

SUPERIOR COURT
State of Delaware

2024 Annual Report Statistical Information

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| Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2024 - Civil Case Filings | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Complaints | | Mechanic's Liens and Mortgages | | Appeals | |
| New Castle County | 3,380 | 47.7% | 812 | 11.5% | 109 | 1.5% |
| Kent County | 389 | 33.6% | 304 | 26.3% | 31 | 2.7% |
| Sussex County | 452 | 35.8% | 302 | 23.9% | 15 | 1.2% |
| State | 4,221 | 44.4% | 1,418 | 14.9% | 155 | 1.6% |
| | | | | | | |
| | Involuntary Commitments | | Miscellaneous | | Total | |
| New Castle County | 531 | 7.5% | 2,250 | 31.8% | 7,082 | 100% |
| Kent County | 100 | 8.6% | 333 | 28.8% | 1,157 | 100% |
| Sussex County | 39 | 3.1% | 453 | 35.9% | 1,261 | 100% |
| State | 670 | 7.1% | 3,036 | 32.0% | 9,500 | 100% |

| Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2024 - Civil Case Dispositions | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Complaints | | Mechanic's Liens and Mortgages | | Appeals | |
| New Castle County | 2,853 | 42.7% | 954 | 14.3% | 113 | 1.7% |
| Kent County | 439 | 36.3% | 347 | 28.7% | 23 | 1.9% |
| Sussex County | 409 | 32.9% | 335 | 26.9% | 23 | 1.8% |
| State | 3,701 | 40.5% | 1,636 | 17.9% | 159 | 1.7% |
| | | | | | | |
| | Involuntary Commitments | | Miscellaneous | | Total | |
| New Castle County | 422 | 6.3% | 2,337 | 35.0% | 6,679 | 100% |
| Kent County | 80 | 6.6% | 321 | 26.5% | 1,210 | 100% |
| Sussex County | 47 | 3.8% | 431 | 34.6% | 1,245 | 100% |
| State | 549 | 6.0% | 3,089 | 33.8% | 9,134 | 100% |

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

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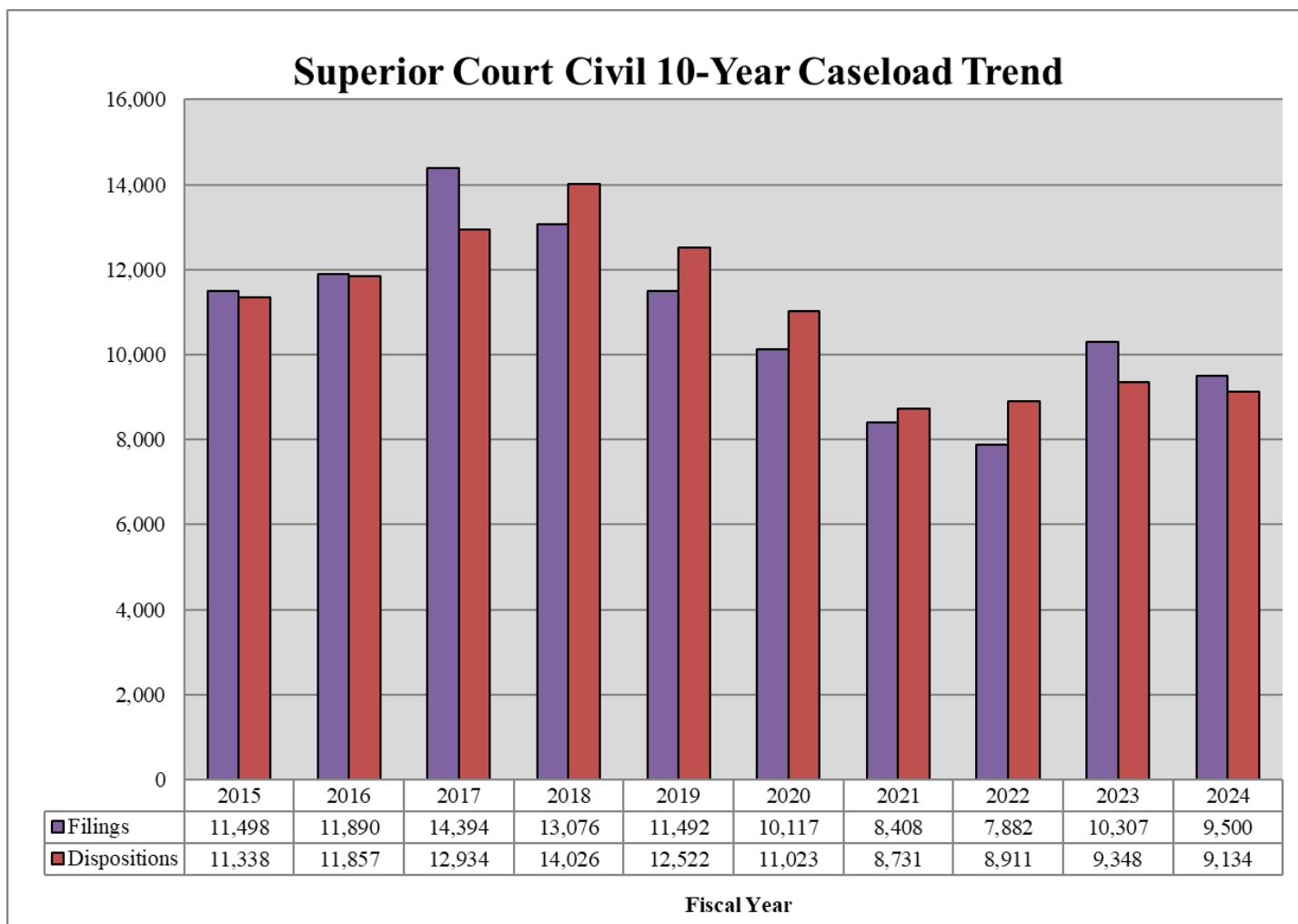
Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2023-2024 - Civil Case Filings

