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Superior Court*Caseload Inventory and Median Age of Cases*

Case Type	Filed	Disposed	End Pending (6/30/18)	Median Age (in Days)*	
				Disposed Cases	Pending Cases
Civil cases	17,044	15,990	16,398	211	250
Contract	3,257	3,044	3,022	176	245
Collect on accounts	599	647	370	121	188
Motor vehicle negligence	4,217	3,778	3,998	299	194
Other negligence	2,247	2,118	2,756	315	282
Real property	1,388	1,355	2,110	378	347
Administrative appeal	206	185	328	128	1,535
Other	5,130	4,863	3,814	105	281
Estates	75,327	78,516	69,102	0	592
Special proceedings**	39,016	40,394	47,479	104	1,062
Criminal cases	131,101	156,754	108,718	–	–
Felonies	105,303	128,210	87,501	252	227
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	18,025	20,478	14,229	209	213
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	7,773	8,066	6,988	207	229

*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	107	2,457	2	2,731
Contract	10	415	0	343
Collect on accounts	0	63	0	91
Motor vehicle negligence	38	242	0	235
Other negligence	30	178	0	182
Real property	5	494	1	553
Administrative appeal	3	60	0	38
Other	21	1,005	1	1,289
Estates	0	3	0	17
Special proceedings	3	102	0	241

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Clerk	Dismissal on Order of Court	Discontinued	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
Civil cases	1,118	280	638	7,776	881
Contract	319	40	134	1,581	202
Collect on accounts	233	6	32	202	20
Motor vehicle negligence	22	44	120	2,971	106
Other negligence	8	62	114	1,363	181
Real property	3	6	26	218	49
Administrative appeal	1	20	14	47	2
Other	532	102	198	1,394	321
Estates	78,281	137	6	16	56
Special proceedings	26,539	1,410	106	5,817	6,176

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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	1,592	628	244	10,899	68,942
Felonies	1,233	453	224	10,676	60,998
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	223	115	12	133	5,947
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	136	60	8	90	1,997

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Dismissal After Deferred Prosecution	Dismissal With Leave	Other*
Criminal cases	1,420	2,012	71,017
Felonies	1,314	1,539	51,773
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	100	250	13,698
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	6	223	5,546

*Other includes speedy trial dismissals, and in FY 2018, dismissal without leave.

District Court

Caseload Inventory and Median Age of Cases

Case Type	Filed	Disposed	End Pending (6/30/18)	Median Age (in Days)	
				Disposed Cases	Pending Cases
Civil cases	188,088	189,630	103,236	68	304
URESAs / UIFSAs	146	197	280	124	1,498
Child support (IV – D)	30,235	31,373	26,191	97	830
Child support (non IV – D)	3,303	3,330	5,256	207	593
General civil	55,208	56,660	29,124	101	141
Magistrate appeal / transfer	4,231	4,185	1,926	63	171
Other domestic relations	94,965	93,885	40,459	47	264
Civil magistrate (small claims)	206,328	205,925	14,131	13	11
Criminal cases	1,387,735	1,637,419	639,021	–	–
Felonies	159,620	162,770	70,138	100	111
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	342,128	434,092	166,348	172	114
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	885,987	1,040,557	402,535	150	103
Infractions	505,951	566,656	149,018	76	60

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Jury Trial	Judge Trial	Magistrate Trial	Final Judgment Without Trial
Civil cases	112	61,510	87	42,154
URESAs / UIFSAs	0	35	0	62
Child support (IV – D)	7	11,048	10	12,049
Child support (non IV – D)	0	1,127	1	1,266
General civil	32	5,823	12	7,615
Magistrate appeal / transfer	17	2,015	4	649
Other domestic relations	56	41,462	60	20,513
Civil magistrate (small claims)	0	103	134,639	464

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District Court*Manner of Disposition*

Case Type	Clerk	Dismissal on Order of Court	Discontinued	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
Civil cases	27,054	12,711	9,117	32,217	4,668
URESAs / UIFSAs	2	14	19	8	57
Child support (IV – D)	115	348	3,895	2,564	1,337
Child support (non IV – D)	32	129	114	391	270
General civil	21,089	785	2,384	17,862	1,058
Magistrate appeal / transfer	140	545	1	730	84
Other domestic relations	5,676	10,890	2,704	10,662	1,862
Civil magistrate (small claims)	41	11,976	5,763	52,795	144

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	16,931	6,774	2,081	259,456	378	4,817	12,402
Felonies	475	34	0	31,419	378	2,290	12,344
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	9,941	4,660	336	124,252	0	216	53
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	6,515	2,080	1,745	103,785	0	2,311	5

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Dismissal After Deferred Prosecution	Dismissal With Leave	Worthless Check Waiver	Felony Superseding Indictment	Other*
Criminal cases	13,236	123,385	701	75,921	1,121,337
Felonies	1,610	1,242	0	64,159	48,819
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	10,059	16,218	701	8,949	258,707
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	1,567	105,925	0	2,813	813,811

* Other includes dismissal without leave in FY 2018.

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Waived	Other
Infractions	242,232	324,424



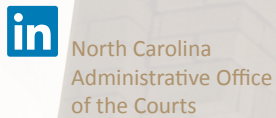
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