



**FAMILY COURT**  
**State of Delaware**

**2013 Annual Report Statistical Information**

## FAMILY COURT

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2012-2013 - Adult Criminal Case Filings</b>				
	2012	2013	Change	% Change
New Castle County	2,937	2,863	-74	-2.5%
Kent County	849	749	-100	-11.8%
Sussex County	814	719	-95	-11.7%
<b>State</b>	<b>4,600</b>	<b>4,331</b>	<b>-269</b>	<b>-5.8%</b>

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2012-2013 - Adult Criminal Case Dispositions</b>				
	2012	2013	Change	% Change
New Castle County	2,809	2,812	3	0.1%
Kent County	780	759	-21	-2.7%
Sussex County	783	751	-32	-4.1%
<b>State</b>	<b>4,372</b>	<b>4,322</b>	<b>-50</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>

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

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<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2012-2013 - Civil Case Filings</b>				
	2012	2013	Change	% Change
New Castle County	21,375	21,406	31	0.1%
Kent County	8,638	8,803	165	1.9%
Sussex County	10,536	10,302	-234	-2.2%
<b>State</b>	<b>40,549</b>	<b>40,511</b>	<b>-38</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2012-2013 - Civil Case Dispositions</b>				
	2012	2013	Change	% Change
New Castle County	21,451	20,663	-788	-3.7%
Kent County	8,909	8,664	-245	-2.8%
Sussex County	10,409	10,522	113	1.1%
<b>State</b>	<b>40,769</b>	<b>39,849</b>	<b>-920</b>	<b>-2.3%</b>

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

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Caseload Breakdown - Fiscal Year 2013 - Civil Case Filings								
	Divorces and Annulments		RTSC/ Other Civil Contempts		New Non-Support		Support Arrearages	
New Castle County	1,956	9.1%	636	3.0%	4,491	21.0%	2,219	10.4%
Kent County	858	9.7%	194	2.2%	1,749	19.9%	1,303	14.8%
Sussex County	836	8.1%	136	1.3%	2,127	20.6%	2,210	21.5%
<b>State</b>	<b>3,650</b>	<b>9.0%</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>8,367</b>	<b>20.7%</b>	<b>5,732</b>	<b>14.1%</b>
	Support Modifications		Custody		Visitation		Protection from Abuse	
New Castle County	1,855	8.7%	2,265	10.6%	411	1.9%	2,246	10.5%
Kent County	619	7.0%	834	9.5%	151	1.7%	980	11.1%
Sussex County	710	6.9%	827	8.0%	160	1.6%	738	7.2%
<b>State</b>	<b>3,184</b>	<b>7.9%</b>	<b>3,926</b>	<b>9.7%</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>3,964</b>	<b>9.8%</b>
	Adoptions		Termination of Parental Rights		Remaining Petition Types		Total	
New Castle County	128	0.6%	116	0.5%	5,083	23.7%	21,406	100%
Kent County	32	0.4%	31	0.4%	2,052	23.3%	8,803	100%
Sussex County	24	0.2%	37	0.4%	2,497	24.2%	10,302	100%
<b>State</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>9,632</b>	<b>23.8%</b>	<b>40,511</b>	<b>100%</b>

Caseload Breakdown - Fiscal Year 2013 - Civil Case Dispositions								
	Divorces and Annulments		RTSC/ Other Civil Contempts		New Non-Support		Support Arrearages	
New Castle County	2,053	9.9%	663	3.2%	4,062	19.7%	2,052	9.9%
Kent County	846	9.8%	180	2.1%	1,697	19.6%	1,313	15.2%
Sussex County	909	8.6%	149	1.4%	2,100	20.0%	2,378	22.6%
<b>State</b>	<b>3,808</b>	<b>9.6%</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>7,859</b>	<b>19.7%</b>	<b>5,743</b>	<b>14.4%</b>
	Support Modifications		Custody		Visitation		Protection from Abuse	
New Castle County	1,725	8.3%	2,236	10.8%	440	2.1%	2,201	10.7%
Kent County	626	7.2%	793	9.2%	149	1.7%	841	9.7%
Sussex County	701	6.7%	853	8.1%	157	1.5%	741	7.0%
<b>State</b>	<b>3,052</b>	<b>7.7%</b>	<b>3,882</b>	<b>9.7%</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>3,783</b>	<b>9.5%</b>
	Adoptions		Termination of Parental Rights		Remaining Petition Types		Total	
New Castle County	148	0.7%	109	0.5%	4,974	24.1%	20,663	100%
Kent County	34	0.4%	35	0.4%	2,150	24.8%	8,664	100%
Sussex County	15	0.1%	37	0.4%	2,482	23.6%	10,522	100%
<b>State</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>9,606</b>	<b>24.1%</b>	<b>39,849</b>	<b>100%</b>

RTSC = Rules to Show Cause.

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

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<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2012-2013 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Filings</b>				
	2012	2013	Change	% Change
New Castle County	3,705	3,109	-596	-16.1%
Kent County	1,363	1,220	-143	-10.5%
Sussex County	1,351	1,193	-158	-11.7%
<b>State</b>	<b>6,419</b>	<b>5,522</b>	<b>-897</b>	<b>-14.0%</b>

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2012-2013 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Dispositions</b>				
	2012	2013	Change	% Change
New Castle County	4,059	3,362	-697	-17.2%
Kent County	1,649	1,431	-218	-13.2%
Sussex County	1,364	1,227	-137	-10.0%
<b>State</b>	<b>7,072</b>	<b>6,020</b>	<b>-1,052</b>	<b>-14.9%</b>

