

JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015



STATISTICAL AND OPERATIONAL REPORT

of the

NORTH CAROLINA
APPELLATE COURTS



Appellate Courts Report

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SUPREME COURT

2014–15 Caseload

The first two tables in the Supreme Court subsection give 10-year trend data for appeals docketed and disposed and also petitions docketed and disposed. The table following presents the court's caseload inventory for fiscal year (FY) 2014–15, broken down by the types of cases the court hears. The following two tables summarize case activity in those cases reaching the decision stage and the

disposition of petitions for review. The next table shows the various methods of dispositions of appeals—signed opinion, per curiam opinion (unsigned), and dismissal or withdrawal—as well as the types of disposition (e.g., affirmed, reversed). The final table gives Supreme Court processing times for appeals disposed by signed or per curiam opinion.

NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT Appeals Docketed and Disposed

Fiscal Year	Appeals docketed	Appeals disposed
2014–15	97	93
2013–14	115	111
2012–13	139	143
2011–12	120	84
2010–11	121	105
2009–10	127	105
2008–09	147	118
2007–08	204	204
2006–07	246	214
2005–06	204	196

NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT Petitions Docketed and Disposed

Fiscal Year	Petitions docketed	Petitions disposed
2014–15	579	583
2013–14	615	622
2012–13	632	636
2011–12	624	604
2010–11	641	622
2009–10	642	648
2008–09	589	618
2007–08	569	590
2006–07	539	530
2005–06	672	687

NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT Caseload Inventory

Cases filed	Begin pending (7/1/14)	Filed	Disposed	End pending (6/30/15)
PETITIONS FOR REVIEW*				
Civil domestic	7	16	13	10
Juvenile	5	17	18	4
Other civil	62	174	187	49
Criminal (including death sentences)	76	371	364	83
Administrative agency decision	0	1	1	0
Total petitions for review	150	579	583	146
APPEALS**				
Civil domestic	2	1	3	0
Petitions for review granted that became civil domestic appeals	1	1	2	0
Juvenile	0	1	0	1
Petitions for review granted that became juvenile appeals	1	0	1	0
Other civil	12	26	22	16
Petitions for review granted that became other civil appeals	5	14	19	0
Criminal, defendant sentenced to death	1	2	1	2
Other criminal	16	32	28	20
Petitions for review granted that became other criminal appeals	0	20	17	3
Administrative agency decision	0	0	0	0
Petitions for review granted that became appeals of administrative agency decision	0	0	0	0
Total appeals	38	97	93	42
OTHER PROCEEDINGS				
Rule 16(b) additional issues		3	4	
Motions		695	708	
Total other proceedings		698	712	

*Petitions for review are cases in which the court is asked to accept discretionary review of decisions of the Court of Appeals as well as other tribunals.

**The Appeals category comprises cases within the court's appellate jurisdiction.

NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT Submission of Cases Reaching Decision Stage

Cases argued	Number of cases
Civil domestic	0
Juvenile	2
Other civil	28
Criminal (death sentence)	1
Other criminal	22
Administrative agency decision	0
Total	53

Submission without arguments	Number of cases
By motion of the parties [Appellate Rule 30(d)]	0
By order of the court [Appellate Rule 30(f)]	1
Total	1

NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT Dispositions of Petitions

Petitions for review	Granted	Denied	Dismissed / withdrawn	Other	Total
Civil domestic	1	11	0	1	13
Juvenile	0	16	0	2	18
Other civil	19	132	6	30	187
Criminal (death sentence)	0	0	0	0	0
Other criminal	36	249	111	8	404
Administrative agency decision	0	1	0	0	1
Post conviction	0	0	0	0	0
Total	56	409	117	41	623

NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT Processing Time from Docket to Opinion*

Type of Case	Number of Cases	Median (Days)	Mean (Days)
Civil domestic	0	0	0
Petitions for review granted that became civil domestic appeals	0	0	0
Juvenile	1	310	310
Petitions for review granted that became juvenile appeals	0	0	0
Other civil	14	355	355
Petitions for review granted that became other civil appeals	14	409	422
Criminal, defendant sentenced to death	1	1,136	1,136
Other criminal	10	322	339
Petitions for review granted that became other criminal appeals	13	466	497
Administrative agency decision	0	0	0
Petitions for review granted that became appeals of administrative agency decision	0	0	0
Total	53	432	424

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

NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT Dispositions of Appeals

Dispositions by withdrawal or dismissal	Number of cases
Civil domestic	2
Juvenile	1
Other civil	38
Criminal (death sentence)	0
Other criminal	155
Administrative agency decision	0
Total	196

NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT Dispositions of Appeals

Dispositions by signed opinion*	Affirmed	Affirmed in part; reversed in part	Affirmed in part; reversed in part; remanded	Reversed	Reversed and remanded	Other	Total dispositions
Civil domestic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Other civil	6	0	3	2	1	2	14
Criminal (death sentence)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Other criminal	1	1	0	7	3	1	13
Administrative agency decision	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	7	1	3	10	4	3	29

*No activity was reported for New sentencing hearing, No error. There was one New trial (criminal – death sentence).

Dispositions by Per Curiam opinion**	Affirmed	Reversed	Reversed and remanded	Other	Total dispositions
Civil domestic	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0
Other civil	6	0	3	5	14
Criminal (death sentence)	0	0	0	0	0
Other criminal	3	1	3	3	10
Administrative agency decision	0	0	0	0	0
Total	9	1	6	8	24

**No activity was reported for Affirmed in part, reversed in part; Affirmed in part, reversed in part, remanded; New sentencing hearing; New trial; No error.

COURT OF APPEALS

2014–15 Caseload

In addition to trend data for the past 10 years, the following tables provide filings and dispositions for cases on appeal, petitions, and motions during FY 2014–15. “Cases on appeal” include cases appealed from district courts, superior courts, and administrative agencies. They are counted as appeals only after a record is filed with the clerk’s office and a docket number is assigned. The “petition” category includes petitions involving only the four extraordinary writs set out in Article V of the Rules of Appellate Procedure: certiorari, mandamus, prohibition, and superse-deas. “Motions” encompass any type of relief sought from the Court of Appeals, either in a case already filed with the Court of Appeals or one on its way to the Court of Appeals but not yet filed.

Cases on appeal represent the largest portion of the Court of Appeals’ workload since most are disposed by written opinion. The other methods of disposition, represented by the “Other Cases Disposed” category in the table at the bottom of the data page, include the court’s dismissal of the appeal and the appealing party’s withdrawal of the appeal.

NORTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS Filings and Dispositions of Appeals and Petitions*

Fiscal Year	Filings	Dispositions
2014–15	2,377	2,312
2013–14	2,389	2,435
2012–13	2,564	2,490
2011–12	2,594	2,775
2010–11	2,549	2,671
2009–10	2,493	2,126
2008–09	2,502	2,307
2007–08	2,424	2,567
2006–07	2,484	2,634
2005–06	2,707	2,973

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

NORTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS

Petitions and Motions Filed

Cases filed	Number of cases
CASES ON APPEAL	
Civil cases appealed from district courts	341
Civil cases appealed from superior courts	419
Civil cases appealed from administrative agencies	93
Criminal cases appealed from superior courts	625
Total cases on appeal	1,478
PETITIONS	
Allowed	166
Denied	733
Total petitions	899
MOTIONS	
Allowed	3,021
Denied	506
Total motions	3,527

NORTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS

Manner of Case Dispositions (Opinions Only)

Affirmed*	Reversed*	Affirmed in part, reversed in part*	Other cases disposed	Total cases disposed
831	170	258	152	1,413

*Cases Disposed by Written Opinion

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Operating Expenses

Under the State Constitution, Article IV, Sec. 21, the operating expenses of the Judicial Branch, "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. The budget for the second year of the biennium is generally modified during the even-year legislative sessions.

Facilities for the appellate courts are provided by state funds, but, by statute, the county governments are required to use county funds to provide adequate facilities for the trial courts within each of the 100 counties.

JUDICIAL BRANCH EXPENDITURES (GENERAL FUND)*

Fiscal Year	Expenditures	Percent change over previous year
2014–2015	\$468,817,401	1.46
2013–2014	\$462,077,516	0.25
2012–2013	\$460,903,817	0.97
2011–2012	\$456,494,845	-0.94
2010–2011	\$459,607,612	-6.63

*Judicial Branch appropriations and expenditures on these tables do not include Indigent Defense Services.

APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND

Fiscal year	Judicial Branch		All state agencies		
	Certified appropriation*	Percent change over previous year	Certified appropriation	Percent change over previous year	Department % share
2014–2015	\$463,893,072	1.52	\$21,028,110,145	2.19	2.20
2013–2014	\$456,926,252	5.57	\$20,630,767,645	2.23	2.21
2012–2013	\$432,806,800	-1.39	\$20,179,862,484	2.53	2.14
2011–2012	\$438,920,048	-2.53	\$19,682,651,193	3.82	2.23
2010–2011	\$450,319,124	-3.69	\$18,958,293,337	-0.26	2.38

*Judicial Branch figures from conference report (the certified budget is the budget enacted by the General Assembly)

JUDICIAL BRANCH GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

Budget areas	Subtotal	Total
Supreme Court		\$5,262,671
Court of Appeals		8,596,875
Superior Courts		33,460,082
District Courts		54,450,472
Business Courts		1,315,948
Clerks of Superior Court		149,790,238
Magistrates		43,295,484
Interpreter Services		2,701,516
Court Reporters		7,374,356
District Attorney Offices		95,911,111
Office–District Attorney	\$95,500,486	
District Attorney's Conference	307,162	
Worthless Check Program	103,463	
Administrative Office of the Courts		44,738,194
Statewide Infrastructure and Technology	30,318,077	
Administration and Field Support	14,420,117	
Specialty Programs and Representation		19,663,680
Custody and Visitation Mediation Program	3,377,149	
Permanency Mediation	65,679	
Guardian ad Litem	13,175,870	
Family Court Program	2,844,788	
Arbitration	200,193	
Judicial Standards Commission		318,596
North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission		551,594
Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission		938,380
Dispute Resolution Commission		403,205
Total Judicial Branch General Fund Expenditures		\$468,817,401

Does not include special funds.