| | 2023 | 2024 | Change | % Change |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| New Castle County | 7,968 | 7,082 | -886 | -11.1% |
| Kent County | 1,179 | 1,157 | -22 | -1.9% |
| Sussex County | 1,160 | 1,261 | 101 | 8.7% |
| State | 10,307 | 9,500 | -807 | -7.8% |

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2023-2024 - Civil Case Dispositions

| | 2023 | 2024 | Change | % Change |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| New Castle County | 7,066 | 6,679 | -387 | -5.5% |
| Kent County | 1,128 | 1,210 | 82 | 7.3% |
| Sussex County | 1,154 | 1,245 | 91 | 7.9% |
| State | 9,348 | 9,134 | -214 | -2.3% |

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



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

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| Caseload Breakdowns- Fiscal Year 2024 - Criminal Filings | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| | Indictment | | Rule 9 Warrant | | Information | | Other* | | Total |
| New Castle County | 1,631 | 64.7% | 81 | 3.2% | 775 | 30.7% | 34 | 1.3% | 2,521 |
| Kent County | 487 | 76.2% | 13 | 2.0% | 129 | 20.2% | 10 | 1.6% | 639 |
| Sussex County | 871 | 64.4% | 173 | 12.8% | 294 | 21.7% | 14 | 1.0% | 1,352 |
| State | 2,989 | 66.2% | 267 | 5.9% | 1,198 | 26.6% | 58 | 1.3% | 4,512 |

| Caseload Breakdowns- Fiscal Year 2024 - Criminal Dispositions | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| | Trial | | Guilty Plea** | | Nolle Prosequi | | Remand/Transfer | | Order/Reserved Decision | |
| New Castle County | 141 | 4.6% | 2,097 | 68.8% | 804 | 26.4% | 1 | 0.0% | 0 | 0% |
| Kent County | 14 | 2.2% | 468 | 73.0% | 141 | 22.0% | 4 | 0.6% | 0 | 0% |
| Sussex County | 16 | 1.1% | 1,140 | 81.2% | 224 | 16.0% | 4 | 0.3% | 0 | N/A |
| State | 171 | 3.4% | 3,705 | 72.7% | 1,169 | 23.0% | 9 | 0.2% | - | 0% |
| | Dismissal | | Diversion | | Consolidation | | Total | | | |
| New Castle County | 3 | 0.1% | 2 | 0.1% | - | 0% | 3,048 | 100% | | |
| Kent County | 1 | 0.2% | 13 | 2.0% | - | 0% | 641 | 100% | | |
| Sussex County | 10 | 0.7% | 10 | 0.7% | - | 0% | 1,404 | 100% | | |
| State | 14 | 0.3% | 25 | 0.5% | - | 0% | 5,093 | 100% | | |

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

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

FOP = First Offender Program.

