



Royal Court of Jersey
Judicial Greffe & Viscount's
Department

2024 Jersey Court Service Annual Report

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Purpose and Origin of the Departments

Judicial Greffe

The Judicial Greffe is a Department of the Judiciary responsible for the provision of secretarial, administrative and interlocutory support to the Island's Courts and Tribunals. Associated services are provided to the legal profession and the general public. The Department in its present form was established in 1931 by the "Loi (1931) constituant Le Département du Greffe Judiciaire".

Viscount's Department

The Viscount's Department is the executive arm of the Island's Courts and of the States Assembly and supports the Viscount in the delivery of his functions. The Viscount is responsible for enforcing court orders, protecting the financial interests of vulnerable people, investigating deaths, and managing juries. The Viscount also deals with bankruptcies and with the seizure and management of assets, including assets that may be the proceeds of crime. The Department in its present form was established in 1930 by the "Loi (1930) constituant Le Département du Vicomte".

In this report the Judicial Greffe and the Viscount's Department are referred to collectively as the Court Service.

2024 Operational and Administrative Activity

Judicial Appointments

Advocate Matthew Berry was appointed Deputy Viscount in May 2024.

Judicial Greffe

Samedi Team

The Samedi Team is responsible for providing a full support service to the Royal Court including attending sittings as a Clerk to the Court, issuing and enrolling the Acts of Court in relation to proceedings and providing advice on Court procedure. The Team is also responsible for the registration of professionals, deed polls, company reinstatements, court of protection orders, guardianships, reciprocal enforcement of judgments, the taxation of costs, considering applications for disbursements in support of legally aided litigants, registering and indexing orders in court, fidéicomis applications and supporting the Liquor Licensing Assembly. In 2024 there were 785 Royal Court sittings.

2024 Highlights

Acts of Court produced:	1840
New criminal cases before the Royal Court:	112
Liquor Licences Granted:	85
Number of Jury Trials:	20
Licensing Assemblies:	4
Extraordinary Licensing Assemblies:	2

Public Registry

The Public Registry is responsible for the management and protection of all land contracts and associated documents enrolled for the purpose of evidencing title to, or charges against, land in Jersey.

2024 Highlights

The Public Registry made amendments to the Pride system to help future proof the database.

The value of property transactions registered rose in 2024 to £948,302,000 with a 10% increase in stamp duty received.

Family Court

The Family Court is responsible for providing a comprehensive service to the Royal Court for Family Proceedings. These include causes for the termination of marriage (including nullity), dissolution of civil partnership, judicial separation cases, ancillary matters and applications relating to children. The Family Court also deals with applications relating to the legitimacy of children, adoption proceedings, care orders and child abduction. Reciprocal Enforcement of maintenance cases are also dealt with, involving liaison with foreign Courts. In addition, the Family Team deals with applications for the recognition and enforcement of Children Orders made in the UK.

The Family Court also operates the alternative dispute resolution service the '[Family Foundation](#)' which helps families in the Island to avoid court proceedings

2024 Highlights

Number of divorce judicial separation petitions filed:	151
Decrees Absolute granted:	151
Free standing private children applications filed:	41
Matrimonial acts issued:	331
Preliminary directions hearings:	138
Case Review hearings:	213
Number of applications to the Family Foundation:	51
Number of applications which proceeded to joint sessions:	25
Number which reached agreement:	18

Interlocutory Services

The Master of the Royal Court deals with all disputed claims that are not criminal prosecutions and do not involve family or children matters. He is Jersey's civil procedural Judge, and his function is to ensure that parties to a civil dispute take all necessary steps to ensure their cases are ready for trial before the Royal Court. He also deals with claims or defences that have no merit and is the mediator for disputed civil claims in the Petty Depts Court.

The Master is also one of the mediators for the Petty Debts Court. This free service settles a significant number of the contested cases at an early stage (before pleadings are filed, before discovery and before witness statements are exchanged). Both aspects of the role assist in reducing some of the pressures in the Island's civil justice system.

2024 Highlights

Summonses Processed	158
Acts Issued including Consent Orders	343
Judgments & Decisions	39
Cases heard at Mediations	29
Number of Mediations Settled	25

Probate and Protection Registry

The Probate and Protection Registry is responsible for examining, validating and granting to lawyers, trust corporations and members of the public the right to recover or receive any part of a Jersey estate. The Protection Registry is responsible for dealing with Delegations, Tutelles and the registration of Lasting Powers of Attorney.

