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STATISTICAL AND OPERATIONAL REPORT OF
HUMAN RESOURCES



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Throughout this report, FTE refers to full-time equivalent positions / employees and indicates the percentage of time that a position is authorized.

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Supreme Court of North Carolina
Staffing by Unit, Effective June 30, 2021

Unit	Job	FTE
Supreme Court	Chief Justice	1
	Associate Justice	6
	Executive assistant III	1
	Executive assistant II	6
	Research assistant II	14
	General legal counsel & Chief of staff	1
	Supreme Court Administrative Counsel	2
	Staff attorney II	3
	Administrative Officer II	1
	Subtotal	35
Supreme Court clerk's office	Clerk of court	1
	Assistant clerk	1
	Appellate clerk II	2
	Appellate clerk III	1
	Application analyst programmer	2
	Director of IT, appellate courts	1
	Help desk specialist	1
	Print shop supervisor	1
	Printing equipment operator	2
Subtotal	12	
Supreme Court library	Librarian	1
	Assistant librarian	2
	Technical assistant	1
	Subtotal	4
Supreme Court reporters	Reporter I	2
	Reporter II	1
	Subtotal	3
Grand Total		54

Court of Appeals
Staffing by Unit, Effective June 30, 2021

Unit	Job	FTE
Court of Appeals	Chief Judge	1
	Judge	14
	Executive assistant I	14
	Executive assistant II	1
	Research assistant I	28
	Research assistant II	2
	Staff attorney I	1
	Subtotal	61
Court of Appeals general counsel	General counsel	1
	Subtotal	1
Court of Appeals staff attorneys	Staff attorney I	4
	Staff attorney II	3
	Staff attorney III	1
	Staff attorney IV	1
	Legal assistant	2
	Subtotal	11
Court of Appeals clerk's office	Clerk of court	1
	Assistant clerk of court	1
	Appellate clerk I	4
	Appellate clerk II	2
	Appellate clerk III	2
	Subtotal	10
	GRAND TOTAL	83

Superior Court*Staffing by District, Effective June 30, 2021*

District	Counties in District	Senior Resident Judge	Superior Court Judge	Judicial Support Staff*	Trial Court Coordinator	Trial Court Administrator	Court Reporters**	Court Reporting Technician	Grants
1	7	1	1		1		2		1
2	5	1			1		2		
3A	1	1	1		1		2		
3B	3	1	2		1		1		
4	4	1	1	1	1		2		
5	2	1	2		1	1	3		
6A	1	1		1			1		
6B	3	1		1			1		
7A	1	1			1		1		
7BC	2	1	1	0.5	1		2		
8A	2	1			1			1	
8B	1	1		1			1		
9	5	1	1	1	1		3		
10	1	1	5	2	2	1	6		
11A	2	1			1		1		
11B	1	1		1	1		1		
12	1	1	3	3		1	3		
13A	2	1			1		1		
13B	1	1		1			1		1
14	1	1	3	1	1	1	3		
15A	1	1	1		1		2		
15B	2	1	1		1		1		
16A	3	1	1		1			2	
16B	1	1	1		1		1	1	
17A	2	1	1		1		1		
17B	2	1			1		1		
18	1	1	4	1	2	1	5		
19A	1	1			1		1		
19B	1	1	1		1		1		
19C	1	1			1		1		
19D	2	1	1	1			1		

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Superior Court

Staffing by District, Effective June 30, 2021

District	Counties in District	Senior Resident Judge	Superior Court Judge	Judicial Support Staff*	Trial Court Coordinator	Trial Court Administrator	Court Reporters**	Court Reporting Technician	Grants
20A	2	1	1	1			1		
20B	1	1	1		1		1		
21	1	1	3	2	1	1	3		
22A	2	1	1	1	1		1		
22B	2	1	1	1	1		1		
23	4	1			1		1		
24	5	1	1	1	1		2		
25A	2	1	1	1	1		2		
25B	1	1	1		1		2		
26	1	1	7	2	3	1	7		12
27A	1	1	1	1	1		2		
27B	2	1	1		1		1		
28	1	1	1	1		1	2		
29A	2	1		1			1		
29B	3	1			1		1		
30A	5	1		1			1		
30B	2	1		1			1		
ROVERS							17		
BUS CT 10			1	3					
BUS CT 18			1	3					
BUS CT 21			1	3					
BUS CT 26			2	5	1				
SPECIAL JDG			5						
TOTAL	100	48	61	43.5	42	8	99	4	14

