



ALDERMAN'S COURTS  
State of Delaware

2021 Annual Report Statistical Information

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<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2020-2021 - Total Filings</b>				
	2020	2021	Change	% Change
<b>New Castle County</b>				
Newark	8,510	8,801	291	3.4%
Newport	3,115	3,997	882	28.3%
<b>Sussex County</b>				
Bethany Beach	15	22	7	46.7%
Dewey Beach	307	632	325	105.9%
Laurel	5,022	3,591	-1,431	-28.5%
Rehoboth Beach	1,488	2,257	769	51.7%
<b>State</b>	<b>18,457</b>	<b>19,300</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>4.6%</b>

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2020-2021 - Total Dispositions</b>				
	2020	2021	Change	% Change
<b>New Castle County</b>				
Newark	2,274	2,524	250	11.0%
Newport	2,494	2,469	-25	-1.0%
<b>Sussex County</b>				
Bethany Beach	28	32	4	14.3%
Dewey Beach	323	725	402	124.5%
Laurel	4,068	4,136	68	1.7%
Rehoboth Beach	1,498	2,288	790	52.7%
<b>State</b>	<b>10,685</b>	<b>12,174</b>	<b>1,489</b>	<b>13.9%</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) Bethany Beach Alderman's Court did not report FY2019 filings or dispositions to the Administrative Office of the Courts. 3) Newport did not have criminal 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.