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Superior Court*Caseload Inventory and Median Age of Cases*

Case Type	Filed	Disposed	End Pending (6/30/20)	Median Age (in Days)*	
				Disposed Cases	Pending Cases
Civil cases	17,510	16,150	16,963	217	258
Contract	3,557	3,164	3,218	183	225
Collect on accounts	692	619	446	121	155
Motor vehicle negligence	4,137	3,946	4,180	307	228
Other negligence	2,426	2,080	3,041	332	274
Real property	1,273	1,209	2,258	427	393
Administrative appeal	162	257	182	2,084	324
Other	5,263	4,875	3,638	96	246
Estates	71,551	73,817	63,983	0	524
Special proceedings**	31,093	35,080	31,639	106	715
Criminal cases	116,596	127,571	116,447	0	0
Felonies	94,939	105,184	94,730	255	286
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	16,091	16,616	15,628	206	293
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	5,566	5,771	6,089	222	300

*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	93	2,171	0	2,599
Contract	10	369	0	302
Collect on accounts	0	48	0	77
Motor vehicle negligence	40	223	0	208
Other negligence	22	174	0	155
Real property	9	382	0	485
Administrative appeal	0	28	0	20
Other	12	947	0	1,352
Estates	0	2	0	19
Special proceedings	3	130	0	191

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Clerk	Dismissal on Order of Court	Discontinued	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
Civil cases	1,202	216	716	8,057	1,096
Contract	380	30	145	1,669	259
Collect on accounts	219	6	57	204	8
Motor vehicle negligence	40	28	147	3,161	99
Other negligence	8	54	85	1,397	185
Real property	6	8	36	229	54
Administrative appeal	0	17	13	35	144
Other	549	73	233	1,362	347
Estates	73,513	91	13	37	142
Special proceedings	21,489	1,992	88	4,550	6,637

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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	1,216	429	231	8,193	57,099
Felonies	963	307	205	8,072	50,632
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	154	76	17	73	5,071
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	99	46	9	48	1,396

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Dismissal After Deferred Prosecution	Dismissal With Leave	Other*
Criminal cases	1,174	1,562	57,667
Felonies	1,102	1,185	42,718
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	71	175	10,979
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	1	202	3,970

*Other includes speedy trial dismissals, and in FY 2020, dismissal without leave.

District Court

Caseload Inventory and Median Age of Cases

Case Type	Filed	Disposed	End Pending (6/30/20)	Median Age (in Days)	
				Disposed Cases	Pending Cases
Civil cases	184,010	178,977	101,636	71	245
URESAs / UIFSAs	136	148	223	121	2,300
Child support (IV – D)	27,901	27,920	21,158	105	470
Child support (non IV – D)	2,695	2,409	4,541	222	515
General civil	57,528	59,716	30,437	105	190
Magistrate appeal / transfer	3,807	3,815	1,965	74	236
Other domestic relations	91,943	84,969	43,312	48	217
Civil magistrate (small claims)	170,998	172,844	13,666	14	55
Criminal cases	1,257,549	1,300,583	694,416	0	0
Felonies	150,307	143,547	84,860	107	151
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	297,217	308,086	190,590	158	154
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	810,025	848,950	418,966	135	149
Infractions	405,384	427,310	134,364	74	125

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Jury Trial	Judge Trial	Magistrate Trial	Final Judgment Without Trial
Civil cases	98	52,383	78	35,910
URESAs / UIFSAs	0	25	0	51
Child support (IV – D)	14	8,760	4	10,257
Child support (non IV – D)	0	771	1	900
General civil	23	5,206	22	7,483
Magistrate appeal / transfer	14	1,731	2	566
Other domestic relations	47	35,890	49	16,653
Civil magistrate (small claims)	1	103	102,928	632

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District Court*Manner of Disposition*

Case Type	Clerk	Dismissal on Order of Court	Discontinued	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
Civil cases	28,980	11,789	12,741	33,212	3,786
URESAs / UIFSAs	2	0	61	5	4
Child support (IV – D)	125	288	4,895	2,560	1,017
Child support (non IV – D)	16	94	106	272	249
General civil	21,889	516	4,420	19,322	835
Magistrate appeal / transfer	112	451	3	864	72
Other domestic relations	6,836	10,440	3,256	10,189	1,609
Civil magistrate (small claims)	44	10,235	5,897	51,798	1,206

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 Cause Not Found	Felony Probable Cause Waived
Criminal cases	11,179	4,459	1,427	180,239	384	2,239	11,580
Felonies	536	27	0	24,154	384	1,324	11,580
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	6,473	3,054	265	83,514	0	120	0
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	4,170	1,378	1,162	72,571	0	795	0

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Dismissal After Deferred Prosecution	Dismissal With Leave	Worthless Check Waiver	Felony Superseding Indictment	Other*
Criminal cases	6,003	146,990	329	69,797	865,957
Felonies	1,154	1,394	0	57,820	45,174
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	4,478	15,410	329	9,555	184,888
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	371	130,186	0	2,422	635,895

* Other includes dismissal without leave in FY 2020.

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Waived	Other
Infractions	185,175	242,135



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