



FAMILY COURT
State of Delaware

2012 Annual Report Statistical Information

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Caseload Summary Fiscal Years 2011-2012 - Adult Criminal Case Filings				
	2011	2012	Change	% Change
New Castle County	3,176	2,937	-239	-7.5%
Kent County	800	849	49	6.1%
Sussex County	722	814	92	12.7%
State	4,698	4,600	-98	-2.1%

Caseload Summary Fiscal Years 2011-2012 - Adult Criminal Case Dispositions				
	2011	2012	Change	% Change
New Castle County	3,340	2,809	-531	-15.9%
Kent County	870	780	-90	-10.3%
Sussex County	722	783	61	8.4%
State	4,932	4,372	-560	-11.4%

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

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2011-2012 - Civil Case Filings				
	2011	2012	Change	% Change
New Castle County	21,435	21,375	-60	-0.3%
Kent County	8,424	8,638	214	2.5%
Sussex County	10,704	10,536	-168	-1.6%
State	40,563	40,549	-14	0.0%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2011-2012 - Civil Case Dispositions				
	2011	2012	Change	% Change
New Castle County	22,729	21,451	-1,278	-5.6%
Kent County	8,193	8,909	716	8.7%
Sussex County	10,156	10,409	253	2.5%
State	41,078	40,769	-309	-0.8%

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

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Caseload Breakdown Fiscal Year 2012 - Civil Case Filings												
	Divorces and Annulments		RTSC/Other Civil Contempts		New Non-Support		Support Arrearages		Support Modifications		Custody	
New Castle County	2,164	10.1%	669	3.1%	3,579	16.7%	2,240	10.5%	2,215	10.4%	2,311	10.8%
Kent County	838	9.7%	190	2.2%	1,616	18.7%	1,268	14.7%	606	7.0%	836	9.7%
Sussex County	824	7.8%	173	1.6%	2,026	19.2%	2,447	23.2%	882	8.4%	849	8.1%
State	3,826	9.4%	1,032	2.5%	7,221	17.8%	5,955	14.7%	3,703	9.1%	3,996	9.9%
	Visitation		Protection From Abuse		Adoptions		Termination of Parental Rights		Remaining Petition Types		Total	
New Castle County	436	2.0%	2,401	11.2%	178	0.8%	91	0.4%	5,091	23.8%	21,375	100%
Kent County	188	2.2%	1,085	12.6%	31	0.4%	29	0.3%	1,951	22.6%	8,638	100%
Sussex County	154	1.5%	737	7.0%	0	0.0%	34	0.3%	2,410	22.9%	10,536	100%
State	778	1.9%	4,223	10.4%	209	0.5%	154	0.4%	9,452	23.3%	40,549	100%

Caseload Breakdown Fiscal Year 2012 - Civil Case Dispositions												
	Divorces and Annulments		RTSC/Other Civil Contempts		New Non-Support		Support Arrearages		Support Modifications		Custody	
New Castle County	2,259	10.5%	655	3.1%	3,627	16.9%	2,285	10.7%	1,977	9.2%	2,521	11.8%
Kent County	817	9.2%	206	2.3%	1,902	21.3%	1,256	14.1%	669	7.5%	788	8.8%
Sussex County	804	7.7%	157	1.5%	1,987	19.1%	2,382	22.9%	991	9.5%	843	8.1%
State	3,880	9.5%	1,018	2.5%	7,516	18.4%	5,923	14.5%	3,637	8.9%	4,152	10.2%
	Visitation		Protection From Abuse		Adoptions		Termination of Parental Rights		Remaining Petition Types		Total	
New Castle County	485	2.3%	2,356	11.0%	171	0.8%	103	0.5%	5,012	23.4%	21,451	100%
Kent County	170	1.9%	1,083	12.2%	66	0.7%	31	0.3%	1,921	21.6%	8,909	100%
Sussex County	145	1.4%	729	7.0%	36	0.3%	39	0.4%	2,296	22.1%	10,409	100%
State	800	2.0%	4,168	10.2%	273	0.7%	173	0.4%	9,229	22.6%	40,769	100%

RTSC = Rules to Show Cause

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

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2011-2012 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Filings				
	2011	2012	Change	% Change
New Castle County	3,945	3,705	-240	-6.1%
Kent County	1,648	1,363	-285	-17.3%
Sussex County	1,335	1,351	16	1.2%
State	6,928	6,419	-509	-7.3%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2011-2012 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Dispositions				
	2011	2012	Change	% Change
New Castle County	3,928	4,059	131	3.3%
Kent County	1,419	1,649	230	16.2%
Sussex County	1,304	1,364	60	4.6%
State	6,651	7,072	421	6.3%

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

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Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2012 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Filings										
	Felony		Misdemeanor		Traffic		VOP		Total	
New Castle County	694	18.7%	2,363	63.8%	204	5.5%	444	12.0%	3,705	100%
Kent County	214	15.7%	939	68.9%	71	5.2%	139	10.2%	1,363	100%
Sussex County	218	16.1%	903	66.8%	121	9.0%	109	8.1%	1,351	100%
State	1,126	17.5%	4,205	65.5%	396	6.2%	692	10.8%	6,419	100%

Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2012 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Dispositions										
	Felony		Misdemeanor		Traffic		VOP		Total	
New Castle County	597	14.7%	2,817	69.4%	297	7.3%	348	8.6%	4,059	100%
Kent County	248	15.0%	1,186	71.9%	69	4.2%	146	8.9%	1,649	100%
Sussex County	190	13.9%	938	68.8%	137	10.0%	99	7.3%	1,364	100%
State	1,035	14.6%	4,941	69.9%	503	7.1%	593	8.4%	7,072	100%