DISBURSEMENTS

Clerk of Superior Court Financial Management System

Description	Subtotal	Total
Remitted to State Treasurer		\$256,030,039
General Court of Justice and other court fees	\$213,892,325	
Probation/parole	14,227,905	
Collection assistance fee	8,664,603	
Community service fees	7,035,624	
Writ of executions	1,474,940	
Laura's Law DWI fee	2,400,592	
License revocation	1,585,367	
Installment Plan Fee	3,172,354	
Limited driving privilege	1,574,967	
Copy and transcript fees	1,499,645	
Dispute resolution fees	343,216	
Pro hac vice	114,075	
Hospital Toxicology Test Fee	4,278	
Electronic monitoring	40,148	
Disbursed for other entities		54,965,942
State Treasurer, Unclaimed Property Division – Escheats	7,694,056	
State Treasurer, Retirement System – Law Enforcement Officers	5,345,997	
Office of Indigent Defense – Appointment and Fee Recovery	7,190,352	
North Carolina State Bar – Legal Aid Assistance Fees	2,797,088	
Department of Health and Human Services – License Revocation	792,684	
Department of Administration – Domestic Violence and Displaced Homemaker Fund	2,220,232	
Department of Justice – Law Enforcement Officer Training and Certification	1,573,183	
Department of Justice – SBI lab fees	1,271,174	
Department of Justice – Expunction fee	305,117	
Department of Correction – Satellite Based Monitoring	55,218	
Department of Correction – Misdemeanant Confinement	25,720,842	
Receipts collected and disbursed for special operations		5,662,921
Court information technology fees	5,200,758	
Worthless check fees	104,956	
Arbitration fees	202,029	
Miscellaneous operating receipts	2,996	
Fee/payment recovery	152,182	

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DISBURSEMENTS

Clerk of Superior Court Financial Management System

Description	Subtotal	Total
Distributed to local governments		\$69,749,989
Fines (county)	\$28,651,982	
Forfeitures (county)	8,105,295	
County facility fees	13,539,248	
County jail fees, including license revocation	5,202,567	
County officer fees	7,126,691	
County—other	5,102,940	
Municipal facility fees	259,832	
Municipal jail fees	153	
Municipal officer fees	1,651,490	
Municipal lab and expert fees	109,790	
Distributed to citizens		289,792,161
Restitution for victims; regular and other judgements	44,536,921	
Restitution for worthless check victims	452,432	
Condemnation awards	70,529,445	
Trusts	62,099,293	
Cash bonds	28,161,428	
Disbursements of funds held, due to others	50,271,984	
Civil judgments	24,861,454	
Alimony	5,455,863	
Rent bonds	2,981,649	
Refunds of fees	441,693	
Total		\$676,201,052

DISBURSEMENTS

Fines, Fees, and Forfeitures by County (Distributed to Counties)

County	Facility fees*	Officer fees	Jail fees**	Fines and forfeitures	Other distributions***
Alamance	\$222,426	\$156,051	\$124,914	\$803,016	\$78,297
Alexander	29,881	13,960	28,341	75,307	13,548
Alleghany	12,275	7,243	8,344	36,992	1,345
Anson	48,235	37,883	17,208	127,902	24,775
Ashe	22,079	39,073	3,270	61,214	11,901
Avery	23,045	9,940	7,068	81,795	8,444
Beaufort	104,312	54,576	27,927	346,777	26,299
Bertie	34,253	11,289	7,696	72,747	14,470
Bladen	73,605	38,435	21,543	240,168	44,797
Brunswick	156,655	125,660	71,708	287,221	135,992
Buncombe	245,371	177,864	89,005	718,972	31,245
Burke	129,177	48,241	51,561	385,964	31,904
Cabarrus	336,323	218,592	143,987	1,210,755	138,210
Caldwell	119,757	31,927	49,223	245,531	47,821
Camden	18,582	9,018	2,344	52,263	5,228
Carteret	107,576	50,368	43,869	318,029	66,456
Caswell	39,468	20,752	15,369	69,170	4,675
Catawba	140,767	38,285	24,364	477,906	85,373
Chatham	97,495	46,763	8,998	256,466	42,741
Cherokee	36,187	21,616	18,040	118,039	1,803
Chowan	12,260	11,096	6,166	40,895	11,384
Clay	13,816	10,226	3,331	47,424	6,888
Cleveland	143,303	104,566	79,960	397,074	43,172
Columbus	128,774	73,869	37,382	245,012	34,871
Craven	157,045	74,954	68,673	338,728	69,067
Cumberland	388,688	41,117	35,911	550,991	57,359
Currituck	63,364	30,107	17,025	222,112	21,775
Dare	113,462	40,654	53,155	432,522	13,670
Davidson	157,965	118,885	93,475	523,477	94,415
Davie	59,211	32,888	18,057	204,484	29,970
Duplin	121,355	36,153	51,283	359,659	69,249
Durham	458,904	31,261	14,002	918,095	233,782
Edgecombe	53,792	143,046	43,946	270,992	69,402
Forsyth	576,408	53,141	142,110	1,592,077	79,213
Franklin	58,072	82,858	21,043	152,327	79,376
Gaston	257,241	265,213	101,814	451,735	81,534

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DISBURSEMENTS

Fines, Fees, and Forfeitures by County (Distributed to Counties)

County	Facility fees*	Officer fees	Jail fees**	Fines and forfeitures	Other distributions***
Gates	\$20,415	\$10,646	\$3,470	\$60,645	\$27,741
Graham	7,780	6,022	4,103	20,008	1,060
Granville	50,068	7,908	26,820	143,496	30,497
Greene	27,987	15,684	16,295	75,219	42,225
Guilford	719,976	78,514	238,632	1,863,520	279,102
Halifax	68,487	64,026	23,375	201,248	41,239
Harnett	136,133	94,663	27,257	345,410	44,164
Haywood	99,559	63,068	13,511	354,216	54,130
Henderson	132,007	35,100	69,358	428,043	23,905
Hertford	33,479	23,383	6,432	148,224	25,508
Hoke	55,279	27,685	19,577	226,019	38,828
Hyde	7,024	3,319	1,947	31,507	8,410
Iredell	261,782	170,894	42,593	780,162	108,278
Jackson	58,252	33,937	17,303	193,463	14,831
Johnston	222,362	142,886	85,178	597,300	81,630
Jones	30,962	14,387	10,420	80,418	33,162
Lee	64,838	52,061	24,645	153,362	40,725
Lenoir	118,872	29,236	64,674	339,401	58,653
Lincoln	101,878	61,415	79,584	297,937	108,295
Macon	52,261	29,407	12,374	191,087	3,945
Madison	40,131	17,584	13,302	186,780	15,690
Martin	73,512	24,598	11,994	190,958	18,842
McDowell	73,005	42,379	30,850	187,054	30,417
Mecklenburg	1,197,856	1,574,884	2,460	1,668,807	153,689
Mitchell	16,818	8,574	26,170	60,894	8,664
Montgomery	59,370	28,167	30,394	255,274	21,026
Moore	114,218	45,268	69,342	441,874	40,986
Nash	81,787	224,386	79,726	549,125	105,432
New Hanover	294,857	48,541	133,253	957,664	172,295
Northampton	23,641	20,252	643	63,572	19,024
Onslow	345,121	179,418	134,292	833,001	64,365
Orange	177,618	71,369	7,306	537,671	62,721
Pamlico	13,463	6,804	8,340	29,695	19,576
Pasquotank	54,740	11,188	23,168	175,211	16,604
Pender	81,183	46,439	67,361	304,680	33,655
Perquimans	30,660	14,587	8,640	80,685	12,326

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Fines, Fees, and Forfeitures by County (Distributed to Counties)

County	Facility fees*	Officer fees	Jail fees**	Fines and forfeitures	Other distributions***
Person	\$47,464	\$51,661	\$21,742	\$73,920	\$17,880
Pitt	240,067	35,263	151,903	522,575	148,676
Polk	51,101	18,536	15,803	173,578	9,637
Randolph	231,250	125,442	140,114	972,086	92,027
Richmond	69,938	16,285	21,247	170,687	23,972
Robeson	157,074	43,044	6,805	547,111	95,568
Rockingham	131,331	33,224	52,339	314,382	30,123
Rowan	212,414	179,349	85,688	687,579	92,238
Rutherford	95,339	57,593	53,778	222,079	23,408
Sampson	93,418	60,222	68,461	304,069	87,650
Scotland	56,119	10,531	15,644	182,864	26,231
Stanly	88,113	11,478	24,865	190,148	45,202
Stokes	56,725	30,151	24,562	201,537	35,518
Surry	95,945	60,728	51,925	346,981	51,830
Swain	22,046	14,184	8,771	84,375	3,550
Transylvania	35,790	44,733	17,890	113,666	6,663
Tyrrell	32,644	15,043	3603.06	97,147	12,900
Union	197,956	113,900	70,726	544,138	30,194
Vance	72,258	16,299	15,935	210,021	43,760
Wake	1,237,067	102,999	363,163	3,125,491	310,553
Warren	21,811	11,135	10,954	51,186	10,877
Washington	23,668	17,032	2,283	78,193	6,600
Watauga	87,394	33,363	43,723	255,056	28,498
Wayne	163,341	137,863	43,692	463,792	50,466
Wilkes	137,023	44,852	50,412	400,120	23,490
Wilson	94,401	166,112	21,629	388,612	66,678
Yadkin	58,938	30,039	28,588	191,238	36,675
Yancey	20,101	9,379	6,743	57,182	19,988
Total	\$13,539,248	\$7,126,691	\$4,409,884	\$36,757,277	\$5,102,940

*Facility fee total includes interest of \$45,379 pursuant to G.S. 7A-308.1(1)(b)

**Jail fee total does not include \$792,684 license revocations disbursed pursuant to G.S. 20-16.5(j)

***Other distributions include miscellaneous funds, cash bonds, and county laboratory fees

DISBURSEMENTS

Fees by County (Distributed to Municipalities)

County	Facility fees	Officer fees	Jail fees	Lab fees	Grand total*
Alamance	\$0	\$33,708	\$0	\$0	\$1,418,411
Alexander	0	1,762	0	0	162,799
Alleghany	0	441	0	0	66,640
Anson	0	3,988	0	0	259,990
Ashe	0	450	0	0	137,986
Avery	0	444	0	0	130,736
Beaufort	0	6,216	0	0	566,106
Bertie	0	386	0	0	140,840
Bladen	0	1,431	0	0	419,980
Brunswick	0	11,351	0	0	788,589
Buncombe	0	16,705	0	0	1,279,161
Burke	0	11,613	0	0	658,461
Cabarrus	0	50,698	0	0	2,098,564
Caldwell	0	14,837	0	0	509,096
Camden	0	0	0	0	87,435
Carteret	0	9,513		0	595,811
Caswell	0	0	0	0	149,432
Catawba	78,470	33,631	0	0	878,796
Chatham	2,318	4,541	0	0	459,320
Cherokee	0	453	0	0	196,138
Chowan	0	1,419	0	0	83,220
Clay	0	0	0	0	81,685
Cleveland	0	13,752	0	0	781,826
Columbus	480	7,641	0	0	528,027
Craven	1,261	21,050	0	0	730,777
Cumberland	0	41,582	0	0	1,115,648
Currituck	0	0	0	0	354,382
Dare	0	13,509	0	0	666,972
Davidson	0	10,636	0	0	998,852
Davie	0	1,134	0	203	345,947
Duplin	0	10,602	0	0	648,303
Durham	0	46,653	0	0	1,702,698
Edgecombe	34,918	9,458	0	0	625,555
Forsyth	46,826	134,119	0	0	2,623,894
Franklin	0	4,117	0	0	397,794
Gaston	0	26,053	0	0	1,183,591

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DISBURSEMENTS

Fees by County (Distributed to Municipalities)