*Two FTEs (total of 11 FTEs) are trial court research assistants for each of the business court special judges in districts 10, 18, 21, and 26B. Three of the FTEs are trial court research assistants for the business court special judge in 26A

**Court reporters in 11A, 19C, 25B and 28 report to the NCAOC.

District Court*Staffing by District, Effective June 30, 2021*

District	Counties in District	Chief District Court Judge	District Court Judge	Judicial Support Staff	Trial Court Coordinator*	Magistrate
1	7	1	4	1	1	23
2	5	1	3		1	17.5
3A	1	1	5		2	13
3B	3	1	5	1	1	17
4	4	1	8	2	1	23
5	2	1	8	1	1	17
6	4	1	3		2	17
7	3	1	6		1	23
8	3	1	5	0.75	2	19
9	5	1	6	1	1	22
10	1	1	19	3.75	2	27
11	3	1	10	2	1	22
12	1	1	9	4		20
13	3	1	5	1	1	17
14	1	1	6	1	1	18
15A	1	1	3	1	1	12
15B	2	1	4		2	11
16A	3	1	3	1	1	14
16B	1	1	5	1	1	12
17A	2	1	3	2		10
17B	2	1	3	2		9
18	1	1	13	3	2	31
19A	1	1	5	1	1	10
19B	1	1	4	1	1	9
19C	1	1	4	1	1	9
19D	2	1	3	1		9
20A	2	1	2	1		9
20B	1	1	4	2		7
21	1	1	10	1.75	1	19

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District Court*Staffing by District, Effective June 30, 2021*

District	Counties in District	Chief District Court Judge	District Court Judge	Judicial Support Staff	Trial Court Coordinator*	Magistrate
22A	2	1	5	1.75		13
22B	2	1	5	2		12
23	4	1	3	0.75	1	16
24	5	1	3	1	1	16
25	3	1	9	2	1	21.6
26	1	1	20	7	2	33.5
27A	1	1	6	1.75	1	17
27B	2	1	5		1	12
28	1	1	6	2.75		15
29A	2	1	3	1		10
29B	3	1	3	1	1	14
30	7	1	5	2		26
TOTAL	100	41	241	60.25	37	672.6

District Court – Program and Grant Staff
Staffing by District, Effective June 30, 2021

District	Custody and Visitation Mediation*	Staff Court Interpreter	Family Court	Grants
1	1			
2	1			1
3A	1		3	
3B	1			
4	1.5			
5	2		3	
6	0.875		2	1
7	1			
8	1		2	2
9	0.875			
10	4	2	5	
11	1.5			2.5
12	4		5	0.8
13	1			
14	1.75	1	3	1
15A	1			
15B	0.8	1		1
16A	0.775		1	
16B	0.625			
17A	0.5			
17B	0.5			
18	3	1		
19A	0.75			
19B	1.5		3	
19C	1.5			
19D			1	
20A	0.6		1	
20B	1.25		2	0.9
21	1	1		2.5
22A	0.4			
22B	0.6			
23	1			

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District Court – Program and Grant Staff
Staffing by District, Effective June 30, 2021

District	Custody and Visitation Mediation*	Staff Court Interpreter	Family Court	Grants
24	1			
25	3		3	1
26	4	2	7	2
27A	0.75			
27B	0.5			
28	1.5	1	3	1
29A	0.75			
29B	0.75			
30	1			
TOTAL	52.55	9	44	16.7

16A and 16B share 1.0 FTE position (60006937) > .375 FTE in 16A and .625 FTE in 16B > assigned to 16B.
 16A and 20A share 1.0 FTE position (65010919) > .4 FTE in 16A and .6 FTE in 20A > assigned to 20A.
 17A and 17B share 1.0 FTE position (60006702) > .5 FTE in each district > assigned to 17A.
 19A and 19C share 1.0 FTE position (60006731) > .5 FTE in each district > assigned to 19A.
 19A and 20B share 1.0 FTE position (60006954) > .25 FTE in 19A and .75 FTE in 20B > assigned to 20B.
 22A and 22B share 1.0 FTE position (60006771) > .4 FTE in 22A and .6 FTE in 22B > assigned to 22B.
 27A and 27B share 1.0 FTE position (60006852) > .5 FTE in each district > assigned to 27A.
 28 and 29A share 1.0 FTE position (60006874) > .25 FTE in 28 and .75 FTE in 29A > assigned to 29A.

