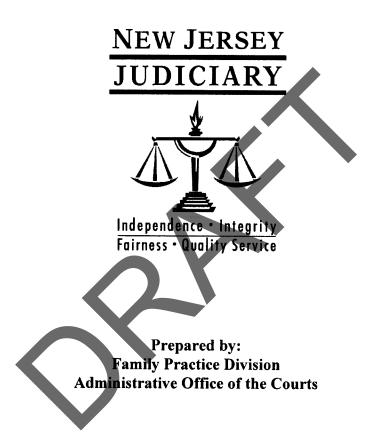
## REPORT ON THE

## PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACT

## JANUARY 1, 2009 - DECEMBER 31, 2009



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## **INTRODUCTION**

To the Governor, the Legislature, and the Advisory Council on Domestic Violence this report, submitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C: 25-33 covers the period from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009. The New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts presents this statistical report on the operation of the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act, N.J.S.A. 2C: 25-17 through 2C: 25-35. It presents data from the Family Automated Case Tracking System (FACTS) and the Criminal Division Automated System (Promis/Gavel). Collection and analysis of accurate data regarding trends in domestic violence proceedings serves as an important resource for governmental agencies and service providers with regard to funding, report writing, grants, legislation, and policy recommendations.

The format of this annual report follows that used for previous reports in presenting data regarding domestic violence filings, dispositions of restraining orders, and forms of relief sought and granted. In addition, this report includes data on non-indictable contempt charges, which are processed in Family Court (N.J.S.A. 2C:29.9b); and data on violations of non-contact orders or other offenses requiring arrest and criminal charges, which are processed in the Criminal Division.

The total number of domestic violence complaint filings in calendar year 2009 is 40,634 compared to 39,340 in 2008. In 2009, there were 7,436 domestic violence contempt filings, a decrease of 367 filings from 2008.

The New Jersey Judiciary continues to implement policies and procedures to enhance the protective process for victims of domestic violence and their families. improvements are made possible in part through funding received by the Judiciary from the Federal STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). The Domestic Violence Technical Assistance Team and Continued Domestic Violence Training are two of the VAWA grants administered by the Family Practice Division of the Administrative Office of the Courts. These projects provide technical assistance and coordination of training for judges, domestic violence staff members, and other court employees. The Continued Domestic Violence Training grant enables the Judiciary to continue the development of its video production library that will provide domestic violence training for newly hired or assigned court staff. The library will contain basic and advanced domestic violence topics via videotape, CD-ROMs and DVDs. This grant also enables the Judiciary to provide training for Family Court staff, Probation Officers who have a domestic violence caseload, court volunteers and others. The Judiciary strives to continuously promote uniform procedures, best practices and to provide a clear understanding of the dynamics of domestic violence and the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act to all Judiciary staff and court volunteers.

Training is a key element of the Judiciary's domestic violence efforts. Grant funding supports essential training each year for the Judiciary. Every year a mandatory Domestic Violence Conference is organized for all Family Division judges and staff statewide. The Domestic Violence Team Leaders, Domestic Violence Hearing Officers, and the Backup Domestic Violence Hearing Officers also receive training throughout the year. All new judiciary employees receive training on the Dynamics of Domestic Violence and the

Prevention of Domestic Violence Act. The Family Division also coordinates with the Municipal Court Services Division to train Municipal Court Judges and Municipal Court Administrators regarding domestic violence processes and procedures. Grant funds also provided for a two-day domestic violence training event which included Probation Officers who have a domestic violence caseload as well as staff from the Family Court's Domestic Violence Unit. Without grant funding, much of this training would not occur.

The Family Practice Division completed the production of a set of five domestic violence training videos that will serve to train newly hired or assigned court personnel thereby complying with the statutory mandate regarding training. The set was distributed to the vicinages as a resource to train this population. The five training videotapes cover the following: (1) the domestic violence event, (2) the TRO hearing conducted by the DVHO, (3) the FRO hearing (4), a contempt hearing, and (5) a customer service piece. The Judiciary is also in the process of developing a series of training CD-ROMs for court personnel that will provide information on advanced topics relating to domestic violence, such as mental health, substance abuse, cyber stalking, immigration, primary aggressor and compassion fatigue. CDs on cultural considerations are being considered as well. The Judiciary is developing a third project in DVD format, to serve as a bridge for the above two projects. The third project will further sensitize court staff to the issues faced by victims and their families. It will focus on victims and their history of domestic violence, families of victims where the victim was killed by the batterer and a batterer's intervention program. Actors and domestic violence experts will role play in these DVDs.

New Jersey's domestic violence efforts also include the Statewide Domestic Violence Central Registry (DVCR) an important information tool that is available to law enforcement agencies as well as to the Family Courts. It contains up-to-date information on all Restraining Orders entered into the Family Automated Case Tracking System (FACTS), including out-of-state restraining order information. The DVCR is intended to serve as a database for law enforcement to facilitate enforcement of Temporary Restraining Orders (TRO) and Final Restraining Orders (FROs), thereby enhancing protection for victims, even when they relocate between municipalities and counties within the state. The Registry also provides vital information to law enforcement as part of the screening process for individuals who apply for firearms licensing. The Registry was made possible through Federal STOP VAWA funding and through inter-agency cooperation among the Judiciary, the Attorney General's Office, the New Jersey State Police, and local law enforcement agencies.

The Domestic Violence Hearing Officer (DVHO) Program continues to be a valuable component of the overall effort to ensure court access by victims. The quick availability of the DVHO reduces the need for judges to interrupt ongoing trials to handle applications for TROs. Extensive training continues to be a mainstay of the DVHO program in order to ensure the highest quality service to the public. The Judiciary has implemented an initiative to have designated Backup Domestic Violence Hearing Officers (BDVHOs) in place to hear requests for TROs when the regularly assigned DVHO is unavailable. Currently, there are fourteen BDVHOs sitting in the vicinages.

The effort to establish victim waiting rooms in every county courthouse has been an important ongoing issue. However even in those courthouses that still do not have such separate waiting rooms, every possible effort is being made to ensure the victim's safety and to separate plaintiffs and defendants while they await their court appearances.

The Judiciary is presently working with the New Jersey State Police to finalize the electronic record requirements for New Jersey to join the National Crime Information Center Protection Order file database. The Protection Order file is designed to enable civil and criminal courts to receive timely and accurate information on active protective orders, as well as historical records; to enable law enforcement agencies to access information regarding the existence and terms of a protection order, including orders issued in other states; and support the identification of persons prohibited by federal or state laws from purchasing a firearm.

The electronic TRO (e-TRO) project by which domestic violence complaints and temporary restraining orders may be filed electronically, operated on a pilot basis for nearly five years before expanded statewide in July 2007. The Supreme Court initially authorized the project in December 2002, with two expansions of the pilot thereafter. The Court's approval included relaxation of a number of court Rules for the pilot counties. By all measures the pilot test of the e-TRO has been a success in all municipalities in which it has been implemented. The Administrative Office of the Court's Family Practice Division, Information Technology Office, Automated Trial Court Services Unit, and Municipal Court Services Division collaborated in the development of this innovative program. The initiative and support of the pilot vicinages and municipalities have been invaluable. Since statewide implementation in July 2007, the Municipal Court Services Division has trained 333 municipalities.

The New Jersey Judiciary will continue to strive to improve the overall quality of services it provides to all. And we will maintain effective communication and interaction between internal and external organizations to ensure standardized practices throughout the state. Training of judges and staff will continue to be a critical component of our efforts in this area.

	Acting Administrative Director of the Courts
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## **SECTION ONE:**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FILINGS NEW COMPLAINTS STATEWIDE FILINGS

## **SECTION ONE:**

## A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (FV) FILINGS - NEW COMPLAINTS, STATEWIDE FILINGS

## 1. <u>NUMBER OF NEW COMPLAINTS FILED (MUNICIPAL COURTS, SUPERIOR COURT, TRANSFERS AND REOPENED TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDERS.)</u>

In calendar year 2009, new domestic violence filings and transfers increased in all areas.

NUMBER OF FILINGS	2008 1/08-12/08	2009 1/09-12/09
Municipal Courts	15,724	16,011
Superior Court	20,761	21,447
Transfers	196	202
Reopened TROs	2,629	2,870
Total Filings	39,340	40,530

## 2. GENDER OF PARTIES\*

In 2009 the large majority of *plaintiffs* filing domestic violence complaints continues to be female (77.7%) and the large majority of *defendants* continues to be male (76.8%).

Gender of Parties	2008	% of Total Filings (36,711)	2009	% of Total Filings (37,660)
Male Plaintiff	8,028	21.9%	8,380	22.3%
Female Plaintiff	28,683	78.1%	29,282	77.7%
Male Defendant	28,288	77.1%	28,923	76.8%
Female Defendant	8,423	22.9%	8,735	23.2%

(\*Note: Based on total new filings and transfers in Municipal Court and Superior Court (37,660))

## 3. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PLAINTIFF AND DEFENDANT\*

In 2008, the statistics regarding the relationship between plaintiff and defendant changed very little in every category from the previous year.

		Relationship of Par	ties		
Relationship of Parties	2008	% of Total Filings (36,711)	2009	% of Total Filings (37,660)	
Spouse w/Children	7,325	20.0%	7,500	19.9%	
Spouse w/o Children	2,689	7.3%	2,705	7.2%	
Former Spouse w/Children	1,308	3.6%	1,294	3.4%	
Former Spouse w/o Children	221	0.6%	227	0.6%	
Never Married w/Children	7,290	19.9%	7,505	19.9%	
Never Married Expectant Parents	323	0.9%	308	0.8%	
Present Household Member	4,719	12.9%	4,778	12.7%	
Dating Relationship	9,078	24.7%	9,438	25.1%	
Former Household Member	3,758	10.2%	3,905	10.4%	

(\*Note: Based on total new filings and transfers in Municipal Court and Superior Court (37,660))

## 4. <u>LIVING ARRANGEMENTS OF PLAINTIFFS AND DEFENDANTS IN NEW COMPLAINTS\*</u>

The living arrangements for plaintiffs and defendants filing new domestic violence complaints showed a slight change between 2008 and 2009.