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Source: Court Administrator and Case Scheduling Office, Superior Court;

Administrative Office of the Courts.

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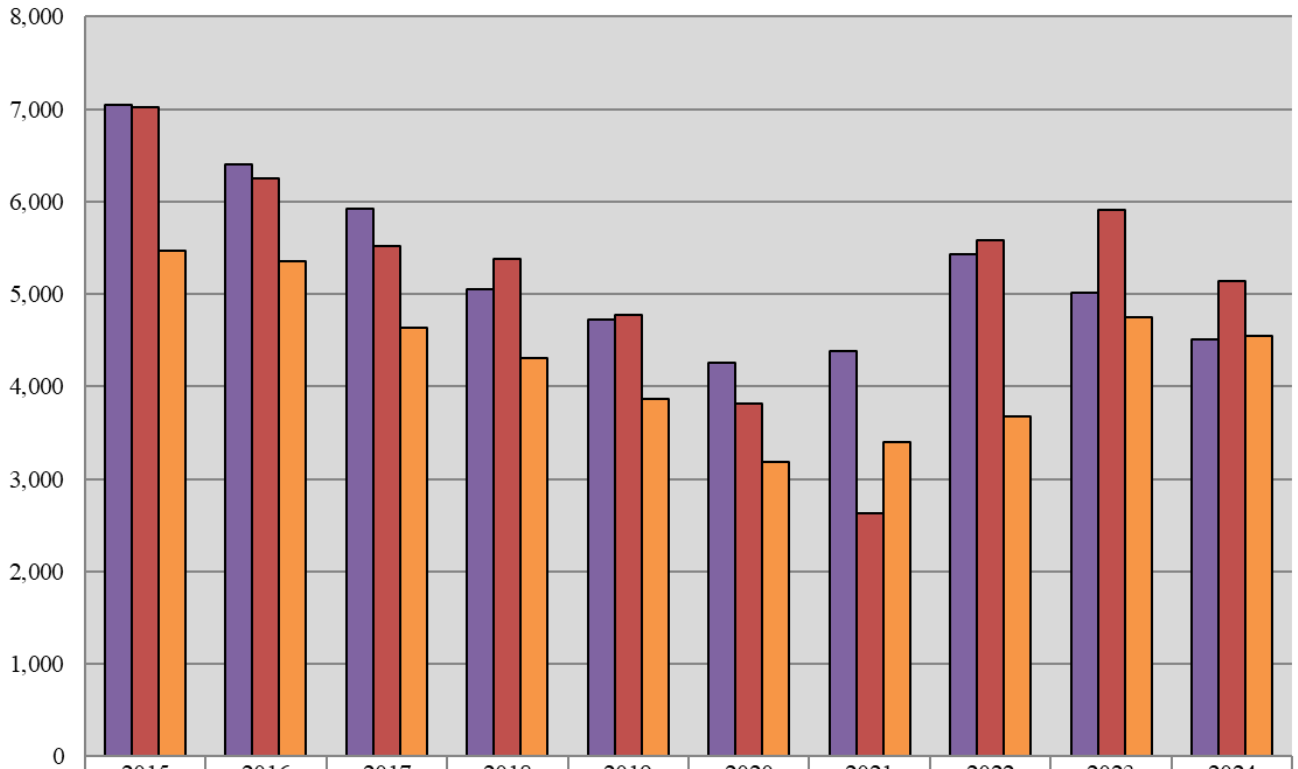
| Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2023-2024 - Criminal Case Filings | | | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| | 2023 | 2024 | Change | % Change |
| New Castle County | 2,874 | 2,521 | -353 | -12.3% |
| Kent County | 788 | 639 | -149 | -18.9% |
| Sussex County | 1,352 | 1,352 | 0 | 0.0% |
| State | 5,014 | 4,512 | -502 | -10.0% |

| Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2023-2024 - Criminal Case Dispositions | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| | 2023 | 2024 | Change | % Change |
| New Castle County | 3,363 | 3,084 | -279 | -8.3% |
| Kent County | 926 | 650 | -276 | -29.8% |
| Sussex County | 1,620 | 1,411 | -209 | -12.9% |
| State | 5,909 | 5,145 | -764 | -12.9% |

Source: Court Administrator and Case Scheduling Office, Superior Court;

Administrative Office of the Courts.

