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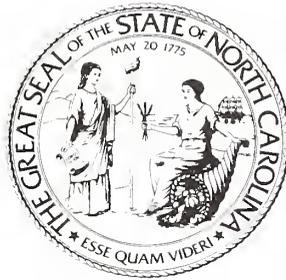


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The Cover: The Madison County Courthouse, in Marshall, North Carolina, was completed in 1907. It is a two-story Neo-Classical Revival brick structure, a style which significantly influenced courthouse design in North Carolina from the 1890's to the 1930's.

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*To The Honorable, The Chief Justice of
The Supreme Court of North Carolina*

In accord with Section 7A-343 of the North Carolina General Statutes I hereby transmit the Fourteenth *Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the Courts*, relating to the fiscal year, July 1, 1979 - June 30, 1980.

Appreciation is expressed to the many persons who participated in the data reporting, compilation, and present process required to produce this annual report. Within the Administrative Office of the Courts, principal responsibilities were shared by the Research and Planning Division and the Systems Division. Among court officials, the principal burden of reporting the great mass of trial court data rested upon the offices of the clerks of superior court located in each of the one hundred counties of the State. Without the daily, responsible work of clerk personnel across the State, this report would not have been possible.

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Director

January, 1981

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PART I

THE 1979-1980 JUDICIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

THE 1979-80 JUDICIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

This *Annual Report* on the work of North Carolina's Judicial Department is for the fiscal year which began July 1, 1979 and ended June 30, 1980.

The Workload of the Courts

During 1979-80 there were some substantial increases in the workload of North Carolina's courts, at both the appellate and trial court levels. As set out in more detail in Part II of this *Report*, filings in the Supreme Court increased by 29% to 243 cases filed during the Court's fall 1979 and Spring 1980 terms, compared with 188 cases during the Fall 1978 and Spring 1979 terms. There was a substantial increase in the number of opinions filed by the Court: from 162 rendered in 1978-79 to 193 in 1979-80, an increase of 19%. Petitions docketed in the Court rose 23.6% (from 499 in 1978-79 to 617 in 1979-80), and there was a 10.8% increase in the number of petitions allowed by the Court (65 in 1978-79, 72 in 1979-80).

In the Court of Appeals, filings in calendar year 1979 rose to 1,204 cases, an increase of 2.5% over 1978 filings of 1,174 cases. There was a corresponding rise in case dispositions: from 1,133 cases disposed in 1978 to 1,190 in 1979, an increase of 5.0%. Petitions filed in the Court rose from 351 in 1978 to 532 in 1979, a 52% increase. (Petitions as counted here are largely comprised of requests for extraordinary remedies. Data is reported from the Court of Appeals on a calendar year rather than a fiscal year basis.)

More detailed data on the appellate courts is included in Part II.)

In the superior courts, filings of both civil and criminal cases increased by 9.1% to a total of 74,899 cases filed in 1979-80 (compared with 68,625 cases filed in 1978-79). Superior court case dispositions also rose, to a total of 72,983 civil and criminal cases disposed of in 1979-80 — 10.7% higher than the 1978-79 total of 65,911 cases disposed of. But though dispositions increased at a slightly faster rate than filings, there were more cases filed in superior courts in 1979-80 than were disposed of, and the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year (31,356) rose six percent to a total of 33,272 cases pending in the superior courts by the end of the year. Operations of the superior courts are summarized in Part II of this *Report*; detailed data on the caseloads in the 100 counties and 33 judicial districts are presented in Part IV.

The increase in cases filed in North Carolina's district courts was a small one in 1979-80. Total filings of civil and criminal cases rose from 1,432,067 in 1978-79 to 1,458,647 in 1979-80, an increase of less than two percent. Dispositions also rose, although at a slower rate: from 1,402,518 in 1978-79 to 1,415,924 in 1979-80, an increase of just under one percent. The net result was a substantial increase in the number of civil and criminal cases pending in the district courts. Total cases pending

rose from 200,316 pending on July 1, 1979 to 243,039 pending on June 30, 1980; this represents an increase of 21.%

The small increase in the combined (civil and criminal) total of district court case filings results from two conflicting trends. Filings of district court civil cases continued to rise sharply: the 1979-80 total (315,867 cases) is thirteen percent above the previous year's (279,548), which was in turn about six percent higher than the total for 1978. Filings of district court civil cases have more than doubled since 1972. On the other hand, filings of district court criminal cases decreased for the second year in a row. Again filings of traffic cases were lower in 1979-80 than they were in 1978-79: the total dropped from 796,227 cases filed in 1978-79 to 777,264 filed in 1979-80. This decrease more than offset a small increase in the numbers of other district court criminal cases filed.

Whether the numbers of traffic cases brought to North Carolina's courts will continue to decline in the future is, of course, difficult to say. The reduced numbers in the past two reporting periods are probably related to changes in automobile owners' driving habits — changes which are also reflected in recently reported decreases in State gasoline tax revenues. It seems likely that higher gasoline prices are prompting private automobile owners to drive less than they would otherwise, and at lower speeds.

The possible implications of these trends for the court system are potentially profound. Although it may appear that the demand for judicial resources is not increasing at a very drastic rate because the sharp rise in civil case filings is numerically diminished by decreases in traffic case filings, more civil cases than criminal cases require a hearing or trial by a judge or magistrate. In 1979-80 almost six out of every ten traffic cases disposed of were disposed of by the defendant's waiver of appearance and plea of guilty before a magistrate or clerk of superior court staff — a procedure which requires a minimum of time and effort. Most civil cases, on the other hand, go to trial before a magistrate (about 60% of the total disposed of in 1979-80) or a judge (an additional 21%) or both. In terms of the demand for the court system's resources, then, there is no easy equivalence between a decrease in traffic case filings and an increase in civil case filings or other criminal case filings.

Legislative Highlights

Expansion of Public Defender System

The 1979 General Assembly in its second ("short") 1980 session voted to extend the State's public defender system — now operative in five districts — into the Third Judicial District effective January 1, 1981. Like four of the other five public defenders, the new public

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defender will be appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees drawn up by members of the district bar, and he or she will serve a four-year term.

Presumptive Sentencing Law

The "Fair Sentencing Act" of the 1979 General Assembly (passed in the first, 1979, session) was amended in the second, 1980, session. In addition to some clarifying amendments relating to the effect on an offender's sentence of previous felony convictions, the effective date of the Act was changed from July 1, 1980 to March 1, 1981.

Speedy Trial Law

Present North Carolina law provides that trial of a criminal case must begin within 120 days of the filing of the case, with certain periods of excusable or justifiable delay excluded by the statute. The 120-day limit was to have been reduced to 90 days as of October 1, 1980 under the law as originally enacted by the 1977 General Assembly. In the 1980 session, the imposition of the 90-day limit was changed to an effective date of October 1, 1981; until that date, the present 120-day limit will remain in effect.

Misdemeanor Appeals

A defendant convicted of a misdemeanor in North Carolina's district courts (where no trial by jury is available in criminal matters) has the right to appeal the judgment to the superior court for trial *de novo*. Previously existing law specifies that the superior court obtains the same jurisdiction over the appealing defendant that the district court had. Amendment to these statutes in the 1980 legislative session provides that when the conviction in district court resulted from a plea arrangement between the defendant and the State, one effect of which was the dismissal, reduction or modification of the original misdemeanor charges, the superior court has jurisdiction "to try those charges in the form and to the extent that they subsisted in the district court immediately prior to entry of the defendant and the State of the Plea arrangement."

Court Studies

The General Assembly established in its 1980 session a Juvenile Law Study Commission to make continuing studies of statutory and case law relating to juveniles, of services available to juveniles and their families, and of any other matter the Commission considers "of importance to state consideration of juveniles." There are to be fifteen members of the Commission, eleven to be ap-

pointed by the Governor and two each to be appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Of the eleven gubernatorial appointees, two must be district court judges and three must be court counselors. (Court counselors are Judicial Department employees who provide intake/screening functions and probation and parole supervision for the juveniles within the jurisdiction of the district courts.) Reports from the Commission are to be submitted by the first date of each full legislative session.

The 1980 legislative session directed the North Carolina Courts Commission to consider the salaries now paid to assistant district attorneys, to develop recommendations for a salary schedule for these personnel, and to report to the 1981 General Assembly on this topic by March 1, 1981. The General Assembly also included in Chapter 1221 of its *Session Laws* a statement of its "understanding" that the Courts Commission is authorized to "make continuing studies of the structure, organization, jurisdiction, procedures and personnel, including the office of the public defender, of the Judicial Department . . ." The listed study-topics, with the exception of the explicit reference to public defenders, were included in the statutes which re-established the Courts Commission in 1979 (G.S. 7A-506, *et seq.*).

The General Assembly in 1980 also directed the Administrative Office of the Courts to study the implementation of the statute (G.S. 7A-289.32) which permits termination of parental rights if a parent is mentally retarded or mentally ill and cannot provide care for his or her child. The report is due to the 1981 General Assembly by May 1, 1981, with a supplemental report due by May 1, 1982.

Appropriations

Modifications of the two-year budget for 1979-81 provided additional appropriations for:

- increased costs for representation of indigents;
- additional magistrate positions authorized in Mecklenburg and Stokes Counties;
- additional assistant district attorney positions authorized in Districts 7, 13 and 16;
- additional secretarial positions in the district attorneys' offices in Districts 3 and 7;
- additional deputy clerk of court positions in 17 different counties;
- reimbursement for superior court judges' travel costs (previously covered by the judges' annual subsistence allowance); and
- a 10% pay increase for Judicial Department personnel — comparable to the pay increase provided other State employees.

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Remaining Parts of Annual Report

More detailed information on the work of the Judicial Department in the 1979-80 fiscal year is included in the remaining three parts of this *Report*. Part II contains a brief history of the court system and a description of the present system, with each of the several components described and summary information provided on operations in 1979-80.

Information on the Judicial Department's financial and personnel resources is set out in Part III of this *Annual Report*. Included is: information on appropriations from the General Fund for operating expenses in 1979-80, compared with appropriations in previous years and appropriations trends for the operating ex-

penses of all State government departments and agencies; information on expenditures in the several budget categories, with comparative information on previous years' expenditures; information on Judicial Department revenues from its several sources, and the distribution of those revenues; a section on the costs of the indigent representation program, including a county-by-county table on numbers of cases and payments for assigned private counsel for indigents; and a table showing the Judicial Department personnel categories and salary ranges for the 1979-80 fiscal year.

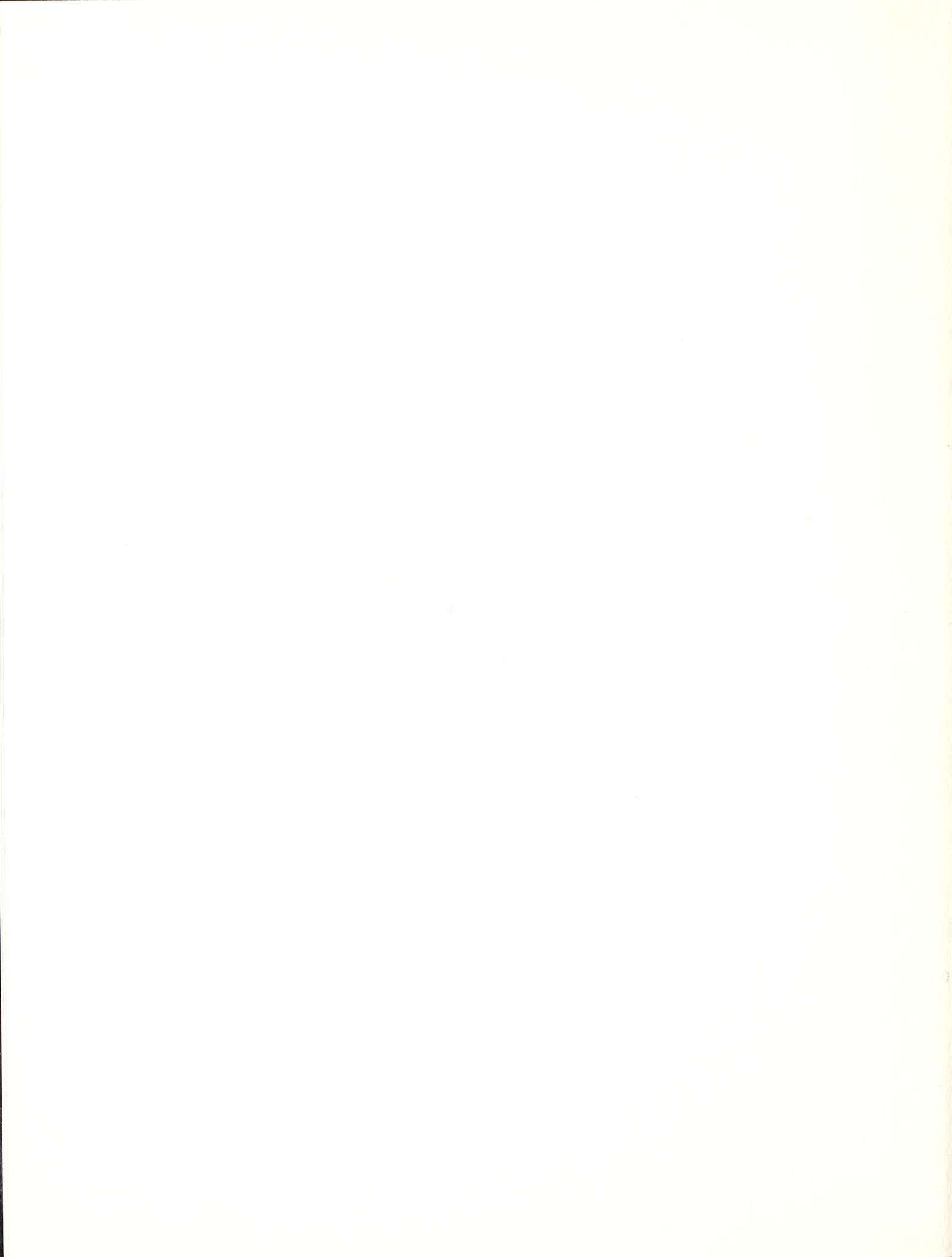
The great volume of data on the flow of cases through the two trial court divisions — with data broken down into several cases categories and presented for each of the 100 counties — is presented in Part IV.



PART II

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- **Historical Development of Court System**
- **Present Court System**
- **Organization and Operations in 1979-80**



HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COURT SYSTEM

From its early colonial period North Carolina's judicial system has been the focus of periodic attention and adjustment. Through the years, there has been a repeated sequence of critical examination, proposals for reform, and finally the enactment of some reform measures.

Colonial Period

Around 1700 the royal governor established a General (or Supreme) Court for the colony and a dispute developed over the appointment of associate justices. The Assembly conceded to the King the right to name the chief justice but unsuccessfully tried to win for itself the power to appoint the associate justices. Other controversies developed concerning the creation and jurisdiction of the courts and the tenure of judges. As for the latter, the Assembly's position was that judge appointments should be for good behavior as against the royal governor's decision for life appointment. State historians have noted that "the Assembly won its fight to establish courts and the judicial structure in the province was grounded on laws enacted by the legislature," which was more familiar with local conditions and needs (Lefler and Newsome, 142). Nevertheless, North Carolina alternated between periods under legislatively enacted reforms (like good behavior tenure and the Court Bill of 1746, which contained the seeds of the post-Revolutionary court system) and periods of stalemate and anarchy after such enactments were nullified by royal authority. A more elaborate system was framed by legislation in 1767 to last five years. It was not renewed because of persisting disagreement between local and royal partisans. As a result, North Carolina was without higher courts until after Independence (Battle, 847).

At the lower court level during the colonial period, judicial and county government administrative functions were combined in the authority of the justices of the peace, who were appointed by the royal governor.

After the Revolution

When North Carolina became a state in 1776, the colonial structure of the court system was retained largely intact. The Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions — the county court which continued in use from about 1670 to 1868 — were still held by the assembled justices of the peace in each county. The justices were appointed by the governor on the recommendation of the General Assembly, and they were paid out of fees charged litigants. On the lowest level of the judicial system, magistrate courts of limited jurisdiction were held by justices of the peace, singly or in pairs, while the county court was out of term.

The new Constitution of 1776 empowered the General Assembly to appoint judges of the Supreme Court of

Law and Equity. A court law enacted a year later authorized three superior court judges and created judicial districts. Sessions were supposed to be held in the court towns of each district twice a year, under a system much like the one that had expired in 1772. Just as there had been little distinction in terminology between General Court and Supreme Court prior to the Revolution, the terms Supreme Court and Superior Court were also interchangeable during the period immediately following the Revolution.

One of the most vexing governmental problems confronting the new State of North Carolina was its judiciary. "From its inception in 1777 the state's judiciary caused complaint and demands for reform." (Lefler and Newsome, 291, 292). Infrequency of sessions, conflicting judge opinions, and insufficient number of judges, and lack of means for appeal were all cited as problems, although the greatest weakness was considered to be the lack of a real Supreme Court.

In 1779, the legislature required the Superior Court judges to meet together in Raleigh as a Court or Conference to resolve cases which were disagreed on in the districts. This court was continued and made permanent by subsequent laws. The justices were required to put their opinions in writing to be delivered orally in court. The Court of Conference was changed in name to the Supreme Court in 1805 and authorized to hear appeals in 1810. Because of the influence of the English legal system, however, there was still no conception of an alternative to judges sitting together to hear appeals from cases which they had themselves heard in the districts in panels of as few as two judges (Battle, 848). In 1818, though, an independent three-judge Supreme Court was created for review of cases decided at the Superior Court level.

Meanwhile, semi-annual superior court sessions in each county were made mandatory in 1806, and the State was divided into six circuits, or ridings, where the six judges were to sit in rotation, two judges constituting a quorum as before.

The County court of justices of the peace continued during this period as the lowest court and as the agency of local government.

After the Civil War

Major changes to modernize the judiciary and make it more democratic were made in 1868. A primary holdover from the English legal arrangement — the distinction between law and equity proceedings — was abolished. The County Court's control of local government was abolished. Capital offenses were limited to murder, arson, burglary and rape, and the Constitution stated that the aim of punishment was "not only to satisfy justice, but also to reform the offender, and thus prevent crime." The membership of the Supreme Court was raised to five, and the selection of the justices (in-

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cluding the designation of the chief justice) and superior court judges (raised in number to 12) was taken from the legislature and given to the voters, although vacancies were to be filled by the governor until the next election. The Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions — the County Court of which three justices of the peace constituted a quorum — was eliminated. Its judicial responsibilities were divided between the Superior Courts and the individual justices of the peace, who were retained as separate judicial officers with limited jurisdiction.

Conservatively oriented amendments to the 1868 Constitution in 1875 reduced the number of Supreme Court justices to three and the Superior Court judges to nine. The General Assembly was given the power to appoint justices of the peace, instead of the governor. Most of the modernizing changes in the post-Civil War Constitution, however, were left, and the judicial structure it had established continued without systematic modification through more than half of the 20th century. (A further constitutional amendment approved by the voters in November, 1888, returned the Supreme Court membership to five, and the number of superior court judges to twelve.)

Before Reorganization

A multitude of legislative enactments to meet rising demands and to respond to changing needs had heavily encumbered the 1868 judicial structure by the time systematic court reforms were proposed in the 1950's. This accrual of piecemeal change and addition to the court system was most evident at the lower, local court level, where hundreds of courts specially created by statute operated with widely dissimilar structure and jurisdiction.

By 1965, when the implementation of the most recent major reforms was begun, the court system in North Carolina consisted of four levels: (a) the Supreme Court, with appellate jurisdiction; (b) the superior court, with general trial jurisdiction; (c) the local statutory courts of limited jurisdiction, and (d) justices of the peace and mayor's courts, with petty jurisdiction.

At the superior court level, the State had been divided into 30 judicial districts and 24 solicitorial districts. The 40 superior court judges (who rotated among the counties) and the district solicitors were paid by the State. The clerk of superior court, who was judge of probate and often also a juvenile judge, was a county official. There were specialized branches of superior court in some counties for matters like domestic relations and juvenile offenses.

The lower two levels were local courts. At the higher of these local court levels were more than 180 recorder-type courts. Among these were the county recorder's courts, municipal recorder's courts and township recorder's courts; the general county courts, county crim-

inal courts and special county courts; the domestic relations courts and the juvenile courts. Some of these had been established individually by special legislative acts more than a half-century earlier. Others had been created by general law across the State since 1919. About half were county courts and half were city or township courts. Jurisdiction included misdemeanors (mostly traffic offenses), preliminary hearings and sometimes civil matters. The judges, who were usually part-time, were variously elected or appointed locally.

At the lowest level were about 90 mayor's courts and some 925 justices of the peace. These officers had similar criminal jurisdiction over minor cases with penalties up to a \$50 fine or 30 days in jail. The justices of the peace also had civil jurisdiction of minor cases. These court officials were compensated by the fees they exacted, and they provided their own facilities.

Court Reorganization

The need for a comprehensive evaluation and revision of the court system received the attention and support of Governor Luther H. Hodges in 1957, who encouraged the leadership of the North Carolina Bar Association to pursue the matter. A Court Study Committee was established as an agency of the North Carolina Bar Association, and that Committee issued its report, calling for reorganization, at the end of 1958. A legislative Constitutional Commission, which worked with the Court Study Committee, finished its report early the next year. Both groups called for the structuring of an all-inclusive court system which would be directly state-operated, uniform in its organization throughout the State and centralized in its administration. The plan was for a simplified, streamlined and unified structure. A particularly important part of the proposal was the elimination of the local statutory courts and their replacement by a single District Court; the office of justice of the peace was to be abolished, and the newly fashioned position of magistrate would function within the District Court as a subordinate judicial office.

Constitutional amendments were introduced in the legislature in 1959 but these failed to gain the required three-fifths vote of each house. The proposals were reintroduced and approved at the 1961 session. The Constitutional amendments were approved by popular vote in 1962, and three years later the General Assembly enacted statutes to put the system into effect by stages. By the end of 1970 all of the counties and their courts had been incorporated into the new system, whose unitary nature was symbolized by the name, General Court of Justice. The designation of the entire 20th Century judicial system as a single, statewide "court," with components for various types and levels of caseload, was adapted from North Carolina's earlier

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General Court, whose full venue extended to all of the 17th Century counties.

After Reorganization

Notwithstanding the comprehensive reorganization adopted in 1962, the impetus for changes has continued. In 1965, the Constitution was amended to provide for the creation of an intermediate Court of Appeals. It was amended again in 1972 to allow for the Supreme Court to censure or remove judges upon the recom-

mendation of a Judicial Standards Commission. As for the selection of judges, persistent efforts have been made in the 1970's to obtain legislative approval of amendments to the State Constitution, to appoint judges according to "merit" instead of electing them by popular, partisan vote. The proposed amendments have received the backing of a majority of the members of each house, but not the three-fifths required to submit constitutional amendments to a vote of the people. It seems likely that this significant issue will be before the General Assembly again for consideration.

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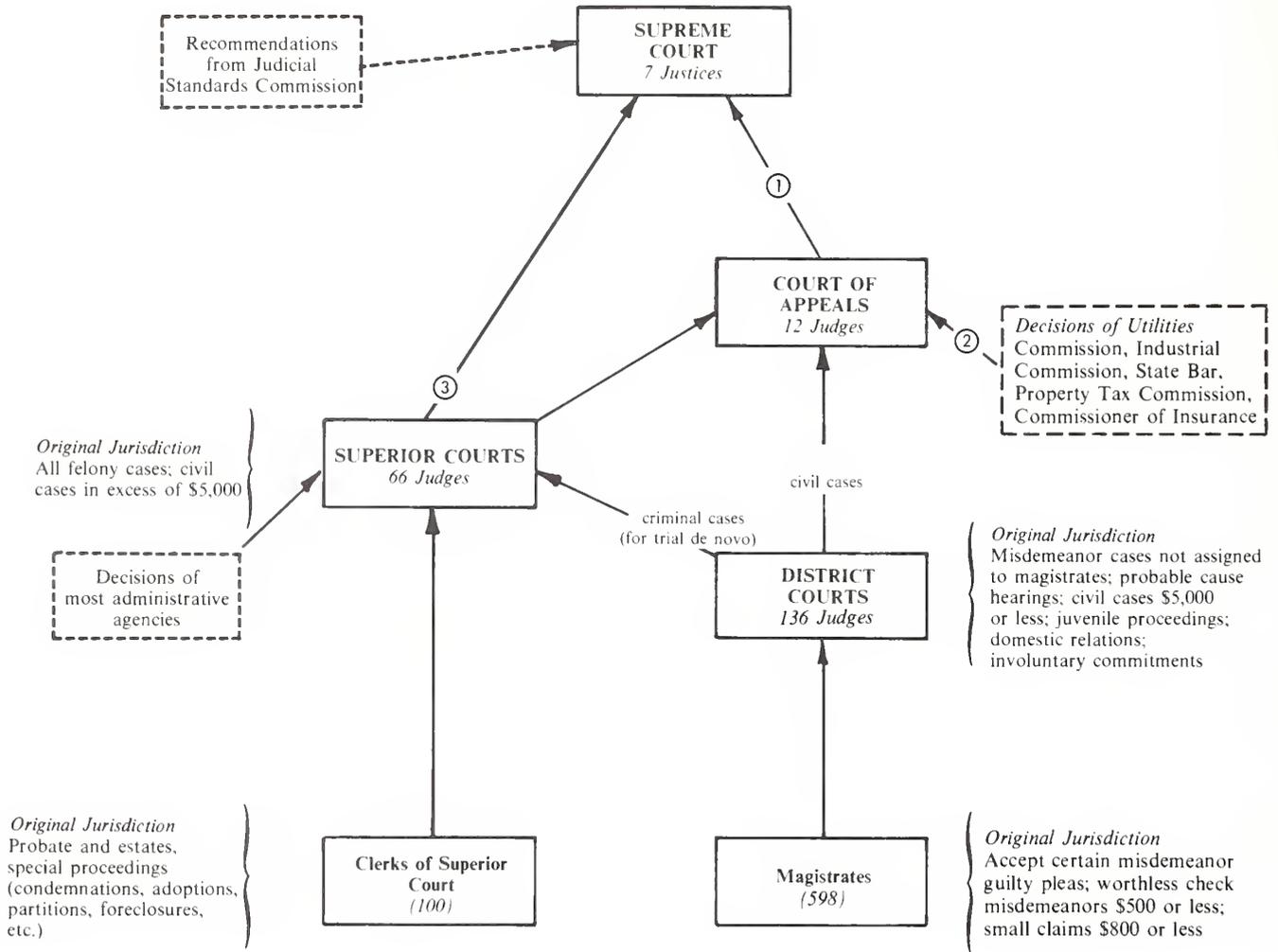
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THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

Original Jurisdiction and Routes of Appeal



- (1) Appeals from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court are by right in Utilities Commission general rate cases, cases involving constitutional questions, and cases in which there has been dissent in the Court of Appeals. In its discretion, the Supreme Court may review Court of Appeals decisions in cases of significant public interest or cases involving legal principles of major significance.
- (2) Appeals from these agencies lie directly to the Court of Appeals.
- (3) As a matter of right, appeals go directly to the Supreme Court in criminal cases in which the defendant has been sentenced to death or life imprisonment, and in civil cases involving the involuntary annexation of territory by a municipality of 5,000 or more population. In all other cases appeal as of right is to the Court of Appeals. In its discretion, the Supreme Court may hear appeals directly from the trial courts in cases where delay would cause substantial harm or the Court of Appeals docket is unusually full.

THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

Article IV of the North Carolina Constitution establishes the General Court of Justice which "shall constitute a unified judicial system for purposes of jurisdiction, operation, and administration, and shall consist of an Appellate Division, a Superior Court Division, and a District Court Division."

The Appellate Division is comprised of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals.

The Superior Court Division is comprised of the superior courts which hold sessions in the county seats of the 100 counties of the State. The counties are grouped into judicial districts (33 at the present time), and one or more superior court judges are elected for each of the judicial districts. A clerk of the superior court for each county is elected by the voters of the county.

The District Court Division is comprised of the district courts. The General Assembly is authorized to divide the State into a convenient number of local court districts and prescribe where the district courts shall sit, but district court must sit in at least one place in each county. The General Assembly has provided that districts for purposes of the district court are co-terminous with superior court judicial districts. The Constitution also provides for one or more magistrates to be appointed in each county "who shall be officers of the district court."

The State Constitution (Art. IV, Sec. 1) also contains the term, "judicial department," stating that "The General Assembly shall have no power to deprive the judicial department of any power or jurisdiction that rightfully pertains to it as a co-ordinate department of the government, nor shall it establish or authorize any courts other than as permitted by this Article." The terms, "General Court of Justice" and "Judicial Department" are almost, but not quite, synonymous. It may be said that the Judicial Department encompasses all of the levels of court designated as the General Court of Justice plus all administrative and ancillary services within the Judicial Department.

The original jurisdictions and routes of appeal between the several levels of court in North Carolina's system of courts are illustrated in the chart on the opposite page.

Criminal Cases

Trial of misdemeanor cases is within the original jurisdiction of the district courts. Some misdemeanor offenses are tried by magistrates, who are also empowered to accept pleas of guilty to certain offenses and impose fines in accordance with a schedule set by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges. Most trials of misdemeanors are by district court judges, who also hold preliminary, "probable cause" hearings in felony cases. Trial of felony cases is within the jurisdiction of the superior courts.

Decisions of magistrates may be appealed to the district court judge. In criminal cases there is no trial by jury available at the district court level; appeal from the district courts' judgments in criminal cases is to the superior courts for trial *de novo* before a jury. Except in life-imprisonment or death sentence cases (which are appealed to the Supreme Court), appeal from the superior courts is to the Court of Appeals.

Civil Cases

The 100 clerks of superior court are *ex officio* judges of probate and have original jurisdiction in probate and estates matters. The clerks also have jurisdiction over such special proceedings as adoptions, partitions, condemnations under the authority of eminent domain, and foreclosures. Rulings of the clerk may be appealed to the superior court.

The district courts have original jurisdiction in juvenile proceedings, domestic relations cases, petitions for involuntary commitment to a mental hospital, and general civil cases where the amount in litigation is \$5,000 or less. If the amount in litigation is \$800* or less and the plaintiff in the case so requests, the chief district court judge may assign the case for initial hearing by a magistrate. Magistrates' decisions may be appealed to the district court. Trial by jury for civil cases is available in the district courts; appeal from the judgment of a district court in a civil case is to the North Carolina Court of Appeals.

The superior courts are the proper courts for trial of general civil cases where the amount of litigation is more than \$5,000. Appeals from decisions of most administrative agencies is first within the jurisdiction of the superior courts. Appeal from the superior courts in civil cases is to the Court of Appeals.

Administration

The North Carolina Supreme Court has the "general power to supervise and control the proceedings of any of the other courts of the General Court of Justice" (G.S. 7A-32(b)).

In addition to this grant of general supervisory power, the North Carolina General Statutes provide certain Judicial Department officials with specific powers and responsibilities for the operation of the court system. The Supreme Court has the responsibility for prescribing rules of practice and procedures for the appellate courts and for prescribing rules for the trial courts to supplement those prescribed by statute. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court designates one of the judges of the Court of Appeals to be its Chief Judge, who in turn is responsible for scheduling the sessions of the Court of Appeals.

* Increased from \$500 effective October 1, 1979 (G.S. 7A-210).

THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

The chart on the following page illustrates specific responsibilities for administration of the trial courts vested in Judicial Department officials by statute. The Chief Justice appoints the Director and an Assistant Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts; this Assistant Director also serves as the Chief Justice's administrative assistant. The schedule of sessions of superior court in the 100 counties is set by the Supreme Court; assignment of the State's rotating superior court judges is the responsibility of the Chief Justice. Finally, the Chief Justice designates a chief district court judge for each of the State's 33 judicial districts from among the elected district court judges of the respective districts. These judges have special responsibilities for the scheduling of the district courts and magistrates' courts within their respective districts, as well as general local-level administrative responsibilities.

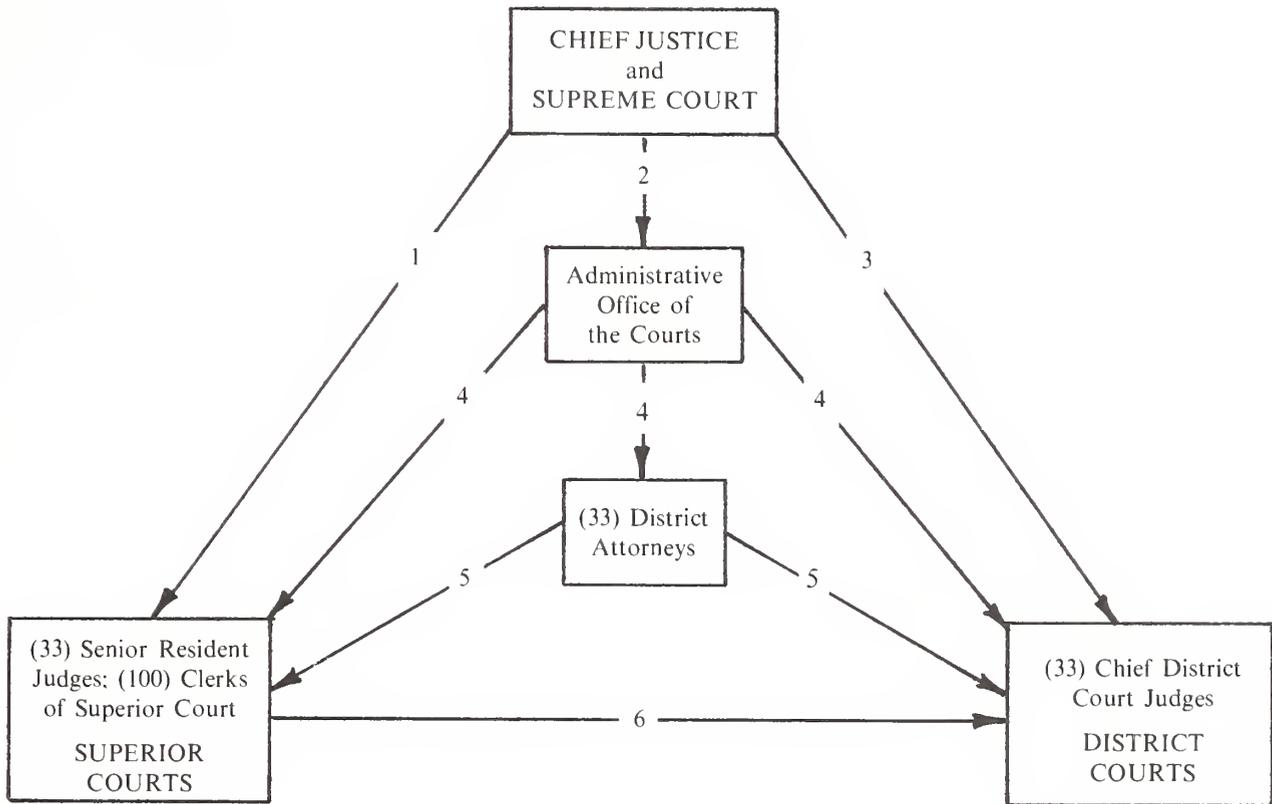
The Administrative Office of the Courts is responsible for direction of the non-judicial, administrative and business affairs of the Judicial Department. Included among its functions are fiscal management, personnel direction, information and statistical services, supervi-

sion of record keeping in the trial court clerks' offices, liaison with the legislative and executive departments of government, court facility evaluation, purchase and contract, education and training, coordination of the program for provision of legal counsel to indigent persons, juvenile probation and after-care, trial court administrator services, planning, and general administrative services.

The clerk of superior court in each county acts as clerk for both the superior and district courts. Through 1979-80, the clerk also served as chairman of the county's calendar committee, which set the civil case calendars. Effective July 1, 1980, these committees have been eliminated; in the future, day-to-day calendaring of civil cases will be done by the clerk of superior court or by a "trial court administrator" in some districts, under the direct supervision of the senior resident superior court judge and chief district court judge. The criminal case calendars in both superior and district courts are set by the district attorney of the respective district.

THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

Principal Administrative Authorities for North Carolina Trial Courts



- ¹ The Supreme Court has general supervisory authority over the operations of the superior courts (as well as other trial courts). The schedule of superior courts is approved by the Supreme Court; assignments of superior court judges, who rotate from district to district, are the responsibility of the Chief Justice.
- ² The Director and an Assistant Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Chief Justice.
- ³ The Supreme Court has general supervisory authority over the operations of the district courts (as well as other trial courts). The Chief Justice appoints a chief district court judge in each of the 33 judicial districts from the judges elected in the respective districts.
- ⁴ The Administrative Office of the Courts is empowered to prescribe a variety of rules governing the operation of the offices of the 100 clerks of superior court, and to obtain statistical data and other information from officials in the Judicial Department.
- ⁵ The district attorney sets the criminal-case trial calendars. In each district, the senior resident superior court judge and the chief district court judge are empowered to supervise the calendaring procedures for civil cases in their respective courts.
- ⁶ In addition to certain judicial functions, the clerk of superior court performs administrative, fiscal and record-keeping functions for both the superior court and district court of his county. Magistrates, who serve under the supervision of the chief district court judge, are appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from nominees submitted by the clerk of superior court.

THE SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA¹

Chief Justice

JOSEPH BRANCH

Associate Justices

J. FRANK HUSKINS
J. WILLIAM COPELAND
JAMES G. EXUM, JR.

DAVID M. BRITT
WALTER E. BROCK
J. PHIL CARLTON

Retired Chief Justices

WILLIAM H. BOBBITT
SUSIE SHARP

Retired Justices

J. WILL PLESS, JR.
CARLISLE W. HIGGINS²

I. BEVERLY LAKE
DAN K. MOORE

Clerk

John R. Morgan

Librarian

Frances H. Hall

¹ As of 30 June 1980.

² Deceased 9 October 1980.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

The Supreme Court

At the apex of the General Court of Justice is the seven-member Supreme Court, which sits in Raleigh to consider and decide questions of law presented in civil and criminal cases appealed from the lower courts. The Chief Justice and six associate justices are elected to eight-year terms by popular vote. There are two terms of the Supreme Court each year: a Spring Term commencing on the first Tuesday in February and a Fall Term commencing on the first Tuesday in September. The Court sits only *en banc*.

Jurisdiction

The only original jurisdiction exercised by the Supreme Court is over the censure and removal of judges upon the (non-binding) recommendations of the Judicial Standards Commission. The Court's appellate jurisdiction includes:

- cases on appeal by right from the Court of Appeals (Utilities Commission general rate-setting cases, cases involving substantial constitutional questions, and cases in which there has been dissent in the Court of Appeals);
- criminal cases on appeal by right from the superior courts (cases in which the defendant has been sentenced to death or life imprisonment);
- civil cases on appeal by right from the superior courts (cases involving the involuntary annexation of territory by a municipality of 5,000 or more population); and
- cases in which review has been granted in the Supreme Court's discretion.

Discretionary review by the Supreme Court directly from the trial courts may be granted when delay would likely cause substantial harm or when the workload of the Appellate Division is such that the expeditious administration of justice requires it. Most appeals are heard only after review by the Court of Appeals.

Administration

The Supreme Court has general power to supervise and control the proceedings of the other courts of the General Court of Justice. The Court has specific power to prescribe the rules of practice for the Appellate Division and supplementary rules of practice and procedure for the trial court divisions consistent with the rules

prescribed by the General Assembly. The schedule of superior court sessions in the 100 counties is approved, yearly, by the Supreme Court. The members of the North Carolina Judicial Planning Committee are appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Supreme Court, as are the Clerk of the Supreme Court, the Librarian of the Supreme Court, and the Appellate Division Reporter.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court appoints the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts and an Assistant Director, who serve at his pleasure. He also designates a Chief Judge from among the judges of the Court of Appeals and a Chief District Court Judge from among the judges in each of the State's 33 judicial districts. He assigns superior court judges, who regularly rotate from district to district, to the scheduled sessions of superior court in the 100 counties, and is also empowered to transfer district court judges to other districts for temporary or specialized duty. The Chief Justice (or another member of the Supreme Court designated by him) is the chairman of the Judicial Council, and two superior court judges, one district court judge and two district attorneys are appointed to two-year terms on the Council by the Chief Justice. He also appoints three of the seven members of the Judicial Standards Commission — a judge of the Court of Appeals who serves as the Commission's chairman, one superior court judge and one district court judge.

Operations of the Court, 1979-80

Operating expenses of the Supreme Court during the 1979-80 fiscal year amounted to \$1,185,967, an increase of one percent over total 1978-79 expenditures of \$1,173,674. Expenditures for the Supreme Court during 1979-80 constituted 1.7% of all General Fund expenditures for the operation of the entire Judicial Department during the fiscal year.

A total of 262 appealed cases were before the Supreme Court during the Fall 1979 and Spring 1980 terms. A total of 193 cases were decided (with published opinions). The remainder were either withdrawn by the appellates, dismissed, or were still pending in the Court at the end of the Spring 1980 term. A detailed breakdown of this caseload is included in the tables on the following page.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

Supreme Court Caseload Inventory* September 4, 1979 — September 2, 1980

Cases undecided and brought forward from Spring 1979 term	6
Cases unheard and brought forward from Spring 1979 term	13
Cases filed during Fall 1979 term	123
Cases filed during Spring 1980 term	120
Caseload for 1979-80 year	262
Cases withdrawn or dismissed	19
Cases decided during Fall 1979 term	84
Cases decided during Spring 1980 term	109
Cases carried forward to Fall 1980 term	24

* Beginning and end pending figures do not balance when cases filed and disposed of during the reporting period are taken into account. During the past several terms the Court underwent a period of experimentation and evaluation in its method of statistical reporting, including changes in the classification of cases. These classification changes, coupled with summary (one-time, cumulative) counting, appear to have introduced some double counting into the caseload inventory figures. Limited resources prevented a total case-by-case examination to isolate the error factor. On the other hand, the new classification and counting structure is designed to improve the long-term accuracy and comprehensiveness of reported statistics, and future reporting periods should not encounter difficulty in reconciling beginning and end pending caseload figures.

Cases Filed In The Supreme Court September 4, 1979 — September 2, 1980

Manner Of Disposition Of Cases In The Supreme Court

September 4, 1979 — September 2, 1980

CIVIL CASES

Appeals as of right	
Dissent in the Court of Appeals	38
Annexation by municipality of 5,000 or more population	1
Requests to appeal granted	
Substantial constitutional question	11
Petition for discretionary review of decision of Court of Appeals, allowed	37
Petition for discretionary review prior to determination by Court of Appeals, allowed	8
Petition for writ of certiorari, allowed	5
Certified to U.S. Supreme Court	1

Opinions rendered, civil	87
Opinions rendered, criminal	106
Total opinions rendered	193
Affirmed	106
Reversed	49
Reversed and remanded	22
Remanded	15
Granted/denied	0/1
Dismissed/withdrawn/settled	19

CRIMINAL CASES

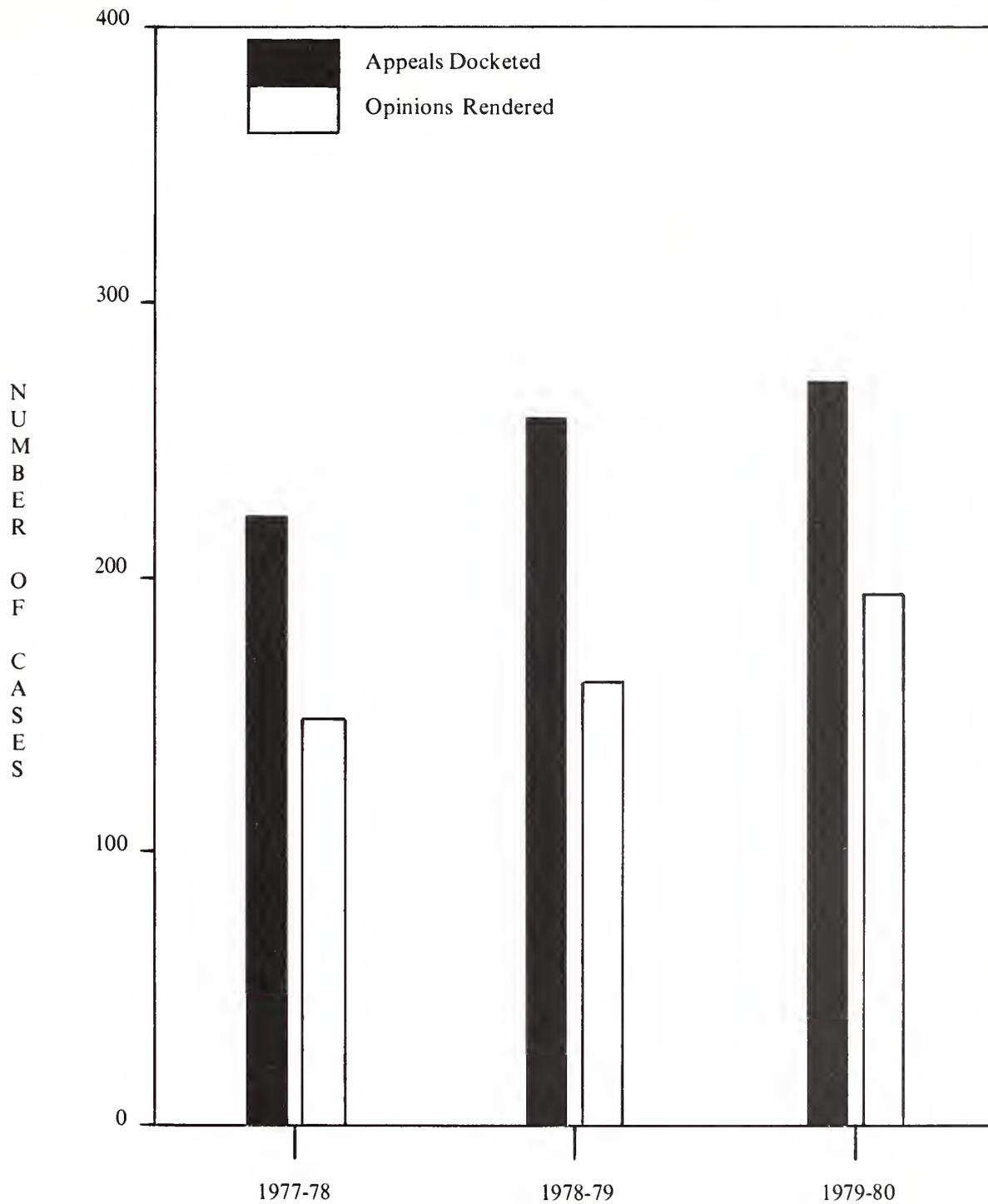
Appeals as of right	
Defendant sentenced to life imprisonment	96
Defendant sentenced to death	12
Dissent in the Court of Appeals	7

Requests to appeal granted	
Substantial constitutional question	10
Petition for discretionary review of decision of Court of Appeals, allowed	9
Petition for discretionary review prior to determination by Court of Appeals, allowed	1
Petition for writ of certiorari, allowed	6
Defendant sentenced to less than life imprisonment (transferred to Court of Appeals)	1

TOTAL 243

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

Appeals Docketed and Opinions Rendered in the Supreme Court



The number of opinions written by the Supreme Court during the 1979-80 year shows a substantial increase over the number written in previous years. Of the 193 opi-

nions written during the last year, 54.9% of these affirmed the decision of a lower court; 25.4% were reversals.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

The Supreme Court

The Supreme Court's workload also includes petitions requesting discretionary review or certiorari and petitions for issuance of other remedial writs. A total of 617 such petitions were before the Court in the Fall 1979 and Spring 1980 terms; the vast majority of these were re-

quests to appeal. The total of 617 petitions docketed is an increase of 24% over the total of 499 such petitions in the previous two terms (Fall 1978 and Spring 1979) and of 81% over the Fall 1977 and Spring 1978 total of 341 petitions.

Petitions Filed In The Supreme Court September 4, 1979 — September 2, 1980

Requests to Appeal

CIVIL CASES

Petitions for discretionary review of decision of Court of Appeals	282
Petitions for discretionary review prior to decision of Court of Appeals	13
Petitions for writ of certiorari	20
Applications for further review	49
Civil Case Total	364

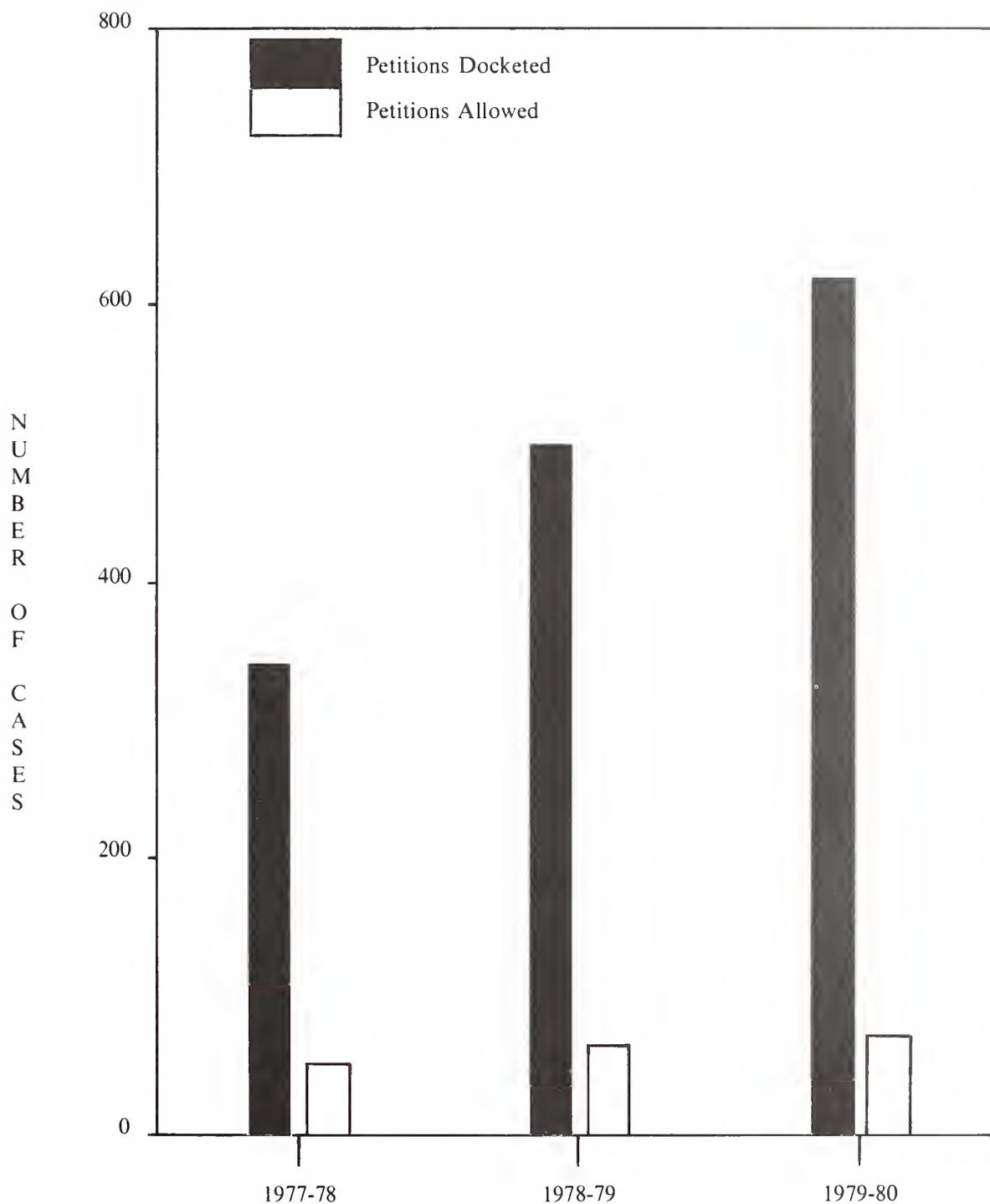
CRIMINAL CASES

Petitions for discretionary review of Court of Appeals	112
Petitions for discretionary review prior to decision of Court of Appeals	2
Petitions for writ of certiorari	118
Petitions for writ of habeas corpus	8
Criminal Case Total	240

Total Requests to Appeal	604
Petitions for Other Writs	13
TOTAL	617
Other motions considered	167

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

Petitions Docketed and Allowed In the Supreme Court



The number of petitions graphed here includes request to appeal cases as well as extraordinary writs. The 72 petitions allowed during the 1979-80 year included 60 for dis-

cretionary review of a decision of the Court of Appeals, eight for discretionary review prior to a decision of the Court of Appeals, and four for certiorari.

THE COURT OF APPEALS OF NORTH CAROLINA*

Chief Judge

NAOMI E. MORRIS

Judges

FRANK M. PARKER¹
R. A. HEDRICK
EARL W. VAUGHN
ROBERT M. MARTIN
EDWARD B. CLARK
GERALD ARNOLD

JOHN WEBB
RICHARD C. ERWIN
HARRY C. MARTIN
HUGH A. WELLS
CECIL J. HILL

Retired Judge

HUGH B. CAMPBELL

Clerk

FRANCIS E. DAIL

* As of 30 June 1980.

¹ Retired 31 August 1980. Judge Willis P. Whichard was appointed to the Court effective September 2, 1980.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

The Court of Appeals

The 12-judge Court of Appeals is North Carolina's intermediate appellate court; it hears a majority of the appeals originating from the State's trial courts. The Court regularly sits in Raleigh, and it may sit in other locations in the State as authorized by the Supreme Court. Sessions outside of Raleigh have not been regular or frequent. Judges of the Court of Appeals are elected by popular vote for eight-year terms. A Chief Judge for the Court is designated by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and serves in that capacity at the pleasure of the Chief Justice.

Cases are heard by panels of three judges, with the Chief Justice responsible for assigning members of the Court to the four panels. Insofar as practicable, each judge is to be assigned to sit a substantially equal number of times with each other judge. The Chief Judge presides over the panel of which he or she is a member and designates a presiding judge for the other panels.

The Chief Judge (or another member of the Court of Appeals designated by the Chief Judge) is an *ex officio* member of the Judicial Council. One member of the Court of Appeals, designated by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, serves as chairman of the Judicial Standards Commission.

Jurisdiction

The bulk of the caseload of the Court of Appeals consists of cases appealed from the trial courts. The Court also hears appeals directly from any final order or decision of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, the Industrial Commission, and from certain final orders or decisions of the North Carolina State Bar and the Commissioner of Insurance. Effective September 1, 1979, appeals from certain final orders or decisions of the Property Tax Commission go directly to the Court of Appeals. (Appeals from the decisions of other administrative agencies lie first within the jurisdiction of the superior courts.)

In the event of a recommendation from the Judicial Standards Commission to censure or remove from office a justice of the Supreme Court, the (non-binding) recommendation would be considered by the Chief Judge and the six judges next senior in service on the Court of Appeals (excluding the judge who serves as the Commission's chairman). Such seven-member panel would have sole jurisdiction to act upon the Commission's recommendation.

Expenses of the Court, 1979-80

Operating expenses of the Court of Appeals during the 1979-80 fiscal year totalled \$1,641,918, an increase of 10.5% over 1978-79 expenditures of \$1,485,877. Expenditures for the Court of Appeals during 1979-80 amounted to 2.3% of all General Fund expenditures for operation of the entire Judicial Department during the fiscal year. This percentage share of the total is virtually identical to the Court of Appeals' percentage share of the Judicial Department total in the 1978-79 fiscal year.

Case Data, Calendar Year 1979

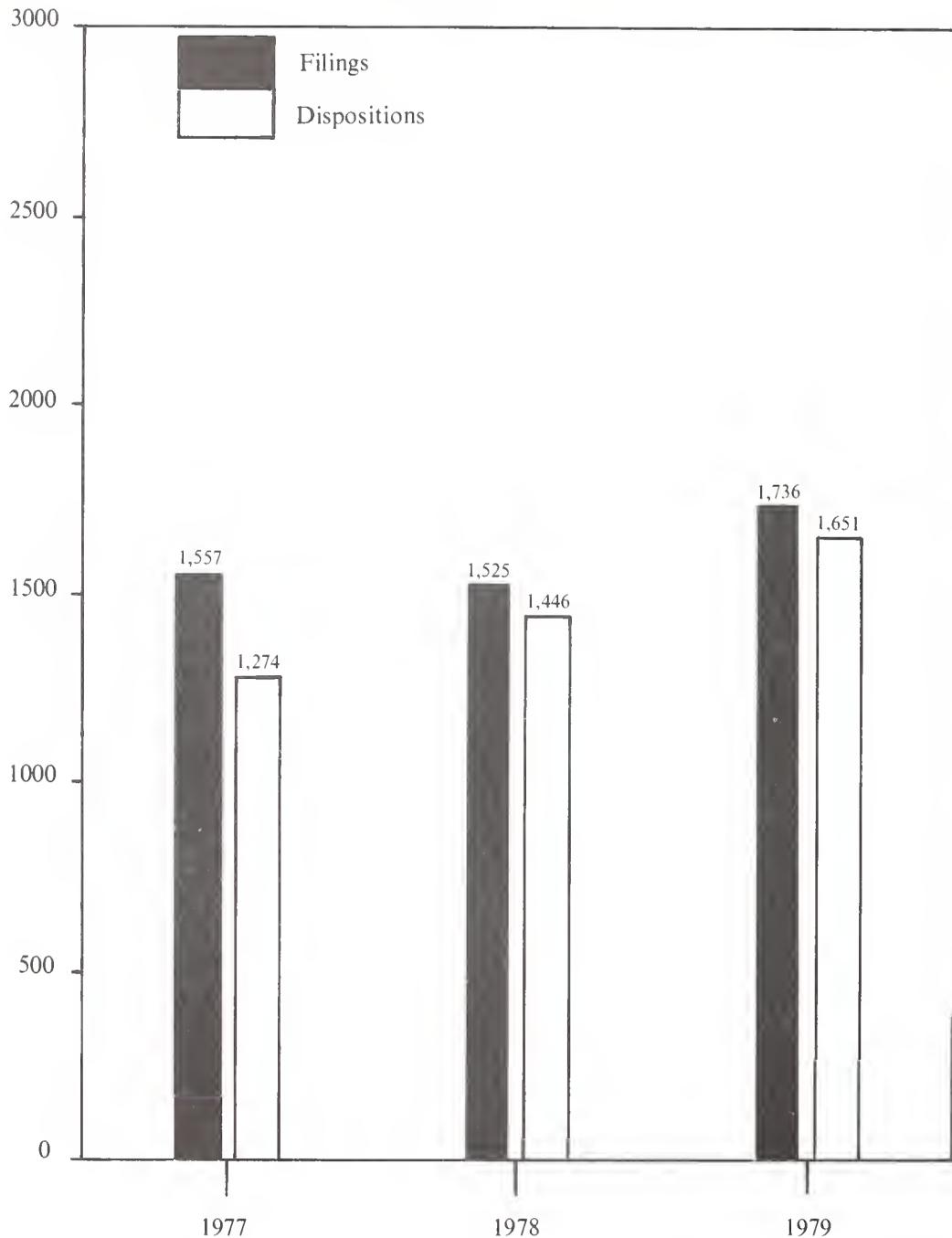
A total of 1,204 appealed cases were before the Court of Appeals during *calendar year* 1979. A total of 1,190 cases were disposed during the same period. A detailed breakdown of this caseload is included in the tables on the following pages.

