

NORTH CAROLINA COURTS

Statistical and Operational Report



TRIAL COURTS
July 1, 2010–June 30, 2011

Trial Courts Report

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Additional data categories will be added to this report as they become available.

NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT

Caseload inventory and median age of cases

Case type	Filed	Disposed	End pending (6/30/11)	Media ages (in days)*	
				Disposed cases	Pending cases
CIVIL CASES	26,353	28,725	20,412	216	205
Contract	5,696	6,534	4,425	217	206
Collect on accounts	2,546	3,012	1,262	136	151
Motor vehicle negligence	5,217	5,537	4,627	301	189
Other negligence	2,809	3,158	3,181	350	246
Real property	1,618	1,514	2,101	319	279
Administrative appeal	334	343	255	204	140
Other	8,133	8,627	4,561	119	189
ESTATES	66,496	67,636	66,892	0	745
SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS	77,756	70,305	67,999	110	308
CRIMINAL CASES	135,624	158,337	102,270	202	205
Felonies	102,803	123,186	79,659	214	224
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	22,063	24,599	14,605	157	204
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	10,758	10,552	8,006	168	191

*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 FY 1996-1997 aged such cases from their filing date in superior court, and therefore excluded any time prior to transfer of such cases to superior court.)

NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT

Manner of disposition

Case type	Jury trial	Judge trial	Magistrate trial	Final order / Judgement w/o trial
CIVIL CASES	298	4,340	6	3,355
Contract	50	341	0	180
Collect on accounts	136	320	1	224
Motor vehicle negligence	49	1,059	1	532
Other negligence	21	638	0	436
Real property	3	366	1	289
Administrative appeal	0	130	0	37
Other	39	1,486	3	1,648
ESTATES	1	0	0	9
SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS	10	191	3	115

Case type	Clerk	Dismissal on order of court	Discontinued	Voluntary dismissal	Other
CIVIL CASES	3,354	1,779	784	13,416	1,393
Contract	17	313	115	1,924	218
Collect on accounts	20	234	80	4,392	130
Motor vehicle negligence	988	498	168	2,836	403
Other negligence	3	37	57	272	50
Real property	1,137	155	123	860	69
Administrative appeal	0	63	27	78	8
Other	1,189	479	214	3,054	515
ESTATES	67,444	41	2	9	130
SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS	41,382	1,211	127	26,772	486

NORTH CAROLINA 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	2,051	845	63	14,534	66,046
Felonies	1,597	593	47	14,006	57,213
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	255	187	11	210	6,694
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	199	65	5	618	2,139

Case type	Dismissal after deferred prosecution	Dismissal with leave	Dismissal without leave*	Other**
CRIMINAL CASES	816	2,440	51,665	18,877
Felonies	719	1,761	37,706	9,544
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	90	368	10,305	6,479
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	7	311	3,654	3,854

*DA dismissal without leave includes dismissals after deferred prosecution.

**Other includes speedy trial dismissals.

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COURT

Caseload inventory and median age of cases

Case type	Filed	Disposed	End pending (6/30/11)	Median ages (in days)	
				Disposed cases	Pending cases
CIVIL CASES	212,832	233,034	98,477	72	203
URESAs / UIFSAs	251	288	230	121	528
Child support (IV-D)	40,657	46,154	22,361	90	352
Child support (non IV-D)	4,825	5,446	6,332	317	423
General civil	65,989	79,128	34,403	121	157
Magistrate appeal / transfer	3,973	4,094	2,036	97	161
Other domestic relations	97,137	97,924	33,115	46	149
CIVIL MAGISTRATE (small claims)	252,519	252,874	16,087	14	9
CRIMINAL CASES	1,734,421	1,928,659	707,894	90	97
Felonies	151,907	156,971	56,025	85	87
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	465,189	542,744	220,454	130	111
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	1,117,325	1,228,944	431,415	89	100
INFRACTIONS	711,954	764,634	186,211	61	55

Case type	Filed	Paid	Recinded
Civil License Revocations	47,684	38,117	564

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COURT

Manner of disposition

Case type	Jury trial	Judge trial	Magistrate trial	Final judgement w/o trial
CIVIL CASES	147	67,470	130	51,246
URESAs / UIFSAs	0	49	0	77
Child support (IV-D)	0	12,056	7	18,333
Child support (non IV-D)	2	1,682	0	1,544
General civil	72	8,303	43	8,825
Magistrate appeal / transfer	18	1,476	9	939
Other domestic relations	48	43,904	71	21,528
CIVIL MAGISTRATE (small claims)	0	538	174,167	222

Case type	Clerk	Dismissal on order of court	Discontinued	Voluntary dismissal	Other
CIVIL CASES	36,055	27,994	9,711	34,608	5,673
URESAs / UIFSAs	1	61	56	14	30
Child support (IV-D)	65	6,267	4,136	3,636	1,647
Child support (non IV-D)	36	1,163	169	457	393
General civil	30,034	6,180	2,974	20,943	1,754
Magistrate appeal / transfer	245	364	10	950	83
Other domestic relations	5,674	13,959	2,366	8,608	1,766
CIVIL MAGISTRATE (small claims)	49	16,604	8,060	52,876	358

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	22,156	12,094	2,757	363,078	736	4,625	13,181
Felonies	376	65	1	30,834	736	1,204	13,180
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	13,117	9,449	1,208	168,341		194	1
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	8,663	2,580	1,548	163,903		3,227	

INFRACTIONS

Case type	Dismissal after deferred prosecution	Dismissal with leave	Dismissal without leave/ waived	Worthless check waiver	Felony superseding indictment	Other
CRIMINAL CASES	16,864	124,112	951,039	5,668	74,381	337,918
Felonies	1,475	983	41,144		64,269	2,704
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	14,690	16,792	271,441	5,668	8,269	33,524
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	699	106,337	638,454		1,843	301,690
INFRACTIONS			383,361			381,273

*Guilty plea includes guilty plea before a magistrate and guilty plea / no contest.

**DA dismissal without leave includes dismissals after deferred prosecution.

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