Superior Court Criminal 10-Year Caseload Trend



| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Filings | 7,042 | 6,402 | 5,921 | 5,056 | 4,719 | 4,258 | 4,385 | 5,427 | 5,014 | 4,512 |
| Dispositions | 7,016 | 6,252 | 5,513 | 5,379 | 4,776 | 3,811 | 2,633 | 5,576 | 5,909 | 5,145 |
| VOP Filings | 5,465 | 5,358 | 4,639 | 4,307 | 3,865 | 3,179 | 3,402 | 3,673 | 4,743 | 4,553 |

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VOP = Violation of Probation

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| Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2024 - Criminal Felony Guilty Pleas | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Pled Guilty Original | | Pled Guilty Lesser | | Total | |
| New Castle County | 1,211 | 87.1% | 180 | 12.9% | 1,391 | 100% |
| Kent County | 294 | 83.3% | 59 | 16.7% | 353 | 100% |
| Sussex County | 640 | 91.4% | 60 | 8.6% | 700 | 100% |
| State | 2,145 | 87.8% | 299 | 12.2% | 2,444 | 100% |

| Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2024 - Criminal Misdemeanor Guilty Pleas | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Pled Guilty Original | | Pled Guilty Lesser* | | Total | |
| New Castle County | 396 | 56.1% | 310 | 43.9% | 706 | 100% |
| Kent County | 51 | 44.3% | 64 | 55.7% | 115 | 100% |
| Sussex County | 179 | 40.7% | 261 | 59.3% | 440 | 100% |
| State | 626 | 49.6% | 635 | 50.4% | 1,261 | 100% |

| Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2024 - Criminal Total Guilty Pleas | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Pled Guilty Original | | Pled Guilty Lesser* | | Total | |
| New Castle County | 1,607 | 76.6% | 490 | 23.4% | 2,097 | 100% |
| Kent County | 345 | 73.7% | 123 | 26.3% | 468 | 100% |
| Sussex County | 819 | 71.8% | 321 | 28.2% | 1,140 | 100% |
| State | 2,771 | 74.8% | 934 | 25.2% | 3,705 | 100% |

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*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;

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| Types of Dispositions - Fiscal Year 2024 - Criminal Trials - Part One | | | | | | | |
|---|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------|------------|
| | Jury Trial | | Non-Jury Trial | | Total | | |
| New Castle County | 119 | 84.4% | 22 | 15.6% | 141 | 100% | |
| Kent County | 13 | 92.9% | 1 | 7.1% | 14 | 100% | |
| Sussex County | 13 | 81.3% | 3 | 18.8% | 16 | 100% | |
| State | 145 | 84.8% | 26 | 15.2% | 171 | 100% | |
| | Guilty | | Not Guilty* | | No Final Disposition** | | Total |
| New Castle County | 107 | 75.9% | 29 | 20.6% | 5 | 3.5% | 141 |
| Kent County | 12 | 85.7% | 2 | 14.3% | 0 | 0% | 14 |
| Sussex County | 7 | 43.8% | 5 | 31.3% | 4 | 25.0% | 16 |
| State | 126 | 73.7% | 36 | 21.1% | 9 | 5.3% | 171 |