County	Facility fees	Officer fees	Jail fees	Lab fees	Grand total*
Gates	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$122,917
Graham	0	5	0	0	38,976
Granville	0	5,330	0	0	264,119
Greene	0	207	0	0	177,617
Guilford	2	104,297	0	1,879	3,285,923
Halifax	0	5,658	0	0	404,034
Harnett	2,069	9,338	36	0	659,069
Haywood	5	4,750	0	0	589,239
Henderson	0	8,424	0	0	696,836
Hertford	0	4,137	0	0	241,162
Hoke	0	953	0	0	368,341
Hyde	0	0	0	0	52,206
Iredell	0	52,660	0	0	1,416,369
Jackson	0	5,163	0	0	322,949
Johnston	3,575	18,346	0	0	1,151,276
Jones	0	563	0	0	169,911
Lee	0	6,660	0	0	342,292
Lenoir	0	9,830	0	0	620,666
Lincoln	0	4,522	0	0	653,631
Macon	0	1,776	0	0	290,852
Madison	0	205	0	0	273,692
Martin	0	1,119	0	0	321,024
McDowell	0	3,298	0	0	367,002
Mecklenburg	0	174,162	0	99,067	4,870,925
Mitchell	0	474	0	0	121,594
Montgomery	0	4,966	0	0	399,197
Moore	0	21,872	0	0	733,559
Nash	53,366	11,825	0	0	1,105,647
New Hanover	0	42,394	0	8,236	1,657,241
Northampton	0	464	0	0	127,596
Onslow	0	72,812	0	405	1,629,414
Orange	6,494	26,655	0	0	889,834
Pamlico	0	5	0	0	77,882
Pasquotank	0	10,529	0	0	291,440
Pender	0	2,050	0	0	535,369
Perquimans	0	1,852	9	0	148,759

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DISBURSEMENTS

Fees by County (Distributed to Municipalities)

County	Facility fees	Officer fees	Jail fees	Lab fees	Grand total*
Person	\$0	\$3,672	\$0	\$0	\$216,340
Pitt	8,999	39,917	0	0	1,147,400
Polk	0	4,772	0	0	273,428
Randolph	0	19,558	0	0	1,580,477
Richmond	0	3,159	0	0	305,288
Robeson	20,487	12,275	0	0	882,364
Rockingham	0	13,080	0	0	574,479
Rowan	0	27,973	0	0	1,285,241
Rutherford	0	9,768	0	0	461,965
Sampson	0	347	0	0	614,167
Scotland	0	4,323	0	0	295,711
Stanly	0	15,386	0	0	375,192
Stokes	0	1,555	0	0	350,047
Surry	0	7,106	0	0	614,514
Swain	0	1,715	0	0	134,640
Transylvania	0	3,272	0	0	222,013
Tyrrell	0	0	0	0	161,337
Union	0	22,161	0	0	979,075
Vance	0	5,415	0	0	363,688
Wake	1	235,184	108	0	5,374,566
Warren	0	551	0	0	106,515
Washington	0	1,373	0	0	129,150
Watauga	0	13,201	0	0	461,235
Wayne	562	24,112	0	0	883,827
Wilkes	0	8,138	0	0	664,034
Wilson	0	10,300	0	0	747,732
Yadkin	0	1,593	0	0	347,070
Yancey	0	396	0	0	113,790
Total	\$259,832	\$1,651,490	\$153	\$109,790	\$68,957,306

*The grand total includes items distributed to counties, shown in the preceeding table beginning on page 7.

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Fines and Forfeitures by County

County	Fines	Forfeitures	Combined Total
Alamance	\$628,960	\$174,056	\$803,016
Alexander	62,075	13,232	75,307
Alleghany	31,313	5,679	36,992
Anson	123,540	4,362	127,902
Ashe	54,389	6,825	61,214
Avery	73,083	8,712	81,795
Beaufort	296,807	49,970	346,777
Bertie	61,777	10,970	72,747
Bladen	100,560	139,609	240,168
Brunswick	251,683	35,538	287,221
Buncombe	616,670	102,301	718,972
Burke	304,165	81,800	385,964
Cabarrus	1,028,539	182,216	1,210,755
Caldwell	195,861	49,670	245,531
Camden	49,008	3,255	52,263
Carteret	271,838	46,191	318,029
Caswell	66,196	2,974	69,170
Catawba	383,167	94,739	477,906
Chatham	215,816	40,650	256,466
Cherokee	106,771	11,268	118,039
Chowan	36,780	4,115	40,895
Clay	40,151	7,273	47,424
Cleveland	315,776	81,298	397,074
Columbus	199,425	45,586	245,012
Craven	285,150	53,578	338,728
Cumberland	414,772	136,219	550,991
Currituck	208,322	13,790	222,112
Dare	399,465	33,057	432,522
Davidson	435,274	88,203	523,477
Davie	200,595	3,889	204,484
Duplin	303,813	55,846	359,659
Durham	571,128	346,967	918,095
Edgecombe	230,058	40,934	270,992
Forsyth	1,361,256	230,821	1,592,077
Franklin	124,081	28,247	152,327
Gaston	362,628	89,107	451,735

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Fines and Forfeitures by County

County	Fines	Forfeitures	Combined Total
Gates	\$56,464	\$4,181	\$60,645
Graham	20,008	0	20,008
Granville	109,868	33,628	143,496
Greene	67,960	7,259	75,219
Guilford	1,307,471	556,049	1,863,520
Halifax	136,703	64,545	201,248
Harnett	151,231	194,178	345,410
Haywood	285,324	68,892	354,216
Henderson	371,739	56,303	428,043
Hertford	67,984	80,240	148,224
Hoke	126,632	99,387	226,019
Hyde	27,229	4,278	31,507
Iredell	671,723	108,439	780,162
Jackson	182,747	10,716	193,463
Johnston	267,671	329,629	597,300
Jones	67,930	12,488	80,418
Lee	71,354	82,008	153,362
Lenoir	295,384	44,017	339,401
Lincoln	257,285	40,652	297,937
Macon	160,262	30,825	191,087
Madison	180,930	5,850	186,780
Martin	168,982	21,976	190,958
McDowell	137,456	49,597	187,054
Mecklenburg	1,298,425	370,382	1,668,807
Mitchell	49,040	11,854	60,894
Montgomery	243,701	11,573	255,274
Moore	383,907	57,967	441,874
Nash	328,430	220,696	549,125
New Hanover	767,493	190,171	957,664
Northampton	45,673	17,899	63,572
Onslow	759,281	73,720	833,001
Orange	487,268	50,403	537,671
Pamlico	26,612	3,083	29,695
Pasquotank	153,627	21,584	175,211

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Fines and Forfeitures by County

County	Fines	Forfeitures	Combined Total
Pender	\$243,112	\$61,569	\$304,680
Perquimans	77,061	3,624	80,685
Person	67,767	6,154	73,920
Pitt	378,006	144,569	522,575
Polk	157,223	16,355	173,578
Randolph	860,844	111,242	972,086
Richmond	151,542	19,145	170,687
Robeson	437,650	109,461	547,111
Rockingham	265,488	48,895	314,382
Rowan	558,240	129,339	687,579
Rutherford	196,277	25,802	222,079
Sampson	228,220	75,849	304,069
Scotland	142,444	40,420	182,864
Stanly	167,747	22,400	190,148
Stokes	184,941	16,595	201,537
Surry	308,667	38,313	346,981
Swain	76,230	8,145	84,375
Transylvania	90,190	23,475	113,666
Tyrrell	92,996	4,151	97,147
Union	422,882	121,256	544,138
Vance	161,743	48,278	210,021
Wake	1,750,364	1,375,127	3,125,491
Warren	50,371	816	51,186
Washington	66,978	11,215	78,193
Watauga	213,412	41,644	255,056
Wayne	399,065	64,727	463,792
Wilkes	324,527	75,593	400,120
Wilson	222,332	166,279	388,612
Yadkin	156,948	34,289	191,238
Yancey	54,032	3,150	57,182
Total	\$28,651,982	\$8,105,295	\$36,757,277

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Child Custody and Visitation Mediation and Permanency Mediation

In 1989, the General Assembly enacted G.S. 7A-494 requiring the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts (NCAOC) to provide statewide, uniform child custody mediation services to assist parents in the resolution of custody and/or visitation lawsuits. The Custody Mediation Program provides a confidential and non-adversarial setting where parents meet with a professional mediator who is neutral to the outcome of their dispute. The mediator structures and facilitates a collaborative process that fosters a productive exchange of information. As a result, parents are afforded the opportunity to design a Parenting Agreement, which is incorporated into a court order, sparing the family from the stress and anxiety of extended litigation.

As of 2014, the Custody Mediation Program is available statewide. In fiscal year (FY) 2014–15, 10,124 custody cases were mediated statewide and 19,227 people attended custody mediation orientation. Mediators conducted 11,100 mediation sessions and drafted 5,486 parenting agreements.

In 2006, the General Assembly enacted G.S. 7B-202 authorizing the NCAOC to establish in phases a statewide permanency mediation program in cases in which a juvenile is alleged or has been adjudicated to be abused, neglected, or dependent, or in which a petition or motion to terminate a parent's rights has been filed. Goals for the program include the permanent placement of children in a timely manner within the Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA) guidelines, improving the participants understanding of the nature and purpose of the proceeding, as well as a reduction in the number and length of court hearings and a decline of re-litigation. Mediators are contract employees and utilize a co-mediation model.

For more information on Child Custody Mediation and Permanency Mediation Programs, visit www.NCcourts.org/Citizens/CPrograms/Child.

