

SUPERIOR COURT  
State of Delaware

2019 Annual Report Statistical Information

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

	2018	2019	Change	% Change
New Castle County	9,964	8,527	-1,437	-16.9%
Kent County	1,635	1,503	-132	-8.8%
Sussex County	1,477	1,462	-15	-1.0%
<b>State</b>	<b>13,076</b>	<b>11,492</b>	<b>-1584</b>	<b>13.8%</b>

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

	2018	2019	Change	% Change
New Castle County	11,150	9,521	-1,629	-17.1%
Kent County	1,395	1,486	91	6.1%
Sussex County	1,481	1,515	34	2.2%
<b>State</b>	<b>14,026</b>	<b>12,522</b>	<b>-1,504</b>	<b>12.0%</b>

Source: Prothonotary's Offices, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts.

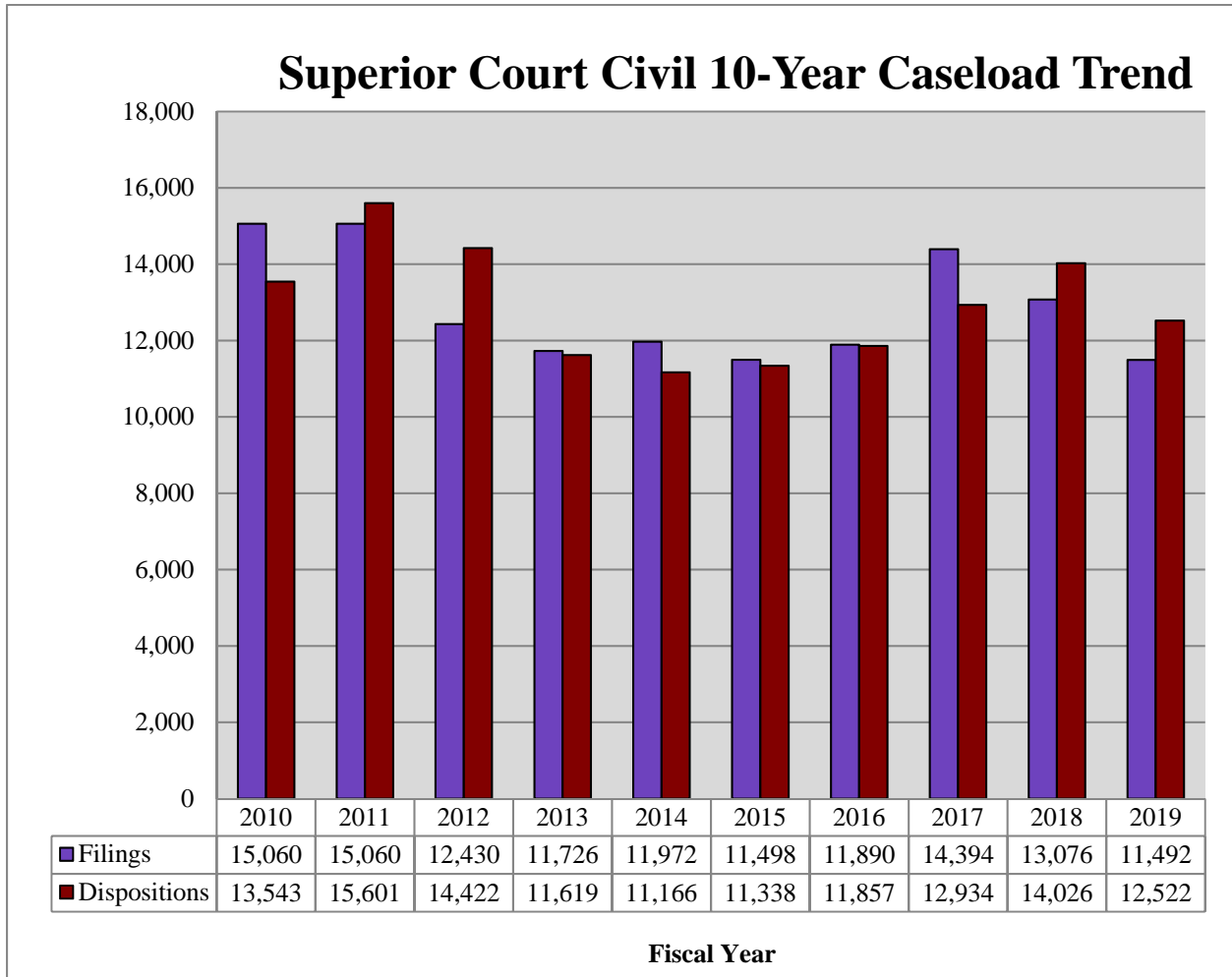
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<b>Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2019 - Civil Case Filings</b>						
	Complaints		Mechanic's Liens and Mortgages		Appeals	
New Castle County	3,547	41.6%	1,320	15.5%	98	1.1%
Kent County	493	32.8%	505	33.6%	33	2.2%
Sussex County	460	31.5%	504	34.5%	34	2.3%
<b>State</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>39.2%</b>	<b>2,329</b>	<b>20.3%</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
	Involuntary Commitments		Miscellaneous		<b>Total</b>	
New Castle County	249	2.9%	3,313	38.9%	8,527	100%
Kent County	92	6.1%	380	25.3%	1,503	100%
Sussex County	8	0.5%	456	31.2%	1,462	100%
<b>State</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>4,149</b>	<b>36.1%</b>	<b>11,492</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2019- Civil Case Dispositions</b>						
	Complaints		Mechanic's Liens and Mortgages		Appeals	
New Castle County	4,299	45.2%	1,567	16.5%	97	1.0%
Kent County	457	30.8%	546	36.7%	30	2.0%
Sussex County	425	28.1%	585	38.6%	24	1.6%
<b>State</b>	<b>5,181</b>	<b>41.4%</b>	<b>2,698</b>	<b>21.5%</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>1.2%</b>
	Involuntary Commitments		Miscellaneous		<b>Total</b>	
New Castle County	223	2.3%	3,335	35.0%	9,521	100%
Kent County	95	6.4%	358	24.1%	1,486	100%
Sussex County	8	0.5%	473	31.2%	1,515	100%
<b>State</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>4,166</b>	<b>33.3%</b>	<b>12,522</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: Prothonotary's Offices, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts.

