

FAMILY COURT  
State of Delaware

2019 Annual Report Statistical Information

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### Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2018-2019 - Adult Criminal Case Filings

	2018	2019	Change	% Change
New Castle County	2,879	2,856	-23	-0.8%
Kent County	927	993	66	7.1%
Sussex County	898	840	-58	-6.5%
<b>State</b>	<b>4,704</b>	<b>4,689</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>

### Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2018-2019 - Adult Criminal Dispositions

	2018	2019	Change	% Change
New Castle County	2,654	2,544	-110	-4.1%
Kent County	899	980	81	9.0%
Sussex County	847	871	24	2.8%
<b>State</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>4,395</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>

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

### Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2018-2019 - Civil Case Filings

	2018	2019	Change	% Change
New Castle County	20,361	20,910	549	2.7%
Kent County	8,262	8,554	292	3.5%
Sussex County	9,864	9,514	-350	-3.5%
<b>State</b>	<b>38,487</b>	<b>38,978</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>1.3%</b>

### Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2018-2019- Civil Case Dispositions

	2018	2019	Change	% Change
New Castle County	23,171	20,975	-2,196	-9.5%
Kent County	8,837	8,501	-336	-3.8%
Sussex County	10,325	10,327	2	0.0%
<b>State</b>	<b>42,333</b>	<b>39,803</b>	<b>-2,530</b>	<b>-6.0%</b>

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Caseload Breakdown - Fiscal Year 2019 - Civil Case Filings								
	Child Support/New Non-support		Child Support/Modifications		Child Support/Arrearages		Child Support/Verified Notice of Income Attachment	
New Castle County	3,420	16.4%	1,244	5.9%	2,948	14.1%	5	0.0%
Kent County	1,367	16.0%	504	5.9%	989	11.6%	4	0.0%
Sussex County	1,473	15.5%	514	5.4%	2,093	22.0%	1	0.0%
<b>State</b>	<b>6,260</b>	<b>16.1%</b>	<b>2,262</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>6,030</b>	<b>15.5%</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
	Child Support/Determination of Parentage		Child Support/Revocation		Child Support/Registration of Foreign Order		Child Support/Notice of Admin. Adjustment	
New Castle County	215	1.0%	454	2.2%	197	0.9%	2,952	14.1%
Kent County	69	0.8%	263	3.1%	96	1.1%	1,132	13.2%
Sussex County	48	0.5%	144	1.5%	87	0.9%	1,625	17.1%
<b>State</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>5,709</b>	<b>14.6%</b>
	Child Support/Other Support		Custody		Dependency/Neglect		Visitation	
New Castle County	16	0.1%	1,791	8.6%	192	0.9%	225	1.1%
Kent County	9	0.1%	737	8.6%	49	0.6%	142	1.7%
Sussex County	11	0.1%	687	7.2%	53	0.6%	95	1.0%
<b>State</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>3,215</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>1.2%</b>

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## Caseload Breakdown - Fiscal Year 2019 - Civil Case Filings

	Termination of Parental Rights		Civil Dissolution*		Guardianship		Spousal Support	
New Castle County	131	0.6%		0.0%	958	4.6%	75	0.4%
Kent County	37	0.4%		0.0%	418	4.9%	31	0.4%
Sussex County	43	0.5%		0.0%	368	3.9%	15	0.2%
<b>State</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>1,744</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
	Expungements (Juv. & Adult)		Imperiling Family Relationships		Protection from Abuse		Divorce/Annulment	
New Castle County	1041	5.0%	14	0.1%	2,351	11.2%	1,824	8.7%
Kent County	471	5.5%	-	0.0%	1,171	13.7%	705	8.2%
Sussex County	607	6.4%	1	0.0%	676	7.1%	722	7.6%
<b>State</b>	<b>2119</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>4,198</b>	<b>10.8%</b>	<b>3,251</b>	<b>8.3%</b>
	Rules to Show Cause/Other Civil Contempt		Minor to Marry*		Miscellaneous Civil		Adoption	
New Castle County	505	2.4%		0.0%	195	0.9%	157	0.8%
Kent County	199	2.3%		0.0%	109	1.3%	52	0.6%
Sussex County	117	1.2%		0.0%	91	1.0%	43	0.5%
<b>State</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
	<b>Total</b>							
New Castle County	20,910	100%						
Kent County	8,554	100%						
Sussex County	9,514	100%						
<b>State</b>	<b>38,978</b>	<b>100%</b>						

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## Caseload Breakdown - Fiscal Year 2019 - Civil Case Dispositions

