



# NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH

*Trial Courts*



## STATISTICAL AND OPERATIONAL REPORT

July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

# 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 / 14)	Median ages (in days)*	
				Disposed cases	Pending cases
<b>CIVIL CASES</b>	<b>18,659</b>	<b>20,424</b>	<b>15,222</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>222</b>
Contract	3,811	4,373	2,803	183	206
Collect on accounts	951	1,140	543	124	160
Motor vehicle negligence	3,977	4,368	3,529	297	192
Other negligence	2,284	2,551	2,518	326	262
Real property	1,566	1,830	2,031	311	343
Administrative appeal	395	285	332	153	203
Other	5,675	5,877	3,466	121	210
<b>ESTATES</b>	<b>68,083</b>	<b>68,426</b>	<b>71,016</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>757</b>
<b>SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS**</b>	<b>51,310</b>	<b>65,024</b>	<b>53,791</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>607</b>
<b>CRIMINAL CASES</b>	<b>132,882</b>	<b>151,892</b>	<b>105,490</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
Felonies	104,942	121,306	83,814	229	224
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	19,455	21,304	14,227	181	207
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	8,485	9,282	7,449	211	224

\*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
<b>CIVIL CASES</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>3,638</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2,775</b>
Contract	19	701	1	361
Collect on accounts	0	134	1	129
Motor vehicle negligence	127	285	1	182
Other negligence	50	303	1	147
Real property	19	815	2	595
Administrative appeal	0	149	0	21
Other	27	1,251	0	1,340
<b>ESTATES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>115</b>

Case type	Clerk	Dismissal on order of court	Discontinued	Voluntary dismissal	Other
<b>CIVIL CASES</b>	<b>1,857</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>9,842</b>	<b>1,033</b>
Contract	671	76	182	2,107	255
Collect on accounts	419	4	47	370	36
Motor vehicle negligence	13	51	111	3,497	101
Other negligence	24	83	69	1,694	180
Real property	12	19	39	294	35
Administrative appeal	1	9	25	74	6
Other	717	131	185	1,806	420
<b>ESTATES</b>	<b>68,246</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>121</b>
<b>SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS</b>	<b>39,609</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>23,482</b>	<b>565</b>

## 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
<b>CRIMINAL CASES</b>	<b>1,990</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>12,208</b>	<b>66,421</b>
Felonies	1,526	504	50	11,718	58,293
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	261	157	10	195	6,162
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	203	81	4	295	1,966

Case type	Dismissal after deferred prosecution	Dismissal with leave	Dismissal without leave	Other*
<b>CRIMINAL CASES</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>1,561</b>	<b>49,484</b>	<b>18,530</b>
Felonies	815	1,116	36,578	10,706
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	77	213	9,361	4,868
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	0	232	3,545	2,956

\*"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 / 14)	Median ages (in days)	
				Disposed cases	Pending cases
<b>CIVIL CASES</b>	<b>180,521</b>	<b>183,863</b>	<b>88,883</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>216</b>
URESА/UIFSA	278	256	294	106	903
Child support (IV-D)	33,841	34,671	21,985	91	448
Child support (non IV-D)	4,389	4,999	5,486	307	398
General civil	48,525	48,826	26,967	95	119
Magistrate appeal/transfer	3,704	3,730	1,748	72	150
Other domestic relations	89,784	91,381	32,403	49	178
<b>CIVIL MAGISTRATE (small claims)</b>	<b>220,511</b>	<b>219,502</b>	<b>14,714</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>CRIMINAL CASES</b>	<b>1,450,488</b>	<b>1,587,532</b>	<b>661,258</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Felonies	154,427	162,624	66,679	101	116
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	397,122	464,588	197,002	147	120
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	898,939	960,320	397,577	109	103
<b>INFRACTIONS</b>	<b>628,712</b>	<b>642,758</b>	<b>184,882</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>55</b>

Case type	Filed	Paid	Rescinded
<b>Civil license revocations</b>	<b>39,084</b>	<b>33,356</b>	<b>568</b>

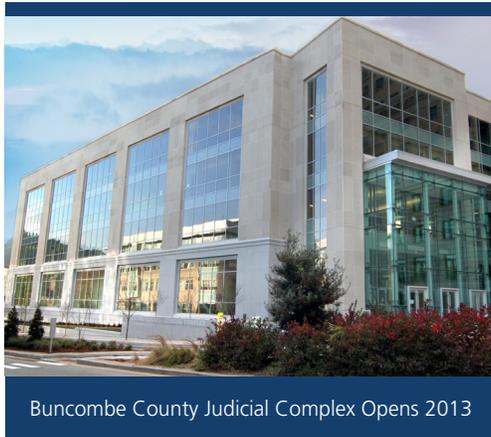
Case type	Jury trial	Judge trial	Magistrate trial	Final judgment w / o trial
<b>CIVIL CASES</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>60,170</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>43,967</b>
URESА/UIFSA	0	67	0	90
Child support (IV-D)	9	10,885	2	14,549
Child support (non IV-D)	1	1,486	1	1,849
General civil	45	5,909	37	6,455
Magistrate appeal/transfer	15	1,559	14	686
Other domestic relations	48	40,264	74	20,338
<b>CIVIL MAGISTRATE (small claims)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>150,201</b>	<b>432</b>

## NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COURT Manner of Disposition

Case type	Clerk	Dismissal on order of court	Discontinued	Voluntary dismissal	Other
<b>CIVIL CASES</b>	<b>24,916</b>	<b>12,679</b>	<b>9,319</b>	<b>26,588</b>	<b>5,978</b>
URESА/UIFSA	0	14	47	20	18
Child support (IV-D)	44	552	4,415	2,847	1,368
Child support (non IV-D)	28	251	179	455	749
General civil	19,450	623	1,945	13,579	783
Magistrate appeal/transfer	131	453	11	791	70
Other domestic relations	5,263	10,786	2,722	8,896	2,990
<b>CIVIL MAGISTRATE (small claims)</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>13,151</b>	<b>6,455</b>	<b>48,819</b>	<b>206</b>

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
<b>CRIMINAL CASES</b>	<b>20,929</b>	<b>9,973</b>	<b>2,665</b>	<b>305,221</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>4,435</b>	<b>12,132</b>
Felonies	445	48	–	31,152	561	1,528	12,132
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	11,819	7,490	479	143,430	–	158	–
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	8,665	2,435	2,186	130,639	–	2,749	–
<b>INFRACTIONS</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>

Case type	Dismissal after deferred prosecution	Dismissal with leave	Dismissal without leave / waived	Worthless check waiver	Felony superseding indictment	Other
<b>CRIMINAL CASES</b>	<b>19,141</b>	<b>96,137</b>	<b>768,186</b>	<b>2,230</b>	<b>75,863</b>	<b>270,058</b>
Felonies	1,739	864	45,328	–	66,032	2,794
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	16,603	14,469	231,990	2,230	8,087	27,833
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	799	80,804	490,868	–	1,744	239,431
<b>INFRACTIONS</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>314,726</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>328,032</b>



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