

FAMILY COURT

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.

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