | 2.2%        | 14,821              | 34.7%        | 23,789             | 55.8%        | 3,114         | 7.3%        | 42,664         | 100.0%        |
| Court 15  | 119                 | 0.8%        | 498                 | 3.5%         | 12,790             | 91.1%        | 635           | 4.5%        | 14,042         | 100.0%        |
| Court 18  | 0                   | ----        | 0                   | ----         | 0                  | ----         | 0             | ----        | 0              | 100.0%        |
| Court 20  | 78                  | 0.2%        | 11,370              | 32.9%        | 16,373             | 47.4%        | 6,746         | 19.5%       | 34,567         | 100.0%        |
| Kent County   |                     |             |                     |              |                    |              |               |             |                |               |
| Court 6   | 5                   | 0.1%        | 875                 | 14.5%        | 4,981              | 82.4%        | 186           | 3.1%        | 6,047          | 100.0%        |
| Court 7   | 729                 | 1.9%        | 12,835              | 32.6%        | 21,768             | 55.3%        | 4,020         | 10.2%       | 39,352         | 100.0%        |
| Court 8   | 4                   | 0.1%        | 475                 | 13.2%        | 2,950              | 82.1%        | 165           | 4.6%        | 3,594          | 100.0%        |
| Sussex County   |                     |             |                     |              |                    |              |               |             |                |               |
| Court 1   | 250                 | 5.5%        | 126                 | 2.8%         | 3,938              | 86.7%        | 230           | 5.1%        | 4,544          | 100.0%        |
| Court 2   | 399                 | 1.5%        | 17,375              | 63.3%        | 7,798              | 28.4%        | 1,876         | 6.8%        | 27,448         | 100.0%        |
| Court 3   | 675                 | 2.1%        | 13,558              | 41.4%        | 14,773             | 45.1%        | 3,720         | 11.4%       | 32,726         | 100.0%        |
| Court 4   | 190                 | 1.2%        | 2,889               | 18.7%        | 11,879             | 77.0%        | 475           | 3.1%        | 15,433         | 100.0%        |
| Court 5   | 17                  | 0.4%        | 574                 | 13.0%        | 3,684              | 83.7%        | 127           | 2.9%        | 4,402          | 100.0%        |
| Court 14  | 1                   | 0.0%        | 88                  | 2.0%         | 4,128              | 93.5%        | 196           | 4.4%        | 4,413          | 100.0%        |
| State without VAC   | 3,925               | 1.6%        | 76,730              | 31.0%        | 144,545            | 58.4%        | 22,459        | 9.1%        | 247,659        | 100.0%        |
| VAC   | 257                 | 0.2%        | 0                   | 0.0%         | 117,510            | 99.8%        | 34            | 0.0%        | 117,801        | 100.0%        |
| <b>State with VAC</b>   | <b>4,182</b>        | <b>1.1%</b> | <b>76,730</b>       | <b>21.0%</b> | <b>262,055</b>     | <b>71.7%</b> | <b>22,493</b> | <b>6.2%</b> | <b>365,460</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |

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| <b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2002-2003 - Criminal and Traffic Filings (defendants)</b> |                |                |                |              |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
|   | 2002           | 2003           | Change         | % Change     |
| <b>New Castle County</b>  |                |                |                |              |
| Court 9   | 1,426          | 1,934          | +508           | +35.6%       |
| Court 10  | 9,832          | 7,378          | -2454          | -25.0%       |
| Court 11  | 18,031         | 17,031         | -1000          | -5.5%        |
| Court 15  | 6,532          | 6,108          | -424           | -6.5%        |
| Court 18  | 0              | 0              | -----          | -----        |
| Court 20  | 21,791         | 16,241         | -5550          | -25.5%       |
| <b>Kent County</b>  |                |                |                |              |
| Court 6   | 2,953          | 2,909          | -44            | -1.5%        |
| Court 7   | 17,558         | 15,891         | -1667          | -9.5%        |
| Court 8   | 1,718          | 2,114          | +396           | +23.1%       |
| <b>Sussex County</b>  |                |                |                |              |
| Court 1   | 2,526          | 2,613          | +87            | +3.4%        |
| Court 2   | 6,250          | 11,361         | +5111          | +81.8%       |
| Court 3   | 10,092         | 10,893         | +801           | +7.9%        |
| Court 4   | 6,903          | 6,840          | -63            | -0.9%        |
| Court 5   | 2,141          | 2,209          | +68            | +3.2%        |
| Court 14  | 1,633          | 1,677          | +44            | +2.7%        |
| State without VAC   | 109,386        | 105,199        | - 4,187        | -3.8%        |
| VAC   | 120,431        | 109,916        | -10515         | -8.7%        |
| <b>State with VAC</b>   | <b>229,817</b> | <b>215,115</b> | <b>-14,702</b> | <b>-6.4%</b> |