The Probate and Protection team saw a continued increase in the number of Lasting Powers of Attorneys registered. There were 1749 LPAs registered during the year. The number of Probate grants issued by December 2024 was 1,196 compared with 1,625 issued in 2023.

2024 Highlights

Number of grants issued:	1,196
Total estates value:	£552,448,056
Stamp Duty received:	£3,425,550
Delegate cases at start of year:	331
Delegate cases at end of year:	348
LPAs (property/financial) registered:	933
LPAs (health/welfare) registered:	816

Appellate Team

The Appellate Team is responsible for the administrative arrangements for the Court of Appeal and the Court of Appeal Judges. This includes arranging the annual sitting rota, listing of all appeals received and preparation of documentation for each sitting. The Appellate Team acts as Clerk to the judges, attend all sittings, drafts Acts of Court and provides procedural advice where required. The

Court of Appeal has six scheduled sittings each year, however the Appellate Team arranges any additional special sittings that are necessary.

2024 Highlights

Appeals lodged with Court of Appeal:	28
Superior Number appeals:	3
Court of Appeal sittings (days):	17

Intellectual Property Registry

The Judicial Greffe has responsibility for maintaining the Registers of Trade Marks, Patents and Designs. The Registry houses the three registers and provides advice and associated services to industry specialists and members of the public. The number of Trade Marks and Patents registered in 2024 more than doubled from the previous year.

2024 Highlights

Number of Trade Mark registrations:	186
Number of Patents (registrations and updates):	16
Number of Trade Mark updates:	339

Tribunal Service

The Tribunal Service is responsible for the administration of the Jersey Employment and Discrimination Tribunal, the Social Security Income Support Tribunal, the Social Security Medical Tribunal, the Long Term Incapacity Tribunal, the Mental Health Appeals Tribunal, the Health and Safety Tribunal, Planning Appeals and the Charity Tribunal. The Jersey Employment and Discrimination Tribunal publishes an annual report available at [Tribunals - Courts.je](https://tribunals-jersey.com). In 2024 the Tribunal Service took over responsibility for administering the Commissioners of Appeal for Taxes and started holding the hearings in September 2024.

2024 Highlights

Claims to Employment and Discrimination Tribunal	286
Planning Appeals	76
Mental Health and Capacity Appeals	49
Social Security appeals	0

Magistrate's, Youth and Petty Debts Court

The Magistrate's, Youth and Petty Debts Court service a constant daily throughput of Adult Remand Courts, Youth Courts, criminal trials, civil trials and Petty Debts Court hearings. The Magistrate's Court Greffe also provides a weekly mediation service for claims that fall within the Petty Debts Court jurisdiction and ad-hoc sessions for other mediation requirements.

The Adult Remand Court sat on 365 occasions to consider criminal matters including trials, legal argument, directions hearings, sentencing and parking matters. There was an increase in the number of cases dealt with by the Youth Court and a continued increase in the number of cases sent to the Royal Court (128 in 2023 compared to 74 in the 2023).

2024 Highlights

Number of cases dealt with by Magistrate's Court:	1,658
Number of cases dealt with by Youth Court:	157
New actions before Petty Debts Court:	2,539
Value of claims in Petty Debts Court:	£10,936,854.

Courts Digital Programme

The Courts Digital Programme has a remit to implement appropriate technology to make the courts more efficient and to improve access to justice. To date the project has delivered the following:

- Implementation of the “Case Center” e-bundling software for paperless hearings, making working with bundles easier for the judiciary advocates and parties, saving time and reducing environmental impact.
- Upgraded video conferencing facilities in the Magistrate’s Court, Tribunal Service and other Court rooms, making it easier for witnesses to appear remotely, reducing travel and improving the resilience of courts in the event of another pandemic or similar disruption.
- Improved Wi-Fi in the Magistrate’s Court, enabling counsel to reliably connect to their firm’s systems to download documents.
- Adoption of new technology by Judges, Jurats, Commissioners and tribunal chairs, including laptops, touch screens and Microsoft 365.
- Change of the email addresses used by court to @courts.je reflecting the independence from Government.
- Improved communication, collaboration and document management through training all courts staff to use Microsoft Teams and Microsoft SharePoint.
- The project team has also analysed and rigorously documented the Courts' existing processes and systems.

