



The **Justice of the Peace Court** has jurisdiction over civil cases involving debt, trespass and replevin in which the amount in controversy does not exceed \$25,000. The Justice of the Peace Court has jurisdiction over all landlord/tenant summary possession proceedings. Justice of the Peace Court is authorized to hear certain misdemeanors and most motor vehicle cases (excluding felonies) and may act as Committing magistrates for all crimes.



Justice of the Peace Court

Chief Magistrate Alan G. Davis

By the Numbers



JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT

- Judicial Officers - 61
- Court Staff - 227

TOTAL: 288

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT



Kent County Judges

Seated, Front Row (left to right):

Nicole Alston-Jackson • Jamie Hicks • Deputy Chief Magistrate Kevin Wilson •
Chief Magistrate Alan G. Davis • James Murray • Judy Smith

Standing, Back Row (left to right):

D. Kenneth Cox • W.G. Edmanson, II • Michael Green

Not Pictured:

Dwight Dillard • Alexander Montano • Michael Sherlock • Dana Tracy



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Sussex County Judges

Seated, Front Row (left to right):

Leah Chandler • Maria Castro • Candace Whitelock • Deputy Chief Magistrate Deborah Keenan •
Chief Magistrate Alan G. Davis • John Hudson • Mirta Collazo • Amber Welch • Terri Davis

Standing, Back Row (left to right):

Matthew Tingle • Richard D. Comly, Jr. * • William Patrick Wood • Bethany Crowley •
Christopher Bradley • Catherine Hester • Kristine Kellenbenz • John Adams • Scott Willey •
Brett Graves

Not Pictured:

Stephani Adams • Jennifer Sammons

* Retired, sitting by designation

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New Castle County Judges

Seated, Front Row (left to right):

Michelle Michini-Adam • Shelley Losito • Nina Bawa • Earl MacFarlane • David Skelley •
Chief Magistrate Alan G. Davis • Deputy Chief Magistrate Sean McCormick • Marie Page •
Shameka Booker • Kerry Kowal • Cheryl McCabe-Stroman

Standing, Back Row (left to right):

Rodney Vodery • Bobby Hoof • James Hanby, Sr. • Alex Peterson, III • Maria Perez-Chambers •
John Potts • Gerald Ross, III • Shanaya Eyong • Lisa Emerson • Walter Newton • Nicholas Brock

Not Pictured:

Peter Burcat • Bracy Dixon, Jr. • Beatrice Freel • Amanda Moyer • Mary Ellen Naugle •
Christopher Portante • Katharine Ross • Susan Goldsman



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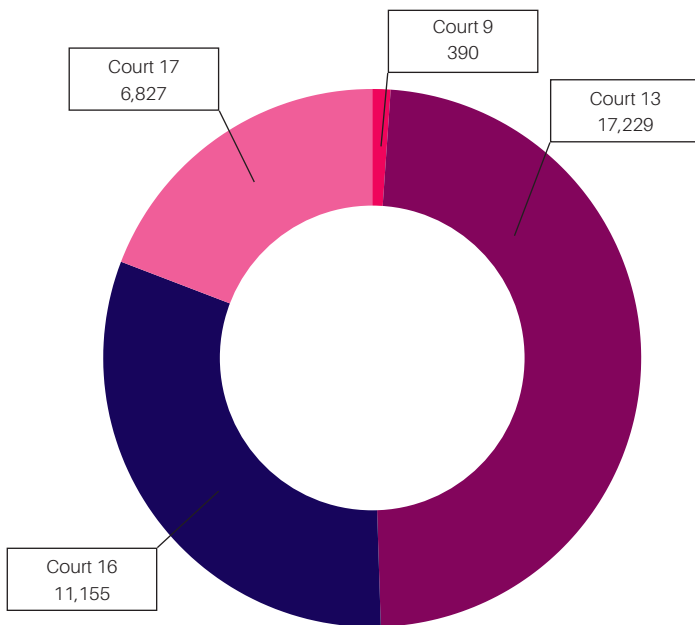
Justice Of The Peace Court 2024 Highlights

