

SUPERIOR COURT
State of Delaware

2025 Annual Report Statistical
Information

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2024-2025 - Civil Case Filings				
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
New Castle County	7,082	8,971	1,889	26.7%
Kent County	1,157	1,162	5	0.4%
Sussex County	1,261	1,103	-158	-12.5%
State	9,500	11,236	1,736	18.3%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2024-2025 - Civil Case Dispositions				
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
New Castle County	6,679	7,351	672	10.1%
Kent County	1,210	1,174	-36	-3.0%
Sussex County	1,245	1,126	-119	-9.6%
State	9,134	9,651	517	5.7%

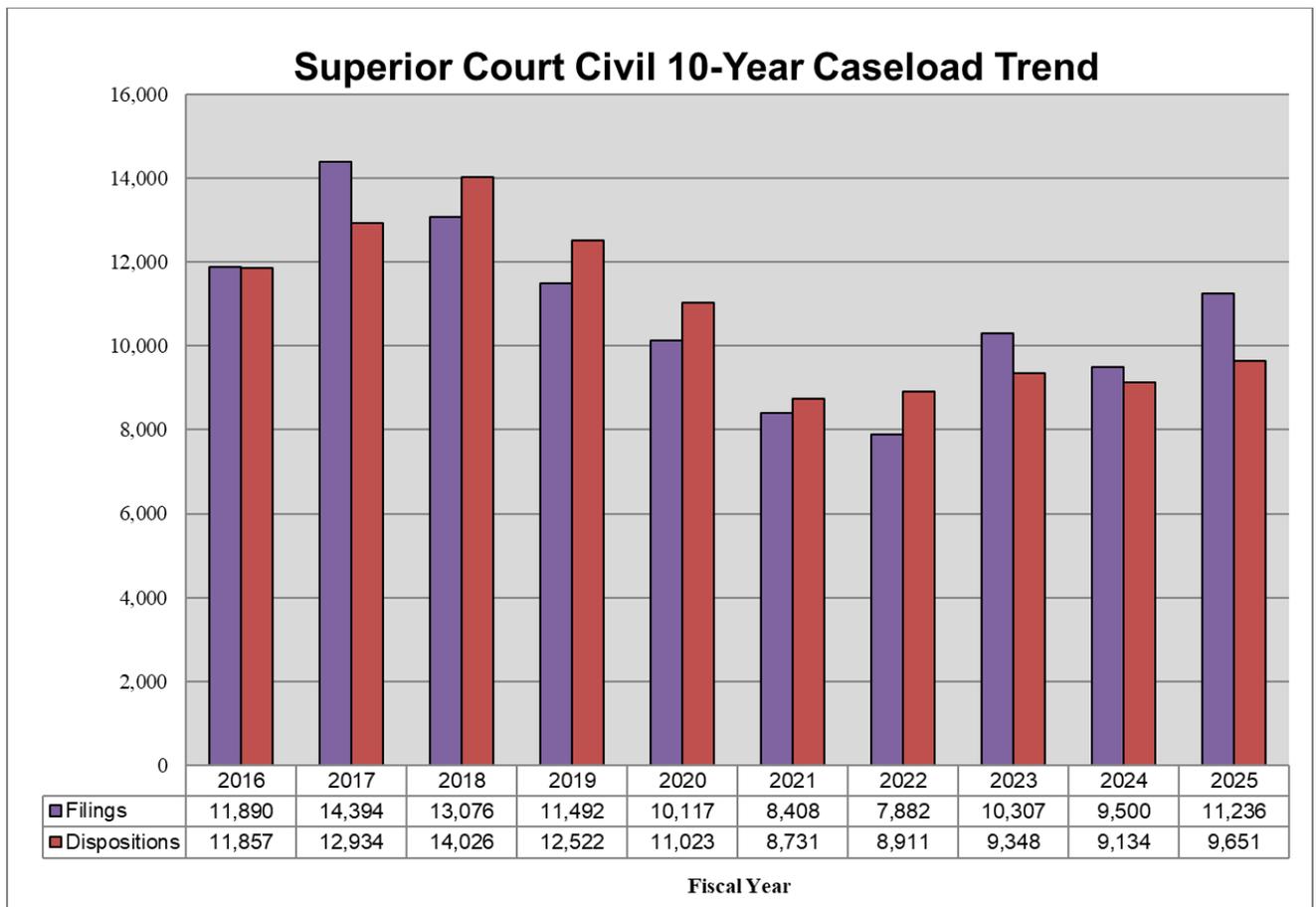
Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2025 - Civil Case Filings						
	Complaints		Mechanic's Liens and Mortgages		Appeals	
New Castle County	4,979	55.5%	805	9.0%	61	0.7%
Kent County	399	34.3%	276	23.8%	19	1.6%
Sussex County	413	37.4%	266	24.1%	16	1.5%
State	5,791	51.5%	1,347	12.0%	96	0.9%
	Involuntary Commitments		Miscellaneous		Total	
New Castle County	605	6.7%	2,521	28.1%	8,971	100%
Kent County	91	7.8%	377	32.4%	1,162	100%
Sussex County	46	4.2%	362	32.8%	1,103	100%
State	742	6.6%	3,260	29.0%	11,236	100%

Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2025 - Civil Case Dispositions

	Complaints		Mechanic's Liens and Mortgages		Appeals	
New Castle County	3,529	48.0%	838	11.4%	79	1.1%
Kent County	363	30.9%	302	25.7%	23	2.0%
Sussex County	469	41.7%	277	24.6%	12	1.1%
State	4,361	45.2%	1,417	14.7%	114	1.2%

	Involuntary Commitments		Miscellaneous		Total	
New Castle County	434	5.9%	2,471	33.6%	7,351	100%
Kent County	82	7.0%	404	34.4%	1,174	100%
Sussex County	42	3.7%	326	29.0%	1,126	100%
State	558	5.8%	3,201	33.2%	9,651	100%

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



Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2024-2025 - Criminal Case Filings

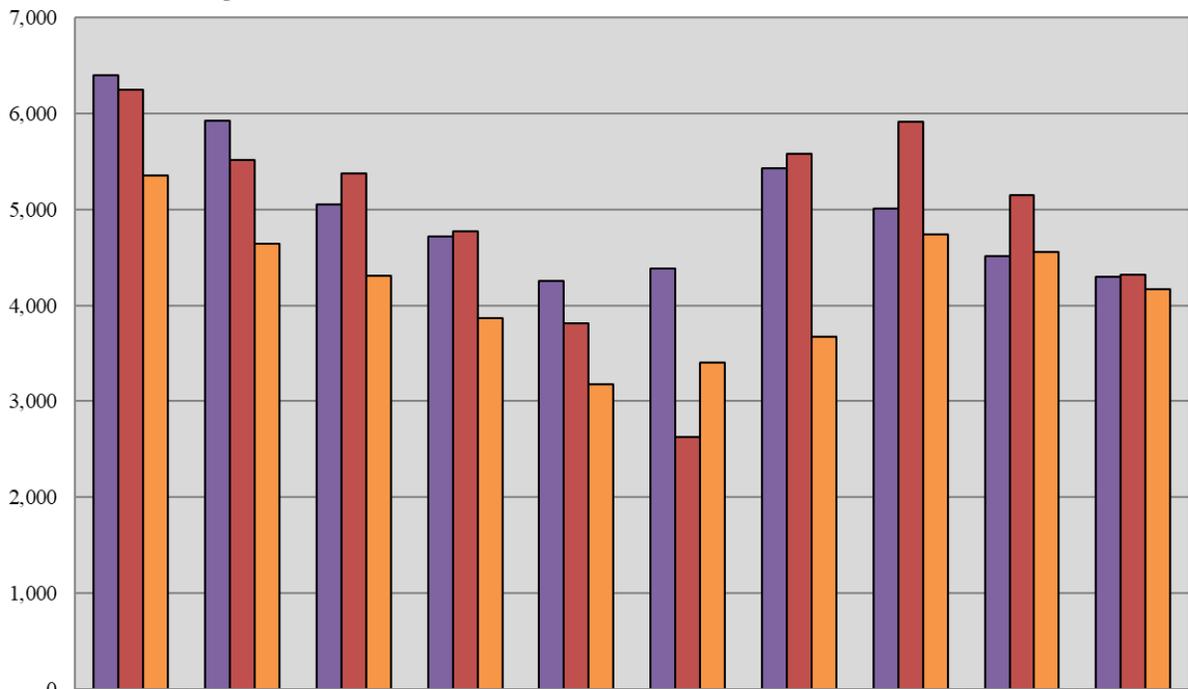
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
New Castle County	2,521	2,262	-259	-10.3%
Kent County	639	733	94	14.7%
Sussex County	1,352	1,299	-53	-3.9%
State	4,512	4,294	-218	-4.8%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2024-2025 - Criminal Case Dispositions

