

Department of Community Affairs Performance Indicators - January to March 2011	Prior Quarter	Current Quarter	% Change	Last 12 Month Average
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Building Safety				
<i>All construction activity that takes place in the state is reported to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) by municipal construction officials every month. The data collected highlights permits and certificates for housing, office, retail and other commercial work. The NJ Construction Reporter, available online at http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/codes/reporter/highlights.html, reports this data.</i>				
Construction specification reviews on commercial and institutional structures must be performed within 20 business days according to statute:				
Total number of first reviews	148	191	29%	
Average number of days for the first review of "complete submittals"	12	13	9%	
Percentage of first reviews completed taking longer than 20 days	15%	19%	27%	
Subsequent reviews to make corrections to the plans must be performed within 7 business days from the date received according to statute				
Total number of subsequent reviews	1,340	1,359	1%	
Average number of days to complete the subsequent reviews	5	5	0%	
Percentage of subsequent reviews taking longer than 7 days	3%	6%	100%	
Percentage of Local Construction Code Offices submitting monthly reports as required	98%	98%	0%	
Most municipalities enforce the Uniform Fire Code locally. The State monitors local enforcing agencies (LEA) on a five-year cycle. There can be more than one LEA per municipality.				
Total number of local fire code enforcement agencies	531	531	0%	
Number of State monitoring visits	8	17	113%	
The DCA is required to assume jurisdiction if the local agency fails to enforce the code				
Number of municipalities where the State enforces the Uniform Fire Code	91	91	0%	
Number of fire safety inspections performed by the State	2,995	2,956	-1%	
Number of violations issued	6,489	6,837	5%	
Total number of civilian fire fatalities statewide	9	16	78%	
Percentage of fire departments that participate in the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS)	88%	52%	-41%	

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Total number of fire origin investigations	34	48	41%	
Numbers of fires classified as incendiary	9	8	-11%	
Number of arrests	2	1	-50%	
Number of convictions	1	1	0%	

Housing Assistance				
<i>State and federal funds are used to pay a portion of the rent of very low income households.</i>				
Spending rate on rental assistance vouchers necessary to meet or exceed the US Dept of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) requirements of "best performing state agency"	97%	97%	0%	
Spending rate on rental assistance in the State program	86%	87%	1%	
<i>State and federal funds are used to pay a portion of home heating/cooling of low income households.</i>				
There are 675,000 households eligible to receive Federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance according to the US Census Bureau. The program reached 316,000 households last year.				
Serve, through improved outreach efforts, more household eligible to receive federal home energy assistance. The number of quarterly assistance payments varies substantially by season.	276,724	259,174	-6%	
<i>A street count of the number of homeless individuals is conducted annually in January PITC and reported to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. More information can be found at http://www.hmis.info/, a US Housing and Urban Development (USHUD) website.</i>				
Number of chronically homeless individuals per January 2011 PITC	1,322	1,317	0%	
Number of shelter beds in NJ	4,128	4,388	6%	
Average length (in days) of stay in shelter	62	60	-3%	
Percentage of clients moving from emergency shelters to permanent housing	17%	22%	29%	

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<i>Number of NJ housing units that have potential lead paint hazards based on the statutory criteria of units constructed before 1978: 2.4 million. For more information, go to LeadSafeNJ.org</i>				
Lead Poisoning Prevention Cases				
Number of referrals to DCA from the NJ Department of Health for lead remediation loan assistance information	21	5	-76%	
Number of referrals that result in a loan under the Lead Hazard Control Assistance Act	8	13	63%	
Average time (in months) from first contact to remediation	16	13	-14%	
Reported Childhood Lead Poisoning Cases				
Number of poisonings referred to DCA	21	12	-43%	
Average time (in days) from referral of poisoned child to relocation	1	2	100%	
Percentage of relocated households that apply to DCA for remediation assistance	0%	0%	0%	
Number of households receiving relocation assistance	17	21	24%	

Consumer Protection				
The State requires all builders selling new homes to provide a warranty to the homebuyer. DCA Operates a Home Warranty Program that accounts for 20% of the new home warranties issued statewide. Additional program information is available online at http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/codes/offices/homeownerprotection.html .				
Number of warranties under the State warranty plan	415	328	-21%	
Number of warranty claims	65	55	-15%	
Average time (in days) from filing of a warranty claim to the claim's resolution	49	50	2%	
Hotels and multiple-family buildings of three or more dwelling units are inspected every 5 years to ensure that they are properly maintained and do not pose a threat to the health, safety and welfare of their residents.				
Number of required inspections due	68,213	72,895	7%	
Number of actual inspections performed	43,299	65,583	51%	
NJ law requires that all members of planning and zoning boards pass a basic course in land use.				
Number of local planning board officials trained and certified by DCA	321	147	-54%	
Percentage of municipalities that have all planning officials certified by DCA		58%	100%	

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Community Development				
Attract private investment in the Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit program to fully utilize the \$10 million in tax credits that are annually available	8,100,000	300,000	-96%	
Attract non tax credit investment in targeted neighborhood	32,137,600	5,826,210	-82%	
<i>Main Street is a preservation based program to help revitalize downtowns and commercial corridors.</i>				
Net gain in businesses created/expanded	40	22	-45%	
Net gain in jobs created	51	25	-51%	
Value of private investment in Main Street districts	24,500,000	3,396,500	-86%	

Local Government				
<i>The State provides a variety of technical and financial assistance to municipalities and other units of local government which could include fire districts,</i>				
Percentage of municipal budget reviews completed prior to municipal public hearing	80%	70%	-13%	
Number of follow-up reviews of local unit audit recommendations conducted	50	50	0%	
Number of municipalities that achieve maximum compliance with the Best Practices Checklist. The Checklist is available at http://www.state.nj.us/dca/lgs/bestpractice/best_prac_scoring_results.pdf .	373	373	0%	
Number of applicants for certification examinations -- /Registered Municipal Clerk, Certified Public Works Manager, Chief Finance Officer and Certified Tax Collector	115	102	-11%	