

FAMILY COURT
State of Delaware

2018 Annual Report Statistical Information

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2017-2018 - Adult Criminal Case Filings				
	2017	2018	Change	% Change
New Castle County	2,642	2,879	237	9.0%
Kent County	856	927	71	8.3%
Sussex County	775	898	123	15.9%
State	4,273	4,704	431	10.1%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2017-2018 - Adult Criminal Case Dispositions				
	2017	2018	Change	% Change
New Castle County	2,046	2,654	608	29.7%
Kent County	777	899	122	15.7%
Sussex County	705	847	142	20.1%
State	3,528	4,400	872	24.7%

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

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2017-2018 - Civil Case Filings				
	2017	2018	Change	% Change
New Castle County	22,496	20,361	-2,135	-9.5%
Kent County	7,941	8,262	321	4.0%
Sussex County	9,779	9,864	85	0.9%
State	40,216	38,487	-1,729	-4.3%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2017-2018- Civil Case Dispositions				
	2017	2018	Change	% Change
New Castle County	23,842	23,171	-671	-2.8%
Kent County	8,591	8,837	246	2.9%
Sussex County	10,379	10,325	-54	-0.5%
State	42,812	42,333	-479	-1.1%

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

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Caseload Breakdown - Fiscal Year 2018 - Civil Case Filings								
	Child Support/New Non-support		Child Support/Modifications		Child Support/Arrearages		Child Support/Verified Notice of Income Attachment	
New Castle County	3,502	17.2%	1,199	5.9%	1,924	9.4%	4	0.0%
Kent County	1,392	16.8%	495	6.0%	733	8.9%	0	0.0%
Sussex County	1,754	17.8%	508	5.2%	1,935	19.6%	1	0.0%
State	6,648	17.3%	2,202	5.7%	4,592	11.9%	5	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	229	1.1%	612	3.0%	179	0.9%	3,005	14.8%
Kent County	75	0.9%	249	3.0%	65	0.8%	943	11.4%
Sussex County	63	0.6%	155	1.6%	74	0.8%	1,640	16.6%
State	367	1.0%	1,016	2.6%	318	0.8%	5,588	14.5%
	Child Support/Other Support		Custody		Dependency/Neglect		Visitation	
New Castle County	18	0.1%	1,908	9.4%	173	0.8%	246	1.2%
Kent County	12	0.1%	759	9.2%	101	1.2%	130	1.6%
Sussex County	15	0.2%	686	7.0%	92	0.9%	100	1.0%
State	45	0.1%	3,353	8.7%	366	1.0%	476	1.2%
	Termination of Parental Rights		Civil Dissolution		Guardianship		Spousal Support	
New Castle County	159	0.8%	0	0.0%	1,026	5.0%	61	0.3%
Kent County	64	0.8%	0	0.0%	514	6.2%	20	0.2%
Sussex County	51	0.5%	0	0.0%	478	4.8%	9	0.1%
State	274	0.7%	0	0.0%	2,018	5.2%	90	0.2%
	Expungements (Juv. & Adult)		Imperiling Family Relationships		Protection from Abuse		Divorce/Annulment	
New Castle County	883	4.3%	21	0.1%	2,503	12.3%	1,799	8.8%
Kent County	419	5.1%	4	0.0%	1,095	13.3%	741	9.0%
Sussex County	589	6.0%	2	0.0%	712	7.2%	723	7.3%
State	1,891	4.9%	27	0.1%	4,310	11.2%	3,263	8.5%
	Rules to Show Cause/Other Civil Contempt		Minor to Marry		Miscellaneous Civil		Adoption	
New Castle County	502	2.5%	2	0.0%	288	1.4%	118	0.6%
Kent County	219	2.7%	0	0.0%	179	2.2%	53	0.6%
Sussex County	105	1.1%	1	0.0%	108	1.1%	63	0.6%
State	826	2.1%	3	0.0%	575	1.5%	234	0.6%
	Total							
New Castle County	20,361	100%						
Kent County	8,262	100%						
Sussex County	9,864	100%						
State	38,487	100%						

