



# NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH QUICK FACTS

JULY 1, 2017–JUNE 30, 2018



## SUPREME COURT

7 justices

Appeals docketed	142
Appeals disposed	136
Petitions docketed	513
Petitions disposed	495

## COURT OF APPEALS

15 judges

Appeals / petitions filed	2,214
Appeals / petitions disposed	2,178

## SUPERIOR COURT

107 judges

Total cases filed	262,488
Total cases disposed	291,654

### Cases

	Filed	Disposed
Civil*	17,044	15,990
Felonies	105,303	128,210
Misdemeanors**	25,798	28,544
Estates	75,327	78,516
Special proceedings***	39,016	40,394

## DISTRICT COURT

272 judges

Total cases filed	2,288,102
Total cases disposed	2,599,630

### Cases

	Filed	Disposed
Civil magistrate	206,328	205,925
Civil district	188,088	189,630
Criminal district	1,387,735	1,637,419
Infractions	505,951	566,656

\*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

6,373.25\*

100.000	Clerks of superior court
2,623.100	Clerk personnel
671.600	Magistrates
44.000	District attorneys
681.500	Assistant district attorneys
8.000	Trial court administrators
1,200.425	Court support staff
403.750	Administrative Office of the Courts personnel
178.875	Guardian ad Litem personnel
61.000	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, Innocence Inquiry Commission, Judicial Standards Commission, North Carolina Commission on the Administration of Law and Justice, Pro Bono Resource Center, and Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission positions.*

## JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET\*

Total certified appropriations	\$530,239,572
Percentage of total State General Fund budget	2.25%

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

## \$711 MILLION TOTAL DISBURSED TO CITIZENS AND GOVERNMENTS

### \$257,204,606 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

### \$32,249,013 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

### \$5,251,767 receipts collected and disbursed for special operations

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

### \$69,924,098 disbursed to local governments

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

### \$346,510,695 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

18,060	Abused or neglected children served by Guardian ad Litem program
14	Districts with family courts
25	Districts with court arbitration programs