



FAMILY COURT
State of Delaware

2015 Annual Report Statistical Information

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2014-2015 - Adult Criminal Case Filings				
	2014	2015	Change	% Change
New Castle County	2,531	2,231	-300	-11.9%
Kent County	731	708	-23	-3.2%
Sussex County	655	669	14	2.1%
State	3,917	3,608	-309	-7.9%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2014-2015 - Adult Criminal Case Dispositions				
	2014	2015	Change	% Change
New Castle County	2,343	2,307	-36	-1.5%
Kent County	655	702	47	7.2%
Sussex County	660	627	-33	-5.0%
State	3,658	3,636	-22	-0.6%

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

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2014-2015 - Adult Criminal Filings

	VOP	PFA Contempt	All Other Charges	TOTAL
NCC	273 12.2%	205 9.2%	1753 78.6%	2231 100.0%
Kent	75 10.6%	79 11.2%	554 78.2%	708 100.0%
Sussex	93 13.9%	63 9.4%	513 76.7%	669 100.0%
Statewide	441 12.2%	347 9.6%	2820 78.2%	3608 100.0%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2014-2015 - Adult Criminal Dispositions

	VOP	PFA Contempt	All Other Charges	TOTAL
NCC	293 12.7%	196 8.5%	1818 78.8%	2307 100.0%
Kent	74 10.5%	87 12.4%	541 77.1%	702 100.0%
Sussex	87 13.9%	60 9.6%	480 76.6%	627 100.0%
Statewide	454 12.5%	343 9.4%	2839 78.1%	3636 100.0%

*VOP- Violation of Probation.

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

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2014-2015 - Civil Case Filings				
	2014	2015	Change	% Change
New Castle County	19,110	19,688	578	3.0%
Kent County	7,792	8,283	491	6.3%
Sussex County	8,321	10,103	1,782	21.4%
State	35,223	38,074	2,851	8.1%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2014-2015 - Civil Case Dispositions				
	2014	2015	Change	% Change
New Castle County	19,674	19,465	-209	-1.1%
Kent County	7,972	7,866	-106	-1.3%
Sussex County	8,918	9,598	680	7.6%
State	36,564	36,929	365	1.0%

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

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Caseload Breakdown - Fiscal Year 2015 - Civil Case Filings								
	Child Support/New Non-support		Child Support/Modifications		Child Support/Arrearages		Child Support/Verified Notice of Income Attachment	
New Castle County	4,022	20.4%	1,476	7.5%	2,715	13.8%	7	0.0%
Kent County	1,501	18.1%	708	8.5%	1,415	17.1%	3	0.0%
Sussex County	7,188	17.7%	656	6.5%	2,477	24.5%	1	0.0%
State	7,311	19.2%	2,840	7.5%	6,607	17.4%	11	0.0%
	Child Support/Determination of Parentage		Child Support/Revocation		Child Support/Registration of Foreign Order		Child Support/Notice of Admin. Adjustment	
New Castle County	264	1.3%	909	4.6%	215	1.1%	771	3.9%
Kent County	67	0.8%	381	4.6%	110	1.3%	404	4.9%
Sussex County	81	1.1%	334	3.3%	109	1.1%	1,072	10.6%
State	412	1.1%	1,624	4.3%	434	1.1%	2,247	5.9%
	Child Support/Other Support		Custody		Dependency/Neglect		Visitation	
New Castle County	19	0.1%	2,076	10.5%	169	0.9%	390	2.0%
Kent County	19	0.2%	813	9.8%	78	0.9%	128	1.5%
Sussex County	31	0.3%	835	8.3%	67	0.7%	140	1.4%
State	69	0.2%	3,724	9.8%	314	0.8%	658	1.7%
	Termination of Parental Rights		Civil Dissolution		Guardianship		Spousal Support	
New Castle County	101	0.5%	2	0.0%	1,030	5.2%	92	0.5%
Kent County	32	0.4%	0	0.0%	418	5.0%	32	0.4%
Sussex County	37	0.4%	-	0.0%	518	5.1%	11	0.1%
State	170	0.4%	2	0.0%	1,966	5.2%	135	0.4%
	Expungements (Juv. & Adult)		Imperiling Family Relationships		Protection from Abuse		Divorce/Annulment	
New Castle County	412	2.1%	27	0.1%	2,157	11.0%	1,928	9.8%
Kent County	139	1.7%	2	0.0%	941	11.4%	734	8.9%
Sussex County	174	1.7%	2	0.0%	713	7.1%	818	8.1%
State	725	1.9%	31	0.1%	3,811	10.0%	3,480	9.1%
	Rules to Show Cause/Other Civil Contempt		Minor to Marry		Miscellaneous Civil		Adoption	
New Castle County	557	2.8%	1	0.0%	247	1.3%	101	0.5%
Kent County	188	2.3%	1	0.0%	135	1.6%	34	0.4%
Sussex County	150	1.5%	-	0.0%	51	0.5%	38	0.4%
State	895	2.4%	2	0.0%	433	1.1%	173	0.5%
	Total							
New Castle County	19,688	100%						
Kent County	8,283	100%						
Sussex County	10,103	100%						
State	38,074	100%						

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

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2014-2015 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Filings				
	2014	2015	Change	% Change
New Castle County	2,885	2,725	-160	-5.6%
Kent County	1,122	1,107	-15	-1.3%
Sussex County	1,096	1,167	71	6.5%
State	5,103	4,999	-104	-2.0%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2014-2015 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Dispositions				
	2014	2015	Change	% Change
New Castle County	2,900	2,938	38	1.3%
Kent County	1,249	1,235	-14	-1.1%
Sussex County	1,145	1,146	1	0.1%
State	5,294	5,319	25	0.5%