The Court of Appeals' workload for 1979 also included 532 petitions of all types; of these, requests for extraordinary remedies (prerogative writs) make up the vast majority.

The recent trend in filings and dispositions by the Court of Appeals is illustrated in the following graph. In reviewing the data, it should be noted that the number of judges on the Court was raised from nine to twelve by the 1977 General Assembly; the three judges appointed to these new positions took office in December of 1977 and January of 1978.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

Filings and Dispositions in the Court of Appeals 1977-1979



Filings and dispositions in the Court of Appeals, as graphed here, include appeal cases and petitions filed and disposed. The noticeable increase in filings and dispositions in 1979 is explained almost entirely by an increase in the number of petitions filed and disposed.

This increase does not necessarily indicate that more requests to appeal are entering the court, however, since the term "petitions" in this instance includes *all* petitions regardless of type.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

Filings And Dispositions In The Court Of Appeals January 1 — December 31, 1979

	Filings	Dispositions
Cases on appeal		
Civil cases appealed from District Courts	223	
Civil cases appealed from Superior Courts	439	
Civil cases appealed from administrative agencies	47	
Criminal cases appealed from Superior Courts	495	
TOTAL	1,204	1,190
Petitions		
Allowed		54
Remanded		6
Denied		400
Other		1
TOTAL	532	461
TOTAL CASES ON APPEAL AND PETITIONS	1,736	1,651
Motions		
Allowed		818
Remanded		3
Denied		207
TOTAL	1,183	1,028

INVENTORY OF CASES APPEALED TO THE COURT OF APPEALS
January 1 — December 31, 1979

		Cases Filed				Total Filed	Cases Disposed of
District	Appeals from District Courts	Appeals from Superior Courts Civil	Criminal	Other Appeals			
First Division	1	5	8	10	0	23	31
	2	2	8	13	0	23	13
	3	5	19	18	0	42	39
	4	6	10	22	0	38	36
	5	7	9	18	0	34	31
	6	2	12	7	0	21	22
	7	3	11	17	0	31	31
	8	12	16	25	0	53	43
Second Division	9	10	4	9	0	23	25
	10	11	64	24	47	146	139
	11	8	11	7	0	26	21
	12	10	7	46	0	63	46
	13	5	4	3	0	12	19
	14	6	15	10	0	31	45
	15 A/ B*	6	18	21	0	45	38
	16	3	4	12	0	19	24
Third Division	17	7	6	17	0	30	25
	18	14	20	31	0	65	74
	19 A/ B*	7	16	15	0	38	39
	20	4	18	19	0	41	41
	21	17	22	26	0	65	63
	22	2	11	7	0	20	27
	23	5	20	11	0	36	30
Fourth Division	24	1	6	9	0	16	14
	25	6	16	15	0	37	48
	26	29	38	42	0	109	117
	27 A/ B*	7	12	18	0	37	35
	28	12	14	9	0	35	34
	29	5	13	12	0	30	22
	30	6	7	2	0	15	18
Total	223	439	495	47	1,204	1,190	

*Combined totals for Districts 15A and 15B, Districts 19A and 19B, and Districts 27A and 27B are shown. Separate figures for these districts were not available.

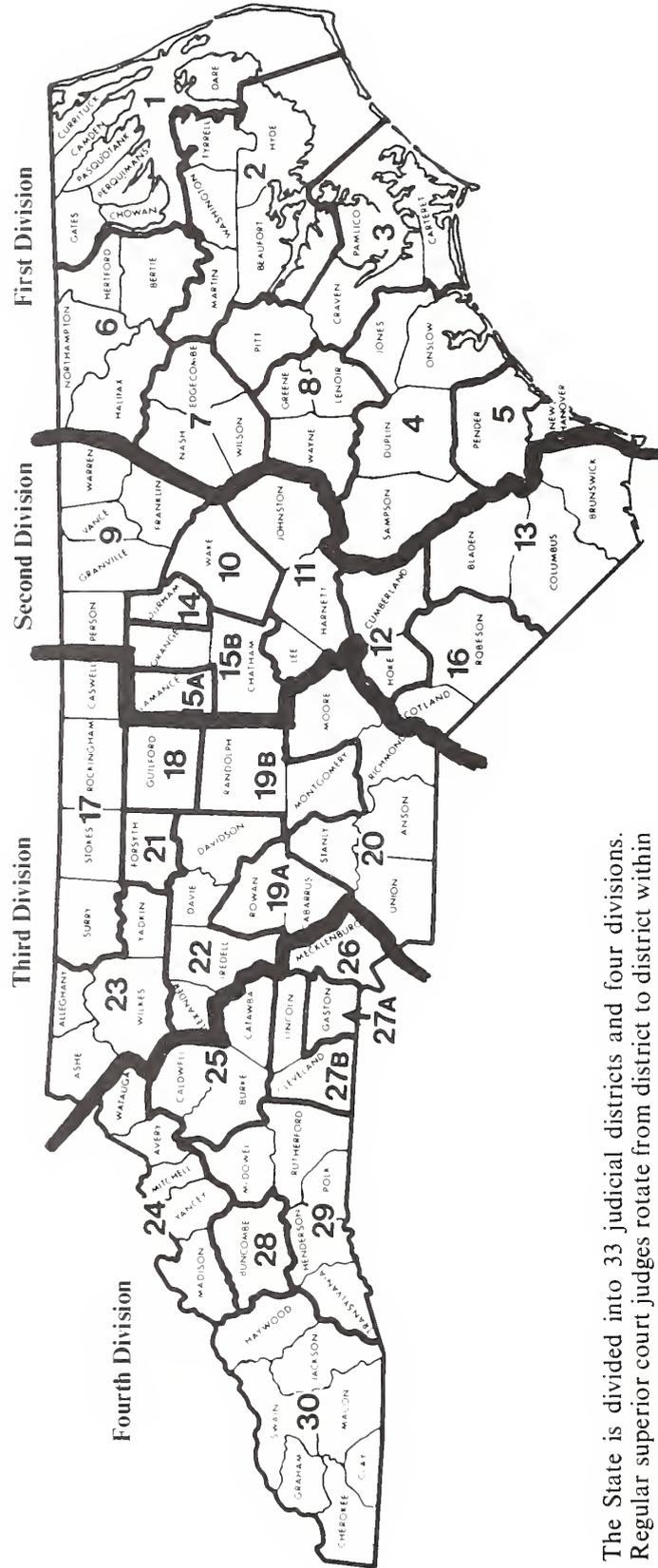
INVENTORY OF PETITIONS AND MOTIONS BEFORE THE COURT OF APPEALS
January 1 — December 31, 1979

District	Petitions				Motions				Other	All Petitions and Motions	
	Filed	Allowed	Denied	Remanded	Filed	Allowed	Denied	Remanded		Filed	Disposed of
1	15	3	9	1	19	13	3	0	1	34	30
2	4	0	4	0	27	19	4	0	0	31	27
3	17	0	12	0	51	29	11	0	0	68	52
4	20	0	18	0	31	26	4	0	0	51	48
5	26	2	18	1	39	24	8	0	0	65	53
6	13	0	12	1	32	25	7	0	0	45	45
7	17	0	16	0	35	27	4	0	0	52	47
8	18	2	15	9	24	15	5	0	0	42	38
9	12	2	8	0	31	23	5	0	0	43	38
10	63	11	40	0	148	108	22	0	0	211	181
11	4	2	2	0	29	15	8	0	0	33	27
12	29	3	24	0	41	26	10	1	0	70	64
13	8	0	6	0	10	9	1	0	0	18	16
14	22	2	18	1	57	37	13	0	0	79	71
15 A/ B*	9	2	5	0	48	32	11	0	0	57	50
16	20	2	17	0	21	17	2	1	0	41	39
17	13	2	10	0	26	22	4	0	0	39	38
18	30	6	20	1	76	51	11	0	0	106	89
19 A/ B*	17	3	10	1	22	14	5	0	0	39	33
20	27	2	24	0	23	14	6	0	0	50	46
21	18	2	14	0	57	40	12	0	0	75	68
22	14	1	11	0	17	13	2	0	0	31	27
23	5	0	5	0	32	27	2	0	0	37	34
24	9	1	7	0	22	15	6	0	0	31	29
25	14	0	13	0	44	30	9	0	0	58	52
26	50	1	37	0	107	67	16	1	0	157	122
27 A/ B*	11	1	6	0	21	18	2	0	0	32	27
28	8	1	5	0	39	23	8	0	0	47	37
29	15	2	11	0	35	25	3	0	0	50	41
30	4	1	3	0	19	13	3	0	0	23	20
Totals	532	54	400	6	1,183	818	207	3	1	1,715	1,489

*Combined totals for Districts 15A and 15B, Districts 19A and 19B, and Districts 27A and 27B are shown. Separate figures for these districts were not available.

THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

North Carolina Judicial Districts And Divisions



The State is divided into 33 judicial districts and four divisions. Regular superior court judges rotate from district to district within the division in which they reside. District court judges are usually assigned to hold court in counties within their own district.

JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT*
(As of June 30, 1980)

FIRST DIVISION

District

- 1 J. Herbert Small, Elizabeth City
- 2 Elbert S. Peel, Jr., Williamston
- 3 Robert D. Rouse, Jr., Farmville
David E. Reid, Jr., Greenville
- 4 Henry L. Stevens, III, Kenansville
James R. Strickland, Jacksonville
- 5 Bradford Tillery, Wilmington
Napoleon B. Barefoot, Wilmington
- 6 Richard B. Allsbrook, Roanoke Rapids
- 7 George M. Fountain, Tarboro
Franklin R. Brown, Tarboro
- 8 R. Michael Bruce, Mount Olive
James D. Llewellyn, Kinston

SECOND DIVISION

- 9 Robert H. Hobgood, Louisburg
- 10 James H. Pou Bailey, Raleigh
Robert L. Farmer, Raleigh
A. Pilston Goodwin, Jr., Raleigh
Edwin S. Preston, Jr., Raleigh
- 11 Harry E. Canaday, Benson
- 12 E. Maurice Braswell, Fayetteville
Coy E. Brewer, Jr., Fayetteville
D.B. Herring, Jr., Fayetteville
- 13 Giles R. Clark, Elizabethtown
- 14 Thomas H. Lee, Durham
Anthony M. Brannon, Bahama
John C. Martin, Durham
- 15A D. Marsh McLelland, Burlington
- 15B F. Gordon Battle, Chapel Hill
- 16 Henry A. McKinnon, Jr., Lumberton

THIRD DIVISION

District

- 17 James M. Long, Yanceyville
- 18 Charles T. Kivett, Greensboro
W. Douglas Albright, Greensboro
Edward K. Washington, Greensboro
- 19A Thomas W. Seay, Jr., Spencer
James C. Davis, Concord
- 19B Hal H. Walker, Asheboro
- 20 John D. McConnell, Southern Pines
F. Fetzer Mills, Wadesboro
- 21 Harvey A. Lupton, Winston-Salem
William Z. Wood, Winston-Salem
- 22 Robert A. Collier, Jr., Statesville
Peter W. Hairston, Advance
- 23 Julius A. Rousseau, Jr., North Wilksboro

FOURTH DIVISION

- 24 Ronald W. Howell, Marshall
- 25 Forrest A. Ferrell, Hickory
(Vacant)¹
- 26 Frank W. Snapp, Jr., Charlotte
Robert M. Burroughs, Charlotte
Kenneth A. Griffin, Charlotte
William T. Grist, Charlotte
Clifton E. Johnson, Charlotte
- 27A Robert W. Kirby, Cherryville
Robert E. Gaines, Gastonia
- 27B John R. Friday, Lincolnton
- 28 Robert D. Lewis, Asheville
C. Walter Allen, Asheville
- 29 (Vacant)²
- 30 Lacy H. Thornburg, Webster

* In districts with more than one resident judge, the senior resident judge is listed first.

¹ Judge Sam J. Ervin, III, of Morganton, resigned this seat effective May 30, 1980; Claude S. Sitton, of Morganton, was appointed to succeed him effective September 3, 1980.

² Judge J.W. Jackson, of Hendersonville, retired on June 1, 1980; Hollis M. Owens, Jr., of Rutherfordton, was appointed to succeed him effective July 31, 1980.

SPECIAL JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT

Samuel E. Britt, Lumberton
Clarence P. Cornelius, Mooresville
Judson D. DeRamus, Jr., Winston-Salem
John R. Jolly, Rocky Mount

Charles C. Lamm, Jr., Boone
Arthur L. Lane, Fayetteville
Harry L. Riddle, Jr., Morganton
Donald L. Smith, Raleigh

EMERGENCY JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT

Albert W. Cowper, Kinston
Hamilton H. Hobgood, Louisburg

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

The Superior Courts

North Carolina's superior courts are principally original-jurisdiction trial courts which also perform some appellate functions. In 1979-80 there were 58 "resident" superior court judges elected to office in the 33 judicial districts for eight-year terms by Statewide ballot, and eight "special" superior court judges appointed to office by the Governor for four-year terms.

Jurisdiction

The superior court has original jurisdiction in all felony cases and in those misdemeanor cases which originate by grand jury indictment. (Most misdemeanors are tried first in the district court, from which they may be appealed to the superior court for trial *de novo* by a jury. No trial by jury is available for criminal cases in district court.) The superior court is the proper court for trial of civil cases where the amount in controversy exceeds \$5,000, and it has jurisdiction over appeals from all administrative agencies except the Utilities Commission, Industrial Commission, certain rulings of the Commissioner of Insurance, the Board of Bar Examiners of the N.C. State Bar, and the Property Tax Commission. Appeals from these agencies lie directly to the Court of Appeals. Regardless of the amount in controversy, the original civil jurisdiction of the superior court does not include domestic relations cases, which are heard in the district courts, or probate and estates matter and certain special proceedings heard first by the clerk of superior court as *ex officio* judge of probate. Rulings of the clerk are within the appellate jurisdiction of the superior court.

Administration

The 100 counties of North Carolina are grouped into 33 judicial districts at the present time. Each district has at least one resident superior court judge who has certain administrative responsibilities for his home district, such as providing for civil case-calendaring procedures. (Criminal case calendars are prepared by the district attorneys.) In districts with more than one resident superior court judge, the judge senior in service on the superior court bench exercises these supervisory powers.

The 33 judicial districts are grouped into four divisions for the rotation of superior court judges, as shown on the map on page 26. Within his division, a resident superior court judge is required to rotate

through the judicial districts, holding court for at least six months in each, then moving on to his next assignment. A special superior court judge may be assigned to hold court in any of the 100 counties. Assignments of all superior court judges are made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Under the Constitution of North Carolina, at least two sessions (a week each) of superior court are held annually in each of the 100 counties. The vast majority of counties have more than the Constitutional minimum of two weeks of superior court annually. Many larger counties have superior court in session about every week in the year.

Resources

A total of \$14,042, 696 was expended for operation of the superior courts during the 1979-80 fiscal year, an increase of 13.5% over 1978-79 expenditures of \$12,377,669. This total includes expenditures for the State's district attorneys' offices as well as the salaries and operating expenses of the 66 superior courts judges, court reporters in the superior courts, and staff support. The 1979-80 total amounted to 19.8% of the General Fund expenditures for operating expenses of the entire Judicial Department. This percentage share of the total is virtually identical to the superior courts' percentage share of the Judicial Department total in the previous year.

1979-80 Caseload

Including both civil and criminal cases, a total of 74,899 cases were filed in the superior courts from July 1, 1979 through June 30, 1980. Comparisons of this year's total with those in previous Annual Reports indicate that superior court case filings have been increasing in recent years. The 1979-80 total is 9.1% higher than the total of 68,625 cases filed during 1978-79.

Superior court case dispositions increased also, although the number of cases disposed of in 1979-80 — a total of 72,983 civil and criminal cases — did not equal the number filed. As a result there was an increase in the number of cases pending, from 31,356 as of the first of the fiscal year to 33,272 as of the last of the year. This represents an increase of 6.1%.

Additional, and more detailed, information on the flow of cases through the superior courts is included in Part IV of this report.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

The Superior Courts

Educational Activity

Utilizing LEAA grant funds, the Judicial Department sponsored the following educational activities for superior court judges in 1979-80:

- three orientation sessions for new special superior court judges, July 27-28, August 3-4, and September 7-8, in Chapel Hill, attended by 7 new judges;
- the Fall Continuing Education Conference, September 28-29, 1979 in Wilmington, attended by 50 judges;
- the Spring Seminar, February 21-23, 1980 in Pinehurst, attended by 48 judges; and
- the annual meeting of the Conference of Superior Court Judges, June 22-25 in Wrightsville Beach, attended by 58 judges.

Grant Funds also were used to sponsor court reporter attendance at a North Carolina Shorthand Reporters Association seminar that was held in Fayetteville on February 16, 1980. A total of 30 superior court reporters attended this training session.

The Conference of Superior Court Judges (Officers as of June 30, 1980)

John D. McConnell, Southern Pines, *President*

J.W. Jackson, Hendersonville, *President-Elect*

Thomas W. Seay, Jr., Spencer, *Vice President*

F. Gordon Battle, Chapel Hill, *Secretary-Treasurer*

Franklin R. Brown, Tarboro, and

D. Marsh McLelland, Burlington,

Additional Executive Committee Members

DISTRICT COURT JUDGES*
(As of June 30, 1980)

District

- 1 John T. Chaffin, Elizabeth City
Grafton G. Beaman, Elizabeth City
John R. Parker, Elizabeth City
- 2 Hallett S. Ward, Washington
Charles H. Manning, Williamston
- 3 Charles H. Whedbee, Greenville
E. Burt Aycock, Jr., Greenville
Herbert O. Phillips, III, Morehead City
Norris C. Reed, Jr., New Bern
James E. Regan, Oriental
Robert D. Wheeler, Grifton
- 4 Kenneth W. Turner, Rose Hill
E. Alex Erwin, III, Jacksonville
Walter P. Henderson, Trenton
James N. Martin, Kenansville
Stephen M. Williamson, Kenansville
- 5 Gilbert H. Burnett, Wilmington
Carter T. Lambeth, Wilmington
Charles H. Rice, III, Wilmington
John M. Walker, Wilmington
- 6 Nicholas Long, Roanoke Rapids
Harold P. McCoy, Scotland Neck
Robert E. Williford, Lewiston
- 7 George Britt, Tarboro
James E. Ezzell, Rocky Mount
Allen W. Harrell, Wilson
Tom H. Matthews, Rocky Mount
- 8 J. Patrick Exum, Kinston
Kenneth R. Ellis, Fremont
Arnold O. Jones, Goldsboro
Joseph E. Setzer, Goldsboro
Paul M. Wright, Goldsboro
- 9 Claude W. Allen, Jr., Oxford
Ben U. Allen, Jr., Henderson
J. Larry Senter, Franklinton
Charles W. Wilkinson, Oxford
- 10 George F. Bason, Raleigh
Henry V. Barnette, Jr., Raleigh
Stafford G. Bullock, Raleigh
George R. Greene, Raleigh
John Hill Parker, Raleigh
Russell G. Sherrill, III, Raleigh

District

- 11 Elton C. Pridgen, Smithfield
William Christian, Sanford
K. Edward Greene, Dunn
W. Pope Lyon, Smithfield
- 12 Derb S. Carter, Fayetteville
Sol. G. Cherry, Fayetteville
Joseph E. Dupree, Raeford
Charles Lee Guy, Fayetteville
Lacy S. Hair, Fayetteville
- 13 Frank T. Grady, Elizabethtown
J. Wilton Hunt, Sr., Whiteville
Roy D. Trest, Shallotte
William E. Wood, Whiteville
- 14 J. Milton Read, Jr., Durham
Karen B. Galloway, Durham
David Q. LaBarre, Durham
William G. Pearson, II, Durham
- 15A J.B. Allen, Jr., Burlington
Thomas D. Cooper, Jr., Burlington
W.S. Harris, Jr., Graham
- 15B Stanley Peele, Chapel Hill
Donald L. Paschal, Siler City
- 16 John S. Gardner, Lumberton
B. Craig Ellis, Laurinburg
Charles G. McLean, Lumberton
Herbert L. Richardson, Lumberton
- 17 Leonard H. vanNoppen, Danbury
Foy Clark, Mount Airy
Jerry Cash Martin, Mount Airy
Peter M. McHugh, Reidsville
- 18 Robert L. Cecil, High Point
Elreta M. Alexander, Greensboro
Frank A. Campbell, Greensboro
John B. Hatfield, Jr., Greensboro
James Samuel Pfaff, Greensboro
Joseph A. Williams, Greensboro
John F. Yeattes, Jr., Greensboro
(Vacant)¹
- 19A Robert L. Warren, Concord
L. Frank Faggart, Kannapolis
Adam C. Grant, Jr., Concord
Frank M. Montgomery, Salisbury

* The Chief District Court Judge for each district is listed first.

¹ Judge B. Gordon Gentry, of Greensboro, retired on April 30, 1980; Joseph R. John, of Greensboro, was appointed to succeed him effective July 2, 1980.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGES*
(As of June 30, 1980)

District

- 19B L.T. Hammond, Jr., Asheboro
William H. Heafner, Asheboro
- 20 Donald R. Huffman, Wadesboro
Ronald W. Burris, Albemarle
Kenneth W. Honneycutt, Monroe
Walter M. Lampley, Rockingham
- 21 Abner Alexander, Winston-Salem
William H. Freeman, Winston-Salem
James A. Harrill, Jr., Winston-Salem
Robert Kason Keiger, Winston-Salem
Gary B. Tash, Winston-Salem
- 22 Lester P. Martin, Jr., Mocksville
Samuel A. Cathey, Statesville
Robert W. Johnson, Statesville
Hubert E. Olive, Jr., Lexington
- 23 Ralph Davis, North Wilkesboro
John T. Kilby, Jefferson
Samuel T. Osborne, Wilkesboro
- 24 J. Ray Braswell, Newland
Robert H. Lacey, Newland
- 25 Livingston Vernon, Morganton
Edward J. Crotty, Hickory
Bill J. Martin, Hickory
L. Oliver Noble, Jr., Hickory
Samuel McD. Tate, Morganton

District

- 26 Chase B. Saunders, Charlotte
Walter H. Bennett, Jr., Charlotte
Larry Thomas Black, Charlotte
L. Stanley Brown, Charlotte
Daphene L. Cantrell, Charlotte
William G. Jones, Charlotte
James E. Lanning, Charlotte
William H. Scarborough, Charlotte
T. Michael Todd, Charlotte
- 27A Lewis Bulwinkle, Gastonia
Berlin H. Carpenter, Jr., Gastonia
J. Ralph Phillips, Gastonia
Donald E. Ramseur, Gastonia
- 27B A. Max Harris, Ellenboro
James T. Bowen, Lincolnton
George W. Hamrick, Shelby
- 28 James O. Israel, Jr., Candler
Earl J. Fowler, Jr. Arden
Peter L. Roda, Asheville
William Marion Styles, Black Mountain
- 29 Robert C. Cash, Brevard
Zoro J. Guice, Jr., Hendersonville
Thomas N. Hix, Hendersonville
Hollis M. Owens, Jr., Rutherfordton
- 30 Robert Leatherwood, III, Bryson City
J. Charles McDarris, Waynesville
John J Snow, Jr., Murphy

* The Chief District Court Judge for each district is listed first.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

The District Courts

North Carolina's district courts are trial courts with original jurisdiction of the overwhelming majority of the cases handled by the State's court system. There were 136 district court judges serving in 33 judicial districts during 1979-80, elected to four-year terms by the voters of their respective districts.

A total of 598 magistrate positions (some part-time) were authorized in 1979-80. Magistrates are appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from nominations submitted by the clerk of superior court of their county, and they are supervised by the chief district court judge of their district.

Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction of the district court extends to virtually all misdemeanor cases, probable cause hearings in most felony cases, all juvenile proceedings, involuntary commitments and re-commitments to mental hospitals, domestic relations cases, and to general civil cases where the amount in controversy is \$5,000 or less. Upon the plaintiff's request, a civil case where the amount in controversy is \$800* or less may be denominated a "small claims" case and assigned by the chief district court judge to a magistrate for hearing. Magistrates are also empowered to try worthless check criminal cases when the value of the check does not exceed \$400** and the offender has fewer than four previous worthless check convictions; magistrates may also accept waivers of appearance and pleas of guilty in certain traffic cases. Magistrates conduct initial hearings to fix conditions of release for arrested offenders, and are empowered to issue arrest and search warrants.

Administration

A chief district judge is appointed for each judicial district by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court from among the elected judges in the respective districts. Subject to the Chief Justice's general supervision, each chief judge exercises administrative supervision and authority over the operation of the district courts and magistrates in his district. Each chief judge is responsible for: scheduling sessions of district court and assigning judges; supervising the calendaring of civil cases; assigning matters to magistrates; making arrangements for court reporting and jury trials in civil cases; and supervising the discharge of clerical functions, in the district courts, of the clerks of superior court of the district.

The 33 chief district court judges meet in conference at least once a year upon the call of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Among other matters, this annual

conference adopts a uniform schedule of traffic offenses and fines for their violation for use by magistrates and clerks of court in accepting defendants' waivers of appearance and guilty pleas.

The Conference of Chief District Court Judges (Officers as of June 30, 1980)

John T. Chaffin, Elizabeth City, *Chairman*

James O. Israel, Jr., Candler, *Vice Chairman*

Resources

A total of \$14,269,622 was expended for operating expenses of the district courts in 1979-80, an increase of twelve percent over 1978-79 expenditures of \$12,745,520. Included in the total are expenses of court reporters for district courts as well as personnel costs of district court judges and magistrates. The 1979-80 total is 20.1% of the General Fund expenditures for operation of the entire Judicial Department. This is approximately equal to the district courts percentage share of the total Judicial Department expenditures for the previous fiscal year.

1979-80 Caseload

Including most civil and all criminal cases, a total of 1,458,647 cases were filed in the district courts from July 1, 1979 through June 30, 1980. This total is 1.8% higher than 1978-79 filings of 1,432,067 cases. The relatively small increase in the combined (civil and criminal) figure results from a sharp increase in district court civil case filings (315,867 cases in 1979-80 — 13.0% above the 1978-79 total of 279,548 cases) which is offset in part by a decline in filings of district court criminal cases (from 1,152,519 cases filed in 1978-79 to 1,142,780 in 1979-80).

Total district court dispositions in 1979-80 (1,415,924 cases) lagged slightly behind the filings total, with the result that the number of cases pending rose over the course of the year. A total of 243,039 cases were pending on June 30, 1980. This is an increase of 21.3% over the number pending at the end of the previous year.

More detailed information on district court civil and criminal caseloads is contained in Part IV of this *Report*.

* Increased from \$500, effective October 1, 1979.

** Increased from \$300, effective October 1, 1979

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

The District Courts

Educational Activity

Utilizing LEAA grant funds, the Judicial Department sponsored the following educational activities for district court judges in 1979-80:

- two orientation sessions for new judges, August 31-September 1 and September 21-22 at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill, attended by 5 new judges;
- a course on Juvenile Code revision and community-based alternatives, September 14-15, 1979 in Chapel Hill, attended by 37 judges;
- the district judges' Fall Seminar, November 2-3 in Asheville, attended by 97 judges;
- two orientation sessions for new judges, November 30-December 1 and January 19 at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill, attended by 6 new judges; and
- the Summer Seminar of the Association of District Court Judges, June 22-25 in Southern Pines, attended by 77 judges.

Grant funds were also used to sponsor court reporters attending the North Carolina Shorthand Reporters Association seminar that was held in Fayetteville on February , 1980. A total of 6 district court reporters attended this session.

By statute, new magistrates are required to satisfactorily complete a course of basic training of at least 40 hours within six months of taking office. Two sessions of this course were offered at the institute of Government in Chapel Hill in 1979-80. The first (July 23-27 and August 6-10) was attended by 34 new magistrates; the second (January 28-February 1 and February 4-8) was attended by 29 new magistrates.

The Judicial Department also sponsored five refresher course sessions for magistrates, September 10-11 in Chapel Hill (107 magistrates), September 12-13 in Chapel Hill (65 magistrates), October 8-10 in Fontana Village (91 magistrates), October 15 in Charlotte (18 magistrates), and October 25-26 in Kinston (67 magistrates).

The Association of District Court Judges (Officers as of June 30, 1980)

George F. Bason, Raleigh, *President*

Larry Thomas Black, Charlotte, *Vice President*

Robert D. Wheeler, Grifton, *Secretary-Treasurer*

George Britt, Tarboro,

William G. Pearson, II, Durham, and

Samuel McD. Tate, Morganton,

Additional Executive Committee Members

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
(As of June 30, 1980)

District

- 1 THOMAS S. WATTS, Elizabeth City
- 2 WILLIAM C. GRIFFIN, JR., Williamston
- 3 ELI BLOOM, Greenville
- 4 WILLIAM H. ANDREWS, Jacksonville
- 5 W. ALLEN COBB, Wilmington
- 6 W. H. S. BURGWYN, JR., Woodland
- 7 HOWARD S. BONEY, JR., Tarboro
- 8 DONALD JACOBS, Goldsboro
- 9 DAVID R. WATERS, Oxford
- 10 J. RANDOLPH RILEY, Raleigh
- 11 JOHN W. TWISDALE, Smithfield
- 12 EDWARD W. GRANNIS, JR., Fayetteville
- 13 LEE J. GREER, Whiteville
- 14 DAN K. EDWARDS, JR., Durham
- 15A HERBERT F. PIERCE, Graham
- 15B WADE BARBER, JR., Pittsboro
- 16 JOE FREEMAN BRITT, Lumberton

District

- 17 FRANKLIN E. FREEMAN, JR., Reidsville
- 18 MICHAEL A. SCHLOSSER, Greensboro
- 19A JAMES E. ROBERTS, Concord
- 19B RUSSELL G. WALKER, JR., Asheboro
- 20 CARROLL LOWDER, Monroe
- 21 DONALD K. TISDALE, Winston-Salem
- 22 H. W. ZIMMERMAN, JR., Lexington
- 23 MICHAEL A. ASHBURN, North Wilkesboro
- 24 CLYDE M. ROBERTS, Marshall
- 25 DONALD E. GREENE, Newton
- 26 PETER S. GILCHRIST, Charlotte
- 27A JOSEPH G. BROWN, Gastonia
- 27B W. HAMPTON CHILDS, JR., Lincolnton
- 28 RONALD C. BROWN, Asheville
- 29 M. LEONARD LOWE, Rutherfordton
- 30 MARCELLUS BUCHANAN, III, Sylva

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

The District Attorneys

The State is divided into prosecutorial districts which correspond to its judicial districts, and a district attorney is elected by the voters of each of the 33 districts for four-year terms.

Duties

The district attorney represents the State in all criminal actions brought in the superior and district courts in his district. In addition to his prosecutorial functions, the district attorney is responsible for calendaring criminal cases for trial.

Resources

Each district attorney is authorized to employ, on a full-time basis, the number of assistant district attorneys specified by statute for his district. As of June 30, 1980, a total of 197 assistant district attorneys were authorized for the 33 districts. The district attorney of District 26 (Mecklenburg County) had the largest staff — 19 assistants — and the district attorney of District 24 the smallest — two assistants.

Each district attorney is also authorized to employ, on a full-time basis, an administrative assistant to assist in preparing cases for trial and to expedite the criminal court docket. The district attorney in 19 of the 33 districts is empowered to employ an investigative assistant, to aid in the investigation of cases preparatory to trial.

1979-80 Caseload

A total of 61,824 criminal cases were filed in superior courts from July 1, 1979 through June 30, 1980; 36,830 of these cases were felonies and 24,994 were misdemeanors on appeal from district courts. Combined with the 17,000 cases pending on July 1, 1979, the district attorneys' superior court caseload for the year

totalled 78,824 cases. Of these, a total of 61,216 cases (36,169 felonies and 25,047 misdemeanor appeals) were disposed of, 77.7% of the caseload. Still pending in superior courts on June 30, 1980 were 17,608 cases (10,803 felonies and 6,805 misdemeanor appeals), which is an increase of 3.6% over the number pending on July 1, 1979.*

In district courts, a total of 1,142,780 criminal cases were filed during 1979-80 (777,264 motor vehicle cases and 365,516 other criminal cases). The total is virtually identical to the 1978-79 total of 1,152,519 criminal cases filed, the result of a slight decrease in motor vehicle case filings that was nearly offset by an increase in other criminal case filings. A total of 121,645 criminal cases were pending as of July 1, 1979; this figure, combined with cases filed during the year, totalled 1,264,425 cases to be handled in district court. This cannot be regarded as the district attorneys' "caseload," however, since many district court criminal cases are disposed of by defendant's waiver of appearance and plea of guilty before a magistrate or clerk of superior court staff, and these cases do not require the district attorneys' attention. A total of 495,642 cases were disposed of by waiver in 1979-80 (44.6% of all district court criminal case dispositions), and an additional 28,813 cases which were filed in 1979-80 were disposed of by waiver after June 30, 1980. When these are excluded, the district attorney's district court caseload for the year totalled 739,970 cases. Of these, 614,883 cases were disposed of, 83.1% of the caseload. This percentage is very slightly above the comparable figure (82.5%) for 1978-79. As of June 30, 1980, 153,900 criminal cases were pending in the district courts of the State, an increase of 26.5% over the number pending on July 1, 1979.*

Additional information on the criminal caseloads in the superior and districts courts is included in Part IV of this *Report*.

* As noted in Part I, specific figures on cases pending at the end of the fiscal year may have to be revised as additional information is received from the 100 clerks of superior court offices.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

The District Attorneys

Educational Activity

Utilizing LEAA grant funds, the Judicial Department sponsored the following educational activities for district attorneys and their staffs in 1979-80:

- a conference for administrative assistants, September 19-21 at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill, attended by 21 administrative assistants, four witness-attendance coordinators, and one investigator;
- the Fall Conference of the District Attorneys Association, September 27-29 in Raleigh, attended by 22 district attorneys and 82 assistant district attorneys;
- an orientation session for new prosecutors, October 15-19 at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill, attended by 30 new assistant district attorneys;
- the state-wide conference for juvenile court counselors and judges, November 4-5 in Asheville, was attended by six assistant district attorneys;
- a seminar on rape and sex offenses, March 18-21 in Chapel Hill, attended by four district attorneys and 46 assistant district attorneys; and
- the June Conference of the District Attorneys Association, June 22-25 in Southern Pines, attended by 13 district attorneys and 72 assistant district attorneys.

The District Attorneys Association (Officers as of June 30, 1980)

Thomas S. Watts, Elizabeth City, *President*

Joe Freeman Britt, Lumberton, *Vice President*

Wade Barber, Jr., Pittsboro, *Vice President,
Legislative Affairs*

Ronald J. Bowers, Salisbury, *Secretary-Treasurer*

CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT
(As of June 30, 1980)

COUNTY	CLERK OF COURT	COUNTY	CLERK OF COURT
Alamance	Louise B. Wilson	Johnston	Will R. Crocker
Alexander	Martha J. Adams	Jones	Ronald H. Metts
Alleghany	Joan B. Atwood	Lee	Sion H. Kelly
Anson	R. Frank Hightower	Lenoir	M. E. Creech
Ashe	Virginia W. Johnson	Lincoln	Nellie L. Bess
Avery	Billy J. Vance	Macon	A. W. Perry
Beaufort	Bessie J. Cherry	Madison	James W. Cody
Bertie	Thomas S. Speight	Martin	Mary K. Wynne
Bladen	Smithy S. Harris	McDowell	Ruth B. Williams
Brunswick	K. Gregory Bellamy	Mecklenburg	Robert M. Blackburn
Buncombe	J. Ray Elingburg	Mitchell	Arthur Ray Ledford
Burke	Major A. Joines	Montgomery	Charles M. Johnson
Cabarrus	Estus B. White	Moore	Charles M. McLeod
Caldwell	Mary Hood Thompson	Nash	Rachel M. Joyner
Camden	Catherine W. McCoy	New Hanover	Louise D. Rehder
Carteret	Mary Austin	Northampton	R. Jennings White, Jr.
Caswell	J. P. Moore	Onslow	Everitte Barbee
Catawba	Eunice W. Mauney	Orange	Frank S. Frederick
Chatham	Janice Oldham	Pamlico	Sadie W. Edwards
Cherokee	Rose Mary Crooke	Pasquotank	Frances W. Thompson
Chowan	Lena M. Leary	Pender	Frances N. Futch
Clay	Ralph A. Allison	Perquimans	W. J. Ward
Cleveland	Ruth S. Dedmon	Person	W. Thomas Humphries
Columbus	Lacy R. Thompson	Pitt	Sandra Gaskins
Craven	Dorothy Pate	Polk	Judy P. Arledge
Cumberland	George T. Griffin	Randolph	John H. Skeen
Currituck	Wiley B. Elliot	Richmond	Miriam F. Greene
Dare	C. S. Meekins	Robeson	Ben G. Floyd, Jr.
Davidson	Hugh Shepherd	Rockingham	Frankie C. Williams
Davie	Delores C. Jordan	Rowan	Francis Glover
Duplin	John A. Johnson	Rutherford	Joan M. Jenkins
Durham	James Leo Carr	Sampson	Charlie T. McCullen
Edgecombe	Curtis Weaver	Scotland	J. Mason McGregor
Forsyth	A. E. Blackburn	Stanly	Joe H. Lowder
Franklin	Ralph S. Knott	Stokes	Robert Miller
Gaston	Betty B. Jenkins	Surry	David J. Beal
Gates	Tobe Daniels, Jr.	Swain	Harold H. Sandlin
Graham	O. W. Hooper, Jr.	Transylvania	Marian M. McMahon
Granville	Mary Ruth C. Nelms	Tyrrell	Jessie L. Spencer
Greene	Cleo W. McKeel	Union	Nola H. Cunningham
Guilford	Joseph E. Slate, Jr.	Vance	Mary Lou M. Barnett
Halifax	J. C. Taylor	Wake	J. Russell Nipper
Harnett	Georgia Lee Brown	Warren	Anne F. Davis
Haywood	William G. Henry	Washington	Louise S. Allen
Henderson	Thomas H. Thompson	Watauga	John T. Bingham
Hertford	Richard T. Vann	Wayne	Shelton Jordan
Hoke	Juanita Edmund	Wilkes	Wayne Roope
Hyde	W. Allen Credle	Wilson	William G. Stewart
Iredell	Carl G. Smith	Yadkin	Harold J. Long
Jackson	Frank Watson, Jr.	Yancey	Arnold E. Higgins

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

The Clerks of Superior Court

A Clerk of Superior Court is elected for four-year terms by the voters in each of North Carolina's 100 counties. The Clerk has jurisdiction to hear and decide special proceedings and is, *ex officio*, judge of probate, in addition to performing record-keeping and administrative functions for both the superior and district courts of his county.

Jurisdiction

The original jurisdiction of the clerk of superior court includes the probate of wills and administration of decedents' estates. It also includes such "special proceedings" as adoptions, condemnations of private property under the public's right of eminent domain, proceedings to establish boundaries, foreclosures, and certain proceedings to administer the estates of minors and incompetent adults. The right of appeal from the clerks' judgments in such cases lies to the superior court.

The clerk of superior court is also empowered to issue search warrants and arrest warrants, subpoenas, and other process necessary to execute the judgments entered in the superior and district courts of his county. For certain misdemeanor criminal offenses, the clerk is authorized to accept defendants' waiver of appearance and plea of guilty and to impose a fine in accordance with a schedule established by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges.

Administration

The clerk of superior court performs administrative duties for both the superior and district courts of his county. Among these duties are the maintenance of court records and indexes, the control and accounting of funds, and the furnishing of information to the Administrative Office of the Courts.

In most counties, the clerk continued to perform certain functions related to preparation of civil case calendars, and in many counties the clerk's staff assisted the district attorney in preparing some criminal case calendars as well. Ending with fiscal year 1979-80, ultimate responsibility for civil case calendaring was vested in "calendar committees" chaired by the clerk and comprised of members of the county bar. (As of July 1, 1980, these committees were abolished by the Supreme Court

and ultimate responsibility for civil case calendaring was vested in the State's senior resident superior court judges and chief district court judges.) Day-to-day calendar preparation is the clerk's responsibility in all districts except those served by "trial court administrators."

Resources

A total of \$24,283,713 was expended in 1979-80 for operation of the 100 clerks of superior court offices, an increase of 13.2% over 1978-79 expenditures of \$21,457,921. Included in the total were expenditures for jurors' fees, supplies, postage, telephone and office expenses for all local Judicial Department personnel, and the salaries and benefits of the clerks and their staffs. The 1979-80 total made up 34.1% of General Fund expenditures for operating expenses of the entire Judicial Department; this percentage share of the total is approximately equal to the percentage expended for operations of the clerks' offices in 1978-79.

1979-80 Caseload

Filings of estates cases totalled 34,670 cases in 1979-80, an increase of 5.3% over the number (32,926) filed in 1978-79. Estates case dispositions totalled 32,093 cases in 1979-80, or 2.3% more than the 1978-79 total of 21,378 cases. As has been usual in recent years, however, filings outnumbered dispositions in 1979-80 and the number of pending estates cases at the end of the year (50,534 cases) was larger than the number pending at the beginning (47,957 cases), an increase of 5.4%;

There were 29,830 special proceedings filed in 1979-80, an increase of 7.3% over 1978-79 filings of 27,799 cases. Special proceedings case dispositions also rose, although at a slower rate: the 1979-80 total of 27,925 cases disposed of is 4.5% above the previous year's total of 26,717. The result was a widening gap between filings and dispositions and an increase in the number of cases pending, from 19,453 cases pending on July 1, 1979 to 21,358 cases pending on June 30, 1980. This represents an increase of almost ten percent.

More detailed information on the clerks' estates and special proceedings caseloads is included in Part IV of this *Report*.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

The Clerks of Superior Court

Educational Activity

Utilizing State appropriations, the Judicial Department sponsored the following educational activities for clerks of superior court in 1979-80:

- the Annual Conference of the Association of Clerks

of Superior Court, July 25-27 in Winston-Salem, attended by 81 clerks; and

- the Annual Conference of the Association of Assistant and Deputy Clerks of Superior Court, July 18-20 in Asheville, attended by 287 assistant and deputy clerks.

Association of Clerks of Superior Court (Officers as of June 30, 1980)

A.E. Blackburn, Forsyth County, *President*

Ben G. Floyd, Jr., Robeson County,
First Vice President

Louise B. Wilson, Alamance County
Second Vice President

George T. Griffin, Cumberland County,
Secretary

Nola H. Cunningham, Union County, *Treasurer*

Major Joines, Burke County,
Shelton Jordan, Wayne County, and
Ruth B. Williams, McDowell County (*ex officio*),
Additional Executive Committee Members

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

Public Defenders

In 1979-80 there were five public defenders in North Carolina, serving Judicial Districts 12, 18, 26, 27A and 28. (By action of the 1979 General Assembly in its second session in 1980, a sixth public defender will begin serving District 3 on January 1, 1981.) These officials and their assistants provide legal representation for persons in designated categories who are determined to be indigent. The public defender for District 28 is appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from recommendations submitted by the district bar; for the other districts, the appointment is by the Governor from recommendations of the respective district bars. Their terms are four years. Each public defender is by statute provided one full-time assistant; additional full-time or part-time assistants may be authorized by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Duties

A person is determined to be indigent if he is found "financially unable to secure legal representation." He is entitled to State-paid legal representation in: any proceeding which may result in (or which seeks relief from) confinement, a fine of \$500 or more, or extradition to another State; a proceeding alleging mental illness or incapacity which may result in hospitalization, sterilization, or the loss of certain property rights; and juvenile proceedings which may result in confinement, transfer to superior court for a felony trial, or a transfer of custody upon a finding of abuse or neglect.

Most cases of State-paid representation of indigents in these five districts are handled by the public defenders. In unusual circumstances — such as the existence of a conflict of interests — an indigent in one of these districts may be represented by private counsel, appointed by the court and paid a fee by the State for his legal

services. In the other 28 districts the assigned private counsel system is the only one used.

Resources

A total of \$1,404,715 was expended for the operation of the five public defenders' offices in 1979-80, an increase of 22.2% over 1978-79 expenditures of \$1,149,780. The 1979-80 total is two percent of all General Fund expenditures for the operating expenses of the entire Judicial Department. This percentage share is slightly above the percentage of total Judicial Department expenditures spent for the public defenders' offices in 1978-79.

1979-80 Caseload

The five public defenders' offices handled a total of 11,558 cases, including both trials and appeals, in 1979-80. This represents an increase of 5.3% over the 10,972 cases handled by these offices during the 1978-79 fiscal year. Additional information on the operation of these offices is contained in Part III, "Cost and Case Data on Representation of Indigents."

Educational Activity

Utilizing LEAA grant funds, the Judicial Department sponsored the following educational activities for public defenders in 1979-80:

- a Fall training session, October 24-26 in Boone, attended by the five public defenders and 37 assistant public defenders; and
- the Public Defenders Association Spring Conference, May 28-30 in Wrightsville Beach, attended by four public defenders and 30 assistant public defenders.

PUBLIC DEFENDERS

(As of June 30, 1980)

District 12

Mary Ann Tally, Fayetteville

District 18

Wallace G. Harrelson, Greensboro

District 26

Fritz Y. Mercer, Jr., Charlotte

District 27A

Curtis O. Harris, Gastonia

District 28

J. Robert Hufstader, Asheville

The Association of Public Defenders (Officers as of June 30, 1980)

Mary Ann Tally, Fayetteville, *President*

Lawrence B. Langston, Gastonia, *Vice President*

Fritz Y. Mercer, Jr., Charlotte, *Secretary*

Deno G. Economou, Greensboro, *Treasurer*

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1979-80

The Administrative Office of the Courts

The Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts and staff perform a variety of functions for the Judicial Department; these are enumerated in Article 29 of Chapter 7A of the North Carolina General Statutes. The Director is appointed by the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court and serves at his pleasure.

Effective January 1, 1980, the Administrative Office was reorganized as reflected in the chart below. The purpose of the reorganization was to provide a more unified centralized management structure along functional lines. The Assistant Director for Legal Services, in addition to assisting the Chief in making assignments of superior court judges and assisting the Supreme Court in prepara-

tion of calendars of superior court trial sessions, now has responsibility for Juvenile Services, the Office of Counsel, and the Research and Planning Office.

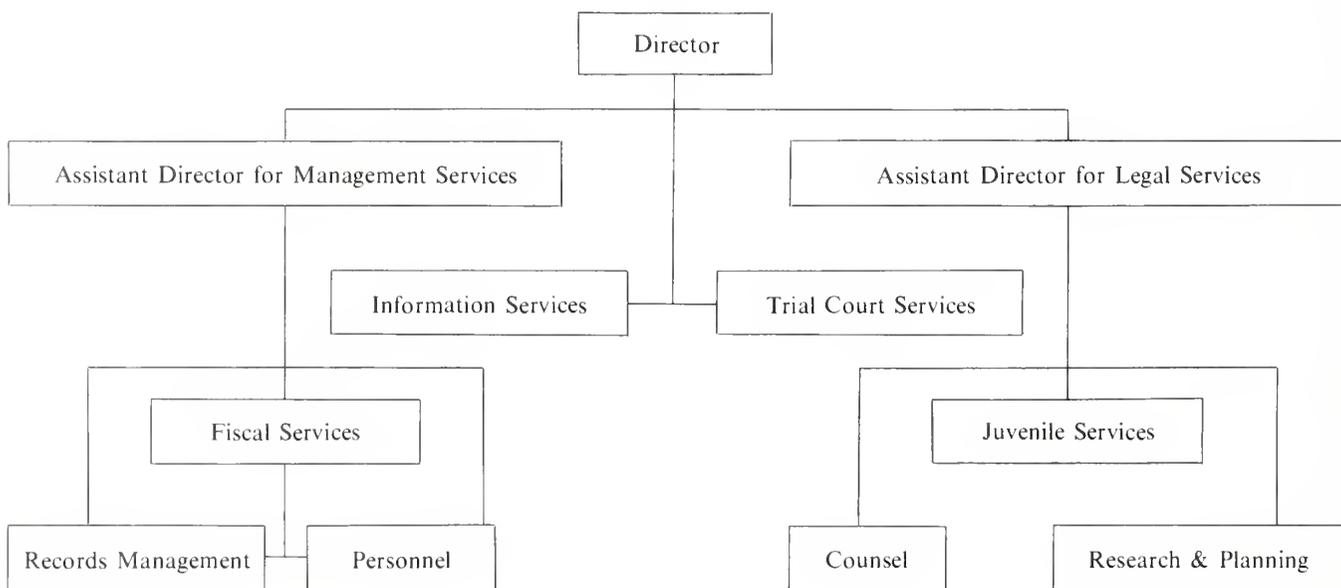
The Assistant Director for Management Services (a new position) has responsibility for Fiscal Services, Personnel, and Records Management.

The activities of the various components of the Administrative Office of the Courts during 1979-80 are summarized in the following pages.

A total of \$1,800,869 was expended from the State's General Fund for operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts during 1979-80, which amounts to 2.5% of General Fund expenditures for the Judicial Department.

Organization of the Administrative Office of the Courts

(As of June 30, 1980)



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Fiscal Services

The Controller supervises this component of management services which includes budgeting, payroll and other disbursements and related accounting, auditing, purchasing, printing, and warehousing of forms and supplies.

During the 1979-80 fiscal year, expenditures for the operation of the Judicial Department totaled \$71,862,-275. Judicial Department receipts, consisting of courts costs, fees, fines and forfeitures, and recovery of payments in judgments for indigent representation totalled \$49,311,081. As required by State statutes these receipts were disbursed as follows: \$21,467,077 to the State Treasurer for the General Fund and \$2,439,492 for the Law Enforcement Officers' Retirement Fund; \$24,588,-139 distributed among the 100 counties; and \$816,373 distributed among various municipalities throughout the State.

An important aspect of fiscal operations in the Judicial Department is the handling of funds by the clerk of superior court located in each of the 100 counties of the State. Uniform accounting rules and procedures are prescribed for these activities in the clerks' offices, which include receipt and disbursement of court costs, fees, fines, bond forfeitures, and cash bonds, as well as payments in accord with court judgments.

During 1979-80 a pilot project featuring an electronic cash register/validating system was implemented in the clerk's office in Cumberland county, to complement the mini-computer accounting system that has been operational for some years. Results of this experimental project indicate that the cashier's operation in the clerk's office is thereby made more efficient.

Records Management

The Records Management Officer monitors the record-keeping procedures applicable to the activities of the office of clerk of superior court in each of the 100 counties, and develops recommendations for improved clerk office operations, providing assistance to individual offices as required. He reviews issues of staffing adequacy and job duties pertaining to the clerks' offices and participates in training activities for clerk personnel. Liaison is maintained with other governmental agencies which have working relationships with clerks' offices: the Division of Archives and History on records management and retention, the Division of Motor Vehicles on traffic case reports, and county governments on space requirements for clerks' offices. He participates in review of new legislation affecting the clerks' offices, in disseminating information on such changes in the laws and in developing record-keeping procedures required by new legislation.

In addition, the Records Management Officer supervises a records management program for the Administrative Office of the Courts.

During 1979-80 a criminal card index system was installed in the clerk's office in three counties, bringing to a total of 40 counties in which this system is now used. The criminal card index system has replaced a more cumbersome indexing system, providing a more convenient source for ready information.

Personnel

The Personnel Officer supervises a comprehensive personnel program for the approximately 3,400 employees of the Judicial Department, including administration of a classification and pay plan for the large majority of employees, certification of employee salaries, administration of fringe benefits (including longevity and workmen's compensation payments) and administration of an employee relations program for personnel of the Administrative Office of the Courts. He is also responsible for the assignment of court reporters for the trial courts.

During the 1979-80 year, in addition to administration of regular personnel activities, the following were accomplished:

- (1) Procedures were developed for implementation, as of July 1, 1980, of changes in granting performance salary increases to employees whose salaries are at step 3 or above in their respective salary grades. Instead of having such merit salary increments based on the anniversary date of employment, a new policy established four quarterly dates (the first day of the months of August, November, February and May) on which performance salary increases would be effective.
- (2) Comprehensive classification and pay reviews were conducted in the clerks' offices in 12 counties; and the planning and scheduling of similar reviews in other clerks' offices to take place during the coming year were completed.
- (3) A special review of the classification and pay plan for the 31 chief court counselor positions in the Juvenile Services Division was begun.

Juvenile Services

The Juvenile Services Division administers the statewide juvenile court counselor program for children alleged or adjudicated to be delinquent or undisciplined. Services include intake (pre-hearing studies of children alleged to be delinquent or undisciplined and determination whether or not a petition should be filed in district court); probation (supervision within the community for those adjudicated to be delinquent or un-

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disciplined and who have not been committed to training school); and aftercare (supervision within the community for children conditionally released from a training school). The services are delivered locally by court counselors assigned to each judicial district, under the immediate supervision of a chief court counselor.

As of January 1, 1980 a new Juvenile Code became effective for the State. The new code specifies several categories of non-divertible felony offenses for intake and introduced a new category of supervision for undisciplined and delinquent children. The new category, "protective supervision," is the status of a juvenile who has been adjudicated delinquent or undisciplined and is placed under the supervision of a court counselor but is not on probation. The new category does not remove or replace that for undisciplined children, and may be used in lieu of probation for delinquent children. The dispositional alternatives for delinquent children were expanded and include restitution, fines, community services, confinement on an intermittent basis in an appropriate detention facility, and restriction of driving privileges. The disposition of probation was limited to a length of one year with the provision for a one-year extension after a hearing to determine the need for such extension.

During the 1979-80 fiscal year a total of 8,306 new cases were added to the court counselors' probation caseloads and a total of 8,752 cases were terminated. The daily average probation caseload, statewide, was 5,884 during the year, compared with a daily average caseload during 1978-79 of 6,378 cases. The precise reasons for the 7.75% decrease in daily average statewide caseload handled by the court counselors cannot be identified. However, it appears that this development was due, at least in part, to the various changes in the Juvenile Code described above.

Program reviews and evaluations were conducted in each judicial district during the year to determine the level of services being delivered and adherence to minimum standards of the Division which are uniformly applicable across the State.

Training continued to receive major emphasis during the year, including the following activities:

- one orientation session for 12 new court counselors;
- a required course in seven sessions for court counselors, counselor trainees, intake counselors, and supervisory counselors, with a total of 230 persons attending;
- a required course for chief court counselors and administrative personnel, attended by 30 persons;
- a one-day session on the Juvenile Code attended by 14 chief counselors;
- a course on the Juvenile Code revisions and the

community-based alternatives programs, attended by 37 judges;

- Third N.C. Conference for Juvenile Court Counselors and Judges, on the theme of "Juvenile Justice—Treatment and Prevention Perspectives", with 270 in attendance; and
- nine special interest courses in counseling techniques and theories, presented as optional training in a total of 10 sessions across the State, with a total attendance of 132.

During the year, tuition fees were reimbursed for a total of 19 Division employees, and a total of 105 Division employees participated in individual learning projects.

Counsel

The Counsel for the Administrative Office of the Courts provides legal advice and assistance to clerks of court, magistrates, and other directly concerned with courtroom proceedings, as well as to administrative personnel in the Judicial Department. While most frequently this service is by telephone response, often the need for guidance is met through memoranda for general distribution.

Forms for use in the trials courts and in the offices of the clerks of superior court are prepared and up-dated, usually upon need arising from new legislation or recent court decisions.

The Counsel participates in educational and training activities for the clerks of superior courts and their assistants and deputies, including special programs for new clerks and for new employees in the clerks' offices.

During the 1979-80 year, requests for legal assistance by telephone averaged 10 to 15 per day; and requests for legal assistance requiring written responses averaged about 15 per week.

Research and Planning

This division has responsibility for conducting research and preparing reports and papers on problems or issues relevant to the courts of North Carolina. Staff assistance is provided for the North Carolina Judicial Planning Committee. In addition, the division has responsibilities for the LEAA grants management functions for the Judicial Department, and for the compilation, printing and distribution of the Annual Reports of the Administrative Office of the Courts.

During the first part of the 1979-80 year, work was completed on the production and distribution of the 1978 Annual Report. The Annual Report was then compiled on a calendar-year basis. The policy decision was then made by the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts to change the annual reporting period

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from a calendar year to a fiscal year basis (July 1 through June 30). Thus, during the latter months of the 1979-80 year a second annual report was compiled, printed and distributed, covering the period July, 1978 through June 30, 1979.