Magistrate*Staffing by County, Effective June 30, 2021*

County	District	FTE
Alamance	15A	12
Alexander	22A	4
Alleghany	23	3
Anson	16A	4
Ashe	23	3
Avery	24	3
Beaufort	2	4
Bertie	6	3
Bladen	13	4
Brunswick	13	8
Buncombe	28	15
Burke	25	5.6
Cabarrus	19A	10
Caldwell	25	6
Camden	1	3
Carteret	3B	6
Caswell	17A	3
Catawba	25	10
Chatham	15B	4
Cherokee	30	4
Chowan	1	3
Clay	30	3
Cleveland	27B	7
Columbus	13	5
Craven	3B	8
Cumberland	12	20
Currituck	1	4
Dare	1	4
Davidson	22B	8

County	District	FTE
Davie	22B	4
Duplin	4	4
Durham	14	18
Edgecombe	7	7
Forsyth	21	19
Franklin	9	4
Gaston	27A	17
Gates	1	3
Graham	30	3
Granville	9	5
Greene	8	3
Guilford	18	31
Halifax	6	7
Harnett	11	7
Haywood	30	5
Henderson	29B	7
Hertford	6	4
Hoke	19D	4
Hyde	2	3.5
Iredell	22A	9
Jackson	30	4
Johnston	11	10
Jones	4	3
Lee	11	5
Lenoir	8	7
Lincoln	27B	5
Macon	30	4
Madison	24	3
Martin	2	4

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Magistrate

Staffing by County, Effective June 30, 2021

County	District	FTE
McDowell	29A	4
Mecklenburg	26	33.5
Mitchell	24	3
Montgomery	20A	4
Moore	19D	5
Nash	7	9
New Hanover	5	13
Northampton	6	3
Onslow	4	11
Orange	15B	7
Pamlico	3B	3
Pasquotank	1	4
Pender	5	4
Perquimans	1	2
Person	9	4
Pitt	3A	13
Polk	29B	3
Randolph	19B	9
Richmond	16A	5
Robeson	16B	12
Rockingham	17A	7
Rowan	19C	9

County	District	FTE
Rutherford	29A	6
Sampson	4	5
Scotland	16A	5
Stanly	20A	5
Stokes	17B	4
Surry	17B	5
Swain	30	3
Transylvania	29B	4
Tyrrell	2	3
Union	20B	7
Vance	9	6
Wake	10	27
Warren	9	3
Washington	2	3
Watauga	24	4
Wayne	8	9
Wilkes	23	6
Wilson	7	7
Yadkin	23	4
Yancey	24	3
TOTAL		672.6

District Attorney*Staffing by District, Effective June 30, 2021*

District	Counties in District	DA	Assistant DA (State Funded)	Assistant DA (Grant / Contract)	Investigator (State Funded)	Investigator (Grant / Contract)
1	7	1	12		1	
2	5	1	8		1	
3	1	1	12			1
4	3	1	13			
5	4	1	20		1	
6	2	1	20	1	1	
7	4	1	11		1	
8	3	1	19			
9	3	1	15		1	
10	1	1	43	2	2	1
11	5	1	15		1	
12	2	1	12	1	1	
13	1	1	11	2	1	
14	1	1	26	2	1	
15	3	1	15	1	1	
16	1	1	18	4	1	
17	1	1	12	2	1	
18	2	1	10		1	
20	1	1	13		1	
21	3	1	9		1	
22	2	1	9		1	
23	2	1	8		1	
24	1	1	35	1.5	1	
25	1	1	10		1	
26	1	1	62	23		
27	1	1	9	2	1	
28	2	1	6		1	
29	2	1	9		1	
30	1	1	11	2		1
31	1	1	28	1	1	
32	2	1	13		1	

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District Attorney

Staffing by District, Effective June 30, 2021

District	Counties in District	DA	Assistant DA (State Funded)	Assistant DA (Grant / Contract)	Investigator (State Funded)	Investigator (Grant / Contract)
33	2	1	12		1	
34	4	1	9		1	
35	5	1	8		1	
36	3	1	20		1	
37	1	1	11		1	
38	1	1	16		1	
39	2	1	13			
40	1	1	14	3	1	1
41	2	1	8		1	
42	3	1	9		1	
43	7	1	14		1	
TOTAL	100	42	648	47.5	37	4

All districts allow one district attorney. Staffing numbers do not include temporary employees. Grant / contract positions (receipt-supported) are time-limited. Four ADA positions in DA-26 (600007777, 60007778, 60007779, & 60007780) are Drug Court positions split-funded between the general fund (.75 FTE, 1600) and receipt funds from Mecklenburg County (.125 FTE, 2091-2932) and the City of Charlotte (0.125 FTE, 2091-3441). Three FTE are in the State Funded ADA column and 1.0 FTE in the Grant ADA column.

