

FAMILY COURT

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2015-2016 - Total Case Filings				
	2015	2016	Change	% Change
New Castle County	24,644	27,381	2,737	11.1%
Kent County	10,098	10,262	164	1.6%
Sussex County	11,939	11,450	-489	-4.1%
State	46,681	49,093	2,412	5.2%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2015-2016 - Total Case Dispositions				
	2015	2016	Change	% Change
New Castle County	24,710	26,340	1,630	6.6%
Kent County	9,803	10,276	473	4.8%
Sussex County	11,371	11,451	80	0.7%
State	45,884	48,067	2,183	4.8%

FY2016 Notes:

*A civil filing is defined as one petition or one single civil incident filed with the Family Court. In a divorce matter, although the petition may contain multiple ancillary matters to the divorce, it is counted as only one filing.

*A criminal or delinquency filing is defined as one incident filed against one individual or defendant. A single criminal or juvenile delinquency filing may be comprised of a single or of multiple charges relating to a single incident.

*Mediation is the process prior to adjudication in which a trained mediator attempts to assist the parties in reaching an agreement. If the parties are unable to reach an agreement, the matter is scheduled to be heard before a Commissioner or Judge.

*Custody, support, visitation, paternity, guardianship, imperiling family relations, and rule to show cause filings are scheduled for mediation unless bypass mediation rules apply as indicated in 13 Del. C. § 711A and 13 Del. C. § 728A; Family Court Procedures OCI-914 and OCI-902.

*Automatic Expungements/Pardons resulting in Automatic Juvenile Expungements are counted as filings in this report due to the amount of staff effort to process them. Although there is not a disposition from a Hearing Officer for Automatic Expungements, the directive letter from SBI is acted upon by our staff. Therefore, the resolution of these types of filings are added to the same month they are received in the Disposition sections of this report.

Source: Court Administrator, Family Court; Administrative Office of the Courts.