	2024	2025	Change	% Change
New Castle County	3,084	2,338	-746	-24.2%
Kent County	650	708	58	8.9%
Sussex County	1,411	1,274	-137	-9.7%
State	5,145	4,320	-825	-16.0%

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

Superior Court Criminal 10-Year Caseload Trend



	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
■ Filings	6,402	5,921	5,056	4,719	4,258	4,385	5,427	5,014	4,512	4,294
■ Dispositions	6,252	5,513	5,379	4,776	3,811	2,633	5,576	5,909	5,145	4,320
■ VOP Filings	5,358	4,639	4,307	3,865	3,179	3,402	3,673	4,743	4,553	4,173

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Caseload Breakdowns- Fiscal Year 2025 - Criminal Filings									
	Indictment		Rule 9 Warrant		Information		Other*		Total
New Castle County	1,313	58.0%	109	4.8%	812	35.9%	28	1.2%	2,262
Kent County	534	72.9%	17	2.3%	165	22.5%	17	2.3%	733
Sussex County	979	75.4%	105	8.1%	203	15.6%	12	0.9%	1,299
State	2,826	65.8%	231	5.4%	1,180	27.5%	57	1.3%	4,294

Caseload Breakdowns- Fiscal Year 2025 - Criminal Dispositions										
	Trial		Guilty Plea**		Nolle Prosequi		Remand/Transfer		Decision	
New Castle County	73	3.1%	1,738	74.9%	499	21.5%	2	0.1%	0	0%
Kent County	23	3.3%	511	72.9%	136	19.4%	4	0.6%	0	0%
Sussex County	16	1.3%	1,016	80.5%	200	15.8%	5	0.4%	0	N/A
State	112	2.6%	3,265	76.2%	835	19.5%	11	0.3%	-	0%
	Dismissal		Diversion		Consolidation		Total			
New Castle County	4	0.2%	3	0.1%	-	0%	2,319	100%		
Kent County	-	0%	27	3.9%	-	0%	701	100%		
Sussex County	13	1.0%	12	1.0%	-	0%	1,262	100%		
State	17	0.4%	42	1.0%	-	0%	4,282	100%		

*Includes appeals, reinstatements, guilty pleas withdrawn, granted motions for new trial and severances.

**Includes Probation Before Judgment & Guilty but Mentally III, First Offender Program & civil possession of marijuana (RSP).

FOP = First Offender Program.

Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

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

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Types of Dispositions - Fiscal Year 2025 - Criminal Trials - Part One									
	Jury Trial		Non-Jury Trial				Total		
New Castle County	67	91.8%	6	8.2%			73	100%	
Kent County	20	87.0%	3	13.0%			23	100%	
Sussex County	13	81.3%	3	18.8%			16	100%	
State	100	89.3%	12	10.7%			112	100%	
	Guilty		Not Guilty*		No Final Disposition**		Total		
New Castle County	54	74.0%	13	17.8%	6	8.2%	73	100%	
Kent County	14	60.9%	7	30.4%	2	8.7%	23	100%	
Sussex County	11	68.8%	4	25.0%	1	6.3%	16	100%	
State	79	70.5%	24	21.4%	9	8.0%	112	100%	

*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.

