

FAMILY COURT

2006 Annual Report Statistical Information

FAMILY COURT**Caseload Summary Fiscal Years 2005-2006 - Adult Criminal Case Filings**

	2005	2006	Change	% Change
New Castle County	3,065	2,787	-278	-9.1%
Kent County	920	760	-160	-17.4%
Sussex County	929	743	-186	-20.0%
State	4,914	4,290	-624	-12.7%

Caseload Summary Fiscal Years 2005-2006 - Adult Criminal Case Dispositions

	2005	2006	Change	% Change
New Castle County	2,728	2,770	42	1.5%
Kent County	936	799	-137	-14.6%
Sussex County	935	745	-190	-20.3%
State	4,599	4,314	-285	-6.2%

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

FAMILY COURT**Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2005-2006 - Civil Case Filings**

	2005	2006	Change	% Change
New Castle County	22,632	23,272	640	2.8%
Kent County	8,220	8,827	607	7.4%
Sussex County	9,680	10,307	627	6.5%
State	40,532	42,406	1,874	4.6%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2005-2006 - Civil Case Dispositions

	2005	2006	Change	% Change
New Castle County	23,246	23,753	507	2.2%
Kent County	8,348	9,422	1,074	12.9%
Sussex County	9,620	10,247	627	6.5%
State	41,214	43,422	2,208	5.4%

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

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Caseload Breakdown Fiscal Year 2006 - Civil Case Filings												
	Divorces and Annulments		RTSC/Other Civil Contempts		New Non-Support		Support Arrearages		Support Modifications		Custody	
New Castle County	2,020	8.7%	745	3.2%	3,886	16.7%	4,146	17.8%	2,090	9.0%	2,465	10.6%
Kent County	807	9.1%	193	2.2%	1,436	16.3%	1,863	21.1%	657	7.4%	880	10.0%
Sussex County	831	8.1%	168	1.6%	1,734	16.8%	2,940	28.5%	981	9.5%	793	7.7%
State	3,658	8.6%	1,106	2.6%	7,056	16.6%	8,949	21.1%	3,728	8.8%	4,138	9.8%
	Visitation		Protection From Abuse		Adoptions		Termination of Parental Rights		Miscellaneous		Total	
New Castle County	518	2.2%	1,998	8.6%	157	0.7%	124	0.5%	5,123	22.0%	23,272	100%
Kent County	210	2.4%	820	9.3%	42	0.5%	33	0.4%	1,886	21.4%	8,827	100%
Sussex County	176	1.7%	866	8.4%	30	0.3%	28	0.3%	1,760	17.1%	10,307	100%
State	904	2.1%	3,684	8.7%	229	0.5%	185	0.4%	8,769	20.7%	42,406	100%

Caseload Breakdown Fiscal Year 2006 - Civil Case Dispositions												
	Divorces and Annulments		RTSC/Other Civil Contempts		New Non-Support		Support Arrearages		Support Modifications		Custody	
New Castle County	1,976	8.3%	825	3.5%	4,076	17.2%	4,145	17.5%	2,034	8.6%	2,670	11.3%
Kent County	900	9.5%	182	1.9%	1,513	16.0%	2,247	23.8%	709	7.5%	851	9.0%
Sussex County	840	8.2%	137	1.3%	1,660	16.2%	3,217	31.3%	883	8.6%	789	7.7%
State	3,716	8.6%	1,144	2.6%	7,249	16.7%	9,609	22.1%	3,626	8.4%	4,310	9.9%
	Visitation		Protection From Abuse		Adoptions		Termination of Parental Rights		Miscellaneous		Total	
New Castle County	566	2.4%	2,017	8.5%	135	0.6%	70	0.3%	5,200	21.9%	23,714	100%
Kent County	223	2.4%	832	8.8%	45	0.5%	14	0.1%	1,926	20.4%	9,442	100%
Sussex County	198	1.9%	822	8.0%	34	0.3%	27	0.3%	1,659	16.2%	10,266	100%
State	987	2.3%	3,671	8.5%	214	0.5%	111	0.3%	8,785	20.2%	43,422	100%

RTSC = Rules to Show Cause

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

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2005-2006 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Filings				
	2005	2006	Change	% Change
New Castle County	5,419	5,418	-1	0.0%
Kent County	1,899	1,950	51	2.7%
Sussex County	1,875	1,998	123	6.6%
State	9,193	9,366	173	1.9%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2005-2006 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Dispositions				
	2005	2006	Change	% Change
New Castle County	4,520	6,458	1,938	42.9%
Kent County	2,082	2,023	-59	-2.8%
Sussex County	1,898	2,018	120	6.3%
State	8,500	10,499	1,999	23.5%

