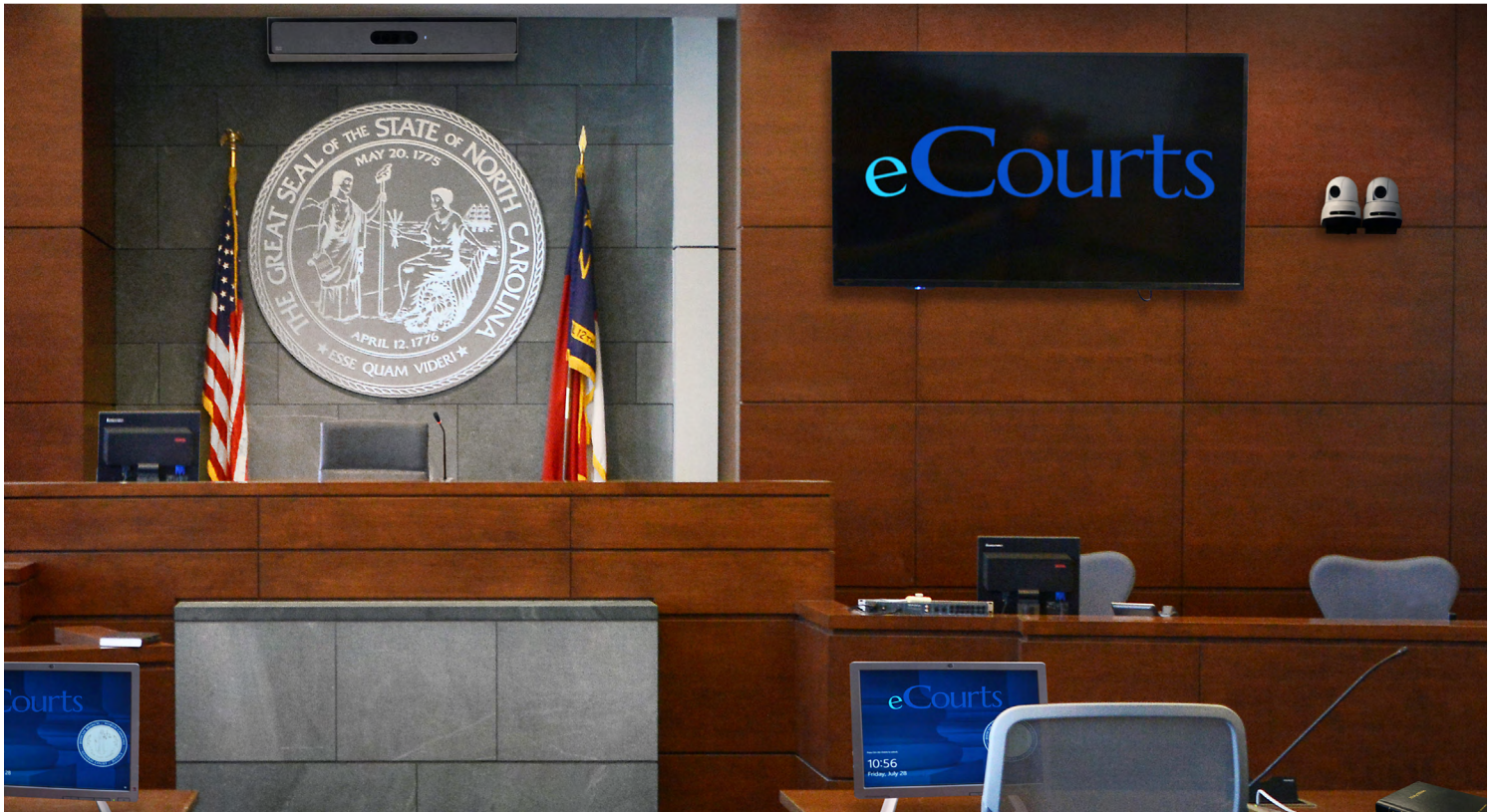


2022-2023

STATISTICAL AND OPERATIONAL REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA APPELLATE COURTS



TECHNOLOGY AND OUR COURTS



NCCOURTS.GOV

TABLE *of* CONTENTS



SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA

3	Appeals Docketed and Disposed
	Petitions Docketed and Disposed
4	Caseload Inventory
5	Submission of Cases Reaching Decision Stage
	Dispositions of Petitions
6	Dispositions of Appeals
7	Processing Time from Docket to Opinion

COURT OF APPEALS

8	Filings and Dispositions of Appeals and Petitions
	Caseload Inventory
10	Disposition of Motions and Petitions
	Manner of Case Dispositions (Opinions Only)

More information about the Judicial Branch is available at www.NCcourts.gov.

SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA



2022–2023 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
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
2014–15	97	93
2013–14	115	111

Petitions Docketed and Disposed

Fiscal Year	Petitions Docketed	Petitions Disposed
2022–23	425	467
2021–22	441	753
2020–21	448	219
2019–20	475	419
2018–19	588	494
2017–18	513	495
2016–15	509	515
2015–14	567	539
2014–13	579	583
2013–14	615	622

Caseload Inventory

Petitions for Review	Begin Pending (7/1/22)	Filed	Disposed	End Pending (6/30/23)
Civil domestic	7	15	16	6
Juvenile	7	14	13	8
Other civil	76	139	147	68
Criminal (death sentence)	0	1	1	0
Other criminal	127	256	290	93
Administrative agency decision	2	0	0	2
Total petitions for review	219	425	467	177