In 2024 the Courts selected a new case management system to be rolled out in 2025 and launched a new website www.courts.je. The website went live in July 2024. The website aims to make it easier for everyone to access information they need to use the Court successfully and to improve access to justice. The website contains information about:

- Court of Appeal
- Royal Court
- Magistrate’s Court
- Petty Debts Court
- Youth Court
- Tribunals
- Family Court
- Probation service
- Viscount’s Department

Viscount's Department

Enforcement

The Enforcement Team is responsible for day-to-day enforcement of orders and directions issued by all Courts. These are wide ranging, including debt judgments, maintenance orders and evictions. It is responsible for enforcing saisies judiciaire and other property restraint orders. The Team also manages juror custodian duties for Assize (Jury) Trials in the Royal Court.

2024 Highlights

Number of fines imposed:	766
Fine value collected:	£666,785
Compensation Orders imposed:	87
Value collected:	£707,882
Number of judgments enforced:	164
Value collected:	£712,878
Assets seized under Proceeds of Crime and Civil Asset Recovery:	£5,175,246
Confiscated amounts realised:	£654,145

Insolvency

The Insolvency Team administers the désastre regime pursuant to the Bankruptcy (Désastre) (Jersey) Law 1990 and maintains the désastre search services used by law firms. It assists the Royal Court with insolvency matters generally, including applications from foreign jurisdictions for recognition and assistance. In 2023 there was a significant increase in the number of approved liquidators both in Jersey and overseas.

Delegates

In certain circumstances where there is no other appropriate person or finances are very limited; the Viscount is appointed by the Royal Court to manage the property and financial affairs of those who do not have the capacity to do so for themselves. At the end of 2024, there was a general increase in the number of delegates under administration.

Regulatory

Under legislation associated with the Capacity and Self-Determination (Jersey) Law 2016 the Viscount has powers to investigate complaints or concerns raised by interested parties against individuals who have been appointed as delegates or as attorneys under Lasting Powers of Attorney.

The number of complaints the department dealt with relating to delegates or attorneys under Lasting Powers of Attorney increased in 2024 from thirteen in the previous year to seventeen. Seven complaints remained under investigation at the end of the year.

The Viscount has also been given responsibility for registering approved liquidators and for receiving representations and complaints about the conduct of those approved liquidators. In 2024 one complaint was received in relation to an approved liquidator.

2024 Highlights for Insolvency, Delegate Work and Regulatory

Désastres declared	5
Désastres completed	0
Discharges of personal bankrupts granted	0
Désastre checks conducted	18,264
Cross border applications granted	2
Delegate client appointments	24
Delegate clients under administration at year end	76
Deceased clients awaiting probate	9
Approved Liquidators in Jersey	10
Approved Liquidators overseas	41
Total assets under administration	£4,732,466

Court Services and Coroner Team

The Court Services Team conducts certain administrative functions on behalf of the Court, including organising juries for assize trials, delivery of court notices and processes applications for exemption from stamp duty and court fees. It also provides administrative support for the delivery of inquests and the management of bodies.

In 2024 the Assize Trial juror selection process was commenced 35 times. This is a continuing upward trend. There was also a significant increase in the number of Jury summonses (21%).

2024 Highlights

Coroner

Reported deaths:	198
Approvals for doctors to issue a certificate of fact and cause of death	191
Inquests held and completed	77
Import/export of body permits	34
% of all deaths in Jersey which involved the Viscount as coroner	45%

Assize and other court services

Assize trial process started	35
Assize trials completed	20
Jury summonses	2250
Assize trial days	76

Accounts Team

The Accounts Team provides the cash desk for the Viscount's Department, including receipt of fines, judgements, bail receipts and payments and delegate cash payments. It also undertakes all transactions relating to Viscount's Department third party assets (delegate funds, maintenance, insolvency, compensation, criminal injuries compensation, proceeds of crime and drug trafficking offences). The team manages the budgets and financial transactions for the Court Service as a whole and provides financial and accounting information to the Treasury on a regular basis.