Living Arrangements	2008	% of Total Filings ( 36,711)	2009	% of Total Filings (37,600)
Living Together	14,198	38.7%	14,464	38.4%
Previously Living Together	16,270	44.3%	16,701	44.3%
Never Lived Together	6,243	17.0%	6,495	17.2%

## 5. TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDERS ISSUED

The Domestic Violence Summary shows the proportion of domestic violence cases in which TROs were issued.

TROs Issued	2008	% of Total Filings (36,711)	2009	% of Total Filings (37,600)
	31,426	85.6%	32,106	85.3%
TROs Denied (Final Hearing Scheduled)	2008	% of Total Filings (36,711)	2009	% of Total Filings (37,660)
	277	0.7%	79	0.2%
TROs Denied (Complaint Dismissed)	2008	% of Total Filings (36,711)	2009	% of Total Filings (37,660)
	3,681	10.0%	3,754	2.0%

(\*Note: Based on total new filings and transfers in Municipal and Superior Court (37,660))

## **B.** COUNTY FIGURES

RUNDATE: 04/13/2010 PROGRAM: MS#FV#F (PART B/YZK)

## Domestic Violence Filings New/TRO Extended

# January 1, 2009 - December 31, 2009

County	New Cases Municipal Court Doc Source = 06	e r ( ( c)p (	New Cases Family Court Doc Source = 01	 	Cases Received From Other Counties (01/57) - (01/58)	1 1 1 1	ReOpened Dfndt Served With TRO (06/)	ved.	Total New/T	Total New/TRO Extended
Atlantic	768	37.6	1176	57.5	v		.2	96	. 7	2045
Bergen	1019	35.7	1614	56.5	18		. 60	203	7.1	2854
Burlington	951	47.3	1003	49.9	15		7	40	2.0	2009
Camden	1676	48.8	1644	47.9	13		44	100	2.9	3433
Саре Мау	588	89.2	43	6.5	4		.6	24	3.6	659
Cumberland	478	28.7	1100	66.0	ω		N	98	5.2	1667
Essex	1225	33.7	2096	57.6	22		.6	294	8.1	3637
Gloucester	776	47.3	818	49.9	ω		, ,	43	2.6	1640
Hudson	1190	38.6	1707	55.4	ω		<u></u>	179	υ	3079
Hunterdon	116	36.7	186	58.9	6	1.9	9	80	2.5	316
Mercer	471	20.3	1174	50.5	12		.5	899	28.7	2325
Middlesex	1101	37.8	1530	52.5	4.		<b>P</b>	277	9.5	2912
Monmouth	1014	47.0	1044	48.4	11		·s	90	4.2	2159
Morris	786	55.7	568	40.3	9		.6	48	3.4	1411
Ocean	1265	46.7	1271	46.9	22		co	150	55 55	2708
Passaic	637	24.0	1678	63.2	4.		2	334	12.6	2653
Salem	195	33.4	376	64.4	2		ω	10	1.7	583
Somerset	449	44.4	507	50.1	22	2.2	N	32	3.2	1010
Sussex	277	45.6	327	53.8	4.		.7	0	. 0	808
Union	751	33.6	1291	57.8	16		7	176	7.9	2234
Warren	278	47.3	294	50.0	44.		7	12	2.0	588
TOTAL	16011	39.5	21447	52.9	202		5 21	2870	7.1	40530

RUNDATE: 04/13/2010 PROGRAM: DVSEX

Domestic Violence
Gender of Parties in Newly Filed and Docketed Complaints
For the Period From January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009

	Complaints		Plaintiffs	tiffs			Defendants	lants	
County	Docketed #	# Male	) (e	Female *	# -	# Ma	Male *	Pemale #	le
Atlantic	1949	<b>A</b> 1	3 1		3 1	. !			
Bergen	2651	591	22.3	2060	77.7	) ) )	77 5	n .	J 1
Burlington	1969	495	25.1	1475	74.9	1468	74.6	500	25.4
Camden	3333	739	22.2	2594	77.8	2510	75.3	823	24.7
Cape May	635	138	21.7	497	78.3	478	75.3	157	24.7
Cumberland	1581	346	21.9	1235	78.1	1219	77.1	362	22.9
Essex	3343	702	21.0	2641	79.0	2576	77.1	767	22.9
Gloucester	1597	381	23.9	1216	76.1	1229	77.0	368	23.0
Hudson	2900	541	18.7	2359	81.3	2332	80.4	568	19.6
Hunterdon	308	73	23.7	235	76.3	229	74.4	79	25.6
Mercer	1657	394	23.8	1263	76.2	1207	72.8	450	27.2
Middlesex	2635	604	22.9	2031	77.1	2067	78.4	568	21.6
Monmouth	2069	440	21.3	1629	78.7	1625	78.5	444	21.5
Morris	1363	302	22.2	1061	77.8	1076	78.9	287	21.1
Ocean	2558	563	22.0	1995	78.0	1987	77.7	571	22.3
Passaic	2319	541	23.3	1778	76.7	1749	75.4	570	24.6
Salem	573	126	22.0	447	78.0	418	72.9	155	27.1
Somerset	978	238	24.3	740	75.7	744	76.1	234	23.9
Sussex	808	152	25.0	456	75.0	457	75.2	151	24.8
Union	2058	419	20.3	1640	79.7	1594	77.5	463	22.5
Warren	576	155	26.9	421	73.1	421	73.1	155	26.9
TOTAL	37660	8380	22.3	29282	77.7	28923	76.8	8735	23.2

<sup>1</sup> Data were derived from the Monthly Trial Court Statistical Database.
2 The figures in the 'Complaints Filed and Docketed' column are the sum total of 'New Cases' and 'Cases Received from Other Counties'.
3 The '%' in the 'Male' and 'Female' columns reflect the percentage of total plaintiffs or defendants of that gender.

RUNDATE: 04/13/2010 PROGRAM: DVRELATE

Domestic Violence Relationship of Plaintiff and Defendant in Newly Filed and Docketed Complaints For the Period From January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009

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	0		4 .7	16 2.8	42 7.3	153 26.6	576	Warren
80	16	436 21.2	12 .6	76 3.7	136 6.6	403 19.6	2058	Union
	0	76 12.5	2 .3	28 4.6	45 7.4	204 33.6	608	Sussex
'n	w	145 14.8	6 .6	52 5.3	96 9.8	260 26.6	978	Somerset
.̈ω	2	132 23.0	4 .7	14 2.4	48 8.4	118 20.6	573	Salem
	20	602 26.0	7 .3	66 2.8	123 5.3	407 17.6	2319	Passaic
. 7	18	414 16.2	23 .9	101 3.9	183 7.2	572 22.4	2558	Ocean
	ω	136 10.0	7 .5	89 6.5	84 6.2	426 31.3	1363	Morris
و	13	254 12.3	17 .8	99 4.8	149 7.2	516 24.9	2069	Monmouth
œ	20	435 16.5	18 .7	115 4.4	197 7.5	546 20.7	2635	Middlesex
1.3	22	419 25.3	6 .4	36 2.2	106 6.4	278 16.8	1657	Mercer
	2	30 9.7	5 1.6	20 6.5	22 7.1	65 21.1	308	Hunterdon
1.4	42	717 24.7	17 .6	59 2.0	216 7.4	415 14.3	2900	Hudson
٠.	10	294 18.4	11 .7	47 2.9	115 7.2	361 22.6	1597	Gloucester
1.1	37	858 25.7	12 .4	80 2.4	158 4.7	502 15.0	3343	Essex
1.4	22	466 29.5	9 .6	23 1.5	115 7.3	231 14.6	1581	Cumberland
·w	2	117 18.4	6.9	19 3.0	58 9.1	112 17.6	635	Cape May
1.0	32	763 22.9	16 .5	81 2.4	177 5.3	559 16.8	3333	Camden
. 7	13	351 17.8	22 1.1	55 2.8	165 8.4	427 21.7	1969	Burlington
ພ	œ	339 12.8	13 .5	148 5.6	231 8.7	682 25.7	2651	Bergen
1.2	23 :	420 21.5	10 .5	70 3.6	239 12.3	263 13.5	1949	Atlantic
ried	11 (f) Nvr Married Expectant Parents # *	11 (e) Nvr Married With Child(ren) # %	11 (d) Fmr Spouse Without Child(ren) # %	11 (c) Fmr Spouse With Child(ren) # *	11 (b) Spouse Without Child(ren) #	11 (a) Spouse With Child(ren) # *	Complaints Filed and Docketed #	County

<sup>1</sup> Data were derived from the Monthly Trial Court Statistical Database.
2 The figures in the 'Complaints Filed and Docketed' column are the sum total of 'New Cases' and 'Cases Received From Other Counties'.
3 The '%' columns reflect the percentage of domestic violence cases in which the plaintiffs and the defendants had a particular relationship at the time the complaints were filed.

RUNDATE: 04/13/2010 PROGRAM: DVRESIDE

Domestic Violence Living Arrangements of Plaintiff and Defendant in Newly Filed and Docketed Complaints For the Period From January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009

17.2	6495	44.3	16701	38.4	14464	37660	TOTAL
13.2	76	42.9	247	43.9	253	576	Warren
16.8	346	45.3	933	37.9	779	2058	Union
10.4	63	43.4	264	46.2	281	608	Sussex
16.6	162	42.1	412	41.3	404	978	Somerset
16.2	93	47.5	272	36.3	208	573	Salem
17.7	411	49.6	1150	32.7	758	2319	Passaic
14.8	379	44.2	1130	41.0	1049	2558	Ocean
15.1	206	40.6	553	44.3	604	1363	Morris
17.2	355	45.7	946	37.1	768	2069	Monmouth
16.7	441	41.9	1104	41.4	1090	2635	Middlesex
23.6	391	44.0	729	32.4	537	1657	Mercer
20.1	62	37.7	116	42.2	130	308	Hunterdon
22.1	640	42.9	1244	35.0	1016	2900	Hudson
17.9	286	43.0	686	39.1	625	1597	Gloucester
21.0	701	47.4	1583	31.7	1059	3343	Essex
15.9	251	52.1	824	32.0	506	1581	Cumberland
12.1	77	50.7	322	37.2	236	635	Cape May
14.5	483	45.0	1499	40.5	1351	3333	Camden
16.3	321	43.3	852	40.4	796	1969	Burlington
16.7	443	38.2	1014	45.0	1194	2651	Bergen
15.8	308	42.1	821	42.1	820	1949	Atlantic
Never Lived Together	Ne Li Tog	ously ed ther	Previously Lived Together # %	Living Together #	1_	Complaints Filed and Docketed #	County

<sup>1</sup> Data were derived from the Monthly Trial Court Statistical Database.
2 The figures in the 'Complaints Filed and Docketed' column are the sum total of 'New Cases' and 'Cases Received from Other Counties'.
3 The '%' columns reflect the percentage of domestic violence cases in which the plaintiffs and defendants had a particular living arrangement at the time the complaints were filed.