Child Custody and Visitation Mediation, Caseload by District

District	Caseload information				Sessions			Agreements drafted			Cases mediated and closed				
	Begin pending (7/1/2014)	Initial custody mediation cases opened	*Returning custody mediation cases opened	Total caseload	Number of people attended orientation	Number of first mediation sessions	Number of subsequent mediation sessions	Number of full parenting agreements drafted	Number of temporary parenting agreements drafted	Number of partial parenting agreements drafted	Number of cases mediated and closed with parenting agreement	Number of cases mediated and closed with no agreement	**Number of cases not mediated	Total cases closed	End pending (6/30/2015)
1	84	234	89	407	390	211	18	122	0	0	85	109	115	309	98
2	14	87	19	120	165	76	0	34	0	0	18	62	32	112	8
3A	66	164	28	258	279	152	7	68	5	0	39	112	34	185	73
3B	33	90	1	124	169	66	0	23	0	0	7	67	35	109	15
4	198	360	48	606	570	291	3	105	18	10	54	245	73	372	234
5	96	487	144	727	729	368	39	202	2	35	63	307	255	625	102
6	42	172	18	232	241	138	14	81	2	0	64	64	53	181	51
7	147	210	26	383	441	196	3	144	0	0	99	73	11	183	200
8	87	159	45	291	318	180	20	103	11	0	75	95	27	197	94
9	83	123	17	223	266	121	4	38	13	2	32	81	22	135	88
9A	30	42	3	75	77	34	2	19	2	0	10	28	7	45	30
10	117	1,141	549	1,807	1,712	941	140	417	25	0	322	625	739	1,686	121
11	87	421	63	571	642	324	16	92	34	16	0	318	169	487	84
12	122	896	394	1,412	1,367	710	62	387	0	68	309	440	599	1,348	64
13	55	263	75	393	454	271	0	155	0	0	83	193	67	343	50
14	151	337	224	712	592	352	26	159	46	1	132	211	176	519	193
15A	55	127	67	249	253	175	38	96	7	2	92	79	37	208	41
15B	57	93	34	184	149	87	35	51	0	7	18	59	37	114	70
16A	40	121	27	188	230	115	1	54	5	1	39	68	36	143	45
16B	64	187	43	294	329	166	8	78	0	0	49	121	69	239	55
17A	11	81	23	115	164	86	6	53	0	0	36	53	9	98	17
17B	43	106	44	193	202	138	1	65	0	0	52	93	17	162	31

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Child Custody and Visitation Mediation, Caseload by District

District	Caseload information				Sessions			Agreements drafted			Cases mediated and closed				
	Begin pending (7/1/2014)	Initial custody mediation cases opened	*Returning custody mediation cases opened	Total caseload	Number of people attended orientation	Number of first mediation sessions	Number of subsequent mediation sessions	Number of full parenting agreements drafted	Number of temporary parenting agreements drafted	Number of partial parenting agreements drafted	Number of cases mediated and closed with parenting agreement	Number of cases mediated and closed with no agreement	**Number of cases not mediated	Total cases closed	End pending (6/30/2015)
18	82	540	248	870	995	640	63	249	99	16	273	354	151	778	92
19A	116	178	61	355	333	199	34	107	8	1	89	107	29	225	130
19B	31	298	96	425	589	264	18	140	12	2	86	169	148	403	22
19C	53	141	57	251	315	172	37	95	19	3	80	111	3	194	57
20A	22	99	37	158	202	101	1	49	11	0	40	56	40	136	22
20B	47	268	60	375	395	159	8	94	5	1	62	95	156	313	62
21	118	348	127	593	666	376	17	192	0	0	125	244	100	469	124
22A	39	151	15	205	220	96	0	37	0	0	20	73	63	156	49
22B	30	166	17	213	262	116	0	51	0	0	27	89	61	177	36
23	25	168	54	247	347	194	23	103	4	0	86	104	34	224	23
24	95	113	26	234	175	92	25	23	6	6	20	67	39	126	108
25	54	406	297	757	905	445	56	220	4	1	144	304	247	695	62
26	356	1,023	294	1,673	1,545	811	32	338	25	46	294	523	354	1,171	502
27A	35	174	42	251	351	169	36	72	7	4	60	109	20	189	62
27B	70	159	43	272	332	156	28	61	5	0	45	135	32	212	60
28	302	389	335	1,026	797	408	45	193	74	5	206	202	321	729	297
29A	62	158	53	273	304	176	29	90	25	3	80	102	42	224	49
29B	43	155	30	228	282	154	67	58	0	0	28	135	37	200	28
30	34	243	59	336	473	199	13	54	7	3	32	167	110	309	27
Total	3,296	11,078	3,932	18,306	19,227	10,125	975	4,772	481	233	3,475	6,649	4,606	14,730	3,576

*Custody/visitation issues that come to the custody mediation office after the initial claim was resolved

**Cases are not mediated for a variety of reasons: exemption, dismissal, entry of consent order, lack of service and failure of parties to attend mediation

Drug Treatment Court

Drug Treatment Court (DTC) is an intensive, judicially supervised court sanction that targets addicted, high-risk and high-need adult offenders, juvenile delinquents, and parents involved in the abuse/neglect/dependency cases. DTC comprises of a team of court and community professionals who closely manage cases so that participants can become healthy, law-abiding, and productive family and community members. Adult DTC is an intermediate punishment in the community that targets repeat offenders. Family DTC works with parents and guardians who are in danger of termination of parental rights due to the abuse or neglect of their children. Juvenile DTC works with community-based, high-risk, high-need juvenile offenders whose drug and/or alcohol use is negatively affecting their lives at home, in school, and in their community.

Drug treatment court typically lasts a minimum of one year and includes intensive outpatient treatment, frequent and random drug/alcohol testing, and intensive case management, as well as probation supervision for adult and juvenile offenders. The DTC participant works with the DTC team of community professionals to develop a single, comprehensive, treatment case plan addressing the individual's specific needs in regards to substance abuse, mental health, occupational/vocational, educational, housing, parenting, and other areas of concern. Participants appear in court every two weeks before a specially trained judge who monitors the individual's progress on his/her treatment plan and compliance with other court conditions. The judge may order sanctions and/or incentives as appropriate to promote success. During FY 2014–15, there were 30 operational adult, family, and youth drug treatment courts in 19 districts.

The North Carolina Drug Treatment Court Act of 1995 (G.S. 7A-790 et seq.) directs the NCAOC director to provide necessary staff for planning, organizing, and administering the Drug Treatment Court Program. A state advisory committee was created to recommend guidelines to the director and monitor local programs. NCAOC, along with the state Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee, has developed best practices and minimum standards for the operation of North Carolina drug treatment courts. Judicial districts desiring to operate an adult, juvenile, or family drug treatment court program must operate under the North Carolina Drug Treatment Court Act of 1995 and established guidelines.

As of July 1, 2011, the General Assembly eliminated all state funding for drug treatment court coordinators responsible for managing local drug treatment courts. However, the majority of drug treatment courts were able to continue after July 2011. County, municipal, and other government entities recognized the value of these treatment courts to their communities and secured funding to continue the staff management of these courts.

Due to inconsistencies in current data collection practices at the local level, official data will not be published for FY 2014–15.

For more information about Drug Treatment Court, including legislative reports, minimum standards, and best practices, visit www.NCcourts.org/Citizens/CPrograms/DTC.

Family Court

Directed by Session Law 1998-202 §25, the NCAOC established pilot family court programs in 1999 in three judicial districts to bring consistency, efficiency, and fairness to the resolution of family matters and to positively impact caseloads in the district court division.

Family courts are primarily guided by recommendations in the North Carolina Best Practices for Family Courts (October 2006) and national court performance standards promulgated by the National Center for State Courts. At the core of a Unified Family Court Model is the consolidation of a single family's legal issues before their assigned judge or team of judges. In a family court, one judge, or a team of judges, is assigned to one family.

As of June 30, 2015, the General Assembly has funded 13 family court districts that serve 22 counties and 45 percent of North Carolina's population. Family court staff members provide active case management to monitor and support time standard goals for legal issues or specific hearings/events in the life of domestic cases and juvenile abuse, neglect, and dependency and termination of parental rights.

The median pending age of cases is an indicator of how quickly domestic lawsuits move through the court system from the filing of the initial legal claims to the disposition of these legal claim(s). For FY 2014–15, the median age of pending domestic relation cases (excluding IV-D child support) was 97 days in family court districts as compared to 350 days in non-family court districts.

For more information about family court, including annual reports and best practices, visit www.NCcourts.org/Citizens/CPrograms/Family.

Family Financial Settlement Conferences

In 1997, the General Assembly authorized the design and implementation of a pilot program for pretrial mediation of equitable distribution and other family financial cases (G.S. 7A-38.4A). The Supreme Court of North Carolina adopted rules on December 30, 1998, which became effective March 1, 1999, for pilot sites to use to implement the program. The Supreme Court revised these rules to make the program mandatory statewide by March 1, 2007.

The Family Financial Settlement program creates a settlement opportunity for parties and their attorneys who might otherwise fight a protracted court battle over issues of property division, child support, or alimony. Parties referred to the program will participate in mediation or another dispute resolution alternative such as early neutral evaluation or judicial settlement procedure. Once a settlement procedure is ordered, the parties and their counsel must attend, unless excused by the court.

During mediation, the most commonly used procedure, the parties, and their attorneys will sit down with a mediator to discuss and attempt to resolve the issues in dispute. If they are successful, the parties will settle their dispute on their own terms. They will also eliminate the need for their pending litigation to linger or to result in a costly and often bitterly fought trial. Parties who have been victims of domestic violence may be excused by the court from physically attending or participating in a mediated settlement conference or other settlement procedure.

For more information about family financial settlement, including program rules, visit www.NCcourts.org/Citizens/CPrograms/FFS.

Family Financial Settlement Conferences, Caseload by District

District	Cases ordered to alternative dispute resolution (ADR)					Cases exiting from ADR process									
	*Begin pending (7/1/2014)	Ordered to mediation settlement conference	Voluntarily submitted to mediation settlement conference	Ordered to judicial settlement conference	Submitted to other settlement procedure	Total caseload	Ordered exempt from ADR	Settled prior to or during ADR recess	All issues resolved with ADR	Some issues resolved with ADR	No issues resolved with ADR	Disposed without ADR	Cases completing process	End pending (6/30/2015)	
2	35	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	31	
3A	13	67	0	0	0	80	0	0	19	0	22	21	62	18	
3B	1,427	350	0	0	0	1,777	1	1	39	5	14	0	60	1,717	
4	63	0	17	0	0	80	1	0	11	1	4	2	19	61	
5	304	256	0	0	0	560	0	0	44	1	13	129	187	373	
6A	0	12	0	3	0	15	2	0	8	0	3	1	14	1	
7	1	11	2	0	0	14	0	0	11	1	2	0	14	0	
8	17	21	0	0	0	38	5	1	4	0	6	9	25	13	
9A	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	
10	181	224	10	13	10	438	1	2	70	7	43	126	249	189	
11	193	32	1	0	0	226	2	9	16	6	16	1	50	176	
12	215	373	0	31	0	619	93	0	44	20	24	175	356	263	
13	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
14	56	57	0	0	0	113	0	0	1	12	5	0	18	95	
16A	11	14	0	0	0	25	0	0	9	1	1	4	15	10	
16B	52	57	0	0	0	109	0	0	1	12	5	0	18	91	
17A	21	38	0	0	0	59	0	1	13	3	10	11	38	21	

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Family Financial Settlement Conferences, Caseload by District

District	Cases ordered to alternative dispute resolution (ADR)						Cases exiting from ADR process								
	*Begin pending (7/1/2014)	Ordered to mediation settlement conference	Voluntarily submitted to mediation settlement conference	Ordered to judicial settlement conference	Submitted to other settlement procedure	Total caseload	Ordered exempt from ADR	Settled prior to or during ADR recess	All issues resolved with ADR	Some issues resolved with ADR	No issues resolved with ADR	Disposed without ADR	Cases completing process	End pending (6/30/2015)	
18	497	278	0	1	1	777	3	5	76	9	20	185	298	479	
19A	0	55	0	0	0	55	0	0	24	2	16	9	51	4	
19B	38	87	5	28	0	158	3	30	35	7	16	5	96	62	
19C	5	34	0	0	0	39	0	0	26	2	6	1	35	4	
20A	12	34	0	0	0	46	2	0	10	0	3	17	32	14	
20B	144	166	0	0	0	310	1	0	122	0	0	54	177	133	
21	105	2	49	0	2	158	8	0	44	4	11	91	158	0	
22A	0	4	28	0	0	32	0	0	12	6	14	0	32	0	
22B	49	2	81	0	0	132	0	3	9	5	7	0	24	108	
23	8	36	4	0	0	48	4	2	13	1	17	9	46	2	
24	85	41	1	0	0	127	0	0	9	0	8	6	23	104	
25	257	114	21	0	0	392	11	3	29	9	27	115	194	198	
26	754	79	0	67	0	900	2	0	47	2	69	9	129	771	
27A	111	3	20	0	0	134	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	132	
27B	40	56	1	3	1	101	2	0	22	0	1	53	78	23	
28	43	100	0	0	0	143	0	0	33	3	16	60	112	31	
29A	48	2	0	0	0	50	0	2	5	3	6	7	23	27	
29B	89	36	5	33	0	163	2	0	5	1	7	15	30	133	
30	22	22	0	0	0	44	0	5	28	1	6	4	44	0	
Total	4,833	2,663	245	179	14	7,934	143	64	846	125	418	1,119	2,715	5,219	

Other districts reported no activity, or did not report status.

