



2008 Annual Report Statistical Information  
for the  
Delaware Judiciary



SUPREME COURT  
State of Delaware

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**SUPREME COURT**

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Filings</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	340	344	4	1.2%
Civil Appeals	264	268	4	1.5%
Certifications	0	5	-	-
Original Applications	41	37	-4	-9.8%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	15	14	-1	-6.7%
Bd. of Bar Exam.	1	1	0	0.0%
Un. Prac. Law	1	0	-	-
Advisory Opinions	0	1	-	-
Other	4	0	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.6%</b>

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Dispositions</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	338	339	1	0.3%
Civil Appeals	267	271	4	1.5%
Certifications	0	3	-	-
Original Applications	39	31	-8	-20.5%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	17	14	-3	-17.6%
Bd. of Bar Exam.	2	1	-1	-50.0%
Un. Prac. Law	1	1	0	0.0%
Advisory Opinions	1	1	0	0.0%
Other	3	0	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>- 7</b>	<b>- 1.0%</b>

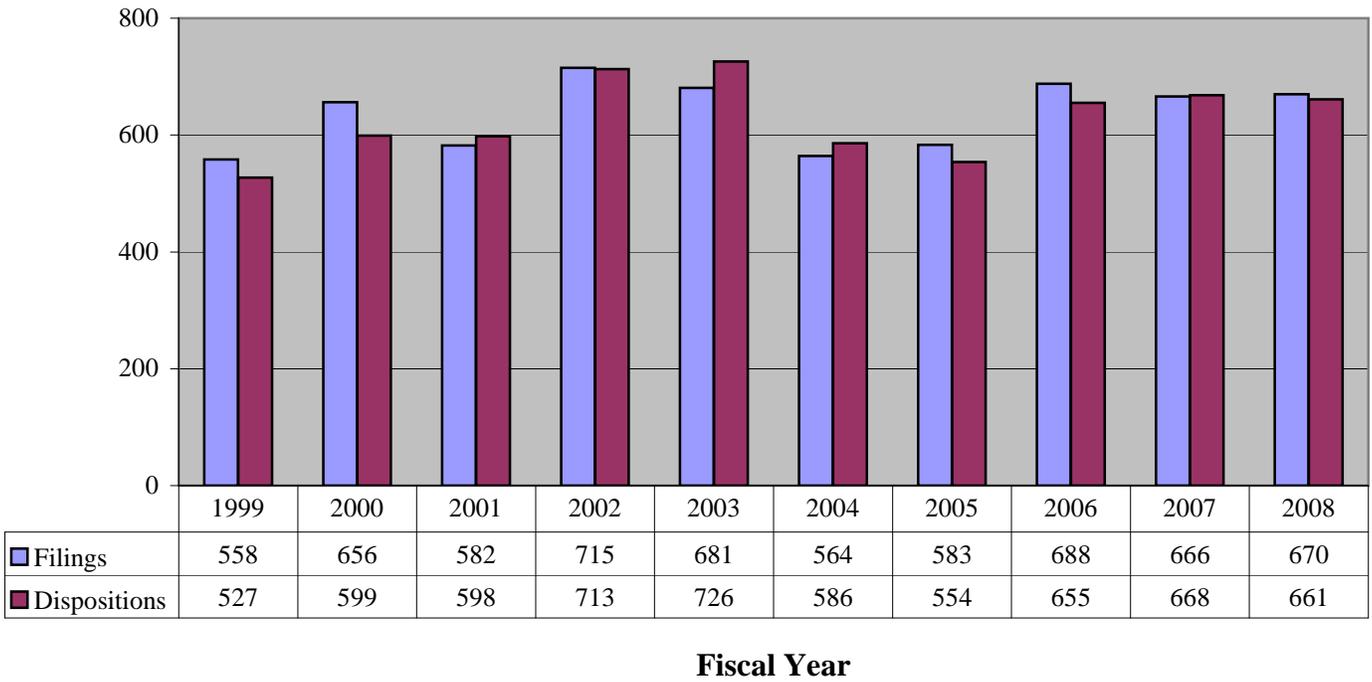
Bd. on Prof. Resp. = Board on Professional Responsibility

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Un. Prac. Law = Board on the Unauthorized Practice of Law

Source: Court Administrator and Clerk of the Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts

### Supreme Court 10 Year Total Caseload Trend



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### Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2008 - Filings

	Court of Chancery		Superior Court		Family Court		Non-Court Originated		Total	
Criminal Appeals	-		344	100.0%	-		-		344	100%
Civil Appeals	45	16.8%	163	60.8%	60	22.4%	-		268	100%
Original Applications*	-		-		-		58	100.0%	58	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>75.7%</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>9.0%</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>8.7%</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2008 - Dispositions

	Court of Chancery		Superior Court		Family Court		Non-Court Originated		Total	
Criminal Appeals	-		339	100.0%	-		-		339	100%
Civil Appeals	46	17.0%	169	62.4%	56	20.7%	-		271	100%
Original Applications*	-		-		-		51	100.0%	51	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>76.9%</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>7.7%</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*Original Applications include Certifications, Bd. On Prof. Resp., Bd. Of Bar Exam., Un. Prac. Law, Advisory Opinions, and Other.

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Source: Court Administrator and Clerk of the Supreme Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

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<b>Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2008 - Appeals</b>																		
	Affirmed		Affirmed Part/ Reversed Part		Reversed		Remanded		Voluntary Dismissal		Court Dismissal		Leave to Appeal Denied		Other		Total	
Criminal Appeals	256	75.5%	4	1.2%	10	2.9%	6	1.8%	13	3.8%	46	13.6%	0	0.0%	4	1.2%	339	100.0%
Civil Appeals	145	45.0%	6	1.9%	23	7.1%	4	1.2%	48	14.9%	62	19.3%	18	5.6%	16	5.0%	322	100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>60.7%</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>9.2%</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>16.3%</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<b>Methods of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2008</b>												
	Assigned Opinion		Per Curiam Opinion		Written Order		Voluntary Dismissal		Other		Total	
Criminal Appeals	33	9.7%	0		292	86.1%	13	3.8%	1	0.3%	339	100%
Civil Appeals	38	14.0%	0		186	68.6%	47	17.3%	0		271	100%
Certifications	0		0		3	100.0%	0		0		3	100%
Original Applications	0		0		30	96.8%	1	3.2%	0		31	100%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	0		0		14	100.0%	0		0		14	100%
Bd. of Bar Exam.	0		0		1	100.0%	0		0		1	100%
Un. Prac. Law	0		1	100.0%	0		0		0		1	100%
Advisory Opinions	1	100.0%	0		0		0		0		1	100%
Other	0		0		0		0		0		0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>10.9%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>79.6%</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>9.2%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>100%</b>

Bd. on Prof. Resp. = Board on Professional Responsibility  
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Source: Court Administrator and Clerk of the Supreme Clerk; Administrative Office of the Courts

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<b>Performance Summary Fiscal Year 2008 - Average Elapsed Time to Disposition</b>			
	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition	Average Time From Submission to Disposition*
Criminal Appeals	339	214.2 days	47.0 days
Civil Appeals	271	190.6 days	32.4 days
Certifications	3	7.3 days	5.7 days
Original Applications	31	49.4 days	27.8 days
BPR&BBE	15	83.7 days	17.2 days
Un. Prac. Law	1	247.0 days	8.0 days
Advisory Opinions	1	4.0 days	1.0 days
Other	0	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>193.4 days</b>	<b>39.6 days</b>

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Average Time From Filing to Disposition</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	202.8 days	214.2 days	11.4 days	5.6%
Civil Appeals	182.9 days	190.6 days	7.7 days	4.2%
Certifications	-	7.3 days	-	-
Original Applications	59.8 days	49.4 days	-10.4 days	-17.4%
BPR&BBE	141.1 days	83.7 days	-57.3 days	-40.6%
Un. Prac. Law	77.0 days	247.0 days	170.0 days	220.8%
Advisory Opinions	56.0 days	4.0 days	-52.0 days	-92.9%
Other	45.3 days	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>183.8 days</b>	<b>193.4 days</b>	<b>9.6 days</b>	<b>5.2%</b>

\*Average time from date submitted for judicial decision to actual date of disposition. The time for a case that is submitted and disposed in the same day is zero. Not all Supreme Court cases require a judicial decision.

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Un. Prac. Law = Unauthorized Practice of Law

Source: Court Administrator and Clerk of the Supreme Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

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<b>Performance Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2008 - Elapsed Time by Disposition Type</b>			
Type of Disposition	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition	Average Time From Submission to Disposition*
Affirmed	401	232.7 days	49.7 days
Affirmed Part/Reversed Part	10	463.7 days	79.7 days
Reversed	33	266.9 days	59.5 days
Remanded	10	298.7 days	45.3 days
Voluntary Dismissal	61	109.4 days	0.0 days
Court Dismissal	108	83.2 days	22.8 days
Leave to Appeal Denied	18	11.9 days	7.4 days
Other	20	111.9 days	20.4 days
<b>Total</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>193.4 days</b>	<b>39.6 days</b>

<b>Performance Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2008 - Elapsed Time by Disposition Method</b>			
Method of Disposition	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition	Average Time From Submission to Disposition*
Assigned Opinion	72	317.3 days	71.1 days
Per Curium Opinion	1	247.0 days	8.0 days
Written Order	526	186.5 days	40.0 days
Voluntary Dismissal	61	109.4 days	0.00 days
Other	1	3.0 days	0.00 days
<b>Total</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>193.4 days</b>	<b>39.6 days</b>

\*Average time from date submitted for judicial decision to actual date of disposition. The time for a case that is submitted and disposed in the same day is zero. Not all Supreme Court cases require a judicial decision.

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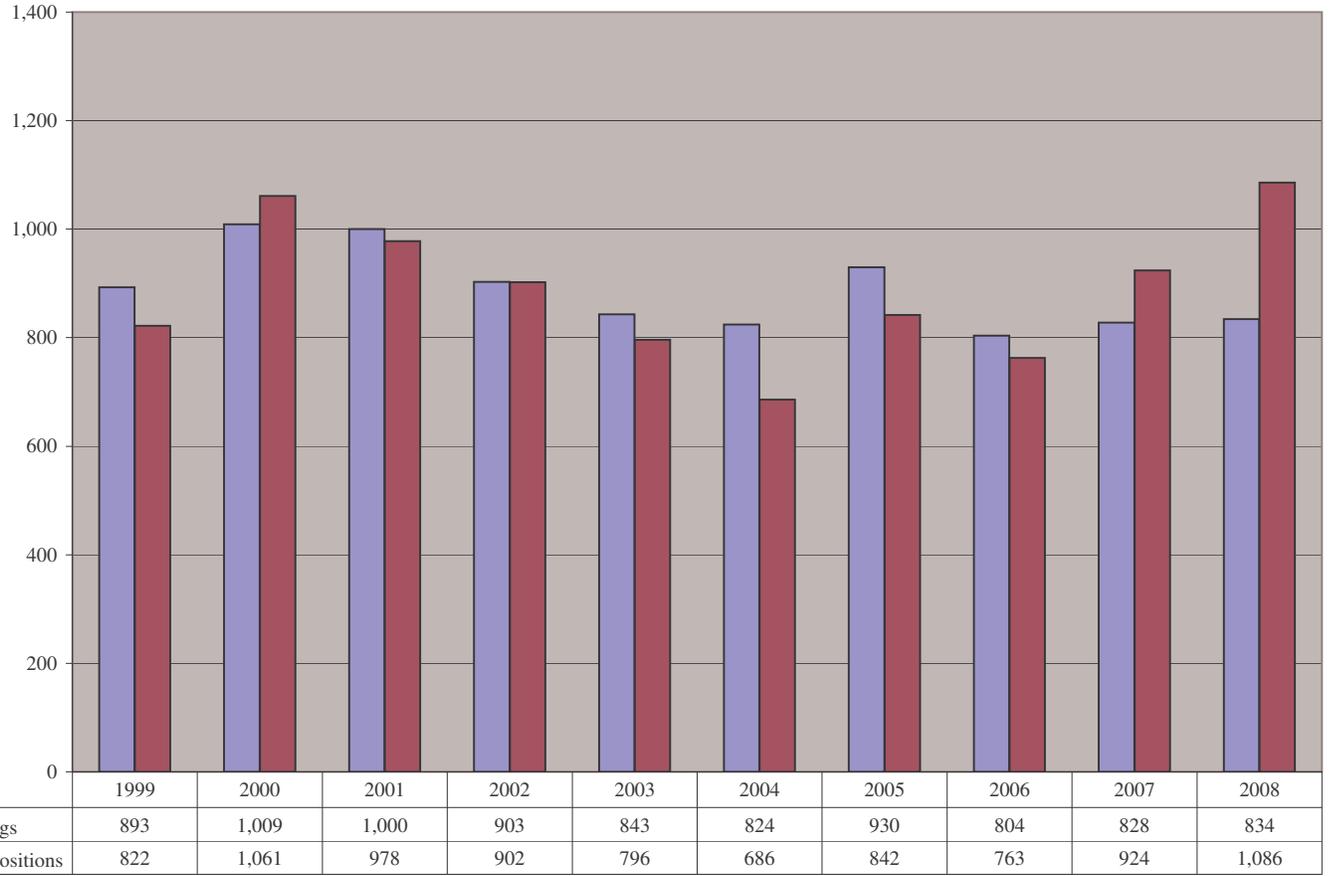
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<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Civil Filings</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0.7%</b>