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# Domestic Violence Temporary Restraining Order Summary For the Period From January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009

TOTAL	Warren	Union	Suggex	Somerset	Salem	Passaic	Ocean	Morris	Monmouth	Middlesex	Mercer	Hunterdon	Hudson	Gloucester	Essex	Cumberland	Саре Мау	Camden	Burlington	Bergen	Atlantic	County
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32106	474	1864	500	788	422	1881	2200	1140	1745	2328	1471	251	2515	1360	2923	1338	539	3059	1337	2202	1769	TROS Issued Document=0005
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3754	96	120	-24	103	135	<b>3</b> 53	248	117	248	172	137	25	308	149	240	164	73	220	398	373	71	TROs Denied - Complaint Dismissed (05/40)

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## Domestic Violence Filings

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Summary	

		January 1, 2009	- December 31, 2009		
County	New/TRO Extended	t I I ska	ReOpened Post-Disposition	 	Total Filings
Atlantic	2045	75.7	655	24.3	2700
Bergen	2854	70.8	1175	29.2	4030
Burlington	2009	74.2	699	25.8	2708
Camden	3433	77.0	1026	23.0	4459
Cape May	659	65.7	344	34.3	1003
Cumberland	1667	69.5	733	30.5	2400
Essex	3637	63.5	2096	36.5	5736
Gloucester	1640	73.7	585	26.3	2225
Hudson	3079	81.3	707	18.7	3786
Hunterdon	316	72.1	122	27.9	438
Mercer	2325	83.5	460	16.5	2785
Middlesex	2912	73.6	1044	26.4	3956
Monmouth	2159	71.9	842	28.1	3001
Morris	1411	70.2	600	29.8	2011
Ocean	2708	71.6	1075	28.4	3783
Passaic	2653	70.8	1094	29.2	3747
Salem	583	65.6	306	34.4	890
Somerset	1010	69.8	438	30.2	1449
Sussex	608	79.1	161	20.9	769
Union	2234	60.9	1432	39.1	3666
Warren	588	74.6	200	25.4	788
TOTAL	40530	72.0	15794	28.0	56330

## SECTION TWO: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TERMINATIONS (FVs) NEW COMPLAINTS

## A. STATEWIDE FIGURES

## 1. TRO DENIED/COMPLAINT DISMISSED (ALL COURTS)\*

The percentage of cases disposed by the denial of a TRO and dismissal of the domestic violence complaint increased slightly in 2009 as compared to 2008.

TROs Denied 2008	% of Total Filings (39,638)	TROs Denied 2009	% of Total Filings (40,634)
3,681	9.3%	3,754	9.2%

## 2. <u>COMPLAINT WITHDRAWN BY PLAINTIFF</u>\*

The percentage of complaints withdrawn by the plaintiff increased slightly in 2009, as compared to 2008.

Complaint Withdrawn by Plaintiff 2008	% of Total Filings ( 39,638)	Complaint Withdrawn by Plaintiff 2009	% of Total Filings (40,634)
13,025	32.9%	13,590	33.4 %

## 3. FAILURE OF PLAINTIFF TO APPEAR/COMPLAINT DISMISSED\*

The percentage of cases dismissed due to failure of the plaintiff to appear increased slightly in 2009.

Dismissed Failure to Appear Plaintiff 2008	% of Total Filings (39,638)	Dismissed Failure to Appear Plaintiff 2009	% of Total Filings (40,634)
3,591	9.1%	3,721	9.2%

(\*Note: Based on Domestic Violence Terminations (40,634))

## 4. TRO APPEALED/COMPLAINT DISMISSED (FAMILY DIVISION)

The number of cases in which emergent appeals were granted prior to the final hearing decreased by 7 cases in 2009.

TRO EMERGENT APPEAL GRANT	ED (# of Cases)
2008	63
2009	58

## 5. RELIEF DENIED AT FINAL HEARING/COMPLAINT DISMISSED\*

In 2009, the percentage of cases in which the final restraining order was denied and the complaint dismissed is slightly higher from the year 2008.

Year:	FROs Denied	Total Filings	% Total Filings
2008	5,977	39,638	15.1%
2009	6,023	40,634	14.8%

## 6. TRO EXTENDED\*

A TRO can be extended indefinitely when attempts have been made to serve the defendant, but defendant cannot be located. In 2009, the percentage of such extended TROs increased slightly from 2008.

Year	Extended TROs	Total Filings	% Total Filings
2008	4,225	39,638	10.7 %
2009	4,431	40,634	10.9%

(\*Note: Based on domestic violence terminations (40,634))

## 7. <u>FINAL RESTRAINING ORDERS ENTERED/</u> <u>SOME OR ALL RELIEF GRANTED</u>

In 2009, the percentage of Final Restraining Orders entered with some or all relief granted decreased from 2008.

Year	FROs Entered	Total Filings	% Total Filings
2008	7,822	39,638	19.7%
2009	7,581	40,634	18.7%

## 8. TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER COUNTY

A case may be transferred from one county to another for any of four reasons: plaintiff or defendant works in Family Court in the original county of venue; there is an FM (Dissolution) or FD (Non-Dissolution) matter pending in the another county; the TRO and FRO were filed in the county where the act occurred but plaintiff or both parties reside in another county; or for other good cause shown. In 2009, the total number of transfers decreased marginally from 2008.

DV Cases Transferred To An	other County (# of Cases)
2008	247
2009	245

**B. COUNTY FIGURES** 

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## Domestic Violence Terminations New/TRO Extended

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January 1, 2009 - December 31, 2009

RUNDATE: 04/13/2010 PROGRAM: MS#FV#T (PART A)

# Domestic Violence Terminations Summary

# January 1, 2009 - December 31, 2009

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County	New/TRO Extended	 	ReOpened Post-Disposition	: : % : :	Total Terminations
Atlantic	2060	76.0	651	24.0	2711
Bergen	2829	71.0	1154	29.0	3983
Burlington	2020	74.5	690	25.5	2710
Camden	3452	77.1	1027	22.9	4479
Саре Мау	649	65.1	348	34.9	997
Cumberland	1674	69.8	725	30.2	2399
Essex	3721	63.9	2105	36.1	5826
Gloucester	1643	74.2	571	25.8	2214
Hudson	3070	80.9	724	19.1	3794
Hunterdon	318	72.3	122	27.7	440
Mercer	2297	83.6	449	16.4	2746
Middlesex	2894	73.7	1031	26.3	3925
Monmouth	2183	72.7	818	27.3	3001
Morris	1398	70.0	598	30.0	1996
Ocean	2727	72.0	1063	28.0	3790
Passaic	2655	71.1	1078	28.9	3733
Salem	584	65.5	308	34.5	892
Somerset	1027	70.3	434	29.7	1461
Sussex	595	79.3	155	20.7	750
Union	2260	62.3	1365	37.7	3625
Warren	578	74.7	196	25.3	774
TOTAL	40634	72.2	15612	27.8	56246

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Domestic Violence Contempt Summary

January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2009

TOTAL	Warren	Union	Sussex	Somerset	Salem	Passaic	Ocean	Morris	Monmouth	Middlesex	Mercer	Hunterdon	Hudson	Gloucester	Essex	Cumberland	Cape May	Camden	Burlington	Bergen	Atlantic	County	_ ;
7803	158	365	135	228	78	536	674	229	629	518	374	4.8	541	288	520	349	182	834	301	428	388	Total Filings	
7677	146	361	116	233	101	548	642	231	585	524	362	56	545	246	549	313	188	837	307	416	371	Total Dispositions	2008
7436	99	235	125	235	112	549	616	271	543	545	280	59	397	407	385	436	150	794	385	390	423	Total Filings	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
7382	111	251	122	223	111	566	635	239	556	532	301	46	410	337	391	443	144	786	368	398	412	Total Dispositions	2009
-4.70	-37.34	-35.62	-7.41	3.07	43.59	2.43	-8.61	18.34	-13.67	5.21	-25.13	22.92	-26.62	41.32	-25.96	24.93	-17.58	-4.80	27.91	-8.88	9.02	Total Filings	Perce
-3.84	-23.97	-30.47	5.17	-4.29	9.90	3.28	-1.09	3.46	-4.96	1.53	-16.85	-17.86	-24.77	36.99	-28.78	41.53	-23.40	-6.09	19.87	-4.33	11.05	Total Dispositions	Percent Change

## **SECTION THREE:**

## FINAL RESTRAINING ORDERS RELIEF DISPOSITION STATISTICS

The percentage of relief sought ("% of all FROs") represents the number of cases in which that relief was sought as a percentage of all cases.

The percentage of relief granted ("% granted") represents the number of cases in which the relief was granted as a percentage of those cases in which that relief was sought.

## A. STATEWIDE FIGURES (SUPERIOR COURT)

In 2009, 20.1% of total domestic violence filings in the Family Division of Superior Court resulted

in a granted Final Restraining Order (FRO).

Year	FROs Granted	Total Filings	% of Total Filings
2008	7,822	36,711	21.3%
2009	7,584	37,660	20.1%

## 1. PROHIBITION AGAINST FUTURE ACTS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

This relief continues to be granted in the majority of Final Restraining Orders in which it is sought.

2	009
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
7,561	99.7%
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted
7,542	99.7%

## 2. PROHIBITION AGAINST ANY CONTACT OR COMMUNICATION WITH VICTIM

This relief prohibits the defendant from making any oral, written, personal, electronic, or other form of contact or communication with the victim by the defendant. This relief continues to be sought and granted in the majority of cases.

20	09
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
7,557	99.6%
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted
7,213	95.4%

## 3. PROHIBITION AGAINST ANY CONTACT OR COMMUNICATION WITH OTHERS

This relief prohibits defendants from contacting or communicating with those "other" individuals specified in the FRO. This was sought in 56.5 % of the cases and granted in 75.8% of those cases.

