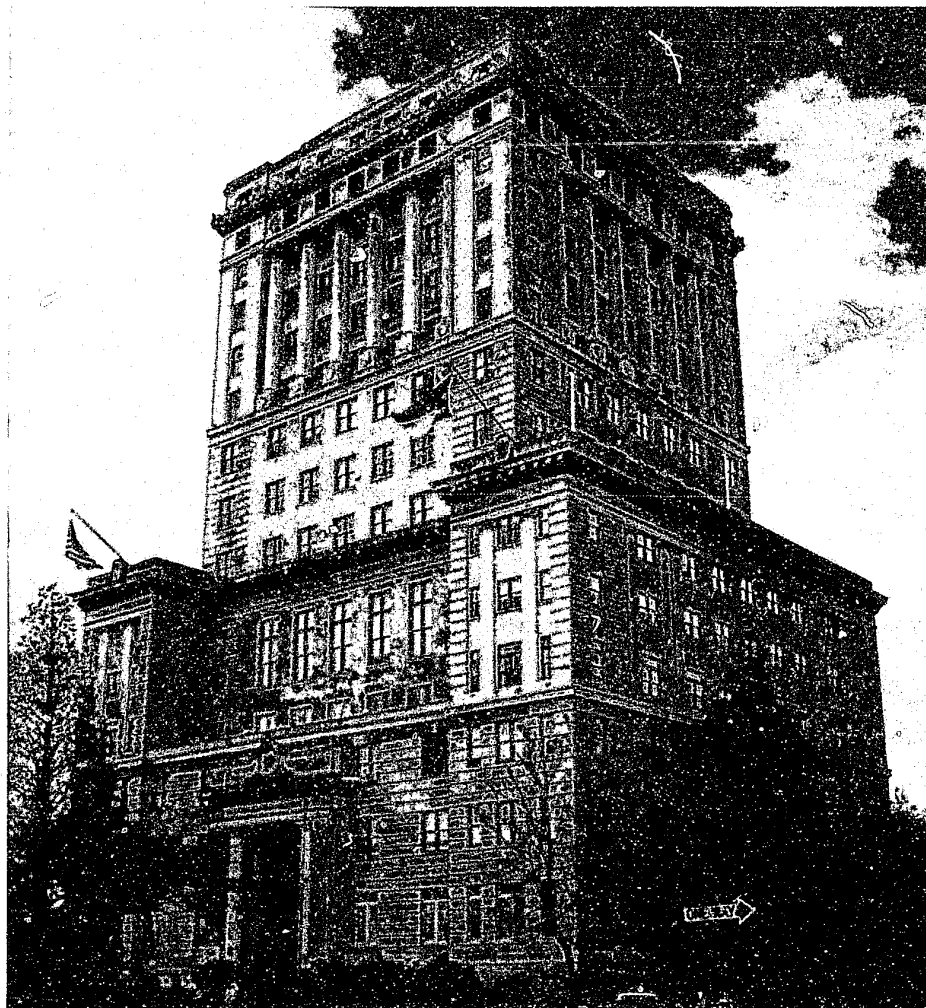




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*The Cover:* The Buncombe County Courthouse in Asheville, North Carolina, was completed in 1928. It was the last North Carolina courthouse designed by renowned architect Frank P. Milburn, who designed many public buildings in North Carolina and throughout the South in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The building's complex setbacks, window groupings, and extravagant overlay of Neo-Classical Revival ornament produce one of the most individualized courthouses of the 1920's, when courthouses were characterized by simple massing and conservative classical ornament. The entrance is set behind a monumental three-story pavilion with Doric columns. Magnificent bronze doors open into the lobby, which presents one of the most elegant Neo-Classical interiors in the State, with a sweeping marble stair, bronze and glass screens, a coffered ceiling with ornate polychrome plaster work, and a mosaic tile floor.

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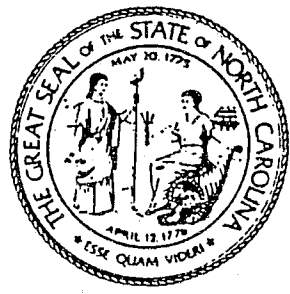
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**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS**  
**JUSTICE BUILDING**  
**RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA**

The Honorable James G. Exum, Jr., Chief Justice  
The Supreme Court of North Carolina  
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Chief Justice:

In accord with Section 7A-343 of the North Carolina General Statutes, I herewith transmit the Twenty-sixth Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the Courts, relating to the fiscal year July 1, 1991 — June 30, 1992.

Fiscal year 1991-92 marks the eighth consecutive year with significant increases in filings and dispositions in the Superior Courts. During 1991-92, as compared to 1990-91, total case filings in Superior Court increased by 8.7% and dispositions increased by 7.3%. In District Court, total case filings increased by 1.8% and total dispositions increased by 2.3%. In both Superior and District Court, because total filings were greater than total dispositions, more cases were pending at the end of the fiscal year than were pending at the beginning.

Appreciation is expressed to the many persons who participated in the data reporting, compilation, and writing 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 Information Services Division. 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. The Clerk of the Supreme Court and the Clerk of the Court of Appeals provided the case data relating to our appellate courts.

Without the responsible work of many persons across the State this report would not have been possible.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Franklin Freeman, Jr." with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

Franklin Freeman, Jr.  
Director

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**PART I**

**THE 1991-1992 JUDICIAL YEAR IN REVIEW**

**NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH FACT SHEET**  
**Fiscal Year July 1, 1991 — June 30, 1992**

**Population and Area Served:** 6,800,000 Population (approximate)  
 100 Counties

**Court Organization:** 44 Superior Court Districts for Administrative Purposes  
 60 Superior Court Districts for Elective Purposes  
 38 District Court Districts  
 37 Prosecutorial Districts  
 11 Public Defender Districts

**Numbers of Justices and Judges:** 7 Supreme Court Justices  
 12 Court of Appeals Judges  
 83 Superior Court Judges  
 179 District Court Judges

**Numbers of Other Authorized Personnel:**

37	District Attorneys	77	Assistant Public Defenders
267	Assistant District Attorneys	12	Trial Court Administrators
100	Clerk of Superior Court	385	Juvenile Services Personnel
1,788	Clerk Personnel	81	Guardian Ad Litem Personnel
653	Magistrates	192	Administrative Office of the Courts
11	Public Defenders	636	Other Staff

**Total Judicial Branch Personnel:** 4,520

BUDGET	
Total Judicial Branch Appropriations, 1991-92:	\$215,113,968
Percent Increase from 1990-91:	4.62%
Total Judicial Branch Appropriations as a Percent of Total State General Fund Appropriations:	2.96%

CASES FILED AND DISPOSED, FISCAL YEAR 1991-92				
Court	Filed	% Change from 1990-91	Disposed	% Change from 1990-91
Supreme Court:				
Appeals	181	-4.2%	181	4.6%
Petitions	388	-21.1%	396	-20.5%
Court of Appeals:				
Appeals	1,304	-1.6%	1,099	-22.3%
Petitions	356	-14.2%	352	-15.2%
Superior Court*:	246,487	6.3%	227,906	4.5%
District Court**:	2,294,688	1.8%	2,225,905	2.3%

\*Includes Felonies, Misdemeanors, Civil, Estates, and Special Proceedings.  
 \*\*Includes Criminal Non-Motor Vehicle, Criminal Motor Vehicle, Infractions, Small Claims, Domestic Relations, General Civil and Magistrate Appeals/Transfers, and Civil License Revocations (Civil License Revocations are counted only at filing).

## THE 1991-92 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, 1991, and ended June 30, 1992.

### The Workload of the Courts

Case filings in the Supreme Court during 1991-92 totaled 181, compared with 189 filings during 1990-91. A total of 388 petitions were filed in the Supreme Court, compared with 492 in 1990-91, and 70 petitions were allowed, compared with 53 in 1990-91.

For the Court of Appeals, 1,304 appealed cases were filed during 1991-92, compared with 1,325 during 1990-91. Petitions filed in 1991-92 totaled 356, compared with 415 in 1990-91.

More detailed data on the appellate courts are included in Part II of this *Annual Report*.

In the superior courts, case filings (civil and criminal) increased by 8.7% to a total of 147,219 in 1991-92, compared with 135,419 in 1990-91. Felony case filings in superior court increased by 11,840 cases (16.0%), from 73,908 in 1990-91 to 85,748 in 1991-92. Superior court case dispositions increased by 7.3% to a total of 138,711, compared with 129,302 in 1990-91. Because case filings during the year exceeded case dispositions, the total number of cases pending at the end of the year increased by 8,508.

Not including juvenile proceedings and mental health hospital commitment hearings, the statewide total of district court filings (civil and criminal) during 1991-92 was 2,294,688, an increase of 41,340 cases (1.8%) from 1990-91 filings of 2,253,348 cases. During 1991-92, a total of 693,396 infraction cases were filed along with a total of 493,342 criminal motor vehicle cases, for a combined total of 1,186,738 cases. This combined total is an increase of 41,036 cases (3.6%) from the 1,145,702 motor vehicle and infraction cases filed during 1990-91. During 1991-92, filings of criminal non-motor vehicle cases in the district courts increased by 19,303 cases (3.2%) to 629,589, compared with 610,286 filed during 1990-91. Filings of civil magistrate (small claims) cases in the district courts decreased by 18,920 cases (6.8%), to 260,289 during 1991-92 compared with 279,209 during 1990-91. Domestic relations case filings in the district courts increased by 9.2%, from 85,331 in 1990-91 to 93,224 in 1991-92. Total dispositions in district court increased by 2.3%, from 2,175,869 in 1990-91 to 2,225,905 in 1991-92.

Operations of the superior and district courts are summarized in Part II of this *Report*, and detailed information on the caseloads is presented in Part IV for the 100 counties, and for the judicial and prosecutorial districts.

### Budget Reductions

Reductions in spending have been necessary throughout state government due to the state's fiscal condition in recent years. The reductions were felt acutely in fiscal year 1991-92. Reductions totaling some \$11.1 million were necessary in the Judicial Department's continuation

budget for fiscal 1991-92 (enacted in 1991). Cuts were made in operational areas affecting jury fees, travel, supplies, equipment, training, and contractual services for emergency judges, per diem assistant district attorneys, per diem assistant public defenders, contract court reporters, and other temporary personnel needs.

In addition, in order for the Judicial Branch to meet necessary reductions in its continuation budget for 1991-92, some 69.6 positions were eliminated. (All of these positions were either vacant or unfilled. Most were new positions scheduled to go into effect in April 1991, and thus had not been filled when the 1991 Session of the General Assembly was considering the budget for the 1991-92 fiscal year.) The lost positions included the following: 15.6 deputy clerk positions; 9 magistrate positions; 3 judicial secretary/administrative assistant positions; 5 court reporter positions; 5 secretary and 4 victim-witness assistant positions for district attorney offices; 2 assistant public defender, 2 secretary, and 1 paralegal position for public defender offices; 8 court counselor and 5 secretary positions for juvenile services offices; 1 arbitration coordinator position, 1 indigency screener position; and 8 positions within the Administrative Office of the Courts.

New positions were authorized by the 1992 Session of the General Assembly for the upcoming 1992-93 fiscal year, as summarized in the following "Legislative Highlights" section. These make important progress toward recovery in meeting the needs of Judicial Branch operations.

### Legislative Highlights, 1992 Session

#### Court Costs and Fees Increased

The 1992 General Assembly increased court costs in civil, criminal, and infraction cases in superior and district courts, and in estates and special proceedings. Court costs for support of the General Court of Justice were increased by four dollars. Certain fees in estate cases were increased by five dollars (relating to filing accounts of additional gross estate and accounts for personalty received by a trust under a will). Facilities fees were increased by one dollar. Facilities fees are paid to counties, or to municipalities that provide seats of district court, to assist them in meeting the expense of providing court facilities. (Chapter 811, amending G.S. 7A-304(a), G.S. 7A-305(a), G.S. 7A-306, and G.S. 7A-307(a) and (b), effective July 1, 1992.)

#### Increase in Mandatory Retirement Age for Judges

The mandatory retirement age for superior court judges and district court judges was increased from age seventy to age seventy-two, making it uniform with what has long been the mandatory retirement age for appellate court justices and judges. This amendment marks the first change in the mandatory retirement age for trial or appellate judges and justices since court reform was enacted in the mid-1960s. (Chapter 873, amending G.S. 7A-4.20 and G.S. 135-57(b), effective July 7, 1992.)

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### Jurisdiction of Clerks and Magistrates

State park and recreation area rule offenses and certain "simple" littering offenses were added to the list of misdemeanors and infractions for which clerks and magistrates may accept written appearances, waivers of trial or hearing, and pleas of guilty or admissions of responsibility in accordance with the uniform schedule of fines and penalties promulgated by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges. With respect to state park and recreation area offenses, this represents an expansion of clerk and magistrate jurisdiction. With respect to the littering offenses, clerks and magistrates already have jurisdiction to accept guilty pleas; the amendments require the punishments to be in accordance with the uniform schedule of fines and penalties, where prior to the effective date of this legislation (July 15, 1992), judgments were entered as directed by the individual chief district court judge of each district. (Chapter 900, Section 118, amending G.S. 7A-180 and G.S. 7A-273. Additional amendments to these sections and G.S. 7A-148(a) provide for consistency between the authority of the Conference of Chief District Court Judges to promulgate the uniform schedule, and the statutes that specify the corresponding jurisdiction of clerks and magistrates.)

### Child Custody Mediation and Nonbinding Arbitration Expanded

The General Assembly authorized the Administrative Office of the Courts to use up to \$75,000 of funds appropriated for fiscal 1992-93 to expand two alternative dispute resolution programs to additional districts or counties. The two programs are, first, under G.S. 7A-37.1, for mandatory nonbinding arbitration of civil actions involving claims of \$15,000 or less, and second, under G.S. 7A-494, for mediation of disputes over the custody or visitation of minor children. (Chapter 900, Section 114, effective July 1, 1992.)

### Community Penalties Budget Flexibility and Expansion

From funds appropriated to the Judicial Department for the Community Penalties Program in 1992-93, the General Assembly authorized the Administrative Office of the Courts to allocate a total of \$1,518,912 in any amounts among the existing local community penalties programs or to establish new programs. The same amount was allocated in last year's legislation for 1991-92, but the total last year was allocated among the programs by the legislation, without the flexibility authorized for 1992-93. In addition, the AOC was authorized to transfer funds for "similar allocation or use" from any other funds appropriated in the certified budget for 1992-93. (Chapter 900, Section 117, effective July 1, 1992.)

### Juvenile Law Changes

#### Transfer to Superior Court for First Degree Murder

A clarifying amendment to G.S. 7A-608 specifies that

when a judge finds probable cause that a juvenile fourteen years of age or older committed a "Class A felony" (i.e., first degree murder), the judge must transfer the case to superior court where the juvenile will be tried as an adult. Prior to the amendment, G.S. 7A-608 required such transfer for a "capital offense." However, under North Carolina law (as amended since the "capital offense" language in G.S. 7A-608 was first enacted), with limited exceptions a person under age seventeen cannot be sentenced to death. Thus, the amendment makes it clear that such transfer is required in all first degree murder cases, whether or not the death penalty is or may be sought in the case. In general, juveniles charged with crimes are processed non-criminally under the Juvenile Code; for felonies other than first degree murder, transfer of a juvenile age 14 or older to superior court is within the judge's discretion, not mandatory. (Chapter 842, effective October 1, 1992.)

#### Action by Parents for Return of a Runaway

Two changes were made to the law that allows the parent of a juvenile under age 18 to file a civil non-jury action in district court for an order requiring the child to return home. First, the amendments provide an alternative venue, allowing the action to be filed in the county where the parent resides, in addition to the county where the child can be found. Second, appeals from these cases will be to the Court of Appeals, rather than to superior court. (Chapter 1031, amending G.S. 110-44.4, effective October 1, 1992.)

#### School Attendance Law Expanded — "Undisciplined Juveniles"

The compulsory school attendance law (G.S. 115C-378) was expanded to apply to children under age seven who are enrolled in public school grades kindergarten through two unless withdrawn from school. The law previously applied only to children age seven to sixteen. An additional amendment, to G.S. 115C-81(f)(2), requires a child enrolled in kindergarten and not withdrawn to attend. Since under the Juvenile Code an "undisciplined juvenile" includes one who is unlawfully absent from school, the amendments extend this juvenile court jurisdiction to six-year-olds (six is the minimum age at which a child may be found undisciplined under the Juvenile Code, G.S. 7A-523). (Chapter 769, effective October 1, 1992.)

#### Commitment Following Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity

The 1992 General Assembly amended the law, enacted in 1991, that requires immediate commitment to a mental health hospital of a person acquitted of a crime by reason of insanity. The amendments follow a 1992 U.S. Supreme Court decision in this area of the law. As amended, at hearings subsequent to the initial commitment, to gain release the committed person must prove *either* that he or she is no longer mentally ill *or* no longer dangerous to

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others. Prior to the amendments, the committed person had to prove both the absence of dangerousness to others and, if that burden was met, the absence of mental illness or that confinement was no longer necessary. Additional amendments require the court to make a written record of the facts that support its findings, and make it clear that the District Attorney may represent the state's interest at the initial and all subsequent hearings. (Chapter 1034, amending G.S. 122C-268, 122C-268.1, and G.S. 122C-276.1, effective July 24, 1992.)

### Increased Funding for Indigent Defense

The cost for providing legal representation for indigent persons who have a right to a court-appointed lawyer continues to be one of the fastest growing components of the Judicial Department budget. The General Assembly increased funding for indigent defense by \$3,642,673 for 1992-93, including \$2,369,249 for the Indigent Persons' Attorney Fee Fund, \$1,048,424 for the Special Capital Case Rehearing Fund, and \$225,000 for additional needs of the Guardian ad Litem Volunteer and Contract Program. (Chapter 742, Sections 1, 2, and 7. These are expansion amounts; total indigent defense spending in 1991-92 came to \$33.7 million.)

### Interim Attorney Fee Payments in Extraordinary Cases

In a capital or other extraordinary case pending in the superior court, amendments to G.S. 7A-458 authorize the presiding judge to award an interim fee to an attorney appointed to represent an indigent person, thus compensating counsel for work pending final determination of the case in the trial court. In general, court-appointed attorneys are awarded fees by the presiding judge after final determination of the case. (Chapter 900, Section 116, effective July 1, 1992.)

### Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission Extended

In 1990, the General Assembly established a 23-member Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission to evaluate the state's sentencing laws and policies and make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding, in general, sentencing structures (guidelines or formulas judges would use to set sentences), corrections system needs, and community penalties strategies. The 1992 General Assembly extended the scheduled expiration of the Commission from July 1, 1992, to July 1, 1993, and directed that its final report on sentencing be provided to the 1993 rather than the 1992 Session of the General Assembly. The General Assembly also added a reporting requirement to the Commission's charge. If the Commission finds that its recommended sentencing structures would produce more prison and jail inmates than prisons and jails can hold, then the Commission is also to present a set of sentencing structures that would be consistent with prison and jail "standard operating capacity" (which includes prison space that will be built from the proceeds of recently approved bonds). The legislation also makes changes in the membership of the

Commission, including to increase the size to 27 members. (Chapter 816, amending G.S. 164-37, -38, -43(c), and -42(d), effective July 1, 1992.)

### Prison Population

The "prison cap" in G.S. 148-4.1 was raised, thus increasing the maximum number of prisoners that can be housed in the state prison system before the Parole Commission must reduce the prison population by granting parole to otherwise eligible offenders. The cap was raised from 20,182 to 20,482. (Chapter 1036, Sections 5 to 7; the prison cap in the statute is stated as "ninety-eight percent (98%) of 20,900," which equals 20,482.)

### Prison Facilities

In a 1990 referendum, the voters approved \$200 million in prison bond funds, and in 1991 the General Assembly allocated all but \$87.5 million. The 1992 Session of the General Assembly directed the Department of Correction to develop a master plan for allocating the remaining funds. The Governor is to propose an allocation schedule in the budget to be submitted to the 1993 Session. The General Assembly declared its intention to also consider the recommendations of the Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission when it enacts legislation in the 1993 Session to allocate the \$87.5 million. (Chapter 1036, effective July 24, 1992; see also Chapter 1044, Section 41, making some changes in the 1991 legislation that allocated bond proceeds.)

The General Assembly also authorized the Secretary of Correction to solicit bids from either for-profit or non-profit private firms to provide and operate treatment centers for 500 beds for prisoners who need treatment for alcohol or drug abuse. The solicitation of bids does not obligate the state to enter into any contract. The Secretary of Correction is to report the results of the bidding process by December 31, 1992, to the Governor and units of the General Assembly. (Chapter 900, Section 111, effective July 1, 1992, amending Section 67 of Chapter 689 of the 1991 Session Laws, which prohibits use of for-profit, privately owned or operated prison facilities unless approved by the General Assembly.)

### New and Revised Criminal Offenses and Infractions

As in previous years, in 1992 the General Assembly enacted legislation in areas of criminal law and corrections that, although not necessarily pertaining to court offices directly, impacts on criminal caseloads or procedures and thus affects court operations. Among the new offenses was "stalking" (in general, the repeated following of a person with intent to cause emotional distress by creating fear of death or injury), a Class I felony for second or subsequent convictions within five years, and otherwise a misdemeanor (Chapter 804, adding G.S. 14-277.3, effective October 1, 1992.) A statute that defines felony and misdemeanor offenses for keeping or maintaining a place where illegal drugs are

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used, kept, or sold was amended, by addition of Class I felony punishment for violations involving fortifying the place with the intent to impede entry by law enforcement (Chapter 1041, amending G.S. 90-108, effective October 1, 1992). Legislation affecting prisoners authorizes counties to use jail prisoners for work on projects to benefit state or local government, for which prisoners may earn reductions in sentence; the punishment for escaping while performing such work was increased from a maximum of 30 days imprisonment or \$50 fine to the general misdemeanor punishment of up to two years and a fine (Chapter 841, adding G.S. 162-58 through G.S. 162-61 and amending G.S. 14-255, effective July 6, 1992). Other new or amended offenses included new Class I felonies for providing fraudulent information on voter registration applications made either by mail or on driver's license forms (Chapter 1044, Section 18, adding G.S. 163-72.4 effective July 1, 1993, and Section 19, amending G.S. 163-81 effective the earlier of when Department of Motor Vehicle enforcement needs are in place or July 1, 1994); new Class H felony and misdemeanor offenses under a new Article regulating funeral and burial trusts (Chapter 901, adding offenses at G.S. 90-210.70, effective July 9, 1992); expansion of the compulsory school attendance law, which includes misdemeanor offenses committable by parents or other legal guardians, to include students under age seven enrolled in public school grades Kindergarten through 2 (Chapter 769, amending G.S. 115C-378, effective October 1, 1992); a misdemeanor offense for violating provisions of the new "Company Police Act" (Chapter 1043, adding Chapter 74E, effective July 25, 1992); an increase from \$100 to \$200 in the maximum fine for the misdemeanor of speeding more than 15 miles per hour over the limit (Chapter 1034, amending G.S. 20-141(j1), effective October 1, 1992); and a new infraction offense with a penalty of \$100 for speeding in a posted highway work zone (Chapter 818, adding subsection G.S. 20-141(j2), effective October 1, 1992).

### Salaries, Benefits, and Related Matters

For fiscal year 1992-93, the General Assembly appropriated funds for a \$522 salary increase for state employees, including Judicial Branch officials and employees. However, for assistant and deputy clerks who are not at the top of their pay scales, the General Assembly authorized a step increase on the salary plan that has historically applied to these personnel. (The amounts depend on the service longevity of the individual assistant or deputy clerk. The authorized step increase was at the rate that would have obtained for fiscal 1991-92. Due to state budget constraints last year, salary increases for state employees were not appropriated for fiscal 1991-92.)

The General Assembly also enacted amendments relating to the time and manner of determining the salaries of the 100 Clerks of Superior Court, which are based on the population of their respective counties

(Chapter 900, Section 40, amending G.S. 7A-101, effective July 1, 1992), and enhanced salary incentive provisions for licensed attorneys and law school graduates who become assistant clerks, by establishing certain minimum salary levels, and higher ranges that may be set by the Clerk of Superior Court with the approval of the Administrative Office of the Courts (Chapter 900, Section 119, amending G.S. 7A-102(d), effective July 1, 1992).

An additional service credit was established for magistrates. A magistrate's salary is based on years of service as a magistrate, but years of service can be credited for certain educational and other experience. Amendments to G.S. 7A-171.1(a)(4) allow five years of service credit for a magistrate with twenty years of experience as a North Carolina law enforcement officer. (Chapter 900, Section 41, effective July 1, 1992. The five-year credit is available under this statute for other experience as well, including experience as a law enforcement officer for ten years within the twelve years immediately preceding appointment as magistrate.)

The General Assembly also increased retirement benefits for state employees (Chapter 900, Sections 52 and 53, amending G.S. 135-5 and other provisions by increasing the "multipliers" used to calculate retirement benefits, effective July 1, 1992).

Finally, state agencies and departments, including the Judicial Branch, are required to develop Equal Employment Opportunity plans in furtherance of the state policy to provide equal employment opportunities for all state employees and job applicants without regard to race, sex, religion, color, national origin, age, or disability. In addition to certain demographic data, plans are to include "goals and programs that provide positive measures to assure equitable and fair representation of North Carolina's citizens." The Judicial Branch plan is to be submitted to the General Assembly by June 1 of each year. (Chapter 919, effective October 1, 1992.)

### New Positions

The 1992 Session of the General Assembly appropriated or authorized the use of funds for the following new positions during fiscal 1992-93: 21 assistant district attorneys, one each for Prosecutorial Districts 3B, 4, 6B, 9, 15A, 16A, 17A, 18, 19A, 22, 27A, 28, and 29 effective August 1, 1992, and one each for Prosecutorial Districts 3A, 5, 6A, 7, 10, 11, 12, and 21 effective October 1, 1992; 10 secretaries for district attorney offices; 5 victim-witness assistants; 1 district attorney investigator; 50 deputy clerks of superior court; 8 official court reporters; 2 magistrates; 1 district court secretary; 9 juvenile court counselors; 5 juvenile services secretaries; 4 public defender investigators; 2 public defender secretaries; and 15 Guardian ad Litem Services program coordinators. The General Assembly also authorized use of funds from the Indigent Persons' Attorney Fee Fund for five assistant public defender positions during 1992-93.

## **PART II**

# **COURT SYSTEM ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS**

- **Historical Development of Court System**
- **Present Court System**
- **Organization and Operations in 1991-92**

# 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 courts 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, an 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 of 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 (including 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.



## Historical Development Of The North Carolina Court System, Continued

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, instead of the governor, was given the power to appoint justices of the peace. 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 21 solicitorial districts. The 38 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 criminal 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 that 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 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; implementing legislation provides for such action upon the recommendation of the Judicial Standards Commission. As for the selection of judges, persistent efforts were 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 received the backing of a majority of the

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members of each house, but not the three-fifths required to submit constitutional amendments to a vote of the people. Merit selection continues to be a significant issue before the General Assembly.

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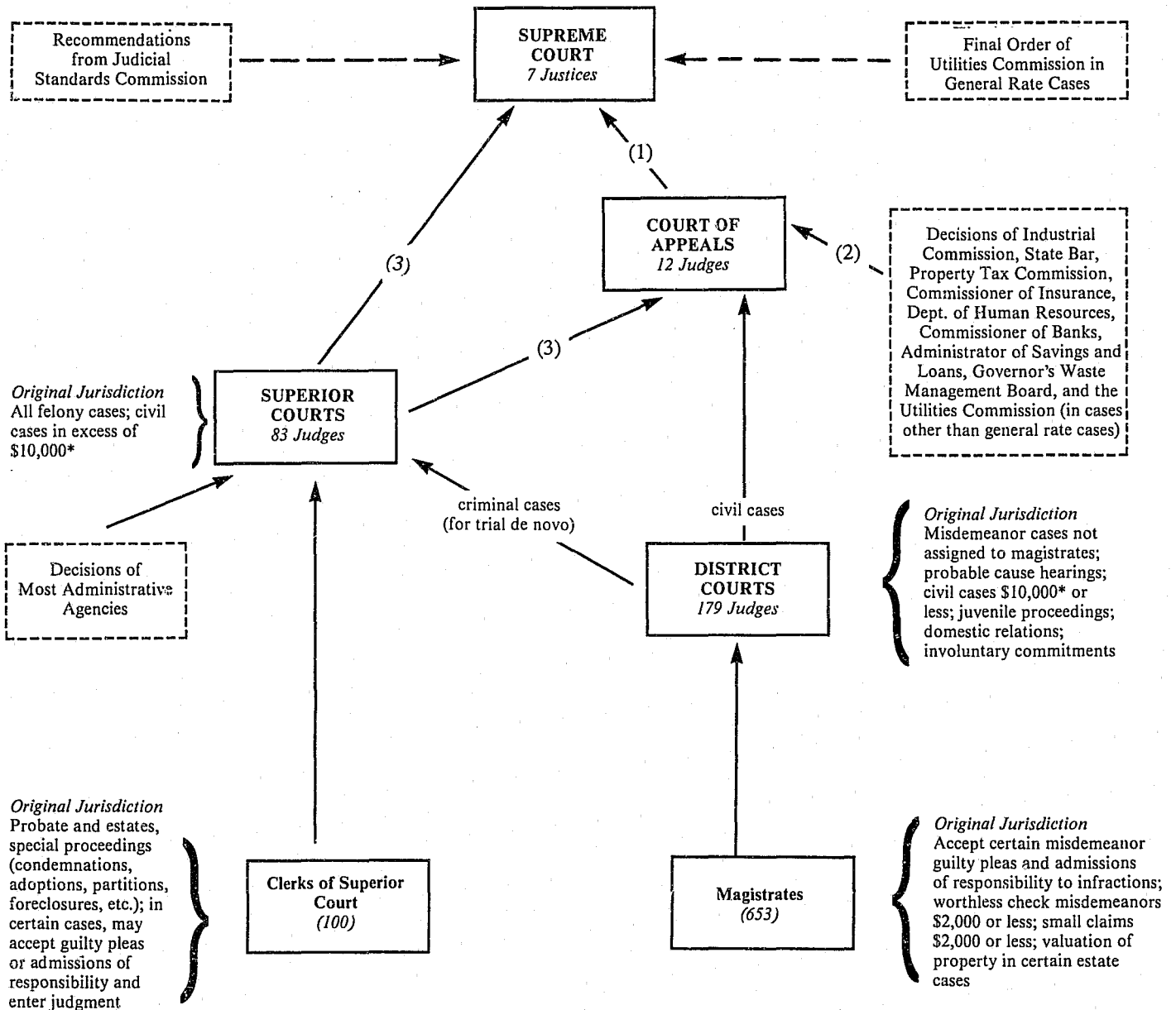
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# THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

## Original Jurisdiction and Routes of Appeal

(As of June 30, 1992)



- (1) Appeals from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court are by right in 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 first degree murder cases in which the defendant has been sentenced to death or life imprisonment, and in Utilities Commission general rate cases. 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 of significant public interest, cases involving legal principles of major significance, where delay would cause substantial harm, or when the Court of Appeals docket is unusually full.

\*The district and superior courts have concurrent original jurisdiction in civil actions (G.S. 7A-240). However, the district court division is the proper division for the trial of civil actions in which the amount in controversy is \$10,000 or less; and the superior court division is the proper division for the trial of civil actions in which the amount in controversy exceeds \$10,000 (G.S. 7A-243).

## 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 consists of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals.

The Superior Court Division is composed of the superior courts, which hold sessions in the county seats of the 100 counties of the State. There are 60 superior court districts for electoral purposes only. For administrative purposes, these are collapsed into 44 districts or "sets of districts." Some superior court districts comprise one county, some comprise two or more counties, and the more populous counties are divided into two or more districts for purposes of election of superior court judges. One or more superior court judges are elected for each of the superior court districts. A clerk of the superior court for each county is elected by the voters of the county.

The District Court Division comprises 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. There are 38 district court districts, with each district composed of one or more counties. One or more district court judges are elected for each of the district court districts. The Constitution also provides that one or more magistrates "who shall be officers of the district court" shall be appointed in each county.

The State Constitution (Art. IV, Sec. 1) also contains the term, "judicial department," and states 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 previous page.

### Criminal and Infraction Cases

Trial of misdemeanor and infraction cases is within the original jurisdiction of the district courts. Worthless check cases under \$2,000 may be tried by magistrates, who are also empowered to accept pleas of guilty and admissions of responsibility to certain misdemeanor and infraction offenses and impose fines in accordance with a schedule set by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges. Clerks of Superior Court may also accept guilty pleas and admissions of responsibility and enter

judgment in certain cases. 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 first degree murder cases (which are appealed to the Supreme Court), appeals of right from the superior courts are 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 estate 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, and petitions for involuntary commitment to a mental health hospital, and are the "proper" courts for general civil cases where the amount in controversy is \$10,000 or less. If the amount in controversy is \$2,000 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 in controversy is more than \$10,000. Appeals from decisions of most administrative agencies are first within the jurisdiction of the superior courts. Appeal from the superior courts in civil cases is to the Court of Appeals.

The General Assembly, under G.S. 7A-37.1, has authorized statewide expansion of court-ordered, non-binding arbitration in certain civil actions where claims do not exceed \$15,000. The parties' rights to trial *de novo* and jury trial are preserved. As of June 30, 1992, arbitration programs had been established in 26 counties.

Statewide child custody and visitation mediation programs are also being phased in upon authorization of the General Assembly (G.S. 7A-494). Unless the court grants a waiver, custody and visitation disputes must be referred to a mediator, who helps the parties reach a cooperative, nonadversarial resolution in the child's best interests. Any agreement reached is submitted to the court and, unless the court finds good reason for it not to, becomes a part of the court's order in the case. Issues not resolved by the mediation are reported by the mediator to the

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court. As of June 30, 1992, these mediation programs were operating in four judicial districts.

### Administration

The North Carolina Supreme Court exercises "general supervision and control over the proceedings of the other courts" of the General Court of Justice. (Section 12(1) of Article IV of the N.C. Constitution.)

In addition to this 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.

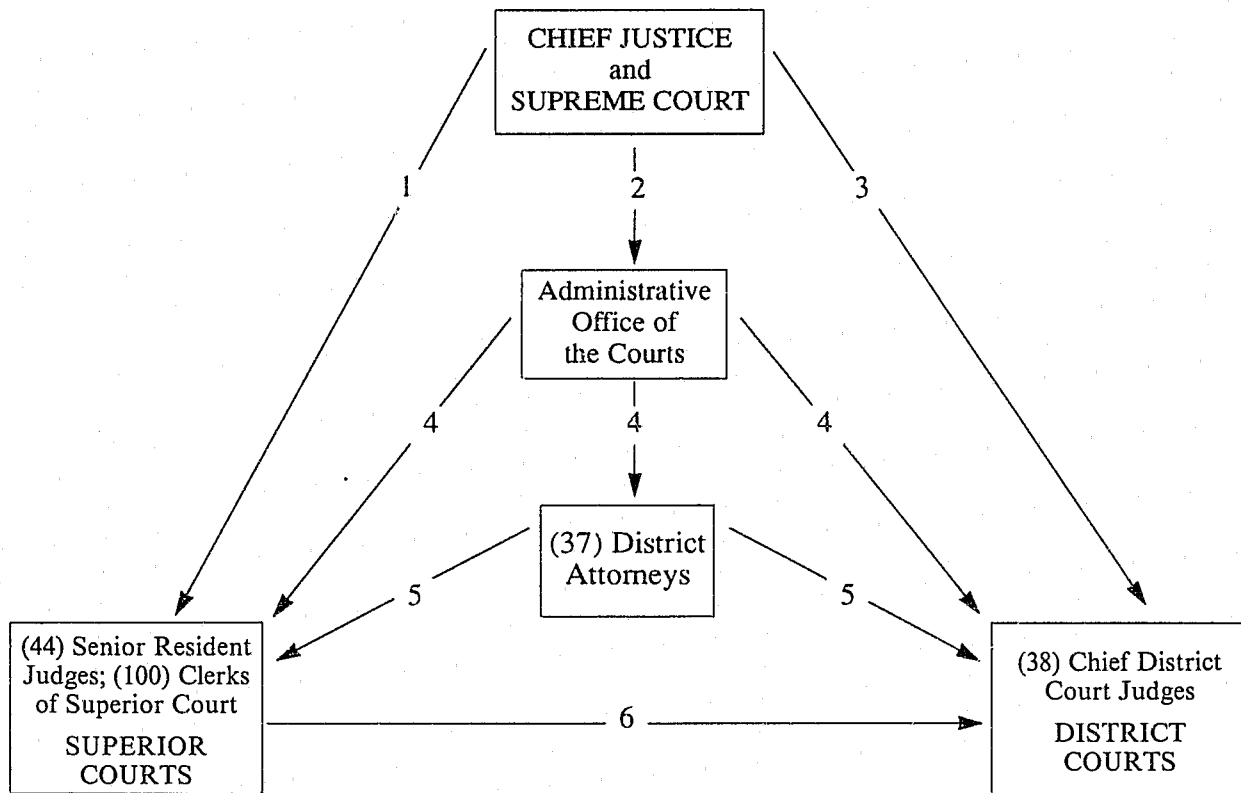
The following chart illustrates specific trial court administrative responsibilities vested in Judicial Department officials by statute. The Chief Justice appoints the Director and Assistant Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts; the Assistant Director also serves as the Chief Justice's 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 38 district court districts from among the elected district court judges of the respective districts. These judges have responsibilities for the scheduling of the district courts and magistrates' courts within their respective districts, along with other administrative responsibilities.

The Administrative Office of the Courts is responsible for direction of non-judicial, administrative and business affairs of the Judicial Department. Included among its functions are fiscal management, personnel services, information and statistical services, supervision 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 aftercare, guardian ad litem services, administration of the community penalties program, trial court administrator services, planning, and general administrative services.

The clerk of superior court in each county acts as clerk for both the superior courts and the district courts. Day-to-day calendaring of civil cases is handled by the clerk of superior court or by a "trial court administrator" in some districts, under the supervision of the senior resident superior court judge and chief district court judge. The criminal case calendars in both superior courts and district courts are set by the district attorney of the respective district.

## Principal Administrative Authorities for North Carolina Trial Courts



<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>The Director and the Assistant Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Chief Justice.

<sup>3</sup>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 from the judges elected in each of the 38 district court districts.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>In addition to certain judicial functions, the clerk of superior court performs administrative, fiscal, and record-keeping functions for both the superior court and the district court of the 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 CAROLINA  
(As of June 30, 1992)

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Chief Justice Exum

## THE SUPREME COURT

At the apex of the North Carolina court system is the seven-member Supreme Court, which sits in Raleigh to consider and decide questions of law presented in civil and criminal cases on appeal. The Chief Justice and six associate justices are elected to eight-year terms by the voters of the State. The Court sits only *en banc*, that is, all members sitting on each case.

