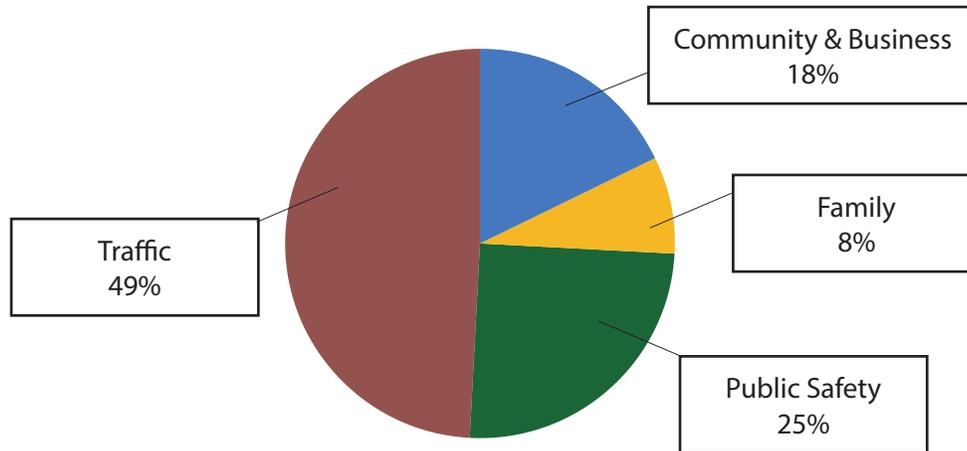




Case Types as a Share of All Court Filings Fiscal Year 2024



Chief Justice Collins J. Seitz, Jr. elected President of the Conference of Chief Justices (pictured with outgoing President, Utah Chief Justice Matthew Durrant) 7/30/25



Chief Justice Collins J. Seitz, Jr. visits Taiwan as part of a goodwill tour 9/5/25

THE DELAWARE COURT SYSTEM



NEW FAMILY COURT BUILDING IN GEORGETOWN

On November 13, 2025, the Delaware Family Court formally welcomed the public to the new Sussex County Family Courthouse in Georgetown. Clockwise from the top: the building as it appeared in October 2024; images from the ceremonial installation of a time capsule and date stone on August 21, 2025 and the building at its opening in the fall of 2025.



THE DELAWARE COURT SYSTEM



The Delaware Judicial Branch consists of the Supreme Court, the Court of Chancery, the Superior Court, the Family Court, the Court of Common Pleas, the Justice of the Peace Court, the Administrative Office of the Courts, and related non-judicial agencies.

Supreme Court

- Court of Last Resort
- Final appellate jurisdiction for most criminal cases, civil cases, certain orders of the Court of Chancery, the Superior Court, and Family Court
- Issuer of certain writs
- Jurisdiction over questions of law certified to the courts

Court of Chancery

- Equity Court
- Hears all cases in equity (typically corporate, trust, fiduciary matters, land sale, real estate, and commercial/contractual matters)
- Certain guardianship cases

Superior Court

- Law Court
- Original statewide jurisdiction over all criminal and civil cases (except equity)
- Exclusive jurisdiction over nearly all felonies and drug offenses
- Intermediate appellate court from Court of Common Pleas, Family Court (adult criminal) and various state agencies, boards and commissions

Family Court

- Legal and equitable jurisdiction over all domestic relations cases, including divorce, custody, guardianships, adoptions, visitation, child and spousal support, and property division
- Jurisdiction over all juvenile offenses except certain serious offenses

Court of Common Pleas

- All criminal misdemeanors (except certain drug offenses) and motor vehicle offenses (except felonies)
- Responsible for preliminary hearings
- Statewide jurisdiction in civil actions that do not exceed \$75,000
- Appeals from the Justice of the Peace Court, Alderman's Court and Division of Motor Vehicles

Justice of the Peace Court

- Statewide jurisdiction over civil cases that do not exceed \$25,000
- Jurisdiction over certain misdemeanors and motor vehicle cases (except felonies)
- Jurisdiction over landlord/tenant (possession) cases
- Generally sets bail in most cases