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Civil Dispositions</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>1,086</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>17.5%</b>

Source: Registers in Chancery; Administrative Office of the Courts

**Court of Chancery 10-Year Civil Caseload Trend**



**Fiscal Year**

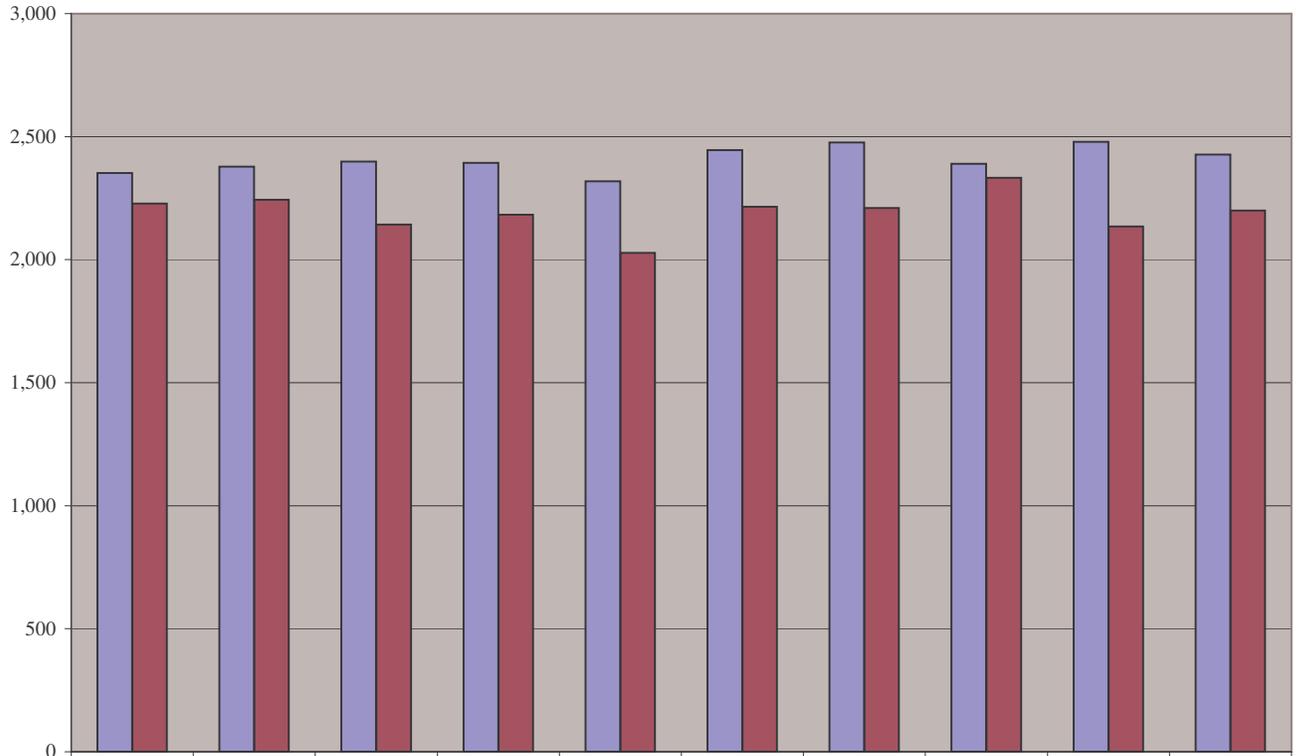
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<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Estates Filings</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>2,479</b>	<b>2,427</b>	<b>-52</b>	<b>-2.1%</b>

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Estates Dispositions</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>2,135</b>	<b>2,199</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>3.0%</b>

Source: Registers of Wills; Administrative Office of the Courts

**Court of Chancery 10-Year Estates Caseload Trend**



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Filings	2,352	2,378	2,399	2,394	2,319	2,445	2,476	2,390	2,479	2,427
Dispositions	2,228	2,244	2,143	2,183	2,027	2,215	2,210	2,333	2,135	2,199

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<b>Caseload Summary Fiscal Years 2007-2008- Miscellaneous Matters Filings</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>-69</b>	<b>-8.3%</b>

<b>Caseload Summary Fiscal Years 2007-2008- Miscellaneous Matters Dispositions</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>1,172</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>130.7%</b>

\* The number of 2006 dispositions reflects a one time file maintenance initiative

Source: Registers in Chancery; Administrative Office of the Courts

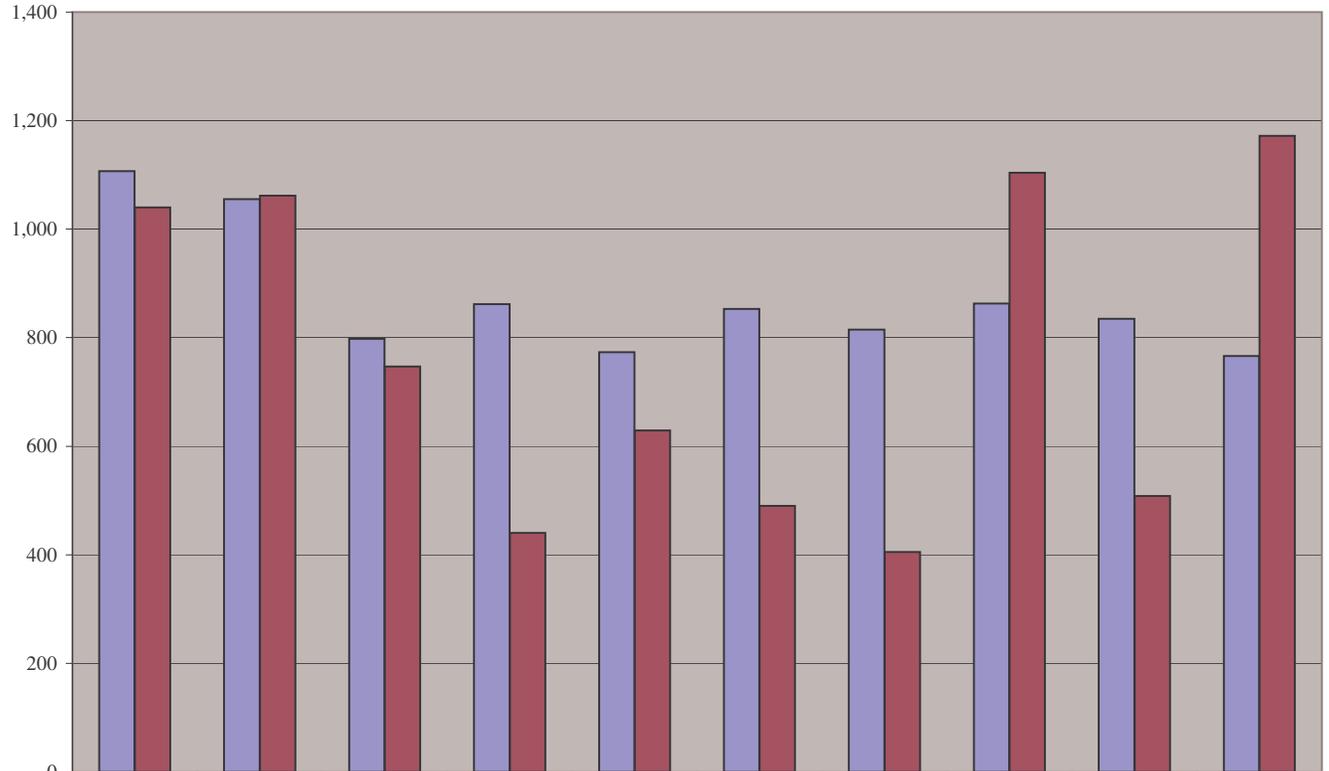
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<b>Caseload Breakdown Fiscal Year 2008 - Miscellaneous Matters Filings</b>									
	Guardians for Minors		Guardians for Infirm		Trusts		Other Matters		Totals
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>36.9%</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>30.3%</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>27.7%</b>	<b>766 100.0%</b>

<b>Caseload Breakdown Fiscal Year 2008 - Miscellaneous Matters Dispositions</b>									
	Guardians for Minors		Guardians for Infirm		Trusts		Other Matters		Totals
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>63.7%</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>16.1%</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>16.5%</b>	<b>1,172 100.0%</b>

Source: Registers in Chancery; Administrative Office of the Courts

**Court of Chancery 10-Year Miscellaneous Caseload Trend**



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Filings	1,107	1,055	798	862	773	853	815	863	835	766
Dispositions	1,040	1,062	747	440	629	490	405	1,104	508	1,172

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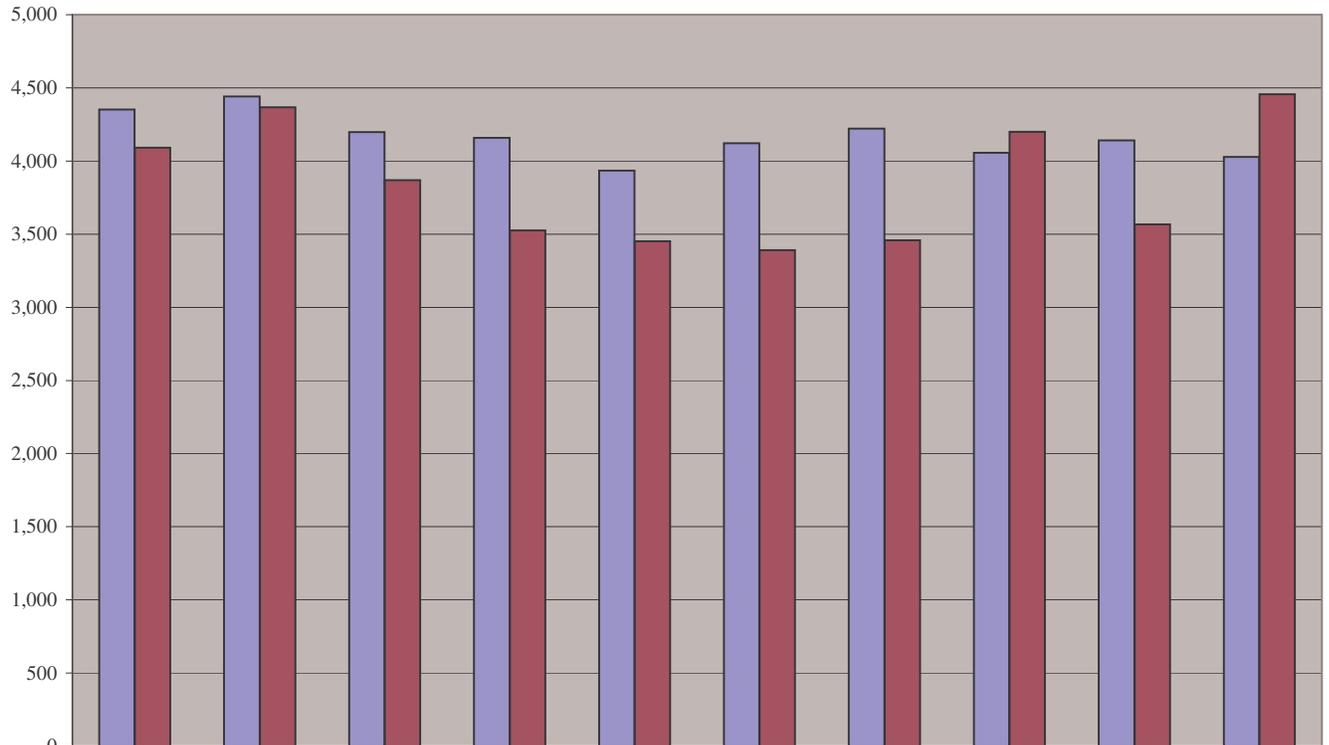
<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Total Case Filings</b>				
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>4,142</b>	<b>4,027</b>	<b>-115</b>	<b>-2.8%</b>

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Total Case Dispositions</b>				
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>3,567</b>	<b>4,457</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>25.0%</b>

Total Includes Civil, Miscellaneous, and Estates

Source: Registers in Chancery; Registers of Wills; Administrative Office of the Courts

**Court of Chancery 10-Year Total Caseload Trend (Civil, Miscellaneous, & Estates)**



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Filings	4,352	4,442	4,197	4,159	3,935	4,122	4,221	4,057	4,142	4,027
Dispositions	4,090	4,367	3,868	3,525	3,452	3,391	3,457	4,200	3,567	4,457

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<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Civil Case Filings</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	9,823	9,558	-265	-2.7%
Kent County	1,633	1,861	228	14.0%
Sussex County	1,413	1,758	345	24.4%
<b>State</b>	<b>12,869</b>	<b>13,177</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>2.4%</b>

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Civil Case Dispositions</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	9,646	9,975	329	3.4%
Kent County	1,363	1,554	191	14.0%
Sussex County	1,299	1,615	316	24.3%
<b>State</b>	<b>12,308</b>	<b>13,144</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>6.8%</b>

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

## SUPERIOR COURT

### Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2008 - Civil Case Filings

