



SUPERIOR COURT
State of Delaware

2014 Annual Report Statistical Information

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2013-2014 - Civil Case Filings				
	2013	2014	Change	% Change
New Castle County	8,737	8,774	37	0.4%
Kent County	1,378	1,541	163	10.6%
Sussex County	1,611	1,657	46	2.8%
State	11,726	11,972	246	2.1%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2013-2014 - Civil Case Dispositions				
	2013	2014	Change	% Change
New Castle County	8,438	8,154	-284	-3.5%
Kent County	1,348	1,430	82	5.7%
Sussex County	1,833	1,582	-251	-15.9%
State	11,619	11,166	-453	-4.1%

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

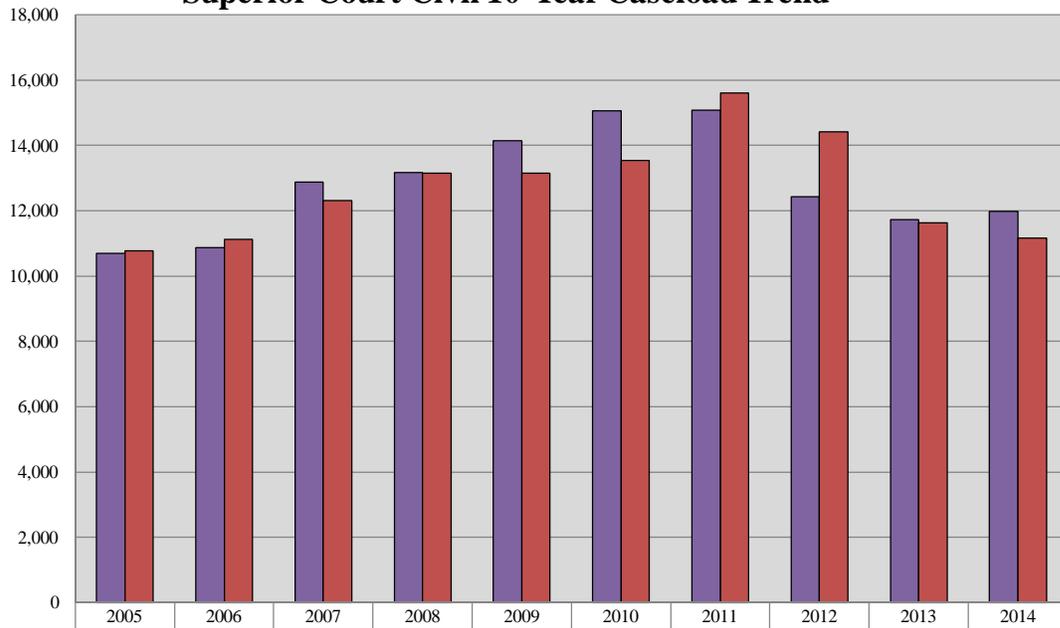
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Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2014 - Civil Case Filings						
	Complaints		Mechanic's Liens and Mortgages		Appeals	
New Castle County	3,750	42.7%	1,689	19.3%	135	1.5%
Kent County	439	28.5%	635	41.2%	46	3.0%
Sussex County	382	23.1%	701	42.3%	46	2.8%
State	4,571	38.2%	3,025	25.3%	227	1.9%
	Involuntary Commitments		Miscellaneous		Total	
New Castle County	803	9.2%	2,397	27.3%	8,774	100%
Kent County	127	8.2%	294	19.1%	1,541	100%
Sussex County	2	0.1%	526	31.7%	1,657	100%
State	932	7.8%	3,217	26.9%	11,972	100%

Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2014 - Civil Case Dispositions						
	Complaints		Mechanic's Liens and Mortgages		Appeals	
New Castle County	3,205	39.3%	1,649	20.2%	143	1.8%
Kent County	518	36.2%	532	37.2%	44	3.1%
Sussex County	376	23.8%	642	40.6%	39	2.5%
State	4,099	36.7%	2,823	25.3%	226	2.0%
	Involuntary Commitments		Miscellaneous		Total	
New Castle County	880	10.8%	2,277	27.9%	8,154	100%
Kent County	59	4.1%	277	19.4%	1,430	100%
Sussex County	5	0.3%	520	32.9%	1,582	100%
State	944	8.5%	3,074	27.5%	11,166	100%