2009	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
4,285	56.5%
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted
3,249	75.8%

## 4. PROHIBITION AGAINST HARASSING COMMUNICATIONS TO VICTIM

This relief prohibits direct or indirect harassing communications towards the victim. This relief was sought in 99.6 % of the cases in 2009 and was granted in 99.8% of those cases.

2009	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
7,553	99.6 %
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted
7,539	99.8%

## 5. PROHIBITION AGAINST HARASSING COMMUNICATIONS TO OTHERS

This relief prohibits direct or indirect harassing communications towards others. This relief was sought in 54.5% of the cases in 2009 and was granted in 74.5% of those cases.

2009	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
4,133	54.5%
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted
3,080	74.5%

## 6. POSSESSION OF RESIDENCE TO PLAINTIFF

Granting exclusive possession of the residence to the plaintiff was sought 47.4 % of the time and granted 86.2% of the time it was requested.

2009	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
3,595	47.4%
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted
3,098	86.2%

### 7. EMERGENT MONETARY RELIEF-VICTIM

Emergent monetary relief for the victim was sought in a very small number of cases and was granted only in 6.9% of those cases.

2009	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
130	1.7%
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted
9	6.9%

### 8. <u>EMERGENT MONETARY RELIEF-DEPENDENT(S)</u>

Emergent monetary relief for dependents was granted in only three (3) cases.

2009	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
70	0.9%
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted
3	4.3%

### 9. CHILD CUSTODY

Temporary custody of child(ren) was sought in 37.9% of the cases and was granted in 88.8% of those cases.

2009	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
2,877	37.9%
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted
2,556	88.8%

## 10. <u>LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCOMPANIMENT OF DEFENDANT</u> TO SCENE-RESIDENCE

This relief provides for the availability of a police escort for the <u>defendant</u> back to the scene or residence to gather personal belongings. In 2009, this relief was sought in 40.4% of the cases and was granted in 73.0% of those cases.

2009	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
3,061	40.4%
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted
2,235	73.0%

## 11. <u>LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCOMPANIMENT OF PLAINTIFF TO SCENE-RESIDENCE</u>

This relief provides a police escort for the <u>plaintiff</u> back to the scene or residence to obtain personal belongings. In 2009, this relief was sought in 14.3% of the cases, and was granted in 43.5% of those cases.

2009	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
1,084	14.3%
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted
472	43.5%

The next three subsections (12, 13, 14) report all "other appropriate relief" that may be granted depending on the individual circumstances of the parties involved in domestic violence cases, e.g., drug and/or alcohol screening, therapy for a child, or the release of important documents, such as birth certificates, passports, or immigration information.

### 12. OTHER APPROPRIATE RELIEF-PLAINTIFF

2009	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
197	2.6%
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted
64	32.5%

### 13. OTHER APPROPRIATE RELIEF-CHILDREN

2009	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
404	5.3%
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted
69	17.1%

### 14. <u>OTHER APPROPRIATE RELIEF-DEFENDANT</u>

2	009
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
1,656	21.8%
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted
1,225	74.0%

### 15. <u>INTAKE MONITORING OF CONDITIONS OR RESTRAINTS</u>

Intake monitoring, which requires frequent contact with victims to determine if restraints are being observed, is rarely sought. In 2009, it was requested in only 2.7% of all cases and was granted in 10.7% of those cases. Limited availability of court staff to provide for the monitoring required by this relief may be the most likely reason for the low incidence of inclusion of this relief in FROs.

2009	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
206	2.7%
% of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted
22	10.7%

### 16. PROHIBITION AGAINST WEAPONS POSSESSION - FIREARMS

In 2009, prohibition against the possession of firearms was sought in 99.6% of all cases and was granted in 99.7% of those cases.

2009	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
7,550	99.6%
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted
7,528	99.7%

### 17. PROHIBITION AGAINST WEAPONS POSSESSION-OTHER

This relief prohibits possession of weapons other than firearms. In 2009, this relief was sought in only one (1) case and was not granted.

2008	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
1	0%
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted
0	0%

### 18. <u>SEIZURE OF WEAPONS</u>

In 2009, the seizure of weapons was ordered in 170 FROs.

200
# of Cases
170

### 19. PROHIBITION AGAINST STALKING - VICTIM

In 2009, prohibition against stalking the victim was sought in 99.6% of all cases and was granted in 99.8% of those cases.

2009	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
7,551	99.6%
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted
7,536	99.8%

### 20. PROHIBITION AGAINST STALKING - OTHERS

In 2009, prohibition against stalking "others" was sought in 53.3% of all cases and was granted in 73.5% cases.

200	2009	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs	
4,042	53.3%	
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted	
2,970	73.5%	

### 21. CONDITIONS OF PARENTING TIME - FOR DEFENDANT

This relief defines the conditions for parenting time between the defendant and minor children while maintaining protection for the plaintiff. In 2009, this relief was sought in 26.2% of all cases and was granted in 96.1% of those cases.

20	2009	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs	
1,986	26.2%	
#of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted	
1,909	96.1%	

### 22. RISK ASSESSMENT ORDERED

Risk Assessments are ordered when there is reason to believe that there may be a risk of harm to the child(ren) during parenting time. In 2009, this relief was sought in 6.5% of cases, and was granted in 82.6% of those cases.

200	2009	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs	
495	6.5%	
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted	
409	82.6%	

### 23. SUSPENSION OF PARENTING TIME-FOR DEFENDANT

Suspension of defendant's parenting time was sought in 30.8% cases and was granted in 29.9% of those cases.

2009	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
2,337	30.8%
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted
699	29.9%

### 24. MONETARY COMPENSATION-EMERGENT SUPPORT

Economic relief for victims and their children usually takes the form of interim and/or ongoing support. If a prior support order exists through a divorce or child support civil action, additional reliefs arising from the domestic violence action are likely to be treated as separate from the ongoing support order already in effect. This may account for the fact that emergent support continues to be rarely requested or granted.

### a. VICTIM - EMERGENT SUPPORT

Emergent support for victims ensures that victims are financially able to meet their daily needs. In 2009, this relief was sought in only 1.8% of all cases and was granted in 12.2 % of those cases.

20	2009	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs	
139	1.8%	
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted	
17	12.2%	

### b. <u>DEPENDENT(S)-EMERGENT SUPPORT</u>

Dependent support is a relief available to ensure that minor children are financially supported while the FRO is in effect. In 2009, this relief was sought in only 2.0% of all cases, and was granted in 6.5% of those cases.

20	2009	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs	
153	2.0%	
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted	
10	6.5%	

### c. <u>INTERIM SUPPORT - VICTIM-DEPENDENT(S)</u>

Interim support may be granted to the victim and dependents as part of the TRO and extended TRO process. Interim support can remain in effect until the FRO is issued.

2009		
# of Times		
Interim Support Granted-		
Victim		
12		
# of Times		
<b>Interim Support Granted-</b>		
Dependents		
11		

### d. <u>VICTIM - ONGOING SUPPORT</u>

Ongoing victim support is monetary relief to ensure that victims are able to attend to their financial needs. In 2009, this relief was sought in only 3.2% of cases and was granted in 43.2% of those cases.

2	2009	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs	
241	3.2%	
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted	
104	43.2%	

### e. <u>DEPENDENT(S) - ONGOING SUPPORT</u>

Ongoing dependent support is monetary support of minor children after a Final Hearing has been held and when no other previous orders for support are in effect. In 2009, this relief was sought in 13.6% of all cases and was granted in 79.4% of those cases.

2009	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
1,032	13.6%
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted
819	79.4%

### ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC RELIEF:

The next six subsections (f-k) describe additional economic relief available to the plaintiff, dependents, or third parties as defined in the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act.

### f. VICTIM - COMPENSATORY DAMAGES

Victims may be compensated by the defendant for property damages incurred during a domestic violence incident. In 2009, compensatory damages were sought in 2.1% of the cases and granted in 49.1% of those cases.

20	2009	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs	
163	2.1%	
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted	
80	49.1 %	

### g. <u>VICTIM - PUNITIVE DAMAGES</u>

Victims may seek monetary relief from defendant for injuries suffered during a domestic violence incident. In 2009, this was sought in less than one percent of the cases and was not granted in any cases.

2009	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
19	0.3%
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted
0	0%

### h. VICTIM - MEDICAL COVERAGE

Medical coverage for victims is available as a relief to ensure that any health benefits are continued, with the cost assessed to the appropriate party and/or available resources. In 2009, this relief was sought in only 1.5% of the cases and granted in 44.8% of those cases.

20	009
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
116	1.5%
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted
52	44.8%

### i. <u>DEPENDENT(S) - MEDICAL COVERAGE</u>

Medical coverage of dependents is available as a relief to ensure that dependent children can receive necessary treatment for medical conditions. In 2009, this relief was sought in 2.0% of the cases and was granted in 42.8% of those cases.

200	09
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
152	2.0%
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted
65	42.8%

### j. <u>MONETARY COMPENSATION - THIRD PARTY</u>

Compensation by defendant to a third party is available when there has been injury or loss of property affecting a third party as a result of an incident of domestic violence. In 2009, this relief was sought in only 0.3% of the cases and was granted in 26.9% of those cases.

20	09
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
26	0.3%
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted
7	26.9%

### k. <u>MONETARY COMPENSATION - VICTIMS OF CRIME</u> COMPENSATION BOARD (VCCB)

In 2009, only three (3) defendants were ordered to pay fines to the Victims of Crime Compensation Board. This low number is consistent with prior years. In 2008, only 1 defendant was ordered to pay this fine.

2009
# Of Times VCCB was Ordered
3

### 25. PROFESSIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNSELING-DEFENDANT

In 2009, professional domestic violence counseling for defendants was sought in 29.8% of all cases and was granted in 69.2% of those cases.

200	9
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
2,260	29.8%
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted
1,565	69.2%

### 26. RENT OR MORTGAGE PAYMENTS

This relief is available to assist victims and their families in paying for all or part of their rent/mortgage obligations when a restraining order has been issued. In 2009, this relief was sought in 2.6% of the cases and was granted in 22.1% of those cases.

200	09
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
195	2.6%
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted
43	22.1%

### 27. TEMPORARY POSSESSION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY - PLAINTIFF

This relief was designed to provide the plaintiff with immediate access to specified personal property (e.g., car, official documents). In 2009, this relief was sought in 8.7% of the cases and was granted 33.8% of the time it was sought.