### Jurisdiction

The only original case jurisdiction exercised by the Supreme Court is in 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 (cases involving substantial constitutional questions and cases in which there has been dissent in the Court of Appeals);
- cases on appeal by right from the Utilities Commission (cases involving final order or decision in a general rate matter);
- criminal cases on appeal by right from the superior courts (first degree murder cases in which the defendant has been sentenced to death or life imprisonment); 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. However, 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 and procedure for the trial court divisions, consistent with any rules enacted by the General Assembly. The schedule of superior court sessions in the 100 counties is approved yearly by the Supreme Court. The Clerk of the Supreme Court, the Librarian of the Supreme Court Library, and the Appellate Division Reporter are appointed by the Supreme Court.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court appoints the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Assistant Director, who serve at the pleasure of the Chief Justice. He also designates a Chief Judge from among the judges of the Court of Appeals and a Chief District Court Judge from among the district court judges in each of the State's 38 district court 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 he is also empowered to transfer district court judges to other districts for temporary or specialized duty. The Chief Justice appoints three of the seven members of the Judicial Standards Commission — a judge of the Court of Appeals who serves as the Commission's chair, one superior court judge, and one district court judge. The Chief Justice also appoints 6 of the 24 voting members of the North Carolina Courts Commission: one associate justice of the Supreme Court, one Court of Appeals judge, two superior court judges, and two district court judges. The Chief Justice also appoints the Appellate Defender, and the Chief Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings.

### Expenses of the Court, 1991-92

Operating expenses of the Supreme Court during the 1991-92 fiscal year amounted to \$2,965,205. Expenditures for the Supreme Court during 1991-92 constituted 1.3% of all General Fund expenditures for the operation of the entire Judicial Department during the fiscal year.

### Case Data, 1991-92

A total of 365 appealed cases were before the Supreme Court during the fiscal year, 184 that were pending on July 1, 1991, plus 181 cases filed through June 30, 1992. A total of 181 of these cases were disposed of, leaving 184 cases pending on June 30, 1992.

A total of 473 petitions (requests to appeal) were before the Court during the 1991-92 year, with 396 disposed during the year and 77 pending as of June 30, 1992. The Court granted 70 petitions for review during 1991-92 compared to 53 for 1990-91.

More detailed data on the Court's workload are presented on the following pages.



# SUPREME COURT CASELOAD INVENTORY

July 1, 1991 — June 30, 1992

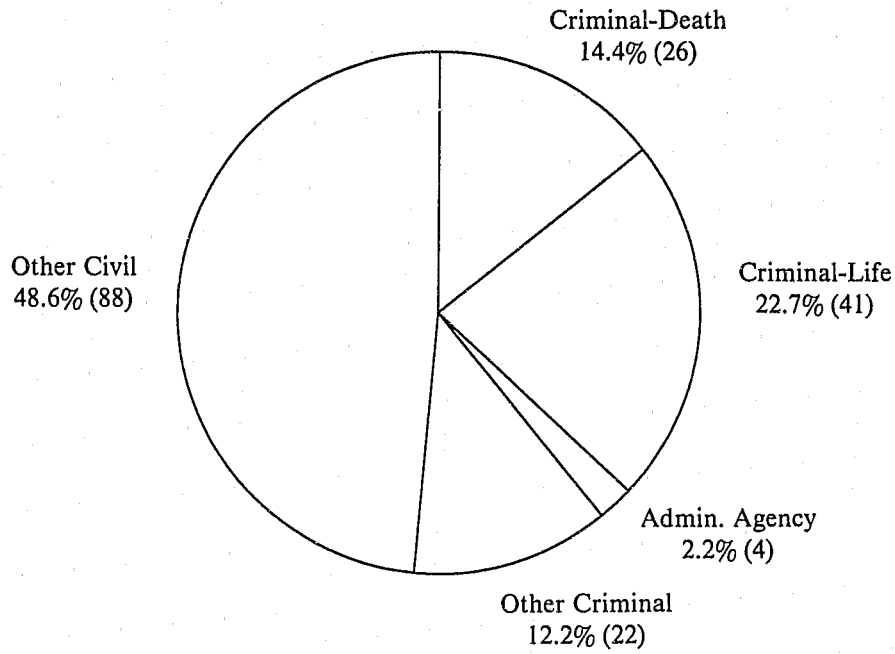
	Pending 7/1/91	Filed	Disposed	Pending 6/30/92
<b>Petitions for Review</b>				
Civil domestic	7	0	7	0
Juvenile	2	0	2	0
Other civil	44	230	224	50
Criminal	29	148	152	25
Administrative agency decision	3	10	11	2
<b>Total Petitions for Review</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Appeals</b>				
Civil domestic	2	0	2	0
Petitions for review granted that became civil domestic appeals	1	0	1	0
Juvenile	1	0	1	0
Petitions for review granted that became juvenile appeals	1	0	1	0
Other civil	34	30	36	28
Petitions for review granted that became other civil appeals	41	58	41	58
Criminal, defendant sentenced to death	35	26	33	28
Criminal, defendant sentenced to life imprisonment	33	41	37	37
Other criminal	15	11	12	14
Petitions for review granted that became other criminal appeals	9	11	8	12
Administrative agency decision	6	4	7	3
Petitions for review granted that became appeals of administrative agency decision	6	0	2	4
<b>Total Appeals</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>184</b>
<b>Other Proceedings</b>				
Rule 16(b) additional issues re dissent		16	16	
Requests for advisory opinion		0	0	
Motions		511	511	
<b>Total Other Proceedings</b>		<b>527</b>	<b>527</b>	

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 certain other tribunals. The

Appeals category comprises cases within the Court's appellate jurisdiction, as listed on the previous page.

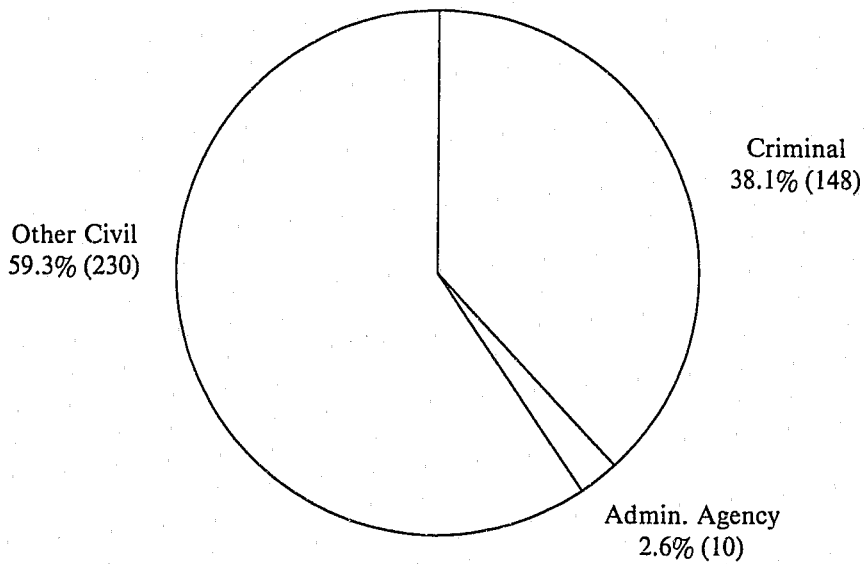
**APPEALS FILED IN THE SUPREME COURT**

**July 1, 1991 — June 30, 1992**



**PETITIONS FILED IN THE SUPREME COURT**

**July 1, 1991 — June 30, 1992**



# SUPREME COURT CASELOAD TYPES

by Superior Court Division and District

July 1, 1991 — June 30, 1992

Judicial Division	Superior Court District	Total Cases*	Death Cases	Life Cases	Other Criminal	Civil Cases	Other Cases	Cases Disposed**
I	1	8	2	1	2	3	0	4
	2	5	1	0	2	2	0	2
	3A	12	4	1	1	6	0	5
	3B	6	0	1	1	4	0	2
	4A	9	5	3	1	0	0	2
	4B	7	2	3	2	0	0	2
	5	17	3	4	1	9	0	6
	6A	9	4	3	2	0	0	5
	6B	5	3	1	0	1	0	2
	7A	4	1	0	0	3	0	2
	7B-C	8	3	1	0	4	0	1
8A	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	
8B	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>94</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33</b>
II	9	9	3	2	0	4	0	4
	10	43	4	2	2	19	16	22
	11	12	2	5	0	5	0	5
	12	8	1	4	1	2	0	5
	13	8	2	4	1	1	0	4
	14	15	2	1	4	7	1	6
	15A	10	3	5	1	1	0	5
	15B	9	0	3	0	5	1	4
	16A	5	2	1	0	2	0	3
	16B	18	6	6	3	3	0	11
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>137</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>69</b>
III	17A	6	4	1	0	1	0	2
	17B	5	2	0	2	1	0	2
	18	23	2	6	4	11	0	12
	19A	4	1	0	0	3	0	1
	19B	2	0	0	0	2	0	1
	19C	5	1	1	1	2	0	1
	20A	6	2	1	0	3	0	3
	20B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	21	30	3	5	3	18	1	12
	22	10	4	0	0	6	0	1
	23	8	2	1	0	5	0	3
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>99</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>38</b>
IV	24	7	1	0	1	5	0	5
	25A	5	1	0	1	3	0	4
	25B	6	1	2	2	1	0	2
	26	31	7	6	5	13	0	14
	27A	3	2	0	0	1	0	1
	27B	5	1	2	1	1	0	0
	28	13	1	3	1	8	0	4
	29	9	1	7	1	0	0	5
	30A	8	2	1	1	4	0	5
	30B	5	0	0	2	3	0	1
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>92</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>422</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>181</b>

\*"Total Cases" includes any petition or appeal involving some activity on the part of the Court during the fiscal year. It includes life and death sentence cases awaiting Record on Appeal and not yet formally docketed.

\*\*"Cases Disposed" includes appeals decided by opinion as well as those dismissed or withdrawn after being docketed as full appeals.

# SUBMISSION OF CASES REACHING DECISION STAGE IN THE SUPREME COURT

July 1, 1991 — June 30, 1992

## Cases Argued

Civil Domestic	1
Juvenile	0
Other Civil	75
Criminal (death sentence)	27
Criminal (life sentence)	40
Other Criminal	18
Administrative Agency Decision	13
<b>Total cases argued</b>	<b>174</b>

## Submissions Without Argument

By motion of the parties (Appellate Rule 30 (d))	1
By order of the Court (Appellate Rule 30 (f))	3
<b>Total submissions without argument</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total Cases Reaching Decision Stage</b>	<b>178</b>

# DISPOSITION OF PETITIONS BY THE SUPREME COURT

July 1, 1991 — June 30, 1992

Petitions for Review	Granted*	Denied	Dismissed/ Withdrawn	Total Disposed
Civil Domestic	1	5	1	7
Juvenile	0	2	0	2
Other Civil	58	156	10	224
Criminal	11	133	8	152
Administrative Agency Decision	0	11	0	11
<b>Total Petitions for Review</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>396</b>

\*"Granted" includes orders allowing relief without accepting the case as a full appeal.

## DISPOSITION OF APPEALS IN THE SUPREME COURT

July 1, 1991 — June 30, 1992

### Disposition by Signed Opinion

Case Types	Affirmed	Modified	Reversed	Reversed Remanded	Remanded	Total Disposed
Civil domestic	2	0	1	0	0	3
Juvenile	1	0	0	1	0	2
Other civil	15	6	8	29	0	58
Criminal (death sentence)	3	0	0	0	29	32
Criminal (life sentence)	30	0	0	2	5	37
Other criminal	5	0	1	10	0	16
Administrative agency decision	1	0	0	0	1	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>150</b>

### Disposition by Per Curiam Opinion

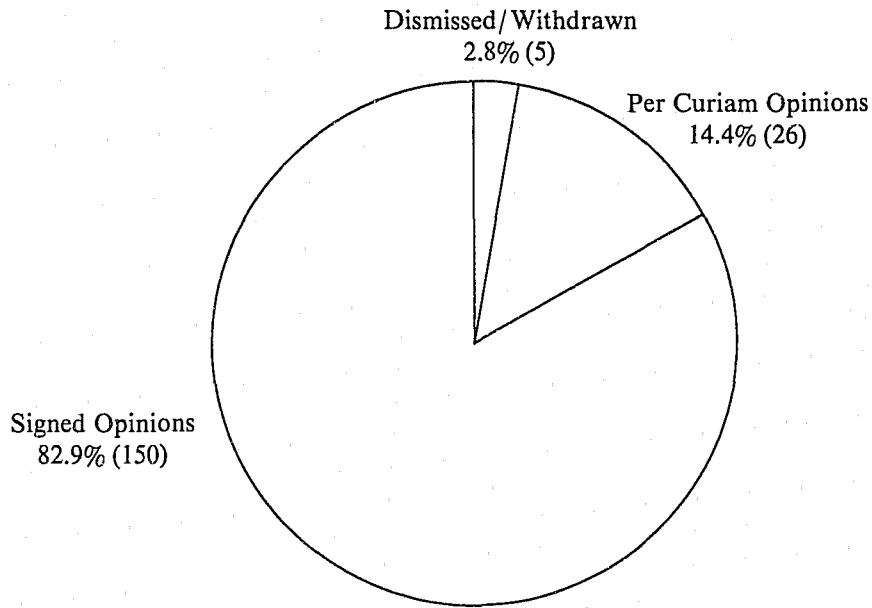
Case Types	Affirmed	Modified	Reversed	Reversed Remanded	Remanded	Total Disposed
Civil domestic	0	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other civil	11	0	1	2	0	14
Criminal (death sentence)	1	0	0	0	0	1
Criminal (life sentence)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other criminal	3	0	0	1	0	4
Administrative agency decision	6	0	1	0	0	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>

### Disposition by Dismissal or Withdrawal

Case Types	Dismissed or Withdrawn
Civil domestic	0
Juvenile	0
Other civil	5
Criminal (death sentence)	0
Criminal (life sentence)	0
Other criminal	0
Administrative agency decision	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>

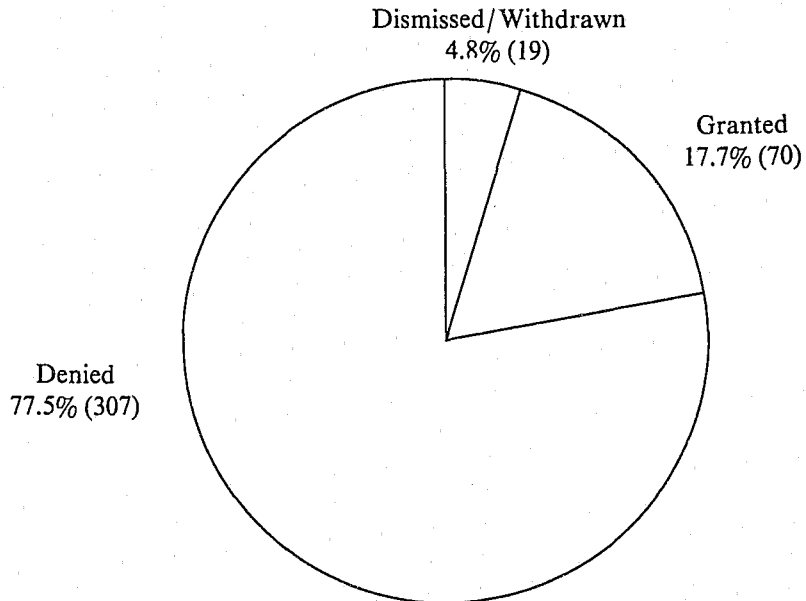
**MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF APPEALS  
IN THE SUPREME COURT**

**July 1, 1991 — June 30, 1992**

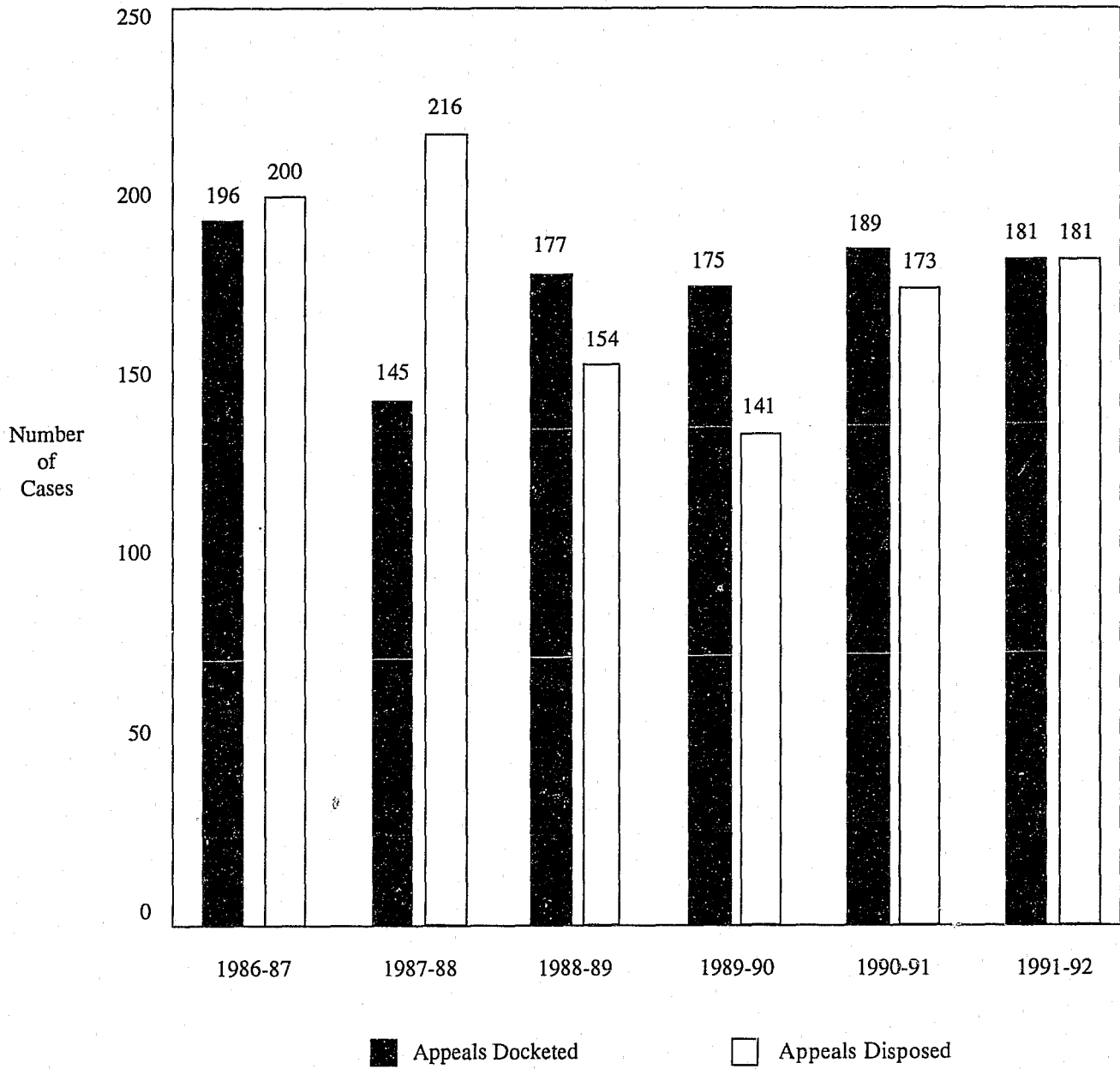


**TYPE OF DISPOSITION OF PETITIONS FOR REVIEW  
IN THE SUPREME COURT**

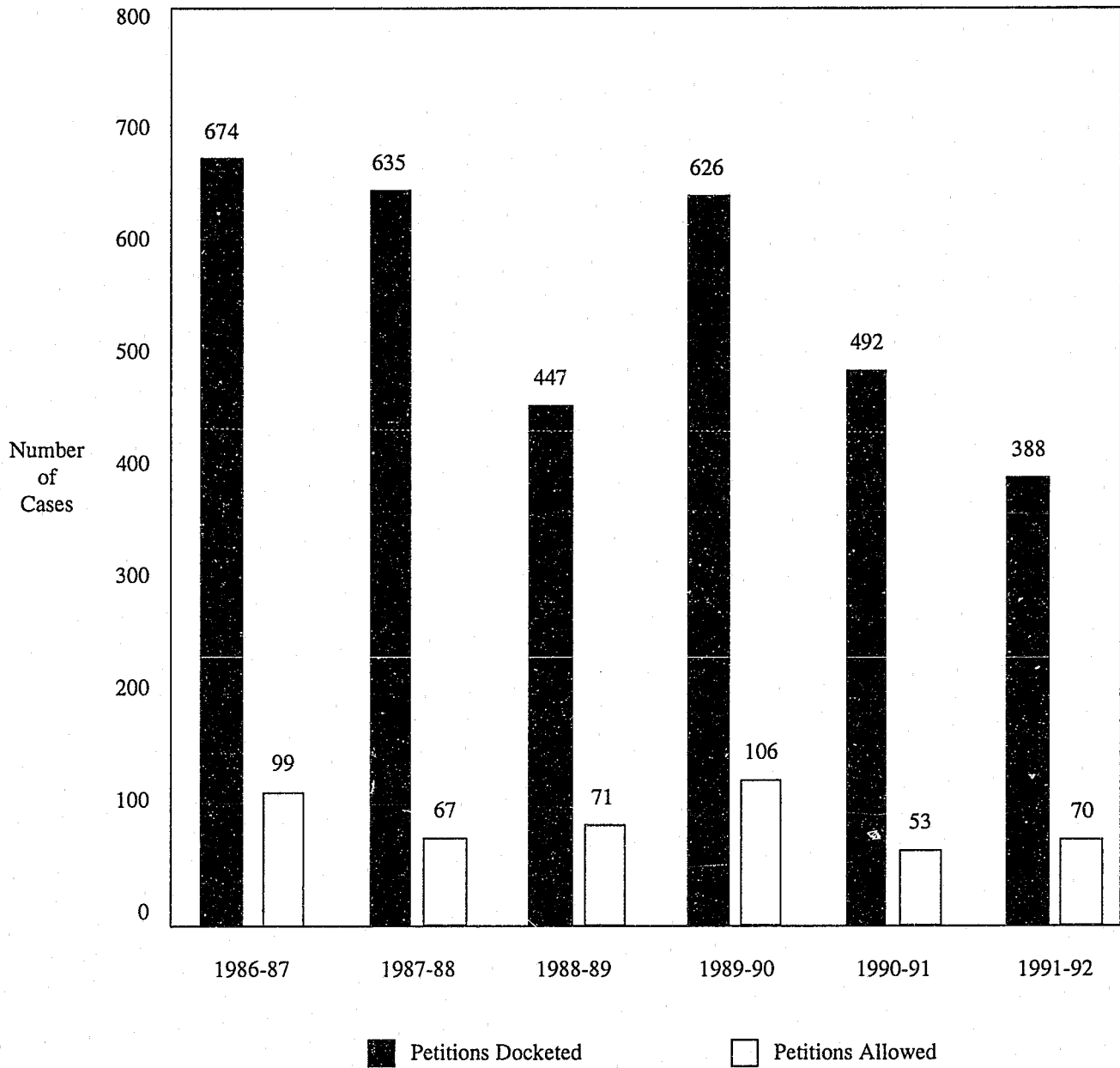
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**NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT**  
**Appeals Docketed and Disposed During the Years 1986-87— 1991-92**



**NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT**  
**Petitions Docketed and Allowed During the Years 1986-87— 1991-92**





# SUPREME COURT PROCESSING TIME FOR DISPOSED APPEALS

(Total time in days from docketing to disposition)

July 1, 1991 — June 30, 1992

	Number of Cases	(Days) Median	(Days) Mean
Civil domestic	2	—	563
Petitions for review granted that became civil domestic appeals	1	—	471
Juvenile	1	—	332
Petitions for review granted that became juvenile appeals	1	—	952
Other civil	36	297	360
Petitions for review granted that became other civil appeals	41	303	350
Criminal, defendant sentenced to death	33	449	533
Criminal, defendant sentenced to life imprisonment	37	325	413
Other criminal	12	297	372
Petitions for review granted that became other criminal appeals	8	439	479
Administrative agency decision	7	212	299
Petitions for review granted that became appeals of administrative agency decision	2	—	584
<b>Total appeals</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>412</b>

**THE COURT OF APPEALS OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**(As of June 30, 1992)**

*Chief Judge*

R. A. HEDRICK

*Judges*

GERALD ARNOLD  
HUGH A. WELLS  
CLIFTON E. JOHNSON  
SIDNEY S. EAGLES, JR.  
SARAH PARKER  
JACK COZORT

ROBERT F. ORR  
K. EDWARD GREENE  
JOHN B. LEWIS, JR.  
JAMES A. WYNN, JR.  
RALPH A. WALKER

*Retired Judges*

FRANK M. PARKER  
EDWARD B. CLARK  
ROBERT M. MARTIN

CECIL J. HILL  
E. MAURICE BRASWELL  
EUGENE H. PHILLIPS

*Clerk*

FRANCIS E. DAIL

*Assistant Clerk*

JOHN H. CONNELL

## 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 Judge 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.

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 the Industrial Commission, along with appeals from certain final orders or decisions of the North Carolina State Bar, the Commissioner of Insurance, the Department of Human Resources, the Commissioner of Banks, the Administrator of Savings and Loans, the Governor's Waste Management Board, the Property Tax Commission, and the

Utilities Commission (in cases other than general rate cases). 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 chair). Such seven-member panel would have sole jurisdiction to act upon the Commission's recommendation.

### Expenses of the Court, 1991-92

Operating expenses of the Court of Appeals during the 1991-92 fiscal year totaled \$3,759,252. Expenditures for the Court of Appeals during 1991-92 amounted to 1.7% of all General Fund expenditures for operation of the entire Judicial Department during the fiscal year.

### Case Data, 1991-92

A total of 1,304 appealed cases were filed before the Court of Appeals during the period July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1992. A total of 1,099 cases were disposed of during the same period. During 1991-92, a total of 356 petitions and 1,357 motions were filed before the Court of Appeals.

Further detail on the workload of the Court of Appeals is shown in the table and graph on the following pages.

## FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992

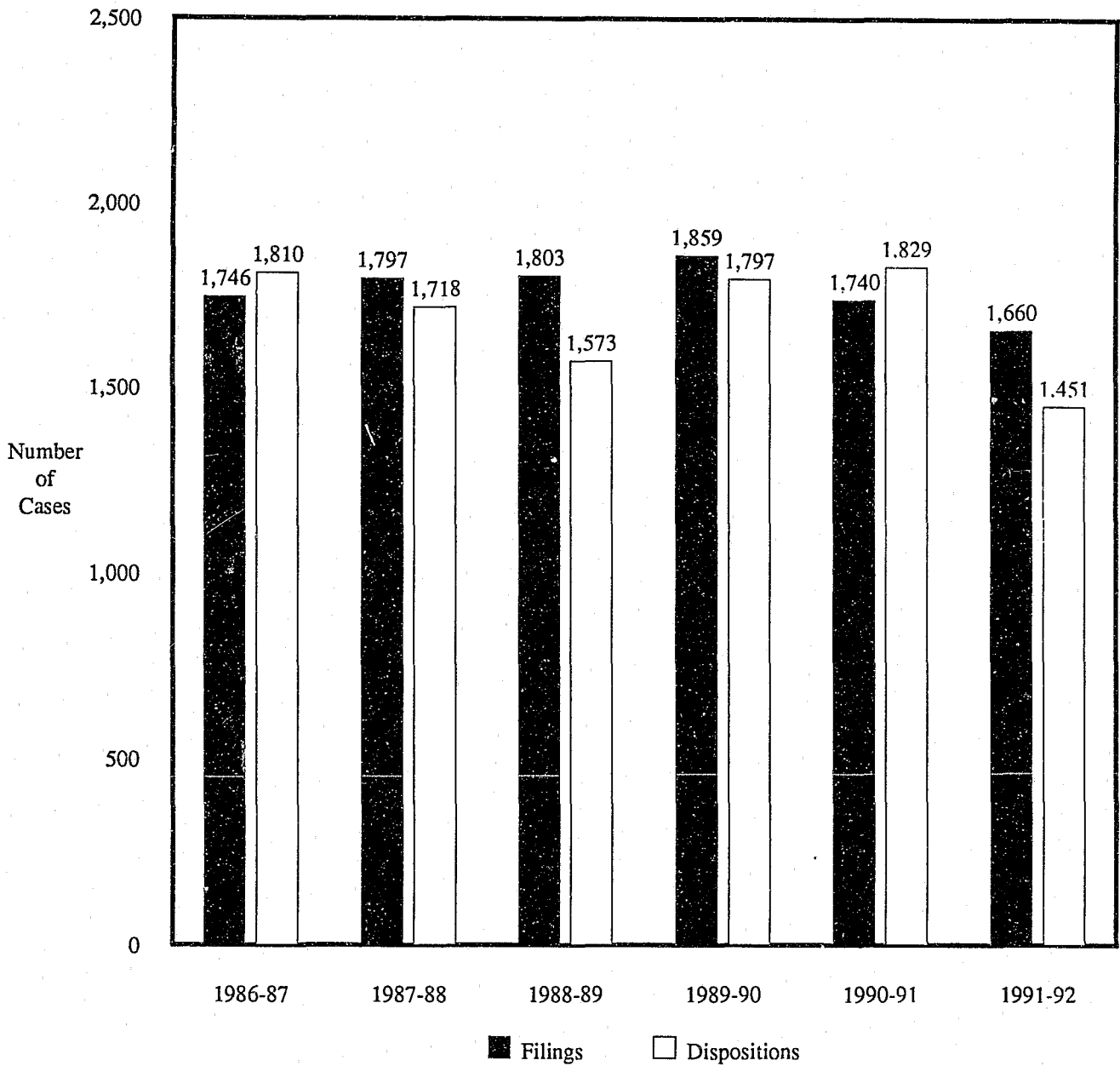
Cases on Appeal	Filings	Dispositions
Civil cases appealed from district courts	241	
Civil cases appealed from superior courts	576	
Civil cases appealed from administrative agencies	54	
Criminal cases appealed from superior courts	433	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,304</b>	<b>1,099</b>
<b>Petitions</b>		
Allowed		73
Denied		279
Remanded		0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>352</b>
<b>Motions</b>		
Allowed		979
Denied		378
Remanded		0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,357</b>	<b>1,357</b>
<b>Total Cases on Appeal, Petitions, and Motions</b>	<b>3,017</b>	<b>2,808</b>

## MANNER OF CASE DISPOSITIONS -- COURT OF APPEALS

July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992

Cases Disposed by Written Opinion				
Cases Affirmed	Cases Reversed	Cases Affirmed In Part, Reversed In Part	Other Cases Disposed	Total Cases Disposed
706	177	77	139	1,099

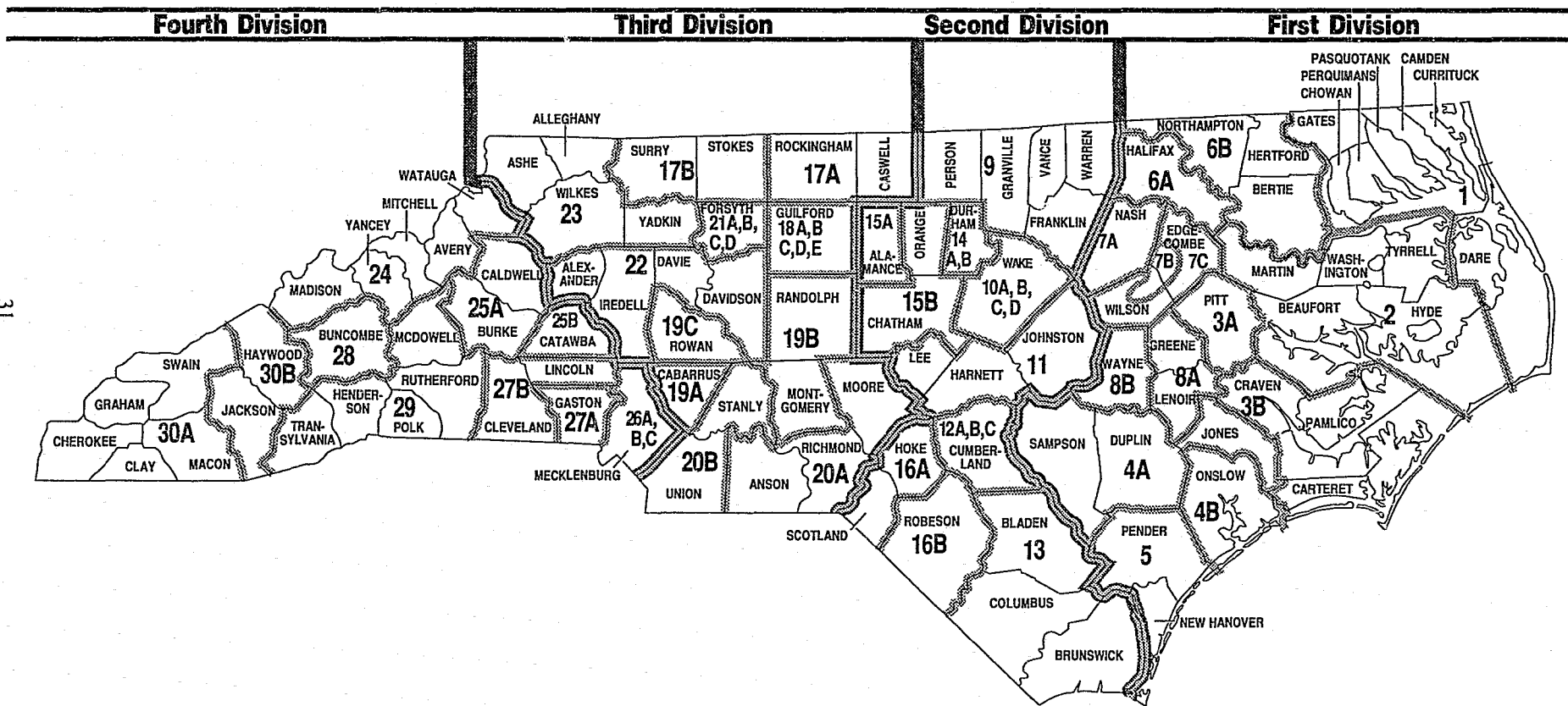
**FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE COURT OF APPEALS  
1986-87 -- 1991-92**



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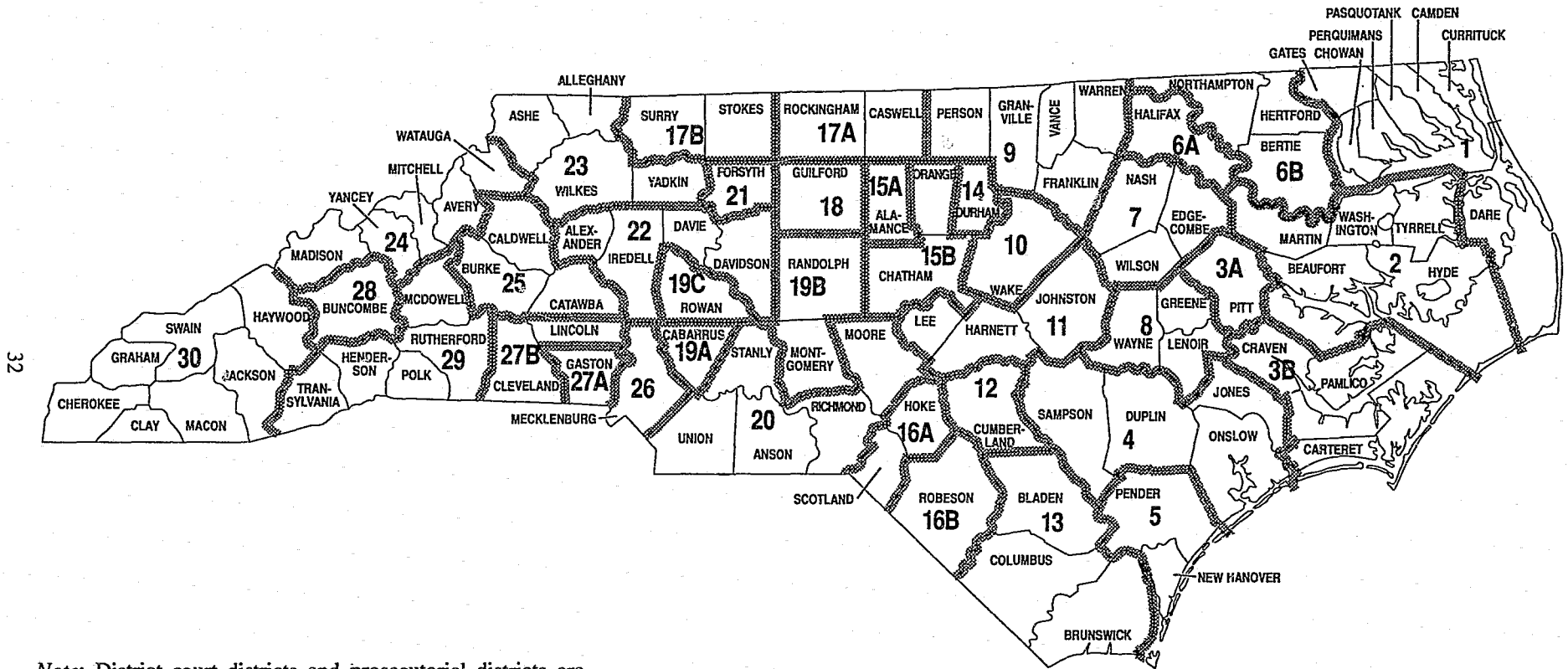
# North Carolina Superior Court

## Districts and Divisions as of June 30, 1992



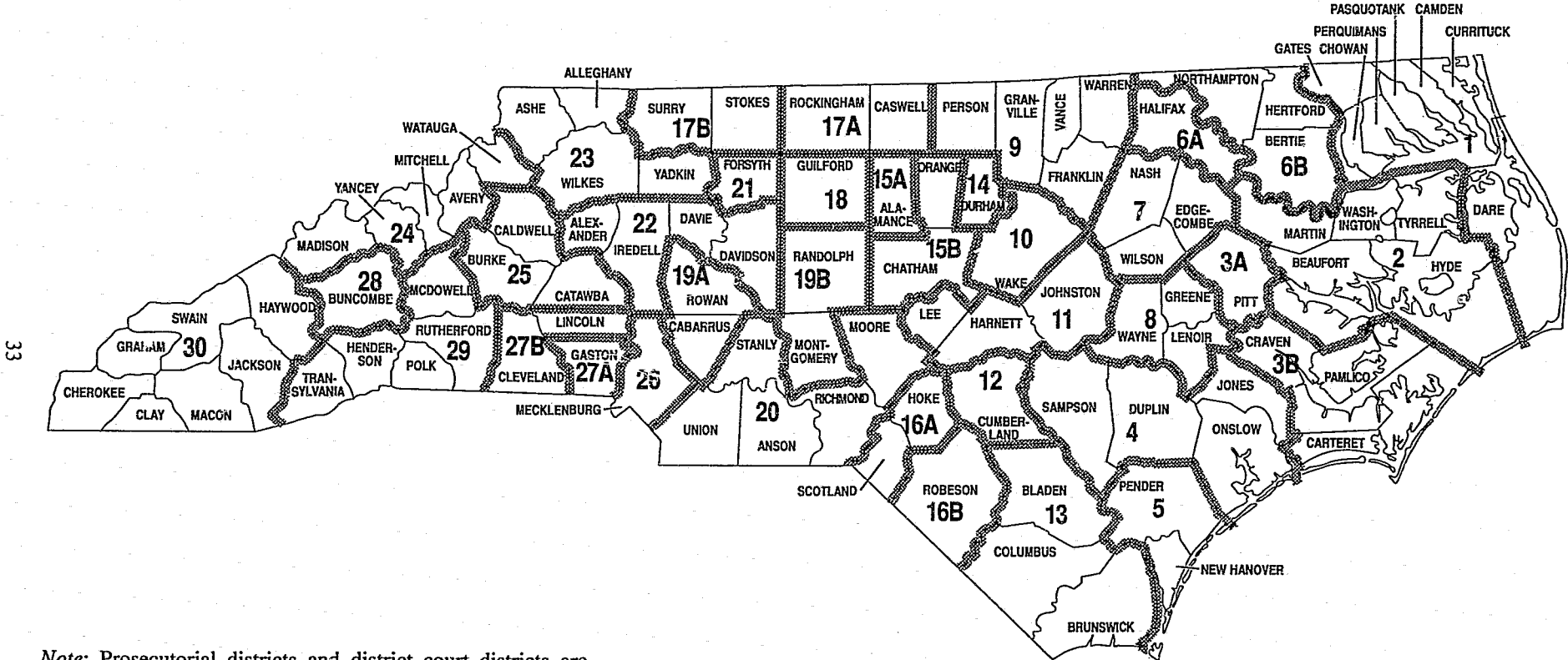
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# North Carolina District Court Districts as of June 30, 1992



*Note:* District court districts and prosecutorial districts are coterminous except in one instance: Prosecutorial District 19A comprises District Court Districts 19A and 19C.

