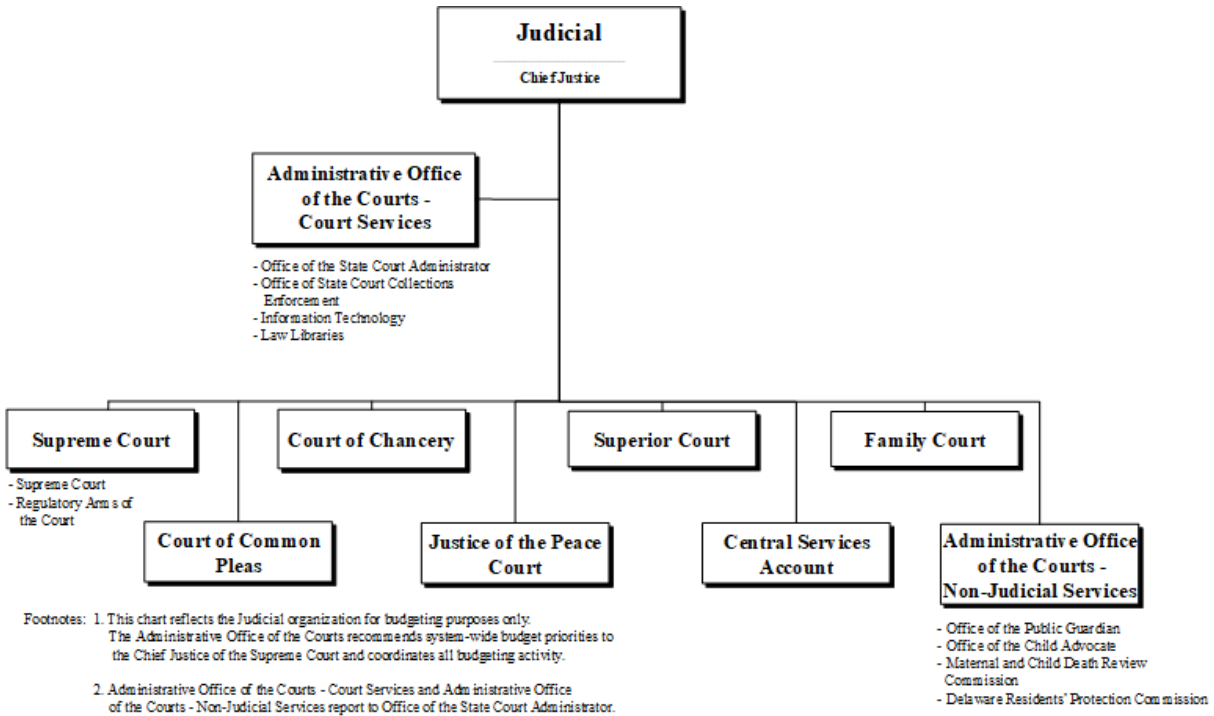
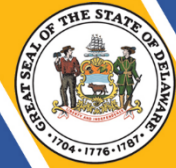
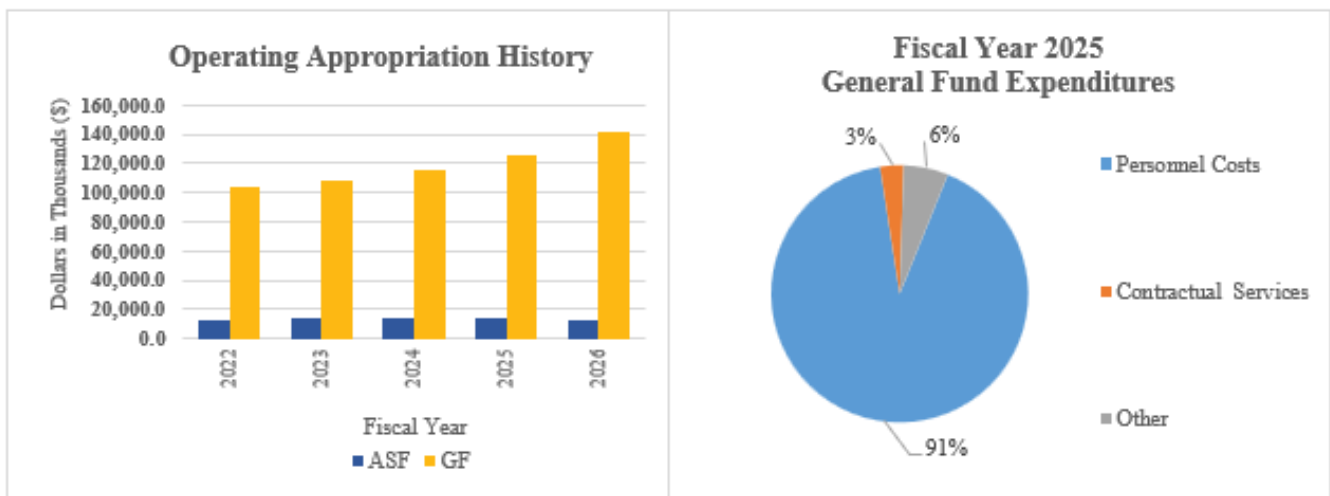