- The JP Court has partnered with several schools and organizations to offer internship opportunities for students in high school and college. Internship partners include New Castle County Summer Youth Employment; LYTE/FLii; University of Delaware College of Political Science and University of Delaware LP3 – Law Prep Program through the College of Arts and Sciences; Al Du Pont High School; Caesar Rodney High School and Sussex Technical High School's Workforce Preparation Program. All the students who were provided opportunities qualified for financial assistance or were from under-represented communities.
- An employee survey was conducted in Spring 2024 to gather information to guide the court's employee engagement program as part of our goal to improve retention. The results indicated that employees were interested in improving the overall court safety program. As a result of the survey, training was offered to all employees on Narcan use, CPR/AED, violent intruder and CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events) training with assistance from partners such as Hero Help, DSP, NCC and KC EMS. Last fall, our Chief of Uniformed Services and our training team conducted individual court location drills, walked staff through what to expect from security and local police should a crisis arise and provided updated additional procedures for staff to reference. Additional training will be ongoing.
- The Mediation Unit was created to implement the Eviction Diversion program established by SS1 for SB1 to help landlords and tenants communicate with each other to come to agreeable solutions to prevent evictions. The JP Court continues to utilize its Online Dispute Resolution platform as a tool to assist the parties in communicating with one another and, once a mediator is assigned to a case, as a way for mediation to occur without parties having to take time to attend an in-person meeting.
- The Voluntary Assessment and Information Center was expanded to accept calls for the JP Court Civil locations and Tax Intercepts. The reduction in calls to the civil locations assists the staff at those locations so they can work on the increased volume of filings, and it allows time to provide a higher level of customer service to court users.
- A pilot to reduce the JP Court 24-hour footprint in the state is underway. In April, the operating hours at Court 3 in Sussex County were reduced to 6:00 a.m. to midnight every day. The Court has maintained open communication with impacted agencies to determine the impact of the reduced hours on them and court users.

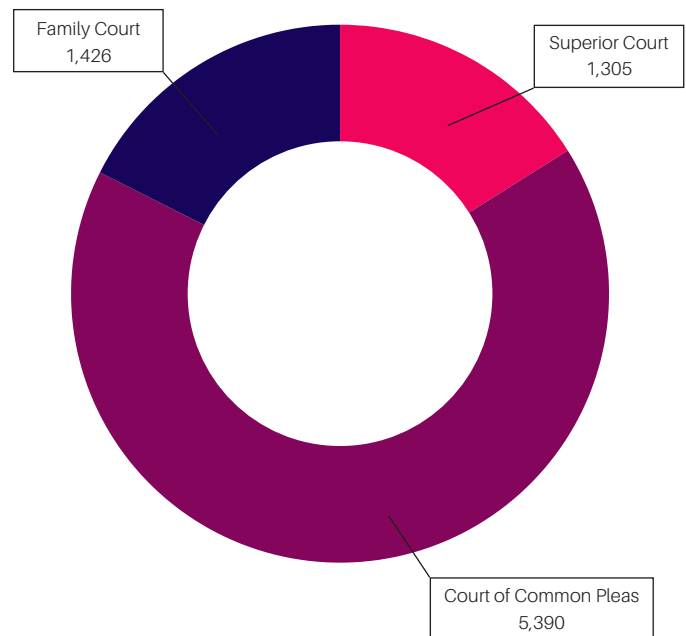
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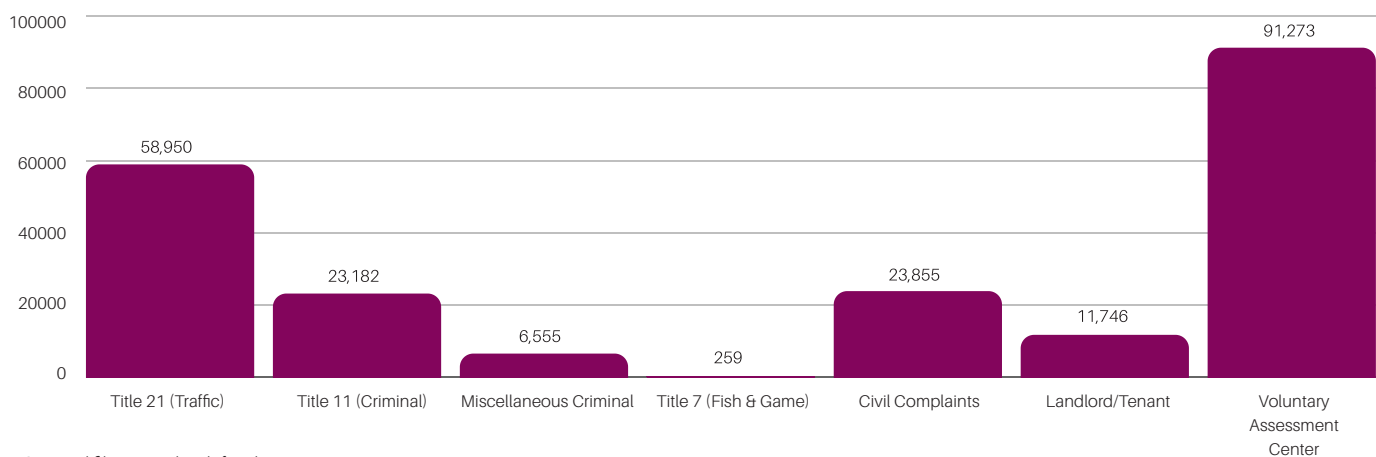
Total Justice of the Peace Civil Cases Filed by Court Fiscal Year 2024