# North Carolina Prosecutorial Districts as of June 30, 1992



*Note:* Prosecutorial districts and district court districts are coterminous except in one instance: Prosecutorial District 19A comprises District Court Districts 19A and 19C.



# JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT

(As of June 30, 1992)

## FIRST DIVISION

District	
1	*Thomas S. Watts, Elizabeth City Steven D. Michael, Kitty Hawk
2	*William C. Griffin, Jr., Williamston
3A	*David E. Reid, Jr., Greenville W. Russell Duke, Jr., Greenville
3B	*Herbert O. Phillips III, Morehead City
4A	*Henry L. Stevens III, Kenansville
4B	*James R. Strickland, Jacksonville
5	*Napoleon B. Barefoot, Wilmington Ernest B. Fullwood, Wilmington Gary E. Trawick, Burgaw
6A	*Richard B. Allsbrook, Roanoke Rapids
6B	*Cy Anthony Grant, Sr., Windsor
7A	*Quentin T. Sumner, Rocky Mount
7B	G. K. Butterfield, Jr., Wilson
7C	*Frank R. Brown, Tarboro
8A	*James D. Llewellyn, Kinston
8B	*Paul M. Wright, Goldsboro

## SECOND DIVISION

9	*Robert H. Hobgood, Louisburg Henry W. Hight, Jr., Henderson
10A	George R. Greene, Raleigh
10B	*Robert L. Farmer, Raleigh Henry V. Barnette, Jr., Raleigh
10C	Narley L. Cashwell, Raleigh
10D	Donald W. Stephens, Raleigh
11	*Wiley F. Bowen, Dunn Knox V. Jenkins, Four Oaks
12A	Jack A. Thompson, Fayetteville
12B	Gregory A. Weeks, Fayetteville
12C	*Coy E. Brewer, Jr., Fayetteville E. Lynn Johnson, Fayetteville
13	*Giles R. Clark, Elizabethtown William C. Gore, Jr., Whiteville
14A	Orlando F. Hudson, Jr., Durham
14B	*Anthony M. Brannon, Durham J. Milton Read, Jr., Durham A. Leon Stanback, Jr., Durham
15A	*J. B. Allen, Jr., Burlington
15B	*F. Gordon Battle, Hillsborough
16A	*B. Craig Ellis, Laurinburg
16B	*Joe Freeman Britt, Lumberton Dexter Brooks, Pembroke

## THIRD DIVISION

District	
17A	*Melzer A. Morgan, Jr., Wentworth Peter M. McHugh, Wentworth
17B	*James M. Long, Pilot Mountain
18A	W. Steven Allen, Sr., Greensboro
18B	Howard R. Greeson, Jr., Greensboro
18C	*W. Douglas Albright, Greensboro
18D	Thomas W. Ross, Greensboro
18E	Joseph R. John, Greensboro
19A	*James C. Davis, Concord
19B	*Russell G. Walker, Jr., Asheboro
19C	*Thomas W. Seay, Jr., Spencer
20A	*F. Fetzner Mills, Wadesboro James M. Webb, Southern Pines
20B	*William H. Helms, Monroe
21A	William Z. Wood, Jr., Winston-Salem
21B	*Judson D. DeRamus, Jr., Winston-Salem
21C	William H. Freeman, Winston-Salem
21D	James A. Beaty, Jr., Winston-Salem
22	*Preston Cornelius, Mooresville Lester P. Martin, Jr., Mocksville
23	*Julius A. Rousseau, Jr., North Wilkesboro

## FOURTH DIVISION

24	*Charles C. Lamm, Jr., Boone
25A	*Claude S. Sitton, Morganton Beverly T. Beal, Lenoir
25B	*Forrest A. Ferrell, Hickory
26A	Shirley L. Fulton, Charlotte Marcus L. Johnson, Charlotte
26B	Robert P. Johnston, Charlotte Julia V. Jones, Charlotte
26C	*Robert M. Burroughs, Sr., Charlotte Chase B. Saunders, Charlotte
27A	*Robert W. Kirby, Gastonia Robert E. Gaines, Gastonia
27B	*John Mull Gardner, Shelby
28	*Robert D. Lewis, Asheville C. Walter Allen, Asheville
29	*Zoro J. Guice, Rutherfordton Loto Greenlee Caviness, Marion
30A	*James U. Downs, Franklin
30B	*Janet M. Hyatt, Waynesville

\*Senior Resident Superior Court Judge of the district or "set of districts"

## SPECIAL JUDGE OF SUPERIOR COURT

Marvin K. Gray, Charlotte

### EMERGENCY AND RETIRED/RECALLED JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT (As of June 30, 1992)

James H. Pou Bailey, Raleigh  
George M. Fountain, Tarboro  
John R. Friday, Lincolnton  
Peter W. Hairston, Advance  
Darius B. Herring, Jr., Fayetteville  
Hamilton H. Hobgood, Louisburg  
Harvey A. Lupton, Winston-Salem

John D. McConnell, Pinehurst  
Henry A. McKinnon, Jr., Lumberton  
D. Marsh McLelland, Burlington  
Hollis M. Owens, Jr., Rutherfordton  
J. Herbert Small, Elizabeth City  
L. Bradford Tillery, Wilmington  
Edward K. Washington, High Point

#### The Conference of Superior Court Judges (Executive Committee as of June 30, 1992)

Julius A. Rousseau, Jr., North Wilkesboro, *President*  
Forrest A. Ferrell, Hickory, *President-Elect*  
W. Douglas Albright, Greensboro, *Vice-President*  
E. Lynn Johnson, Fayetteville, *Secretary-Treasurer*  
Giles R. Clark, Elizabethtown, *Immediate Past-President*

#### *Additional Executive Committee Members:*

David E. Reid, Jr., Greenville  
Anthony M. Brannon, Durham  
Joseph R. John, Sr., Greensboro

#### *Ex Officio Members:*

Robert H. Hobgood, Louisburg  
Chase B. Saunders, Charlotte



Judge Julius A. Rousseau, Jr.

## THE SUPERIOR COURTS

North Carolina's superior courts are the general jurisdiction trial courts for the state. In 1991-92, there were 82 "resident" superior court judges elected by Statewide ballot to office for eight-year terms in the 60 superior court districts. In addition, one "special" superior court judge has been appointed by the Governor.

### Jurisdiction

The superior court has original jurisdiction in all felony cases and in those misdemeanor cases specified under G.S. 7A-271. (Most misdemeanors are tried first in the district court, from which conviction 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 the trial of civil cases where the amount in controversy exceeds \$10,000, and it has jurisdiction over appeals from administrative agencies except for county game commissions, from which appeals are heard in district court, and from the Industrial Commission, the Commissioner of Insurance, the North Carolina State Bar, the Property Tax Commission, the Department of Human Resources, the Commissioner of Banks, the Administrator of Savings and Loans, the Governor's Waste Management Board, and the Utilities Commission. Appeals from these agencies lie directly to the North Carolina Court of Appeals (except for Utilities Commission general rate cases, which go directly to the Supreme Court). 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 court, or probate and estates matters and certain special proceedings heard first by the clerk of superior court. Rulings of the clerk are within the appellate jurisdiction of the superior court.

### Administration

The 100 counties in North Carolina are grouped into 60 superior court districts. Some superior court districts comprise one county; some comprise two or more counties; and the more populous counties are divided among a "set of districts," composed of two or more districts created for purposes of election of superior court judges. Each district has at least one resident superior court judge who has certain administrative responsibilities for his or her home district, such as providing for civil case calendaring procedures. (Criminal case calendars are prepared by the district attorneys.) In districts or sets of districts with more than one

resident superior court judge, the judge senior in service on the superior court bench exercises these supervisory powers.

The superior court districts are grouped into four divisions for the rotation of superior court judges, as shown on the preceding superior court district map. Within the division, resident superior court judges are required to rotate among the superior court districts and hold court for at least six months in each, then move on to their next assignment. The 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 (of one 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 sessions about every week in the year.

### Expenditures

A total of \$20,272,639 was expended on the operations of the superior courts during the 1991-92 fiscal year. This included the salaries and travel expenses for the 83 superior court judges, and salaries and expenses for trial court administrators, court reporters and secretarial staff for superior court judges. Expenditures for the superior courts amounted to 9.2% of all General Fund expenditures for operation of the entire Judicial Department during the 1991-92 fiscal year.

### Caseload

Including both civil and criminal cases, 147,219 cases were filed in the superior courts during 1991-92, an increase of 11,800 cases (8.7%) from the total of 135,419 cases that were filed in 1990-91. There were increases in filings in civil cases (1.1%) and felony cases (16.0%), while misdemeanor filings decreased slightly (0.6%).

Superior court case dispositions increased from 129,302 in 1990-91 to 138,711 in 1991-92. Dispositions in felony cases increased (by 14.1%), while dispositions in civil and misdemeanor cases decreased slightly (by 1.4% and 0.5% respectively).

More detailed information on the flow of cases through the superior courts is included in Part IV of this Report.

## DISTRICT COURT JUDGES\*

(As of June 30, 1992)

### District

- 1 Grafton G. Beaman, Elizabeth City  
John R. Parker, Manteo  
Janice M. Cole, Hertford
- 2 Hallett S. Ward, Washington  
James W. Hardison, Williamston  
Samuel G. Grimes, Washington
- 3A E. Burt Aycock, Jr., Greenville  
James E. Martin, Grifton  
David A. Leech, Greenville
- 3B James E. Ragan III, Oriental  
Willie L. Lumpkin III, Morehead City  
George L. Wainwright, Morehead City  
Jerry F. Waddell, New Bern
- 4 Kenneth W. Turner, Rose Hill  
Stephen M. Williamson, Kenansville  
William M. Cameron, Jr., Jacksonville  
Wayne G. Kimble, Jr., Jacksonville  
Leonard W. Thagard, Clinton  
Paul A. Hardison, Jacksonville
- 5 Jacqueline Morris-Goodson, Wilmington  
Elton Glenn Tucker, Wilmington  
John W. Smith, Wilmington  
W. Allen Cobb, Jr., Wilmington  
Julius H. Corpening, Wilmington  
Shelley S. Holt, Wilmington
- 6A Nicholas Long, Roanoke Rapids  
Harold P. McCoy, Scotland Neck
- 6B Alfred W. Kwasikpui, Jackson  
Thomas R. Newbern, Aulander
- 7 George Britt, Tarboro  
Allen W. Harrell, Wilson  
Albert S. Thomas, Jr., Wilson  
Sarah F. Patterson, Rocky Mount  
Joseph J. Harper, Jr., Tarboro  
M. Alexander Biggs, Jr., Rocky Mount
- 8 J. Patrick Exum, Kinston  
Arnold O. Jones, Goldsboro  
Kenneth R. Ellis, Goldsboro  
Rodney R. Goodman, Kinston  
Joseph E. Setzer, Jr., Goldsboro
- 9 Claude W. Allen, Jr., Oxford  
Charles W. Wilkinson, Jr., Oxford  
J. Larry Senter, Franklinton  
H. Weldon Lloyd, Jr., Henderson  
Pattie S. Harrison, Roxboro

### District

- 10 Stafford G. Bullock, Raleigh  
Russell G. Sherrill III, Raleigh  
Louis W. Payne, Jr., Raleigh  
William A. Creech, Raleigh  
Joyce A. Hamilton, Raleigh  
Fred M. Morelock, Raleigh  
Jerry W. Leonard, Raleigh  
Donald W. Overby, Raleigh  
James R. Fullwood, Raleigh  
Anne B. Salisbury, Raleigh  
William C. Lawton, Raleigh
- 11 William A. Christian, Sanford  
Edward H. McCormick, Lillington  
O. Henry Willis, Jr., Dunn  
Samuel S. Stephenson, Angier  
Tyson Y. Dobson, Jr., Smithfield  
Albert A. Corbett, Jr., Smithfield
- 12 Sol G. Cherry, Fayetteville  
A. Elizabeth Keever, Fayetteville  
Patricia Timmons-Goodson, Fayetteville  
John S. Hair, Jr., Fayetteville  
James F. Ammons, Jr., Fayetteville  
Andrew R. Dempster, Fayetteville
- 13 D. Jack Hooks, Jr., Whiteville  
Jerry A. Jolly, Tabor City  
David G. Wall, Elizabethtown  
Napoleon B. Barefoot, Jr., Bolivia
- 14 Kenneth C. Titus, Durham  
David Q. LaBarre, Durham  
Richard Chaney, Durham  
Carolyn D. Johnson, Durham  
William Y. Manson, Durham
- 15A James K. Washburn, Burlington  
Spencer B. Ennis, Burlington  
Ernest J. Harviel, Burlington
- 15B Patricia S. Love, Chapel Hill  
Stanley S. Peele, Chapel Hill  
Lowry M. Betts, Pittsboro
- 16A Warren L. Pate, Raeford  
William C. McIlwain III, Wagram
- 16B Charles G. McLean, Lumberton  
Herbert L. Richardson, Lumberton  
Gary L. Locklear, Pembroke  
Robert F. Floyd, Jr., Fairmont  
J. Stanley Carmical, Lumberton

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

# DISTRICT COURT JUDGES\*

(As of June 30, 1992)

District	District
17A Robert R. Blackwell, Yanceyville Philip W. Allen, Yanceyville Janeice B. Williams, Reidsville	24 Robert H. Lacey, Newland R. Alexander Lyerly, Banner Elk Claude Smith, Boone
17B Jerry Cash Martin, Mount Airy Clarence W. Carter, King Otis M. Oliver, Mount Airy	25 L. Oliver Noble, Jr., Hickory Timothy S. Kincaid, Newton Ronald E. Bogle, Hickory Jonathan L. Jones, Valdese Nancy L. Einstein, Lenoir Robert E. Hodges, Morganton Robert M. Brady, Lenoir
18 J. Bruce Morton, Greensboro William L. Daisy, Greensboro Edmund Lowe, High Point Sherry F. Alloway, Greensboro Lawrence C. McSwain, Greensboro William A. Vaden, Greensboro Thomas G. Foster, Jr., Greensboro Joseph E. Turner, Greensboro Donald L. Boone, High Point Ben D. Haines, Greensboro	26 James E. Lanning, Charlotte L. Stanley Brown, Charlotte William G. Jones, Charlotte Daphene L. Cantrell, Charlotte William H. Scarborough, Charlotte Resa L. Harris, Charlotte Richard A. Elkins, Charlotte Marilyn R. Bissell, Charlotte Richard D. Boner, Charlotte H. Brent McKnight, Charlotte H. William Constangy, Jr., Charlotte Jane V. Harper, Charlotte Fritz Y. Mercer, Jr., Charlotte
19A Adam C. Grant, Jr., Concord Clarence E. Horton, Jr., Kannapolis	27A Larry B. Langson, Gastonia Timothy L. Patti, Gastonia Harley B. Gaston, Jr., Belmont Catherine C. Stevens, Gastonia Daniel J. Walton, Gastonia
19B William M. Neely, Asheboro Vance B. Long, Asheboro Michael A. Sabiston, Troy	27B George W. Hamrick, Shelby James T. Bowen III, Lincolnton J. Keaton Fonvielle, Shelby James W. Morgan, Shelby
19C Frank M. Montgomery, Salisbury Anna Mills Wagoner, Salisbury	28 Earl J. Fowler, Jr., Arden Peter L. Roda, Asheville Gary S. Cash, Fletcher Shirley H. Brown, Asheville Rebecca B. Knight, Asheville
20 Donald R. Huffman, Wadesboro Kenneth W. Honeycutt, Monroe Ronald W. Burris, Albemarle Michael E. Beale, Pinehurst Tanya T. Wallace, Rockingham Susan C. Taylor, Albemarle	29 Thomas N. Hix, Hendersonville Steven F. Franks, Hendersonville Robert S. Cilley, Brevard Donald F. Coats, Marion
21 James A. Harrill, Jr., Winston-Salem Robert Kason Keiger, Winston-Salem Roland H. Hayes, Winston-Salem William B. Reingold, Winston-Salem Loretta C. Biggs, Kernersville Margaret L. Sharpe, Winston-Salem Chester C. Davis, Winston-Salem	30 John J. Snow, Jr., Murphy Danny E. Davis, Waynesville Steven J. Bryant, Bryson City
22 Robert W. Johnson, Statesville Samuel A. Cathey, Statesville George T. Fuller, Lexington Kimberly T. Harbinson, Taylorsville James M. Honeycutt, Lexington Jessie A. Conley, Statesville	
23 Samuel L. Osborne, Wilkesboro Edgar B. Gregory, Wilkesboro Michael E. Helms, Wilkesboro	

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## DISTRICT COURT JUDGES

**The Association of District Court Judges**  
(Officers as of June 30, 1992)

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Kenneth C. Titus, Durham  
Lawrence C. McSwain, Greensboro  
L. Stanley Brown, Charlotte  
A. Elizabeth Keever, Fayetteville  
Patricia Timmons-Goodson, Fayetteville  
Danny E. Davis, Waynesville  
Russell G. Sherrill III, Raleigh  
David LaBarre, Durham



Judge Patricia S. Love

## 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 179 district court judges serving in 38 district court districts during 1991-92. These judges are elected to four-year terms by the voters of their respective districts.

A total of 653 magistrate positions were authorized as of June 30, 1992. Of this number, 48 positions were specified as part-time. 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 felony cases, all juvenile proceedings, involuntary commitments and recommitments to mental health hospitals, and domestic relations cases. Effective September 1, 1986, the General Assembly decriminalized many minor traffic offenses. Such offenses, previously charged as misdemeanors, are now "infractions," defined as non-criminal violations of law not punishable by imprisonment. The district court division has original jurisdiction for all infraction cases. The district courts have concurrent jurisdiction with the superior courts in general civil cases, but the district courts are the proper courts for the trial of civil cases where the amount in controversy is \$10,000 or less. Upon the plaintiff's request, a civil case in which the amount in controversy is \$2,000 or less, may be designated a "small claims" case and assigned by the chief district court judge to a magistrate for hearing. Magistrates are empowered to hear and enter judgments as directed by the chief district court judge in criminal worthless check cases when the amount of the check does not exceed \$2,000, provided that the sentence imposed does not exceed 30 days. In addition, they may accept written appearances, waivers of trial, and pleas of guilty, and enter judgments as the chief district court judge directs, in certain littering cases, and in worthless check cases when the amount of the check is \$2,000 or less, the offender has made restitution, and the warrant does not charge a fourth or subsequent worthless check violation. Magistrates may also accept waivers of appearance, pleas of guilty or admissions of responsibility, and enter judgments in misdemeanor or infraction cases involving certain alcohol, traffic, hunting, fishing, and boating offenses in accordance with a uniform schedule adopted by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges. In other misdemeanor and infraction cases, where the punishment cannot exceed imprisonment for 30 days or a \$50 fine or penalty, magistrates may accept guilty pleas or admissions of responsibility and enter judgment. Magistrates may also conduct initial appearances, grant bail before trial in noncapital cases, and issue arrest and search warrants.

### Administration

A chief district court judge is appointed for each district court 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 the district. Each chief judge is responsible for scheduling sessions of district court and assigning judges, supervising the calendaring of non-criminal 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.

The 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, guilty pleas, and admissions of responsibility.

### Expenditures

Total expenditures for the operation of the district courts in 1991-92 amounted to \$38,576,178. Included in this total are the personnel costs of court reporters and secretaries as well as the personnel costs of the 179 district court judges and 653 magistrates. The 1991-92 total for the district courts is 17.5% of the General Fund expenditures for the operation of the entire Judicial Department, compared to an 18.2% share of total Judicial Department expenditures in the 1990-91 fiscal year.

### Caseload

During 1991-92 the statewide total number of district court filings (civil and criminal) increased by 41,340 cases (1.8%) from the total number reported for 1990-91. Not including juvenile proceedings and mental health hospital commitment hearings, a total of 2,294,688 cases were filed in 1991-92, compared to 2,253,348 total filings in 1990-91. Most of this increase is attributable to a 6.4% increase in infraction filings, from 651,728 in 1990-91 to 693,396 in 1991-92. Criminal non-motor vehicle case filings decreased by 0.1% (632 cases) during 1991-92. Considering criminal motor vehicle and infraction cases together, there was an increase of 41,036 cases (3.6%) from the number of such cases filed in 1990-91. Domestic relations case filings increased by 7,893 cases (9.2%), from 85,331 in 1990-91 to 93,224 in 1991-92. Filings of civil magistrate cases decreased by 18,920 cases (6.8%) from the number filed in '90-91, and filings of general civil cases decreased by 4,125 cases (6.6%).

## The District Courts, Continued

**The Conference of Chief District Court Judges**  
(Officers as of June 30, 1992)

George W. Hamrick, Shelby, *President*

J. Bruce Morton, Greensboro, *Vice-President*

William A. Christian, Sanford, *Secretary-Treasurer*



Judge George W. Hamrick



## DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

(As of June 30, 1992)

### Prosecutorial District

1 H. P. WILLIAMS, JR., Elizabeth City  
2 MITCHELL D. NORTON, Washington  
3A THOMAS D. HAIGWOOD, Greenville  
3B W. DAVID McFADYEN, JR., New Bern  
4 WILLIAM H. ANDREWS, Jacksonville  
5 JERRY L. SPIVEY, Wilmington  
6A W. ROBERT CAUDLE II, Halifax  
6B DAVID H. BEARD, JR., Murfreesboro  
7 HOWARD S. BONEY, JR., Tarboro  
8 DONALD JACOBS, Goldsboro  
9 DAVID R. WATERS, Oxford  
10 C. COLON WILLOUGHBY, JR., Raleigh  
11 THOMAS H. LOCK, Smithfield  
12 EDWARD W. GRANNIS, JR., Fayetteville  
13 REX GORE, Bolivia  
14 RONALD L. STEPHENS, Durham  
15A STEVE A. BALOG, Graham  
15B CARL R. FOX, Pittsboro  
16A JEAN E. POWELL, Raeford

### Prosecutorial District

16B JOHN R. TOWNSEND, Lumberton  
17A THURMAN B. HAMPTON, Wentworth  
17B JAMES L. DELLINGER, JR., Dobson  
18 HORACE M. KIMEL, JR., Greensboro  
19A WILLIAM D. KENERLY, Concord  
19B GARLAND N. YATES, Asheboro  
20 CARROLL LOWDER, Monroe  
21 THOMAS J. KEITH, Winston-Salem  
22 H. W. ZIMMERMAN, JR., Lexington  
23 MICHAEL A. ASHBURN, North Wilkesboro  
24 JAMES THOMAS RUSHER, Boone  
25 ROBERT E. THOMAS, Newton  
26 PETER S. GILCHRIST, Charlotte  
27A MICHAEL K. LANDS, Gastonia  
27B WILLIAM C. YOUNG, Shelby  
28 RONALD L. MOORE, Asheville  
29 ALAN C. LEONARD, Rutherfordton  
30 CHARLES W. HIPPS, Waynesville

## THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

### The Conference of District Attorneys (Executive Committee as of June 30, 1992)

C. Colon Willoughby, Jr., *President*  
Horace M. Kimel, Jr., *President-Elect*  
Thomas D. Haigwood, *Vice-President*  
W. David McFadyen, Jr., *Past-President*  
Donald M. Jacobs  
H. W. Zimmerman, Jr.  
James T. Rusher

### The District Attorneys Association (Officers as of June 30, 1992)

C. Colon Willoughby, Jr., Raleigh, *President*  
Horace M. Kimel, Jr., Greensboro, *President-Elect*  
Thomas D. Haigwood, Greenville, *Vice-President*  
Deborah Shandles, Raleigh, *Secretary-Treasurer*



District Attorney  
C. Colon Willoughby, Jr.

## THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

The State is divided into 37 prosecutorial districts which, with one exception, correspond to the 38 district court districts. The counties in District Court Districts 19A and 19C comprise single Prosecutorial District 19A. Prosecutorial Districts are shown on the map in Part II of this *Report*. A district attorney is elected by the voters in each of the 37 districts for four-year terms.

### Duties

The district attorney represents the State in all criminal actions brought in the superior and district courts in the district, and is responsible for ensuring that infraction cases are prosecuted efficiently. In addition to prosecutorial functions, the district attorney is responsible for calendaring criminal cases for trial.

### Resources

Each district attorney may employ on a full-time basis the number of assistant district attorneys authorized by statute for the district. As of June 30, 1992, a total of 267 assistant district attorneys were authorized for the 37 prosecutorial districts. The district attorney of District 26 (Mecklenburg County) had the largest staff (22 assistants) and the district attorney of three districts (Districts 6A, 6B, and 16A) had the smallest staff (two assistants).

Each district attorney is authorized to employ an administrative assistant to aid in preparing cases for trial and to expedite the criminal court docket. The district attorney in 18 districts is authorized to employ an investigational assistant who aids in the investigation of cases prior to trial. All district attorneys are authorized to employ at least one victim and witness assistant.

### Expenditures

A total of \$25,016,541 was expended in 1991-92 for the 37 district attorney offices. In addition, a total of \$78,890 was expended for the District Attorney's Conference and its staff.

### 1991-92 Caseload

A total of 126,673 criminal cases were filed in the superior courts during 1991-92, consisting of 85,748 felony cases and 40,925 misdemeanor cases; all but 8,963 of the misdemeanors were appeals from the district courts. The total number of criminal filings in the superior courts in 1990-91 was 115,099. The increase of 11,574 cases in 1991-92 represents a 10.1% increase over the 1990-91 total. All of this increase was attributable to a substantial increase in felony case filings. Felony filings in the superior courts increased by 16.0%, from 73,908 in 1990-91 to 85,748 in 1991-92. There was a small decrease of 0.6% (266 cases) in filings of misdemeanors, from 41,191 in 1990-91 to 40,925 in 1991-92.

A total of 119,256 criminal cases were disposed of in the superior courts during 1991-92. There were 79,680 felony dispositions, and 39,576 misdemeanor dispositions. In 1991-92, total criminal case dispositions increased by 9,684 cases (8.8%) over the 109,572 cases disposed of in 1990-91. Felony dispositions increased by 14.1% (9,867 cases) during 1991-92 compared to 1990-91, and misdemeanor dispositions decreased by 0.5% (183 cases).

The median ages of criminal cases at disposition in the superior courts during 1991-92 were 97 days for felony cases and 80 days for misdemeanor cases. In 1990-91, the median age of felony cases at disposition was 96 days, and the median age at disposition for misdemeanor cases was 83 days.

The number of criminal cases disposed of by jury trial in the superior courts increased from 2,959 in 1990-91 to 3,109 in 1991-92, an increase of 5.1%. As in past years, the proportion of total criminal cases disposed by jury was relatively small, 2.7% in 1990-91 compared to 2.6% in 1991-92. However, the relatively small number of cases disposed by jury requires a great proportion of the superior court time and resources devoted to handling the criminal caseload.

In contrast, in 1991-92 a majority (66,197 or 55.5%) of criminal case dispositions in superior courts were processed on submission of guilty pleas, not requiring a trial. This percentage represents a small increase from the proportion of guilty plea dispositions reported for 1990-91 (54.4%).

"Dismissal by district attorney" accounted for a significant percentage of all criminal case dispositions in superior court during 1991-92, a total of 35,709 cases, or 29.9% of all dispositions. This proportion is comparable to that reported for prior years (29.8% in 1990-91). Many of the dismissals involved the situation of two or more cases pending against the same defendant, where the defendant pleads guilty to some charges and other charges are dismissed.

The total number of criminal cases filed in the superior courts during 1991-92 was 7,417 cases greater than the total number of cases disposed during the year. Consequently, the number of criminal cases pending in superior court increased from 47,544 at the beginning of the fiscal year, to 54,961 pending cases at the end of the year, an increase of 15.6%.

The median age of felony cases pending in the superior courts increased from 110 days on June 30, 1991, to 119 days on June 30, 1992. The median age of pending misdemeanor cases increased from 100 days on June 30, 1991, to 116 days on June 30, 1992.

In the district courts, a total of 1,816,327 criminal cases and infractions were filed during 1991-92. This total consisted of 493,342 criminal motor vehicle cases, 693,396 infraction cases, and 629,589 criminal non-motor

## The District Attorneys, Continued

vehicle cases. Compared with total filings in 1990-91 (1,755,988), total filings in 1991-92 increased by 60,339 cases, or 3.4%. Filings of criminal non-motor vehicle cases increased by 19,303 cases (3.2%), from 610,286 cases in 1990-91 to 629,589 cases in 1991-92. Filings of motor vehicle plus infraction cases increased by 41,036 cases (3.6%), from 1,145,702 in 1990-91 to 1,186,738 in 1991-92.

Total dispositions of motor vehicle and infraction cases in the district courts amounted to 1,180,565 cases during 1991-92 (498,951 motor vehicle dispositions and 681,614 infraction dispositions). This total amounts to a 2.9% increase above the number of such cases disposed during 1990-91 (a total of 1,147,659 cases, 486,812 criminal motor vehicle cases and 660,847 infractions). As in prior years, a substantial portion of such cases was disposed by waiver of appearance and entry of pleas of guilty (or "responsibility" in infraction cases) before a clerk or magistrate. During 1991-92, 521,857 motor vehicle and infraction cases (44.2%) were disposed by waiver. This substantial number of cases did not require action by the district attorneys' offices and should not be regarded as having been a part of the district attorneys' caseload. The remaining 658,708 infraction and motor vehicle cases (253,799 infraction and 404,909 motor vehicle cases) were disposed by means other than waiver, and were a part of the district attorneys' workload. This balance was a decrease of 3,733 cases (0.6%) compared to the 662,441 motor vehicle and infraction dispositions that were not disposed by waiver in 1990-91.

With respect to non-motor vehicle criminal case dispositions, a total of 624,649 such cases were disposed of in district courts in 1991-92, an increase of 19,363 cases (3.2%) compared to the 605,286 such dispositions in 1990-91. As with superior court criminal cases, the most frequent method of disposition was by entry of guilty plea and the next most frequent was dismissal by the district attorney. A total of 217,885 cases, or 34.9% of the dispositions, were by guilty pleas. An additional 186,378 cases, 29.8% of the total, were disposed of by prosecutor dismissal. The remaining cases were disposed of by waiver (10.2%), trial (6.1%), as a felony probable cause matter (11.8%), or by other means (7.2%).

During 1991-92, the median age at disposition of criminal non-motor vehicle cases was 36 days. The median age at disposition for these cases in 1990-91 was 34 days.

During 1991-92, filings of criminal non-motor vehicle cases in the district courts exceeded dispositions by 4,940 cases. The number of non-motor vehicle criminal cases pending at year's end was 133,611, compared with a total of 128,671 that were pending at the beginning of the year, an increase of 3.8% in the number of pending cases. The median age of pending non-motor vehicle cases on June 30, 1992, was 64 days, about the same as the median age of such cases pending on June 30, 1991, 65 days.

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

# CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT

(As of June 30, 1992)

COUNTY	CLERK OF COURT	COUNTY	CLERK OF COURT
Alamance	Louise B. Wilson	Johnston	Will R. Crocker
Alexander	Seth Chapman	Jones	Ronald H. Metts
Alleghany	Rebecca J. Gambill	Lee	Lucille H. York
Anson	R. Frank Hightower	Lenoir	Claude C. Davis
Ashe	Jerry L. Roten	Lincoln	Pamela C. Huskey
Avery	Robert F. Taylor	Macon	Anna I. Carson
Beaufort	Thomas S. Payne III	Madison	James W. Cody
Bertie	John Tyler	Martin	Phyllis G. Pearson
Bladen	Hilda H. Coleman	McDowell	Ruth B. Williams
Brunswick	Diana R. Morgan	Mecklenburg	Martha H. Curran
Buncombe	Robert H. Christy, Jr.	Mitchell	Linda D. Woody
Burke	Iva C. Rhoney	Montgomery	Charles M. Johnson
Cabarrus	Estus B. White	Moore	Rachel H. Comer
Caldwell	Jeanette Turner	Nash	Rachel M. Joyner
Camden	Catherine W. McCoy	New Hanover	Brenda A. Haraldson
Carteret	Darlene Leonard	Northampton	David C. Bridgers
Caswell	Janet H. Cobb	Onslow	Edward T. Cole, Sr.
Catawba	Barbara M. Towery	Orange	Shirley L. James
Chatham	Janice Oldham	Paralico	Mary Jo Potter
Cherokee	Rose Mary Crooke	Pasquotank	Frances W. Thompson
Chowan	Marjorie H. Hollowell	Pender	Frances D. Basden
Clay	James H. McClure	Perquimans	Lois G. Godwin
Cleveland	Linda C. Thrift	Person	W. Thomas Humphries
Columbus	Linda P. Lanier	Pitt	Sandra Gaskins
Craven	Jean W. Boyd	Polk	Judy P. Arledge
Cumberland	George T. Griffin	Randolph	Lynda B. Skeen
Currituck	Sheila R. Romm	Richmond	Catherine S. Wilson
Dare	Betty Mann	Robeson	Dixie I. Barrington
Davidson	Martha S. Nicholson	Rockingham	Frankie C. Williams
Davie	Kenneth D. Boger	Rowan	Edward P. Norvell
Duplin	John A. Johnson	Rutherford	Keith H. Melton
Durham	James Leo Carr	Sampson	Charlie T. McCullen
Edgecombe	Carol A. White	Scotland	C. Whitfield Gibson, Jr.
Forsyth	Frances P. Storey	Stanly	David R. Fisher
Franklin	Ralph S. Knott	Stokes	William F. Southern, Jr.
Gaston	Betty B. Jenkins	Surry	Patricia C. Todd
Gates	Terry L. Riddick	Swain	Sara Robinson
Graham	Vicki L. Teem	Transylvania	Marian M. McMahon
Granville	Mary Ruth C. Nelms	Tyrrell	Nathan T. Everett
Greene	Joyce L. Harrell	Union	Nola H. McCollum
Guilford	Estie C. Bennington	Vance	Lucy Longmire
Halifax	Hayes Neathery	Wake	John M. Kennedy
Harnett	Georgia Lee Brown	Warren	Richard E. Hunter, Jr.
Haywood	William G. Henry	Washington	Timothy L. Spear
Henderson	Thomas H. Thompson	Watauga	Mary K. Sutherland
Hertford	Shirley G. Johnson	Wayne	David B. Brantly
Hoke	Juanita Edmund	Wilkes	Wayne Roope
Hyde	Lenora R. Bright	Wilson	John L. Whitley
Iredell	Betty J. Baity	Yadkin	Harold J. Long
Jackson	Frank Watson, Jr.	Yancey	F. Warren Hughes

## THE CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT

**Association of Clerks of Superior Court**  
(Officers as of June 30, 1992)

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*President*

Georgia Lee Brown, Harnett County  
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Thomas S. Payne III, Beaufort County  
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Judy P. Arledge, Polk County  
*Immediate Past-President*



C. Whitfield Gibson, Jr.

## THE CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT

A Clerk of Superior Court is elected for a four-year term 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 the county.

### Jurisdiction

The original jurisdiction of the clerks 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.

In proceedings before them, the clerks have authority to issue subpoenas and other process, including orders to show cause, and otherwise exercise control of such proceedings, including through certain contempt powers. Clerks administer oaths, take acknowledgment and proof of execution of instruments or writings, issue arrest warrants valid throughout the state and search warrants valid throughout the county, and may conduct initial appearances and fix conditions of release in noncapital cases.

The clerk of superior court is also empowered to issue subpoenas and other process necessary to execute the judgments entered in the superior and district courts of the county. For certain misdemeanor offenses and infractions, the clerk is authorized to accept defendants' waivers of appearance and pleas of guilty or admissions of responsibility and to impose penalties or fines 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 the 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 continues to perform certain functions related to preparation of civil case calendars, and in many counties, the clerk's staff assists the district attorney in preparing criminal case calendars as well. Policy and oversight responsibility for civil case calendaring is vested in the State's senior resident superior court judges and chief district court judges. However, day-to-day civil calendar preparation is the clerk's responsibility in all districts except those served by trial court administrators.