During the Fall of 1979 the Research and Planning staff conducted studies regarding the principal problems and issues confronting the North Carolina court system and, on behalf of the Judicial Planning Committee, surveyed some 600 Judicial Department officials and members of the North Carolina Bar, to obtain their views on this subject. The results of that survey were reported to the Judicial Planning Committee. Thereafter, in February, 1980, the Committee adopted an "Agenda for 1980-83", comprising its priority list of issues and problems confronting the North Carolina courts which should receive attention during the next three years. Copies of that Agenda were produced and distributed to officials of the Judicial Department, members of the State Bar and to various officials in the Executive and Legislative branches of government.

The Research and Planning staff developed proposed LEAA fund allocations for the Judicial Department for the 1980-81 Federal fiscal year, for the consideration of the Judicial Planning Committee in April, 1980. Thereafter, the decision became final at the Federal level that the LEAA grant program would not be continued. Thus, new LEAA grant funds for the 1980-81 Federal fiscal year were not received.

Although new LEAA grant funds were not received in 1980, several LEAA projects will remain active for another year or two, from funds previously appropriated by the Congress. The LEAA Grants Management Section was involved during 1979-80 in the on-going administration of 16 LEAA-fund projects. Applications for 13 projects were prepared and approved for LEAA funding by the Governor's Crime Commission, the State Planning Agency for LEAA purposes. In addition, the LEAA Grants Manager participated with representatives of the Governor's Crime Commission in a total of 11 monitoring visits for review of various Judicial Department projects supported by LEAA funds.

Information Services

This division has responsibility for collecting case data and for implementing an automated information system for the Judicial Department.

Case data is reported manually by the Clerks of Court of the 100 North Carolina counties to this division for data entry and computer processing. Case volume statistics are generated from this information and produced on a quarterly basis. In addition, juvenile case data are reported and processed, thus bringing the num-

ber of transactions processed during the fiscal year over the three million mark.

Additional progress was made on the automated information system during the 1979-80 year. Four counties, Franklin, Vance, Nash, and Warren, are now reporting case data through the information system for district and superior court criminal cases. The Information Services Division has provided to these counties computer-produced district and superior court indexes, district court calendars, and automatic (computer) transfer of appeal cases for cases appealed from district court to superior court. Services in the design and development stage include computer-produced superior court calendars, warrants, orders for arrest, and subpoenas.

Training of clerk office personnel in the area of automation has not yet begun in other counties but is anticipated in the near future.

Trial Court Services

This division is responsible for directing the trial court administrator program. From 1977 to 1979 this program was operated as a pilot project in three judicial districts (10th, 22d and 28th) under an LEAA grant. In 1979 the General Assembly provided full state funding for the program and expanded it from three to ten positions. The responsibilities of the trial court administrator as defined in G.S. 7A-355 include assisting in the administration of the civil dockets of the judicial district, management of the jury system, and such other general management functions as may be assigned by the court.

The State Supreme Court in its recently revised Rule 2 of the Supplemental Rules of Civil Procedure provided for the delegation of civil case management responsibility by the senior resident superior court judge and the chief district court judge, to the trial court administrator in those districts having such position. The trial court administrator is appointed by and is responsible to the senior resident superior court judge of the district.

With the exception of the three pilot judicial districts, the trial court administrator program is still in its infancy. Thus far, administrators have been employed in an additional three districts (3d, 18th, and 26th).

As of June 30, 1980, the three pilot judicial districts having a trial court administrator were among the top four districts in the state having the lowest average age of superior court civil cases. These three districts also ranked among those with the highest ratio of dispositions to caseload, with the metropolitan pilot districts (the 10th and 28th) consistently ranking ahead of other metropolitan districts in these measures of case management efficiency.

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Although statewide figures on jury utilization are not currently maintained, trial court administrators have made significant improvements in their own judicial districts in this area of court operations. The percentage of jurors who are summoned but not used for a trial has been significantly reduced along with the cost per jury selected. The "one-day, one-trial jury system" operated by trial court administrators in Wake and Buncombe Counties have proved popular with the public as well as economical. The mandate of the program is to achieve in every judicial district served by a trial court administrator the level of performance attained in the pilot districts. The Division also provides assistance in civil case management to judges without trial court administrators. This service was provided to more than a third of the senior resident superior court judges during the 1979-80 year. Plans are being made to extend this program to chief district court judges and to develop management assistance programs to address other areas of local court administration.

Two jury-management projects were initiated during the 1979-80 year. One project will produce a set of guidelines to assist counties interested in computerizing the jury selection and summoning process. Two documents will be prepared and published under this project, with one document outlining in general terms the overall design and operation of a computer-aided jury selection system and the other containing software documentation. The completion of this project is scheduled to coincide with preparation of the 1982-83 master jury lists by the 100 counties of the State.

Another project begun during the year is the production of audio-visual orientation programs for jurors in six metropolitan courts. A model script was drafted, and arrangements were made with other state agencies to provide technical support for this project, which is expected to be completed during the coming year.

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The Judicial Planning Committee

(Members as of June 30, 1980)

Associate Justice J. Frank Huskins, Raleigh, *Chairman*

Magistrate C.E. Baker, Holly Springs

District Court Judge Thomas D. Cooper, Jr.,
Burlington*

District Attorney Franklin E. Freeman, Jr., Reidsville

Public Defender Wallace C. Harrelson, Greensboro

Representative Edward S. Holmes, Pittsboro

Clerk of Superior Court Rachel M. Joyner, Nashville

Superior Court Judge Henry A. McKinnon, Jr.,
Lumberton

Administrative Officer of the Courts Bert M. Montague,
Raleigh

Chief Court of Appeals Judge Naomi E. Morris,
Raleigh

Senator Willis P. Whichard, Durham

Ex-Officio Members

President of the N.C. State Bar E.K. Powe, Durham

President of the N.C. Bar Association Dewey W. Wells,
Elizabeth City

President of the N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers Alfred
S. Bryant, Jr., Charlotte

President of the N.C. Association of Black Lawyers
Charles L. Becton, Chapel Hill

President of the N.C. Association of Women Attorneys
Carolyn McAllaster, Durham

* Deceased, August 30, 1980

The Judicial Planning Committee 1979-80

The North Carolina Judicial Planning Committee was appointed by the Supreme Court in 1977, as one of the adjunct committees of the Governor's Crime Commission, the LEAA State Planning Agency. The Committee considers problems and issues affecting States's courts and provides recommendations to the State Supreme Court as well as to the Governor's Crime Commission. The Committee has a special role in the allocation of LEAA funds available to the court system. (As the Congress decided not to continue the LEAA grant program for the 1980-81 Federal fiscal year, no new grants funds were received beyond the 1979-80 fiscal period. Activity under various projects funded by prior-year LEAA funds will continue for another year or two until those projects have run their course.)

Staff assistance for the Judicial Planning Committee is provided by the Research and Planning Division of the Administrative Office of the Courts.

During the period from July 1, 1979 through June 30, 1980, the Judicial Planning Committee had a total of five meetings: August 7, 1979; September 7, 1979; November 2, 1979; February 29, 1980 and April 25, 1980.

The meetings in August and September, 1979 were joint meetings with the Corrections Committee of the Governor's Crime Commission, to consider issues of

common interest to the courts and the correction agencies. At the August meeting the two committees heard reports on prison population projections, alternatives to incarceration, deferred prosecution programs, regulation of bail bondsmen and sentencing. At the September, 1979 joint meeting the committees considered alternatives to incarceration and adopted several recommendations to be forwarded to the Governor's Crime Commission, relating to financial restitution for victims of crime, community service programs, citizen dispute mediation, and improved probation services.

At the November, 1979 and February 2, 1980 meetings, the Judicial Planning Committee approved revisions to 1979-80 allocations of LEAA funds to the Judicial Department, necessitated by reductions in the amount of Federal funds received; and considered a broad range of issues and problems identified as confronting the court system, making conclusions on a list of such issues regarded as of priority importance which would be incorporated in an "agenda" to be further considered during the 1980-83 period. Copies of this special agenda report were thereafter distributed to about 600 Judicial Department officials, members of the North Carolina State Bar, and various officials of the Legislative and Executive Branches of State Government.

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The Judicial Planning Committee

At its April, 1980 meeting the Committee adopted a schedule of proposed LEAA allocations for various Judicial Department projects, in anticipation of receipt of LEAA funds for the 1980-81 fiscal year. Some months thereafter, a final decision was made in the Congress to discontinue the LEAA grant program, with the

result that no new LEAA funds were received for the 1980-81 Federal fiscal year, beginning October 1, 1980. Thus, for all practical purposes, the Judicial Planning Committee's special role in the allocation of LEAA funds for court system projects has ended.

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The North Carolina Courts Commission

(Members as of June 30, 1980)

Appointed by the Governor

Hon. H. Parks Helms, Charlotte, *Chairman*
Charles L. Becton, Chapel Hill
Hon. David M. Britt, Raleigh
I.T. Valentine, Jr., Nashville
Hon. Louise B. Wilson, Graham

Appointed by the President of the Senate

Hon. Henson P. Barnes, Goldsboro
Fielding Clark, II, Hickory
E. Lawrence Davis, Winston-Salem
Becky Hundley, Thomasville
Howard F. Twiggs, Raleigh

Appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives

Harold L. Kennedy, Jr., Winston-Salem
Hon. Ralph S. Knott, Louisburg
William G. Smith, Wilmington
Jim Van Camp, Southern Pines
(Vacancy)¹

Ex officio

John W. Campbell, Lumberton, N.C. State Bar
Robert M. Clay, Raleigh, N.C. Bar Association
Bert M. Montague, Raleigh, Administrative Officer
of the Courts

¹ John R. Jordan, Jr., of Raleigh, resigned his membership on the commission prior to June 30, 1980; a successor had not been appointed by the Speaker of the House by the end of the fiscal year.

The North Carolina Courts Commission was established by the 1979 General Assembly "to make continuing studies of the structure, organization, jurisdiction, procedures and personnel of the Judicial Department and of the General Court of Justice and to make recommendations to the General Assembly for such changes therein as will facilitate the administration of justice."

The new Commission met first on March 17, 1980, and again in April and May. It has begun to invite all State officials and agencies dealing with the courts to make presentations to the Commission of their suggestions for improving the court system. From these

suggestions the Commission is establishing a priority list of items for study, and it will make its recommendations from its list. Topics under consideration by the Courts Commission include:

- possible expansion of the Public Defender System;
- relief for the Appellate Division;
- the office of the district attorney;
- the office of the clerk of superior court
- decriminalization of minor traffic offenses, and
- the trial court administrator project.

Specific legislation is being formulated for presentation to the 1981 General Assembly.

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The Judicial Standards Commission

(Members as of June 30, 1980)

Appointed by the Chief Justice

Court of Appeals Judge Edward B. Clark, Raleigh,
Chairman

Superior Court Judge W. Douglas Albright,
Greensboro

District Court Judge L.T. Hammond, Jr., Asheboro

Appointed by the Governor

Marvin B. Koonce, Jr., Raleigh, *Secretary*

Susan Whittington, Wilkesboro

Appointed by the Council of the N.C. State Bar

Jerome B. Clark, Jr., Fayetteville

Robert G. Sanders, Charlotte, *Vice Chairman*

Deborah R. Carrington, *Executive Secretary*

The Judicial Standards Commission

July 1, 1979 — June 30, 1980

The Judicial Standards Commission was established by the General Assembly pursuant to a constitutional amendment approved by the voters at the general election in November 1972.

Upon recommendation of the Commission, the Supreme Court may censure or remove any judge for wilful misconduct in office, wilful and persistent failure to perform his duties, habitual intemperance, conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude, or conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute. In addition, upon recommendation of the Commission, the Supreme Court may remove any judge for mental or physical incapacity interfering with the performance of his duties, which is, or is likely to become, permanent.

Where a recommendation for censure or removal involves a justice of the Supreme Court, the recommendation and supporting record is filed with the Court of Appeals which has and proceeds under the same authority for censure or removal of a judge. Such a proceeding would be heard by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and the six judges senior in service, excluding the Court of Appeals judge who by law serves as the Chairman of the Judicial Standards Commission.

In addition to a recommendation of censure or removal, the Commission also utilizes a disciplinary measure known as a reprimand. The reprimand is a mechanism administratively developed for dealing with inquires where the conduct involved does not warrant censure or removal, but where some action is justified. Since the establishment of the Judicial Standards Commission in 1973, reprimands have been issued in nine inquiries.

During the 1 July 1979 — 30 June 1980 fiscal year, the Judicial Standards Commission met on the following dates: 5 October 1979, 14 December 1979, 8 February 1980, 11 April 1980, and 30 May 1980.

A complaint or other information against a judge, whether filed with the Commission or initiated by the Commission acting on its own motion, is designated as an "Inquiry Concerning a Judge." Two such inquiries were pending as of 1 July 1979, and 85 inquiries were filed during the fiscal year, giving the Commission a total workload of 87 inquiries.

During the fiscal year, the Commission disposed of 71 inquiries and 16 inquiries remained pending at the end of the fiscal year.

The determinations of the Commission with regard to the 71 inquiries disposed of during the fiscal year were as follows:

- (1) 55 inquiries were determined to involve subject matter not within the Commission's jurisdiction;
- (2) 12 inquiries were determined to involve subject matter within the Commission's jurisdiction but not warranting further proceedings; and
- (3) 4 inquiries were determined to warrant no further action following completion of preliminary investigations.

Of the 16 inquiries pending at the end of the fiscal year:

- (1) 9 inquiries were awaiting initial review by the Commission; and
- (2) 7 inquiries were still under investigation or subject to further action by the Commission.

PART III

COURT RESOURCES

- **Financial**
- **Personnel**

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

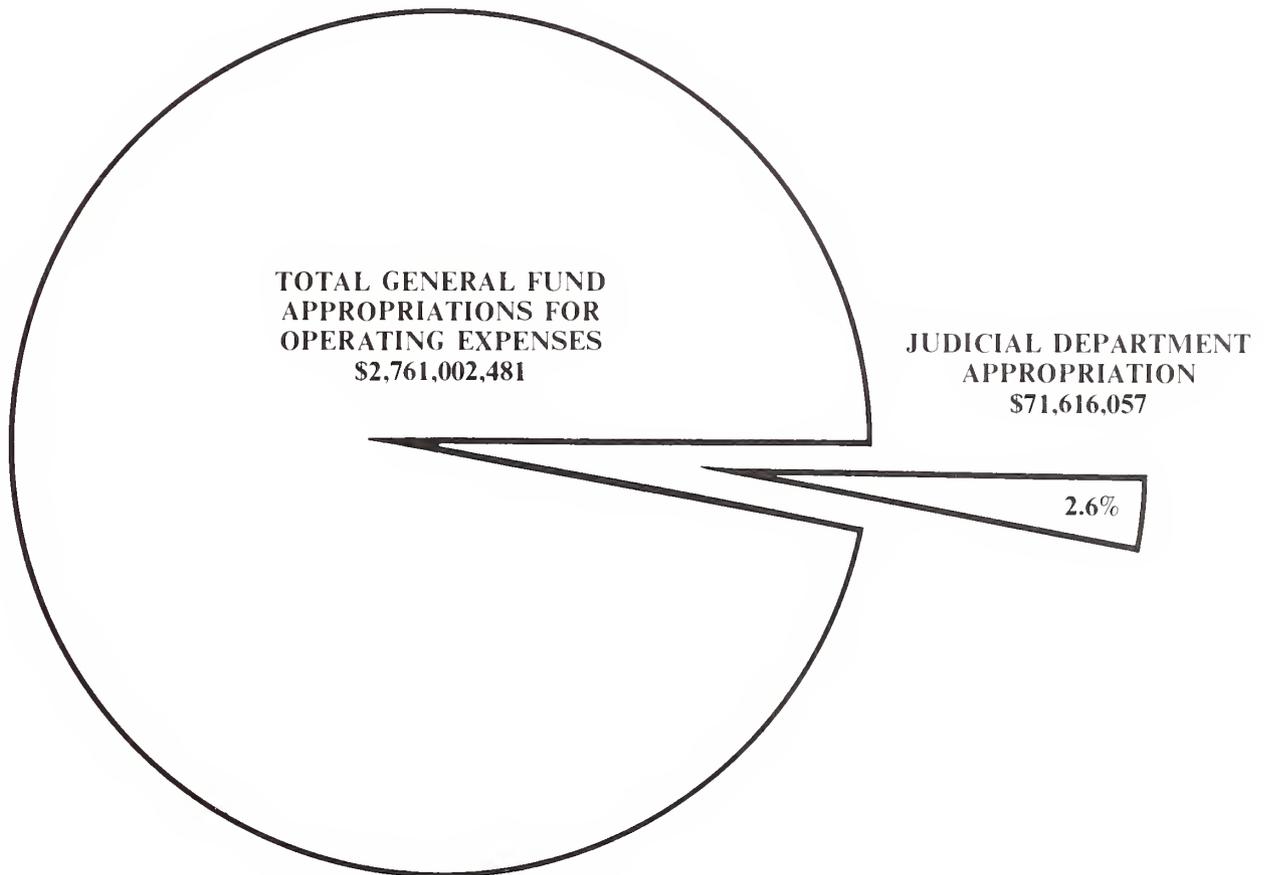
Under the State Constitution the operating expenses of the Judicial Department (all North Carolina courts) "other than compensation to process servers and other locally paid non-judicial officers" are required to be paid from State funds. It is customary legislative practice for the General Assembly to include appropriations for the operating expenses of all three branches of State government in a single budget bill, for a two-year period ending on June 30 of the odd-numbered years. In recent years, the General Assembly has customarily held a "short" session in even-numbered years and the budget for the second year of the biennium is generally modified during these short sessions.

Building facilities for the appellate courts are provided by State funds, but by statute the county government are required to provide from county funds for

adequate facilities for the trial courts within each of the 100 counties.

State appropriations from the General Fund for the operating expenses of the Judicial Department for fiscal year July 1, 1979 through June 30, 1980 totalled \$71,616,057. General Fund appropriations for the *operating expenses* of all State agencies and departments, including the Judicial Department, totalled \$2,761,002,481 for fiscal year, 1979-80. (These do not include appropriations for capital construction or appropriations from the Highway Fund for highway construction and repair.)

As is illustrated in the chart below, General Fund appropriations for the operating expenses of the Judicial Department comprised 2.6% of the General Fund appropriations for the operating expenses of *all* State agencies and departments.



JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Appropriations from the State's general fund for operating expenses of the Judicial Department over the past five fiscal years are shown in the table below and in the graph at the top of the following page. For comparative purposes, appropriations from the general fund

for operating expenses of all State agencies and departments (including the Judicial Department) for the last five fiscal years are also shown in the table below and in the second graph on the following page.

APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND FOR OPERATING EXPENSES

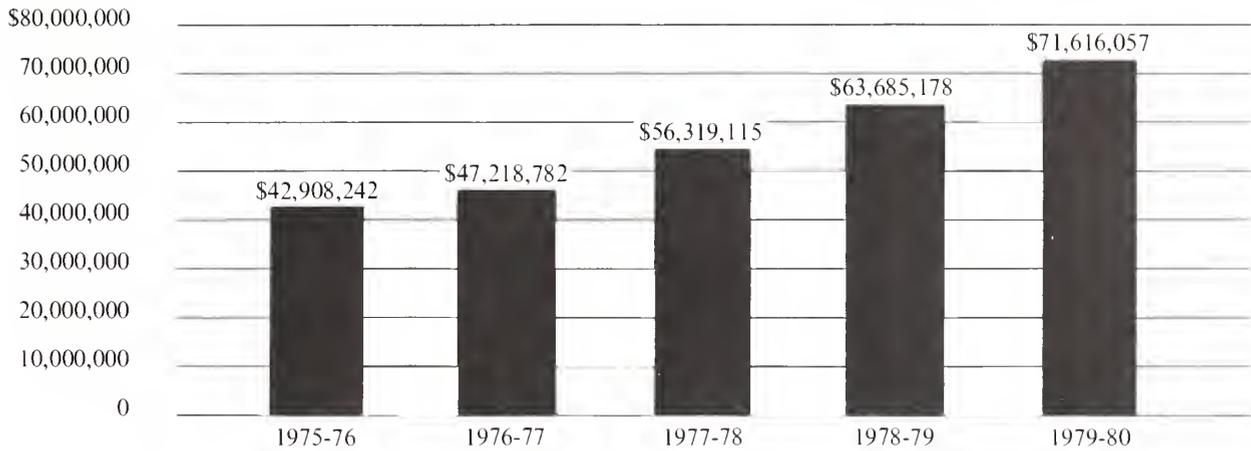
Fiscal Year	<u>Judicial Department</u>		<u>All State Agencies</u>	
	Appropriation	% Increase over previous year	Appropriation	% Increase over previous year
1975-1976	\$42,908,242	7.35%	\$1,737,659,496	2.68%
1976-1977	47,218,782	10.05%	1,962,976,606	12.97%
1977-1978	56,319,115	19.27%	2,193,405,714	11.74%
1978-1979	63,685,178	13.08%	2,452,011,095	11.79%
1979-1980	71,616,057	12.45%	2,761,002,481	12.60%
AVERAGE ANNUAL INCREASE, 1975-1980		12.44%		10.36%

During the past decade, including the five-year period covered by the above table, inflation has been a significant factor in the national economy. For example, during 1979-80 according to Bureau of Labor Statistics data, the average person spent for goods and services more than twice the amount required for the same goods and services in 1967.

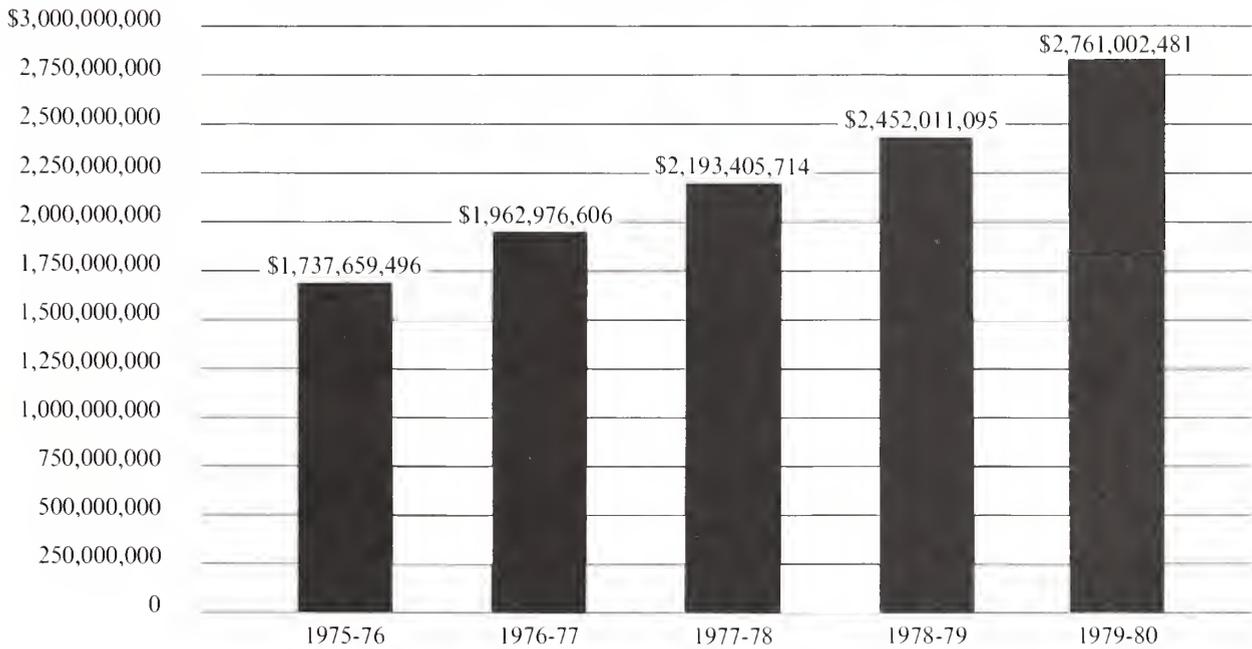
The greatest percentage increase in Judicial Department appropriations during the last five years was for the 1977-78 fiscal year. The increase for that year was due in large measure to a significant increase in the number of superior court judges (20%) and an increase in the number of assistant district attorneys (18%).

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

General Fund Appropriations for Operating Expenses Of The Judicial Department, 1975-76 — 1979-80



General Fund Appropriations For Operating Expenses Of All State Agencies And Departments, 1975-76 — 1979-80



JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Expenditures, 7/1/79—6/30/80

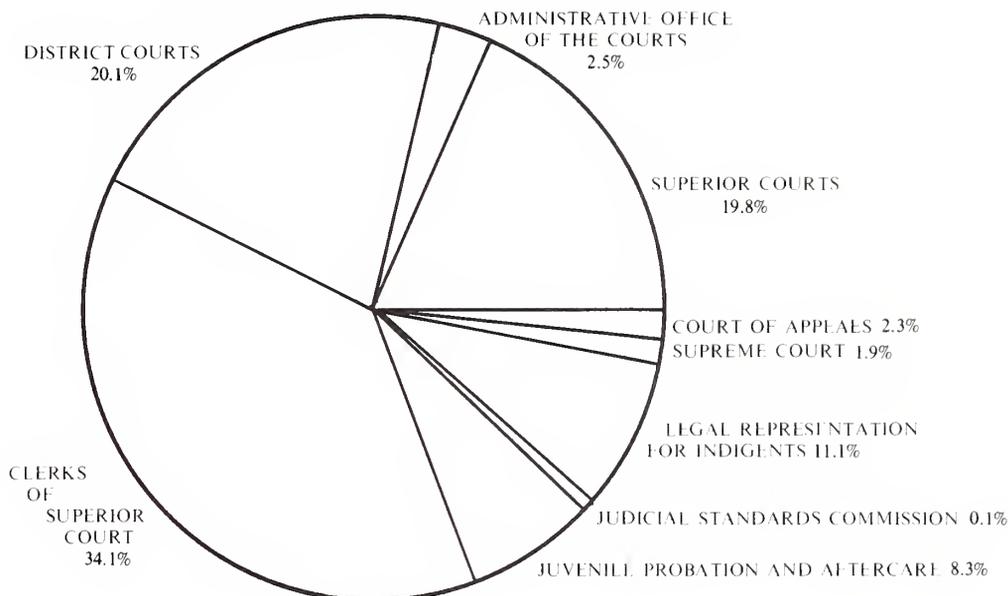
General Fund expenditures, rounded to the nearest dollar, for operating expenses of the Judicial Department during the 1979-80 fiscal year totalled \$71,077,561, divided among the major budget classifi-

cations as shown below. Expenditures for LEAA-funded projects in the Judicial Department totalled \$784,714, for a grand total of \$71,862,275 in expenditures.

	Amount	% of Total
Supreme Court	\$ 1,185,967	1.7%
Court of Appeals	1,641,918	2.3%
Superior Courts	14,042,696	19.8%
(This classification includes judges, district attorneys, assistant district attorneys, court reporters, and staff personnel.)		
District Courts	14,269,622	20.1%
(This classification includes judges, magistrates, and court reporters.)		
Clerks of Superior Court	24,283,713	34.1%
(This classification includes all 100 clerks and their staffs, juror fees, witness fees, and such support services as supplies, postage, telephone expenses, and office equipment for all local Judicial Department personnel.)		
Juvenile Probation and Aftercare	5,918,435	8.3%
Legal Representation for Indigents	7,861,724	11.1%
Assigned private counsel (\$5,989,715)		
Public defenders (\$1,404,715)		
Special counsel at mental hospitals (\$141,401)		
Support services (transcripts, records, briefs) (\$325,893)		
Administrative Office of the Courts	1,800,869	2.5%
Judicial Council	-0-	
Judicial Standards Commission	72,617	0.1%
Total General Fund Expenditures	\$71,077,561	100.0%
LEAA-Funded Projects	784,714	
GRAND TOTAL	\$71,862,275	

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Expenditures, 7/1/79 - 6/30/80

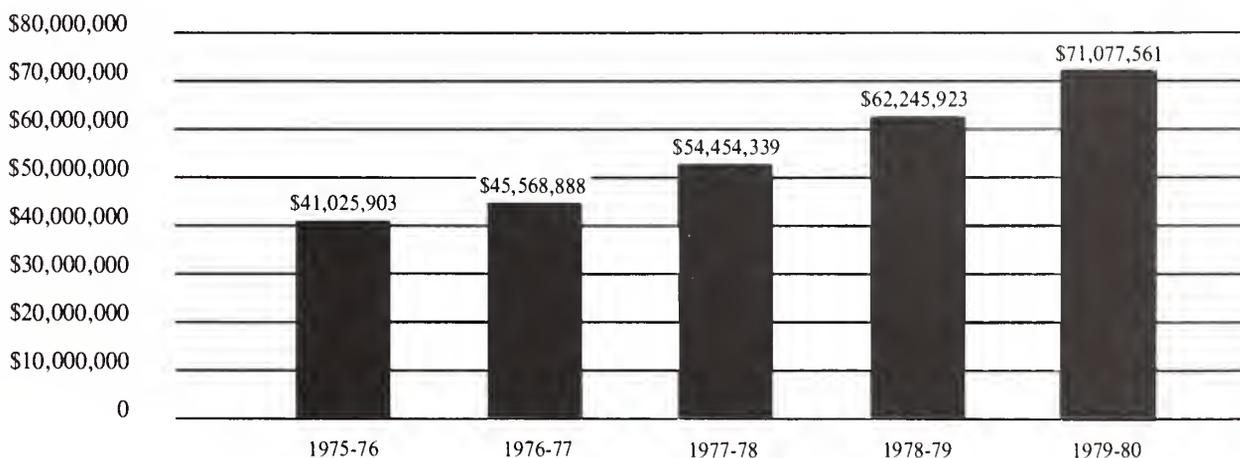


As the chart illustrates, the bulk of Judicial Department expenditures goes for operation of the State's trial courts. Operation of the superior courts took 19.8% of total expenditures; this category includes expenditures for district attorneys and their staffs as well as superior court judges and court reporters. Operation of the district courts (including magistrates as well judges and court reporters) took 20.1% of the total. An additional 34.1% went to operate the offices for the 100 clerks of

superior court, to pay jurors' and witnesses' fees and to provide office equipment and supplies and postage and telephone service for all judicial Department personnel at the local level.

The total General Fund expenditures of \$71,077,561 for 1979-80 represents a 14% increase over expenditures of \$62,245,923 in 1978-79, an increase in keeping with the trend in recent years, as illustrated in the chart below.

General Fund Expenditures For The Judicial Department Fiscal Years 1975-76 — 1979-80



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Department Receipts July 1, 1979 - June 30, 1980

Receipts for the Judicial Department in the 1979-80 fiscal year totalled \$49,311,080.74. The several sources of these receipts are shown in the table below. As in the previous years, the major source of receipts is the assessment of "court costs" in superior and district courts, paid by litigants in accordance with the schedule of costs and fees set out in G.S. 7A-304 *et seq.*; these payments

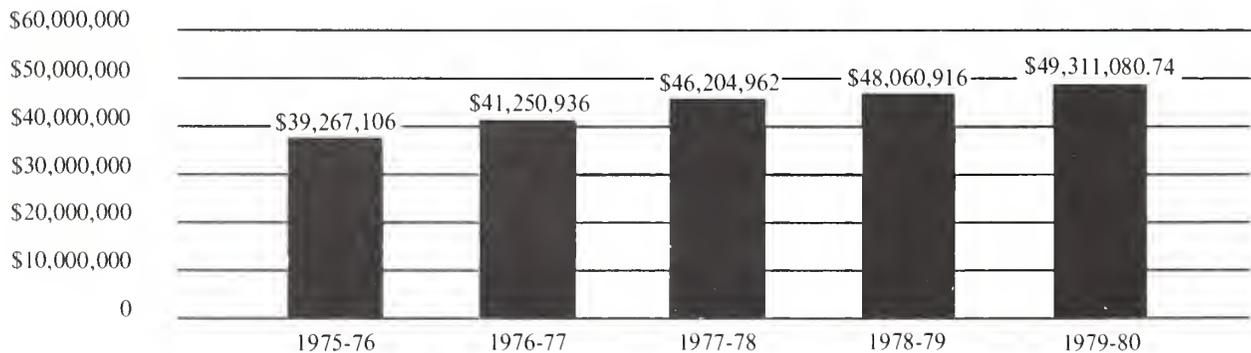
constituted 60.94% of the total receipts during 1979-80. Fines and forfeitures made up 37.71% of the total. Receipts in the remaining categories — Supreme Court and Court of Appeals filing fees, sales of Supreme Court and Court of Appeals *Reports* and payments on indigent representation judgments — made up less than two percent of the total.

Source of Receipts	Amount	% of Total
Supreme Court Fees	\$ 17,489.50	.03%
Court of Appeals Fees	27,553.07	.06%
Superior and District Court Costs	30,048,730.91	60.94%
Fines and Forfeitures	18,594,031.90	37.71%
Sales of Appellate Division <i>Reports</i>	115,177.35	.23%
Payments on Indigent Representation Judgments	508,098.01	1.03%
Total	\$49,311,080.74	100.00%

This total of \$49,311,080.74 is an increase of 2.6% over total 1978-79 receipts of \$48,060,916.45. The graph

below illustrates increases in recent years in total Judicial Department receipts.

Judicial Department Receipts, 1975-76 — 1979-80



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Distribution Of Judicial Department Receipts

As required by the State Constitution, fines, penalties and forfeitures collected by the courts in criminal cases are distributed to the respective counties in which the cases are tried. These funds must be used by the counties for the support of the public schools.

A uniform schedule of court costs for civil and criminal cases, comprised of a variety of fees, is set by statute for cases filed in the superior and district courts. Statutes prescribe the distribution of these fees and provide that certain fees shall be devoted to specific uses. For example, a facilities fee is included in court costs when costs are assessed, and this fee is paid over to the respective county or municipality which provided the facility used in the case. These fees must be utilized by the counties and municipalities to provide and maintain courtrooms and related judicial facilities.

Officer Fees (for arrest or service of process) are included, where applicable, in the costs of each case filed in the trial courts. If a municipal officer performed these services in a case, the fee is paid over to the respective municipality. Otherwise, all officer fees are paid to the respective counties in which the cases are filed.

A jail fee is included in the costs of each case where applicable; and these fees are distributed to the respective county or municipality whose facilities were used. Most jail facilities in the State are provided by the counties.

A fee for the Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund is included as a part of court costs when costs are assessed in a criminal case. As required by statute, the Judicial Department remits these fees to the State Treasurer, for deposit in the Law Enforcement Officers Benefit, and Retirement Fund.

Except as indicated, all superior and district court costs collected by the Judicial Department are paid into the State's General Fund.

When private counsel or a public defender is assigned to represent an indigent defendant in a criminal case the trial judge sets the money value for the services rendered. If the defendant is convicted, a judgment lien is entered against him for such amount. Collections on these judgments are paid into the State's General Fund, as are appellate court fees and proceeds from the sales of appellate division reports.

	Amount	% of Total
Remitted to State Treasurer		
Supreme Court Fees	\$ 17,489.50	.03%
Court of Appeals Fees	27,553.07	.06%
Sales of Appellate Division Reports	115,177.35	.23%
Payments on Indigent Representation Judgments	508,098.01	1.03%
Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund Fees	2,439,492.17	4.95%
Other Superior and District Court Fees	20,798,758.77	42.18%
Total to State Treasurer	23,906,568.87	48.48%
Distributed to Counties		
Fines and Forfeitures	18,594,031.90	37.71%
Judicial Facilities Fees	3,730,532.92	7.56%
Officer Fees	1,773,104.37	3.60%
Jail Fees	490,469.98	.99%
Total to Counties	24,588,139.17	49.86%
Distributed to Municipalities		
Judicial Facilities Fees	180,833.50	.37%
Officer Fees	621,030.45	1.26%
Jail Fees	14,508.75	.03%
Total to Municipalities	816,372.70	1.66%
GRAND TOTAL	\$49,311,080.74	100.00%

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Amounts Of Fees, Fines And Forfeitures Collected By The Courts And Distributed To Counties And Municipalities* July 1, 1979 — June 30, 1980

	Distributed to Counties				Distributed to Municipalities			Total
	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Fines and Forfeitures	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	
Alamance	\$ 59,509.34	\$ 26,679.00	\$ 12,976.50	\$ 313,159.41	\$ -0-	\$ 11,850.00	\$ -0-	\$ 424,174.25
Alexander	11,280.00	5,792.41	2,931.00	67,183.55	-0-	156.00	-0-	87,342.96
Alleghany	4,754.00	1,486.00	1,217.00	19,775.00	-0-	231.00	-0-	27,463.00
Anson	18,082.00	8,671.00	1,822.20	70,256.00	-0-	888.00	-0-	99,719.20
Ashe	9,946.00	8,294.00	2,348.00	52,217.00	-0-	78.00	-0-	72,883.00
Avery	8,151.00	6,257.00	1,070.00	37,219.00	-0-	30.00	-0-	52,727.00
Beaufort	32,331.00	23,076.00	7,351.00	172,313.64	-0-	4,909.00	-0-	239,980.64
Bertie	14,089.00	11,789.00	2,322.00	61,905.00	-0-	606.00	-0-	90,711.00
Bladen	25,665.00	20,863.18	2,735.00	139,072.50	2,883.00	734.00	-0-	191,952.68
Brunswick	19,108.00	10,279.00	3,914.00	110,884.50	2,070.00	376.00	-0-	146,631.50
Buncombe	96,136.00	57,087.50	9,559.50	493,524.27	-0-	17,725.50	-0-	674,032.77
Burke	42,960.00	17,183.00	3,183.50	182,295.51	-0-	3,042.00	-0-	248,664.01
Cabarrus	55,913.00	39,532.11	6,284.25	235,685.47	-0-	3,304.00	-0-	340,718.83
Caldwell	37,123.50	13,124.00	5,623.00	155,778.00	-0-	3,194.00	-0-	214,842.50
Camden	3,129.00	2,294.00	55.00	18,970.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	24,448.00
Carteret	30,977.00	15,760.00	2,062.00	211,436.73	-0-	4,564.00	-0-	264,799.73
Caswell	9,323.50	7,467.00	1,192.00	43,094.39	-0-	-0-	-0-	61,076.89
Catawba	31,258.00	18,606.00	5,637.00	283,115.05	36,009.00	11,917.00	2,833.00	389,375.05
Chatham	13,739.00	15,385.00	1,255.00	90,273.70	7,545.00	863.00	260.00	129,320.70
Cherokee	9,321.00	5,533.00	1,797.00	77,289.75	-0-	308.00	81.00	94,329.75
Chowan	10,296.00	6,629.00	571.00	37,298.00	-0-	1,490.00	-0-	56,284.00
Clay	2,900.00	1,990.00	390.00	19,667.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	24,947.00
Cleveland	44,490.25	16,516.20	8,529.00	197,054.69	-0-	5,050.00	-0-	271,640.14
Columbus	37,810.00	32,163.00	8,134.00	215,266.10	2,481.00	2,130.00	275.00	298,259.10
Craven	51,498.00	18,606.00	8,162.00	283,900.02	-0-	7,594.00	-0-	369,760.02
Cumberland	172,408.50	54,820.00	28,992.26	924,577.04	-0-	36,930.00	-0-	1,217,727.80
Currituck	12,772.00	9,709.84	982.50	87,623.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	111,087.34
Dare	18,430.00	9,304.15	3,141.00	175,520.00	-0-	2,396.00	-0-	208,791.15
Davidson	42,995.25	23,025.99	6,557.55	238,967.76	5,948.00	2,102.00	-0-	319,596.55
Davie	16,839.00	10,324.00	2,015.00	72,784.70	-0-	1,118.00	-0-	103,080.70
Duplin	29,456.00	12,547.00	2,310.00	155,376.99	-0-	987.00	475.00	201,151.99
Durham	113,536.00	39,147.21	2,743.00	309,557.80	-0-	22,984.85	-0-	487,968.86
Edgecombe	29,349.00	33,158.00	7,286.00	126,971.80	12,291.00	5,016.00	790.00	214,861.80
Forsyth	168,597.00	23,688.00	14,876.00	579,807.62	2,114.00	56,907.00	-0-	845,989.62
Franklin	18,417.00	8,780.18	1,955.50	238,845.04	-0-	252.00	25.00	268,274.72
Gaston	81,139.00	47,008.00	12,544.50	373,796.57	-0-	12,367.00	-0-	526,855.07
Gates	7,925.00	4,911.00	330.00	48,996.00	-0-	122.00	-0-	62,284.00
Graham	2,705.00	1,769.00	625.00	17,855.00	-0-	121.00	-0-	23,075.00
Granville	25,080.00	11,117.75	3,343.00	132,441.16	-0-	1,811.00	330.00	174,122.91
Greene	7,296.00	4,721.00	1,593.00	38,675.75	-0-	44.00	-0-	52,329.75
Guilford	217,708.00	31,619.00	19,080.00	708,129.46	-0-	62,029.00	-0-	1,038,565.46
Halifax	37,626.00	30,460.31	8,395.00	285,721.51	5,662.00	3,901.00	515.00	372,280.82
Harnett	31,370.00	15,822.00	3,871.26	202,316.66	6,920.00	2,676.00	675.00	263,650.92
Haywood	24,144.00	16,597.00	499.00	189,815.17	661.00	1,516.00	-0-	233,232.17
Henderson	27,834.00	13,701.00	6,866.00	143,950.60	18.00	2,168.00	-0-	194,537.60
Hertford	20,988.00	14,250.52	4,141.55	103,779.45	-0-	1,790.00	-0-	144,949.52
Hoke	14,069.00	6,603.00	2,725.00	83,220.50	-0-	654.00	-0-	107,271.50
Hyde	3,158.00	2,097.00	177.00	48,225.44	-0-	-0-	-0-	53,657.44

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Amounts Of Fees, Fines And Forfeitures Collected By The Courts And Distributed To Counties And Municipalities* July 1, 1979 — June 30, 1980

	Distributed to Counties				Distributed to Municipalities			
	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Fines and Forfeitures	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Total
Iredell	\$ 44,917.00	\$ 21,356.00	\$ 3,384.00	\$ 270,359.82	\$ 9,263.00	\$ 5,871.00	\$ 565.00	\$ 355,715.82
Jackson	14,246.00	9,716.00	1,898.00	101,576.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	127,436.00
Johnston	46,159.00	30,569.10	7,475.00	282,091.50	8,978.00	3,829.00	455.00	379,556.60
Jones	6,459.00	3,346.00	425.00	25,933.75	-0-	382.00	-0-	36,545.75
Lee	27,598.00	15,131.53	8,491.23	107,921.50	-0-	5,043.00	-0-	164,185.26
Lenoir	40,512.00	13,680.00	6,406.00	216,406.50	-0-	4,700.00	-0-	281,704.50
Lincoln	21,708.00	15,225.00	965.00	91,126.00	-0-	824.00	-0-	129,848.00
Macon	10,624.00	7,910.32	1,056.00	88,941.97	-0-	300.00	-0-	108,832.29
Madison	5,688.00	4,176.00	1,026.00	29,072.08	-0-	42.00	-0-	40,004.08
Martin	17,653.00	12,078.00	327.00	91,895.32	-0-	1,125.00	-0-	123,078.32
McDowell	20,639.00	12,423.00	4,727.00	148,544.29	-0-	1,088.00	-0-	187,421.29
Mecklenburg	309,438.00	130,901.65	170.00	1,127,515.01	-0-	84,837.00	-0-	1,652,861.66
Mitchell	5,678.00	3,697.00	549.00	27,167.00	-0-	234.00	-0-	37,325.00
Montgomery	23,501.00	18,465.50	3,521.00	80,855.20	-0-	836.00	-0-	127,178.70
Moore	32,370.00	23,747.00	2,073.00	197,318.13	4,521.00	3,652.00	425.00	264,106.13
Nash	32,830.00	31,269.04	5,420.00	217,998.00	17,100.00	6,437.00	1,073.00	312,127.04
New Hanover	81,145.00	18,820.33	11,877.00	447,399.49	-0-	16,711.00	935.00	576,887.82
Northampton	19,408.00	14,384.50	2,253.00	120,180.25	-0-	770.00	-0-	156,995.75
Onslow	75,879.53	32,102.45	35,767.61	580,237.35	-0-	11,729.00	-0-	735,715.94
Orange	32,401.00	17,059.00	2,247.00	185,803.10	8,768.00	8,267.00	238.00	254,783.10
Pamlico	4,189.00	3,111.00	1,745.00	23,204.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	32,249.00
Pasquotank	19,264.00	7,484.00	2,620.00	137,732.50	-0-	4,959.00	-0-	172,059.50
Pender	13,524.50	8,080.00	2,339.00	91,956.00	-0-	873.00	-0-	116,772.50
Perquimans	6,687.00	4,027.00	965.00	42,311.00	-0-	880.00	-0-	54,870.00
Person	16,414.00	1,460.00	1,527.50	77,631.00	30.00	1,460.00	-0-	98,522.50
Pitt	52,775.14	19,168.00	7,975.00	359,124.42	5,749.00	9,068.00	885.00	454,744.56
Polk	6,548.00	4,677.00	1,239.00	62,388.00	-0-	296.00	-0-	75,148.00
Randolph	43,081.50	37,270.97	1,330.00	173,969.24	1,437.00	3,280.00	-0-	260,368.71
Richmond	29,217.00	13,715.00	5,544.00	152,698.66	-0-	1,296.00	-0-	202,470.66
Robeson	66,319.00	38,491.82	16,797.06	502,337.84	23,005.00	9,505.00	1,295.00	657,750.72
Rockingham	41,167.59	24,887.00	6,490.51	249,432.70	13,681.50	8,530.00	665.00	344,854.30
Rowan	53,882.30	37,219.91	5,922.00	225,425.55	-0-	7,258.50	-0-	329,708.26
Rutherford	22,365.92	13,357.00	6,271.00	123,813.72	-0-	1,952.00	-0-	167,759.64
Sampson	47,058.82	35,479.00	7,094.00	241,530.85	-0-	1,338.00	-0-	332,500.67
Scotland	24,666.00	15,284.00	3,310.00	119,359.00	-0-	3,457.00	-0-	166,076.00
Stanly	30,366.00	9,057.00	3,445.00	142,572.42	-0-	3,270.00	-0-	188,710.42
Stokes	17,216.50	10,611.00	1,348.00	74,633.00	-0-	272.00	-0-	104,080.50
Surry	38,822.00	32,719.30	5,007.00	192,094.95	558.00	3,588.00	415.00	273,204.25
Swain	6,984.00	3,738.00	-0-	37,238.16	-0-	210.00	817.75	48,987.91
Transylvania	11,799.00	11,157.27	2,100.00	58,517.54	-0-	804.00	-0-	84,377.81
Tyrrell	2,502.00	1,855.00	145.00	9,527.60	-0-	-0-	-0-	14,029.60
Union	36,609.50	25,267.00	10,611.00	186,582.00	-0-	4,215.00	-0-	263,284.50
Vance	28,522.00	11,693.00	1,664.00	118,635.66	-0-	2,386.00	-0-	162,900.66
Wake	229,039.28	46,511.25	34,873.00	998,294.61	2,109.00	74,705.00	481.00	1,386,013.14
Warren	13,393.00	8,445.00	1,000.00	73,098.00	-0-	244.00	-0-	96,180.00

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Amounts Of Fees, Fines And Forfeitures Collected By The Courts And Distributed To Counties And Municipalities* July 1, 1979 — June 30, 1980

	Distributed to Counties				Distributed to Municipalities			Total
	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Fines and Forfeitures	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	
Washington	9,268.00	6,669.00	420.00	38,865.22	-0-	442.00	-0-	55,664.22
Watauga	15,324.00	9,600.00	2,260.00	112,883.00	-0-	1,970.00	-0-	142,037.00
Wayne	61,875.00	18,758.00	2,767.00	216,011.60	1,032.00	7,621.00	-0-	308,064.60
Wilkes	39,485.00	17,560.12	6,995.00	170,200.47	-0-	942.00	-0-	235,182.59
Wilson	46,757.00	28,016.96	6,413.00	162,193.63	-0-	9,720.60	-0-	253,101.19
Yadkin	16,631.00	10,503.00	2,930.00	75,362.00	-0-	502.00	-0-	105,928.00
Yancey	6,295.00	4,931.00	1,095.00	30,476.00	-0-	378.00	-0-	43,175.00
State Totals	\$3,730,532.92	\$1,773,104.37	\$490,469.98	\$18,594,031.90	\$180,833.50	\$621,030.45	\$14,508.75	\$25,404,511.87

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Cost and Case Data on Representation of Indigents

July 1, 1979 — June 30, 1980

The State provides legal counsel for indigent persons in a variety of actions and proceedings, as specified in the North Carolina General Statutes, Section 7A-450 *et seq.* These include criminal proceedings, judicial hospitalization proceedings, juvenile proceedings which may result in commitment to an institution to transfer to superior court for trial as an adult. Legal representation for indigents may be by assignment of private counsel, by assignment of special public counsel (involving mental hospital commitments) or by assignment of a public defender.

Five of North Carolina's judicial districts have an office of public defender: Districts 12, 18, 26, 27A, and 28. The other 28 districts utilize only assignments of private counsel. Private counsel may also be assigned in the five districts which have a public defender in the event of a conflict of interests involving the public defender's office and the indigent and in the event of unusual circumstances when, in the opinion of the court, the proper administration of justice requires the assignment of private counsel rather than the public defender in those cases.

In addition, the State provides a full-time special counsel at each of the State's four mental hospitals, to represent patients in commitment or recommitment

hearings before a district court judge. Under North Carolina law, each patient committed to a mental hospital is entitled to a judicial hearing (before a district court judge) within 90 days after the initial commitment, a further hearing within 180 days after the initial commitment, and thereafter a hearing once each year during the continuance of an involuntary commitment.

Finally, the State provides a guardian *ad litem* for children alleged in juvenile petitions to be neglected unless the court finds that the child is not in need of and cannot benefit from such representation.¹ By statute the guardian *ad litem* is a licensed attorney and is compensated for his services in the same way as compensation is provided for representation of an indigent person.

The cost of the entire program of indigent representation, rounded to the nearest dollar, was \$7,861,724 in the 1979-80 fiscal year, compared to \$6,124,288 in the 1978-79 fiscal year, an increase of 28.4 percent. The total amount expended for representation of indigents was 11.1% of total Judicial Department expenditures in the 1979-80 fiscal year.

Following is a summary of case and cost data for representation of indigents, for the fiscal year, July 1, 1979 through June 30, 1980.

	Number of Cases	Total Cost	Average Cost Per Case
Assigned Private Counsel			
Capital offense cases	315	\$ 472,399	\$1,499.67
Adult cases (other than capital)	28,282	4,985,500	176.27
Juvenile cases	3,891	271,854	69.86
As guardian <i>ad litem</i> for juveniles	2,246	259,962	115.74
Totals	34,734	\$5,989,715	172.45
Public Defender Offices			
District 12	1,956	\$ 299,359	\$153.05
District 18	2,127	378,710	177.22
District 26	4,803	390,680	81.34
District 28	1,416	153,543	108.43
Totals	11,558	\$1,404,715	121.54
Special counsel at mental hospitals	10,707	\$ 141,401	13.21
Transcripts, records and briefs		308,979	
Expert witness fees		16,914	
Grand Total		\$7,861,724	

¹ G.S. 7A-283. Effective January 1, 1980, this section was repealed and replaced by a new section, G.S. 7A-546, which provided for the appointment of a guardian *ad litem* in all cases in which a petition alleges neither neglect or "abuse." 1979 Session Laws, Chapter 815.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Special Counsel at Mental Hospitals

The total cost of providing special counsel at each of the State's four mental hospitals, to represent patients in commitment or recommitment hearings, was \$141,401 for the 1979-80 fiscal year. There were a total of 10,707 hearings held during the year, for an average cost per hearing of \$13.21.

The following presents data on the hearings held at each of the mental hospitals in 1979-80. The total number of hearings held in 1979-80 represents an increase of 1.2% compared to the 10,575 hearings held in 1978-79.

	Broughton	Cherry	Dorothea Dix	John Umstead	Totals
Initial Hearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	675	1,263	491	829	3,258
Commitment to outpatient clinic	183	164	5	132	484
Discharge	2,139	1,393	569	983	5,084
Totals	2,997	2,820	1,065	1,944	8,826
First Rehearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	67	184	81	228	560
Commitment to outpatient clinic	10	1	3	21	35
Discharge	64	69	31	88	252
Totals	141	254	115	337	847
Second or Subsequent Rehearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	108	279	256	260	903
Commitment to outpatient clinic	0	0	0	1	1
Discharge	8	20	16	30	74
Totals	116	299	272	291	978
Modification of Prior Order Hearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	1	18	0	5	24
Commitment to outpatient clinic	15	0	0	1	16
Discharge	0	10	0	6	16
Totals	16	28	0	12	56
Total Hearings or Rehearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	851	1,744	828	1,322	4,745
Commitment to outpatient clinic	208	165	8	155	536
Discharge	2,211	1,492	616	1,107	5,426
Totals	3,270	3,401	1,452	2,584	10,707

The table on the following page compares the number of assigned private counsel cases and expenditures in each county and judicial district for fiscal years 1978-79 and 1979-80. There was a substantial increase in the number of cases for the State as a whole, from 28,998 cases in 1978-79 to 34,734 in 1979-80, an increase of 19.8%. Expenditures increased by 31.1%, from \$4,568,495.45 in 1978-79 to \$5,989,715.08 in 1979-80.

The largest district increase in the number of cases occurred in District 17, which had a total of 974 cases in 1978-79 and 1,403 cases in 1979-80, an increase of 44.1%.