20	009
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
660	8.7%
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted
223	33.8%

### 28. TEMPORARY POSSESSION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY - DEFENDANT

This relief is available to assist defendants in retrieving personal property from the residence when a restraining order has been issued. In 2009, this relief was sought in 2.7% of all cases and was granted 56.3% of the time it was sought.

20	009
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
206	2.7%
# of Times Relief Granted	% of Times Relief Granted
116	56.3%

**B.** COUNTY FIGURES

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County Atlantic Bergen Burlington Camden Cape May Cumberland Essex Gloucester	Some/All Relief Granted  557 434 403 652 165 315 315	Future A. Domestic	Violer (A) rntd 556 431 403 646 164 315 509	(A) td	Contact or with With Shift 1 Part \$ 99.8 430 99.1 403 100.0 649 99.5 164 99.4 315 100.0 517 100.0 322 100.0		Communication Victim Victim \$ 1 (B) \$ Grantd \$ 1 1424 98.6 99.3 642 98.9 1164 100.0 311 98.7 90.0 314 97.5	Sght	With or C part 21.7 62.2 50.4 36.5 52.1 525.4	Contact or Communication With Others  Part I (C) Sght	76.0 76.0 72.6 85.2 81.9 75.6 85.0	S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S	Harassing Communications To Victim  Part I (D) \$ grat d \$ Grat d \$ Grat d \$ Grat d \$ 100.0 556 99.8  430 99.1 431 100.2  403 100.0 403 100.0  646 99.1 646 100.0  164 99.4 164 100.0  315 100.0 315 100.0  517 100.0 509 98.5  322 100.0 322 100.0
Burlington	403	_		100.0	_		99.3	203	5 6	4.		173	173 85.2 403 100.0
Camden	652		646	100.0			98.9	238	w	6 . 5		195	195 81.9 646 99.1 6
Саре Мау	165		164	100.0			100.0	86		52.1		65	65 75.6 164 99.4
Cumberland	315		315	100.0			98.7	80		25.4		68	68 85.0 315 100.0
Essex	517		509	98.5			70.0	303	w		58.6	58.6 140	58.6 140 46.2 517 100.0
Gloucester	322			100.0			97.5	21	н		65.5	65.5 175	65.5 175 82.9 322 100.0
Hudson	399	390 97.7	388	99.5	390 97.7	.7 379	97.2	377	7	7 94.5		94.5	94.5 365
Hunterdon	78	78 100.0	78	100.0	78 100.0	.0 57	73.1	υı	58	8 74.4		74.4	74.4 45
Mercer	322	322 100.0	322	100.0	321 99.7	.7 295	91.9	217	7	7 67.4		67.4	67.4 173
Middlesex	496	495 99.8	493	99.6	496 100.0	.0 483	97.4	303	ω	3 61.1		61.1	61.1 133
Monmouth	515	515 100.0	514	99.8	513 99.6	.6 505	98.4	313	w	3 60.8		60.8	60.8 279
Morris	258	258 100.0	258	100.0	258 100.0	.0 256	99.2	180	ö	0 69.8		69.8	69.8 163
Ocean	626	625 99.8	622	99.5	625 99.	.8 618	98.9	391	16	91 62.5	62.	62.5	62.5 294
Passaic	374	374 100.0	374	100.0	374 100.0	.0 363	97.1	Ε.	198	98 52.9	52.	52.9	52.9 126 63
Salem	110	110 100.0	110	100.0	110 100.0	.0 96	87.3		58	58 52.7	œ	8 52.7	8 52.7 32
Somerset	229	229 100.0	226	98.7	229 100.0	.0 217	94.8	164	4	4 71.6		71.6	71.6 149
Sussex	95		95	100.0			96.8		48	18 50.5	50.	50.5	50.5 35
Warren	136	580 99.8 136 100.0	580 136	100.0	576 99.1 136 100.0	.1 569 .0 136	98.8 100.0	<b>1</b> 3	366 100	66 63.0 00 73.5		63.0 73.5	63.0 268 73.5 83
TOTAL	7584	7561 99.7	7542	99.7	7557 99.6	.6 7213	95.4	4285	v	5 56.5	56.	56.5	56.5 3249

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<b>4</b> 3	ω	. 9	70	6.9	9	1.7	130	86.2	3098	47.4	3595	74.5	3080	54.5	4133	7584	TOTAL
. 0	Ö	1.5	2	. 0	0	2.2	ω	95.5	63	48.5	66	87.4	83	69.9	95	136	Warren
. 0	0	ພ	N	. 0	0	2.2	13	83.8	212	43.5	253	70.8	252	61.3	356	581	Union
. 0	0	. 0	0	50.0	1	2.1	N	89.5	34	40.0	38	69.2	27	41.1	39	95	Sussex
. 0	0	. 4	Д.	. 0	0	1.7	4	89.3	75	36.7	88 44	90.8	148	71.2	163	229	Somerset
. 0	0	. 0	0	100.0	1	. 9	1	85.2	46	49.1	54	52.7	29	50.0	55	110	Salem
. 0	0	w	1	. 0	0	w	1	87.1	108	33.2	124	59.3	115	51.9	194	374	Passaic
	0	. 2	٦	100.0	ם	. 2	ų	94.0	284	48.2	302	75.1	278	59.1	370	626	Ocean
40.0	N	1.9	<sub>U</sub>	14.3	<b>_</b>	2.7	7	84.2	96	44.2	114	82.8	135	63.2	163	258	Morris
0	0		2	25.0	<b>µ</b>	œ	4	72.4	160	42.9	221	90.1	273	58.8	303	515	Monmouth
	0	4.0	20	. 0	0	7.1	35	81.7	241	59.5	295	43.5	127	58.9	292	496	Middlesex
0	0	o	2	. 0	0	٠,	N	87.2	123	43.8	141	79.6	168	65.5	211	322	Mercer
.0	0	. 0	0	25.0	<b>,</b>	5.1	4.	74.1	20	34.6	27	79.3	46	74.4	58	78	Hunterdon
	0	.5	N	. 0	0		2	96.0	359	93.7	374	95.3	361	95.0	379	399	Hudson
. 0	0		0	. 0	0	ü	1	85.1	120	43.8	141	82.6	166	62.4	201	322	Gloucester
	0	2.5	13	.0	0	1.7	v	54.2	115	41.0	212	37.4	110	56.9	294	517	Essex
	0		0	. 0	0	. 0	0	93.3	125	42.5	134	83.1	64	24.4	77	315	Cumberland
	0		0	.0	0	1.2	N	97.1	133	83.0	137	77.4	65	50.9	84	165	Cape May
. 0	0	1.2	88	.0	0	œ	ъ	91.7	298	49.8	325	83.2	183	33.7	220	652	Camden
	0		2	. 0	0	2.5	10	90.7	127	34.7	140	85.8	169	48.9	197	403	Burlington
11.1	٦	2.1	9	12.5	ω	5.5	24	85.0	176	47.7	207	72.3	193	61.5	267	434	Bergen
. 0	0		0	.0	0	. 0	0	88.8	183	37.0	206	76.5	88	20.6	115	557	Atlantic
ale i	I (H) Grntd	Part I (H)	Sght	1 1 1 1 alt <sup>o</sup>	I (G) Grntd	Part	Sght	1 3 1 1 o <sup>3</sup> / <sup>2</sup>	I (F) Grntd	Part	sght	40	I (E) Grntd	Part	Sght	Relief Granted	County
elief	Emergent Monetary Relief -Dependent(s)-	nt Mon Depend	Emerge -	Relief		nt Mon -Vic	Emergent Monetary -Victim-	ion of ntiff sing	clusive Possession of esidence to Plaintiff or Alternate Housing	I (6	Exclusive Residence or Alte	nst ations	n Agai mmunic thers	Prohibition Against Harassing Communications To Others	Prol Harass	Some/All	

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		a	Child	Custody	Κ.	Law E of De	Law Enf. Accompaniment of Defendant to Scene or Residence	companiment t to Scene idence	iment Scene	Law E of Pl	Law Enf. Accompaniment of Plaintiff to Scene or Residence	compani f to s idence	iment
County	Relief Granted	Sght	Part	I (I) Grntd	e I I chip	Sght	Part I (J)	I (J) Grntd	i de	Sght	Part:	I (K) Grntd	alp.
Atlantic	557	158	28.4	123	77.8	197	35.4	168		33	5.9	16	48.5
Bergen	434	155	35.7	147	94.8	173	39.9	142	82.1	41	9.4	13	31.7
Burlington	403	121	30.0	103	85.1	138	34.2	111	80.4	23	5.7	Ħ	47.8
Camden	652	276	42.3	262	94.9	239	36.7	200	83.7	42	6.4	16	38.1
Cape May	165	55	33.3	48	87.3	4.8	29.1	38	79.2	10	6.1	4.	40.0
Cumberland	315	150	47.6	141	94.0	99	31.4	70	70.7	10	3. 2	6	60.0
Essex	517	225	43.5	153	68.0	131	25.3	55	42.0	55	10.6	8	14.5
Gloucester	322	105	32.6	95	90.5	128	39.8	84	65.6	16	5.0	N	12.5
Hudson	399	176	44.1	164	93.2	335	84.0	323	96.4	371	93.0	277	74.7
Hunterdon	78	22	28.2	20	90.9	24	30.8	16	66.7	55	6.4	ν	40.0
Mercer	322	135	41.9	108	80.0	98	30.4	75	76.5	18	5.6	5	27.8
Middlesex	496	188	37.9	173	92.0	276	55.6	170	61.6	215	43.3	16	7.4
Monmouth	515	182	35.3	166	91.2	151	29.3	105	69.5	37	7.2	œ	21.6
Morris	258	96	37.2	89	92.7	101	39. <b>1</b>	84	83.2	7	2.7	ω	42.9
Ocean	626	214	34.2	206	96.3	387	61.8	222	57.4	43	6,9	15	34.9
Passaic	374	141	37.7	134	95.0	99	26.5	48	48.5	18	<b>4</b> . 8	69	44.4
Salem	110	44	40.0	37	84.1	39	35.5	24	61.5	<b>U</b> 1 -	5	ω	60.0
Somerset	229	82	35.8	73	89.0	86	37.6	65	75.6	14	6.1	ر. ت	35.7
Sussex	95	25	26.3	20	80.0	36	37.9	26	72.2	7	7.4	4.	57.1
Union	581	267	46.0	241	90.3	221	38.0	160	72.4	97	16.7	42	43.3
Warren	136	60	44.1	53	88.3	55	40.4	49	89.1	17	12.5	œ	47.1
TOTAL	7584	2877	37.9	2556	88.8	1061							