### Expenditures

A total of \$64,191,989 was expended in 1991-92 for the operation of the 100 clerk of superior court offices. In addition to the salaries and other expenses of the clerks and their staffs, this total includes expenditures for jurors' fees and witness expenses. Total expenditures for clerk's offices in 1991-92 amounted to 29.0% of the General Fund expenditures for the operations of the entire Judicial Department.

### 1991-92 Caseload

During 1991-92, estate filings totaled 47,634, a 1.9% increase from the 46,735 estate cases filed in 1990-91. Estate case dispositions totaled 46,987 in 1991-92, or 2.3% more than the previous year's total of 45,920.

A total of 51,634 special proceedings were filed before the 100 clerks of superior court in 1991-92. This was a 3.9% increase from the 49,689 estate cases filed during 1990-91. Special proceedings dispositions decreased by 1.3% (575 cases), from 42,783 during 1990-91, to 42,208 during 1991-92.

The clerks of superior court are also responsible for handling the records of all case filings and dispositions in the superior and district courts. The total number of superior court case filings during the 1991-92 year was 147,219 (not including estates and special proceedings), and the total number of district court filings, not including juvenile proceedings and mental health hospital commitment hearings, was 2,294,688.

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

## TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATORS

(As of June 30, 1992)

Districts 3A (Pitt County) and 3B (Carteret, Craven, and Pamlico Counties)  
William W. Nicholls, Jr.

Districts 4A (Duplin, Jones, and Sampson Counties; district court only) and  
4B (Onslow County; superior and district court)  
Carroll Edmundson

District 5 (New Hanover and Pender Counties)  
Celia Smith

District 10 (Wake County)  
Sallie B. Dunn

District 12 (Cumberland County)  
Kimbrell Tucker

District 13 (Bladen, Brunswick, and Columbus Counties)  
Steven H. Foster

District 14 (Durham County)  
Michael A. DiMichele

District 21 (Forsyth County)  
Jane Clare

District 26 (Mecklenburg County)  
Todd Nuccio

District 27A (Gaston County)  
Arthur J. Bernardino

District 28 (Buncombe County)  
Burton W. Butler

District 29 (Henderson, McDowell, Polk, Rutherford, and Transylvania Counties)  
Jerry Brewer

### NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF COURT ADMINISTRATORS

(Officers as of June 30, 1992)

William W. Nicholls, Jr., *President*

Todd Nuccio, *Secretary-Treasurer*

Michael A. DiMichele, *Bulletin Editor*



William W. Nicholls, Jr.



## TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATORS

Responsibilities for managing the day-to-day administrative operations of the trial courts are placed by statute and by delegation of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court with senior resident superior court judges and chief district court judges. Within each district, these officials have considerable discretion in managing the operation of their respective courts, including such areas as civil case calendaring, jury utilization, and establishing and managing local rules.

In 1977, the Administrative Office of the Courts received a grant of federal funds to establish the position of trial court administrator as a pilot project in three districts. The trial court administrators provided professional assistance to court officials in managing trial court operations. Following favorable experience in the pilot project, in 1979 the General Assembly established state-funded positions in three judicial districts. Since 1979, additional positions have been established in other districts designated by the Administrative Office of the Courts under G.S. 7A-355. At present, twelve trial court administrators serve fourteen superior court districts, encompassing twenty-five counties (although the trial court administrator serving the three counties in District 4A handles only district court matters).

The general duties of trial court administrators, set forth in G.S. 7A-356, are to assist in managing civil dockets, improve jury utilization, and perform such

other duties as may be assigned by the senior resident superior court judge or other judges designated by the senior resident judge. The specific duties and responsibilities assigned to trial court administrators vary from district to district, reflecting the priorities of local court officials and the demands of the local environment.

Trial court administrators coordinate alternative methods of dispute resolution including arbitration, summary jury trials, custody mediation, and mediated settlement conferences, manage certain indigent defense programs, such as indigency screening, and serve as a technical resource to other court officials, including the chief district court judge, clerk of superior court, district attorney, and public defender. Trial court administrators are often given the responsibility to coordinate the court's involvement in issues relating to court facilities, pretrial release programs, and jails, and frequently serve as the court's liaison with other governmental and private organizations, the press, and the public.

Following screening by the Administrative Office of the Courts, trial court administrators are appointed by and serve under the general supervision of the senior resident superior court judge of their respective districts. During 1991-92, twelve trial court administrators served the following superior court districts: 3A, 3B, 4A (district court matters only), 4B, 5, 10, 12, 13, 14, 21, 26, 27A, 28, and 29.

## PUBLIC DEFENDERS

During 1991-92, there were eleven public defender offices in North Carolina, serving Defender Districts 3A, 3B, 12, 14, 15B, 16A, 16B, 18, 26, 27A, and 28. Public defenders in all districts except District 16B are appointed by the senior resident superior court judge of the superior court district or set of districts which includes the county or counties of the defender district; appointments are made from a list of not less than two and not more than three nominees submitted by written ballot of the licensed attorneys resident in the defender district.\* Their terms are four years. Public defenders are entitled by statute to the numbers of full or part-time assistants and investigators as may be authorized by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

### Entitlement of Indigents to Counsel

A person is "indigent" if "financially unable to secure legal representation." An indigent person is entitled to State-paid legal representation in the proceedings listed in G.S. 7A-451, including any case in which imprisonment or a fine of \$500 or more is likely to be adjudged; juvenile proceedings which may result in confinement, transfer to superior court for trial on a felony charge, or termination of parental rights; proceedings alleging mental illness or incapacity which may result in hospitalization or sterilization; extradition proceedings; certain probation or parole revocation hearings; and certain requests for post-conviction relief from a criminal judgment.

In public defender districts, most representation of indigents is handled by the public defender's office. However, in certain circumstances, such as a potential conflict of interest, the court or the public defender may assign private counsel to represent an indigent. In areas of the state that are not served by a public defender office, indigents are represented by private counsel assigned by the court.

### Expenditures

A total of \$6,905,749 was expended for operation of the eleven public defender offices during 1991-92.

### 1991-92 Caseload

The eleven public defender offices disposed of cases involving a total of 38,251 indigent persons during 1991-92. This was an increase of 2,442 indigents, or 6.8% over the 35,809 represented to disposition during 1990-91.

Additional information concerning the operation of these offices is found in Part III of this *Annual Report*.

### Public Defenders (As of June 30, 1992)

- District 3A (Pitt County)  
Robert L. Shoffner, Jr., Greenville
- District 3B (Carteret County)  
Henry C. Boshamer, Beaufort
- District 12 (Cumberland County)  
Mary Ann Tally, Fayetteville
- District 14 (Durham County)  
Robert E. Brown, Jr., Durham
- District 15B (Orange and Chatham Counties)  
James E. Williams, Jr., Carrboro
- District 16A (Scotland and Hoke Counties)  
J. Graham King, Laurinburg
- District 16B (Robeson County)  
Angus B. Thompson II, Lumberton
- District 18 (Guilford County)  
Wallace C. Harrelson, Greensboro
- District 26 (Mecklenburg County)  
Isabel S. Day, Charlotte
- District 27A (Gaston County)  
Jesse B. Caldwell, Gastonia
- District 28 (Buncombe County)  
J. Robert Hufstader, Asheville

\*The public defender in District 16B is appointed by the resident superior court judge of Superior Court District 16B other than the senior resident superior court judge, from a list of not less than three names submitted by written ballot of the licensed attorneys who reside in the district.

## PUBLIC DEFENDERS

**The Association of Public Defenders**  
(Officers as of June 30, 1992)

Robert L. Ward, *President*

Ann Toney, *Vice-President*

Cynthia D. West, *Secretary-Treasurer*



Robert L. Ward

# THE OFFICE OF THE APPELLATE DEFENDER

(Staff as of June 30, 1992)

Malcolm Ray Hunter, Jr., *Appellate Defender*

## *Assistant Appellate Defenders*

Janine Crawley  
Benjamin Sendor  
Staples S. Hughes  
Susan White

Mark D. Montgomery  
Daniel R. Pollitt  
M. Gordon Widenhouse  
Constance H. Everhart

The Appellate Defender Office began operation as a State-funded program on October 1, 1981. (Prior to that date, appellate defender services were funded by a one-year federal grant.) The 1985 General Assembly made permanent the Appellate Defender Office by repealing its expiration provision. In accord with the assignments made by trial court judges, it is the responsibility of the Appellate Defender and staff to provide criminal defense appellate services to indigent persons who are appealing their convictions to the North Carolina Supreme Court, the North Carolina Court of Appeals, or to federal courts.

The Office of the Appellate Defender, through a combination of state and federal funding, also provides assistance to attorneys representing defendants in capital cases, and acts as counsel for defendants in other capital trials and post-conviction proceedings.

The Appellate Defender is appointed by and carries out the duties of the Office under the general supervision of the Chief Justice. The Chief Justice may, consistent with the resources available to the Appellate Defender and to insure quality criminal defense services, authorize certain appeals to be assigned to a local public defender office or to private assigned counsel instead of to the Appellate Defender.

## **1991-92 Caseload**

The Office of the Appellate Defender accepted appointment in a total of 92 appeals or petitions for writ of certiorari during the 1991-92 year. The Appellate Defender Office filed a total of 125 briefs in the North Carolina Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of North Carolina during the 1991-92 year.



Malcolm Ray Hunter, Jr.

# THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

July 1, 1991 — June 30, 1992

As part of the unified judicial system, the N.C. Constitution (Article IV, Section 15) provides for "an administrative office of the courts to carry out the provisions of this Article." The General Assembly has established the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) as the administrative arm of the Judicial Branch.

The Director of the AOC (also referred to as the Administrative Officer of the Courts) is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. The Director has the duty to carry out the many functions and responsibilities assigned by statute to the Director or to the AOC.

The Assistant Director of the AOC is also appointed by the Chief Justice, and serves as the administrative assistant to the Chief Justice. The duties of the Assistant Director include assisting the Chief Justice regarding assignment of superior court judges, assisting the Supreme Court in preparing calendars of superior court sessions, and performing such other duties as may be assigned by the Chief Justice or the Director of the AOC.

The basic responsibility of the AOC is to maintain an efficient and effective court system by providing administrative support statewide for the courts and for court-related offices. Among the AOC's specific duties are to establish fiscal policies for and prepare and administer the budget of the Judicial Branch; prescribe uniform administrative and business methods, forms, and records to be used by the clerks of superior court statewide; procure and distribute equipment, books, forms, and supplies for the court system; collect, compile, and publish statistical data and other information on the judicial and financial operations of the courts and related offices; determine the state of the dockets, evaluate the practices and procedures of the courts, and make recommendations for improvement of the operations of the court system; investigate, make recommendations concerning, and provide assistance to county authorities regarding the securing of adequate physical facilities for the courts; administer the payroll and other personnel-related needs of all Judicial Branch employees; carry out administrative duties relating to programs for legal representation of indigents; arrange for the printing and distribution of the published opinions of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals; and perform numerous other duties and responsibilities, including production of this *Annual Report*. Effective July 1, 1991, the AOC is also responsible for administration of the Community Penalties Program, which is summarized later in this *Report*.

The AOC is organized into eight divisions plus an Office of Legal Counsel and an Administrator of special projects. The operations of the Juvenile Services Division, relating to juvenile probation and aftercare, and the Office of Guardian ad Litem Services, relating to provision of guardians *ad litem* for juveniles, are summarized on following pages of this *Report*.

The Office of Legal Counsel advises and assists the Director of the AOC with contractual and other legal matters affecting the AOC and court operations, and with review of and recommendations concerning legislation that may impact the courts.

The Court Services Division identifies, develops, implements, and administers programs and procedures for supporting the day-to-day administrative operations of the trial courts in all 100 counties. Court offices and programs supported by the Court Services Division include the clerks of superior court, trial court administrators, court reporters, indigency screeners, and alternative dispute resolution programs. Among its other activities, the Court Services Division has primary responsibility for the maintenance and distribution of forms, and develops procedures and provides technical assistance in such areas as jury management, case calendaring and monitoring, facility planning, training programs, and records management, including the micro-filing and archiving of records.

The Fiscal Services Division assists the Director of the AOC with preparation and management of the budget for the entire Judicial Branch. This Division's responsibilities include collecting, processing, and disbursing all Judicial Branch funds, including court costs and fees, indigents' attorney fee payments and judgments, and sales of equipment and publications; processing the payrolls of all Judicial Branch employees; and developing and implementing accounting and auditing systems.

The Information Services Division (ISD) plans for, budgets for, and administers the information processing needs of the Judicial Branch. Its organizational mission is to provide comprehensive data processing, communications, and decision support to the court system statewide. ISD operates the AOC's Raleigh-based mainframe computer and develops and maintains the automated Court Information System (CIS). The CIS consists of computer-based systems that assist the trial courts in high-volume work areas, including civil indexing, criminal and infraction case processing, child support enforcement, cash receipting, and financial management. A rapidly growing part of automation improvement efforts is that of data-sharing across governmental agencies, including the Division of Criminal Information, State Highway Patrol, and Division of Motor Vehicles. Other ISD services include operating a 24-hour help desk, developing software, configuring and integrating local area networks and microcomputer workstations, operating data circuit and voice/telephone networks, and providing systems maintenance statewide. ISD also maintains the AOC's Statistical Reporting System, using statistics from the CIS to prepare and distribute periodic and special case management reports to court officials, including the case data reported in this *Annual Report*.

The Personnel Division administers the salary, benefits,

## The Administrative Office of the Courts, Continued

and other personnel-related affairs of the Judicial Branch, makes recommendations to the Director of the AOC concerning the pay scales and classification of employees, conducts or arranges for training of the AOC employees and managers, and carries out numerous other duties to enhance the recruitment, retention, productivity, and satisfaction of the AOC and other Judicial Branch employees.

The Purchasing Services Division procures all equipment, supplies, law books, publications, printing, binding, and contractual and other services for the Judicial Branch. The responsibilities of the Purchasing Services Division include oversight of the competitive bidding system in coordination with the Department of Administration, administration of Judicial Branch mail services, management of the AOC warehouse and print shop, maintenance of the AOC fixed asset system, and contracting for and handling of services for equipment maintenance.

The Research and Planning Division evaluates the practices, procedures, operations, and organization of the court system, and makes recommendations to the Director of the AOC regarding how the court system might best respond to present and future needs. On request of the AOC Director, the Research and Planning Division evaluates the impact of proposed legislation or other propo-

sals that may impact court operations, provides assistance and oversight for the production of AOC publications, and provides assistance to the counties in the evaluation of and planning for adequate physical facilities. The Research and Planning Division also provides oversight and support for the preparation and administration of grants in the Judicial Branch. The AOC's Judges' Legal Research Program, within the Research and Planning Division, provides legal research requested by trial court judges on issues that arise in civil and criminal cases.

The Special Projects Administrator, in coordination with other AOC divisions, develops, implements and manages special studies or projects in diverse areas of court operations, as requested by the Director of the AOC.

A total of \$12,743,302 was expended for AOC operations during 1991-92, representing 5.8% of total Judicial Branch expenditures. Of that total, 48.9% (\$6,233,259) was expended for the purchase and operation of computer equipment, management of automated systems, and operating expenses of the Information Services Division. The remaining 51.1% (\$6,510,043) of total AOC expenditures was for other AOC operations, including a total of \$499,868 for operation of the AOC warehouse and print shop.

### Administrative Office of the Courts

(As of June 30, 1992)

Franklin Freeman, Jr., *Director*

Dallas A. Cameron, Jr., *Assistant Director*

#### Division Administrators:

Thomas J. Andrews, *Counsel*

Daniel Becker, *Court Services*

Christopher A. Marks, *Fiscal Services*

Ilene Nelson, *Guardian ad Litem Services*

Francis J. Taillefer, *Information Services*

Thomas A. Danek, *Juvenile Services*

Ivan Hill, *Personnel Services*

Douglas Pearson, *Purchasing Services*

Rick Kane and LeAnn Wallace, *Research and Planning*

John Taylor, *Special Projects*



Franklin Freeman, Jr.

## JUVENILE SERVICES DIVISION

The Juvenile Services Division of the Administrative Office of the Courts provides intake, probation and aftercare services to juveniles who are before the District Courts for delinquency matters, *i.e.*, violations of the criminal code, including motor vehicle violations, and for undisciplined matters, such as running away from home, being truant, and being beyond the parents' disciplinary control.

Intake is the screening of complaints alleging delinquent or undisciplined behavior by children, to determine whether petitions should be filed. During the 1991-92 fiscal year a total of 34,929 complaints were brought to the attention of intake counselors. Of this number, 24,671 (70.6%) were approved for filing, and 10,258 (29.4%) were not approved for filing.

Probation and aftercare refer to supervision of children in their own communities. Probation is authorized by judicial order. Aftercare service is provided for juveniles after their release from a training school. (Protective supervision is also a form of court-ordered supervision within the community; this service is combined with probation and aftercare.)

In 1991-92 a total of 15,046 juveniles were supervised in the probation and aftercare program.

### Expenditures

The Juvenile Services Division is State-funded. The expenditures for fiscal year 1991-92 totaled \$14,744,624. The 1991-92 expenditures amounted to 6.7% of all General Fund expenditures for the operation of the entire Judicial Department, compared to 7.0% in 1990-91.

### Administration

The Administrator of the Juvenile Services Division is appointed by the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts. A chief court counselor is appointed for each judicial district by the Administrator of the Juvenile Services Division, with the approval of the Chief District Court Judge and the Administrative Officer of the Courts. Subject to the Administrator's general supervision, each chief court counselor exercises administrative supervision over the operation of the court counseling services in the respective districts.

### Juvenile Services Division Staff (As of June 30, 1992)

Thomas A. Danek, *Administrator*

Edward F. Taylor, *Assistant Administrator*

Nancy C. Patteson, *Area Administrator*

M. Harold Rogerson, *Area Administrator*

W. Robert Atkinson, *Area Administrator*

Rex B. Yates, *Area Administrator*

Arlene J. Kincaid, *Administrative Officer*

## JUVENILE SERVICES DIVISION

(As of June 30, 1992)

### District Court

District	Chief Court Counselor
1	Donald Alexander
2	Joseph A. Paul
3A	Everlena C. Rogers
3B	E. Blake Belcher
4	George Ashley
5	Phyllis Roebuck
6A	John R. Brady
6B	Ann Mobley
7	Pamela Honeycutt
8	Lynn C. Sasser
9	Sherman Wilson
10	Larry C. Dix
11	Henry C. Cox
12	Phil T. Utley
13	Jimmy E. Godwin
14	Archie Snipes
15A	Harry L. Derr
15B	Donald Hargrove
16A	Rogena Deese

### District Court

District	Chief Court Counselor
16B	Carey Collins
17A	Charles Barton
17B	Jack H. Moore, Jr.
18	J. Manley Dodson
19A	Verne Brady
19B and 19C	James C. Queen
20	Jimmy L. Craig
21	James J. Weakland
22	Carl T. Duncan
23	C. Wayne Dixon
24	K. Wayne Arnold
25	Lee Cox
26	James A. Yancey
27A	Charles Reeves
27B	Gloria Newman
28	Louis Parrish
29	Kenneth E. Lanning
30	Betty G. Alley

**NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF  
COURT COUNSELORS  
(Officers for 1991-92)**

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E. Blake Belcher, *President*

Fred Elliott, *President-Elect*

Karen Bushong, *Secretary*

Karen Jones, *Treasurer*

Butch Parker, *Parliamentarian*

**Board Members**

1989-92	1990-93	1991-94
Joan Blanchard	Randall Graham	Ranae Barker
Donald Roberts	Karen McDonald	Clarence High, Jr.
Carolyn Gary	Timothy Montgomery	Rodger Decker



E. Blake Belcher



## OFFICE OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM SERVICES

### Program Services

When a petition alleging abuse or neglect of a juvenile is filed in district court, the judge appoints a trained volunteer guardian ad litem and an attorney advocate to work together to represent the child's best interests. The trained volunteer investigates the child's situation and works with the attorney to represent the child's needs in court and to make recommendations for case disposition and any necessary continuing supervision until court intervention is no longer required. In addition, the attorney protects the child's legal rights throughout the proceedings. In 1989, the statute was amended to extend Guardian ad Litem services to dependent children at the discretion of the trial judge. During 1991-92, a total of 2,272 volunteers were active in the North Carolina program and represented a total of 12,257 abused and neglected children. These volunteers participated in 16,815 court hearings and gave approximately 205,600 volunteer hours to casework and training in the State's guardian ad litem program.

### Expenditures

During 1991-92, total expenditures for the guardian ad litem program amounted to \$3,230,220. Of this amount, \$1,058,060 was for program attorney fees and \$2,172,160 was for program administration. The total included reimbursement of volunteers' expense of \$104,361 (covering 168,772 casework hours for 12,257 abused and neglected children). In 1990-91, there were 1,817 volunteers representing 10,387 children and providing 138,060 casework hours with reimbursement expenses of \$93,896.

### Administration

The Office of Guardian ad Litem Services, established by the General Assembly in 1983, is a division of the Administrative Office of the Courts. The Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts appoints the Administrator of the Office of Guardian ad Litem Services and appoints members of a Guardian ad Litem Advisory

Committee to work with the Administrator, who is responsible for planning and directing the guardian ad litem services program throughout the State.

The Administrator is assisted by three regional administrators, each of whom supervises the development and implementation of services for a group of districts, directing the local program, providing assistance in training programs for volunteers, and resolving operational problems in the districts.

A district administrator is employed for 33 of the State's 38 district court districts to recruit, screen, train, and supervise volunteers. District administrators contact community groups, local agencies, the courts, and the media in order to develop volunteer participation, solicit support from key officials, provide public education about the program, and cultivate services for children. The district administrators plan an initial twenty-hour training course for new volunteers, match children (who are before the courts) with volunteers, implement continued training for experienced guardians, and provide supervision of, and consultation and support to, volunteers. Other district administrator responsibilities are to ensure that in each case the attorney receives information from the volunteer assigned to the case and that the court receives timely oral or written reports each time a child's case is heard. (District administrators were not employed during 1991-92 for districts in which the caseload was too small to justify a district administrator position. In those districts, a contract attorney served as the administrator and supervisor of the volunteer program.)

### Guardian ad Litem Staff (As of June 30, 1992)

Ilene B. Nelson, *Administrator*  
Alma Brown, *Regional Administrator*  
Cindy Mays, *Regional Administrator*  
Marilyn Stevens, *Regional Administrator*

# GUARDIAN AD LITEM DIVISION

(As of June 30, 1992)

District Court District	District Administrator	District Court District	District Administrator
1	Veola Spivey	16A	Julie Miller
2	Jennifer Leggett	16B	Gladys Pierce
3A	Catherine Darby	18	Sam Parrish
3B	Carol Mattocks	19A and 19C	Amy Collins
4	Jean Hawley	19B	Lee Malpass
5	Jane Brister	20	Martha Sue Hall
6A and 6B	Patsey Moseley-Moss	21	Linda Garrou
7	Sandra Pittman	22	Sherry Lott
8	Claudia Kadis	25	Angela Phillips
9	Nina Freeman	26	Judi Strause
10	Lloyd Inman	27A	Ginger Houchins
12	Brownie Smathers	27B	Betsy Sorrell
13	Cynthia Canady and Betty Buck	28	Jean Moore
14	Cy Gurney	29	Barbara King
15A	Eleanor Ketcham	30	Celia Larson
15B	Floyd Wicker		

## COMMUNITY PENALTIES PROGRAM

### History

The Community Penalties Act of 1983 created the Community Penalties Program to reduce prison overcrowding by providing judges with community sentencing options to be used in lieu of and at less cost than imprisonment. Effective July 1, 1991, the General Assembly transferred the Community Penalties Program from the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety to the Administrative Office of the Courts. The Program awards and administers grants to local non-profit agencies for the provision of services. (The one exception is the program in Buncombe County, which was transferred to the Administrative Office of the Courts in 1987 and is not grant-funded.)

Initially, five programs were funded in 1983. During 1991-92, there were programs in 20 district court districts, serving 35 counties with over 60% of the state's population. The growth of these programs is not only in response to prison overcrowding, but also in recognition of the need for community sentences that are appropriate and effective for individual offenders. The extensive use of substance abuse treatment programs or other therapy, payment of restitution, performance of community service work, and maintenance of employment as conditions of probation have been proved to be effective sanctions for offenders who otherwise would have been incarcerated.

### Program Summary

Under G.S. 7A-771, any defendant charged with a misdemeanor or Class H, I, or J felony (except involuntary manslaughter) who is facing an imminent and substantial threat of imprisonment may be eligible for Community Penalties Program services. Referral to the program is made by the defendant's attorney. Only defendants who are pleading guilty to their current

charges and who agree to abide by the terms of a community penalties plan are accepted into the program. Offenders undergo a series of assessments that evaluate attributes such as existence of a chemical dependency, level of employment skills, and degree of socialization. If appropriate, a plan based on this information is developed. The plan may include recommendations regarding substance abuse treatment, other therapy, employment placement, restitution to be paid, family support considerations, and other factors such as the level of probation supervision necessary to assist the offenders in meeting their obligations. The community penalties plan is presented to the judge by the defendant's attorney. Should the judge accept all or part of the community penalties plan, the offender is placed under the supervision of a probation officer who oversees the offender's completion of each element of the plan.

### Appropriations and Program Operation

In fiscal year 1991-92, the General Fund appropriation to the Administrative Office of the Courts for Community Penalties Program grants was \$1,518,912. The programs added nearly \$252,000 in local matching funds. In addition to management of grant funds, AOC administrative staff provides technical assistance and training for local program staffs, and monitoring of program administration and performance.

During 1991-92, programs targeted and contacted 2,802 defendants, 1,365 of whom accepted program services. There were 812 plans presented in court. The sentencing judges accepted 680 of these plans, an increase of 22% over the number for the previous fiscal year. The average cost statewide per plan accepted was \$2,274, more than \$550 less than during 1990-91. At the end of fiscal year 1991-92, there were 1,646 offenders actively serving community penalty plans.

## COMMUNITY PENALTIES PROGRAMS

(As of June 30, 1992)

The following is a list of the local programs operating during 1991-92, the district court district in which each is located, and the counties served by each.

<u>District Court District</u>	<u>Program — Non-profit Corporation</u>	<u>Counties Served</u>
3B	Neuse River Community Penalties Program — Neuse River Council of Governments	Carteret Craven Pamlico
4	Jacksonville Community Penalties Program, Inc.	Onslow
5	Community Penalties Program, Inc.	New Hanover Pender
7	Nash County Community Penalties Program — One Step Further, Inc.	Nash
10	Community Penalties Program — ReEntry, Inc.	Wake
12	Fayetteville Area Sentencing Center, Inc.	Cumberland
14	Durham Community Penalties Program — Prison and Jail Project, Inc.	Durham
15B	Orange/Chatham Community Penalties Program — Dispute Settlement Center, Inc.	Chatham Orange
16B	Robeson County Community Penalties Program — Tuscarora Indian Nation, Inc.	Robeson
17A	Rockingham/Caswell Sentencing Alternatives Center — One Step Further, Inc.	Caswell Rockingham
18	Guilford Sentencing Alternatives Center — One Step Further, Inc.	Guilford
20	Community Alternative Punishment Program — Citizens for Community Justice, Inc.	Union
21	Forsyth Community Penalties Program — One Step Further, Inc.	Forsyth
22	Appropriate Punishment Options, Inc.	Alexander Davidson Davie Iredell
25	Felony Alternative Sentencing Program — Repay, Inc.	Burke Caldwell Catawba
26	Mecklenburg Community Corrections, Inc.	Mecklenburg
27A	Gaston County Community Penalties Program, Inc.	Gaston
27B	Alternative Community Corrections — Gaston County Community Penalties Program, Inc.	Cleveland Lincoln
28	Buncombe Alternatives	Buncombe
29	Felony Alternative Sentencing Program — Western Carolinians for Criminal Justice, Inc.	Henderson McDowell Polk Rutherford Transylvania

## COURT-ORDERED ARBITRATION

### History

In 1986, the General Assembly enacted legislation authorizing the Supreme Court to establish an experimental program of court-ordered non-binding arbitration for claims for money damages of \$15,000 or less. The Supreme Court adopted rules and on January 1, 1987, a controlled experiment in arbitration began in the three pilot sites designated by the Court: Judicial Districts 3, 14, and 29. Based on the success of the pilot program, the General Assembly enacted legislation during the 1989 Session authorizing court-ordered, non-binding arbitration statewide.

### Program Summary

Under G.S. 7A-37.1 and the Supreme Court Rules for Court-Ordered Arbitration in North Carolina, all cases involving claims for money damages of \$15,000 or less are eligible for arbitration. Specifically excluded from arbitration are certain property disputes, family law matters, estates, special proceedings, and class actions. Parties may, however, voluntarily submit any other civil dispute to arbitration.

By rule, the arbitration hearing is conducted within 60 days of the filing of the last responsive pleading.

Parties may stipulate to an arbitrator, but in the absence of any stipulation, the court appoints an arbitrator from its list. To appear on this list, an arbitrator must be a member of the North Carolina State Bar for at least five years, undergo arbitrator training, and be designated by the senior resident superior court judge and the chief district court judge. The arbitrator is paid a \$75 fee by the court for each arbitration hearing.

Arbitration hearings are as a rule limited to one hour, and take place in the courthouse. The hearings are conducted in a serious but relaxed atmosphere, with the rules of evidence serving as a guide. Once 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 within thirty days of the award. If no action is taken during this period, the court enters judgment on the award.

### Program Operation

During 1991-92, arbitration programs were operating in 26 counties. Data on cases noticed for arbitration and on disposition of those cases are shown in the following table.

# THE JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

July 1, 1991 — June 30, 1992

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 willful misconduct in office, willful and persistent failure to perform his or her 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 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.

Prior to September 6, 1991, the Commission used a disciplinary measure known as a private reprimand on 18 occasions. The private reprimand was developed administratively to apply in circumstances involving improper conduct that did not warrant a recommendation of censure or removal, but where some action was justified. Effective September 6, 1991, the Commission formalized a policy decision to issue no more private reprimands. The Commission adopted a new rule providing for the issuance of a private admonition in circumstances involving judicial conduct that justifies some action but that does not warrant a recommendation of censure or removal. Unlike the private reprimand, which could be issued at any stage of Commission proceedings after completion of a preliminary investigation, the private admonition cannot be issued once formal proceedings against a judge have been instituted. Issuance of

a private admonition does not bar future proceedings concerning similar conduct. In subsequent proceedings involving the same judge, the Commission may consider a prior matter that resulted in a private admonition. Since September 6, 1991, four private admonitions have been issued.

During the 1991-92 fiscal year, the Judicial Standards Commission met on July 12, September 5 and 6, November 22, February 7, and April 24.

A complaint or other information against a judge, whether filed with the Commission or initiated by the Commission on its own motion, is designated as an "Inquiry Concerning a Judge." Thirty-five such inquiries were pending as of July 1, 1991, and 114 inquiries were filed during the fiscal year, giving the Commission a total workload of 149 inquiries.

During the fiscal year, the Commission disposed of 109 inquiries, and 40 inquiries remained pending at the end of the fiscal year.

The determinations of the Commission regarding the 109 inquiries disposed of during the fiscal year were as follows:

- (1) 90 inquiries were determined to involve evidentiary rulings, length of sentences, or other matters not within the Commission's jurisdiction, rather than questions of judicial misconduct;
- (2) 4 inquiries were determined to involve allegations of conduct which did not rise to such a level as would warrant investigation by the Commission;
- (3) 8 inquiries were determined to warrant no further action following completion of preliminary investigations;
- (4) 4 inquiries resulted in private admonitions; and
- (5) 3 inquiries resulted in recommendations of censure.

Of the 40 inquiries pending at the end of the fiscal year:

- (1) 32 inquiries were awaiting initial review by the Commission; and
- (2) 8 inquiries were awaiting completion of a preliminary investigation or were subject to other action by the Commission.

# THE JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

(Members as of June 30, 1992)

## Appointed by the Chief Justice

Court of Appeals Judge Clifton E. Johnson,  
Charlotte, *Chairman*

Superior Court Judge Robert D. Lewis,  
Asheville

District Court Judge A. Elizabeth Keever,  
Fayetteville

## Elected by the Council of the N.C. State Bar

Louis J. Fisher, Jr., High Point, *Vice-Chairman*

William K. Davis, Winston-Salem

Deborah R. Carrington, *Executive Secretary*

## Appointed by the Governor

Albert E. Partridge, Jr., Concord, *Secretary*

Margaret H. Almond, Charlotte



Judge Clifton E. Johnson

## THE NORTH CAROLINA COURTS COMMISSION

The North Carolina Courts Commission was reestablished 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." Initially, the Commission consisted of 15 voting members, with five each appointed by the Governor, the President of the Senate (Lieutenant Governor), and the Speaker of the House. The Commission also had three *ex officio* members.

The 1981 General Assembly amended the statutes pertaining to the Courts Commission, to increase the number of voting members from 15 to 23, with the Governor to appoint seven voting members, the President of the Senate to appoint eight voting members, and the Speaker of the House to appoint eight voting members. The non-voting *ex officio* members remained the same: a representative of the North Carolina Bar Association, a representative of the North Carolina State Bar, and the Administrative Officer of the Courts.

The 1983 Session of the General Assembly further amended G.S. 7A-506, to revise the voting membership of the Commission. Effective July 1, 1983, the Commission consists of 24 voting members, six each to be appointed by the Governor, the Speaker of the House,

the President of the Senate, and the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. The Governor continues to appoint the Chair of the Commission, from among its legislative members. The non-voting *ex officio* membership of three persons remained the same.

Of the six appointees of the Chief Justice, one is to be a Justice of the Supreme Court, one is to be a Judge of the Court of Appeals, two are to be judges of superior court, and two are to be judges of district court.

Of the six appointees of the Governor, one is to be a district attorney, one a practicing attorney, one a clerk of superior court, and three are to be members or former members of the General Assembly and at least one of these shall not be an attorney.

Of the six appointees of the Speaker of the House, at least three are to be practicing attorneys, and three are to be members or former members of the General Assembly, and at least one of these three is not to be an attorney.

Of the six appointees of the President of the Senate, at least three are to be practicing attorneys, three are to be members or former members of the General Assembly, and at least one is to be a magistrate.

No funds were appropriated for the Courts Commission for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the Commission did not meet.



# THE NORTH CAROLINA COURTS COMMISSION

(Members as of June 30, 1992)

## Appointed by the Governor

Johnathan L. Rhyne, Jr., Lincolnton, *Chairman*  
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Clyde M. Roberts, Marshall

Garland N. Yates, Asheboro  
District Attorney

Harold J. Long, Yadkinville  
Clerk of Court

Dan R. Simpson, Morganton  
Member, N.C. State Senate

## Appointed by President of the Senate (Lieutenant Governor)

Charles L. Steel IV, Research Triangle Park

Paul Bowman Stam, Apex

R. C. Soles, Jr., Tabor City  
Member, N.C. Senate

Robert W. Cook, Mocksville

Austin M. Allran, Hickory  
Member, N.C. State Senate

William H. Barker, Oriental  
Member, N.C. State Senate

## Ex-Officio (Non-Voting)

O. William Faison, Raleigh  
N.C. Bar Association Representative

Z. Creighton Brinson, Tarboro  
N.C. State Bar Representative

Franklin Freeman, Jr., Raleigh  
Administrative Officer of the Courts

## Appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives

Donald M. Dawkins, Rockingham  
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Robert C. Hunter, Marion  
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Annie B. Kennedy, Winston-Salem  
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

David T. Flaherty, Jr., Lenoir  
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Charles L. Cromer, Thomasville  
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Nancy C. Patteson, Wilson

## Appointed by the Chief Justice of the N.C. Supreme Court

Burley B. Mitchell, Jr., Raleigh  
Associate Justice, N.C. Supreme Court

Clifton E. Johnson, Charlotte  
Judge, N.C. Court of Appeals

J. Milton Read, Jr., Durham  
Superior Court Judge

W. Douglas Albright, Greensboro  
Superior Court Judge

Larry B. Langson, Gastonia  
District Court Judge

Patricia S. Love, Chapel Hill  
District Court Judge

## CHILD CUSTODY AND VISITATION MEDIATION ACTIVITY

July 1, 1991 — June 30, 1992

	Begin Pending 7/1/91	Cases Referred	Cases Mediated			Cases Not Mediated			Total Completing Process	End Pending 6/30/92
			Agree- ment Reached	No Agree- ment Reached	Total	Removed <sup>1</sup>	Settled <sup>2</sup>	Total		
<b>District 12</b> Cumberland	72	441	124	83	207	109	128	237	444	69
<b>District 26</b> Mecklenburg	43	298	108	99	207	61	16	77	284	57
<b>District 27A</b> Gaston	75	213	78	100	178	19	43	62	240	48
<b>District 28<sup>3</sup></b> Buncombe	—	78	7	14	21	7	3	10	31	47
<b>TOTALS</b>	190	1,030	317	296	613	196	190	386	999	221

<sup>1</sup> "Removed" cases include: (a) cases in which the mediator determined the case was inappropriate (e.g., allegations of domestic violence); (b) cases in which the parties chose not to mediate after going through the orientation session; (c) cases in which one or both parties failed to appear for mediation; and (d) cases in which parties are deployed for military actions and cases exempted because a party resides more than 50 miles from the courthouse.

<sup>2</sup> "Settled" cases include those reported settled through consent agreement and those in which the parties reconciled.

<sup>3</sup> The program in District 28 began in April 1992.

## CHILD CUSTODY AND VISITATION MEDIATION

### History

In 1983, the General Assembly enacted legislation establishing a child custody mediation pilot program in the 26th Judicial District, and expanded the pilot program in 1987 to include a second judicial district, District 27A. Charged by the General Assembly to report on the pilot program during the 1989 Session, the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts recommended the use of mediation statewide for custody and visitation issues pending in the courts. Based on this recommendation and the experience in the pilot sites, the General Assembly enacted legislation during the 1989 Session authorizing mediation of custody and visitation issues in domestic relations cases statewide.

### Program Summary

Under G.S. 50-13.1 and G.S. 7A-494, the court must refer contested custody and visitation issues raised in a domestic case to mediation before those issues are tried. (For good cause, the court may waive the mandatory setting of the case for mediation.) The mediation process is designed to provide a structured, confidential, non-adversarial setting that will facilitate the cooperative resolution of custody and visitation disputes and minimize the stress and anxiety to which the parties, especially the child, are subjected.

In mediation, the parties, assisted by a neutral third party, attempt to construct an agreement to provide for the care and custody that is in their children's best interest. The mediator's role is one of facilitator and educator. Professionally trained in mediation techniques, the mediator is neutral and objective, assisting in the discussion process to ensure that the parties consider all contested issues in a constructive context. The mediator is required to hold a graduate degree in a human relations field and to have experience in child development and family dynamics so that the issues are resolved with the children's best interests as the central focus.