The largest district increase in the amount of expenditures occurred in District 8, which had expenditures of \$188,640.33 in 1978-79, compared with \$444,817.95 in 1979-80, an increase of 135.8%.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Assigned Counsel — Numbers Of Cases and Expenditures Fiscal Years 1978-79 and 1979-80

	Number of Cases			Expenditures		% Increase or Decrease
	1978-79	1979-80	% Increase or Decrease	1978-79	1979-80	
<i>District 1</i>						
Camden	20	17	- 15.0%	\$ 3,571.96	\$ 4,822.06	+ 35.0%
Chowan	61	91	+ 49.2%	11,235.18	17,078.33	+ 52.0%
Currituck	58	48	- 17.2%	10,828.42	9,035.63	- 16.6%
Dare	61	60	- 1.6%	14,401.75	14,063.98	- 2.4%
Gates	30	22	- 26.7%	5,837.68	5,919.12	+ 1.4%
Pasquotank	158	184	+ 16.5%	23,369.97	33,162.34	+ 42.0%
Perquimans	47	64	+ 36.2%	9,185.00	12,469.28	+ 35.8%
District Totals	435	486	+ 11.7%	\$ 78,429.96	\$ 96,550.74	+ 23.1%
<i>District 2</i>						
Beaufort	178	221	+ 24.2%	\$ 29,948.50	\$ 40,050.15	+ 33.7%
Hyde	16	25	+ 56.3%	2,624.03	5,753.73	+119.3%
Martin	122	155	+ 27.1%	16,222.79	23,501.72	+ 44.9%
Tyrrell	19	31	+ 63.2%	2,355.00	7,954.20	+237.8%
Washington	49	98	+100.0%	7,476.83	13,137.61	+ 75.7%
District Totals	384	530	+ 38.0%	\$ 58,627.15	\$ 90,397.41	+ 54.2%
<i>District 3</i>						
Carteret	204	284	+ 39.2%	\$ 32,866.52	\$ 61,707.96	+ 87.8%
Craven	377	418	+ 10.9%	64,466.44	90,737.75	+ 40.8%
Pamlico	33	50	+ 51.5%	4,671.95	11,974.95	+156.3%
Pitt	680	888	+ 30.6%	140,514.57	190,720.53	+ 35.7%
District Totals	1,294	1,640	+ 26.7%	\$ 242,519.48	\$ 355,141.19	+ 46.4%
<i>District 4</i>						
Duplin	183	299	+ 63.4%	\$ 39,405.00	\$ 80,302.75	+103.8%
Jones	92	64	- 30.4%	14,697.98	14,826.00	+ 0.9%
Onslow	633	677	+ 7.0%	119,004.20	145,078.22	+ 21.9%
Sampson	277	390	+ 40.8%	51,212.60	77,459.62	+ 51.3%
District Totals	1,185	1,430	+ 20.7%	\$ 224,319.78	\$ 317,666.59	+ 41.6%
<i>District 5</i>						
New Hanover	454	590	+ 30.0%	\$ 101,470.03	\$ 145,204.75	+ 43.1%
Pender	54	89	+ 64.8%	8,533.69	14,626.21	+ 71.4%
District Totals	508	679	+ 33.7%	\$ 110,003.72	\$ 159,830.96	+ 45.3%
<i>District 6</i>						
Bertie	113	161	+ 42.5%	\$ 14,295.02	\$ 22,487.49	+ 57.3%
Halifax	350	420	+ 20.0%	48,214.17	67,862.71	+ 40.8%
Hertford	156	197	+ 26.3%	19,521.30	25,072.78	+ 28.4%
Northampton	67	108	+ 61.2%	9,285.80	13,563.20	+ 46.1%
District Totals	686	886	+ 29.2%	\$ 91,316.29	\$128,986.18	+ 41.3%
<i>District 7</i>						
Edgecombe	441	427	- 3.2%	\$ 87,228.50	\$ 64,835.72	- 25.7%
Nash	393	430	+ 9.4%	77,253.52	69,296.15	- 10.3%
Wilson	383	498	+ 30.0%	73,407.51	85,367.51	+ 16.3%
District Totals	1,217	1,355	+ 11.3%	\$ 237,889.53	\$ 219,499.38	- 7.7%

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Assigned Counsel — Numbers Of Cases and Expenditures Fiscal Years 1978-79 and 1979-80

	Number of Cases			Expenditures		% Increase or Decrease
	1978-79	1979-80	% Increase or Decrease	1978-79	1979-80	
<i>District 8</i>						
Greene	71	98	+ 38.0%	\$ 12,300.02	\$ 15,708.63	+ 27.7%
Lenoir	558	767	+ 37.5%	67,926.07	89,193.41	+ 31.3%
Wayne	707	864	+ 22.2%	108,414.24	339,915.91	+213.5%
District Totals	1,336	1,729	+ 29.4%	\$ 188,640.33	\$ 444,817.95	+135.8%
<i>District 9</i>						
Franklin	180	164	- 8.9%	\$ 29,568.65	\$ 28,641.18	- 3.1%
Granville	210	267	+ 27.1%	36,866.98	42,959.98	+ 16.5%
Person	134	164	+ 22.4%	25,196.08	25,489.70	+ 1.2%
Vance	287	260	- 9.4%	42,964.76	41,674.44	- 3.0%
Warren	115	78	- 32.2%	16,921.17	18,435.50	+ 9.0%
District Totals	926	933	+ 0.8%	\$ 151,517.64	\$ 157,200.80	+ 3.8%
<i>District 10</i>						
Wake	1,897	1,851	- 2.4%	\$ 271,289.92	\$ 314,815.92	+ 16.0%
<i>District 11</i>						
Harnett	236	296	+ 25.4%	\$ 37,447.62	\$ 41,975.02	+ 12.1%
Johnston	491	609	+ 24.0%	48,197.60	75,798.27	+ 57.3%
Lee	224	264	+ 17.9%	27,004.50	34,018.64	+ 26.0%
District Totals	951	1,169	+ 22.9%	\$ 112,649.72	\$ 151,791.93	+ 34.8%
<i>District 12</i>						
Cumberland	180	224	+ 24.4%	\$ 53,730.57	\$ 65,632.55	+ 22.2%
Hoke	22	16	- 27.3%	3,100.00	2,275.00	- 26.6%
District Totals	202	240	+ 18.8%	\$ 56,830.57	\$ 67,907.55	+ 19.5%
<i>District 13</i>						
Bladen	228	289	+ 26.8%	\$ 29,172.70	\$ 34,370.73	+ 17.8%
Brunswick	117	192	+ 64.1%	17,552.41	24,635.77	+ 40.4%
Columbus	471	508	+ 7.9%	57,501.15	61,092.65	+ 6.3%
District Totals	816	989	+ 21.2%	\$ 104,226.26	\$120,099.15	+ 15.2%
<i>District 14</i>						
Durham	1,401	1,967	+ 40.4%	\$ 228,282.50	\$ 278,449.41	+ 22.0%
<i>District 15A</i>						
Alamance	622	782	+ 25.7%	\$ 103,094.96	\$ 118,353.77	+ 14.8%
<i>District 15B</i>						
Chatham	115	133	+ 15.7%	\$ 17,913.14	\$ 30,321.45	+ 69.3%
Orange	459	516	+ 12.4%	93,151.86	89,180.18	- 4.3%
District Totals	574	649	+ 13.1%	\$ 111,065.00	\$ 119,501.63	+ 7.6%
<i>District 16</i>						
Robeson	697	963	+ 38.2%	\$ 118,943.20	\$ 147,543.98	+ 24.1%
Scotland	260	373	+ 43.5%	36,314.33	52,754.40	+ 45.3%
District Totals	957	1,336	+ 39.6%	\$ 155,257.53	\$ 200,298.38	+ 29.0%

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Assigned Counsel — Numbers Of Cases and Expenditures Fiscal Years 1978-79 and 1979-80

	Number of Cases		% Increase or Decrease	Expenditures		% Increase or Decrease
	1978-79	1979-80		1978-79	1979-80	
<i>District 17</i>						
Caswell	117	176	+ 50.4%	\$ 24,515.19	\$ 26,833.13	+ 9.5%
Rockingham	428	680	+ 58.9%	73,387.01	97,878.76	+ 33.4%
Stokes	82	100	+ 22.0%	12,949.30	18,441.46	+ 42.4%
Surry	347	447	+ 28.8%	56,073.45	78,690.29	+ 40.3%
District Totals	974	1,403	+ 44.1%	\$ 166,924.95	\$ 221,843.64	+ 32.9%
<i>District 18</i>						
Guilford	489	599	+ 22.5%	\$ 110,285.33	\$ 203,227.11	+ 84.3%
<i>District 19A</i>						
Cabarrus	487	547	+ 12.3%	\$ 87,676.91	\$ 130,048.55	+ 48.3%
Rowan	838	1,013	+ 20.9%	95,556.85	137,009.00	+ 43.4%
District Totals	1,325	1,560	+ 17.7%	\$ 183,233.76	\$ 267,057.55	+ 45.8%
<i>District 19B</i>						
Montgomery	165	219	+ 32.7%	\$ 24,467.05	\$ 37,759.06	+ 54.3%
Randolph	367	389	+ 6.0%	83,353.65	63,203.10	- 24.2%
District Totals	532	608	+ 14.3%	\$ 107,820.70	\$ 100,962.16	- 6.4%
<i>District 20</i>						
Anson	244	204	- 16.4%	\$ 34,778.24	\$ 34,835.20	+ .2%
Moore	318	427	+ 34.3%	39,128.40	53,786.61	+ 37.5%
Richmond	418	481	+ 15.1%	\$ 54,576.85	82,503.39	+ 51.2%
Stanly	322	334	+ 3.7%	48,561.88	46,827.40	- 3.6%
Union	390	435	+ 11.5%	43,850.94	66,825.38	+ 52.4%
District Totals	1,692	1,881	+ 11.2%	\$ 220,896.31	\$ 284,777.98	+ 28.9%
<i>District 21</i>						
Forsyth	2,245	2,714	+ 20.9%	\$ 271,589.92	\$ 360,829.83	+ 32.9%
<i>District 22</i>						
Alexander	95	176	+ 85.3%	\$ 19,893.30	\$ 24,069.60	+ 21.0%
Davidson	480	515	+ 7.3%	75,362.98	77,195.44	+ 2.4%
Davie	85	162	+ 90.6%	15,238.16	25,671.67	+ 68.5%
Iredell	338	520	+ 53.9%	51,180.14	74,267.78	+ 45.1%
District Totals	998	1,373	+ 37.6%	\$ 161,674.58	\$ 201,204.49	+ 24.5%
<i>District 23</i>						
Alleghany	26	47	+ 80.8%	\$ 4,127.00	\$ 5,850.00	+ 41.8%
Ashe	88	106	+ 20.5%	9,495.00	13,684.15	+ 44.1%
Wilkes	287	312	+ 8.7%	32,626.53	38,632.22	+ 18.4%
Yadkin	103	141	+ 36.9%	10,017.90	15,518.61	+ 54.9%
District Totals	504	606	+ 20.2%	\$ 56,266.43	\$ 73,684.98	+ 31.0%
<i>District 24</i>						
Avery	103	126	+ 22.3%	\$ 21,330.07	\$ 18,774.07	- 12.0%
Madison	67	96	+ 43.3%	8,148.57	16,419.54	+101.5%
Mitchell	71	65	- 8.5%	12,100.00	8,167.60	- 32.5%
Watauga	112	177	+ 58.0%	17,592.00	34,779.04	+ 97.7%
Yancey	34	25	- 26.5%	4,216.75	3,086.95	- 26.8%
District Totals	387	489	+ 26.4%	\$ 63,387.39	\$ 81,227.20	+ 28.1%

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Assigned Counsel — Numbers Of Cases and Expenditures Fiscal Years 1978-79 and 1979-80

	Number of Cases		% Increase or Decrease	Expenditures		% Increase or Decrease
	1978-79	1979-80		1978-79	1979-80	
<i>District 25</i>						
Burke	472	426	- 9.8%	\$ 83,115.39	\$ 65,278.97	- 21.5%
Caldwell	409	471	+ 15.2%	61,840.00	67,448.55	+ 9.1%
Catawba	603	809	+ 34.2%	90,393.19	131,963.64	+ 46.0%
District Totals	1,484	1,706	+ 15.0%	\$ 235,348.58	\$ 264,691.16	+ 12.5%
<i>District 26</i>						
Mecklenburg	911	622	- 31.7%	\$ 167,082.22	\$ 157,983.09	- 5.5%
<i>District 27A</i>						
Gaston	88	122	+ 38.6%	\$ 19,173.80	\$ 31,546.75	+ 64.5%
<i>District 27B</i>						
Cleveland	285	320	+ 12.3%	\$ 49,681.29	\$ 76,508.18	+ 54.0%
Lincoln	184	237	+ 28.8%	25,997.50	36,533.63	+ 40.5%
District Totals	469	557	+ 18.8%	\$ 75,678.79	\$ 113,041.81	+ 49.4%
<i>District 28</i>						
Buncombe	121	150	+ 24.0%	\$ 20,947.12	\$ 23,968.04	+ 14.4%
<i>District 29</i>						
Henderson	334	326	- 2.4%	\$ 45,067.41	\$ 50,655.56	+ 12.4%
McDowell	193	261	+ 35.2%	26,900.45	63,060.69	+134.4%
Polk	48	71	+ 47.9%	5,718.61	10,816.75	+ 89.2%
Rutherford	188	284	+ 51.1%	23,767.34	39,983.13	+ 68.2%
Transylvania	111	112	+ .9%	13,019.86	23,701.80	+ 82.0%
District Totals	874	1,054	+ 20.6%	\$ 114,473.67	\$ 188,217.93	+ 64.4%
<i>District 30</i>						
Cherokee	79	103	+ 30.4%	\$ 11,328.50	\$ 12,771.30	+ 12.7%
Clay	21	29	+ 38.1%	4,984.87	4,557.00	- 8.6%
Graham	18	22	+ 22.2%	2,413.50	2,523.42	+ 4.6%
Haywood	240	260	+ 8.3%	30,557.66	28,950.47	- 5.3%
Jackson	52	85	+ 63.5%	6,514.00	9,123.63	+ 40.1%
Macon	76	108	+ 42.1%	7,031.37	11,318.75	+ 61.0%
Swain	28	32	+ 14.3%	4,921.66	4,897.85	- .5%
District Totals	514	639	+ 24.3%	\$ 67,751.56	\$ 74,142.42	+ 9.4%
STATE TOTALS	28,998	34,734	+ 19.8%	\$4,568,495.45	\$5,989,715.08	+ 31.1%

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

(Positions and salaries authorized as of June 30, 1980)

Positions authorized		Salary ranges
	SUPREME COURT	
7	Justices	\$49,356-\$50,400
23	Staff Personnel (Clerk's and Reporter's offices, law clerks, library staff)	\$ 6,492-\$34,404
7	Secretarial personnel	\$13,500-\$14,100
	COURT OF APPEALS	
12	Judges	\$46,728-\$47,784
29	Staff personnel (Clerk's office, prehearing staff, Judicial Standards Commission staff, law clerks)	\$ 7,308-\$28,776
18	Secretarial personnel	\$12,900-\$13,500
	SUPERIOR COURT	
66	Judges	\$41,484
67	Staff personnel	\$12,900-\$23,532
34	Secretarial personnel	\$ 8,004-\$12,324
	DISTRICT COURT	
133	Judges	\$33,600-\$34,920
603	Magistrates	\$ 2,160-\$13,308
34	Staff personnel	\$ 9,108-\$12,324
5	Secretarial personnel	\$ 8,004-\$12,324
	DISTRICT ATTORNEYS	
33	District Attorneys	\$38,592
245	Staff personnel	\$10,380-\$35,496
66	Secretarial personnel	\$ 8,004-\$12,324
	CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT	
100	Clerks of Superior Court	\$13,656-\$32,556
1367	Staff personnel	\$ 7,020-\$20,388
7	Secretarial personnel	\$ 8,004-\$12,324
	INDIGENT REPRESENTATION	
5	Public Defenders	\$38,592
48	Staff personnel	\$11,940-\$31,860
16	Secretarial personnel	\$ 8,004-\$12,324
4	Special counsel at mental hospitals	\$15,504-\$24,936
4	Secretarial personnel	\$ 8,004-\$10,836
	JUVENILE PROBATION AND AFTERCARE	
281	Court counselors	\$10,836-\$22,428
46	Secretarial personnel	\$ 8,004-\$10,836
	ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS	
1	Administrative Officer of the Courts	\$44,100
1	Assistant Director for Legal Services	\$31,500
1	Assistant Director for Management Services	\$39,708
98	Staff personnel	\$ 8,364-\$32,820

PART IV

TRIAL COURTS CASEFLOW DATA

- **Superior Court Division**
- **District Court Division**

TRIAL COURTS CASEFLOW DATA

This part of the *Annual Report* is designed to present the flow of cases through the State's trial courts by displaying pertinent data on a district-by-district and county-by-county basis. For ease of reference, this part is subdivided into a superior court division section and a district court division section.

The data within the two sections parallel each other in terms of organization. Total caseloads in each division are subdivided into criminal and civil case categories. Within each case category are three basic data tables: a "Caseload Inventory;" a table on the "Manner of Disposition" of the case disposed of during the year; and a table on the "Ages" of cases disposed of during the year and of cases pending at the end of the year.

The caseload inventory tables provide a statistical picture of caseload during the year. Items recorded in this table include the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year, the number of new cases filed, the number of cases disposed of during the year, and the number of cases left pending at the end of the year. For each category, the caseload inventory shows the total caseload (the number pending at the beginning of the year plus the number filed during the year) and the percentage of that caseload which was disposed of. A separate summary table at the end of Part IV shows the 33 districts' and the 100 counties' comparative rankings (from 1 to 33 or from 1 to 100) in respect of this percentage of all case categories.

The manner of disposition table depict a breakdown of all cases disposed of. The types of dispositions included in these tables depend upon the case category in question. The aging tables show both the ages of the cases pending of June 30, 1980, as well as the ages of the cases disposed of during 1979-80. These tables also show both "mean" (average) and median ages for each set of

cases — those pending at the end of the year and those that were disposed of during the year. Both of these summary statistics may be helpful in assessing data on ages of cases pending or cases disposed of, and in comparing data for a particular county or district with data for the State as a whole or data for previous years. The median age — by definition the age of a hypothetical case which is older than 50% of the total and younger than the other 50%.

The mean age — the total of all the ages divided by the number of cases — provides a statistic for all the cases in a set. Unlike the median, the mean age can be substantially raised (or lowered) if even a small number of very old (or very young) cases are included among the cases pending or the cases disposed of. (For example, if only a single 2-year old case were included among ten cases aged 3 months, the median age would be 90.0 days and the mean age would be 148.2 days.) In any district or county, then, a substantial difference between the mean age and the median age indicates the presence of a number of rather long-pending (or short-pending) cases.

The statistics in this section have been calculated from case reports submitted to the Administrative Office of the Courts by the 100 clerks of superior court across the State. The present case reporting system is essentially a manual one: weekly reports from each clerk's office are mailed to Raleigh, where they are computer-coded, entered and processed. A system such as this one makes it difficult to achieve up-to-date accuracy, in all respects, at the end of any reporting period, and it should be recognized that additional information on the cases disposed of during 1979-80 not received in time for inclusion in the statistics presented here may necessitate revisions in the numbers shown for cases pending at the end of the year.

PART IV, Section 1

**Superior Court Division
Caseflow Data**

THE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

This section contains data tables and accompanying charts depicting the caseload in 1979-80 of cases pending, filed and disposed of in the State's superior courts (cases which must be handled by one of the State's superior court judges), and cases pending, filed and disposed of before the 100 clerks of superior court, who, as *ex officio* judges of probate, have original jurisdiction over estates cases and special proceedings.

There are, for statistical reporting purposes, three kinds of cases filed in the superior courts: civil cases; felony cases within the original jurisdiction of the superior courts; and misdemeanor appeals to superior court from the district court for trial *de novo*. In 1979-80, as the chart on the following page illustrates, filings of felony cases were the most common of these three categories; the 36,830 felony cases filed comprise about half of all case filing. Filings of misdemeanor appeals constituted about a third of the total, and filings of superior court civil cases about a sixth.

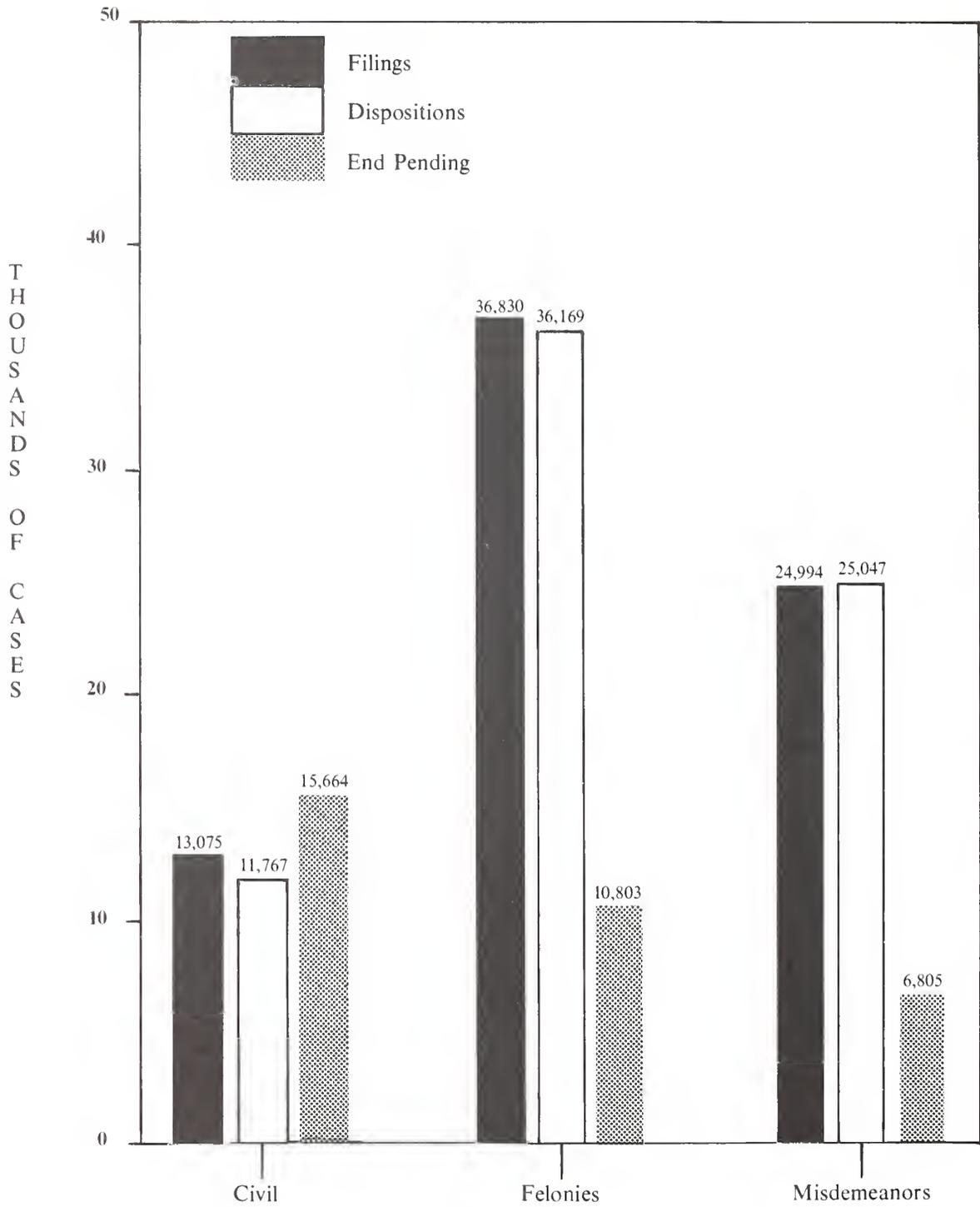
As the graph indicates, there are differences among the case types in the relationships between numbers of cases filed and disposed of during the year and the numbers of cases which remained pending at the end of the year. For the two criminal case categories (felony cases and misdemeanor appeals), the numbers filed and disposed of during the year are considerably larger than the numbers pending at year's end; on the other hand, there are more civil cases pending at year's end than were filed or disposed of during the year. These summary figures suggest that the "typical" superior court civil case takes longer to dispose of than the "typical" felony case or misdemeanor appeal.

This conclusion is reinforced by the data on the ages of the superior court cases pending on June 30, 1980 and the ages of the superior court cases disposed of during 1979-80. The chart on the second of the following pages summarizes these data by presenting median ages for each of the three case types. The superior court civil cases pending on June 30, 1980 has a median age of 297.0 days (almost ten months), while the felony cases pending had a median age of 72.6 days and the misdemeanor appeals a median age of 66.4 days (between two and two and a half months). Similarly, the superior court civil cases disposed of during 1979-80 had a median age of 298.3 days at the time of their disposition, while the median age of the felony cases disposed of during the year was 68.2 days and the median age of the misdemeanor appeals was 59.2 days.

The differences in the ages of civil cases disposed of or still pending in superior courts, and the ages of criminal cases disposed of or still pending in superior courts, can be attributed in part to the priority given criminal cases. The right of a criminal case defendant to a "speedy trial" is guaranteed in both the U.S. and North Carolina Constitutions, and current North Carolina statutes prescribe that criminal cases must be tried within 120 days of filing unless there has been justifiable delay for one or more of the good causes specified in the statutes. No comparable "standard" for the speedy disposition of civil cases has been adopted in North Carolina, although the North Carolina Constitution does provide that "right and justice shall be administered without favor, denial, or *delay*" in the section declaring every person's right to legal remedy for injury "in his lands, goods, person or reputation" (Article I, Section 18; emphasis added).

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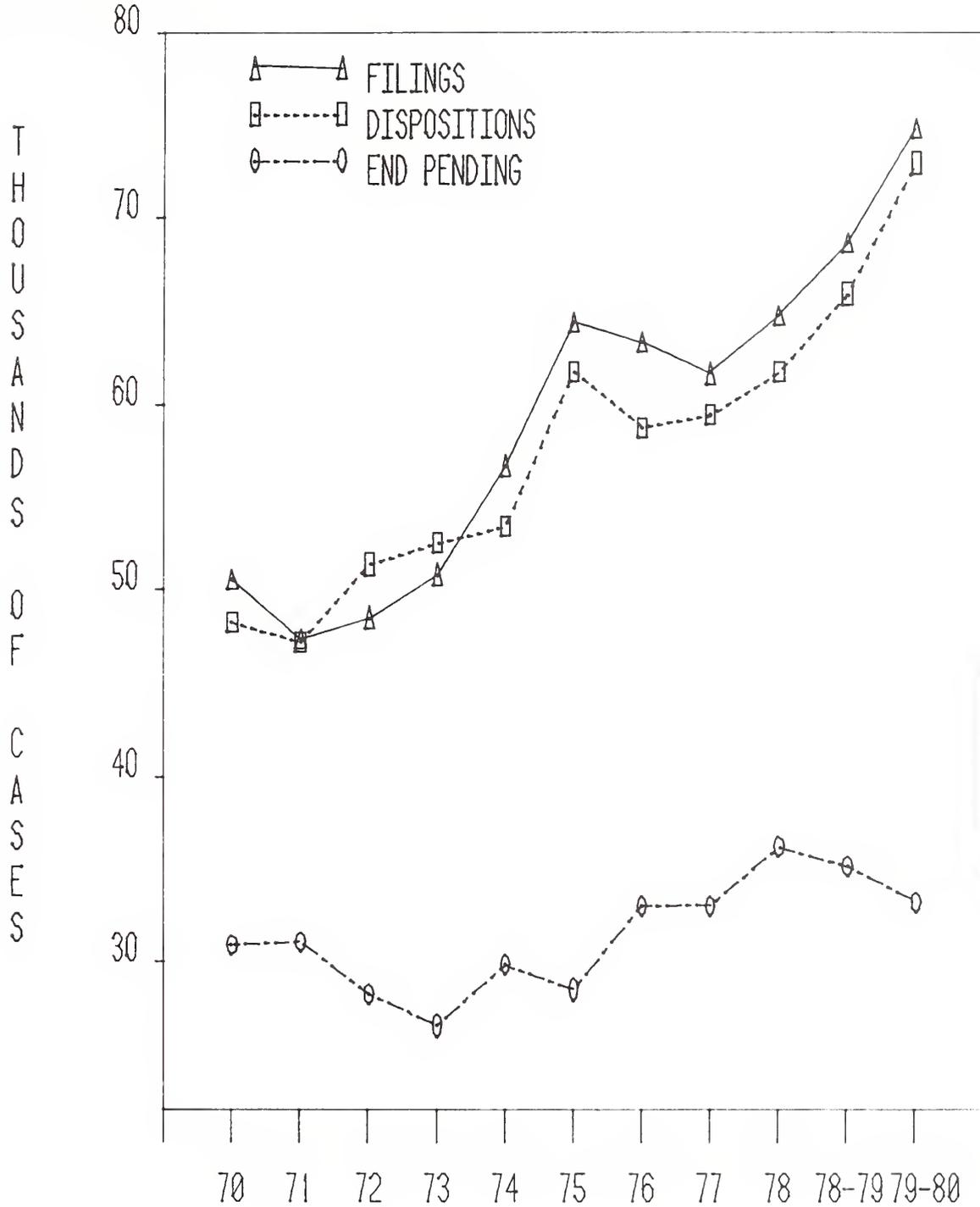
Superior Court Caseload 1979-80



Felony cases accounted for almost half of the caseload before the superior courts during the 1979-80 year.

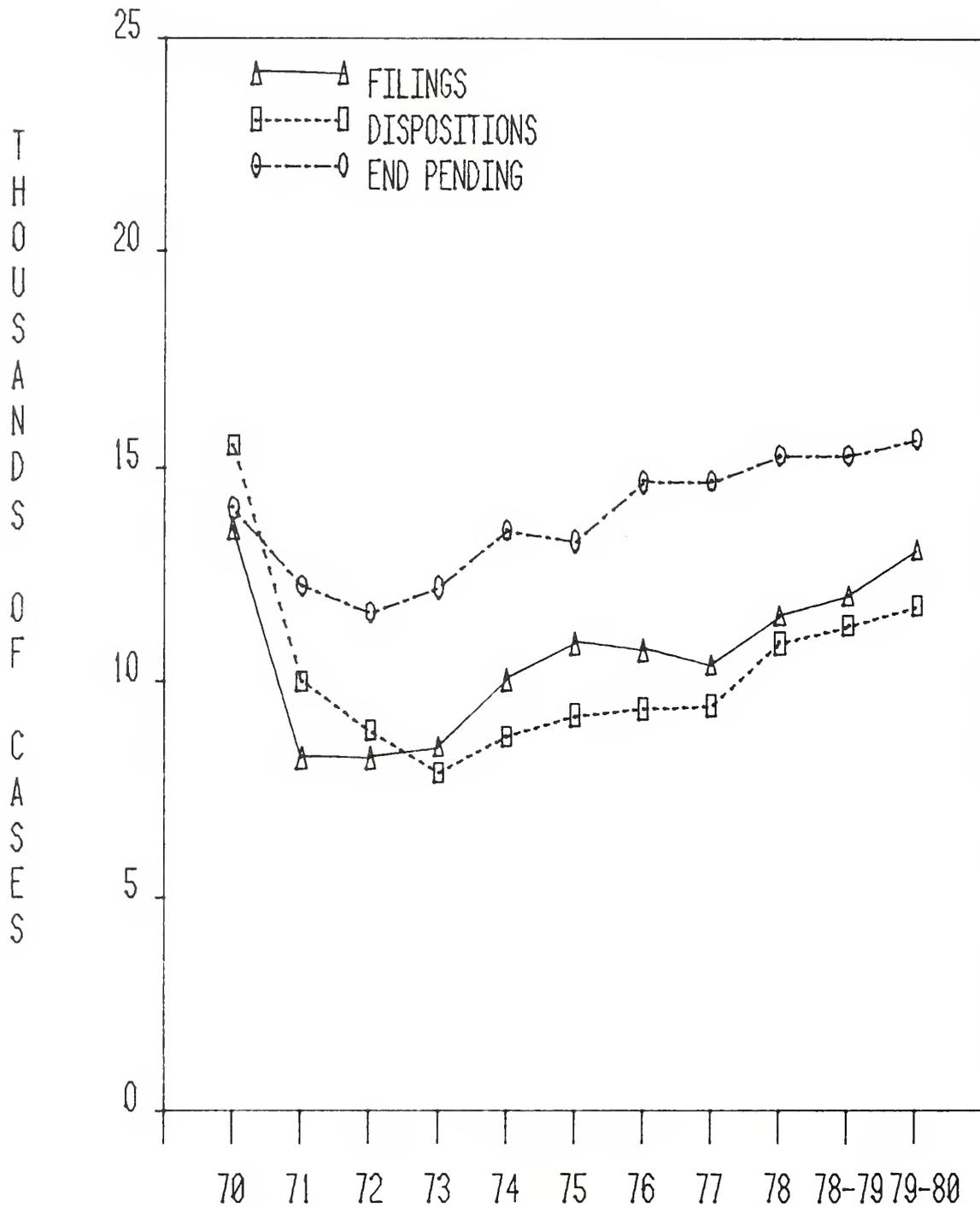
49.2% of the cases filed in superior court and 49.6% of those disposed were felony cases.

CASELOAD TRENDS IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS 1970-1980



The upward trend of filings and dispositions and the recent downward trend of pending cases in this graph are a direct reflection of criminal case domination in the superior courts. Of the total superior court case volume during the 1979-80 year, 82.5% of the filings and 83.9% of the dispositions were criminal cases.

CASELOAD TRENDS OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS 1970-1980

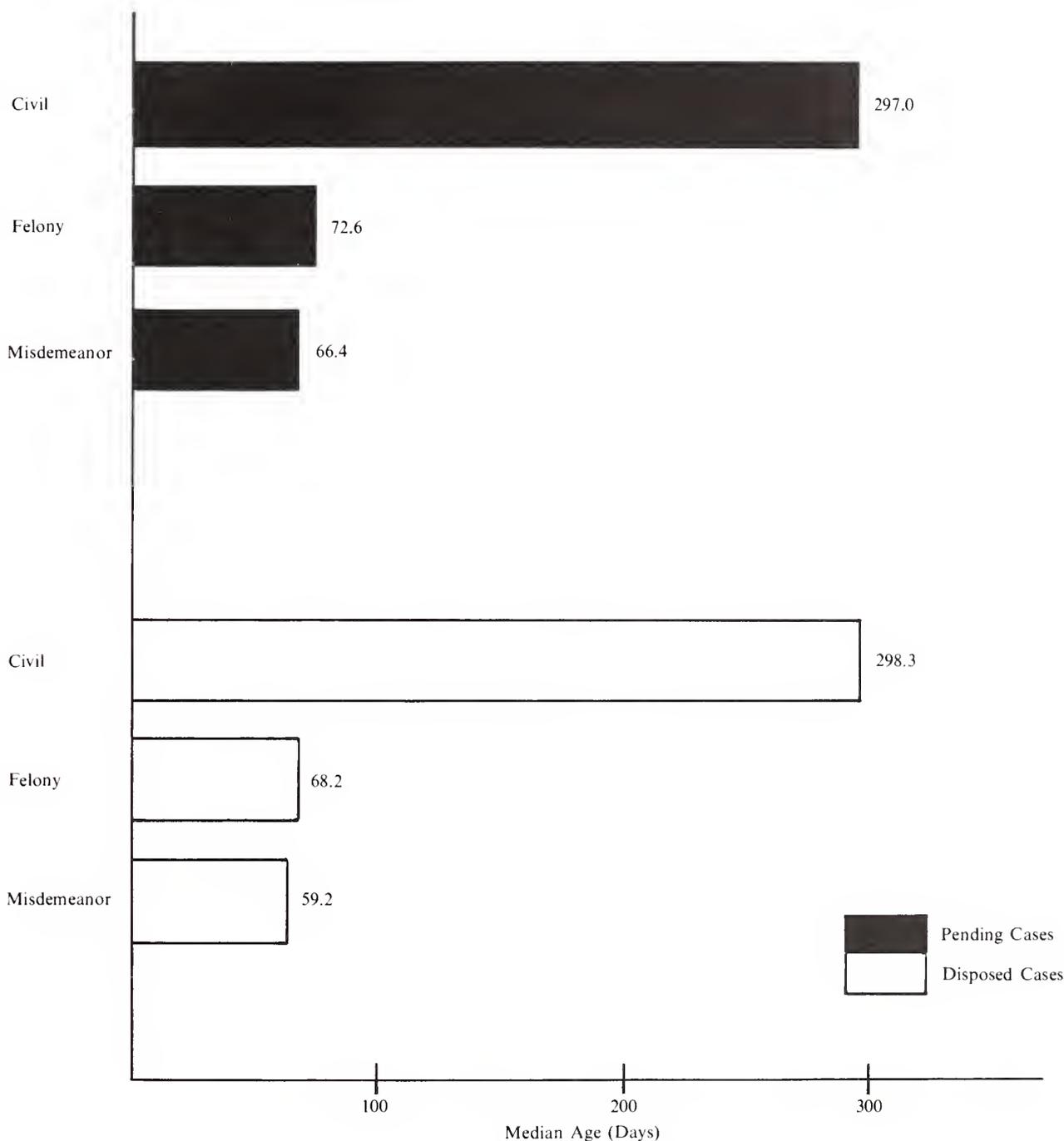


Civil cases in the superior courts do not exhibit the same trends as will be seen for criminal cases. Between the 1978-79 and 1979-80 years, filings increased 8.7%, while cases disposed increased by only 3.9%. This relationship between filings and dispositions has helped to boost the pending caseload by 2.6% during the past year.

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Lifetimes of Superior Court Cases

Median Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/80 and of Cases Disposed During 1797-80



The median age of a case category is a value such that 50% of all cases are younger and 50% of all cases are older than this value; it is the 50th percentile of ages. As shown in this graph, the median age of civil cases pending at year-end was 297.0 days, while the median age at disposition of all civil superior cases dis-

posed during the year was 298.3 days. Criminal cases must generally take less time through the courts, and their lifetimes can be viewed in light of the speedy trial statute. Of the pending cases on June 30, 1980, 33.7% of the felonies and 32.6% of the misdemeanors were over 120 days old.

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1979 — June 30, 1980

District	Pending 7/1/79	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/80
<u>District 1</u>						
Camden	11	14	25	12	48.0	13
Chowan	33	27	60	26	43.3	34
Currituck	37	22	59	33	55.9	26
Dare	86	75	161	92	57.1	69
Gates	12	10	22	16	72.7	6
Pasquotank	44	50	94	54	57.4	40
Perquimans	22	24	46	28	60.8	18
District Totals	245	222	467	261	55.8	206
<u>District 2</u>						
Beaufort	92	51	143	70	48.9	73
Hyde	16	11	27	8	29.6	19
Martin	37	33	70	34	48.5	36
Tyrrell	9	0	9	5	55.5	4
Washington	36	23	59	19	32.2	40
District Totals	190	118	308	136	44.1	172
<u>District 3</u>						
Carteret	134	143	277	131	47.2	146
Craven	214	140	354	155	43.7	199
Pamlico	27	28	55	26	47.2	29
Pitt	176	210	386	186	48.1	200
District Totals	551	521	1,072	498	46.4	574
<u>District 4</u>						
Duplin	77	71	148	70	47.2	78
Jones	20	27	47	11	23.4	36
Onslow	161	121	282	137	48.5	145
Sampson	67	92	159	91	57.2	68
District Totals	325	311	636	309	48.5	327
<u>District 5</u>						
New Hanover	231	144	375	120	32.0	255
Pender	43	25	68	11	16.1	57
District Totals	274	169	443	131	29.5	312
<u>District 6</u>						
Bertie	43	27	70	34	48.5	36
Halifax	91	70	161	68	42.2	93
Hertford	62	42	104	58	55.7	46
Northampton	40	40	80	40	50.0	40
District Totals	236	179	415	200	48.1	215
<u>District 7</u>						
Edgecombe	116	91	207	110	53.1	97
Nash	170	112	282	104	36.8	178
Wilson	155	120	275	133	48.3	142
District Totals	441	323	764	347	45.4	417
<u>District 8</u>						
Greene	18	12	30	14	46.6	16
Lenoir	151	149	300	124	41.3	176
Wayne	187	152	339	170	50.1	169
District Totals	356	313	669	308	46.0	361
<u>District 9</u>						
Franklin	73	46	119	45	37.8	74
Granville	43	45	88	28	31.8	60
Person	58	56	114	41	35.9	73
Vance	103	59	162	42	25.9	120
Warren	56	26	82	11	13.4	71
District Totals	333	232	565	167	29.5	398
<u>District 10</u>						
Wake	957	1,163	2,120	1,078	50.8	1,042

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

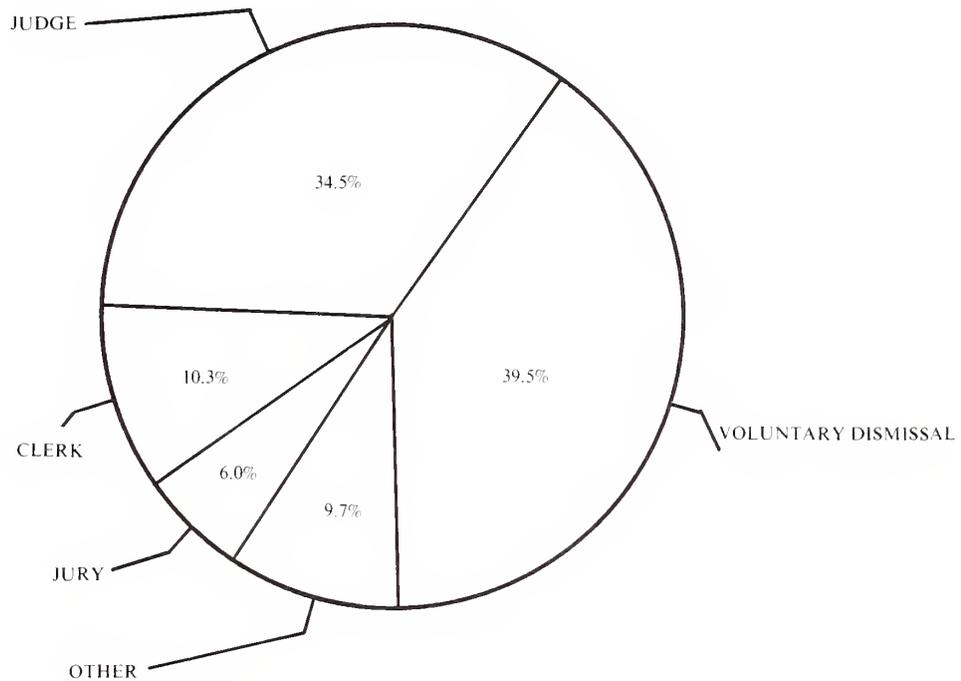
July 1, 1979 — June 30, 1980

	Pending 7/1/79	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/80
<u>District 11</u>						
Harnett	125	127	252	99	39.2	153
Johnston	155	179	334	116	34.7	218
Lee	71	97	168	59	35.1	109
District Totals	351	403	754	274	36.3	480
<u>District 12</u>						
Cumberland	381	290	671	291	43.3	380
Hoke	12	15	27	10	37.0	17
District Totals	393	305	698	301	43.1	397
<u>District 13</u>						
Bladen	30	43	73	31	42.4	42
Brunswick	95	37	132	60	45.4	72
Columbus	160	88	248	106	42.7	142
District Totals	285	168	453	197	43.4	256
<u>District 14</u>						
Durham	684	403	1,087	445	40.9	642
<u>District 15A</u>						
Alamance	164	184	348	169	48.5	179
<u>District 15B</u>						
Chatham	66	65	131	71	54.1	60
Orange	114	164	278	117	42.0	161
District Totals	180	229	409	188	45.9	221
<u>District 16</u>						
Robeson	74	113	187	106	56.6	81
Scotland	30	22	52	21	40.3	31
District Totals	104	135	239	127	53.1	112
<u>District 17</u>						
Caswell	15	16	31	8	25.8	23
Rockingham	140	108	248	128	51.6	120
Stokes	35	23	58	31	53.4	27
Surry	135	115	250	113	45.2	137
District Totals	325	262	587	280	47.7	307
<u>District 18</u>						
Guilford						
Greensboro	887	760	1,647	525	31.8	1,122
High Point	289	171	460	132	28.6	328
District Totals	1,176	931	2,107	657	31.1	1,450
<u>District 19A</u>						
Cabarrus	193	107	300	141	47.0	159
Rowan	127	126	253	139	54.9	114
District Totals	320	233	553	280	50.6	273
<u>District 19B</u>						
Montgomery	35	19	54	29	53.7	25
Randolph	153	126	279	165	59.1	114
District Totals	188	145	333	194	58.2	139
<u>District 20</u>						
Anson	91	52	143	57	39.8	86
Moore	130	130	260	74	28.4	186
Richmond	84	75	159	53	33.3	106
Stanly	67	40	107	41	38.3	66
Union	157	139	296	137	46.2	159
District Totals	529	436	965	362	37.5	603

**CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE
SUPERIOR COURTS
July 1, 1979 — June 30, 1980**

	Pending 7/1/79	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/80
<u>District 21</u>						
Forsyth	767	670	1,437	616	42.8	821
<u>District 22</u>						
Alexander	19	37	56	25	44.6	31
Davidson	134	176	310	134	43.2	176
Davie	19	33	52	32	61.5	20
Iredell	126	153	279	148	53.0	131
District Totals	298	399	697	339	48.6	358
<u>District 23</u>						
Alleghany	15	27	42	17	40.4	25
Ashe	50	20	70	12	17.1	58
Wilkes	150	183	333	161	48.3	172
Yadkin	33	33	66	41	62.1	25
District Totals	248	263	511	231	45.2	280
<u>District 24</u>						
Avery	43	32	75	51	68.0	24
Madison	38	26	64	30	46.8	34
Mitchell	39	39	78	36	46.1	42
Watauga	66	55	121	63	52.0	58
Yancey	21	71	92	29	31.5	63
District Totals	207	223	430	209	48.6	221
<u>District 25</u>						
Burke	199	125	324	145	44.7	179
Caldwell	135	189	324	158	48.7	166
Catawba	211	285	496	251	50.6	245
District Totals	545	599	1,144	554	48.4	590
<u>District 26</u>						
Mecklenburg	1,882	1,842	3,724	1,320	35.4	2,404
<u>District 27A</u>						
Gaston	457	369	826	372	45.0	454
<u>District 27B</u>						
Cleveland	155	159	314	157	50.0	157
Lincoln	46	74	120	58	48.3	62
District Totals	201	233	434	215	49.5	219
<u>District 28</u>						
Sumner	409	500	909	456	50.1	453
<u>District 29</u>						
Henderson	151	113	264	127	48.1	137
McDowell	50	46	96	45	46.8	51
Polk	25	15	40	14	35.0	26
Rutherford	74	71	145	70	48.2	75
Transylvania	52	43	95	42	44.2	53
District Totals	352	288	640	298	46.5	342
<u>District 30</u>						
Cherokee	34	25	59	18	30.5	41
Clay	8	8	16	7	43.7	9
Graham	18	11	29	12	41.3	17
Haywood	99	80	179	72	40.2	107
Jackson	117	86	203	53	26.1	150
Macon	80	49	129	64	49.6	65
Swain	27	45	72	22	30.5	50
District Totals	383	304	687	248	36.0	439
STATE TOTALS	14,356	13,075	27,431	11,767	42.8	15,664

METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL CASES 1979-80



As indicated by the above graph, voluntary dismissals account for the largest segment of dispositions of superior court civil cases, with the next largest segment

consisting of those cases handled before a judge without a jury. Jury trials accounted for only 6.0% of the total number of dispositions.

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1979 — June 30, 1980

	Total Disposed	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
<u>District 1</u>						
Camden	12	5	0	1	5	1
Chowan	26	7	0	4	12	3
Currituck	33	18	1	4	9	1
Oare	92	44	0	17	29	2
Gates	16	4	1	5	6	0
Pasquotank	54	17	3	15	7	12
Perquimans	28	11	2	9	5	1
District Totals	261	106	7	55	73	20
<u>District 2</u>						
Beaufort	70	34	0	6	21	9
Hyde	8	2	0	2	4	0
Martin	34	10	3	8	10	3
Tyrrell	5	3	0	0	1	1
Washington	19	5	2	4	6	2
District Totals	136	54	5	20	42	15
<u>District 3</u>						
Carteret	131	39	9	12	65	6
Craven	155	41	7	22	82	3
Pamlico	26	5	1	4	11	5
Pitt	186	56	11	17	85	17
District Totals	498	141	28	55	243	31
<u>District 4</u>						
Duplin	70	24	13	9	22	2
Jones	11	1	0	7	3	0
Onslow	137	38	4	22	72	1
Sampson	91	19	8	17	41	6
District Totals	309	82	25	55	138	9
<u>District 5</u>						
New Hanover	120	59	5	11	45	0
Pender	11	4	0	3	2	2
District Totals	131	63	5	14	47	2
<u>District 6</u>						
Bertie	34	8	2	2	18	4
Halifax	68	24	4	5	12	23
Hertford	58	23	5	10	19	1
Northampton	40	20	1	5	2	12
District Totals	200	75	12	22	51	40
<u>District 7</u>						
Edgecombe	110	44	7	10	49	0
Nash	104	35	1	5	61	2
Wilson	133	51	12	10	60	0
District Totals	347	130	20	25	170	2
<u>District 8</u>						
Greene	14	7	0	1	6	0
Lenoir	124	42	13	23	46	0
Wayne	170	86	7	24	51	2
District Totals	308	135	20	48	103	2
<u>District 9</u>						
Franklin	45	15	0	2	2	26
Granville	28	8	0	3	15	2
Person	41	21	1	0	16	3
Vance	42	13	0	3	22	4
Warren	11	5	0	1	2	3
District Totals	167	62	1	9	57	38
<u>District 10</u>						
Wake	1,078	446	51	105	467	9

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1979 — June 30, 1980

	Total Disposed	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
<u>District 11</u>						
Harnett	99	34	2	5	49	9
Johnston	116	34	5	15	44	18
Lee	59	17	0	5	9	28
District Totals	274	85	7	25	102	55
<u>District 12</u>						
Cumberland	291	118	7	15	151	0
Hoke	10	3	0	1	3	3
District Totals	301	121	7	16	154	3
<u>District 13</u>						
Bladen	31	10	3	0	13	5
Brunswick	60	21	6	2	8	23
Columbus	106	28	10	6	61	1
District Totals	197	59	19	8	82	29
<u>District 14</u>						
Durham	445	98	42	39	204	62
<u>District 15A</u>						
Alamance	169	50	10	16	84	9
<u>District 15B</u>						
Chatham	71	38	4	6	23	0
Orange	117	40	10	10	39	18
District Totals	188	78	14	16	62	18
<u>District 16</u>						
Robeson	106	49	11	8	28	10
Scotland	21	7	0	3	11	0
District Totals	127	56	11	11	39	10
<u>District 17</u>						
Caswell	8	6	0	1	0	1
Rockingham	128	52	15	6	55	0
Stokes	31	10	0	1	18	2
Surry	113	13	14	10	62	14
District Totals	280	81	29	18	135	17
<u>District 18</u>						
Guilford						
Greensboro	525	173	41	60	247	4
High Point	132	52	7	19	51	3
District Totals	657	225	48	79	298	7
<u>District 19A</u>						
Cabarrus	141	36	12	13	78	2
Rowan	139	41	12	8	74	4
District Totals	280	77	24	21	152	6
<u>District 19B</u>						
Montgomery	29	11	0	3	4	11
Randolph	165	91	1	9	61	3
District Totals	194	102	1	12	65	14
<u>District 20</u>						
Anson	57	34	0	2	17	4
Moore	74	29	3	10	1	31
Richmond	53	28	0	14	1	10
Stanly	41	12	0	3	21	5
Union	137	44	12	15	62	4
District Totals	362	147	15	44	102	54

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1979 — June 30, 1980

	Total Disposed	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
<u>District 21</u>						
Forsyth	616	193	33	72	305	13
<u>District 22</u>						
Alexander	25	8	1	3	11	2
Davidson	134	46	7	6	71	4
Oavie	32	6	1	2	23	0
Iredell	148	30	8	31	35	44
Oistrict Totals	339	90	17	42	140	50
<u>Oistrict 23</u>						
Alleghany	17	8	1	2	4	2
Ashe	12	9	1	0	2	0
Wilkes	161	63	10	19	63	6
Yadkin	41	9	7	3	22	0
Oistrict Totals	231	89	19	24	91	8
<u>Oistrict 24</u>						
Avery	51	22	2	3	15	9
Madison	30	17	1	1	4	7
Mitchell	36	15	0	6	15	0
Watauga	63	15	2	11	33	2
Yancey	29	14	1	3	11	0
Oistrict Totals	209	83	6	24	78	18
<u>Oistrict 25</u>						
Burke	145	40	16	10	75	4
Caldwell	158	41	13	24	65	15
Catawba	251	87	7	47	110	0
Oistrict Totals	554	168	36	81	250	19
<u>Oistrict 26</u>						
Mecklenburg	1,320	376	78	144	251	471
<u>Oistrict 27A</u>						
Gaston	372	132	19	24	192	5
<u>Oistrict 27B</u>						
Cleveland	157	47	6	21	75	8
Lincoln	58	20	4	7	25	2
Oistrict Totals	215	67	10	28	100	10
<u>Oistrict 28</u>						
Buncombe	456	172	61	18	170	35
<u>District 29</u>						
Henderson	127	50	6	9	58	4
McDowell	45	19	0	5	18	3
Polk	14	3	2	0	7	2
Rutherford	70	26	6	2	35	1
Transylvania	42	16	5	2	19	0
Oistrict Totals	298	114	19	18	137	10
<u>District 30</u>						
Cherokee	18	8	0	1	0	9
Clay	7	3	0	2	2	0
Graham	12	4	3	1	2	2
Haywood	72	32	0	5	31	4
Jackson	53	26	0	3	17	7
Macon	64	22	1	11	10	20
Swain	22	8	1	1	9	3
Oistrict Totals	248	103	5	24	71	45
STATE TOTALS	11,767	4,060	704	1,212	4,655	1,136

Ages of Civil Cases in the Superior Courts

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/80 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1979-80

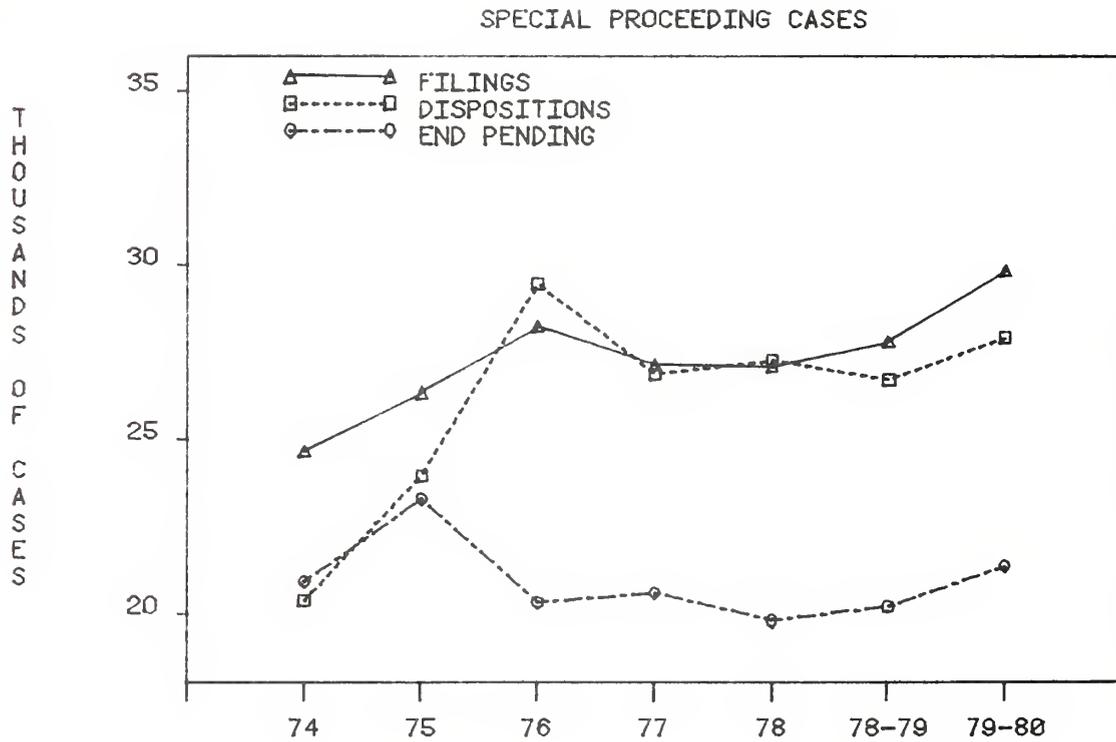
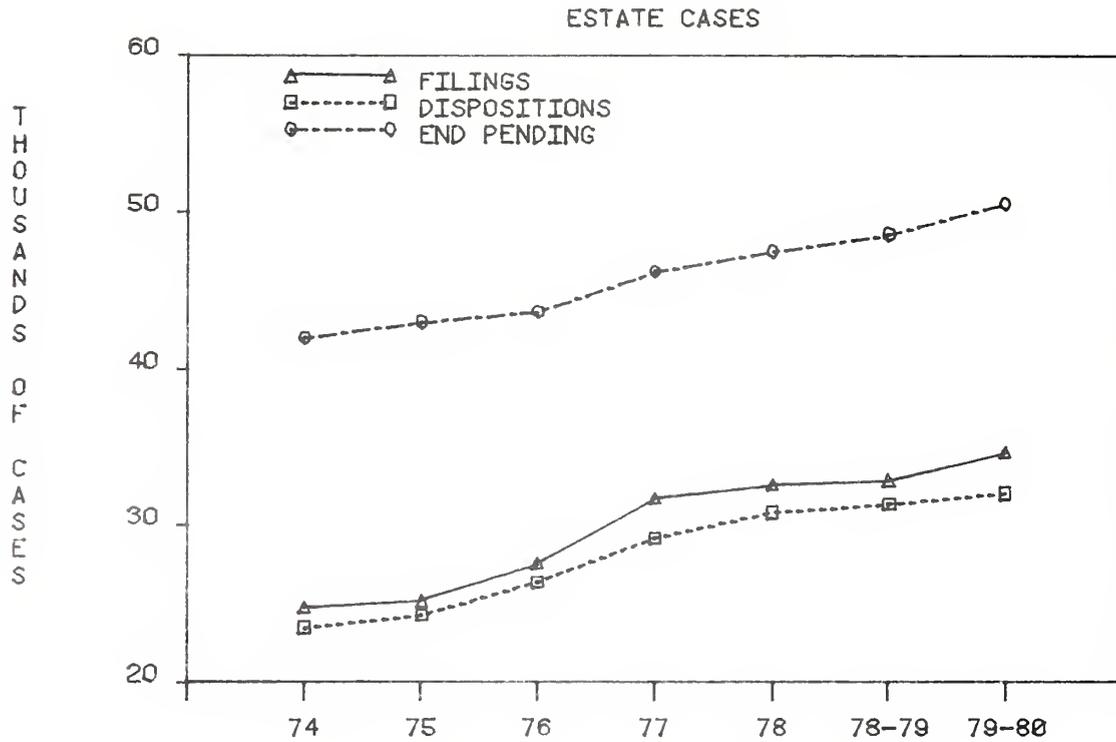
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
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<u>District 20</u>																
Anson	86	649.3	414.5	18	11	11	15	31	57	643.4	588.0	8	6	8	10	25
Moore	186	405.3	307.5	40	18	40	58	30	74	334.3	262.5	24	7	15	17	11
Richmond	106	446.1	344.5	21	12	23	31	19	53	495.8	316.0	9	6	12	12	14
Stanly	66	633.3	383.5	7	14	11	10	24	41	506.4	474.0	4	4	6	21	6
Union	159	429.4	289.0	31	29	34	35	30	137	400.0	293.7	39	13	25	41	19
District Totals	603	478.6	327.0	117	84	119	149	134	362	451.0	343.6	84	36	66	101	75
<u>District 21</u>																
Forsyth	821	451.0	321.2	136	127	180	214	164	616	406.5	279.5	178	64	103	155	116
<u>District 22</u>																
Alexander	31	195.5	108.0	13	7	7	3	1	25	256.0	258.0	10	1	5	8	1
Davidson	176	264.2	233.5	50	21	56	39	10	134	345.2	285.5	31	19	33	39	12
Oavie	20	216.0	125.5	6	7	3	3	1	32	247.8	203.5	14	0	10	6	2
Iredell	131	314.7	282.0	28	10	47	37	9	148	283.7	222.5	49	18	29	40	12
District Totals	358	274.0	229.5	97	45	113	82	21	339	302.6	258.8	104	38	77	93	27
<u>District 23</u>																
Alleghany	25	215.5	199.0	5	5	11	4	0	17	258.5	312.0	5	1	6	5	0
Ashe	58	547.5	642.9	9	3	5	20	21	12	432.7	405.5	1	1	2	7	1
Wilkes	172	264.3	215.5	48	29	48	40	7	161	319.3	271.7	36	19	44	53	9
Yadkin	25	267.7	215.0	6	6	5	8	0	41	315.9	289.0	8	8	9	15	1
District Totals	280	318.9	242.0	68	43	69	72	28	231	320.1	281.4	50	29	61	80	11
<u>District 24</u>																
Avery	24	361.3	216.5	6	4	5	8	1	51	420.6	334.0	7	10	11	14	9
Madison	34	300.5	277.5	9	4	8	12	1	30	381.1	378.5	3	1	10	14	2
Mitchell	42	357.3	115.5	19	5	6	7	5	36	326.9	214.5	11	2	11	8	4
Watauga	58	326.4	270.5	12	10	12	21	3	63	284.0	252.7	19	5	18	19	2
Yancey	63	226.5	199.0	7	23	27	6	0	29	263.8	265.7	6	5	10	7	1
District Totals	221	303.6	215.7	53	46	58	54	10	209	335.9	274.4	46	23	60	62	18
<u>District 25</u>																
Burke	179	635.5	458.0	33	22	24	32	68	145	407.8	275.0	30	25	39	17	34
Caldwell	166	280.6	151.5	51	39	33	28	15	158	279.6	252.5	49	15	44	44	6
Catawba	245	262.3	221.3	66	44	59	70	6	251	261.2	188.0	69	47	74	52	9
District Totals	590	380.7	240.0	150	105	116	130	89	554	304.8	225.2	148	87	157	113	49
<u>District 26</u>																
Mecklenburg	2,404	414.2	307.0	499	336	514	664	391	1,320	353.7	261.5	345	194	241	393	147

Ages of Civil Cases in the Superior Courts

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/80 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1979-80

	Total Pending	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)				Total Disposed	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)									
		Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180		181-365	366-730	> 730	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730		
<u>District 27A</u>																
Gaston	454	414.5	311.0	76	61	120	121	76	372	467.8	359.5	75	54	59	107	77
<u>District 27B</u>																
Cleveland	157	327.6	237.0	36	29	39	41	12	157	320.9	292.0	34	17	49	47	10
Lincoln	62	259.0	197.5	19	9	21	11	2	58	254.5	128.5	25	6	10	13	4
District Totals	219	308.2	236.7	55	38	60	52	14	215	303.0	258.8	59	23	59	60	14
<u>District 28</u>																
Buncombe	453	282.4	200.0	126	87	117	105	18	456	307.6	261.5	90	69	166	105	26
<u>District 29</u>																
Henderson	137	406.6	268.2	25	25	35	31	21	127	603.4	475.0	19	13	20	29	46
McDowell	51	454.2	297.0	7	7	17	9	11	45	339.5	315.0	11	4	12	14	4
Polk	26	365.2	411.5	6	1	4	13	2	14	328.4	330.5	3	2	3	5	1
Rutherford	75	289.3	223.0	18	11	24	18	4	70	388.8	397.0	6	11	14	35	4
Transylvania	53	453.1	284.2	8	7	16	12	10	42	475.0	361.5	3	4	14	13	8
District Totals	342	392.0	276.5	64	51	96	83	48	298	482.1	381.2	42	34	63	96	63
<u>District 30</u>																
Cherokee	41	531.1	384.0	7	8	5	12	9	18	378.3	227.5	4	4	2	6	2
Clay	9	400.4	409.0	2	1	1	4	1	7	255.4	54.0	4	0	0	2	1
Graham	17	290.6	286.0	4	3	2	8	0	12	830.9	346.5	0	2	4	2	4
Haywood	107	365.1	326.0	17	13	31	37	9	72	451.0	453.5	13	9	6	27	17
Jackson	150	552.3	444.7	18	14	37	26	55	53	617.4	469.0	9	6	4	15	19
Macon	65	643.4	332.2	8	6	20	14	17	64	703.8	578.5	13	3	5	19	24
Swain	50	287.1	155.5	14	14	13	5	4	22	827.8	336.5	4	1	6	5	6
District Totals	439	474.7	327.0	70	59	109	106	95	248	592.8	450.4	47	25	27	76	73
STATE TOTALS	15,664	441.1	297.0	3,192	2,312	3,481	3,923	2,756	11,767	419.8	298.3	2,759	1,504	2,439	3,094	1,971

CASELOAD TRENDS IN ESTATES AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS 1974-1980



The volume of estate cases increases each year, with current year filings showing 1,744 more cases than the previous year. Although a strong trend has not been established for special proceedings cases, the 1979-80 year shows increases over the 1978-79 year in all aspects of caseload, including the number of pending cases at year end.