	Child Support/New Non-support		Child Support/Modifications		Child Support/Arrearages		Child Support/Verified Notice of Income Attachment	
New Castle County	3,474	16.6%	1,119	5.3%	2,554	12.2%	4	0.0%
Kent County	1,341	15.8%	516	6.1%	807	9.5%	4	0.0%
Sussex County	1,711	16.6%	587	5.7%	2,399	23.2%	1	0.0%
<b>State</b>	<b>6,526</b>	<b>16.4%</b>	<b>2,222</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>5,760</b>	<b>14.5%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
	Child Support/Determination of Parentage		Child Support/Revocation		Child Support/Registration of Foreign Order		Child Support/Notice of Admin. Adjustment	
New Castle County	216	1.0%	442	2.1%	190	0.9%	2,947	14.1%
Kent County	70	0.8%	246	2.9%	88	1.0%	1,132	13.3%
Sussex County	59	0.6%	133	1.3%	94	0.9%	1,625	15.7%
<b>State</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>5,704</b>	<b>14.3%</b>
	Child Support/Other Support		Custody		Dependency/Neglect		Visitation	
New Castle County	13	0.1%	1,927	9.2%	203	1.0%	246	1.2%
Kent County	8	0.1%	769	9.0%	83	1.0%	138	1.6%
Sussex County	13	0.1%	737	7.1%	58	0.6%	103	1.0%
<b>State</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>3,433</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>1.2%</b>

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Caseload Breakdown - Fiscal Year 2019 - Civil Case Dispositions									
	Termination of Parental Rights		Civil Dissolution*		Guardianship		Spousal Support		
New Castle County	144	0.7%		0.0%	982	4.7%	70	0.3%	
Kent County	49	0.6%		0.0%	504	5.9%	25	0.3%	
Sussex County	41	0.4%		0.0%	418	4.0%	11	0.1%	
<b>State</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>1,904</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	
	Expungements (Juv. & Adult)		Imperiling Family Relationships		Protection from Abuse		Divorce/Annulment		
New Castle County	1067	5.1%	16	0.1%	2,341	11.2%	2,145	10.2%	
Kent County	493	5.8%	-	0.0%	1,176	13.8%	682	8.0%	
Sussex County	642	6.2%	1	0.0%	680	6.6%	779	7.5%	
<b>State</b>	<b>2202</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>4,197</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>3,606</b>	<b>9.1%</b>	
	Rules to Show Cause/Other Civil Contempt		Minor to Marry*		Miscellaneous Civil		Adoption		
New Castle County	530	2.5%		0.0%	259	1.2%	86	0.4%	
Kent County	210	2.5%		0.0%	119	1.4%	41	0.5%	
Sussex County	116	1.1%		0.0%	87	0.8%	32	0.3%	
<b>State</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	
	<b>Total</b>								
New Castle County	20,975	100%							
Kent County	8,501	100%							
Sussex County	10,327	100%							
<b>State</b>	<b>39,803</b>	<b>100%</b>							

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### Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2018-2019 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Filings

	2018	2019	Change	% Change
New Castle County	2,442	2,106	-336	-13.8%
Kent County	934	881	-53	-5.7%
Sussex County	902	729	-173	-19.2%
<b>State</b>	<b>4,278</b>	<b>3,716</b>	<b>-562</b>	<b>-13.1%</b>

### Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2018-2019 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Dispositions

	2018	2019	Change	% Change
New Castle County	2,565	2,262	-303	-11.8%
Kent County	1,139	1,121	-18	-1.6%
Sussex County	963	881	-82	-8.5%
<b>State</b>	<b>4,667</b>	<b>4,264</b>	<b>-403</b>	<b>-8.6%</b>

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### Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2019 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Filings

	Felony		Misdemeanor		Traffic	
New Castle County	589	28.0%	1,105	52.5%	159	7.5%
Kent County	232	26.3%	482	54.7%	92	10.4%
Sussex County	129	17.7%	426	58.4%	137	18.8%
<b>State</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>25.6%</b>	<b>2,013</b>	<b>54.2%</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>10.4%</b>
	VOP*				Total	
New Castle County	253	12.0%			2,106	100%
Kent County	75	8.5%			881	100%
Sussex County	37	5.1%			729	100%
<b>State</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>9.8%</b>			<b>3,716</b>	<b>100%</b>

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<b>Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2019 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Dispositions</b>						
	Felony		Misdemeanor		Traffic	
New Castle County	455	20.1%	1,393	61.6%	182	8.0%
Kent County	193	17.2%	766	68.3%	90	8.0%
Sussex County	137	15.6%	568	64.5%	136	15.4%
<b>State</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>18.4%</b>	<b>2,727</b>	<b>64.0%</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>9.6%</b>
	VOP*				Total	
New Castle County	232	10.3%			2,262	100%
Kent County	72	6.4%			1,121	100%
Sussex County	40	4.5%			881	100%
<b>State</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>8.1%</b>			<b>4,264</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*VOP = Violations of Probation.

