



SUPERIOR COURT
State of Delaware

2008 Annual Report Statistical Information

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Civil Case Filings				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	9,823	9,558	-265	-2.7%
Kent County	1,633	1,861	228	14.0%
Sussex County	1,413	1,758	345	24.4%
State	12,869	13,177	308	2.4%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Civil Case Dispositions				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	9,646	9,975	329	3.4%
Kent County	1,363	1,554	191	14.0%
Sussex County	1,299	1,615	316	24.3%
State	12,308	13,144	836	6.8%

Source: Prothonotary's Offices, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

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Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2008 - Civil Case Filings

	Mechanic's Liens				Involuntary				Total		
	Complaints		and Mortgages		Appeals		Commitments	Miscellaneous			
New Castle County	3,493	36.5%	2,496	26.1%	112	1.2%	1,262	13.2%	2,195	23.0%	9,558
Kent County	600	32.2%	667	35.8%	53	2.8%	180	9.7%	361	19.4%	1,861
Sussex County	444	25.3%	889	50.6%	32	1.8%	0	0.0%	393	22.4%	1,758
State	4,537	34.4%	4,052	30.8%	197	1.5%	1,442	10.9%	2,949	22.4%	13,177

Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2008 - Civil Case Dispositions

	Mechanic's Liens				Involuntary				Total		
	Complaints		and Mortgages		Appeals		Commitments	Miscellaneous			
New Castle County	3,894	39.0%	2,544	25.5%	109	1.1%	1,272	12.8%	2,156	21.6%	9,975
Kent County	510	32.8%	467	30.1%	46	3.0%	197	12.7%	334	21.5%	1,554
Sussex County	407	25.2%	774	47.9%	43	2.7%	0	0.0%	391	24.2%	1,615
State	4,811	36.6%	3,785	28.8%	198	1.5%	1,469	11.2%	2,881	21.9%	13,144

Source: Prothonotary's Offices, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

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Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2008 - Civil Complaints																	
Trial Dispositions					Non-Trial Dispositions												
Judgment for Plaintiff		Judgment for Defendant			Default Judgment for Plaintiff		Other Judgment for Plaintiff		Judgment for Defendant		Voluntary Dismissal		Court Dismissal		Other		Total
New Castle County	37	1.0%	20	0.5%	218	5.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2,201	56.5%	889	22.8%	529	13.6%	3,894
Kent County	8	1.6%	3	0.6%	22	4.3%	3	0.6%	0	0.0%	395	77.5%	46	9.0%	33	6.5%	510
Sussex County	9	2.2%	7	1.7%	35	8.6%	16	3.9%	1	0.2%	240	59.0%	44	10.8%	55	13.5%	407
State	54	1.1%	30	0.6%	275	5.7%	19	0.4%	1	0.0%	2,836	58.9%	979	20.3%	617	12.8%	4,811

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2008 - Mechanic's Liens and Mortgages																	
Trial Dispositions					Non-Trial Dispositions												
Judgment for Plaintiff		Judgment for Defendant			Default Judgment for Plaintiff		Other Judgment for Plaintiff		Judgment for Defendant		Voluntary Dismissal		Court Dismissal		Other		Total
New Castle County	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1,415	55.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	894	35.1%	233	9.2%	2	0.1%	2,544
Kent County	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	348	74.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	101	21.6%	18	3.9%	0	0.0%	467
Sussex County	3	0.4%	2	0.3%	497	64.2%	5	0.6%	0	0.0%	202	26.1%	45	5.8%	20	2.6%	774
State	3	0.1%	2	0.1%	2,260	59.7%	5	0.1%	0	0.0%	1,197	31.6%	296	7.8%	22	0.6%	3,785

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2008 - Civil Appeals																				
Trial Dispositions								Non-Trial Dispositions												
Affirmed				Reversed				Remanded		Voluntary Dismissal				Court Dismissal				Other		Total
New Castle County	48	44.0%	1	0.9%	8	7.3%	20	18.3%	30	27.5%	2	1.8%	109							
Kent County	16	34.8%	5	10.9%	2	4.3%	11	23.9%	10	21.7%	2	4.3%	46							
Sussex County	14	32.6%	3	7.0%	3	7.0%	14	32.6%	7	16.3%	2	4.7%	43							
State	78	39.4%	9	4.5%	13	6.6%	45	22.7%	47	23.7%	6	3.0%	198							

