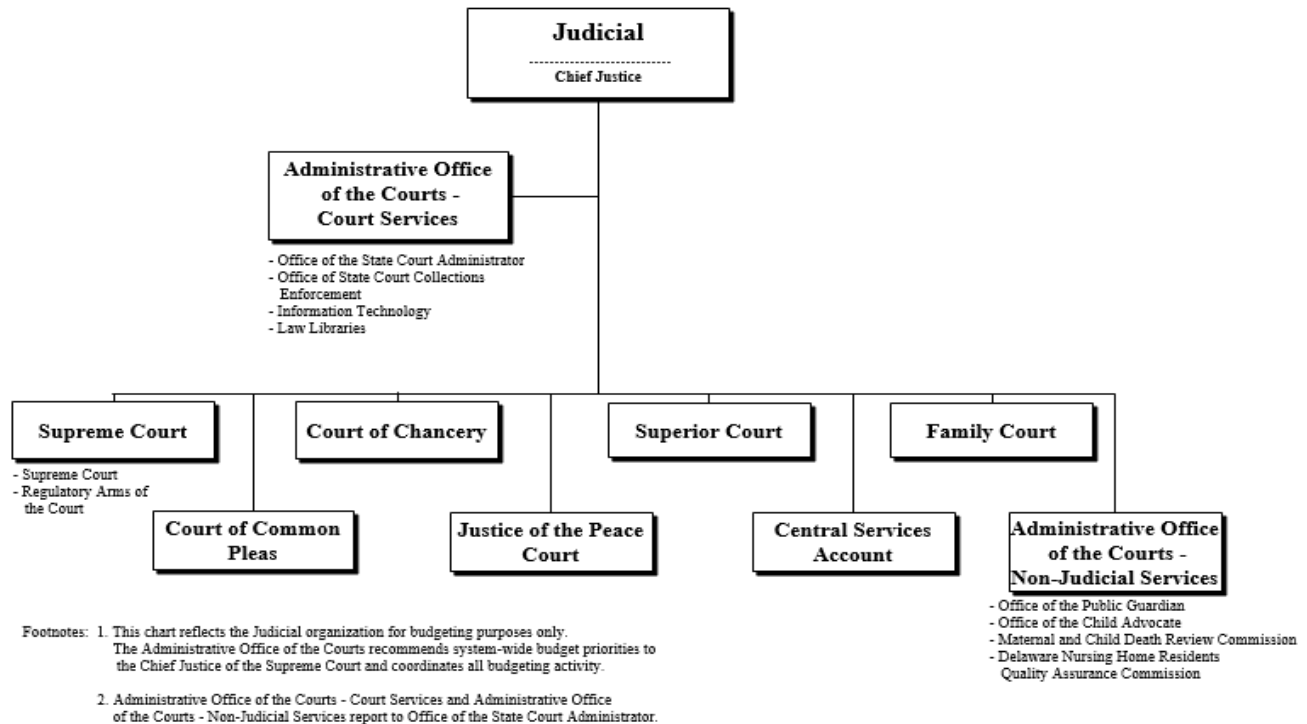
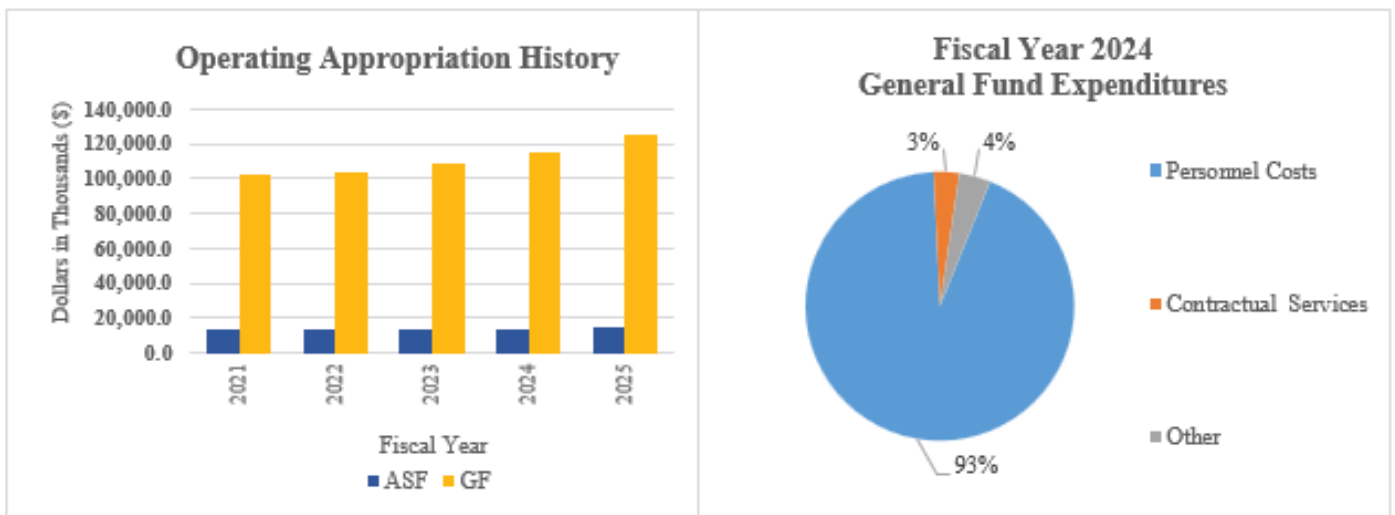


