

FAMILY COURT

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2004-2005 - Total Case Filings				
	2004	2005	Change	% Change
New Castle County	31,698	31,116	-582	-1.8%
Kent County	11,671	11,039	-632	-5.4%
Sussex County	12,590	12,484	-106	-0.8%
State	55,959	54,639	-1320	-2.4%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2004-2005 Total Case Dispositions				
	2004	2005	Change	% Change
New Castle County*	32,207	30,494	-1,713	-5.3%
Kent County*	10,454	11,366	912	8.7%
Sussex County	12,395	12,453	58	0.5%
State	55,056	54,313	-743	-1.3%

*FY 2004 data amended

Total Cases Explanatory Notes Fiscal Year

1. The unit of count in Family Court for adult criminal, juvenile delinquency, and civil cases is the filing.
2. A criminal or delinquency filing is defined as one incident filed against one individual. Each incident is counted separately so that multiple incidents brought before the Court on a single individual are counted as multiple charges.
 - a. A single criminal or delinquency filing may be comprised of a single or multiple charges relating to a single incident.
 - b. A criminal filing is received by the Court in the form of an information or a complaint, and a delinquency filing is received by the Court in the form of a petition or a complaint
3. A civil filing is defined as a single civil incident filed with Family Court. A civil incident is initiated by a petition. In a divorce, although the petition may contain multiple ancillary matters to the divorce, it is counted as one filing.

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