*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 2024 - 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 | 85 | 3 | 24 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 119 |
| Kent County | 10 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| Sussex County | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 13 |
| State | 101 | 4 | 28 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 145 |
| Non-Jury Trial | | | | | | | | |
| | Guilty | Guilty LIO | Not Guilty | Pled Guilty at Trial | Nol Pros/Dismissed at Trial | Mistrial | Reserved Decision | Total* |
| New Castle County | 18 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 |
| Kent County | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Sussex County | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| State | 20 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 |

| 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 | 103 | 3 | 28 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 141 |
| Kent County | 11 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| Sussex County | 7 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 16 |
| State | 121 | 4 | 34 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 171 |

| Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2024 - Criminal Nolle Prosequis | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--|
| | Nolle Prosequis By Special Condition | | Nolle Prosequis By Merit | | NPL | | Total | | |
| New Castle County | 500 | 62.2% | 279 | 34.7% | 25 | 3.1% | 804 | 100% | |
| Kent County | 66 | 46.8% | 75 | 53.2% | 0 | 0% | 141 | 100% | |
| Sussex County | 25 | 11.2% | 199 | 88.8% | 0 | 0% | 224 | 100% | |
| State | 591 | 50.6% | 553 | 47.3% | 25 | 2.1% | 1,169 | 100% | |

NPL = Nolle Prosequi entered at time of Sentencing

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

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| Performance Comparison - Fiscal Years 2023-2024 - Criminal Cases - Average Time from Arrest to Disposition | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | 2023 (in days) | 2024 (in days) | Change (in days) | % Change |
| New Castle County | 398.2 | 403.0 | 4.8 | 1.2% |
| Kent County | 270.9 | 247.8 | -23.1 | -8.5% |
| Sussex County | 311.0 | 281.0 | -30.0 | -9.6% |
| State | 354.2 | 349.8 | -4.4 | -1.2% |

| Performance Comparison - Fiscal Years 2023-2024 - Criminal Cases - Average Time from Indictment to Disposition | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| | 2023 (in days) | 2024 (in days) | Change (in days) | % Change |
| New Castle County | 257.3 | 265.5 | 8.2 | 3.2% |
| Kent County | 153.2 | 145.3 | -7.9 | -5.2% |
| Sussex County | 231.8 | 216.6 | -15.2 | -6.6% |
| State | 233.9 | 236.9 | 3.0 | 1.3% |

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

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Performance Summary Fiscal Year 2024 - Criminal Cases - Elapsed Time

| | Total Number of Cases Disposed | Average Time from Arrest to Disposition | Average Time from Indictment to Disposition |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
| New Castle County | 3,048 | 403.0 days | 265.5 days |
| Kent County | 641 | 247.8 days | 145.3 days |
| Sussex County | 1,404 | 281.0 days | 216.6 days |
| State | 5,093 | 349.8 days | 236.9 days |

Performance Summary Fiscal Year 2024 - Criminal Cases - Compliance with Speedy Trial Standards

