

Office of the Public Defender Performance Indicators - March 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	4,909	4,995	1.8%	5,028
Adult criminal - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	5,064	4,011	3,306	-17.6%	3,822
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	840	786	-6.4%	865
Juvenile criminal - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	934	761	847	11.3%	765
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	50	77	54.0%	59
Post-conviction relief - closed cases	Monthly	Increase	57	70	34	-51.4%	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 New Jersey Superior Court ***	Monthly	Varies	159	187	139	-25.7%	137
Number of Excessive Sentence program dispositions	Monthly	Varies	63	51	54	5.9%	63
Number of briefs filed	Monthly	Increase	90	98	106	8.2%	100
Number of dismissals/administrative closings	Monthly	Varies	38	29	48	65.5%	37
Petitions for certification to New Jersey Supreme Court	Monthly	Varies	47	45	48	6.7%	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	59	60	1.7%	58
Title 9 - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	567	586	572	-2.4%	576
Title 9 - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	576	376	267	-29.0%	342
Title 30 - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	106	85	119	40.0%	96
Title 30 - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	108	62	58	-6.5%	54
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	124	124	0.0%	124
Title 9 - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	629	626	639	2.1%	649
Title 9 - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	637	724	531	-26.7%	576
Title 30 - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	96	104	163	56.7%	113
Title 30 - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	98	137	106	-22.6%	128

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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	631	1,169	85.3%	1,002
Number of outpatient commitment hearings	Monthly	Varies	10	0	7	700.0%	n/a
Number of scheduled voluntary review hearings	Monthly	Varies	170	119	220	84.9%	167
Number of scheduled placement review hearings for individuals who do not meet the commitment standards	Monthly	Varies	292	168	320	90.5%	278
Percentage of completed hearings where client objective obtained	Monthly	Varies	80.0%	86.0%	86.0%		
Number of persons represented for other types of activities	Monthly	Varies	35	19	35	84.2%	35
Number of represented individuals, who are committed involuntarily under the sexually violent predators law	Monthly	Varies	510	511	513	0.4%	508
Number of Division of Developmental Disabilities' clients represented at guardianship of the person hearings - newly opened cases	Quarterly	Varies	66	48	66	37.5%	63
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	61	184	201.6%	62
Foreclosure mediation - closed cases	Monthly	Varies	70	48	49	2.1%	37
Percentage of foreclosure mediation cases resolved	Monthly	Varies	47.0%	54.2%	53.1%		
General civil court mediation - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	5	5	3	-40.0%	n/a
General civil court mediation - closed cases	Monthly	Varies	3	3	3	0.0%	n/a
New home warranty program (State plan) arbitration hearings - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	9	1	9	800.0%	5
New home warranty program (State plan) arbitration hearings - closed cases	Monthly	Varies	9	5	2	-60.0%	5
New home warranty program (private plan) arbitration hearings - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	8	5	4	-20.0%	5
New home warranty program (private plan) arbitration hearings - closed cases	Monthly	Varies	7	3	4	33.3%	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.							