

# JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT State of Delaware

## 2025 Annual Report Statistical Information

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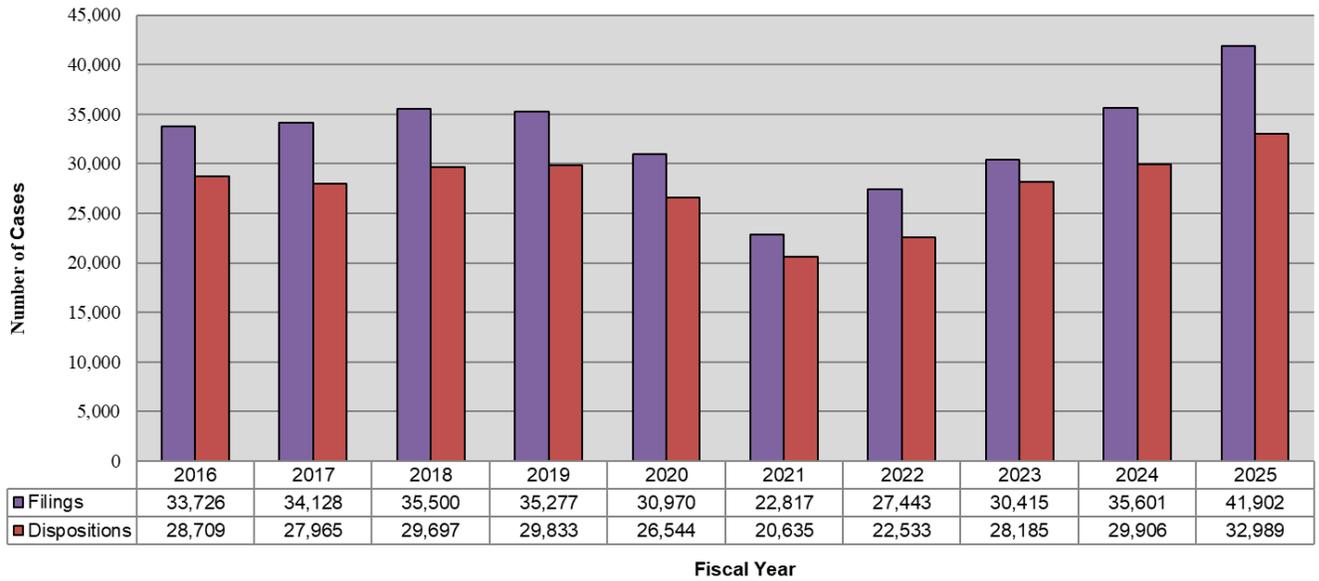
<b>Caseload Summary - Fiscal Year 2025 - Civil Cases</b>		
	Filings	Dispositions
New Castle County		
Court 9	435	974
Court 13	19,385	13,924
Kent County		
Court 16	13,599	10,926
Sussex County		
Court 17	8,483	7,165
<b>State</b>	<b>41,902</b>	<b>32,989</b>

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2024-2025 - Civil Case Filings</b>				
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
New Castle County				
Court 9	390	435	45	11.5%
Court 13	17,229	19,385	2,156	12.5%
Kent County				
Court 16	11,155	13,599	2,444	21.9%
Sussex County				
Court 17	6,827	8,483	1,656	24.3%
<b>State</b>	<b>35,601</b>	<b>41,902</b>	<b>6,301</b>	<b>17.7%</b>

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2024-2025 - Civil Case Dispositions</b>				
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
New Castle County				
Court 9	1,461	974	-487	-33.3%
Court 13	13,979	13,924	-55	-0.4%
Kent County				
Court 16	9,209	10,926	1,717	18.6%
Sussex County				
Court 17	5,257	7,165	1,908	36.3%
<b>State</b>	<b>29,906</b>	<b>32,989</b>	<b>3,083</b>	<b>10.3%</b>

Source: Chief Magistrate's Office, Justice of the Peace Court; Administrative Office of the Courts.