Other district attorney staff reported on pages 15 – 16.

District Attorney
Staffing by District, Effective June 30, 2021

District	Administrative Assistant	Legal Assistant	Criminal Docket Manager	Other Grant / Contract Staff
1	1	9		3
2	1	5		3
3	1	8		5
4	1	9		3
5	1	12.75		4
6	1	12	1	6
7	1	7		3
8	1	15		6
9	1	8		3
10	3	24.75		11
11	1	13	1	4
12	1	7		5
13	1	6		5
14	1	15	1	6
15	1	9	1	6
16	1	12	1	6
17	1	5	1	3
18	1	7		3
20	1	8		3
21	1	9		3
22	1	4		3
23	1	4		3
24	2	23		1
25	1	5		3
26	4	25	1	28
27	1	4		3
28	1	2		3
29	1	5		5
30	1	7		2
31	1	15		10
32	1	8		4

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District Attorney

Staffing by District, Effective June 30, 2021

District	Administrative Assistant	Legal Assistant	Criminal Docket Manager	Other Grant / Contract Staff
33	1	9		5
34	1	5		3
35	1	4		3
36	1	14		5
37	1	8		2
38	1	10	1	
39	1	7	1	3
40	1	10		6
41	1	4		2
42	1	4	1	3
43	1	10		3
TOTAL	48	388.50	10	191

Staffing numbers do not include temporary employees. Grant / contract positions (receipt-supported) are time-limited and may or may not include benefits. Criminal Docket Management employee in District 26 is assigned to the Trial Court Administrator's office.

Clerk of Superior Court*Staffing by County, Effective June 30, 2021*

County	Clerk of Superior Court*	Permanent FTE	Grant Funded Deputy Clerk**	Assistant Clerk Designations Utilized****
Alamance	1	43		11
Alexander	1	8.75		4
Alleghany	1	5		2
Anson	1	10		4
Ashe	1	6.5		4
Avery	1	6		3
Beaufort	1	17		5
Bertie	1	6		3
Bladen	1	12		4
Brunswick	1	34	0.5	8
Buncombe	1	63	1	12
Burke	1	27		7
Cabarrus	1	53	1	9
Caldwell	1	24		4
Camden	1	5		2
Carteret	1	22		7
Caswell	1	6.75		3
Catawba	1	46	0.5	10
Chatham	1	14		5
Cherokee	1	8		2
Chowan	1	5		4
Clay	1	5		2
Cleveland	1	30	0.5	8
Columbus	1	20		5
Craven	1	28		8
Cumberland	1	88	1	18
Currituck	1	8		4
Dare	1	16		7
Davidson	1	41	1	9
Davie	1	10		3
Duplin	1	17		4
Durham	1	70.5	1	15

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Clerk of Superior Court*Staffing by County, Effective June 30, 2021*

County	Clerk of Superior Court*	Permanent FTE	Grant Funded Deputy Clerk**	Assistant Clerk Designations Utilized****
Edgecombe	1	20		5
Forsyth***	1	95	2	17
Franklin	1	15.5		6
Gaston	1	63	1	14
Gates	1	5		2
Graham	1	5		3
Granville	1	15		4
Greene	1	5		3
Guilford – Greensboro	1	125	1	23
Guilford – High Point		23		6
Halifax	1	19		5
Harnett	1	28	1	8
Haywood	1	19		5
Henderson	1	28	0.5	7
Hertford	1	8		2
Hoke	1	11		4
Hyde	1	5		2
Iredell	1	43	1	10
Jackson	1	11		4
Johnston	1	45	1	9
Jones	1	6		2
Lee	1	17		5
Lenoir	1	20		4
Lincoln	1	21		5
Macon	1	9		3
Madison	1	7		5
Martin	1	10		5
McDowell	1	15		5
Mecklenburg***	1	207.1	10.5	32.75
Mitchell	1	5		2
Montgomery	1	9		3

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Clerk of Superior Court*Staffing by County, Effective June 30, 2021*