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

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Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2006 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Filings							
	Felony		Misdemeanor		Traffic		Total
New Castle County	1,131	20.9%	3,879	71.6%	408	7.5%	5,418
Kent County	332	17.0%	1,466	75.2%	152	7.8%	1,950
Sussex County	333	16.7%	1,496	74.9%	169	8.5%	1,998
State	1,796	19.2%	6,841	73.0%	729	7.8%	9,366

Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2006 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Dispositions							
	Felony		Misdemeanor		Traffic		Total
New Castle County	1,894	29.3%	4,100	63.5%	464	7.2%	6,458
Kent County	357	17.6%	1,508	74.5%	158	7.8%	2,023
Sussex County	318	15.8%	1,524	75.5%	176	8.7%	2,018
State	2,569	24.5%	7,132	67.9%	798	7.6%	10,499

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

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2005-2006 - Arbitration Filings				
	2005	2006	Change	% Change
New Castle County	9,026	8,909	-117	-1.3%
Kent County	3,030	3,092	62	2.0%
Sussex County	3,476	3,739	263	7.6%
State	15,532	15,740	208	1.3%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2005-2006 - Arbitration Dispositions				
	2005	2006	Change	% Change
New Castle County	8,591	9,706	1,115	13.0%
Kent County	3,019	3,122	103	3.4%
Sussex County	3,491	3,643	152	4.4%
State	15,101	16,471	1,370	9.1%

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

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2005-2006 - Total Case Filings				
	2005	2006	Change	% Change
New Castle County	31,116	31,477	361	1.2%
Kent County	11,039	11,537	498	4.5%
Sussex County	12,484	13,048	564	4.5%
State	54,639	56,062	1423	2.6%

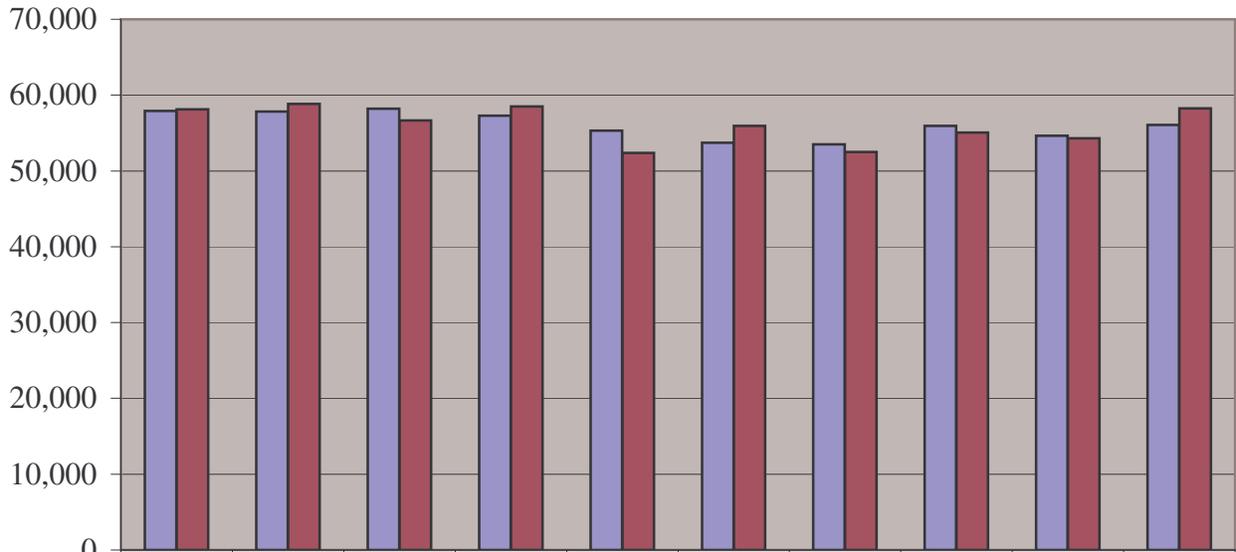
Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2005-2006 Total Case Dispositions				
	2005	2006	Change	% Change
New Castle County	30,494	32,981	2,487	8.2%
Kent County	11,366	12,244	878	7.7%
Sussex County	12,453	13,010	557	4.5%
State	54,313	58,235	3,922	7.2%

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

Total Cases Explanatory Notes Fiscal Year 2006

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 charge 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.

Family Court 10-Year Total Caseload Trend



	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Filed	57,907	57,811	58,203	57,276	55,310	53,714	53,490	55,959	54,639	56,062
Dispositions	58,108	58,850	56,638	58,515	52,367	55,957	52,517	55,056	54,313	58,235

Fiscal Year