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

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<b>Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2013 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Filings</b>						
	Felony		Misdemeanor		Traffic	
New Castle County	528	17.0%	2,076	66.8%	173	5.6%
Kent County	175	14.3%	858	70.3%	72	5.9%
Sussex County	192	16.1%	769	64.5%	127	10.6%
<b>State</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>16.2%</b>	<b>3,703</b>	<b>67.1%</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>6.7%</b>
	VOP				Total	
New Castle County	332	10.7%			3,109	100%
Kent County	115	9.4%			1,220	100%
Sussex County	105	8.8%			1,193	100%
<b>State</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>10.0%</b>			<b>5,522</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2013 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Dispositions</b>						
	Felony		Misdemeanor		Traffic	
New Castle County	553	16.4%	2,260	67.2%	206	6.1%
Kent County	177	12.4%	1,065	74.4%	70	4.9%
Sussex County	171	13.9%	836	68.1%	121	9.9%
<b>State</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>15.0%</b>	<b>4,161</b>	<b>69.1%</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>6.6%</b>
	VOP				Total	
New Castle County	343	10.2%			3362	100%
Kent County	119	8.3%			1431	100%
Sussex County	99	8.1%			1227	100%
<b>State</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>9.3%</b>			<b>6020</b>	<b>100%</b>

VOP = Violations of Probation.

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

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<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2012-2013 - Mediation Hearings Scheduled</b>				
	2012	2013	Change	% Change
New Castle County	5,167	6,141	974	18.9%
Kent County	3,233	2,973	-260	-8.0%
Sussex County	4,026	4,686	660	16.4%
<b>State</b>	<b>12,426</b>	<b>13,800</b>	<b>1,374</b>	<b>11.1%</b>

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2012-2013 - Mediation Dispositions</b>				
	2012	2013	Change	% Change
New Castle County	3,419	4,227	808	23.6%
Kent County	2,151	2,035	-116	-5.4%
Sussex County	2,788	3,001	213	7.6%
<b>State</b>	<b>8,358</b>	<b>9,263</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>10.8%</b>

### Mediation Explanatory Notes Fiscal Year 2013

1. 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.
2. Custody, support, visitation, guardianship, imperiling family relations, and rule to show cause filings are scheduled for mediation.

Note: Mediation data was reported as Arbitration data in some previous fiscal years.

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

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<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2012-2013 - Total Case Filings</b>				
	2012	2013	Change	% Change
New Castle County	28,017	27,378	-639	-2.3%
Kent County	10,850	10,772	-78	-0.7%
Sussex County	12,701	12,214	-487	-3.8%
<b>State</b>	<b>51,568</b>	<b>50,364</b>	<b>-1,204</b>	<b>-2.3%</b>

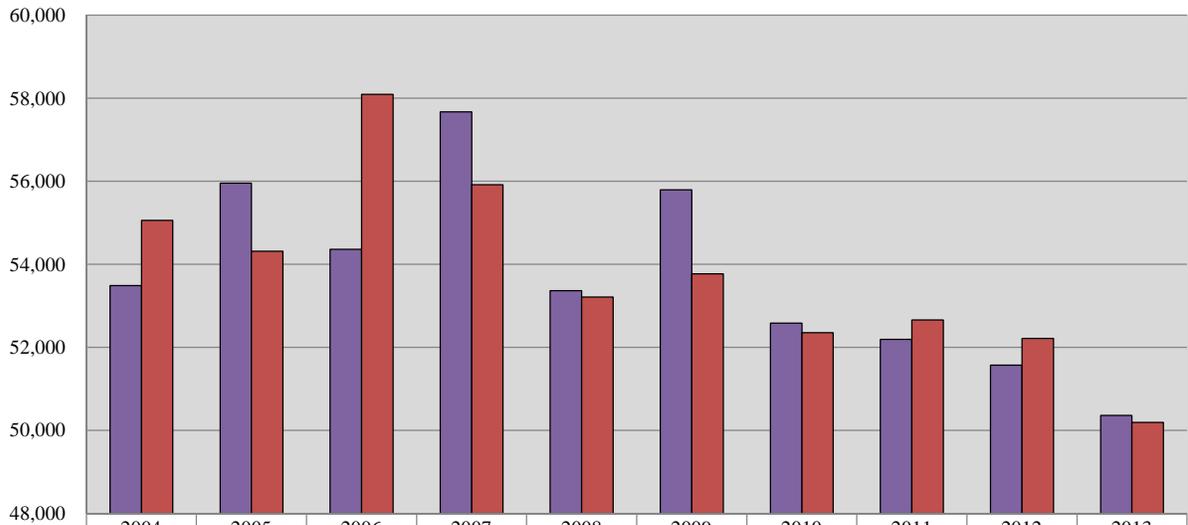
<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2012-2013 - Total Case Dispositions</b>				
	2012	2013	Change	% Change
New Castle County	28,319	26,837	-1,482	-5.2%
Kent County	11,338	10,854	-484	-4.3%
Sussex County	12,556	12,500	-56	-0.4%
<b>State</b>	<b>52,213</b>	<b>50,191</b>	<b>-2,022</b>	<b>-3.9%</b>

### **Total Caseload Explanatory Notes - Fiscal Year 2013**

1. A civil filing is defined as one petition or one single civil incident filed with Family Court. In a divorce matter, although the petition may contain multiple ancillary matters to the divorce, it is counted as one filing.
2. 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 charge, or of multiple charges relating to a single incident.

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

### Family Court 10-Year Total Caseload Trend



	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
■ Filings	53,490	55,959	54,361	57,672	53,366	55,797	52,580	52,189	51,568	50,364
■ Dispositions	55,056	54,313	58,094	55,920	53,211	53,772	52,353	52,661	52,213	50,191

Fiscal Year

Note: The number of filings for Fiscal Year 2009 was amended.