

Office of the Public Defender							
Performance Indicators - May 2015	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	62,408				
Adult criminal - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	5,171	4,986	4,629	-7.2%	4,830
Adult criminal - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	5,074	4,893	4,440	-9.3%	3,340
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	9,324				
Juvenile criminal - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	777	770	643	-16.5%	719
Juvenile criminal - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	784	620	681	9.8%	535
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	56	61	35	-42.6%	52
Post-conviction relief - closed cases	Monthly	Increase	61	48	33	-31.3%	53
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	144	104	115	10.6%	132
Number of Excessive Sentence program dispositions	Monthly	Varies	38	73	64	-12.3%	60
Number of briefs filed	Monthly	Increase	89	81	104	28.4%	98
Number of dismissals/administrative closings	Monthly	Varies	20	21	18	-14.3%	23
Petitions for certification to New Jersey Supreme Court	Monthly	Varies	42	43	37	-14.0%	39
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	7,506				
Indigent parent in Termination of Parental Rights (Title 30) - newly opened cases *	Annually	Varies	1,358				
Combined Parental Representation average attorney caseload (includes per diem attorneys)	Annually	Maintain	75	71	70	-1.4%	67
Title 9 - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	626	643	608	-5.4%	587
Title 9 - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	628	539	470	-12.8%	415
Title 30 - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	113	100	123	23.0%	106
Title 30 - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	113	97	94	-3.1%	65
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	8,574				
Children in Termination of Parental Rights (Title 30) - newly opened cases *	Annually	Varies	1,620				
Combined Law Guardian average attorney caseload (includes per diem attorneys)	Annually	Maintain	88	119	122	2.5%	122
Title 9 - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	715	782	691	-11.6%	672
Title 9 - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	715	729	810	11.1%	710
Title 30 - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	135	152	125	-17.8%	130
Title 30 - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	136	177	168	-5.1%	146

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Division of Mental Health Advocacy	http://www.state.nj.us/defender/mentalhealth.shtml						
Mental Health hearings *	Annually	Varies	28,464				
Scheduled hearings - average number of attorney appearances *	Annually	Varies	1,355				
Number of scheduled initial and periodic review hearings	Monthly	Varies	1,302	1,583	1,463	-7.6%	1,344
Number of outpatient commitment hearings	Monthly	Varies	71	87	75	-13.8%	62
Number of scheduled voluntary review hearings	Monthly	Varies	337	400	388	-3.0%	399
Number of scheduled placement review hearings for individuals who do not meet the commitment standards	Monthly	Varies	633	607	485	-20.1%	575
Percentage of completed hearings where client objective obtained	Monthly	Varies	86.0%	87.0%	89.0%		
Number of persons represented for other types of activities	Monthly	Varies	29	35	29	-17.1%	31
Number of represented individuals, who are committed involuntarily under the sexually violent predators law	Monthly	Varies	523	542	544	0.4%	534
Number of Division of Developmental Disabilities' clients represented at guardianship of the person hearings - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	26	29	29	0.0%	23
Providing Mediation Services							
Office of Dispute Settlement	http://www.state.nj.us/defender/ods.shtml						
Mediation - newly opened cases *	Annually	Varies	1,596				
Average mediator caseload *	Annually	Varies	266				
Foreclosure mediation - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	124	107	96	-10.3%	111
Foreclosure mediation - closed cases	Monthly	Varies	109	95	114	20.0%	135
Percentage of foreclosure mediation cases resolved	Monthly	Varies	54.0%	60.0%	61.4%		
General civil court mediation - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	9	3	3	0.0%	8
General civil court mediation - closed cases	Monthly	Varies	4	6	0	-100.0%	5
New home warranty program (State plan) arbitration hearings - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	8	8	8	0.0%	7
New home warranty program (State plan) arbitration hearings - closed cases	Monthly	Varies	9	13	8	-38.5%	8
New home warranty program (private plan) arbitration hearings - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	9	5	7	40.0%	7
New home warranty program (private plan) arbitration hearings - closed cases	Monthly	Varies	5	7	3	-57.1%	7
<p>* This performance indicator is updated on a fiscal year basis in the 3rd quarter.</p> <p>** The number of cases closed only reflect those cases actually closed in OPD's Case Management System.</p> <p>*** The number of appeals filed do not reflect those new appeals waiting to be filed.</p>							