

Office of the Public Defender Performance Indicators - July 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	5,218	5,340	2.3%	5,181
Adult cases - closed **	Monthly	Increase	4,699	5,720	2,150	-62.4%	3,623
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	827	976	18.0%	955
Juvenile cases - closed **	Monthly	Increase	1,142	801	655	-18.2%	877
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	64	63	-1.6%	66
Post-Conviction Relief cases - closed	Monthly	Increase	57	70	66	-5.7%	59
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	116	135	16.4%	158
Number of Excessive Sentence Program dispositions	Monthly	Varies	58	93	51	-45.2%	64
Number of briefs filed	Monthly	Increase	75	110	102	-7.3%	93
Number of dismissals/administrative closings	Monthly	Varies	54	48	34	-29.2%	38
Petitions for certification to NJ Supreme Court	Monthly	Varies	48	49	56	14.3%	47
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	59	58	-1.7%	57
Title 9 cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	550	550	540	-1.8%	571
Title 9 cases - closed **	Monthly	Increase	410	338	112	-66.9%	323
Title 30 cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	90	75	110	46.7%	85
Title 30 cases - closed **	Monthly	Increase	80	83	8	-90.4%	55
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	122	124	1.6%	116
Title 9 cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	610	680	595	-12.5%	625
Title 9 cases - closed **	Monthly	Increase	578	533	560	5.1%	565
Title 30 cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	92	72	117	62.5%	99
Title 30 cases - closed **	Monthly	Increase	116	102	73	-28.4%	92

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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	847	908	7.2%	911
Number of outpatient commitment hearings - NEW	Monthly	Varies	10	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Number of scheduled voluntary review hearings	Monthly	Varies	170	115	149	29.6%	163
Number of scheduled placement review hearings for individuals who do not meet the commitment standards	Monthly	Varies	300	259	261	0.8%	298
Percentage of completed hearings where client objective obtained	Monthly	Varies	80.0%	88.0%	91.0%		
Number of persons represented for other types of activities - NEW	Monthly	Varies	35	45	35	-22.2%	38
Number of represented individuals, who are committed involuntarily under the sexually violent predators law	Monthly	Varies	500	503	506	0.6%	491
Number of Division of Developmental Disabilities' clients represented at guardianship of the person hearings - cases opened - NEW	Quarterly	Varies	66	76	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	53	45	-15.1%	67
Number of foreclosure mediation cases - closed - NEW	Monthly	Varies	70	25	13	-48.0%	36
Percentage of foreclosure mediation cases resolved - NEW	Monthly	Varies	47.0%	40.0%	46.2%		
Number of general civil court mediation cases - opened - NEW	Monthly	Varies	5	n/a	4	n/a	n/a
Number of general civil court mediation cases - closed - NEW	Monthly	Varies	3	n/a	1	n/a	n/a
Number of new home warranty program (State plan) arbitration hearing cases - opened - NEW	Monthly	Varies	9	9	1	-88.9%	8
Number of new home warranty program (State plan) arbitration hearing cases - closed - NEW	Monthly	Varies	9	7	9	28.6%	9
Number of new home warranty program (Private plan) arbitration hearing cases - opened - NEW	Monthly	Varies	8	3	4	33.3%	6
Number of new home warranty program (Private plan) arbitration hearing cases - closed - NEW	Monthly	Varies	7	4	3	-25.0%	6
Number of underground utility act arbitration hearing cases - opened - NEW	Monthly	Varies	20	n/a	20	n/a	n/a
Number of underground utility act arbitration hearing cases - closed - NEW	Monthly	Varies	12	n/a	7	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.							