*Some begin pending numbers changed by local audit.

Superior Court Mediated Settlement Conferences

A Mediated Settlement Conference (MSC) facilitates pre-trial court ordered mediations for civil cases filed in superior court. Pursuant to G.S. 7A-38.1 and the Supreme Court of North Carolina's Rules Implementing Mediated Settlement Conferences (MSC Rules), referral to mediated settlement is mandatory for civil actions pending in superior court, unless the parties agree to participate in one of the other options available to them through the dispute resolution menu. The only cases excluded from mandatory referral are actions in which a party is seeking the issuance of an extraordinary writ or is appealing the revocation of a motor vehicle operator's license.

For more information about the Mediated Settlement Conference Program, visit www.NCcourts.org/Citizens/CPrograms/MSC.

Mediated Settlement Conferences, Caseload by District

Superior Court District	Cases entering mediated settlement conference (MSC)				Cases exiting from MSC process							
	*Begin pending (7/1/2014)	Ordered to mediated settlement conference	Voluntarily submitted to mediated settlement conference	Ordered or submitted to other settlement procedure	Total caseload	Ordered exempt from MSC	Settled prior to or during MSC recess	All issues resolved with MSC	No issues resolved with MSC	Disposed without MSC	Cases completing process	End pending (6/30/2015)
1	98	35	2	0	135	0	0	10	14	1	25	110
2	138	54	0	0	192	1	0	26	11	10	48	144
3A	74	148	6	4	232	0	33	40	38	18	129	103
3B	469	99	0	0	568	0	0	35	28	4	67	501
4A	20	6	2	0	28	0	0	20	7	1	28	0
4B	106	87	10	0	203	0	5	20	19	79	123	80
5	700	0	6	0	706	0	23	79	61	149	312	394
6A	48	42	0	1	91	0	1	13	8	13	35	56
6B	75	0	0	0	75	0	0	2	1	0	3	72
7A	35	41	1	0	77	0	1	7	6	3	17	60
7B/C	185	130	0	0	315	8	7	72	41	16	144	171
8A	51	42	0	0	93	0	3	7	10	15	35	58
8B	198	120	0	3	321	4	10	37	29	83	163	158
9	113	72	1	0	186	0	3	40	22	26	91	95
9A	81	21	0	0	102	0	1	9	4	0	14	88
10	442	689	4	0	1,135	7	306	257	160	1	731	404
11A	292	107	6	2	407	2	5	38	24	26	95	312
11B	476	292	0	0	768	5	0	45	28	10	88	680
12	114	216	0	0	330	30	79	81	59	0	249	81
13A	214	84	0	0	298	0	5	34	16	35	90	208
13B	64	124	2	0	190	0	2	33	1	28	64	126
14	380	297	1	0	678	3	0	106	48	25	182	496
15A	120	111	1	2	234	0	2	30	27	29	88	146
15B	298	129	0	8	435	2	8	33	16	51	110	325
16A	20	87	2	0	109	0	11	32	18	16	77	32
16B	21	21	0	0	42	0	1	24	17	0	42	0

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Mediated Settlement Conferences, Caseload by District

Superior Court District	Cases entering mediated settlement conference (MSC)				Cases exiting from MSC process							
	*Begin pending (7/1/2014)	Ordered to mediated settlement conference	Voluntarily submitted to mediated settlement conference	Ordered or submitted to other settlement procedure	Total caseload	Ordered exempt from MSC	Settled prior to or during MSC recess	All issues resolved with MSC	No issues resolved with MSC	Disposed without MSC	Cases completing process	End pending (6/30/2015)
17A	72	37	0	1	110	0	2	26	6	0	34	76
17B	378	16	5	0	399	0	6	13	19	12	50	349
18	262	490	0	0	752	1	0	162	112	168	443	309
19A	60	127	6	0	193	1	21	41	32	31	126	67
19B	59	86	3	0	148	3	5	39	22	18	87	61
19C	76	93	0	0	169	1	16	35	32	27	111	58
19D	397	75	0	0	472	0	0	18	16	14	48	424
20A	47	20	5	0	72	0	0	5	8	8	21	51
20B	111	114	0	1	226	0	0	50	51	52	153	73
21	1,968	460	12	11	2,451	2	1	84	108	29	224	2,227
22A	214	133	0	1	348	1	17	38	43	38	137	211
22B	369	45	11	0	425	0	6	31	19	2	58	367
23	96	56	3	0	155	2	8	20	15	14	59	96
24	127	79	10	0	216	1	2	20	29	30	82	134
25A	334	75	0	10	419	0	0	26	24	3	53	366
25B	287	105	4	1	397	1	23	30	33	16	103	294
26	451	957	65	44	1,517	18	242	408	379	36	1,083	434
27A	275	138	0	1	414	0	0	43	35	35	113	301
27B	31	115	4	0	150	0	0	35	29	4	68	82
28	404	137	8	2	551	1	3	53	25	12	94	457
29A	209	20	3	0	232	1	1	13	3	26	44	188
29B	224	112	5	0	341	0	22	24	23	6	75	266
30A	124	87	0	1	212	2	0	34	6	17	59	153
30B	299	81	0	0	380	1	0	17	17	8	43	337
Total	11,706	6,712	188	93	18,699	98	881	2,395	1,799	1,245	6,418	12,281

*Some begin pending numbers changed by local audit.

Court-Ordered Arbitration

In 1989, following successful experience in a pilot program, the General Assembly authorized court-ordered, non-binding arbitration statewide. The program is currently operating in 71 counties. In these counties, civil cases involving claims for money damages of \$15,000 or less are subject to court-ordered, nonbinding arbitration in accordance with the Supreme Court's "Rules for Court-Ordered Arbitration in North Carolina," pursuant to G.S. 7A-37.1. The rules specifically exclude from arbitration certain property disputes, family law matters, estates, special proceedings, collections on an account, and class actions. Parties may, however, voluntarily submit many civil disputes to arbitration, with court approval.

By rule, the arbitration hearing is scheduled to begin within 60 days after (i) the docketing of an appeal from a magistrate's judgment, (ii) the filing of the last responsive pleading, or (iii) the expiration of the time allowed for the filing of such pleading. Parties may stipulate to an arbitrator or, if no agreement is reached, the court will appoint an arbitrator from its list of trained attorneys who have been approved to serve as arbitrators. Unless determined to be indigent, parties are required to pay a pro rata share of a \$100 arbitration assessment fee for each arbitration hearing. Upon making application for payment to the NCAOC, arbitrators are paid a \$100 fee for each arbitration hearing they conduct.

As a rule, arbitration hearings take place in the courthouse and are limited to one hour. The hearings are conducted in a serious but relaxed atmosphere, with the rules of evidence serving only as a guide. Once the hearing is concluded, the arbitrator renders an award, which is filed with the court. A party dissatisfied with the award may proceed to a trial de novo by filing a written request with the court; otherwise, the court enters judgment on the award.

For more information about Court-Ordered Arbitration, visit www.NCcourts.org/Citizens/CPrograms/Arbitration/Default.asp.

Court-Ordered Arbitration, Caseload by District

District	Cases ordered to court-ordered arbitration			Cases exiting from arbitration process						
	*Begin pending (7/1/2014)	District court cases ordered to arbitration	Total caseload	Cases scheduled for hearing	Cases exempt from arbitration	Cases arbitrated	Cases dismissed prior to hearing	Cases dismissed prior to entry of judgment	Cases completing process	End pending (6/30/2015)
1	6	24	30	16	4	19	2	1	25	5
3A	37	47	84	33	1	36	14	4	51	33
3B	11	31	42	29	0	20	6	1	26	16
5	117	182	299	139	0	88	63	5	151	148
6A	4	7	11	7	0	5	1	0	6	5
8	6	47	53	32	1	25	21	1	47	6
10	185	786	971	660	4	370	159	63	533	438
12	61	615	676	342	3	139	423	24	565	111
14	15	175	190	132	5	94	41	6	140	50
15A	4	17	21	20	0	18	0	0	18	3
16A	3	22	25	19	0	10	6	1	16	9
18	60	87	147	80	3	92	25	11	120	27
19B**	50	55	105	33	1	23	1	2	25	80
19C	14	92	106	88	0	44	48	7	92	14
20A	29	26	55	28	1	22	8	2	31	24
20B	108	204	312	148	0	88	88	8	176	136
21	13	72	85	58	1	58	12	0	71	14
22A	7	73	80	26	0	19	43	1	62	18
22B	5	21	26	16	0	14	5	1	19	7
23	0	14	14	13	0	13	1	0	14	0
24	37	49	86	40	4	21	15	0	40	46
25	102	659	761	285	0	142	560	0	702	59
26	149	502	651	592	2	368	114	86	484	167
27B	22	35	57	23	1	15	20	1	36	21
30	58	40	98	36	2	13	16	43	31	67
Total	1,103	3,882	4,985	2,895	33	1,756	1,692	268	3,481	1,504
Percent Resolved					1%	50%	49%			

*Some begin pending numbers changed by local audit.

**Moore and Randolph counties only

Court-Ordered Arbitration, Caseload by District

District	*Begin pending (7/1/2014)	Appeals filed	Trial by judge	Trial by jury	Dismissal / other	End pending (6/30/2015)
1	5	11	12	0	1	3
3A	8	13	2	2	4	13
3B	1	4	0	0	2	3
5	0	0	0	0	0	0
6A	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	6	1	0	3	2
10	11	79	19	3	34	34
12	6	24	11	0	11	8
14	13	31	5	0	11	28
15A	0	0	0	0	0	0
16A	3	1	0	0	1	3
18	5	16	7	0	14	0
19B**	16	7	1	0	2	20
19C	8	23	5	0	13	13
20A	9	5	1	0	6	7
20B	19	24	7	0	12	24
21	3	21	8	3	2	11
22A	1	10	1	0	2	8
22B	1	2	1	0	0	2
23	2	2	2	0	0	2
24	3	7	2	0	3	5
25	6	21	7	0	9	11
26	33	118	32	16	53	50
27B	5	2	0	0	2	5
30	4	12	2	0	4	10
Total	162	439	126	24	189	262

*Some begin pending numbers changed by local audit.

