

SUPERIOR COURT
State of Delaware

2020 Annual Report Statistical Information

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2019-2020 - Civil Case Filings				
	2019	2020	Change	% Change
New Castle County	8,527	7,586	-941	-11.0%
Kent County	1,503	1,372	-131	-8.7%
Sussex County	1,462	1,159	-303	-20.7%
State	11,492	10,117	-1375	-12.0%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2019-2020 - Civil Case Dispositions				
	2019	2020	Change	% Change
New Castle County	9,521	8,587	-934	-9.8%
Kent County	1,486	1,353	-133	-9.0%
Sussex County	1,515	1,083	-432	-28.5%
State	12,522	11,023	-1,499	-12.0%

The Percentage Change Formula has been updated from previous years.

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

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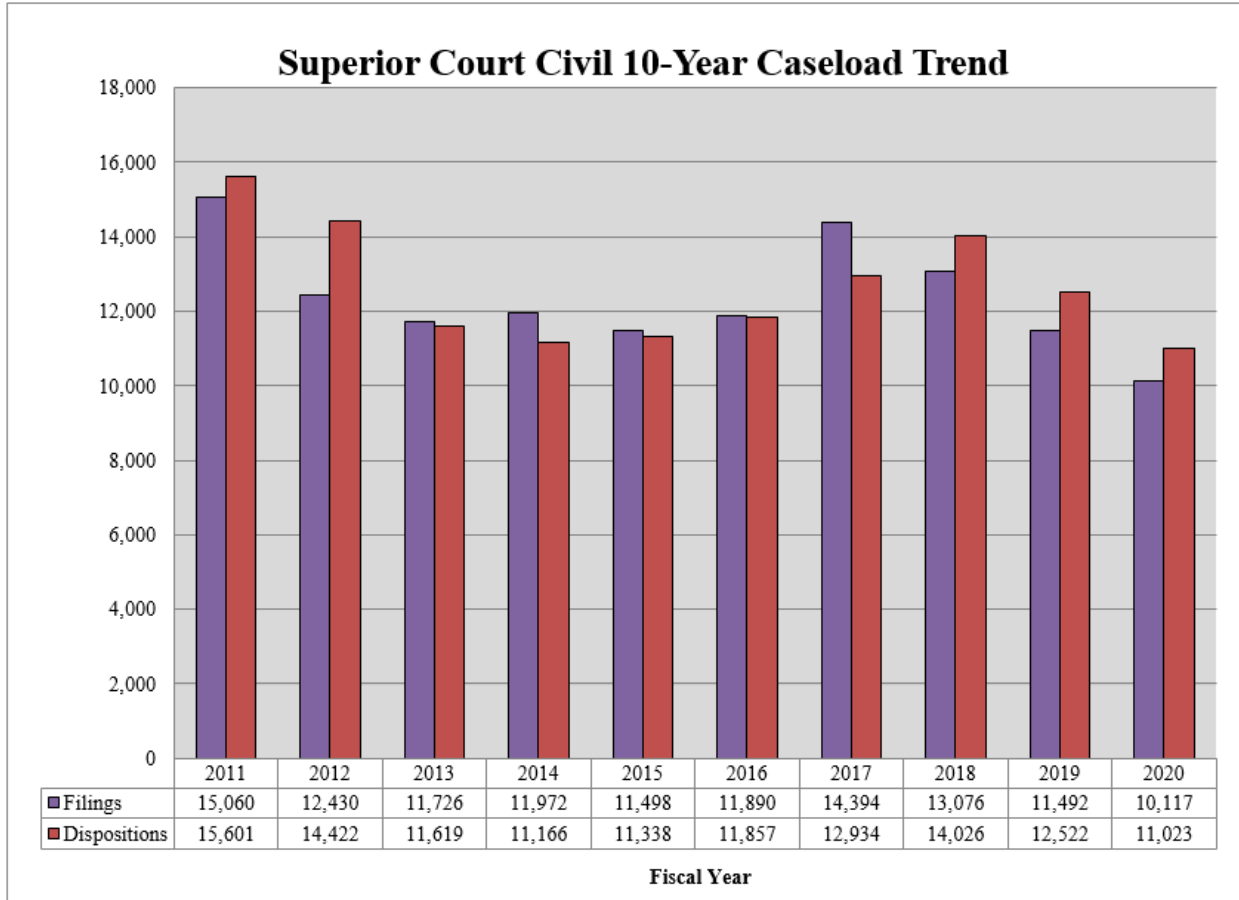
Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2020 - Civil Case Filings						
	Complaints		Mechanic's Liens and Mortgages		Appeals	
New Castle County	3,414	45.0%	1,005	13.2%	86	1.1%
Kent County	515	37.5%	375	27.3%	17	1.2%
Sussex County	433	37.4%	364	31.4%	15	1.3%
State	4,362	43.1%	1,744	17.2%	118	1.2%
	Involuntary Commitments		Miscellaneous		Total	
New Castle County	299	3.9%	2,782	36.7%	7,586	100%
Kent County	83	6.0%	382	27.8%	1,372	100%
Sussex County	29	2.5%	318	27.4%	1,159	100%
State	411	4.1%	3,482	34.4%	10,117	100%

Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2020 - Civil Case Dispositions						
	Complaints		Mechanic's Liens and Mortgages		Appeals	
New Castle County	4,607	53.7%	1,119	13.0%	65	0.8%
Kent County	458	33.9%	385	28.5%	14	1.0%
Sussex County	426	39.3%	332	30.7%	27	2.5%
State	5,491	49.8%	1,836	16.7%	106	1.0%
	Involuntary Commitments		Miscellaneous		Total	
New Castle County	292	3.4%	2,504	29.2%	8,587	100%
Kent County	167	12.3%	329	24.3%	1,353	100%
Sussex County	19	1.8%	279	25.8%	1,083	100%
State	478	4.3%	3,112	28.2%	11,023	100%

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* Report incorporates additional data made available since publication of the FY 2015 Annual Report.

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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2019-2020 - Criminal Case Filings				
	2019	2020	Change	% Change
New Castle County	2,464	1,678	-786	-31.9%
Kent County	880	841	-39	-4.4%
Sussex County	1,375	1,739	364	26.5%
State	4,719	4,258	-461	-9.8%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2019-2020 - Criminal Case Dispositions				
	2019	2020	Change	% Change
New Castle County	2,344	1,624	-720	-30.7%
Kent County	928	662	-266	-28.7%
Sussex County	1,504	1,525	21	1.4%
State	4,776	3,811	-965	-20.2%

