

FAMILY COURT

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2018-2019 - Mediation Hearings Scheduled

| | 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% |
| State | 12,997 | 9,679 | -3,318 | -25.5% |

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2018-2019 - Mediation Dispositions

| | 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% |
| State | 7,173 | 5,625 | -1,548 | -21.6% |

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.