| <b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2001-2002 - Criminal and Traffic Dispositions (defendants)</b> |                |                |              |              |
|--|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
|  | 2002           | 2003           | Change       | % Change     |
| <b>New Castle County</b>   |                |                |              |              |
| Court 9  | 1,574          | 2,114          | +540         | +34.3%       |
| Court 10   | 8,492          | 6,506          | -1986        | -23.4%       |
| Court 11   | 17,458         | 17,676         | +218         | +1.2%        |
| Court 15   | 6,912          | 6,710          | -202         | -2.9%        |
| Court 18   | 0              | 0              | -----        | -----        |
| Court 20   | 20,451         | 15,125         | -5326        | -26.0%       |
| <b>Kent County</b>   |                |                |              |              |
| Court 6  | 3,528          | 3,455          | -73          | -2.1%        |
| Court 7  | 16,961         | 16,775         | -186         | -1.1%        |
| Court 8  | 1,573          | 2,057          | +484         | +30.8%       |
| <b>Sussex County</b>   |                |                |              |              |
| Court 1  | 2,330          | 2,575          | +245         | +10.5%       |
| Court 2  | 5,686          | 11,498         | +5812        | +102.2%      |
| Court 3  | 8,955          | 10,706         | +1751        | +19.6%       |
| Court 4  | 6,195          | 6,845          | +650         | +10.5%       |
| Court 5  | 2,022          | 2,141          | +119         | +5.9%        |
| Court 14   | 1,456          | 1,391          | -65          | -4.5%        |
| State without VAC  | 103,593        | 105,574        | +1981        | +1.9%        |
| VAC  | 110,161        | 114,293        | +4132        | +3.8%        |
| <b>State with VAC</b>  | <b>213,754</b> | <b>219,867</b> | <b>+6113</b> | <b>+2.9%</b> |

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| <b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2002-2003 - Criminal and Traffic Filings (charges)</b> |                |                |                |              |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
|  | 2002           | 2003           | Change         | % Change     |
| <b>New Castle County</b>   |                |                |                |              |
| Court 9  | 3,132          | 3,792          | +660           | +21.1%       |
| Court 10   | 17,926         | 14,406         | -3520          | -19.6%       |
| Court 11   | 37,767         | 37,702         | -65            | -0.2%        |
| Court 15   | 13,573         | 12,041         | -1532          | -11.3%       |
| Court 18   | 0              | 0              | -----          | -----        |
| Court 20   | 45,761         | 35,805         | -9956          | -21.8%       |
| <b>Kent County</b>   |                |                |                |              |
| Court 6  | 4,995          | 4,958          | -37            | -0.7%        |
| Court 7  | 36,644         | 36,949         | +305           | +0.8%        |
| Court 8  | 3,293          | 3,652          | +359           | +10.9%       |
| <b>Sussex County</b>   |                |                |                |              |
| Court 1  | 4,811          | 4,451          | -360           | -7.5%        |
| Court 2  | 18,943         | 27,059         | +8116          | +42.8%       |
| Court 3  | 29,790         | 31,698         | +1908          | +6.4%        |
| Court 4  | 13,893         | 14,924         | +1031          | +7.4%        |
| Court 5  | 4,270          | 4,365          | +95            | +2.2%        |
| Court 14   | 4,297          | 4,590          | +293           | +6.8%        |
| State without VAC  | 239,095        | 236,392        | -2703          | -1.1%        |
| VAC  | 124,582        | 114,259        | -10,323        | -8.3%        |
| <b>State with VAC</b>  | <b>363,677</b> | <b>350,651</b> | <b>-13,026</b> | <b>-3.6%</b> |