	Mechanic's Liens				Involuntary				Total		
	Complaints		and Mortgages		Appeals		Commitments	Miscellaneous			
New Castle County	3,493	36.5%	2,496	26.1%	112	1.2%	1,262	13.2%	2,195	23.0%	9,558
Kent County	600	32.2%	667	35.8%	53	2.8%	180	9.7%	361	19.4%	1,861
Sussex County	444	25.3%	889	50.6%	32	1.8%	0	0.0%	393	22.4%	1,758
<b>State</b>	<b>4,537</b>	<b>34.4%</b>	<b>4,052</b>	<b>30.8%</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>1,442</b>	<b>10.9%</b>	<b>2,949</b>	<b>22.4%</b>	<b>13,177</b>

### Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2008 - Civil Case Dispositions

	Mechanic's Liens				Involuntary				Total		
	Complaints		and Mortgages		Appeals		Commitments	Miscellaneous			
New Castle County	3,894	39.0%	2,544	25.5%	109	1.1%	1,272	12.8%	2,156	21.6%	9,975
Kent County	510	32.8%	467	30.1%	46	3.0%	197	12.7%	334	21.5%	1,554
Sussex County	407	25.2%	774	47.9%	43	2.7%	0	0.0%	391	24.2%	1,615
<b>State</b>	<b>4,811</b>	<b>36.6%</b>	<b>3,785</b>	<b>28.8%</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>1,469</b>	<b>11.2%</b>	<b>2,881</b>	<b>21.9%</b>	<b>13,144</b>

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

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<b>Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2008 - Civil Complaints</b>																	
Trial Dispositions					Non-Trial Dispositions												
Judgment for Plaintiff		Judgment for Defendant			Default Judgment for Plaintiff		Other Judgment for Plaintiff		Judgment for Defendant		Voluntary Dismissal		Court Dismissal		Other		Total
New Castle County	37	1.0%	20	0.5%	218	5.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2,201	56.5%	889	22.8%	529	13.6%	3,894
Kent County	8	1.6%	3	0.6%	22	4.3%	3	0.6%	0	0.0%	395	77.5%	46	9.0%	33	6.5%	510
Sussex County	9	2.2%	7	1.7%	35	8.6%	16	3.9%	1	0.2%	240	59.0%	44	10.8%	55	13.5%	407
<b>State</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>2,836</b>	<b>58.9%</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>20.3%</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>12.8%</b>	<b>4,811</b>

<b>Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2008 - Mechanic's Liens and Mortgages</b>																	
Trial Dispositions					Non-Trial Dispositions												
Judgment for Plaintiff		Judgment for Defendant			Default Judgment for Plaintiff		Other Judgment for Plaintiff		Judgment for Defendant		Voluntary Dismissal		Court Dismissal		Other		Total
New Castle County	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1,415	55.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	894	35.1%	233	9.2%	2	0.1%	2,544
Kent County	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	348	74.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	101	21.6%	18	3.9%	0	0.0%	467
Sussex County	3	0.4%	2	0.3%	497	64.2%	5	0.6%	0	0.0%	202	26.1%	45	5.8%	20	2.6%	774
<b>State</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>2,260</b>	<b>59.7%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>1,197</b>	<b>31.6%</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>3,785</b>

<b>Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2008 - Civil Appeals</b>																	
Affirmed					Reversed			Remanded		Voluntary Dismissal		Court Dismissal		Other		Total	
New Castle County	48	44.0%	1	0.9%	8	7.3%	20	18.3%	30	27.5%	2	1.8%	109				
Kent County	16	34.8%	5	10.9%	2	4.3%	11	23.9%	10	21.7%	2	4.3%	46				
Sussex County	14	32.6%	3	7.0%	3	7.0%	14	32.6%	7	16.3%	2	4.7%	43				
<b>State</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>39.4%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>22.7%</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>23.7%</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>198</b>				

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

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<b>Trial Activity Fiscal Year 2008 - Civil Trials</b>						
	Number of Jury Trials	Number of Non-Jury Trials	Number of Special Jury Trials	Total Number of Trials	Trial Time*	Average Trial Time
New Castle County	66	10	0	76	239 days	3.14 days
Kent County	10	1	0	11	31 days	2.82 days
Sussex County	9	17	0	26	55 days	2.12 days
<b>State</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>325 days</b>	<b>2.88 days</b>

<b>Calendar Activity Fiscal Year 2008 - Civil Cases</b>											
	Cases Tried		Cases Settled or Dismissed		Cases Continued for Settlement		Cases Continued Due to Lack of Judge		Cases Continued at Request of Attorney	Total Cases Scheduled	
New Castle County	76	7.1%	758	71.3%	47	4.4%	1	0.1%	181	17.0%	1,063
Kent County	11	4.3%	152	59.8%	13	5.1%	6	2.4%	72	28.3%	254
Sussex County	26	8.8%	211	71.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	59	19.9%	296
<b>State</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>1,121</b>	<b>69.5%</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>19.3%</b>	<b>1,613</b>

<b>Performance Summary Fiscal Year 2008 - Civil Cases</b>							
	<b>COMPLAINTS</b>		<b>MECHANIC'S LIENS AND MORTGAGES</b>			<b>APPEALS</b>	
	Number of Dispositions	Average Time from Filing to Disposition	Number of Dispositions	Average Time from Filing to Disposition	Number of Dispositions	Average Time from Filing to Disposition	
New Castle County	3,894	475.3 days	2,544	168.7 days	109	304.6 days	
Kent County	510	354.9 days	467	176.9 days	46	251.6 days	
Sussex County	407	305.7 days	774	114.0 days	43	289.5 days	
<b>State</b>	<b>4,811</b>	<b>448.2 days</b>	<b>3,785</b>	<b>158.5 days</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>289.0 days</b>	
	<b>INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS</b>		<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>		
	Number of Dispositions	Average Time from Filing to Disposition	Number of Dispositions	Average Time from Filing to Disposition	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition	
New Castle County	1,272	114.5 days	2,156	71.4 days	9,975	261.9 days	
Kent County	197	866.1 days	334	93.0 days	1,554	306.9 days	
Sussex County	0	0.0 days	391	62.8 days	1,615	154.6 days	
<b>State</b>	<b>1,469</b>	<b>215.3 days</b>	<b>2,881</b>	<b>72.8 days</b>	<b>13,144</b>	<b>254.1 days</b>	

\* Trial time is the total time spent in all trials

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

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<b>Performance Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2008 - Civil Complaints - Method of Disposition</b>											
	Trial		Arbitrator's Order		Default Judgment		Voluntary Dismissal		Other		Total
New Castle County	57	1.5%	485	12.5%	218	5.6%	2,201	56.5%	933	24.0%	3,894
Kent County	11	2.2%	24	4.7%	22	4.3%	395	77.5%	58	11.4%	510
Sussex County	16	3.9%	38	9.3%	35	8.6%	240	59.0%	78	19.2%	407
<b>State</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>11.4%</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>2,836</b>	<b>58.9%</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>22.2%</b>	<b>4,811</b>

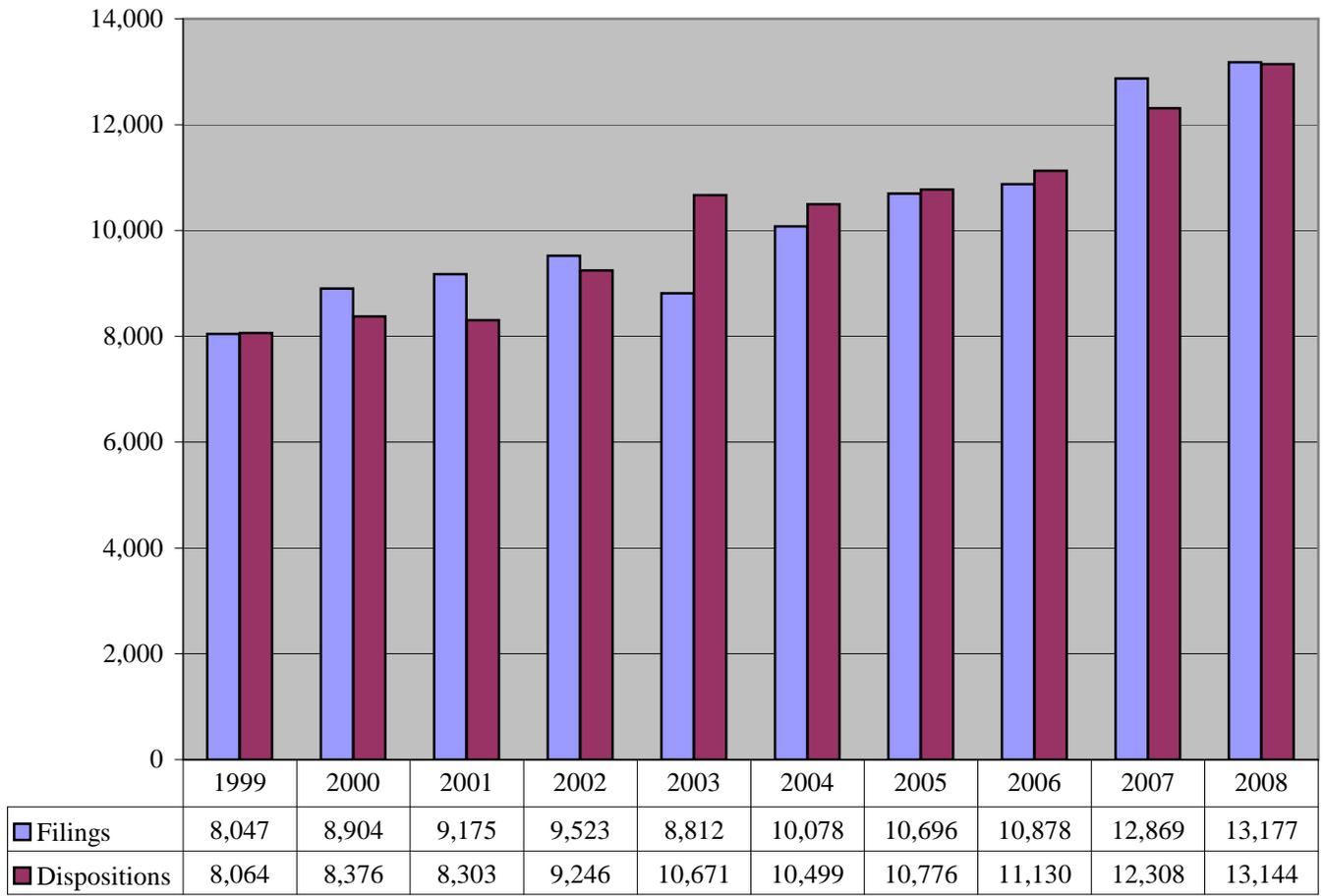
<b>Performance Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2008 - Civil Complaints - Elapsed Time</b>										
<b>Average Time From Filing to Disposition</b>										
	Trial		Arbitrator's Order		Default Judgment		Voluntary Dismissal		Other	Total
New Castle County	903.0 days		327.2 days		207.2 days		423.4 days		711.3 days	475.3 days
Kent County	1,035.2 days		332.5 days		207.5 days		338.0 days		406.2 days	354.9 days
Sussex County	659.0 days		232.5 days		125.4 days		325.4 days		294.7 days	305.7 days
<b>State</b>	<b>865.7 days</b>		<b>297.4 days</b>		<b>180.0 days</b>		<b>362.3 days</b>		<b>470.7 days</b>	<b>378.6 days</b>

<b>Performance Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2008 - Mechanic's Liens and Mortgages - Method of Disposition</b>											
	Trial		Arbitrator's Order		Default Judgment		Voluntary Dismissal		Other		Total
New Castle County	0	0.0%	2	0.1%	1,415	55.6%	894	35.1%	233	9.2%	2,544
Kent County	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	348	74.5%	101	21.6%	18	3.9%	467
Sussex County	5	0.6%	3	0.4%	497	64.2%	202	26.1%	67	8.7%	774
<b>State</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>2,260</b>	<b>59.7%</b>	<b>1,197</b>	<b>31.6%</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>3,785</b>

<b>Performance Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2008 - Mechanic's Liens and Mortgages - Elapsed Time</b>										
<b>Average Time From Filing to Disposition</b>										
	Trial		Arbitrator's Order		Default Judgment		Voluntary Dismissal		Other	Total
New Castle County	0.0 days		460.0 days		116.4 days		177.2 days		451.1 days	168.7 days
Kent County	0.0 days		0.0 days		160.8 days		129.6 days		753.5 days	176.9 days
Sussex County	430.8 days		214.7 days		88.7 days		122.3 days		256.4 days	114.0 days
<b>State</b>	<b>430.8 days</b>		<b>312.8 days</b>		<b>117.2 days</b>		<b>163.9 days</b>		<b>427.2 days</b>	<b>158.5 days</b>