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	600	Other )	Approp	riate ntiff	Other Appropriate Relief -Plaintiff-	Other	Approp -Chile	Other Appropriate Relief -Child(ren)-	Relief	Other Appropriate -Defendant	Approp -Def	ppropriate -Defendant	Relief	Inta Condit	ke Mon ions o	Intake Monitoring of Conditions or Restraints	of aints
County	Relief Granted	Sght	Part	I (M) Grntd	 	sght	Part	I (N) Grntd	i i de	sght	توجيف	I (0) Grntd	æ	Sght	Part %	I (P) Grntd	d <b>e</b>
Atlantic	557	ω	1.4	N	25.0	22	3.9	ω	13.6	34	6.1	33	97.1	2	A	2	100.0
Bergen	434	20	4.6	œ	40.0	25	5.8	<b>5</b> 1	20.0	127	29.3	110	86.6	20	4.6	4.	20.0
Burlington	403	6	1.5	2	33.3	14	3.5	0	. 0	107	26.6	93	86.9	.4	1.0	0	. 0
Camden	652	11	1.7	10	90.9	52	8.0	4	7.7	182	27.9	139	76.4	38	5. 8	0	. 0
Cape May	165	N	1.2	0	. 0	2	1.2	0	. 0	55	33.3	55	100.0	0	. 0	0	. 0
Cumberland	315	1	ن	ь	100.0	18	5.7	9	50.0	56	17.8	55	98.2	0		0	
Essex	517	21	4.1	9	42.9	32	6.2	7	21.9	230	44.5	106	46.1	4.	OD	1	25.0
Gloucester	322	υī	1.6	_	20.0	17	5. <sub>3</sub>	ω	17.6	154	47.8	143	92.9	4	1.2	۳	25.0
Hudson	399	4	1.0	w	75.0	19	8	15	78.9	28	7.0	14	50.0	10	2 5	4	40.0
Hunterdon	78	1	1.3	1	100.0	ч	1.3	0	. 0	14	17.9	00	57.1	w	3.8	ם	33.3
Mercer	322	4	1.2	<b>–</b>	25.0	σ	1.6	۳	20.0	31	9.6	23	74.2	o,	1.9	<b>,</b>	16.7
Middlesex	496	44	8.9	ω	6.8	44	8.9	0	. 0	236	47.6	75	31.8	88	17.7	0	. 0
Monmouth	515	6	1.2	4	66.7	28	5.4	ш	3.6	20	3.9	16	80.0	ω		0	. 0
Morris	258	4.	1.6	N	50.0	16	6.2	ь	6.3	89	34.5	81	91.0	0	. 0	0	. 0
Ocean	626	y	1.4	6	66.7	31	5.0	œ	25.8	109	17.4	109	100.0	ω	G	ω	100.0
Passaic	374	v	1.3	0	. 0	13	3.5	4	30.8	0	. 0	0	. 0	0	. 0	0	. 0
Salem	110	1	. 9	0	. 0	σ	4.5	<b>1</b> 4	20.0	17	15.5	17	100.0	0	. 0	0	. 0
Somerset	229	4	1.7	ω	75.0	10		ω	30.0	21	9.2	20	95.2	0	. 0	0	. 0
Sussex	95	ц	1.1	N	200.0	ω	3.2		33.3	ω	3.2	ω	100.0	0	. 0	0	. 0
Union	581	37	6.4	4	10.8	40	6.9	ω	7.5	85	14.6	80	94.1	7	1.2	ഗ	71.4
Warren	136	ω	2.2	2	66.7	7	5.1	0	. 0	58	42.6	45	77.6	14	10.3	0	. 0
TOTAL	7584	. 197	2.6	64	32.5	404	5.3	69	17.1	1656	21.8	1225	74.0	206	2.7	22	10.7

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99.8	7536	99.6	7551	2.2	170	. 0	0	. 0	<b>~</b>	99.7	7528	99.6	7550	7584	TOTAL
100.0	136	100.0	136	. 0	0	. 0	0		0	100.0	135	99.3	135	136	Warren
100.0	575	99.0	575	14.5	84	. 0	0	N	1	99.8	576	99.3	577	581	Union
100.0	95	100.0	95	. 0	0	. 0	0	. 0	0	98.9	93	98.9	94	95	Sussex
98.7	226	100.0	229	. 9	N		0	. 0	0	98.7	226	100.0	229	229	Somerset
100.0	110	100.0	110	. 0	0	. 0	0	. 0	0	100.0	110	100.0	110	110	Salem
100.0	374	100.0	374	. 0	0	. 0	0	. 0	0	100.0	374	100.0	374	374	Passaic
99.5	622	99.8	625	2.2	14	. 0	0	. 0	0	99.5	622	99.8	625	626	Ocean
100.0	258	100.0	258	œ	2	. 0	0	. 0	0	100.0	258	100.0	258	258	Morris
100.0	513	99.6	513	1.6	В	. 0	0		0	100.0	513	99.6	513	515	Monmouth
99.6	493	99.8	495	1.2	σ	. 0	0	. 0	0	99.4	491	99.6	494	496	Middlesex
100.3	322	99.7	321	1.2	4		0	. 0	0	100.0	322	100.0	322	322	Mercer
100.0	78	100:0	78	1.3	1	. 0	0	. 0	0	100.0	78	100.0	78	78	Hunterdon
100.0	389	97.5	389		0	. 0	0	. 0	0	99.5	388	97.7	390	399	Hudson
100.0	322	100.0	322	N 5	۵	. 0	0	. 0	0	100.0	321	99.7	321	322	Gloucester
98.4	508	99.8	516	1.4	7	. 0	0	. 0	0	98.4	507	99.6	515	517	Essex
100.0	315	100.0	315	. 0	0	. 0	0	0	0	100.0	315	100.0	315	315	Cumberland
100.0	164	99.4	164	. 0	0	. 0	0	. 0	0	100.0	164	99.4	164	165	Cape May
100.0	646	99.1	646	2.8	18	. 0	0	. 0	0	100.0	646	99.1	646	652	Camden
100.0	403	100.0	403	2.0	œ	. 0	0	. 0	0	100.0	403	100.0	403	403	Burlington
100.2	431	99.1	430	1.6	7	.0	0	. 0	0	100.2	431	99.1	430	434	Bergen
99.8	556	100.0	557	.2	ч	. 0	0		0	99.6	555	100.0	557	557	Atlantic
       40	I (T) Grntd	Part	Sght	I (S)	Part : Grntd	ake !	I (R) Grntd	Part	Sght	1 40	I (Q) Grntd	Part	Sght	Relief Granted	County
inst ims	n Aga: - Vict	Prohibition Against Stalking - Victims		E Weapon	Seizure of Weapons	nst	Prohibition Against Weapons Possession -Other-	nibitio apons P -Ot	Proh	Against session (s)-		Prohibition Agains Weapons Possession -Firearm(s)-	Proh Wea	Some/All	

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		Proh Sta	Prohibition Stalking -	n Against - Others	nst	Condit Tim	ions o	Conditions of Parenting Time for Defendant	iting int	Risk 1	Assess	Risk Assessment Ord	rdered	Sı	Suspension Parenting Time	ion of Time Or	of Order
County	Relief Granted	Sght	Part :	I (U) Grntd	; ; ; ; ; ;	sght	Part	II(V) Grntd	   akp 	Sght	Part	II(W) Grntd		S	Part %	II(X) Grntd	*
Atlantic	557	113	20.3	87	77.0	78			98	14	2.5	14	100.0	95	17.1	22	23.2
Bergen	434	257	59.2	185	72.0	142	32.7	138	97.2	23	5.3	11	47.8	120	27.6	24	20.0
Burlington	403	193	47.9	166	86.0	77	19.1	69	89.6	36	8.9	25	69.4	121	30.0	41	33.9
Camden	652	212	32.5	176	83.0	143	21.9	137	95.8	43	6.6	35	81.4	191	29.3	94	49.2
Cape May	165	82	49.7	63	76.8	32	19.4	31	96.9	7	4.2	7	100.0	39	23.6	17	43.6
Cumberland	315	77	24.4	64	83.1	70	22.2	69	98.6	7	2.2	7	100.0	142	45.1	76	53.5
Essex	517	276	53.4	84	30.4	124	24.0	115	92.7	175	33.8	163	93.1	205	39.7	86	42.0
Gloucester	322	194	60.2	156	80.4	105	32.6	101	96.2	σ	1.6	ω	60.0	92	28.6	12	13.0
Hudson	399	373	93.5	353	94.6	85	21.3	85	100.0	7	1.8	1	14.3	156	39.1	44	28.2
Hunterdon	78	58	74.4	<b>4</b> 5	77.6	17	21.8	13	76.5	9.	7.7	Ŋ	83.3	17	21.8	4	23.5
Mercer	322	201	62.4	161	80.1	107	33.2	104	97.2	18	5.6	12	66.7	111	34.5	26	23.4
Middlesex	496	286	57.7	123	43.0	157	31.7	149	94.9	18	3.6	7	38.9	156	31.5	21	13.5
Monmouth	515	300	58.3	267	89.0	132	25.6	123	93.2	٦	'n	0	. 0	96	18.6	38	39.6
Morris	258	159	61.6	121	76.1	95	36.8	94	98.9	N	00	N	100.0	66	25.6	œ	12.1
Ocean	626	363	58.0	270	74.4	183	29.2	181	98.9	27	4.3	26	96.3	176	28.1	47	26.7
Passaic	374	191	51.1	115	60.2	84	22.5	74	88.1	N	.5	<b>,</b>	50.0	119	31.8	34	28.6
Salem	110	55	50.0	26	47.3	24	21.8	24	100.0	N	1.8	0	0	38	34.5	13	34.2
Somerset	229	163	71.2	147	90.2	55	24.0	54	98.2	46	20.1	44	95.7	74	32.3	31	41.9
Sussex	95	43	45.3	29	67.4	19	20.0	18	94.7	ω	3.2	<b>⊢</b>	33.3	15	15.8	ហ	33.3
Union	581	354	60.9	251	70.9	216	37.2	213	98.6	42	7.2	41	97.6	258	44.4	41	15.9
Warren	136	92	67.6	81	88.0	41	30.1	40	97.6	11	8.1	4	36.4	50	36.8	15	30.0
TOTAL	7584	4042	53.3	2970	73.5	1986	26.2	1909	96.1	495	6.5	409	82.6	2337	30.8	699	29.9