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\* Report incorporates additional data made available since publication of the FY 2015 Annual Report.

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<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2018-2019 - Criminal Case Filings</b>				
	2018	2019	Change	% Change
New Castle County	2,658	2,464	-194	-7.9%
Kent County	1,023	880	-143	-16.3%
Sussex County	1,375	1,375	0	0.0%
<b>State</b>	<b>5,056</b>	<b>4,719</b>	<b>-337</b>	<b>-7.1%</b>

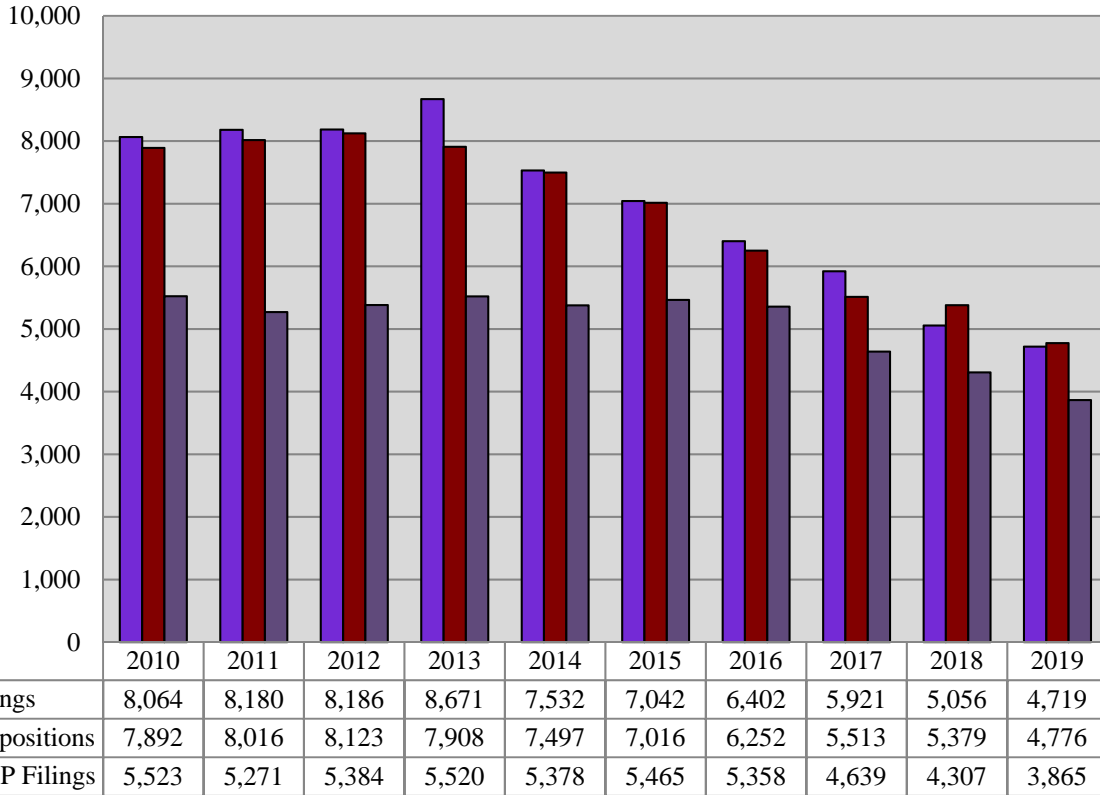
<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2018-2019 - Criminal Case Dispositions</b>				
	2018	2019	Change	% Change
New Castle County	2,665	2,344	-321	-13.7%
Kent County	1,095	928	-167	-18.0%
Sussex County	1,619	1,504	-115	-7.6%
<b>State</b>	<b>5,379</b>	<b>4,776</b>	<b>-603</b>	<b>-12.6%</b>

Source: Court Administrator and Case Scheduling Office, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts.

<b>Caseload Breakdowns- Fiscal Year 2019 - Criminal Filings</b>									
	Indictment		Rule 9 Warrant		Information		Other*		Total
New Castle County	1,488	60.4%	268	10.9%	654	26.5%	54	2.2%	2,464
Kent County	656	74.5%	33	3.8%	181	20.6%	10	1.1%	880
Sussex County	402	29.2%	190	13.8%	761	55.3%	22	1.6%	1,375
<b>State</b>	<b>2,546</b>	<b>54.0%</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>10.4%</b>	<b>1,596</b>	<b>33.8%</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>4,719</b>

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## Superior Court Criminal 10-Year Caseload Trend



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\*VOP = Violation of Probation

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<b>Caseload Breakdowns- Fiscal Year 2019 - Criminal Dispositions</b>										
	Trial		Guilty Plea**		Nolle Prosequi		Remand/Transfer		Order/Reserved Decision	
New Castle County	110	4.7%	1,813	77.5%	397	17.0%	13	0.6%	0	0%
Kent County	26	11.8%	9	4.1%	148	67.3%	3	1.4%	0	0%
Sussex County	8	0.5%	1,347	89.6%	139	9.2%	-	0%	0	N/A
<b>State</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>3,169</b>	<b>78.0%</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>16.8%</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0%</b>
	Dismissal		FOP/Drug Court		Consolidation		Total			
New Castle County	7	0.3%	-	0%	-	0%	2,340	100%		
Kent County	20	9.1%	14	6.4%	-	0%	220	100%		
Sussex County	-	0%	10	0.7%	-	0%	1,504	100%		
<b>State</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4,064</b>	<b>100%</b>		

\*Includes appeals, transfers, reinstatements, and severances.

