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INTRODUCTION

COURT MANAGEMENT provides caseload statistics for New Jersey Superior Trial Courts. Statistics are compiled from monthly statistical reports prepared by division managers in each county and submitted by trial court administrators.

The statewide overview section of the report provides court year-to-date clearance and inventory percentages and current month clearance numbers. The county profile section provides a two-page court year-to-date caseload report for each county.

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STATISTICAL TERMINOLOGY

ADDED: "Added" and "Filing" are used interchangeably to indicate the number of incoming cases. Added cases include new, reopened, reactivated, and transferred cases.

ACTIVE PENDING: Cases that have not been disposed of. Does not include inactive cases.

BACKLOG: Number of active pending cases that are not within generally accepted normative case processing time frames. See "Inventory."

BACKLOG PERCENTAGE: Backlog/Active Pending *100.

BACKLOG/ 100 MONTHLY FILINGS: Backlog/(most recent 12 mnths of filings/12) * 100

CLEARANCE: Disposed-Added.

* New Ad

CLEARANCE PERCENTAGE: Dispositions/Added *100.

RESOLVED: Cases disposed or terminated.

INVENTORY: Active pending cases within generally accepted normative case-processing time frames. The following goals are used:

Criminal	4 months from filing
Municipal Appeals	3 months from filing
Post-Conviction Relief	12 months from filing
Equity	12 months from filing
Civil (Track 1)	12 months from filing
Civil (Track 2)	18 months from filing
Civil (Track 3)	24 months from filing
Civil (Track 4)	24 months from filing
Special Civil (small claims & tenancy)	2 months from filing
Special Civil (all other)	4months from filing
Probate	12 months from filing
Dissolution - New	12 months from filing
Dissolution - Reopened	6 months from filing
Delinquency	3 months from filing
Non-Dissolution	3 months from filing
Domestic Violence	1 month from filing
Abuse/Neglect (out-of-home)	4 months to fact-finding
Abuse/Neglect (in-home placement)	6 months to fact-finding
Adoption*	no guideline
Child Placement Review	12 months to permanency hearing
Juvenile/Family Crisis Petition	1 month from filing
Termination of Parental Rights	6 months from filing
Criminal/Quasi-Criminal/Other	3 months from filing
Kinship	6 months from filing
doption goals pending implementation are:	

Adoption: Agency=2 months, Stepparent= 4 months, Private Placement = 12 months

Percent Change: The percentage increase from last year during the same period to the current period.



CASE TYPE ABBREVIATIONS

CIVIL - MASS TORT: Includes Asbestos, Silicon Implant, Blood-clotting Serum, Repetitive Stress Syndrome, Gas Pipe Explosion, Maywood Contamination, Latex, Diet Drug, FRT Plywood, Black Jack, and Tobacco

CRIMINAL: Only post-indictment criminal activity is reported in this publication.

CRIM/QUASI DV CONTEMPT: Includes Domestic Violence Contempt cases docketed as "FO" Family Division Criminal/Quasi-Criminal/Other matters.

CRIM/QUASI WEAPONS: Includes weapons cases and willful non-support/interference with custody cases docketed as "FO" Family Division Criminal/Quasi-Criminal/Other matters.

CRIMI/QUASI OTHER: Includes other Family Division Criminal/Quasi-Criminal Other Matters docketed as "FO."

DELINQUENCY-NEW: Includes juvenile delinquency cases reported as new/not previously adjudicated.

DELINQUENCY-PREV. ADJUD: Includes previously adjudicated juvenile delinquency cases.

DISSOLUTION-NEW: Includes dissolution cases reported as new/pre-judgment.

DISSOLUTION-REOPENED: Includes dissolution cases reported as reopened/ post-judgment.

DOMESTIC V-NEW: Includes domestic violence cases reported as new/TRO extended.

DOMESTIC V-REOPENED: Includes domestic violence cases reported as reopened/post-judgment.

JUV/FAM CRISIS PETITION: Juvenile/Family Crisis Petitions.

MCL: Multicounty Litigation (formerly "mass tort")

NON-DISSOL.-NEW: Includes non-dissolution cases reported as new/ previously dismissed.

NON-DISSOL.-REOPENED: Includes non-dissolution cases reported as reopened/post-disposition.

OTHER FAMILY: Family Division category that includes abuse/neglect, adoptions, child placement review, juvenile/family crisis petitions, termination of parental rights and criminal/quasi-criminal cases.

P.C. RELIEF: Post-Conviction Relief.

PROBATE: Contested probate.

TERM OF PARENTAL RIGHTS: Termination of Parental Rights.