### JP Court 10-Year Civil Caseload Trend

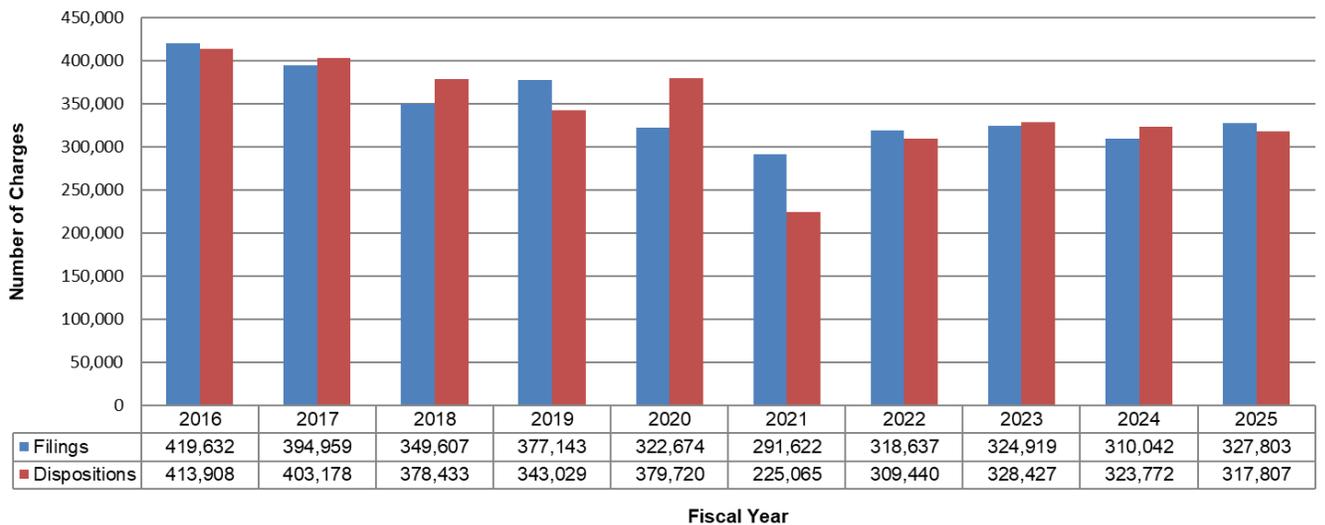


### Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2025 - Civil Case Filings

	Complaints	Landlord/Tenant	Total
<b>New Castle County</b>			
Court 9	148 34.0%	287 66.0%	435 100%
Court 13	11,862 61.2%	7,523 38.8%	19,385 100%
<b>Kent County</b>			
Court 16	11,331 83.3%	2,268 16.7%	13,599 100%
<b>Sussex County</b>			
Court 17	6,788 80.0%	1,695 20.0%	8,483 100%
<b>State</b>	<b>30,129 71.9%</b>	<b>11,773 28.1%</b>	<b>41,902 100%</b>

Source: Chief Magistrate's Office, Justice of the Peace Court; Administrative Office of the Courts.

### JP Court 10-Year Criminal and Traffic Caseload Trend\*



\*Criminal filings and disposition information is by charge.

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<b>Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2025 - Criminal and Traffic Filings (Defendants)</b>										
	Title 7 - Fish/Game		Title 11 - Criminal		Title 21 - Traffic		Miscellaneous		Total	
New Castle County										
Court 9	16	0.5%	137	4.2%	3,035	93.7%	51	1.6%	3,239	100%
Court 11	35	0.1%	6,945	27.1%	17,247	67.2%	1,431	5.6%	25,658	100%
Court 20	13	0.1%	1,575	17.6%	6,087	68.1%	1,260	14.1%	8,935	100%
Kent County										
Court 6	9	0.3%	192	5.3%	3,203	89.0%	193	5.4%	3,597	100%
Court 7	36	0.2%	4,397	24.1%	12,283	67.2%	1,551	8.5%	18,267	100%
Court 8	0	0%	33	2.3%	1,349	95.5%	30	2.1%	1,412	100%
Sussex County										
Court 2	86	0.6%	9,155	61.4%	4,912	33.0%	750	5.0%	14,903	100%
Court 3	65	0.6%	2,693	23.7%	7,819	68.9%	789	6.8%	11,346	100%
Court 4	4	0.1%	274	5.1%	4,880	90.5%	235	4.4%	5,393	100%
Court 14	4	0.2%	182	7.0%	2,374	90.9%	52	2.0%	2,612	100%
TRS	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	164	100%	164	100%
State w/o VAC	288	0.3%	25,583	26.8%	63,189	66.1%	6,486	6.8%	95,526	100%
VAC	2,171	2.4%	33	0.0%	85,718	92.8%	4,426	4.8%	92,348	100%
State with VAC	2,439	1.3%	25,616	13.6%	148,907	79.3%	10,912	5.8%	187,874	100%

