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Superior Court*Caseload Inventory and Median Age of Cases*

Case Type	Filed	Disposed	End Pending (6/30/19)	Median Age (in Days)*	
				Disposed Cases	Pending Cases
Civil cases	16,842	17,406	15,513	250	244
Contract	3,262	3,369	2,829	223	202
Collect on accounts	589	592	360	128	142
Motor vehicle negligence	4,024	4,178	3,902	315	201
Other negligence	2,282	2,321	2,680	348	269
Real property	1,472	1,388	2,165	380	355
Administrative appeal	139	181	277	159	1,906
Other	5,074	5,377	3,300	121	231
Estates	75,411	81,473	63,587	1	524
Special proceedings**	36,746	44,387	36,172	128	657
Criminal cases	129,404	158,257	114,192	0	0
Felonies	103,191	121,057	92,557	259	263
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	18,936	26,483	15,280	355	226
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	7,277	10,717	6,355	384	223

*On this table, criminal cases in superior court are aged from their original filing date, which was the district court filing date if the case originated in district court. (Data in annual reports and supplements prior to fiscal year (FY) 1996 – 97 aged such cases from their filing date in superior court, and therefore excluded any time prior to transfer of such cases to superior court).

**The number of special proceeding cases filed and disposed reflects those cases that are non-confidential.

Superior Court*Manner of Disposition*

Case Type	Jury Trial	Judge Trial	Magistrate Trial	Final Order / Judgment Without Trial
Civil cases	101	2,488	1	2,672
Contract	12	420	0	322
Collect on accounts	0	53	0	75
Motor vehicle negligence	42	245	0	216
Other negligence	24	209	0	168
Real property	12	462	0	506
Administrative appeal	0	46	0	49
Other	11	1,053	1	1,336
Estates	0	2	0	13
Special proceedings	2	94	0	229

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Clerk	Dismissal on Order of Court	Discontinued	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
Civil cases	1,088	445	637	8,639	1,335
Contract	301	87	145	1,729	353
Collect on accounts	194	16	29	183	42
Motor vehicle negligence	29	49	114	3,351	132
Other negligence	12	98	86	1,505	219
Real property	3	17	43	255	90
Administrative appeal	0	19	8	44	15
Other	549	159	212	1,572	484
Estates	81,140	118	26	19	155
Special proceedings	26,990	1,303	347	5,443	9,979

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Superior Court*Manner of Disposition*

Case Type	Jury Trial – Guilty Verdict	Jury Trial – Not Guilty Verdict	Jury Trial – Guilty Plea Before Verdict	Guilty Plea No Contest to Lesser	Guilty Plea No Contest
Criminal cases	1,492	533	234	9,243	63,650
Felonies	1,184	352	204	9,065	56,116
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	179	102	18	113	5,651
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	129	79	12	65	1,883

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Dismissal After Deferred Prosecution	Dismissal With Leave	Other*
Criminal cases	1,113	1,715	80,277
Felonies	1,058	1,351	51,727
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	52	168	20,200
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	3	196	8,350

*Other includes speedy trial dismissals, and in FY 2019, dismissal without leave.

District Court

Caseload Inventory and Median Age of Cases

Case Type	Filed	Disposed	End Pending (6/30/19)	Median Age (in Days)	
				Disposed Cases	Pending Cases
Civil cases	194,785	199,360	93,576	71	167
URESAs / UIFSAs	203	204	247	121	1,791
Child support (IV – D)	30,513	32,999	19,563	105	410
Child support (non IV – D)	2,956	3,573	4,301	372	464
General civil	61,828	60,760	31,087	105	97
Magistrate appeal / transfer	4,601	4,562	1,928	71	118
Other domestic relations	94,684	97,262	36,450	50	199
Civil magistrate (small claims)	212,602	211,516	15,260	13	11
Criminal cases	1,372,631	2,359,651	668,468	0	0
Felonies	155,729	158,975	73,868	103	121
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	330,986	668,668	175,083	635	123
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	885,916	1,532,008	419,517	327	107
Infractions	473,931	703,788	144,358	127	62

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Jury Trial	Judge Trial	Magistrate Trial	Final Judgment Without Trial
Civil cases	110	61,774	62	41,179
URESAs / UIFSAs	0	37	0	63
Child support (IV – D)	17	11,453	5	11,286
Child support (non IV – D)	2	1,053	0	1,143
General civil	29	6,149	14	7,930
Magistrate appeal / transfer	12	2,104	10	661
Other domestic relations	50	40,978	33	20,096
Civil magistrate (small claims)	2	103	133,686	644

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District Court*Manner of Disposition*

Case Type	Clerk	Dismissal on Order of Court	Discontinued	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
Civil cases	31,376	12,969	10,100	32,672	9,118
URESAs / UIFSAs	1	6	66	11	20
Child support (IV – D)	261	440	4,355	2,933	2,249
Child support (non IV – D)	135	157	153	320	610
General civil	23,867	797	2,422	17,825	1,727
Magistrate appeal / transfer	146	548	5	864	212
Other domestic relations	6,966	11,021	3,099	10,719	4,300
Civil magistrate (small claims)	66	12,235	6,995	57,506	279

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Trial – Guilty Verdict	Trial – Not Guilty Verdict	Guilty Plea Before Magistrate	Guilty Plea No Contest	Felony Heard and Bound Over	Probable Cause Not Found	Felony Probable Cause Waived
Criminal cases	15,157	5,874	2,174	233,612	409	3,757	12,253
Felonies	544	26	0	28,234	409	1,886	12,252
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	8,715	3,995	367	109,787	0	172	1
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	5,898	1,853	1,807	95,591	0	1,699	0

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Dismissal After Deferred Prosecution	Dismissal With Leave	Worthless Check Waiver	Felony Superseding Indictment	Other*
Criminal cases	9,374	121,720	493	75,372	1,879,456
Felonies	1,376	1,246	0	62,521	50,481
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	7,158	13,062	493	10,151	514,767
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	840	107,412	0	2,700	1,314,208

* Other includes dismissal without leave in FY 2019.

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Waived	Other
Infractions	219,568	437,989



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