Source: Prothonotary's Offices, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

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Trial Activity Fiscal Year 2008 - Civil Trials						
	Number of Jury Trials	Number of Non-Jury Trials	Number of Special Jury Trials	Total Number of Trials	Trial Time*	Average Trial Time
New Castle County	66	10	0	76	239 days	3.14 days
Kent County	10	1	0	11	31 days	2.82 days
Sussex County	9	17	0	26	55 days	2.12 days
State	85	28	0	113	325 days	2.88 days

Calendar Activity Fiscal Year 2008 - Civil Cases											
	Cases Tried		Cases Settled or Dismissed		Cases Continued for Settlement		Cases Continued Due to Lack of Judge		Cases Continued at Request of Attorney	Total Cases Scheduled	
New Castle County	76	7.1%	758	71.3%	47	4.4%	1	0.1%	181	17.0%	1,063
Kent County	11	4.3%	152	59.8%	13	5.1%	6	2.4%	72	28.3%	254
Sussex County	26	8.8%	211	71.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	59	19.9%	296
State	113	7.0%	1,121	69.5%	60	3.7%	7	0.4%	312	19.3%	1,613

Performance Summary Fiscal Year 2008 - Civil Cases							
	COMPLAINTS		MECHANIC'S LIENS AND MORTGAGES			APPEALS	
	Number of Dispositions	Average Time from Filing to Disposition	Number of Dispositions	Average Time from Filing to Disposition	Number of Dispositions	Average Time from Filing to Disposition	
New Castle County	3,894	475.3 days	2,544	168.7 days	109	304.6 days	
Kent County	510	354.9 days	467	176.9 days	46	251.6 days	
Sussex County	407	305.7 days	774	114.0 days	43	289.5 days	
State	4,811	448.2 days	3,785	158.5 days	198	289.0 days	

	INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS		MISCELLANEOUS		TOTAL	
	Number of Dispositions	Average Time from Filing to Disposition	Number of Dispositions	Average Time from Filing to Disposition	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition
New Castle County	1,272	114.5 days	2,156	71.4 days	9,975	261.9 days
Kent County	197	866.1 days	334	93.0 days	1,554	306.9 days
Sussex County	0	0.0 days	391	62.8 days	1,615	154.6 days
State	1,469	215.3 days	2,881	72.8 days	13,144	254.1 days

* Trial time is the total time spent in all trials

Source: Prothonotary's Offices, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

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Performance Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2008 - Civil Complaints - Method of Disposition											
	Trial		Arbitrator's Order		Default Judgment		Voluntary Dismissal		Other		Total
New Castle County	57	1.5%	485	12.5%	218	5.6%	2,201	56.5%	933	24.0%	3,894
Kent County	11	2.2%	24	4.7%	22	4.3%	395	77.5%	58	11.4%	510
Sussex County	16	3.9%	38	9.3%	35	8.6%	240	59.0%	78	19.2%	407
State	84	1.7%	547	11.4%	275	5.7%	2,836	58.9%	1,069	22.2%	4,811

