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Superior Court*Caseload Inventory and Median Age of Cases*

Case Type	Filed	Disposed	End Pending (6/30/22)	Median Age (in Days)*	
				Disposed Cases	Pending Cases
Civil cases	18,412	18,714	19,078	251	282
Contract	3,203	3,266	3,498	245	288
Collect on accounts	637	744	426	142	211
Motor vehicle negligence	4,088	4,668	4,328	343	237
Other negligence	2,861	2,622	3,849	372	311
Real property	1,402	1,278	2,624	519	409
Administrative appeal	135	163	148	260	323
Other	6,086	5,973	4,205	112	252
Estates	90,461	88,355	81,370	0	475
Special proceedings**	27,704	26,593	31,557	69	988
Criminal cases	113,018	137,688	134,181		
Felonies	92,625	113,547	109,728	355	329
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	14,884	18,026	17,734	333	332
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	5,509	6,115	6,719	317	302

*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	113	2,552	4	2,845
Contract	12	395	0	239
Collect on accounts	1	75	2	87
Motor vehicle negligence	40	336	0	234
Other negligence	29	211	0	153
Real property	13	383	1	559
Administrative appeal	2	36	0	17
Other	16	1,116	1	1,556
Estates	0	2	0	6
Special proceedings	0	111	0	143

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Clerk	Dismissal on Order of Court	Discontinued	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
Civil cases	1,337	337	963	9,433	1,130
Contract	323	47	146	1,902	202
Collect on accounts	255	6	48	252	18
Motor vehicle negligence	42	59	145	3,690	122
Other negligence	18	65	168	1,702	276
Real property	9	9	81	193	30
Administrative appeal	1	18	45	38	6
Other	689	133	330	1,656	476
Estates	87,873	37	62	29	346
Special proceedings	18,900	619	52	2,638	4,130

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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	1,392	546	193	8,548	60,339
Felonies	1,104	395	173	8,423	53,355
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	183	99	10	78	5,476
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	105	52	10	47	1,508

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Dismissal After Deferred Prosecution	Dismissal With Leave	Other*
Criminal cases	1,173	2,274	63,223
Felonies	1,094	1,882	47,121
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	78	233	11,869
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	1	159	4,233

*Other includes speedy trial dismissals, and beginning in FY 2019, dismissal without leave.

District Court

Caseload Inventory and Median Age of Cases

Case Type	Filed	Disposed	End Pending (6/30/22)	Median Age (in Days)	
				Disposed Cases	Pending Cases
Civil cases	186,324	196,721	102,415	74	294
URESAs / UIFSAs	164	147	247	42	2,485
Child support (IV – D)	24,839	27,198	19,488	111	717
Child support (non IV – D)	2,201	2,483	4,551	389	667
General civil	54,229	62,087	29,114	114	169
Magistrate appeal / transfer	7,248	6,119	3,752	76	106
Other domestic relations	97,643	98,687	45,263	49	304
Civil magistrate (small claims)	147,606	147,072	13,428	17	14
Criminal cases	1,142,640	1,374,180	672,047		
Felonies	137,077	151,277	76,733	143	140
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	237,113	333,983	148,987	248	156
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	768,450	888,920	446,327	176	133
Infractions	333,622	378,794	117,272	85	76

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Jury Trial	Judge Trial	Magistrate Trial	Final Judgment Without Trial
Civil cases	109	57,355	61	41,880
URESAs / UIFSAs	0	29	0	65
Child support (IV – D)	11	8,975	4	10,042
Child support (non IV – D)	0	766	1	939
General civil	29	6,686	10	8,104
Magistrate appeal / transfer	20	2,474	9	935
Other domestic relations	49	38,425	37	21,795
Civil magistrate (small claims)	1	153	89,553	673

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District Court*Manner of Disposition*

Case Type	Clerk	Dismissal on Order of Court	Discontinued	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
Civil cases	29,275	15,909	9,881	37,494	4,757
URESA / UIFSA	7	2	22	12	10
Child support (IV – D)	76	319	3,392	3,115	1,264
Child support (non IV – D)	19	70	116	281	291
General civil	22,173	600	3,027	20,630	828
Magistrate appeal / transfer	61	1,010	11	1,489	110
Other domestic relations	6,939	13,908	3,313	11,967	2,254
Civil magistrate (small claims)	25	11,802	4,176	39,466	1,243

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	11,850	5,067	241	193,261	356	2,444	8,601
Felonies	674	23	0	26,649	356	1,500	8,600
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	6,413	3,516	154	80,306	0	133	1
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	4,763	1,528	87	83,306	0	811	0

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Dismissal After Deferred Prosecution	Dismissal With Leave	Worthless Check Waiver	Felony Superseding Indictment	Other*
Criminal cases	5,197	146,689	182	67,224	933,068
Felonies	1,155	2,358	0	57,378	52,584
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	3,544	18,348	182	7,700	213,686
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	498	125,983	0	2,146	666,798

* Other includes dismissal without leave in FY 2022.

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Waived	Other
Infractions	169,938	208,856

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