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Superior Court*Caseload Inventory and Median Age of Cases*

Case Type	Filed	Disposed	End Pending (6/30/17)	Median Age (in Days)*	
				Disposed Cases	Pending Cases
Civil cases	16,194	16,095	15,201	224	253
Contract	2,944	2,870	2,794	190	247
Collect on accounts	569	570	405	121	163
Motor vehicle negligence	3,795	3,862	3,496	299	199
Other negligence	2,184	2,150	2,563	325	253
Real property	1,558	1,514	2,050	316	347
Administrative appeal	213	211	310	132	1,176
Other	4,931	4,918	3,583	121	280
Estates	72,461	77,557	67,807	12	637
Special proceedings**	40,804	43,102	48,929	120	947
Criminal cases	135,311	154,022	108,989	–	–
Felonies	107,803	125,927	87,420	239	212
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	18,904	20,010	14,427	189	198
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	8,604	8,085	7,142	188	178

*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	143	2,681	0	2,572
Contract	13	398	0	277
Collect on accounts	2	57	0	103
Motor vehicle negligence	57	265	0	192
Other negligence	29	254	0	154
Real property	18	564	0	567
Administrative appeal	0	81	0	28
Other	24	1,062	0	1,251
Estates	–	1	–	10
Special proceedings	1	118	–	261

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Clerk	Dismissal on Order of Court	Discontinued	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
Civil cases	994	295	546	8,084	780
Contract	303	41	105	1,568	165
Collect on accounts	178	7	28	181	14
Motor vehicle negligence	21	51	99	3,084	93
Other negligence	9	57	85	1,415	147
Real property	10	13	21	249	72
Administrative appeal	0	21	14	58	9
Other	473	105	194	1,529	280
Estates	77,312	167	3	18	46
Special proceedings	28,211	1,386	92	10,233	2,800

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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	1,711	777	238	10,707	67,292
Felonies	1,247	501	210	10,453	59,744
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	259	183	19	156	5,687
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	205	93	9	98	1,861

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Dismissal After Deferred Prosecution	Dismissal With Leave	Dismissal Without Leave	Other*
Criminal cases	1,292	1,370	52,853	17,782
Felonies	1,198	1,066	39,798	11,710
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	91	163	9,936	3,516
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	3	141	3,119	2,556

*Other includes speedy trial dismissals.

District Court*Caseload Inventory and Median Age of Cases*

Case Type	Filed	Disposed	End Pending (6/30/17)	Median Age (in Days)	
				Disposed Cases	Pending Cases
Civil cases	187,330	183,926	101,322	64	291
URESAs / UIFSAs	165	181	287	112	1,551
Child support (IV – D)	31,304	30,489	25,876	88	736
Child support (non IV – D)	3,478	3,186	5,302	212	542
General civil	52,937	52,806	28,537	101	154
Magistrate appeal / transfer	3,899	3,918	1,884	71	183
Other domestic relations	95,547	93,346	39,436	47	247
Civil magistrate (small claims)	205,481	206,037	13,494	13	9
Criminal cases	1,359,369	1,508,651	618,760	–	–
Felonies	156,227	162,964	64,528	98	106
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	346,644	409,248	167,430	148	112
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	856,498	936,439	386,802	127	98
Infractions	541,468	577,970	159,643	72	58

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Jury Trial	Judge Trial	Magistrate Trial	Final Judgment Without Trial
Civil cases	110	61,974	87	40,719
URESAs / UIFSAs	0	40	0	68
Child support (IV – D)	11	10,811	2	11,399
Child support (non IV – D)	2	1,124	0	1,238
General civil	34	5,887	18	6,963
Magistrate appeal / transfer	10	1,798	5	736
Other domestic relations	53	42,314	62	20,315
Civil magistrate (small claims)	0	128	135,038	454

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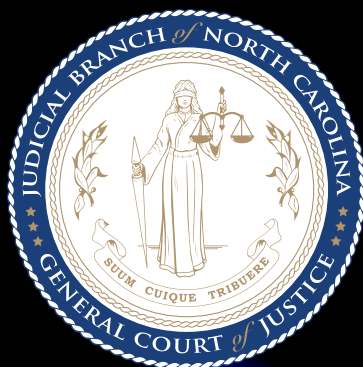
Case Type	Clerk	Dismissal on Order of Court	Discontinued	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
Civil cases	25,167	12,194	9,752	30,410	3,513
URESAs / UIFSAs	0	0	40	9	24
Child support (IV – D)	52	338	4,218	2,662	996
Child support (non IV – D)	23	103	102	370	224
General civil	19,567	666	2,602	16,361	708
Magistrate appeal / transfer	131	380	5	797	56
Other domestic relations	5,394	10,707	2,785	10,211	1,505
Civil magistrate (small claims)	35	12,081	7,511	50,619	171

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 Case Not Found	Felony Probable Case Waived
Criminal cases	18,075	8,059	1,827	256,794	480	4,691	13,136
Felonies	393	40	1	30,351	480	2,164	13,012
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	9,951	5,555	271	119,603	0	181	105
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	7,731	2,464	1,555	106,840	0	2,346	19
Infractions	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Dismissal After Deferred Prosecution	Dismissal With Leave	Dismissal Without Leave / Waived	Worthless Check Waiver	Felony Superseding Indictment	Other
Criminal cases	14,362	121,900	710,275	843	78,584	279,625
Felonies	1,722	1,144	44,537	0	66,000	3,120
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	11,665	15,436	212,676	843	9,713	23,249
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	975	105,320	453,062	0	2,871	253,256
Infractions	–	–	266,986	–	–	310,984



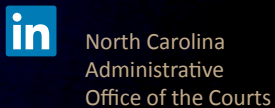
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