



# NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH QUICK FACTS

JULY 1, 2019–JUNE 30, 2020



## SUPREME COURT

7 justices

Appeals docketed	196
Appeals disposed	141
Petitions docketed	475
Petitions disposed	419

## COURT OF APPEALS

15 judges

Appeals / petitions filed	1,765
Appeals / petitions disposed	1,892

## SUPERIOR COURT

107 judges

Total cases filed	231,184
Total cases disposed	246,847

### Cases

Cases	Filed	Disposed
Civil*	17,510	16,150
Felonies	94,939	105,184
Misdemeanors**	16,091	16,616
Estates	71,551	73,817
Special proceedings***	31,093	35,080

## DISTRICT COURT

273 judges

Total cases filed	2,017,941
Total cases disposed	2,079,714

### Cases

Cases	Filed	Disposed
Civil magistrate	170,998	172,844
Civil district	184,010	178,977
Criminal district	1,257,549	1,300,583
Infractions	405,384	427,310

\*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

6,415.40\*

402.000	Justices and judges
100.000	Clerks of superior court
2,658.600	Clerk personnel
672.600	Magistrates
43.000	District attorneys
689.000	Assistant district attorneys
8.000	Trial court administrators
1,207.300	Court support staff
384.900	Administrative Office of the Courts personnel
186.500	Guardian ad Litem personnel
63.500	Other**

\*The total figure includes FTEs from all funding sources; does not include 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	\$578,403,718
Percentage of total State General Fund budget	2.37%

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

## \$629 MILLION TOTAL DISBURSED TO CITIZENS AND GOVERNMENTS

### \$218,668,676 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

### \$37,962,279 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

### \$4,496,143 receipts collected and disbursed for special operations

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

### \$59,891,053 disbursed to local governments

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

### \$307,997,576 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

17,923	Abused or neglected children served by Guardian ad Litem program
32	Districts with district court ordered arbitration programs
15	Districts with family courts