Arrest Warrants Cleared by Justice of the Peace Court for Other Courts Fiscal Year 2024



Number of Justice of the Peace Court Filings by Type* Fiscal Year 2024

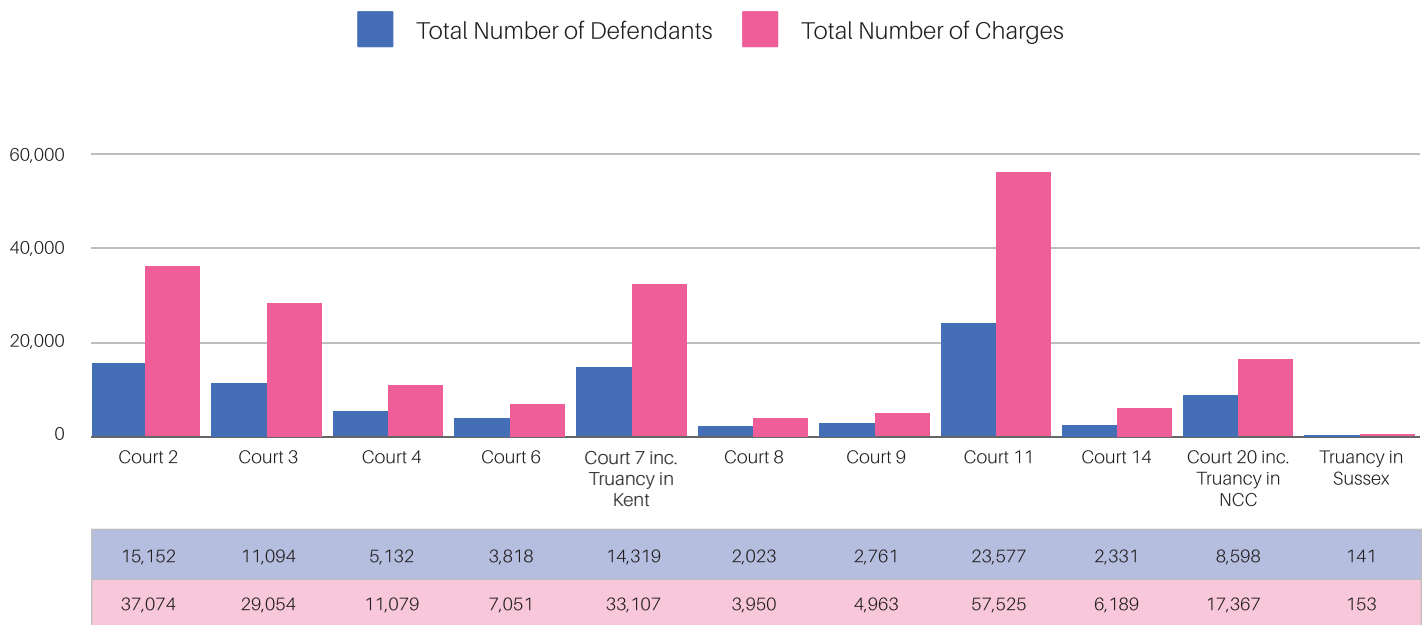


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Justice of the Peace Court Criminal and Traffic Charges



JP Court 10 has been closed (merging with Court 20) prior to this Fiscal Year. As a result it has been removed from any charts.