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

### Superior Court Civil 10 Year Caseload Trend



**Fiscal Year**

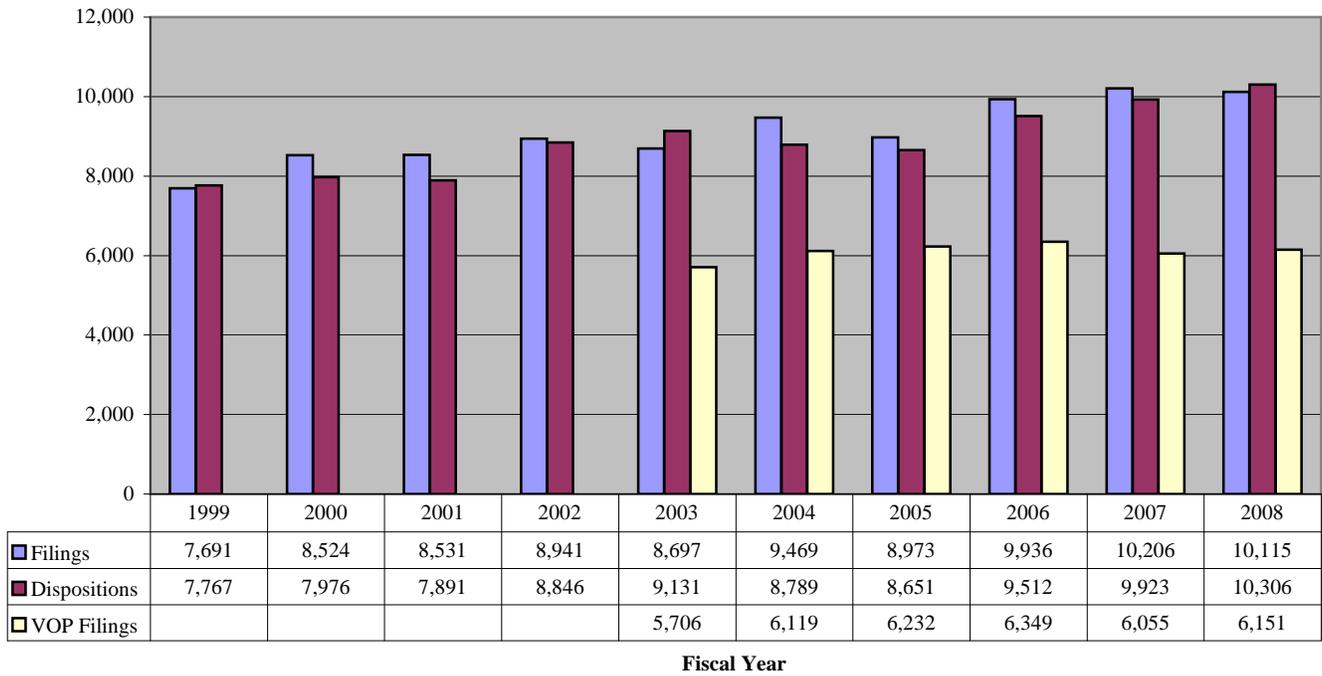
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<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Criminal Case Filings</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	5,718	5,504	-214	-3.7%
Kent County	2,258	2,243	-15	-0.7%
Sussex County	2,230	2,368	138	6.2%
<b>State</b>	<b>10,206</b>	<b>10,115</b>	<b>-91</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Criminal Case Dispositions</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	5,711	5,643	-68	-1.2%
Kent County	2,211	2,332	121	5.5%
Sussex County	2,001	2,331	330	16.5%
<b>State</b>	<b>9,923</b>	<b>10,306</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>3.9%</b>

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

**Superior Court Criminal 10-Year Caseload Trend**



The numbers of VOP filings are not available for 1999 - 2002.

**SUPERIOR COURT**

<b>Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2008 - Criminal Filings</b>									
	Indictment		Rule 9 Warrant		Information		Other*		Total
New Castle County	4,880	88.7%	342	6.2%	261	4.7%	21	0.4%	5,504
Kent County	1,997	89.0%	20	0.9%	214	9.5%	12	0.5%	2,243
Sussex County	587	24.8%	214	9.0%	1,567	66.2%	0	0.0%	2,368
<b>State</b>	<b>7,464</b>	<b>73.8%</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>2,042</b>	<b>20.2%</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>10,115</b>

<b>Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2008 - Criminal Dispositions</b>									
	Trial		Guilty Plea**		Nolle Prosequi		Remand/Transfer		ADRR
New Castle County	131	2.3%	3,945	69.9%	839	14.9%	7	0.1%	0
Kent County	45	1.9%	1,618	69.4%	304	13.0%	25	1.1%	0
Sussex County	27	1.2%	1,780	76.4%	285	12.2%	10	0.4%	0
<b>State</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>7,343</b>	<b>71.2%</b>	<b>1,428</b>	<b>13.9%</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2008 - Criminal Dispositions (cont.)</b>									
	Dismissal		FOP/Drug Court		Consolidation		Total		
New Castle County	207	3.7%	360	6.4%	154	2.7%	5,643		
Kent County	74	3.2%	133	5.7%	133	5.7%	2,332		
Sussex County	11	0.5%	80	3.4%	138	5.9%	2,331		
<b>State</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>10,306</b>		

\* Includes appeals, transfers, reinstatements and severances.

\*\* Includes Probation Before Judgment

ADRR = Appeal Dismissed Record Remanded

FOP = First Offender Program

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

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<b>Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2008 - Criminal Trials - Part One</b>							
	Jury Trial		Non-Jury Trial		Total		
New Castle County	129	84.3%	24	15.7%	153	100.0%	
Kent County	41	91.1%	4	8.9%	45	100.0%	
Sussex County	26	96.3%	1	3.7%	27	100.0%	
<b>State</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>87.1%</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>12.9%</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

	Guilty		Not Guilty*		No Final Disposition**		Total	
New Castle County	107	69.9%	24	15.7%	22	14.4%	153	100.0%
Kent County	32	71.1%	11	24.4%	2	4.4%	45	100.0%
Sussex County	17	63.0%	4	14.8%	6	22.2%	27	100.0%
<b>State</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>69.3%</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>17.3%</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>13.3%</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<b>Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2008 - Criminal Trials - Part Two</b>								
Jury Trial								
	Guilty	Guilty LIO	Not Guilty	Pled Guilty At Trial	Nol Pros/ Dismissed at Trial	Mistrial	Hung Jury	Total
New Castle County	66	12	16	12	4	9	10	129
Kent County	18	2	8	9	2	1	1	41
Sussex County	14	0	4	2	0	6	0	26
<b>State</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>196</b>

Non-Jury Trial								
	Guilty	Guilty LIO	Not Guilty	Pled Guilty	Nol Pros/ Dismissed at Trial	Mistrial	Total***	
New Castle County	16	1	3	0	1	0	21	
Kent County	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	
Sussex County	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
<b>State</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>	

All Trials								
	Guilty	Guilty LIO	Not Guilty	Pled Guilty at Trial	Nol Pros/ Dismissed at Trial	Mistrial	Hung Jury	Total***
New Castle County	82	13	19	12	5	9	10	150
Kent County	21	2	9	9	2	1	1	45
Sussex County	15	0	4	2	0	6	0	27
<b>State</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>222</b>

<b>Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2008 - Criminal Nolle Prosequis</b>						
	Nolle Prosequis By Special Condition		Nolle Prosequis By Merit		Total	
New Castle County	279	33.3%	560	66.7%	839	100.0%
Kent County	228	75.0%	76	25.0%	304	100.0%
Sussex County	72	25.3%	213	74.7%	285	100.0%
<b>State</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>40.5%</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>59.5%</b>	<b>1,428</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\* Includes Dismissals at Trial and Nolle Prosequis at Trial

\*\* Hung Juries, Mistrials, and Reserved Decisions

\*\*\* Does not include Reserved Decisions

LIO = Lesser Included Offense

Nol Pros = Nolle Prosequi

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

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<b>Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2008 - Criminal Felony Guilty Pleas</b>						
	Pled Guilty Original		Pled Guilty Lesser		Total	
New Castle County	1,990	88.2%	267	11.8%	2,257	100.0%
Kent County	958	88.4%	126	11.6%	1,084	100.0%
Sussex County	1,281	91.7%	116	8.3%	1,397	100.0%
<b>State</b>	<b>4,229</b>	<b>89.3%</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>10.7%</b>	<b>4,738</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<b>Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2008 - Criminal Misdemeanor Guilty Pleas</b>						
	Pled Guilty Original		Pled Guilty Lesser*		Total	
New Castle County	809	47.9%	879	52.1%	1,688	100.0%
Kent County	263	49.3%	271	50.7%	534	100.0%
Sussex County	274	75.1%	91	24.9%	365	100.0%
<b>State</b>	<b>1,346</b>	<b>52.0%</b>	<b>1,241</b>	<b>48.0%</b>	<b>2,587</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<b>Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2008 - Criminal Total Guilty Pleas</b>						
	Pled Guilty Original		Pled Guilty Lesser*		Total	
New Castle County	2,799	71.0%	1,146	29.0%	3,945	100.0%
Kent County	1,221	75.5%	397	24.5%	1,618	100.0%
Sussex County	1,555	88.3%	207	11.7%	1,762	100.0%
<b>State</b>	<b>5,575</b>	<b>76.1%</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>23.9%</b>	<b>7,325</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\* Includes Probation Before Judgment

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

**SUPERIOR COURT**

<b>Performance Summary Fiscal Year 2008 - Criminal Cases - Elapsed Time</b>			
	Total Number of Cases Disposed	Average Time from Arrest to Disposition	Average Time from Indictment to Disposition
New Castle County	5,643	132.4 days	92.5 days
Kent County	2,332	136.1 days	90.5 days
Sussex County	2,331	139.4 days	87.3 days
<b>State</b>	<b>10,306</b>	<b>136.0 days</b>	<b>90.1 days</b>

<b>Performance Summary Fiscal Year 2008 - Criminal Cases - Compliance With Speedy Trial Standards</b>							
	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	5,643	4,130	73.2%	5,211	92.3%	5,604	99.3%
Kent County	2,332	1,675	71.8%	2,012	86.3%	2,296	98.5%
Sussex County	2,331	1,941	83.3%	2,200	94.4%	2,324	99.7%
<b>State</b>	<b>10,306</b>	<b>7,746</b>	<b>75.2%</b>	<b>9,423</b>	<b>91.4%</b>	<b>10,224</b>	<b>99.2%</b>

**Criminal Cases Performance Explanatory Notes**

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 nolle prosequis, the time between the scheduled trial date and the actual filing date of the nolle prosequis.
  - d. For all mental examinations, the time between the date that the examination is ordered and the date of the receipt of the results.
  - e. For all defendants deemed to be incompetent, the period in which the defendant is considered incompetent.

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

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<b>Performance Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Criminal Cases</b>				
<b>Average Time From Arrest to Disposition</b>				
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
New Castle County	159.2 days	132.4 days	-26.8 days	-16.8%
Kent County	145.8 days	136.1 days	-9.7 days	-6.7%
Sussex County	128.9 days	139.4 days	10.5 days	8.1%
<b>State</b>	<b>144.6 days</b>	<b>136.0 days</b>	<b>-8.6 days</b>	<b>-5.9%</b>

<b>Performance Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Criminal Cases</b>				
<b>Average Time From Indictment to Disposition</b>				
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
New Castle County	110.0 days	92.5 days	-17.5 days	-15.9%
Kent County	103.7 days	90.5 days	-13.2 days	-12.7%
Sussex County	89.4 days	87.3 days	-2.1 days	-2.3%
<b>State</b>	<b>101.0 days</b>	<b>90.1 days</b>	<b>-10.9 days</b>	<b>-10.8%</b>

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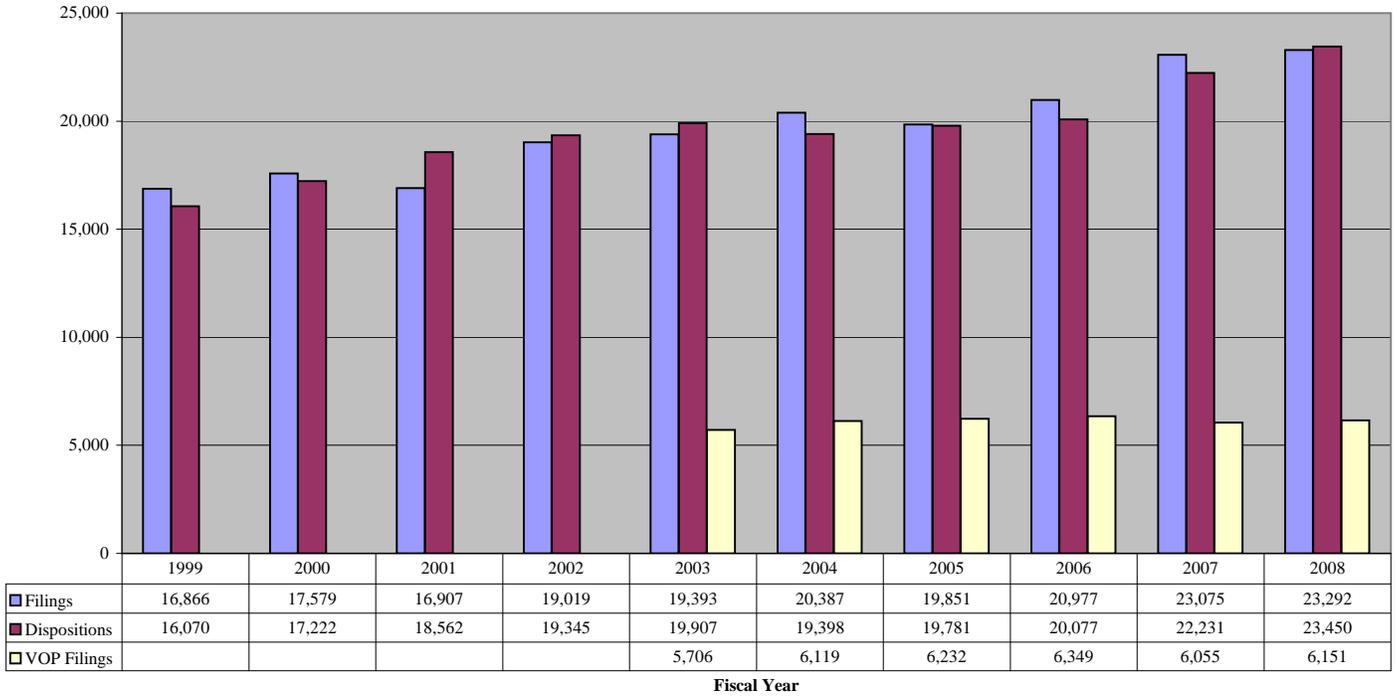
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<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Total Case Filings</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	15,541	15,062	-479	-3.1%
Kent County	3,891	4,104	213	5.5%
Sussex County	3,643	4,126	483	13.3%
<b>State</b>	<b>23,075</b>	<b>23,292</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>0.9%</b>