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Caseload Breakdown - Fiscal Year 2018 - Civil Case Dispositions								
	Child Support/New Non-support		Child Support/Modifications		Child Support/Arrearages		Child Support/Verified Notice of Income Attachment	
New Castle County	4,512	19.5%	1,515	6.5%	2,426	10.5%	6	0.0%
Kent County	1,714	19.4%	579	6.6%	675	7.6%	0	0.0%
Sussex County	1,781	17.2%	490	4.7%	2,192	21.2%	1	0.0%
State	8,007	18.9%	2,584	6.1%	5,293	12.5%	7	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	321	1.4%	607	2.6%	187	0.8%	3,005	13.0%
Kent County	83	0.9%	255	2.9%	71	0.8%	944	10.7%
Sussex County	70	0.7%	162	1.6%	69	0.7%	1,635	15.8%
State	474	1.1%	1,024	2.4%	327	0.8%	5,584	13.2%
	Child Support/Other Support		Custody		Dependency/Neglect		Visitation	
New Castle County	17	0.1%	2,393	10.3%	216	0.9%	328	1.4%
Kent County	7	0.1%	885	10.0%	102	1.2%	146	1.7%
Sussex County	14	0.1%	757	7.3%	101	1.0%	112	1.1%
State	38	0.1%	4,035	9.5%	419	1.0%	586	1.4%
	Termination of Parental Rights		Civil Dissolution		Guardianship		Spousal Support	
New Castle County	146	0.6%	0	0.0%	1,156	5.0%	69	0.3%
Kent County	54	0.6%	0	0.0%	599	6.8%	25	0.3%
Sussex County	51	0.5%	0	0.0%	535	5.2%	9	0.1%
State	251	0.6%	0	0.0%	2,290	5.4%	103	0.2%
	Expungements (Juv. & Adult)		Imperiling Family Relationships		Protection from Abuse		Divorce/Annulment	
New Castle County	784	3.4%	24	0.1%	2,515	10.9%	2,060	8.9%
Kent County	436	4.9%	6	0.1%	1,085	12.3%	747	8.5%
Sussex County	559	5.4%	3	0.0%	724	7.0%	794	7.7%
State	1779	4.2%	33	0.1%	4,324	10.2%	3,601	8.5%
	Rules to Show Cause/Other Civil Contempt		Minor to Marry		Miscellaneous Civil		Adoption	
New Castle County	567	2.4%	2	0.0%	228	1.0%	87	0.4%
Kent County	216	2.4%	0	0.0%	169	1.9%	39	0.4%
Sussex County	107	1.0%	1	0.0%	122	1.2%	36	0.3%
State	890	2.1%	3	0.0%	519	1.2%	162	0.4%
	Total							
New Castle County	23,171	100%						
Kent County	8,837	100%						
Sussex County	10,325	100%						
State	42,333	100%						

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2017-2018 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Filings				
	2017	2018	Change	% Change
New Castle County	2,556	2,442	-114	-4.5%
Kent County	968	934	-34	-3.5%
Sussex County	821	902	81	9.9%
State	4,345	4,278	-67	-1.5%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2017-2018 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Dispositions				
	2017	2018	Change	% Change
New Castle County	2,521	2,565	44	1.7%
Kent County	1,197	1,139	-58	-4.8%
Sussex County	811	963	152	18.7%
State	4,529	4,667	138	3.0%

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Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2018 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Filings						
	Felony		Misdemeanor		Traffic	
New Castle County	550	22.5%	1,436	58.8%	175	7.2%
Kent County	186	19.9%	578	61.9%	75	8.0%
Sussex County	169	18.7%	556	61.6%	129	14.3%
State	905	21.2%	2,570	60.1%	379	8.9%
	VOP				Total	
New Castle County	281	11.5%			2,442	100%
Kent County	95	10.2%			934	100%
Sussex County	48	5.3%			902	100%
State	424	9.9%			4,278	100%

Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2018 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Dispositions						
	Felony		Misdemeanor		Traffic	
New Castle County	432	16.8%	1,667	65.0%	210	8.2%
Kent County	173	15.2%	802	70.4%	87	7.6%
Sussex County	135	14.0%	622	64.6%	151	15.7%
State	740	15.9%	3,091	66.2%	448	9.6%
	VOP				Total	
New Castle County	256	10.0%			2,565	100%
Kent County	77	6.8%			1,139	100%
Sussex County	55	5.7%			963	100%
State	388	8.3%			4,667	100%

VOP = Violations of Probation.