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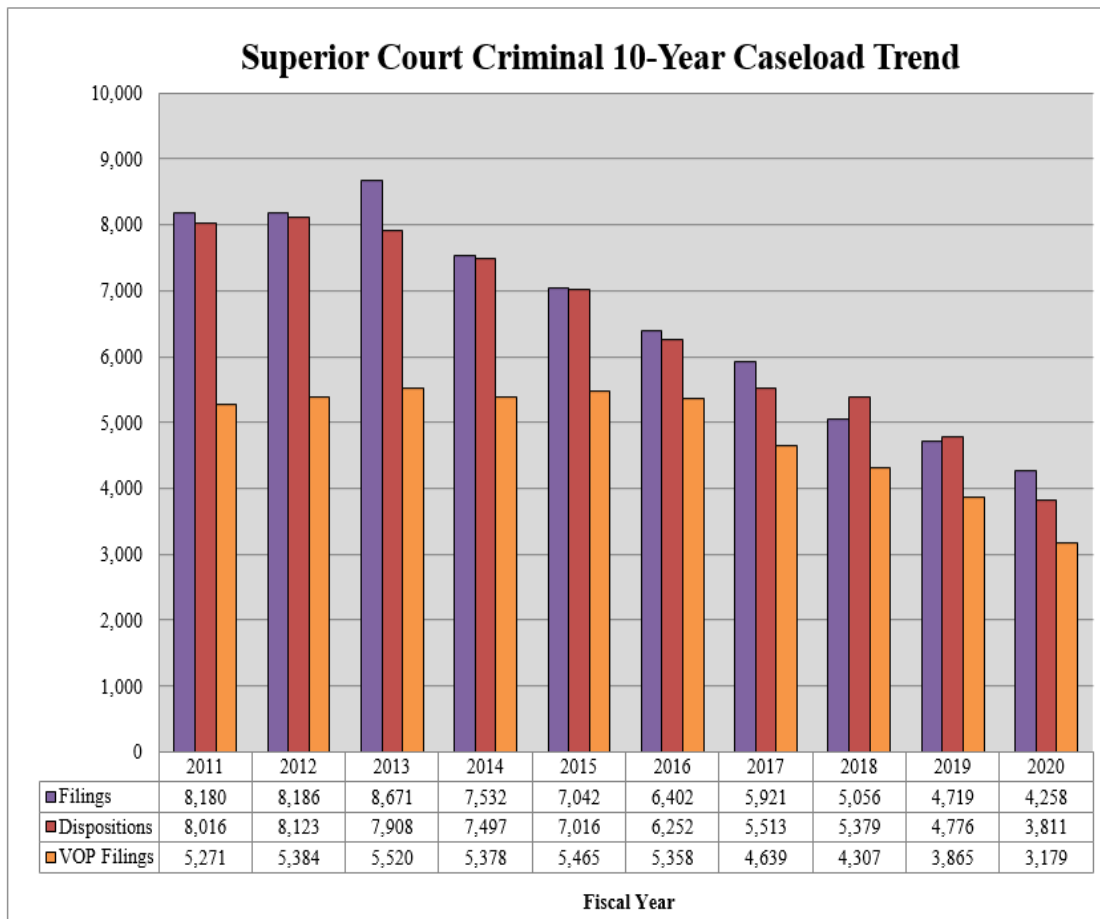
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Caseload Breakdowns- Fiscal Year 2020 - Criminal Filings									
	Indictment		Rule 9 Warrant		Information		Other*		Total
New Castle County	1,100	65.6%	127	7.6%	430	25.6%	21	1.3%	1,678
Kent County	664	79.0%	63	7.5%	102	12.1%	12	1.4%	841
Sussex County	494	28.4%	522	30.0%	714	41.1%	9	0.5%	1,739
State	2,258	53.0%	712	16.7%	1,246	29.3%	42	1.0%	4,258

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VOP = Violation of Probation

Caseload Breakdowns- Fiscal Year 2020 - Criminal Dispositions										
	Trial		Guilty Plea**		Nolle Prosequi		Remand/Transfer		Order/Reserved Decision	
New Castle County	49	3.1%	1,241	77.4%	302	18.8%	7	0.4%	0	0%
Kent County	21	3.2%	507	77.5%	94	14.4%	2	0.3%	0	0%
Sussex County	13	0.9%	1,362	90.0%	127	8.4%	-	0%	0	N/A
State	83	2.2%	3,110	82.5%	523	13.9%	9	0.2%	-	0%
	Dismissal		Drug Court		Consolidation		Total			
New Castle County	5	0.3%	-	0%	-	0%	1,604	100%		
Kent County	9	1.4%	21	3.2%	-	0%	654	100%		
Sussex County	4	0.3%	11	0.7%	-	0%	1,513	100%		
State	18	0.5%	32	0.8%	-	0%	3,771	100%		

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*Includes appeals, transfers, reinstatements, and severances.

**Includes Probation Before Judgment.

FOP = First Offender Program.

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

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Types of Dispositions - Fiscal Year 2020 - Criminal Trials - Part One										
	Jury Trial		Non-Jury Trial				Total			
New Castle County	36	73.5%	13	26.5%			49	100%		
Kent County	19	90.5%	2	9.5%			21	100%		
Sussex County	11	84.6%	2	15.4%			13	100%		
State	66	79.5%	17	20.5%			83	100%		
	Guilty		Not Guilty*		No Final Disposition**		Total			
New Castle County	36	73.5%	10	20.4%	3	6.1%	49	100%		
Kent County	13	61.9%	7	33.3%	1	4.8%	21	100%		
Sussex County	10	76.9%	2	15.4%	1	7.7%	13	100%		
State	59	71.1%	19	22.9%	5	6.0%	83	100%		

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*Includes Acquittals, Dismissals at Trial, and Nolle Prosequis at Trial.