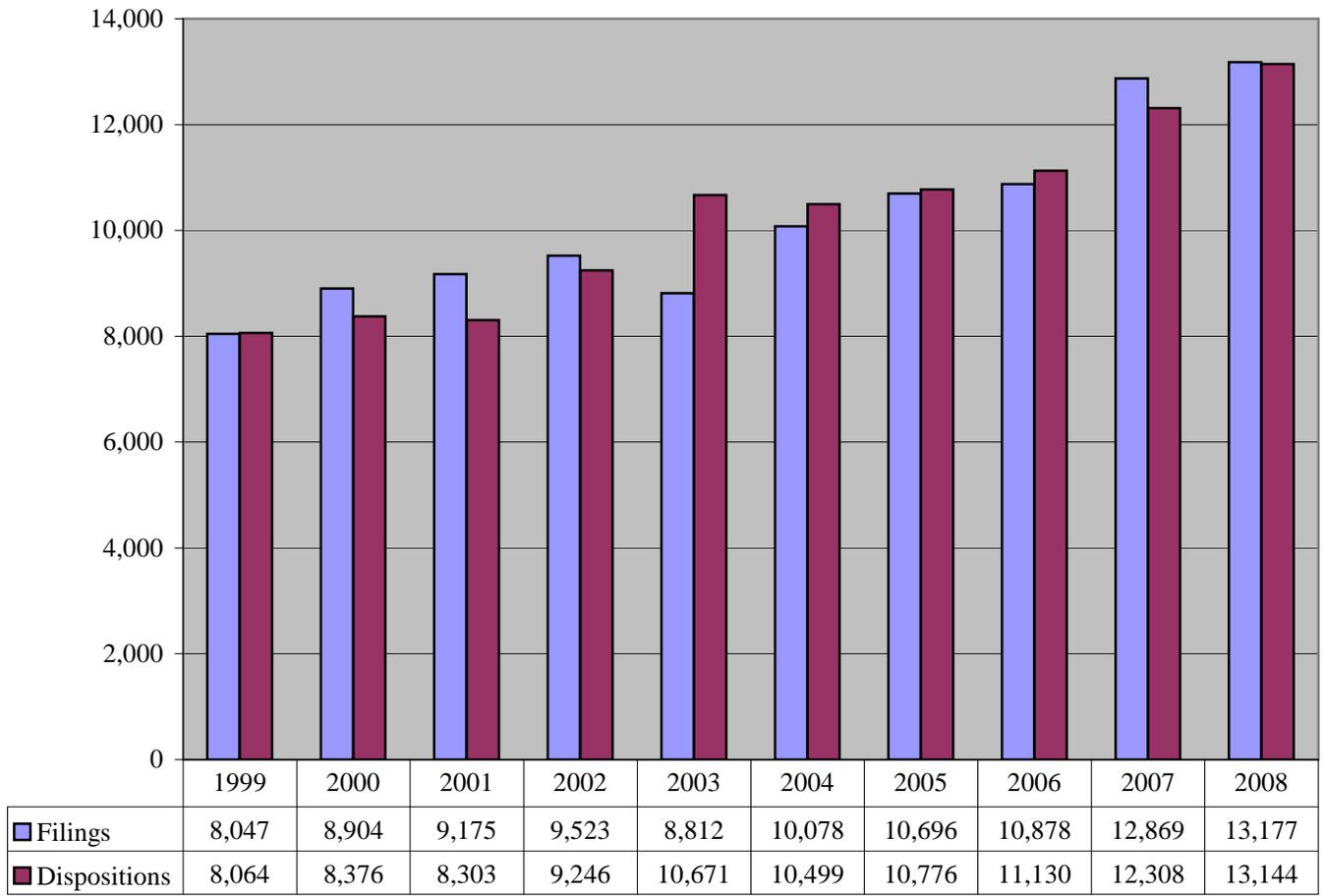
Performance Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2008 - Civil Complaints - Elapsed Time										
Average Time From Filing to Disposition										
	Trial		Arbitrator's Order		Default Judgment		Voluntary Dismissal		Other	Total
New Castle County	903.0 days		327.2 days		207.2 days		423.4 days		711.3 days	475.3 days
Kent County	1,035.2 days		332.5 days		207.5 days		338.0 days		406.2 days	354.9 days
Sussex County	659.0 days		232.5 days		125.4 days		325.4 days		294.7 days	305.7 days
State	865.7 days		297.4 days		180.0 days		362.3 days		470.7 days	378.6 days

Performance Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2008 - Mechanic's Liens and Mortgages - Method of Disposition											
	Trial		Arbitrator's Order		Default Judgment		Voluntary Dismissal		Other		Total
New Castle County	0	0.0%	2	0.1%	1,415	55.6%	894	35.1%	233	9.2%	2,544
Kent County	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	348	74.5%	101	21.6%	18	3.9%	467
Sussex County	5	0.6%	3	0.4%	497	64.2%	202	26.1%	67	8.7%	774
State	5	0.1%	5	0.1%	2,260	59.7%	1,197	31.6%	318	8.4%	3,785