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

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Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2015 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Filings						
	Felony		Misdemeanor		Traffic	
New Castle County	563	20.7%	1,750	64.2%	127	4.7%
Kent County	174	15.7%	763	68.9%	81	7.3%
Sussex County	203	17.4%	752	64.4%	125	10.7%
State	940	18.8%	3,265	65.3%	333	6.7%
	VOP				Total	
New Castle County	285	10.5%			2,725	100%
Kent County	89	8.0%			1,107	100%
Sussex County	87	7.5%			1,167	100%
State	461	9.2%			4,999	100%

Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2015 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Dispositions						
	Felony		Misdemeanor		Traffic	
New Castle County	511	17.4%	1,987	67.6%	161	5.5%
Kent County	147	11.9%	916	74.2%	82	6.6%
Sussex County	177	15.4%	769	67.1%	124	10.8%
State	835	15.7%	3,672	69.0%	367	6.9%
	VOP				Total	
New Castle County	279	9.5%			2,938	100%
Kent County	90	7.3%			1,235	100%
Sussex County	76	6.6%			1,146	100%
State	445	8.4%			5,319	100%

VOP = Violations of Probation.

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

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2014-2015 - Mediation Hearings Scheduled				
	2014	2015	Change	% Change
New Castle County	6,692	6,622	-70	-1.1%
Kent County	2,428	2,750	322	13.3%
Sussex County	3,402	3,226	-176	-5.2%
State	12,522	12,598	76	0.6%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2014-2015 - Mediation Dispositions				
	2014	2015	Change	% Change
New Castle County	4,256	4,040	-216	-5.1%
Kent County	1,510	1,676	166	11.0%
Sussex County	2,128	2,013	-115	-5.4%
State	7,894	7,729	-165	-2.1%

Mediation Explanatory Notes Fiscal Year 2015

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, paternity, guardianship, imperiling family relations, and rule to show cause filings are scheduled for mediation unless bypass mediation rules apply as indicated in 13 Del. C. § 711A and 13 Del. C. § 728A; Family Court Procedures OCI-914 and OCI-902.

Note: Mediation data was reported as Arbitration data in some previous fiscal years.

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2014-2015 - Total Case Filings				
	2014	2015	Change	% Change
New Castle County	24,526	24,644	118	0.5%
Kent County	9,645	10,098	453	4.7%
Sussex County	10,072	11,939	1,867	18.5%
State	44,243	46,681	2,438	5.5%

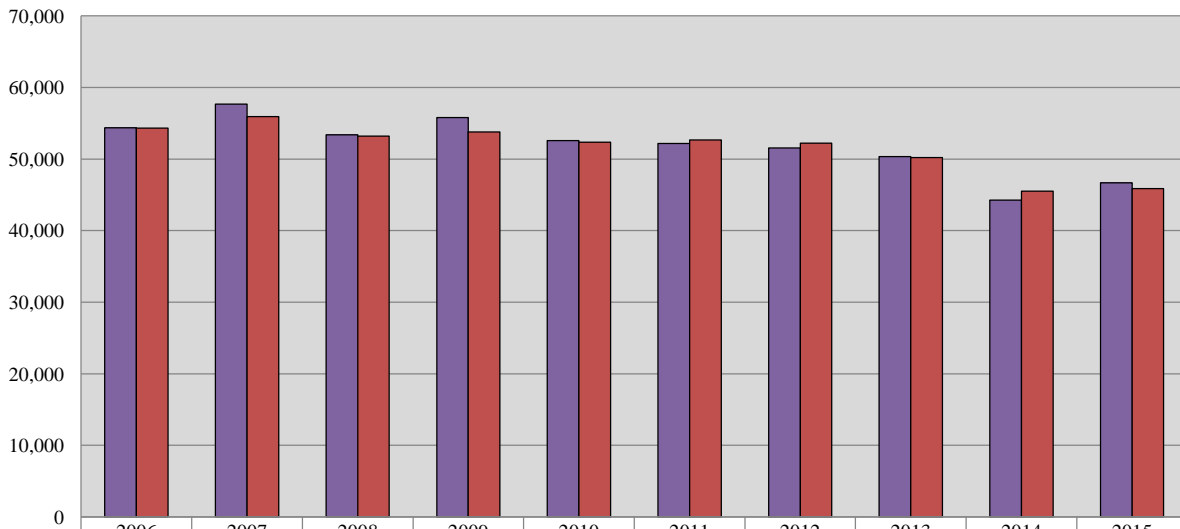
Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2014-2015 - Total Case Dispositions				
	2014	2015	Change	% Change
New Castle County	24,917	24,710	-207	-0.8%
Kent County	9,876	9,803	-73	-0.7%
Sussex County	10,723	11,371	648	6.0%
State	45,516	45,884	368	0.8%

Total Caseload Explanatory Notes - Fiscal Year 2015

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 a single incident.
3. Automatic Expungements/Pardons resulting in Automatic Juvenile Expungements are counted as filings in this report due to the amount of staff effort to process them. Although there is not a disposition from a Hearing Officer for Automatic Expungements, the directive letter from SBI is acted upon by our staff. Therefore, the resolution of these types of filings are added to the same month they are received in the Dispositions section of this report.

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

Family Court 10-Year Total Caseload Trend



	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
■ Filings	54361	57672	53,366	55,797	52,580	52,189	51,568	50,364	44,243	46,681
■ Dispositions	54313	55920	53,211	53,772	52,353	52,661	52,213	50,191	45,516	45,884

Fiscal Year

Note: The number of filings for Fiscal Year 2009 was amended.