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	Estates						Special Proceedings					
	Pending 7/1/79	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/80	Pending 7/1/79	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/80
<u>District 1</u>												
Camden	45	56	101	63	62.3	38	8	16	24	13	54.1	11
Chowan	157	111	268	88	32.8	180	84	51	135	43	31.8	92
Currituck	111	78	189	61	32.2	128	79	53	132	56	42.4	76
Dare	398	107	505	76	15.0	429	108	71	179	99	55.3	80
Gates	126	36	162	55	33.9	107	31	19	50	17	34.0	33
Pasquotank	190	214	404	182	45.0	222	58	91	149	94	63.0	55
Perquimans	129	77	206	63	30.5	143	27	47	74	32	43.2	42
District Totals	1,156	679	1,835	588	32.0	1,247	395	348	743	354	47.6	389
<u>District 2</u>												
Beaufort	502	361	863	335	38.8	528	383	118	501	88	17.5	413
Hyde	54	101	155	90	58.0	65	31	23	54	23	42.5	31
Martin	204	159	363	106	29.2	257	102	125	227	118	51.9	109
Tyrrell	31	26	57	24	42.1	33	10	24	34	16	47.0	18
Washington	93	91	184	64	34.7	120	79	65	144	97	67.3	47
District Totals	884	738	1,622	619	38.1	1,003	605	355	960	342	35.6	618
<u>District 3</u>												
Carteret	347	255	602	255	42.3	347	226	159	385	253	65.7	132
Craven	354	487	841	358	42.5	483	201	297	498	278	55.8	220
Pamlico	88	71	159	85	53.4	74	47	28	75	38	50.6	37
Pitt	609	457	1,066	490	45.9	576	170	441	611	469	76.7	142
District Totals	1,398	1,270	2,668	1,188	44.5	1,480	644	925	1,569	1,038	66.1	531
<u>District 4</u>												
Duplin	361	352	713	326	45.7	387	341	374	715	297	41.5	418
Jones	71	66	137	79	57.6	58	51	41	92	38	41.3	54
Onslow	523	281	804	314	39.0	490	378	538	916	538	58.7	378
Sampson	370	309	679	307	45.2	372	150	297	447	298	66.6	149
District Totals	1,325	1,008	2,333	1,026	43.9	1,307	920	1,250	2,170	1,171	53.9	999
<u>District 5</u>												
New Hanover	986	597	1,583	540	34.1	1,043	457	733	1,190	710	59.6	480
Pender	144	135	279	115	41.2	164	219	95	314	147	46.8	167
District Totals	1,130	732	1,862	655	35.1	1,207	676	828	1,504	857	56.9	647
<u>District 6</u>												
Bertie	208	173	381	170	44.6	211	119	93	212	147	69.3	65
Halifax	609	339	948	360	37.9	588	610	327	937	391	41.7	546
Hertford	181	132	313	135	43.1	178	103	101	204	89	43.6	115
Northampton	195	136	331	129	38.9	202	103	79	182	85	46.7	97
District Totals	1,193	780	1,973	794	40.2	1,179	935	600	1,535	712	46.3	823
<u>District 7</u>												
Edgecombe	381	342	723	328	45.3	395	172	208	380	196	51.5	184
Nash	467	369	836	339	40.5	497	284	224	508	166	32.6	342
Wilson	504	367	871	358	41.1	513	199	324	523	278	53.1	245
District Totals	1,352	1,078	2,430	1,025	42.1	1,405	655	756	1,411	640	45.3	771
<u>District 8</u>												
Greene	113	109	222	115	51.8	107	79	86	165	79	47.8	86
Lenoir	392	395	787	395	50.1	392	253	457	710	411	57.8	299
Wayne	706	551	1,257	465	36.9	792	288	670	958	614	64.0	344
District Totals	1,211	1,055	2,266	975	43.0	1,291	620	1,213	1,833	1,104	60.2	729
<u>District 9</u>												
Franklin	353	163	516	169	32.7	347	119	206	325	151	46.4	174
Granville	238	271	509	239	46.9	270	102	292	394	278	70.5	116
Person	234	170	404	130	32.1	274	129	132	261	102	39.0	159
Vance	309	276	585	233	39.8	352	108	168	276	149	53.9	127
Warren	243	143	386	158	40.9	228	124	99	223	76	34.0	147
District Totals	1,377	1,023	2,400	929	38.7	1,471	582	897	1,479	756	51.1	723
<u>District 10</u>												
Wake	2,572	1,431	4,003	1,222	30.5	2,781	851	1,168	2,019	1,033	51.1	986

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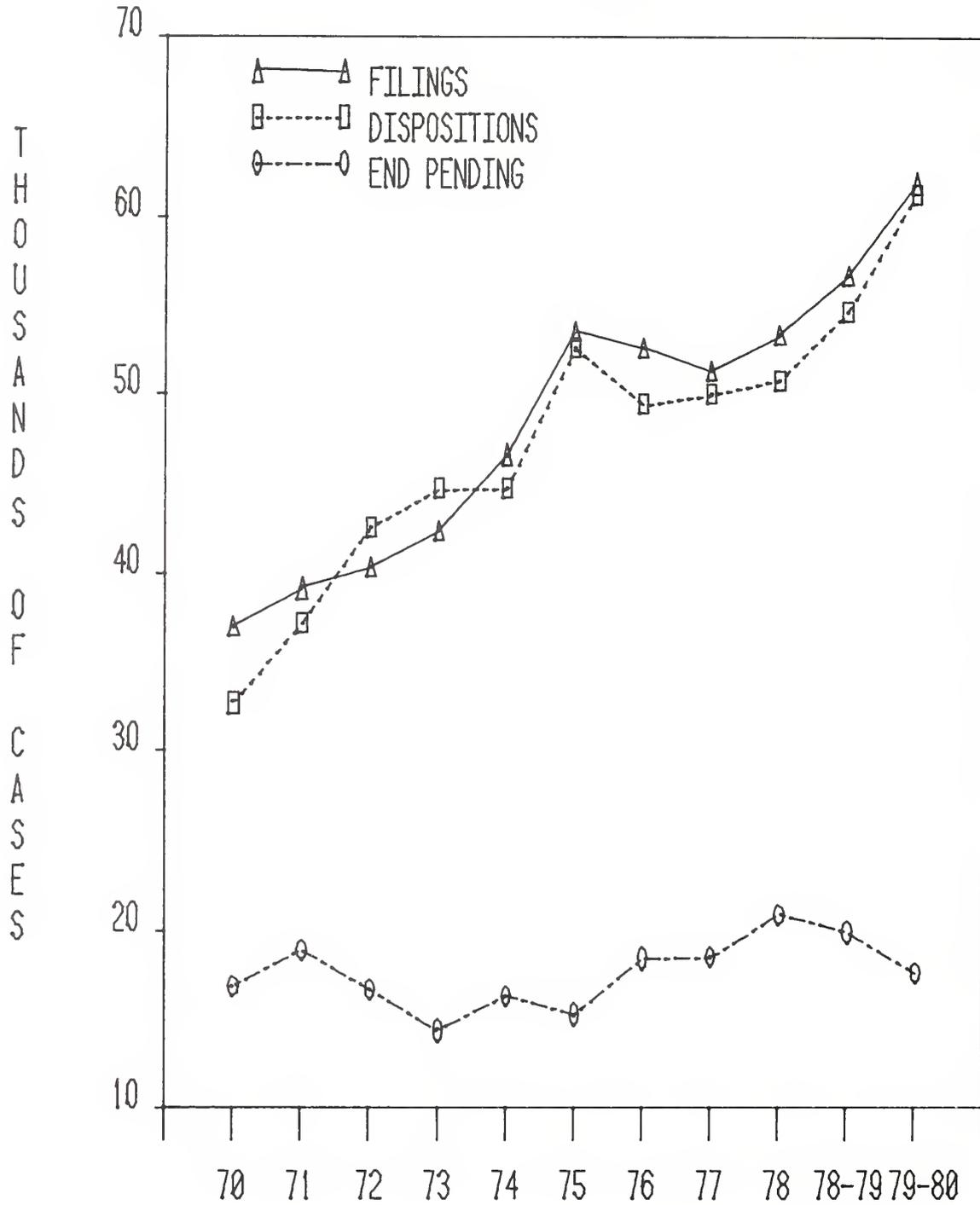
	Estates						Special Proceedings					
	Pending 7/1/79	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/80	Pending 7/1/79	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/80
<u>District 11</u>												
Harnett	471	343	814	372	45.7	442	386	179	565	210	37.1	355
Johnston	689	496	1,185	490	41.3	695	145	610	755	544	72.0	211
Lee	380	221	601	183	30.4	418	202	198	400	144	36.0	256
District Totals	1,540	1,060	2,600	1,045	40.1	1,555	733	987	1,720	898	52.2	822
<u>District 12</u>												
Cumberland	737	745	1,482	720	48.5	762	479	1,300	1,779	1,353	76.0	426
Hoke	160	96	256	135	52.7	121	69	67	136	92	67.6	44
District Totals	897	841	1,738	855	49.1	883	548	1,367	1,915	1,445	75.4	470
<u>District 13</u>												
Bladen	141	142	283	131	46.2	152	127	172	299	182	60.8	117
Brunswick	224	237	461	197	42.7	264	378	315	693	240	34.6	453
Columbus	382	282	664	271	40.8	393	290	252	542	190	35.0	352
District Totals	747	661	1,408	599	42.5	809	795	739	1,534	612	39.8	922
<u>District 14</u>												
Ourham	1,567	1,063	2,630	937	35.6	1,693	626	783	1,409	764	54.2	645
<u>District 15A</u>												
Alamance	580	658	1,238	601	48.5	637	186	501	687	454	66.0	233
<u>District 15B</u>												
Chatham	295	184	479	213	44.4	266	99	93	192	103	53.6	89
Orange	648	388	1,036	374	36.1	662	261	586	847	512	60.4	335
District Totals	943	572	1,515	587	38.7	928	360	679	1,039	615	59.1	424
<u>District 16</u>												
Robeson	595	496	1,091	530	48.5	561	211	401	612	325	53.1	287
Scotland	221	184	405	167	41.2	238	122	104	226	75	33.1	151
District Totals	816	680	1,496	697	46.5	799	333	505	838	400	47.7	438
<u>District 17</u>												
Caswell	134	138	272	94	34.5	178	66	98	164	57	34.7	107
Rockingham	708	586	1,294	559	43.1	735	360	334	694	316	45.5	378
Stokes	179	168	347	163	46.9	184	70	115	185	110	59.4	75
Surry	459	353	812	332	40.8	480	147	284	431	304	70.5	127
District Totals	1,480	1,245	2,725	1,148	42.1	1,577	643	831	1,474	787	53.3	687
<u>District 18</u>												
Guilford	2,605	1,768	4,373	1,706	39.0	2,667	689	1,758	2,447	1,820	74.3	627
<u>District 19A</u>												
Cabarrus	649	563	1,212	522	43.0	690	187	358	545	338	62.0	207
Rowan	852	754	1,606	683	42.5	923	180	925	1,105	856	77.4	249
District Totals	1,501	1,317	2,818	1,205	42.7	1,613	367	1,283	1,650	1,194	72.3	456
<u>District 19B</u>												
Montgomery	199	174	373	146	39.1	227	96	135	231	108	46.7	123
Randolph	550	509	1,059	491	46.3	568	189	352	541	340	62.8	201
District Totals	749	683	1,432	637	44.4	795	285	487	772	448	58.0	324
<u>District 20</u>												
Anson	433	155	588	112	19.0	476	102	64	166	55	33.1	111
Moore	616	371	987	334	33.8	653	134	283	417	281	67.3	136
Richmond	559	296	855	200	23.3	655	328	177	505	122	24.1	383
Stanly	948	280	1,228	234	19.0	994	204	256	460	198	43.0	262
Union	476	362	838	305	36.3	533	136	227	363	189	52.0	174
District Totals	3,032	1,464	4,496	1,185	26.3	3,311	904	1,007	1,911	845	44.2	1,066

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	Estates					Special Proceedings						
	Pending 7/1/79	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/80	Pending 7/1/79	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/80
<u>District 21</u>												
Forsyth	1,888	1,386	3,274	1,313	40.1	1,961	260	1,390	1,650	1,325	80.3	325
<u>District 22</u>												
Alexander	113	122	235	118	50.2	117	69	132	201	94	46.7	107
Davidson	699	648	1,347	573	42.5	774	238	339	577	416	72.0	161
Davie	116	129	245	135	55.1	110	51	102	153	113	73.8	40
Iredell	686	552	1,238	555	44.8	683	159	433	592	414	69.9	178
District Totals	1,614	1,451	3,065	1,381	45.0	1,684	517	1,006	1,523	1,037	68.0	486
<u>District 23</u>												
Alleghany	81	97	178	86	48.3	92	13	57	70	55	78.5	15
Ashe	169	146	315	155	49.2	160	32	106	138	99	71.7	39
Wilkes	273	255	528	232	43.9	296	150	350	500	292	58.4	208
Yadkin	221	222	443	216	48.7	227	59	135	194	133	68.5	61
District Totals	744	720	1,464	689	47.0	775	254	648	902	579	64.1	323
<u>District 24</u>												
Avery	121	89	210	80	38.0	130	63	86	149	77	51.6	72
Madison	269	93	362	213	58.8	149	88	69	157	59	37.5	98
Mitchell	298	123	421	53	12.5	368	125	64	189	22	11.6	167
Watauga	178	159	337	98	29.0	239	85	148	233	132	56.6	101
Yancey	107	99	206	78	37.8	128	56	68	124	75	60.4	49
District Totals	973	563	1,536	522	33.9	1,014	417	435	852	365	42.8	487
<u>District 25</u>												
Burke	591	335	926	316	34.1	610	108	479	587	418	71.2	169
Caldwell	522	366	888	310	34.9	578	413	331	744	272	36.5	472
Catawba	1,007	587	1,594	509	31.9	1,085	337	403	740	339	45.8	401
District Totals	2,120	1,288	3,408	1,135	33.3	2,273	858	1,213	2,071	1,029	49.6	1,042
<u>District 26</u>												
Mecklenburg	3,543	2,413	5,956	2,395	40.2	3,561	1,091	1,999	3,090	1,652	53.4	1,438
<u>District 27A</u>												
Gaston	1,028	994	2,022	623	30.8	1,399	635	995	1,630	925	56.7	705
<u>District 27B</u>												
Cleveland	467	436	903	440	48.7	463	119	419	538	429	79.7	109
Lincoln	254	248	502	244	48.6	258	47	217	264	214	81.0	50
District Totals	721	684	1,405	684	48.6	721	166	636	802	643	80.1	159
<u>District 28</u>												
Buncombe	2,161	1,212	3,373	1,252	37.1	2,121	556	780	1,336	621	46.4	715
<u>District 29</u>												
Henderson	492	460	952	446	46.8	506	308	258	566	458	80.9	108
McDowell	256	169	425	188	44.2	237	156	189	345	161	46.6	184
Polk	213	159	372	167	44.8	205	23	58	81	55	67.9	26
Rutherford	394	363	757	313	41.3	444	144	241	385	174	45.1	211
Transylvania	310	172	482	137	28.4	345	119	126	245	90	36.7	155
District Totals	1,665	1,323	2,988	1,251	41.8	1,737	750	872	1,622	938	57.8	684
<u>District 30</u>												
Cherokee	204	119	323	66	20.4	257	40	65	105	71	67.6	34
Clay	44	31	75	36	48.0	39	16	23	39	19	48.7	20
Graham	72	41	113	30	26.5	83	21	24	45	26	57.7	19
Haywood	397	330	727	280	38.5	447	135	167	302	139	46.0	163
Jackson	307	111	418	58	13.8	360	150	125	275	114	41.4	161
Macon	320	148	468	113	24.1	355	189	130	319	104	32.6	215
Swain	101	50	151	42	27.8	109	46	55	101	49	48.5	52
District Totals	1,445	830	2,275	625	27.4	1,650	597	589	1,186	522	44.0	664
STATE TOTALS	47,957	34,670	82,627	32,093	38.8	50,534	19,453	29,830	49,283	27,925	56.6	21,358

CASELOAD TRENDS OF CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS 1970-1980



During the 1979-80 year, only 608 more criminal superior court cases were filed statewide than were disposed. This fact is mirrored in the downward trend in pending cases which began the previous year.

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

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	Felonies					Misdemeanors						
	Pending 7/1/79	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/80	Pending 7/1/79	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/80
<u>District 1</u>												
Camden	12	18	30	30	100.0	0	5	32	37	28	75.6	9
Chowan	21	112	133	127	95.4	6	15	223	238	219	92.0	19
Currituck	4	40	44	32	72.7	12	53	223	276	246	89.1	30
Dare	19	1	20	20	100.0	0	96	323	419	362	86.3	57
Gates	32	21	53	44	83.0	9	22	86	108	99	91.6	9
Pasquotank	23	202	225	190	84.4	35	74	519	593	511	86.1	82
Perquimans	12	72	84	59	70.2	25	19	100	119	106	89.0	13
District Totals	123	466	589	502	85.2	87	284	1,506	1,790	1,571	87.7	219
<u>District 2</u>												
Beaufort	80	293	373	285	76.4	88	67	239	306	254	83.0	52
Hyde	40	20	60	48	80.0	12	19	32	51	38	74.5	13
Martin	65	126	191	164	85.8	27	37	61	98	71	72.4	27
Tyrrell	0	18	18	15	83.3	3	25	23	48	46	95.8	2
Washington	21	113	134	91	67.9	43	31	49	80	54	67.5	26
District Totals	206	570	776	603	77.7	173	179	404	583	463	79.4	120
<u>District 3</u>												
Carteret	56	285	341	277	81.2	64	31	166	197	154	78.1	43
Craven	97	489	586	462	78.8	124	73	392	465	379	81.5	86
Pamlico	8	112	120	107	89.1	13	21	34	55	44	80.0	11
Pitt	195	736	931	777	83.4	154	157	472	629	512	81.3	117
District Totals	356	1,622	1,978	1,623	82.0	355	282	1,064	1,346	1,089	80.9	257
<u>District 4</u>												
Duplin	112	306	418	318	76.0	100	76	120	196	108	55.1	88
Jones	5	54	59	57	96.6	2	4	15	19	14	73.6	5
Onslow	174	1,137	1,311	1,114	84.9	197	37	172	209	185	88.5	24
Sampson	33	373	406	376	92.6	30	10	116	126	105	83.3	21
District Totals	324	1,870	2,194	1,865	85.0	329	127	423	550	412	74.9	138
<u>District 5</u>												
New Hanover	389	1,161	1,550	1,350	87.0	200	102	670	772	620	80.3	152
Pender	38	179	217	142	65.4	75	28	73	101	59	58.4	42
District Totals	427	1,340	1,767	1,492	84.4	275	130	743	873	679	77.7	194
<u>District 6</u>												
Bertie	9	88	97	69	71.1	28	55	69	124	84	67.7	40
Halifax	89	342	431	248	57.5	183	67	166	233	118	50.6	115
Hertford	21	95	116	64	55.1	52	75	190	265	224	84.5	41
Northampton	42	81	123	76	61.7	47	48	74	122	95	77.8	27
District Totals	161	606	767	457	59.5	310	245	499	744	521	70.0	223
<u>District 7</u>												
Edgecombe	66	261	327	231	70.6	96	65	388	453	317	69.9	136
Nash	134	423	557	438	78.6	119	120	494	614	438	71.3	176
Wilson	126	411	537	365	67.9	172	79	618	697	475	68.1	222
District Totals	326	1,095	1,421	1,034	72.7	387	264	1,500	1,764	1,230	69.7	534
<u>District 8</u>												
Greene	22	124	146	118	80.8	28	15	60	75	57	76.0	18
Lenoir	36	348	384	320	83.3	64	35	416	451	373	82.7	78
Wayne	99	651	750	583	77.7	167	30	291	321	243	75.7	78
District Totals	157	1,123	1,280	1,021	79.7	259	80	767	847	673	79.4	174
<u>District 9</u>												
Franklin	107	147	254	137	53.9	117	119	234	353	169	47.8	184
Granville	50	243	293	191	65.1	102	77	184	261	181	69.3	80
Person	37	239	276	172	62.3	104	93	171	264	144	54.5	120
Vance	115	282	397	255	64.2	142	95	232	327	180	55.0	147
Warren	44	101	145	60	41.3	85	43	101	144	100	69.4	44
District Totals	353	1,012	1,365	815	59.7	550	427	922	1,349	774	57.3	575
<u>District 10</u>												
Wake	967	2,686	3,653	2,908	79.6	745	480	1,877	2,357	1,954	82.9	403

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<u>District 11</u>												
Harnett	44	280	324	275	84.8	49	10	84	94	75	79.7	19
Johnston	40	314	354	275	77.6	79	48	227	275	220	80.0	55
Lee	13	156	169	74	43.7	95	97	93	190	137	72.1	53
District Totals	97	750	847	624	73.6	223	155	404	559	432	77.2	127
<u>District 12</u>												
Cumberland	206	949	1,155	876	75.8	279	160	448	608	530	87.1	78
Hoke	28	119	147	116	78.9	31	35	72	107	86	80.3	21
District Totals	234	1,068	1,302	992	76.1	310	195	520	715	616	86.1	99
<u>District 13</u>												
Bladen	44	108	152	106	69.7	46	51	111	162	94	58.0	68
Brunswick	113	151	264	185	70.0	79	19	105	124	83	66.9	41
Columbus	50	367	417	328	78.6	89	27	194	221	122	55.2	99
District Totals	207	626	833	619	74.3	214	97	410	507	299	58.9	208
<u>District 14</u>												
Durham	244	1,028	1,272	1,082	85.0	190	75	334	409	343	83.8	66
<u>District 15A</u>												
Alamance	270	704	974	763	78.3	211	122	546	668	512	76.6	156
<u>District 15B</u>												
Chatham	39	102	141	128	90.7	13	5	48	53	41	77.3	12
Orange	91	485	576	497	86.2	79	26	96	122	103	84.4	19
District Totals	130	587	717	625	87.1	92	31	144	175	144	82.2	31
<u>District 16</u>												
Robeson	195	780	975	816	83.6	159	183	376	559	461	82.4	98
Scotland	102	234	336	162	48.2	174	66	168	234	120	51.2	114
District Totals	297	1,014	1,311	978	74.5	333	249	544	793	581	73.2	212
<u>District 17</u>												
Caswell	35	82	117	96	82.0	21	33	161	194	165	85.0	29
Rockingham	155	597	752	527	70.0	225	206	670	876	730	83.3	146
Stokes	17	86	103	89	86.4	14	23	140	163	134	82.2	29
Surry	99	422	521	427	81.9	94	200	776	976	813	83.2	163
District Totals	306	1,187	1,493	1,139	76.2	354	462	1,747	2,209	1,842	83.3	367
<u>District 18</u>												
Guilford												
Greensboro	693	2,241	2,934	1,856	63.2	1,078	201	823	1,024	697	68.0	327
High Point	271	530	801	483	60.2	318	52	242	294	212	72.1	82
District Totals	964	2,771	3,735	2,339	62.6	1,396	253	1,065	1,318	909	68.9	409
<u>District 19A</u>												
Cabarrus	107	431	538	404	75.0	134	207	550	757	592	78.2	165
Rowan	114	550	664	560	84.3	104	91	443	534	428	80.1	106
District Totals	221	981	1,202	964	80.1	238	298	993	1,291	1,020	79.0	271
<u>District 19B</u>												
Montgomery	50	153	203	191	94.0	12	35	167	202	181	89.6	21
Randolph	58	274	332	236	71.0	96	184	456	640	521	81.4	119
District Totals	108	427	535	427	79.8	108	219	623	842	702	83.3	140
<u>District 20</u>												
Anson	28	204	232	215	92.6	17	39	147	186	161	86.5	25
Moore	167	574	741	676	91.2	65	57	346	403	374	92.8	29
Richmond	196	525	721	609	84.4	112	103	373	476	395	82.9	81
Stanly	30	269	299	253	84.6	46	88	256	344	288	83.7	56
Union	168	622	790	631	79.8	159	60	424	484	430	88.8	54
District Totals	589	2,194	2,783	2,384	85.6	399	347	1,546	1,893	1,648	87.0	245

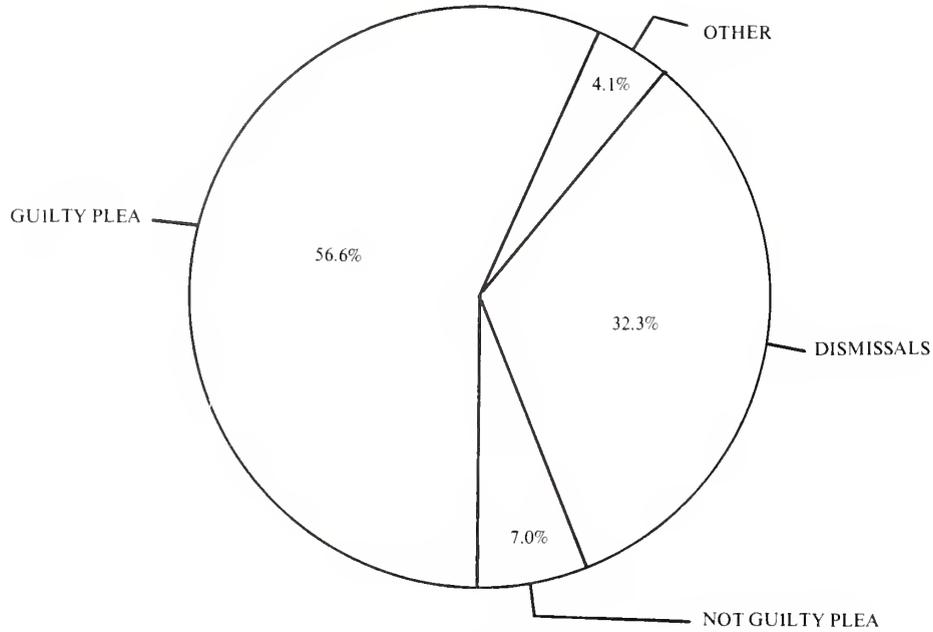
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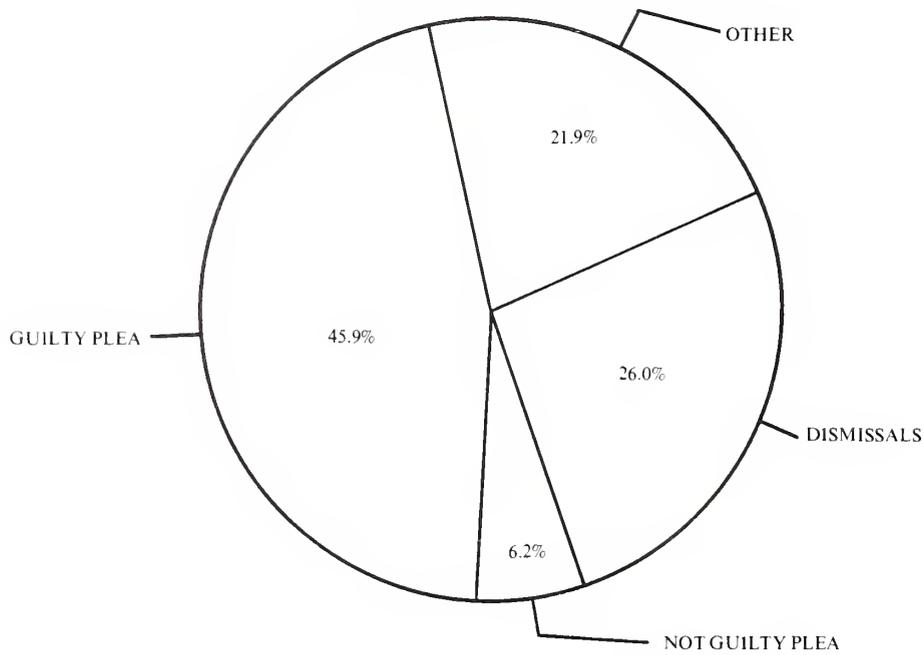
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<u>District 21</u>												
Forsyth	208	1,538	1,746	1,419	81.2	327	219	1,331	1,550	1,374	88.6	176
<u>District 22</u>												
Alexander	28	65	93	75	80.6	18	21	99	120	104	86.6	16
Davidson	151	359	510	393	77.0	117	49	321	370	259	70.0	111
Davie	28	59	87	81	93.1	6	40	88	128	118	92.1	10
Iredell	209	360	569	527	92.6	42	73	351	424	368	86.7	56
District Totals	416	843	1,259	1,076	85.4	183	183	859	1,042	849	81.4	193
<u>District 23</u>												
Alleghany	14	25	39	31	79.4	8	5	30	35	24	68.5	11
Ashe	14	71	85	57	67.0	28	14	97	111	90	81.0	21
Wilkes	46	260	306	214	69.9	92	48	332	380	204	53.6	176
Yadkin	48	134	182	90	49.4	92	46	127	173	126	72.8	47
District Totals	122	490	612	392	64.0	220	113	586	699	444	63.5	255
<u>District 24</u>												
Avery	74	68	142	87	61.2	55	26	17	43	27	62.7	16
Madison	38	16	54	22	40.7	32	17	41	58	42	72.4	16
Mitchell	14	36	50	39	78.0	11	11	15	26	25	96.1	1
Watauga	20	164	184	104	56.5	80	6	51	57	49	85.9	8
Yancey	9	19	28	14	50.0	14	15	19	34	15	44.1	19
District Totals	155	303	458	266	58.0	192	75	143	218	158	72.4	60
<u>District 25</u>												
Burke	118	177	295	259	87.7	36	53	155	208	172	82.6	36
Caldwell	49	309	358	289	80.7	69	35	243	278	224	80.5	54
Catawba	290	723	1,013	787	77.6	226	136	384	520	425	81.7	95
District Totals	457	1,209	1,666	1,335	80.1	331	224	782	1,006	821	81.6	185
<u>District 26</u>												
Mecklenburg	505	1,867	2,372	1,784	75.2	588	358	943	1,301	1,153	88.6	148
<u>District 27A</u>												
Gaston	363	1,439	1,802	1,469	81.5	333	78	357	435	371	85.2	64
<u>District 27B</u>												
Cleveland	58	427	485	358	73.8	127	23	124	147	98	66.6	49
Lincoln	48	316	364	343	94.2	21	5	63	68	67	98.5	1
District Totals	106	743	849	701	82.5	148	28	187	215	165	76.7	50
<u>District 28</u>												
Buncombe	212	1,063	1,275	962	75.4	313	123	435	558	490	87.8	68
<u>District 29</u>												
Henderson	64	342	406	369	90.8	37	20	90	110	97	88.1	13
McOowell	32	128	160	117	73.1	43	13	40	53	39	73.5	14
Polk	45	198	243	130	53.4	113	16	24	40	25	62.5	15
Rutherford	114	231	345	276	80.0	69	63	186	249	184	73.8	65
Transylvania	39	95	134	72	53.7	62	14	30	44	24	54.5	20
District Totals	294	994	1,288	964	74.8	324	126	370	496	369	74.3	127
<u>District 30</u>												
Cherokee	44	70	114	79	69.2	35	45	63	108	62	57.4	46
Clay	10	13	23	20	86.9	3	1	9	10	7	70.0	3
Graham	6	32	38	27	71.0	11	11	30	41	19	46.3	22
Haywood	61	253	314	181	57.6	133	213	170	383	253	66.0	130
Jackson	70	120	190	127	66.8	63	40	69	109	58	53.2	51
Macon	38	110	148	94	63.5	54	17	45	62	25	40.3	37
Swain	8	16	24	17	70.8	7	3	34	37	15	40.5	22
District Totals	237	614	851	545	64.0	306	330	420	750	439	58.5	311
STATE TOTALS	10,142	36,830	46,972	36,169	77.0	10,803	6,858	24,994	31,852	25,047	78.6	6,805

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1979-80

FELONIES



MISDEMEANORS



The breakdown of dispositions for felony and misdemeanor appeal cases during the 1979-80 year differs very little from the same breakdown for the 1978-79 year. A plea of guilty is still the most common way to dispose of a superior court criminal case.

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<u>District 1</u>												
Camden	30	15	3	5	0	7	28	19	1	1	0	7
Chowan	127	60	6	27	0	34	219	114	7	18	0	80
Currituck	32	28	0	2	0	2	246	212	6	19	0	9
Dare	20	8	6	3	0	3	362	204	6	40	1	111
Gates	44	20	9	15	0	0	99	70	3	7	0	19
Pasquotank	190	112	19	57	0	2	511	172	13	69	0	257
Perquimans	59	41	4	9	0	5	106	37	3	15	0	51
District Totals	502	284	47	118	0	53	1,571	828	39	169	1	534
<u>District 2</u>												
Beaufort	285	181	35	55	0	14	254	140	52	24	4	34
Hyde	48	16	10	20	0	2	38	17	7	6	0	8
Martin	164	122	12	22	0	8	71	29	17	10	0	15
Tyrrell	15	8	1	0	0	6	46	34	4	4	0	4
Washington	91	46	21	11	0	13	54	17	13	5	1	18
District Totals	603	373	79	108	0	43	463	237	93	49	5	79
<u>District 3</u>												
Carteret	277	158	12	92	0	15	154	65	13	31	0	45
Craven	462	235	41	158	3	25	379	171	47	120	0	41
Pamlico	107	96	4	7	0	0	44	24	3	14	0	3
Pitt	777	412	63	286	7	9	512	253	48	120	4	87
District Totals	1,623	901	120	543	10	49	1,089	513	111	285	4	176
<u>District 4</u>												
Duplin	318	204	20	78	0	16	108	69	13	18	0	8
Jones	57	30	2	24	0	1	14	8	1	5	0	0
Onslow	1,114	573	72	397	0	72	185	68	25	68	0	24
Sampson	376	247	23	70	0	36	105	69	9	10	0	17
District Totals	1,865	1,054	117	569	0	125	412	214	48	101	0	49
<u>District 5</u>												
New Hanover	1,350	841	149	347	2	11	620	289	57	188	0	86
Pender	142	80	3	52	0	7	59	21	8	23	0	7
District Totals	1,492	921	152	399	2	18	679	310	65	211	0	93
<u>District 6</u>												
Bertie	69	41	10	16	0	2	84	40	14	22	0	8
Halifax	248	98	8	129	0	13	118	52	3	40	0	23
Hertford	64	17	6	37	0	4	224	140	38	36	0	10
Northampton	76	37	1	25	5	8	95	40	4	32	2	17
District Totals	457	193	25	207	5	27	521	272	59	130	2	58
<u>District 7</u>												
Edgecombe	231	139	27	45	0	20	317	188	11	65	0	53
Nash	438	279	22	123	0	14	438	238	19	110	0	71
Wilson	365	240	16	83	0	26	475	262	20	95	0	98
District Totals	1,034	658	65	251	0	60	1,230	688	50	270	0	222
<u>District 8</u>												
Greene	118	44	4	64	0	6	57	32	3	19	0	3
Lenoir	320	105	29	169	0	17	373	98	36	139	0	100
Wayne	583	220	61	295	0	7	243	62	31	131	0	19
District Totals	1,021	369	94	528	0	30	673	192	70	289	0	122
<u>District 9</u>												
Franklin	137	75	8	48	0	6	169	101	7	41	0	20
Granville	191	74	16	79	0	22	181	89	7	52	0	33
Person	172	117	25	26	0	4	144	61	19	49	0	15
Vance	255	152	12	83	0	8	180	109	12	44	0	15
Warren	60	34	8	17	0	1	100	68	3	28	0	1
District Totals	815	452	69	253	0	41	774	428	48	214	0	84
<u>District 10</u>												
Wake	2,908	989	111	1,766	2	40	1,954	575	70	763	0	546

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<u>District 11</u>												
Harnett	275	207	17	48	0	3	75	40	10	13	0	12
Johnston	275	161	18	78	0	18	220	94	9	56	0	61
Lee	74	40	7	21	0	6	137	50	7	58	0	22
District Totals	624	408	42	147	0	27	432	184	26	127	0	95
<u>District 12</u>												
Cumberland	876	528	110	181	0	57	530	178	68	185	0	99
Hoke	116	78	11	13	0	14	86	48	10	23	0	5
District Totals	992	606	121	194	0	71	616	226	78	208	0	104
<u>District 13</u>												
Bladen	106	55	26	16	0	9	94	43	7	25	0	19
Brunswick	185	131	15	33	0	6	83	37	7	23	0	16
Columbus	328	226	35	46	0	21	122	37	13	49	0	23
District Totals	619	412	76	95	0	36	299	117	27	97	0	58
<u>District 14</u>												
Durham	1,082	575	65	424	0	18	343	98	22	161	0	62
<u>District 15A</u>												
Alamance	763	363	56	316	12	16	512	209	50	196	4	53
<u>District 15B</u>												
Chatham	128	54	14	55	0	5	41	16	3	11	0	11
Orange	497	243	19	199	0	36	103	32	8	32	0	31
District Totals	625	297	33	254	0	41	144	48	11	43	0	42
<u>District 16</u>												
Robeson	816	655	78	58	0	25	461	198	53	36	1	173
Scotland	162	110	15	27	0	10	120	91	2	16	0	11
District Totals	978	765	93	85	0	35	581	289	55	52	1	184
<u>District 17</u>												
Caswell	96	61	10	21	0	4	165	114	5	28	0	18
Rockingham	527	362	29	128	0	8	730	382	14	149	0	185
Stokes	89	62	14	10	0	3	134	59	3	20	0	52
Surry	427	331	28	57	0	11	813	284	18	129	0	382
District Totals	1,139	816	81	216	0	26	1,842	839	40	326	0	637
<u>District 18</u>												
Guilford												
Greensboro	1,856	1,253	84	472	1	46	697	301	79	148	0	169
High Point	483	264	20	185	0	14	212	113	7	62	0	30
District Totals	2,339	1,517	104	657	1	60	909	414	86	210	0	199
<u>District 19A</u>												
Cabarrus	404	252	43	103	0	6	592	296	18	131	1	146
Rowan	560	361	25	151	0	23	428	234	22	82	1	89
District Totals	964	613	68	254	0	29	1,020	530	40	213	2	235
<u>District 19B</u>												
Montgomery	191	136	6	44	0	5	181	110	1	32	0	38
Randolph	236	192	10	31	0	3	521	324	27	98	0	72
District Totals	427	328	16	75	0	8	702	434	28	130	0	110
<u>District 20</u>												
Anson	215	110	8	90	0	7	161	82	6	37	0	36
Moore	676	283	12	367	0	14	374	170	4	127	0	73
Richmond	609	318	30	254	0	7	395	178	9	137	0	71
Stanly	253	127	13	108	0	5	288	173	5	87	0	23
Union	631	311	29	281	0	10	430	172	11	189	0	58
District Totals	2,384	1,149	92	1,100	0	43	1,648	775	35	577	0	261

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<u>District 21</u>												
Forsyth	1,419	1,033	72	277	0	37	1,374	857	29	316	0	172
<u>District 22</u>												
Alexander	75	58	5	7	0	5	104	42	2	23	0	37
Davidson	393	254	30	89	0	20	259	78	9	67	1	104
Oavie	81	49	7	24	0	1	118	46	4	19	0	49
Iredell	527	396	39	78	0	14	368	170	13	62	0	123
District Totals	1,076	757	81	198	0	40	849	336	28	171	1	313
<u>District 23</u>												
Alleghany	31	22	1	5	0	3	24	13	2	3	0	6
Ashe	57	35	14	6	0	2	90	72	2	5	0	11
Wilkes	214	125	21	59	0	9	204	83	19	36	0	66
Yadkin	90	73	3	7	0	7	126	63	7	16	0	40
District Totals	392	255	39	77	0	21	444	231	30	60	0	123
<u>District 24</u>												
Avery	87	41	4	42	0	0	27	10	1	13	0	3
Madison	22	11	2	9	0	0	42	15	5	16	0	6
Mitchell	39	11	2	25	0	1	25	7	1	9	1	7
Watauga	104	37	4	58	0	5	49	11	1	35	0	2
Yancey	14	6	0	6	0	2	15	6	1	7	0	1
District Totals	266	106	12	140	0	8	158	49	9	80	1	19
<u>District 25</u>												
Burke	259	152	11	82	0	14	172	70	6	31	0	65
Caldwell	289	134	23	120	0	12	224	71	12	64	0	77
Catawba	787	372	56	327	3	29	425	176	22	104	0	123
District Totals	1,335	658	90	529	3	55	821	317	40	199	0	265
<u>District 26</u>												
Mecklenburg	1,784	955	175	584	1	69	1,153	472	96	399	16	170
<u>District 27A</u>												
Gaston	1,469	831	97	450	3	88	371	144	67	91	2	67
<u>District 27B</u>												
Cleveland	358	243	38	61	0	16	98	38	14	20	0	26
Lincoln	343	223	23	88	1	8	67	12	11	16	0	28
District Totals	701	466	61	149	1	24	165	50	25	36	0	54
<u>District 28</u>												
Buncombe	962	650	44	123	0	145	490	262	26	28	0	174
<u>District 29</u>												
Henderson	369	173	18	170	0	8	97	43	4	19	0	31
McOwells	117	59	23	32	0	3	39	8	3	14	0	14
Polk	130	35	10	76	0	9	25	2	4	8	0	11
Rutherford	276	131	45	92	0	8	184	50	11	68	0	55
Transylvania	72	29	3	34	0	6	24	8	7	7	0	2
District Totals	964	427	99	404	0	34	369	111	29	116	0	113
<u>District 30</u>												
Cherokee	79	49	0	20	0	10	62	41	1	20	0	0
Clay	20	15	1	4	0	0	7	2	0	3	0	2
Graham	27	15	3	3	0	6	19	10	0	5	0	4
Haywood	181	102	6	73	0	0	253	141	10	102	0	0
Jackson	127	55	4	25	0	43	58	32	3	10	0	13
Macon	94	46	10	16	0	22	25	13	2	9	0	1
Swain	17	3	1	11	0	2	15	5	1	6	0	3
District Totals	545	285	25	152	0	83	439	244	17	155	0	23
STATE TOTALS	36,169	20,466	2,521	11,642	40	1,492	25,047	11,493	1,547	6,472	39	5,485

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<u>District 1</u>												
Camden	0	0.0	0.0	0	30	84.1	46.5	16	1	11	2	0
Mis	9	36.9	33.0	9	28	72.5	66.9	9	17	0	2	0
Fel	6	255.0	114.5	2	127	74.5	54.2	71	33	8	15	0
Chowan	19	55.0	39.7	14	219	81.8	59.3	109	78	14	15	3
Fel	12	79.3	53.5	6	32	81.3	34.0	20	9	2	0	1
Mis	30	63.3	39.0	20	246	56.2	35.5	149	68	18	10	1
Fel	0	0.0	0.0	0	20	225.9	146.5	1	4	6	2	2
Mis	57	67.2	43.8	43	362	90.7	74.3	152	108	63	32	7
Gates	9	308.6	510.6	3	44	142.8	183.8	11	4	0	29	0
Mis	9	78.0	43.7	6	99	98.1	95.8	36	31	20	12	0
Fel	35	82.8	55.1	22	190	58.4	35.7	136	34	10	8	2
Pasquotank	82	47.0	25.1	64	511	57.3	37.6	325	126	31	28	1
Mis	25	44.2	41.0	24	59	71.7	53.7	39	8	6	6	0
Fel	13	54.0	52.7	11	106	62.8	45.5	60	37	6	1	2
District Totals	87	106.5	41.4	57	502	81.1	47.6	294	93	43	67	5
Mis	219	56.5	39.8	167	1,571	71.5	56.2	840	465	152	100	14
<u>District 2</u>												
Beaufort	88	105.1	76.9	29	285	109.7	68.7	119	78	26	53	9
Mis	52	101.2	38.0	30	254	121.7	91.0	84	84	41	32	13
Fel	12	454.8	512.1	1	48	187.0	194.8	8	9	0	27	4
Hyde	13	166.6	111.0	5	38	175.1	127.5	5	12	7	10	4
Fel	27	119.0	70.2	12	164	98.3	72.9	67	65	6	22	4
Mis	27	121.3	95.3	5	71	154.1	125.0	16	19	11	23	2
Tyrrell	3	137.7	168.7	0	15	90.9	101.0	7	3	2	3	0
Fel	2	388.5	268.5	0	46	179.2	145.2	8	6	17	11	4
Mis	43	156.8	167.8	4	91	120.8	97.2	27	22	26	13	3
Washington	26	191.4	81.1	8	54	149.1	117.0	18	10	9	14	3
District Totals	173	144.9	77.1	46	603	114.0	91.8	228	177	60	118	20
Mis	120	137.1	81.0	48	463	140.0	103.8	131	131	85	90	26
<u>District 3</u>												
Carteret	64	178.5	77.1	24	277	95.2	49.6	152	85	11	7	22
Mis	43	145.2	63.0	18	154	76.8	51.5	92	41	10	9	2
Fel	124	104.9	58.7	65	462	94.8	72.5	186	160	69	34	13
Craven	86	68.3	53.6	55	379	87.4	60.7	186	118	41	26	8
Mis	13	70.6	37.4	8	107	81.1	85.7	36	60	4	6	1
Pamlico	154	300.3	51.0	9	44	318.3	108.6	3	25	4	5	7
Mis	154	142.1	63.5	74	777	95.0	59.6	390	244	68	45	30
Fel	117	99.1	40.8	67	512	92.7	55.1	269	143	36	46	18
Pitt	355	133.1	63.2	171	1,623	94.1	64.2	764	549	152	92	66
Mis	257	105.1	51.2	149	1,089	97.7	58.2	550	327	91	86	35

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<u>District 4</u>																	
Duplin	Fel	100	491.0	424.0	10	7	1	21	61	318	57.2	40.5	227	61	14	16	0
	Mis	88	531.9	500.5	8	3	1	19	57	108	61.1	43.5	72	19	13	4	0
Jones	Fel	2	269.0	51.5	1	0	0	0	1	57	51.2	53.9	37	16	4	0	0
	Mis	5	75.2	61.2	1	0	0	0	0	14	73.3	51.5	8	2	4	0	0
Onslow	Fel	197	34.3	19.1	171	16	7	2	1	1,114	56.3	46.2	765	266	49	33	1
	Mis	24	40.6	20.5	19	3	2	0	0	185	53.5	41.7	138	31	10	6	0
Sampson	Fel	30	44.0	46.7	22	8	0	0	0	376	52.5	33.5	257	83	31	4	1
	Mis	21	183.8	47.2	11	3	5	0	2	105	48.4	31.6	87	12	2	3	1
District Totals	Fel	329	175.4	31.3	204	31	8	23	63	1,865	55.5	44.2	1,286	426	98	53	2
	Mis	138	376.9	326.7	39	12	9	19	59	412	54.9	39.6	305	64	29	13	1
<u>District 5</u>																	
New Hanover	Fel	200	110.7	46.1	117	61	3	8	11	1,350	86.9	60.2	685	390	172	81	22
	Mis	152	76.0	32.6	105	18	7	18	4	620	109.7	42.0	418	142	25	8	27
Pender	Fel	75	190.8	144.7	27	6	31	7	4	142	84.8	55.0	72	53	10	4	3
	Mis	42	121.2	102.5	11	10	12	7	2	59	110.6	86.7	23	17	11	7	1
District Totals	Fel	275	132.5	58.0	144	67	34	15	15	1,492	86.7	60.2	757	443	182	85	25
	Mis	194	85.8	37.1	116	28	19	25	6	679	109.8	43.6	441	159	36	15	28
<u>District 6</u>																	
Bertie	Fel	28	224.5	230.1	5	2	2	17	2	69	108.1	62.0	34	15	10	3	7
	Mis	40	258.0	249.9	5	3	1	24	7	84	239.2	192.5	15	13	13	25	18
Halifax	Fel	183	319.6	282.0	69	16	3	39	56	248	67.8	39.5	159	64	17	5	3
	Mis	115	466.4	355.3	16	5	7	30	57	118	77.4	35.5	72	33	3	8	2
Hertford	Fel	52	59.1	50.8	31	20	0	0	1	64	299.8	78.7	29	14	1	1	19
	Mis	41	101.9	76.0	12	18	7	4	0	224	126.0	67.8	103	53	21	31	16
Northampton	Fel	47	56.3	31.2	28	18	1	0	0	76	184.3	204.5	15	15	6	30	10
	Mis	27	116.3	52.2	14	7	2	3	1	95	170.5	135.1	28	11	26	19	11
District Totals	Fel	310	227.4	80.9	133	56	6	56	59	457	125.7	54.2	237	108	34	39	39
	Mis	223	319.6	249.9	47	33	17	61	65	521	141.4	77.8	218	110	63	83	47
<u>District 7</u>																	
Edgecombe	Fel	96	151.3	107.5	20	30	17	23	6	231	93.9	68.0	95	78	31	20	7
	Mis	136	126.9	110.7	43	30	32	26	5	317	62.1	32.3	210	55	35	17	0
Nash	Fel	119	154.7	90.2	32	36	35	7	9	438	113.4	91.7	148	155	71	51	13
	Mis	176	236.2	100.0	68	25	34	21	28	365	87.7	76.6	170	173	58	34	3
Wilson	Fel	172	75.7	65.5	79	55	26	10	2	365	118.5	97.0	98	134	63	58	12
	Mis	222	103.3	52.5	111	53	35	15	8	475	90.6	59.0	241	143	44	27	20
District Totals	Fel	387	118.7	89.7	131	121	78	40	17	1,034	110.8	85.8	341	367	165	129	32
	Mis	534	153.1	81.7	222	108	101	62	41	1,230	82.2	58.2	621	371	137	78	23

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		Age	Age							Age	Age	Age	Age	Age				
<u>District 8</u>																		
Greene	Fel 28	75.0	41.3	16	2	10	0	0	0	0	118	107.7	73.1	43	45	3	23	4
	Mis 18	59.9	41.5	11	4	2	1	0	0	57	96.0	73.8	19	21	15	2	2	0
Lenoir	Fel 64	66.0	54.5	34	21	9	0	0	0	320	85.3	70.1	115	140	47	16	16	2
	Mis 78	64.9	40.5	46	20	9	3	0	0	373	58.9	49.3	205	136	24	7	7	1
Wayne	Fel 167	85.9	55.3	84	61	6	7	9	9	583	65.0	40.8	365	154	39	23	2	2
	Mis 78	59.2	28.4	49	23	2	4	0	0	243	67.4	55.2	132	63	40	8	8	0
District Totals	Fel 259	79.8	54.7	134	84	25	7	9	9	1,021	76.3	58.2	523	339	89	62	8	8
	Mis 174	61.8	40.7	106	47	13	8	0	0	673	65.1	55.2	356	220	79	17	1	1
<u>District 9</u>																		
Franklin	Fel 117	245.8	133.6	17	35	25	9	31	31	137	228.5	173.4	18	14	37	54	14	14
	Mis 184	220.1	154.8	31	48	26	51	28	28	169	213.1	169.3	28	41	22	50	28	28
Granville	Fel 102	198.3	97.0	38	21	14	16	13	13	191	157.9	82.2	85	29	32	26	19	19
	Mis 80	179.4	116.5	24	16	23	9	8	8	181	184.1	118.0	47	45	36	31	22	22
Person	Fel 104	184.1	194.5	21	16	13	50	4	4	172	126.9	83.1	12	90	42	24	4	4
	Mis 120	159.8	137.9	28	23	22	39	4	4	144	200.6	186.5	14	29	27	60	14	14
Vance	Fel 142	214.7	214.6	23	21	25	54	19	19	255	161.2	118.0	77	53	28	74	23	23
	Mis 147	139.5	83.0	47	46	18	25	11	11	180	221.2	153.3	33	35	29	62	21	21
Warren	Fel 85	214.0	83.0	23	35	5	6	16	16	60	233.9	135.5	8	18	10	15	9	9
	Mis 44	225.6	162.1	6	10	10	14	4	4	100	228.1	144.5	20	21	15	19	25	25
District Totals	Fel 550	212.4	127.3	122	128	82	135	83	83	815	169.9	125.4	200	204	149	193	69	69
	Mis 575	181.7	126.5	136	143	99	138	59	59	774	207.8	153.0	142	171	129	222	110	110
<u>District 10</u>																		
Wake	Fel 745	152.5	69.3	333	191	104	50	67	67	2,908	149.4	88.6	975	903	422	318	290	290
	Mis 403	99.4	54.0	216	80	50	43	14	14	1,954	94.1	57.9	995	435	271	205	48	48
<u>District 11</u>																		
Harnett	Fel 49	46.9	14.3	43	4	1	0	1	1	275	69.2	34.2	187	45	10	14	19	19
	Mis 19	115.6	32.3	15	2	1	0	1	1	75	67.6	45.4	46	16	11	1	1	1
Johnston	Fel 79	101.7	45.7	42	13	6	17	1	1	275	62.6	51.2	162	87	12	11	3	3
	Mis 55	81.5	39.8	37	8	6	3	1	1	220	75.3	61.0	107	80	17	15	1	1
Lee	Fel 95	100.3	104.0	23	41	28	3	0	0	74	138.1	80.9	27	28	7	1	11	11
	Mis 53	168.1	116.7	8	20	11	8	6	6	137	124.2	84.0	37	52	18	27	3	3
District Totals	Fel 223	89.1	68.6	108	58	35	20	2	2	624	74.5	44.6	376	160	29	26	33	33
	Mis 127	122.7	69.2	60	30	18	11	8	8	432	89.5	64.2	190	148	46	43	5	5
<u>District 12</u>																		
Cumberland	Fel 279	80.8	48.0	173	54	20	24	8	8	876	106.7	65.3	389	264	96	88	39	39
	Mis 78	64.8	41.2	50	19	5	3	1	1	530	93.7	68.7	235	139	82	65	9	9
Hoke	Fel 31	106.8	92.6	14	7	8	1	1	1	116	107.5	34.5	67	21	16	7	5	5
	Mis 21	88.0	86.7	8	7	6	0	0	0	86	135.7	96.2	22	28	12	22	2	2
District Totals	Fel 310	83.4	48.1	187	61	28	25	9	9	992	106.8	65.2	456	285	112	95	44	44
	Mis 99	69.7	51.0	58	26	11	3	1	1	616	99.6	73.8	257	167	94	87	11	11

