

Office of the Public Defender							
Performance Indicators - March 2014	Frequency	Desired Trend	Target	Prior	Current	% Change	12-Month Average
Providing Appropriate Effective Legal Counsel							
Trial Services to Indigents	http://www.state.nj.us/defender/trial_about_our_services.shtml						
Adult criminal - newly opened cases *	Annually	Varies	62,804				
Adult criminal - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	5,234	3,999	5,083	27.1%	4,963
Adult criminal - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	5,057	3,432	4,599	34.0%	3,587
Adult criminal - average attorney caseload (includes per diem attorneys) *	Annually	Maintain	150	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Juvenile criminal - newly opened cases *	Annually	Varies	10,543				
Juvenile criminal - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	879	642	785	22.3%	767
Juvenile criminal - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	933	541	927	71.3%	656
Juvenile criminal - average attorney caseload (includes per diem attorneys) *	Annually	Maintain	200	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Post-conviction relief - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	59	35	46	31.4%	57
Post-conviction relief - closed cases	Monthly	Increase	64	61	94	54.1%	69
Appellate Services to Indigents	http://www.state.nj.us/defender/div_appellate.shtml						
Notices of new direct appeals of criminal convictions or sentences filed in Appellate Division of New Jersey Superior Court ***	Monthly	Varies	149	83	161	94.0%	143
Number of Excessive Sentence program dispositions	Monthly	Varies	47	62	64	3.2%	53
Number of briefs filed	Monthly	Increase	98	73	89	21.9%	85
Number of dismissals/administrative closings	Monthly	Varies	21	28	33	17.9%	35
Petitions for certification to New Jersey Supreme Court	Monthly	Varies	43	37	37	0.0%	44
Office of Parental Representation	http://www.state.nj.us/defender/div_opr.shtml						
Indigent parent charged with Civil Abuse/Neglect (Title 9) - newly opened cases *	Annually	Varies	7,674				
Indigent parent in Termination of Parental Rights (Title 30) - newly opened cases *	Annually	Varies	1,296				
Combined Parental Representation average attorney caseload (includes per diem attorneys)	Annually	Maintain	75	63	63	0.0%	64
Title 9 - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	640	566	684	20.8%	619
Title 9 - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	608	428	564	31.8%	369
Title 30 - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	108	98	129	31.6%	111
Title 30 - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	106	51	100	96.1%	56
Office of Law Guardian	http://www.state.nj.us/defender/div_lawguardian.shtml						
Children subject to Civil Abuse/Neglect complaints (Title 9) - newly opened cases *	Annually	Varies	8,922				
Children in Termination of Parental Rights (Title 30) - newly opened cases *	Annually	Varies	1,461				
Combined Law Guardian average attorney caseload (includes per diem attorneys)	Annually	Maintain	88	124	126	1.6%	125
Title 9 - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	744	606	809	33.5%	712
Title 9 - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	697	575	736	28.0%	676
Title 30 - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	122	144	124	-13.9%	130
Title 30 - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	122	86	140	62.8%	133

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Division of Mental Health Advocacy	http://www.state.nj.us/defender/mentalhealth.shtml						
Mental Health hearings *	Annually	Varies	18,987				
Scheduled hearings - average number of attorney appearances *	Annually	Varies	1,055				
Number of scheduled initial and periodic review hearings	Monthly	Varies	1,058	1,074	1,042	-3.0%	1,133
Number of outpatient commitment hearings	Monthly	Varies	6	30	47	56.7%	25
Number of scheduled voluntary review hearings	Monthly	Varies	181	687	413	-39.9%	332
Number of scheduled placement review hearings for individuals who do not meet the commitment standards	Monthly	Varies	306	488	518	6.1%	479
Percentage of completed hearings where client objective obtained	Monthly	Varies	86.0%	92.0%	89.0%		
Number of persons represented for other types of activities	Monthly	Varies	31	8	16	100.0%	22
Number of represented individuals, who are committed involuntarily under the sexually violent predators law	Monthly	Varies	513	522	520	-0.4%	517
Number of Division of Developmental Disabilities' clients represented at guardianship of the person hearings - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	22	4	11	175.0%	23
Providing Mediation Services							
Office of Dispute Settlement	http://www.state.nj.us/defender/ods.shtml						
Mediation - newly opened cases *	Annually	Varies	1,404				
Average mediator caseload *	Annually	Varies	234				
Foreclosure mediation - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	112	76	152	100.0%	148
Foreclosure mediation - closed cases	Monthly	Varies	70	112	134	19.6%	126
Percentage of foreclosure mediation cases resolved	Monthly	Varies	50.0%	62.5%	44.0%		
General civil court mediation - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	5	2	6	200.0%	6
General civil court mediation - closed cases	Monthly	Varies	3	1	3	200.0%	4
New home warranty program (State plan) arbitration hearings - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	5	7	1	-85.7%	5
New home warranty program (State plan) arbitration hearings - closed cases	Monthly	Varies	5	4	2	-50.0%	5
New home warranty program (private plan) arbitration hearings - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	5	3	4	33.3%	5
New home warranty program (private plan) arbitration hearings - closed cases	Monthly	Varies	5	6	2	-66.7%	5
* This performance indicator is updated on a fiscal year basis in the 3rd quarter.							
** The number of cases closed only reflect those cases actually closed in OPD's Case Management System.							
*** The number of appeals filed do not reflect those new appeals waiting to be filed.							