Performance Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2008 - Mechanic's Liens and Mortgages - Elapsed Time										
Average Time From Filing to Disposition										
	Trial		Arbitrator's Order		Default Judgment		Voluntary Dismissal		Other	Total
New Castle County	0.0 days		460.0 days		116.4 days		177.2 days		451.1 days	168.7 days
Kent County	0.0 days		0.0 days		160.8 days		129.6 days		753.5 days	176.9 days
Sussex County	430.8 days		214.7 days		88.7 days		122.3 days		256.4 days	114.0 days
State	430.8 days		312.8 days		117.2 days		163.9 days		427.2 days	158.5 days

Source: Prothonotary's Offices, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

Superior Court Civil 10 Year Caseload Trend



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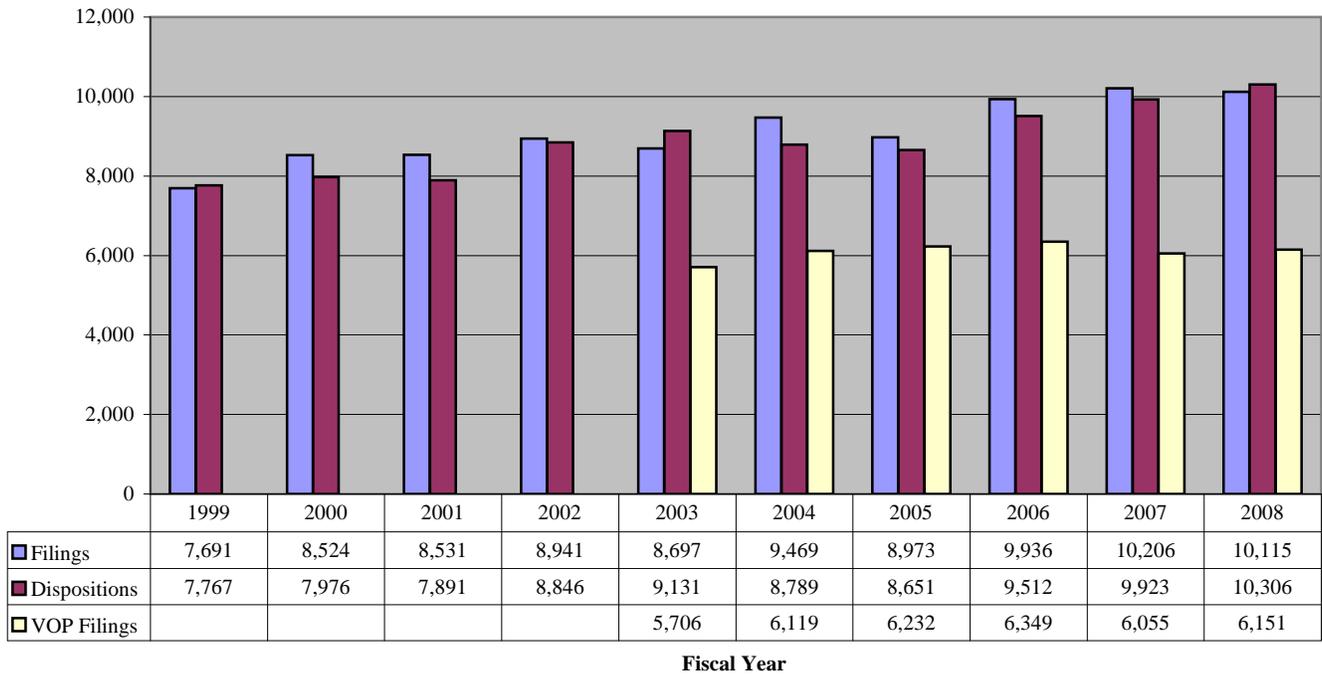
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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Criminal Case Filings				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	5,718	5,504	-214	-3.7%
Kent County	2,258	2,243	-15	-0.7%
Sussex County	2,230	2,368	138	6.2%
State	10,206	10,115	-91	-0.9%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Criminal Case Dispositions				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	5,711	5,643	-68	-1.2%
Kent County	2,211	2,332	121	5.5%
Sussex County	2,001	2,331	330	16.5%
State	9,923	10,306	383	3.9%

Source: Court Administrator and Case Scheduling Office, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

Superior Court Criminal 10-Year Caseload Trend



The numbers of VOP filings are not available for 1999 - 2002.

