



NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH QUICK FACTS

JULY 1, 2018–JUNE 30, 2019



SUPREME COURT

7 justices

Appeals docketed	140
Appeals disposed	92
Petitions docketed	588
Petitions disposed	494

COURT OF APPEALS

15 judges

Appeals / petitions filed	2,062
Appeals / petitions disposed	2,133

SUPERIOR COURT

107 judges

Total cases filed	248,126
Total cases disposed	290,806

Cases

Cases	Filed	Disposed
Civil*	16,842	17,406
Felonies	103,191	121,057
Misdemeanors**	18,936	26,483
Estates	72,411	81,473
Special proceedings***	36,746	44,387

DISTRICT COURT

273 judges

Total cases filed	2,253,949
Total cases disposed	3,474,315

Cases

Cases	Filed	Disposed
Civil magistrate	212,602	211,516
Civil district	194,785	199,360
Criminal district	1,372,631	2,359,651
Infractions	473,931	703,788

*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

6,421.50*

100.000	Clerks of superior court
2,654.850	Clerk personnel
672.600	Magistrates
43.000	District attorneys
684.500	Assistant district attorneys
8.000	Trial court administrators
1,206.675	Court support staff
402.750	Administrative Office of the Courts personnel
143.250	Guardian ad Litem personnel
62.000	Other**

**The total figure includes FTEs from all funding sources; does not include justices and judges (see reverse side) or Indigent Defense Services FTEs. However, with justices and judges included, the Judicial Branch has 545 independently elected judicial officials.*

***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	\$553,262,714
Percentage of total State General Fund budget	2.31%

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

\$702.9 MILLION TOTAL DISBURSED TO CITIZENS AND GOVERNMENTS

\$249,474,082 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

\$36,371,849 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

\$5,194,173 receipts collected and disbursed for special operations

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

\$69,001,555 disbursed to local governments

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

\$342,934,364 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

18,036	Abused or neglected children served by Guardian ad Litem program
15	Districts with family courts
41	Districts with court arbitration programs