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	Som (1)	Monetary - \ Emerge	10 ~	Compensation Victim - Jent Support	ation	Monet En	ary ( Dependergent	Monetary Compensation - Dependent(s) - Emergent Support	ation - rt	Monetary Compensat Interim Support -VictimDependen	Monetary Compensation Interim Support -VictimDependents-	Monetary - \ Ongoin	ary c	etary Compensation - Victim - Ongoing Support	ation
County	Relief Granted	Sght	Part	II(Y) Grntd	1 1 1 4 e4P	sght	Part	II(Z) Grntd	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Part II-aa Grntd	Part II-bb Grntd	Sght	Part	II-cc Grntd	
Atlantic	557	N		2	100.0	0		0	. 0	0	0	N		2	100.0
Bergen	434	11	2.5	ы	18.2	11	2.5	0	. 0	ω	0	30	6.9	10	33.3
Burlington	403	6	1.5	N	33.3	3	. 7	0	. 0	1	٢	10	2.5	44	40.0
Camden	652	ъ	&	0	. 0	16	2.5	0	. 0	0	0	12	1.8	ر. ت	41.7
Cape May	165	0	. 0	0	. 0	0	. 0	0	. 0	2	н	N	1.2	Ļ	50.0
Cumberland	315	0	. 0	0	. 0	0	. 0	0	. 0	0	0	0	. 0	0	. 0
Essex	517	12	2.3	بر	8	34	6.6	0	. 0	N	N	15	2.9	4.	26.7
Gloucester	322	2	. 6	0	. 0	٣	ພ	0	. 0	0	0	20	6.2	12	60.0
Hudson	399	U1	1.3	0	. 0	13	3.3	0	. 0	0	۲	2	.5	1	50.0
Hunterdon	78	ω	3.8	μ	33.3	N	2.6	ъ	50.0	0	0	4.	5.1	2	50.0
Mercer	322	16	5.0	0	. 0	17	5.3	0	. 0	0	0	22	6.8	0	. 0
Middlesex	496	29	5.8	0	. 0	25	5.0	0	. 0	0	0	39	7.9	<b>6</b> 0	20.5
Monmouth	515	1	. 2	0	. 0	2	. 4	0	. 0	0	0	œ	1.6	7	87.5
Morris	258	16	6.2	44	6.3	12	4.7	<b>G</b>	41.7	L	0	19	7.4	N	10.5
Ocean	626	2	ن	0	. 0	2	u	0	. 0	W	6	16	2.6	15	93.8
Passaic	374	σ,	1.6	N	33.3	4.	1.1	2	50.0	0	0	4	1.1	4.	100.0
Salem	110	0	. 0	0	. 0	щ	. 9	0	. 0	0	0	7	6.4	7	100.0
Somerset	229	<b>L</b>	. 4	щ	100.0	<b>_</b>		٦	100.0	0	0	9	3.9	9	100.0
Sussex	95	4.	4.2	w	75.0	N	2.1	<b>1</b>	50.0	0	0	4	4.2	0	. 0
Union	581	18	3.1	N	11.1	6	1.0	0	. 0	0	0	12	2.1	11	91.7
Warren	136	0	. 0	0	. 0	ц	. 7	0	. 0	0	0	4	2.9	0	
TOTAL	7584	139	1.8	17	12.2	153	2.0	10	6.5	12	11	241	3.2	104	43.2

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50.0	2.3 3	6	. 0	0	. 0	0	85.7	12	5.4	14	71.1	27	14.7	38	258	Morris
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25.0	1.2 1	4	. 0	0	. 0	0	88.9	œ	2.8	9	80.6	29	11.2	36	322	Gloucester
. 0	1.2 0	σ	. 0	0	œ	4	25.0	ω	2.3	12	53.5	46	16.6	86	517	Essex
. 0	. 0	0	. 0	0	. 0	0	. 0	0	. 0	0	100.0	26	8.3	26	315	Cumberland
. 0	.6 0	1	. 0	0		0	100.0	٦		<b>-</b>	100.0	18	10.9	18	165	Cape May
1 66.7	.9	σ	. 0	0	·ω	N	43.8	7	2.5	16	81.0	64	12.1	79	652	Camden
37.5	2.0 3	œ	. 0	0	. 0	0	11.1	_	2.2	9	61.4	27	10.9	44	403	Burlington
54.5	2.5 6	11	. 0	0	2	1	75.0	12	3.7	16	84.1	69	18.9	82	434	Bergen
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136 98.6	23.8	138	0	100.0	۳	N	1	50.0	<b>_</b>	ω	2	581	Union
10 71.4	14.7	14	н	. 0	0	1.1	1	50.0	بر	2.1	2	95	Sussex
27 96.4	12.2	28	0	. 0	0	. 0	0	100.0	₽	4.	н	229	Somerset
23 100.0	20.9	23	0		0	. 0	0	66.7	N	2.7	ω	110	Salem
. 0	0	0	1	50.0	_	S	N	66.7	ъ	8	ω	374	Passaic
69 100.0	11.0	69	0	100.0	N	'n	2	100.0	27	. <b>3</b>	27	626	Ocean
52 94.5	21.3	55	0	50.0	۲	60	2	75.0	ω	1.6	•	258	Morris
67 98.5	13.2	68	0	. 0	0	4	N	83.3	5	1.2	6	515	Monmouth
13 13.4	19.6	97	0	. 0	0	1.0	v	7.9	ω	7.7	38	496	Middlesex
11 40.7	8.4	27	0	. 0	0		0	50.0	1		2	322	Mercer
3 30.0	12.8	10	0	. 0	0	1.3	1	33.3	٦	3.8	ω	78	Hunterdon
3 1.6	47.9	191	0	0	0	ພ	1	62.5	υī	2.0	8	399	Hudson
236 94.4	77.6	250	0	. 0	0	. 0	0	. 0	0	1.2	4	322	Gloucester
186 55.2	65.2	337	o	14.3	ш	1.4	7	. 0	0		2	517	Essex
121 100.0	38.4	121	0	. 0	0	. 0	0	.0	0	. 0	0	315	Cumberland
59 100.0	35.8	59	1	. 0	0	. 0	0	. 0	0		1	165	Cape May
214 62.8	52.3	341	0	100.0	1	N	4	28.6	9	3.2	21	652	Camden
69 53.5	32.0	129	0	. 0	0	. 0	0	20.0	8	2.5	10	403	Burlington
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rofessional Domestic Violence Counseling For Defendant	Professional Violence Co For Defe	Profes Viole Fc	Victims of Crime Compensation Board	ation	Compensation Party	Monetary Co Third	Monet	ation ) - ge	ry Compensation Dependent(s) - lical Coverage	etary Compensat - Dependent(s) Medical Coverage	Monetary - Dep Medica	Some/All	

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County	Relief Granted	Sght	Part :	II-11 Grntd	ato	sght	Part I	II-mm Grntd	ako I	Sght	Part 1	II-nn Grntd	de	Part II-oo Sought Grntd	Part II-oo ught Grntd	i i i dip
Atlantic	557	Ļ	N	0	. 0	14	2.5	<b>6</b> 0	57.1	4	. 7	44	100.0	4055		91.9
Bergen	434	26	6.0	12	46.2	40	9.2	ω	7.5	45	10.4	20	44.4	4545	3859	84.9
Burlington	403	Ø	1.5	1	16.7	62	15.4	19	30.6	മ	1.5	w	50.0	3700	3243	87.6
Camden	652	11	1.7	۲	9.1	32	4.9	14	43.8	4	.6	4	100.0	6004	5313	88.5
Cape May	165	٢		0	. 0	16	9.7	7	43.8	N	1.2	2	100.0	1562	1438	92.1
Cumberland	315	0	. 0	0	. 0	26	8.3	œ	30.8	12	3.8	ហ	41.7	2681	2486	92.7
Essex	517	23	4.4	۲	4.3	38	7.4	5	13.2	4	80	ы	50.0	5472	3807	69.6
Gloucester	322	æ	2.5	ب	12.5	22	6 80	12	54.5	ω	. 9	ω	100.0	3347	2973	88.8
Hudson	399	տ	1.3	1	20.0	18	4.5	0	. 0	26	6.5	15	57.7	4987	4382	87.7
Hunterdon	78	4	5.1	0	. 0	6	7.7	v	83.3	N	2.6	_	50.0	752	616	81.9
Mercer	322	7	2.2	0	. 0	44	13.7	16	36.4	3	. 9	1	33.3	3129	2613	83.5
Middlesex	496	39	7.9	0		42	8.5	ω	7.1	υı	1.0	0	.0	5581	3771	67.6
Monmouth	515	4	. 8	2	50.0	17	ນ .ນ	œ	47.1	9	1.7	7	77.8	4556	4172	91.6
Morris	258	23	8.9	5	21.7	36	14.0	7	19.4	ω	3.1	4	50.0	2627	2295	87.4
Ocean	626	œ	1.3	7	87.5	31	5.0	13	41.9	12	1.9	7	58.3	6038	5352	88.6
Passaic	374	N	. 5	0	. 0	44	11.8	12	27.3	H	.ω	•	. 0	3178	2698	84.9
Salem	110	0	.0	0	. 0	14	12.7	ω	21.4	N	1.8	<b></b>	50.0	1011	836	82.7
Somerset	229	v	2.2	4	80.0	9	3.9	σ	55.6	2	. 9	2	100.0	2200	2014	91.5
Sussex	95	ω	3.2	0	. 0	&	8.4	ω	37.5	N	2.1	_	50.0	809	705	87.1
Union	581	11	1.9	7	63.6	128	22.0	67	52.3	35	6.0	19	54.3	5996	5159	86.0
Warren	136	œ	5.9	н	12.5	13	9.6	5	38.5	19	14.0	15	78.9	1464	1264	86.3
TOTAL	7584	195	2,6	43	22.1	660	8.7	223	33.8	206	2.7	116	56.3	73694 62724	62724	85.1

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### **SECTION FOUR:**

### **POST-DISPOSITIONAL RELIEF**

- (1) DV CRIMINAL CONTEMPTS (FOs)
- (2) MODIFICATIONS/ENFORCEMENTS (FVs)
  - (3) REOPENED DV FROs/TERMINATIONS
    - (4) DV CONTEMPT SUMMARY

## SECTION FOUR POST-DISPOSITIONAL RELIEF

Enforcement of domestic violence TROs or FROs can be pursued either through the criminal contempt process, N.J.S.A.2C:29-9b or N.J.S.A.2C:25-30, or through civil enforcement of litigant's rights, under Rule 1:10-3. Under the criminal statute, violations of any restraints and certain reliefs and conditions of a restraining order require mandatory arrest and criminal prosecution. Violations of other reliefs and conditions are enforceable by the court pursuant to applicable court rules. The Family Division has jurisdiction over disorderly person's domestic violence contempt actions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C: 29-2b. This includes contempt charges that were initially indictable but have been downgraded by the Prosecutor's Office in the county of venue. The following section reports the data on those cases. It does not cover indictable contempts of the fourth degree and above, which are handled in the Criminal Division.

