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Superior Court*Caseload Inventory and Median Age of Cases*

Case Type	Filed	Disposed	End Pending (6/30/21)	Median Age (in Days)*	
				Disposed Cases	Pending Cases
Civil cases	17,901	16,172	19,176	211	295
Contract	3,380	3,142	3,537	186	295
Collect on accounts	788	774	503	119	161
Motor vehicle negligence	4,399	3,848	4,856	323	245
Other negligence	2,420	2,041	3,565	345	342
Real property	1,226	1,078	2,441	447	461
Administrative appeal	133	137	182	188	558
Other	5,555	5,152	4,092	100	274
Estates	89,297	84,482	73,815	0	478
Special proceedings**	21,439	23,105	30,248	73	1,002
Criminal cases	123,007	121,454	137,627		
Felonies	100,083	101,190	111,791	311	302
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	16,991	15,192	18,828	264	301
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	5,933	5,072	7,008	299	295

*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
Civil cases	36	2,541	1	2,676
Contract	0	453	0	306
Collect on accounts	0	74	0	103
Motor vehicle negligence	18	271	0	193
Other negligence	3	233	0	142
Real property	7	389	0	437
Administrative appeal	0	37	0	35
Other	8	1,084	1	1,460
Estates	0	1	0	11
Special proceedings	2	114	2	129

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Clerk	Dismissal on Order of Court	Discontinued	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
Civil cases	1,252	231	716	7,912	807
Contract	366	35	152	1,665	165
Collect on accounts	292	3	35	252	15
Motor vehicle negligence	34	34	112	3,083	103
Other negligence	14	50	95	1,331	173
Real property	2	3	39	182	19
Administrative appeal	0	14	9	35	7
Other	544	92	274	1,364	325
Estates	83,979	70	68	26	327
Special proceedings	16,770	499	47	2,530	3,012

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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
Criminal cases	565	222	145	7,927	53,765
Felonies	435	141	127	7,789	47,803
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	92	44	10	82	4,609
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	38	37	8	56	1,353

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Dismissal After Deferred Prosecution	Dismissal With Leave	Other*
Criminal cases	1,399	1,182	56,249
Felonies	1,322	944	42,629
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	76	134	10,145
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	1	104	3,475

*Other includes speedy trial dismissals, and beginning in FY 2019, dismissal without leave.

District Court

Caseload Inventory and Median Age of Cases

Case Type	Filed	Disposed	End Pending (6/30/21)	Median Age (in Days)	
				Disposed Cases	Pending Cases
Civil cases	190,893	188,089	110,020	76	260
URESAs / UIFSAs	126	124	223	121	2,522
Child support (IV – D)	22,652	24,903	21,091	121	695
Child support (non IV – D)	2,639	2,313	4,893	276	600
General civil	60,441	58,952	34,630	120	141
Magistrate appeal / transfer	4,274	3,664	2,603	114	237
Other domestic relations	100,761	98,133	46,580	51	260
Civil magistrate (small claims)	98,478	99,883	12,352	26	44
Criminal cases	1,159,943	1,188,597	787,490		
Felonies	143,367	148,092	85,255	140	161
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	256,561	289,978	195,397	227	203
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	760,015	750,527	506,838	183	156
Infractions	345,468	359,481	145,357	99	111

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Jury Trial	Judge Trial	Magistrate Trial	Final Judgment Without Trial
Civil cases	90	57,511	72	38,839
URESAs / UIFSAs	0	30	0	56
Child support (IV – D)	7	9,188	2	8,991
Child support (non IV – D)	0	708	0	901
General civil	16	5,387	19	8,191
Magistrate appeal / transfer	11	1,469	4	626
Other domestic relations	56	40,729	47	20,074
Civil magistrate (small claims)	0	97	58,041	958

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District Court*Manner of Disposition*

Case Type	Clerk	Dismissal on Order of Court	Discontinued	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
Civil cases	30,462	14,094	8,989	34,417	3,615
URESA / UIFSA	0	0	27	8	3
Child support (IV – D)	67	306	2,977	2,544	821
Child support (non IV – D)	20	68	103	275	238
General civil	21,206	560	3,077	19,748	748
Magistrate appeal / transfer	87	535	4	870	58
Other domestic relations	9,082	12,625	2,801	10,972	1,747
Civil magistrate (small claims)	29	9,545	3,044	27,043	1,126

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 Cause Not Found	Felony Probable Cause Waived
Criminal cases	10,647	4,456	226	158,935	342	2,273	8,543
Felonies	524	27	0	23,140	342	1,516	8,543
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	6,050	3,052	171	69,347	0	115	0
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	4,073	1,377	55	66,448	0	642	0

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Dismissal After Deferred Prosecution	Dismissal With Leave	Worthless Check Waiver	Felony Superseding Indictment	Other*
Criminal cases	3,734	83,888	292	76,991	838,270
Felonies	1,016	1,314	0	63,561	48,109
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	2,600	12,639	292	10,506	185,206
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	118	69,935	0	2,924	604,955

* Other includes dismissal without leave in FY 2021.

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Waived	Other
Infractions	151,267	208,214



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