| <b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2002-2003 - Criminal and Traffic Dispositions (charges)</b> |                |                |               |              |
|---|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
|   | 2002           | 2003           | Change        | % Change     |
| <b>New Castle County</b>  |                |                |               |              |
| Court 9   | 3,771          | 4,542          | +771          | +20.4%       |
| Court 10  | 15,853         | 13,885         | -1968         | -12.4%       |
| Court 11  | 33,671         | 42,664         | +8993         | +26.7%       |
| Court 15  | 12,485         | 14,042         | +1557         | +12.5%       |
| Court 18  | 0              | 0              | -----         | -----        |
| Court 20  | 44,196         | 34,567         | -9629         | -21.8%       |
| <b>Kent County</b>  |                |                |               |              |
| Court 6   | 5,003          | 6,047          | +1044         | +20.9%       |
| Court 7   | 34,251         | 39,352         | +5101         | +14.9%       |
| Court 8   | 3,122          | 3,594          | +472          | +15.1%       |
| <b>Sussex County</b>  |                |                |               |              |
| Court 1   | 4,463          | 4,544          | +81           | +1.8%        |
| Court 2   | 17,603         | 27,448         | +9845         | +55.9%       |
| Court 3   | 28,356         | 32,726         | +4370         | +15.4%       |
| Court 4   | 12,795         | 15,433         | +2638         | +20.6%       |
| Court 5   | 3,953          | 4,402          | +449          | +11.4%       |
| Court 14  | 3,770          | 4,413          | +643          | +17.1%       |
| State without VAC   | 223,292        | 247,659        | +24367        | +10.9%       |
| VAC   | 109,193        | 117,801        | +8608         | +7.9%        |
| <b>State with VAC</b>   | <b>332,485</b> | <b>365,460</b> | <b>+32975</b> | <b>+9.9%</b> |

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| <b>Caseload Summary Fiscal Year 2003 - Capiases Handled*</b> |                |              |              |              |                       |              |               |               |
|--|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | Superior Court |              | Family Court |              | Court of Common Pleas |              | Total         |               |
| <b>New Castle County</b>                                     |                |              |              |              |                       |              |               |               |
| Court 9  | 18             | 30.0%        | 4            | 6.7%         | 38                    | 63.3%        | 60            | 100.0%        |
| Court 10   | 42             | 17.0%        | 30           | 12.1%        | 175                   | 70.9%        | 247           | 100.0%        |
| Court 11   | 441            | 17.1%        | 366          | 14.2%        | 1,765                 | 68.6%        | 2,572         | 100.0%        |
| Court 15   | 13             | 16.0%        | 10           | 12.3%        | 58                    | 71.6%        | 81            | 100.0%        |
| Court 18   | 0              | ----         | 0            | ----         | 0                     | ----         | 0             | ----          |
| Court 20   | 883            | 20.2%        | 694          | 15.9%        | 2,801                 | 64.0%        | 4,378         | 100.0%        |
| <b>Kent County</b>   |                |              |              |              |                       |              |               |               |
| Court 6  | 3              | 15.0%        | 6            | 30.0%        | 11                    | 55.0%        | 20            | 100.0%        |
| Court 7  | 705            | 18.0%        | 574          | 14.7%        | 2,628                 | 67.3%        | 3,907         | 100.0%        |
| Court 8  | 10             | 25.6%        | 5            | 12.8%        | 24                    | 61.5%        | 39            | 100.0%        |
| <b>Sussex County</b>   |                |              |              |              |                       |              |               |               |
| Court 1  | 6              | 30.0%        | 2            | 10.0%        | 12                    | 60.0%        | 20            | 100.0%        |
| Court 2  | 372            | 21.0%        | 290          | 16.4%        | 1,107                 | 62.6%        | 1,769         | 100.0%        |
| Court 3  | 429            | 17.8%        | 386          | 16.0%        | 1,591                 | 66.1%        | 2,406         | 100.0%        |
| Court 4  | 65             | 15.5%        | 60           | 14.3%        | 295                   | 70.2%        | 420           | 100.0%        |
| Court 5  | 6              | 9.2%         | 7            | 10.8%        | 52                    | 80.0%        | 65            | 100.0%        |
| Court 14   | 1              | 100.0%       | 0            | 0.0%         | 0                     | 0.0%         | 1             | 100.0%        |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>2,994</b>   | <b>18.7%</b> | <b>2,434</b> | <b>15.2%</b> | <b>10,557</b>         | <b>66.0%</b> | <b>15,985</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |

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| <b>Caseload Summary Fiscal Year 2003 - Civil Cases</b> |                      |               |               |                      |                      |                        |                      |
|--|----------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
|  | Pending<br>6/30/2002 | Filings       | Dispositions  | Pending<br>6/30/2003 | Change<br>In Pending | % Change<br>In Pending | Executions<br>Filed* |
| <b>New Castle County</b>                               |                      |               |               |                      |                      |                        |                      |
| Court 9  | 286                  | 625           | 520           | 391                  | +105                 | +36.7%                 | NA                   |
| Court 12   | 2,600                | 9,432         | 8,869         | 3,163                | +563                 | +21.7%                 | NA                   |
| Court 13   | 3,116                | 9,420         | 7,889         | 4,647                | +1531                | +49.1%                 | NA                   |
| <b>Kent County</b>                                     |                      |               |               |                      |                      |                        |                      |
| Court 8  | 4                    | 8             | 2             | 10                   | +6                   | +150.0%                | NA                   |
| Court 16   | 1,741                | 6,027         | 5,676         | 2,092                | +351                 | +20.2%                 | NA                   |
| <b>Sussex County</b>                                   |                      |               |               |                      |                      |                        |                      |
| Court 17   | 924                  | 2,634         | 2,404         | 1,154                | +230                 | +24.9%                 | NA                   |
| Court 19   | 862                  | 2,183         | 2,141         | 904                  | +42                  | +4.9%                  | NA                   |
| <b>State</b>   | <b>9,533</b>         | <b>30,329</b> | <b>27,501</b> | <b>12,361</b>        | <b>+2828</b>         | <b>+29.7%</b>          | <b>-----</b>         |

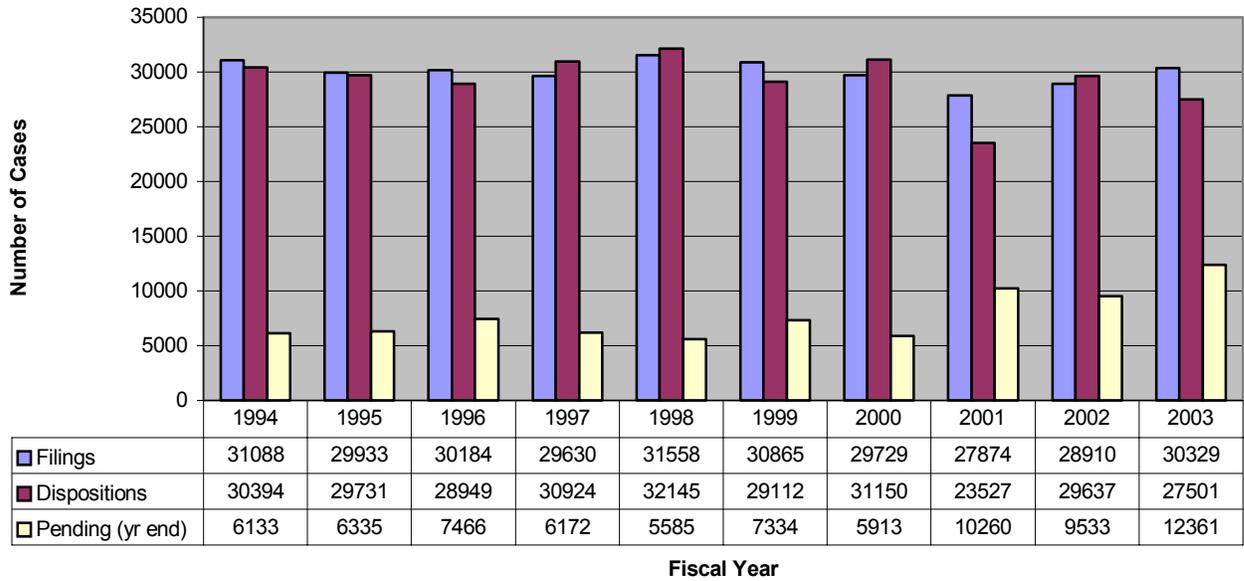
| <b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2002-2003 - Civil Cases Filings</b> |               |               |               |              |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
|   | 2002          | 2003          | Change        | % Change     |
| <b>New Castle County</b>  |               |               |               |              |
| Court 9   | 750           | 625           | -125          | -16.7%       |
| Court 12  | 8,812         | 9,432         | +620          | +7.0%        |
| Court 13  | 8,492         | 9,420         | +928          | +10.9%       |
| <b>Kent County</b>  |               |               |               |              |
| Court 8   | 8             | 8             | +0            | +0.0%        |
| Court 16  | 5,615         | 6,027         | +412          | +7.3%        |
| <b>Sussex County</b>  |               |               |               |              |
| Court 17  | 2,782         | 2,634         | -148          | -5.3%        |
| Court 19  | 2,451         | 2,183         | -268          | -10.9%       |
| <b>State</b>  | <b>28,910</b> | <b>30,329</b> | <b>+1,419</b> | <b>+4.9%</b> |

