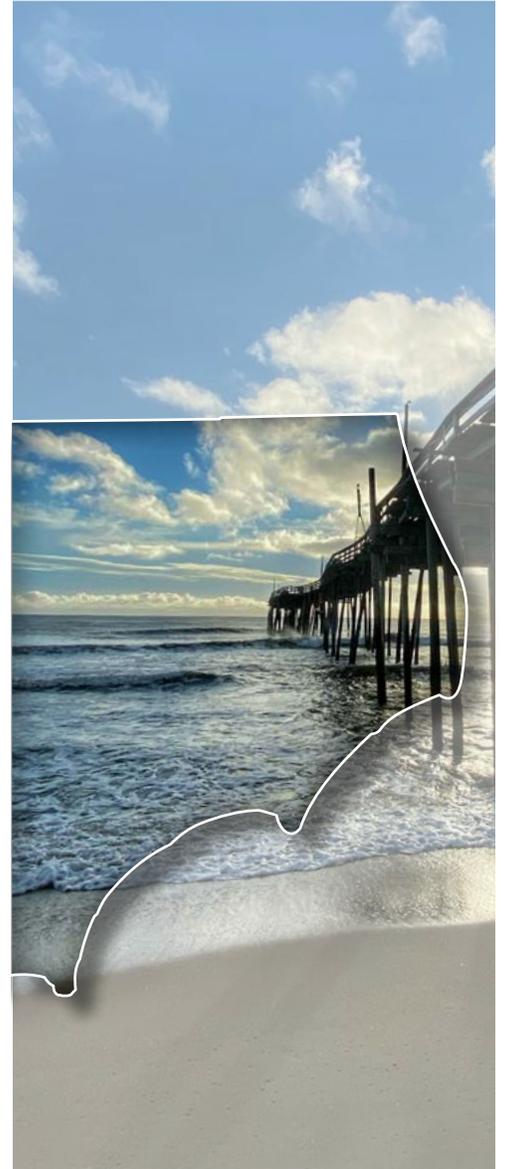


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SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA



2024 – 2025 CASELOAD

The first two tables in this subsection give 10-year trend data for appeals and petitions docketed and disposed. The third table presents the types of cases that the court hears. The fourth and fifth tables summarize case activity in those cases reaching the decision stage and the dispositions of petitions for review. The next table shows the various methods of disposition of appeals — signed opinion, per curiam opinion (unsigned), and dismissal or withdrawal — as well as the types of disposition (e.g., affirmed, reversed). The final table gives Supreme Court processing times for appeals disposed by signed or per curiam opinion.

Appeals Docketed and Disposed

| Fiscal Year | Appeals Docketed | Appeals Disposed |
|-------------|------------------|------------------|
| 2024 – 25 | 74 | 93 |
| 2023 – 24 | 95 | 100 |
| 2022 – 23 | 66 | 183 |
| 2021 – 22 | 139 | 135 |
| 2020 – 21 | 186 | 152 |
| 2019 – 20 | 196 | 141 |
| 2018 – 19 | 140 | 92 |
| 2017 – 18 | 142 | 136 |
| 2016 – 17 | 137 | 92 |
| 2015 – 16 | 111 | 127 |

Petitions Docketed and Disposed

| Fiscal Year | Petitions Docketed | Petitions Disposed |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 2024 – 25 | 407 | 429 |
| 2023 – 24 | 443 | 421 |
| 2022 – 23 | 425 | 467 |
| 2021 – 22 | 441 | 753 |
| 2020 – 21 | 448 | 219 |
| 2019 – 20 | 475 | 419 |
| 2018 – 19 | 588 | 494 |
| 2017 – 18 | 513 | 495 |
| 2016 – 17 | 509 | 515 |
| 2015 – 16 | 567 | 539 |