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<u>District 13</u>																
Fel	46	109.4	80.5	16	9	14	7	0	106	112.5	106.0	24	36	29	17	0
Mis	68	143.9	102.8	17	19	19	6	7	94	75.7	68.5	44	33	17	0	0
Fel	79	91.4	69.3	34	27	12	6	0	185	116.7	133.6	33	51	89	12	0
Mis	41	69.9	59.0	21	11	9	0	0	83	74.3	47.2	44	19	15	5	0
Fel	89	144.1	125.7	23	21	29	7	9	328	73.0	8.7	216	49	24	28	11
Mis	99	145.1	115.0	32	22	19	18	8	122	131.5	102.0	27	49	13	30	3
District Totals	214	117.2	101.2	73	57	55	20	9	619	92.8	79.8	273	136	142	57	11
Mis	208	129.9	101.1	70	52	47	24	15	299	98.1	77.8	115	101	45	35	3
<u>District 14</u>																
Fel	190	97.1	69.6	92	47	28	22	1	1,082	95.8	78.3	371	440	162	91	18
Mis	66	105.5	77.4	22	29	6	7	2	343	90.5	75.6	150	109	55	21	8
<u>District 15A</u>																
Fel	211	95.0	47.0	141	47	8	8	7	763	142.6	100.0	170	278	112	160	43
Mis	156	84.0	59.0	84	35	32	2	3	512	92.9	87.3	162	220	99	29	2
<u>District 15B</u>																
Fel	13	120.0	44.0	7	3	1	1	1	128	195.1	119.5	29	35	32	6	26
Mis	12	75.3	51.5	6	2	3	1	0	41	100.3	70.0	17	11	7	4	2
Fel	79	73.3	45.0	43	22	12	2	0	497	83.8	75.2	200	203	74	11	9
Mis	19	61.5	58.0	10	7	2	0	0	103	71.9	47.6	62	23	11	5	2
District Totals	92	79.9	44.9	50	25	13	3	1	625	106.6	79.8	229	238	106	17	35
Mis	31	66.8	58.0	16	9	5	1	0	144	80.0	52.2	79	34	18	9	4
<u>District 16</u>																
Fel	159	100.9	68.6	42	65	27	25	0	816	69.5	51.4	464	227	89	31	5
Mis	98	100.8	81.1	31	39	11	17	0	461	76.8	53.1	251	129	53	25	3
Fel	174	156.7	61.1	78	47	18	15	16	162	194.0	128.5	15	59	33	34	21
Mis	114	153.3	96.0	47	23	14	19	11	120	186.5	108.5	35	27	17	23	18
District Totals	333	130.1	68.1	120	112	45	40	16	978	90.1	62.2	479	286	122	65	26
Mis	212	129.0	82.3	78	62	25	36	11	581	99.5	61.2	286	156	70	48	21
<u>District 17</u>																
Fel	21	99.8	90.3	4	12	4	1	0	96	130.3	127.5	38	8	30	16	4
Mis	29	54.6	47.1	18	10	1	0	0	165	67.5	37.1	103	28	25	9	0
Fel	225	75.8	57.8	122	59	29	9	6	527	97.7	64.5	260	138	40	71	18
Mis	146	49.4	39.1	99	37	8	2	0	730	61.2	39.7	484	160	53	24	9
Fel	14	85.4	47.5	7	5	1	1	0	89	86.7	56.4	46	32	6	2	3
Mis	29	40.1	32.0	24	5	0	0	0	134	83.8	62.5	65	40	19	8	2
Fel	94	76.8	82.1	39	35	17	2	1	427	100.6	69.1	152	141	76	48	10
Mis	163	63.2	51.7	96	41	24	2	0	813	72.9	61.8	401	256	83	71	2
District Totals	354	77.9	66.8	172	111	51	13	7	1,139	100.7	67.2	496	319	152	137	35
Mis	367	55.2	44.6	237	93	33	4	0	1,842	68.6	46.2	1,053	484	180	112	13

Ages of Felony (Fel) and Misdemeanor (Mis) cases in the Superior Courts

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/80 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1979-80

	Total Pending	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)						
		0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365				0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365		
		Mean Age	Median Age	Mean Age	Median Age	Mean Age				Median Age	Mean Age	Median Age	Mean Age	Median Age		
<u>District 18</u>																
Guilford																
Fel	1,078	211.5	111.2	301	260	155	168	194	1,856	111.4	87.0	590	630	378	209	49
Mis	327	272.5	95.8	130	43	10	32	112	697	77.8	54.4	366	220	69	31	11
Fel	318	411.5	269.5	62	70	16	16	154	483	83.7	83.7	165	213	75	28	2
Mis	82	245.1	66.5	40	16	7	1	18	212	72.3	59.8	107	84	7	14	0
Oistrict Totals	1,396	257.1	132.0	363	330	171	184	348	2,339	106.5	87.2	755	843	453	237	51
Mis	409	267.0	82.0	170	59	17	33	130	909	76.5	57.2	473	304	76	45	11
<u>District 19A</u>																
Cabarrus																
Fel	134	85.1	27.9	88	30	6	4	6	404	99.9	57.5	206	130	21	34	13
Mis	165	64.2	38.2	112	32	10	8	3	592	138.8	62.5	288	160	35	50	59
Fel	104	271.0	87.8	45	13	1	18	22	560	105.1	57.0	295	145	46	47	27
Mis	106	260.3	81.8	39	25	1	14	27	428	76.9	45.2	264	102	29	24	9
Oistrict Totals	238	166.3	47.5	133	48	7	22	28	964	102.9	57.2	501	275	67	81	40
Mis	271	140.9	52.6	151	57	11	22	30	1,020	112.8	72.8	552	262	64	74	68
<u>District 19B</u>																
Montgomery																
Fel	12	91.5	46.1	9	0	0	3	0	191	63.9	33.8	122	42	20	5	2
Mis	21	93.7	46.2	13	5	0	3	0	181	63.3	42.7	97	62	14	6	2
Fel	96	147.2	59.3	49	23	9	6	9	236	84.2	56.5	137	56	20	21	6
Mis	119	74.3	45.0	77	21	8	12	1	521	98.7	74.7	190	196	70	53	12
Oistrict Totals	108	141.0	58.9	58	23	9	9	9	427	75.1	51.2	259	94	40	26	8
Mis	140	77.2	45.8	90	26	8	15	1	702	89.6	49.2	287	258	84	59	14
<u>District 20</u>																
Anson																
Fel	17	87.4	17.8	12	3	0	0	2	215	112.5	63.1	84	92	14	16	9
Mis	25	50.2	18.3	20	3	0	1	1	161	93.0	68.8	68	64	12	14	3
Fel	65	151.4	41.1	53	5	1	0	6	676	89.4	38.5	463	144	24	19	26
Mis	29	155.9	31.0	23	3	0	1	2	374	84.2	41.5	239	80	22	16	17
Fel	112	265.3	67.0	54	6	3	22	27	609	65.7	47.0	371	182	27	20	9
Mis	81	263.8	67.0	38	7	2	8	26	395	75.9	61.8	190	157	31	12	5
Fel	46	162.2	57.5	23	9	1	7	6	253	87.4	57.6	129	81	24	11	8
Mis	56	136.9	58.1	29	5	4	17	1	288	102.8	74.0	112	113	33	18	12
Fel	159	196.9	34.0	84	16	12	6	41	631	71.1	41.5	418	136	41	11	25
Mis	54	102.9	14.5	39	3	3	5	4	430	56.0	40.2	320	83	13	9	5
Oistrict Totals	399	200.0	52.2	226	39	17	35	82	2,384	80.4	45.6	1,465	635	130	77	77
Mis	245	164.8	44.0	149	21	9	32	34	1,648	79.0	53.2	929	497	111	69	42
<u>District 21</u>																
Forsyth																
Fel	327	69.8	54.9	184	94	32	15	2	1,419	62.1	46.4	897	370	92	56	4
Mis	176	47.5	31.5	131	28	13	4	0	1,374	58.7	43.1	988	244	77	63	2

Ages of Felony (Fel) and Misdemeanor (Mis) cases in the Superior Courts

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/80 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1979-80

	Total Pending	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)							
		0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365				0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365			
		Age	Age	Age	Age	Age				Age	Age	Age	Age	Age			
<u>District 22</u>																	
Alexander	Fel 18 Mis 16	29.8 226.2	20.0 77.0	17 7	0 3	1 1	0 0	1 1	0 0	0 5	75 104	69.5 66.7	35 64	36 29	1 3	2 8	1 0
Davidson	Fel 117 Mis 111	154.9 156.9	96.0 70.4	45 38	21 31	21 12	16 16	21 12	14 14	5 0	393 259	83.1 47.0	173 205	146 35	43 12	26 5	5 2
Davie	Fel 6 Mis 10	69.7 48.3	73.0 21.5	1 8	5 0	0 2	0 0	0 2	0 0	0 0	81 118	136.6 77.3	14 62	20 38	39 8	5 10	3 0
Iredell	Fel 42 Mis 56	297.8 34.6	80.2 19.3	18 47	11 5	4 3	2 1	4 3	7 0	7 0	527 368	86.5 54.4	209 261	255 78	32 14	18 15	13 0
District Totals	Fel 183 Mis 193	172.6 121.5	70.3 55.3	81 100	37 39	26 18	18 17	21 19	21 19	19 19	1,076 849	87.8 57.2	431 592	457 180	115 37	51 38	22 2
<u>District 23</u>																	
Alleghany	Fel 8 Mis 11	101.9 59.1	54.5 53.8	4 9	0 1	3 0	1 1	3 0	0 0	0 0	31 24	187.6 183.5	9 10	5 2	2 5	13 4	2 3
Ashe	Fel 28 Mis 21	125.3 163.3	93.5 74.2	5 4	10 9	10 0	2 6	2 6	2 2	2 2	57 90	130.4 45.5	21 66	24 11	2 6	2 7	8 0
Wilkes	Fel 92 Mis 176	144.2 105.8	95.1 39.2	36 98	13 18	15 28	27 30	27 28	1 1	2 5	214 204	122.5 118.1	75 45	56 76	35 41	42 38	6 4
Yadkin	Fel 92 Mis 47	120.0 78.1	70.0 32.0	20 31	49 11	7 2	11 1	7 2	5 2	5 2	90 126	137.6 123.1	13 30	41 50	13 22	20 18	3 6
District Totals	Fel 220 Mis 255	130.1 103.4	70.4 39.3	65 142	72 39	35 30	41 38	41 38	7 6	7 6	392 444	132.3 108.3	118 151	126 139	52 74	77 67	19 13
<u>District 24</u>																	
Avery	Fel 55 Mis 16	204.1 195.3	140.0 141.5	5 7	22 0	6 3	16 3	6 3	6 3	6 3	87 27	248.9 347.8	4 1	14 4	27 2	29 8	13 12
Madison	Fel 32 Mis 16	751.3 174.1	1,041.6 136.8	2 2	0 5	7 4	1 4	1 4	22 1	22 1	22 42	220.8 176.1	1 13	3 7	5 5	9 11	4 6
Mitchell	Fel 11 Mis 1	47.2 5.0	32.0 5.0	9 1	2 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	39 25	186.2 183.9	7 8	16 4	3 1	9 9	4 3
Watauga	Fel 80 Mis 8	155.8 97.3	115.9 33.5	17 5	33 1	10 1	17 2	10 1	3 0	3 0	104 49	103.7 98.1	53 26	18 4	6 20	23 1	4 0
Yancey	Fel 14 Mis 19	219.5 265.8	206.0 282.0	3 4	2 1	1 3	4 7	4 7	4 4	4 4	14 15	175.4 253.1	5 0	4 1	3 2	0 9	2 3
District Totals	Fel 192 Mis 60	267.3 195.7	124.0 141.5	36 19	59 7	24 10	38 16	24 10	35 8	35 8	266 158	176.7 189.8	70 24	55 42	44 30	70 38	27 24

Ages of Felony (Fel) and Misdemeanor (Mis) cases in the Superior Courts

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/80 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1979-80

	Total Pending	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Total Disposed	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)						
		Mean Age	Median Age	> 365				Mean Age	Median Age	> 365				
				0-60	61-120	121-180				181-365	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365
<u>District 25</u>														
Burke	36	57.7	33.1	29	4	1	259	163.5	71.7	113	71	7	32	36
Mis	36	56.8	19.9	28	2	0	172	124.7	54.7	91	43	8	13	17
Fel	69	150.8	134.0	23	3	14	289	97.3	68.6	118	119	9	39	4
Mis	54	54.8	31.0	40	7	5	224	73.4	55.5	114	84	12	11	3
Fel	226	150.4	62.2	80	79	23	787	130.4	90.2	233	283	115	109	47
Mis	95	169.0	81.0	41	14	6	425	90.6	74.5	145	203	51	20	6
District Totals	331	140.4	62.2	132	86	38	1,335	129.7	77.2	464	473	131	180	87
Mis	185	113.8	51.3	109	23	15	821	93.1	67.2	350	330	71	44	26
<u>District 26</u>														
Mecklenburg	588	200.0	67.5	269	122	71	1,784	109.0	70.5	726	642	215	107	94
Mis	148	203.7	75.5	64	45	9	1,153	111.6	55.6	607	275	68	129	74
<u>District 27A</u>														
Gaston	333	66.5	54.7	178	119	24	1,469	87.1	63.7	676	544	138	84	27
Mis	64	81.7	33.0	43	8	3	371	59.4	34.3	277	49	17	23	5
<u>District 27B</u>														
Cleveland	127	132.2	47.9	71	15	20	358	61.2	38.9	219	105	17	16	1
Mis	49	130.9	53.0	25	9	6	98	58.4	46.5	56	37	4	1	0
Fel	21	93.4	95.3	5	8	8	343	73.7	47.8	212	78	24	22	7
Mis	1	41.0	40.0	1	0	0	67	70.7	54.0	36	26	4	0	1
District Totals	148	126.7	48.3	76	23	28	701	67.3	41.6	431	183	41	38	8
Mis	50	129.1	48.5	26	9	6	165	63.4	51.2	92	63	8	1	1
<u>District 28</u>														
Buncombe	313	75.0	37.7	226	38	24	962	81.1	68.8	405	402	97	52	6
Mis	68	55.5	29.8	48	11	4	490	53.5	36.6	330	128	21	11	0
<u>District 29</u>														
Henderson	37	100.0	47.3	21	8	3	369	92.6	67.3	141	156	39	22	11
Mis	13	154.8	108.7	4	4	1	97	105.9	52.3	52	17	12	11	5
Fel	43	271.7	295.7	12	0	3	117	133.8	121.2	20	35	40	14	8
Mis	14	135.1	96.8	6	3	2	39	161.9	81.0	13	7	4	8	7
Fel	113	208.0	160.1	4	9	72	130	208.0	148.7	1	8	89	14	18
Mis	15	253.3	305.0	3	2	0	25	217.6	155.2	1	6	9	5	4
Fel	69	110.9	55.2	40	14	5	276	174.5	81.0	70	121	34	19	32
Mis	65	76.8	58.0	33	17	11	184	174.3	89.1	31	91	15	24	23
Fel	62	243.0	140.3	11	7	21	72	132.3	94.9	18	35	4	11	4
Mis	20	386.3	140.2	3	2	7	24	74.9	65.5	10	10	4	0	0
District Totals	324	190.1	159.5	88	38	104	964	139.6	87.8	250	355	206	80	73
Mis	127	160.8	80.4	49	28	21	369	151.5	83.2	107	131	44	48	39

Ages of Felony (Fel) and Misdemeanor (Mis) cases in the Superior Courts

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/80 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1979-80

District 30		Ages of Pending Cases (Days)						Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)										
		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365	
Cherokee	Fel	35	366.1	381.0	2	5	4	4	6	18	79	123.5	70.0	33	18	14	10	4
	Mis	46	289.6	239.7	9	4	5	17	11	11	62	213.7	141.5	5	21	9	17	10
Clay	Fel	3	105.0	12.2	2	0	0	1	0	0	20	117.8	61.5	10	0	7	3	0
	Mis	3	86.7	83.0	1	1	1	0	0	0	7	163.1	96.0	1	4	0	1	1
Graham	Fel	11	163.5	73.1	3	5	0	1	1	2	27	120.6	41.0	17	3	3	2	2
	Mis	22	199.6	117.5	6	5	2	4	4	5	19	126.7	135.6	8	1	6	4	0
Haywood	Fel	133	299.0	130.6	43	18	14	10	10	48	181	132.0	75.0	78	60	20	11	12
	Mis	130	317.1	226.5	27	22	10	20	20	51	253	196.1	139.8	49	62	36	65	41
Jackson	Fel	63	107.2	57.5	46	3	4	7	3	3	127	333.7	180.7	36	16	11	14	50
	Mis	51	163.5	59.0	26	6	4	8	7	7	58	284.7	241.5	5	12	6	17	18
Macon	Fel	54	132.6	61.8	26	9	4	10	5	5	94	191.5	122.2	25	19	12	29	9
	Mis	37	171.5	89.2	13	8	6	4	4	6	25	152.8	122.2	3	8	6	8	0
Swain	Fel	7	140.9	127.3	1	0	5	1	0	0	17	220.2	224.0	5	0	3	3	6
	Mis	22	140.0	94.0	6	7	1	8	0	0	15	141.1	141.0	6	1	4	4	0
District Totals	Fel	306	227.4	103.5	123	40	31	36	36	76	545	189.7	89.8	204	116	70	72	83
	Mis	311	247.5	146.7	88	53	29	61	61	80	439	202.4	140.0	77	109	67	116	70
STATE TOTALS	Fel	10,803	159.1	72.6	4,656	2,511	1,301	1,145	1,190	1,190	36,169	102.9	68.2	16,107	11,321	4,222	3,092	1,427
	Mis	6,805	144.7	66.4	3,250	1,335	734	818	668	668	25,047	93.5	59.2	12,727	6,883	2,528	2,118	791

PART IV, Section 2

**District Court Division
Caseflow Data**

THE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

This section contains data tables and accompanying charts depicting the caseload in 1979-80 of both cases pending, filed and disposed of in the State's district courts (cases which must be handled by one of the State's district court judges), and cases pending, filed and disposed of before magistrates. When the plaintiff in a civil case requests, and the amount in controversy is \$800 or less, the case may be denominated a "small claims" civil case and assigned to a magistrate for hearing. In certain criminal matters, magistrates are authorized to accept defendant's waiver of court appearance and plea of guilty and to impose a fine in accordance with a schedule set by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges; these waivers of appearance are permitted in many motor vehicle cases and in certain worthless check cases. In a limited number of other (non-motor vehicle) criminal cases, magistrates may try the case upon defendant's plea of not guilty. Appeals from magistrates' judgments in both civil cases and criminal cases are to the district court judge.

This section contains data on three major case classifications: civil cases, juvenile proceedings, and criminal cases. Each of the three is subdivided into two or more case categories. Civil cases include "civil magistrate" cases (small claims cases, as defined above), "domestic relations" cases (chiefly concerned with annulments, divorces, alimony, custody and support of children), and "general civil" cases. Juvenile proceedings are classified in accordance with the nature of the offense or condition alleged in the petition which initiates the case: a child may be alleged to be "delinquent" or "undisciplined" on the basis of an offense, or a child may be alleged to be "neglected" by his legal guardian or "dependent" upon the State for his or her care or protection. (As of January 1, 1980, a fifth condition may be alleged in a juvenile petition: that the child is "abused." Data on proceedings following allegations of abuse are not included in the data presented here.) District court criminal cases are divided into "motor vehicle" cases

(when the offense charged is defined in Chapter 20 of the North Carolina General Statutes) or non-motor vehicle cases.

As the pie charts on the following page illustrate, district court criminal cases filed and disposed of in 1979-80 out-numbered civil cases by a substantial margin. Motor vehicle criminal cases constituted over half of the total filings and dispositions, and non-motor vehicle criminal cases constituted another fourth of the total. Among the civil cases, about two-thirds (just over fourteen percent of the total) were small claims cases filed before magistrates. The remainder were domestic relations cases (4.1% of the total filed and 4.0% of the total disposed of) and general civil cases (3.4% of the filings and 3.4% of the dispositions as well).

The graphs on the ages of district court division civil cases and criminal cases show that district court cases are, for the most part, disposed of rather rapidly. The median age of the district court civil cases disposed of in 1979-80 was 27.0 days. For criminal cases, the median age of the motor vehicle cases disposed of was 21.0 days, and of the non-motor vehicle cases 20.0 days. Among the district court cases still pending as of the end of the year, the median age for civil cases was 133.3 days, for motor vehicle cases 30.0 days, and for non-motor vehicle cases 38.3 days.*

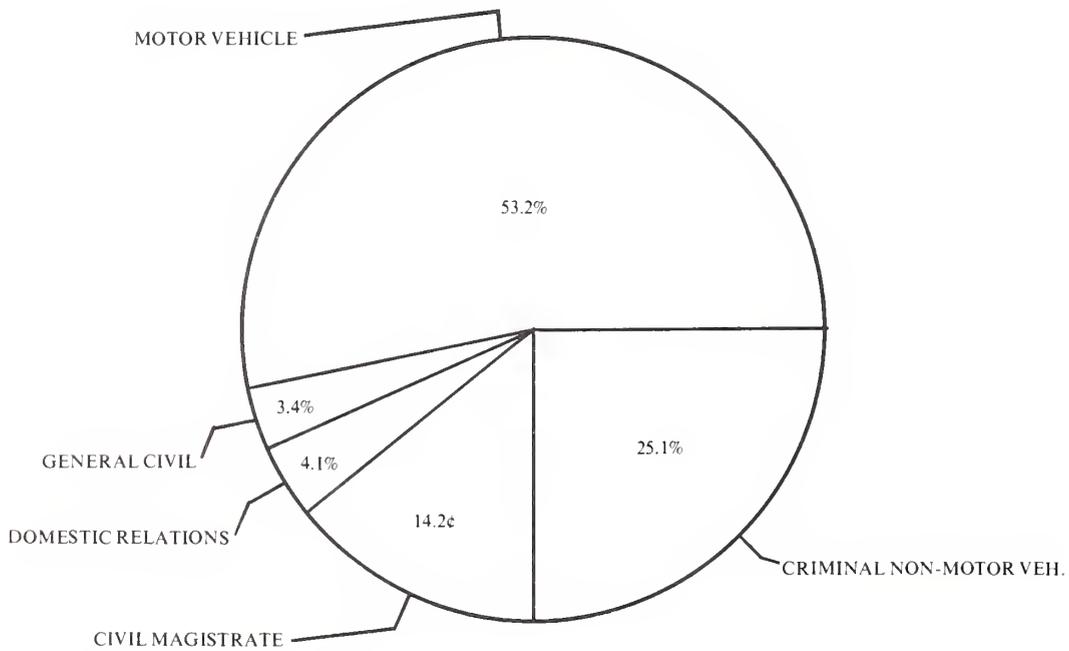
The higher age of the district court civil cases pending on June 30, 1980 is indicative of the fact that both domestic relations and general civil cases can be expected to take much longer from filing to disposition than either civil cases which are handled by magistrates or criminal cases. This difference is not reflected in the median ages of the cases disposed of during 1979-80 which are illustrated in the graph: because small claims case dispositions out-number other district court civil cases by about two to one, the median age of all district court division civil cases typifies the quickly disposed-of civil magistrate cases rather than the civil cases which are disposed of before a judge.

* The median age of a set of cases is the age of a hypothetical case which is older than 50% of all the cases and younger than the other 50%.

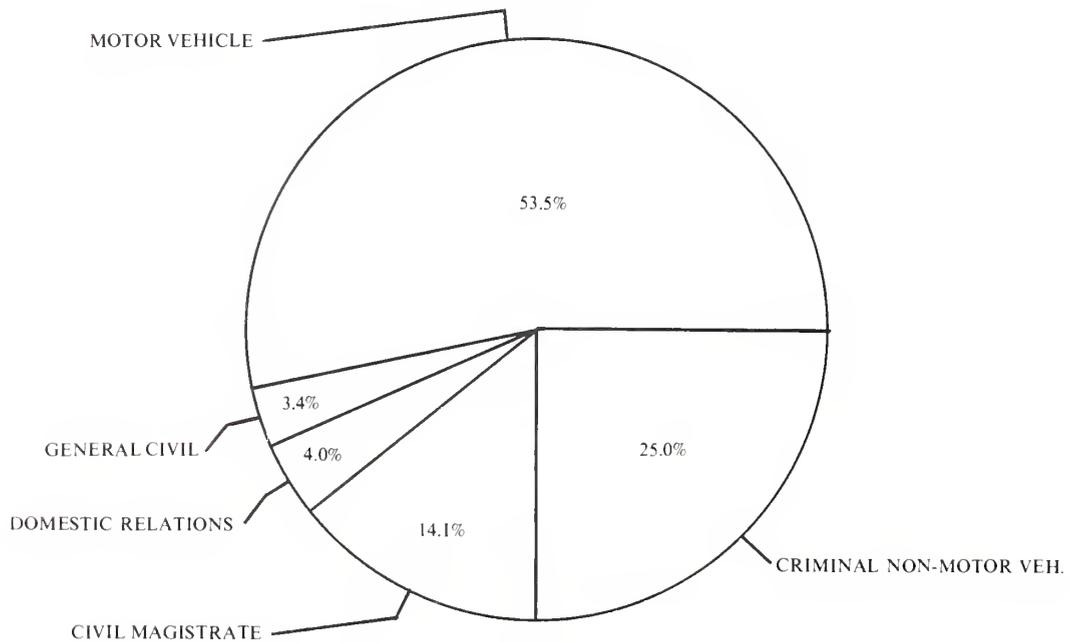
The graphs do not show data for juvenile proceedings. These are not reported to AOC by case number and filing and disposition date, as are other cases, and so cannot be included. The same is true for proceedings relating to the commitment or recommitment of persons alleged to be mentally incompetent to the State's four mental hospitals. Data on these proceedings are included in Part III, "Cost and Case Data on Representation of Indigents."

FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS, 1979-80

FILINGS



DISPOSITIONS

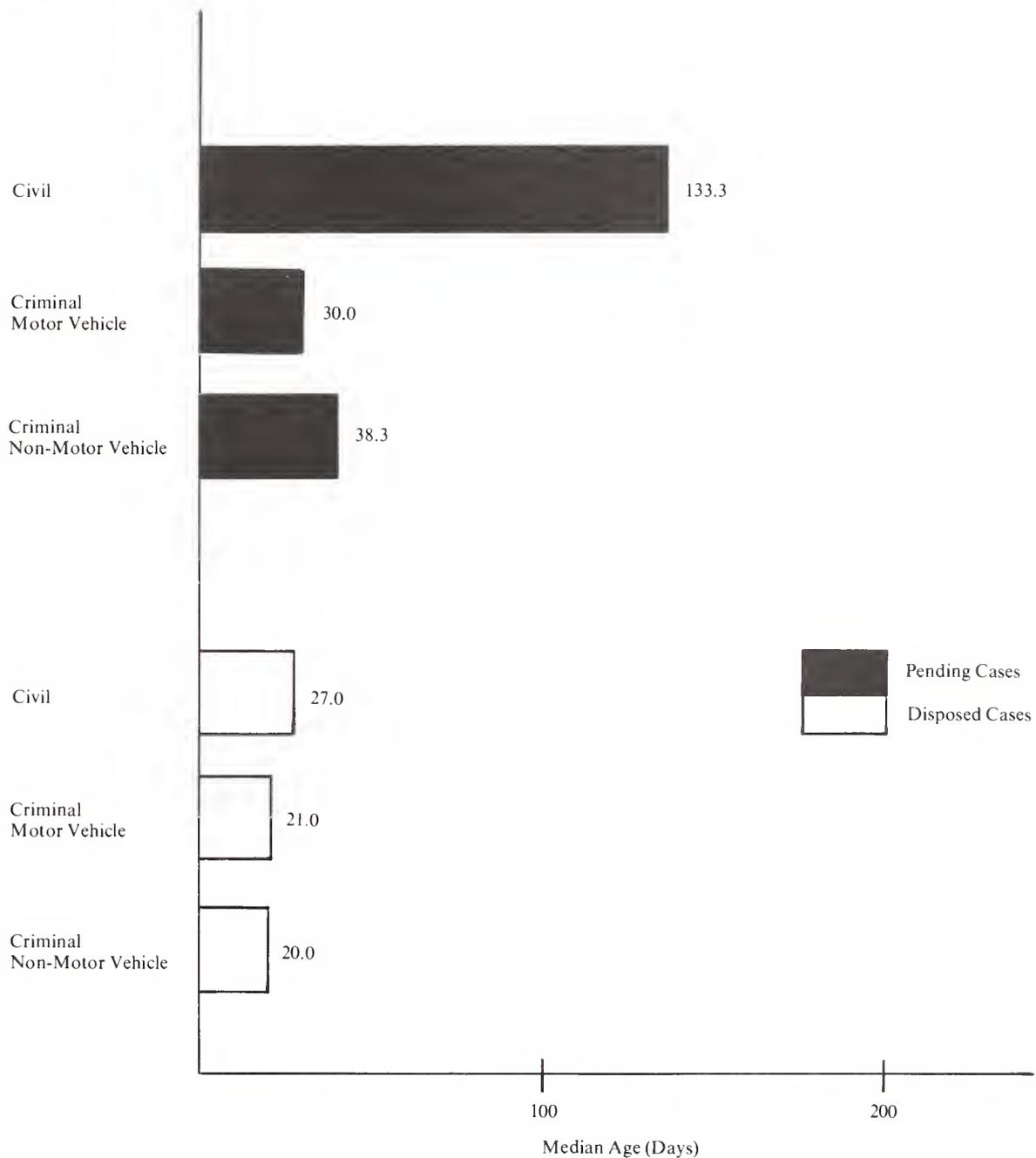


Traffic cases dominate not only the district court caseloads, as depicted here, but also the total caseload facing the State's trial courts. Of *all* cases filed during the 1979-80 year (including superior court civil and criminal cases, estates and special proceedings, and district court civil and criminal cases), 48.6% were traffic cases.

THE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

Lifetimes of District Court Cases

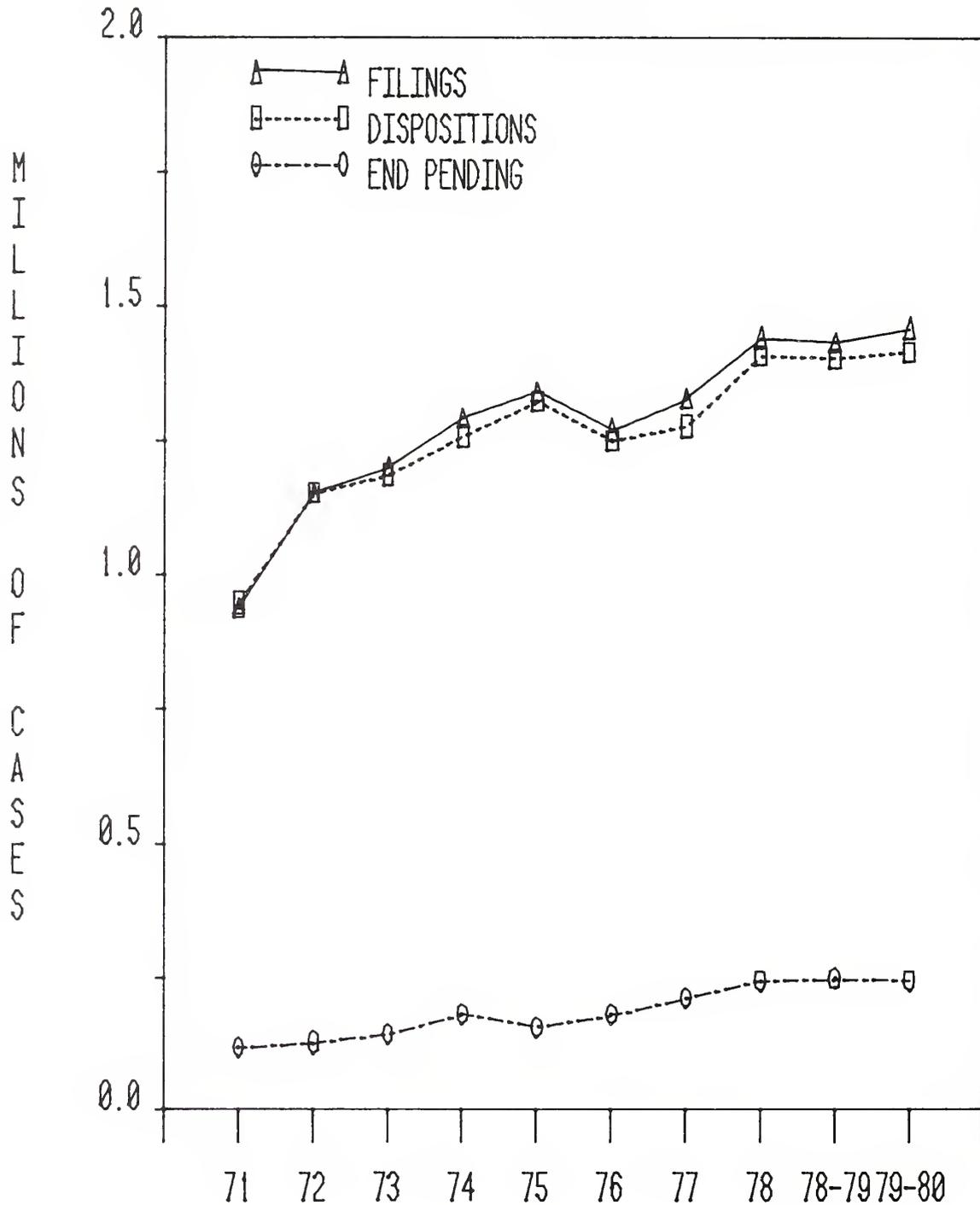
Median Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/80 and of Cases Disposed During 1797-80.



Most district court cases are relatively short-lived, as indicated by this graph. While criminal cases at this level normally pass through the court system rapidly, the same is not necessarily true of civil cases. The low median age of civil cases disposed is largely a reflection of civil magistrate cases, since 65.6% of all civil district

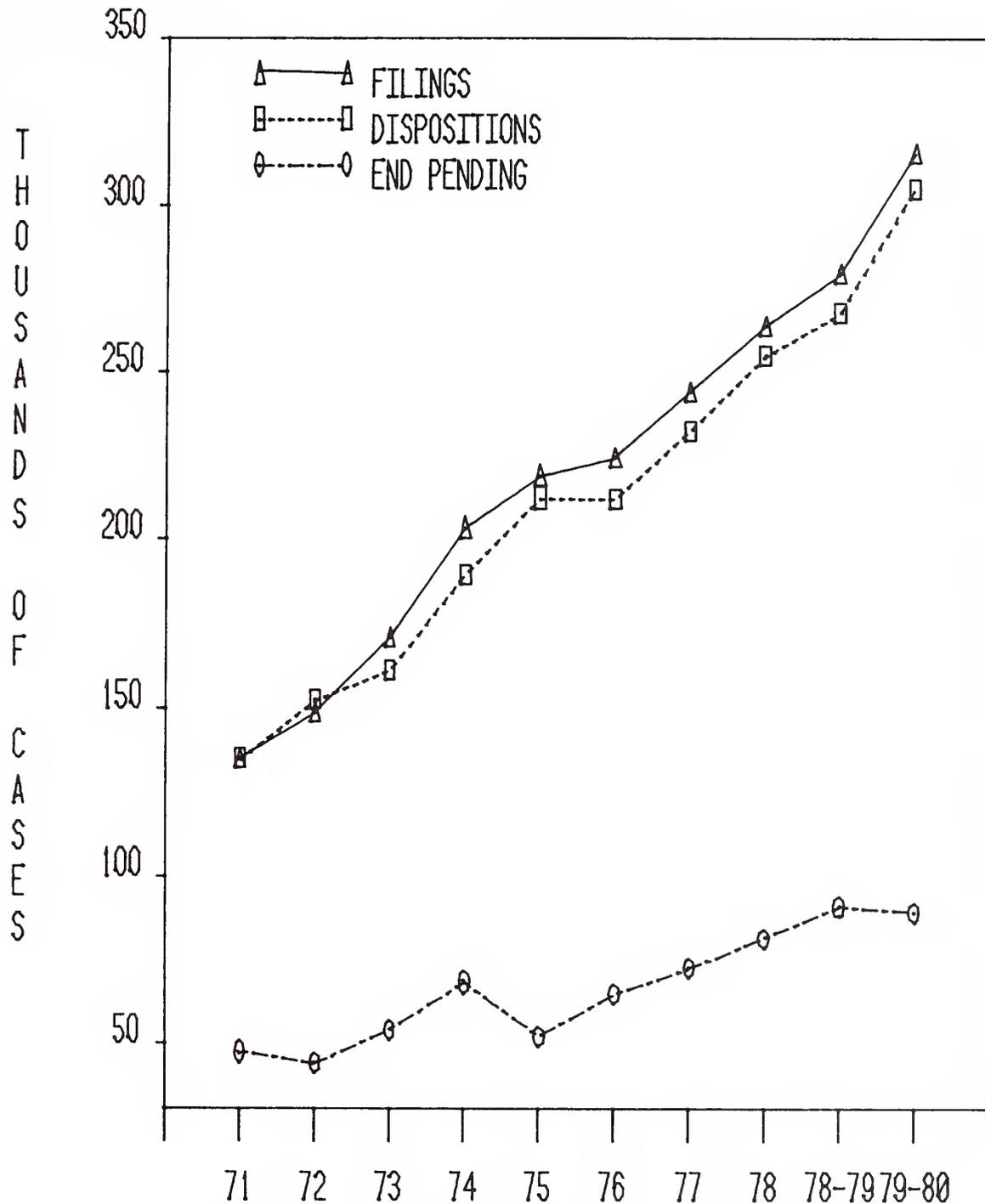
court cases disposed of this year were at the magistrate level. Because of the smaller number of year-end pending civil magistrate cases (only 29% of pending cases were civil magistrate), the median pending age is of larger magnitude, as influenced by the longer processing times of general civil and domestic relations cases.

CASELOAD TRENDS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS 1971-1980



An overall picture of district court caseload is determined by the criminal caseload and particularly by the volume of traffic cases. Of all cases filed and disposed in the district courts during the 1979-80 year, 78.3% of the filings and 78.4% of the dispositions were in the criminal category.

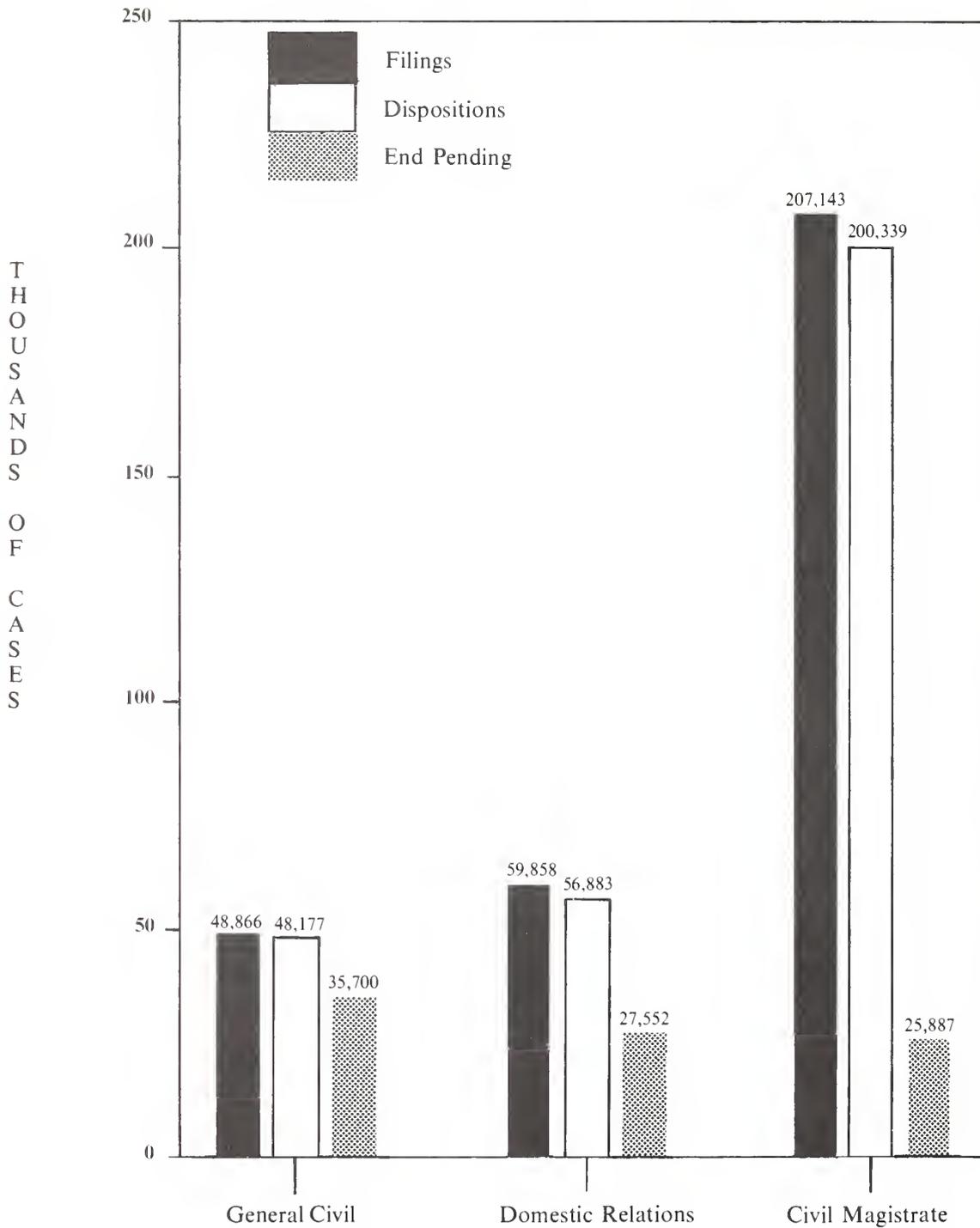
CASELOAD TRENDS OF CIVIL CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS 1971-1980



Civil caseloads in the district courts have increased sharply each year for the ten years that data have been collected. 1979-80 filings are 13% higher than 1978-79 filings, with civil magistrate cases accounting for the major portion of the increase. The 14% jump in dispositions during the past year may help to explain the first recent decrease in pending cases; 90,754 cases were pending on June 30, 1979, while 89,139 remained open on June 30, 1980.

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General Civil, Domestic Relations, and Civil Magistrate Cases In The District Courts — 1979-80



Civil magistrate cases dominate the civil district court caseload, with 1979-80 filings showing an increase of 15.7% over 1978-79 filings. Domestic relations cases,

while of a much smaller magnitude, are also growing: the 59,858 cases filed during 1979-80 year represent a 10.7% increase over 1978-79 figures.

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1979 — June 30, 1980

	Filings					Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/80
	Pending 7/1/79	Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations	Civil Magistrate				
<u>District 1</u>									
Camden	21	169	12	28	129	190	165	86.8	25
Chowan	166	1,258	96	168	994	1,424	1,145	80.4	279
Currituck	99	559	69	90	400	658	488	74.1	170
Dare	176	688	126	84	478	864	650	75.2	214
Gates	66	465	43	44	378	531	465	87.5	66
Pasquotank	199	1,188	172	293	723	1,387	1,119	80.6	268
Perquimans	59	424	37	48	339	483	408	84.4	75
District Totals	786	4,751	555	755	3,441	5,537	4,440	80.1	1,097
<u>District 2</u>									
Beaufort	351	2,504	125	444	1,935	2,855	2,454	85.9	401
Hyde	36	201	23	39	139	237	192	81.0	45
Martin	280	1,648	62	224	1,362	1,928	1,607	83.3	321
Tyrrell	18	216	4	36	176	234	193	82.4	41
Washington	117	1,036	164	109	763	1,153	943	81.7	210
District Totals	802	5,605	378	852	4,375	6,407	5,389	84.1	1,018
<u>District 3</u>									
Carteret	487	1,945	289	446	1,210	2,432	1,835	75.4	597
Craven	934	3,511	669	953	1,889	4,445	3,420	76.9	1,025
Pamlico	65	431	36	89	306	496	392	79.0	104
Pitt	1,531	4,973	854	698	3,421	6,504	5,111	78.5	1,393
District Totals	3,017	10,860	1,848	2,186	6,826	13,877	10,758	77.5	3,119
<u>District 4</u>									
Duplin	471	2,899	234	246	2,419	3,370	2,833	84.0	537
Jones	58	455	63	103	289	513	422	82.2	91
Onslow	1,285	4,061	333	1,310	2,418	5,346	3,903	73.0	1,443
Sampson	463	3,605	277	493	2,835	4,068	3,259	80.1	809
District Totals	2,277	11,020	907	2,152	7,961	13,297	10,417	78.3	2,880
<u>District 5</u>									
New Hanover	2,196	6,755	1,393	1,659	3,703	8,951	6,193	69.1	2,758
Pender	203	821	148	196	477	1,024	740	72.2	284
District Totals	2,399	7,576	1,541	1,855	4,180	9,975	6,933	69.5	3,042
<u>District 6</u>									
Bertie	245	1,431	54	231	1,146	1,676	1,484	88.5	192
Halifax	911	3,026	175	583	2,268	3,937	3,185	80.8	752
Hertford	373	1,346	235	238	873	1,719	1,403	81.6	316
Northampton	239	1,108	144	51	913	1,347	1,145	85.0	202
District Totals	1,768	6,911	608	1,103	5,200	8,679	7,217	83.1	1,462
<u>District 7</u>									
Edgecombe	796	5,598	372	645	4,581	6,394	5,291	82.7	1,103
Nash	913	3,793	492	559	2,742	4,706	3,879	82.4	827
Wilson	817	4,426	677	834	2,915	5,243	4,073	77.6	1,170
District Totals	2,526	13,817	1,541	2,038	10,238	16,343	13,243	81.0	3,100
<u>District 8</u>									
Greene	91	593	52	118	423	684	570	83.3	114
Lenoir	1,216	4,520	579	876	3,065	5,736	4,761	83.0	975
Wayne	2,232	6,705	1,395	1,467	3,843	8,937	6,782	75.8	2,155
District Totals	3,539	11,818	2,026	2,461	7,331	15,357	12,113	78.8	3,244
<u>District 9</u>									
Franklin	264	1,676	106	236	1,334	1,940	1,634	84.2	306
Granville	307	1,598	198	227	1,173	1,905	1,650	86.6	255
Person	510	1,756	213	284	1,259	2,266	1,885	83.1	381
Vance	351	2,981	155	461	2,365	3,332	2,487	74.6	845
Warren	406	880	80	291	509	1,286	933	72.5	353
District Totals	1,838	8,891	752	1,499	6,640	10,729	8,589	80.0	2,140
<u>District 10</u>									
Wake	6,743	16,962	4,196	3,033	9,733	23,705	16,409	69.2	7,296

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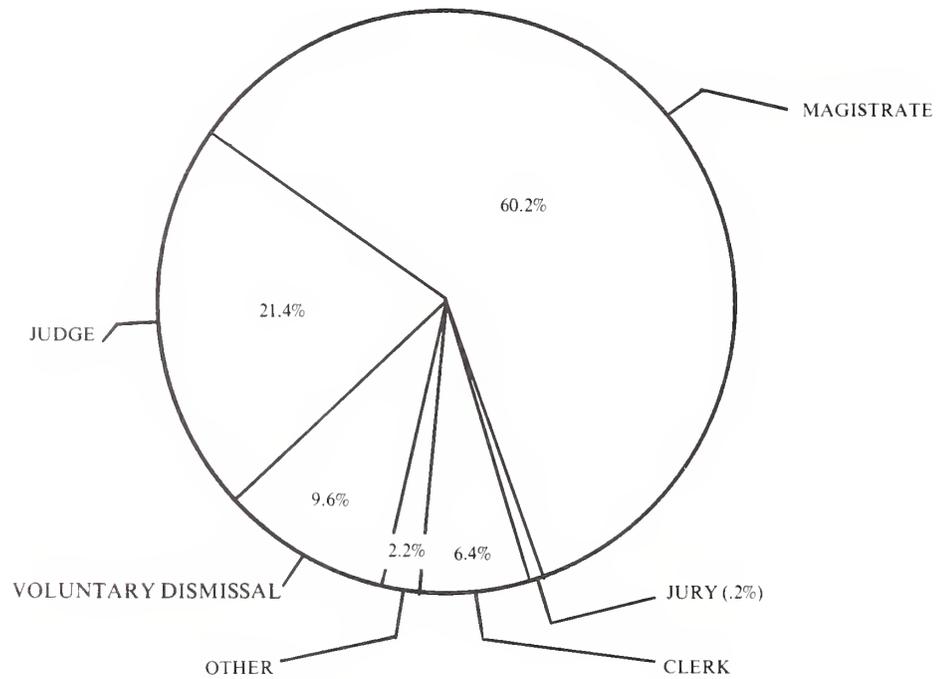
	Pending 7/1/79	Fillings				Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/80
		Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations	Civil Magistrate				
<u>District 11</u>									
Harnett	943	2,677	135	517	1,594	3,620	2,619	72.3	1,001
Johnston	1,061	4,321	662	869	2,790	5,382	3,911	72.6	1,471
Lee	624	1,978	731	0	1,247	2,602	1,872	71.9	730
District Totals	2,628	8,976	1,959	1,386	5,631	11,604	8,402	72.4	3,202
<u>District 12</u>									
Cumberland	2,890	12,834	1,511	3,046	8,277	15,724	12,814	81.4	2,910
Hoke	139	1,035	173	159	703	1,174	1,032	87.9	142
District Totals	3,029	13,869	1,684	3,205	8,980	16,898	13,846	81.9	3,052
<u>District 13</u>									
Bladen	347	1,792	271	212	1,309	2,139	1,690	79.0	449
Brunswick	503	1,511	291	292	928	2,014	1,409	69.9	605
Columbus	822	3,193	422	534	2,237	4,015	3,046	75.8	969
District Totals	1,672	6,496	984	1,038	4,474	8,168	6,145	75.2	2,023
<u>District 14</u>									
Durham	3,668	16,096	1,855	2,014	12,227	19,764	16,023	81.0	3,741
<u>District 15A</u>									
Alamance	514	3,874	561	1,093	2,220	4,388	3,761	85.7	627
<u>District 158</u>									
Chatham	266	1,590	113	209	1,268	1,856	1,616	87.0	240
Orange	519	2,378	485	525	1,368	2,897	2,067	71.3	830
District Totals	785	3,968	598	734	2,636	4,753	3,683	77.4	1,070
<u>District 16</u>									
Robeson	1,532	8,061	1,144	1,580	5,337	9,593	7,836	81.6	1,757
Scotland	469	1,897	166	210	1,521	2,366	1,911	80.7	455
District Totals	2,001	9,958	1,310	1,790	6,858	11,959	9,747	81.5	2,212
<u>District 17</u>									
Caswell	122	724	49	119	556	846	686	81.0	160
Rockingham	549	3,415	501	790	2,124	3,964	3,242	81.7	722
Stokes	135	890	94	176	620	1,025	854	83.3	171
Surry	700	3,249	483	460	2,306	3,949	3,134	79.3	815
District Totals	1,506	8,278	1,127	1,545	5,606	9,784	7,916	80.9	1,868
<u>District 18</u>									
Guilford	4,942	22,718	4,019	3,996	14,703	27,660	21,479	77.6	6,181
<u>District 19A</u>									
Cabarrus	1,110	4,144	1,339	704	2,101	5,254	3,900	74.2	1,354
Rowan	606	3,763	477	742	2,544	4,369	3,596	82.3	773
District Totals	1,716	7,907	1,816	1,446	4,645	9,623	7,496	77.8	2,127
<u>District 19B</u>									
Montgomery	388	1,508	217	88	1,203	1,896	1,435	75.6	461
Randolph	407	2,690	319	771	1,600	3,097	2,722	87.8	375
District Totals	795	4,198	536	859	2,803	4,993	4,157	83.2	836
<u>District 20</u>									
Anson	192	963	53	173	737	1,155	941	81.4	214
Moore	547	2,526	326	440	1,760	3,073	2,493	81.1	580
Richmond	1,326	2,531	242	410	1,879	3,857	2,929	75.9	928
Stanly	494	2,330	446	226	1,658	2,824	2,223	78.7	601
Union	547	2,645	348	374	1,923	3,192	2,559	80.1	633
District Totals	3,106	10,995	1,415	1,623	7,957	14,101	11,145	79.0	2,956

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		Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations	Civil Magistrate				
<u>District 21</u>									
Forsyth	2,406	13,492	2,720	2,971	7,801	15,898	13,182	82.9	2,716
<u>District 22</u>									
Alexander	94	779	64	148	567	873	639	73.1	234
Davidson	612	3,562	486	978	2,098	4,174	3,552	85.0	622
Davie	145	898	125	158	615	1,043	789	75.6	254
Iredell	614	3,615	492	548	2,575	4,229	3,474	82.1	755
District Totals	1,465	8,854	1,167	1,832	5,855	10,319	8,454	81.9	1,865
<u>District 23</u>									
Alleghany	69	528	86	68	374	597	515	86.2	82
Ashe	79	699	70	100	529	778	620	79.6	158
Wilkes	942	3,214	960	525	1,729	4,156	3,262	78.4	894
Yadkin	278	1,458	177	184	1,097	1,736	1,451	83.5	285
District Totals	1,368	5,899	1,293	877	3,729	7,267	5,848	80.4	1,419
<u>District 24</u>									
Avery	88	441	140	31	270	529	401	75.8	128
Madison	54	283	29	66	188	337	274	81.3	63
Mitchell	53	372	64	68	240	425	332	78.1	93
Watauga	246	940	275	181	484	1,186	853	71.9	333
Yancey	79	341	49	87	205	420	319	75.9	101
District Totals	520	2,377	557	433	1,387	2,897	2,179	75.2	718
<u>District 25</u>									
Burke	651	2,820	337	819	1,664	3,471	2,521	72.6	950
Caldwell	644	3,058	372	546	2,140	3,702	2,839	76.6	863
Catawba	1,125	4,608	953	943	2,712	5,733	4,435	77.3	1,298
District Totals	2,420	10,486	1,662	2,308	6,516	12,906	9,795	75.8	3,111
<u>District 26</u>									
Mecklenburg	11,811	30,511	5,082	5,487	19,942	42,322	28,797	68.0	13,525
<u>District 27A</u>									
Gaston	1,461	6,797	775	2,312	3,710	8,258	6,190	74.9	2,068
<u>District 27B</u>									
Cleveland	543	4,006	420	749	2,837	4,549	3,773	82.9	776
Lincoln	204	1,513	320	372	821	1,717	1,473	85.7	244
District Totals	747	5,519	740	1,121	3,658	6,266	5,246	83.7	1,020
<u>District 28</u>									
Buncombe	1,927	7,011	1,246	1,683	4,082	8,938	7,139	79.8	1,799
<u>District 29</u>									
Henderson	413	1,294	247	369	678	1,707	1,276	74.7	431
McDowell	294	918	110	327	481	1,212	960	79.2	252
Polk	72	266	23	66	177	338	268	79.2	70
Rutherford	249	1,821	280	327	1,214	2,070	1,655	79.9	415
Transylvania	276	906	126	206	574	1,182	892	75.4	290
District Totals	1,304	5,205	786	1,295	3,124	6,509	5,051	77.6	1,458
<u>District 30</u>									
Cherokee	204	465	4	178	283	669	464	69.3	205
Clay	38	150	41	23	86	188	155	82.4	33
Graham	44	144	16	52	76	188	148	78.7	40
Haywood	404	1,664	181	341	1,142	2,068	1,758	85.0	310
Jackson	209	659	146	101	412	868	682	78.5	186
Macon	199	700	94	119	487	899	672	74.7	227
Swain	87	390	140	62	188	477	331	69.3	146
District Totals	1,185	4,172	622	876	2,674	5,357	4,210	78.5	1,147
STATE TOTALS	78,671	315,867	48,866	59,858	207,143	394,538	305,399	77.4	89,139

METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF DISTRICT COURT CIVIL CASES 1979-80



Magistrates handle the bulk of civil cases in the district court division. Judges decide the outcomes of most of the domestic relations and general civil cases that comprise the rest of the district court caseload.