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

Superior Court Civil 10-Year Caseload Trend



■ Filings	10,696	10,878	12,869	13,177	14,137	15,060	15,085	12,430	11,726	11,972
■ Dispositions	10,776	11,130	12,308	13,144	13,151	13,543	15,601	14,422	11,619	11,166

Fiscal Year

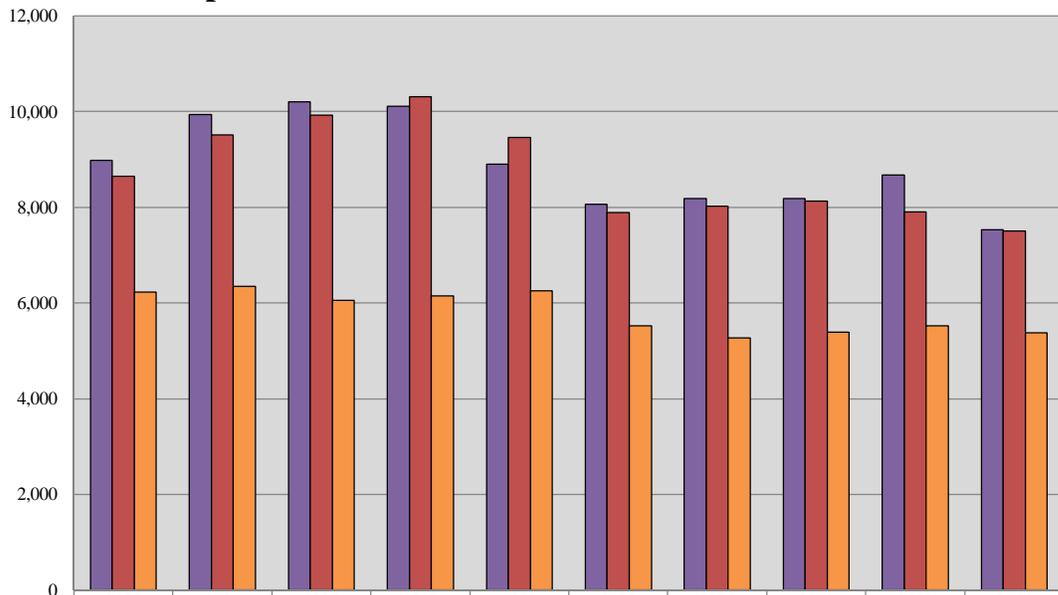
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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2013-2014 - Criminal Case Filings				
	2013	2014	Change	% Change
New Castle County	4,411	4,051	-360	-8.9%
Kent County	1,760	1,551	-209	-13.5%
Sussex County	2,500	1,930	-570	-29.5%
State	8,671	7,532	-1,139	-15.1%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2013-2014 - Criminal Case Dispositions				
	2013	2014	Change	% Change
New Castle County	4,104	3,941	-163	-4.1%
Kent County	1,652	1,666	14	0.8%
Sussex County	2,152	1,890	-262	-13.9%
State	7,908	7,497	-411	-5.5%

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

Superior Court Criminal 10-Year Caseload Trend



	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
■ Filings	8,973	9,936	10,206	10,115	8,898	8,064	8,180	8,186	8,671	7,532
■ Dispositions	8,651	9,512	9,923	10,306	9,451	7,892	8,016	8,123	7,908	7,497
■ VOP Filings	6,232	6,349	6,055	6,151	6,255	5,523	5,271	5,384	5,520	5,378

Fiscal Year

VOP = Violation of Probation.

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Caseload Breakdowns- Fiscal Year 2014 - Criminal Filings									
	Indictment		Rule 9 Warrant		Information		Other*		Total
New Castle County	2,765	68.3%	129	3.2%	1,118	27.6%	39	1.0%	4,051
Kent County	1,210	78.0%	11	0.7%	323	20.8%	7	0.5%	1,551
Sussex County	656	34.0%	170	8.8%	1,104	57.2%	0	0%	1,930
State	4,631	61.5%	310	4.1%	2,545	33.8%	46	0.6%	7,532

Caseload Breakdowns- Fiscal Year 2014 - Criminal Dispositions									
	Trial		Guilty Plea**		Nolle Prosequi		Remand/Transfer		
New Castle County	174	4.4%	2,753	69.9%	504	12.8%	2	0.1%	
Kent County	36	2.2%	1,087	65.2%	298	17.9%	1	0.1%	
Sussex County	35	1.9%	1,424	75.3%	284	15.0%	1	0.1%	
State	245	3.3%	5,264	70.2%	1,086	14.5%	4	0.1%	
	Dismissal		FOP/Drug Court		Consolidation		Total		
New Castle County	27	0.7%	366	9.3%	115	2.9%	3,941	100%	
Kent County	41	2.5%	122	7.3%	81	4.9%	1,666	100%	
Sussex County	18	1.0%	42	2.2%	86	4.6%	1,890	100%	
State	86	1.1%	530	7.1%	282	3.8%	7,497	100%	

*Includes appeals, transfers, reinstatements, and severances.