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Total Case Dispositions</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	15,357	15,618	261	1.7%
Kent County	3,574	3,886	312	8.7%
Sussex County	3,300	3,946	646	19.6%
<b>State</b>	<b>22,231</b>	<b>23,450</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>5.5%</b>

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

**Superior Court Total 10-Year Caseload Trend**



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<b>Caseload Summary Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Adult Criminal Case Filings</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	3,642	2,969	-673	-18.5%
Kent County	875	826	-49	-5.6%
Sussex County	793	697	-96	-12.1%
<b>State</b>	<b>5,310</b>	<b>4,492</b>	<b>-818</b>	<b>-15.4%</b>

<b>Caseload Summary Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Adult Criminal Case Dispositions</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	3,474	2,659	-815	-23.5%
Kent County	868	635	-233	-26.8%
Sussex County	831	674	-157	-18.9%
<b>State</b>	<b>5,173</b>	<b>3,968</b>	<b>-1205</b>	<b>-23.3%</b>

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

## FAMILY COURT

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Civil Case Filings</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	24,124	21,474	-2,650	-11.0%
Kent County	8,986	8,079	-907	-10.1%
Sussex County	10,374	10,742	368	3.5%
<b>State</b>	<b>43,484</b>	<b>40,295</b>	<b>-3,189</b>	<b>-7.3%</b>

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Civil Case Dispositions</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	23,851	22,315	-1,536	-6.4%
Kent County	8,911	8,045	-866	-9.7%
Sussex County	10,340	10,657	317	3.1%
<b>State</b>	<b>43,102</b>	<b>41,017</b>	<b>-2,085</b>	<b>-4.8%</b>

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

**FAMILY COURT**

<b>Caseload Breakdown Fiscal Year 2008 - Civil Case Filings</b>												
	Divorces and Annulments		RTSC/Other Civil Contempts		New Non-Support		Support Arrearages		Support Modifications		Custody	
New Castle County	1,935	9.0%	718	3.3%	3,612	16.8%	2,857	13.3%	2,002	9.3%	2,470	11.5%
Kent County	815	10.1%	220	2.7%	1,400	17.3%	1,209	15.0%	646	8.0%	896	11.1%
Sussex County	755	7.0%	162	1.5%	2,142	19.9%	2,819	26.2%	980	9.1%	794	7.4%
<b>State</b>	<b>3,505</b>	<b>8.7%</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>7,154</b>	<b>17.8%</b>	<b>6,885</b>	<b>17.1%</b>	<b>3,628</b>	<b>9.0%</b>	<b>4,160</b>	<b>10.3%</b>
	Visitation		Protection From Abuse		Adoptions		Termination of Parental Rights		Miscellaneous		Total	
New Castle County	517	2.4%	2,038	9.5%	136	0.6%	144	0.7%	5,045	23.5%	21,474	100%
Kent County	199	2.5%	885	11.0%	41	0.5%	31	0.4%	1,737	21.5%	8,079	100%
Sussex County	161	1.5%	775	7.2%	27	0.3%	30	0.3%	2,097	19.5%	10,742	100%
<b>State</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>3,698</b>	<b>9.2%</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>8,879</b>	<b>22.0%</b>	<b>40,295</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Caseload Breakdown Fiscal Year 2008 - Civil Case Dispositions</b>												
	Divorces and Annulments		RTSC/Other Civil Contempts		New Non-Support		Support Arrearages		Support Modifications		Custody	
New Castle County	2,134	9.6%	757	3.4%	3,733	16.7%	3,074	13.8%	1,925	8.6%	2,348	10.5%
Kent County	942	11.7%	299	3.7%	1,315	16.3%	1,348	16.8%	577	7.2%	861	10.7%
Sussex County	979	9.2%	186	1.7%	2,240	21.0%	2,798	26.3%	882	8.3%	797	7.5%
<b>State</b>	<b>4,055</b>	<b>9.9%</b>	<b>1,242</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>7,288</b>	<b>17.8%</b>	<b>7,220</b>	<b>17.6%</b>	<b>3,384</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>4,006</b>	<b>9.8%</b>
	Visitation		Protection From Abuse		Adoptions		Termination of Parental Rights		Remaining Petition Types		Total	
New Castle County	497	2.2%	1,753	7.9%	164	0.7%	221	1.0%	5,709	25.6%	22,315	100%
Kent County	207	2.6%	689	8.6%	49	0.6%	54	0.7%	1,704	21.2%	8,045	100%
Sussex County	148	1.4%	543	5.1%	8	0.1%	30	0.3%	2,046	19.2%	10,657	100%
<b>State</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>2,985</b>	<b>7.3%</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>9,459</b>	<b>23.1%</b>	<b>41,017</b>	<b>100%</b>

RTSC = Rules to Show Cause

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

## FAMILY COURT

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Filings</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	5,311	5,022	-289	-5.4%
Kent County	1,864	1,750	-114	-6.1%
Sussex County	1,703	1,807	104	6.1%
<b>State</b>	<b>8,878</b>	<b>8,579</b>	<b>-299</b>	<b>-3.4%</b>

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Dispositions</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	4,146	4,937	791	19.1%
Kent County	1,831	1,621	-210	-11.5%
Sussex County	1,668	1,791	123	7.4%
<b>State</b>	<b>7,645</b>	<b>8,349</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>9.2%</b>

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

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<b>Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2008 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Filings</b>								
	Felony		Misdemeanor		Traffic		Total	
New Castle County	1,221	24.3%	3,390	67.5%	411	8.2%	5,022	100%
Kent County	378	21.6%	1,224	69.9%	148	8.5%	1,750	100%
Sussex County	338	18.7%	1,306	72.3%	163	9.0%	1,807	100%
<b>State</b>	<b>1,937</b>	<b>22.6%</b>	<b>5,920</b>	<b>69.0%</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>8,579</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2008 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Dispositions</b>								
	Felony		Misdemeanor		Traffic		Total	
New Castle County	1,087	22.0%	3,459	70.1%	391	7.9%	4,937	100%
Kent County	260	16.0%	1,214	74.9%	147	9.1%	1,621	100%
Sussex County	276	15.4%	1,333	74.4%	182	10.2%	1,791	100%
<b>State</b>	<b>1,623</b>	<b>19.4%</b>	<b>6,006</b>	<b>71.9%</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>8,349</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

## FAMILY COURT

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Mediation Filings</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	9,147	7,795	-1,352	-14.8%
Kent County	2,577	2,458	-119	-4.6%
Sussex County	3,350	2,804	-546	-16.3%
<b>State</b>	<b>15,074</b>	<b>13,057</b>	<b>-2,017</b>	<b>-13.4%</b>

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Mediation Dispositions</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	9,159	7,726	-1,433	-15.6%
Kent County	2,572	2,296	-276	-10.7%
Sussex County	3,464	2,583	-881	-25.4%
<b>State</b>	<b>15,195</b>	<b>12,605</b>	<b>-2,590</b>	<b>-17.0%</b>

### Mediation Explanatory Notes Fiscal Year 2008

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

## FAMILY COURT

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Total Case Filings</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	33,077	29,465	-3,612	-10.9%
Kent County	11,725	10,655	-1,070	-9.1%
Sussex County	12,870	13,246	376	2.9%
<b>State</b>	<b>57,672</b>	<b>53,366</b>	<b>-4,306</b>	<b>-7.5%</b>

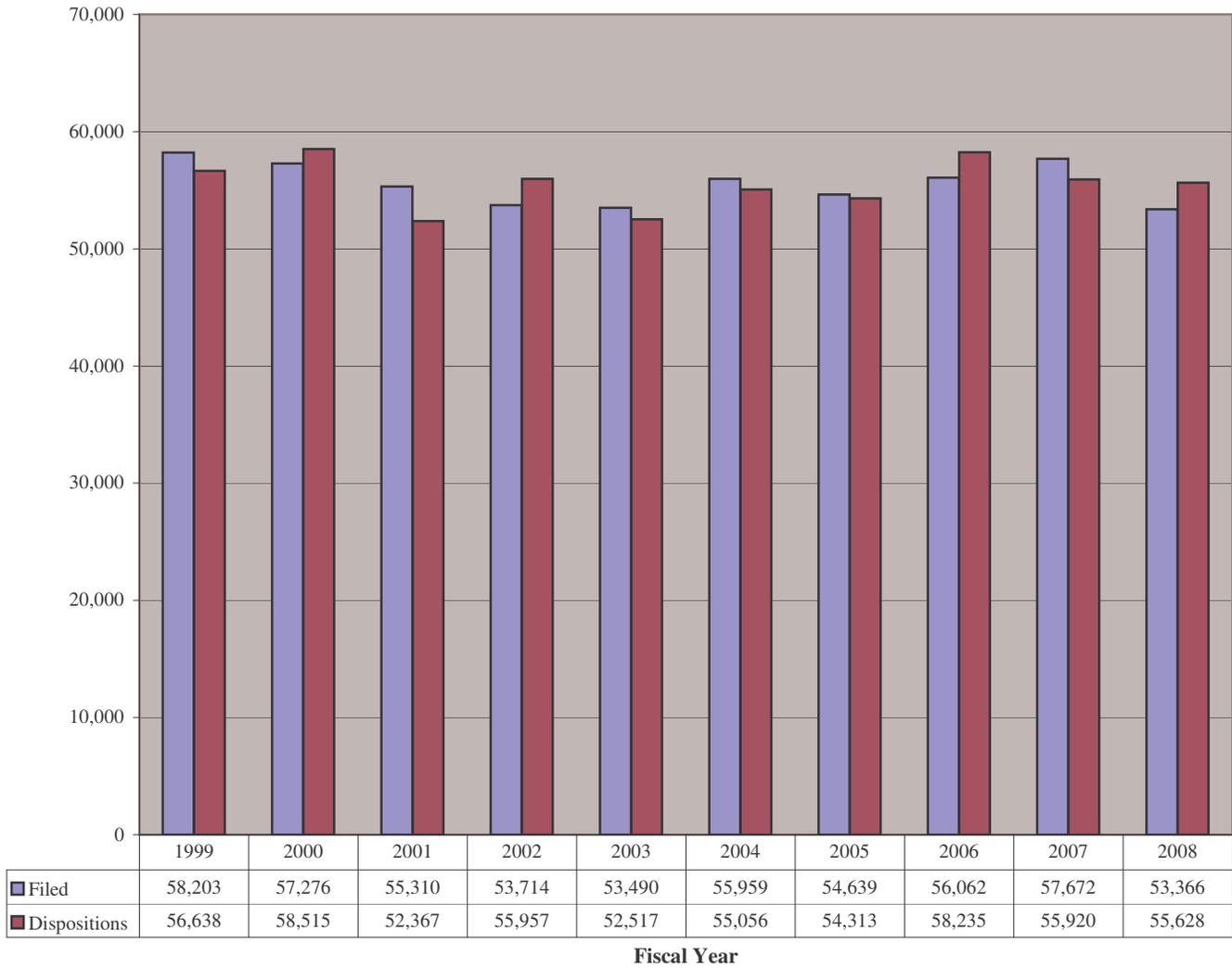
<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Total Case Dispositions</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	31,471	31,801	330	1.0%
Kent County	11,610	10,713	-897	-7.7%
Sussex County	12,839	13,114	275	2.1%
<b>State</b>	<b>55,920</b>	<b>55,628</b>	<b>-292</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>

### Total Caseload Explanatory Notes Fiscal Year 2008

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**





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<b>Caseload Summary Fiscal Year 2007-2008 - Civil Case Filings</b>				
	2007	2,008	Change	%Change
New Castle County	7,069	7,398	329	4.7%
Kent County	2,002	2,200	198	9.9%
Sussex County	2,349	2,447	98	4.2%
<b>State</b>	<b>11,420</b>	<b>12,045</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>5.5%</b>