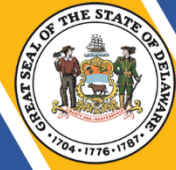
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At a Glance

- Enhance options for cost-effective and timely dispute resolution practices; and
- Improve access to justice for Delaware residents.





Overview

The Judicial Branch is a co-equal, independent branch of government entrusted with the fair, just and efficient resolution of disputes under the rules of law and equity, and with the protection of all rights and liberties guaranteed by the Constitutions of the State of Delaware and the United States.

The Judicial Branch is comprised of the following: Supreme Court; Court of Chancery; Superior Court; Court of Common Pleas; Family Court; Justice of the Peace Court; Office of the State Court Administrator; Office of State Court Collections Enforcement; Information Technology; Law Libraries; Office of the Public Guardian; Office of the Child Advocate; Maternal and Child Death Review Commission; and Delaware Residents' Protection Commission.

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Performance Measures

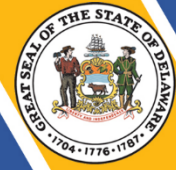
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02-01-10	<i>Supreme Court</i>			
	# of filings	557	533	545
	# of dispositions	522	520	532
	# of days from under advisement to final decision (average):			
	criminal	41	38	41
	civil	30	29	28
	# of days from initial filing to final decision (average):			
	criminal	209	202	202
	civil	174	172	169

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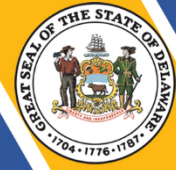
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	% of cases disposed of within: 30 days of the date of submission	50	52	55
	90 days of the date of submission	99	99	99
	290 days of the date of filing of the notice of appeal	89	91	92
	One year of filing of the notice of appeal	97	98	98
02-01-40 Regulatory Arms of the Court				
Office of Disciplinary Counsel				
	# of new matters filed	281	310	325
	# of new matters disposed	247	275	278
	# of cases pending or stayed	388	465	520
	# of private admonitions with or without probation	0	1	1
	# of public reprimands with or without probation	0	0	1
	# of suspensions and interim suspensions	0	1	2
	# of disbarments	1	0	0
	# of reinstatements	0	0	1
Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection				
	# of claims: paid	0	2	2
	denied or withdrawn	3	0	0
	pending	0	0	0
	\$ amount of claims: made	2,008,500	0	0
	paid	0	0	0
	pending	0	0	0
Board of Bar Examiners				
	# of applications processed	291	325	350
	# of applicants passing Bar exam	183	244	263
Commission on Continuing Legal Education				
	# of transcripts processed	6,867	7,000	7,200
	# of programs evaluated	7,280	7,285	7,290
	\$ amount of fines and sponsor fees paid	143,000	148,000	151,000