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	Total Disposed	General Civil				Domestic Relations				Magistrate	Civil Magistrate						
		Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal		Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other				
<u>District 1</u>																	
Camden	165	3	0	3	3	5	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	88	0	37	0
Chowan	1,145	26	1	41	30	1	1	0	0	146	0	0	0	896	0	0	0
Currituck	488	27	0	8	13	6	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	380	0	0	0
Dare	650	29	0	30	39	6	0	0	0	82	0	0	0	447	0	4	1
Gates	465	6	0	17	15	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	370	0	20	0
Pasquotank	1,119	25	1	60	36	37	0	0	0	246	0	0	15	687	0	0	0
Perquimans	408	6	0	19	10	0	0	0	0	39	0	2	8	212	0	112	0
District Totals	4,440	122	2	178	146	55	0	2	41	605	0	2	41	3,080	0	173	1
<u>District 2</u>																	
Beaufort	2,454	35	3	46	20	6	1	1	7	385	1	1	7	1,889	0	1	25
Hyde	192	15	0	4	5	0	0	0	1	36	0	0	1	128	0	0	0
Martin	1,607	12	0	21	5	10	0	1	1	187	0	1	1	1,370	0	0	0
Tyrrell	193	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	2	1	162	0	0	0
Washington	943	21	0	78	20	9	0	2	3	92	0	2	3	717	0	0	0
District Totals	5,389	85	3	149	50	25	1	6	13	724	1	6	13	4,266	0	1	25
<u>District 3</u>																	
Carteret	1,835	105	3	70	96	10	1	3	28	342	1	3	28	521	14	530	98
Craven	3,420	182	2	265	246	7	1	5	140	747	1	5	140	1,808	0	10	2
Pamlico	392	15	1	10	10	6	0	1	10	60	0	1	10	272	0	0	1
Pitt	5,111	314	5	290	333	79	0	4	143	572	0	4	143	3,268	0	19	1
District Totals	10,758	616	11	635	685	102	2	13	321	1,721	2	13	321	5,869	14	559	102
<u>District 4</u>																	
Ouplin	2,833	72	6	94	58	5	0	5	20	221	0	5	20	2,333	0	10	1
Jones	422	11	0	31	9	2	0	0	3	93	0	0	3	176	0	93	3
Onslow	3,903	132	4	97	77	0	0	10	137	945	2	10	137	2,485	0	0	1
Sampson	3,259	83	2	90	53	7	0	4	42	359	0	4	42	2,592	24	0	0
District Totals	10,417	298	12	312	197	14	2	19	202	1,618	2	19	202	7,586	24	103	5
<u>District 5</u>																	
New Hanover	6,193	431	23	469	346	3	7	7	60	1,455	7	7	60	3,386	1	3	0
Pender	740	32	1	72	10	7	0	2	2	156	0	2	2	345	0	110	0
District Totals	6,933	463	24	541	356	10	7	9	62	1,611	7	9	62	3,731	1	113	0
<u>District 6</u>																	
Bertie	1,484	33	0	29	19	0	1	6	29	195	1	6	29	1,161	0	0	1
Hallifax	3,185	24	0	93	8	127	0	1	7	478	0	1	7	1,203	0	1	1,084
Hertford	1,403	50	2	166	38	18	2	1	16	155	2	1	16	896	0	1	2
Northampton	1,145	112	0	27	8	11	0	0	4	35	0	0	4	932	0	0	0
District Totals	7,217	219	2	315	73	156	3	8	56	863	3	8	56	4,192	0	2	1,087

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				Clerk	Other									
<u>District 7</u>														
Edgecombe	5,291	82	0	118	58	10	4	4	44	21	0	0	3	
Nash	3,879	231	4	185	139	11	3	3	27	3	5	0	0	
Wilson	4,073	272	2	115	88	9	9	31	15	15	0	1,438	2	
District Totals	13,243	585	6	418	285	30	16	102	39	39	5	1,438	5	
<u>District 8</u>														
Greene	570	42	0	4	6	1	0	0	9	2	0	0	2	
Lenoir	4,761	356	11	228	240	1	14	14	78	1	0	0	0	
Wayne	6,782	353	3	439	645	43	9	9	197	76	0	1,556	3	
District Totals	12,113	751	14	671	891	45	23	284	79	79	0	1,556	5	
<u>District 9</u>														
Franklin	1,634	83	0	36	19	31	9	9	7	21	5	117	1	
Granville	1,650	53	0	76	44	6	27	12	12	7	0	2	0	
Person	1,885	83	2	104	39	20	2	22	27	27	0	1	1	
Vance	2,487	34	0	44	55	20	5	30	29	29	0	330	11	
Warren	933	48	0	16	15	12	2	1	110	110	0	0	5	
District Totals	8,589	301	2	276	172	89	45	72	194	194	5	450	18	
<u>District 10</u>														
Wake	16,409	1,720	12	1,493	1,125	33	12	12	143	53	2	2,505	3	
<u>District 11</u>														
Harnett	2,619	129	2	133	213	31	5	5	40	19	0	0	7	
Johnston	3,911	215	5	62	159	153	9	9	59	17	0	4	0	
Lee	1,872	273	0	176	28	122	0	0	1	3	17	0	1	
District Totals	8,402	617	7	371	400	306	14	14	100	39	17	4	8	
<u>District 12</u>														
Cumberland	12,814	366	5	704	454	4	178	178	349	1	1,439	580	2	
Hoke	1,032	41	0	78	33	43	5	5	13	77	0	0	0	
District Totals	13,846	407	5	782	487	47	183	183	362	78	1,439	580	2	
<u>District 13</u>														
Bladen	1,690	42	7	120	79	7	2	2	17	3	3	46	2	
Brunswick	1,409	94	9	65	42	46	3	3	21	13	0	0	2	
Columbus	3,046	117	22	134	194	3	3	3	88	0	1	1	3	
District Totals	6,145	253	38	319	315	56	8	8	126	16	4	47	7	

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		Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal Other	Magistrate	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other		
<u>District 14</u>															
Durham	16,023	440	6	714	402	165	1,742	2	15	89	447	11,998	0	2	1
<u>District 15A</u>															
Alamance	3,761	148	12	173	174	36	779	2	36	90	192	1,725	1	392	1
<u>District 15B</u>															
Chatham	1,616	31	3	50	25	0	219	0	0	9	0	1,279	0	0	0
Orange	2,067	177	5	55	81	22	300	0	10	26	58	1,319	0	3	11
District Totals	3,683	208	8	105	106	22	519	0	10	35	58	2,598	0	3	11
<u>District 16</u>															
Robeson	7,836	230	8	358	486	39	1,450	1	5	123	10	4,050	0	1,069	7
Scotland	1,911	54	0	69	50	3	260	0	1	13	11	673	0	776	1
District Totals	9,747	284	8	427	536	42	1,710	1	6	136	21	4,723	0	1,845	8
<u>District 17</u>															
Caswell	686	17	0	22	0	2	102	0	3	0	14	526	0	0	0
Rockingham	3,242	47	8	245	77	11	698	0	3	59	5	2,089	0	0	0
Stokes	854	28	0	31	23	6	152	0	1	13	7	593	0	0	0
Surry	3,134	92	7	257	153	13	411	0	3	62	17	1,710	0	408	1
District Totals	7,916	184	15	555	253	32	1,363	0	10	134	43	4,918	0	408	1
<u>District 18</u>															
Guilford	21,479	914	29	1,513	1,025	6	3,479	0	29	177	128	14,125	46	7	1
<u>District 19A</u>															
Cabarrus	3,900	110	7	627	320	4	658	2	11	81	14	1,355	0	711	0
Rowan	3,596	103	0	204	30	81	562	0	8	32	31	2,543	1	0	1
District Totals	7,496	213	7	831	350	85	1,220	2	19	113	45	3,898	1	711	1
<u>District 19B</u>															
Montgomery	1,435	84	0	24	36	9	105	0	0	1	4	1,163	0	0	9
Randolph	2,722	98	2	134	74	3	760	0	10	48	2	1,554	0	37	0
District Totals	4,157	182	2	158	110	12	865	0	10	49	6	2,717	0	37	9

Manner of Disposition of Civil Cases in the District Courts

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District	Total Disposed	General Civil				Domestic Relations				Magistrate		Civil Magistrate			
		Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	
<u>District 20</u>															
Anson	941	31	0	17	30	6	150	0	1	18	1	677	0	10	0
Moore	2,493	126	4	101	0	105	343	2	7	0	112	1,583	102	0	8
Richmond	2,929	123	1	91	13	33	372	0	6	6	23	2,261	0	0	0
Stanly	2,223	98	0	183	78	9	203	1	4	15	3	1,622	0	7	0
Union	2,559	88	9	126	119	7	329	2	0	39	0	1,839	0	1	0
Oistrict Totals	11,145	466	14	518	240	160	1,397	5	18	78	139	7,982	102	18	8
<u>District 21</u>															
Forsyth	13,182	802	24	990	784	25	2,595	2	26	226	20	7,545	0	139	4
<u>District 22</u>															
Alexander	639	14	2	14	13	4	85	4	6	15	14	468	0	0	0
Davidson	3,552	148	13	174	131	5	899	0	23	49	10	2,088	0	0	12
Davie	789	20	2	32	48	5	112	0	4	14	12	538	0	0	2
Iredell	3,474	133	6	212	145	52	145	0	11	36	64	2,345	0	2	3
Oistrict Totals	8,454	315	23	432	337	66	1,561	4	44	114	100	5,439	0	2	17
<u>District 23</u>															
Allegheny	515	44	3	23	32	11	50	1	1	10	1	337	0	2	0
Ashe	620	12	1	21	11	1	75	2	0	5	0	306	0	0	186
Wilkes	3,262	187	11	443	294	19	465	1	5	48	4	1,088	0	697	0
Yadkin	1,451	29	0	88	60	1	159	1	1	21	12	1,079	0	0	0
Oistrict Totals	5,848	272	15	575	397	32	749	5	7	84	17	2,810	0	699	186
<u>District 24</u>															
Avery	401	73	1	34	29	3	17	0	0	7	0	234	0	3	0
Madison	274	19	0	4	1	2	58	0	1	3	5	180	0	0	1
Mitchell	332	16	2	25	19	0	40	0	0	14	2	212	1	0	1
Watauga	853	44	0	117	120	7	163	0	3	20	4	373	0	2	0
Yancey	319	10	1	7	11	8	72	0	1	8	8	191	0	2	0
Oistrict Totals	2,179	162	4	187	180	20	350	0	5	52	19	1,190	1	7	2
<u>District 25</u>															
Burke	2,521	99	4	119	95	3	619	3	3	49	4	1,515	0	7	1
Caldwell	2,839	72	7	137	85	4	409	0	6	33	3	2,064	18	1	0
Catawba	4,435	236	8	375	285	5	764	1	2	74	2	2,645	3	35	0
Oistrict Totals	9,795	407	19	631	465	12	1,792	4	11	156	9	6,224	21	43	1
<u>District 26</u>															
Mecklenburg	28,797	2,333	26	1,835	404	1,058	4,509	9	29	62	147	18,230	4	146	5

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	Total Disposed	General Civil			Judge	Domestic Relations			Magis- trate	Civil Magistrate					
		Judge	Voluntary			Jury	Clerk	Other		Clerk	Voluntary		Other		
			Jury	Dismissal							Dismissal	Dismissal			
<u>District 27A</u>															
Gaston	6,190	399	17	265	228	0	1,697	1	9	77	0	3,471	0	26	0
<u>District 27B</u>															
Cleveland	3,773	185	8	92	122	13	639	0	1	54	10	2,640	0	6	3
Lincoln	1,473	67	2	149	96	7	334	2	7	37	1	728	0	43	0
District Totals	5,246	252	10	241	218	20	973	2	8	91	11	3,368	0	49	3
<u>District 28</u>															
Buncombe	7,139	580	30	249	329	10	1,580	4	9	127	2	3,119	0	1,081	19
<u>District 29</u>															
Henderson	1,276	113	11	41	68	0	337	2	6	25	0	656	11	6	0
McDowell	960	64	1	57	37	11	263	0	6	25	11	479	2	4	0
Polk	268	2	0	3	10	0	57	0	0	10	9	150	0	27	0
Rutherford	1,655	80	5	69	93	2	259	1	0	35	0	1,109	0	2	0
Transylvania	892	47	3	20	38	1	171	0	0	11	0	600	0	1	0
District Totals	5,051	306	20	190	246	14	1,087	3	12	106	20	2,994	13	40	0
<u>District 30</u>															
Cherokee	464	2	0	3	0	3	90	0	27	0	17	322	0	0	0
Clay	155	20	0	12	8	2	20	0	0	1	1	85	5	1	0
Graham	148	8	1	2	2	2	42	1	1	1	1	51	1	34	1
Haywood	1,758	84	2	58	81	6	288	0	7	65	11	1,155	0	1	0
Jackson	682	40	0	22	36	34	101	0	15	16	16	405	0	0	13
Macon	672	28	0	37	33	15	92	0	1	6	12	447	0	1	0
Swain	331	66	0	12	22	5	42	0	1	9	4	166	0	4	0
District Totals	4,210	248	3	146	182	67	675	1	37	97	62	2,631	6	41	14
STATE TOTALS	305,399	15,552	430	17,195	12,148	2,852	49,685	74	708	3,977	2,439	183,846	1,706	13,227	1,560

Ages of Civil Cases in the District Courts

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/80 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1979-80

	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)										
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	181-365	366-730 > 730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730			
<u>District 7</u>																
Edgecombe	1,103	460.8	235.2	427	95	133	181	267	5,291	31.2	20.6	5,054	110	74	40	13
Nash	827	258.2	103.0	380	89	137	161	60	3,879	133.6	17.6	3,302	94	60	142	281
Wilson	1,170	276.8	133.8	469	169	153	302	77	4,073	43.5	14.0	3,567	325	106	60	15
District Totals	3,100	337.7	153.9	1,276	353	423	644	404	13,243	65.3	19.6	11,923	529	240	242	309
<u>District 8</u>																
Greene	114	270.0	90.2	54	25	11	10	14	570	68.1	19.6	487	50	16	9	8
Lenoir	975	171.1	94.9	470	180	162	151	12	4,761	170.1	21.4	3,530	518	84	156	473
Wayne	2,155	272.2	222.4	657	334	501	582	81	6,782	176.7	22.4	5,090	416	210	308	758
District Totals	3,244	242.1	161.1	1,181	539	674	743	107	12,113	169.3	22.6	9,107	984	310	473	1,239
<u>District 9</u>																
Franklin	306	255.9	80.5	160	54	17	42	33	1,634	88.1	20.8	1,409	38	62	81	44
Granville	255	171.0	80.7	138	40	37	34	6	1,650	50.8	16.5	1,402	150	58	32	8
Person	381	172.9	80.7	231	43	44	51	12	1,885	159.3	21.7	1,416	89	147	123	110
Vance	845	128.2	40.0	602	92	72	60	19	2,487	61.4	27.2	2,225	93	78	69	22
Warren	353	266.9	131.6	150	60	67	49	27	933	193.8	66.3	505	119	124	126	59
District Totals	2,140	182.7	62.3	1,281	289	237	236	97	8,589	100.7	23.6	6,957	489	469	431	243
<u>District 10</u>																
Wake	7,296	460.7	310.5	2,244	650	1,049	1,683	1,670	16,409	207.6	29.6	12,847	1,253	573	594	1,142
<u>District 11</u>																
Harnett	1,001	409.1	282.7	333	104	166	209	189	2,619	147.5	27.0	1,918	325	74	104	198
Johnston	1,471	281.9	137.3	617	204	199	333	118	3,911	97.6	26.8	3,143	406	90	132	140
Lee	730	436.7	319.1	213	88	82	172	175	1,872	86.5	15.8	1,527	175	50	39	81
District Totals	3,202	357.3	205.8	1,163	396	447	714	482	8,402	111.1	26.6	6,588	906	214	275	419
<u>District 12</u>																
Cumberland	2,910	159.1	73.9	1,597	425	431	421	36	12,814	81.7	30.5	9,611	2,010	420	676	97
Hoke	142	138.4	53.0	84	24	22	9	3	1,032	82.1	26.6	894	50	34	24	30
District Totals	3,052	158.5	74.0	1,681	449	453	430	39	13,846	82.2	29.6	10,505	2,060	454	700	127
<u>District 13</u>																
Bladen	449	172.2	66.0	243	74	73	33	26	1,690	66.6	25.5	1,363	217	59	39	12
Brunswick	605	297.6	146.5	232	113	119	52	89	1,409	161.5	37.7	967	161	87	117	77
Columbus	969	202.9	80.8	498	140	170	98	63	3,046	113.8	34.3	2,250	365	117	220	94
District Totals	2,023	224.8	100.9	973	327	362	183	178	6,145	112.2	33.6	4,580	743	263	376	183

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Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/80 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1979-80

	Total Pending	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)				Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)										
		0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730				> 730	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730					
<u>District 14</u>																			
Ourham	3,741	370.3	281.8	1,134	477	585	954	591	16,023	174.4	12.6	13,722	887	231	133	1,050			
<u>District 15A</u>																			
Allamance	627	79.8	36.6	481	78	44	21	3	3,761	61.4	27.6	3,117	419	129	73	23			
<u>District 15B</u>																			
Chatham	240	262.8	109.5	109	32	33	50	16	1,616	72.7	23.1	1,470	36	28	38	44			
Orange	830	240.0	182.9	249	134	274	133	40	2,067	96.5	22.3	1,687	89	144	98	49			
District Totals	1,070	245.5	183.5	358	166	307	183	56	3,683	86.4	23.6	3,157	125	172	136	93			
<u>District 16</u>																			
Robeson	1,757	188.1	77.4	912	275	249	265	56	7,836	96.7	26.1	6,411	595	346	264	220			
Scotland	455	224.3	55.0	266	44	52	52	41	1,911	169.6	30.4	1,532	124	52	45	158			
District Totals	2,212	195.9	76.0	1,178	319	301	317	97	9,747	111.4	28.6	7,943	719	398	309	358			
<u>District 17</u>																			
Caswell	160	154.6	73.5	84	28	32	9	7	686	50.1	15.1	578	59	35	10	4			
Rockingham	722	157.3	67.9	403	116	103	84	16	3,242	58.1	25.9	2,772	294	83	70	23			
Stokes	171	179.2	73.0	92	21	29	22	7	854	64.0	27.2	742	45	39	22	6			
Surry	815	187.4	77.0	429	140	102	106	38	3,134	86.7	28.2	2,472	333	146	140	43			
District Totals	1,868	172.5	74.1	1,008	305	266	221	68	7,916	69.7	27.6	6,564	731	303	242	76			
<u>District 18</u>																			
Guilford	6,181	284.8	159.0	2,400	943	1,227	1,102	509	21,479	68.6	19.6	17,869	1,618	1,000	807	185			
<u>District 19A</u>																			
Cabarrus	1,354	225.7	152.8	434	313	343	210	54	3,900	111.2	33.2	2,873	453	267	175	132			
Rowan	773	185.2	95.3	370	122	122	144	15	3,596	46.6	21.2	3,300	112	81	96	7			
District Totals	2,127	211.3	141.2	804	435	465	354	69	7,496	80.6	24.6	6,173	565	348	271	139			
<u>District 19B</u>																			
Montgomery	461	196.0	53.6	268	29	61	82	21	1,435	103.2	33.2	1,217	118	19	26	55			
Randolph	375	143.6	52.2	239	60	41	18	17	2,722	68.2	20.3	2,196	272	137	96	21			
District Totals	836	172.8	53.6	507	89	102	100	38	4,157	80.7	28.6	3,413	390	156	122	76			

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Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/80 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1979-80

	Total Pending	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Total Disposed	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)								
		Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365		366-730	> 730	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730
<u>District 27A</u>																
Gaston	2,068	227.4	139.9	874	296	434	353	111	6,190	311.5	243.0	4,996	477	212	280	225
<u>District 27B</u>																
Cleveland	776	99.3	54.6	501	147	87	38	3	3,773	64.0	23.6	3,118	333	196	105	21
Lincoln	244	75.0	30.8	189	23	25	5	2	1,473	62.3	28.1	1,238	110	85	37	3
District Totals	1,020	93.8	44.7	690	170	112	43	5	5,246	242.4	223.3	4,356	443	281	142	24
<u>District 28</u>																
Buncombe	1,799	122.5	74.2	1,011	417	248	106	17	7,139	313.2	277.2	4,744	805	881	560	149
<u>District 29</u>																
Henderson	431	269.0	190.0	146	66	91	96	32	1,276	112.7	23.3	958	97	62	127	32
McOwens	252	238.1	100.5	121	47	38	26	20	960	253.5	40.5	705	83	49	39	84
Polk	70	189.4	147.5	30	12	15	13	0	268	74.3	33.5	204	32	26	6	0
Rutherford	415	160.5	89.3	208	77	68	55	7	1,655	56.8	23.3	1,452	89	61	42	11
Transylvania	290	319.2	205.0	91	42	60	63	34	892	110.3	29.6	655	101	79	31	26
District Totals	1,458	239.3	137.5	596	244	272	253	93	5,051	321.0	246.3	3,974	402	277	245	153
<u>District 30</u>																
Cherokee	205	198.4	110.2	91	33	29	49	3	464	136.4	54.9	289	62	62	45	6
Clay	33	111.9	43.6	22	5	3	3	0	155	56.6	35.6	127	19	8	1	0
Graham	40	118.7	101.5	19	16	2	2	1	148	90.5	38.5	110	16	15	6	1
Haywood	310	122.0	45.8	193	46	44	23	4	1,758	81.9	27.7	1,456	81	118	87	16
Jackson	186	157.5	104.5	88	30	48	19	1	682	130.2	45.6	460	80	68	61	13
Macon	227	364.5	198.7	56	54	49	40	28	672	168.4	21.7	534	54	38	12	34
Swain	146	181.8	92.8	71	26	29	18	2	331	100.1	31.3	238	37	34	17	5
District Totals	1,147	197.0	97.6	540	210	204	154	39	4,210	308.4	266.5	3,214	349	343	229	75
STATE TOTALS	89,139	282.5	133.3	37,661	12,747	14,642	15,290	8,799	305,399	110.4	27.0	244,963	24,667	13,409	11,221	11,139

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	OFFENSES								CONDITIONS		Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
	Delinquent				Probation Violation	Undisciplined			Dependent	Neglected		
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde- meanor	Total		Truancy	Other	Total				
<u>District 1</u>												
Camden	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	9	9
Chowan	0	3	22	25	6	0	0	0	1	1	33	27
Currituck	0	11	17	28	0	2	0	2	0	11	41	23
Dare	0	7	7	14	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	20
Gates	0	0	8	8	0	0	1	1	1	0	10	10
Pasquotank	0	21	38	59	6	0	2	2	10	24	101	51
Perquimans	0	16	9	25	0	0	0	0	0	1	26	10
District Totals	0	58	103	161	12	2	3	5	12	45	235	150
<u>District 2</u>												
Beaufort	0	12	40	52	1	0	3	3	16	12	84	57
Hyde	0	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	1	3	8	2
Martin	0	12	16	28	0	0	1	1	10	22	61	21
Tyrrell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Washington	0	4	11	15	0	0	2	2	0	8	25	23
District Totals	0	29	69	98	2	0	6	6	27	46	179	104
<u>District 3</u>												
Carteret	0	18	36	54	2	0	4	4	6	7	73	58
Craven	1	91	134	226	19	0	11	11	10	21	287	103
Pamlico	1	4	9	14	0	0	0	0	0	2	16	14
Pitt	0	69	55	124	23	0	9	9	33	15	204	122
District Totals	2	182	234	418	44	0	24	24	49	45	580	297
<u>District 4</u>												
Ouplin	0	22	10	32	0	0	2	2	3	5	42	42
Jones	2	4	2	8	0	0	6	6	4	7	25	25
Onslow	0	57	60	117	6	2	7	9	27	34	193	98
Sampson	0	26	34	60	1	0	5	5	19	20	105	51
District Totals	2	109	106	217	7	2	20	22	53	66	365	216
<u>District 5</u>												
New Hanover	1	341	255	597	51	32	40	72	32	54	806	281
Pender	0	23	30	53	1	1	5	6	0	7	67	32
District Totals	1	364	285	650	52	33	45	78	32	61	873	313
<u>District 6</u>												
Bertie	0	4	7	11	0	0	2	2	4	3	20	20
Halifax	0	78	32	110	4	0	16	16	20	43	193	106
Hertford	0	4	14	18	9	0	9	9	13	10	59	40
Northampton	0	7	19	26	1	0	3	3	0	14	44	27
District Totals	0	93	72	165	14	0	30	30	37	70	316	193
<u>District 7</u>												
Edgecombe	0	74	84	158	37	2	15	17	26	61	299	143
Nash	10	84	81	175	29	0	23	23	35	61	323	176
Wilson	0	105	55	160	5	5	6	11	69	28	273	131
District Totals	10	263	220	493	71	7	44	51	130	150	895	450
<u>District 8</u>												
Greene	0	3	5	8	2	2	1	3	0	12	25	17
Lenoir	0	51	109	160	15	0	16	16	14	31	236	89
Wayne	0	70	57	127	16	10	19	29	26	68	266	106
District Totals	0	124	171	295	33	12	36	48	40	111	527	212
<u>District 9</u>												
Franklin	0	10	26	36	1	0	10	10	12	10	69	49
Granville	0	21	32	53	3	0	6	6	4	6	72	40
Person	0	29	21	50	2	0	4	4	1	4	61	34
Vance	0	0	57	57	0	2	12	14	18	12	101	101
Warren	0	4	15	19	0	0	1	1	1	7	28	19
District Totals	0	64	151	215	6	2	33	35	36	39	331	243
<u>District 10</u>												
Wake	3	137	230	370	46	2	81	83	59	69	627	289

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	OFFENSES								CONDITIONS		Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
	Delinquent				Probation Violation	Undisciplined			Dependent Neglected			
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde- meanor	Total		Truancy	Other	Total				
<u>District 11</u>												
Harnett	0	20	71	91	19	6	20	26	9	53	198	100
Johnston	0	23	71	94	23	2	14	16	41	46	220	103
Lee	0	53	86	139	11	6	13	19	31	21	221	82
District Totals	0	96	228	324	53	14	47	61	81	120	639	285
<u>District 12</u>												
Cumberland	0	237	401	638	43	29	229	258	365	135	1,439	545
Hoke	1	20	83	104	0	9	3	12	11	2	129	66
District Totals	1	257	484	742	43	38	232	270	376	137	1,568	611
<u>District 13</u>												
Bladen	0	9	12	21	0	8	4	12	1	14	48	48
Brunswick	1	7	22	30	7	6	14	20	7	28	92	82
Columbus	1	51	83	135	5	3	17	20	20	38	218	109
District Totals	2	67	117	186	12	17	35	52	28	80	358	239
<u>District 14</u>												
Durham	0	157	121	278	58	10	64	74	115	46	571	236
<u>District 15A</u>												
Alamance	0	28	26	54	0	7	22	29	17	27	127	125
<u>District 15B</u>												
Chatham	0	3	29	32	0	5	0	5	1	9	47	31
Orange	0	78	57	135	0	4	5	9	30	29	203	135
District Totals	0	81	86	167	0	9	5	14	31	38	250	166
<u>District 16</u>												
Robeson	0	220	212	432	2	19	41	60	79	54	627	248
Scotland	3	34	43	80	7	7	26	33	24	84	228	124
District Totals	3	254	255	512	9	26	67	93	103	138	855	372
<u>District 17</u>												
Caswell	0	6	10	16	0	0	3	3	3	7	29	29
Rockingham	0	70	115	185	27	2	12	14	10	52	288	99
Stokes	0	1	17	18	9	13	6	19	8	6	60	35
Surry	0	44	89	133	0	8	17	25	8	18	184	69
District Totals	0	121	231	352	36	23	38	61	29	83	561	232
<u>District 18</u>												
Guilford	0	247	389	636	135	70	160	230	123	127	1,251	640
<u>District 19A</u>												
Cabarrus	0	27	57	84	15	2	28	30	12	29	170	93
Rowan	0	124	112	236	69	55	48	103	184	151	743	171
District Totals	0	151	169	320	84	57	76	133	196	180	913	264
<u>District 19B</u>												
Montgomery	0	14	35	49	7	0	0	0	12	7	75	46
Randolph	1	7	71	79	39	1	36	37	17	7	179	139
District Totals	1	21	106	128	46	1	36	37	29	14	254	185
<u>District 20</u>												
Anson	0	20	61	81	2	0	0	0	4	5	92	24
Moore	0	73	59	132	8	3	41	44	14	23	221	79
Richmond	0	14	56	70	5	0	2	2	43	25	145	74
Stanly	0	24	139	163	21	0	3	3	7	15	209	59
Union	0	57	80	137	29	4	10	14	29	32	241	117
District Totals	0	188	395	583	65	7	56	63	97	100	908	353

OFFENSES AND CONDITIONS ALLEGED IN JUVENILE PETITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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	OFFENSES								CONDITIONS		Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
	Delinquent				Probation Violation	Undisciplined			Dependent	Neglected		
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde- meanor	Total		Truancy	Other	Total				
<u>District 21</u>												
Forsyth	0	146	249	395	82	11	137	148	65	81	771	370
<u>District 22</u>												
Alexander	0	27	15	42	1	0	17	17	1	8	69	41
Oavidson	0	18	100	118	35	5	78	83	98	96	430	188
Oavie	0	13	11	24	0	2	10	12	3	32	71	44
Iredell	3	63	118	184	4	6	53	59	11	45	303	133
District Totals	3	121	244	368	40	13	158	171	113	181	873	406
<u>District 23</u>												
Alleghany	0	1	3	4	2	2	1	3	1	2	12	10
Ashe	0	0	7	7	2	3	6	9	6	18	42	39
Wilkes	0	11	97	108	62	8	17	25	27	91	313	122
Yadkin	0	9	49	58	63	2	13	15	16	63	215	73
District Totals	0	21	156	177	129	15	37	52	50	174	582	244
<u>District 24</u>												
Avery	0	39	11	50	0	0	17	17	4	17	88	33
Madison	0	1	4	5	0	5	6	11	3	6	25	25
Mitchell	0	2	11	13	0	0	3	3	3	8	27	27
Watauga	0	2	13	15	0	3	10	13	6	5	39	39
Yancey	0	0	7	7	0	4	4	8	2	0	17	17
District Totals	0	44	46	90	0	12	40	52	18	36	196	141
<u>District 25</u>												
Burke	0	60	47	107	34	26	55	81	33	32	287	150
Caldwell	0	46	104	150	5	19	29	48	8	22	233	132
Catawba	0	79	78	157	22	9	23	32	16	18	245	137
District Totals	0	185	229	414	61	54	107	161	57	72	765	419
<u>District 26</u>												
Mecklenburg	0	689	704	1,393	75	1	131	132	58	96	1,754	679
<u>District 27A</u>												
Gaston	0	296	338	634	17	4	102	106	70	31	858	331
<u>District 27B</u>												
Cleveland	0	70	105	175	7	5	25	30	15	29	256	106
Lincoln	0	34	51	85	5	0	7	7	1	7	105	48
District Totals	0	104	156	260	12	5	32	37	16	36	361	154
<u>District 28</u>												
Buncombe	1	142	163	306	1	40	271	311	44	66	728	287
<u>District 29</u>												
Henderson	0	27	36	63	18	15	21	36	6	22	145	89
McDowell	0	4	42	46	11	29	24	53	15	25	150	95
Polk	0	3	6	9	0	0	1	1	2	6	18	17
Rutherford	0	38	50	88	23	8	8	16	30	8	165	88
Transylvania	0	9	44	53	3	7	6	13	3	5	77	30
District Totals	0	81	178	259	55	59	60	119	56	66	555	319
<u>District 30</u>												
Cherokee	0	11	11	22	0	0	9	9	2	8	41	41
Clay	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	2	4	4
Graham	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	2	5	3
Haywood	0	29	11	40	0	2	23	25	3	11	79	76
Jackson	0	3	6	9	0	2	10	12	3	8	32	32
Macon	0	2	4	6	0	2	3	5	0	3	14	14
Swain	0	0	1	1	0	1	6	7	1	11	20	20
District Totals	0	45	35	80	0	8	53	61	9	45	195	190
STATE TOTALS	29	4,965	6,746	11,740	1,300	561	2,288	2,849	2,256	2,676	20,821	9,715

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	Delinquency Hearings			Undisciplined Hearings			Dependency Hearings			Neglect Hearings			Total Hearings
	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	
<u>District 1</u>													
Camden	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	9
Chowan	29	1	30	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	32
Currituck	17	10	27	0	1	1	0	0	0	9	2	11	39
Oare	11	3	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	15
Gates	6	2	8	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Pasquotank	36	6	42	0	2	2	7	1	8	24	5	29	81
Perquimans	21	3	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	25
District Totals	121	26	147	1	3	4	8	1	9	41	9	50	210
<u>District 2</u>													
Beaufort	43	31	74	0	9	9	17	2	19	19	3	22	124
Hyde	3	3	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	1	4	11
Martin	17	30	47	1	2	3	3	3	6	11	10	21	77
Tyrrell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Washington	16	4	20	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	3	7	29
District Totals	79	68	147	1	14	15	20	5	25	38	17	55	242
<u>District 3</u>													
Carteret	30	10	40	1	1	2	13	1	14	6	1	7	63
Craven	154	97	251	23	9	32	16	6	22	53	23	76	381
Pamlico	13	9	22	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	24
Pitt	195	21	216	13	1	14	34	4	38	20	1	21	289
District Totals	392	137	529	37	11	48	65	11	76	79	25	104	757
<u>District 4</u>													
Ouplin	0	9	9	0	1	1	0	4	4	0	3	3	17
Jones	3	5	8	8	8	16	0	4	4	6	1	7	35
Onslow	96	20	116	3	4	7	15	4	19	48	0	48	190
Sampson	54	12	66	0	6	6	26	5	31	27	3	30	133
District Totals	153	46	199	11	19	30	41	17	58	81	7	88	375
<u>District 5</u>													
New Hanover	620	28	648	69	3	72	30	2	32	54	0	54	806
Pender	47	0	47	6	0	6	0	0	0	6	0	6	59
District Totals	667	28	695	75	3	78	30	2	32	60	0	60	865
<u>District 6</u>													
Bertie	10	1	11	1	1	2	3	1	4	2	1	3	20
Halifax	81	33	114	2	11	13	38	9	47	32	14	46	220
Hertford	9	32	41	0	9	9	5	11	16	3	9	12	78
Northampton	12	6	18	0	2	2	0	0	0	8	3	11	31
District Totals	112	72	184	3	23	26	46	21	67	45	27	72	349
<u>District 7</u>													
Edgecombe	124	45	169	16	7	23	28	1	29	55	8	63	284
Nash	197	49	246	4	21	25	31	5	36	61	10	71	378
Wilson	130	27	157	7	3	10	65	4	69	40	3	43	279
District Totals	451	121	572	27	31	58	124	10	134	156	21	177	941
<u>District 8</u>													
Greene	7	7	14	1	1	2	0	0	0	3	12	15	31
Lenoir	98	64	162	10	5	15	7	2	9	32	11	43	229
Wayne	212	18	230	28	17	45	51	4	55	258	5	263	593
District Totals	317	89	406	39	23	62	58	6	64	293	28	321	853
<u>District 9</u>													
Franklin	27	8	35	3	5	8	4	0	4	4	1	5	52
Granville	23	6	29	5	0	5	2	1	3	2	2	4	41
Person	27	6	33	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	2	4	39
Vance	52	5	57	11	3	14	18	0	18	12	0	12	101
Warren	17	15	32	1	3	4	7	3	10	11	2	13	59
District Totals	146	40	186	20	13	33	31	4	35	31	7	38	292
<u>District 10</u>													
Wake	389	54	443	27	5	32	50	7	57	58	5	63	595

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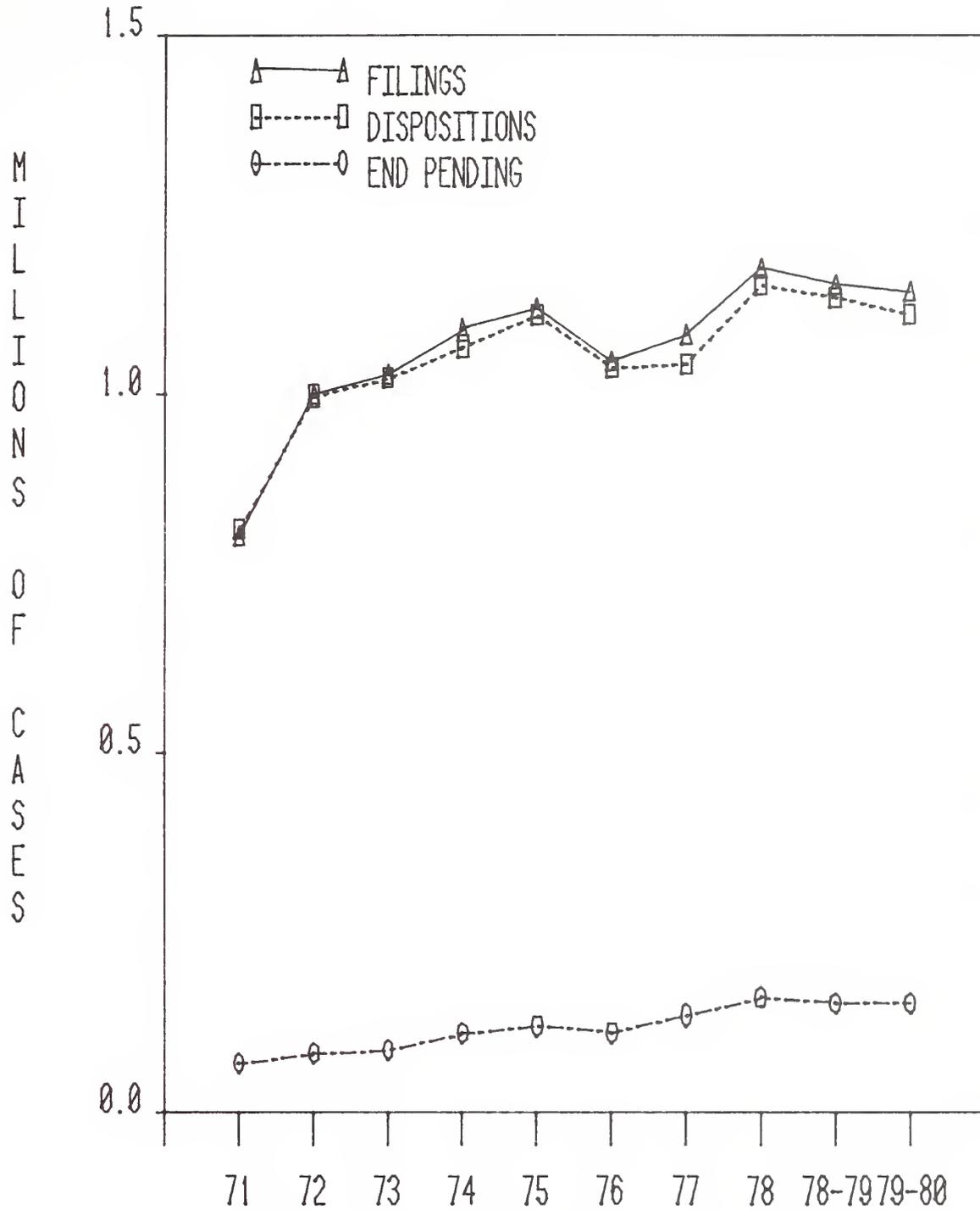
	Delinquency Hearings			Undisciplined Hearings			Dependency Hearings			Neglect Hearings			Total Hearings
	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	
<u>District 11</u>													
Harnett	97	78	175	31	15	46	22	5	27	198	21	219	467
Johnston	30	131	161	11	27	38	13	74	87	27	88	115	401
Lee	60	25	85	15	5	20	94	2	96	44	10	54	255
District Totals	187	234	421	57	47	104	129	81	210	269	119	388	1,123
<u>District 12</u>													
Cumberland	421	194	615	125	97	222	293	116	409	106	26	132	1,378
Hoke	64	40	104	0	12	12	11	0	11	1	1	2	129
District Totals	485	234	719	125	109	234	304	116	420	107	27	134	1,507
<u>District 13</u>													
Bladen	9	20	29	8	10	18	0	0	0	7	11	18	65
Brunswick	40	9	49	6	8	14	6	10	16	33	11	44	123
Columbus	63	10	73	3	13	16	4	4	8	13	17	30	127
District Totals	112	39	151	17	31	48	10	14	24	53	39	92	315
<u>District 14</u>													
Ourham	278	50	328	17	49	66	61	37	98	59	6	65	557
<u>District 15A</u>													
Alamance	63	14	77	22	9	31	17	2	19	15	1	16	143
<u>District 15B</u>													
Chatham	25	24	49	4	2	6	1	1	2	7	6	13	70
Orange	167	30	197	25	4	29	28	5	33	46	9	55	314
District Totals	192	54	246	29	6	35	29	6	35	53	15	68	384
<u>District 16</u>													
Robeson	344	59	403	26	1	27	67	10	77	35	10	45	552
Scotland	87	10	97	28	10	38	46	4	50	91	11	102	287
District Totals	431	69	500	54	11	65	113	14	127	126	21	147	839
<u>District 17</u>													
Caswell	1	15	16	3	4	7	1	3	4	5	10	15	42
Rockingham	165	22	187	12	4	16	14	1	15	44	4	48	266
Stokes	13	12	25	25	6	31	7	2	9	5	1	6	71
Surry	49	24	73	12	7	19	10	5	15	8	4	12	119
District Totals	228	73	301	52	21	73	32	11	43	62	19	81	498
<u>District 18</u>													
Guilford	461	237	698	161	122	283	126	21	147	92	44	136	1,264
<u>District 19A</u>													
Cabarrus	73	10	83	23	3	26	12	3	15	28	3	31	155
Rowan	185	44	229	101	33	134	200	59	259	172	44	216	838
District Totals	258	54	312	124	36	160	212	62	274	200	47	247	993
<u>District 19B</u>													
Montgomery	64	24	88	6	2	8	13	1	14	10	0	10	120
Randolph	120	35	155	24	22	46	14	9	23	5	5	10	234
District Totals	184	59	243	30	24	54	27	10	37	15	5	20	354
<u>District 20</u>													
Anson	81	9	90	0	0	0	4	0	4	4	1	5	99
Moore	138	33	171	19	25	44	5	6	11	19	4	23	249
Richmond	82	56	138	2	2	4	32	28	60	42	0	42	244
Stanly	160	21	181	6	1	7	8	0	8	13	2	15	211
Union	95	44	139	2	7	9	24	8	32	74	21	95	275
District Totals	556	163	719	29	35	64	73	42	115	152	28	180	1,078

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	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	
<u>District 21</u>													
Forsyth	300	78	378	55	31	86	61	15	76	58	17	75	615
<u>District 22</u>													
Alexander	33	14	47	11	4	15	2	0	2	6	2	8	72
Davidson	214	80	294	108	42	150	222	35	257	246	21	267	968
Oavie	34	27	61	6	3	9	3	0	3	117	24	141	214
Iredell	81	23	104	22	16	38	12	2	14	29	2	31	187
District Totals	362	144	506	147	65	212	239	37	276	398	49	447	1,441
<u>District 23</u>													
Alleghany	5	1	6	6	2	8	2	0	2	1	0	1	17
Ashe	8	5	13	7	8	15	3	2	5	18	0	18	51
Wilkes	135	29	164	15	6	21	15	0	15	133	3	136	336
Yadkin	105	16	121	8	7	15	14	2	16	63	0	63	215
District Totals	253	51	304	36	23	59	34	4	38	215	3	218	619
<u>District 24</u>													
Avery	34	11	45	15	17	32	6	0	6	19	8	27	110
Madison	10	6	16	21	10	31	2	6	8	15	7	22	77
Mitchell	8	9	17	0	1	1	2	3	5	4	2	6	29
Watauga	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yancey	31	9	40	19	4	23	28	1	29	20	2	22	114
District Totals	83	35	118	55	32	87	38	10	48	58	19	77	330
<u>District 25</u>													
Burke	205	29	234	71	17	88	59	28	87	164	11	175	584
Caldwell	258	77	335	117	52	169	58	15	73	81	10	91	668
Catawba	176	46	222	30	8	38	16	0	16	8	0	8	284
District Totals	639	152	791	218	77	295	133	43	176	253	21	274	1,536
<u>District 26</u>													
Mecklenburg	666	478	1,144	34	50	84	58	8	66	95	5	100	1,394
<u>District 27A</u>													
Gaston	218	75	293	30	15	45	66	3	69	17	2	19	426
<u>District 27B</u>													
Cleveland	123	58	181	23	7	30	6	2	8	14	8	22	241
Lincoln	56	16	72	2	4	6	1	0	1	8	1	9	88
District Totals	179	74	253	25	11	36	7	2	9	22	9	31	329
<u>District 28</u>													
Buncombe	76	89	165	65	162	227	11	7	18	10	3	13	423
<u>District 29</u>													
Henderson	62	27	89	24	16	40	3	1	4	16	24	40	173
McDowell	34	11	45	45	4	49	6	7	13	25	3	28	135
Polk	4	2	6	2	1	3	2	0	2	1	2	3	14
Rutherford	95	8	103	13	4	17	32	4	36	20	3	23	179
Transylvania	37	4	41	7	2	9	2	1	3	2	2	4	57
District Totals	232	52	284	91	27	118	45	13	58	64	34	98	558
<u>District 30</u>													
Cherokee	22	0	22	3	6	9	2	0	2	8	0	8	41
Clay	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Graham	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	3
Haywood	10	28	38	2	25	27	0	0	0	2	3	5	70
Jackson	0	6	6	0	11	11	0	1	1	0	2	2	20
Macon	8	0	8	4	2	6	0	0	0	3	1	4	18
Swain	1	0	1	2	5	7	1	0	1	9	0	9	18
District Totals	41	34	75	11	51	62	3	1	4	23	7	30	171
STATE TOTALS	9,311	3,223	12,534	1,725	1,189	2,914	2,301	643	2,944	3,298	686	3,984	22,376

CASELOAD TRENDS OF CRIMINAL CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS 1971-1980



Statistics collected on district court criminal cases during the past two years indicate slight decreases in numbers of cases filed and disposed and a steadiness in the volume of pending cases. 1979-80 figures show that 9,739 fewer cases were filed and 24,114 fewer were disposed than during the 1978-79 year.

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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	Motor Vehicle Cases						Non-Motor Vehicle Cases					
	Pending 7/1/79	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/80	Pending 7/1/79	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/80
<u>District 1</u>												
Camden	71	632	703	617	87.7	86	9	132	141	126	89.3	15
Chowan	114	1,397	1,511	1,397	92.4	114	53	843	896	803	89.6	93
Currituck	188	2,913	3,101	2,791	90.0	310	43	547	590	529	89.6	61
Dare	379	3,716	4,095	3,771	92.0	324	82	966	1,048	921	87.8	127
Gates	218	1,573	1,791	1,661	92.7	130	7	257	264	258	97.7	6
Pasquotank	225	2,915	3,140	2,881	91.7	259	103	1,710	1,813	1,692	93.3	121
Perquimans	113	1,318	1,431	1,296	90.5	135	56	357	413	391	94.6	22
District Totals	1,308	14,464	15,772	14,414	91.3	1,358	353	4,812	5,165	4,720	91.3	445
<u>District 2</u>												
Beaufort	426	5,927	6,353	5,845	92.0	508	105	2,622	2,727	2,511	92.0	216
Hyde	18	423	441	387	87.7	54	28	347	375	363	96.8	12
Martin	219	2,878	3,097	2,844	91.8	253	101	1,653	1,754	1,635	93.2	119
Tyrrell	1	488	489	431	88.1	58	6	199	205	195	95.1	10
Washington	51	1,414	1,465	1,331	90.8	134	23	653	676	650	96.1	26
District Totals	715	11,130	11,845	10,838	91.4	1,007	263	5,474	5,737	5,354	93.3	383
<u>District 3</u>												
Carteret	675	6,390	7,065	6,073	85.9	992	433	4,244	4,677	3,997	85.4	680
Craven	1,111	11,000	12,111	10,670	88.1	1,441	382	4,761	5,143	4,557	88.6	586
Pamlico	52	556	608	574	94.4	34	8	523	531	507	95.4	24
Pitt	853	8,308	9,161	8,145	88.9	1,016	712	6,841	7,553	6,741	89.2	812
District Totals	2,691	26,254	28,945	25,462	87.9	3,483	1,535	16,369	17,904	15,802	88.2	2,102
<u>District 4</u>												
Ouplin	540	5,490	6,030	5,244	86.9	786	218	2,400	2,618	2,333	89.1	285
Jones	115	1,428	1,543	1,394	90.3	149	26	332	358	319	89.1	39
Onslow	2,033	17,148	19,181	17,023	88.7	2,158	821	8,145	8,966	8,076	90.0	890
Sampson	704	10,437	11,141	9,877	88.6	1,264	227	3,184	3,411	3,022	88.5	389
District Totals	3,392	34,503	37,895	33,538	88.5	4,357	1,292	14,061	15,353	13,750	89.5	1,603
<u>District 5</u>												
New Hanover	1,221	14,310	15,531	13,835	89.0	1,696	1,158	9,659	10,817	9,314	86.1	1,503
Pender	433	3,109	3,542	3,079	86.9	463	87	1,097	1,184	1,049	88.5	135
District Totals	1,654	17,419	19,073	16,914	88.6	2,159	1,245	10,756	12,001	10,363	86.3	1,638
<u>District 6</u>												
Bertie	289	2,680	2,969	2,758	92.8	211	72	780	852	779	91.4	73
Halifax	1,027	11,482	12,509	10,923	87.3	1,586	233	3,892	4,125	3,701	89.7	424
Hertford	402	4,369	4,771	4,415	92.5	356	98	1,496	1,594	1,437	90.1	157
Northampton	408	5,483	5,891	5,483	93.0	408	30	856	886	815	91.9	71
District Totals	2,126	24,014	26,140	23,579	90.2	2,561	433	7,024	7,457	6,732	90.2	725
<u>District 7</u>												
Edgecombe	429	5,022	5,451	4,785	87.7	666	428	5,229	5,657	5,097	90.1	560
Nash	981	10,021	11,002	9,408	85.5	1,594	570	5,138	5,708	4,943	86.5	765
Wilson	1,037	8,260	9,297	8,189	88.0	1,108	615	4,972	5,587	4,772	85.4	815
District Totals	2,447	23,303	25,750	22,382	86.9	3,368	1,613	15,339	16,952	14,812	87.3	2,140
<u>District 8</u>												
Greene	131	1,455	1,586	1,368	86.2	218	32	943	975	841	86.2	134
Lenoir	633	7,666	8,299	7,448	89.7	851	283	4,960	5,243	4,627	88.2	616
Wayne	1,173	11,602	12,775	11,315	88.5	1,460	612	6,242	6,854	5,993	87.4	861
District Totals	1,937	20,723	22,660	20,131	88.8	2,529	927	12,145	13,072	11,461	87.6	1,611
<u>District 9</u>												
Franklin	278	3,234	3,512	3,122	88.8	390	173	1,782	1,955	1,695	86.7	260
Granville	403	5,860	6,263	5,726	91.4	537	105	1,822	1,927	1,777	92.2	150
Person	279	2,664	2,943	2,676	90.9	267	149	1,994	2,143	1,939	90.4	204
Vance	412	5,255	5,667	4,926	86.9	741	216	2,848	3,064	2,637	86.0	427
Warren	457	3,524	3,981	3,459	86.8	522	199	1,078	1,277	1,104	86.4	173
District Totals	1,829	20,537	22,366	19,909	89.0	2,457	842	9,524	10,366	9,152	88.2	1,214
<u>District 10</u>												
Wake	5,490	44,457	49,947	44,833	89.7	5,114	3,422	23,002	26,424	23,093	87.3	3,331

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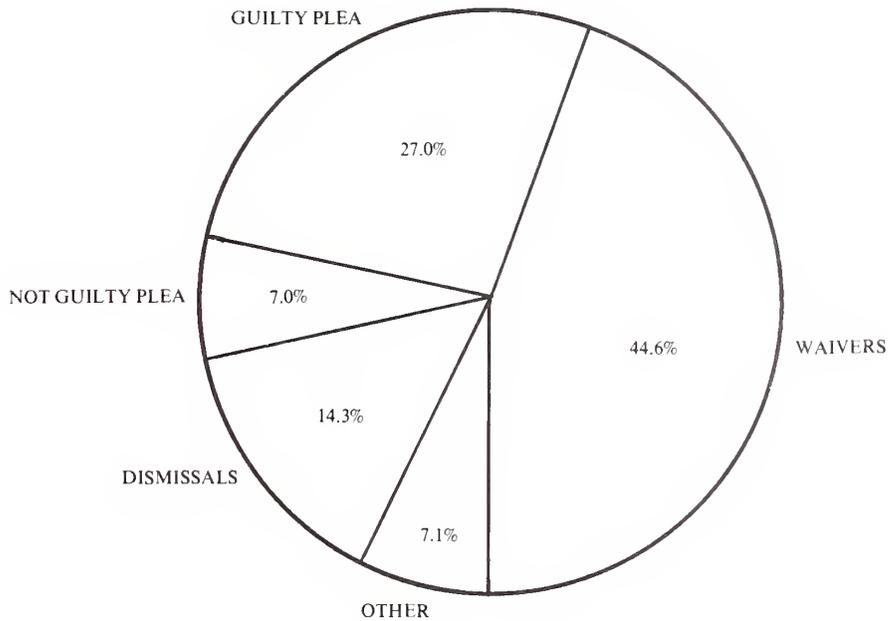
	Motor Vehicle Cases						Non-Motor Vehicle Cases					
	Pending 7/1/79	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/80	Pending 7/1/79	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/80
<u>District 11</u>												
Harnett	639	8,224	8,863	7,996	90.2	867	289	3,306	3,595	3,291	91.5	304
Johnston	1,268	13,249	14,517	12,804	88.2	1,713	293	4,096	4,389	3,845	87.6	544
Lee	387	3,831	4,218	3,964	93.9	254	222	3,827	4,049	3,772	93.1	277
District Totals	2,294	25,304	27,598	24,764	89.7	2,834	804	11,229	12,033	10,908	90.6	1,125
<u>District 12</u>												
Cumberland	3,732	38,234	41,966	36,808	87.7	5,158	2,109	23,854	25,963	22,696	87.4	3,267
Hoke	259	2,944	3,203	2,890	90.2	313	249	1,208	1,457	1,307	89.7	150
District Totals	3,991	41,178	45,169	39,698	87.8	5,471	2,358	25,062	27,420	24,003	87.5	3,417
<u>District 13</u>												
Bladen	730	7,732	8,462	7,287	86.1	1,175	231	2,252	2,483	2,177	87.6	306
Brunswick	412	4,475	4,887	4,188	85.6	699	220	2,070	2,290	2,006	87.5	284
Columbus	1,083	8,890	9,973	9,007	90.3	966	265	3,595	3,860	3,552	92.0	308
District Totals	2,225	21,097	23,322	20,482	87.8	2,840	716	7,917	8,633	7,735	89.5	898
<u>District 14</u>												
Durham	2,130	15,997	18,127	15,829	87.3	2,298	1,237	11,701	12,938	11,437	88.3	1,501
<u>District 15A</u>												
Alamance	1,067	12,328	13,395	12,079	90.1	1,316	443	5,441	5,884	5,351	90.9	533
<u>District 15B</u>												
Chatham	360	4,890	5,250	4,912	93.5	338	109	1,165	1,274	1,147	90.0	127
Orange	1,307	9,955	11,262	10,221	90.7	1,041	336	3,533	3,869	3,427	88.5	442
District Totals	1,667	14,845	16,512	15,133	91.6	1,379	445	4,698	5,143	4,574	88.9	569
<u>District 16</u>												
Robeson	1,611	17,888	19,499	17,473	89.6	2,026	769	9,027	9,796	8,571	87.4	1,225
Scotland	295	4,335	4,630	4,225	91.2	405	629	3,117	3,746	3,324	88.7	422
District Totals	1,906	22,223	24,129	21,698	89.9	2,431	1,398	12,144	13,542	11,895	87.8	1,647
<u>District 17</u>												
Caswell	251	1,493	1,744	1,577	90.4	167	114	1,033	1,147	1,017	88.6	130
Rockingham	1,024	9,459	10,483	9,454	90.1	1,029	482	5,131	5,613	5,077	90.4	536
Stokes	353	3,848	4,201	3,764	89.5	437	114	1,016	1,130	995	88.0	135
Surry	534	7,071	7,605	6,730	88.4	875	391	2,765	3,156	2,814	89.1	342
District Totals	2,162	21,871	24,033	21,525	89.5	2,508	1,101	9,945	11,046	9,903	89.6	1,143
<u>District 18</u>												
Guilford	6,640	40,729	47,369	39,213	82.7	8,156	4,165	21,274	25,439	20,429	80.3	5,010
<u>District 19A</u>												
Cabarrus	1,272	13,022	14,294	12,330	86.2	1,964	226	3,262	3,488	3,137	89.9	351
Rowan	952	11,966	12,918	11,612	89.8	1,306	305	3,435	3,740	3,284	87.8	456
District Totals	2,224	24,988	27,212	23,942	87.9	3,270	531	6,697	7,228	6,421	88.8	807
<u>District 19B</u>												
Montgomery	382	4,974	5,356	4,814	89.8	542	175	2,270	2,445	2,147	87.8	298
Randolph	889	9,246	10,135	9,044	89.2	1,091	229	3,257	3,486	3,178	91.1	308
District Totals	1,271	14,220	15,491	13,858	89.4	1,633	404	5,527	5,931	5,325	89.7	606
<u>District 20</u>												
Anson	304	4,016	4,320	3,903	90.3	417	94	1,468	1,562	1,396	89.3	166
Moore	365	6,996	7,361	6,606	89.7	755	312	3,624	3,936	3,449	87.6	487
Richmond	679	4,939	5,618	4,526	80.5	1,092	426	2,489	2,915	2,174	74.5	741
Stanly	532	5,634	6,166	5,625	91.2	541	198	2,267	2,465	2,177	88.3	288
Union	531	6,357	6,888	6,031	87.5	857	286	3,669	3,955	3,451	87.2	504
District Totals	2,411	27,942	30,353	26,691	87.9	3,662	1,316	13,517	14,833	12,647	85.2	2,186

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<u>District 21</u>												
Forsyth	4,243	36,726	40,969	36,075	88.0	4,894	1,662	12,662	14,324	12,115	84.5	2,209
<u>District 22</u>												
Alexander	137	2,075	2,212	2,030	91.7	182	76	960	1,036	914	88.2	122
Davidson	1,017	10,699	11,716	10,412	88.8	1,304	557	5,837	6,394	5,509	86.1	885
Davie	596	4,318	4,914	4,380	89.1	534	164	879	1,043	947	90.7	96
Iredell	887	11,856	12,743	11,399	89.4	1,344	382	5,132	5,514	4,886	88.6	628
District Totals	2,637	28,948	31,585	28,221	89.3	3,364	1,179	12,808	13,987	12,256	87.6	1,731
<u>District 23</u>												
Alleghany	49	681	730	682	93.4	48	22	367	389	349	89.7	40
Ashe	135	1,890	2,025	1,853	91.5	172	53	872	925	862	93.1	63
Wilkes	595	6,670	7,265	6,378	87.7	887	254	3,072	3,326	2,970	89.2	356
Yadkin	221	3,257	3,478	3,093	88.9	385	75	1,009	1,084	964	88.9	120
District Totals	1,000	12,498	13,498	12,006	88.9	1,492	404	5,320	5,724	5,145	89.8	579
<u>District 24</u>												
Avery	278	1,886	2,164	1,961	90.6	203	77	463	540	445	82.4	95
Madison	215	1,969	2,184	1,950	89.2	234	43	375	418	332	79.4	86
Mitchell	113	1,323	1,436	1,323	92.1	113	41	377	418	360	86.1	58
Watauga	356	3,565	3,921	3,536	90.1	385	120	1,130	1,250	1,125	90.0	125
Yancey	149	1,558	1,707	1,577	92.3	130	49	596	645	528	81.8	117
District Totals	1,111	10,301	11,412	10,347	90.6	1,065	330	2,941	3,271	2,790	85.2	481
<u>District 25</u>												
Burke	933	9,923	10,856	9,644	88.8	1,212	194	3,094	3,288	2,898	88.1	390
Caldwell	539	6,841	7,380	6,554	88.8	826	315	3,419	3,734	3,258	87.2	476
Catawba	1,056	13,212	14,268	12,660	88.7	1,608	541	6,707	7,248	6,651	91.7	597
District Totals	2,528	29,976	32,504	28,858	88.7	3,646	1,050	13,220	14,270	12,807	89.7	1,463
<u>District 26</u>												
Mecklenburg	7,297	59,496	66,793	56,337	84.3	10,456	4,401	19,576	23,977	18,129	75.6	5,848
<u>District 27A</u>												
Gaston	1,391	15,693	17,084	15,238	89.1	1,846	1,352	11,188	12,540	11,094	88.4	1,446
<u>District 27B</u>												
Cleveland	1,039	8,293	9,332	8,367	89.6	965	436	4,767	5,203	4,626	88.9	577
Lincoln	410	4,487	4,897	4,318	88.1	579	268	2,469	2,737	2,461	89.9	276
District Totals	1,449	12,780	14,229	12,685	89.1	1,544	704	7,236	7,940	7,087	89.2	853
<u>District 28</u>												
Buncombe	1,227	15,214	16,441	14,852	90.3	1,589	909	12,037	12,946	11,775	90.9	1,171
<u>District 29</u>												
Henderson	1,029	6,344	7,373	6,219	84.3	1,154	444	3,144	3,588	3,163	88.1	425
McOowell	487	5,086	5,573	4,853	87.0	720	134	1,500	1,634	1,315	80.4	319
Polk	268	1,714	1,982	1,710	86.2	272	126	722	848	749	88.3	99
Rutherford	349	3,243	3,592	3,204	89.1	388	291	2,570	2,861	2,522	88.1	339
Transylvania	279	2,030	2,309	2,061	89.2	248	131	1,118	1,249	1,124	89.9	125
District Totals	2,412	18,417	20,829	18,047	86.6	2,782	1,126	9,054	10,180	8,873	87.1	1,307
<u>District 30</u>												
Cherokee	220	2,462	2,682	2,408	89.7	274	123	718	841	696	82.7	145
Clay	62	674	736	637	86.5	99	29	267	296	266	89.8	30
Graham	61	541	602	523	86.8	79	40	346	386	338	87.5	48
Haywood	618	5,976	6,594	5,882	89.2	712	633	2,318	2,951	2,171	73.5	780
Jackson	253	3,729	3,982	3,700	92.9	282	90	785	875	734	83.8	141
Macon	172	2,823	2,995	2,787	93.0	208	182	846	1,028	794	77.2	234
Swain	218	1,484	1,702	1,523	89.4	179	112	536	648	550	84.8	98
District Totals	1,604	17,689	19,293	17,460	90.4	1,833	1,209	5,816	7,025	5,549	78.9	1,476
STATE TOTALS	80,476	777,264	857,740	757,038	88.2	100,702	41,169	365,516	406,685	353,487	86.9	53,198

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Although district court criminal dispositions constitute a tremendous portion of all trial court caseload volume in the state, a large portion of these cases are waived. Within the district court criminal caseload, traffic cases accounted for 757,038 dispositions statewide during the 1979-80 year, and 443,455, or 58.6%, of those were disposed by waiver.