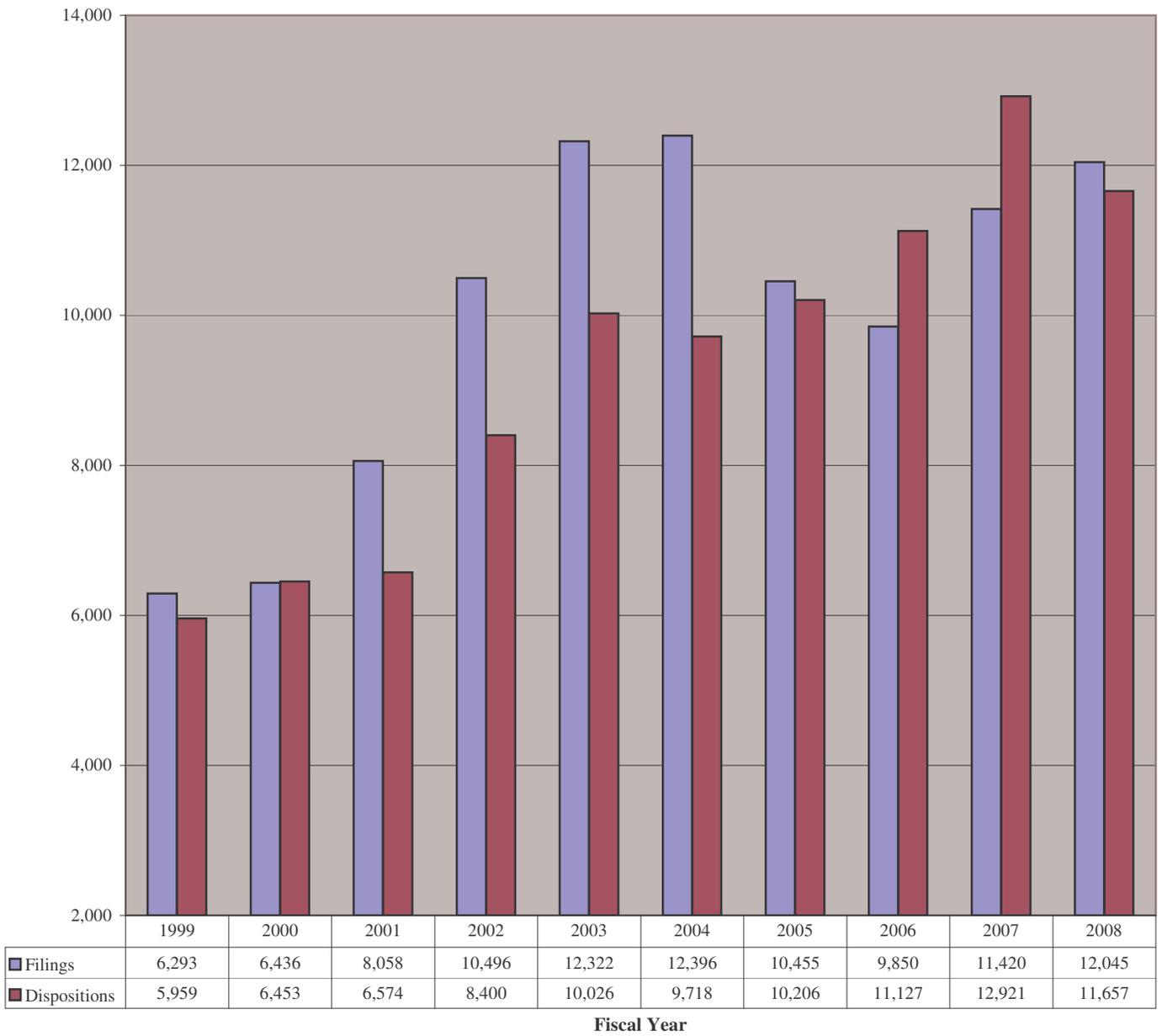
<b>Caseload Summary Fiscal Year 2007-2008 - Civil Case Dispositions</b>				
	2007	2,008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	9,038	7,348	-1690	-18.7%
Kent County	1,732	1,985	253	14.6%
Sussex County	2,151	2,324	173	8.0%
<b>State</b>	<b>12,921</b>	<b>11,657</b>	<b>-1264</b>	<b>-9.8%</b>

<b>Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2008 - Civil Case Filings</b>						
	Complaints		Civil Judgments, Name Changes, Appeals		Total	
New Castle County	6,939	93.8%	459	6.2%	7,398	100%
Kent County	2,041	92.8%	159	7.2%	2,200	100%
Sussex County	2,289	93.5%	158	6.5%	2,447	100%
<b>State</b>	<b>11,269</b>	<b>93.6%</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>12,045</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2008 - Civil Case Dispositions</b>						
	Court Action		Counsel Action		Total	
New Castle County	2,801	38.1%	4,547	61.9%	7,348	100%
Kent County	637	32.1%	1,348	67.9%	1,985	100%
Sussex County	669	28.8%	1,655	71.2%	2,324	100%
<b>State</b>	<b>4,107</b>	<b>35.2%</b>	<b>7,550</b>	<b>64.8%</b>	<b>11,657</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: Court Administrator, Court of Common Pleas; Administrative Office of the Courts

**Court of Common Pleas 10-Year Civil Caseload Trend**



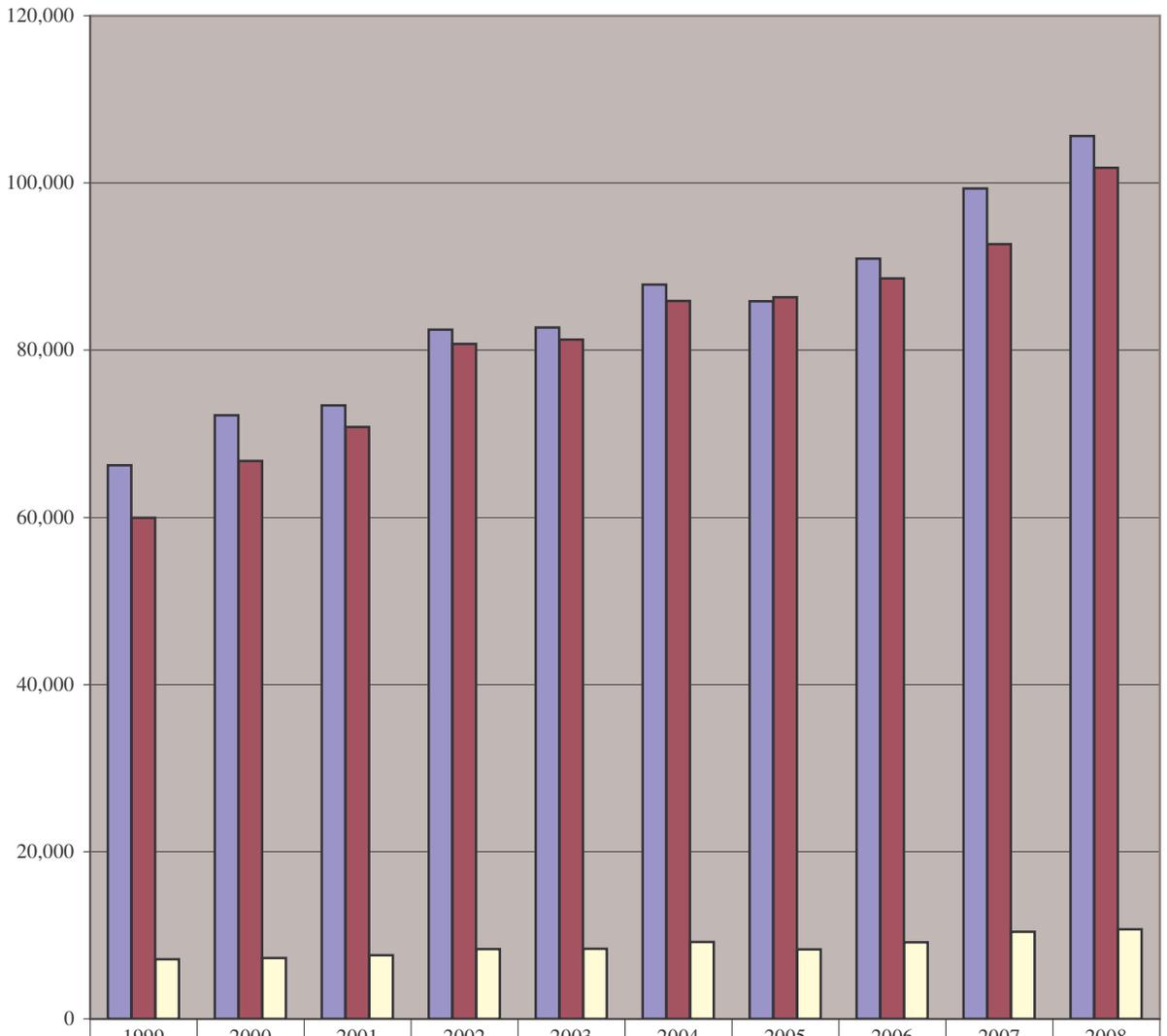
## COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Total Criminal Misdemeanor and Civil Case Filings				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	59,506	61,324	1818	3.1%
Kent County	23,473	25,934	2461	10.5%
Sussex County	27,786	30,394	2608	9.4%
<b>State</b>	<b>110,765</b>	<b>117,652</b>	<b>6887</b>	<b>6.2%</b>

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Total Criminal Misdemeanor and Civil Case Dispositions				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	55,727	57,853	2126	3.8%
Kent County	22,490	25,706	3216	14.3%
Sussex County	27,395	29,921	2526	9.2%
<b>State</b>	<b>105,612</b>	<b>113,480</b>	<b>7868</b>	<b>7.4%</b>

Source: Court Administrator, Court of Common Pleas; Administrative Office of the Courts

**Court of Common Pleas 10-Year Criminal Caseload Trend**



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Misdemeanor Filings	66,216	72,211	73,393	82,469	82,719	87,836	85,867	90,964	99,345	105,607
Misdemeanor Dispositions	59,933	66,755	70,811	80,757	81,257	85,893	86,319	88,577	92,691	101,823
Preliminary Hearings	7,118	7,298	7,616	8,362	8,386	9,189	8,329	9,165	10,413	10,720

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## COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

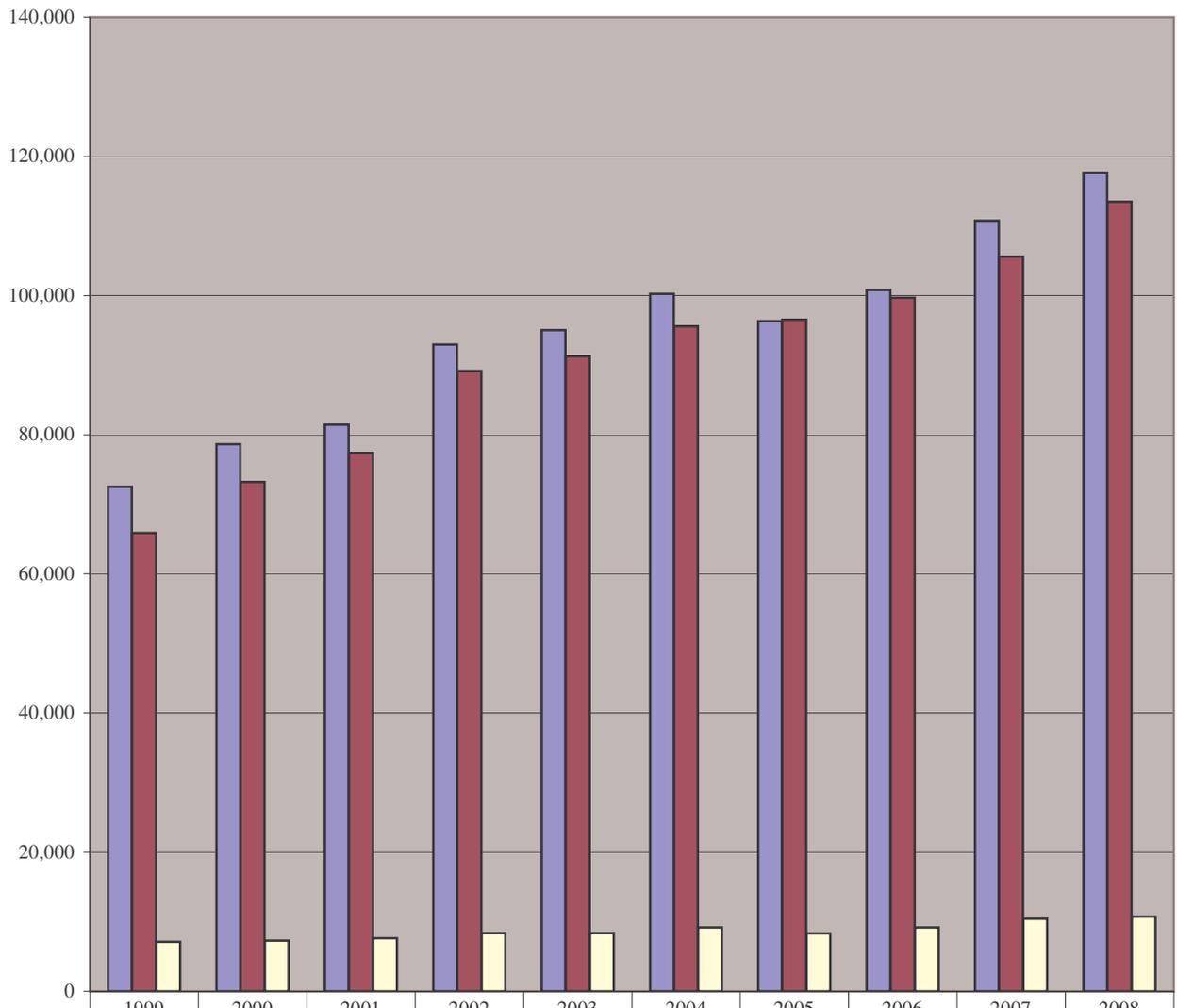
<b>Caseload Summary Fiscal Year 2007-2008 - Criminal Misdemeanor Case Filings</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	52,437	53,926	1,489	2.8%
Kent County	21,471	23,734	2,263	10.5%
Sussex County	25,437	27,947	2,510	9.9%
<b>State</b>	<b>99,345</b>	<b>105,607</b>	<b>6,262</b>	<b>6.3%</b>

