

Office of the Public Defender Performance Indicators - June 2013	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	62,007				
Adult criminal - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	5,167	5,444	4,896	-10.1%	5,023
Adult criminal - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	5,064	5,533	3,219	-41.8%	3,670
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	11,437				
Juvenile criminal - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	953	878	762	-13.2%	840
Juvenile criminal - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	934	949	680	-28.3%	745
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	63	85	49	-42.4%	59
Post-conviction relief - closed cases	Monthly	Increase	57	41	70	70.7%	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 New Jersey Superior Court ***	Monthly	Varies	159	176	180	2.3%	142
Number of Excessive Sentence program dispositions	Monthly	Varies	63	44	58	31.8%	61
Number of briefs filed	Monthly	Increase	90	92	87	-5.4%	98
Number of dismissals/administrative closings	Monthly	Varies	38	30	23	-23.3%	34
Petitions for certification to New Jersey Supreme Court	Monthly	Varies	47	51	39	-23.5%	43
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	6,801				
Indigent parent in Termination of Parental Rights (Title 30) - newly opened cases *	Annually	Varies	1,266				
Combined Parental Representation average attorney caseload (includes per diem attorneys)	Annually	Maintain	75	63	63	0.0%	59
Title 9 - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	567	676	573	-15.2%	588
Title 9 - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	576	546	397	-27.3%	342
Title 30 - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	106	108	111	2.8%	102
Title 30 - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	108	87	75	-13.8%	53
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	7,546				
Children in Termination of Parental Rights (Title 30) - newly opened cases *	Annually	Varies	1,148				
Combined Law Guardian average attorney caseload (includes per diem attorneys)	Annually	Maintain	88	128	126	-1.6%	125
Title 9 - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	629	872	638	-26.8%	669
Title 9 - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	637	647	729	12.7%	606
Title 30 - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	96	154	133	-13.6%	122
Title 30 - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	98	112	199	77.7%	116

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Division of Mental Health Advocacy	http://www.state.nj.us/defender/mentalhealth.shtml						
Mental Health hearings *	Annually	Varies	17,580				
Scheduled hearings - average number of attorney appearances *	Annually	Varies	1,034				
Number of scheduled initial and periodic review hearings	Monthly	Varies	958	1,277	1,096	-14.2%	1,058
Number of outpatient commitment hearings	Monthly	Varies	10	15	22	46.7%	6
Number of scheduled voluntary review hearings	Monthly	Varies	170	249	196	-21.3%	181
Number of scheduled placement review hearings for individuals who do not meet the commitment standards	Monthly	Varies	292	501	391	-22.0%	306
Percentage of completed hearings where client objective obtained	Monthly	Varies	80.0%	88.0%	88.0%		
Number of persons represented for other types of activities	Monthly	Varies	35	30	21	-30.0%	31
Number of represented individuals, who are committed involuntarily under the sexually violent predators law	Monthly	Varies	510	510	511	0.2%	511
Number of Division of Developmental Disabilities' clients represented at guardianship of the person hearings - newly opened cases	Quarterly	Varies	66	66	114	72.7%	73.0%
Providing Mediation Services							
Office of Dispute Settlement	http://www.state.nj.us/defender/ods.shtml						
Mediation - newly opened cases *	Annually	Varies	1,104				
Average mediator caseload *	Annually	Varies	184				
Foreclosure mediation - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	87	256	178	-30.5%	111
Foreclosure mediation - closed cases	Monthly	Varies	70	105	281	167.6%	69
Percentage of foreclosure mediation cases resolved	Monthly	Varies	47.0%	50.5%	55.9%		
General civil court mediation - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	5	8	5	-37.5%	4
General civil court mediation - closed cases	Monthly	Varies	3	6	3	-50.0%	4
New home warranty program (State plan) arbitration hearings - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	9	6	3	-50.0%	4
New home warranty program (State plan) arbitration hearings - closed cases	Monthly	Varies	9	8	7	-12.5%	5
New home warranty program (private plan) arbitration hearings - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	8	8	3	-62.5%	5
New home warranty program (private plan) arbitration hearings - closed cases	Monthly	Varies	7	5	7	40.0%	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.							