**Includes Probation Before Judgment.

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 2014 - Criminal Trials - Part One						
	Jury Trial		Non-Jury Trial		Total	
New Castle County	156	83.4%	31	16.6%	187	100%
Kent County	31	83.8%	6	16.2%	37	100%
Sussex County	35	100%	0	0%	35	100%
State	222	85.7%	37	14.3%	259	100%

	Guilty		Not Guilty*		No Final Disposition**		Total	
New Castle County	140	74.9%	34	18.2%	13	7.0%	187	100%
Kent County	25	67.6%	11	29.7%	1	2.7%	37	100%
Sussex County	27	77.1%	5	14.3%	3	8.6%	35	100%
State	192	74.1%	50	19.3%	17	6.6%	259	100%

*Includes Acquittals, Dismissals at Trial, and Nolle Prosequis at Trial.

**Includes Hung Juries, Mistrials, and Reserved Decisions.

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

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Types of Dispositions - Fiscal Year 2014 - 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	90	16	29	9	0	3	9	156
Kent County	23	0	5	1	1	1	0	31
Sussex County	24	0	4	3	1	1	2	35
State	137	16	38	13	2	5	11	222

Non-Jury Trial								
	Guilty	Guilty LIO	Not Guilty	Pled Guilty at Trial	Nol Pros/Dismissed at Trial	Mistrial		Total*
New Castle County	24	1	5	0	0	0		30
Kent County	1	0	3	0	2	0		6
Sussex County	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
State	25	1	8	0	2	0		36

All Trials								
	Guilty	Guilty LIO	Not Guilty	Pled Guilty at Trial	Nol Pros/Dismissed at Trial	Mistrial	Hung Jury	Total*
New Castle County	114	17	34	9	0	3	9	186
Kent County	24	0	8	1	3	1	0	37
Sussex County	24	0	4	3	1	1	2	35
State	162	17	46	13	4	5	11	258

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2014 - Criminal Nolle Prosequis

	Nolle Prosequis By Special Condition		Nolle Prosequis By Merit		Total	
New Castle County	143	28.4%	361	71.6%	504	100%
Kent County	200	67.1%	98	32.9%	298	100%
Sussex County	50	17.6%	234	82.4%	284	100%
State	393	36.2%	693	63.8%	1,086	100%

*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 2014 - Criminal Felony Guilty Pleas						
	Pled Guilty Original		Pled Guilty Lesser		Total	
New Castle County	1,489	88.8%	188	11.2%	1,677	100%
Kent County	606	86.4%	95	13.6%	701	100%
Sussex County	659	85.0%	116	15.0%	775	100%
State	2,754	87.3%	399	12.7%	3,153	100%

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2014 - Criminal Misdemeanor Guilty Pleas						
	Pled Guilty Original		Pled Guilty Lesser*		Total	
New Castle County	748	69.5%	328	30.5%	1,076	100%
Kent County	235	60.9%	151	39.1%	386	100%
Sussex County	427	65.8%	222	34.2%	649	100%
State	1,410	66.8%	701	33.2%	2,111	100%

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2014 - Criminal Total Guilty Pleas						
	Pled Guilty Original		Pled Guilty Lesser*		Total	
New Castle County	2,237	81.3%	516	18.7%	2,753	100%
Kent County	841	77.4%	246	22.6%	1,087	100%
Sussex County	1,086	76.3%	338	23.7%	1,424	100%
State	4,164	79.1%	1,100	20.9%	5,264	100%

*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 2014 - Criminal Cases - Elapsed Time			
	Total Number of Cases Disposed	Average Time from Arrest to Disposition	Average Time from Indictment to Disposition
New Castle County	3,941	158.7 days	92.7 days
Kent County	1,666	187.7 days	128.2 days
Sussex County	1,890	171.6 days	113.9 days
State	7,497	168.4 days	105.9 days

Performance Summary Fiscal Year 2014 - 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	3,941	2,689	68.2%	3,437	87.2%	3,876	98.4%
Kent County	1,666	1,001	60.1%	1,218	73.1%	1,560	93.6%
Sussex County	1,890	1,397	73.9%	1,611	85.2%	1,823	96.5%
State	7,497	5,087	67.9%	6,266	83.6%	7,259	96.8%

Criminal Cases Performance Explanatory Notes - Fiscal Year 2014

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 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 Office, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts.