**Includes Hung Juries, Mistrials, and Reserved Decisions.

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Types of Dispositions - Fiscal Year 2020 - 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	17	5	9	1	1	1	2	36	
Kent County	9	1	6	1	1	0	1	19	
Sussex County	6	1	2	1	0	1	0	11	
State	32	7	17	3	2	2	3	66	
Non-Jury Trial									
	Guilty	Guilty LIO	Not Guilty	Pled Guilty at Trial	Nol Pros/Dismissed at Trial	Mistrial	Reserved Decision	Total*	
New Castle County	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	
Kent County	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
Sussex County	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
State	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	
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	30	5	9	1	1	1	2	0	49
Kent County	11	1	6	1	1	0	1	0	21
Sussex County	8	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	13
State	49	7	17	3	2	2	3	0	83

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2020 - Criminal Nolle Prosequis

	Nolle Prosequis By Special Condition		Nolle Prosequis By Merit		NPL		Total	
New Castle County	131	43.4%	151	50.0%	20	6.6%	302	100%
Kent County	57	60.6%	37	39.4%	0	0%	94	100%
Sussex County	23	18.1%	104	81.9%	0	0%	127	100%
State	211	40.3%	292	55.8%	20	3.8%	523	100%

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NPL = Nolle Prosequi Later

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Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2020 - Criminal Felony Guilty Pleas						
	Pled Guilty Original		Pled Guilty Lesser		Total	
New Castle County	735	85.1%	129	14.9%	864	100%
Kent County	318	85.5%	54	14.5%	372	100%
Sussex County	566	89.3%	68	10.7%	634	100%
State	1,619	86.6%	251	13.4%	1,870	100%

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2020- Criminal Misdemeanor Guilty Pleas						
	Pled Guilty Original		Pled Guilty Lesser*		Total	
New Castle County	205	54.4%	172	45.6%	377	100%
Kent County	48	35.6%	87	64.4%	135	100%
Sussex County	421	58.1%	303	41.9%	724	100%
State	674	54.5%	562	45.5%	1,236	100%

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2020 - Criminal Total Guilty Pleas						
	Pled Guilty Original		Pled Guilty Lesser*		Total	
New Castle County	940	75.7%	301	24.3%	1,241	100%
Kent County	366	72.2%	141	27.8%	507	100%
Sussex County	987	72.7%	371	27.3%	1,358	100%
State	2,293	73.8%	813	26.2%	3,106	100%

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*Includes Probation Before Judgment.

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Performance Summary Fiscal Year 2020 - Criminal Cases - Elapsed Time

	Total Number of Cases Disposed	Average Time from Arrest to Disposition	Average Time from Indictment to Disposition
New Castle County	1,624	352.1 days	279.0 days
Kent County	662	203.4 days	129.5 days
Sussex County	1,525	145.1 days	106.0 days
State	3,811	243.4 days	183.8 days

Performance Summary Fiscal Year 2020 - 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	1,624	849	52.3%	913	56.2%	1,058	65.1%
Kent County	662	437	66.0%	562	84.9%	649	98.0%
Sussex County	1,517	779	51.4%	965	63.6%	1,085	71.5%
State	3,803	2,065	54.3%	2,440	64.2%	2,792	73.4%

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Criminal Cases Performance Explanatory Notes - Fiscal Year 2020

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 2019-2020 - Criminal Cases - Average Time from Arrest to Disposition				
	2019 (in days)	2020 (in days)	Change (in days)	% Change
New Castle County	183.4	352.1	168.7	92.0%
Kent County	180.8	203.4	22.6	12.5%
Sussex County	157.0	145.1	-11.9	-7.6%
State	174.6	243.4	68.8	39.4%

Performance Comparison - Fiscal Years 2019-2020 - Criminal Cases - Average Time from Indictment to Disposition				
	2019 (in days)	2020 (in days)	Change (in days)	% Change
New Castle County	119.2	279.0	159.8	134.1%
Kent County	113.2	129.5	16.3	14.4%
Sussex County	116.3	106.0	-10.3	-8.8%
State	117.08	183.8	66.7	57.0%

