

Office of the Public Defender Performance Indicators - December 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	4,275	4,352	1.8%	5,073
Adult cases - closed **	Monthly	Increase	4,699	3,476	4,255	22.4%	3,722
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	729	694	-4.8%	900
Juvenile cases - closed **	Monthly	Increase	1,142	566	734	29.7%	812
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	35	32	-8.6%	57
Post-Conviction Relief cases - closed	Monthly	Increase	57	44	65	47.7%	63
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	68	155	127.9%	146
Number of Excessive Sentence Program dispositions	Monthly	Varies	58	61	49	-19.7%	66
Number of briefs filed	Monthly	Increase	75	103	105	1.9%	96
Number of dismissals/administrative closings	Monthly	Varies	54	36	56	55.6%	37
Petitions for certification to NJ Supreme Court	Monthly	Varies	48	39	24	-38.5%	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	57	58	1.8%	57
Title 9 cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	550	568	504	-11.3%	580
Title 9 cases - closed **	Monthly	Increase	410	398	507	27.4%	342
Title 30 cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	90	71	81	14.1%	91
Title 30 cases - closed **	Monthly	Increase	80	55	64	16.4%	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	128	127	-0.8%	122
Title 9 cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	610	556	620	11.5%	652
Title 9 cases - closed **	Monthly	Increase	578	520	598	15.0%	575
Title 30 cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	92	89	116	30.3%	104
Title 30 cases - closed **	Monthly	Increase	116	382	97	-74.6%	112

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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	1,130	993	-12.1%	974
Number of outpatient commitment hearings	Monthly	Varies	10	0	0	0.0%	n/a
Number of scheduled voluntary review hearings	Monthly	Varies	170	135	158	17.0%	164
Number of scheduled placement review hearings for individuals who do not meet the commitment standards	Monthly	Varies	300	464	394	-15.1%	350
Percentage of completed hearings where client objective obtained	Monthly	Varies	80.0%	94.0%	86.0%		
Number of persons represented for other types of activities	Monthly	Varies	35	18	42	133.3%	38
Number of represented individuals, who are committed involuntarily under the sexually violent predators law	Monthly	Varies	500	512	512	0.0%	503
Number of Division of Developmental Disabilities' clients represented at guardianship of the person hearings - cases opened	Quarterly	Varies	66	62	48	-22.6%	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	29	35	20.7%	50
Number of foreclosure mediation cases - closed	Monthly	Varies	70	44	26	-40.9%	32
Percentage of foreclosure mediation cases resolved	Monthly	Varies	47.0%	72.7%	46.2%		
Number of general civil court mediation cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	5	2	3	50.0%	n/a
Number of general civil court mediation cases - closed	Monthly	Varies	3	0	3	300.0%	n/a
Number of new home warranty program (State plan) arbitration hearing cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	9	4	3	-25.0%	5
Number of new home warranty program (State plan) arbitration hearing cases - closed	Monthly	Varies	9	1	4	300.0%	5
Number of new home warranty program (Private plan) arbitration hearing cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	8	7	12	71.4%	5
Number of new home warranty program (Private plan) arbitration hearing cases - closed	Monthly	Varies	7	7	4	-42.9%	5
Number of underground utility act arbitration hearing cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	20	18	11	-38.9%	n/a
Number of underground utility act arbitration hearing cases - closed	Monthly	Varies	12	3	5	66.7%	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.							