Appeals	Begin Pending (7/1/22)	Filed	Disposed	End Pending (6/30/23)
Civil domestic	0	1	0	1
Petitions for review granted that became civil domestic appeals	1	2	2	1
Juvenile	21	5	25	1
Petitions for review granted that became juvenile appeals	6	0	4	2
Other civil	85	27	78	34
Petitions for review granted that became other civil appeals	21	12	15	18
Criminal, defendant sentenced to death	10	3	0	13
Other criminal	60	10	52	18
Petitions for review granted that became other criminal appeals	22	6	6	22
Administrative agency decision	1	0	1	0
Petitions for review granted that became appeals of administrative agency decision	0	0	0	0
Total appeals	227	66	183	110

Other Proceedings	Filed	Disposed
Rule 16(b) additional issues	5	6
Motions	842	880
Total other proceedings	847	886

Submission of Cases Reaching Decision Stage

Cases Argued	Number of Cases	Submission Without Arguments	Number of Cases
Civil domestic	0	By motion of the parties [Appellate Rule 30(d)]	0
Juvenile	7	By order of the court [Appellate Rule 30(f)]	14
Other civil	38	Total	14
Criminal (capital)	2		
Other criminal	21		
Administrative agency decision	0		
Total	68		

Dispositions of Petitions

Petitions For Review	Allowed	Denied	Dismissed / Withdrawn	Other	Total
Civil domestic	2	13	0	0	15
Juvenile	5	9	0	0	14
Other civil	12	127	0	0	139
Criminal (capital)	0	1	0	0	1
Other criminal	10	246	0	0	256
Administrative agency decision	0	0	0	0	0
Post conviction	0	0	0	0	0
Total	29	396	0	0	425

Dispositions of Appeals

Dispositions by Signed Opinion*	Affirmed	Affirmed in Part; Reversed in Part	Affirmed in Part; Reversed in Part; Remanded	Reversed	New Sentence Hearing	Reversed and Remanded	Other	Total Dispositions
Civil domestic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile	9	0	1	2	0	5	5	22
Other civil	9	2	5	3	0	8	10	37
Criminal (capital)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other criminal	9	0	0	4	0	2	7	22
Administrative agency decision	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	27	2	6	9	0	15	22	81

*No activity was reported for 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	0	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other civil	6	0	0	1	1	8
Criminal (capital)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other criminal	1	0	0	0	2	3
Administrative agency decision	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	7	0	0	1	3	11

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



Dispositions of Appeals

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

Processing Time from Docket to Opinion*

Type of Case	Number of Cases	Median (Days)	Mean (Days)
Civil domestic	0	0	0
Petitions for review granted that became civil domestic appeals	0	0	0
Juvenile	17	338	359
Petitions for review granted that became civil juvenile appeals	5	739	671
Other civil	25	472	453
Petitions for review granted that became other civil appeals	20	561	539
Criminal, defendant sentenced to death	0	0	0
Other criminal	13	431	499
Petitions for review granted that became other criminal appeals	12	689	738
Administrative agency decision	0	0	0
Petitions for review granted that became appeals of administrative agency decision	0	0	0
Total	92	479	507

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

COURT OF APPEALS



2022–2023 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 2022 – 23. “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
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
2014–15	2,377	2,312
2013–14	2,389	2,435

*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	23	37	30	30	13	17	10	10	89	266
Domestic	86	115	112	89	24	88	39	49	105	287
Juvenile	129	208	170	167	39	131	32	126	41	256
Civil other	266	312	320	258	101	219	111	133	96	270
Criminal other	306	496	396	406	50	346	105	233	90	284
Total	810	1,168	1,028	950	227	801	297	551	84	273

*Note: Errors in reporting prior fiscal year data for the Case Inventory of the Court of Appeals were discovered and corrected for FY 2020-21. Due to these errors, this data is not comparable to that in reports prior to FY 2020-21.

Cases Filed	Number of Cases
Appeals	1,161
Motions	4,709
Petitions	760
Motions and petitions	5,469
Records, motions, and petitions	6,630
Appeals disposed by written opinion*	848
Appeals in which the judgment or order of a trial tribunal was affirmed	575
Appeals in which the judgment or order of a trial tribunal was reversed	129
Appeals in which the judgment or order of a trial tribunal was affirmed in part and reversed in part	142
Appeals disposed by the Court of Appeals other than by written opinion	165
Appeals disposed by the Court of Appeals	1,013
Causes certified from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court after determination by the Court of Appeals	461
Causes after determination by the Court of Appeals in which certiorari to the Court of Appeals was disallowed by the Supreme Court	239

*One opinion may dispose of more than one appeal.

Cases Filed	Number of Cases
Cases on appeal	
Civil cases appealed from district courts	351
Civil cases appealed from superior courts	280
Civil cases appealed from administrative agencies	43
Criminal cases appealed from superior courts	487
Total cases on appeal	1,161



Disposition of Motions and Petitions

Type	Number of Cases
Disposition of Motions	
Allowed	4,127
Denied	254
Dismissed	193
Dismissed as moot	78
Other	36
Referred	44
Special order	8
Withdrawn	0
Total	4,740
Disposition of Petitions	
Allowed	118
Denied	341
Dismissed	229
Dismissed as moot	31
Other	9
Special order	13
Total	741
Petitions Filed	
Petition for Writ of Certiorari (PWC)	437
Petition for Writ of Mandamus (PWM)	140
Petition for Writ of Supersedeas (PWS)	104
Petition for Writ of Prohibition (PWP)	6
Other	73
Total	760

Manner of Case Dispositions (Opinions Only)

Affirmed*	Reversed*	Affirmed in Part, Reversed in Part*	Other Cases Disposed	Total Cases Disposed
575	129	142	165	1,013

*Cases disposed by written opinion.



Prepared by the North Carolina
Administrative Office of the Courts

PO Box 2448
Raleigh, NC 27602
919-890-1000

NCCOURTS.GOV



NCcourts



@NCcourts



NC courts



North Carolina Administrative
Office of the Courts



All Things Judicial