

Office of the Public Defender Performance Indicators - January 2013 (Revised)	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	4,352	5,166	18.7%	5,096
Adult cases - closed **	Monthly	Increase	4,699	4,255	4,590	7.9%	3,808
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	694	966	39.2%	895
Juvenile cases - closed **	Monthly	Increase	1,142	734	963	31.2%	800
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	32	71	121.9%	58
Post-Conviction Relief cases - closed	Monthly	Increase	57	65	68	4.6%	65
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	155	139	-10.3%	140
Number of Excessive Sentence Program dispositions	Monthly	Varies	58	49	63	28.6%	65
Number of briefs filed	Monthly	Increase	75	105	105	0.0%	98
Number of dismissals/administrative closings	Monthly	Varies	54	56	26	-53.6%	37
Petitions for certification to NJ Supreme Court	Monthly	Varies	48	24	46	91.7%	42
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	58	57	-1.7%	57
Title 9 cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	550	504	572	13.5%	581
Title 9 cases - closed **	Monthly	Increase	410	507	392	-22.7%	343
Title 30 cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	90	81	108	33.3%	93
Title 30 cases - closed **	Monthly	Increase	80	64	51	-20.3%	52
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	127	123	-3.1%	122
Title 9 cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	610	620	740	19.4%	662
Title 9 cases - closed **	Monthly	Increase	578	598	685	14.5%	592
Title 30 cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	92	116	140	20.7%	109
Title 30 cases - closed **	Monthly	Increase	116	97	204	110.3%	124

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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	1,137	14.5%	998
Number of outpatient commitment hearings	Monthly	Varies	10	0	11	1100.0%	n/a
Number of scheduled voluntary review hearings	Monthly	Varies	170	158	234	48.1%	168
Number of scheduled placement review hearings for individuals who do not meet the commitment standards	Monthly	Varies	300	394	568	44.2%	371
Percentage of completed hearings where client objective obtained	Monthly	Varies	80.0%	86.0%	88.0%		
Number of persons represented for other types of activities	Monthly	Varies	35	42	40	-4.8%	38
Number of represented individuals, who are committed involuntarily under the sexually violent predators law	Monthly	Varies	500	512	513	0.2%	505
Number of Division of Developmental Disabilities clients represented at guardianship of the person hearings - cases opened	Quarterly	Varies	66	48	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	35	50	42.9%	51
Number of foreclosure mediation cases - closed	Monthly	Varies	70	26	48	84.6%	34
Percentage of foreclosure mediation cases resolved	Monthly	Varies	47.0%	46.2%	50.0%		
Number of general civil court mediation cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	5	3	1	-66.7%	n/a
Number of general civil court mediation cases - closed	Monthly	Varies	3	3	2	-33.3%	n/a
Number of new home warranty program (State plan) arbitration hearing cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	9	3	9	200.0%	5
Number of new home warranty program (State plan) arbitration hearing cases - closed	Monthly	Varies	9	4	5	25.0%	5
Number of new home warranty program (Private plan) arbitration hearing cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	8	12	2	-83.3%	5
Number of new home warranty program (Private plan) arbitration hearing cases - closed	Monthly	Varies	7	4	8	100.0%	5
Number of underground utility act arbitration hearing cases - opened #	Monthly	Varies	20	11	n/a	n/a	n/a
Number of underground utility act arbitration hearing cases - closed #	Monthly	Varies	12	5	n/a	n/a	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.							
# Due to a recent New Jersey Supreme Court ruling, all underground arbitrations have been suspended temporarily.							