<b>JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT</b>										
<b>Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2025 - Criminal and Traffic Filings (Charges)</b>										
	Title 7 - Fish/Game		Title 11 - Criminal		Title 21 - Traffic		Miscellaneous		Total	
New Castle County										
Court 9	27	0.4%	232	3.8%	5,816	94.4%	84	1.4%	6,159	100%
Court 11	71	0.1%	15,555	25.0%	43,419	69.7%	3,271	5.2%	62,316	100%
Court 20	14	0.1%	2,526	13.3%	14,548	76.6%	1,900	10.0%	18,988	100%
Kent County										
Court 6	9	0.1%	258	3.8%	6,324	92.0%	280	4.1%	6,871	100%
Court 7	66	0.2%	9,798	23.2%	28,895	68.3%	3,519	8.3%	42,278	100%
Court 8	0	0%	53	2.0%	2,573	96.3%	45	1.7%	2,671	100%
Sussex County										
Court 2	134	0.4%	21,665	58.1%	12,486	33.5%	2,974	8.0%	37,259	100%
Court 3	187	0.7%	6,537	22.8%	19,955	69.5%	2,038	7.1%	28,717	100%
Court 4	4	0.0%	407	3.6%	10,257	92.0%	485	4.3%	11,153	100%
Court 14	6	0.1%	255	3.9%	6,250	94.6%	97	1.5%	6,608	100%
TRS	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	176	100%	176	100%
State w/o VAC	518	0.2%	57,286	25.7%	150,523	67.4%	14,869	6.7%	223,196	100%
VAC	2,443	2.3%	66	0.1%	96,642	92.4%	5,456	5.2%	104,607	100%
State with VAC	2,961	0.9%	57,352	17.5%	247,165	75.4%	20,325	6.2%	327,803	100%

VAC = Voluntary Assessment Center. TRS = Truancy Court Sussex.

Source: Chief Magistrate's Office, Justice of the Peace Court; Administrative Office of the Courts.

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2024-2025 - Criminal and Traffic Filings (Defendants)				
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
New Castle County				
Court 9	2,761	3,239	478	17.3%
Court 10	0	0	0	0%
Court 11	23,577	25,658	2,081	8.8%
Court 20	8,598	8,935	337	3.9%
Kent County				
Court 6	3,818	3,597	-221	-5.8%
Court 7	14,319	18,267	3,948	27.6%
Court 8	2,023	1,412	-611	-30.2%
Sussex County				
Court 2	15,152	14,903	-249	-1.6%
Court 3	11,094	11,346	252	2.3%
Court 4	5,132	5,393	261	5.1%
Court 14	2,331	2,612	281	12.1%
TRS	141	164	23	16.3%
State Without VAC	88,946	95,526	6,580	7.4%
VAC	91,273	92,348	1,075	1.2%
<b>State with VAC</b>	<b>180,219</b>	<b>187,874</b>	<b>7,655</b>	<b>4.2%</b>

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2024-2025 - Criminal and Traffic Filings (Charges)				
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
New Castle County				
Court 9	4,963	6,159	1,196	24.1%
Court 10	0	0	0	0%
Court 11	57,525	62,316	4,791	8.3%
Court 20	17,367	18,988	1,621	9.3%
Kent County				
Court 6	7,051	6,871	-180	-2.6%
Court 7	33,107	42,278	9,171	27.7%
Court 8	3,950	2,671	-1,279	-32.4%
Sussex County				
Court 2	37,074	37,259	185	0.5%
Court 3	29,054	28,717	-337	-1.2%
Court 4	11,079	11,153	74	0.7%
Court 14	6,189	6,608	419	6.8%
TRS	153	176	23	15.0%
State Without VAC	207,512	223,196	15,684	7.6%
VAC	102,530	104,607	2,077	2.0%
<b>State with VAC</b>	<b>310,042</b>	<b>327,803</b>	<b>17,761</b>	<b>5.7%</b>

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<b>Court Rankings - Fiscal Years 2024-2025 - Total Cases Filed* (Charges)</b>				
2024 Rank w/o VAC	2025 Rank w/o VAC		2025 Total Filings	2025 % of Total w/o VAC
1	1	Court 11	62,316	23.5%
3	2	Court 7	42,278	15.9%
2	3	Court 2	37,259	14.1%
4	4	Court 3	28,717	10.8%
6	5	Court 13	19,385	7.3%
5	6	Court 20	18,988	7.2%
7	7	Court 16	13,599	5.1%
8	8	Court 4	11,153	4.2%
10	9	Court 17	8,483	3.2%
9	10	Court 6	6,871	2.6%
11	11	Court 14	6,608	2.5%
12	12	Court 9	6,594	2.5%
13	13	Court 8	2,671	1.0%
14	14	TRS	176	0.1%
2025 State w/o VAC			265,098	100%
2025 VAC			104,607	
<b>2025 State w/ VAC</b>			<b>369,705</b>	