Caseload Inventory

| Petitions for Review* | Begin Pending (7/1/24) | Filed | Disposed | End Pending (6/30/25) |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Civil domestic | 8 | 15 | 16 | 7 |
| Juvenile | 12 | 21 | 20 | 13 |
| Other civil | 80 | 137 | 158 | 59 |
| Criminal (death sentence) | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Other criminal | 96 | 232 | 233 | 95 |
| Administrative agency decision | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Total petitions for review | 199 | 407 | 429 | 177 |

| Appeals** | Begin Pending (7/1/24) | Filed | Disposed | End Pending (6/30/25) |
|--|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Civil domestic | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| Petitions for review granted that became civil domestic appeals | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Juvenile | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Petitions for review granted that became juvenile appeals | 4 | 3 | 5 | 2 |
| Other civil | 32 | 29 | 33 | 28 |
| Petitions for review granted that became other civil appeals | 10 | 7 | 16 | 1 |
| Criminal, defendant sentenced to death | 13 | 2 | 2 | 13 |
| Other criminal | 20 | 16 | 17 | 19 |
| Petitions for review granted that became other criminal appeals | 15 | 14 | 11 | 18 |
| Administrative agency decision | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Petitions for review granted that became appeals of administrative agency decision | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Total appeals | 105 | 74 | 93 | 86 |

| Other Proceedings | Filed | Disposed |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Rule 16(b) additional issues | 4 | 9 |
| Motions | 867 | 867 |
| Total other proceedings | 871 | 876 |

*Petitions for review are cases in which the Court is asked to accept discretionary review of decisions of the Court of Appeals as well as other tribunals.

**The Appeals category comprises cases within the Court's appellate jurisdiction.

Submission of Cases Reaching Decision Stage

| Cases Argued | Number of Cases |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Civil domestic | 1 |
| Juvenile | 4 |
| Other civil | 47 |
| Criminal (capital) | 0 |
| Other criminal | 21 |
| Administrative agency decision | 3 |
| Total | 76 |

| Submission Without Arguments | Number of Cases |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Submissions Without Arguments | 3 |
| Total | 3 |

Dispositions of Petitions

| Petitions For Review | Granted | Denied | Dismissed / Withdrawn | Other | Total |
|--------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------------------|----------|------------|
| Civil domestic | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| Juvenile | 5 | 15 | 0 | 1 | 21 |
| Other civil | 21 | 136 | 1 | 0 | 158 |
| Criminal (capital) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other criminal | 12 | 221 | 5 | 0 | 238 |
| Administrative agency decision | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Post conviction | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 38 | 388 | 6 | 1 | 433 |

Dispositions of Appeals

| Dispositions by Signed Opinion* | Affirmed | Affirmed in Part; Reversed in Part | Affirmed in Part; Reversed in Part; Remanded | Reversed | Reversed and Remanded | Other | Total Dispositions |
|---------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|--|----------|-----------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Civil domestic | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Juvenile | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Other civil | 8 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 23 |
| Criminal (capital) | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Other criminal | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 13 |
| Administrative agency decision | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 15 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 43 |

| Dispositions by Per Curiam Opinion** | Affirmed | Reversed | Reversed and Remanded | Other | Total Dispositions |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Civil domestic | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Juvenile | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Other civil | 6 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 11 |
| Criminal (capital) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other criminal | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Administrative agency decision | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 10 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 18 |

Dispositions of Appeals

| Dispositions by Withdrawal or Dismissal | Number of Cases |
|---|-----------------|
| Civil domestic | 0 |
| Juvenile | 0 |
| Other civil | 1 |
| Criminal (capital) | 0 |
| Other criminal | 5 |
| Administrative agency decision | 0 |
| Total | 6 |

Processing Time from Docket to Opinion*

| Type of Case | Number of Cases | Median (Days) | Mean (Days) |
|--|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| Civil domestic | 1 | 361 | 361 |
| Petitions for review granted that became civil domestic appeals | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Juvenile | 2 | 324 | 440 |
| Petitions for review granted that became civil juvenile appeals | 3 | 368 | 373 |
| Other civil | 16 | 472 | 495 |
| Petitions for review granted that became other civil appeals | 18 | 605 | 670 |
| Criminal, defendant sentenced to death | 2 | 1949 | 3197 |
| Other criminal | 11 | 423 | 462 |
| Petitions for review granted that became other criminal appeals | 8 | 514 | 936 |
| Administrative agency decision | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Petitions for review granted that became appeals of administrative agency decision | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 61 | 472 | 667 |

*Only cases disposed by signed opinion or per curiam opinion are included.

