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NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT

Caseload Inventory and Median Age of Cases

Case type	Filed	Disposed	End pending (6/30/13)	Median ages (in days)*	
				Disposed cases	Pending cases
CIVIL CASES	21,485	24,002	16,712	216	209
Contract	4,791	5,652	3,283	168	202
Collect on accounts	1,386	1,716	693	133	156
Motor vehicle negligence	4,497	4,922	3,855	300	171
Other negligence	2,362	2,867	2,730	341	269
Real property	1,830	1,849	2,261	313	297
Administrative appeal	282	270	226	157	168
Other	6,337	6,726	3,664	121	195
ESTATES	68,444	69,088	68,115	–	738
SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS**	67,638	65,239	67,409	150	368
CRIMINAL CASES	131,801	157,100	99,473	–	–
Felonies	101,354	123,542	77,859	225	207
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	20,556	23,079	13,696	169	185
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	9,891	10,479	7,918	189	206

* 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.

NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT

Manner of Disposition

Case type	Jury trial	Judge trial	Magistrate trial	Final order/judgment w/o trial
CIVIL CASES	312	4,016	3	3,131
Contract	35	814	2	516
Collect on accounts	6	203	1	221
Motor vehicle negligence	137	329	–	173
Other negligence	66	344	–	164
Real property	23	824	–	512
Administrative appeal	–	136	–	19
Other	45	1,366	–	1,526
ESTATES	–	2	–	13
SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS	4	185	2	134

Case type	Clerk	Dismissal on order of court	Discontinued	Voluntary dismissal	Other
CIVIL CASES	2,408	584	803	11,555	1,190
Contract	971	126	236	2,658	294
Collect on accounts	569	23	60	572	61
Motor vehicle negligence	17	81	113	3,960	112
Other negligence	14	115	90	1,886	188
Real property	11	21	50	349	59
Administrative appeal	–	24	24	56	11
Other	826	194	230	2,074	465
ESTATES	68,866	46	3	14	144
SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS	40,680	1,373	171	21,388	1,302

NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT 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	1,970	827	86	12,784	67,531
Felonies	1,486	556	68	12,308	58,952
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	255	205	9	198	6,410
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	229	66	9	278	2,169

Case type	Dismissal after deferred prosecution	Dismissal with leave	Dismissal without leave	Other*
CRIMINAL CASES	896	2,300	51,361	19,345
Felonies	776	1,655	37,900	9,841
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	118	353	9,684	5,847
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	2	292	3,777	3,657

*"Other" includes speedy trial dismissals.

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COURT Caseload Inventory and Median Age of Cases; Manner of Disposition

Case type	Filed	Disposed	End pending (6 / 30 / 13)	Median ages (in days)	
				Disposed cases	Pending cases
CIVIL CASES	183,835	188,237	92,137	65	258
URESА/UIFSA	227	244	265	121	971
Child support (IV-D)	37,204	36,487	22,973	78	418
Child support (non IV-D)	4,417	4,217	6,257	239	446
General civil	45,874	52,203	26,297	117	193
Magistrate appeal/transfer	3,621	3,764	1,758	81	200
Other domestic relations	92,492	91,322	34,587	46	213
CIVIL MAGISTRATE (small claims)	218,908	219,970	13,433	14	11
CRIMINAL CASES	1,488,515	1,641,037	652,834	–	–
Felonies	157,675	159,120	67,370	94	110
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	425,611	484,471	202,578	137	113
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	905,229	997,446	382,886	105	102
INFRACTIONS	592,460	641,055	165,036	67	58

Case type	Filed	Paid	Rescinded
Civil license revocations	39,902	33,679	495

Case type	Jury trial	Judge trial	Magistrate trial	Final judgment w / o trial
CIVIL CASES	163	62,704	97	43,352
URESА/UIFSA	0	71	0	78
Child support (IV-D)	18	11,116	1	16,281
Child support (non IV-D)	0	1,343	2	1,526
General civil	56	6,364	33	5,727
Magistrate appeal/transfer	24	1,512	5	739
Other domestic relations	65	42,298	56	19,001
CIVIL MAGISTRATE (small claims)	2	193	151,575	244

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COURT

Manner of Disposition

Case type	Clerk	Dismissal on order of court	Discontinued	Voluntary dismissal	Other
CIVIL CASES	26,308	12,614	9,811	28,698	4,490
URES/UFSA	0	4	64	14	13
Child support (IV-D)	46	504	4,525	2,888	1,108
Child support (non IV-D)	14	239	187	471	435
General civil	20,952	616	2,363	15,301	791
Magistrate appeal/transfer	150	409	4	860	61
Other domestic relations	5,146	10,842	2,668	9,164	2,082
CIVIL MAGISTRATE (small claims)	38	13,714	6,238	47,778	188

Case type	Trial-guilty verdict	Trial-not guilty verdict	Guilty plea before magistrate	Guilty plea no contest	Felony heard and bound over	Probable case not found	Felony probable case waived
CRIMINAL CASES	21,524	10,306	2,124	325,397	582	4,531	13,024
Felonies	446	59	0	31,055	582	1,418	13,024
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	12,409	7,735	592	150,808	-	169	-
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	8,669	2,512	1,532	143,534	-	2,944	-
INFRACTIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Case type	Dismissal after deferred prosecution	Dismissal with leave	Dismissal without leave / waived	Worthless check waiver	Felony superseding indictment	Other
CRIMINAL CASES	19,452	105,958	794,147	2,728	72,794	268,468
Felonies	1,889	978	43,961	-	63,067	2,641
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	16,807	15,493	240,493	2,728	7,764	29,472
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	756	89,487	509,693	-	1,963	236,355
INFRACTIONS	-	-	304,116	-	-	336,939



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