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2017–2018 CASELOAD

The first two tables in this subsection give 10-year trend data for appeals and petitions docketed and disposed. The third table presents the types of cases that the court hears. The fourth and fifth tables summarize case activity in those cases reaching the decision stage and the dispositions of petitions for review. The next table shows the various methods of disposition of appeals — signed opinion, per curiam opinion (unsigned), and dismissal or withdrawal — as well as the types of disposition (e.g., affirmed, reversed). The final table gives Supreme Court processing times for appeals disposed by signed or per curiam opinion.

Appeals Docketed and Disposed

Fiscal Year	Appeals Docketed	Appeals Disposed
2017 – 18	142	136
2016 – 17	137	92
2015 – 16	111	127
2014 – 15	97	93
2013 – 14	115	111
2012 – 13	139	143
2011 – 12	120	84
2010 – 11	121	105
2009 – 10	127	105
2008 – 09	147	118
2007 – 08	204	204

Petitions Docketed and Disposed

Fiscal Year	Petitions Docketed	Petitions Disposed
2017 – 18	513	495
2016 – 17	509	515
2015 – 16	567	539
2014 – 15	579	583
2013 – 14	615	622
2012 – 13	632	636
2011 – 12	624	604
2010 – 11	641	622
2009 – 10	642	648
2008 – 09	589	618
2007 – 08	569	590

Caseload Inventory

Petitions for Review	Begin Pending (7/1/17)	Filed	Disposed	End Pending (6/30/18)
Civil domestic	0	18	15	3
Juvenile	4	16	19	1
Other civil	66	177	182	61
Criminal (including capital cases)	61	300	276	85
Administrative agency decision	3	2	3	2
Total petitions for review	134	513	495	152

Appeals	Begin Pending (7/1/17)	Filed	Disposed	End Pending (6/30/18)
Civil domestic	0	5	3	2
Petitions for review granted that became civil domestic appeals	5	1	2	4
Juvenile	0	2	2	0
Petitions for review granted that became juvenile appeals	3	1	3	1
Other civil	24	35	36	23
Petitions for review granted that became other civil appeals	6	11	17	0
Criminal, defendant sentenced to death	5	1	4	2
Other criminal	23	49	44	28
Petitions for review granted that became other criminal appeals	13	37	24	26
Administrative agency decision	1	0	1	0
Petitions for review granted that became appeals of administrative agency decision	0	0	0	0
Total appeals	80	142	136	86

Other Proceedings	Filed	Disposed
Rule 16(b) additional issues	2	3
Motions	745	965
Total other proceedings	747	968

Submission of Cases Reaching Decision Stage

Cases Argued	Number of Cases
Civil domestic	2
Juvenile	7
Other civil	31
Criminal (capital)	3
Other criminal	41
Administrative agency decision	1
Total	85

Submission Without Arguments	Number of Cases
By motion of the parties [Appellate Rule 30(d)]	0
By order of the court [Appellate Rule 30(f)]	1
Total	1

Dispositions of Petitions

Petitions For Review	Allowed	Denied	Dismissed / Withdrawn	Other	Total
Civil domestic	1	11	1	2	15
Juvenile	4	14	1	2	21
Other civil	11	129	31	11	182
Criminal (capital)	4	1	0	1	6
Other criminal	58	176	51	19	304
Administrative agency decision	0	2	0	1	3
Post conviction	0	0	0	0	0
Total	78	333	84	36	531

Processing Time from Docket to Opinion*

Type of Case	Number of Cases	Median (Days)	Mean (Days)
Civil domestic	0	0	0
Petitions for review granted that became civil domestic appeals	2	581	581
Juvenile	3	400	339
Petitions for review granted that became civil juvenile appeals	4	357	343
Other civil	28	312	347
Petitions for review granted that became other civil appeals	17	432	437
Criminal, defendant sentenced to death	3	1,386	1,310
Other criminal	23	337	336
Petitions for review granted that became other criminal appeals	19	483	492
Administrative agency decision	1	114	114
Petitions for review granted that became appeals of administrative agency decision	0	0	0
Total	100	399	418

*Only cases disposed by signed opinion or per curiam opinion are included.

Dispositions of Appeals

Dispositions by Withdrawal or Dismissal	Number of Cases
Civil domestic	4
Juvenile	2
Other civil	54
Criminal (capital)	1
Other criminal	114
Administrative agency decision	0
Total	175

Dispositions of Appeals

Dispositions by Signed Opinion*	Affirmed	Affirmed in Part; Reversed in Part	Affirmed in Part; Reversed in Part; Remanded	Reversed	New Sentence Hearing	Reversed and Remanded	Other	Total Dispositions
Civil domestic	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Juvenile	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Other civil	7	0	5	4	0	6	5	27
Criminal (capital)	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
Other criminal	2	0	0	8	0	7	3	20
Administrative agency decision	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	10	0	5	13	0	16	10	54

*No activity was reported for new trial; no error.