If the parents are successful in resolving some or all of the contested custody and visitation issues through mediation, the mediator assists them in drafting a parenting agreement. Parties are then encouraged to have the agreement reviewed by their attorneys. Once signed by the parties, the parenting agreement is entered by the court as an enforceable order.

### Program Operation

During fiscal year 1991-92, custody mediation was introduced into District 28, bringing the number of custody mediation districts to four. Data on cases referred for mediation and on the disposition of those cases are shown in the following table.

### Summary of Arbitration Activity, Continued

	Cases Noticed for Arbitration*			Summary of De Novo Appeal Activity				
	District Court	Superior Court	Total	Cases Arbitrated	De Novo Appeals Filed	Trials	Dismissal/Other	Pending 6/30/92
<b>District 29</b>								
Henderson	63	1	64	49	15	2	7	6
McDowell	25	0	25	17	2	0	1	1
Polk	11	0	11	5	3	0	3	0
Rutherford	45	3	48	38	10	0	5	5
Transylvania	13	2	15	12	3	0	0	3
District Totals	157	6	163	121	33	2	16	15
<b>District 30A</b>								
Cherokee	20	0	20	9	0	0	0	0
Clay	18	0	18	6	4	2	1	1
Graham	5	0	5	4	0	0	0	0
Macon	37	0	37	25	6	1	2	3
Swain	22	0	22	16	5	3	0	2
District Totals	102	0	102	60	15	6	3	6
<b>District 30B</b>								
Haywood	53	0	53	47	12	4	2	6
Jackson	53	1	54	38	3	1	0	2
District Totals	106	1	107	85	15	5	2	8
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,275</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>2,429</b>	<b>1,610</b>	<b>421</b> (26% of cases arbitrated)	<b>101</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>203</b>

\*Cases in which parties are notified, at the conclusion of the pleadings phase, that a case has been assigned to court-ordered arbitration.

## SUMMARY OF ARBITRATION ACTIVITY

July 1, 1991 — June 30, 1992

	Cases Noticed for Arbitration*			Summary of De Novo Appeal Activity				
	District Court	Superior Court	Total	Cases Arbitrated	De Novo Appeals Filed	Trials	Dismissal/Other	Pending 6/30/92
<b>District 3A</b>								
Carteret	159	5	164	77	13	3	5	5
Craven	236	5	241	108	18	5	1	12
Pamlico	13	4	17	8	2	0	0	2
District Totals	408	14	422	193	33	8	6	19
<b>District 3B</b>								
Pitt	276	3	279	135	26	10	13	3
<b>District 14</b>								
Durham	348	14	362	279	75	6	8	61
<b>District 15A</b>								
Alamance	104	0	104	98	12	5	1	6
<b>District 15B</b>								
Chatham	25	0	25	20	0	0	0	0
Orange	139	0	139	104	32	17	7	8
District Totals	164	0	164	124	32	17	7	8
<b>District 19B</b>								
Montgomery	8	0	8	7	4	0	1	3
Randolph	62	0	62	50	15	2	3	10
District Totals	70	0	70	57	19	2	4	13
<b>District 25A</b>								
Burke	79	1	80	57	15	3	5	7
Caldwell	71	4	75	58	20	3	1	16
District Totals	150	5	155	115	35	6	6	23
<b>District 25B</b>								
Catawba	185	10	195	123	43	6	13	24
<b>District 27A</b>								
Gaston	205	101	306	220	83	28	38	17

\*Cases in which parties are notified, at the conclusion of the pleadings phase, that a case has been assigned to court-ordered arbitration.

## **PART III**

### **COURT RESOURCES**

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

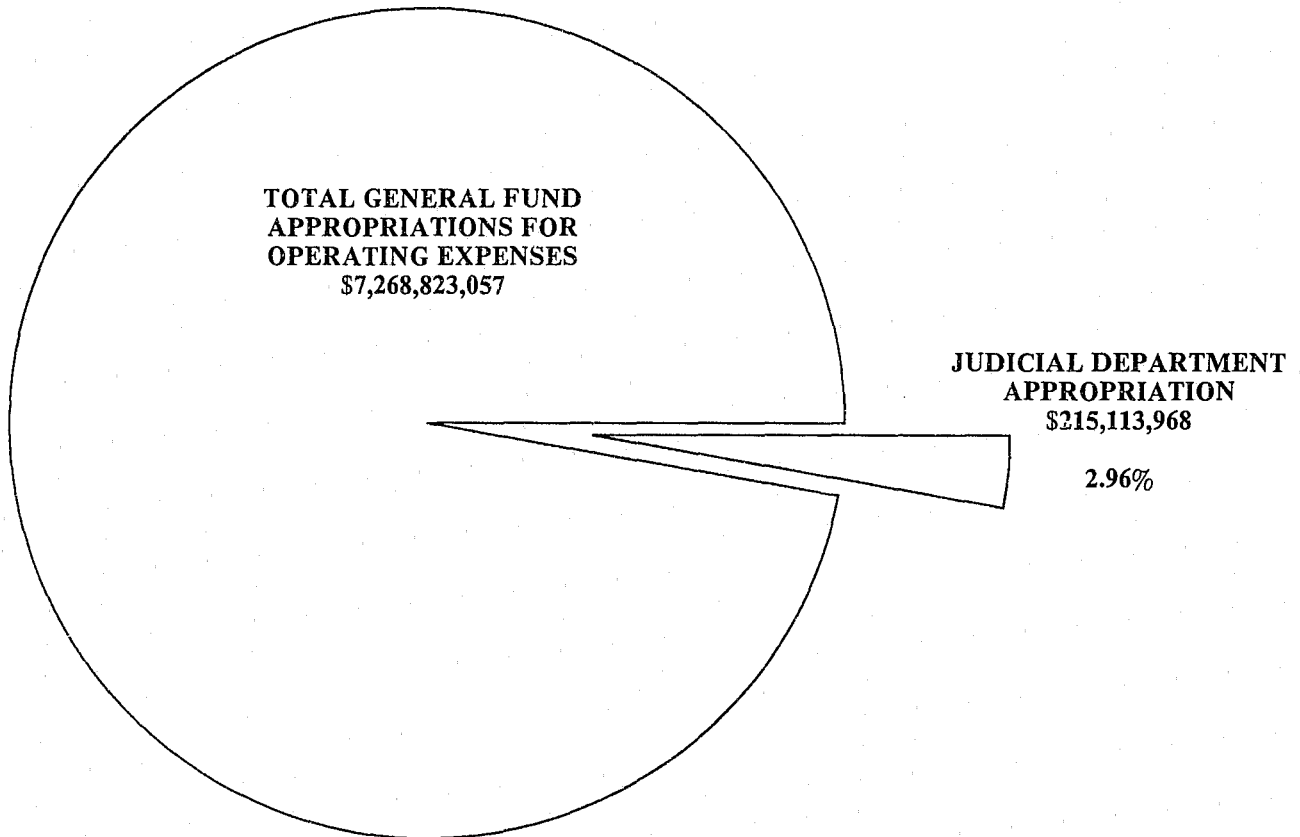
## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

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. The budget for the second year of the biennium is generally modified during the even-year legislative session.

Building 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.

Appropriations from the State's General Fund for operating expenses for all departments and agencies of State government, including the Judicial Department, totaled \$7,268,823,057 for the 1991-92 fiscal year. (Appropriations from the Highway Fund and appropriations from the General Fund for capital improvements and debt servicing are not included in this total.)

The appropriation from the General Fund for the operating expenses of the Judicial Department for 1991-92 was \$215,113,968. (This included \$2,355,001 paid in July 1992 for accrued attorney fees for indigent defendants.) As illustrated in the chart below, this General Fund appropriation for the Judicial Department equaled 2.96% of the General Fund appropriations for the operating expenses of all State agencies and departments.



## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Appropriations from the State's General Fund for operating expenses of the Judicial Department over the past seven 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 seven fiscal years are also shown in the table below and in the second graph on the following page.

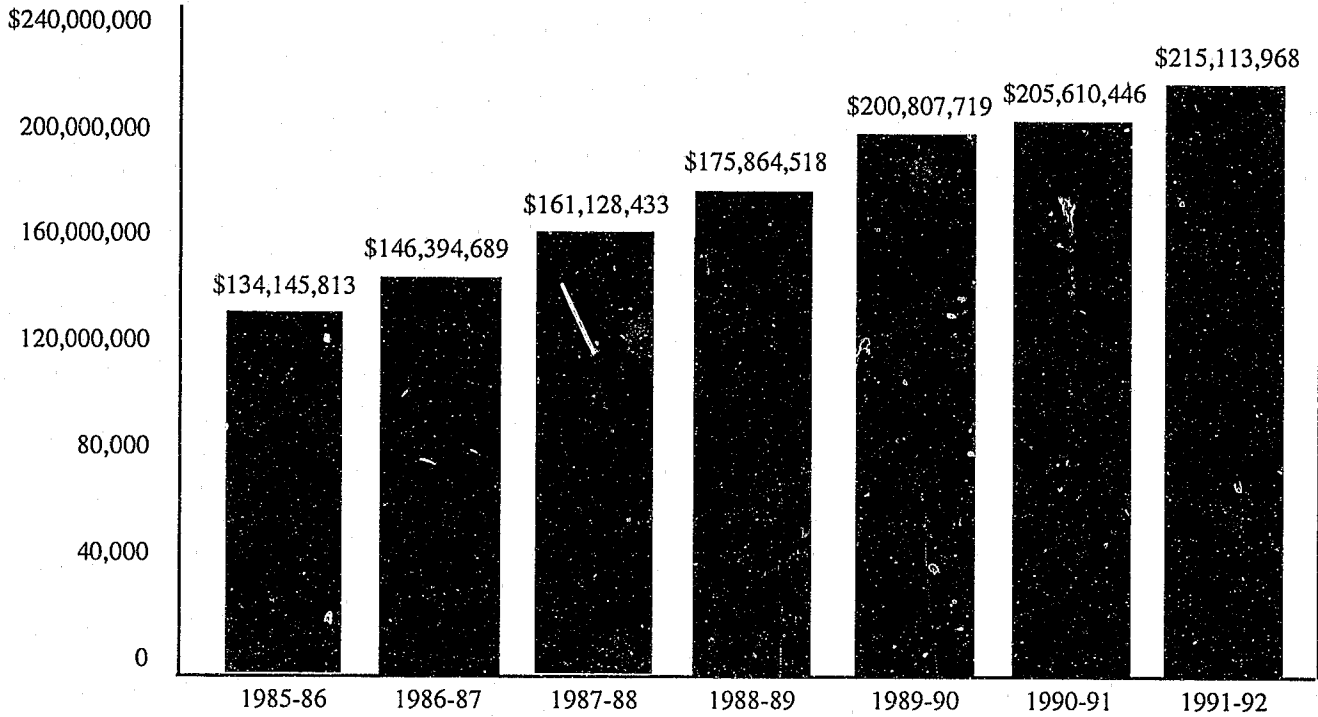
### APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND FOR OPERATING EXPENSES

Fiscal Year	Judicial Department		All State Agencies	
	Appropriation	% Increase over previous year	Appropriation	% Increase over previous year
1985-1986	134,145,813	10.83	4,780,073,721	12.81
1986-1987	146,394,689	9.13	5,153,322,580	7.81
1987-1988	161,128,433	10.06	5,715,172,032	10.90
1988-1989	175,864,518	9.14	6,226,556,573	8.95
1989-1990	200,807,719	14.18	6,800,504,598	9.28
1990-1991	205,610,446	2.39	7,166,795,044	5.39
1991-1992	215,113,968	4.62	7,268,823,057	1.42
<b>AVERAGE ANNUAL INCREASE, 1986-1992</b>		<b>8.62%</b>	<b>8.08%</b>	

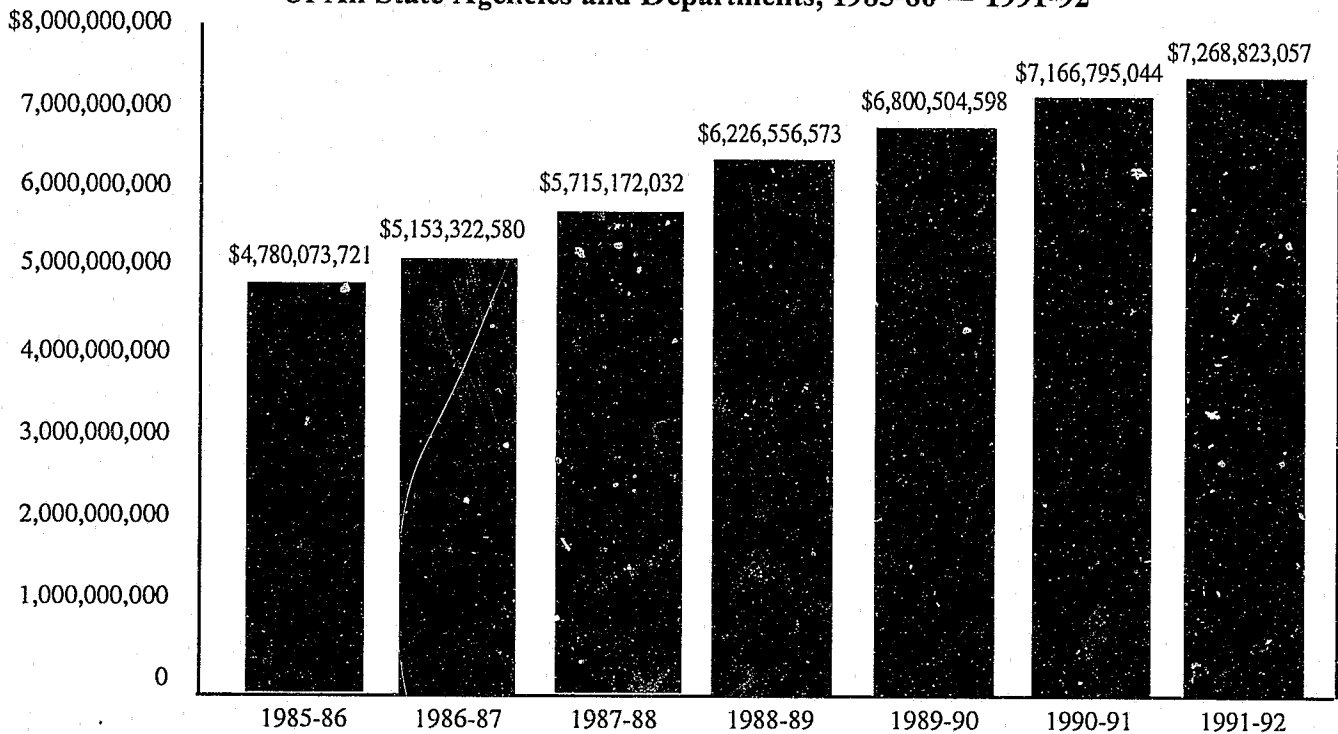


## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS

### General Fund Appropriations for Operating Expenses Of the Judicial Department, 1985-86 — 1991-92



### General Fund Appropriations for Operating Expenses Of All State Agencies and Departments, 1985-86 — 1991-92



## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES

July 1, 1991 — June 30, 1992

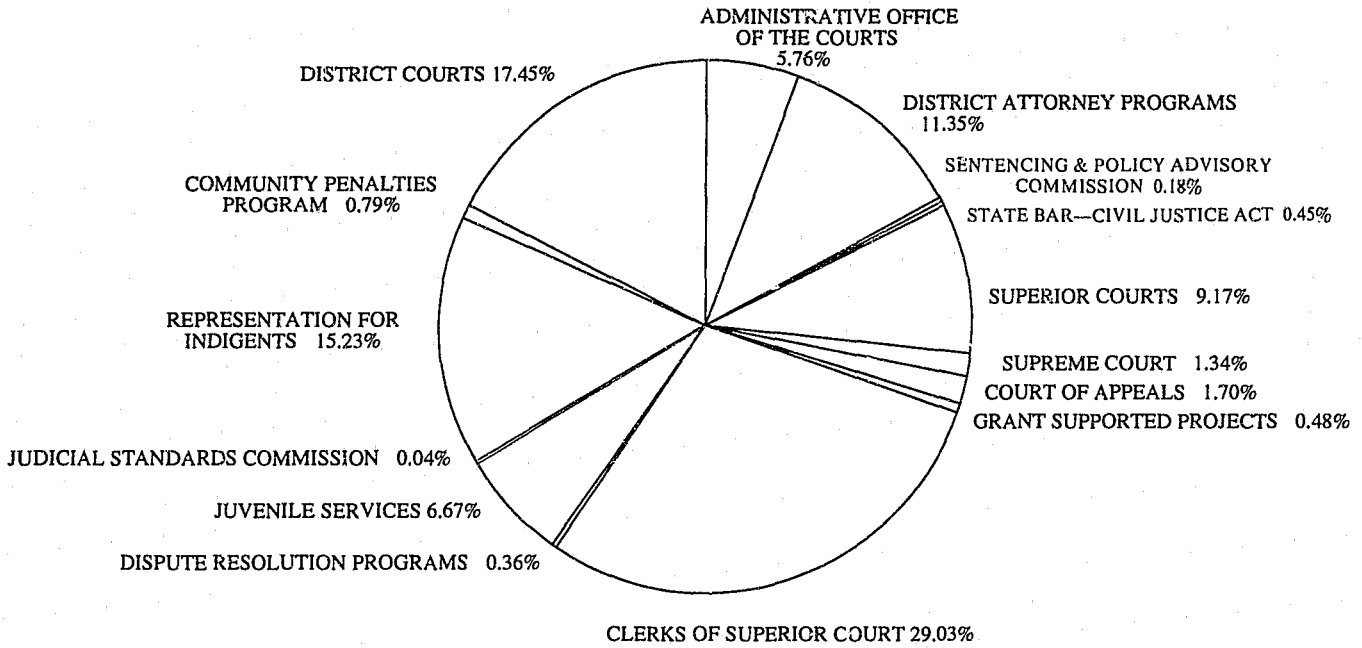
General Fund expenditures for operating expenses of the Judicial Department during the 1991-92 fiscal year

totaled \$221,095,228, divided among the major budget classifications as shown below.

	Amount	% of Total
Supreme Court	\$ 2,965,205	1.34
Court of Appeals	3,759,252	1.70
Superior Courts	20,272,639	9.17
District Courts	38,576,178	17.45
Clerks of Superior Court	64,191,989	29.03
Juvenile Probation and Aftercare	14,744,624	6.67
Representation for Indigents	33,683,598	15.23
Assigned Private Counsel	\$ 20,213,452	
Guardian ad Litem for Juveniles	50,309	
Guardian ad Litem — Volunteer and Contract Program	3,230,220	
Public Defenders	6,905,749	
Special Counsel at Mental Health Hospitals	331,480	
Support Services (expert witness fees, professional examinations, transcripts)	1,063,866	
Appellate Defender Services	631,385	
Appellate Defender Resource Center	405,457	
Indigency Screening	419,369	
Special Capital Case Rehearing Fund	432,311	
District Attorney Offices	25,095,431	11.35
Office — District Attorney	25,016,541	
District Attorneys' Conference	78,890	
Administrative Office of the Courts	12,743,302	5.76
General Administration	6,010,175	
Information Services	6,233,259	
Warehouse & Printing	499,868	
Judicial Standards Commission	86,177	.04
Dispute Resolution Programs	798,219	.36
Custody Mediation	152,518	
Dispute Settlement Centers	389,683	
Arbitration Program	256,018	
Sentencing & Policy Advisory Commission	384,055	.18
Community Penalties Program	1,735,939	.79
State Bar — Civil Justice Act	1,000,000	.45
Grant-Supported Projects	1,058,620	.48
Dept. of Crime Control & Public Safety	992,432	
Governor's Highway Safety Program	10,863	
State Justice Institute	49,826	
Miscellaneous	5,499	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$221,095,228</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

# JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES

July 1, 1991 — June 30, 1992

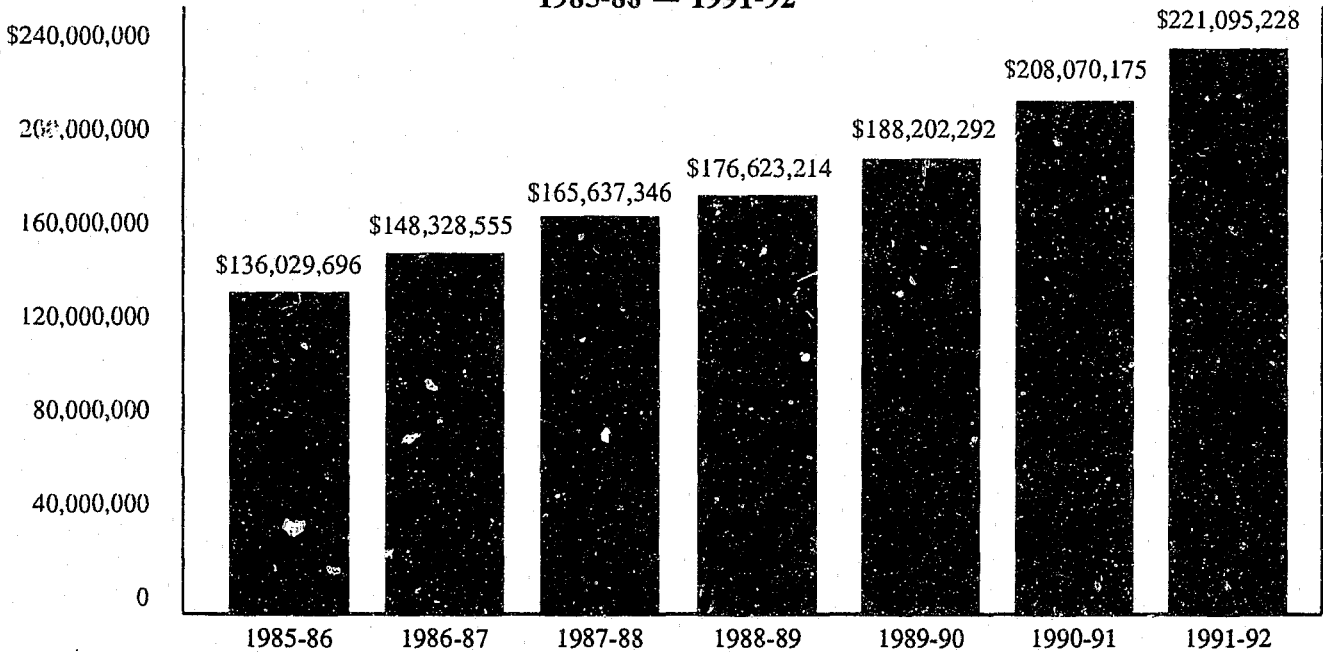


As the above chart illustrates, most (67.00%) of Judicial Department expenditures goes for operation of the State's trial courts: operation of superior courts took 9.17% of total expenditures; the district courts (including magistrates, judges, and court reporters) took 17.45% of the total; and the clerks' offices, 29.03% of the total.

Expenditures for district attorneys' programs represented 11.35% of total Judicial Department expenditures, and representation for indigents required 15.23%.

The total General Fund expenditure for the Judicial Department for 1991-92 was \$221,095,228.

## General Fund Expenditures For The Judicial Department 1985-86 — 1991-92



Note: Expenditures data for 1989-90 do not include payroll (salary and benefits) for state employees for June 1990. The June 1990 payroll was disbursed in July 1990, which is fiscal 1990-91. Consequently, "total" expenditure data for 1989-90 include only 11 months of payroll, and are not comparable to such data for other years.

## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT RECEIPTS

July 1, 1991 — June 30, 1992

Receipts for the Judicial Department in the 1991-92 fiscal year totaled \$138,086,949. The several sources of these receipts are shown in the table below. As in

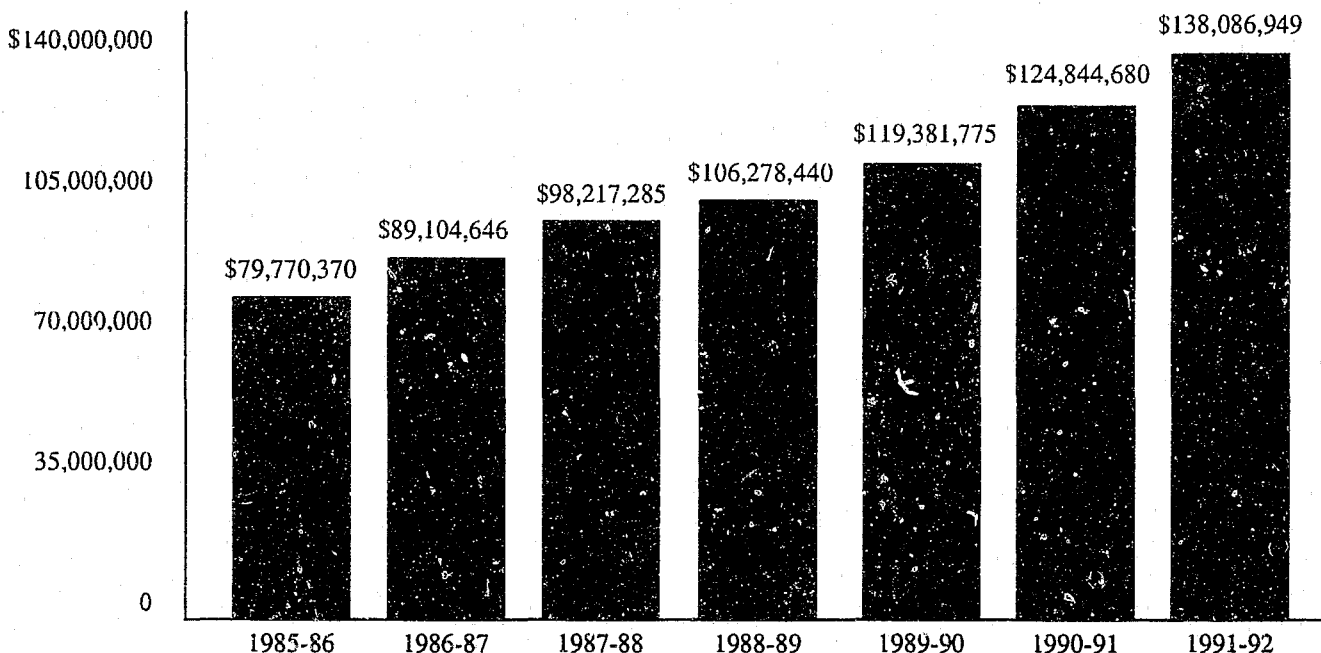
previous years, the major source of receipts were General Court of Justice Fees paid by litigants in superior and district court.

Source of Receipts	Amount	% of Total
Supreme Court Fees	\$ 9,608	0.007
Court of Appeals Fees	30,095	0.022
Miscellaneous	182,083	0.132
Sales of Appellate Division Reports	227,274	0.164
Grants	522,593	0.378
Jail Fees	761,900	0.552
Interest on Checking Accounts	977,509	0.708
Department of Crime Control & Public Safety	1,576,545	1.142
Ten-Day License Revocation Fees	1,895,140	1.372
Indigent Representation Judgments	3,903,444	2.827
Officer Fees	6,743,955	4.884
LEOB Fees	7,954,629	5.761
Judicial Facilities Fees	8,161,755	5.911
Federal — Child Support Enforcement	9,851,858	7.134
Fines and Forfeitures	34,107,595	24.700
General Court of Justice Fees	61,180,966	44.306
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$138,086,949</b>	<b>100.000%</b>

This total of \$138,086,949 is an increase of 10.61% over the total 1990-91 receipts of \$124,844,680. The graph

below shows the increase in total Judicial Department receipts over the last seven fiscal years.

**Judicial Department Receipts, 1985-86 — 1991-92**



# DISTRIBUTION OF JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT RECEIPTS

July 1, 1991 — June 30, 1992

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 civil and criminal court costs, comprising 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 that 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 cost 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; 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. The county also receives fees paid by convicted defendants

when they are released to the supervision of an agency providing pretrial release services in that county.

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, as are appellate court fees and proceeds from the sales of appellate division reports.

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/her for such amount. Collections on these judgments are paid into and retained by the department to defray the costs of legal representation of indigents.

Proceeds from the ten-day driver's license revocation fee, which driving-while-impaired offenders must pay to recover their driver's licenses, are distributed to the counties.

Since fiscal year 1987-88, the Federal Government has been funding a portion of child support enforcement costs.

	Amount	% of Total
<b>Remitted to State Treasurer</b>		
Supreme Court Fees	\$ 9,608	0.007
Court of Appeals Fees	30,095	0.022
Sales of Appellate Division Reports	227,274	0.164
LEOB Fees	7,954,629	5.761
General Court of Justice Fees	61,180,966	44.306
Federal — Child Support Enforcement	9,851,858	7.134
<b>Total to State Treasurer</b>	<b>79,254,430</b>	<b>57.394</b>
<b>Distributed to Counties</b>		
Fines and Forfeitures	34,107,595	24.700
Judicial Facilities Fees	7,847,077	5.683
Officer Fees	4,442,238	3.217
Jail Fees	751,327	0.544
Ten-Day License Revocation Fees	1,895,140	1.372
<b>Total to Counties</b>	<b>49,043,377</b>	<b>35.516</b>
<b>Distributed to Counties and Beneficiaries</b>		
Interest on Checking Accounts	977,509	0.708
<b>Distributed to Municipalities</b>		
Judicial Facilities Fees	314,678	0.228
Officer Fees	2,301,717	1.667
Jail Fees	10,573	0.008
<b>Total to Municipalities</b>	<b>2,626,968</b>	<b>1.903</b>
<b>Operating Receipts</b>		
Collection Indigent Representation Judgments	3,903,444	2.827
Department of Crime Control & Public Safety	1,576,545	1.142
Grants	522,593	0.378
Miscellaneous	182,083	0.132
<b>Total Retained for Operations</b>	<b>6,184,665</b>	<b>4.479</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$138,086,949</b>	<b>100.000%</b>

**Amounts of Fees, Fines, and Forfeitures Collected by the Courts and  
Distributed to Counties and Municipalities \***

**July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992**

County	Distributed to Counties				Distributed to Municipalities			TOTAL
	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Fines and Forfeitures	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	
Alamance	\$ 133,785	\$ 70,996	\$ 23,422	\$ 504,483	\$ 0	\$ 43,822	\$ 0	\$ 776,508
Alexander	23,857	19,233	6,337	144,844	0	989	0	195,260
Alleghany	9,466	7,382	2,729	57,004	0	452	0	77,033
Anson	25,518	16,167	671	153,077	0	2,899	0	198,332
Ashe	18,263	17,797	3,912	74,590	0	2,092	0	116,654
Avery	16,542	14,069	1,135	69,836	0	1,415	0	102,997
Beaufort	64,934	57,916	21,154	280,265	0	12,895	0	437,164
Bertie	27,751	26,148	4,580	134,547	0	567	0	193,593
Bladen	49,822	48,926	3,068	259,551	209	3,989	0	365,565
Brunswick	55,014	38,694	4,852	292,407	712	18,890	0	410,569
Buncombe	196,405	140,469	2,550	919,126	0	27,856	0	1,286,406
Burke	91,272	43,292	7,867	397,786	0	15,007	0	555,624
Cabarrus	119,545	69,131	24,200	602,526	35	60,659	0	876,096
Caldwell	72,159	34,855	8,980	378,383	0	14,565	0	508,942
Camden	8,450	8,477	227	45,684	0	0	0	62,838
Carteret	69,501	39,442	1,732	245,503	0	21,194	0	377,372
Caswell	19,131	18,905	559	116,862	9	330	45	155,841
Catawba	82,185	62,572	8,631	658,221	45,799	31,653	0	889,061
Chatham	35,412	42,711	5,294	226,331	11,023	1,322	30	322,123
Cherokee	20,441	21,240	5,781	129,094	0	1,476	0	178,032
Chowan	18,026	17,607	169	74,189	0	3,336	0	113,327
Clay	7,738	7,247	3,317	42,037	0	0	0	60,339
Cleveland	93,492	52,863	23,197	392,645	0	11,161	0	573,358
Columbus	54,483	58,544	4,502	261,655	2,710	5,392	0	387,286
Craven	86,394	41,282	12,859	326,297	3,290	24,440	0	494,562
Cumberland	300,964	127,508	51,075	1,057,340	0	78,625	0	1,595,512
Currituck	29,291	2,689	2,291	120,171	0	0	0	154,442
Dare	70,470	33,909	6,392	357,410	0	30,519	0	498,700
Davidson	98,382	93,074	9,537	630,600	18,413	14,514	0	864,520
Davie	34,514	31,529	5,351	145,752	0	319	0	217,465
Duplin	52,623	41,938	10,493	260,660	0	805	135	366,654
Durham	228,148	108,676	12,354	1,089,525	0	77,067	0	1,515,770
Edgecombe	54,314	32,972	14,851	279,414	38,684	29,229	623	450,087
Forsyth	353,603	44,416	16,509	1,356,449	7,120	167,978	0	1,946,075
Franklin	42,603	32,316	8,677	253,200	0	473	0	337,269
Gaston	198,590	123,538	1,964	540,685	0	66,270	0	931,047
Gates	12,067	11,483	1,234	55,838	0	0	0	80,622
Graham	5,775	4,735	2,858	36,625	0	25	0	50,018
Granville	56,111	37,567	11,623	295,913	18	9,754	30	411,016
Greene	13,400	11,578	1,371	61,685	0	0	0	88,034
Guilford	478,591	79,381	15,107	1,583,806	0	222,963	0	2,379,848
Halifax	77,731	70,124	7,466	339,359	3,175	12,577	20	510,452
Harnett	59,050	53,780	9,169	347,691	11,555	6,793	0	488,038
Haywood	47,953	40,258	11,204	233,340	1,074	4,645	0	338,474
Henderson	68,680	48,033	4,317	384,099	25	3,110	0	508,264
Hertford	28,685	24,963	5,907	168,454	0	3,114	0	231,123
Hoke	32,179	25,485	9,768	206,564	0	2,707	0	276,703
Hyde	10,868	10,782	646	51,675	0	0	0	73,971
Iredell	97,278	66,697	9,623	565,721	16,137	22,851	110	778,417
Jackson	22,487	20,890	7,002	125,901	0	0	0	176,280
Johnston	79,075	86,460	24,496	483,765	21,014	8,148	0	702,958
Jones	11,700	9,949	83	32,995	0	280	0	55,007
Lee	64,816	43,277	22,844	281,087	0	21,252	0	433,276
Lenoir	86,414	47,254	15,238	406,199	0	23,607	0	578,712
Lincoln	41,718	30,570	11,903	181,594	0	3,920	0	269,705

**Amounts of Fees, Fines, and Forfeitures Collected by the Courts and Distributed to Counties and Municipalities \***

**July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992**

County	Distributed to Counties				Distributed to Municipalities			TOTAL
	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Fines and Forfeitures	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	
Macon	\$ 23,763	\$ 19,920	\$ 3,408	\$ 128,990	\$ 0	\$ 1,068	\$ 0	\$ 177,149
Madison	13,775	13,656	1,312	56,196	0	698	0	85,637
Martin	41,761	35,757	9,045	153,225	0	2,154	0	241,942
McDowell	37,341	30,625	55	172,146	0	3,225	0	243,392
Mecklenburg	702,263	180,537	0	1,843,559	0	441,164	0	3,167,523
Mitchell	10,230	7,012	1,924	39,056	0	1,960	0	60,182
Montgomery	32,498	32,625	4,214	171,668	0	2,229	0	243,234
Moore	65,423	51,901	137	431,672	3,545	15,263	0	567,941
Nash	75,377	95,456	10,496	375,831	52,667	33,886	1,423	645,136
New Hanover	176,144	60,270	4,645	595,817	855	46,446	0	884,177
Northampton	24,612	24,788	3,185	152,177	685	2,080	0	207,527
Onslow	143,544	83,606	25,795	475,514	0	65,720	0	794,179
Orange	62,062	59,641	5,388	353,720	25,245	16,457	15	522,528
Pamlico	7,915	7,060	1,246	36,512	0	0	0	52,733
Pasquotank	39,683	23,798	4,481	220,591	0	16,054	0	304,607
Pender	35,209	31,566	4,069	176,208	0	2,091	0	249,143
Perquimans	16,051	13,634	439	65,574	0	1,557	0	97,255
Person	37,524	32,233	5,151	201,740	60	6,755	0	283,463
Pitt	133,771	55,353	13,619	455,189	7,455	47,721	415	713,523
Polk	13,125	11,485	185	66,602	0	95	0	91,492
Randolph	95,503	78,496	4,416	576,109	5,173	16,894	0	776,591
Richmond	48,440	31,247	3,171	271,339	0	4,694	0	358,891
Robeson	118,424	99,402	15,452	757,461	26,482	36,413	5	1,053,639
Rockingham	95,496	51,486	7,993	607,596	1,635	24,740	0	788,946
Rowan	102,255	70,345	18,022	554,826	0	40,010	0	785,458
Rutherford	61,429	40,986	5,008	300,776	0	9,683	0	417,882
Sampson	73,497	69,245	7,737	321,007	0	4,824	0	476,310
Scotland	48,228	37,725	8,834	288,583	0	10,063	0	393,433
Stanly	51,857	23,867	5,635	330,514	0	13,558	0	425,431
Stokes	34,552	26,695	244	230,985	0	395	0	292,871
Surry	67,121	63,945	3,059	361,661	2,630	11,973	0	510,389
Swain	14,454	12,800	5,375	92,411	0	650	0	125,690
Tennessee	19,433	23,187	6,006	98,977	0	1,751	0	149,354
Tyrrell	16,620	15,318	943	59,701	0	0	0	92,582
Union	79,897	66,885	10,176	515,547	0	16,455	0	688,960
Vance	63,702	37,240	6,645	261,020	0	7,171	0	375,778
Wake	615,447	137,288	23,600	1,959,597	5,743	210,460	178	2,952,313
Warren	21,169	19,759	2,650	122,040	0	376	0	165,994
Washington	16,634	12,530	2,138	62,234	0	3,198	0	96,734
Watauga	35,094	25,704	3,117	119,319	0	5,709	0	188,943
Wayne	110,636	76,454	11,272	449,861	1,500	31,847	7,545	689,115
Wilkes	64,254	48,213	15,023	321,278	0	2,112	0	450,880
Wilson	99,905	94,373	8,021	331,857	0	28,196	0	554,352
Yadkin	31,585	25,808	4,853	176,458	0	5,264	0	241,968
Yancey	11,709	10,523	71	43,994	0	313	0	66,610
<b>State Totals**</b>	<b>\$7,847,077</b>	<b>\$4,442,238</b>	<b>\$751,327</b>	<b>\$34,107,595</b>	<b>\$314,678</b>	<b>\$2,301,717</b>	<b>\$10,573</b>	<b>\$49,775,205</b>

\*Facility and jail fees are distributed to the respective counties and municipalities that furnished the facilities. If the officer who made the arrest or served the process was employed by a municipality, the officer fee is distributed to the municipality; otherwise all officer fees are distributed to the respective counties. By provision of the State Constitution, fines and forfeitures collected by the courts within a county are distributed to that county for support of the public schools.