Strategic and Governance Matters

Law Reform

In 2024 the Court Service engaged with amendments to legislation or legislation projects that are being developed that will affect the operation of the Courts or the services provided by the Judicial Greffe and the Viscount's Department or may do in the future. This includes providing input on:

- The draft Residential Tenancy (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- which provides for the establishment of an independent Rent Tribunal to help resolve any disagreements on rent increases.
- The Royal Court and Stamp Duties and Fees (Jersey) Amendment Law 2025, which abolished Jurat Stamps, modernised the definition of 'stamp' in the 1998 Law to reflect the abolition of physical (pre-paid stamps) and uprated judicial fees. This has paved the way for modernising the payment of Court fees.
- The Financial Services Amendment (Jersey) Law 2024, which is concerned with the introduction of a new consumer credit regulatory regime.
- A consultation on the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991 which are concerned with a range of matters, including changes to insolvency procedures.
- The death management project which aims to modernise several pieces of legislation relating to the registration and investigation of deaths and the conduct of inquests.
- Proposals to introduce a Heritage Law that would provide a new statutory scheme the valuation and management of antiquities and treasure that is found in Jersey.

Corporate Social Responsibility

During 2024 the Court Service continued to maintain its Corporate Social Responsibility policy. Members of the Court Service contributed to several charities throughout the year via various fund-raising efforts. Following feedback from the public sector wide Be Heard Survey the departments increased focus on wellbeing initiatives.

Risk

The Judicial Greffe and the Viscount's Department actively manage risk. Each department maintains a Risk Register and follows the Risk Management Guidance set out by the Government of Jersey. This guidance has been designed to align with the International Standards Organisation ISO 31000:2018.

The Judicial Greffe has identified that matters relating to the security of court buildings comprise some of the most significant risks facing the department and a programme of activity is underway with the Bailiff's Chambers to mitigate this.

Complaints and Compliments

The Court Service has a complaints policy which can be found here: [Court Service feedback and complaints - Courts.je](https://www.courts.je/court-service-feedback-and-complaints).

It maintains a register of complaints and compliments. In 2024 eleven complaints were logged and dealt with by the departments.

Data Protection, Information Security and Freedom of Information

The Court Service has engaged with the Government's Cyber Security initiatives. Encryption is used to manage the secure transfer of digital files outside of Government systems.

All employees of the Court Service undertake mandatory Information Security, Data Protection Training and Cyber Security Training and completion rates are monitored by the departments.

In 2024 the Court Service handled four Subject Access Requests and twenty-eight Freedom of Information requests.

Health and Safety

The health and safety and wellbeing of all Court Service Staff and users is a priority. The Court Service follows the Government of Jersey's Corporate Health and Safety Policy to establish specific arrangements to:

- Prevent work related injury or illness;
- Provide a safe working environment;
- Safeguard the mental health of employees at work; and
- Encourage and support employees to take care of their own, health, safety and wellbeing as well as that of their colleagues at work.

The Court Service actively monitors Health, Safety and Wellbeing and has controls in place to ensure mitigation of key risks identified at departmental level.

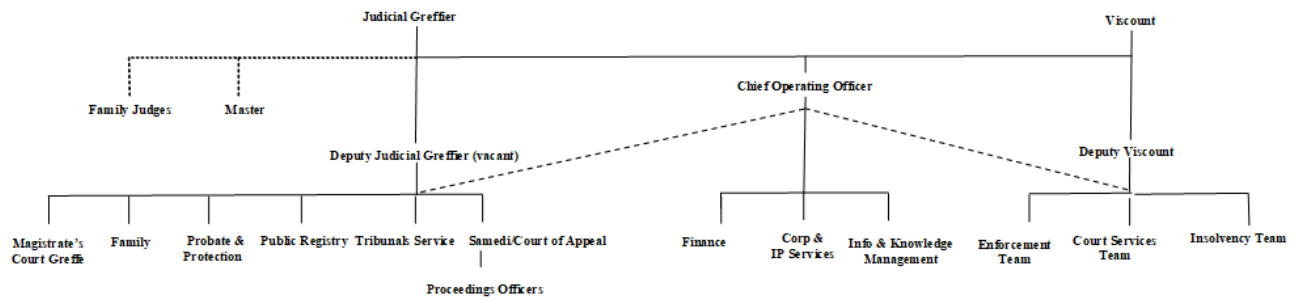
Non-Ministerial Departments' Audit Committee

In 2022 the States of Jersey appointed a Non-Ministerial Independent Audit Committee to oversee the governance arrangements and use of resources of non-ministerial departments. This followed a recommendation by the Comptroller and Auditor General.