**Moore and Randolph counties only

Clerk Mediation Program

On May 23, 2005, the General Assembly adopted legislation, G.S. 7A-38.3B, establishing a mediation program for matters referred to mediation by clerks of superior court. Rules implementing the new legislation were adopted by the Supreme Court of North Carolina, effective March 1, 2006, and the program began to operate. A clerk may refer any eligible matter to mediation, including guardianship, estate, and boundary and partition disputes. Some matters are not eligible for referral, including adoptions and foreclosures.

For more information on the Clerk Mediation Program, including program rules, visit www.NCcourts.org/courts/CRS/Councils/DRC/Clerks/Default.asp.

Clerk Mediation Program, Caseload by District

County	Cases ordered to Clerk Mediation Program (CMP)				Cases completing CMP													# of cases completing process	End pending (6/30/15)	Unsuccessful mediation; heard by clerk							
	Begin pending (7/1/14)	Guardianship (G)	Estate (E)	Boundary (B)	Other (O)	Total # of CMP cases	G - Complete	G - Partial	G - Impasse	G - Settled outside mediation	E - Complete	E - Partial	E - Impasse	E - Settled outside mediation	B - Complete	B - Partial	B - Impasse				B - Settled outside mediation	O - Complete	O - Partial	O - Impasse	O - Settled outside mediation		
Avery			1	1		2									1				1						2	0	
Caswell			1			1					1														1	0	
Chatham			1			1				1															1	0	
Durham	1					1			1																1	0	
Mecklenburg			1			1							1												1	0	
Montgomery		1				1			1																1	0	
Orange		2				2	1		1																2	0	
Wake				2		2													1						1	1	
Wilkes			1	1		2							1				1								2	0	
Total	0	4	4	2	3	13	1	0	2	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	12	1	

Sixty-one counties reported no cases mediated: Alexander, Anson, Ashe, Beaufort, Bertie, Brunswick, Burke, Caldwell, Camden, Carteret, Catawba, Cherokee, Chowan, Clay, Cleveland, Columbus, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Davidson, Davie, Duplin, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gaston, Graham, Granville, Greene, Halifax, Haywood, Hoke, Hyde, Iredell, Jackson, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Moore, New Hanover, Pamlico, Person, Pitt, Polk, Richmond, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Stokes, Swain, Transylvania, Tyrrell, Union, Washington, Wayne, Wilson, Yadkin, and Yancey.

Thirty counties did not report status.

Office of Language Access Services (OLAS)

The purpose of the Office of Language Access Services (OLAS) is to facilitate access to justice in North Carolina courts for limited-English proficient (LEP) speaking persons, with a particular emphasis on the state's sizeable Hispanic/Latino population. The program strives to meet the needs of the court and LEP speakers statewide by providing 10 staff court interpreters (for the Spanish language) in eight districts and an accessible online Registry of Spoken Foreign Language Court Interpreters, coordinating the assignment of foreign language interpreters for languages other than Spanish (LOTS), and providing a link to the regional lists of licensed interpreters maintained by the Division of Services for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing in the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

The program is involved in the development of policy and standards for judicial officials, court personnel, and interpreters, advising the courts on the proper use of interpreters, training judicial officials, and court personnel on cultural and interpreting issues, and translating court forms and vital documents. During FY 2014–15, the program trained 109 prospective court interpreters on the code of ethics and professionalism required of the court interpreter and facilitated access

to both live and online approved skills building workshops to those who qualified to sit for the North Carolina Court Interpreter Certification Examination (NCCICE). Seventy-eight state and/or federally certified Spanish court interpreters, one state certified French interpreter, one state certified Mandarin, one state certified Vietnamese interpreter, four conditionally qualified Spanish, four conditionally qualified Mandarin, and three conditionally qualified Russian language court interpreters work throughout the state.

North Carolina is one of 45 member states of the National Center for State Courts' Council of Language Access Coordinators (CLAC). OLAS administers the CLAC's oral proficiency examination for court interpreters as the NCCICE in all languages for which CLAC offers an examination.

For more information on OLAS, including policies and training information, visit www.NCcourts.org/LanguageAccess.

Foreign Language Court Interpreters, Spanish

Classification levels	Number of interpreters
A1 – Master Certified	19
A2 – Certified	59
B – Conditionally Qualified	4
Total	82

Languages Other Than Spanish

Certified court interpreters	Number of interpreters
French	1
Mandarin	1
Vietnamese	1
Total	3

Conditionally qualified court interpreters	Number of Interpreters
Mandarin	4
Portuguese	1
Russian	3
Total	8

Languages Other Than Spanish Interpreters (January – December 2014)

Language	Number of events
Amharic	11
Arabic	115
Bosnian	5
Bulgarian	1
Burmese	46
Cantonese	13
Chuukese	5
Czech	2
Farsi	10
French	62
German	4
Gujarati	13
Haitian	25
Haka Chin	2
Hindi	11
Hmong	44

Language	Number of events
Italian	6
Japanese	1
Jarai	48
Karen	22
Khmer	11
Kinyarwanda	3
Kirundi	2
Koho	1
Korean	60
Lao	2
Laotian	17
Lingala	1
Mandarin	107
Mende	2
Moldovan	1
Montagnard	2

Language	Number of events
Nepali	30
Oromo	3
Pashto	11
Pohnpeian	2
Portuguese	1
Rhade	6
Russian	52
Swahili	5
Tagalog	6
Tarasco	7
Telugu	6
Thai	2
Tigrinya	15
Urdu	7
Vietnamese	170
Total	978

Forms Translations

133 NCAOC forms translated into Spanish

113 NCAOC forms translated into Vietnamese

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

More information about the Judicial Branch is available in the Data and Information section of www.NCcourts.org

NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT
Staffing by Unit, Effective June 30, 2015

Unit	Job	FTE
Supreme Court	Chief justice	1
	Associate justice	6
	Executive assistant III	2
	Executive assistant II	6
	Research assistant II	14
	Special projects coordinator	1
	Court marshal	1
	Coordinator of opinion drafting	1
	Subtotal	32
	Supreme Court Clerk's Office	Clerk of court
Assistant clerk		1
Appellate clerk I		2
Appellate clerk II		1
Automation support analyst		1
Automation support specialist		1
Business systems analyst		1
Help desk specialist		.75
Print shop supervisor		1
Printing equipment operator		2
Subtotal	11.75	
Supreme Court Library	Librarian	1
	Assistant librarian	2
	Technical assistant	1
	Subtotal	4
Supreme Court Reporters	Reporter I	2
	Reporter II	1
	Court editorial assistant	1
	Subtotal	4
	Grand Total	51.75

NORTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS Staffing by Unit, Effective June 30, 2015

Unit	Job	FTE
Court of Appeals	Chief judge	1
	Judge	14
	Executive assistant I	14
	Executive assistant II	1
	Research assistant I	28
	Research assistant II	2
	Special projects coordinator	1
	Subtotal	61
Staff Attorneys Court of Appeals	Administrative counsel	1
	Staff attorney I	2
	Staff attorney II	6
	Staff attorney III	1
	Staff attorney IV	1
	Legal assistant	2
Subtotal	13	
Clerk's Office Court of Appeals	Clerk of court	1
	Appellate clerk I	5
	Appellate clerk II	2
	Office assistant	1
	Subtotal	9
Grand Total		83

NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT
Staffing by District, Effective June 30, 2015

District	# counties in district	Senior resident judge	Superior court judge	Judicial support staff*	Trial court coordinator	Trial court administrator **	Court reporters ***
1	7	1	1		1		2
2	5	1			1		2
3A	1	1	1		1		2
3B	3	1	2		1		1
4A	3	1			1	0.3125	1
4B	1	1			1	0.3125	1
5	2	1	2		1	1	3
6A	1	1		1			1
6B	3	1		1			1
7A	1	1		1		0.5	1
7BC	2	1	1	0.5		0.5	2
8A	2	1			1		1
8B	1	1			1		1
9	4	1	1		1		2
9A	2	1		1			1
10	1	1	5		3	1	6
11A	2	1			1		1
11B	1	1		1	1		1
12	1	1	3	3		1	3
13A	2	1		1	1		1
13B	1	1			1		1
14	1	1	3	1	1	1	3
15A	1	1	1		1		2
15B	2	1	1		1		1
16A	4	1	1		1		2
16B	1	1	1		1		2
17A	1	1	1		1		1
17B	2	1	1		1		1
18	1	1	4	1	2	1	5
19A	1	1			1		1
19B	2	1			1		1
19C	1	1			1		1
19D	1	1			1		1
20A	1	1			1		1
20B	1	1	1		1		1
21	1	1	3	2	1	1	3

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NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT Staffing by District, Effective June 30, 2015

District	# counties in district	Senior resident judge	Superior court judge	Judicial support staff*	Trial court coordinator	Trial court administrator **	Court reporters ***
22A	2	1	1	1	1		1
22B	2	1	1	1	1		1
23	4	1				1	1
24	5	1	1	1	1		1
25A	2	1	1	1	1		2
25B	1	1	1		1		2
26	1	1	6	2	3	1	7
27A	1	1	1	1	1		2
27B	2	1	1		1		1
28	1	1	1	1		1	2
29A	2	1		2			1
29B	3	1			1		1
30A	5	1		1			1
30B	2	1		1			1
ROVERS							19
BUS CT 10			1#	2	1		
BUS CT 18			1#	3			
BUS CT 26			1#	3			
SPECIAL JDG			12#				
Total	100	50	62	33.5	46	9.625	104

*Two FTEs (total of 6 FTE) in each of the business courts is a law clerk position.

**The trial court administrator in 4A / B is split 0.3125 to 4A and 0.3125 to 4B. The trial court administrator in 7A / BC is split .5 to 7A and .5 to 7BC.

***Court reporters in 11A, 13B, 17A, 19C, 23, and 28 report to the NCAOC. Additionally, the position in 17A is classified as a digital technician as of 06/01/2015.

#Serving as a special judge.