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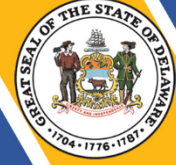
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02-02-10	Court of Chancery			
	% of decisions rendered within 90 days after readiness for adjudication	95.49	97.40	99.35
	# of matters filed	5,178	5,281	5,387
02-03-10	Superior Court			
	# of criminal case filings*:			
	New Castle	2,262	2,285	2,307
	Kent	733	740	748
	Sussex	1,299	1,312	1,325
	# of civil case filings:			
	New Castle	8,971	9,061	9,151
	Kent	1,162	1,174	1,186
	Sussex	1,103	1,114	1,125
	# of criminal case dispositions:			
	New Castle	2,338	2,361	2,385
	Kent	708	715	722
	Sussex	1,274	1,287	1,300
	# of civil case dispositions:			
	New Castle	7,351	7,425	7,499
	Kent	1,174	1,186	1,198
	Sussex	1,126	1,137	1,148
	# of criminal cases pending:			
	New Castle	632	638	644
	Kent	290	293	296
	Sussex	553	559	565
	# of civil cases pending:			
	New Castle	9,587	9,683	9,780
	Kent	1,175	1,187	1,199
	Sussex	648	654	661
02-06-10	Court of Common Pleas			
	Criminal Filings/Disposition/Collections			
	# of misdemeanor: filings	86,060	86,921	87,790
	dispositions	63,286	63,919	64,558
	# of felony filings	7,750	7,828	7,906
	\$ amount collected	2,103,500	2,124,500	2,145,800

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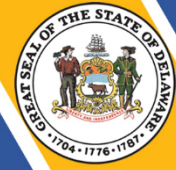
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	# of criminal misdemeanor filings:			
	New Castle	33,913	34,252	34,595
	Kent	23,940	24,179	24,421
	Sussex	28,207	28,489	28,774
	# of civil case filings:			
	New Castle	7,193	7,265	7,338
	Kent	2,573	2,599	24,421
	Sussex	2,225	2,274	28,774
	# from arraignment to trial by case type – New Castle County (weeks)			
	Traffic	7.5	7.6	7.7
	Non-jury	7.7	7.8	7.9
		11.9	12.0	12.1
	Drug – Drug diversion	8.2	8.3	8.4
	Drug – Title 16	4.2	4.2	4.3
	Jury trial	9.8	9.9	10.0
	# from arraignment to trial by case type – Kent County (weeks)			
	Non-jury	5.3	5.4	5.4
	Jury trial	15.2	15.4	15.5
	Drug diversion	1.4	1.4	1.4
	# from arraignment to trial by case type – Sussex County (weeks)			
	Non-jury	7.4	7.5	7.5
	Jury trial	6.4	6.5	6.5
	Drug diversion	1.5	1.5	1.5
02-08-10	Family Court			
	% of adult and juvenile criminal cases disposed of within 45 days of filing*	19.4	90	90
	% of adult and juvenile criminal cases disposed of within 90 days of filing*	41.1	100	100
	% of protection from abuse petitions disposed of within 90 days of filing	99.1	99	99
	% of child support matters disposed of within 180 days of	84	75	75

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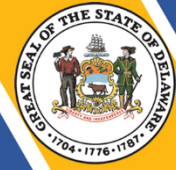
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	positive service excluding capias and genetic testing time			
	% of child support matters disposed of within 365 days of positive service excluding capias and genetic testing time	96	90	90
	% of civil decisions rendered within 90 days of taking the matter under advisement	99.7	90	90
	# of days from adjudication decision date to permanency decision date for proceedings involving dependent, neglected or abused children in the custody of the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families (DSCYF) (average)	292	290	290
	# of days from ex-parte date to adjudicatory decision date (Federal guideline is 40 days) (average)	39	30	30
	# of adult criminal case filings: Total New Castle Kent Sussex	4,779 2,776 1,064 939	4,875 2,832 1,085 958	4,970 2,887 1,107 977
	# of juvenile delinquency case filings: Total New Castle Kent Sussex	3,446 1,814 728 904	3,515 1,850 743 922	3,584 1,887 757 940
	# of civil case filings by county: Total New Castle Kent Sussex	36,915 20,283 7,906 8,726	37,653 20,689 8,064 8,901	38,392 21,094 8,222 9,075
	<i>* The criminal speedy trial data is derived from reports created before the Administrative Directive that sets forth speedy trial guidelines and does not consistently account for time frames that should be excluded from the calculation of days from filing to disposition.</i>			