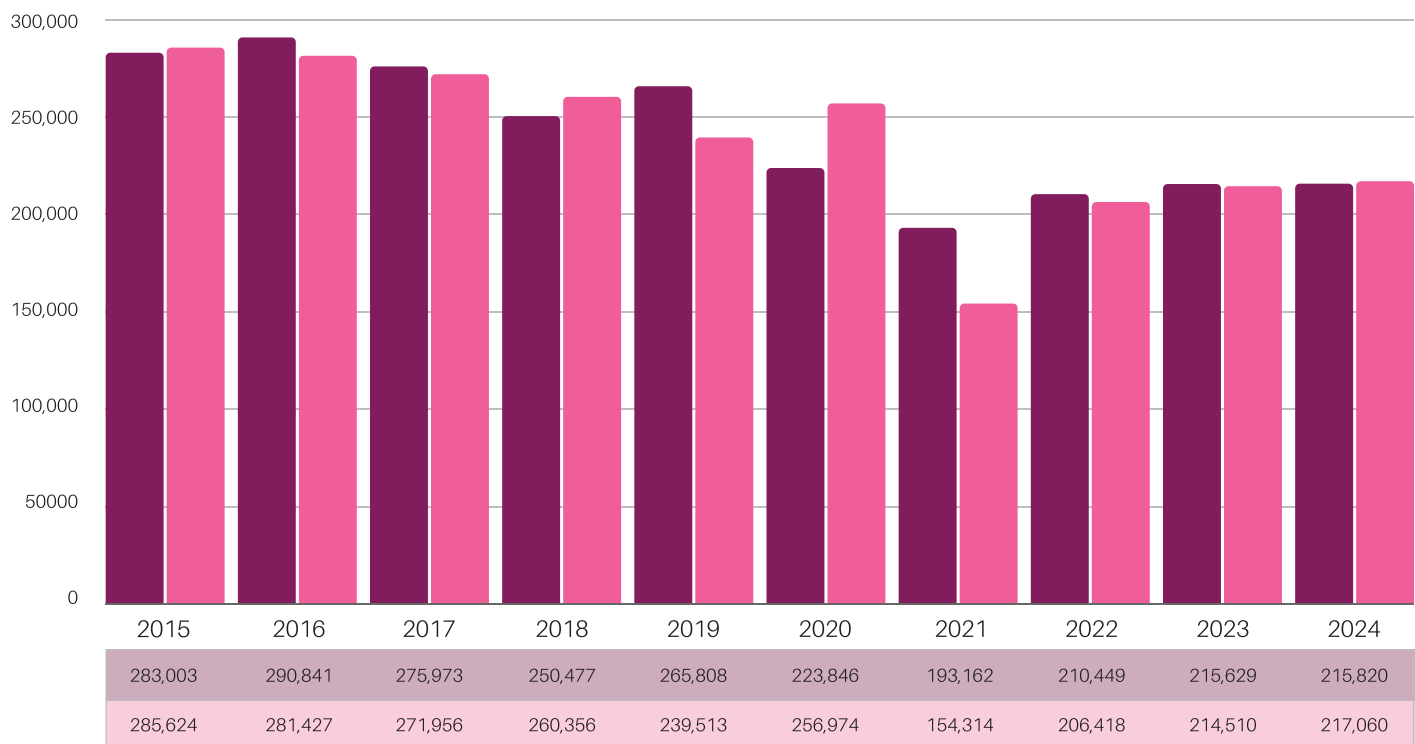
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Justice of the Peace Court Civil and Criminal/Traffic Filings and Dispositions by Fiscal Year*

Number of Defendants

Filings Dispositions



*Criminal filings and disposition information is by defendant.