County	Clerk of Superior Court*	Permanent FTE	Grant Funded Deputy Clerk**	Assistant Clerk Designations Utilized****
Moore	1	25		7
Nash	1	32		8
New Hanover	1	62	1	13
Northampton	1	5		1
Onslow	1	52	1	11
Orange	1	26		7
Pamlico	1	5		2
Pasquotank	1	13		3
Pender	1	14		4
Perquimans	1	6		4
Person	1	11.75		3
Pitt	1	48		10
Polk	1	6		2
Randolph	1	37	1	9
Richmond	1	17		6
Robeson	1	44	1	10
Rockingham	1	28	0.5	8
Rowan	1	39		9
Rutherford	1	20		5
Sampson	1	20		5
Scotland	1	13		5
Stanly	1	19		5
Stokes	1	12		4
Surry	1	23	0.5	6
Swain	1	5		3
Transylvania	1	8		4
Tyrrell	1	5		2
Union	1	42	1	9
Vance	1	17		5
Wake	1	181.5	1	30
Warren	1	6		3

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Clerk of Superior Court
Staffing by County, Effective June 30, 2021

County	Clerk of Superior Court*	Permanent FTE	Grant Funded Deputy Clerk**	Assistant Clerk Designations Utilized****
Washington	1	5		3
Watauga	1	13		3.75
Wayne	1	34.25		8
Wilkes	1	21		6
Wilson	1	25		7
Yadkin	1	10		3
Yancey	1	5		2
Total	100	2,625.60	31.5	642.5

*The elected clerk position and grant deputy clerk positions are not counted in determining assistant clerk designations.

***Includes one drug court position.

****Assistant clerk designations are a subset of permanent FTEs assigned to each county and are not additional positions.

Note: This report excludes temporary positions.

Judicial Branch Personnel

Staffing by Area, Effective June 30, 2021 (Includes all funding sources)*

Area		FTE
Supreme Court	Justices	7
	Staff personnel (clerk's and reporter's offices, law clerks, library)	39
	Secretarial personnel	8
Court of Appeals	Judges	15
	Staff personnel (clerk's office, prehearing, law clerks)	53
	Secretarial personnel	15
Superior Court	Judges	109
	Staff personnel	122
	Secretarial personnel	88.5
District Court	Judges	282
	Magistrates	672.6
	Staff personnel	100.55
District Attorneys	Secretarial personnel	118.95
	District attorneys	42
	Assistant district attorneys	695.50
Clerks of Superior Court	Staff personnel (investigators)	41
	Other personnel (legal assistants, secretarial positions)	637.50
	Clerks of Superior Court	100
Guardian ad Litem	Staff personnel	2,657.10
	Program administrator	1
	Assistant to administrator (1), regional administrators (4), and district administrators (36)	41
Administrative Office of the Courts	Staff personnel	151.75
	Administrative officer of the courts	1
	Assistant director (1), deputy director (1), and chief operations officer (1)	3
Commissions and Conferences	Staff personnel	381.90
	Conference of Clerks of Superior Court	2
	Conference of District Attorneys	27.5
	Judicial Standards Commission	4
	Innocence Inquiry Commission	10

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Judicial Branch Personnel

Staffing by Area, Effective June 30, 2021 (Includes all funding sources)*

Area	FTE
	Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism 3
	Dispute Resolution Commission 2
Commissions and Conferences (continued)	Equal Access to Justice Commission 5.75
	Human Trafficking Commission 1
	Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission 10
	Pro Bono Resource Center 1
	Subtotal 6,449.60
Indigent representation	Indigent Defense Services 27
Appellate defender	Appellate defender 1
	Assistant appellate defenders 20
	Secretarial personnel 4
Capital defender	Capital defender 1
	Assistant capital defenders 17
	Capital case investigators 6
	Secretarial personnel 4
Juvenile defender	Juvenile defender 1
	Assistant juvenile defenders 2
	Secretarial personnel 1
Parent defender	Parent defender 1
	Assistant parent defenders 3
	Secretarial personnel 1
Public defender	Public defenders 17
	Assistant public defenders 291
	Staff personnel 48
	Secretarial personnel 114.5
Special counsel at mental health hospitals	Special counsel 9
	Assistants to special counsel 2
	Secretarial personnel 5.5
	Subtotal 576
	GRAND TOTAL 7,025.60

**The FTE count includes all funding sources (state appropriations, grant-funded, county/ city funded via contract, and receipt-supported positions).*

Note: Beginning with the FY 2004 – 05 printing of this report, Judicial Branch personnel are counted as full-time equivalents (FTEs) rather than positions. FTEs measure the percentage of time that a position is authorized.



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