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		Total Disposed	Waiver		Guilty Plea		Not Guilty Plea		Prelim. Hearing	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	% Disposed By Waiver
			Magis- trate	Clerk	Judge	Magis- trate*	Judge	Magis- trate*					
<u>District 1</u>													
Camden	MV	617	15	411	85	-	25	-	0	31	0	50	69.0
	N-MV	126	1	0	20	33	29	0	4	8	0	31	.7
Chowan	MV	1,397	85	840	249	-	85	-	0	43	0	95	66.2
	N-MV	803	72	30	259	56	83	0	75	103	0	125	12.7
Currituck	MV	2,791	64	1,854	492	-	129	-	2	105	0	145	68.7
	N-MV	529	24	0	102	147	100	0	39	86	0	31	4.5
Dare	MV	3,771	170	2,167	849	-	172	-	4	230	0	179	61.9
	N-MV	921	28	29	273	223	118	0	63	151	0	36	6.1
Gates	MV	1,661	93	997	269	-	145	-	1	143	0	13	65.6
	N-MV	258	28	8	78	67	36	0	18	18	0	5	13.9
Pasquotank	MV	2,881	421	1,263	790	-	194	-	7	119	0	87	58.4
	N-MV	1,692	74	119	671	136	295	1	106	180	0	110	11.4
Perquimans	MV	1,296	32	899	182	-	63	-	0	107	0	13	71.8
	N-MV	391	3	1	105	37	76	0	65	70	0	34	1.0
District Totals	MV	14,414	880	8,431	2,916	-	813	-	14	778	0	582	64.5
	N-MV	4,720	230	187	1,508	699	737	1	370	616	0	372	8.8
<u>District 2</u>													
Beaufort	MV	5,845	1,846	1,552	1,173	-	644	-	26	529	1	74	58.1
	N-MV	2,511	467	120	837	189	430	1	131	188	0	148	23.3
Hyde	MV	387	37	176	88	-	48	-	1	24	0	13	55.0
	N-MV	363	5	46	69	119	62	0	11	16	0	35	14.0
Martin	MV	2,844	380	1,221	734	-	270	-	35	71	0	133	56.2
	N-MV	1,635	216	40	667	29	224	0	102	110	0	247	15.6
Tyrrell	MV	431	29	265	36	-	63	-	1	17	0	20	68.2
	N-MV	195	7	6	71	26	48	2	17	11	0	7	6.6
Washington	MV	1,331	435	486	166	-	162	-	1	64	0	17	69.1
	N-MV	650	115	55	153	34	158	2	67	40	0	26	26.1
District Totals	MV	10,838	2,727	3,700	2,197	-	1,187	-	64	705	1	257	59.3
	N-MV	5,354	810	267	1,797	397	922	5	328	365	0	463	20.1
<u>District 3</u>													
Carteret	MV	6,073	745	2,429	1,817	-	189	-	11	447	1	434	52.2
	N-MV	3,997	154	131	1,139	549	316	7	215	998	0	488	7.1
Craven	MV	10,670	2,299	3,872	2,813	-	535	-	8	1,128	0	15	57.8
	N-MV	4,557	873	73	1,240	261	524	0	395	1,016	0	175	20.7
Pamlico	MV	574	41	233	192	-	37	-	16	53	0	2	47.7
	N-MV	507	9	9	101	104	62	0	111	89	0	22	3.5
Pitt	MV	8,145	1,714	2,727	2,461	-	495	-	8	702	0	38	54.5
	N-MV	6,741	1,244	667	2,008	223	821	0	533	961	0	284	28.3
District Totals	MV	25,462	4,799	9,261	7,283	-	1,256	-	43	2,330	1	489	55.2
	N-MV	15,802	2,280	880	4,488	1,137	1,723	7	1,254	3,064	0	969	19.9
<u>District 4</u>													
Duplin	MV	5,244	949	1,662	1,673	-	61	-	4	389	0	506	49.7
	N-MV	2,333	408	218	581	0	66	0	75	366	0	619	26.8
Jones	MV	1,394	105	725	374	-	31	-	0	122	0	37	59.5
	N-MV	319	21	7	81	39	36	0	40	70	0	25	8.7
Onslow	MV	17,023	4,020	4,352	5,825	-	326	-	1	2,413	0	86	49.1
	N-MV	8,076	764	354	3,019	262	479	0	39	1,972	0	1,187	13.8
Sampson	MV	9,877	1,117	4,959	2,673	-	104	-	1	277	0	746	61.5
	N-MV	3,022	611	243	936	29	100	5	7	512	0	579	28.2
District Totals	MV	33,538	6,191	11,698	10,545	-	522	-	6	3,201	0	1,375	53.3
	N-MV	13,750	1,804	822	4,617	330	681	5	161	2,920	0	2,410	19.0
<u>District 5</u>													
New Hanover	MV	13,835	4,690	2,057	3,455	-	1,478	-	56	1,841	0	258	48.7
	N-MV	9,314	1,175	406	3,284	281	1,338	0	1,005	1,339	0	486	16.9
Pender	MV	3,079	187	1,478	795	-	227	-	2	283	0	107	54.0
	N-MV	1,049	7	1	264	253	141	1	146	118	0	118	.7
District Totals	MV	16,914	4,877	3,535	4,250	-	1,705	-	58	2,124	0	365	49.7
	N-MV	10,363	1,182	407	3,548	534	1,479	1	1,151	1,457	0	604	15.3

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<u>District 6</u>													
Bertie	MV	2,758	326	1,469	480	-	113	-	13	131	0	226	65.0
	N-MV	779	53	61	181	93	162	1	74	95	0	59	14.6
Halifax	MV	10,923	1,617	3,619	2,849	-	236	-	6	2,398	0	198	47.9
	N-MV	3,701	315	68	852	431	545	2	338	829	8	313	10.3
Hertford	MV	4,415	660	2,246	796	-	177	-	5	447	0	84	65.8
	N-MV	1,437	302	26	316	89	195	7	142	196	0	164	22.8
Northampton	MV	5,483	465	2,363	811	-	134	-	13	439	0	1,258	51.5
	N-MV	815	49	37	158	124	133	3	74	146	0	91	10.5
District Totals	MV	23,579	3,068	9,697	4,936	-	660	-	37	3,415	0	1,766	54.1
	N-MV	6,732	719	192	1,507	737	1,035	13	628	1,266	8	627	13.5
<u>District 7</u>													
Edgecombe	MV	4,785	1,497	1,799	795	-	157	-	2	529	0	6	68.8
	N-MV	5,097	883	442	1,615	258	534	0	253	863	0	249	25.9
Nash	MV	9,408	2,117	4,252	1,305	-	257	-	11	1,430	0	36	67.6
	N-MV	4,943	1,224	310	1,398	213	451	0	262	845	0	240	31.0
Wilson	MV	8,189	2,749	2,948	1,086	-	243	-	35	1,018	0	110	69.5
	N-MV	4,772	660	199	1,359	222	408	0	406	924	1	593	18.0
District Totals	MV	22,382	6,363	8,999	3,186	-	657	-	48	2,977	0	152	68.6
	N-MV	14,812	2,767	951	4,372	693	1,393	0	921	2,632	1	1,082	25.1
<u>District 8</u>													
Greene	MV	1,368	398	395	329	-	38	-	2	118	0	88	57.9
	N-MV	841	132	5	194	28	102	0	84	211	0	85	16.2
Lenoir	MV	7,448	241	3,881	1,820	-	244	-	18	887	0	357	55.3
	N-MV	4,627	112	0	1,371	592	535	0	260	1,385	0	372	2.4
Wayne	MV	11,315	1,270	5,578	2,630	-	315	-	7	1,420	0	95	60.5
	N-MV	5,993	356	693	1,687	154	476	0	225	1,825	0	577	17.5
District Totals	MV	20,131	1,909	9,854	4,779	-	597	-	27	2,425	0	540	58.4
	N-MV	11,461	600	698	3,252	774	1,113	0	569	3,421	0	1,034	11.3
<u>District 9</u>													
Franklin	MV	3,122	931	666	969	-	215	-	2	324	0	15	51.1
	N-MV	1,695	459	47	470	69	246	0	123	232	0	49	29.8
Granville	MV	5,726	1,474	1,666	1,578	-	186	-	1	258	0	563	54.8
	N-MV	1,777	311	114	582	96	253	1	165	169	0	86	23.9
Person	MV	2,676	965	292	934	-	181	-	1	264	0	39	46.9
	N-MV	1,939	177	27	597	189	364	0	128	302	0	155	10.5
Vance	MV	4,926	1,319	1,562	1,040	-	129	-	6	544	0	326	58.4
	N-MV	2,637	497	161	735	13	294	0	36	431	0	470	24.9
Warren	MV	3,459	480	1,468	884	-	150	-	1	353	0	123	56.3
	N-MV	1,104	114	20	234	119	194	0	113	172	0	138	12.1
District Totals	MV	19,909	5,169	5,654	5,405	-	861	-	11	1,743	0	1,066	54.3
	N-MV	9,152	1,558	369	2,618	486	1,351	1	565	1,306	0	898	21.0
<u>District 10</u>													
Wake	MV	44,833	1,504	23,608	9,897	-	2,895	-	67	6,757	1	104	56.0
	N-MV	23,093	438	4,699	8,019	979	1,788	0	1,552	4,543	0	1,075	22.2
<u>District 11</u>													
Harnett	MV	7,996	1,555	3,066	1,992	-	342	-	13	559	0	469	57.7
	N-MV	3,291	359	254	1,156	140	323	1	228	522	0	308	18.6
Johnston	MV	12,804	2,165	4,910	2,684	-	629	-	19	1,832	0	565	55.2
	N-MV	3,845	589	423	1,215	4	527	0	240	493	0	354	26.3
Lee	MV	3,964	1,543	916	1,039	-	179	-	1	273	0	13	62.0
	N-MV	3,772	939	89	1,275	0	420	0	176	528	0	345	27.2
District Totals	MV	24,764	5,263	8,892	5,715	-	1,150	-	33	2,664	0	1,047	57.1
	N-MV	10,908	1,887	766	3,646	144	1,270	1	644	1,543	0	1,007	24.3
<u>District 12</u>													
Cumberland	MV	36,808	1,528	19,918	7,508	-	2,229	-	112	5,092	2	419	58.2
	N-MV	22,696	287	4,443	4,726	238	1,871	9	59	4,908	0	6,155	20.8
Hoke	MV	2,890	84	1,669	707	-	137	-	0	227	0	66	60.6
	N-MV	1,307	45	214	300	33	189	0	31	444	0	51	19.8
District Totals	MV	39,698	1,612	21,587	8,215	-	2,366	-	112	5,319	2	485	58.4
	N-MV	24,003	332	4,657	5,026	271	2,060	9	90	5,352	0	6,206	20.7

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<u>District 13</u>													
Bladen	MV	7,287	1,311	2,691	1,813	-	278	-	7	1,114	0	73	54.9
	N-MV	2,177	148	123	701	314	324	0	74	440	0	53	12.4
Brunswick	MV	4,188	2,488	22	1,042	-	160	-	6	231	0	239	59.9
	N-MV	2,006	201	11	540	250	322	0	139	405	0	138	10.5
Columbus	MV	9,007	726	3,833	1,702	-	1,068	-	6	1,484	0	188	50.6
	N-MV	3,552	492	460	1,016	84	397	1	280	707	0	115	26.8
District Totals	MV	20,482	4,525	6,546	4,557	-	1,506	-	19	2,829	0	500	54.0
	N-MV	7,735	841	594	2,257	648	1,043	1	493	1,552	0	306	18.5
<u>District 14</u>													
Ourham	MV	15,829	250	8,429	3,867	-	551	-	11	2,632	0	89	54.8
	N-MV	11,437	796	1,070	4,021	10	889	0	654	3,656	8	333	16.3
<u>District 15A</u>													
Alamance	MV	12,079	2,946	4,384	2,669	-	839	-	9	791	0	441	60.6
	N-MV	5,351	438	29	2,085	228	884	0	466	951	0	270	8.7
<u>District 158</u>													
Chatham	MV	4,912	607	2,192	1,570	-	177	-	0	342	0	24	56.9
	N-MV	1,147	100	52	326	196	112	0	89	225	0	47	13.2
Orange	MV	10,221	2,171	3,714	2,627	-	470	-	6	514	0	719	57.5
	N-MV	3,427	425	32	1,004	114	326	0	412	987	0	127	13.3
District Totals	MV	15,133	2,778	5,906	4,197	-	647	-	6	856	0	743	57.3
	N-MV	4,574	525	84	1,330	310	438	0	501	1,212	0	174	13.3
<u>District 16</u>													
Robeson	MV	17,473	4,130	4,717	4,701	-	540	-	43	251	0	3,091	50.6
	N-MV	8,571	1,436	139	3,216	187	779	0	718	240	0	1,856	18.3
Scotland	MV	4,225	1,478	1,229	891	-	139	-	2	199	0	287	64.0
	N-MV	3,324	422	91	995	146	394	0	182	231	0	863	15.4
District Totals	MV	21,698	5,608	5,946	5,592	-	679	-	45	450	0	3,378	53.2
	N-MV	11,895	1,858	230	4,211	333	1,173	0	900	471	0	2,719	17.5
<u>District 17</u>													
Caswell	MV	1,577	465	478	353	-	98	-	1	159	0	23	59.7
	N-MV	1,017	62	11	293	80	214	0	144	124	0	89	7.1
Rockingham	MV	9,454	2,994	2,955	2,121	-	501	-	4	779	0	100	62.9
	N-MV	5,077	526	76	1,514	126	872	0	184	895	0	884	11.8
Stokes	MV	3,764	484	1,981	351	-	589	-	0	220	0	139	65.4
	N-MV	995	57	50	156	192	212	0	2	151	0	175	10.7
Surry	MV	6,730	3,989	74	1,633	-	260	-	8	697	0	69	60.3
	N-MV	2,814	296	21	854	55	491	0	344	473	0	280	11.2
District Totals	MV	21,525	7,932	5,488	4,458	-	1,448	-	13	1,855	0	331	62.3
	N-MV	9,903	941	158	2,817	453	1,789	0	674	1,643	0	1,428	11.0
<u>District 18</u>													
Guilford	MV	39,213	2,194	20,117	9,262	-	2,334	-	7	5,046	2	251	56.8
	N-MV	20,429	215	625	8,241	965	2,395	4	326	5,750	0	1,908	4.1
<u>District 19A</u>													
Cabarrus	MV	12,330	3,146	5,094	1,843	-	924	-	22	1,087	1	213	66.8
	N-MV	3,137	219	112	1,009	255	688	0	411	365	0	78	10.5
Rowan	MV	11,612	1,912	5,902	1,672	-	841	-	6	1,219	0	60	67.2
	N-MV	3,284	144	112	984	153	674	1	478	485	0	253	7.7
District Totals	MV	23,942	5,058	10,996	3,515	-	1,765	-	28	2,306	1	273	67.0
	N-MV	6,421	363	224	1,993	408	1,362	1	889	850	0	331	9.1
<u>District 19B</u>													
Montgomery	MV	4,814	3,307	0	813	-	245	-	11	428	0	10	68.6
	N-MV	2,147	228	0	390	516	302	1	198	495	0	17	10.6
Randolph	MV	9,044	1,399	4,624	1,516	-	549	-	4	929	0	23	66.5
	N-MV	3,178	575	0	920	111	396	0	343	760	0	73	18.0
District Totals	MV	13,858	4,706	4,624	2,329	-	794	-	15	1,357	0	33	67.3
	N-MV	5,325	803	0	1,310	627	698	1	541	1,255	0	90	15.0

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<u>District 20</u>													
Anson	MV	3,903	1,036	1,491	817	-	202	-	2	257	0	98	64.7
	N-MV	1,396	110	3	391	113	267	0	152	284	0	76	8.0
Moore	MV	6,606	1,507	1,928	2,088	-	304	-	13	379	0	387	51.9
	N-MV	3,449	598	258	836	63	348	0	329	491	0	526	24.8
Richmond	MV	4,526	1,084	1,414	1,164	-	239	-	88	272	0	265	55.1
	N-MV	2,174	166	20	549	52	447	0	389	511	0	40	8.5
Stanly	MV	5,625	1,547	1,680	1,705	-	58	-	14	511	0	110	57.3
	N-MV	2,177	369	40	707	241	92	0	223	419	0	86	18.7
Union	MV	6,031	1,382	2,212	1,418	-	397	-	16	251	0	355	59.5
	N-MV	3,451	407	9	854	247	671	0	550	606	0	107	12.0
District Totals	MV	26,691	6,556	8,725	7,192	-	1,200	-	133	1,670	0	1,215	57.2
	N-MV	12,647	1,650	330	3,337	716	1,825	0	1,643	2,311	0	835	15.6
<u>District 21</u>													
Forsyth	MV	36,075	3	22,844	5,870	-	2,781	-	21	4,431	0	125	63.3
	N-MV	12,115	1	1,705	3,761	125	2,590	1	1,082	2,094	0	756	14.0
<u>District 22</u>													
Alexander	MV	2,030	541	479	665	-	110	-	4	217	0	14	50.2
	N-MV	914	65	15	215	177	113	0	47	255	0	27	8.7
Oavidson	MV	10,412	2,238	3,876	2,289	-	327	-	2	1,575	0	105	58.7
	N-MV	5,509	247	161	1,821	340	794	1	212	1,655	0	278	7.4
Oavie	MV	4,380	2,730	268	595	-	64	-	11	616	0	96	68.4
	N-MV	947	71	7	255	28	132	0	52	284	0	118	8.2
Iredell	MV	11,399	4,116	3,297	2,312	-	389	-	6	1,145	0	134	65.0
	N-MV	4,886	581	24	1,731	258	491	0	339	1,303	0	159	12.3
District Totals	MV	28,221	9,625	7,920	5,861	-	890	-	23	3,553	0	349	62.1
	N-MV	12,256	964	207	4,022	803	1,530	1	650	3,497	0	582	9.5
<u>District 23</u>													
Alleghany	MV	682	225	105	203	-	74	-	5	54	0	16	48.3
	N-MV	349	48	8	119	17	53	0	20	59	0	25	16.0
Ashe	MV	1,853	265	793	473	-	216	-	2	55	0	49	57.0
	N-MV	862	47	71	232	58	189	0	67	50	0	148	13.6
Wilkes	MV	6,378	2,110	1,481	1,572	-	689	-	9	423	0	94	56.3
	N-MV	2,970	359	27	823	154	687	4	141	510	0	265	12.9
Yadkin	MV	3,093	793	1,255	566	-	231	-	8	81	0	159	66.2
	N-MV	964	110	39	289	58	161	0	85	111	0	111	15.4
District Totals	MV	12,006	3,393	3,634	2,814	-	1,210	-	24	613	0	318	58.5
	N-MV	5,145	564	145	1,463	287	1,090	4	313	730	0	549	13.7
<u>District 24</u>													
Avery	MV	1,961	861	401	300	-	66	-	1	321	0	11	64.3
	N-MV	445	81	9	70	71	52	3	31	99	0	29	20.2
Madison	MV	1,950	186	858	186	-	43	-	3	601	0	73	53.5
	N-MV	332	1	0	44	7	55	0	33	164	0	28	.3
Mitchell	MV	1,323	201	556	249	-	46	-	3	247	0	21	57.2
	N-MV	360	33	17	81	15	77	0	18	92	0	27	13.8
Watauga	MV	3,536	434	1,480	930	-	141	-	7	515	0	29	54.1
	N-MV	1,125	111	59	238	51	116	8	83	356	0	103	15.1
Yancey	MV	1,577	161	688	192	-	58	-	0	477	0	1	53.8
	N-MV	528	17	2	78	228	73	1	12	105	0	12	3.5
District Totals	MV	10,347	1,843	3,983	1,857	-	354	-	14	2,161	0	135	56.3
	N-MV	2,790	243	87	511	372	373	12	177	816	0	199	11.8
<u>District 25</u>													
Burke	MV	9,644	1,305	4,787	2,237	-	177	-	1	1,044	0	93	63.1
	N-MV	2,898	246	117	824	180	284	0	188	806	0	253	12.5
Caldwell	MV	6,554	2,516	922	2,298	-	212	-	6	586	0	14	52.4
	N-MV	3,258	241	1	948	301	331	2	246	953	0	235	7.4
Catawba	MV	12,660	4,068	3,006	3,669	-	354	-	5	1,116	0	442	55.8
	N-MV	6,651	785	120	2,070	224	522	0	524	1,334	0	1,072	13.6
District Totals	MV	28,858	7,889	8,715	8,204	-	743	-	12	2,746	0	549	57.5
	N-MV	12,807	1,272	238	3,842	705	1,137	2	958	3,093	0	1,560	11.7

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<u>District 26</u>													
Mecklenburg	MV	56,337	1,450	32,886	10,779	-	3,198	-	34	7,805	2	183	60.9
	N-MV	18,129	641	6	5,367	2,602	1,598	3	1,023	5,720	9	1,160	3.5
<u>District 27A</u>													
Gaston	MV	15,238	6,810	1,914	3,072	-	712	-	2	2,601	0	127	57.2
	N-MV	11,094	828	7	3,097	556	1,312	0	137	2,794	3	2,360	7.5
<u>District 278</u>													
Cleveland	MV	8,367	3,691	1,182	2,184	-	202	-	3	655	0	450	58.2
	N-MV	4,626	574	41	1,655	162	460	2	408	936	0	388	13.2
Lincoln	MV	4,318	1,526	1,000	954	-	107	-	6	715	2	8	58.4
	N-MV	2,461	231	119	638	168	229	0	238	615	0	223	14.2
District Totals	MV	12,685	5,217	2,182	3,138	-	309	-	9	1,370	2	458	58.3
	N-MV	7,087	805	160	2,293	330	689	2	646	1,551	0	611	13.6
<u>District 28</u>													
Buncombe	MV	14,852	4,061	5,213	3,742	-	517	-	32	1,148	0	139	62.4
	N-MV	11,775	1,483	675	5,340	109	671	0	817	1,917	0	763	18.3
<u>District 29</u>													
Henderson	MV	6,219	2,271	1,287	1,536	-	120	-	1	889	0	115	57.2
	N-MV	3,163	1	74	804	513	202	0	301	664	0	604	2.3
McDowell	MV	4,853	2,885	205	971	-	191	-	19	219	0	363	63.6
	N-MV	1,315	78	4	438	279	110	3	65	299	0	39	6.2
Polk	MV	1,710	65	977	294	-	67	-	2	134	0	171	60.9
	N-MV	749	6	2	179	20	58	0	40	159	0	285	1.0
Rutherford	MV	3,204	1,561	363	702	-	202	-	5	141	0	230	60.0
	N-MV	2,522	106	9	812	515	369	0	201	422	0	88	4.5
Transylvania	MV	2,061	605	699	423	-	61	-	2	193	0	78	63.2
	N-MV	1,124	23	49	306	239	52	0	77	272	0	106	6.4
District Totals	MV	18,047	7,387	3,531	3,926	-	641	-	29	1,576	0	957	60.4
	N-MV	8,873	214	138	2,539	1,566	791	3	684	1,816	0	1,122	3.9
<u>District 30</u>													
Cherokee	MV	2,408	330	1,167	506	-	11	-	1	316	0	77	62.1
	N-MV	696	10	31	219	2	10	0	53	261	0	110	5.8
Clay	MV	637	86	307	134	-	12	-	0	45	0	53	61.6
	N-MV	266	4	22	29	108	7	0	12	35	0	49	9.7
Graham	MV	523	6	263	113	-	24	-	0	95	0	22	51.4
	N-MV	338	9	6	45	127	13	2	8	86	0	42	4.4
Haywood	MV	5,882	3,195	20	1,415	-	107	-	11	940	0	194	54.6
	N-MV	2,171	204	30	637	86	111	8	181	884	0	30	10.7
Jackson	MV	3,700	1,083	1,118	800	-	32	-	17	506	0	144	59.4
	N-MV	734	35	82	118	15	21	0	6	200	0	257	15.9
Macon	MV	2,787	516	925	378	-	22	-	4	161	0	781	51.7
	N-MV	794	46	9	143	211	29	0	96	129	0	131	6.9
Swain	MV	1,523	766	181	239	-	12	-	0	145	0	180	62.1
	N-MV	550	35	5	100	195	27	0	0	170	0	18	7.2
District Totals	MV	17,460	5,982	3,981	3,585	-	220	-	33	2,208	0	1,451	57.0
	N-MV	5,549	343	185	1,291	744	218	10	356	1,765	0	637	9.5
<u>STATE TOTALS</u>													
	MV	757,038	140,575	302,880	169,810	-	38,007	-	1,039	84,442	12	20,273	58.5
	N-MV	353,487	30,395	21,792	109,526	20,078	40,047	88	22,163	73,929	29	35,440	14.7

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		Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)								
		0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365				0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365				
		Age	Age	Age	Age	Age				Age	Age	Age	Age	Age				
<u>District 1</u>																		
Camden	MV	86	40.3	14.1	73	5	1	7	0	0	617	33.1	20.2	538	44	28	6	1
	NMV	15	40.5	40.7	12	3	0	0	0	0	126	28.3	23.8	115	6	4	1	0
Chowan	MV	114	51.2	21.3	89	17	0	7	1	1	1,397	26.7	17.4	1,267	90	37	3	0
	NMV	93	84.0	25.4	55	9	11	18	0	0	803	23.7	14.0	739	48	7	80	1
Currituck	MV	310	34.1	20.9	261	36	11	1	1	1	2,791	32.0	18.8	2,480	166	71	70	4
	NMV	61	34.8	26.4	54	7	0	0	0	0	529	43.6	14.8	484	20	2	14	9
Dare	MV	324	35.5	19.7	281	27	5	10	1	1	3,771	25.3	14.0	3,426	181	138	23	3
	NMV	127	83.3	36.7	80	23	19	1	4	4	921	39.1	15.0	827	52	19	4	19
Gates	MV	130	52.2	18.4	100	9	8	13	0	0	1,661	49.3	20.5	1,414	108	22	76	41
	NMV	6	22.5	24.0	6	0	0	0	0	0	258	16.6	12.0	250	6	1	1	0
Pasquotank	MV	259	34.6	21.0	218	25	15	1	0	0	2,881	28.9	20.4	2,638	153	42	48	0
	NMV	121	43.0	12.3	107	7	4	1	2	2	1,692	23.5	17.1	1,600	76	10	5	1
Perquimans	MV	135	48.7	21.0	110	13	8	1	3	3	1,296	30.1	18.8	1,166	73	45	8	4
	NMV	22	177.8	41.0	15	1	1	1	4	4	391	28.4	16.0	368	16	2	3	2
Oistrict Totals	MV	1,358	39.5	20.7	1,132	132	48	40	6	6	14,414	31.0	17.6	12,929	815	383	234	53
	NMV	445	68.2	26.2	329	50	35	21	10	10	4,720	29.0	16.0	4,383	224	45	36	32
<u>District 2</u>																		
Beaufort	MV	508	75.7	20.6	417	45	9	9	28	28	5,845	28.1	15.2	5,415	232	57	111	30
	NMV	216	249.6	45.5	112	26	6	28	44	44	2,511	15.3	6.4	2,442	37	14	5	13
Hyde	MV	54	22.4	20.5	49	5	0	0	0	0	387	27.1	14.4	346	32	8	1	0
	NMV	12	109.4	25.5	7	2	0	1	2	2	363	16.0	5.4	341	14	5	3	0
Martin	MV	253	47.1	14.1	194	26	23	7	3	3	2,844	27.8	16.5	2,586	132	71	54	1
	NMV	119	223.5	77.0	58	5	14	13	29	29	1,635	16.0	7.6	1,572	46	10	5	2
Tyrrell	MV	58	44.3	21.2	51	1	4	1	1	1	431	24.7	15.6	404	10	14	3	0
	NMV	10	139.4	52.0	6	0	0	3	1	1	195	21.2	13.4	185	7	2	1	0
Washington	MV	134	37.5	14.3	114	12	3	4	1	1	1,331	24.6	15.9	1,236	65	13	17	0
	NMV	26	16.7	4.5	25	0	1	0	0	0	650	22.0	9.6	615	13	7	13	2
Oistrict Totals	MV	1,007	58.8	19.0	825	89	39	21	33	33	10,838	27.4	15.6	9,987	471	163	186	31
	NMV	383	218.4	32.2	208	33	21	45	76	76	5,354	16.6	7.0	5,155	117	38	27	17
<u>District 3</u>																		
Carteret	MV	992	44.5	25.0	756	150	63	22	1	1	6,073	38.0	18.4	5,207	566	136	90	74
	NMV	680	76.3	33.4	415	113	92	54	6	6	3,997	46.2	20.0	3,395	389	71	75	67
Craven	MV	1,441	83.6	21.0	1,081	180	70	60	50	50	10,670	33.8	17.6	9,423	672	118	422	35
	NMV	586	128.7	27.5	440	26	33	35	52	52	4,557	31.1	15.1	4,080	304	54	99	20
Pamlico	MV	34	45.3	17.5	29	4	0	0	1	1	574	26.7	15.5	511	50	10	3	0
	NMV	24	34.8	11.1	20	3	0	0	1	1	507	23.5	12.8	452	50	4	1	0
Pitt	MV	1,016	81.3	24.0	763	99	55	42	57	57	8,145	33.4	15.8	7,341	433	167	92	112
	NMV	812	118.5	27.8	549	94	64	22	83	83	6,741	36.0	16.7	6,072	354	86	113	116
Oistrict Totals	MV	3,483	71.4	21.3	2,629	433	188	124	109	109	25,462	34.5	17.6	22,482	1,721	431	607	221
	NMV	2,102	106.7	30.5	1,424	236	189	111	142	142	15,802	36.8	17.0	13,999	1,097	215	286	203

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	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)							
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	181-365		Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	181-365				
				61-120	121-180				61-120	121-180			
District 4													
Duplin	MV 786	57.4	26.1	594	106	65	41.8	24.0	4,266	514	305	139	20
	MV 285	71.0	32.0	196	39	24	35.0	15.9	2,008	206	48	32	39
Jones	MV 149	42.2	28.0	109	30	7	36.1	22.5	1,165	138	81	10	0
	MV 39	42.2	12.6	28	3	8	29.2	16.3	283	23	8	5	0
Onslow	MV 2,158	44.3	24.6	1,610	360	130	43.7	22.9	13,691	1,758	705	849	20
	MV 890	42.6	24.0	691	117	59	32.1	19.2	6,914	807	222	131	2
Sampson	MV 1,264	48.5	26.9	998	195	39	32.8	20.9	8,530	740	579	25	3
	MV 389	60.1	37.8	280	58	37	34.0	23.5	2,547	403	52	16	4
District Totals	MV 4,357	47.8	26.0	3,311	691	241	39.9	22.6	27,652	3,150	1,670	1,023	43
	MV 1,603	51.9	27.7	1,195	217	128	32.9	20.6	11,752	1,439	330	184	45
District 5													
New Hanover	MV 1,696	85.7	40.0	1,051	281	225	30.5	17.6	12,161	1,951	431	173	19
	MV 1,503	124.3	37.8	868	218	144	33.2	16.0	8,079	708	226	258	43
Pender	MV 463	101.4	39.5	293	60	43	49.3	19.7	2,486	236	110	200	47
	MV 135	225.7	46.0	83	11	12	23.7	8.7	961	53	19	12	4
District Totals	MV 2,159	89.1	39.6	1,344	341	268	33.9	18.6	14,647	1,287	541	373	66
	MV 1,638	132.7	38.1	951	229	156	32.2	15.6	9,040	761	245	270	47
District 6													
Bertie	MV 211	32.8	23.6	170	33	8	31.0	17.6	2,397	247	97	7	10
	MV 73	24.6	17.2	66	4	2	23.6	9.7	724	40	7	5	3
Halifax	MV 1,586	39.0	25.1	1,188	348	44	41.1	24.1	8,620	1,407	866	29	1
	MV 424	50.4	24.5	328	60	22	28.7	15.7	3,246	362	72	20	1
Hertford	MV 356	55.3	23.8	265	54	14	32.5	13.4	3,848	294	116	129	28
	MV 157	61.5	19.7	112	29	9	29.3	13.1	1,256	133	28	8	12
Northampton	MV 408	36.1	14.5	328	52	27	17.3	8.4	5,121	310	44	7	1
	MV 71	47.6	24.4	42	23	5	21.5	10.4	757	48	4	6	0
District Totals	MV 2,561	40.3	24.8	1,951	487	93	32.8	17.0	19,986	2,258	1,123	172	40
	MV 725	49.9	21.4	548	116	38	27.4	14.6	5,983	583	111	39	16
District 7													
Edgecombe	MV 666	52.0	30.5	464	131	43	35.8	20.0	4,028	457	211	80	9
	MV 560	55.8	29.7	383	96	56	35.2	18.6	4,245	588	169	90	5
Nash	MV 1,594	72.5	27.5	1,160	220	59	38.3	19.9	7,644	1,188	418	141	17
	MV 765	110.0	45.6	446	132	67	39.0	19.7	3,938	668	229	92	16
Wilson	MV 1,108	90.4	31.3	734	184	54	41.9	21.4	6,549	893	524	190	33
	MV 815	117.9	46.5	449	171	68	44.4	19.6	3,664	658	238	188	24
District Totals	MV 3,368	74.3	28.1	2,358	535	156	39.1	21.0	18,221	2,538	1,153	411	59
	MV 2,140	98.8	41.1	1,278	399	191	39.4	19.6	11,847	1,914	636	370	45

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	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	Total Disposed			Mean Age	Median Age	Total Disposed							
				0-60	61-120	121-180			181-365	> 365	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365	
<u>District 13</u>																
81aden	1,175	56.1	26.0	865	177	68	48	17	7,287	37.8	21.3	6,161	595	296	228	7
NMV	306	97.0	24.3	215	29	15	26	21	2,177	31.6	17.4	1,921	172	33	38	13
Brunswick	699	55.2	30.5	477	125	65	27	5	4,188	34.1	18.6	3,490	447	220	26	5
NMV	284	55.4	30.6	220	25	17	19	3	2,006	40.6	23.0	1,553	339	77	24	13
Columbus	966	50.5	26.9	735	151	47	24	9	9,007	36.9	20.1	7,452	921	362	265	7
NMV	308	42.5	20.0	253	41	6	6	2	3,552	33.9	20.8	3,104	306	85	45	12
District Totals	2,840	54.0	26.7	2,077	453	180	99	31	20,482	36.6	21.0	17,103	1,963	878	519	19
NMV	898	65.2	24.5	688	95	38	51	26	7,735	35.0	20.6	6,578	817	195	107	38
<u>District 14</u>																
Ourham	2,298	60.0	27.3	1,604	315	198	156	25	15,829	42.1	22.2	13,289	1,296	386	797	61
NMV	1,501	89.2	44.8	863	277	154	123	84	11,437	40.0	15.7	9,569	1,182	307	168	211
<u>District 15A</u>																
Altamance	1,316	34.6	18.6	1,114	134	36	27	5	12,079	29.9	21.1	10,861	958	198	59	3
NMV	533	46.9	16.7	425	55	26	14	13	5,351	28.0	18.2	4,848	410	55	30	8
<u>District 15B</u>																
Chatham	338	37.1	20.5	275	39	15	9	0	4,912	29.7	20.6	4,357	400	139	16	0
NMV	127	34.7	12.7	114	7	1	2	3	1,147	27.8	15.0	1,049	69	10	14	5
Orange	1,041	46.9	30.8	744	198	83	13	3	10,221	43.6	26.9	8,426	1,021	339	412	23
NMV	442	47.1	28.5	309	93	30	10	0	3,427	40.6	20.7	2,880	294	128	105	20
District Totals	1,379	44.5	26.7	1,019	237	98	22	3	15,133	39.1	25.6	12,783	1,421	478	428	23
NMV	569	44.3	24.0	423	100	31	12	3	4,574	37.4	20.0	3,929	363	138	119	25
<u>District 16</u>																
Robeson	2,026	47.6	24.7	1,472	429	80	29	16	17,473	34.0	17.5	14,298	2,074	1,010	80	11
NMV	1,225	53.1	31.7	883	256	50	20	16	8,571	38.0	20.5	6,836	1,397	231	100	7
Scotland	405	60.5	27.5	308	64	16	8	9	4,225	26.3	14.8	3,840	235	128	8	14
NMV	422	92.5	39.6	256	96	26	22	22	3,324	106.2	16.8	2,573	140	90	130	391
District Totals	2,431	49.7	25.4	1,780	493	96	37	25	21,698	32.5	17.0	18,138	2,309	1,138	88	25
NMV	1,647	63.2	32.4	1,139	352	76	42	38	11,895	57.1	20.6	9,409	1,537	321	230	398
<u>District 17</u>																
Caswell	167	86.7	37.1	111	30	8	9	9	1,577	43.8	22.2	1,307	139	72	45	14
NMV	130	74.3	27.1	101	12	4	7	6	1,017	40.9	20.1	886	74	22	18	17
Rockingham	1,029	49.4	27.4	803	123	49	42	12	9,454	37.0	20.7	8,031	770	391	232	30
NMV	536	99.5	32.3	382	52	26	43	33	5,077	37.2	18.1	4,321	491	123	109	33
Stokes	437	66.3	20.0	305	72	27	20	13	3,764	34.5	20.3	3,193	361	166	42	2
NMV	135	101.9	21.0	103	10	5	9	8	995	23.4	23.4	812	136	24	22	1
Surry	875	42.4	27.0	666	140	62	6	1	6,730	33.6	18.6	5,696	517	455	59	3
NMV	342	43.3	21.2	266	46	22	8	0	2,814	42.1	27.3	2,250	389	134	37	4
District Totals	2,508	52.4	27.0	1,885	365	146	77	35	21,525	36.0	20.6	18,227	1,787	1,084	378	49
NMV	1,143	80.1	27.1	852	120	57	67	47	9,903	39.2	21.6	8,269	1,090	303	186	55

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	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age		Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age													
<u>District 18</u>																				
Guilford	MV 8,156 NMV 5,010	223.2 198.3	70.2 65.8	3,847 2,419	771 629	446 426	181-365 181-365	825 563	2,267 973	39,213 20,429	47.4 81.5	27.0 33.6	32,788 14,892	4,285 3,057	764 496	121-180 121-180	181-365 181-365	487 667	> 365 > 365	889 1,317
<u>District 19A</u>																				
Cabarrus	MV 1,964 NMV 351	42.2 47.8	27.2 16.6	1,548 292	253 31	133 13	181-365 181-365	24 7	6 8	12,330 3,137	35.6 27.0	24.1 15.5	10,459 2,892	1,207 156	525 40	121-180 121-180	181-365 181-365	139 46	0 3	
Rowan	MV 1,306 NMV 456	41.9 120.8	19.1 31.6	1,029 277	190 50	59 30	181-365 181-365	18 70	10 29	11,612 3,284	31.9 29.2	20.1 16.0	10,071 3,016	1,040 163	381 43	121-180 121-180	181-365 181-365	100 44	20 18	
District Totals	MV 3,270 NMV 807	42.1 89.0	21.3 21.0	2,577 569	443 81	192 43	181-365 181-365	42 77	16 37	23,942 6,421	33.8 28.1	22.6 17.6	20,530 5,908	2,247 319	906 83	121-180 121-180	181-365 181-365	239 90	20 21	
<u>District 19B</u>																				
Montgomery	MV 542 NMV 298	45.5 61.7	21.3 24.7	437 240	69 35	15 9	181-365 181-365	14 4	7 10	4,814 2,147	34.2 52.9	16.2 16.3	4,219 1,898	285 129	190 36	121-180 121-180	181-365 181-365	89 29	31 55	
Randolph	MV 1,091 NMV 308	42.5 32.4	27.2 21.3	848 275	172 27	60 3	181-365 181-365	9 2	2 1	9,044 3,178	37.6 34.5	21.0 20.5	7,708 2,839	643 226	301 63	121-180 121-180	181-365 181-365	388 41	4 9	
District Totals	MV 1,633 NMV 606	43.5 46.8	25.6 24.3	1,285 515	241 62	75 12	181-365 181-365	23 6	9 11	13,858 5,325	36.4 41.9	19.6 17.6	11,927 4,737	928 355	491 99	121-180 121-180	181-365 181-365	477 70	35 64	
<u>District 20</u>																				
Anson	MV 417 NMV 166	94.6 69.4	31.8 20.3	274 134	73 10	11 10	181-365 181-365	28 7	31 5	3,903 1,396	30.1 29.5	15.6 19.4	3,476 1,259	280 105	90 18	121-180 121-180	181-365 181-365	34 13	23 1	
Moore	MV 755 NMV 487	77.9 82.9	29.6 45.1	463 279	150 114	58 52	181-365 181-365	57 28	27 14	6,606 3,449	26.7 31.7	13.2 14.1	6,005 3,017	332 211	141 124	121-180 121-180	181-365 181-365	106 92	22 5	
Richmond	MV 1,092 NMV 741	221.4 310.1	130.5 261.0	430 191	81 34	155 37	181-365 181-365	193 204	233 275	4,526 2,174	29.0 26.1	15.7 16.0	4,071 1,974	206 159	157 21	121-180 121-180	181-365 181-365	86 18	6 2	
Stanly	MV 541 NMV 288	50.0 86.4	26.3 25.5	439 225	62 17	17 11	181-365 181-365	13 17	10 18	5,625 2,177	33.1 37.7	15.0 14.9	4,923 1,950	362 105	213 38	121-180 121-180	181-365 181-365	93 42	34 42	
Union	MV 857 NMV 504	125.3 121.5	32.7 27.6	534 322	59 41	20 13	181-365 181-365	112 32	132 96	6,031 3,451	25.1 23.4	14.1 13.6	5,450 3,261	440 137	114 21	121-180 121-180	181-365 181-365	22 22	5 10	
District Totals	MV 3,662 NMV 2,186	129.6 168.3	39.3 51.0	2,140 1,151	425 216	261 123	181-365 181-365	403 288	433 408	26,691 12,647	28.6 29.3	15.0 15.6	23,925 11,461	1,620 717	715 222	121-180 121-180	181-365 181-365	341 187	90 60	
<u>District 21</u>																				
Forsyth	MV 4,894 NMV 2,209	157.3 216.4	46.3 77.3	2,648 1,021	410 213	294 148	181-365 181-365	692 252	850 575	36,075 12,115	33.3 30.5	17.9 16.6	34,092 11,046	873 712	174 159	121-180 121-180	181-365 181-365	197 130	739 68	

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		Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180		181-365	> 365	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365
<u>District 25</u>																
Burke	MV 1,212	44.3	27.5	955	183	36	29	9	9,644	35.3	19.0	8,291	908	262	110	73
	NMV 390	57.8	20.9	298	45	5	33	9	2,898	31.1	16.0	2,609	203	38	31	17
Caldwell	MV 826	51.2	20.8	571	165	68	15	7	6,554	29.3	18.1	5,762	542	215	32	3
	NMV 476	66.4	32.6	290	82	89	12	3	3,258	36.0	18.6	2,815	298	61	41	43
Catawba	MV 1,608	44.0	21.1	1,225	268	68	44	3	12,660	33.5	19.9	11,019	993	442	180	26
	NMV 597	72.4	29.7	408	76	49	53	11	6,651	32.0	16.1	5,768	583	148	129	23
District Totals	MV 3,646	45.7	23.8	2,751	616	172	88	19	28,858	33.1	20.6	25,072	2,443	919	322	102
	NMV 1,463	66.6	27.8	996	203	143	98	23	12,807	32.8	17.0	11,192	1,084	247	201	83
<u>District 26</u>																
Mecklenburg	MV 10,456	179.7	45.9	5,994	1,291	1,257	471	1,443	56,337	40.4	22.6	48,184	4,843	1,757	1,142	411
	NMV 5,848	479.0	166.3	2,242	420	324	475	2,387	18,129	48.1	24.8	15,149	2,213	345	238	184
<u>District 27A</u>																
Gaston	MV 1,846	69.4	28.3	1,321	309	100	66	50	15,238	39.3	21.8	12,627	1,527	855	175	54
	NMV 1,446	76.6	26.3	1,065	162	75	81	63	11,094	47.6	23.0	9,185	1,225	269	256	159
<u>District 27B</u>																
Cleveland	MV 965	49.2	28.3	671	212	62	16	4	8,367	42.9	24.0	6,532	1,071	549	194	21
	NMV 577	51.8	28.1	432	96	30	8	11	4,626	43.9	22.7	3,668	651	163	102	42
Lincoln	MV 579	59.6	28.2	440	66	29	33	11	4,318	32.7	20.0	3,801	309	96	104	8
	NMV 276	66.6	21.0	203	35	8	19	11	2,461	35.0	21.6	2,136	245	24	42	14
District Totals	MV 1,544	53.1	28.3	1,111	278	91	49	15	12,685	39.4	22.6	10,333	1,380	645	298	29
	NMV 853	56.6	27.5	635	131	38	27	22	7,087	40.8	22.6	5,804	896	187	144	56
<u>District 28</u>																
Buncombe	MV 1,589	66.9	27.9	1,064	249	111	149	16	14,852	29.6	14.9	13,565	471	339	388	89
	NMV 1,171	75.1	25.2	768	155	104	121	23	11,775	29.9	16.2	10,892	436	178	166	103
<u>District 29</u>																
Henderson	MV 1,154	61.2	31.9	781	202	84	77	10	6,219	51.4	28.0	4,665	638	655	237	24
	NMV 425	59.6	31.2	303	64	36	18	4	3,163	48.6	23.7	2,376	472	156	128	31
McDowell	MV 720	104.9	40.6	438	98	65	37	82	4,853	37.2	22.9	4,145	372	200	126	10
	NMV 319	101.2	31.7	182	44	48	25	20	1,315	30.3	17.1	1,185	95	12	16	7
Polk	MV 272	76.3	51.0	155	62	26	24	5	1,710	48.4	20.4	1,326	106	172	101	5
	NMV 99	87.4	38.1	67	19	1	10	2	749	39.8	16.0	598	60	80	11	0
Rutherford	MV 388	60.3	27.7	282	65	21	11	9	3,204	40.9	20.1	2,679	282	168	46	29
	NMV 339	145.7	38.7	191	35	44	34	35	2,522	38.2	15.4	2,201	215	54	25	27
Transylvania	MV 248	62.9	32.9	163	38	34	12	1	2,061	52.8	26.6	1,624	204	93	108	32
	NMV 125	79.6	37.0	72	34	8	7	4	1,124	51.3	22.6	845	149	81	32	17
District Totals	MV 2,782	74.0	32.3	1,819	465	230	161	107	18,047	45.6	24.6	14,439	1,602	1,288	618	100
	NMV 1,307	96.1	33.0	815	196	137	94	65	8,873	42.5	19.0	7,205	991	383	212	82

**RANKINGS FOR THE 33 JUDICIAL DISTRICTS BASED UPON
PERCENT TOTAL CASELOAD DISPOSED
July 1, 1979 — June 30, 1980**

Judicial Division	Judicial District	Superior Court					District Court		
		Civil	Criminal		Estates	Special Proceedings	Civil	Criminal	
			Felonies	Misdemeanors				Motor Vehicle	Non-Motor Vehicle
I	1	2	4	4	29	25	14	3	2
	2	22	18	16	23	33	2	2	1
	3	16	9	15	7	7	24	24	18
	4	10	5	23	9	17	20	22	11
	5	32	7	19	26	14	31	21	27
	6	13	32	27	16	27	5	7	6
	7	19	27	28	13	28	10	30	24
	8	17	15	17	10	10	18	19	21
II	9	33	31	33	21	21	15	17	19
	10	4	16	11	31	22	32	10	25
	11	28	26	20	18	20	30	11	5
	12	24	20	6	1	3	7	27	23
	13	23	25	31	12	32	27	28	12
	14	26	6	8	25	16	11	29	17
	15A	11	17	22	3	8	1	8	3
	15B	18	1	12	22	11	25	1	14
16	3	24	25	5	24	9	9	20	
III	17	14	19	9	14	19	12	12	10
	18	31	30	29	20	4	22	33	31
	19A	5	12	18	11	5	21	25	15
	19B	1	14	10	8	12	4	13	8
	20	27	2	5	33	29	17	26	28
	21	25	11	1	19	1	6	23	30
	22	8	3	14	6	6	8	14	22
	23	20	28	30	4	9	13	18	7
IV	24	9	33	26	27	31	28	4	29
	25	12	13	13	28	23	26	20	9
	26	30	22	2	17	18	33	32	33
	27A	21	10	7	30	15	29	15	16
	27B	7	8	21	2	2	3	16	13
	28	6	21	3	24	26	16	6	4
	29	15	23	24	15	13	23	31	26
	30	29	29	32	32	30	19	5	32

RANKINGS FOR THE 100 COUNTIES BASED UPON PERCENT TOTAL CASELOAD DISPOSED

July 1, 1979 — June 30, 1980

District	County	Superior Court				District Court			
		Civil	Criminal		Estates	Special Proceedings	Civil	Criminal	
			Felonies	Misdemeanors				Motor Vehicle	Non-Motor Vehicle
1	Calden	41	1	59	1	46	6	75	39
	Chowan	59	4	6	79	97	47	11	36
	Currituck	11	64	9	81	77	84	38	37
	Dare	9	2	21	98	44	78	15	64
	Gates	1	32	7	77	91	4	9	1
	Pasquotank	7	25	22	30	29	46	18	7
	Perquimans	5	70	10	85	74	15	27	6
2	Beaufort	29	56	33	62	99	9	14	12
	Hyde	92	41	60	3	76	43	78	2
	Martin	33	20	66	88	53	20	16	8
	Tyrrell	13	31	3	45	61	29	72	5
	Washington	85	76	78	73	24	34	24	3
3	Carteret	42	36	53	44	27	76	94	86
	Craven	58	47	41	41	43	68	70	49
	Pamlico	44	14	50	6	57	57	1	4
	Pitt	40	29	43	25	7	61	58	40
4	Duplin	43	57	88	26	79	17	84	42
	Jones	97	3	62	4	81	31	32	43
	Onslow	34	22	14	60	37	86	65	27
	Sampson	8	10	31	29	25	48	66	53
5	New Hanover	86	16	47	76	35	99	57	84
	Pender	99	80	84	48	62	91	85	52
6	Bertie	32	65	77	33	18	1	8	17
	Halifax	65	89	95	65	78	44	82	34
	Hertford	12	91	26	37	73	35	10	25
	Northampton	27	86	54	61	65	13	6	14
7	Edgecombe	18	69	71	28	55	26	77	24
	Nash	78	49	68	54	96	28	96	79
	Wilson	37	77	76	50	51	65	74	87
8	Greene	48	38	57	8	60	19	91	81
	Lenoir	68	30	36	10	39	23	42	59
	Wayne	25	52	58	68	28	73	67	74
9	Franklin	76	92	96	80	68	16	63	78
	Granville	87	81	73	20	15	7	20	11
	Person	79	85	90	82	82	22	23	22
	Vance	95	82	89	57	47	82	86	85
	Warren	100	99	72	51	92	89	88	80
10	Wake	22	44	35	86	56	98	44	75
11	Harnett	74	23	51	27	84	90	33	16
	Johnston	83	54	49	46	12	88	69	68
	Lee	81	98	67	87	87	92	2	10
12	Cumberland	60	58	17	16	8	38	76	72
	Hoke	77	46	46	7	22	2	34	35
13	Bladen	64	74	85	24	32	56	93	67
	Brunswick	51	71	79	40	90	95	95	70
	Columbus	63	48	87	52	88	72	31	13
14	Durham	69	21	28	71	45	42	81	55
15A	Alamance	31	50	56	15	26	10	35	19
15B	Chatham	15	13	55	34	48	5	3	26
	Orange	66	19	27	70	33	94	25	51
16	Robeson	10	28	38	17	50	36	46	73
	Scotland	71	97	94	49	94	45	21	47

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District	County	Superior Court				District Court			
		Civil	Criminal		Estates	Special Proceedings	Civil	Criminal	
			Felonies	Misdemeanors				Motor Vehicle	Non-Motor Vehicle
17	Caswell	96	33	25	74	89	41	28	48
	Rockingham	21	72	30	38	71	33	36	23
	Stokes	17	18	39	21	36	21	47	63
	Surry	52	34	32	53	16	53	68	44
18	Guilford	89	84	74	59	9	64	99	95
19A	Cabarrus	45	61	52	39	31	83	90	29
	Rowan	14	27	48	43	6	30	40	66
19B	Montgomery	16	6	8	58	64	75	39	65
	Randolph	6	67	42	23	30	3	52	18
20	Anson	73	8	20	96	93	37	29	38
	Moore	93	11	4	78	23	40	43	69
	Richmond	84	26	34	94	98	69	100	99
	Stanly	75	24	29	97	75	59	22	57
	Union	49	43	11	69	52	49	80	77
21	Forsyth	62	37	12	56	3	25	73	89
22	Alexander	55	40	19	9	63	85	17	58
	Davidson	61	55	70	42	11	12	62	82
	Davie	4	7	5	5	10	74	54	21
	Iredell	19	9	18	31	17	32	48	50
23	Alleghany	70	45	75	18	5	8	4	33
	Ashe	98	78	44	11	13	52	19	9
	Wilkes	36	73	92	36	38	62	79	41
	Yadkin	3	96	64	13	19	18	59	46
24	Avery	2	87	82	64	54	71	26	92
	Madison	47	100	65	2	83	39	51	96
	Mitchell	50	51	2	100	100	63	13	83
	Watauga	20	90	23	89	42	93	37	28
	Yancey	88	95	98	66	34	70	12	93
25	Burke	54	15	37	75	14	87	60	60
	Caldwell	30	39	45	72	86	67	61	76
	Catawba	23	53	40	83	70	66	64	15
26	Mecklenburg	80	60	13	55	49	100	97	98
27A	Gaston	53	35	24	84	41	79	55	54
27B	Cleveland	26	62	80	12	4	24	45	45
	Lincoln	35	5	1	14	1	11	71	30
28	Buncombe	24	59	16	67	67	51	30	20
29	Henderson	39	12	15	22	2	80	98	61
	McDowell	46	63	63	35	66	54	83	94
	Polk	82	94	83	32	20	55	92	56
	Rutherford	38	42	61	47	72	50	56	62
	Transylvania	56	93	91	90	85	77	53	31
30	Cherokee	90	75	86	95	21	96	41	91
	Clay	57	17	69	19	58	27	89	32
	Graham	67	66	97	92	40	58	87	71
	Haywood	72	88	81	63	69	14	50	100
	Jackson	94	79	93	99	80	60	7	90
	Macon	28	83	100	93	95	81	5	97
	Swain	91	68	99	91	59	97	49	88

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