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Performance Comparison - Fiscal Years 2013-2014 - Criminal Cases - Average Time from Arrest to Disposition				
	2013 (in days)	2014 (in days)	Change (in days)	% Change
New Castle County	131.2	158.7	27.5	17.3%
Kent County	143.3	187.7	44.4	23.7%
Sussex County	167.2	171.6	4.4	2.6%
State	143.5	168.4	24.9	14.8%

Performance Comparison - Fiscal Years 2013-2014 - Criminal Cases - Average Time from Indictment to Disposition				
	2013 (in days)	2014 (in days)	Change (in days)	% Change
New Castle County	83.8	92.7	8.9	9.6%
Kent County	84.3	128.2	43.9	34.2%
Sussex County	123.5	113.9	-9.6	-8.4%
State	94.7	105.9	11.2	10.6%

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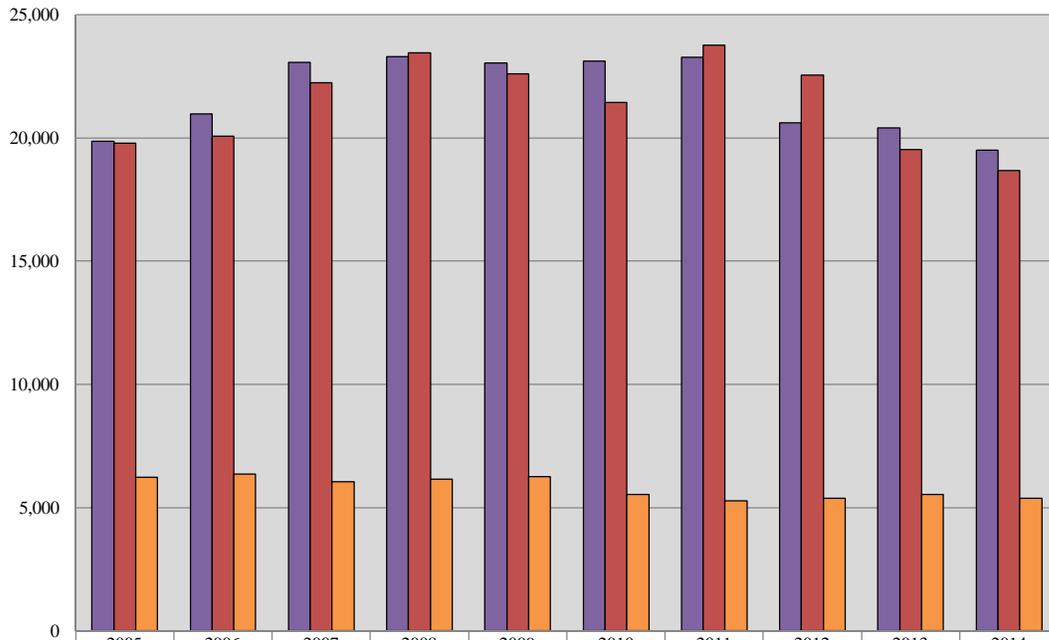
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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2013-2014 - Total Case Filings				
	2013	2014	Change	% Change
New Castle County	13,148	12,825	-323	-2.5%
Kent County	3,138	3,092	-46	-1.5%
Sussex County	4,111	3,587	-524	-14.6%
State	20,397	19,504	-893	-4.6%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2013-2014 - Total Case Dispositions				
	2013	2014	Change	% Change
New Castle County	12,542	12,095	-447	-3.7%
Kent County	3,000	3,096	96	3.1%
Sussex County	3,985	3,472	-513	-14.8%
State	19,527	18,663	-864	-4.6%

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

Superior Court Total 10-Year Caseload Trend



	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
■ Filings	19,851	20,977	23,075	23,292	23,035	23,124	23,265	20,616	20,397	19,504
■ Dispositions	19,781	20,077	22,231	23,450	22,602	21,435	23,752	22,544	19,527	18,663
■ VOP Filings	6,232	6,349	6,055	6,151	6,255	5,523	5,271	5,384	5,520	5,378

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