\*\*State totals may not equal the sum of county data due to rounding.

## COST AND CASE DATA ON REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENTS

July 1, 1991 — June 30, 1992

The State provides legal counsel for indigent persons in a variety of actions and proceedings, as specified in the North Carolina General Statutes, Sections 7A-450 *et seq.* These include criminal proceedings, judicial hospitalization proceedings, and juvenile proceedings which may result in commitment to an institution or 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 health hospital commitments), or by assignment of a public defender.

Eleven defender districts, serving 13 counties, have an office of public defender: Districts 3A, 3B, 12, 14, 15B, 16A, 16B, 18, 26, 27A, and 28. Further details on these offices are given in Part II of this *Annual Report*. In areas of the State not served by a public defender office, representation of indigents is provided by assignments of private counsel. Private counsel may also be assigned in districts that have a public defender, in the event of a conflict of interest 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.

The Appellate Defender Office began operation as a State-funded program on October 1, 1981. Pursuant to assignments made by trial court judges, it is the responsibility of the Appellate Defender and staff to provide criminal defense appellate services to indigent persons who are appealing their convictions to either the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals. The Appellate Defender is appointed by and is under the general supervision of the Chief Justice. The Chief Justice may, consistent with the resources available to the Appellate Defender and to ensure quality criminal defense services, authorize certain appeals to be assigned to a local public defender office or to private assigned counsel instead of

to the Appellate Defender. The cost data reported in the following table reflect the activities of this office in both the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1992.

In addition, the State provides a full-time special counsel at each of the State's four mental health hospitals, to represent patients in commitment or re-commitment hearings before a district court judge. Under North Carolina law, each patient committed to a mental health 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 such re-commitment, and thereafter a hearing at least once each year during the continuance of an involuntary commitment. (Special procedures apply to persons committed to mental health hospitals following a finding of not guilty by reason of insanity.)

A juvenile alleged to be within the jurisdiction of the court has the right to be represented by counsel in all proceedings; juveniles are conclusively presumed to be indigent and are entitled to state-appointed counsel (G.S. 7A-584). When a petition alleges that a juvenile is abused or neglected, the judge is required to appoint a guardian *ad litem*, and when a juvenile is alleged to be dependent, the judge may appoint a guardian *ad litem*. If the guardian *ad litem* is not an attorney, the judge in addition is to appoint an attorney to represent the juvenile's interests (G.S. 7A-586). Where a juvenile petition alleges that a juvenile is abused, neglected or dependent, an indigent parent has a right to appointed counsel (G.S. 7A-587).

The cost of all programs of indigent representation during the 1991-92 fiscal year totaled \$33,683,598, which was 15.2% of total Judicial Department expenditures.

Following is a summary of case and cost data for representation of indigents for the fiscal year July 1, 1991, through June 30, 1992.



## COST AND CASE DATA ON REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENTS

July 1, 1991 — June 30, 1992

	Number of Cases*	Total Cost	Average Per Case
<b>Assigned Private Counsel</b>			
Capital offense cases	837	\$ 3,324,718	\$3,972
Adult cases (other than capital)	64,069	15,467,414	241
Juvenile cases	8,811	1,421,320	161
<b>Totals</b>	<b>73,717</b>	<b>20,213,452</b>	<b>274</b>
<b>Guardian ad Litem for Juveniles</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>50,309</b>	
<b>Guardian ad Litem for Volunteer and Contract Program</b>		<b>3,230,220</b>	
<b>Public Defender Offices</b>			
District 3A	1,462	372,053	254
District 3B (Carteret County)	669	145,549	218
District 12	3,198	917,666	287
District 14	3,219	603,148	187
District 15B	1,438	322,278	224
District 16A	1,225	286,459	234
District 16B	1,593	362,706	228
District 18	4,659	1,072,719	230
District 26	14,156	1,706,452	121
District 27A	3,408	629,500	185
District 28	3,224	487,219	151
<b>Totals</b>	<b>38,251</b>	<b>6,905,749</b>	<b>181</b>
<b>Appellate Defender Office</b>			
Appellate Defender Office		631,385	
Resource Center		405,457**	
<b>Special Counsel at State Mental Health Hospitals</b>		<b>331,480</b>	
<b>Support Services</b>			
Transcripts, records and briefs		650,514	
Professional examinations		24,048	
Expert witness fees		389,304	
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,063,866</b>	
<b>Indigency Screening</b>		<b>419,369</b>	
<b>Capital Case Rehearing Fund</b>		<b>432,311</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$33,683,598</b>	

\*The number of "cases" shown for private assigned counsel is the number of payments (checks) made by the Administrative Office of the Courts for appointed attorneys. For public defender offices, the number of "cases" is the number of indigents disposed of by public defenders during the 1991-92 year.

\*\*Of the total cost, approximately \$275,305 (67.9%) in federal grant funds were received for the operations of the Resource Center during 1991-92.

# STATE MENTAL HEALTH HOSPITAL COMMITMENT HEARINGS

July 1, 1991 — June 30, 1992

The total cost of providing special counsel at each of the State's four mental health hospitals, to represent patients in commitment or recommitment hearings, was \$331,480 for the 1991-92 fiscal year. There was a total of 13,697 hearings held during the year, for an average cost

per hearing of \$24.20 for the special counsel service.

The following table presents data on the hearings held at each of the mental health hospitals in 1991-92. The total number of hearings in 1991-92, 13,697, is a 4.0% increase from the 13,167 hearings in 1990-91.

	Broughton	Cherry	Dorothea Dix	John Umstead	Totals
<b>Initial Hearings resulting in:</b>					
Commitment to hospital	1,027	1,191	1,007	1,593	4,818
Commitment to outpatient clinic	948	356	296	587	2,187
Discharge	1,217	626	538	508	2,889
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,192</b>	<b>2,173</b>	<b>1,841</b>	<b>2,688</b>	<b>9,894</b>
<b>First Rehearings resulting in:</b>					
Commitment to hospital	188	386	250	453	1,277
Commitment to outpatient clinic	18	14	24	30	86
Discharge	28	181	41	99	349
<b>Total</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>1,712</b>
<b>Second or Subsequent Rehearings resulting in:</b>					
Commitment to hospital	366	366	328	668	1,728
Commitment to outpatient clinic	2	0	4	5	11
Discharge	29	16	30	67	142
<b>Total</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>1,881</b>
<b>Modification of Prior Order Hearings resulting in:</b>					
Commitment to hospital	33	0	6	24	63
Commitment to outpatient clinic	11	14	11	83	119
Discharge	8	4	16	0	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>210</b>
<b>Total Hearings or Rehearings resulting in:</b>					
Commitment to hospital	1,614	1,943	1,591	2,738	7,886
Commitment to outpatient clinic	979	384	335	705	2,403
Discharge	1,282	827	625	674	3,408
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>3,875</b>	<b>3,154</b>	<b>2,551</b>	<b>4,117</b>	<b>13,697</b>

**ASSIGNED COUNSEL AND GUARDIAN AD LITEM**  
**Cases and Expenditures**

July 1, 1991 — June 30, 1992

	Assigned Counsel		Guardian ad Litem	
	Number of Cases	Expenditures	Number of Cases	Expenditures
<i>District 1</i>				
Camden	35	6,640	0	0
Chowan	184	60,763	2	100
Currituck	198	64,293	0	0
Dare	396	122,051	6	2,073
Gates	62	19,352	1	400
Pasquotank	640	137,331	4	325
Perquimans	82	14,765	4	275
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,597</b>	<b>425,195</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3,173</b>
<i>District 2</i>				
Beaufort	581	223,416	0	0
Hyde	55	24,435	3	300
Martin	208	52,989	0	0
Tyrrell	54	18,780	0	0
Washington	193	46,303	1	50
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,091</b>	<b>365,923</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>350</b>
<i>District 3A</i>				
Pitt	1,033	771,569	8	1,280
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,033</b>	<b>771,569</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1,280</b>
<i>District 3B</i>				
Carters	168	81,375	1	175
Craven	977	282,854	3	1,150
Pamlico	98	24,515	0	0
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,243</b>	<b>388,744</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1,325</b>
<i>District 4A</i>				
Duplin	525	140,822	2	250
Jones	63	26,007	1	100
Sampson	618	179,655	0	0
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,206</b>	<b>346,484</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>350</b>
<i>District 4B</i>				
Onslow	1,645	385,728	8	1,381
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,645</b>	<b>385,728</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1,381</b>
<i>District 5</i>				
New Hanover	2,395	574,047	4	1,365
Pender	289	71,518	0	0
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>2,684</b>	<b>645,565</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1,365</b>
<i>District 6A</i>				
Halifax	657	187,376	8	600
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>187,376</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>600</b>
<i>District 6B</i>				
Bertie	191	80,923	0	0
Hertford	323	97,912	0	0
Northampton	234	81,230	0	0
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>260,065</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**ASSIGNED COUNSEL AND GUARDIAN AD LITEM  
Cases and Expenditures**

**July 1, 1991 — June 30, 1992**

	Assigned Counsel		Guardian ad Litem	
	Number of Cases	Expenditures	Number of Cases	Expenditures
<i>District 7A</i>				
Nash	1,062	314,283	0	0
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,062</b>	<b>314,283</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>District 7B-C</i>				
Edgecombe	991	280,394	0	0
Wilson	1,005	282,397	0	0
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,996</b>	<b>562,791</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>District 8A</i>				
Greene	139	77,379	0	0
Lenoir	986	298,569	0	0
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>375,948</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>District 8B</i>				
Wayne	1,320	412,331	0	0
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,320</b>	<b>412,331</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>District 9</i>				
Franklin	540	184,817	0	0
Granville	579	122,624	0	0
Person	516	154,994	6	1,400
Vance	865	229,389	2	550
Warren	213	65,102	0	0
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>3,713</b>	<b>756,926</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1,950</b>
<i>District 10</i>				
Wake	6,884	1,513,689	1	600
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>6,884</b>	<b>1,513,689</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>600</b>
<i>District 11</i>				
Harnett	1,143	293,002	3	520
Johnston	1,525	411,891	0	0
Lee	941	209,045	2	700
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>3,609</b>	<b>913,938</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1,220</b>
<i>District 12</i>				
Cumberland	1,498	546,934	3	824
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,498</b>	<b>546,934</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>824</b>
<i>District 13</i>				
Bladen	650	178,866	2	350
Brunswick	716	202,463	3	650
Columbus	771	197,045	0	0
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>2,137</b>	<b>578,374</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<i>District 14</i>				
Durham	1,167	434,108	7	1,830
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,167</b>	<b>434,108</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1,830</b>

**ASSIGNED COUNSEL AND GUARDIAN AD LITEM  
Cases and Expenditures**

**July 1, 1991 — June 30, 1992**

	Assigned Counsel		Guardian ad Litem	
	Number of Cases	Expenditures	Number of Cases	Expenditures
<i>District 15A</i>				
Alamance	1,573	446,519	4	450
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,573</b>	<b>446,519</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>450</b>
<i>District 15B</i>				
Chatham	124	35,780	0	0
Orange	455	121,437	5	4,871
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>157,217</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4,871</b>
<i>District 16A</i>				
Hoke	54	69,016	0	0
Scotland	162	41,669	2	100
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>110,685</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100</b>
<i>District 16B</i>				
Robeson	953	248,795	4	350
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>953</b>	<b>248,795</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>350</b>
<i>District 17A</i>				
Caswell	166	53,154	4	450
Rockingham	1,199	384,651	4	750
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,365</b>	<b>437,805</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1,200</b>
<i>District 17B</i>				
Stokes	423	118,346	19	2,405
Surry	898	254,296	0	0
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,321</b>	<b>372,642</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2,405</b>
<i>District 18</i>				
Guilford	921	365,504	11	5,864
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>365,504</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5,864</b>
<i>District 19A</i>				
Cabarrus	1,111	280,443	0	0
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,111</b>	<b>280,443</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>District 19B</i>				
Montgomery	307	80,599	0	0
Randolph	1,091	320,178	6	2,225
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,398</b>	<b>400,777</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2,225</b>
<i>District 19C</i>				
Rowan	1,201	374,072	2	155
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,201</b>	<b>374,072</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>155</b>
<i>District 20A</i>				
Anson	501	117,312	0	0
Moore	1,139	263,036	1	150
Richmond	1,226	296,844	1	150
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>2,866</b>	<b>677,192</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>300</b>

**ASSIGNED COUNSEL AND GUARDIAN AD LITEM  
Cases and Expenditures**

**July 1, 1991 — June 30, 1992**

	<u>Assigned Counsel</u>		<u>Guardian ad Litem</u>	
	<u>Number of Cases</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
<u>District 20B</u>				
Stanly	593	192,604	1	150
Union	<u>1,284</u>	<u>281,657</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>350</u>
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,877</b>	<b>474,261</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>500</b>
<u>District 21</u>				
Forsyth	<u>4,631</u>	<u>862,601</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>325</u>
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>4,631</b>	<b>862,601</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>325</b>
<u>District 22</u>				
Alexander	420	112,666	0	0
Davidson	2,379	506,943	7	1,075
Davie	272	81,076	0	0
Iredell	<u>1,403</u>	<u>327,354</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>300</u>
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>4,474</b>	<b>1,028,039</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1,375</b>
<u>District 23</u>				
Alleghany	79	17,518	1	100
Ashe	217	55,521	1	125
Wilkes	723	148,494	5	525
Yadkin	<u>244</u>	<u>49,568</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,263</b>	<b>271,101</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>750</b>
<u>District 24</u>				
Avery	247	55,070	0	0
Madison	149	44,295	0	0
Mitchell	113	36,038	3	1,840
Watauga	316	89,462	3	350
Yancey	<u>105</u>	<u>34,533</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>400</u>
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>259,398</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2,590</b>
<u>District 25A</u>				
Burke	864	208,733	0	0
Caldwell	<u>958</u>	<u>189,052</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,822</b>	<b>397,785</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<u>District 25B</u>				
Catawba	<u>1,876</u>	<u>388,904</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>550</u>
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,876</b>	<b>388,904</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>550</b>
<u>District 26</u>				
Mecklenburg	<u>2,042</u>	<u>835,781</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>3,921</u>
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>2,042</b>	<b>835,781</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3,921</b>
<u>District 27A</u>				
Gaston	<u>256</u>	<u>114,442</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>295</u>
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>114,442</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>295</b>

**ASSIGNED COUNSEL AND GUARDIAN AD LITEM  
Cases and Expenditures**

**July 1, 1991 — June 30, 1992**

	<u>Assigned Counsel</u>		<u>Guardian ad Litem</u>	
	<u>Number of Cases</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
<u>District 27B</u>				
Cleveland	569	153,144	6	500
Lincoln	310	114,635	0	0
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>267,779</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>500</b>
<u>District 28</u>				
Buncombe	618	243,100	4	685
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>243,100</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>685</b>
<u>District 29</u>				
Henderson	1,272	243,023	4	1,275
McDowell	444	116,029	2	150
Polk	128	70,936	2	1,150
Rutherford	650	119,248	0	0
Transylvania	246	73,319	0	0
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>2,740</b>	<b>622,555</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2,575</b>
<u>District 30A</u>				
Cherokee	226	79,462	1	210
Clay	69	19,236	0	0
Graham	84	25,793	0	0
Macon	241	51,851	3	735
Swain	144	61,297	0	0
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>237,639</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>945</b>
<u>District 30B</u>				
Haywood	432	100,369	1	130
Jackson	194	52,076	0	0
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>152,445</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>130</b>
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>	<b>73,717</b>	<b>\$20,213,452</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>\$50,309</b>

**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL**  
**(Positions and salaries authorized as of June 30, 1992)**

Positions Authorized		Salary Ranges
<b>SUPREME COURT</b>		
7	Justices .....	\$ 89,532-91,416*
31	Staff personnel (Clerk's and Reporter's offices, law clerks, library staff) .....	\$ 16,854-67,352
7	Secretarial personnel .....	\$ 28,785-30,019
<b>COURT OF APPEALS</b>		
12	Judges .....	\$ 84,768-86,664*
41	Staff personnel (Clerk's office, prehearing staff, Judicial Standards Commission staff, law clerks) .....	\$ 16,218-61,481
13	Secretarial personnel .....	\$ 17,554-28,785
<b>SUPERIOR COURT</b>		
83	Judges .....	\$ 75,252-77,736*
104	Staff personnel .....	\$ 17,554-50,244
67	Secretarial personnel .....	\$ 17,554-33,950
<b>DISTRICT COURT</b>		
179	Judges .....	\$ 63,864-66,396*
653	Magistrates .....	\$ 16,536-28,236
33	Staff personnel .....	\$ 8,427-32,042
45	Secretarial personnel .....	\$ 10,529-27,968
<b>DISTRICT ATTORNEYS</b>		
37	District Attorneys .....	\$ 70,032*
350	Staff personnel .....	\$ 19,843-69,273
140	Secretarial personnel .....	\$ 16,854-39,864
<b>CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT</b>		
100	Clerks of Superior Court .....	\$ 46,920-60,504*
1,788	Staff personnel .....	\$ 16,236-34,740
<b>INDIGENT REPRESENTATION</b>		
1	Appellate Defender .....	\$ 73,394
8	Assistant Appellate Defenders .....	\$ 25,000-52,767
3	Secretarial personnel .....	\$ 17,032-26,076
1	Resource Center Director .....	\$ 63,000
3	Resource Center staff personnel .....	\$ 23,952-50,000
11	Public Defenders .....	\$ 70,032*
99	Staff personnel .....	\$ 25,516-70,000
36	Secretarial personnel .....	\$ 17,376-37,741
4	Special counsel at mental health hospitals .....	\$ 14,000-41,340
2	Assistants to Special Counsel .....	\$ 12,230
4	Secretarial personnel .....	\$ 19,487-23,079
1	Guardian ad Litem, Program Administrator .....	\$ 57,126
3	Regional Administrators .....	\$ 28,744-38,529
34	District Administrators .....	\$ 15,938-31,876
35	Staff personnel .....	\$ 5,696-29,597
8	Secretarial personnel .....	\$ 4,214-22,184
<b>JUVENILE PROBATION AND AFTERCARE</b>		
1	Juvenile Services Administrator .....	\$ 70,571
1	Juvenile Services Assistant Administrator .....	\$ 62,048
4	Juvenile Services Area Administrators .....	\$ 38,618-59,695
2	Staff personnel .....	\$ 20,695-41,172
323	Court counselors .....	\$ 25,516-47,382
54	Secretarial personnel .....	\$ 8,879-30,223
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS</b>		
1	Administrative Officer of the Courts .....	\$ 77,736*
1	Assistant Director .....	\$ 63,360*
190	Staff personnel (includes Sentencing & Policy Advisory Commission) .....	\$ 17,948-85,453

\*In addition to the salaries given here, these categories are entitled to a longevity allowance for years of service.



## **PART IV**

### **TRIAL COURTS CASEFLOW DATA**

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

## TRIAL COURTS CASE DATA

This part of the *Annual Report* presents pertinent data on a district-by-district and county-by-county basis. For ease of reference, this part is divided into a superior court division section and a district court division section.

The data within the two sections are generally parallel in terms of organization, with each section subdivided into civil and criminal case categories. With some exceptions, there are four basic data tables for each case category: a caseload inventory (filings, dispositions, and pending) table; a table on the manner of disposition; a table on ages of cases pending at the end of the year; and a table on ages of cases disposed of during the year. Pending and disposed age data are not provided for district court motor vehicle criminal cases, infractions, civil cases referred to magistrates (small claims cases), or juvenile cases, as these categories of cases are not reported by case file number.

The caseload inventory tables provide a statistical picture of caseload during the 1991-92 year. Inventory tables show 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. The caseload inventory also shows the total caseload (the number pending at the beginning of the year plus the number filed during the year) and the percentage of the caseload that was disposed of during the year.

The aging tables show the ages of the cases pending on June 30, 1992, as well as the ages of the cases disposed of during 1991-92. These tables also show both mean (average) and median ages for cases pending at the end of the year and cases disposed of during the year. The median age of a group of cases is, by definition, the age of a hypothetical case which is older than 50% of the total set of cases and younger than the other 50%.

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. For example, if only a single two-year old case was included with ten cases aged three months, the median age would be 90 days and the mean (average) age would be 148.2 days. A substantial difference between the median and average ages, therefore, indicates the presence of a number of cases at the relative extremes, with either very high or very low ages.

The majority of caseload statistics is now handled by

automated processing rather than manual processing. Automated processing covers all case categories except estates, special proceedings, and juvenile proceedings. As of June 30, 1992, 99 counties were on the criminal module and all 100 counties were on the civil and infraction modules of the Administrative Office of the Court's (AOC) Court Information System (CIS). Mecklenburg County has its own county-based processing system for criminal cases.

The case statistics in Part IV have been summarized from the automated filing and disposition case data, as well as from manually reported case data. Pending case information is calculated from the filing and disposition data. The accuracy of the pending case figures is, of course, dependent upon timely and accurate data on filings and dispositions.

Periodic comparisons by clerk personnel of their actual pending case files against the Administrative Office of the Court's computer-produced pending case lists, followed by indicated corrections, are necessary to maintain completely accurate data in the AOC computer file. Yet, staff resources in the clerks' offices are not sufficient to make such physical inventory checks as frequently and as completely as would be necessary to maintain full accuracy in the AOC's computer files. Thus, it is recognized that there is some margin of error in the figures published in the following tables.

Another accuracy-related problem inherent in the AOC's reporting system is the lack of absolute consistency in the published year-end and year-beginning pending figures. The number of cases pending at the end of a reporting year should ideally be identical to the number of published pending cases at the beginning of the next reporting year. In reality, this is rarely the case. Experience has shown that inevitably some filings and dispositions that occurred in the preceding year are not reported until the subsequent year. The later-reported data are regarded as being more complete and are used in the current year's tables, thereby producing some differences between the prior year's end-pending figures and the current year's begin-pending figures.

Notwithstanding the indicated limitations in the data reporting and data-processing system, it is believed that the published figures are sufficiently adequate to fully justify their use. In any event, the published figures are the best and most accurate data currently available.

**PART IV, Section 1**

**Superior Court Division**

**Caseflow Data**

## THE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

This section contains data tables and accompanying charts depicting the 1991-92 caseflow of cases pending, filed, and disposed of in the State's superior courts before superior court judges. Data are also presented on cases filed and disposed of before the 100 clerks of superior court, who have original jurisdiction over estate cases and special proceedings.

There are, for statistical reporting purposes, three categories of cases filed in the superior courts: civil cases (excluding estates and special proceedings), felony cases that are within the original jurisdiction of the superior courts, and misdemeanors. Most misdemeanor cases in superior court are appeals from convictions in district court; however, the superior courts have original jurisdiction over misdemeanors in four instances defined in G.S. 7A-271, which includes, among others, the initiation of charges by presentment, and certain situations where a misdemeanor charge is consolidated with a felony charge.

During 1991-92, as in previous years, the greatest proportion of superior court filings was felonies (58.2%), followed by misdemeanors (27.8%) and civil cases (14.0%). Following the general trend over the past decade, the total number of case filings increased significantly. During 1991-92, total case filings in superior courts increased by 8.7% from the preceding fiscal year (from 135,419 total cases to 147,219). Filings of civil cases increased by 1.1%, and felony filings increased by 16.0%, while misdemeanor filings decreased by 0.6%.

Superior court civil cases generally take much longer to dispose of than do criminal cases. During 1991-92, the median age at disposition of civil cases was 276 days, compared to a median age at disposition of 97 days for felonies and 80 days for misdemeanors. A similar pattern exists for the ages of pending cases. The median ages of superior court cases pending on June 30, 1992, was 235 days for civil cases, 119 days for felonies, and 116 days for misdemeanors.

These differences in the median ages of civil versus criminal cases in superior courts can be attributed in part to the priority given criminal cases. In criminal cases, a defendant has a right to a "speedy trial" guaranteed by both the United States and North Carolina Constitutions. During 1991-92, there were no "speedy trial" dismissals. There is no similar constitutional requirement for speedy disposition of civil cases in North Carolina, although the North Carolina Constitution does provide

that "right and justice shall be administered without favor, denial, or delay" (Article I, Section 18, N.C. Constitution).

From 1990-91 to 1991-92, for civil cases, the median age at disposition increased from 272 days to 276 days, and the median age of cases pending at year-end increased from 228 days to 235 days. For felony cases, the median age at disposition increased from 96 days to 97 days, and the median age of cases pending at year-end increased from 110 days to 119 days. For misdemeanor cases, the median age at disposition decreased from 83 days to 80 days, but the median age of cases pending increased from 100 days to 116 days.

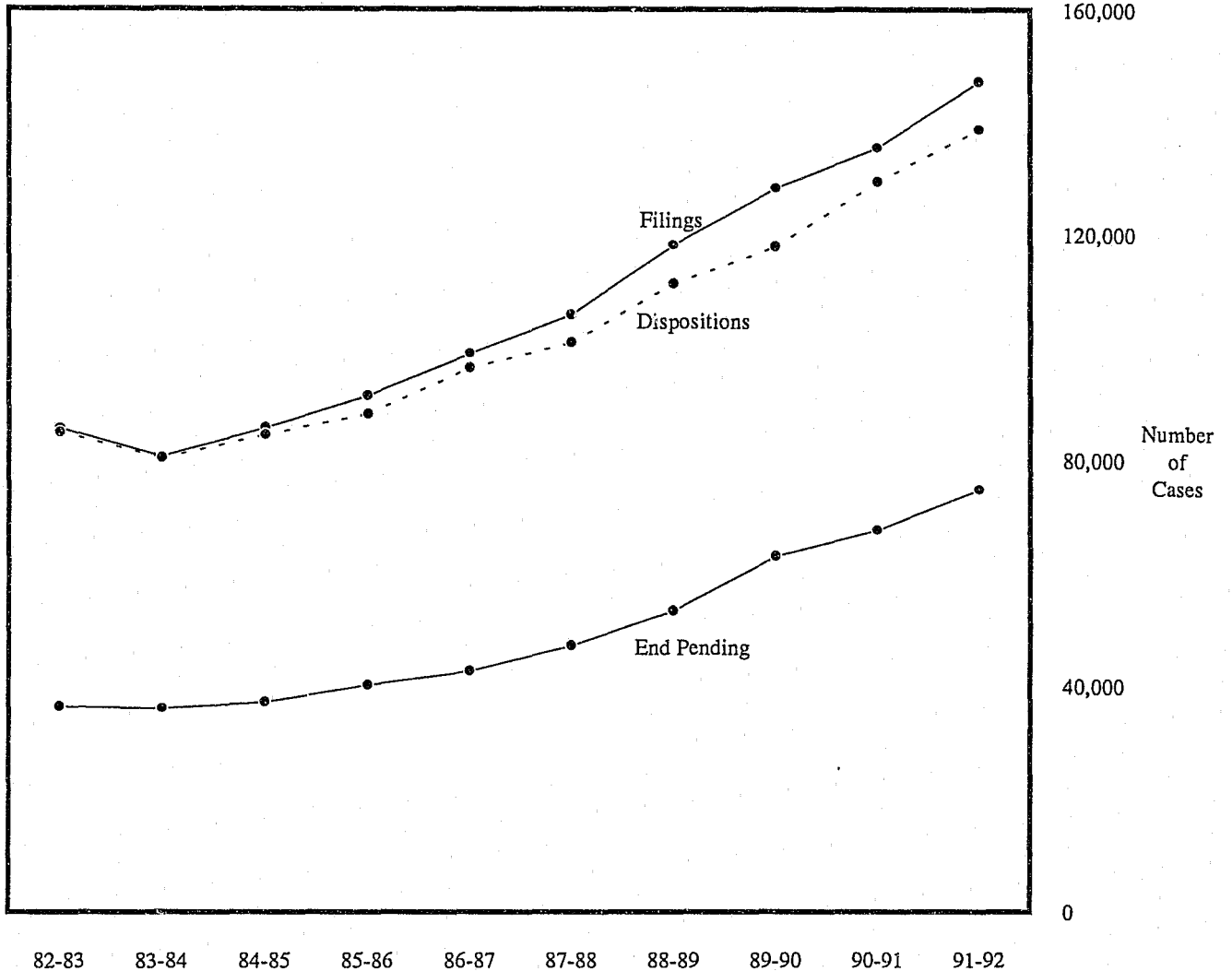
The three major case categories (civil, felonies, and misdemeanors) may be broken down into more specific case types. In the civil category, negligence cases comprised 45.6% of total civil filings in superior courts (9,361 of 20,546 total civil filings). Contract cases comprised the next largest category of civil case filings, at 24.2% (4,967 filings). Felony case filings were dominated by the following types of cases: controlled substances violations, 31.3% (26,855 of 85,748 total filings); burglary and breaking or entering, 20.3% (17,421 filings); forgery and uttering, 9.9% (8,462 filings); and larceny, 9.5% (8,156 filings). Non-motor vehicle appeals comprised 46.2% of misdemeanor filings in superior courts (18,921 of 40,925 total filings).

Case dispositions in 1991-92 increased by 7.3% over last fiscal year (from 129,302 to 138,711 superior court dispositions). Jury trials continued to account for a low percentage of case dispositions: 3.9% of civil cases (761 of 19,455 civil dispositions); 2.8% of felonies (2,207 of 79,680 felony dispositions); and 2.3% of misdemeanors (902 of 39,576 misdemeanor dispositions). Over half (53.8%) of all civil dispositions were by voluntary dismissal (10,467 of 19,455 civil dispositions). As in previous years, most criminal cases were disposed of by guilty plea; 65.2% of all felony dispositions (51,932 of 79,680), and 36.0% of all misdemeanor dispositions (14,265 of 39,576) were by guilty plea, with 80.6% of these being to the offense as charged.

The total number of cases disposed of in superior courts in 1991-92 was 8,508 cases fewer than the total number of cases filed. Consequently, the total number of pending cases in superior courts increased from 66,309 at the beginning of the fiscal year to a total at year's end of 74,817, an increase of 12.8%.

## CASELOAD TRENDS IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

1982-83 -- 1991-92

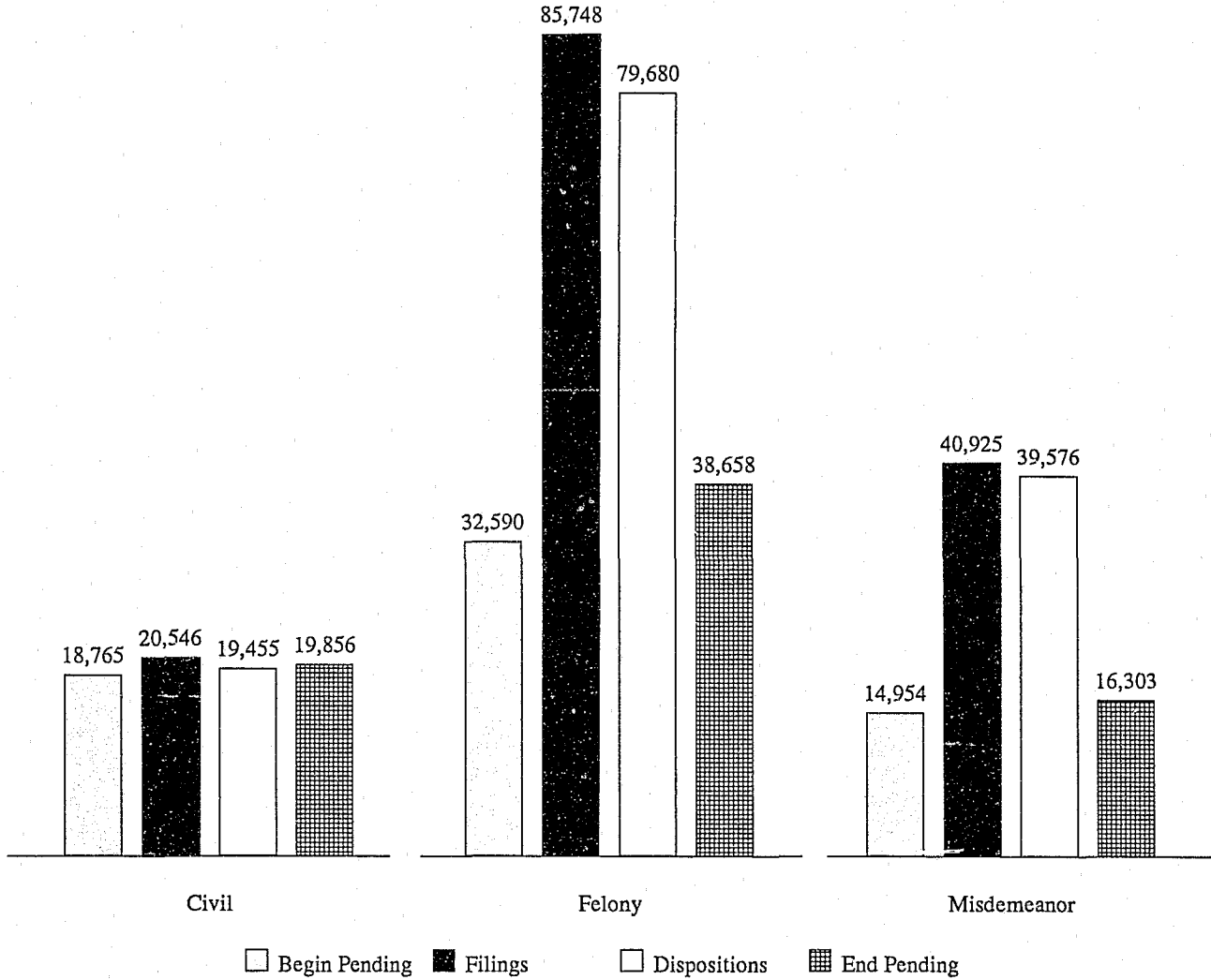


Superior court filings and dispositions have increased each of the last eight years. Cases pending at the end of the year have been on an upward trend even longer.

This year's filings, dispositions, and pending cases increased by 8.7%, 7.3%, and 10.6%, respectively.

## SUPERIOR COURT CASELOAD

July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992

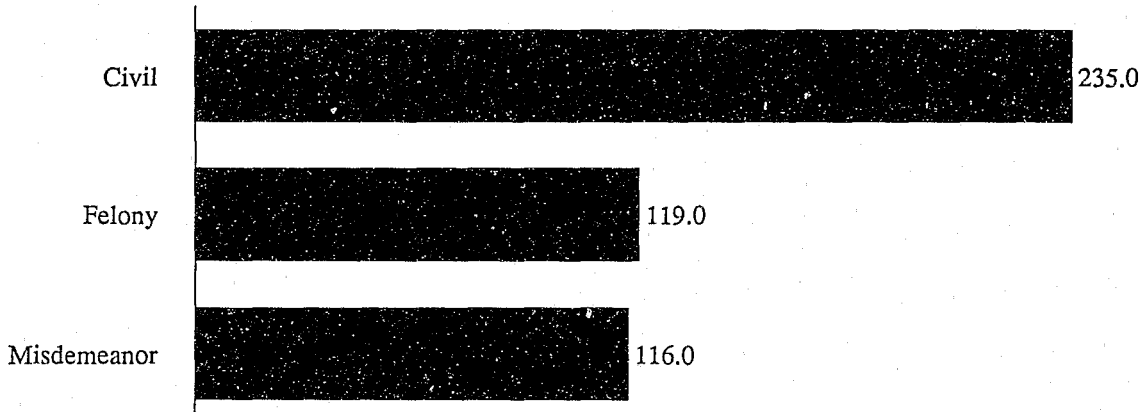


The number of cases pending in superior court increased in all categories during 1991-92. Pending civil cases increased by 5.8%, pending felonies by 18.6%, and pending misdemeanors by 9.0%. Compared to the previous year's figures, civil filings increased by 1.1% and

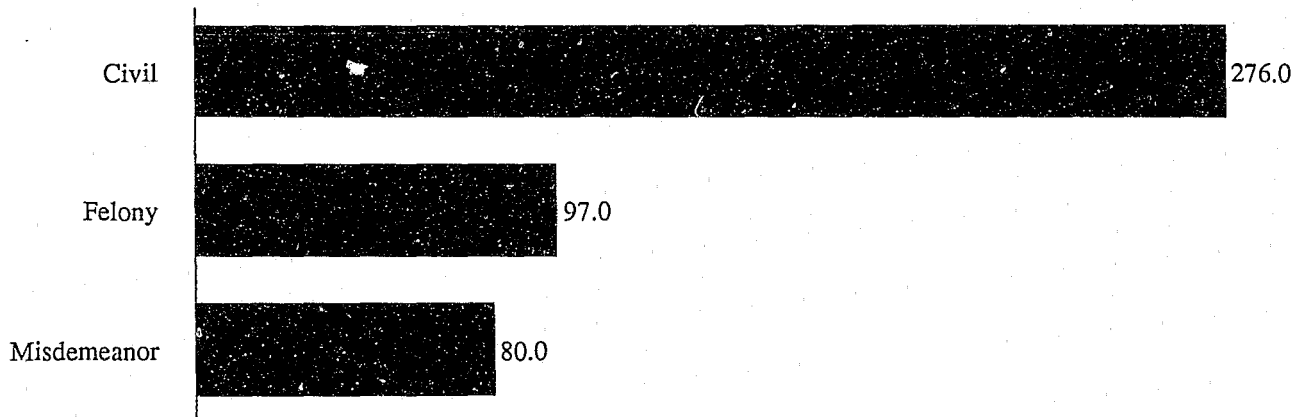
felony filings increased by 16.0%, but misdemeanor filings decreased by 0.6%. Civil dispositions decreased by 1.4% and misdemeanor dispositions decreased by 0.5%, but felony dispositions increased by 14.1%.

