



# ALDERMAN'S COURTS State of Delaware

## 2025 Annual Report Statistical Information

## ALDERMAN'S COURTS\*

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2024-2025 - Total Filings</b>				
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
<b>New Castle County</b>				
Newark	6,589	7,897	1,308	19.9%
Newport	2,541	2,944	403	15.9%
<b>Sussex County</b>				
Bethany Beach	14	11	-3	-21.4%
Dewey Beach	1,130	1,155	25	2.2%
Laurel	3,430	2,022	-1,408	-41.0%
Rehoboth Beach	1,750	2,135	385	22.0%
<b>State</b>	<b>15,454</b>	<b>16,164</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>4.6%</b>

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2024-2025 - Total Dispositions</b>				
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
<b>New Castle County</b>				
Newark	5,075	5,991	916	18.0%
Newport	1,987	2,206	219	11.0%
<b>Sussex County</b>				
Bethany Beach	9	13	4	44.4%
Dewey Beach	1,729	2,218	489	28.3%
Laurel	2,988	2,067	-921	-30.8%
Rehoboth Beach	1,588	1,913	325	20.5%
<b>State</b>	<b>13,376</b>	<b>14,408</b>	<b>1,032</b>	<b>7.7%</b>

Notes: 1) The unit of count for criminal and traffic cases is the charge. For example, a defendant with three charges disposed of is counted as three dispositions. 2) Newport and Rehoboth Beach did not have criminal filings or dispositions. Laurel did not have Civil filings or dispositions. Bethany Beach did not have Traffic filings or dispositions.

\*Alderman's Courts are not part of the Delaware court system. They are independent entities within their respective Municipalities. However, cases may be transferred or appealed to a state court.

Source: Alderman's Courts; Administrative Office of the Courts.