COURT OF APPEALS



2024 – 2025 CASELOAD

In addition to trend data for the past 10 years, the following tables provide data about filings and dispositions for cases on appeal, petitions, and motions during FY 2024 – 25. “Cases on appeal” include cases appealed from district courts, superior courts, and administrative agencies. They are counted as appeals upon the filing of a record with the clerk’s office. The “petition” category includes petitions involving the four extraordinary writs set out in Article V of the Rules of Appellate Procedure: certiorari, mandamus, prohibition, and supersedeas; petitions for rehearing filed under Rule 31 of the Rules of Appellate Procedure, petitions for writ of habeas corpus, and a few miscellaneous filings. “Motions” encompass any type of relief sought from the Court of Appeals, either in a case already filed with the Court of Appeals or one on its way to the Court of Appeals but not yet filed.

Cases on appeal represent the largest portion of the Court of Appeals’ workload since most are disposed by written opinion. The other methods of disposition, represented by the “Other Cases Disposed” category in the table at the bottom of the data page, include the court’s dismissal of the appeal and the appealing party’s withdrawal of the appeal.

Filings and Dispositions of Appeals and Petitions*

| Fiscal Year | Filings | Dispositions |
|-------------|---------|--------------|
| 2024 – 25 | 2,001 | 1,860 |
| 2023 – 24 | 1,935 | 1,995 |
| 2022 – 23 | 1,921 | 1,773 |
| 2021– 22 | 1,621 | 1,594 |
| 2020 – 21 | 1,530 | 1,484 |
| 2019 – 20 | 1,765 | 1,892 |
| 2018 – 19 | 2,062 | 2,133 |
| 2017 – 18 | 2,214 | 2,178 |
| 2016 – 17 | 2,264 | 2,201 |
| 2015 – 16 | 2,183 | 2,229 |

*Filings and dispositions shown here include appealed cases and petitions, but not motions.

Caseload Inventory*

| Type | Begin Pending Cases | Incoming | Disposed | End Pending Cases | Cases Disposed with Oral Argument | Cases Disposed Without Oral Argument | Published Cases | Unpublished Cases | Average Days Calendar to Opinion | Average Days Docket to Opinion |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Agency | 37 | 45 | 39 | 43 | 8 | 31 | 15 | 18 | 113 | 276 |
| Domestic | 80 | 119 | 91 | 108 | 7 | 84 | 40 | 40 | 103 | 297 |
| Juvenile | 110 | 166 | 155 | 121 | 0 | 155 | 43 | 89 | 48 | 248 |
| Civil other | 255 | 315 | 267 | 303 | 33 | 234 | 94 | 114 | 118 | 285 |
| Criminal other | 439 | 531 | 492 | 478 | 26 | 466 | 131 | 307 | 93 | 311 |
| Total | 921 | 1176 | 1044 | 1053 | 74 | 970 | 323 | 568 | 95 | 283 |

*Note: Errors in reporting prior fiscal year data for the Case Inventory of the Court Appeals were discovered and corrected for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Due to these errors, data reported in years prior to Fiscal Year 2020-2021 are not comparable to this data.

| Cases Filed | Number of Cases |
|--|-----------------|
| Appeals | 1,183 |
| Motions | 6,441 |
| Petitions | 818 |
| Motions and petitions | 7,259 |
| Records, motions, and petitions | 8,442 |
| Appeals disposed by written opinion* | 891 |
| Appeals in which the judgment or order of a trial tribunal was affirmed | 585 |
| Appeals in which the judgment or order of a trial tribunal was reversed | 147 |
| Appeals in which the judgment or order of a trial tribunal was affirmed in part and reversed in part | 148 |
| Appeals disposed by the Court of Appeals other than by written opinion | 151 |
| Appeals disposed by the Court of Appeals | 1,042 |
| Causes certified from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court after determination by the Court of Appeals | 485 |
| Causes after determination by the Court of Appeals in which certiorari to the Court of Appeals was disallowed by the Supreme Court | 263 |

