

Office of the Public Defender										
Performance Indicators - September 2015				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	62,408				
Adult criminal - newly opened cases				Monthly	Varies	5,171	4,754	5,085	7.0%	4,813
Adult criminal - closed cases **				Monthly	Increase	5,074	2,314	3,484	50.6%	3,429
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	9,324				
Juvenile criminal - newly opened cases				Monthly	Varies	777	681	658	-3.4%	691
Juvenile criminal - closed cases **				Monthly	Increase	784	361	482	33.5%	491
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	56	52	83	59.6%	53
Post-conviction relief - closed cases				Monthly	Increase	61	34	72	111.8%	49
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	144	104	136	30.8%	125
Number of Excessive Sentence program dispositions				Monthly	Varies	38	2	47	2250.0%	62
Number of briefs filed				Monthly	Increase	89	100	101	1.0%	98
Number of dismissals/administrative closings				Monthly	Varies	20	21	15	-28.6%	23
Petitions for certification to New Jersey Supreme Court				Monthly	Varies	42	31	36	16.1%	39
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	7,506				
Indigent parent in Termination of Parental Rights (Title 30) - newly opened cases *				Annually	Varies	1,358				
Combined Parental Representation average attorney caseload (includes per diem attorneys)				Annually	Maintain	75	75	75	0.0%	71
Title 9 - newly opened cases				Monthly	Varies	626	599	612	2.2%	589
Title 9 - closed cases **				Monthly	Increase	628	221	325	47.1%	407
Title 30 - newly opened cases				Monthly	Varies	113	111	126	13.5%	112
Title 30 - closed cases **				Monthly	Increase	113	28	45	60.7%	66
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	8,574				
Children in Termination of Parental Rights (Title 30) - newly opened cases *				Annually	Varies	1,620				
Combined Law Guardian average attorney caseload (includes per diem attorneys)				Annually	Maintain	88	124	118	-4.8%	121
Title 9 - newly opened cases				Monthly	Varies	715	645	723	12.1%	686
Title 9 - closed cases **				Monthly	Increase	715	667	630	-5.5%	711
Title 30 - newly opened cases				Monthly	Varies	135	111	128	15.3%	130
Title 30 - closed cases **				Monthly	Increase	136	156	118	-24.4%	141

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Division of Mental Health Advocacy	http://www.state.nj.us/defender/mentalhealth.shtml						
Mental Health hearings *	Annually	Varies	28,464				
Scheduled hearings - average number of attorney appearances *	Annually	Varies	1,355				
Number of scheduled initial and periodic review hearings	Monthly	Varies	1,302	1,296	1,513	16.7%	1,404
Number of outpatient commitment hearings	Monthly	Varies	71	78	111	42.3%	72
Number of scheduled voluntary review hearings	Monthly	Varies	337	247	333	34.8%	375
Number of scheduled placement review hearings for individuals who do not meet the commitment standards	Monthly	Varies	633	470	550	17.0%	543
Percentage of completed hearings where client objective obtained	Monthly	Varies	86.0%	84.0%	86.0%		
Number of persons represented for other types of activities	Monthly	Varies	29	29	25	-13.8%	31
Number of represented individuals, who are committed involuntarily under the sexually violent predators law	Monthly	Varies	523	540	541	0.2%	540
Number of Division of Developmental Disabilities' clients represented at guardianship of the person hearings - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	26	25	28	12.0%	23
Providing Mediation Services							
Office of Dispute Settlement	http://www.state.nj.us/defender/ods.shtml						
Mediation - newly opened cases *	Annually	Varies	1,596				
Average mediator caseload *	Annually	Varies	266				
Foreclosure mediation - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	124	34	128	276.5%	103
Foreclosure mediation - closed cases	Monthly	Varies	109	51	129	152.9%	135
Percentage of foreclosure mediation cases resolved	Monthly	Varies	54.0%	56.9%	58.1%		
General civil court mediation - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	9	8	11	37.5%	8
General civil court mediation - closed cases	Monthly	Varies	4	8	3	-62.5%	5
New home warranty program (State plan) arbitration hearings - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	8	4	7	75.0%	7
New home warranty program (State plan) arbitration hearings - closed cases	Monthly	Varies	9	8	6	-25.0%	7
New home warranty program (private plan) arbitration hearings - newly opened cases	Monthly	Varies	9	5	6	20.0%	6
New home warranty program (private plan) arbitration hearings - closed cases	Monthly	Varies	5	11	4	-63.6%	7
* 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.							