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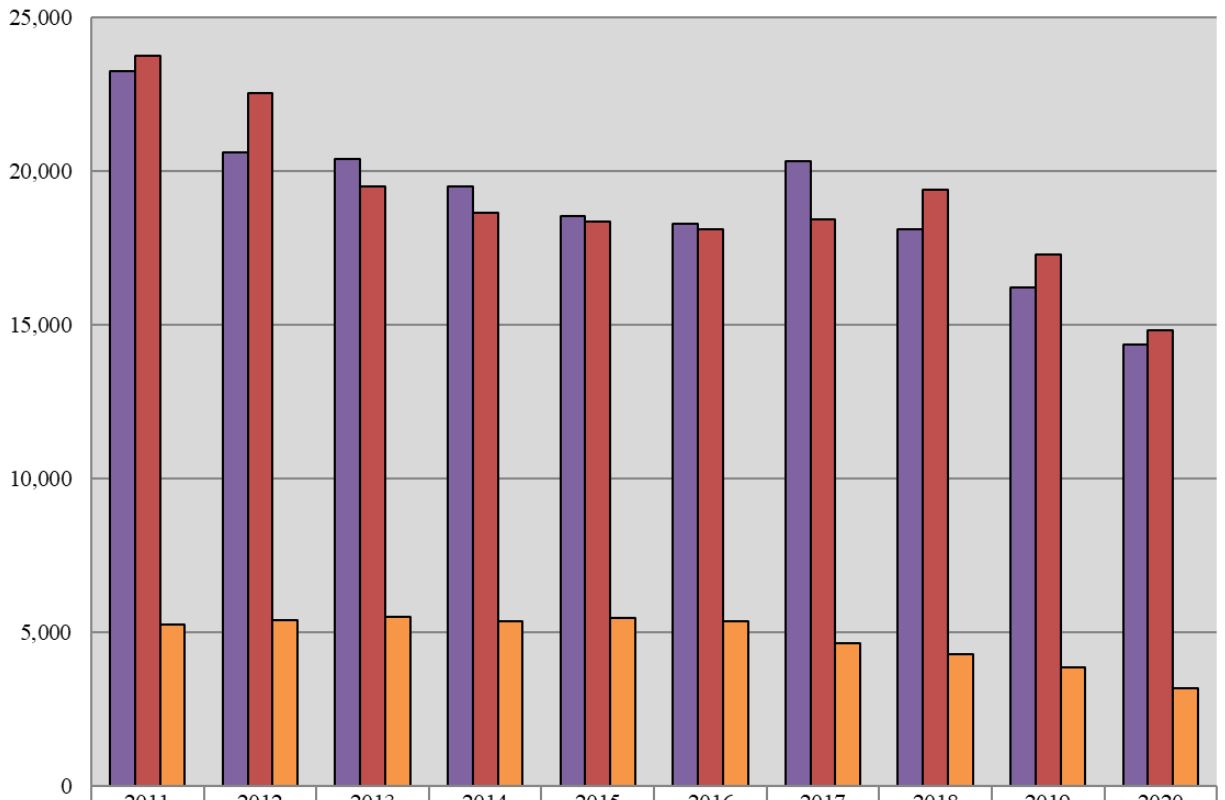
Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2019-2020 - Total Case Filings				
	2019	2020	Change	% Change
New Castle County	10,991	9,264	-1,727	-15.7%
Kent County	2,383	2,213	-170	-7.1%
Sussex County	2,837	2,898	61	2.2%
State	16,211	14,375	-1836	-11.3%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2019-2020 - Total Case Dispositions				
	2019	2020	Change	% Change
New Castle County	11,865	10,211	-1,654	-13.9%
Kent County	2,414	2,015	-399	-16.5%
Sussex County	3,019	2,608	-411	-13.6%
State	17,298	14,834	-2,464	-14.2%

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Superior Court Total 10-Year Caseload Trend



	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
■ Filings	23,265	20,616	20,397	19,504	18,540	18,292	20,315	18,132	16,211	14,375
■ Dispositions	23,752	22,544	19,527	18,663	18,354	18,109	18,447	19,405	17,298	14,834
■ VOP Filings	5,271	5,384	5,520	5,378	5,465	5,358	4,639	4,307	3,865	3,179

Fiscal Year