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## At a Glance

- 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 Nursing Home Residents Quality Assurance Commission.

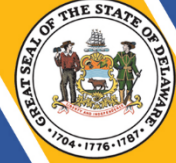
## On the Web

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## Performance Measures

IPU	Performance Measure Name	Fiscal Year 2024 Actual	Fiscal Year 2025 Budget	Fiscal Year 2026 Governor's Recommended
<b>02-01-10</b>	<b><i>Supreme Court</i></b>			
	# of filings	510	495	485
	# of dispositions	496	459	481
	# of days from under advisement to final decision (average):			
	criminal	41	39	41
	civil	32	31	29
	# of days from initial filing to final decision (average):			
criminal	201	154	154	
civil	160	147	143	

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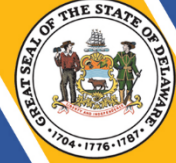
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	% of cases disposed of within: 30 days of the date of submission	52%	52%	55%
	90 days of the date of submission	98%	98%	99%
	290 days of the date of filing of the notice of appeal	82%	86%	89%
	One year of filing of the notice of appeal	92%	94%	96%
<b>02-01-40 Regulatory Arms of the Court</b>				
<b>Office of Disciplinary Council</b>				
	# of new matters filed	252	275	286
	# of new matters disposed	219	245	256
	# of cases pending or stayed	119	98	99
	# of private admonitions with or without probation	0	2	1
	# of public reprimands with or without probation	0	0	1
	# of suspensions and interim suspensions	1	1	1
	# of disbarments	1	0	0
	# of reinstatements	0	1	1
<b>Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection</b>				
	# of claims: paid	0	2	2
	denied or withdrawn	1	0	0
	pending	0	0	0
	\$ amount of claims: made	\$20,000,000	\$0	\$0
	paid	\$0	\$0	\$0
	pending	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Board of Bar Examiners</b>				
	# of applications processed	372	400	410
	# of applicants passing Bar exam	219	245	255
<b>Commission on Continuing Legal Education</b>				
	# of transcripts processed	6,440	6,440	6,445
	# of programs evaluated	6,670	6,675	6,680
	\$ amount of fines and sponsor fees paid	142,625	143,000	148,000

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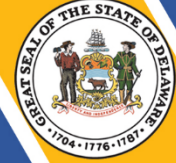
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<b>02-02-10</b>	<b><i>Court of Chancery</i></b>			
	% of decisions rendered within 90 days after readiness for adjudication	99.22%	99.8%	99.9%
	# of matters filed	5,021	5,121	5,223
<b>02-03-10</b>	<b><i>Superior Court</i></b>			
	# of criminal case filings:			
	New Castle	2,506	2,757	3,033
	Kent	630	693	762
	Sussex	1,332	1,465	1,612
	# of civil case filings:			
	New Castle	7,082	7,790	8,569
	Kent	1,157	1,273	1,400
	Sussex	1,261	1,387	1,526
	# of criminal case dispositions:			
	New Castle	3,048	3,353	3,688
	Kent	641	705	776
	Sussex	1,404	1,544	1,698
	# of civil case dispositions:			
	New Castle	6,679	7,347	8,082
Kent	1,210	1,331	1,464	
Sussex	1,245	1,370	1,507	
# of criminal cases pending:				
New Castle	662	728	801	
Kent	259	285	371	
Sussex	519	571	628	
# of civil cases pending:				
New Castle	8,084	8,892	9,781	
Kent	1,197	1,317	1,448	
Sussex	702	774	851	
<b>02-06-10</b>	<b><i>Court of Common Pleas</i></b>			
	<b>Criminal Filings/Disposition/Collections</b>			
	# of misdemeanor: filings	79,575	80,371	81,174
	dispositions	65,308	65,961	66,621
	# of felony filings	7,076	7,147	7,210
\$ amount collected (thousands)*	2,082.7	2,103.5	2,174.6	

