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NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT Caseload Inventory and Median Age of Cases

Case type	Filed	Disposed	End pending (6/30/15)	Median ages (in days)*	
				Disposed cases	Pending cases
CIVIL CASES	17,265	17,956	14,752	218	228
Contract	3,302	3,538	2,598	171	222
Collect on accounts	781	866	468	128	186
Motor vehicle negligence	4,013	4,033	3,559	298	181
Other negligence	2,068	2,289	2,384	333	266
Real property	1,293	1,527	1,827	340	382
Administrative appeal	237	251	322	141	536
Other	5,571	5,452	3,594	119	218
ESTATES	70,924	74,221	70,847	–	722
SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS**	45,670	48,638	50,527	132	741
CRIMINAL CASES	128,966	155,404	101,529	–	–
Felonies	102,443	125,357	81,274	244	210
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	18,392	20,933	13,646	188	211
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	8,131	9,114	6,609	204	210

*On this table, criminal cases in superior court are aged from their original filing date, which was the district court filing date if the case originated in district court. (Data in annual reports and supplements prior to fiscal year (FY) 1996–97 aged such cases from their filing date in superior court, and therefore excluded any time prior to transfer of such cases to superior court.)

**The number of special proceeding cases filed and disposed reflects those cases that are non-confidential.

NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT

Manner of Disposition

Case type	Jury trial	Judge trial	Magistrate trial	Final order / judgment w / o trial
CIVIL CASES	181	2,969	2	2,486
Contract	11	516	1	312
Collect on accounts	3	90	0	117
Motor vehicle negligence	82	242	0	160
Other negligence	33	255	0	130
Real property	19	578	1	520
Administrative appeal	1	140	0	21
Other	35	1,148	0	1,226
ESTATES	–	9	–	7
SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS	3	160	1	92

Case type	Clerk	Dismissal on order of court	Discontinued	Voluntary dismissal	Other
CIVIL CASES	1,379	319	617	9,186	814
Contract	477	42	109	1,846	224
Collect on accounts	244	13	50	325	24
Motor vehicle negligence	17	44	89	3,316	83
Other negligence	11	75	82	1,582	121
Real property	8	14	92	260	35
Administrative appeal	0	13	14	54	8
Other	622	118	181	1,803	319
ESTATES	73,976	104	1	20	104
SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS	32,900	928	144	14,074	336

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NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT

Manner of Disposition

Case type	Jury trial– guilty verdict	Jury trial– not guilty verdict	Jury trial–guilty plea before verdict	Guilty plea no contest to lesser	Guilty plea no contest
CRIMINAL CASES	1,893	842	215	11,962	67,403
Felonies	1,457	567	186	11,508	59,510
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	224	192	18	183	5,987
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	212	83	11	271	1,906

Case type	Dismissal after deferred prosecution	Dismissal with leave	Dismissal without leave	Other*
CRIMINAL CASES	987	1,600	52,572	17,930
Felonies	878	1,193	39,548	10,510
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	108	226	9,711	4,284
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	1	181	3,313	3,136

*"Other" includes speedy trial dismissals.

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COURT Caseload Inventory and Median Age of Cases

Case type	Filed	Disposed	End pending (6 / 30 / 15)	Median ages (in days)	
				Disposed cases	Pending cases
CIVIL CASES	183,938	183,630	91,897	63	222
URESAs/UIFSAs	321	367	311	121	788
Child support (IV-D)	31,085	32,242	22,461	97	571
Child support (non IV-D)	4,133	4,250	5,175	237	398
General civil	51,565	52,584	27,152	92	137
Magistrate appeal/transfer	3,932	3,875	1,849	70	161
Other domestic relations	92,902	90,312	34,949	46	167
CIVIL MAGISTRATE (small claims)	212,533	213,218	14,395	13	12
CRIMINAL CASES	1,414,597	1,558,546	644,848	–	–
Felonies	150,231	160,571	63,062	104	111
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	368,648	429,507	185,875	145	119
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	895,718	968,468	395,911	110	104
INFRACTIONS	596,127	633,563	175,951	67	57

Manner of Disposition

Case type	Jury trial	Judge trial	Magistrate trial	Final judgment w/o trial
CIVIL CASES	125	59,405	84	42,612
URESAs/UIFSAs	1	82	0	81
Child support (IV-D)	8	9,763	2	13,016
Child support (non IV-D)	0	1,300	0	1,677
General civil	46	6,118	30	6,666
Magistrate appeal/transfer	21	1,677	7	709
Other domestic relations	49	40,465	45	20,463
CIVIL MAGISTRATE (small claims)	2	130	143,816	412

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NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COURT

Manner of Disposition

Case type	Clerk	Dismissal on order of court	Discontinued	Voluntary dismissal	Other
CIVIL CASES	26,454	12,149	10,698	27,921	4,182
URESA/UIFSA	0	19	141	25	18
Child support (IV-D)	70	302	5,415	2,629	1,037
Child support (non IV-D)	23	236	145	407	462
General civil	20,838	548	2,626	15,023	689
Magistrate appeal/transfer	131	466	5	792	67
Other domestic relations	5,392	10,578	2,366	9,045	1,909
CIVIL MAGISTRATE (small claims)	37	12,370	6,953	49,326	172

Case type	Trial – guilty verdict	Trial – not guilty verdict	Guilty plea before magistrate	Guilty plea no contest	Felony heard and bound over	Probable case not found	Felony probable case waived
CRIMINAL CASES	19,759	9,236	2,694	274,584	544	4,613	12,789
Felonies	421	37	–	30,829	544	1,776	12,788
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	10,969	6,765	388	131,604	–	110	1
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	8,369	2,434	2,306	112,151	–	2,727	–
INFRACTIONS	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

Case type	Dismissal after deferred prosecution	Dismissal with leave	Dismissal without leave / waived	Worthless check waiver	Felony superseding indictment	Other
CRIMINAL CASES	17,145	102,009	766,831	1,609	72,726	274,007
Felonies	1,733	788	46,203	–	62,703	2,749
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	14,301	12,411	218,157	1,609	8,111	25,081
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	1,111	88,810	502,471	–	1,912	246,177
INFRACTIONS	–	–	305,023	–	–	328,540

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