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

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2017-2018 - Mediation Hearings Scheduled				
	2017	2018	Change	% Change
New Castle County	6,137	7,725	1,588	25.9%
Kent County	2,576	2,510	-66	-2.6%
Sussex County	3,070	2,762	-308	-10.0%
State	11,783	12,997	1,214	10.3%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2017-2018 - Mediation Dispositions				
	2017	2018	Change	% Change
New Castle County	3,665	4,204	539	14.7%
Kent County	1,508	1,417	-91	-6.0%
Sussex County	1,793	1,552	-241	-13.4%
State	6,966	7,173	207	3.0%

Note: 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.

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2017-2018 - Total Case Filings				
	2017	2018	Change	% Change
New Castle County	27,694	25,682	-2,012	-7.3%
Kent County	9,765	10,123	358	3.7%
Sussex County	11,375	11,664	289	2.5%
State	48,834	47,469	-1,365	-2.8%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2017-2018- Total Case Dispositions				
	2017	2018	Change	% Change
New Castle County	28,409	28,390	-19	-0.1%
Kent County	10,565	10,875	310	2.9%
Sussex County	11,895	12,135	240	2.0%
State	50,869	51,400	531	1.0%

Notes:

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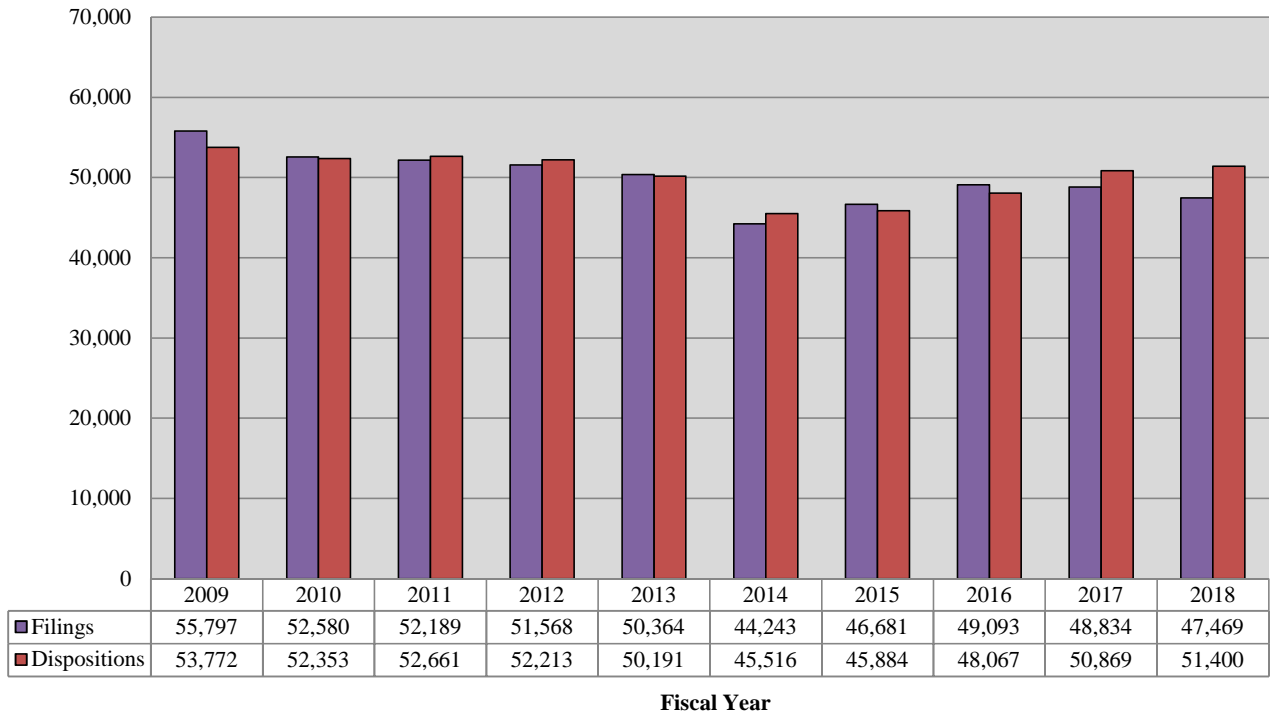
*Custody, support, visitation, paternity, guardianship, imperiling family relations, and rule to show cause filings are scheduled for mediation unless bypass mediation rules apply as indicated in 13 Del. C. § 711A and 13 Del. C. § 728A; Family Court Procedures OCI-914 and OCI-902.

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Family Court 10-Year Total Caseload Trend



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

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