<b>Caseload Summary Fiscal Year 2007-2008 - Criminal Misdemeanor Case Dispositions</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	46,689	50,505	3,816	8.2%
Kent County	20,758	23,721	2,963	14.3%
Sussex County	25,244	27,597	2,353	9.3%
<b>State</b>	<b>92,691</b>	<b>101,823</b>	<b>9,132</b>	<b>9.9%</b>

<b>Caseload Summary Fiscal Year 2007-2008 - Criminal Preliminary Hearing Case Filings</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County	6,092	6,142	50	0.8%
Kent County	2,318	2,501	183	7.9%
Sussex County	2,003	2,077	74	3.7%
<b>State</b>	<b>10,413</b>	<b>10,720</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>2.9%</b>

Source: Court Administrator, Court of Common Pleas; Administrative Office of the Courts

**Court of Common Pleas 10-Year Total Caseload Trend (Civil & Criminal)**



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Filings</b>	72,509	78,647	81,451	92,965	95,041	100,232	96,322	100,814	110,765	117,652
<b>Dispositions</b>	65,892	73,208	77,385	89,157	91,283	95,611	96,525	99,704	105,612	113,480
<b>Preliminary Hearings</b>	7,118	7,298	7,616	8,362	8,386	9,189	8,329	9,165	10,413	10,720

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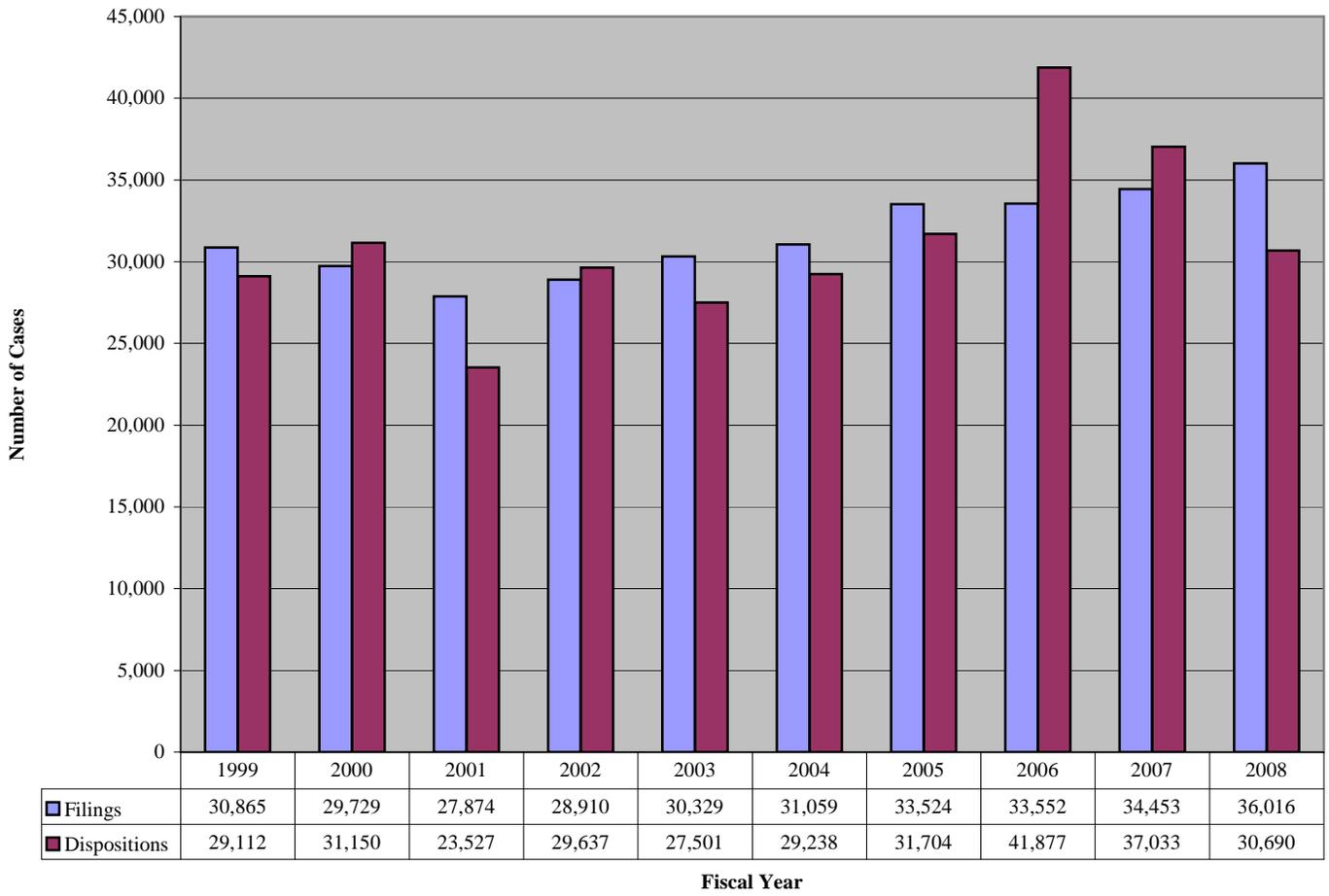
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<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Civil Case Filings</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County				
Court 9	996	1,425	429	43.1%
Court 12	10,992	10,840	-152	-1.4%
Court 13	10,603	10,612	9	0.1%
Kent County				
Court 16	6,689	8,017	1,328	19.9%
Sussex County				
Court 17	3,145	3,076	-69	-2.2%
Court 19	2,028	2,046	18	0.9%
<b>State</b>	<b>34,453</b>	<b>36,016</b>	<b>1,563</b>	<b>4.5%</b>

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Civil Case Dispositions</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County				
Court 9*	1,105	667	-438	-39.6%
Court 12	11,623	9,174	-2,449	-21.1%
Court 13*	11,367	9,641	-1,726	-15.2%
Kent County				
Court 16	7,262	6,766	-496	-6.8%
Sussex County				
Court 17	3,564	2,639	-925	-26.0%
Court 19	2,112	1,803	-309	-14.6%
<b>State</b>	<b>37,033</b>	<b>30,690</b>	<b>-6,343</b>	<b>-17.1%</b>

Source: Chief Magistrate's Office, Justice of the Peace Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

**JP Court - 10 Year Civil Caseload Trend**



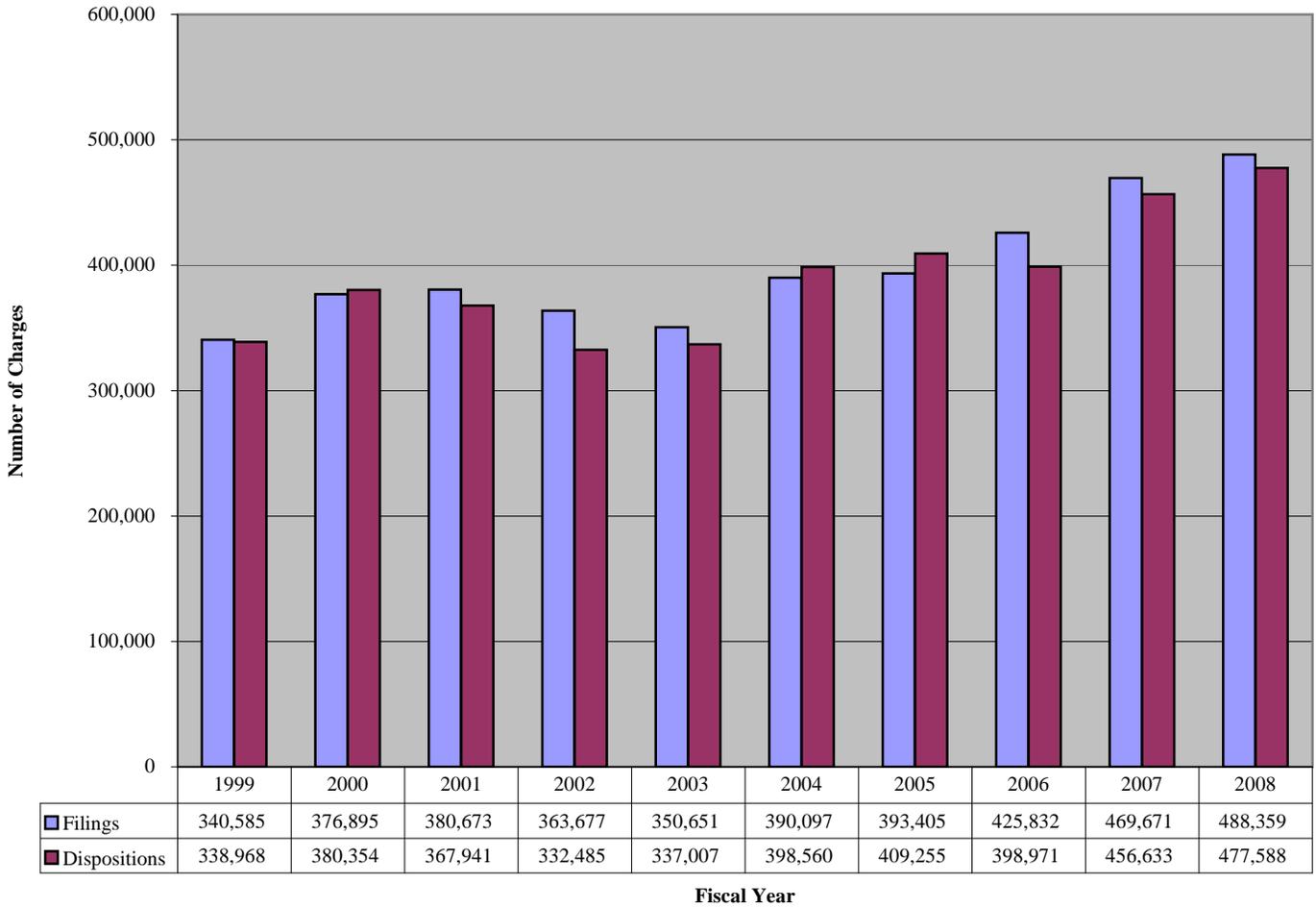
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**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT**

<b>Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2008 - Civil Case Filings</b>						
	Complaints		Landlord/Tenant		Total	
New Castle County						
Court 9	1,096	76.9%	329	23.1%	1,425	100%
Court 12	3,925	36.2%	6,915	63.8%	10,840	100%
Court 13	5,480	51.6%	5,132	48.4%	10,612	100%
Kent County						
Court 16	4,725	58.9%	3,292	41.1%	8,017	100%
Sussex County						
Court 17	1,626	52.9%	1,450	47.1%	3,076	100%
Court 19	974	47.6%	1,072	52.4%	2,046	100%
<b>State</b>	<b>17,826</b>	<b>49.5%</b>	<b>18,190</b>	<b>50.5%</b>	<b>36,016</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: Chief Magistrate's Office, Justice of the Peace Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

**JP Court - 10 Year Criminal and Traffic Caseload Trend**



2004 Dispositions Amended

**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT**

<b>Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2008 - Criminal and Traffic Filings (defendants)</b>										
	Title 7 - Fish/Game		Title 11 - Criminal		Title 21 - Traffic		Miscellaneous		Total	
New Castle County										
Court 9	120	2.8%	151	3.5%	3,915	90.3%	149	3.4%	4,335	100%
Court 10	99	0.8%	692	5.5%	10,850	86.3%	925	7.4%	12,566	100%
Court 11	472	1.9%	6,154	24.5%	15,358	61.2%	3,129	12.5%	25,113	100%
Court 15	2	0.0%	521	7.7%	6,020	88.9%	230	3.4%	6,773	100%
Court 20	209	1.2%	5,350	29.7%	9,104	50.6%	3,341	18.6%	18,004	100%
Kent County										
Court 6	130	2.4%	259	4.8%	4,802	89.4%	182	3.4%	5,373	100%
Court 7	598	2.9%	4,629	22.8%	13,125	64.6%	1,968	9.7%	20,320	100%
Court 8	3	0.1%	136	3.9%	3,279	94.0%	71	2.0%	3,489	100%
Sussex County										
Court 1	17	0.6%	111	3.9%	2,325	81.0%	416	14.5%	2,869	100%
Court 2	414	2.6%	9,752	61.1%	4,485	28.1%	1,298	8.1%	15,949	100%
Court 3	558	4.5%	3,950	31.6%	6,734	53.8%	1,270	10.2%	12,512	100%
Court 4	3	0.0%	941	13.0%	6,027	83.1%	283	3.9%	7,254	100%
Court 14	1	0.1%	41	2.3%	1,667	94.3%	58	3.3%	1,767	100%
State without VAC*	2,626	1.9%	32,687	24.0%	87,691	64.3%	13,320	9.8%	136,324	100%
VAC*	515	0.4%	0	0.0%	145,272	99.5%	166	0.1%	145,953	100%
<b>State with VAC*</b>	<b>3,141</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>32,687</b>	<b>11.6%</b>	<b>232,963</b>	<b>82.5%</b>	<b>13,486</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>282,277</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* VAC = Voluntary Assessment Center

Source: Chief Magistrate's Office, Justice of the Peace Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