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Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2008 - Criminal Filings									
	Indictment		Rule 9 Warrant		Information		Other*		Total
New Castle County	4,880	88.7%	342	6.2%	261	4.7%	21	0.4%	5,504
Kent County	1,997	89.0%	20	0.9%	214	9.5%	12	0.5%	2,243
Sussex County	587	24.8%	214	9.0%	1,567	66.2%	0	0.0%	2,368
State	7,464	73.8%	576	5.7%	2,042	20.2%	33	0.3%	10,115

Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2008 - Criminal Dispositions									
	Trial		Guilty Plea**		Nolle Prosequi		Remand/Transfer		ADRR
New Castle County	131	2.3%	3,945	69.9%	839	14.9%	7	0.1%	0
Kent County	45	1.9%	1,618	69.4%	304	13.0%	25	1.1%	0
Sussex County	27	1.2%	1,780	76.4%	285	12.2%	10	0.4%	0
State	203	2.0%	7,343	71.2%	1,428	13.9%	42	0.4%	0

Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2008 - Criminal Dispositions (cont.)									
	Dismissal		FOP/Drug Court		Consolidation		Total		
New Castle County	207	3.7%	360	6.4%	154	2.7%	5,643		
Kent County	74	3.2%	133	5.7%	133	5.7%	2,332		
Sussex County	11	0.5%	80	3.4%	138	5.9%	2,331		
State	292	2.8%	573	5.6%	425	4.1%	10,306		

* Includes appeals, transfers, reinstatements and severances.

** Includes Probation Before Judgment

ADRR = Appeal Dismissed Record Remanded

FOP = First Offender Program

Source: Court Administrator and Case Scheduling Office, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

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Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2008 - Criminal Trials - Part One							
	Jury Trial		Non-Jury Trial		Total		
New Castle County	129	84.3%	24	15.7%	153	100.0%	
Kent County	41	91.1%	4	8.9%	45	100.0%	
Sussex County	26	96.3%	1	3.7%	27	100.0%	
State	196	87.1%	29	12.9%	225	100.0%	

	Guilty		Not Guilty*		No Final Disposition**		Total	
New Castle County	107	69.9%	24	15.7%	22	14.4%	153	100.0%
Kent County	32	71.1%	11	24.4%	2	4.4%	45	100.0%
Sussex County	17	63.0%	4	14.8%	6	22.2%	27	100.0%
State	156	69.3%	39	17.3%	30	13.3%	225	100.0%

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2008 - Criminal Trials - Part Two								
Jury Trial								
	Guilty	Guilty LIO	Not Guilty	Pled Guilty At Trial	Nol Pros/ Dismissed at Trial	Mistrial	Hung Jury	Total
New Castle County	66	12	16	12	4	9	10	129
Kent County	18	2	8	9	2	1	1	41
Sussex County	14	0	4	2	0	6	0	26
State	98	14	28	23	6	16	11	196

Non-Jury Trial								
	Guilty	Guilty LIO	Not Guilty	Pled Guilty	Nol Pros/ Dismissed at Trial	Mistrial	Total***	
New Castle County	16	1	3	0	1	0	21	
Kent County	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	
Sussex County	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
State	20	1	4	0	1	0	26	

All Trials								
	Guilty	Guilty LIO	Not Guilty	Pled Guilty at Trial	Nol Pros/ Dismissed at Trial	Mistrial	Hung Jury	Total***
New Castle County	82	13	19	12	5	9	10	150
Kent County	21	2	9	9	2	1	1	45
Sussex County	15	0	4	2	0	6	0	27
State	118	15	32	23	7	16	11	222

