

## FAMILY COURT

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2017-2018 - Mediation Hearings Scheduled</b>				
	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%
<b>State</b>	<b>11,783</b>	<b>12,997</b>	<b>1,214</b>	<b>10.3%</b>

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2017-2018 - Mediation Dispositions</b>				
	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%
<b>State</b>	<b>6,966</b>	<b>7,173</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>3.0%</b>

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.

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