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STATISTICAL AND  
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**REPORT**

*of the*

NORTH CAROLINA  
APPELLATE COURTS



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## SUPREME COURT 2015–2016 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
2015–16	111	127
2014–15	97	93
2013–14	115	111
2012–13	139	143
2011–12	120	84
2010–11	121	105
2009–10	127	105
2008–09	147	118
2007–08	204	204
2006–07	246	214

### Petitions Docketed and Disposed

Fiscal Year	Petitions Docketed	Petitions Disposed
2015–16	567	539
2014–15	579	583
2013–14	615	622
2012–13	632	636
2011–12	624	604
2010–11	641	622
2009–10	642	648
2008–09	589	618
2007–08	569	590
2006–07	539	530

## Caseload Inventory

Petitions for Review	Begin Pending (7/1/15)	Filed	Disposed	End Pending (6/30/16)
Civil domestic	6	6	7	5
Juvenile	4	8	10	2
Other civil	75	167	149	93
Criminal (including capital cases)	126	384	372	138
Administrative agency decision	0	2	1	1
<b>Total petitions for review</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>239</b>

Appeals	Begin Pending (7/1/15)	Filed	Disposed	End Pending (6/30/16)
Civil domestic	1	3	3	1
Petitions for review granted that became civil domestic appeals	0	1	0	1
Juvenile	2	2	3	1
Petitions for review granted that became juvenile appeals	2	1	3	0
Other civil	26	32	40	18
Petitions for review granted that became other civil appeals	20	18	18	20
Criminal, defendant sentenced to death	11	1	2	10
Other criminal	17	24	24	17
Petitions for review granted that became other criminal appeals	31	29	34	26
Administrative agency decision	0	0	0	0
Petitions for review granted that became appeals of administrative agency decision	0	0	0	0
<b>Total appeals</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>94</b>

Other Proceedings	Begin Pending (7/1/15)	Filed	Disposed	End Pending (6/30/16)
Rule 16(b) additional issues	4	2	5	1
Motions	8	664	661	11
<b>Total other proceedings</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>12</b>

### Submission of Cases Reaching Decision Stage

Cases Argued	Number Of Cases
Civil domestic	2
Juvenile	4
Other civil	37
Criminal (capital)	1
Other criminal	31
Administrative agency decision	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>

Submission Without Arguments	Number Of Cases
By motion of the parties [Appellate Rule 30(d)]	0
By order of the court [Appellate Rule 30(f)]	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>

### Dispositions of Petitions

Petitions For Review	Granted	Denied	Dismissed / Withdrawn	Other	Total
Civil domestic	1	12	0	2	15
Juvenile	4	8	1	2	15
Other civil	17	135	8	24	184
Criminal (capital)	3	0	0	0	3
Other criminal	49	233	82	15	379
Administrative agency decision	0	1	0	0	1
Post conviction	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>598</b>

**Processing Time from Docket to Opinion\***

Type Of Case	Number Of Cases	Median (Days)	Mean (Days)
Civil domestic	2	387	304
Petitions for review granted that became civil domestic appeals	2	0	304
Juvenile	1	164	164
Petitions for review granted that became juvenile appeals	0	0	0
Other civil	25	314	350
Petitions for review granted that became other civil appeals	12	433	481
Criminal, defendant sentenced to death	1	1,256	1,256
Other criminal	10	230	246
Petitions for review granted that became other criminal appeals	22	406	467
Administrative agency decision	0	0	0
Petitions for review granted that became appeals of administrative agency decision	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>436</b>

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

**Dispositions of Appeals**

Dispositions By Withdrawal Or Dismissal	Number Of Cases
Civil domestic	1
Juvenile	3
Other civil	22
Criminal (capital)	2
Other criminal	26
Administrative agency decision	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>

## Dispositions of Appeals

Dispositions By Signed Opinion*	Affirmed	Affirmed In Part; Reversed In Part	Reversed	Reversed and Remanded	Other	Total Dispositions
Civil domestic	0	0	0	1	0	1
Juvenile	1	0	2	0	0	3
Other civil	6	1	5	2	6	20
Criminal (capital)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other criminal	3	0	7	2	4	16
Administrative agency decision	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>40</b>

\*No activity was reported for affirmed in part, reversed in part, and remanded; new sentencing hearing; new trial; no error.

Dispositions By Per Curiam Opinion**	Affirmed	Affirmed In Part; Reversed In Part	Reversed	Reversed And Remanded	Other	Total Dispositions
Civil domestic	1	0	0	0	0	1
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other civil	10	0	2	1	3	16
Criminal (capital)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other criminal	3	1	3	1	8	16
Administrative agency decision	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>33</b>

\*\*No activity was reported for affirmed in part, reversed in part, remanded; new sentencing hearing; new trial; no error.



## COURT OF APPEALS 2015–2016 CASELOAD

In addition to trend data for the past 10 years, the following tables provide filings and dispositions for cases on appeal, petitions, and motions during FY 2015 – 16. “Cases on appeal” include cases appealed from district courts, superior courts, and administrative agencies. They are counted as appeals only after a record is filed with the clerk’s office and a docket number is assigned. The “petition” category includes petitions involving only the four extraordinary writs set out in Article V of the Rules of Appellate Procedure: certiorari, mandamus, prohibition, and supersedeas. “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
2015–16	2,183	2,229
2014–15	2,377	2,312
2013–14	2,389	2,435
2012–13	2,564	2,490
2011–12	2,594	2,775
2010–11	2,549	2,671
2009–10	2,493	2,126
2008–09	2,502	2,307
2007–08	2,424	2,567
2006–07	2,484	2,634

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



## Petitions and Motions Filed

Cases Filed	Number Of Cases
<b>Cases on appeal</b>	
Civil cases appealed from district courts	344
Civil cases appealed from superior courts	341
Civil cases appealed from administrative agencies	86
Criminal cases appealed from superior courts	543
<b>Total cases on appeal</b>	<b>1,314</b>
<b>Petitions</b>	
Allowed	171
Denied	698
<b>Total petitions</b>	<b>869</b>
<b>Motions</b>	
Allowed	3,169
Denied	488
<b>Total motions</b>	<b>3,657</b>

## Manner of Case Dispositions (Opinions Only)

Affirmed*	Reversed*	Affirmed In Part, Reversed In Part*	Other Cases Disposed	Total Cases Disposed
747	175	248	157	1,330

\*Cases disposed by written opinion.

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