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<b>Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2008 - Criminal and Traffic Filings (charges)</b>										
	Title 7 - Fish/Game		Title 11 - Criminal		Title 21 - Traffic		Miscellaneous		Total	
New Castle County										
Court 9	174	2.1%	262	3.1%	7,671	92.1%	221	2.7%	8,328	100%
Court 10	121	0.5%	1,204	4.5%	24,372	91.1%	1,044	3.9%	26,741	100%
Court 11	822	1.2%	15,654	23.7%	39,783	60.3%	9,731	14.7%	65,990	100%
Court 15	28	0.2%	953	6.5%	13,465	91.1%	329	2.2%	14,775	100%
Court 20	281	0.7%	11,357	29.3%	20,306	52.3%	6,865	17.7%	38,809	100%
Kent County										
Court 6	149	1.5%	776	7.9%	8,640	87.4%	316	3.2%	9,881	100%
Court 7	1,342	2.7%	16,577	33.3%	27,108	54.4%	4,774	9.6%	49,801	100%
Court 8	4	0.1%	266	3.7%	6,752	94.4%	129	1.8%	7,151	100%
Sussex County										
Court 1	24	0.4%	154	2.8%	4,866	88.6%	449	8.2%	5,493	100%
Court 2	639	1.4%	27,531	62.2%	11,434	25.8%	4,668	10.5%	44,272	100%
Court 3	1,131	3.1%	12,291	33.7%	19,301	52.9%	3,763	10.3%	36,486	100%
Court 4	5	0.0%	2,439	14.0%	14,284	82.1%	679	3.9%	17,407	100%
Court 14	1	0.0%	87	1.7%	4,870	96.3%	99	2.0%	5,057	100%
State without VAC*	4,721	1.4%	89,551	27.1%	202,852	61.4%	33,067	10.0%	330,191	100%
VAC*	515	0.3%	0	0.0%	157,480	99.6%	173	0.1%	158,168	100%
<b>State with VAC*</b>	<b>5,236</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>89,551</b>	<b>18.3%</b>	<b>360,332</b>	<b>73.8%</b>	<b>33,240</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>488,359</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* VAC = Voluntary Assessment Center

Source: Chief Magistrate's Office, Justice of the Peace Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

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<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Criminal and Traffic Filings (defendants)</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County				
Court 9	3,652	4,335	683	18.7%
Court 10	10,119	12,566	2,447	24.2%
Court 11	25,401	25,113	-288	-1.1%
Court 15	6,255	6,773	518	8.3%
Court 20	16,196	18,004	1,808	11.2%
Kent County				
Court 6	5,799	5,373	-426	-7.3%
Court 7	19,323	20,320	997	5.2%
Court 8	2,481	3,489	1,008	40.6%
Sussex County				
Court 1	2,985	2,869	-116	-3.9%
Court 2	15,286	15,949	663	4.3%
Court 3	12,606	12,512	-94	-0.7%
Court 4	7,299	7,254	-45	-0.6%
Court 14	1,785	1,767	-18	-1.0%
<b>State without VAC*</b>	<b>129,187</b>	<b>136,324</b>	<b>7,137</b>	<b>5.5%</b>
<b>VAC*</b>	<b>153,796</b>	<b>145,953</b>	<b>-7,843</b>	<b>-5.1%</b>
<b>State with VAC*</b>	<b>282,983</b>	<b>282,277</b>	<b>-706</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>

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Source: Chief Magistrate's Office, Justice of the Peace Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Criminal and Traffic Filings (charges)</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	Change
<b>New Castle County</b>				
Court 9	7,021	8,328	1,307	18.6%
Court 10	19,566	26,741	7,175	36.7%
Court 11	62,112	65,990	3,878	6.2%
Court 15	12,876	14,775	1,899	14.7%
Court 20	33,761	38,809	5,048	15.0%
<b>Kent County</b>				
Court 6	9,631	9,881	250	2.6%
Court 7	45,320	49,801	4,481	9.9%
Court 8	4,797	7,151	2,354	49.1%
<b>Sussex County</b>				
Court 1	5,183	5,493	310	6.0%
Court 2	44,312	44,272	-40	-0.1%
Court 3	39,350	36,486	-2,864	-7.3%
Court 4	16,591	17,407	816	4.9%
Court 14	5,001	5,057	56	1.1%
<b>State without VAC*</b>	<b>305,521</b>	<b>330,191</b>	<b>24,670</b>	<b>8.1%</b>
<b>VAC*</b>	<b>164,150</b>	<b>158,168</b>	<b>-5,982</b>	<b>-3.6%</b>
<b>State with VAC*</b>	<b>469,671</b>	<b>488,359</b>	<b>18,688</b>	<b>4.0%</b>

\* VAC = Voluntary Assessment Center

Source: Chief Magistrate's Office, Justice of the Peace Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT

<b>Court Rankings - Fiscal Year 2007-2008 - Total* Filings (charges)</b>				
Rank w/o VAC	Total Filings		% of Total w/o VAC	
1	Court	11	65,990	18.0%
2	Court	7	49,801	13.6%
3	Court	2	44,272	12.1%
5	Court	20	38,809	10.6%
4	Court	3	36,486	10.0%
6	Court	10	26,741	7.3%
7	Court	4	17,407	4.8%
8	Court	15	14,775	4.0%
9	Court	12	10,840	3.0%
10	Court	13	10,612	2.9%
11	Court	6	9,881	2.7%
12	Court	9	9,753	2.7%
13	Court	16	8,017	2.2%
16	Court	8	7,151	2.0%
14	Court	1	5,493	1.5%
15	Court	14	5,057	1.4%
17	Court	17	3,076	0.8%
18	Court	19	2,046	0.6%
State w/o VAC			366,207	100.0%
VAC			158,168	
State w/ VAC			<b>524,375</b>	

\* Includes civil, criminal, and traffic  
 VAC = Voluntary Assessment Center

Source: Chief Magistrate's Office, Justice of the Peace Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT

<b>Court Rankings Fiscal Year 2007-2008 - Total Cases Filed (defendants)</b>				
Rank w/o VAC		Total Filings		% of Total w/o VAC
1	Court 11	25,113		14.6%
2	Court 7	20,320		11.8%
3	Court 20	18,004		10.4%
4	Court 2	15,949		9.3%
7	Court 10	12,566		7.3%
5	Court 3	12,512		7.3%
6	Court 12	10,840		6.3%
8	Court 13	10,612		6.2%
10	Court 16	8,017		4.7%
9	Court 4	7,254		4.2%
11	Court 15	6,773		3.9%
13	Court 9	5,760		3.3%
12	Court 6	5,373		3.1%
16	Court 8	3,489		2.0%
14	Court 17	3,076		1.8%
15	Court 1	2,869		1.7%
17	Court 19	2,046		1.2%
18	Court 14	1,767		1.0%
State w/o VAC*		172,340		100%
VAC*		145,953		
<b>State w/ VAC*</b>		<b>318,293</b>		

\* VAC = Voluntary Assessment Center

Source: Chief Magistrate's Office, Justice of the Peace Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Total Cases Filed (charges)</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
Criminal & Traffic	469,671	488,359	18,688	4.0%
Civil	34,453	36,016	1,563	4.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>504,124</b>	<b>524,375</b>	<b>20,251</b>	<b>4.0%</b>

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Total Cases Disposed (charges)</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
Criminal & Traffic	456,633	477,588	20,955	4.6%
Civil	37,033	30,690	-6,343	-17.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>493,666</b>	<b>508,278</b>	<b>14,612</b>	<b>3.0%</b>

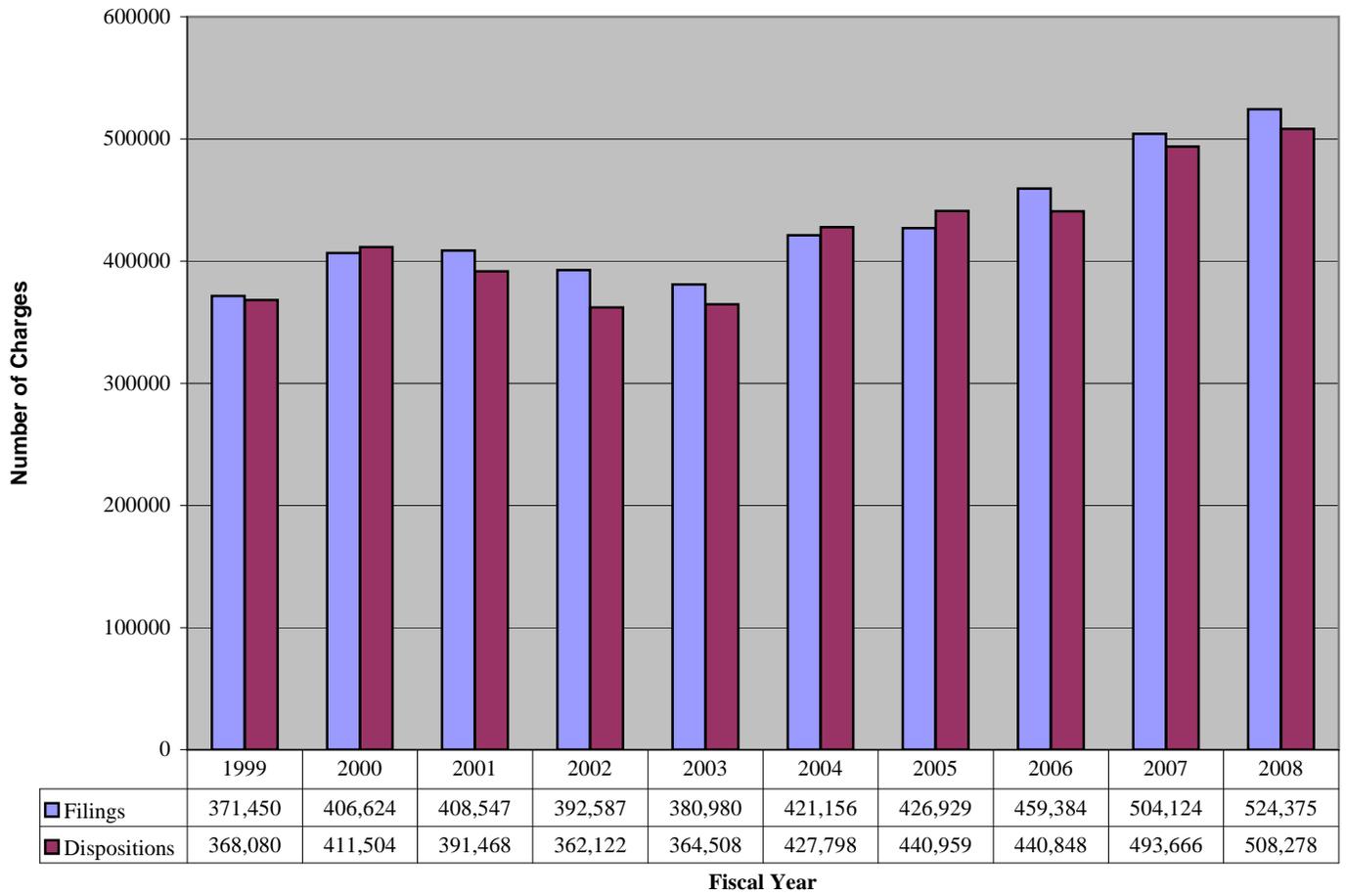
Source: Chief Magistrate's Office, Justice of the Peace Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Total Case Filings (defendants)</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
Criminal & Traffic	282,983	282,277	-706	-0.2%
Civil	34,453	36,016	1563	4.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>317,436</b>	<b>318,293</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>0.3%</b>

Source: Chief Magistrate's Office, Justice of the Peace Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

**JP Court - 10 Year Total Caseload Trend (Civil, Criminal & Traffic)**



2003 Filings Amended

Criminal/Traffic filings are based on charges because data by defendants is not available for all years.



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<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Total Filings</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County				
Newark**	-	15,702	-	-
Newport	-	5,432	-	-
Sussex County				
Bethany Beach	-	2,276	-	-
Dewey Beach***	894	990	96	10.7%
Laurel	1,864	4,536	2,672	143.3%
Rehoboth Beach	1,208	1,093	-115	-9.5%
<b>State</b>	<b>3,966</b>	<b>30,029</b>		

<b>Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2007-2008 - Total Dispositions</b>				
	2007	2008	Change	% Change
New Castle County				
Newark**	-	13,587	-	-
Newport	-	5,809	-	-
Sussex County				
Bethany Beach	-	2,276	-	-
Dewey Beach***	894	990	96	10.7%
Laurel****	1,690	4,348	2,658	157.3%
Rehoboth Beach	1,141	1,047	-94	-8.2%
<b>State</b>	<b>3,725</b>	<b>28,057</b>		

The unit of count for criminal and traffic cases is the charge. For example, a defendant with three charges disposed of is counted as three dispositions

FY2007 data was not available for Newark, Newport, and Bethany Beach

\* Alderman's Courts are not part of the Delaware court system. They are independent entities within their respective Municipalities. However, cases may be transferred or appealed to a State court.

\*\* FY2008 data was revised on 8/5/2009 based on a revised report submitted by the Court.

\*\*\* Dewey Beach FY2008 does not include data for January and February 2008.

\*\*\*\* Laurel police force more than doubled from FY2007 to FY2008

Source: Alderman's Courts; Administrative Office of the Courts