

Office of the Public Defender Performance Indicators - April 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	4,995	5,431	8.7%	5,066
Adult criminal - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	5,064	3,306	4,245	28.4%	3,691
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	786	828	5.3%	861
Juvenile criminal - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	934	847	977	15.3%	766
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	77	52	-32.5%	59
Post-conviction relief - closed cases	Monthly	Increase	57	34	103	202.9%	68
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	134	184	37.3%	134
Number of Excessive Sentence program dispositions	Monthly	Varies	63	54	56	3.7%	64
Number of briefs filed	Monthly	Increase	90	106	102	-3.8%	102
Number of dismissals/administrative closings	Monthly	Varies	38	48	46	-4.2%	36
Petitions for certification to New Jersey Supreme Court	Monthly	Varies	47	48	48	0.0%	44
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	60	61	1.7%	58
Title 9 - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	567	572	707	23.6%	587
Title 9 - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	576	267	481	80.1%	331
Title 30 - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	106	119	117	-1.7%	97
Title 30 - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	108	58	93	60.3%	52
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	126	1.6%	124
Title 9 - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	629	639	741	16.0%	661
Title 9 - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	637	531	583	9.8%	582
Title 30 - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	96	163	98	-39.9%	113
Title 30 - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	98	106	111	4.7%	105

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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	1,169	1,149	-1.7%	1,021
Number of outpatient commitment hearings	Monthly	Varies	10	7	17	142.9%	n/a
Number of scheduled voluntary review hearings	Monthly	Varies	170	220	197	-10.5%	164
Number of scheduled placement review hearings for individuals who do not meet the commitment standards	Monthly	Varies	292	320	329	2.8%	280
Percentage of completed hearings where client objective obtained	Monthly	Varies	80.0%	86.0%	88.0%		
Number of persons represented for other types of activities	Monthly	Varies	35	35	20	-42.9%	34
Number of represented individuals, who are committed involuntarily under the sexually violent predators law	Monthly	Varies	510	513	512	-0.2%	510
Number of Division of Developmental Disabilities' clients represented at guardianship of the person hearings - newly opened cases	Quarterly	Varies	66	66	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	1,104				
Average mediator caseload *	Annually	Varies	184				
Foreclosure mediation - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	87	184	342	85.9%	84
Foreclosure mediation - closed cases	Monthly	Varies	70	49	79	61.2%	42
Percentage of foreclosure mediation cases resolved	Monthly	Varies	47.0%	53.1%	41.8%		
General civil court mediation - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	5	3	7	133.3%	n/a
General civil court mediation - closed cases	Monthly	Varies	3	3	11	266.7%	n/a
New home warranty program (State plan) arbitration hearings - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	9	9	8	-11.1%	5
New home warranty program (State plan) arbitration hearings - closed cases	Monthly	Varies	9	2	9	350.0%	5
New home warranty program (private plan) arbitration hearings - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	8	4	3	-25.0%	4
New home warranty program (private plan) arbitration hearings - closed cases	Monthly	Varies	7	4	2	-50.0%	4
* 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.							