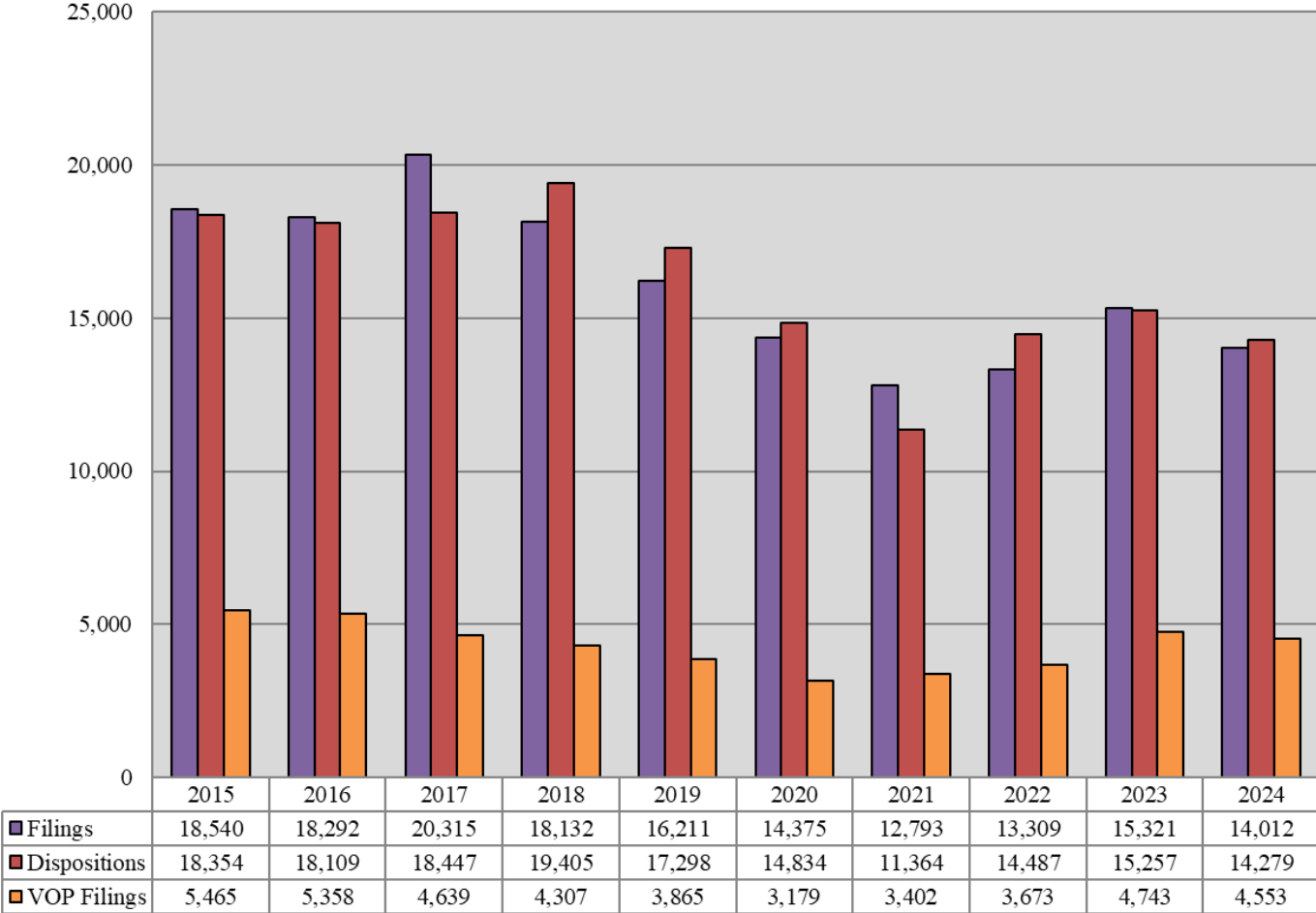
| | Total Number of Cases Disposed | Disposed of within 120 Days of Indictment (90%) | | Disposed of within 180 Days of Indictment (98%) | | Disposed of within 365 Days of Indictment (100%) | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|---|--------------|---|--------------|--|--------------|
| New Castle County | 3,048 | 1,353 | 44.4% | 1,791 | 58.8% | 2,570 | 84.3% |
| Kent County | 641 | 305 | 47.6% | 453 | 70.7% | 587 | 91.6% |
| Sussex County | 1,404 | 559 | 39.8% | 842 | 60.0% | 1,212 | 86.3% |
| State | 5,093 | 2,217 | 43.5% | 3,086 | 60.6% | 4,369 | 85.8% |

Criminal Cases Performance Explanatory Notes - Fiscal Year 2024

- 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.
- 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:
 - For all capiases, the time between the date that the capias is issued and the date that it is executed.
 - For all Rule 9 summonses and Rule 9 warrants, the time between the arrest and the indictment/information, if any.
 - For all mental examinations, the time between the date that the examination is ordered and the date of the receipt of the results.
 - For all defendants deemed to be incompetent, the period in which the defendant is considered incompetent.

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

Superior Court Total 10-Year Caseload Trend



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| Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2023-2024 - Total Case Filings | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| | 2023 | 2024 | Change | % Change |
| New Castle County | 10,842 | 9,603 | -1,239 | -11.4% |
| Kent County | 1,967 | 1,796 | -171 | -8.7% |
| Sussex County | 2,512 | 2,613 | 101 | 4.0% |
| State | 15,321 | 14,012 | -1,309 | -8.5% |

| Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2023-2024 - Total Case Dispositions | | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| | 2023 | 2024 | Change | % Change |
| New Castle County | 10,429 | 9,763 | -666 | -6.4% |
| Kent County | 2,054 | 1,860 | -194 | -9.4% |
| Sussex County | 2,774 | 2,656 | -118 | -4.3% |
| State | 15,257 | 14,279 | -978 | -6.4% |

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