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Types of Dispositions - Fiscal Year 2025 - 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	44	4	11	1	1	3	3	67
Kent County	12	1	5	1	0	0	1	20
Sussex County	7	1	3	0	1	0	1	13
State	63	6	19	2	2	3	5	100

Non-Jury Trial								
	Guilty	Guilty LIO	Not Guilty	Pled Guilty at Trial	Nol Pros/Dismissed at Trial	Mistrial	Reserved Decision	Total*
New Castle County	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Kent County	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	3
Sussex County	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
State	8	0	3	0	0	0	1	12

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	49	4	12	1	1	3	3	0	73
Kent County	12	1	7	1	0	0	1	1	23
Sussex County	10	1	3	0	1	0	1	0	16
State	71	6	22	2	2	3	5	1	112

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2025 - Criminal Nolle Prosequis

	Nolle Prosequis By Special Condition		Nolle Prosequis By Merit		NPL		Total	
New Castle County	320	64.1%	167	33.5%	12	2.4%	499	100%
Kent County	70	51.5%	66	48.5%	0	0%	136	100%
Sussex County	22	11.0%	178	89.0%	0	0%	200	100%
State	412	49.3%	411	49.2%	12	1.4%	835	100%

NPL = Nolle Prosequi entered at time of Sentencing

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

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2025 - Criminal Felony Guilty Pleas						
	Pled Guilty Original		Pled Guilty Lesser		Total	
New Castle County	1,006	88.1%	136	11.9%	1,142	100%
Kent County	323	84.8%	58	15.2%	381	100%
Sussex County	579	91.5%	54	8.5%	633	100%
State	1,908	88.5%	248	11.5%	2,156	100%

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2025 - Criminal Misdemeanor Guilty Pleas						
	Pled Guilty Original		Pled Guilty Lesser*		Total	
New Castle County	395	66.3%	201	33.7%	596	100%
Kent County	57	43.8%	73	56.2%	130	100%
Sussex County	215	56.1%	168	43.9%	383	100%
State	667	60.1%	442	39.9%	1,109	100%

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2025 - Criminal Total Guilty Pleas						
	Pled Guilty Original		Pled Guilty Lesser*		Total	
New Castle County	1,401	80.6%	337	19.4%	1,738	100%
Kent County	380	74.4%	131	25.6%	511	100%
Sussex County	794	78.1%	222	21.9%	1,016	100%
State	2,575	78.9%	690	21.1%	3,265	100%

Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

*Includes Probation Before Judgment & Guilty but Mentally Ill, First Offender Program & civil possession of marijuana (RSP).

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

Performance Summary Fiscal Year 2025 - Criminal Cases - Elapsed Time

	Total Number of Cases Disposed	Average Time from Arrest to Disposition	Average Time from Indictment to Disposition
New Castle County	2,319	287.8 days	190.0 days
Kent County	701	256.3 days	160.8 days
Sussex County	1,262	285.6 days	231.1 days
State	4,282	282.0 days	197.3 days

Performance Summary Fiscal Year 2025 - 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	2,319	1,378	59.4%	1,707	73.6%	2,105	90.8%
Kent County	701	317	45.2%	426	60.8%	620	88.4%
Sussex County	1,262	447	35.4%	718	56.9%	1,117	88.5%
State	4,282	2,142	50.0%	2,851	66.6%	3,842	89.7%

Criminal Cases Performance Explanatory Notes - Fiscal Year 2025

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.

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Performance Comparison - Fiscal Years 2024-2025 - Criminal Cases - Average Time from Arrest to Disposition				
	2024 (in days)	2025 (in days)	Change (in days)	% Change
New Castle County	403.0	287.8	-115.2	-28.6%
Kent County	247.8	256.3	8.5	3.4%
Sussex County	281.0	285.6	4.6	1.6%
State	349.8	282.0	-67.8	-19.4%

Performance Comparison - Fiscal Years 2024-2025 - Criminal Cases - Average Time from Indictment to Disposition				
	2024 (in days)	2025 (in days)	Change (in days)	% Change
New Castle County	265.5	190.0	-75.5	-28.4%
Kent County	145.3	160.8	15.5	10.7%
Sussex County	216.6	231.1	14.5	6.7%
State	236.9	197.3	-39.6	-16.7%

