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*Throughout this report, FTE refers to full-time equivalent positions / employees and indicates the percentage of time that a position is authorized.*

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**Superior Court***Caseload Inventory and Median Age of Cases*

Case Type	Filed	Disposed	End Pending (6/30/16)	Median Age (in Days)*	
				Disposed Cases	Pending Cases
<b>Civil cases</b>	<b>16,532</b>	<b>16,514</b>	<b>14,958</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>241</b>
Contract	3,093	3,037	2,689	185	225
Collect on accounts	579	656	400	145	227
Motor vehicle negligence	3,874	3,969	3,510	295	185
Other negligence	2,126	2,092	2,462	318	264
Real property	1,444	1,333	1,997	332	339
Administrative appeal	193	212	305	141	884
Other	5,223	5,215	3,595	121	246
<b>Estates</b>	<b>71,480</b>	<b>76,467</b>	<b>69,050</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>686</b>
<b>Special proceedings**</b>	<b>44,580</b>	<b>44,289</b>	<b>51,218</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>827</b>
<b>Criminal cases</b>	<b>131,090</b>	<b>151,745</b>	<b>104,466</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
Felonies	105,271	123,728	84,291	243	205
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	17,867	19,737	13,741	198	198
Traffic misdemeanors (including DWI)	7,952	8,280	6,434	206	197

\*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.

**Superior Court***Manner of Disposition*

Case Type	Jury Trial	Judge Trial	Magistrate Trial	Final Order / Judgment Without Trial
<b>Civil cases</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>2,639</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2,471</b>
Contract	18	453	0	282
Collect on accounts	3	79	0	103
Motor vehicle negligence	76	228	1	192
Other negligence	32	242	0	152
Real property	13	462	0	538
Administrative appeal	1	94	0	23
Other	24	1,081	2	1,181
<b>Estates</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Special proceedings</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>105</b>

*Manner of Disposition*

Case Type	Clerk	Dismissal on Order of Court	Discontinued	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
<b>Civil cases</b>	<b>1,148</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>8,398</b>	<b>807</b>
Contract	339	59	94	1,619	173
Collect on accounts	173	11	39	232	16
Motor vehicle negligence	15	52	94	3,222	89
Other negligence	15	75	79	1,356	141
Real property	4	16	28	225	47
Administrative appeal	0	14	14	59	7
Other	602	129	177	1,685	334
<b>Estates</b>	<b>76,168</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Special proceedings</b>	<b>30,262</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>12,392</b>	<b>350</b>

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**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
<b>Criminal cases</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>10,922</b>	<b>67,696</b>
Felonies	1,380	656	225	10,622	60,098
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	288	189	11	158	5,762
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	232	104	11	142	1,836

*Manner of Disposition*

Case Type	Dismissal After Deferred Prosecution	Dismissal With Leave	Dismissal Without Leave	Other*
<b>Criminal cases</b>	<b>1,078</b>	<b>1,515</b>	<b>49,806</b>	<b>17,632</b>
Felonies	979	1,109	37,389	11,270
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	99	217	9,398	3,615
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	0	189	3,019	2,747

\*"Other" includes speedy trial dismissals.

**District Court***Caseload Inventory and Median Age of Cases*

Case Type	Median Age (in Days)				
	Filed	Disposed	End Pending (6/30/16)	Disposed Cases	Pending Cases
<b>Civil cases</b>	<b>184,399</b>	<b>183,817</b>	<b>94,707</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>268</b>
URESAs / UIFSAs	230	259	293	91	1,273
Child support (IV – D)	30,211	30,067	23,840	90	666
Child support (non IV – D)	3,719	3,782	5,043	212	469
General civil	50,325	51,871	26,741	93	184
Magistrate appeal / transfer	3,946	3,967	1,848	71	154
Other domestic relations	95,968	93,871	36,942	48	196
<b>Civil magistrate (small claims)</b>	<b>206,682</b>	<b>208,457</b>	<b>13,228</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Criminal cases</b>	<b>1,405,216</b>	<b>1,552,616</b>	<b>633,540</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
Felonies	155,966	162,889	63,718	98	107
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	361,746	421,742	177,255	147	113
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	887,504	967,985	392,567	119	103
<b>Infractions</b>	<b>581,274</b>	<b>614,357</b>	<b>169,171</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>61</b>

*Manner of Disposition*

Case Type	Jury Trial	Judge Trial	Magistrate Trial	Final Judgment Without Trial
<b>Civil cases</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>60,796</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>41,710</b>
URESAs / UIFSAs	0	70	0	89
Child support (IV – D)	9	9,793	1	11,981
Child support (Non IV – D)	3	1,297	0	1,472
General civil	26	5,785	18	6,273
Magistrate appeal / transfer	14	1,719	2	800
Other domestic relations	67	42,132	42	21,095
<b>Civil magistrate (small claims)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>139,228</b>	<b>383</b>

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**District Court***Manner of Disposition*

Case Type	Clerk	Dismissal on Order of Court	Discontinued	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
<b>Civil cases</b>	<b>25,538</b>	<b>12,441</b>	<b>9,399</b>	<b>29,765</b>	<b>3,986</b>
URESAs / UIFSAs	0	9	54	18	19
Child support (IV – D)	45	289	4,261	2,864	824
Child support (non IV – D)	38	139	128	411	294
General civil	20,032	604	2,270	15,939	924
Magistrate appeal / transfer	113	411	8	824	76
Other domestic relations	5,310	10,989	2,678	9,709	1,849
<b>Civil magistrate (small claims)</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>12,345</b>	<b>7,384</b>	<b>48,809</b>	<b>142</b>

*Manner of Disposition*

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
<b>Criminal cases</b>	<b>19,274</b>	<b>8,958</b>	<b>2,215</b>	<b>265,357</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>4,998</b>	<b>13,151</b>
Felonies	372	35	–	31,266	637	2,236	13,151
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	10,299	6,341	382	125,815	–	133	–
Traffic misdemeanors (including DWI)	8,603	2,582	1,833	108,276	–	2,629	–
<b>Infractions</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>

*Manner of Disposition*

Case Type	Dismissal After Deferred Prosecution	Dismissal With Leave	Dismissal Without Leave / Waived	Worthless Check Waiver	Felony Superseding Indictment	Other
<b>Criminal cases</b>	<b>16,901</b>	<b>117,649</b>	<b>744,373</b>	<b>1,189</b>	<b>74,935</b>	<b>282,979</b>
Felonies	1,979	935	45,057	–	63,997	3,224
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	13,552	16,256	214,314	1,189	8,819	24,642
Traffic misdemeanors (including DWI)	1,370	100,458	485,002	–	2,119	255,113
<b>Infractions</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>293,210</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>321,147</b>



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