

Office of the Public Defender Performance Indicators - September 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	5,434	5,078	-6.6%	5,138
Adult cases - closed **	Monthly	Increase	4,699	3,168	3,635	14.7%	3,793
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	970	794	-18.1%	932
Juvenile cases - closed **	Monthly	Increase	1,142	743	587	-21.0%	866
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	78	55	-29.5%	62
Post-Conviction Relief cases - closed	Monthly	Increase	57	82	53	-35.4%	60
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	111	151	36.0%	150
Number of Excessive Sentence Program dispositions	Monthly	Varies	58	103	65	-36.9%	66
Number of briefs filed	Monthly	Increase	75	109	82	-24.8%	91
Number of dismissals/administrative closings	Monthly	Varies	54	26	22	-15.4%	36
Petitions for certification to NJ Supreme Court	Monthly	Varies	48	58	34	-41.4%	45
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	61	52	-14.8%	57
Title 9 cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	550	642	530	-17.4%	572
Title 9 cases - closed **	Monthly	Increase	410	202	259	28.2%	336
Title 30 cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	90	116	85	-26.7%	87
Title 30 cases - closed **	Monthly	Increase	80	26	33	26.9%	56
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	124	0.0%	118
Title 9 cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	610	675	636	-5.8%	635
Title 9 cases - closed **	Monthly	Increase	578	611	534	-12.6%	566
Title 30 cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	92	120	117	-2.5%	103
Title 30 cases - closed **	Monthly	Increase	116	80	84	5.0%	87

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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	1,142	993	-13.0%	933
Number of outpatient commitment hearings	Monthly	Varies	10	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Number of scheduled voluntary review hearings	Monthly	Varies	170	192	142	-26.0%	167
Number of scheduled placement review hearings for individuals who do not meet the commitment standards	Monthly	Varies	300	480	343	-28.5%	311
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	45	38	-15.6%	38
Number of represented individuals, who are committed involuntarily under the sexually violent predators law	Monthly	Varies	500	509	511	0.4%	497
Number of Division of Developmental Disabilities' clients represented at guardianship of the person hearings - cases opened	Quarterly	Varies	66	76	62	-18.4%	63
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	48	42	-12.5%	58
Number of foreclosure mediation cases - closed	Monthly	Varies	70	56	24	-57.1%	32
Percentage of foreclosure mediation cases resolved	Monthly	Varies	47.0%	48.2%	45.8%		
Number of general civil court mediation cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	5	6	5	-16.7%	n/a
Number of general civil court mediation cases - closed	Monthly	Varies	3	4	4	0.0%	n/a
Number of new home warranty program (State plan) arbitration hearing cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	9	4	5	25.0%	7
Number of new home warranty program (State plan) arbitration hearing cases - closed	Monthly	Varies	9	2	3	50.0%	7
Number of new home warranty program (Private plan) arbitration hearing cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	8	8	1	-87.5%	6
Number of new home warranty program (Private plan) arbitration hearing cases - closed	Monthly	Varies	7	6	2	-66.7%	6
Number of underground utility act arbitration hearing cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	20	8	9	12.5%	n/a
Number of underground utility act arbitration hearing cases - closed	Monthly	Varies	12	3	3	0.0%	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.							