VOP - Violations of Probation

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2011-2012 - Mediation Hearings Scheduled*				
	2011	2012	Change	% Change
New Castle County	7,993	5,167	-2,826	-35.4%
Kent County	3,271	3,233	-38	-1.2%
Sussex County	4,225	4,026	-199	-4.7%
State	15,489	12,426	-3,063	-19.8%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2011-2012 - Mediation Dispositions*				
	2011	2012	Change	% Change
New Castle County	5,107	3,419	-1,688	-33.1%
Kent County	2,166	2,151	-15	-0.7%
Sussex County	2,814	2,788	-26	-0.9%
State	10,087	8,358	-1,729	-17.1%

**Reported information differs from FY2011 Annual Report due to change in metric used*

Mediation Explanatory Notes Fiscal Year 2012

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.

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2011-2012 - Total Case Filings				
	2011	2012	Change	% Change
New Castle County	28,556	28,017	-539	-1.9%
Kent County	10,872	10,850	-22	-0.2%
Sussex County	12,761	12,701	-60	-0.5%
State	52,189	51,568	-621	-1.2%

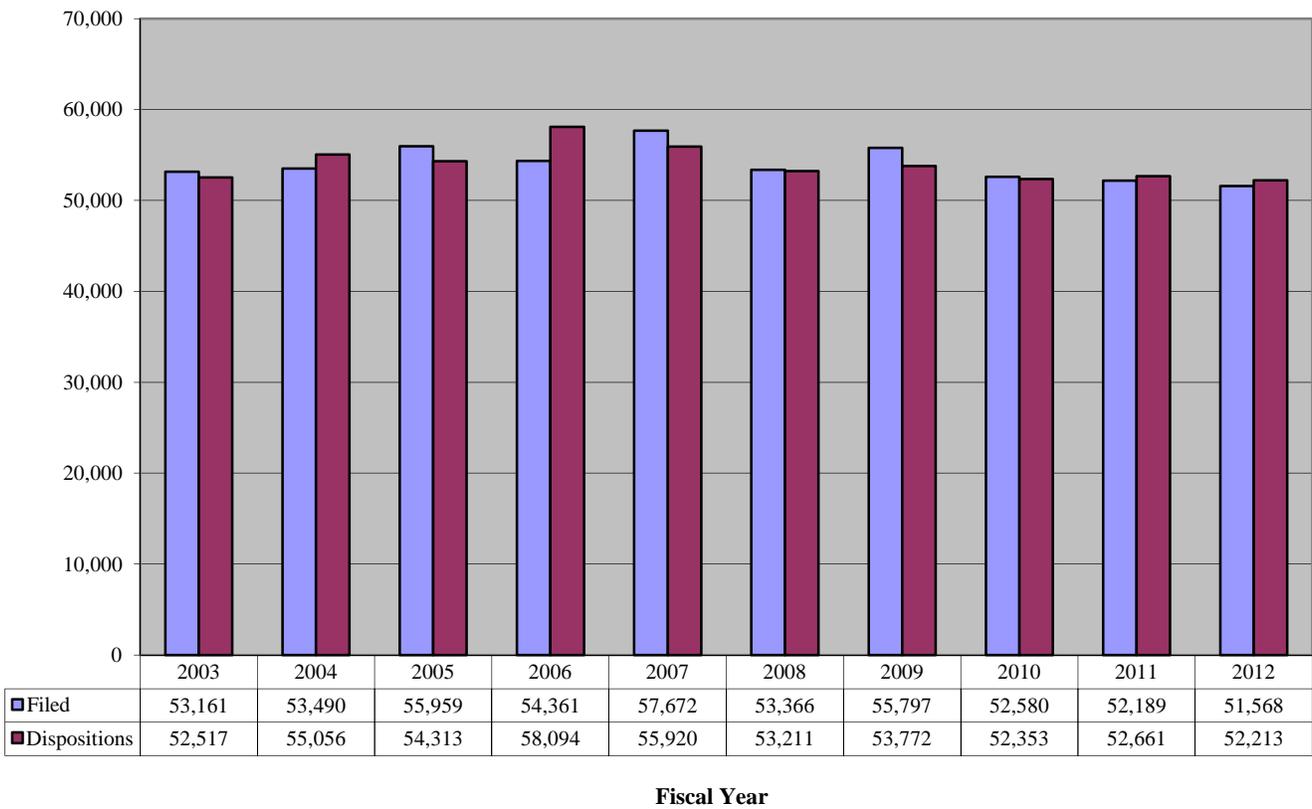
Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2011-2012 - Total Case Dispositions				
	2011	2012	Change	% Change
New Castle County	29,997	28,319	-1,678	-5.6%
Kent County	10,482	11,338	856	8.2%
Sussex County	12,182	12,556	374	3.1%
State	52,661	52,213	-448	-0.9%

Total Caseload Explanatory Notes Fiscal Year 2012

1. A civil filing is defined as one petition or one single civil incident filed with Family Court. In a divorce matter, although the petition may contain multiple ancillary matters to the divorce, it is counted as one filing.
2. A criminal or delinquency filing is defined as one incident filed against one individual or defendant. A single criminal or juvenile delinquency filing may be comprised of a single charge, or of multiple charges relating to single incident.

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

Family Court 10-Year Total Caseload Trend



The # of filings for FY2009 was amended.