



NORTH CAROLINA COURTS

Statistical and Operational Report

TRIAL COURTS

July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

Trial Courts Report

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NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR 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	24,345	25,939	1,594	214	212
Contract	5,791	6,123	4,076	171	193
Collect on accounts	1,782	2,119	1,006	144	147
Motor vehicle negligence	4,825	5,254	4,221	300	192
Other negligence	2,911	3,027	3,161	336	275
Real property	1,904	1,760	2,252	292	261
Administrative appeal	284	330	209	188	130
Other	6,848	7,326	4,045	121	207
ESTATES	65,612	68,149	66,321	-	760
SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS**	65,052	67,462	65,546	148	416
CRIMINAL CASES	135,112	151,498	101,716	571	575
Felonies	104,449	118,659	79,499	219	192
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	20,689	22,793	13,997	163	179
Traffic misdemeanors (including DWI)	9,974	10,046	8,220	189	204

*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.)

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

NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT

Manner of Disposition

Case type	Jury trial	Judge trial	Magistrate trial	Final order / Judgement w/o trial
CIVIL CASES	295	4,082	2	3,398
Contract	26	933	2	516
Collect on accounts	244	695	-	272
Motor vehicle negligence	152	352	-	231
Other negligence	59	333	-	188
Real property	16	709	-	587
Administrative appeal	1	146	-	37
Other	41	1,365	-	1,567
ESTATES	5	-	-	6
SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS	2	157	-	118

Case type	Clerk	Dismissal on order of court	Discontinued	Voluntary dismissal	Other
CIVIL CASES	2,764	837	776	12,540	1,245
Contract	949	225	181	2,938	353
Collect on accounts	736	41	75	-	56
Motor vehicle negligence	42	88	117	4,146	12
Other negligence	23	168	75	1,968	213
Real property	12	32	66	296	42
Administrative appeal	-	33	15	92	6
Other	1,002	250	247	2,405	449
ESTATES	67,954	39	25	8	112
SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS	41,159	2,914	136	22,535	441

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Manner of Disposition (cont.)

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	2,068	787	44	13,541	65,082
Felonies	1,573	503	34	13,043	56,720
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	275	187	6	207	6,295
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	220	97	4	291	2,067

Case type	Dismissal after deferred prosecution	Dismissal with leave	Dismissal without leave	Other*
CRIMINAL CASES	838	1,941	48,126	19,071
Felonies	746	1,416	35,193	9,431
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	85	258	9,396	6,084
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	7	267	3,537	3,556

*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	193,971	198,437	95,400	64	212
URESAs / UIFSAs	281	249	274	99	621
Child support (IV-D)	38,423	38,750	22,154	74	430
Child support (non IV-D)	4,364	4,404	6,071	239	445
General civil	52,997	57,763	31,384	115	138
Magistrate appeal / transfer	3,512	3,708	1,860	90	156
Other domestic relations	94,394	93,563	33,657	44	185
CIVIL MAGISTRATE (small claims)	225,966	227,925	14,264	14	10
CRIMINAL CASES	1,598,287	1,766,717	661,632	318	300
Felonies	159,057	159,133	61,209	89	96
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	451,382	517,358	203,496	130	104
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	987,848	1,090,226	396,927	99	100
INFRACTIONS	654,644	686,838	180,738	64	57

Case type	Filed	Paid	Rescinded
Civil License Revocations	43,552	35,506	481

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Manner of Disposition

Case type	Jury trial	Judge trial	Magistrate trial	Final judgement w/o trial
CIVIL CASES	168	66,071	91	46,081
URESAs / UIFSAs	-	60	-	68
Child support (IV-D)	10	11,551	3	17,821
Child support (non IV-D)	2	1,433	1	1,527
General civil	64	7,400	19	6,288
Magistrate appeal / transfer	29	1,405	4	716
Other domestic relations	63	44,168	64	19,661
CIVIL MAGISTRATE (small claims)	-	519	158,320	142

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Manner of Disposition (Cont.)

Case type	Clerk	Dismissal on order of court	Discontinued	Voluntary dismissal	Other
CIVIL CASES	27,815	12,756	10,047	30,166	5,296
URESAs / UIFSAs	-	17	64	19	21
Child support (IV-D)	46	550	4,242	3,059	1,468
Child support (non IV-D)	38	241	195	452	515
General civil	22,006	1,207	2,759	16,679	1,341
Magistrate appeal / transfer	160	435	18	859	82
Other domestic relations	5,565	10,306	2,769	9,098	1,869
CIVIL MAGISTRATE (small claims)	58	14,422	7,108	47,079	277

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	22,061	11,350	2,824	346,340	721	4,488	13,767
Felonies	395	57	2	31,318	721	1,289	13,767
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	13,006	8,710	864	160,725	-	163	-
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	8,660	2,583	1,958	154,297	-	3,036	-
INFRACTIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Case type	Dismissal after deferred prosecution	Dismissal with leave	Dismissal without leave/ waived	Worthless check waiver	Felony superseding indictment	Other
CRIMINAL CASES	19,433	119,930	849,856	4,022	74,177	297,748
Felonies	1,701	1,044	41,123	-	64,908	2,808
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	16,768	18,199	256,216	4,022	7,510	31,175
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	964	100,687	552,517	-	1,759	263,765
INFRACTIONS	-	-	335,914	-	-	350,924



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