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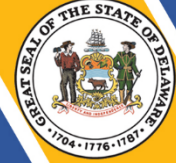
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	# of criminal misdemeanor filings:			
	New Castle	30,347	30,650	30,957
	Kent	21,587	21,803	22,021
	Sussex	27,641	27,917	28,197
	# of civil case filings:			
	New Castle	4,408	4,452	4,497
	Kent	1,398	1,412	1,426
	Sussex	1,336	1,349	1,363
	# from arraignment to trial by case type – New Castle County (weeks)			
	Traffic	7.4	7.5	7.6
	Non-jury	7.8	7.9	8.0
	Driving under the influence	11.6	11.7	11.8
	Drug – Drug diversion	8.3	8.4	8.5
	Drug – Title 16	4.5	4.6	4.7
	Jury trial	9.6	9.7	9.8
	# from arraignment to trial by case type – Kent County (weeks)			
	Non-jury	5.1	5.2	5.3
	Jury trial	15.1	15.3	15.4
	Drug diversion	1.3	1.4	1.5
	# from arraignment to trial by case type – Sussex County (weeks)			
	Non-jury	7.3	7.4	7.5
	Jury trial	6.3	6.4	6.5
	Drug diversion	1.4	1.5	1.6
<b>02-08-10</b>	<b>Family Court</b>			
	% of adult and juvenile criminal cases disposed of within 45 days of filing*	12.5%	90%	90%
	% of adult and juvenile criminal cases disposed of within 90 days of filing*	31.5%	100%	100%
	% of protection from abuse petitions disposed of within 90 days of filing	98.8%	99%	99%
	% of child support matters disposed of within 180 days of	75.3%	75%	75%

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IPU	Performance Measure Name	Fiscal Year 2024 Actual	Fiscal Year 2025 Budget	Fiscal Year 2026 Governor's Recommended
	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	90.2%	90%	90%
	% of civil decisions rendered within 90 days of taking the matter under advisement	100%	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)	293	290	290
	# of days from ex-parte date to adjudicatory decision date (Federal guideline is 40 days) (average)	37	30	30
	# of adult criminal case filings:			
	Total	4,600	4,692	4,784
	New Castle	2,705	2,759	2,813
	Kent	1,041	1,062	1,083
	Sussex	854	871	888
	# of juvenile delinquency case filings:			
	Total	3,741	3,816	3,891
	New Castle	1,906	1,944	1,982
	Kent	806	822	838
	Sussex	1,029	1,050	1,070
	# of civil case filings by county:			
	Total	32,491	33,141	33,791
	New Castle	17,921	18,279	18,638
	Kent	6,913	7,051	7,190
	Sussex	7,657	7,810	7,963
	* Performance results have been impacted by COVID-19. Per Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 1, during the period of judicial emergency, all time requirements under the Speedy Trial Guidelines [were] tolled. Additionally, the criminal speedy trial data is derived from reports created before the Administrative Directive that sets forth speedy trial guidelines and do not consistently account for time frames that should be excluded from the calculation of days from filing to disposition.			