Dispositions by Per Curiam Opinion**	Affirmed	Affirmed in Part; Reversed in Part	Reversed	Reversed and Remanded	Other	Total Dispositions
Civil domestic	0	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile	2	0	0	1	2	5
Other civil	9	0	0	2	7	18
Criminal (capital)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other criminal	10	0	3	1	8	22
Administrative agency decision	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total	22	0	3	4	17	46

**No activity was reported for affirmed in part, reversed in part, and remanded; new sentencing hearing; new trial; no error.

COURT OF APPEALS



2017–2018 CASELOAD

In addition to trend data for the past 10 years, the following tables provide data about filings and dispositions for cases on appeal, petitions, and motions during FY 2017 – 18. “Cases on appeal” include cases appealed from district courts, superior courts, and administrative agencies. They are counted as appeals only after a record is filed with the clerk’s office and a docket number is assigned. The “petition” category includes petitions involving only the four extraordinary writs set out in Article V of the Rules of Appellate Procedure: certiorari, mandamus, prohibition, and supersedeas. “Motions” encompass any type of relief sought from the Court of Appeals, either in a case already filed with the Court of Appeals or one on its way to the Court of Appeals but not yet filed.

Cases on appeal represent the largest portion of the Court of Appeals’ workload since most are disposed by written opinion. The other methods of disposition, represented by the “Other Cases Disposed” category in the table at the bottom of the data page, include the court’s dismissal of the appeal and the appealing party’s withdrawal of the appeal.

Filings and Dispositions of Appeals and Petitions*

Fiscal Year	Filings	Dispositions
2017 – 18	2,214	2,178
2016 – 17	2,264	2,201
2015 – 16	2,183	2,229
2014 – 15	2,377	2,312
2013 – 14	2,389	2,435
2012 – 13	2,564	2,490
2011 – 12	2,594	2,775
2010 – 11	2,549	2,671
2009 – 10	2,493	2,126
2008 – 09	2,502	2,307
2007 – 08	2,424	2,567

*Filings and dispositions shown here include appealed cases and petitions, but not motions.

Caseload Inventory

Type	Begin Pending Cases	Incoming	Disposed	End Pending Cases	Cases Disposed with Oral Argument	Cases Disposed Without Oral Argument	Published Cases	Unpublished Cases	Average Days Calendar to Opinion	Average Days Docket to Opinion
Agency	2	10	6	6	3	3	2	2	57	210
Domestic	92	135	124	103	28	96	34	71	102	281
Juvenile	151	197	207	141	0	207	32	163	27	192
Civil other	608	437	477	568	96	381	220	190	109	278
Criminal other	1,085	685	595	1,175	42	553	192	363	78	267
Total	1,938	1,464	1,409	1,993	169	1,240	480	789		

Cases Filed	Number of Cases
Appeals	1,441
Motions	4,744
Petitions	773
Motions and petitions	5,517
Records, motions, and petitions	6,958
Appeals disposed by written opinion*	1,209
Appeals in which the judgment or order of a trial tribunal was affirmed	735
Appeals in which the judgment or order of a trial tribunal was reversed	207
Appeals in which the judgment or order of a trial tribunal was affirmed in part and reversed in part	261
Appeals disposed by the Court of Appeals other than by written opinion	196
Appeals disposed by the Court of Appeals	1,405
Causes certified from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court after determination by the Court of Appeals	464
Causes after determination by the Court of Appeals in which certiorari to the Court of Appeals was disallowed by the Supreme Court	269

*One opinion may dispose of more than one appeal.

Cases Filed	Number of Cases
Cases on appeal	
Civil cases appealed from district courts	374
Civil cases appealed from superior courts	334
Civil cases appealed from administrative agencies	94
Criminal cases appealed from superior courts	639
Total cases on appeal	1,441

Disposition of Motions and Petitions

Type	Number of Cases
Disposition of Motions	
Allowed	4,142
Denied	215
Dismissed	206
Dismissed as moot	19
Other	23
Referred	58
Spec order	58
Withdrawn	0
Total	4,721
Disposition of Petitions	
Allowed	67
Denied	360
Dismissed	64
Dismissed as moot	8
Other	1
Referred	71
Spec order	187
Total	758
Petitions Filed	
Petition for Writ of Certiorari (PWC)	507
Petition for Writ of Mandamus (WR-MAN)	140
Petition for Writ of Supersedeas (PWS)	34
Petition for Writ of Prohibition (PET-PROHIB)	12
Other	80
Total	773

Manner of Case Dispositions (Opinions Only)

Affirmed*	Reversed*	Affirmed in Part, Reversed in Part*	Other Cases Disposed	Total Cases Disposed
735	207	261	196	1,405

*Cases disposed by written opinion.



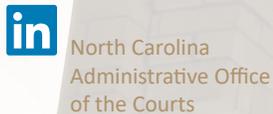
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