

Office of the Public Defender Performance Indicators - October 2012	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 indictable criminal offenses - newly opened cases *	Annually	Varies	59,183				
Adult cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	4,932	5,078	4,958	-2.4%	5,125
Adult cases - closed **	Monthly	Increase	4,699	3,635	2,455	-32.5%	3,633
Adult average attorney caseload (includes per diem attorneys) *	Annually	Maintain	150	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Juvenile delinquency criminal offenses - newly opened cases *	Annually	Varies	13,068				
Juvenile cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	1,089	794	855	7.7%	920
Juvenile cases - closed **	Monthly	Increase	1,142	587	480	-18.2%	838
Juvenile average attorney caseload (includes per diem attorneys) *	Annually	Maintain	200	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Post-Conviction Relief cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	66	55	62	12.7%	62
Post-Conviction Relief cases - closed	Monthly	Increase	57	53	77	45.3%	64
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 NJ Superior Court ***	Monthly	Varies	139	151	159	5.3%	150
Number of Excessive Sentence Program dispositions	Monthly	Varies	58	65	74	13.8%	65
Number of briefs filed	Monthly	Increase	75	82	88	7.3%	90
Number of dismissals/administrative closings	Monthly	Varies	54	22	33	50.0%	37
Petitions for certification to NJ Supreme Court	Monthly	Varies	48	34	25	-26.5%	44
Office of Parental Representation	http://www.state.nj.us/defender/div_opr.shtml						
Indigent parent charged with Civil Abuse/Neglect (Title 9) complaints - newly opened cases *	Annually	Varies	6,600				
Indigent parent in Termination of Parental Rights (Title 30) proceedings - newly opened cases *	Annually	Varies	1,074				
Combined (Title 9/Title 30) Parental Representation average attorney caseload (includes per diem attorneys)	Annually	Maintain	75	52	54	3.8%	57
Title 9 cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	550	530	588	10.9%	580
Title 9 cases - closed **	Monthly	Increase	410	259	172	-33.6%	329
Title 30 cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	90	85	111	30.6%	91
Title 30 cases - closed **	Monthly	Increase	80	33	21	-36.4%	54
Office of Law Guardian	http://www.state.nj.us/defender/div_lawguardian.shtml						
Children subject to Civil Abuse/Neglect (Title 9) complaints - newly opened cases *	Annually	Varies	7,316				
Children subject to Termination of Parental Rights (Title 30) proceedings - newly opened cases *	Annually	Varies	1,104				
Combined (Title 9/Title 30) Law Guardian average attorney caseload (includes per diem attorneys)	Annually	Maintain	88	124	122	-1.6%	119
Title 9 cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	610	636	685	7.7%	645
Title 9 cases - closed **	Monthly	Increase	578	534	550	3.0%	557
Title 30 cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	92	117	110	-6.0%	103
Title 30 cases - closed **	Monthly	Increase	116	84	110	31.0%	86

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Division of Mental Health Advocacy	http://www.state.nj.us/defender/mentalhealth.shtml						
Mental health hearings *	Annually	Varies	17,577				
Scheduled hearings - average number of attorney appearances *	Annually	Varies	1,172				
Number of scheduled initial and periodic review hearings	Monthly	Varies	950	993	1,069	7.7%	953
Number of outpatient commitment hearings	Monthly	Varies	10	n/a	1	100.0%	n/a
Number of scheduled voluntary review hearings	Monthly	Varies	170	142	176	23.9%	169
Number of scheduled placement review hearings for individuals who do not meet the commitment standards	Monthly	Varies	300	343	494	44.0%	327
Percentage of completed hearings where client objective obtained	Monthly	Varies	80.0%	88.0%	90.0%		
Number of persons represented for other types of activities	Monthly	Varies	35	38	34	-10.5%	39
Number of represented individuals, who are committed involuntarily under the sexually violent predators law	Monthly	Varies	500	511	511	0.0%	499
Number of Division of Developmental Disabilities' clients represented at guardianship of the person hearings - cases opened	Quarterly	Varies	66	62	n/a	n/a	n/a
Providing Mediation Services							
Office of Dispute Settlement	http://www.state.nj.us/defender/ods.shtml						
Mediation - newly opened cases *	Annually	Varies	920				
Average mediator caseload *	Annually	Varies	184				
Number of foreclosure mediation cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	72	42	57	35.7%	55
Number of foreclosure mediation cases - closed	Monthly	Varies	70	24	50	108.3%	31
Percentage of foreclosure mediation cases resolved	Monthly	Varies	47.0%	45.8%	54.0%		
Number of general civil court mediation cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	5	5	4	-20.0%	n/a
Number of general civil court mediation cases - closed	Monthly	Varies	3	4	2	-50.0%	n/a
Number of new home warranty program (State plan) arbitration hearing cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	9	5	0	-100.0%	6
Number of new home warranty program (State plan) arbitration hearing cases - closed	Monthly	Varies	9	3	5	66.7%	7
Number of new home warranty program (Private plan) arbitration hearing cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	8	1	1	0.0%	5
Number of new home warranty program (Private plan) arbitration hearing cases - closed	Monthly	Varies	7	2	3	50.0%	5
Number of underground utility act arbitration hearing cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	20	9	6	-33.3%	n/a
Number of underground utility act arbitration hearing cases - closed	Monthly	Varies	12	3	4	33.3%	n/a
* This performance indicator will be reported 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.							