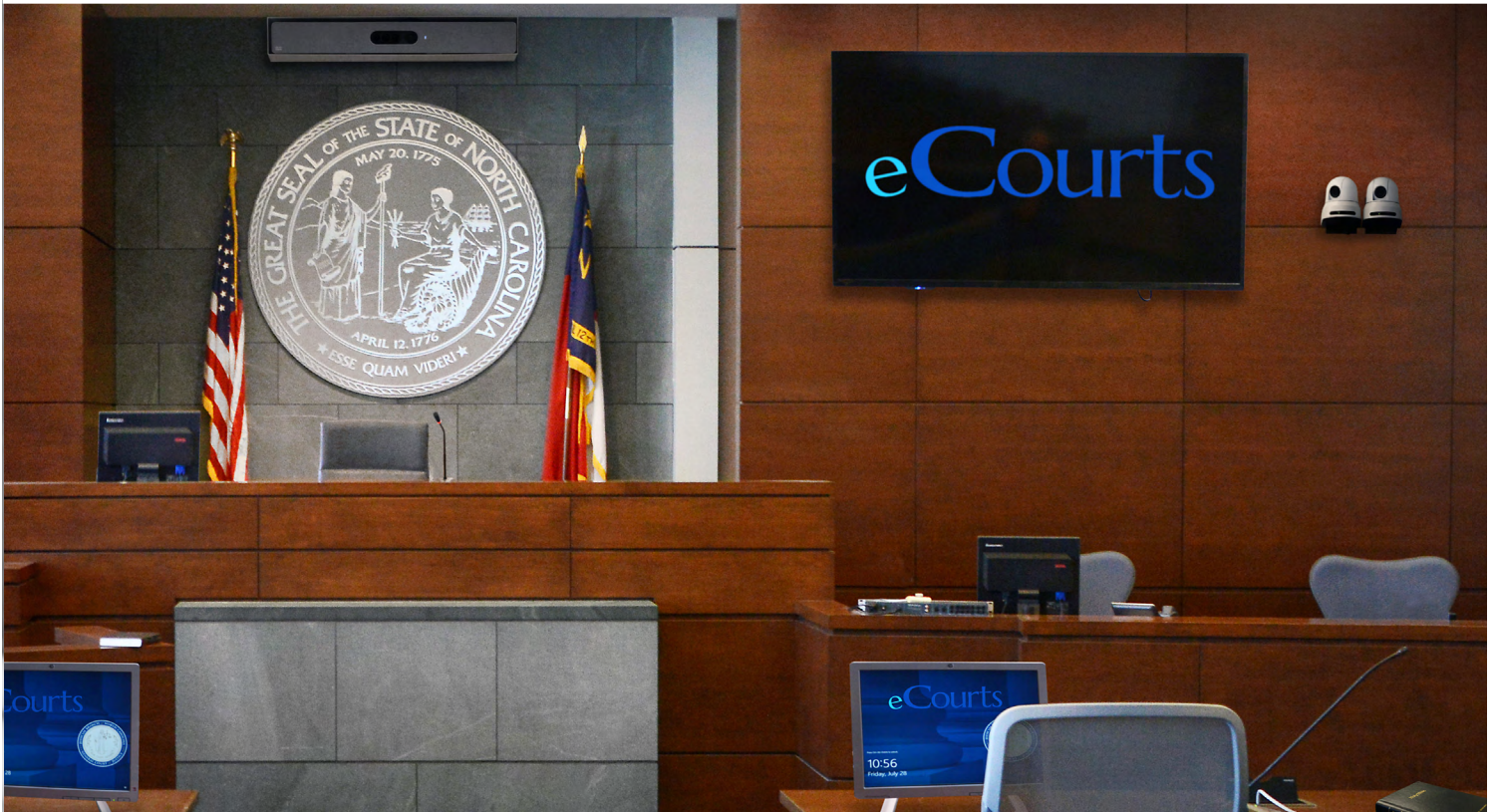


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## STATISTICAL AND OPERATIONAL REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA TRIAL COURTS



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**Superior Court***Caseload Inventory and Median Age of Cases*

Case Type	Filed	Disposed	End Pending (6/30/23)	Median Age (in Days)	
				Disposed Cases	Pending Cases
<b>Civil cases</b>	<b>18,389</b>	<b>19,295</b>	<b>18,394</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>269</b>
Contract	3,551	3,659	3,431	234	245
Collect on accounts	551	698	314	154	209
Motor vehicle negligence	3,853	4,324	3,922	336	224
Other negligence	2,477	2,686	3,729	415	346
Real property	1,523	1,318	2,841	582	395
Administrative appeal	97	147	102	230	478
Other	6,337	6,463	4,055	116	221
<b>Estates</b>	<b>86,805</b>	<b>87,776</b>	<b>86,544</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>512</b>
<b>Special proceedings*</b>	<b>33,097</b>	<b>31,795</b>	<b>34,687</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>976</b>
<b>Criminal cases</b>	<b>97,679</b>	<b>135,975</b>	<b>114,165</b>		
Felonies	82,073	113,270	95,692	363	358
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	10,849	16,913	12,960	336	429
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	4,757	5,792	5,513	295	346

\*The number of special proceeding cases filed and disposed reflects those cases that are non-confidential.