### 1. <u>DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRIMINAL CONTEMPTS (FOs)</u>

### A. STATEWIDE FIGURES

### a. FILINGS

The Family Division processed 7,436 disorderly persons criminal contempts in 2009, a decrease of 4.70% from 2008.

Dome	estic Violence C	ontempts File	ed
Year	2008	2009	+/-
Filings	7,803	7,436	-4.70%

### **b. TERMINATIONS**

Total terminations include those cases in which defendants either entered a guilty plea or were found guilty of disorderly persons contempt charges, as well as those cases in which contempt charges were dismissed, either as part of a plea agreement to a lesser charge (e.g., harassment) at the victim's or prosecutor's request or after a trial and a finding of not guilty. In 2009, the number of contempt terminations decreased by 3.84% from 2008.

Domest	ic Violence C	ontempts Clos	sed
Year	2008	2009	+/-
Terminations	7,677	7,382	-3.84%

**B.** COUNTY FIGURES

### **COUNTY FIGURES/DV CONTEMPTS (FILINGS)**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Atlantic	388	423
Bergen	428	390
Burlington	301	385
Camden	834	794
Cape May	182	150
Cumberland	349	436
Essex	520	385
Gloucester	288	407
Hudson	541	397
Hunterdon	48	59
Mercer	374	280
Middlesex	518	545
Monmouth	629	543
Morris	229	271
Ocean	674	616
Passaic	536	549
Salem	78	112
Somerset	228	235
Sussex	135	125
Union	365	235
Warren	158	99
TOTALS	7,803	7,436

### **COUNTY FIGURES/DV CONTEMPTS/(TERMINATIONS)**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Atlantic	371	412
Bergen	416	398
Burlington	307	368
Camden	837	786
Cape May	188	144
Cumberland	313	443
Essex	549	391
Gloucester	246	337
Hudson	545	410
Hunterdon	56	46
Mercer	362	301
Middlesex	524	532
Monmouth	585	556
Morris	231	239
Ocean	642	635
Passaic	548	566
Salem	101	111
Somerset	233	223
Sussex	116	122
Union	361	251
Warren	146	111
TOTALS	7,677	7,382

### 2. MODIFICATIONS/ENFORCEMENT-FILINGS/(FV)

### A. STATEWIDE FIGURES

The subsections that follow contain detailed information concerning closed cases that were subsequently reopened for review or modification of a final restraining order (FRO), pursuant to a motion to enforce litigant's rights. In 2009, there were 15,794 reopened domestic violence cases, a decrease of 2.9% cases from 2008.

Reoj	ened Final Res	training Orders	S
Year	2008	2009	+/-
Filings	16,259	15,794	-2.9%

### (1) PROBATION SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT/MODIFICATION/REVIEW

This table reflects those cases in which child/spousal support was ordered as part of an FRO payable through the Probation Department and a motion for modification or enforcement was requested by the plaintiff, the defendant, or the Probation Division.

20	009
# of Cases Motion for Probation Support Review	# of Total Post-Disposition Filings
3,158	20.0%

### (2) OTHER ENFORCEMENT/MODIFICATION/REVIEW

The plaintiff or defendant may file for enforcement, modification, or review of a restraining order. A review could include issues such as custody, parenting time, child/spousal support issues, as well as other matters concerning compliance with the court's order.

200	)9
# of Cases Other Enforc/Mod/ Review FRO	% of Total Post- Disposition Filings
12,551	79.5%

### (3) **REACTIVATED**

Reactivated cases are cases in which parties had been unavailable for further court action for various reasons. The cases were reactivated and reopened when the parties became available.

	2009
# of Cases Reactivated	% of Total Post- Disposition Filings
85	0.5%

### 3. REOPENED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FROs-TERMINATIONS

The number of terminations of reopened FROs decreased from 2008.

	ONS OF REOPE VIOLENCE CA		ESTIC
Year	2008	2009	+/-
Terminations	16,212	15,612	-3.2%

### a. PROBATION SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT/ MODIFICATION REVIEW

Plaintiffs or defendants can petition the court for review and modification of child/spousal support ordered in an FRO.

200	9
# of Cases Probation Support Review	% of Total Post- Disposition Terminations
3,158	20.2 %

### b. <u>OTHER ENFORCEMENT/MODIFICATION/ENFORCEMENT</u>

Parties may seek modification of custody and parenting time of a FRO.

2009	)
# of Cases Other Enforcement Modification/Review	% of Total Post- Disposition Terminations
7,375	47.2%

### c. <u>OTHER ENFORCEMENT/MODIFICATION/REVIEW/</u> <u>FINAL ORDER/DISMISSED</u>

The plaintiff may request review/modification or dismissal of the FRO.

2009	
# of Cases Other Enforcement/Modification Final Order Dismissed	% of Total Post- Disposition Terminations
5,011	32.1%

### d. <u>INACTIVATED</u>

Domestic Violence cases may be inactivated for specific reasons consistent with approved case processing standards. Cases may only be inactivated after a TRO has been issued.

200	09
# of Cases Inactivated	% of Total Dispositions
68	0.4%

### 4. **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONTEMPT/SUMMARY**

### A. STATEWIDE FIGURES

In 2009, more domestic violence contempts were filed than were disposed resulting in a slight increase in cases pending from January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009.

De	omestic Violenc	e Contempt Sum	mary
Year	2008	2009	+/-
Total Filings	7,803	7,436	-4.70%
Total Dispositions	7,677	7,382	-3.84%

**COUNTY FIGURES** 

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# Domestic Violence Filings ReOpened/Post Disposition

January 1, 2009 - December 31, 2009

County Atlantic Bergen Burlington Camden Cape May Cumberland Essex Gloucester Hudson Hunterdon Mercer Middlesex Monmouth	Probation Support Enforcement/ Modification/ Modification/ Review (06/98) 133 184 54 72 521 102 0 20 55 184 58	15.0 40.3 19.0 17.9 9.8 24.9 17.4 16.4 11.3 15.2 21.9	Other Enforcement/ Modification/ Review (06/99)	84.9 84.9 82.1 82.1 82.4 100.0 83.6 84.6 78.0	ReActivated (03/99)		
	184 54	17.9 15.7	842 289	82.1 84.0		r 0	-
mberland	72	9.8	614	83.8	44.	7	6
issex:	521	24.9	1565	74.7		10	
Gloucester	102	17.4	482	82.4		1	1 .2
Hudson	0	. 0	707	100.0		0	
Hunterdon	20	16.4	102	83.6		0	
Mercer	52	11.3	407	88.5		ш	1 .2
Middlesex	159	15.2	883	84.6		2	2 .2
Monmouth	184	21.9	657	78.0		ם	1 .1
Morris	58	9.7	542	90.3		0	
Ocean	100	9.3	972	90.4		ω	ω .ω
Passaic	352	32.2	742	67.8		0	0 .0
Salem	42	13.7	253	82.7		11	11 3.6
Somerset	91	20.8	346	79.0		1	1 . 2
Sussex	7	4.3	153	95.0		1	1 .6
Union	413	28.8	1019	71.2		0	0 .0
Warren	43	21.5	157	78.5		0	0 .0
TOTAL	3158	20.0	12551	79.5		85	85 .5

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			January 1,	2002	2009 - December 31, 2009				
County	Probation Support Enforcement/ Modification/ Review(05/86)	i i de	Other Enforcement/ Modification/Review Order Mod./Enf. Continued(05/85)	i i i oko	i t		FRO Granted Inactivated Post-Disp (02/99)	o#F	Total ReOpened Post-Disposition
	98	15.	213	32	339	52.1	1	.2	651
Bergen	473	41.0	370	32.1	308	26.7	ω	ພ	1154
Burlington	133	19.3	238	34.5	319	46.2	0	. 0	690
Camden	184	17.9	404	39.3	438	42.6	μ	;	1027
Cape May	54	15.5	175	50.3	118	33.9	נ	·w	348
Cumberland	72	9.9	414	57.1	198	27.3	41	5.7	725
Essex	521	24.8	1253	59.5	328	15.6	ω	:1	2105
Gloucester	102	17.9	227	39.8	238	41.7	4	. 7	571
Hudson	0	. 0	458	63.3	266	36.7	0	. 0	724
Hunterdon	20	16.4	54	44.3	48	39.3	0		122
Mercer	52	11.6	189	42.1	207	46.1	1	. 2	449
Middlesex	159	15.4	568	55.1	302	29.3	2	. 2	1031
Monmouth	184	22.5	314	38.4	319	39.0	1	ù	818
Morris	58	9.7	321	53.7	219	36.6	0	. 0	598
Ocean	100	9.4	521	49.0	441	41.5	щ	Ļ	1063
Passaic	352	32.7	465	43.1	261	24.2	0	. 0	1078
Salem	42	13.6	171	55.5	91	29.5	4	1.3	308
Somerset	91	21.0	202	46.5	139	32.0	N	ຫ	434
Sussex	7	<b>4</b> . 5	77	49.7	69	44.5	2	1.3	155
Union	413	30.3	667	48.9	284	20.8	ų	ù	1365
Warren	43	21.9	74	37.8	79	40.3	0		196
TOTAL	3158	20.2	7375	47.2	5011	32.1	68	4	15612

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