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COURT Staffing by District, Effective June 30, 2015

District	# Counties in district	Chief district court judge	District court judge	Judicial support staff	Trial court coordinator*	Magistrate
1	7	1	4	1	1	24
2	5	1	3		1	17.5
3A	1	1	4		2	13
3B	3	1	5		1	17
4	4	1	7	1	1	23
5	2	1	8	1	1	17
6	4	1	3		2	17
7	3	1	6	1		23
8	3	1	5	0.75	2	19
9	4	1	5	1	1	18
9A	2	1	1	1		7
10	1	1	18	3.75	2	27
11	3	1	10	2	1	22
12	1	1	9	4		20
13	3	1	5	1	1	17
14	1	1	6	1	1	18
15A	1	1	3	1	1	12
15B	2	1	4		2	11
16A	4	1	5	1	1	18
16B	1	1	4		1	12
17A	1	1	2		1	7
17B	2	1	3		1	10
18	1	1	13	3	2	31
19A	1	1	3	1	1	10
19B	3	1	6	2	1	18
19C	1	1	4	1	1	9
20A	1	1	1	1		5
20B	1	1	3	2		7
21	1	1	10	1.5	1	19
22A	2	1	4	1.75		13
22B	2	1	5	2		12
23	4	1	3	0.75	1	16
24	5	1	3	1	1	16
25	3	1	8	2	1	21.6
26	1	1	20	5.5	2	33.5

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NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COURT Staffing by District, Effective June 30, 2015

District	# Counties in district	Chief district court judge	District court judge	Judicial support staff	Trial court coordinator*	Magistrate
27A	1	1	6	1.75	1	17
27B	2	1	4		1	12
28	1	1	6	2.75		15
29A	2	1	2	1		10
29B	3	1	3		1	14
30	7	1	5	2		26
Total	100	41	229	52.5	38	674.6

*One of the two trial court coordinators in District 15B is classified as a programs and special projects manager (60006898).
One of the two trial court coordinators in District 26 is classified as a project coordinator (60006366).

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COURT – PROGRAM AND GRANT STAFF
Staffing by District, Effective June 30, 2015

District	Custody and visitation mediation*	Staff court interpreter	Family court	Grants
1	0.75			
2	0.5			
3A	0.75		3	
3B	0.8			
4	1.5			
5	1		3	
6	0.75		2	1
7	1			
8	0.625		2	
9	0.6125			
9A	0.2625			
10	4	2	5	1
11	1.25	1		1
12	3		5	1.925
13	1			1
14	0.875	1	3	0.925
15A	1			
15B	0.8	1		1
16A	0.575		1	
16B	0.625			
17A	0.5			
17B	0.5			
18	2.75	1		
19A	0.75			
19B	1.5		4	
19C	1			
20A	0.4		1	
20B	1.15		2	1
21	1	1		1
22A	0.4			
22B	0.6			
23	1			
24	0.75			
25	2.5		3	
26	4	2	7	6
27A	0.625			

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NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COURT – PROGRAM AND GRANT STAFF Staffing by District, Effective June 30, 2015

District	Custody and visitation mediation*	Staff court interpreter	Family court	Grants
27B	0.375			
28	1.5	1	3	1.925
29A	0.75			
29B	0.75			
30	0.875			
Total	45.35	10	44	17.775

*9 and 9A share a .875 FTE position (60006576) > .6125 FTE in 9 and .2625 FTE in 9A > assigned to 9.
 16A and 16B share a 1.0 FTE position (60006937) > .375 FTE in 16A and .625 FTE in 16B > assigned to 16B.
 17A and 17B share a 1.0 FTE position (60006702) > .5 FTE in each district > assigned to 17A.
 20A and 16A share a .6 position (65010919) > .4 in 20A and .2 in 16A > assigned to 20A.
 20B and 19A share a .9 position (60006954) > .65 in 20B and .25 in 19A > assigned to 20B.
 20A and 20B share a 1.0 FTE position (60006954) > .35 FTE in 20A and .65 FTE in 20B > assigned to 20B.
 22A and 22B share a 1.0 FTE position (60006771) > .4 FTE in 22A and .6 FTE in 22B > assigned to 22B.
 27A and 27B share a .75 FTE position (60006852) > .375 FTE in each district > assigned to 27A.
 28 and 29A share a 1.0 position (60006874) > .25 FTE in 28 and .75 FTE in 29A > assigned to 29A.

NORTH CAROLINA MAGISTRATES Staffing by County, Effective June 30, 2015

County	District	FTE
Alamance	15A	12
Alexander	22A	4
Alleghany	23	3
Anson	16A	4
Ashe	23	3
Avery	24	3
Beaufort	2	4
Bertie	6	3
Bladen	13	4
Brunswick	13	8
Buncombe	28	15
Burke	25	5.6
Cabarrus	19A	10
Caldwell	25	6
Camden	1	3
Carteret	3B	6
Caswell	9A	3
Catawba	25	10
Chatham	15B	4
Cherokee	30	4
Chowan	1	3
Clay	30	3
Cleveland	27B	7
Columbus	13	5
Craven	3B	8
Cumberland	12	20
Currituck	1	4
Dare	1	4
Davidson	22B	8
Davie	22B	4
Duplin	4	4
Durham	14	18
Edgecombe	7	7
Forsyth	21	19
Franklin	9	4

County	District	FTE
Gaston	27A	17
Gates	1	3
Graham	30	3
Granville	9	5
Greene	8	3
Guilford	18	31
Halifax	6	7
Harnett	11	7
Haywood	30	5
Henderson	29B	7
Hertford	6	4
Hoke	16A	4
Hyde	2	3.5
Iredell	22A	9
Jackson	30	4
Johnston	11	10
Jones	4	3
Lee	11	5
Lenoir	8	7
Lincoln	27B	5
Macon	30	4
Madison	24	3
Martin	2	4
McDowell	29A	4
Mecklenburg	26	33.5
Mitchell	24	3
Montgomery	19B	4
Moore	19B	5
Nash	7	9
New Hanover	5	13
Northampton	6	3
Onslow	4	11
Orange	15B	7
Pamlico	3B	3
Pasquotank	1	4

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NORTH CAROLINA MAGISTRATES Staffing by County, Effective June 30, 2015

County	District	FTE
Pender	5	4
Perquimans	1	3
Person	9A	4
Pitt	3A	13
Polk	29B	3
Randolph	19B	9
Richmond	16A	5
Robeson	16B	12
Rockingham	17A	7
Rowan	19C	9
Rutherford	29A	6
Sampson	4	5
Scotland	16A	5
Stanly	20A	5
Stokes	17B	4
Surry	17B	6

County	District	FTE
Swain	30	3
Transylvania	29B	4
Tyrrell	2	3
Union	20B	7
Vance	9	6
Wake	10	27
Warren	9	3
Washington	2	3
Watauga	24	4
Wayne	8	9
Wilkes	23	6
Wilson	7	7
Yadkin	23	4
Yancey	24	3
Total		674.6

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Staffing by District, Effective June 30, 2015

District	# Counties in district	DA	Assistant DA (state funded)	Assistant DA (grant/contract)	Investigator (state funded)	Investigator (grant/contract)
1	7	1	11		1	
2	5	1	8		1	
3A	1	1	11	1		
3B	3	1	12	1		
4	4	1	18		1	
5	2	1	18	1	1	
6	4	1	10		1	
7	3	1	18	1		1
8	3	1	14		1	
9	4	1	10		1	
9A	2	1	5		1	
10	1	1	41	2	2	1
11A	2	1	9	1	1	
11B	1	1	10	1	1	
12	1	1	23	2	1	
13	3	1	13	1	1	
14	1	1	18	4	1	
15A	1	1	11	2	1	
15B	2	1	9		1	
16A	2	1	7		1	
16B	1	1	12		1	
16C	2	1	6	1		
17A	1	1	7		1	
17B	2	1	8		1	
18	1	1	32		1	
19A	1	1	9		1	
19B	2	1	9		1	
19C	1	1	8	1	1	
19D	1	1	5		1	
20A	1	1	5		1	
20B	1	1	9	2		
21	1	1	25	3	1	
22A	2	1	11	1	1	
22B	2	1	11		1	
23	4	1	8		1	

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NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT ATTORNEY Staffing by District, Effective June 30, 2015

District	# Counties in district	DA	Assistant DA (state funded)	Assistant DA (grant/contract)	Investigator (state funded)	Investigator (grant/contract)
24	5	1	7		1	
25	3	1	18		1	
26	1	1	61	24		
27A	1	1	14		1	
27B	2	1	11			
28	1	1	14		1	
29A	2	1	7		1	
29B	3	1	8		1	
30	7	1	10	1	1	1
Unfunded for FY 2014–15			3			
Total	100	44	594	49	39	3

All districts allow one district attorney. Staffing numbers do not include temporary employees. Grant / contract positions (receipt-supported) are time-limited. Four ADA positions in DA-26 (600007777, 60007778, 60007779, & 60007780) are Drug Court positions split-funded between the general fund (.75 FTE, 1600) and receipt funds from Mecklenburg County (.25 FTE, 2091-2932). 3.0 FTE are in the permanent ADA column and 1.0 FTE in the Grant ADA column.

Other district attorney staff reported on pages 17–18.

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Staffing by District, Effective June 30, 2015

District	Administrative assistant	Victim witness / legal assistant	Criminal docket manager	Other grant / contract staff	Worthless check
1	1	9			
2	1	5			
3A	1	8		1	
3B	1	9			
4	1	12.75			
5	1	12	1	1	
6	1	7			
7	1	15		1	
8	1	8			
9	1	9	1		
9A	1	3			
10	3	24.75		2	
11A	1	7			
11B	1	6		1	
12	1	15	1		
13	1	9	1	2	
14	1	12	1	1	
15A	1	5	1		
15B	1	7			
16A	1	4			
16B	1	8			
16C	1	5			
17A	1	3			0.5
17B	1	4			0.75
18	2	23			
19A	1	5			
19B	1	8			
19C	1	4			
19D	1	3			
20A	1	1			
20B	1	7			
21	1	15		6.75	
22A	1	8			
22B	1	8			0.625
23	1	5			

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NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Staffing by District, Effective June 30, 2015

District	Administrative assistant	Victim witness / legal assistant	Criminal docket manager	Other grant / contract staff	Worthless check
24	1	4		1	
25	1	13			
26	4	25	1	25	
27A	1	10	1		
27B	1	7	1		
28	1	10		1	0.75
29A	1	4			
29B	1	4	1		
30	1	10			
Total	50	381.50	10	42.75	2.625

Staffing numbers do not include temporary employees. Grant / contract positions (receipt-supported) are time-limited and may or may not include benefits. Criminal Docket Mgmt employee in the 26th district is assigned to the Trial Court Administrator's office.