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<b>Court Rankings - Fiscal Years 2024-2025 - Total Cases Filed* (Defendants)</b>				
2024 Rank w/o VAC	2025 Rank w/o VAC		2025 Total Filings	2025 % of Total w/o VAC
1	1	Court 11	25,658	18.6%
2	2	Court 13	19,835	14.4%
4	3	Court 7	18,267	13.2%
3	4	Court 2	14,903	10.8%
5	5	Court 16	13,599	9.9%
6	6	Court 3	11,346	8.2%
7	7	Court 20	8,935	6.5%
8	8	Court 17	8,483	6.2%
9	9	Court 4	5,393	3.9%
11	10	Court 9	3,674	2.7%
10	11	Court 6	3,597	2.6%
12	12	Court 14	2,612	1.9%
13	13	Court 8	1,412	1.0%
14	14	TRS	164	0.2%
2025 State w/o VAC			137,878	100%
2025 VAC			92,348	
<b>2025 State w/ VAC</b>			<b>230,226</b>	

\*Includes civil, criminal, and traffic filings.

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### Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2024-2025 - Total Cases Filed (Charges)

	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Criminal & Traffic	310,042	327,803	17,761	5.7%
Civil	35,601	41,902	6,301	17.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>345,643</b>	<b>369,705</b>	<b>24,062</b>	<b>7.0%</b>

### Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2024-2025 - Total Cases Disposed (Charges)

	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Criminal & Traffic	323,772	317,807	-5,965	-1.8%
Civil	29,906	32,989	3,083	10.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>353,678</b>	<b>350,796</b>	<b>-2,882</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>

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### Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2024-2025 - Total Case Filings (Defendants)

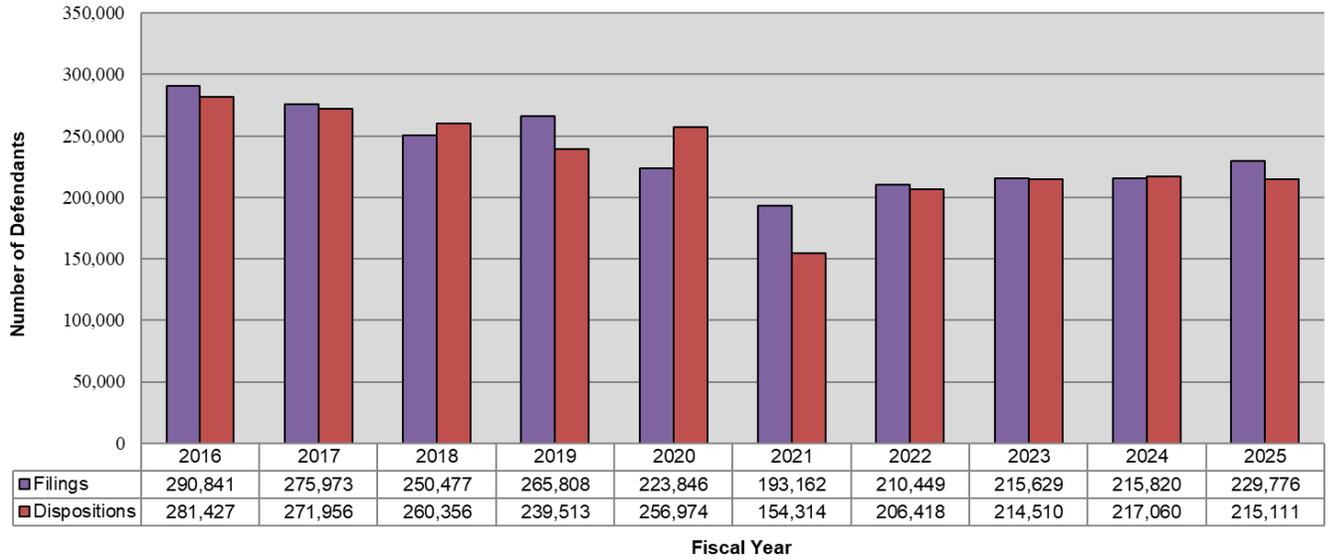
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Criminal & Traffic	180,219	187,874	7,655	4.2%
Civil	35,601	41,902	6,301	17.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>215,820</b>	<b>229,776</b>	<b>13,956</b>	<b>6.5%</b>

### Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2024-2025 - Total Cases Dispositions (Defendants)

	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Criminal & Traffic	187,154	182,122	-5,032	-2.7%
Civil	29,906	32,989	3,083	10.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>217,060</b>	<b>215,111</b>	<b>-1,949</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>

Source: Chief Magistrate's Office, Justice of the Peace Court; Administrative Office of the Courts.

### JP Court 10-Year Total Caseload Trend\* (Civil, Criminal & Traffic)



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