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2008 - Criminal Nolle Prosequis						
	Nolle Prosequis By Special Condition		Nolle Prosequis By Merit		Total	
New Castle County	279	33.3%	560	66.7%	839	100.0%
Kent County	228	75.0%	76	25.0%	304	100.0%
Sussex County	72	25.3%	213	74.7%	285	100.0%
State	579	40.5%	849	59.5%	1,428	100.0%

* Includes Dismissals at Trial and Nolle Prosequis at Trial

** Hung Juries, Mistrials, and Reserved Decisions

*** Does not include Reserved Decisions

LIO = Lesser Included Offense

Nol Pros = Nolle Prosequi

Source: Court Administrator and Case Scheduling Office, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

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Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2008 - Criminal Felony Guilty Pleas						
	Pled Guilty Original		Pled Guilty Lesser		Total	
New Castle County	1,990	88.2%	267	11.8%	2,257	100.0%
Kent County	958	88.4%	126	11.6%	1,084	100.0%
Sussex County	1,281	91.7%	116	8.3%	1,397	100.0%
State	4,229	89.3%	509	10.7%	4,738	100.0%

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2008 - Criminal Misdemeanor Guilty Pleas						
	Pled Guilty Original		Pled Guilty Lesser*		Total	
New Castle County	809	47.9%	879	52.1%	1,688	100.0%
Kent County	263	49.3%	271	50.7%	534	100.0%
Sussex County	274	75.1%	91	24.9%	365	100.0%
State	1,346	52.0%	1,241	48.0%	2,587	100.0%

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2008 - Criminal Total Guilty Pleas						
	Pled Guilty Original		Pled Guilty Lesser*		Total	
New Castle County	2,799	71.0%	1,146	29.0%	3,945	100.0%
Kent County	1,221	75.5%	397	24.5%	1,618	100.0%
Sussex County	1,555	88.3%	207	11.7%	1,762	100.0%
State	5,575	76.1%	1,750	23.9%	7,325	100.0%

* Includes Probation Before Judgment

Source: Court Administrator and Case Scheduling Office, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

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Performance Summary Fiscal Year 2008 - Criminal Cases - Elapsed Time			
	Total Number of Cases Disposed	Average Time from Arrest to Disposition	Average Time from Indictment to Disposition
New Castle County	5,643	132.4 days	92.5 days
Kent County	2,332	136.1 days	90.5 days
Sussex County	2,331	139.4 days	87.3 days
State	10,306	136.0 days	90.1 days

Performance Summary Fiscal Year 2008 - Criminal Cases - Compliance With Speedy Trial Standards							
	Total Number of Cases Disposed	Disposed of within 120 Days of Indictment (90%)		Disposed of within 180 Days of Indictment (98%)		Disposed of within 365 Days of Indictment (100%)	
New Castle County	5,643	4,130	73.2%	5,211	92.3%	5,604	99.3%
Kent County	2,332	1,675	71.8%	2,012	86.3%	2,296	98.5%
Sussex County	2,331	1,941	83.3%	2,200	94.4%	2,324	99.7%
State	10,306	7,746	75.2%	9,423	91.4%	10,224	99.2%

Criminal Cases Performance Explanatory Notes

1. The performance summary charts measure the average time from the date of arrest to the date of disposition as well as the average time from the date of indictment/information to the date of disposition.
2. In measuring the elapsed time for defendants for the purpose of determining the rate of compliance with the speedy trial standards, the following are excluded by the Court:
 - a. For all capiases, the time between the date that the capias is issued and the date that it is executed.
 - b. For all Rule 9 summonses and Rule 9 warrants, the time between the arrest and the indictment/information, if any.
 - c. For all nolle prosequis, the time between the scheduled trial date and the actual filing date of the nolle prosequis.
 - d. For all mental examinations, the time between the date that the examination is ordered and the date of the receipt of the results.
 - e. For all defendants deemed to be incompetent, the period in which the defendant is considered incompetent.