The Committee provides independent counsel, support and constructive challenge to the Accountable Officers of the Non-Ministerial Departments including the Judicial Greffier and the Viscount. It is designed to provide assurance of the highest standards of corporate governance.

The Court Service has engaged proactively with the Non-Ministerial Independent Audit Committee throughout 2024. The Committee did not find any significant concerns in relation to the Court Service

Appendix A – Court Service Functional Organisation



Appendix B – Judicial Greffe Statistical Digest

Samedi Section	2023	2024	%change 2023 to 2024
Actions Before the Royal Court			
New Actions	263	112	-57%
Placed on the Pending List	45	51	13%
Acts of Court issued	1803	1840	2%
Number of Court Sitzings	672	785	17%
Orders in Council registered	19	10	-47%
Jury trials completed	18	20	11%
Dégrèvement Hearings	0	3	
Applications for Remise de Biens	0	0	
Consent Orders	84	92	10%
Actions before the Greffier Substitute			
Registration of professionals	29	24	-17%
Registration of Deeds poll	70	79	13%
Registration of Court Protection Orders	19	15	-21%
Company reinstatements	38	25	-34%
Inquests	48	74	54%
Guardianships	0	0	
Magistrate's Court Appeals			
Lodged	20	13	-35%
Heard	7	9	29%
Liquor Licences			
Licences Granted	62	85	37%
Ex parte applications (vary/extend licence)	7	7	0
Managers Registered	105	101	-4%
Taxation of Costs			
Civil bills of costs	20	10	-50%
Criminal bills of costs	8	6	-25%
Legal Aid Disbursements			
Occasions granted (invoices paid)	404	417	3%
Legally aided litigants ¹	196	232	18%
Expenditure	642,520	641,386	>1%

¹ This includes the Civil Legal Aid disbursements and Criminal Legal Aid disbursements. It excludes Ex-Gratia legal fees, Amicus legal fees, payments under the new Legal Aid Scheme and Public Law disbursements.

Probate Section	2023	2024	%change 2023 to 2024
Number of Grants Issued	1,625	1196	-26%
Total estates value	£579,902,588	£552,488,056	-5%
Number of delegates formed	79	358	353%
LPAs registered	1684	1749	4%
Stamp Duty Received	£3,299,625	£3,425,550	4%

Public Registry	2023	2024	% change 2022 to 2023
Documents Registered/Cancelled			
Contracts	1,364	1552	14%
Procurations	1,033	1223	18%
Obligations	1,209	1288	7%
Cancellations	1,429	1372	-4%
Stamp Duty Received	£29,095,000	£32,055,000	10%
Contracts and Wills	£26,619,000	£29,799,000	12%
Judicial Hopothecs	£2,476,000	£2,256,6000	-9%
Documents registered in the Public Registry	2,573	2850	10%
Value of property transactions registered*	£687,333,000	£948,302,000	38%

Interlocutory Services	2023	2024	%change 2023 to 2024
Summonses issued	141	158	12%
Applications heard	71	134	89%
Judgments	27	39	44%
Acts issued (including Consent Order)	256	343	34%
Cases heard at mediation	82	20	-69%
Case reports produced	N/A	N/A	
Mediations Settled	50	25	-50%

Family Court	2023	2024	%change 2023 to 2024
Freestanding private children applications filed	49	41	-16%
Preliminary directions hearing	105	138	31%
Case review hearing	214	213	0.5%
Summonses heard (half day or more)	54	59	9%
Family/Children's Acts issued	206	241	17%
Adoptions (2 Orders per child)	7	2	-71%
Nisi Acts issued	137	160	17%
Matrimonial Acts issued	355	331	-7%
Reciprocal Orders	10	6	-40%
Parental Responsibility Agreements	16	6	-63%

Decrees Absolute issued	127	151	19%
Petitions filed	161	151	-6%
Hearings vacated/settled	38	84	121%
Early Neutral Evaluations	3	6	100%
Financial Dispute Resolutions	16	21	31%
Applications to the Family Foundation	77	51	-34%
Number of applications which proceeded to joint sessions	32	25	-22%
Number which reached agreement	29	18	-38%