\*\*Includes Probation Before Judgment.

FOP = First Offender Program.

Source: Court Administrator and Case Scheduling Office, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts.

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## Types of Dispositions - Fiscal Year 2019 - Criminal Trials - Part One

	Jury Trial		Non-Jury Trial		Total	
New Castle County	92	83.6%	18	16.4%	110	100%
Kent County	17	65.4%	9	34.6%	26	100%
Sussex County	8	100%	0	34.6%	8	100%
<b>State</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>81.3%</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>18.8%</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>100%</b>

	Guilty		Not Guilty*		No Final Disposition**		Total	
New Castle County	71	64.5%	21	19.1%	18	16.4%	110	100%
Kent County	15	60.0%	8	28.0%	3	12.0%	26	100%
Sussex County	5	57.1%	0	0%	3	42.9%	8	100%
<b>State</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>63.4%</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>19.7%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16.9%</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*Includes Acquittals, Dismissals at Trial, and Nolle Prosequis at Trial.

\*\*Includes Hung Juries, Mistrials, and Reserved Decisions.

Source: Court Administrator and Case Scheduling Office, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts.

## Types of Dispositions - Fiscal Year 2019 - Criminal Trials - Part Two

Jury Trial								
	Guilty	Guilty LIO	Not Guilty	Pled Guilty at Trial	Nol Pros/Dismissed at Trial	Mistrial	Hung Jury	Total
New Castle County	48	3	18	4	1	3	15	92
Kent County	7	1	3	1	2	1	2	17
Sussex County	3	1	0	1	0	3	0	8
<b>State</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>117</b>



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Non-Jury Trial								
	Guilty	Guilty LIO	Not Guilty	Pled Guilty at Trial	Nol Pros/Dismissed at Trial	Mistrial	Reserved Decision	Total*
New Castle County	16	0	1	0	1	0	0	18
Kent County	6	0	2	0	1	0	0	9
Sussex County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>State</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>

All Trials									
	Guilty	Guilty LIO	Not Guilty	Pled Guilty at Trial	Nol Pros/Dismissed at Trial	Mistrial	Hung Jury	Reserved Decision	Total
New Castle County	64	3	19	4	2	3	15	0	110
Kent County	13	1	5	1	3	1	2	0	26
Sussex County	3	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	8
<b>State</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>144</b>

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### Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2019 - Criminal Nolle Prosequis

	Nolle Prosequis By Special Condition		Nolle Prosequis By Merit		NPL		Total	
New Castle County	170	42.8%	188	47.4%	39	9.8%	397	100%
Kent County	98	66.2%	50	33.8%	0	0%	148	100%
Sussex County	22	15.8%	117	84.2%	0	0%	139	100%
<b>State</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>42.4%</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>51.9%</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>100%</b>

LIO = Lesser Included Offense.

Nol Pros = Nolle Prosequi.

Source: Court Administrator and Case Scheduling Office, Superior Court;  
Administrative Office of the Courts.

### Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2019 - Criminal Felony Guilty Pleas

	Pled Guilty Original		Pled Guilty Lesser		Total	
New Castle County	1,125	86.5%	176	13.5%	1,301	100%
Kent County	446	85.8%	74	14.2%	520	100%
Sussex County	758	90.8%	77	9.2%	835	100%
<b>State</b>	<b>2,329</b>	<b>87.7%</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>12.3%</b>	<b>2,656</b>	<b>100%</b>