NORTH CAROLINA CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT Staffing by County, Effective June 30, 2015

County	Clerk of superior court*	Permanent FTE	Grant funded deputy clerk*	Assistant clerk designations utilized***
Alamance	1	39		10
Alexander	1	8.75		3
Alleghany	1	5		2
Anson	1	10		4
Ashe	1	6.5		4
Avery	1	5		2
Beaufort	1	17		5
Bertie	1	7		3
Bladen	1	12		4
Brunswick	1	28		8
Buncombe	1	63		12
Burke	1	26		7
Cabarrus	1	46		10
Caldwell	1	24		4
Camden	1	5		2
Carteret	1	22		7
Caswell	1	6.75		3
Catawba	1	43		9
Chatham	1	13.75		5
Cherokee	1	8		2
Chowan	1	5		4
Clay	1	5		2
Cleveland	1	28		7
Columbus	1	19		5
Craven	1	27		7
Cumberland	1	83		16
Currituck	1	8		4
Dare	1	16		5
Davidson	1	38		7
Davie	1	10		3
Duplin	1	17		4
Durham	1	70.5		15
Edgecombe	1	20		6
Forsyth	1	90	4	19
Franklin	1	15.5		6
Gaston	1	64		14

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NORTH CAROLINA CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT Staffing by County, Effective June 30, 2015

County	Clerk of superior court*	Permanent FTE	Grant funded deputy clerk*	Assistant clerk designations utilized***
Gates	1	5		3
Graham	1	5		3
Granville	1	15		4
Greene	1	5		3
Guilford–Greensboro	1	120		22
Guilford–High Point		28		7
Halifax	1	19		5
Harnett	1	26		8
Haywood	1	18		6
Henderson	1	25		7
Hertford	1	9.75		3
Hoke	1	10		3
Hyde	1	5		2
Iredell	1	41		8
Jackson	1	9		3
Johnston	1	41		7
Jones	1	5		2
Lee	1	17		5
Lenoir	1	20		3
Lincoln	1	19		5
Macon	1	9		3
Madison	1	7		4
Martin	1	10		5
McDowell	1	13		5
Mecklenburg**	1	199.1	6	32
Mitchell	1	5		2
Montgomery	1	9		3
Moore	1	25		7
Nash	1	32		9
New Hanover	1	61		12
Northampton	1	6		1
Onslow	1	42		9
Orange	1	25		7
Pamlico	1	5		2
Pasquotank	1	13		4
Pender	1	14		4

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NORTH CAROLINA CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT Staffing by County, Effective June 30, 2015

County	Clerk of superior court*	Permanent FTE	Grant funded deputy clerk*	Assistant clerk designations utilized***
Perquimans	1	5		4
Person	1	11.75		2
Pitt	1	48		10
Polk	1	5.75		2
Randolph	1	36		9
Richmond	1	17		6
Robeson	1	44		10
Rockingham	1	28		8
Rowan	1	39		8
Rutherford	1	20		4
Sampson	1	20		4
Scotland	1	14		4
Stanly	1	18		5
Stokes	1	12		4
Surry	1	21		4
Swain	1	5		3
Transylvania	1	8		3
Tyrrell	1	5		3
Union	1	37		9
Vance	1	18		5
Wake	1	157.5	1	26
Warren	1	6		3
Washington	1	5		2
Watauga	1	13		4
Wayne	1	35.25		9
Wilkes	1	21		5
Wilson	1	25		4
Yadkin	1	9		3
Yancey	1	5		2
Total	100	2,518.85	11	613

*The elected clerk position and grant deputy clerk positions are not counted in determining assistant clerk designations.

**Includes one drug court position.

***Assistant clerk designations are a subset of permanent FTEs assigned to each county and are not additional positions.

Note: This report excludes temporary positions.

NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH PERSONNEL
Staffing by Area, Effective June 30, 2015
Includes all funding sources*

Area	FTE
Supreme Court	
Justices	7
Staff personnel (clerk's and reporter's offices, law clerks, library)	37.75
Secretarial personnel	7
Court of Appeals	
Judges	15
Staff personnel (clerk's office, prehearing, law clerks)	53
Secretarial personnel	15
Superior Court	
Judges	112
Staff personnel	113.625
Secretarial personnel	87.5
District Court	
Judges	270
Magistrates	674.6
Staff personnel	95.10
Secretarial personnel	104.525
District Attorneys	
District attorneys	44
Assistant district attorneys	643
Staff personnel (investigators)	43
Other personnel (victim-witness / legal assistants, secretarial positions)	486.875
Clerks of Superior Court	
Clerks of superior court	100
Staff personnel	2,529.85
Guardian ad Litem	
Program administrator	1
Assistant to administrator (1), regional administrators (3), and district administrators (34.75)	38.75
Staff personnel	108.625
Administrative Office of the Courts	
Administrative officer of the courts	1
Assistant director (1) and deputy directors (2)	3
Staff personnel	365.10

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NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH PERSONNEL
Staffing by Area, Effective June 30, 2015
Includes all funding sources*

Area	FTE
Commissions and Conferences	
Conference of Clerks of Superior Court	2
Conference of District Attorneys	21
Judicial Standards Commission	4
Innocence Inquiry Commission	9
Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism	2
Dispute Resolution Commission	2.5
Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission	10
Subtotal	6,005.80
Indigent Representation	
Indigent defense services	23
Appellate Defender	1
Assistant appellate defenders	24
Secretarial personnel	5
Capital Defender	1
Assistant capital defenders	17
Capital case investigator	6
Secretarial personnel	4
Juvenile Defender	1
Assistant juvenile defender	1
Secretarial personnel	1
Public Defenders	16
Assistant public defenders	276
Staff personnel	46
Secretarial personnel	105.25
Special Counsel at Mental Health Hospitals	8
Assistants to special counsel	2
Secretarial personnel	5.5
Subtotal	542.75
Grand total	6,548.55

*The FTE count includes all funding sources (state appropriations, grant-funded, county/city funded via contract, and receipt-supported positions).

Note: Beginning with the FY 2004-05 printing of this report, Judicial Branch personnel are counted as full-time equivalents (FTEs) rather than positions. FTEs measure the percentage of time that a position is authorized.

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NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT Caseload Inventory and Median Age of Cases

Case type	Filed	Disposed	End pending (6 / 30 / 15)	Median ages (in days)*	
				Disposed cases	Pending cases
CIVIL CASES	17,265	17,956	14,752	218	228
Contract	3,302	3,538	2,598	171	222
Collect on accounts	781	866	468	128	186
Motor vehicle negligence	4,013	4,033	3,559	298	181
Other negligence	2,068	2,289	2,384	333	266
Real property	1,293	1,527	1,827	340	382
Administrative appeal	237	251	322	141	536
Other	5,571	5,452	3,594	119	218
ESTATES	70,924	74,221	70,847	–	722
SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS**	45,670	48,638	50,527	132	741
CRIMINAL CASES	128,966	155,404	101,529	–	–
Felonies	102,443	125,357	81,274	244	210
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	18,392	20,933	13,646	188	211
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	8,131	9,114	6,609	204	210

*On this table, criminal cases in superior court are aged from their original filing date, which was the district court filing date if the case originated in district court. (Data in annual reports and supplements prior to fiscal year (FY) 1996–97 aged such cases from their filing date in superior court, and therefore excluded any time prior to transfer of such cases to superior court.)

**The number of special proceeding cases filed and disposed reflects those cases that are non-confidential.

NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT

Manner of Disposition

Case type	Jury trial	Judge trial	Magistrate trial	Final order / judgment w / o trial
CIVIL CASES	181	2,969	2	2,486
Contract	11	516	1	312
Collect on accounts	3	90	0	117
Motor vehicle negligence	82	242	0	160
Other negligence	33	255	0	130
Real property	19	578	1	520
Administrative appeal	1	140	0	21
Other	35	1,148	0	1,226
ESTATES	–	9	–	7
SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS	3	160	1	92

Case type	Clerk	Dismissal on order of court	Discontinued	Voluntary dismissal	Other
CIVIL CASES	1,379	319	617	9,186	814
Contract	477	42	109	1,846	224
Collect on accounts	244	13	50	325	24
Motor vehicle negligence	17	44	89	3,316	83
Other negligence	11	75	82	1,582	121
Real property	8	14	92	260	35
Administrative appeal	0	13	14	54	8
Other	622	118	181	1,803	319
ESTATES	73,976	104	1	20	104
SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS	32,900	928	144	14,074	336

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NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT

Manner of Disposition

Case type	Jury trial– guilty verdict	Jury trial– not guilty verdict	Jury trial–guilty plea before verdict	Guilty plea no contest to lesser	Guilty plea no contest
CRIMINAL CASES	1,893	842	215	11,962	67,403
Felonies	1,457	567	186	11,508	59,510
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	224	192	18	183	5,987
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	212	83	11	271	1,906

Case type	Dismissal after deferred prosecution	Dismissal with leave	Dismissal without leave	Other*
CRIMINAL CASES	987	1,600	52,572	17,930
Felonies	878	1,193	39,548	10,510
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	108	226	9,711	4,284
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	1	181	3,313	3,136

*"Other" includes speedy trial dismissals.

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COURT Caseload Inventory and Median Age of Cases

Case type	Filed	Disposed	End pending (6 / 30 / 15)	Median ages (in days)	
				Disposed cases	Pending cases
CIVIL CASES	183,938	183,630	91,897	63	222
URESА/UIFSA	321	367	311	121	788
Child support (IV-D)	31,085	32,242	22,461	97	571
Child support (non IV-D)	4,133	4,250	5,175	237	398
General civil	51,565	52,584	27,152	92	137
Magistrate appeal/transfer	3,932	3,875	1,849	70	161
Other domestic relations	92,902	90,312	34,949	46	167
CIVIL MAGISTRATE (small claims)	212,533	213,218	14,395	13	12
CRIMINAL CASES	1,414,597	1,558,546	644,848	–	–
Felonies	150,231	160,571	63,062	104	111
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	368,648	429,507	185,875	145	119
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	895,718	968,468	395,911	110	104
INFRACTIONS	596,127	633,563	175,951	67	57

Manner of Disposition

Case type	Jury trial	Judge trial	Magistrate trial	Final judgment w/o trial
CIVIL CASES	125	59,405	84	42,612
URESА/UIFSA	1	82	0	81
Child support (IV-D)	8	9,763	2	13,016
Child support (non IV-D)	0	1,300	0	1,677
General civil	46	6,118	30	6,666
Magistrate appeal/transfer	21	1,677	7	709
Other domestic relations	49	40,465	45	20,463
CIVIL MAGISTRATE (small claims)	2	130	143,816	412

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NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COURT Manner of Disposition

Case type	Clerk	Dismissal on order of court	Discontinued	Voluntary dismissal	Other
CIVIL CASES	26,454	12,149	10,698	27,921	4,182
URESA/UIFSA	0	19	141	25	18
Child support (IV-D)	70	302	5,415	2,629	1,037
Child support (non IV-D)	23	236	145	407	462
General civil	20,838	548	2,626	15,023	689
Magistrate appeal/transfer	131	466	5	792	67
Other domestic relations	5,392	10,578	2,366	9,045	1,909
CIVIL MAGISTRATE (small claims)	37	12,370	6,953	49,326	172

Case type	Trial – guilty verdict	Trial – not guilty verdict	Guilty plea before magistrate	Guilty plea no contest	Felony heard and bound over	Probable case not found	Felony probable case waived
CRIMINAL CASES	19,759	9,236	2,694	274,584	544	4,613	12,789
Felonies	421	37	–	30,829	544	1,776	12,788
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	10,969	6,765	388	131,604	–	110	1
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	8,369	2,434	2,306	112,151	–	2,727	–
INFRACTIONS	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

Case type	Dismissal after deferred prosecution	Dismissal with leave	Dismissal without leave / waived	Worthless check waiver	Felony superseding indictment	Other
CRIMINAL CASES	17,145	102,009	766,831	1,609	72,726	274,007
Felonies	1,733	788	46,203	–	62,703	2,749
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	14,301	12,411	218,157	1,609	8,111	25,081
Traffic misdemeanors (incl. DWI)	1,111	88,810	502,471	–	1,912	246,177
INFRACTIONS	–	–	305,023	–	–	328,540

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