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

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2018-2019 - Mediation Hearings Scheduled</b>				
	2018	2019	Change	% Change
New Castle County	7,725	4,875	-2,850	-36.9%
Kent County	2,510	2,075	-435	-17.3%
Sussex County	2,762	2,729	-33	-1.2%
<b>State</b>	<b>12,997</b>	<b>9,679</b>	<b>-3,318</b>	<b>-25.5%</b>

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2018-2019 - Mediation Dispositions</b>				
	2018	2019	Change	% Change
New Castle County	4,204	2,897	-1,307	-31.1%
Kent County	1,417	1,145	-272	-19.2%
Sussex County	1,552	1,583	31	2.0%
<b>State</b>	<b>7,173</b>	<b>5,625</b>	<b>-1,548</b>	<b>-21.6%</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.

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<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2018-2019 - Total Case Filings</b>				
	2018	2019	Change	% Change
New Castle County	25,682	25,872	190	0.7%
Kent County	10,123	10,428	305	3.0%
Sussex County	11,664	11,083	-581	-5.0%
<b>State</b>	<b>47,469</b>	<b>47,383</b>	<b>-86</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2018-2019- Total Case Dispositions</b>				
	2018	2019	Change	% Change
New Castle County	28,390	25,781	-2,609	-9.2%
Kent County	10,875	10,602	-273	-2.5%
Sussex County	12,135	12,079	-56	-0.5%
<b>State</b>	<b>51,400</b>	<b>48,462</b>	<b>-2,938</b>	<b>-5.7%</b>

**Notes:**

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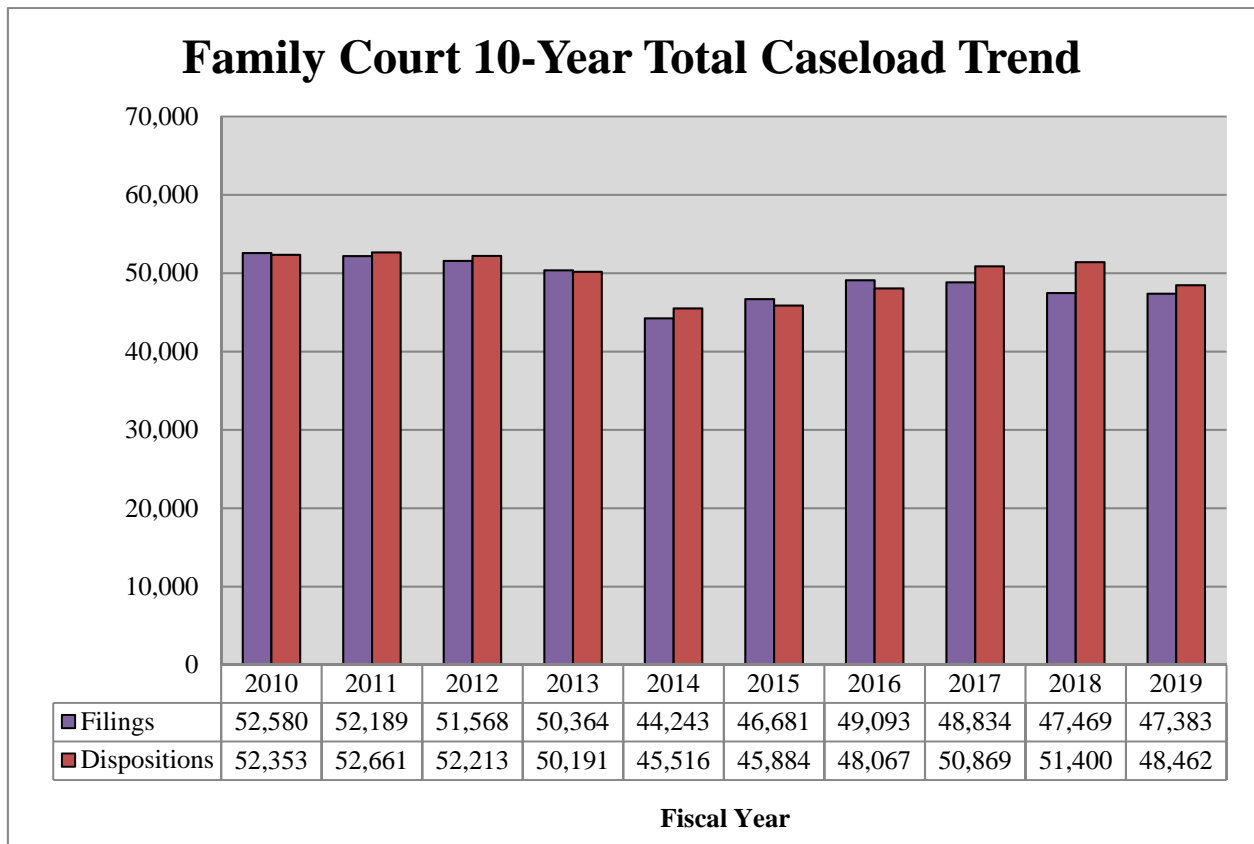
\*Custody, support, visitation, paternity, guardianship, imperiling family relations, and rule to show cause filings are scheduled for mediation unless bypass mediation rules apply as indicated in 13 Del. C. § 711A and 13 Del. C. § 728A; Family Court Procedures OCI-914 and OCI-902.

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