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IPU	Performance Measure Name	Fiscal Year 2024 Actual	Fiscal Year 2025 Budget	Fiscal Year 2026 Governor's Recommended
<b>02-13-10</b>	<b><i>Justice of the Peace Court</i></b>			
	% 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	92%	95%	95%
	# of criminal and traffic filings by defendant:			
	Total*	180,219	185,000	184,689
	New Castle	34,936	37,500	36,333
	Kent	20,160	21,000	20,966
	Sussex	33,850	36,000	35,204
	Voluntary Assessment Center	91,273	90,500	92,186
	# of civil case filings by county:			
	Total*	35,601	33,400	36,069
	New Castle	17,619	16,500	17,795
	Kent	11,155	10,600	11,378
Sussex	6,827	6,300	6,895	
# of total case filings by county:				
Total*	215,820	218,400	220,758	
New Castle	52,555	53,000	54,128	
Kent	31,315	30,600	32,344	
Sussex	40,677	41,300	42,099	
Voluntary Assessment Center	91,273	90,500	92,186	
<i>*FY 2025 and FY2026 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>				
<b>02-17-01</b>	<b><i>Office of the State Court Administrator</i></b>			
	# of court litigants for which interpreter services were provided	17,500	18,000	18,000
	# of pro bono attorney volunteers	44	50	50
	# of pro bono attorney volunteer hours	88	100	100
<b>02-17-03</b>	<b><i>Office of State Court Collections Enforcement *</i></b>			
	# of contacts made to administer accounts:	367 1,850	425 2,000	500 2,250

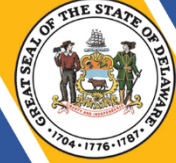
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	face-to-face verbal written *	41,951	45,000	48,000
	\$ collected on behalf of:			
	Superior Court	\$1,126,882	\$1,135,000	\$1,145,000
	Court of Common Pleas	\$142,286	\$150,000	\$155,000
	Family Court	\$175,027	\$175,000	\$180,000
	OSCCE Receivables	\$1,246,391	\$1,300,000	\$1,350,000
	Justice of the Peace Court	\$79,101	\$85,000	\$90,000
	Court of Chancery	\$2,921	\$3,000	\$4,000
	Child Support	\$101,654	\$105,000	\$115,000
	Department of Correction (DOC) **	\$348,180	\$31,953	\$0
	\$ collected at kiosk	\$134,040	\$145,000	\$155,000
	*Written contacts remain high with the continued transfer of accounts from the individual Courts to AOC/OSCCE.			
	**SB 282 and SB 284 eliminated DOC Probationary Fees and waived all balances effective 8/10/2024.			
<b>02-17-04</b>	<b>Information Technology</b>			
	% cyber security training compliance	98%	100%	100%
	% system availability	99%	100%	100%
<b>02-18-01</b>	<b>Office of the Public Guardian</b>			
	# of referrals received	80	100	100
	# of referrals accepted for public guardianship	47	50	50
	# of current guardianships	235	230	230
	# of Guardianship Monitoring Program (GMP) appointments	323	350	350
	<b>Legal Case Management</b>			
	# of Office of the Public Guardian (OPG)/GMP legal filings	757	825	825
	# of reports filed	173	220	220
	# of accountings prepared	108	150	150
	# of inventories performed	43	50	50
	<b>Financial Case Management</b>			
	# of current OPG appointments as guardian of property	183	175	175



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	\$ amount of resources managed	\$2,361,871	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
	\$ amount of income managed	\$4,644,458	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
<b>02-18-05</b>	<b><i>Office of the Child Advocate</i></b>			
	# of appropriate referrals	345	400	350
	# of DSCYF children represented:	921	905	895
	New Castle	579	572	546
	Kent	208	199	188
	Sussex	134	134	161
	# of DSCYF children unrepresented:	54	32	32
	New Castle	30	26	26
	Kent	19	3	3
	Sussex	5	3	3
	# of volunteer attorneys			
	# of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)	202	250	250
		251	255	250
	# of volunteers (attorneys and CASAs) with over five years of OCA service	207	255	220
<b>02-18-06</b>	<b><i>Maternal and Child Death Review Commission</i></b>			
	% of child death cases reviewed within 180 days of death notification	82%	84%	50%
	% of Maternal Mortality cases reviewed within 12 months of death	86%	82%	70%
	% of Fetal/Infant Mortality cases reviewed within 12 months of death	95%	100%	95%
	% of FIMR eligible cases with a completed maternal interview	21%	15%	15%

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02-18-07	<b><i>Delaware Nursing Home Residents Quality Assurance Commission</i></b>			
	# of reviews performed	13	13	13
	# of legislative recommendations made	3	3	5
	# of long-term care facility visits	24	22	25
	# of assisted living facility visits	23	18	19