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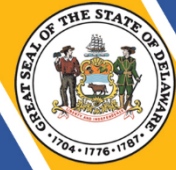
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02-13-10	<i>Justice of the Peace Court</i>			
	% of shifts per week with security coverage	100	100	100
	% of warrant applications statewide reviewed by the Justice of the Peace Court	99	99	99
	% of videophone proceedings that take place within 45 minutes of receipt*	87	89	90
	# of criminal and traffic filings by defendant:			
	Total**	187,874	184,689	190,494
	New Castle	37,832	36,333	38,210
	Kent	23,276	20,966	23,509
	Sussex	34,418	35,204	35,504
	Voluntary Assessment Center	92,348	92,186	93,271
	# of civil case filings by county:			
	Total**	41,902	36,068	42,321
	New Castle	19,820	17,795	20,018
	Kent	13,599	11,378	13,735
	Sussex	8,483	6,895	8,568
	# of total case filings by county:			
	Total**	229,776	220,757	231,958
	New Castle	57,652	54,128	58,228
	Kent	36,875	32,344	37,244
	Sussex	42,901	42,099	43,215
	Voluntary Assessment Center	92,348	92,186	93,271
<i>**FY 2026 and FY 2027 are projections only. Factors such as changes in police force complements, economic shifts, and changes in the law will affect the number of filings.</i>				
02-17-01	<i>Office of the State Court Administrator</i>			
	# of court litigants for which interpreter services were provided	17,410	18,000	18,000
	# of pro bono attorney volunteers for the Limited Legal Assistance Program	40	50	50
	# of pro bono attorney volunteer hours for the Limited Legal Assistance Program	80	100	100

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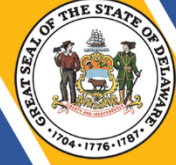
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02-17-03	Office of State Court Collections Enforcement *			
	# of contacts made to administer accounts:			
	face-to-face	459	500	550
	verbal	2,934	3,100	3,200
	written **	80,255	45,000	48,000
	\$ collected on behalf of:			
	Superior Court	920,175	925,000	935,000
	Court of Common Pleas	343,932	350,000	360,000
	Family Court	173,477	175,000	170,000
	Family Court	1,076,342	1,100,000	1,125,000
	OSCCE Receivables	149,495	150,000	160,000
	Justice of the Peace Court	6,539	6,500	5,000
	Court of Chancery	160,247	165,000	170,000
	Department of Correction (DOC) ***	43,042	0	0
	\$ collected at kiosk	203,523	210,000	210,000
	<i>* Written contacts are high due to the implementation of a Judicial wide aging policy that transferred cases from all Courts to the centralized collection office during FY 2025.</i> <i>** AOC/OSCCE payment kiosks accept cash payments for all Courts and on behalf of Child Support Services</i> <i>*** SB 284 eliminated all outstanding DOC probationary fees and went into effect August 2024. This is the last reporting year for these fees.</i>			
02-17-04	Information Technology			
	% cyber security training compliance	98	100	100
	% system availability	99	100	100
02-18-01	Office of the Public Guardian			
	# of referrals received	77	90	90
	# of referrals accepted for public guardianship	29	40	40
	# of current guardianships	239	230	230
	# of Guardianship Monitoring Program (GMP) appointments	331	350	350
	Legal Case Management			
	# of Office of the Public Guardian (OPG)/GMP legal filings	757	825	825
	# of reports filed	182	200	200
	# of accountings prepared	135	150	150
	# of inventories performed	22	40	40

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	Financial Case Management			
	# of current OPG appointments as guardian of property	152	160	160
	\$ amount of resources managed	2,789,659.00	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
	\$ amount of income managed	4,285,731.31	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00
02-18-05	<i>Office of the Child Advocate</i>			
	# of appropriate referrals	246	300	300
	# of DSCYF children represented:			
	New Castle	503	500	500
	Kent	191	200	200
	Sussex	109	100	100
	# of DSCYF children unrepresented:			
	New Castle	22	25	25
	Kent	5	5	5
	Sussex	3	5	5
	# of volunteer attorneys			
	# of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)	187 263	200 250	200 250
	# of volunteers (attorneys and CASAs) with over five years of OCA service	237	250	250
02-18-06	<i>Maternal and Child Death Review Commission</i>			
	% of child death cases reviewed within 180 days of death notification	84	79	50
	% of Maternal Mortality cases reviewed within 12 months of death	82	75	70
	% of Fetal/Infant Mortality cases reviewed within 12 months of death	100	100	95
	% of FIMR eligible cases with a completed maternal interview	15	11	11

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02-18-07	<i>Delaware Residents' Protection Commission</i>			
	# of reviews performed	13	13	14
	# of legislative and/or regulatory recommendations made	6	5	4
	# of nursing home facility visits	22	25	24
	# of assisted living facility visits	20	19	21