## MEDIAN AGES OF SUPERIOR COURT CASES

Median Ages (in Days) of Cases Pending June 30, 1992



Median Ages (in Days) of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1991-92

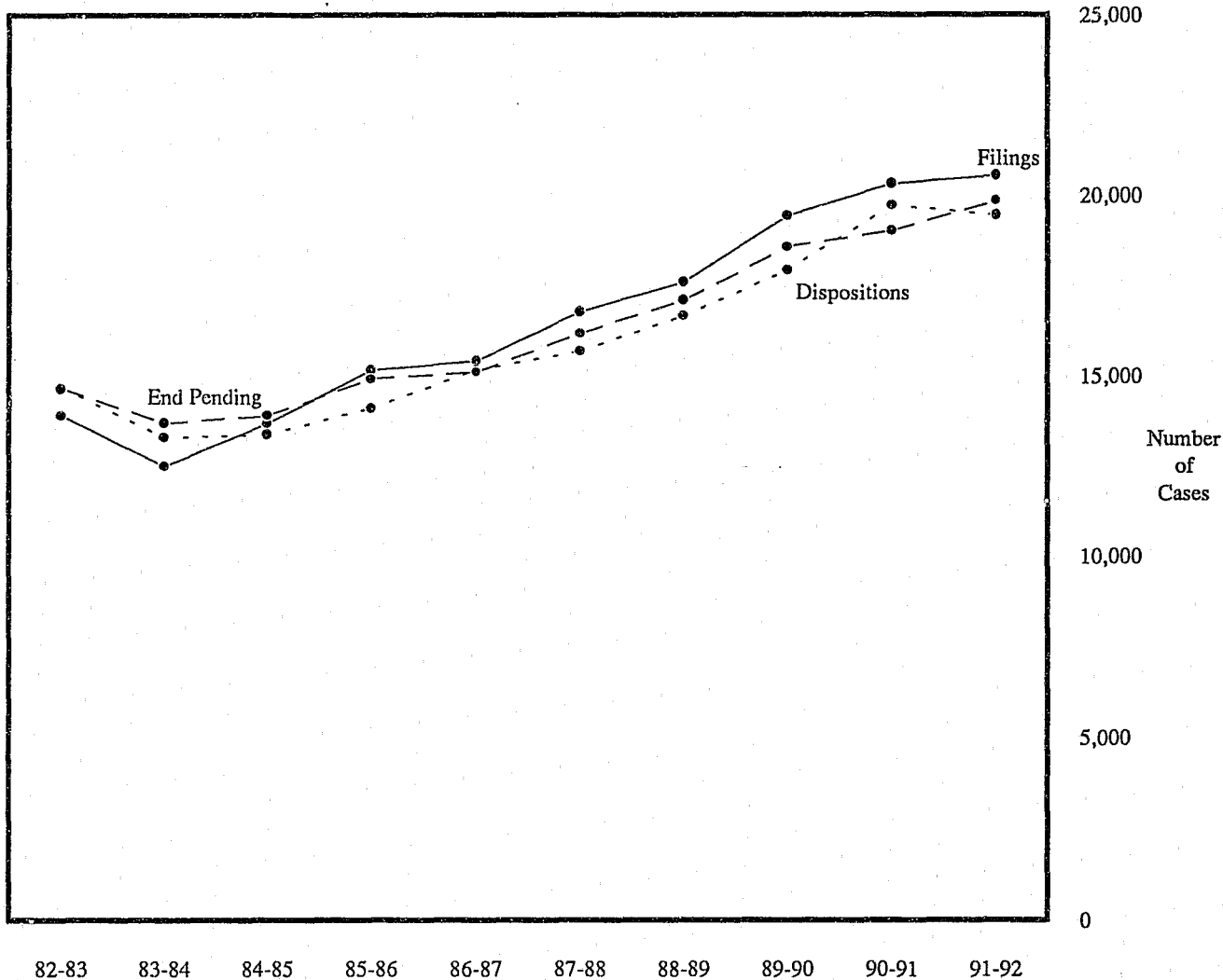


Last year's median ages at disposition for civil cases (272 days), felonies (96 days), and misdemeanors (83 days) were close to this year's ages. However, the median

pending ages have increased over last year's, by 7 days for civil cases, by 9 days for felonies, and by 16 days for misdemeanors.

# CASELOAD TRENDS OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

1982-83 -- 1991-92



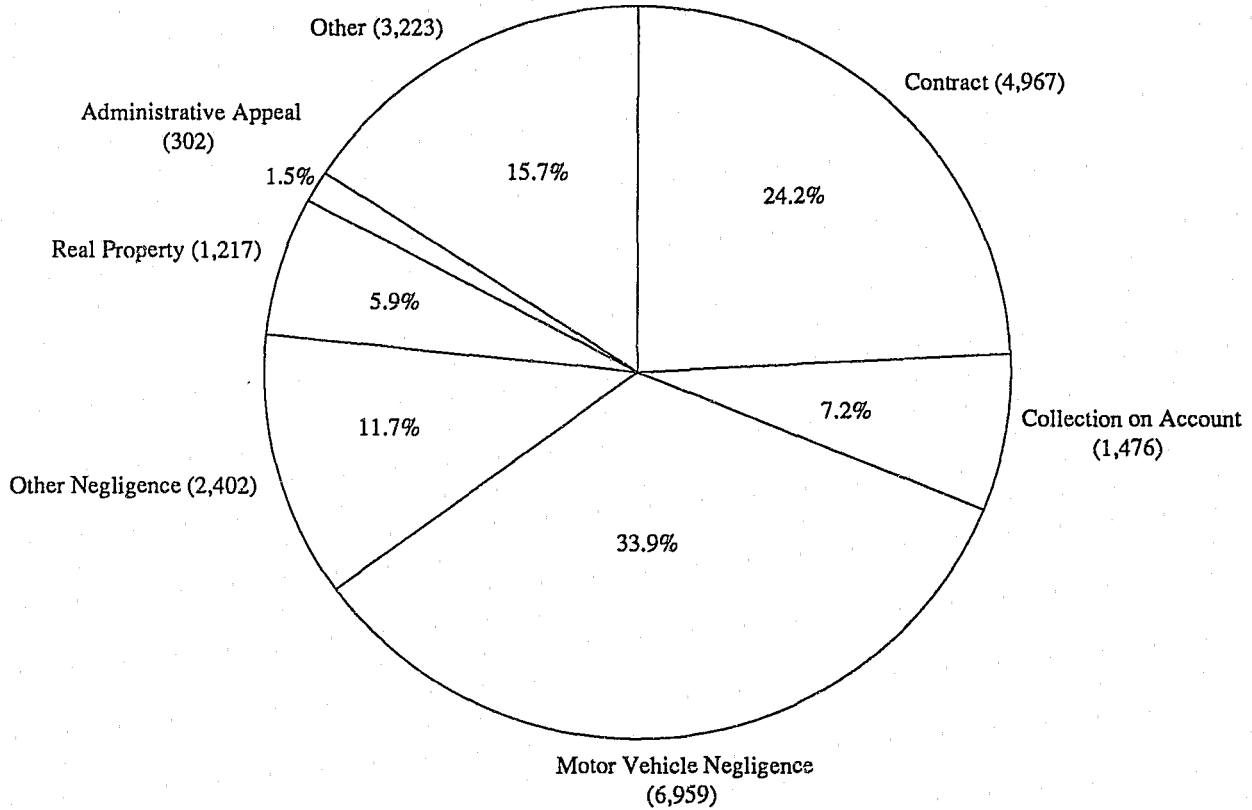
The number of civil superior court cases filed and the number pending at year's end have both increased each year for the past eight years. Dispositions decreased for the first time since 1983-84. During fiscal year 1991-92, civil filings in the superior courts increased by 1.1% over the previous year, while dispositions decreased by 1.4%.

There were 20,546 civil cases filed and 19,455 disposed in the superior courts during 1991-92. The difference in these figures accounts for the 5.8% increase in the number of cases pending on June 30, 1992, as compared to the number pending on July 1, 1991.



## FILINGS OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS BY TYPE OF CASE

July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992



While total civil filings in superior court increased by 1.1% in fiscal year 1991-92, collection on account filings decreased by 18.2% (from 1,805 in fiscal year 1990-91 to 1,476 in 1991-92), and contract filings decreased by 6.2% (from 5,294 in 1990-91 to 4,967 in 1991-92). Non-motor vehicle negligence, the category that includes professional malpractice, increased by 14.2%, from 2,103 cases

in fiscal year 1990-91 to 2,402 in 1991-92. Non-motor vehicle negligence filings, together with motor vehicle negligence filings (which increased by 6.2%, from 6,553 in 1990-91 to 6,959 in 1991-92), accounted for much of the overall growth in the civil caseload. (The "other" category includes non-negligent torts such as conversion of property, civil assault, and civil fraud.)

## CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992

	Begin Pending 7/1/91	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	End Pending 6/30/92
<b>District 1</b>						
Camden	9	9	18	5	27.8%	13
Chowan	18	28	46	23	50.0%	23
Currituck	87	38	125	75	60.0%	50
Dare	168	174	342	147	43.0%	195
Gates	15	16	31	17	54.8%	14
Pasquotank	71	78	149	68	45.6%	81
Perquimans	26	11	37	19	51.4%	18
District Totals	394	354	748	354	47.3%	394
<b>District 2</b>						
Beaufort	83	76	159	78	49.1%	81
Hyde	17	19	36	18	50.0%	18
Martin	70	21	91	41	45.1%	50
Tyrrell	7	7	14	4	28.6%	10
Washington	36	27	63	34	54.0%	29
District Totals	213	150	363	175	48.2%	188
<b>District 3A</b>						
Pitt	269	337	606	313	51.7%	293
<b>District 3B</b>						
Carteret	151	170	321	157	48.9%	164
Craven	204	230	434	216	49.8%	218
Pamlico	25	35	60	31	51.7%	29
District Totals	380	435	815	404	49.6%	411
<b>District 4A</b>						
Duplin	92	97	189	87	46.0%	102
Jones	30	21	51	22	43.1%	29
Sampson	81	78	159	82	51.6%	77
District Totals	203	196	399	191	47.9%	208
<b>District 4B</b>						
Onslow	291	278	569	259	45.5%	310
<b>District 5</b>						
New Hanover	644	510	1,154	565	49.0%	589
Pender	74	53	127	63	49.6%	64
District Totals	718	563	1,281	628	49.0%	653
<b>District 6A</b>						
Halifax	127	131	258	144	55.8%	114

**CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS**

**July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992**

	Begin Pending 7/1/91	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	End Pending 6/30/92
<b>District 6B</b>						
Bertie	52	37	89	49	55.1%	40
Hertford	48	38	86	37	43.0%	49
Northampton	51	49	100	49	49.0%	51
District Totals	151	124	275	135	49.1%	140
<b>District 7A</b>						
Nash	184	231	415	204	49.2%	211
<b>District 7B-C</b>						
Edgecombe	104	130	234	114	48.7%	120
Wilson	167	253	420	185	44.0%	235
District Totals	271	383	654	299	45.7%	355
<b>District 8A</b>						
Greene	25	25	50	24	48.0%	26
Lenoir	173	201	374	221	59.1%	153
District Totals	198	226	424	245	57.8%	179
<b>District 8B</b>						
Wayne	277	275	552	228	41.3%	324
<b>District 9</b>						
Franklin	77	67	144	70	48.6%	74
Granville	70	74	144	64	44.4%	80
Person	55	45	100	57	57.0%	43
Vance	97	89	186	88	47.3%	98
Warren	32	24	56	28	50.0%	28
District Totals	331	299	630	307	48.7%	323
<b>District 10A-D</b>						
Wake	2,020	1,880	3,900	1,683	43.2%	2,217
<b>District 11</b>						
Harnett	138	184	322	142	44.1%	180
Johnston	292	258	550	255	46.4%	295
Lee	93	103	196	89	45.4%	107
District Totals	523	545	1,068	486	45.5%	582
<b>District 12A-C</b>						
Cumberland	446	540	1,086	553	50.9%	533

**CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS  
July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992**

	Begin Pending 7/1/91	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	End Pending 6/30/92
<b>District 13</b>						
Bladen	99	56	155	66	42.6%	89
Brunswick	187	157	344	138	40.1%	206
Columbus	163	142	305	120	39.3%	185
District Totals	449	355	804	324	40.3%	480
<b>District 14A-B</b>						
Durham	681	759	1,440	630	43.8%	810
<b>District 15A</b>						
Alamance	199	214	413	231	55.9%	182
<b>District 15B</b>						
Chatham	54	77	131	72	55.0%	59
Orange	228	301	529	314	59.4%	215
District Totals	282	378	660	386	58.5%	274
<b>District 16A</b>						
Hoke	24	18	42	17	40.5%	25
Scotland	49	75	124	72	58.1%	52
District Totals	73	93	166	89	53.6%	77
<b>District 16B</b>						
Robeson	278	350	628	352	56.1%	276
<b>District 17A</b>						
Caswell	13	25	38	25	65.8%	13
Rockingham	122	168	290	174	60.0%	116
District Totals	135	193	328	199	60.7%	129
<b>District 17B</b>						
Stokes	27	42	69	34	49.3%	35
Surry	115	172	287	176	61.3%	111
District Totals	142	214	356	210	59.0%	146
<b>District 18A-E</b>						
Guilford	1,180	1,415	2,595	1,223	47.1%	1,372
<b>District 19A</b>						
Cabarrus	110	186	296	172	58.1%	124
<b>District 19B</b>						
Montgomery	39	44	83	52	62.7%	31
Randolph	158	187	345	178	51.6%	167
District Totals	197	231	428	230	53.7%	198

**CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES  
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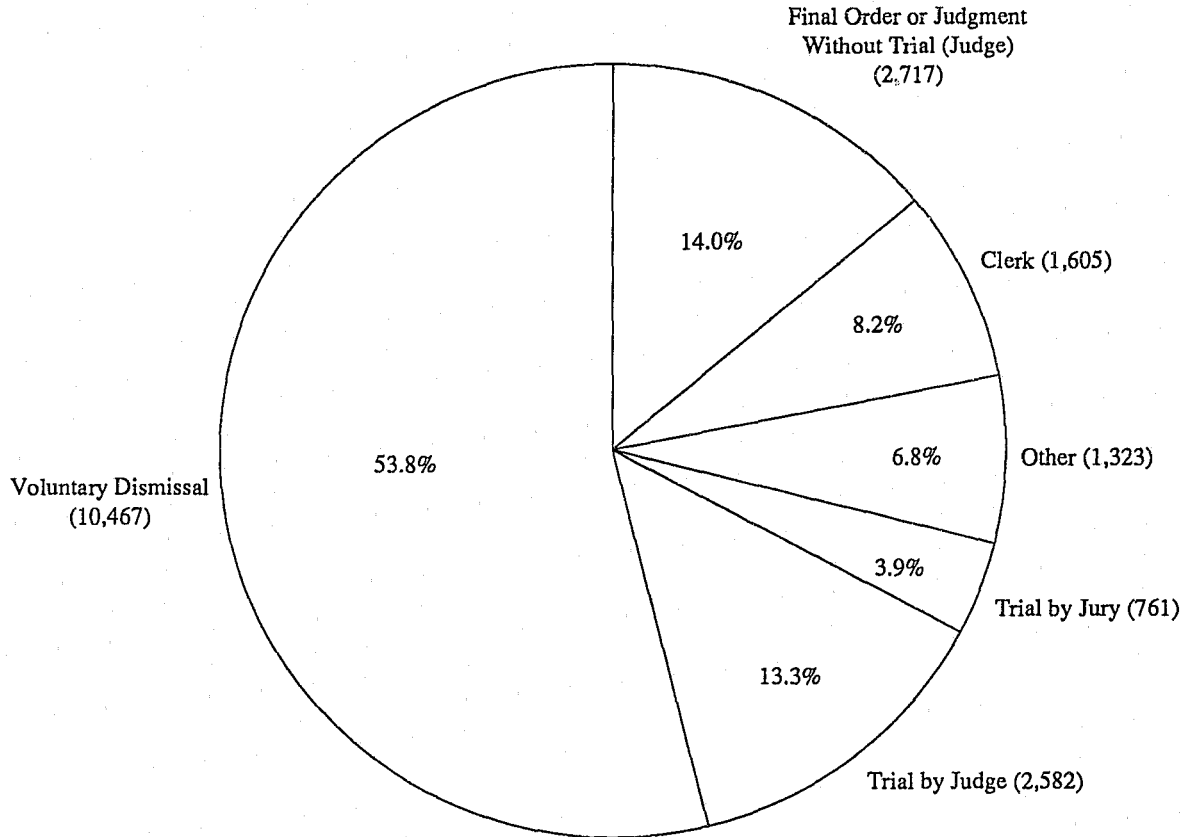
	Begin Pending 7/1/91	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	End Pending 6/30/92
<b>District 19C</b>						
Rowan	159	210	369	174	47.2%	195
<b>District 20A</b>						
Anson	59	53	112	57	50.9%	55
Moore	132	144	276	140	50.7%	136
Richmond	91	151	242	105	43.4%	137
District Totals	282	348	630	302	47.9%	328
<b>District 20B</b>						
Stanly	113	92	205	94	45.9%	111
Union	197	187	384	164	42.7%	220
District Totals	310	279	589	258	43.8%	331
<b>District 21A-D</b>						
Forsyth	730	1,002	1,732	995	57.4%	737
<b>District 22</b>						
Alexander	44	46	90	49	54.4%	41
Davidson	140	186	326	172	52.8%	154
Davie	50	68	118	55	46.6%	63
Iredell	220	359	579	290	50.1%	289
District Totals	454	659	1,113	566	50.9%	547
<b>District 23</b>						
Alleghany	16	21	37	26	70.3%	11
Ashe	20	17	37	24	64.9%	13
Wilkes	115	161	276	159	57.6%	117
Yadkin	31	43	74	36	48.6%	38
District Totals	182	242	424	245	57.8%	179
<b>District 24</b>						
Avery	27	42	69	31	44.9%	38
Madison	40	35	75	30	40.0%	45
Mitchell	23	32	55	31	56.4%	24
Watauga	89	115	204	102	50.0%	102
Yancey	24	27	51	30	58.8%	21
District Totals	203	251	454	224	49.3%	230
<b>District 25A</b>						
Burke	164	182	346	192	55.5%	154
Caldwell	159	183	342	178	52.0%	164
District Totals	323	365	688	370	53.8%	318

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	Begin Pending 7/1/91	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	End Pending 6/30/92
<b>District 25B</b>						
Catawba	409	431	840	539	64.2%	301
<b>District 26A-C</b>						
Mecklenburg	3,074	3,072	6,146	3,093	50.3%	3,053
<b>District 27A</b>						
Gaston	351	599	950	586	61.7%	364
<b>District 27B</b>						
Cleveland	176	184	360	152	42.2%	208
Lincoln	96	114	210	91	43.3%	119
District Totals	272	298	570	243	42.6%	327
<b>District 28</b>						
Buncombe	477	575	1,052	544	51.7%	508
<b>District 29</b>						
Henderson	237	213	450	149	33.1%	301
McDowell	58	74	132	72	54.5%	60
Polk	28	26	54	28	51.9%	26
Rutherford	74	111	185	91	49.2%	94
Transylvania	74	52	126	65	51.6%	61
District Totals	471	476	947	405	42.8%	542
<b>District 30A</b>						
Cherokee	41	35	76	25	32.9%	51
Clay	6	10	16	6	37.5%	10
Graham	15	20	35	13	37.1%	22
Macon	71	57	128	50	39.1%	78
Swain	32	14	46	15	32.6%	31
District Totals	165	136	301	109	36.2%	192
<b>District 30B</b>						
Haywood	119	111	230	85	37.0%	145
Jackson	62	57	119	63	52.9%	56
District Totals	181	168	349	148	42.4%	201
State Totals	18,765	20,546	39,311	19,455	49.5%	19,856

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Compared to 1990-91, civil dispositions in superior court decreased by 1.4%, from 19,730 to 19,455. Trial by jury dispositions decreased by 9.1%, from 837 in fiscal year 1990-91 to 761 in 1991-92. This marks the seventh consecutive year that the percentage of superior court civil cases disposed by jury trial has decreased, steadily declining from 7.7% in 1984-85 to 3.9% in 1991-92. [The "other" category includes miscellaneous dispositions such as discontinuance for lack of service of process under Civil Rule 4(e), dismissal on motion of the court, and removal to federal court.]

The median ages (in days) of civil cases disposed by the various methods of disposition are as follows:

Manner of Disposition	Median Age at Disposition
Trial by Jury	533.0
Trial by Judge	263.0
Voluntary Dismissal	308.0
Final Order or Judgment Without Trial (Judge)	284.0
Clerk	64.0
Other	182.0

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	Trial by		Voluntary Dismissal	Judge's Final Order or Judgment			Total Disposed
	Jury	Judge		Without Trial	Clerk	Other	
<b>District 1</b>							
Camden	0	2	3	0	0	0	5
Chowan	0	6	14	0	3	0	23
Currituck	0	16	29	9	5	16	75
Dare	4	16	72	26	17	12	147
Gates	2	1	9	2	0	3	17
Pasquotank	0	13	40	4	3	8	68
Perquimans	2	1	11	3	0	2	19
District Totals	8 2.3%	55 15.5%	178 50.3%	44 12.4%	28 7.9%	41 11.6%	354 100.0%
<b>District 2</b>							
Beaufort	4	3	41	19	7	4	78
Hyde	0	3	10	0	2	3	18
Martin	2	3	31	4	1	0	41
Tyrrell	0	1	2	1	0	0	4
Washington	1	1	19	6	7	0	34
District Totals	7 4.0%	11 6.3%	103 58.9%	30 17.1%	17 9.7%	7 4.0%	175 100.0%
<b>District 3A</b>							
Pitt	12 3.8%	57 18.2%	187 59.7%	1 0.3%	27 8.6%	29 9.3%	313 100.0%
<b>District 3B</b>							
Carteret	9	33	82	14	9	10	157
Craven	8	26	111	37	16	18	216
Pamlico	2	4	14	7	0	4	31
District Totals	19 4.7%	63 15.6%	207 51.2%	58 14.4%	25 6.2%	32 7.9%	404 100.0%
<b>District 4A</b>							
Duplin	8	17	47	8	3	4	87
Jones	0	2	12	4	2	2	22
Sampson	5	10	48	12	7	0	82
District Totals	13 6.8%	29 15.2%	107 56.0%	24 12.6%	12 6.3%	6 3.1%	191 100.0%
<b>District 4B</b>							
Onslow	8 3.1%	46 17.8%	159 61.4%	22 8.5%	12 4.6%	12 4.6%	259 100.0%



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	Jury	Judge		Without Trial			
<b>District 5</b>							
New Hanover	20	29	328	154	24	10	565
Pender	3	6	37	9	2	6	63
District Totals	23 3.7%	35 5.6%	365 58.1%	163 26.0%	26 4.1%	16 2.5%	628 100.0%
<b>District 6A</b>							
Halifax	5 3.5%	39 27.1%	85 59.0%	6 4.2%	5 3.5%	4 2.8%	144 100.0%
<b>District 6B</b>							
Bertie	0	6	22	15	4	2	49
Hertford	1	7	23	3	3	0	37
Northampton	1	10	33	2	3	0	49
District Totals	2 1.5%	23 17.0%	78 57.8%	20 14.8%	10 7.4%	2 1.5%	135 100.0%
<b>District 7A</b>							
Nash	2 1.0%	6 2.9%	128 62.7%	44 21.6%	20 9.8%	4 2.0%	204 100.0%
<b>District 7B-C</b>							
Edgecombe	3	6	85	8	8	4	114
Wilson	9	26	124	10	12	4	185
District Totals	12 4.0%	32 10.7%	209 69.9%	18 6.0%	20 6.7%	8 2.7%	299 100.0%
<b>District 8A</b>							
Greene	1	0	17	3	1	2	24
Lenoir	7	15	119	52	25	3	221
District Totals	8 3.3%	15 6.1%	136 55.5%	55 22.4%	26 10.6%	5 2.0%	245 100.0%
<b>District 8B</b>							
Wayne	12 5.3%	31 13.6%	136 59.6%	31 13.6%	16 7.0%	2 0.9%	228 100.0%

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	Jury	Judge					
<b>District 9</b>							
Franklin	4	5	39	11	11	0	70
Granville	1	9	41	10	3	0	64
Person	0	9	37	5	4	2	57
Vance	2	24	55	1	4	2	88
Warren	5	4	13	4	2	0	28
District Totals	12 3.9%	51 16.6%	185 60.3%	31 10.1%	24 7.8%	4 1.3%	307 100.0%
<b>District 10A-D</b>							
Wake	50 3.0%	149 8.9%	844 50.1%	301 17.9%	130 7.7%	209 12.4%	1,683 100.0%
<b>District 11</b>							
Harnett	10	7	80	37	7	1	142
Johnston	10	5	143	67	17	13	255
Lee	7	18	54	6	4	0	89
District Totals	27 5.6%	30 6.2%	277 57.0%	110 22.6%	28 5.8%	14 2.9%	486 100.0%
<b>District 12A-C</b>							
Cumberland	19 3.4%	53 9.6%	345 62.4%	61 11.0%	38 6.9%	37 6.7%	553 100.0%
<b>District 13</b>							
Bladen	3	7	41	6	6	3	66
Brunswick	7	9	70	33	14	5	138
Columbus	7	10	82	13	5	3	120
District Totals	17 5.2%	26 8.0%	193 59.6%	52 16.0%	25 7.7%	11 3.4%	324 100.0%
<b>District 14A-B</b>							
Durham	23 3.7%	61 9.7%	309 49.0%	47 7.5%	108 17.1%	82 13.0%	630 100.0%
<b>District 15A</b>							
Alamance	13 5.6%	17 7.4%	98 42.4%	35 15.2%	26 11.3%	42 18.2%	231 100.0%
<b>District 15B</b>							
Chatham	5	6	35	16	4	6	72
Orange	15	94	132	12	26	35	314
District Totals	20 5.2%	100 25.9%	167 43.3%	28 7.3%	30 7.8%	41 10.6%	386 100.0%

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	Jury	Judge		Without Trial			
<b>District 16A</b>							
Hoke	0	5	10	1	1	0	17
Scotland	1	3	50	7	4	7	72
District Totals	1 1.1%	8 9.0%	60 67.4%	8 9.0%	5 5.6%	7 7.9%	89 100.0%
<b>District 16B</b>							
Robeson	16 4.5%	52 14.8%	243 69.0%	12 3.4%	17 4.8%	12 3.4%	352 100.0%
<b>District 17A</b>							
Caswell	0	5	15	1	0	4	25
Rockingham	6	44	95	5	13	11	174
District Totals	6 3.0%	49 24.6%	110 55.3%	6 3.0%	13 6.5%	15 7.5%	199 100.0%
<b>District 17B</b>							
Stokes	1	5	23	5	0	0	34
Surry	6	15	94	45	10	6	176
District Totals	7 3.3%	20 9.5%	117 55.7%	50 23.8%	10 4.8%	6 2.9%	210 100.0%
<b>District 18A-E</b>							
Guilford	46 3.8%	204 16.7%	658 53.8%	164 13.4%	83 6.8%	68 5.6%	1,223 100.0%
<b>District 19A</b>							
Cabarrus	5 2.9%	20 11.6%	103 59.9%	25 14.5%	8 4.7%	11 6.4%	172 100.0%
<b>District 19B</b>							
Montgomery	0	17	28	0	7	0	52
Randolph	11	36	93	18	10	10	178
District Totals	11 4.8%	53 23.0%	121 52.6%	18 7.8%	17 7.4%	10 4.3%	230 100.0%
<b>District 19C</b>							
Rowan	15 8.6%	8 4.6%	111 63.8%	18 10.3%	10 5.7%	12 6.9%	174 100.0%

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	Trial by		Voluntary Dismissal	Judge's Final Order or Judgment	Clerk	Other	Total Disposed
	Jury	Judge		Without Trial			
<b>District 20A</b>							
Anson	5	5	35	11	1	0	57
Moore	8	28	72	8	9	15	140
Richmond	3	14	72	6	5	5	105
District Totals	16 5.3%	47 15.6%	179 59.3%	25 8.3%	15 5.0%	20 6.6%	302 100.0%
<b>District 20B</b>							
Stanly	3	10	66	6	4	5	94
Union	7	40	99	9	7	2	164
District Totals	10 3.9%	50 19.4%	165 64.0%	15 5.8%	11 4.3%	7 2.7%	258 100.0%
<b>District 21A-D</b>							
Forsyth	47 4.7%	104 10.5%	506 50.9%	170 17.1%	110 11.1%	58 5.8%	995 100.0%
<b>District 22</b>							
Alexander	4	6	16	17	4	2	49
Davidson	7	34	108	5	12	6	172
Davie	4	10	33	1	3	4	55
Iredell	17	33	168	44	18	10	290
District Totals	32 5.7%	83 14.7%	325 57.4%	67 11.8%	37 6.5%	22 3.9%	566 100.0%
<b>District 23</b>							
Alleghany	1	4	15	4	1	1	26
Ashe	2	7	12	3	0	0	24
Wilkes	1	56	83	5	11	3	159
Yadkin	2	2	18	11	1	2	36
District Totals	6 2.4%	69 28.2%	128 52.2%	23 9.4%	13 5.3%	6 2.4%	245 100.0%
<b>District 24</b>							
Avery	1	7	15	3	1	4	31
Madison	2	2	15	9	1	1	30
Mitchell	3	6	12	5	1	4	31
Watauga	3	9	52	21	9	8	102
Yancey	3	2	14	5	1	5	30
District Totals	12 5.4%	26 11.6%	108 48.2%	43 19.2%	13 5.8%	22 9.8%	224 100.0%

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	Trial by		Voluntary Dismissal	Judge's Final Order or Judgment		Clerk	Other	Total Disposed
	Jury	Judge		Without Trial				
<b>District 25A</b>								
Burke	12	38	103	12	14	13	192	
Caldwell	5	37	101	17	16	2	178	
District Totals	17 4.6%	75 20.3%	204 55.1%	29 7.8%	30 8.1%	15 4.1%	370 100.0%	
<b>District 25B</b>								
Catawba	24 4.5%	49 9.1%	275 51.0%	145 26.9%	38 7.1%	8 1.5%	539 100.0%	
<b>District 26A-C</b>								
Mecklenburg	49 1.6%	410 13.3%	1,568 50.7%	447 14.5%	386 12.5%	233 7.5%	3,093 100.0%	
<b>District 27A</b>								
Gaston	30 5.1%	40 6.8%	322 54.9%	106 18.1%	23 3.9%	65 11.1%	586 100.0%	
<b>District 27B</b>								
Cleveland	7	16	89	15	15	10	152	
Lincoln	9	14	49	14	4	1	91	
District Totals	16 6.6%	30 12.3%	138 56.8%	29 11.9%	19 7.8%	11 4.5%	243 100.0%	
<b>District 28</b>								
Buncombe	48 8.8%	147 27.0%	247 45.4%	19 3.5%	41 7.5%	42 7.7%	544 100.0%	
<b>District 29</b>								
Henderson	9	16	61	44	9	10	149	
McDowell	2	15	36	9	4	6	72	
Polk	0	2	16	2	5	3	28	
Rutherford	4	21	43	4	12	7	91	
Transylvania	2	6	35	15	6	1	65	
District Totals	17 4.2%	60 14.8%	191 47.2%	74 18.3%	36 8.9%	27 6.7%	405 100.0%	
<b>District 30A</b>								
Cherokee	3	4	11	4	2	1	25	
Clay	1	2	1	2	0	0	6	
Graham	1	2	8	1	0	1	13	
Macon	1	8	16	10	5	10	50	
Swain	3	1	6	5	0	0	15	
District Totals	9 8.3%	17 15.6%	42 38.5%	22 20.2%	7 6.4%	12 11.0%	109 100.0%	

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	Trial by		Voluntary Dismissal	Judge's Final Order or Judgment Without Trial	Clerk	Other	Total Disposed
	Jury	Judge					
<b>District 30B</b>							
Haywood	7	23	29	13	6	7	85
Jackson	2	9	21	8	4	19	63
<b>District Totals</b>	9	32	50	21	10	26	148
	6.1%	21.6%	33.8%	14.2%	6.8%	17.6%	100.0%
<b>State Totals</b>	761	2,582	10,467	2,717	1,605	1,323	19,455
	3.9%	13.3%	53.8%	14.0%	8.2%	6.8%	100.0%

# AGES OF CIVIL CASES PENDING IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

## Ages of Cases Pending June 30, 1992

	Ages of Pending Cases (Months)						Total Pending	Mean Age (Days)	Median Age (Days)
	<12	%	12-24	%	>24	%			
<b>District 1</b>									
Camden	9	69.2%	3	23.1%	1	7.7%	13	371.9	292.0
Chowan	18	78.3%	1	4.3%	4	17.4%	23	251.9	145.0
Currituck	22	44.0%	19	38.0%	9	18.0%	50	460.8	418.5
Dare	110	56.4%	43	22.1%	42	21.5%	195	427.0	286.0
Gates	8	57.1%	4	28.6%	2	14.3%	14	380.2	235.5
Pasquotank	49	60.5%	23	28.4%	9	11.1%	81	365.0	260.0
Perquimans	9	50.0%	5	27.8%	4	22.2%	18	446.5	334.5
District Totals	225	57.1%	98	24.9%	71	18.0%	394	405.7	284.5
<b>District 2</b>									
Beaufort	45	55.6%	26	32.1%	10	12.3%	81	372.8	326.0
Hyde	10	55.6%	1	5.6%	7	38.9%	18	756.1	283.0
Martin	16	32.0%	20	40.0%	14	28.0%	50	582.7	444.0
Tyrrell	5	50.0%	2	20.0%	3	30.0%	10	706.9	393.0
Washington	15	51.7%	8	27.6%	6	20.7%	29	512.6	292.0
District Totals	91	48.4%	57	30.3%	40	21.3%	188	504.6	385.5
<b>District 3A</b>									
Pitt	198	67.6%	75	25.6%	20	6.8%	293	311.7	230.0
<b>District 3B</b>									
Carteret	108	65.9%	43	26.2%	13	7.9%	164	301.4	233.0
Craven	148	67.9%	55	25.2%	15	6.9%	218	297.0	239.5
Pamlico	22	75.9%	6	20.7%	1	3.4%	29	286.0	228.0
District Totals	278	67.6%	104	25.3%	29	7.1%	411	298.0	235.0
<b>District 4A</b>									
Duplin	59	57.8%	26	25.5%	17	16.7%	102	395.1	272.5
Jones	14	48.3%	6	20.7%	9	31.0%	29	782.8	397.0
Sampson	47	61.0%	22	28.6%	8	10.4%	77	398.0	257.0
District Totals	120	57.7%	54	26.0%	34	16.3%	208	450.2	276.0
<b>District 4B</b>									
Onslow	198	63.9%	75	24.2%	37	11.9%	310	341.1	263.0
<b>District 5</b>									
New Hanover	345	58.6%	190	32.3%	54	9.2%	589	348.2	309.0
Pender	38	59.4%	21	32.8%	5	7.8%	64	341.4	234.5
District Totals	383	58.7%	211	32.3%	59	9.0%	653	347.5	306.0
<b>District 6A</b>									
Halifax	82	71.9%	21	18.4%	11	9.6%	114	306.9	214.5

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	Ages of Pending Cases (Months)						Total Pending	Mean Age (Days)	Median Age (Days)
	<12	%	12-24	%	>24	%			
<b>District 6B</b>									
Bertie	21	52.5%	12	30.0%	7	17.5%	40	493.0	315.5
Hertford	27	55.1%	13	26.5%	9	18.4%	49	395.0	274.0
Northampton	29	56.9%	11	21.6%	11	21.6%	51	411.7	336.0
District Totals	77	55.0%	36	25.7%	27	19.3%	140	429.1	308.0
<b>District 7A</b>									
Nash	130	61.6%	46	21.8%	35	16.6%	211	378.7	267.0
<b>District 7B-C</b>									
Edgecombe	84	70.0%	23	19.2%	13	10.8%	120	270.9	172.0
Wilson	176	74.9%	45	19.1%	14	6.0%	235	262.9	160.0
District Totals	260	73.2%	68	19.2%	27	7.5%	355	265.6	166.0
<b>District 8A</b>									
Greene	17	65.4%	5	19.2%	4	15.4%	26	327.6	254.5
Lenoir	101	66.0%	43	28.1%	9	5.9%	153	297.1	256.0
District Totals	118	65.9%	48	26.8%	13	7.3%	179	301.5	256.0
<b>District 8B</b>									
Wayne	196	60.5%	79	24.4%	49	15.1%	324	378.7	283.0
<b>District 9</b>									
Franklin	44	59.5%	27	36.5%	3	4.1%	74	329.0	253.0
Granville	55	68.8%	17	21.3%	8	10.0%	80	350.0	282.5
Person	26	60.5%	8	18.6%	9	20.9%	43	418.3	272.0
Vance	63	64.3%	26	26.5%	9	9.2%	98	365.7	247.5
Warren	15	53.6%	7	25.0%	6	21.4%	28	527.2	337.5
District Totals	203	62.8%	85	26.3%	35	10.8%	323	374.4	271.0
<b>District 10A-D</b>									
Wake	1,344	60.6%	665	30.0%	208	9.4%	2,217	346.8	272.0
<b>District 11</b>									
Harnett	127	70.6%	45	25.0%	8	4.4%	180	261.5	183.0
Johnston	176	59.7%	84	28.5%	35	11.9%	295	357.7	305.0
Lee	80	74.8%	21	19.6%	6	5.6%	107	266.0	211.0
District Totals	383	65.8%	150	25.8%	49	8.4%	582	311.1	250.0
<b>District 12A-C</b>									
Cumberland	440	82.6%	87	16.3%	6	1.1%	533	221.0	193.0
<b>District 13</b>									
Bladen	44	49.4%	43	48.3%	2	2.2%	89	343.7	371.0
Brunswick	117	56.8%	70	34.0%	19	9.2%	206	348.2	288.0
Columbus	113	61.1%	52	28.1%	20	10.8%	185	352.6	294.0
District Totals	274	57.1%	165	34.4%	41	8.5%	480	349.1	303.0



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	Ages of Pending Cases (Months)						Total Pending	Mean Age (Days)	Median Age (Days)
	<12	%	12-24	%	>24	%			
<b>District 14A-B</b>									
Durham	523	64.6%	212	26.2%	75	9.3%	810	328.4	263.0
<b>District 15A</b>									
Alamance	148	81.3%	27	14.8%	7	3.8%	182	223.0	170.5
<b>District 15B</b>									
Chatham	54	91.5%	5	8.5%	0	0.0%	59	154.6	138.0
Orange	164	76.3%	45	20.9%	6	2.8%	215	226.8	175.0
District Totals	218	79.6%	50	18.2%	6	2.2%	274	211.3	160.0
<b>District 16A</b>									
Hoke	14	56.0%	8	32.0%	3	12.0%	25	359.1	224.0
Scotland	44	84.6%	6	11.5%	2	3.8%	52	233.9	215.0
District Totals	58	75.3%	14	18.2%	5	6.5%	77	274.5	221.0
<b>District 16B</b>									
Robeson	234	84.8%	36	13.0%	6	2.2%	276	198.0	132.0
<b>District 17A</b>									
Caswell	12	92.3%	1	7.7%	0	0.0%	13	187.6	218.0
Rockingham	102	87.9%	12	10.3%	2	1.7%	116	198.7	147.0
District Totals	114	88.4%	13	10.1%	2	1.6%	129	197.6	151.0
<b>District 17B</b>									
Stokes	29	82.9%	6	17.1%	0	0.0%	35	205.3	169.0
Surry	107	96.4%	4	3.6%	0	0.0%	111	153.7	131.0
District Totals	136	93.2%	10	6.8%	0	0.0%	146	166.0	139.5
<b>District 18A-E</b>									
Guilford	988	72.0%	342	24.9%	42	3.1%	1,372	270.1	230.0
<b>District 19A</b>									
Cabarrus	114	91.9%	9	7.3%	1	0.8%	124	166.5	130.0
<b>District 19B</b>									
Montgomery	25	80.6%	3	9.7%	3	9.7%	31	242.7	176.0
Randolph	132	79.0%	28	16.8%	7	4.2%	167	252.9	193.0
District Totals	157	79.3%	31	15.7%	10	5.1%	198	251.3	193.0
<b>District 19C</b>									
Rowan	153	78.5%	41	21.0%	1	0.5%	195	240.7	246.0