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<b>Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2019- Criminal Misdemeanor Guilty Pleas</b>						
	Pled Guilty Original		Pled Guilty Lesser*		Total	
New Castle County	318	62.1%	194	37.9%	512	100%
Kent County	91	46.2%	106	53.8%	197	100%
Sussex County	340	66.4%	172	33.6%	512	100%
<b>State</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>61.3%</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>38.7%</b>	<b>1,221</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2019 - Criminal Total Guilty Pleas</b>						
	Pled Guilty Original		Pled Guilty Lesser*		Total	
New Castle County	1,443	79.7%	370	20.4%	1,813	100%
Kent County	537	74.9%	180	25.1%	717	100%
Sussex County	1,098	81.5%	249	18.5%	1,347	100%
<b>State</b>	<b>3,078</b>	<b>79.4%</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>20.6%</b>	<b>3,877</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*Includes Probation Before Judgment.

Source: Court Administrator and Case Scheduling Office, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts.

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### Performance Summary Fiscal Year 2019 - Criminal Cases - Elapsed Time

	Total Number of Cases Disposed	Average Time from Arrest to Disposition	Average Time from Indictment to Disposition
New Castle County	2,344	183.4 days	119.2 days
Kent County	928	180.8 days	113.2 days
Sussex County	1,504	157.0 days	116.3 days
<b>State</b>	<b>4,776</b>	<b>174.6 days</b>	<b>117.1 days</b>

### Performance Summary Fiscal Year 2019 - Criminal Cases - Compliance with Speedy Trial Standards

	Total Number of Cases Disposed	Disposed of within 120 Days of Indictment (90%)	Disposed of within 180 Days of Indictment (98%)	Disposed of within 365 Days of Indictment (100%)
New Castle County	2,344	1,423 60.7%	1,862 79.4%	2,143 91.4%
Kent County	928	632 68.1%	798 86.0%	909 98.0%
Sussex County	1,504	827 55.0%	1,054 70.1%	1,172 77.9%
<b>State</b>	<b>4,776</b>	<b>2,882 60.3%</b>	<b>3,714 77.8%</b>	<b>4,224 88.4%</b>

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## Criminal Cases Performance Explanatory Notes - Fiscal Year 2019

1. The performance summary charts measure the average time from the date of arrest to the date of disposition as well as the average time from the date of indictment/information to the date of disposition.
2. In measuring the elapsed time for defendants for the purpose of determining the rate of compliance with the speedy trial standards, the following are excluded by the Court:
  - a) For all capiases, the time between the date that the capias is issued and the date that it is executed.
  - b) For all Rule 9 summonses and Rule 9 warrants, the time between the arrest and the indictment/information, if any.
  - c) For all mental examinations, the time between the date that the examination is ordered and the date of the receipt of the results.
  - d) For all defendants deemed to be incompetent, the period in which the defendant is considered incompetent.

(Source: Court Administrator and Case Scheduling Office, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts)

## Performance Comparison - Fiscal Years 2018-2019 - Criminal Cases - Average Time from Arrest to Disposition

	2018 (in days)	2019 (in days)	Change (in days)	% Change
New Castle County	180.0	183.4	3.4	1.9%
Kent County	182.8	180.8	-1.9	-1.1%
Sussex County	135.5	157.0	21.5	13.7%
<b>State</b>	<b>167.2</b>	<b>174.6</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>4.2%</b>

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### Performance Comparison - Fiscal Years 2018-2019 - Criminal Cases - Average Time from Indictment to Disposition

	2018 (in days)	2019 (in days)	Change (in days)	% Change
New Castle County	108.3	119.2	10.9	9.1%
Kent County	113.6	113.2	-0.4	-0.4%
Sussex County	127.8	116.3	-11.6	-9.9%
<b>State</b>	<b>118.31</b>	<b>117.1</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>

Source: Court Administrator and Case Scheduling Office, Superior Court;  
Administrative Office of the Courts.