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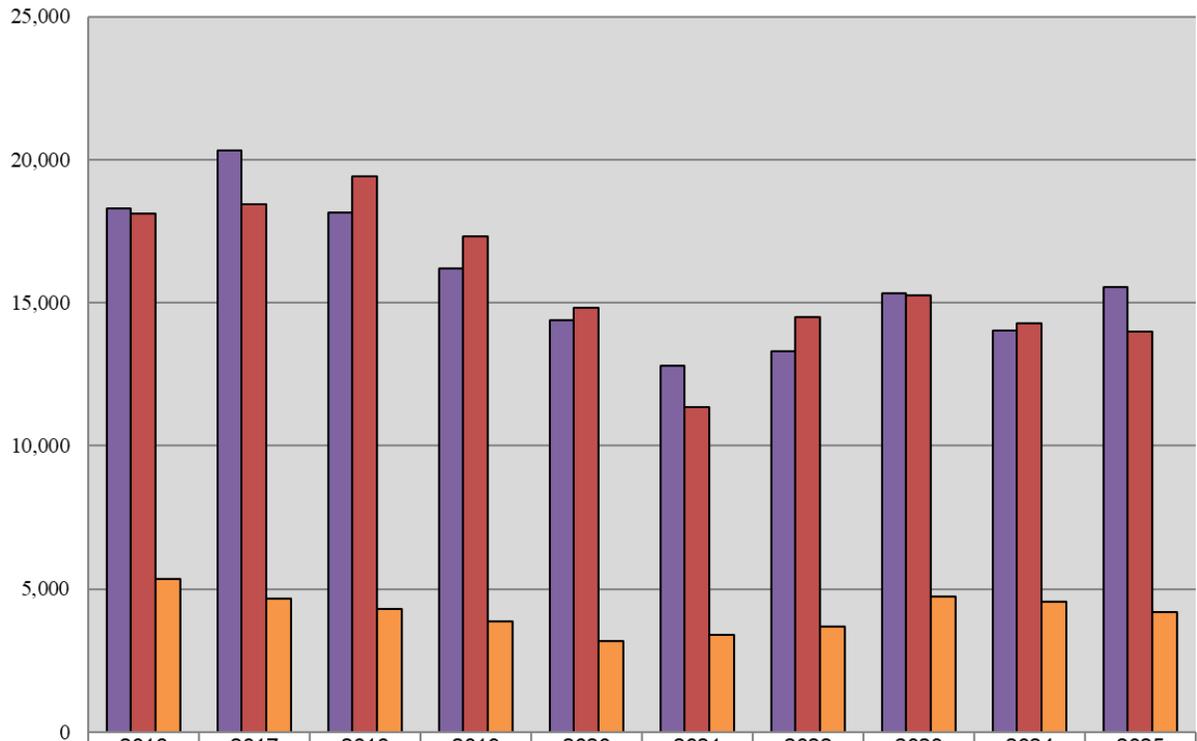
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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2024-2025 - Total Case Filings				
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
New Castle County	9,603	11,233	1,630	17.0%
Kent County	1,796	1,895	99	5.5%
Sussex County	2,613	2,402	-211	-8.1%
State	14012	15530	1,518	10.8%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2024-2025 - Total Case Dispositions				
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
New Castle County	9,763	9,689	-74	-0.8%
Kent County	1,860	1,882	22	1.2%
Sussex County	2,656	2,400	-256	-9.6%
State	14,279	13,971	-308	-2.2%

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

Superior Court Total 10-Year Caseload Trend



	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
■ Filings	18,292	20,315	18,132	16,211	14,375	12,793	13,309	15,321	14,012	15,530
■ Dispositions	18,109	18,447	19,405	17,298	14,834	11,364	14,487	15,257	14,279	13,971
■ VOP Filings	5,358	4,639	4,307	3,865	3,179	3,402	3,673	4,743	4,553	4,173

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