Appellate Section	2023	2024	%change 2023 to 2024
Appeals lodged with the Court of Appeal	27	28	4%
Superior Number Appeals	1	3	200%
Court of Appeal Sitzings (days)	18	17	-6%
Number of Unreported Judgments (published)	267	302	13%
Number of File and party Judgments (unpublished)	90	107	19%
Transcripts of evidence -transcripts produced	74	73	-1%

Intellectual Property Registry	2023	2024	%change 2023 to 2024
Trade Mark Registrations	90	186	107%
Patents (Registrations & Updates)	45	16	-64%
Designs (Registrations & Updates)	1	0	
Trade Mark Updates	247	339	37%

Tribunal Service	2023		%change 2023 to 2024
JEDT Applications: Employment	202	244	21%
JEDT Applications: Discrimination	30	42	40%
Case Management Meetings	104	122	17%
Interim Hearings	15	20	33%
Full Hearings	30	33	10%
Pending at year end	82	84	2%
Income Support Medical Appeal Hearings	0	2	
Social Security Medical Appeal Hearings	5	5	0%
Social Security Appeal Hearings	5	0	
Mental Health Appeal Applications	39	48	23%
Mental Health Appeal Hearings	22	24	9%
Capacity Reviews	15	10	-33%
Capacity Hearings	10	7	-30%
Health & Safety Applications	0	0	
Planning appeals	49	76	55%

Tax ² Appeals – Contentions Cases	N/A	3	
Tax Hearings	N/A	3	
Total Number of Claims/Appeals Received ³	345		

Magistrate's Court	2023	2024	%change 2023 to 2024
Non parking cases completed	1,374	1342	-2%
Cases committed to Royal Court	123	128	4%
Parking cases completed	398	316	-21%
Total completed cases	1,772	1658	-6%
Persons committed to Royal Court	123	128	4%
Non parking arrest Orders issued	12	48	300%
Parking arrest Orders issued	702	703	<1%
Total arrest Orders issues	714	751	5%
Youth Court			
Total cases heard	112	157	40%
Total number of defendants	48	47	-2%
Cases committed to the Royal Court	3	2	-33%
Arrest Orders issued	0	3	
Petty Debts Court			
Number of Actions listed	2,533	2539	<1%
Number of new Actions	1,675	1518	-9%
Judgments	1,104	1126	2%
Value of claims heard (actions listed)	£7,534,654	£10,936,854	45%
Number of mediations held	91	90	-1%
Number of matters settled at mediation	54	73	35%
Number of trials	7	9	29%
Number of Eviction Orders granted	21	17	-19%

² The Tribunal Service took over responsibility for the administration of the Commissioners of Appeal for Taxes in 2024.

³ incorporates JEDT Claims Employment, JEDT Claims Discrimination, SSMAT appeals, SSAT appeals, MHRT appeal applications, Capacity Reviews, Planning Appeals

Appendix C – Viscount’s Department Statistical Digest

Enforcement	2023	2024	%change 2023 to 2024
Fines Imposed and amounts collected			
Number imposed	865	766	-11%
Value imposed	£802,820	£1,329,492	66%
Amount collected	£587,817	666,785	13%
Receipt of Bail Moneys			
Persons bailed	337	272	-19%
Money received	£32,563	£42,390	30%
Arrest Orders			
Number of Arrest Orders	4,709	4925	4%
Service of Process			
Service of Judicial documents	506	377	-25%
Value of fees collected	£94,460	£51,170	-46%
Costs			
Number imposed	27	16	-41%
Value imposed	£23,400	£16,200	-31%
Compensation Orders			
Number imposed	74	87	18%
Value imposed	£69,219	£707,882	923%
Judgments received and processed			
Number lodged	759	768	1%
Total amount collected	£322,710	£712,878	121%
Evictions			
Number of evictions carried out	7	4	-43%
Maintenance Orders under enforcement			
Number of Maintenance Orders under enforcement	34	45	32%
Proceeds of Crime - <i>Saisies Judiciaires</i>			
New cases (including Drug Trafficking)			
Local	1	0	
External	1	1	
Approximate value of assets arrested	£6,088,509	125.63	
Confiscations (concluded cases): Proceeds of Crime			
Number	2	5	150%
Value (net) GDP	£1,332,254	£635,145	-52%
Value (net) USD			
Cases discharged	0		

