

OCFS Data Warehouse News and Notes

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Important Build 18 Coding Changes

Do you create your own Impromptu reports? If so, there are **important changes** that you should be aware of. See the article at the end of this newsletter for more information.

Time for Year-End Reports



This is a great time to review 2004 using the OCFS Data Warehouse. You can utilize PowerPlay to easily create year-end reports for your District or Agency. Don't forget that you can often 'drill-down' to a specific Office or Unit for a more detailed view.

We started you off below with the total number of **Admissions and Discharges** for each District in 2004*. Now, it's your turn to try the following:

- ❖ Find the average time in care for your Agency in 2004
- ❖ Find the total number of CPS reports and the indication rate for your District in 2004

County	2004 Admissions	2004 Discharges [†]	County	2004 Admissions	2004 Discharges [†]
ALBANY	300	365	ONEIDA	288	291
ALLEGANY	36	35	ONONDAGA	322	303
BROOME	151	169	ONTARIO	59	75
CATTARAUGUS	67	120	ORANGE	268	313
CAYUGA	58	98	ORLEANS	53	47
CHAUTAUQUA	105	116	OSWEGO	96	124
CHEMUNG	118	230	OTSEGO	39	60
CHENANGO	28	31	PUTNAM	20	14
CLINTON	50	46	RENSSELAER	168	153
COLUMBIA	116	147	ROCKLAND	88	125
CORTLAND	53	66	SARATOGA	109	116
DELAWARE	33	43	SCHENECTADY	169	143
DUTCHESS	143	212	SCHOHARIE	34	51
ERIE	576	808	SCHUYLER	6	8
ESSEX	36	25	SENECA	10	13
FRANKLIN	57	78	ST. LAWRENCE	87	169
FULTON	59	66	ST. REGIS	15	20
GENESEE	47	61	STEUBEN	117	115
GREENE	44	64	SUFFOLK	588	634
HAMILTON	2	1	SULLIVAN	53	74
HERKIMER	53	82	TIOGA	18	22
JEFFERSON	86	136	TOMPKINS	76	76
LEWIS	6	12	ULSTER	97	89
LIVINGSTON	30	44	WARREN	63	53
MADISON	53	85	WASHINGTON	50	49
MONROE	765	658	WAYNE	51	51
MONTGOMERY	67	48	WESTCHESTER	284	326
NASSAU	186	230	WYOMING	17	35
NIAGARA	128	142	YATES	21	27
New York City	5,545	10,493	STATEWIDE	12,264	18,287

Source: OCFS Data Warehouse
*CCRS data as of: 2/17/2005

[†]Includes Placement Ended, Track Closed, and Trial Discharges

For another year-end report, check out **Intakes and Determinations By District**, located in the **Report Library** folder on the Citrix desktop. It provides a summary of the number of reports – overall, as well as broken-down by determination – for the Year and Allegation that you select at the report prompt.

Upcoming Training Schedule

Don't be the last in your office to learn how to use the OCFS Data Warehouse! Sign-up for one of the following **Basic Data Warehouse** training sessions:

NYC March 16, 2005
Buffalo March 28, 2005

Register in advance through your **STARS** contact person, or call: **877-451-4835**.

Once registered, you need to request a Data Warehouse **password** for the training. Your Director or Data Warehouse contact person must email **Joe Delucia** (via Outlook) to make the request on your behalf. Please include your full name and UserID.



Cognos Tips: Filtering in PowerPlay

You can modify predefined PowerPlay reports to better suit your needs by 'filtering,' or limiting, the data to a particular category, such as a month or Unit. For example, those with access to CPS data in the OCFS Data Warehouse can filter the Allegations Report for a specific District, such as Erie County. Here's how:

1. After logging into the Data Warehouse, open the predefined **Allegations Report** located in the Abuse and Neglect folder on the Citrix desktop.
2. Select **Edit → Delete → All layers** to remove the Statewide layer from the report.
3. Select **View → Dimension Viewer** to open the Dimension Viewer along the left side of the screen.
4. Expand the **Statewide folder** in the Dimension Viewer by clicking once on the (plus sign) beside the folder name.
5. Expand the **Upstate folder** by clicking once on the beside the folder name.
6. Expand the **Buffalo Region folder** by clicking once on the beside the folder name.
7. Select **ERIE** by clicking on it once to highlight it. (Hold down the Control key on your keyboard to select multiple Districts.) If there is a beside a District name, you have access to drill-down further to the **Unit** and **Worker** levels.
8. Click the **Filter button**, which looks like a yellow funnel, located along the left margin. This will limit the data in the report to Erie County, rather than all of NYS.

Use similar steps to filter PowerPlay reports for any data item that exists in the Cube.

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If you create your own Impromptu reports in the OCFS Data Warehouse, be aware that codes introduced in **Connections Build 18** may require you to rewrite some of your existing user-created queries.

An Excel spreadsheet, named **Build 18 Investigation Conclusion Codes**, is located in the **User Tools** folder on the Citrix desktop and outlines the important coding changes. We recommend that you check the spreadsheet, and modify your Impromptu reports now (if necessary), even if Build 18 has not been fully implemented in your area.

One example of how these coding changes can affect your reports is with the new Investigation Closure Codes. Before B18, you may have distinguished investigations opened for service in the **Investigations Catalog** by testing for Reason Investigation Closed Codes between '64' and '73'. With B18, you will need to include the new open-for-services codes ('I01', 'I02' and U01'), as well.

Please contact **Jennifer Gordon** with any questions you have regarding this topic. If you don't create reports from scratch using Impromptu, you can disregard this notice.

Contact Us

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