| <b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2002-2003 - Civil Cases Dispositions</b> |               |               |              |              |
|--|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
|  | 2002          | 2003          | Change       | % Change     |
| <b>New Castle County</b>   |               |               |              |              |
| Court 9  | 682           | 520           | -162         | -23.8%       |
| Court 12   | 9,091         | 8,869         | -222         | -2.4%        |
| Court 13   | 8,838         | 7,889         | -949         | -10.7%       |
| <b>Kent County</b>   |               |               |              |              |
| Court 8  | 10            | 2             | -8           | -80.0%       |
| Court 16   | 5,910         | 5,676         | -234         | -4.0%        |
| <b>Sussex County</b>   |               |               |              |              |
| Court 17   | 2,901         | 2,404         | -497         | -17.1%       |
| Court 19   | 2,205         | 2,141         | -64          | -2.9%        |
| <b>State</b>   | <b>29,637</b> | <b>27,501</b> | <b>-2136</b> | <b>-7.2%</b> |

\*Information on executions filed in fiscal year 2003 was not available at the time of publication.

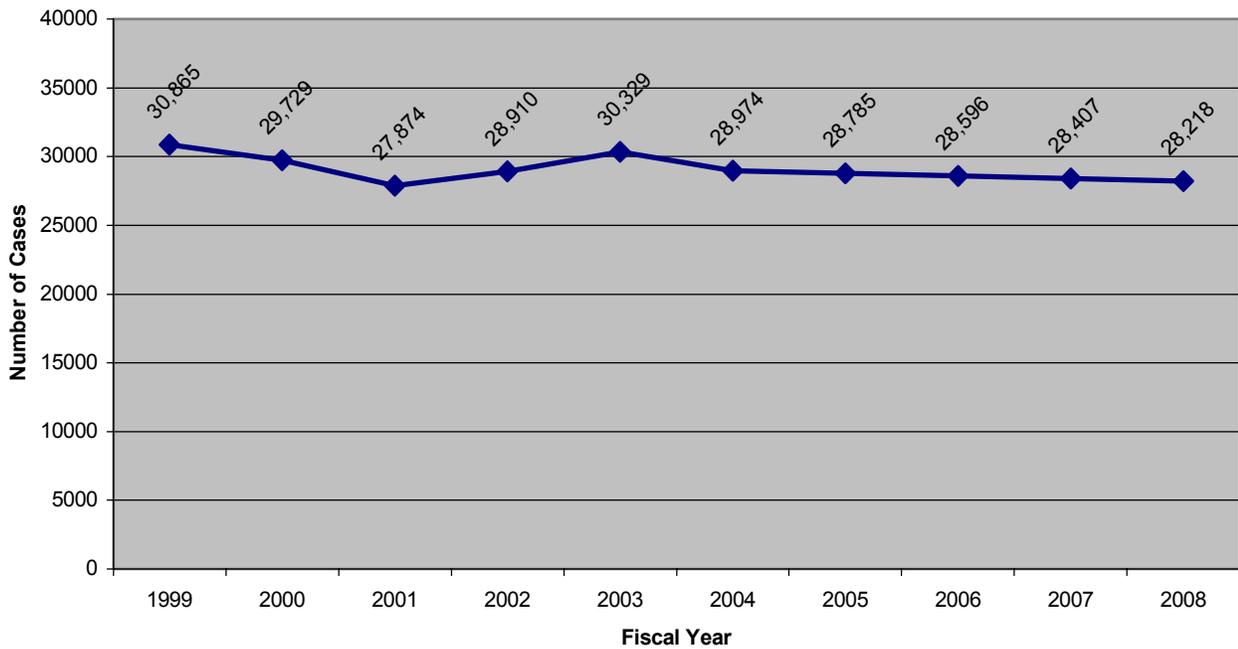
Source: Chief Magistrate's Office, Justice of the Peace Court; Administrative Office of the Courts.

