



# NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH QUICK FACTS

JULY 1, 2022–JUNE 30, 2023

## SUPREME COURT

7 justices

Appeals docketed	66
Appeals disposed	183
Petitions docketed	425
Petitions disposed	467

## COURT OF APPEALS

15 judges

Appeals / petitions filed	1,921
Appeals / petitions disposed	1,773

## SUPERIOR COURT

111 judges

Total cases filed	235,970
Total cases disposed	274,841

### Cases

Cases	Filed	Disposed
Civil*	18,389	19,295
Felonies	82,073	113,270
Misdemeanors**	15,606	22,705
Estates	86,805	87,776
Special proceedings***	33,097	31,795

## DISTRICT COURT

282 judges

Total cases filed	1,810,580
Total cases disposed	2,052,160

### Cases

Cases	Filed	Disposed
Civil magistrate	198,089	195,235
Civil district	185,390	190,475
Criminal district	1,095,979	1,301,903
Infractions	331,122	364,547

\*Includes Business Court cases

\*\*Includes cases that originated in and transferred to superior court, and were appealed from district court

\*\*\*Only those special proceedings cases that are non-confidential

## NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH MISSION

To protect and preserve the rights and liberties of all the people as guaranteed by the Constitutions and laws of the United States and North Carolina by providing a fair, independent, and accessible forum for the just, timely, and economical resolution of their legal affairs

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## JUDICIAL BRANCH PERSONNEL

7,429.85\*

418.00	Justices and judges
100.00	Clerks of superior court
2,771.10	Clerk personnel
694.60	Magistrates
42.00	District attorneys
726.00	Assistant district attorneys
8.00	Trial court administrators
1,290.62	Court support staff
459.90	Administrative Office of the Courts personnel
216.00	Guardian ad Litem personnel
619.00	Indigent Defense Services
84.625	Other**

\*The total figure includes FTEs from all funding sources; includes Indigent Defense Services FTEs.

\*\*Other includes Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism, Conference of Clerks of Superior Court, Conference of District Attorneys, Dispute Resolution Commission, Equal Access to Justice Commission, Human Trafficking Commission, Innocence Inquiry Commission, Judicial Standards Commission, Pro Bono Resource Center, and Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission positions.

## JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET\*

Total certified appropriations	\$712,807,152
Percentage of total State General Fund budget	2.64%

\*Does not include Office of Indigent Defense Services funds.

## \$788.8 MILLION TOTAL DISBURSED TO CITIZENS AND GOVERNMENTS

### \$226.3 million remitted to state treasurer

General Court of Justice and other court fees, probation / parole, collection assistance fee, community service fees, writ of executions, license revocation, installment plan fee, limited driving privilege, copy and transcript fees, arbitration and dispute resolution fees, pro hac vice, electronic monitoring

### \$40.6 million disbursed to other entities

Escheats, law enforcement officers' retirement, Office of Indigent Defense fee recovery, North Carolina State Bar fees, license revocation, Displaced Homemaker Fund, law enforcement officers' training and certification, State Bureau of Investigation lab fees, Domestic Violence Center Fund, satellite based monitoring, misdemeanor confinement

### \$4.8 million receipts collected and disbursed for special operations

Information technology fees, worthless check fees, arbitration fees, miscellaneous operating receipts, fee / payment recovery

### \$64.1 million disbursed to local governments

Fines, forfeitures, facility fees, jail fees, including license revocation, officer fees, lab fees

### \$453.1 million disbursed to citizens

Restitution for victims, restitution for worthless check victims, condemnation awards, trusts, cash bonds, disbursements of funds held due to others, civil judgments, alimony, rent bonds, refunds of overpayments

## MISCELLANEOUS

17,027	Abused or neglected children served by Guardian ad Litem program
32	Districts with district court ordered arbitration programs
15	Districts with family courts