Source: Court Administrator and Case Scheduling Offices, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

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Performance Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Criminal Cases				
Average Time From Arrest to Disposition				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	159.2 days	132.4 days	-26.8 days	-16.8%
Kent County	145.8 days	136.1 days	-9.7 days	-6.7%
Sussex County	128.9 days	139.4 days	10.5 days	8.1%
State	144.6 days	136.0 days	-8.6 days	-5.9%

Performance Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Criminal Cases				
Average Time From Indictment to Disposition				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	110.0 days	92.5 days	-17.5 days	-15.9%
Kent County	103.7 days	90.5 days	-13.2 days	-12.7%
Sussex County	89.4 days	87.3 days	-2.1 days	-2.3%
State	101.0 days	90.1 days	-10.9 days	-10.8%

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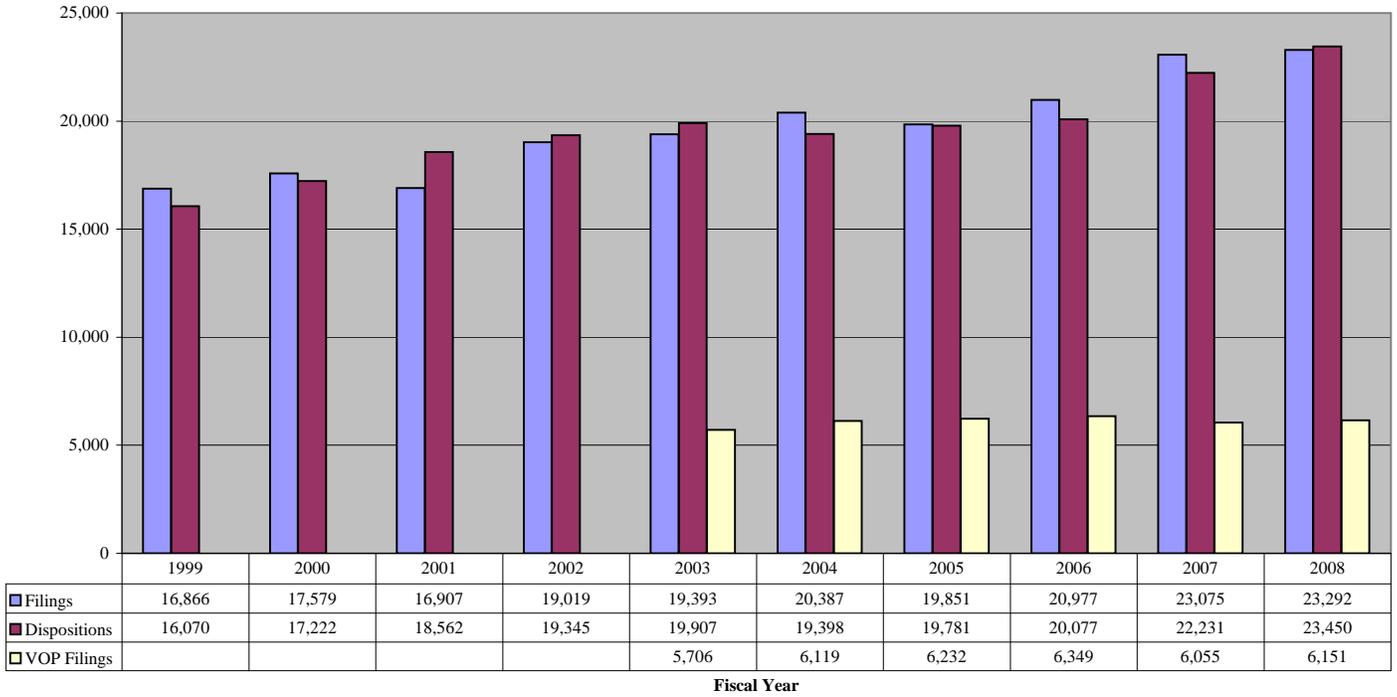
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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Total Case Filings				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	15,541	15,062	-479	-3.1%
Kent County	3,891	4,104	213	5.5%
Sussex County	3,643	4,126	483	13.3%
State	23,075	23,292	217	0.9%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Total Case Dispositions				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	15,357	15,618	261	1.7%
Kent County	3,574	3,886	312	8.7%
Sussex County	3,300	3,946	646	19.6%
State	22,231	23,450	1,219	5.5%

Source: Court Administrator, Prothonotaries Offices, and Case Scheduling Offices, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

Superior Court Total 10-Year Caseload Trend



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