**JP Court - 10 Year Civil Caseload Trend**

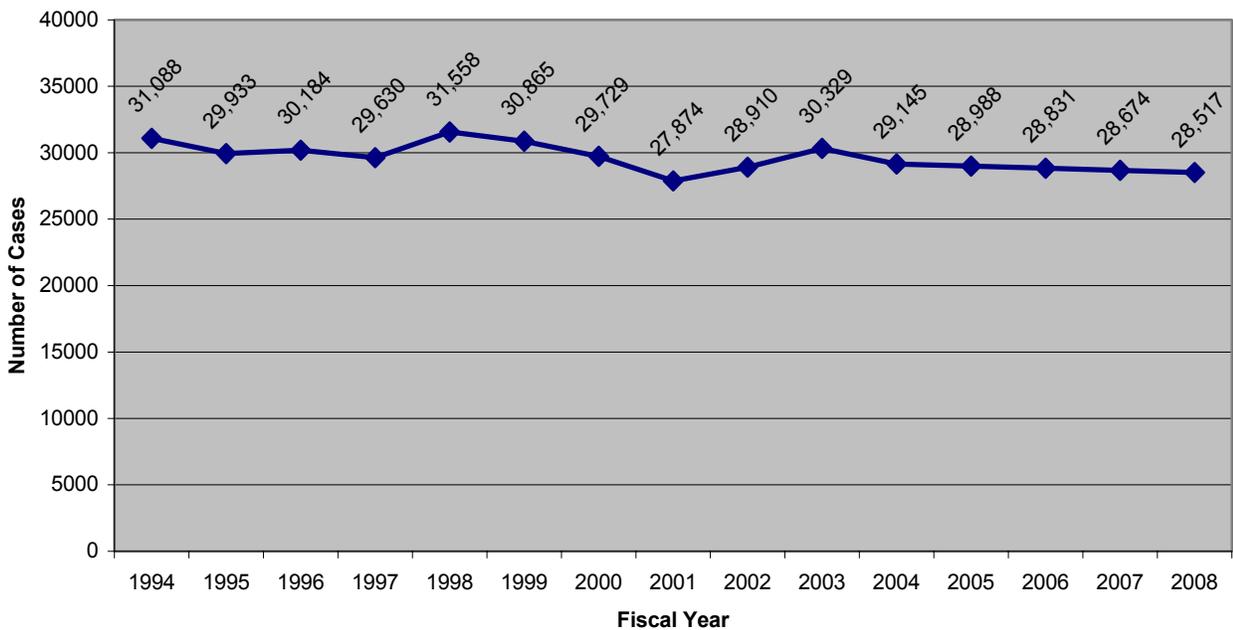


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**JP Court - 5 Year Civil Case Filing Projections With 5 Year Base**



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Trend lines computed by regression analysis.