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

	2018	2019	Change	% Change
New Castle County	12,622	10,991	-1,631	-14.8%
Kent County	2,658	2,383	-275	-11.5%
Sussex County	2,852	2,837	-15	-0.5%
<b>State</b>	<b>20,315</b>	<b>16,211</b>	<b>-4104</b>	<b>-25.3%</b>

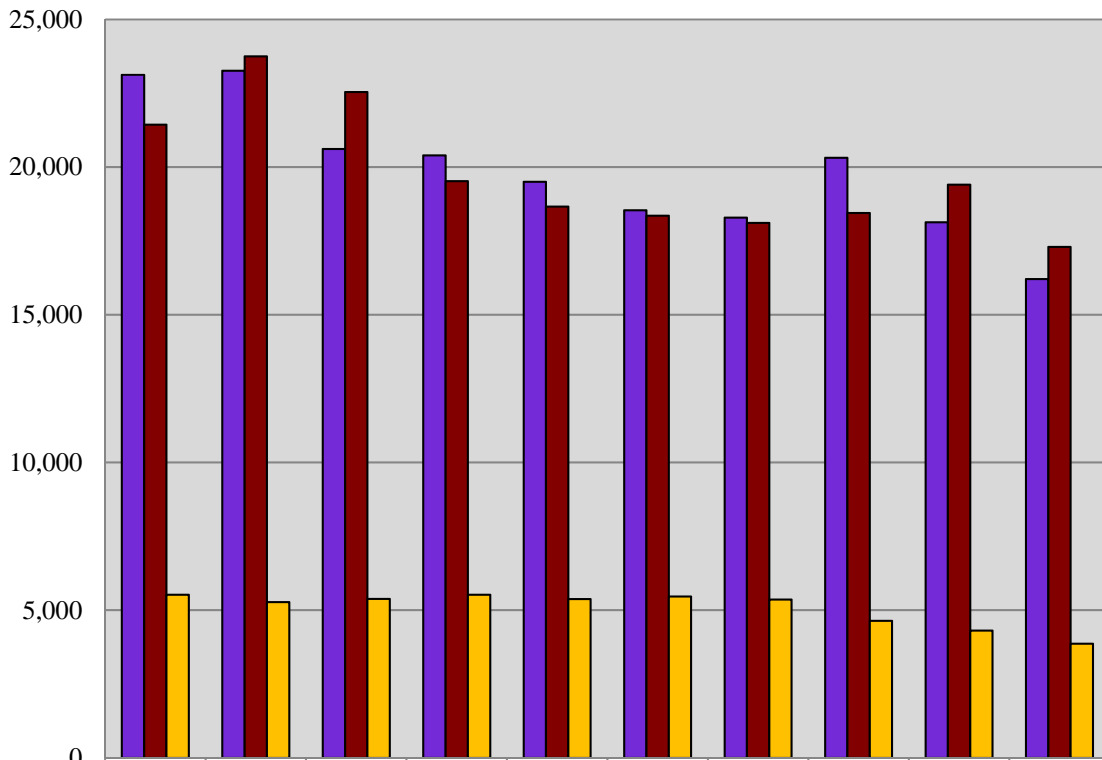
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	2018	2019	Change	% Change
New Castle County	13,815	11,865	-1,950	-16.4%
Kent County	2,490	2,414	-76	-3.1%
Sussex County	3,100	3,019	-81	-2.7%
<b>State</b>	<b>18,447</b>	<b>17,298</b>	<b>-1,149</b>	<b>-6.6%</b>

Source: Court Administrator, Prothonotary's Offices, and Case Scheduling Office,  
Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts.

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## Superior Court Total 10-Year Caseload Trend



	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
■ Filings	23,124	23,265	20,616	20,397	19,504	18,540	18,292	20,315	18,132	16,211
■ Dispositions	21,435	23,752	22,544	19,527	18,663	18,354	18,109	18,447	19,405	17,298
■ VOP Filings	5,523	5,271	5,384	5,520	5,378	5,465	5,358	4,639	4,307	3,865

Fiscal Year