



ALDERMAN'S COURTS  
State of Delaware

2020 Annual Report Statistical Information

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| <b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2019-2020 - Total Filings</b> |               |               |               |               |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|   | 2019          | 2020          | Change        | % Change      |
| <b>New Castle County</b>  |               |               |               |               |
| Newark  | 12,916        | 8,510         | -4,406        | -34.1%        |
| Newport   | 3,849         | 3,115         | -734          | N/A           |
| <b>Sussex County</b>  |               |               |               |               |
| Bethany Beach   | 0             | 15            | 15            | N/A           |
| Dewey Beach   | 454           | 307           | -147          | -32.4%        |
| Laurel  | 4,123         | 5,022         | 899           | 21.8%         |
| Rehoboth Beach  | 1,813         | 1,488         | -325          | -17.9%        |
| <b>State</b>  | <b>23,155</b> | <b>18,457</b> | <b>-4,698</b> | <b>-20.3%</b> |

| <b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2019-2020 - Total Dispositions</b> |               |               |                |               |
|--|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
|  | 2019          | 2020          | Change         | % Change      |
| <b>New Castle County</b>   |               |               |                |               |
| Newark   | 12,678        | 2,274         | -10,404        | -82.1%        |
| Newport  | 3,849         | 2,494         | -1,355         | -35.2%        |
| <b>Sussex County</b>   |               |               |                |               |
| Bethany Beach  | 0             | 28            | 28             | N/A           |
| Dewey Beach  | 594           | 323           | -271           | -45.6%        |
| Laurel   | 4,140         | 4,068         | -72            | -1.7%         |
| Rehoboth Beach   | 1,777         | 1,498         | -279           | -15.7%        |
| <b>State</b>   | <b>23,038</b> | <b>10,685</b> | <b>-12,353</b> | <b>-53.6%</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 and Rehoboth Beach 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.