

Office of the Public Defender Performance Indicators - May 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	5,431	5,444	0.2%	5,050
Adult criminal - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	5,064	4,245	5,533	30.3%	3,879
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	828	878	6.0%	845
Juvenile criminal - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	934	977	949	-2.9%	755
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	52	85	63.5%	60
Post-conviction relief - closed cases	Monthly	Increase	57	103	41	-60.2%	64
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	184	176	-4.3%	136
Number of Excessive Sentence program dispositions	Monthly	Varies	63	56	44	-21.4%	64
Number of briefs filed	Monthly	Increase	90	102	92	-9.8%	100
Number of dismissals/administrative closings	Monthly	Varies	38	46	30	-34.8%	36
Petitions for certification to New Jersey Supreme Court	Monthly	Varies	47	48	51	6.3%	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	61	63	3.3%	58
Title 9 - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	567	707	676	-4.4%	586
Title 9 - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	576	481	546	13.5%	338
Title 30 - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	106	117	108	-7.7%	99
Title 30 - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	108	93	87	-6.5%	53
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	126	128	1.6%	125
Title 9 - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	629	741	872	17.7%	672
Title 9 - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	637	583	647	11.0%	590
Title 30 - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	96	98	154	57.1%	117
Title 30 - closed cases **	Monthly	Increase	98	111	112	0.9%	108

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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	1,149	1,277	11.1%	1,037
Number of outpatient commitment hearings	Monthly	Varies	10	17	15	-11.8%	n/a
Number of scheduled voluntary review hearings	Monthly	Varies	170	197	249	26.4%	174
Number of scheduled placement review hearings for individuals who do not meet the commitment standards	Monthly	Varies	292	329	501	52.3%	295
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	20	30	50.0%	33
Number of represented individuals, who are committed involuntarily under the sexually violent predators law	Monthly	Varies	510	512	510	-0.4%	510
Number of Division of Developmental Disabilities' clients represented at guardianship of the person hearings - newly opened cases	Quarterly	Varies	66	n/a	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	342	256	-25.1%	100
Foreclosure mediation - closed cases	Monthly	Varies	70	79	105	32.9%	47
Percentage of foreclosure mediation cases resolved	Monthly	Varies	47.0%	41.8%	50.5%		
General civil court mediation - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	5	7	8	14.3%	n/a
General civil court mediation - closed cases	Monthly	Varies	3	11	6	-45.5%	n/a
New home warranty program (State plan) arbitration hearings - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	9	8	6	-25.0%	5
New home warranty program (State plan) arbitration hearings - closed cases	Monthly	Varies	9	9	8	-11.1%	5
New home warranty program (private plan) arbitration hearings - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	8	3	8	166.7%	5
New home warranty program (private plan) arbitration hearings - closed cases	Monthly	Varies	7	2	5	150.0%	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.							