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| <b>Court Rankings Fiscal Year 2002-2003 - Total Cases Filed (defendants)</b> |          |                |                    |                   |  |
|--|----------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|--|
| 2003 Rank w/o VAC  | Court    | Total Filings  | % of Total w/o VAC | 2002 Rank w/o VAC |  |
| 1  | Court 11 | 17,031         | 12.6%              | 2                 |  |
| 2  | Court 20 | 16,241         | 12.0%              | 1                 |  |
| 3  | Court 7  | 15,891         | 11.7%              | 3                 |  |
| 4  | Court 2  | 11,361         | 8.4%               | 10                |  |
| 5  | Court 3  | 10,893         | 8.0%               | 4                 |  |
| 6  | Court 12 | 9,432          | 7.0%               | 6                 |  |
| 7  | Court 13 | 9,420          | 7.0%               | 7                 |  |
| 8  | Court 10 | 7,378          | 5.4%               | 5                 |  |
| 9  | Court 4  | 6,840          | 5.0%               | 8                 |  |
| 10   | Court 15 | 6,108          | 4.5%               | 9                 |  |
| 11   | Court 16 | 6,027          | 4.4%               | 11                |  |
| 12   | Court 6  | 2,909          | 2.1%               | 12                |  |
| 13   | Court 17 | 2,634          | 1.9%               | 14                |  |
| 14   | Court 1  | 2,613          | 1.9%               | 15                |  |
| 15   | Court 9  | 2,559          | 1.9%               | 17                |  |
| 16   | Court 5  | 2,209          | 1.6%               | 18                |  |
| 17   | Court 19 | 2,183          | 1.6%               | 16                |  |
| 18   | Court 8  | 2,122          | 1.6%               | 19                |  |
| 19   | Court 14 | 1,677          | 1.2%               | 20                |  |
| 20   | Court 18 | 0              | 0.0%               | 13                |  |
| State w/o VAC  |          | 135,528        |                    |                   |  |
| VAC  |          | 109,916        |                    |                   |  |
| <b>State w/ VAC</b>  |          | <b>245,444</b> |                    |                   |  |

Note: JP Court 18 was dissolved December 2001, pending caseload was merged with JP Court 20.  
Source: Chief Magistrate's Office, Justice of the Peace Court; Administrative Office of the Courts.

| <b>Court Rankings - Fiscal Year 2002-2003 - Total Filings (charges)</b> |          |                |                    |                   |  |
|---|----------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|--|
| 2003 Rank w/o VAC   | Court    | Total Filings  | % of Total w/o VAC | 2002 Rank w/o VAC |  |
| 1   | Court 11 | 37,702         | 14.1%              | 2                 |  |
| 2   | Court 7  | 36,949         | 13.8%              | 3                 |  |
| 3   | Court 20 | 35,805         | 13.4%              | 1                 |  |
| 4   | Court 3  | 31,698         | 11.9%              | 4                 |  |
| 5   | Court 2  | 27,059         | 10.1%              | 5                 |  |
| 6   | Court 4  | 14,924         | 5.6%               | 7                 |  |
| 7   | Court 10 | 14,406         | 5.4%               | 6                 |  |
| 8   | Court 15 | 12,041         | 4.5%               | 8                 |  |
| 9   | Court 12 | 9,432          | 3.5%               | 9                 |  |
| 10  | Court 13 | 9,420          | 3.5%               | 10                |  |
| 11  | Court 16 | 6,027          | 2.3%               | 11                |  |
| 12  | Court 6  | 4,958          | 1.9%               | 12                |  |
| 13  | Court 14 | 4,590          | 1.7%               | 15                |  |
| 14  | Court 1  | 4,451          | 1.7%               | 13                |  |
| 15  | Court 9  | 4,417          | 1.7%               | 17                |  |
| 16  | Court 5  | 4,365          | 1.6%               | 16                |  |
| 17  | Court 8  | 3,660          | 1.4%               | 18                |  |
| 18  | Court 17 | 2,634          | 1.0%               | 19                |  |
| 19  | Court 19 | 2,634          | 1.0%               | 20                |  |
| 20  | Court 18 | -              | 0.0%               | 17                |  |
| State w/o VAC   |          | 267,172        |                    |                   |  |
| VAC   |          | 114,259        |                    |                   |  |
| <b>State w/ VAC</b>   |          | <b>381,431</b> |                    |                   |  |

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