



# NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH QUICK FACTS

JULY 1, 2020–JUNE 30, 2021



## SUPREME COURT

7 justices	Appeals docketed	186
	Appeals disposed	152
	Petitions docketed	448
	Petitions disposed	219

## COURT OF APPEALS

15 judges	Appeals / petitions filed	1,531
	Appeals / petitions disposed	1,484

## SUPERIOR COURT

109 judges	Total cases filed	251,644
	Total cases disposed	245,213

Cases	Filed	Disposed
Civil*	17,901	16,172
Felonies	100,083	101,190
Misdemeanors**	22,924	20,264
Estates	89,297	84,482
Special proceedings***	21,439	23,105

## DISTRICT COURT

282 judges	Total cases filed	1,794,782
	Total cases disposed	1,836,050

Cases	Filed	Disposed
Civil magistrate	98,478	99,883
Civil district	190,893	188,089
Criminal district	1,159,943	1,188,597
Infractions	345,468	359,481

\*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****7,025.60\***

413.00	Justices and judges
100.00	Clerks of superior court
2,657.10	Clerk personnel
672.60	Magistrates
42.00	District attorneys
695.50	Assistant district attorneys
8.00	Trial court administrators
1,215.50	Court support staff
385.90	Administrative Office of the Courts personnel
193.75	Guardian ad Litem personnel
576.00	Indigent Defense Services
66.25	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\***

Total certified appropriations	\$598,191,793
Percentage of total State General Fund budget	2.44%

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

**\$591.7 MILLION TOTAL DISBURSED TO CITIZENS AND GOVERNMENTS****\$193.4 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

**\$35.2 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

**\$3.9 million receipts collected and disbursed for special operations**

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

**\$50.2 million disbursed to local governments**

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

**\$309 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**

17,883	Abused or neglected children served by Guardian ad Litem program
32	Districts with district court ordered arbitration programs
15	Districts with family courts

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