



NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH QUICK FACTS

JULY 1, 2021–JUNE 30, 2022



SUPREME COURT

7 justices

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| Appeals docketed | 139 |
| Appeals disposed | 135 |
| Petitions docketed | 441 |
| Petitions disposed | 753 |

COURT OF APPEALS

15 judges

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| Appeals / petitions filed | 1,621 |
| Appeals / petitions disposed | 1,594 |

SUPERIOR COURT

109 judges

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| Total cases filed | 249,595 |
| Total cases disposed | 271,350 |

Cases

| Cases | Filed | Disposed |
|------------------------|--------|----------|
| Civil* | 18,412 | 18,714 |
| Felonies | 92,625 | 113,547 |
| Misdemeanors** | 20,393 | 24,141 |
| Estates | 90,461 | 88,355 |
| Special proceedings*** | 27,704 | 26,595 |

DISTRICT COURT

282 judges

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| Total cases filed | 1,810,192 |
| Total cases disposed | 2,096,767 |

Cases

| Cases | Filed | Disposed |
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| Civil magistrate | 147,606 | 147,072 |
| Civil district | 186,324 | 196,721 |
| Criminal district | 1,142,640 | 1,374,180 |
| Infractions | 333,622 | 378,794 |

*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

7,213.13*

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|----------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 413.00 | Justices and judges |
| 100.00 | Clerks of superior court |
| 2,667.15 | Clerk personnel |
| 681.60 | Magistrates |
| 42.00 | District attorneys |
| 718.00 | Assistant district attorneys |
| 9.00 | Trial court administrators |
| 1,233.23 | Court support staff |
| 453.90 | Administrative Office of the Courts personnel |
| 216.00 | Guardian ad Litem personnel |
| 603.00 | Indigent Defense Services |
| 76.25 | 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*

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| Total certified appropriations | \$672,368,169 |
| Percentage of total State General Fund budget | 2.59% |

*Does not include Office of Indigent Defense Services funds.

\$736.7 MILLION TOTAL DISBURSED TO CITIZENS AND GOVERNMENTS

\$222.5 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

\$38.7 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

\$4.5 million receipts collected and disbursed for special operations

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

\$64.9 million disbursed to local governments

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

\$406 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

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| 17,115 | Abused or neglected children served by Guardian ad Litem program |
| 32 | Districts with district court ordered arbitration programs |
| 15 | Districts with family courts |