*One opinion may dispose of more than one appeal.

| Cases Filed | Number of Cases |
|--|-----------------|
| Cases on appeal | |
| Civil and criminal cases appealed from district courts | 287 |
| Civil cases appealed from superior courts | 321 |
| Civil cases appealed from administrative agencies | 41 |
| Criminal cases appealed from superior courts | 527 |
| Total cases on appeal | 1,176 |

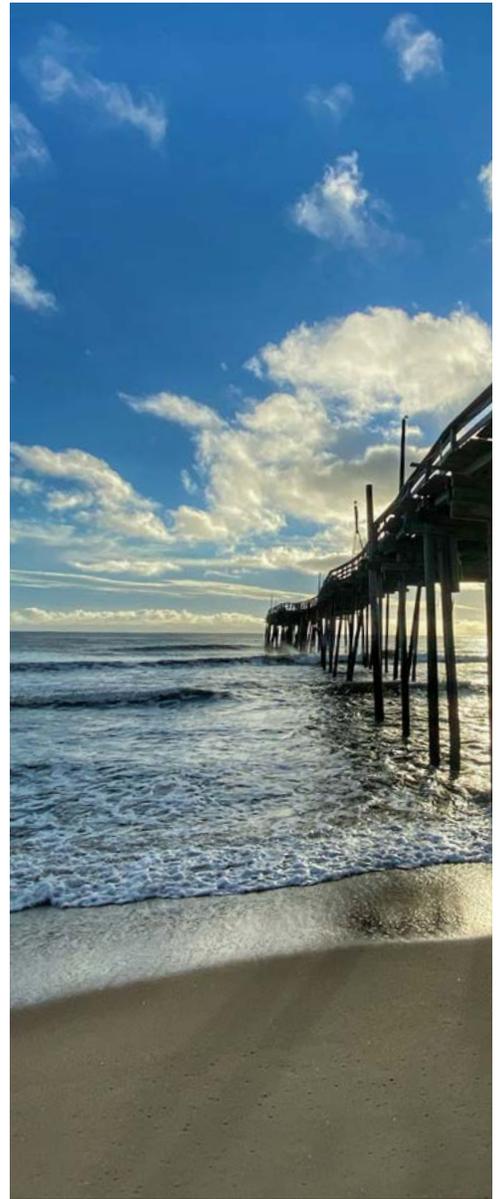
Disposition of Motions and Petitions

| Type | Number of Cases |
|--|-----------------|
| Disposition of Motions | |
| Allowed | 5,610 |
| Denied | 327 |
| Dismissed | 281 |
| Dismissed as moot | 115 |
| Other | 40 |
| Referred | 62 |
| Special order | 4 |
| Withdrawn | 0 |
| Total | 6,439 |
| Disposition of Petitions | |
| Allowed | 109 |
| Denied | 353 |
| Dismissed | 212 |
| Dismissed as moot | 52 |
| Other | 14 |
| Special order | 5 |
| Total | 745 |
| Petitions Filed | |
| Petition for Writ of Certiorari (PWC) | 355 |
| Petition for Writ of Mandamus (PWM) | 152 |
| Petition for Writ of Supersedeas (PWS) | 180 |
| Petition for Writ of Prohibition (PWP) | 8 |
| Other | 123 |
| Total | 818 |

Manner of Case Dispositions (Opinions Only)

| Affirmed* | Reversed* | Affirmed in Part, Reversed in Part* | Other Cases Disposed | Total Cases Disposed |
|-----------|-----------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 585 | 147 | 148 | 151 | 1,042 |

*Cases disposed by written opinion.



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