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**Superior Court**

*Manner of Disposition*

Case Type	Jury Trial	Judge Trial	Magistrate Trial	Final Order / Judgment Without Trial
<b>Civil cases</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2,758</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,058</b>
Contract	17	434	0	304
Collect on accounts	1	82	0	90
Motor vehicle negligence	23	296	0	216
Other negligence	23	214	0	175
Real property	4	456	0	553
Administrative appeal	0	47	0	14
Other	15	1,229	0	1,706
<b>Estates</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Special proceedings</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>206</b>

*Manner of Disposition*

Case Type	Clerk	Dismissal on Order of Court	Discontinued	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
<b>Civil cases</b>	<b>1,399</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>9,074</b>	<b>1,831</b>
Contract	386	39	153	1,871	455
Collect on accounts	215	5	34	234	37
Motor vehicle negligence	41	50	147	3,363	188
Other negligence	28	63	112	1,682	389
Real property	9	9	30	192	65
Administrative appeal	0	22	14	26	24
Other	720	153	261	1,706	673
<b>Estates</b>	<b>87,039</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>574</b>
<b>Special proceedings</b>	<b>20,685</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>3,711</b>	<b>6,353</b>

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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
<b>Criminal cases</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>8,398</b>	<b>58,502</b>
Felonies	1,135	447	166	8,272	52,210
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	163	97	13	73	4,791
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	92	42	6	53	1,501

*Manner of Disposition*

Case Type	Dismissal After Deferred Prosecution	Dismissal With Leave	Other*
<b>Criminal cases</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>2,203</b>	<b>63,828</b>
Felonies	820	1,793	48,427
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	57	231	11,488
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	6	179	3,913

\*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
<b>Civil cases</b>	<b>185,390</b>	<b>190,475</b>	<b>100,344</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>235</b>
URESAs / UIFSAs	298	334	351	77	1,802
Child support (IV – D)	21,049	23,389	18,403	117	702
Child support (non IV – D)	2,283	2,802	4,009	435	626
General civil	57,466	60,009	28,803	99	121
Magistrate appeal / transfer	9,377	7,368	5,533	89	158
Other domestic relations	94,917	96,573	43,245	50	263
<b>Civil magistrate (small claims)</b>	<b>198,089</b>	<b>195,235</b>	<b>16,443</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Criminal cases</b>	<b>1,095,979</b>	<b>1,301,903</b>	<b>561,391</b>		
Felonies	107,256	128,254	60,107	147	149
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	207,553	278,410	117,659	195	143
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	781,170	895,239	383,625	148	108
<b>Infractions</b>	<b>331,122</b>	<b>364,547</b>	<b>99,328</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>60</b>

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*Manner of Disposition*

Case Type	Jury Trial	Judge Trial	Magistrate Trial	Final Judgment Without Trial
<b>Civil cases</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>56,109</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>39,916</b>
URESAs / UIFSAs	0	52	0	68
Child support (IV – D)	32	7,032	2	8,985
Child support (non IV – D)	3	800	0	938
General civil	38	7,584	22	8,630
Magistrate appeal / transfer	25	3,282	5	973
Other domestic relations	93	37,359	44	20,322
<b>Civil magistrate (small claims)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>118,040</b>	<b>796</b>

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**District Court***Manner of Disposition*

Case Type	Clerk	Dismissal on Order of Court	Discontinued	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
<b>Civil cases</b>	<b>26,132</b>	<b>16,422</b>	<b>8,610</b>	<b>34,286</b>	<b>8,736</b>
URESAs / UIFSAs	0	2	49	32	131
Child support (IV – D)	113	262	2,828	2,911	1,224
Child support (non IV – D)	10	95	82	292	582
General civil	19,874	1,421	2,726	18,196	1,518
Magistrate appeal / transfer	67	1,117	1	1,505	393
Other domestic relations	6,068	13,525	2,924	11,350	4,888
<b>Civil magistrate (small claims)</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>13,730</b>	<b>4,856</b>	<b>55,133</b>	<b>2,523</b>

*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
<b>Criminal cases</b>	<b>10,788</b>	<b>4,531</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>192,450</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>2,316</b>	<b>6,548</b>
Felonies	539	41	0	25,584	181	1,270	6,547
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	5,781	3,012	106	74,954	0	328	0
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	4,468	1,478	145	91,912	0	718	1

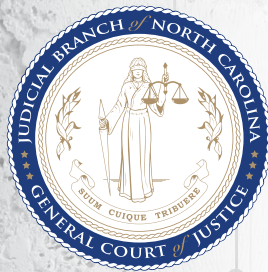
*Manner of Disposition*

Case Type	Dismissal After Deferred Prosecution	Dismissal With Leave	Worthless Check Waiver	Felony Superseding Indictment	Other*
<b>Criminal cases</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>130,549</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>51,002</b>	<b>897,920</b>
Felonies	1,026	2,087	0	44,720	46,259
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	3,835	14,170	67	4,724	171,433
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	439	114,292	0	1,558	680,228

\* Other includes dismissal without leave beginning in FY 2019.

*Manner of Disposition*

Case Type	Waived	Other
<b>Infractions</b>	<b>167,349</b>	<b>197,198</b>



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