Cases carried forward into following year			
Local	13	10	-23%
External	10	9	-10%
Civil Asset Recovery			
New Cases			
Local	0	0	
External	1	0	
Approximate value of assets arrested		0	
Confiscations (concluded cases): Civil Asset Recovery			
Number	1	1	
Value (net)	£241,856	0	
Value (net)			
Cases discharged	0	0	
Cases carried forward into following year			
Local	0	0	
External	3	2	-33%
Civil Proceedings Forfeiture of Assets			
New Cases			
Local	1	1	
External	0	1	
Approximate value of assets arrested	£836,259	£7,286,105	771%

Insolvency	2023	2024	%change 2023 to 2024
Désastre			
Declared	1	5	400%
Completed	6	0	
Discharges of personal bankrupts			
Granted	1	0	
Extended	0	0	
Sales of immovable property			
Number of properties	0	0	
Value	0	0	
Debt Remission Orders			
Number of applications received	0	0	
Orders granted	0	0	
Désastre checks			
Checks conducted	18,002	18,264	1%
Charges invoiced	£260,738	£273,469	5%
Remise de Biens applications			
Applications received	0	1	
Applications granted	0	0	

Cross border applications			
Applications granted	1	2	100%
Applications pending	0	1	
Request for assistance out of Jersey Court			
Applications granted	0	0	
Delegate clients			
Appointments	24	24	
Cases closed (reasons from 2022)			
New Delegate Appointed	0	0	
Deceased	4	11	175%
Under administration at year end	63	76	21%
Deceased clients awaiting Probate	8	9	13%
Vues de Vicomte			
In progress	0		1
Completed	0		
Approved Liquidators			
Jersey	10	10	
Overseas	30	41	37%
Charges invoiced	£32,000	£43,200	35%
Assets under administration			
Insolvency	£347,203	£745,118	115%
Delegate: current	£2,381,003	£3,688,080	55%
Delegate: deceased	£225,399	£300,597	33%
Total Delegate	£2,606,402	£3,988,677	53%

Assizes and other court services	2023	2024	%change 2023 to 2024
Trial process started	29	35	21%
Trials not completed*	8	15	88%
Trials completed	21	20	-5%
Days	113	76	-33%
Jury Exemptions	735	750	2%
Jury Summonses	1,575	2,250	43%
Jurors given financial assistance	1	0	-100%
Exemptions from payment of court stamps and fees	23	25	1%

*For these purposes a trial process is started when a list of potential jurors has been drawn (tirage). There are a variety of reasons why a trial might not complete, for example, the defendant changes plea, the prosecution is abandoned, or the trial was rearranged to a separate date and a fresh list of potential jurors was drawn, etc.

Coroner	2023	2024	%change 2023 to 2024
Reported Deaths			
Inquest cases	107	75	-30%
Cleared after autopsy	82	87	6%
Cleared by doctor's certificate etc.	44	39	-11%
	233	201	
Deaths reported as % of all registered deaths ⁴	28%	23%	5%
Unreported Deaths			
Approvals for doctor to issue certificate of fact and cause of death	192	183	-5%
Permits Issued			
Import/export of bodies	35	34	-3%
Exhumation	0	0	
Inquests Concluded ⁵			
Accident/Misadventure	9	20	122%
Drugs/alcohol	3	8	167%
Industrial disease	1	0	
Lawful/Unlawful killing	0	2	
Natural Causes	17	30	76%
Open	0	2	
Road Traffic Collision	2	1	-50%
Stillbirth	0	0	
Suicide	12	11	-8%
Narrative	6	3	-50%
Total Number of Inquests Completed	50	78	56%
Inquest cases carried forward to following year	100	95	-5%

⁴ Based on a total of 877 deaths registered in Jersey in 2024 (although there were 863 actual deaths in 2024). Source: Annual Statement of the Office of the Superintendent Registrar 2024, "Births, Deaths, Stillbirths, Marriages and Civil Partnerships registered.

⁵ The finding of an inquest in Jersey is given in a narrative form. However, for statistical purposes for the Annual Report, these findings are re-classified into the short-form conclusions used in England and Wales. The table above has been modified for this Annual Report to include all of the short-form conclusions in England and Wales, which were revised by the coming into force of The Coroners (Inquest) Rules 2013.