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	<12	%	12-24	%	>24	%			
<b>District 20A</b>									
Anson	42	76.4%	10	18.2%	3	5.5%	55	235.5	147.0
Moore	94	69.1%	33	24.3%	9	6.6%	136	314.1	204.0
Richmond	105	76.6%	22	16.1%	10	7.3%	137	302.6	235.0
District Totals	241	73.5%	65	19.8%	22	6.7%	328	296.1	211.0
<b>District 20B</b>									
Stanly	71	64.0%	25	22.5%	15	13.5%	111	490.0	291.0
Union	134	60.9%	65	29.5%	21	9.5%	220	334.4	270.0
District Totals	205	61.9%	90	27.2%	36	10.9%	331	386.6	284.0
<b>District 21A-D</b>									
Forsyth	609	82.6%	95	12.9%	33	4.5%	737	225.2	155.0
<b>District 22</b>									
Alexander	30	73.2%	10	24.4%	1	2.4%	41	278.5	329.0
Davidson	125	81.2%	24	15.6%	5	3.2%	154	251.7	223.0
Davie	48	76.2%	13	20.6%	2	3.2%	63	254.4	230.0
Iredell	231	79.9%	52	18.0%	6	2.1%	289	255.3	200.0
District Totals	434	79.3%	99	18.1%	14	2.6%	547	255.9	211.0
<b>District 23</b>									
Alleghany	10	90.9%	0	0.0%	1	9.1%	11	186.7	96.0
Ashe	10	76.9%	3	23.1%	0	0.0%	13	204.2	169.0
Wilkes	103	88.0%	14	12.0%	0	0.0%	117	200.0	204.0
Yadkin	32	84.2%	5	13.2%	1	2.6%	38	181.4	119.0
District Totals	155	86.6%	22	12.3%	2	1.1%	179	195.6	169.0
<b>District 24</b>									
Avery	33	86.8%	5	13.2%	0	0.0%	38	178.6	130.5
Madison	29	64.4%	11	24.4%	5	11.1%	45	330.9	197.0
Mitchell	22	91.7%	2	8.3%	0	0.0%	24	196.5	160.0
Watauga	76	74.5%	22	21.6%	4	3.9%	102	258.3	196.5
Yancey	15	71.4%	4	19.0%	2	9.5%	21	303.4	313.0
District Totals	175	76.1%	44	19.1%	11	4.8%	230	257.0	192.0
<b>District 25A</b>									
Burke	120	77.9%	25	16.2%	9	5.8%	154	253.0	182.5
Caidwell	130	79.3%	30	18.3%	4	2.4%	164	249.4	202.5
District Totals	250	78.6%	55	17.3%	13	4.1%	318	251.2	197.0
<b>District 25B</b>									
Catawba	261	86.7%	31	10.3%	9	3.0%	301	200.3	145.0
<b>District 26A-C</b>									
Mecklenburg	1,919	62.9%	958	31.4%	176	5.8%	3,053	330.9	272.0

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	<12	%	12-24	%	>24	%			
<b>District 27A</b>									
Gaston	321	88.2%	40	11.0%	3	0.8%	364	183.2	138.5
<b>District 27B</b>									
Cleveland	130	62.5%	53	25.5%	25	12.0%	208	344.5	259.0
Lincoln	84	70.6%	25	21.0%	10	8.4%	119	301.1	222.0
District Totals	214	65.4%	78	23.9%	35	10.7%	327	328.7	246.0
<b>District 28</b>									
Buncombe	390	76.8%	99	19.5%	19	3.7%	508	241.9	171.0
<b>District 29</b>									
Henderson	160	53.2%	93	30.9%	48	15.9%	301	415.4	301.0
McDowell	46	76.7%	6	10.0%	8	13.3%	60	330.6	201.0
Polk	14	53.8%	11	42.3%	1	3.8%	26	342.6	350.5
Rutherford	76	80.9%	15	16.0%	3	3.2%	94	233.8	212.5
Transylvania	36	59.0%	14	23.0%	11	18.0%	61	393.1	305.0
District Totals	332	61.3%	139	25.6%	71	13.1%	542	368.5	263.0
<b>District 30A</b>									
Cherokee	28	54.9%	14	27.5%	9	17.6%	51	430.4	315.0
Clay	8	80.0%	2	20.0%	0	0.0%	10	179.4	134.5
Graham	16	72.7%	3	13.6%	3	13.6%	22	378.7	285.0
Macon	39	50.0%	16	20.5%	23	29.5%	78	546.8	371.5
Swain	10	32.3%	12	38.7%	9	29.0%	31	582.8	581.0
District Totals	101	52.6%	47	24.5%	44	22.9%	192	483.3	319.0
<b>District 30B</b>									
Haywood	84	57.9%	49	33.8%	12	8.3%	145	343.5	319.0
Jackson	38	67.9%	11	19.6%	7	12.5%	56	371.9	274.5
District Totals	122	60.7%	60	29.9%	19	9.5%	201	351.4	294.0
State Totals	13,572	68.4%	4,831	24.3%	1,453	7.3%	19,856	307.8	235.0

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Ages of Cases Disposed July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992

	Ages of Disposed Cases (Months)						Total Disposed	Mean Age (Days)	Median Age (Days)
	<12	%	12-24	%	>24	%			
<b>District 1</b>									
Camden	1	20.0%	2	40.0%	2	40.0%	5	686.0	678.0
Chowan	15	65.2%	4	17.4%	4	17.4%	23	373.1	201.0
Currituck	25	33.3%	18	24.0%	32	42.7%	75	600.6	565.0
Dare	93	63.3%	35	23.8%	19	12.9%	147	354.1	252.0
Gates	9	52.9%	3	17.6%	5	29.4%	17	495.9	276.0
Pasquotank	42	61.8%	13	19.1%	13	19.1%	68	374.1	287.5
Perquimans	4	21.1%	7	36.8%	8	42.1%	19	788.3	628.0
District Totals	189	53.4%	82	23.2%	83	23.4%	354	446.2	328.0
<b>District 2</b>									
Beaufort	54	69.2%	17	21.8%	7	9.0%	78	305.4	207.0
Hyde	10	55.6%	5	27.8%	3	16.7%	18	454.8	209.5
Martin	17	41.5%	18	43.9%	6	14.6%	41	522.5	431.0
Tyrrell	4	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	155.8	154.0
Washington	19	55.9%	8	23.5%	7	20.6%	34	421.7	276.5
District Totals	104	59.4%	48	27.4%	23	13.1%	175	390.8	260.0
<b>District 3A</b>									
Pitt	228	72.8%	77	24.6%	8	2.6%	313	257.3	221.0
<b>District 3B</b>									
Carteret	103	65.6%	36	22.9%	18	11.5%	157	327.8	272.0
Craven	146	67.6%	56	25.9%	14	6.5%	216	289.5	220.5
Pamlico	20	64.5%	9	29.0%	2	6.5%	31	280.8	212.0
District Totals	269	66.6%	101	25.0%	34	8.4%	404	303.7	230.0
<b>District 4A</b>									
Duplin	53	60.9%	26	29.9%	8	9.2%	87	330.3	242.0
Jones	11	50.0%	8	36.4%	3	13.6%	22	462.3	332.0
Sampson	55	67.1%	25	30.5%	2	2.4%	82	276.9	280.0
District Totals	119	62.3%	59	30.9%	13	6.8%	191	322.6	273.0
<b>District 4B</b>									
Onslow	137	52.9%	82	31.7%	40	15.4%	259	401.8	348.0
<b>District 5</b>									
New Hanover	271	48.0%	189	33.5%	105	18.6%	565	429.7	400.0
Pender	25	39.7%	19	30.2%	19	30.2%	63	521.1	575.0
District Totals	296	47.1%	208	33.1%	124	19.7%	628	438.9	410.0
<b>District 6A</b>									
Halifax	92	63.9%	36	25.0%	16	11.1%	144	350.4	262.0

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<b>District 6B</b>									
Bertie	36	73.5%	12	24.5%	1	2.0%	49	271.5	223.0
Hertford	22	59.5%	6	16.2%	9	24.3%	37	435.5	319.0
Northampton	31	63.3%	15	30.6%	3	6.1%	49	297.7	262.0
District Totals	89	65.9%	33	24.4%	13	9.6%	135	325.9	246.0
<b>District 7A</b>									
Nash	149	73.0%	47	23.0%	8	3.9%	204	263.3	185.0
<b>District 7B-C</b>									
Edgecombe	73	64.0%	31	27.2%	10	8.8%	114	313.5	242.5
Wilson	133	71.9%	41	22.2%	11	5.9%	185	302.1	236.0
District Totals	206	68.9%	72	24.1%	21	7.0%	299	306.4	236.0
<b>District 8A</b>									
Greene	15	62.5%	4	16.7%	5	20.8%	24	346.7	187.0
Lenoir	159	71.9%	44	19.9%	18	8.1%	221	276.4	189.0
District Totals	174	71.0%	48	19.6%	23	9.4%	245	283.3	189.0
<b>District 8B</b>									
Wayne	138	60.5%	55	24.1%	35	15.4%	228	371.4	293.5
<b>District 9</b>									
Franklin	33	47.1%	32	45.7%	5	7.1%	70	399.5	410.5
Granville	33	51.6%	22	34.4%	9	14.1%	64	404.7	353.5
Person	26	45.6%	25	43.9%	6	10.5%	57	423.5	419.0
Vance	38	43.2%	23	26.1%	27	30.7%	88	507.1	466.5
Warren	13	46.4%	8	28.6%	7	25.0%	28	439.4	380.5
District Totals	143	46.6%	110	35.8%	54	17.6%	307	439.5	407.0
<b>District 10A-D</b>									
Wake	916	54.4%	483	28.7%	284	16.9%	1,683	397.0	312.0
<b>District 11</b>									
Harnett	92	64.8%	35	24.6%	15	10.6%	142	312.8	238.0
Johnston	159	62.4%	52	20.4%	44	17.3%	255	379.5	291.0
Lee	48	53.9%	30	33.7%	11	12.4%	89	379.4	334.0
District Totals	299	61.5%	117	24.1%	70	14.4%	486	360.0	286.0
<b>District 12A-C</b>									
Cumberland	355	64.2%	186	33.6%	12	2.2%	553	280.4	276.0
<b>District 13</b>									
Bladen	29	43.9%	27	40.9%	10	15.2%	66	450.1	445.0
Brunswick	66	47.8%	48	34.8%	24	17.4%	138	436.6	406.0
Columbus	55	45.8%	31	25.8%	34	28.3%	120	475.9	409.0
District Totals	150	46.3%	106	32.7%	68	21.0%	324	453.9	412.0

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	<12	%	12-24	%	>24	%			
<b>District 14A-B</b>									
Durham	403	64.0%	161	25.6%	66	10.5%	630	320.3	232.5
<b>District 15A</b>									
Alamance	145	62.8%	71	30.7%	15	6.5%	231	321.9	289.0
<b>District 15B</b>									
Chatham	49	68.1%	22	30.6%	1	1.4%	72	290.3	273.5
Orange	213	67.8%	97	30.9%	4	1.3%	314	270.7	236.5
District Totals	262	67.9%	119	30.8%	5	1.3%	386	274.3	244.0
<b>District 16A</b>									
Hoke	8	47.1%	9	52.9%	0	0.0%	17	351.6	400.0
Scotland	44	61.1%	20	27.8%	8	11.1%	72	342.7	249.5
District Totals	52	58.4%	29	32.6%	8	9.0%	89	344.4	292.0
<b>District 16B</b>									
Robeson	238	67.6%	94	26.7%	20	5.7%	352	298.6	275.5
<b>District 17A</b>									
Caswell	18	72.0%	6	24.0%	1	4.0%	25	244.0	185.0
Rockingham	120	69.0%	51	29.3%	3	1.7%	174	271.7	279.0
District Totals	138	69.3%	57	28.6%	4	2.0%	199	268.3	264.0
<b>District 17B</b>									
Stokes	25	73.5%	9	26.5%	0	0.0%	34	257.9	290.5
Surry	103	58.5%	70	39.8%	3	1.7%	176	292.5	305.0
District Totals	128	61.0%	79	37.6%	3	1.4%	210	286.9	294.5
<b>District 18A-E</b>									
Guilford	746	61.0%	427	34.9%	50	4.1%	1,223	305.4	264.0
<b>District 19A</b>									
Cabarrus	139	80.8%	29	16.9%	4	2.3%	172	248.0	229.0
<b>District 19B</b>									
Montgomery	38	73.1%	9	17.3%	5	9.6%	52	282.2	209.5
Randolph	107	60.1%	61	34.3%	10	5.6%	178	320.2	319.0
District Totals	145	63.0%	70	30.4%	15	6.5%	230	311.6	273.0
<b>District 19C</b>									
Rowan	119	68.4%	53	30.5%	2	1.1%	174	289.3	294.0
<b>District 20A</b>									
Anson	32	56.1%	23	40.4%	2	3.5%	57	346.0	348.0
Moore	82	58.6%	46	32.9%	12	8.6%	140	338.0	291.5
Richmond	64	61.0%	32	30.5%	9	8.6%	105	318.1	271.0
District Totals	178	58.9%	101	33.4%	23	7.6%	302	332.6	301.0

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	<12	%	12-24	%	>24	%			
<b>District 20B</b>									
Stanly	42	44.7%	48	51.1%	4	4.3%	94	395.1	400.0
Union	90	54.9%	62	37.8%	12	7.3%	164	353.9	308.5
District Totals	132	51.2%	110	42.6%	16	6.2%	258	368.9	363.0
<b>District 21A-D</b>									
Forsyth	755	75.9%	224	22.5%	16	1.6%	995	256.4	229.0
<b>District 22</b>									
Alexander	31	63.3%	17	34.7%	1	2.0%	49	301.7	191.0
Davidson	118	68.6%	50	29.1%	4	2.3%	172	281.7	270.0
Davie	31	56.4%	20	36.4%	4	7.3%	55	349.4	300.0
Iredell	212	73.1%	75	25.9%	3	1.0%	290	246.8	217.5
District Totals	392	69.3%	162	28.6%	12	2.1%	566	272.1	244.5
<b>District 23</b>									
Alleghany	16	61.5%	10	38.5%	0	0.0%	26	292.8	249.0
Ashe	12	50.0%	11	45.8%	1	4.2%	24	336.8	351.0
Wilkes	120	75.5%	37	23.3%	2	1.3%	159	264.1	259.0
Yadkin	29	80.6%	5	13.9%	2	5.6%	36	265.3	233.0
District Totals	177	72.2%	63	25.7%	5	2.0%	245	274.4	259.0
<b>District 24</b>									
Avery	21	67.7%	9	29.0%	1	3.2%	31	304.3	298.0
Madison	13	43.3%	17	56.7%	0	0.0%	30	414.0	392.5
Mitchell	20	64.5%	7	22.6%	4	12.9%	31	370.7	290.0
Watauga	64	62.7%	30	29.4%	8	7.8%	102	308.2	240.5
Yancey	21	70.0%	8	26.7%	1	3.3%	30	261.8	199.0
District Totals	139	62.1%	71	31.7%	14	6.3%	224	324.3	289.0
<b>District 25A</b>									
Burke	122	63.5%	59	30.7%	11	5.7%	192	321.8	290.0
Caldwell	100	56.2%	62	34.8%	16	9.0%	178	360.5	326.0
District Totals	222	60.0%	121	32.7%	27	7.3%	370	340.4	308.5
<b>District 25B</b>									
Catawba	309	57.3%	188	34.9%	42	7.8%	539	352.6	323.0
<b>District 26A-C</b>									
Mecklenburg	1,801	58.2%	924	29.9%	368	11.9%	3,093	377.5	287.0
<b>District 27A</b>									
Gaston	464	79.2%	109	18.6%	13	2.2%	586	242.2	183.0

# AGES OF CIVIL CASES DISPOSED IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

Ages of Cases Disposed July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992

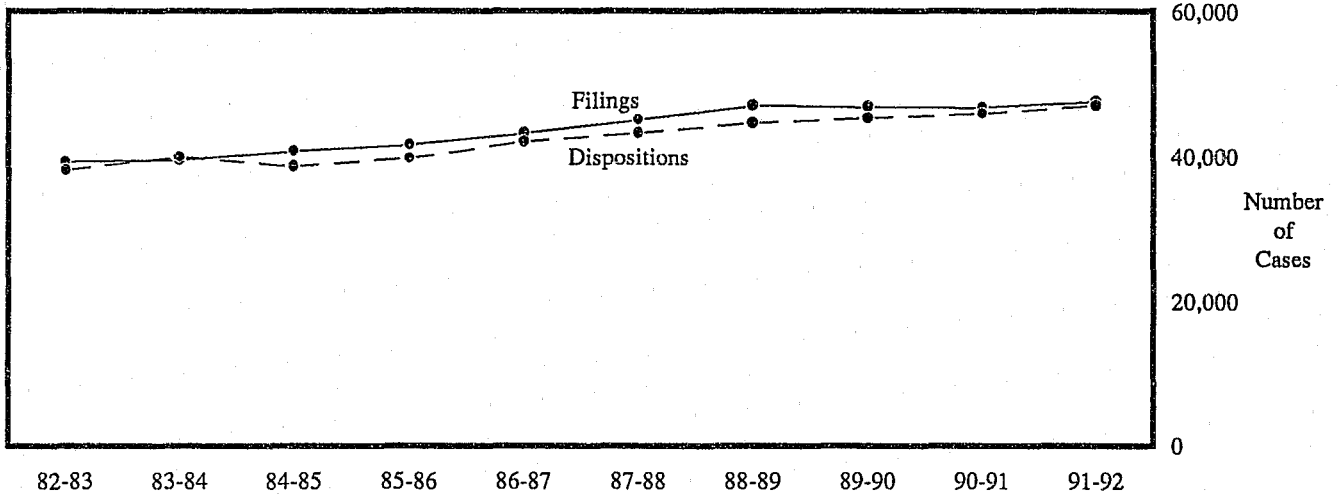
	Ages of Disposed Cases (Months)						Total Disposed	Mean Age (Days)	Median Age (Days)
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<b>District 27B</b>									
Cleveland	78	51.3%	63	41.4%	11	7.2%	152	334.0	339.0
Lincoln	48	52.7%	37	40.7%	6	6.6%	91	347.6	342.0
District Totals	126	51.9%	100	41.2%	17	7.0%	243	339.1	341.0
<b>District 28</b>									
Buncombe	354	65.1%	155	28.5%	35	6.4%	544	316.7	259.0
<b>District 29</b>									
Henderson	88	59.1%	24	16.1%	37	24.8%	149	435.0	299.0
McDowell	37	51.4%	27	37.5%	8	11.1%	72	393.9	343.0
Polk	13	46.4%	15	53.6%	0	0.0%	28	331.9	404.0
Rutherford	54	59.3%	24	26.4%	13	14.3%	91	354.4	267.0
Transylvania	32	49.2%	20	30.8%	13	20.0%	65	467.3	380.0
District Totals	224	55.3%	110	27.2%	71	17.5%	405	407.6	304.0
<b>District 30A</b>									
Cherokee	14	56.0%	9	36.0%	2	8.0%	25	360.1	356.0
Clay	3	50.0%	1	16.7%	2	33.3%	6	376.5	351.0
Graham	9	69.2%	2	15.4%	2	15.4%	13	322.0	286.0
Macon	25	50.0%	16	32.0%	9	18.0%	50	394.3	335.5
Swain	5	33.3%	5	33.3%	5	33.3%	15	526.8	440.0
District Totals	56	51.4%	33	30.3%	20	18.3%	109	395.1	360.0
<b>District 30B</b>									
Haywood	52	61.2%	27	31.8%	6	7.1%	85	312.8	281.0
Jackson	39	61.9%	16	25.4%	8	12.7%	63	367.2	254.0
District Totals	91	61.5%	43	29.1%	14	9.5%	148	335.9	280.5
State Totals	11,988	61.6%	5,653	29.1%	1,814	9.3%	19,455	339.1	276.0



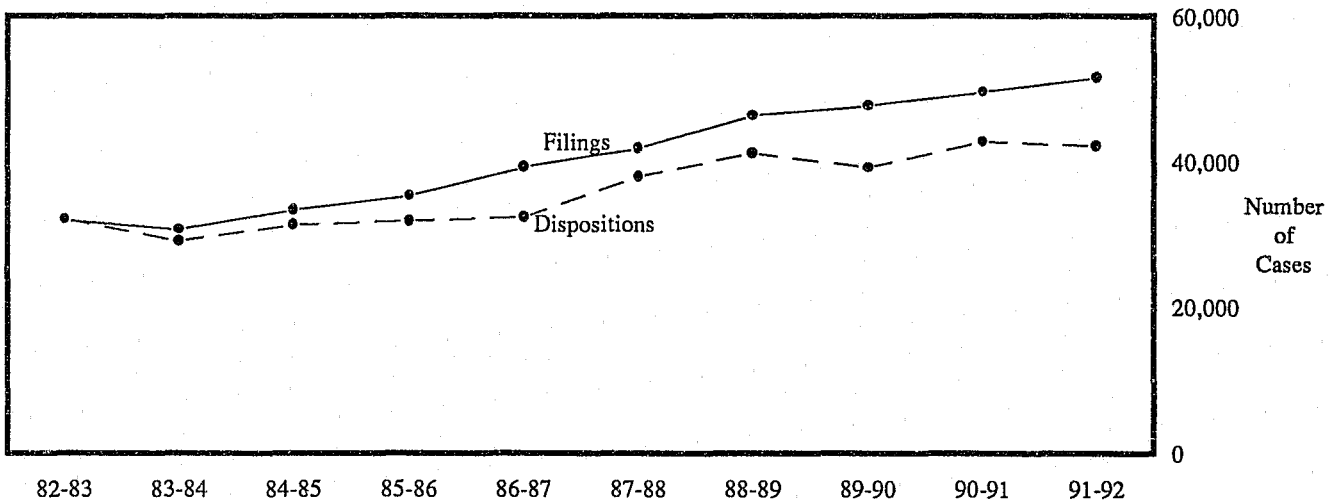
# CASELOAD TRENDS IN ESTATES AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS

1982-83 -- 1991-92

## ESTATE CASES



## SPECIAL PROCEEDING CASES



Estate filings increased by 1.9%, after two years of decline. Estate dispositions increased by 2.3%. Special proceedings include, among other things, foreclosures

and judicial hospitalizations. Special proceeding filings increased by 3.9% over last year, while dispositions fell by 1.3%.

**FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS FOR ESTATES  
AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE CLERKS  
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	<u>Estates</u>		<u>Special Proceedings</u>	
	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed
<b>District 1</b>				
Camden	48	33	21	23
Chowan	148	144	95	69
Currituck	151	125	130	75
Dare	199	195	259	225
Gates	98	74	59	15
Pasquotank	235	277	244	109
Perquimans	123	134	40	23
District Totals	1,002	982	848	539
<b>District 2</b>				
Beaufort	394	434	241	241
Hyde	74	73	29	36
Martin	216	187	135	104
Tyrrell	39	34	14	8
Washington	102	119	65	46
District Totals	825	847	484	435
<b>District 3A</b>				
Pitt	737	749	564	278
<b>District 3B</b>				
Carteret	547	489	421	248
Craven	498	445	548	396
Pamlico	80	84	40	60
District Totals	1,125	1,018	1,009	704
<b>District 4A</b>				
Duplin	381	411	301	175
Jones	80	66	61	38
Sampson	458	441	292	208
District Totals	919	918	654	421
<b>District 4B</b>				
Onslow	426	436	1,376	876
<b>District 5</b>				
New Hanover	898	883	1,401	1,441
Pender	214	197	195	193
District Totals	1,112	1,080	1,596	1,634
<b>District 6A</b>				
Halifax	560	737	315	237

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	<u>Estates</u>		<u>Special Proceedings</u>	
	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed
<b>District 6B</b>				
Bertie	141	119	147	51
Hertford	176	139	112	100
Northampton	213	187	100	49
District Totals	530	445	359	200
<b>District 7A</b>				
Nash	671	667	635	165
<b>District 7B-C</b>				
Edgecombe	476	358	315	109
Wilson	586	603	477	373
District Totals	1,062	961	792	482
<b>District 8A</b>				
Greene	138	114	56	41
Lenoir	482	506	322	325
District Totals	620	620	378	366
<b>District 8B</b>				
Wayne	645	638	891	932
<b>District 9</b>				
Franklin	265	221	197	124
Granville	289	264	439	427
Person	236	244	199	166
Vance	307	332	291	184
Warren	197	146	112	83
District Totals	1,294	1,207	1,238	984
<b>District 10A-D</b>				
Wake	1,989	1,611	4,035	3,764
<b>District 11</b>				
Harnett	446	455	595	358
Johnston	646	662	727	661
Lee	336	300	241	157
District Totals	1,428	1,417	1,563	1,176
<b>District 12A-C</b>				
Cumberland	1,114	1,134	2,570	2,506

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	Estates		Special Proceedings	
	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed
<b>District 13</b>				
Bladen	207	200	257	85
Brunswick	484	467	486	480
Columbus	455	398	322	279
District Totals	1,146	1,065	1,065	844
<b>District 14A-B</b>				
Durham	1,301	1,280	2,149	1,930
<b>District 15A</b>				
Alamance	808	845	814	693
<b>District 15B</b>				
Chatham	335	322	176	149
Orange	536	538	745	189
District Totals	871	860	921	338
<b>District 16A</b>				
Hoke	93	89	105	84
Scotland	255	244	361	324
District Totals	348	333	466	408
<b>District 16B</b>				
Robeson	660	636	882	963
<b>District 17A</b>				
Caswell	170	185	163	157
Rockingham	700	678	510	478
District Totals	870	863	673	635
<b>District 17B</b>				
Stokes	315	239	153	46
Surry	396	420	370	288
District Totals	711	659	523	334
<b>District 18A-E</b>				
Guilford	2,347	2,618	3,121	1,540
<b>District 19A</b>				
Cabarrus	757	753	553	415
<b>District 19B</b>				
Montgomery	205	200	148	97
Randolph	781	712	545	532
District Totals	986	912	693	629

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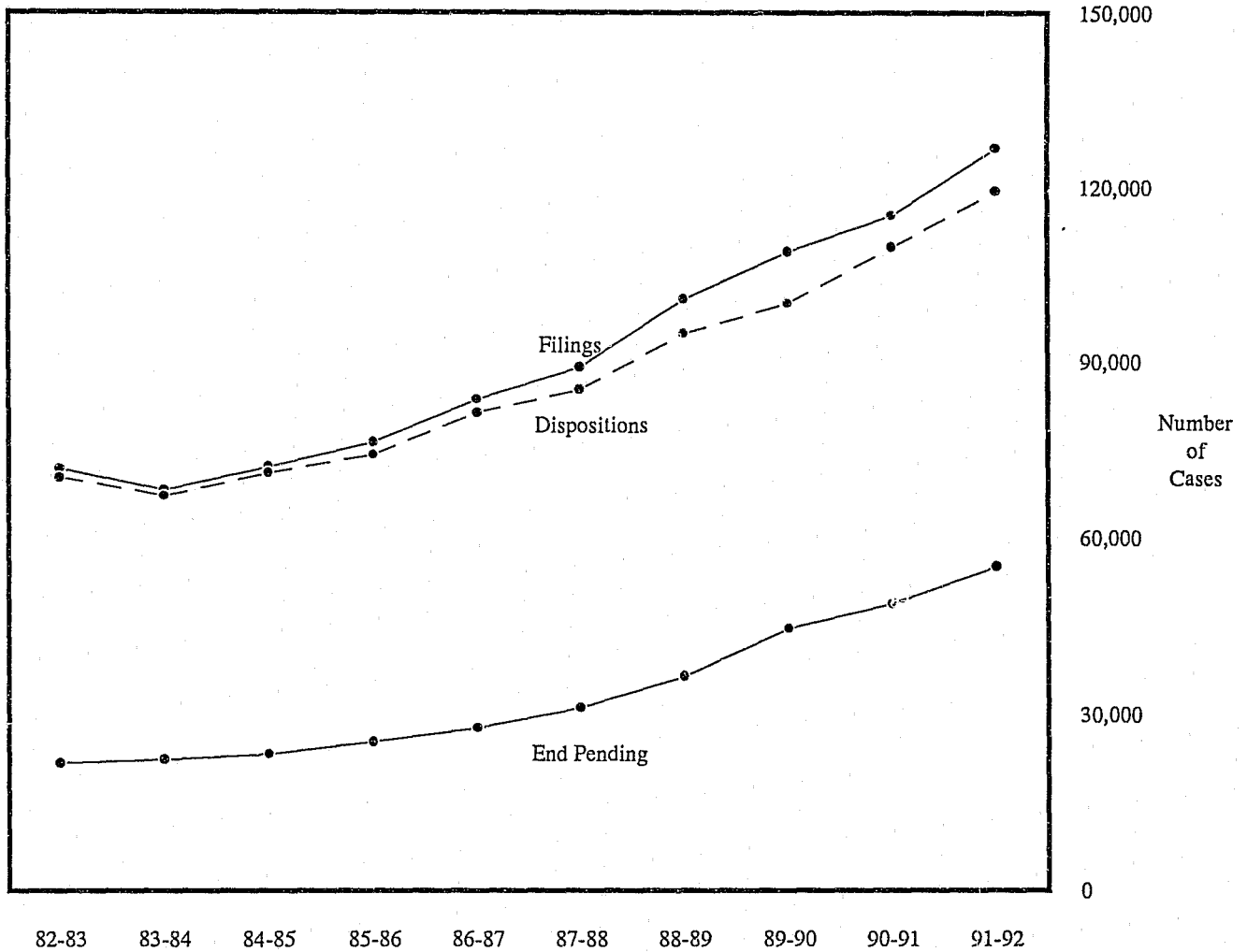
	Estates		Special Proceedings	
	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed
<b>District 19C</b>				
Rowan	1,036	983	761	710
<b>District 20A</b>				
Anson	146	107	133	61
Moore	605	625	412	484
Richmond	319	232	382	170
District Totals	1,070	964	927	715
<b>District 20B</b>				
Stanly	316	338	315	242
Union	506	454	418	283
District Totals	822	792	733	525
<b>District 21A-D</b>				
Forsyth	1,943	1,943	2,720	2,612
<b>District 22</b>				
Alexander	186	186	89	71
Davidson	935	786	981	848
Davie	215	219	90	56
Iredell	806	766	503	361
District Totals	2,142	1,957	1,663	1,336
<b>District 23</b>				
Alleghany	112	63	52	39
Ashe	202	218	151	162
Wilkes	356	349	384	362
Yadkin	296	275	124	92
District Totals	966	905	711	655
<b>District 24</b>				
Avery	104	100	181	89
Madison	173	136	61	43
Mitchell	131	120	52	52
Watauga	216	209	263	228
Yancey	204	161	47	51
District Totals	828	726	604	463
<b>District 25A</b>				
Burke	508	577	560	364
Caldwell	510	583	470	380
District Totals	1,018	1,160	1,030	744

**FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS FOR ESTATES  
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	<u>Estates</u>		<u>Special Proceedings</u>	
	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>
<b>District 25B</b>				
Catawba	795	1,157	638	320
<b>District 26A-C</b>				
Mecklenburg	2,917	2,969	5,133	4,767
<b>District 27A</b>				
Gaston	1,225	1,192	1,074	1,042
<b>District 27B</b>				
Cleveland	632	655	497	393
Lincoln	358	389	220	225
District Totals	990	1,044	717	618
<b>District 28</b>				
Buncombe	1,712	1,764	1,358	1,340
<b>District 29</b>				
Henderson	769	763	638	619
McDowell	305	344	280	170
Polk	211	237	73	67
Rutherford	483	452	320	234
Transylvania	269	210	143	114
District Totals	2,037	2,006	1,454	1,204
<b>District 30A</b>				
Cherokee	215	161	167	62
Clay	52	48	58	54
Graham	40	39	41	22
Macon	228	205	235	198
Swain	63	67	53	47
District Totals	598	520	554	383
<b>District 30B</b>				
Haywood	442	359	239	219
Jackson	229	255	151	127
District Totals	671	614	390	346
<b>State Totals</b>	<b>47,634</b>	<b>46,987</b>	<b>51,634</b>	<b>42,208</b>

## CASELOAD TRENDS OF CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

1982-83 -- 1991-92



Criminal filings in the superior courts continued to grow in fiscal year 1991-92 (10.1% over the previous year), as did dispositions (8.8%). There were 126,673 criminal cases filed and 119,256 disposed in the superior courts

during 1991-92. The difference in these figures accounts for the 15.6% increase in the number of cases pending on June 30, 1992, as compared to the beginning of the fiscal year.

## FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS OF CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS -- BY TYPE OF CASE

July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992

FELONIES	Filed	% of Total Filings	Dispositions	% of Total Dispositions
Murder	929	1.1%	768	1.0%
Manslaughter	206	0.2%	136	0.2%
First Degree Rape	1,814	2.1%	1,663	2.1%
Other Sex Offenses	2,382	2.8%	2,099	2.6%
Robbery	3,989	4.7%	3,546	4.5%
Assault	3,548	4.1%	3,185	4.0%
Burglary/Breaking or Entering	17,421	20.3%	16,430	20.6%
Larceny	8,156	9.5%	8,038	10.1%
Arson & Burnings	458	0.5%	435	0.5%
Forgery & Utterings	8,462	9.9%	8,283	10.4%
Fraudulent Activity	6,663	7.8%	6,072	7.6%
Controlled Substances	26,855	31.3%	24,099	30.2%
Other*	4,865	5.7%	4,926	6.2%
Totals	85,748	100.0%	79,680	100.0%
<b>MISDEMEANORS</b>				
DWI Appeal	6,391	15.6%	6,150	15.5%
Other Motor Vehicle Appeal	6,650	16.2%	6,371	16.1%
Non-Motor Vehicle Appeal	18,921	46.2%	19,140	48.4%
Misdemeanor Originating in Superior Court	8,963	21.9%	7,915	20.0%
Totals	40,925	100.0%	39,576	100.0%

Felony filings increased from 73,908 in fiscal year 1990-91 to 85,748 in 1991-92, an increase of 16.0%. Misdemeanor filings in superior court decreased by 0.6% from 41,191 to 40,925. Among the case categories with the largest percentage increases were manslaughter (106.0%), robbery (28.1%), fraudulent activity (23.9%), and murder (17.6%). In addition, felony controlled substance filings increased by 22.7%, from 21,888 to 26,855, and now constitute 31.3% of the felony caseload in superior court.

\* "Other" felony cases include a wide variety of offenses — such as kidnapping, trespassing, crimes against public morality, perjury, and obstructing justice — that do not fit squarely into any of the offenses listed above.



**CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL CASES  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS  
July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992**

	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Begin				End	Begin				End		
	Pending 7/1/91	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/92	Pending 7/1/91	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/92
<b>District 1</b>												
Camden	4	26	30	20	66.7%	10	15	51	66	33	50.0%	33
Chowan	185	156	341	105	30.8%	236	98	96	194	96	49.5%	98
Currituck	100	142	242	193	79.8%	49	70	85	155	122	78.7%	33
Dare	184	319	503	360	71.6%	143	174	326	500	379	75.8%	121
Gates	26	115	141	58	41.1%	83	26	58	84	63	75.0%	21
Pasquotank	250	397	647	406	62.8%	241	168	302	470	281	59.8%	189
Perquimans	36	84	120	88	73.3%	32	53	112	165	116	70.3%	49
District Totals	785	1,239	2,024	1,230	60.8%	794	604	1,030	1,634	1,090	66.7%	544
<b>District 2</b>												
Beaufort	185	565	750	525	70.0%	225	141	456	597	492	82.4%	105
Hyde	15	68	83	50	60.2%	33	10	40	50	35	70.0%	15
Martin	103	397	500	382	76.4%	118	68	205	273	214	78.4%	59
Tyrrell	13	46	59	46	78.0%	13	30	59	89	69	77.5%	20
Washington	95	217	312	252	80.8%	60	52	127	179	145	81.0%	34
District Totals	411	1,293	1,704	1,255	73.7%	449	301	887	1,188	955	80.4%	233
<b>District 3A</b>												
Pitt	1,050	2,112	3,162	2,113	66.8%	1,049	508	1,762	2,270	1,928	84.9%	342
<b>District 3B</b>												
Carteret	145	658	803	581	72.4%	222	64	372	436	320	73.4%	116
Craven	283	1,135	1,418	1,068	75.3%	350	74	467	541	420	77.6%	121
Pamlico	45	237	282	126	44.7%	156	14	55	69	32	46.4%	37
District Totals	473	2,030	2,503	1,775	70.9%	728	152	894	1,046	772	73.8%	274
<b>District 4A</b>												
Duplin	92	639	731	651	89.1%	80	15	108	123	102	82.9%	21
Jones	14	233	247	63	25.5%	184	3	39	42	30	71.4%	12
Sampson	107	557	664	610	91.9%	54	28	148	176	157	89.2%	19
District Totals	213	1,429	1,642	1,324	80.6%	318	46	295	341	289	84.8%	52
<b>District 4B</b>												
Onslow	459	1,810	2,269	1,564	68.9%	705	98	481	579	389	67.2%	190
<b>District 5</b>												
New Hanover	624	2,924	3,548	2,290	64.5%	1,258	587	1,527	2,114	1,326	62.7%	788
Pender	81	321	402	275	68.4%	127	30	179	209	122	58.4%	87
District Totals	705	3,245	3,950	2,565	64.9%	1,385	617	1,706	2,323	1,448	62.3%	875

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July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992**

	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Begin		Total		% Caseload Disposed	End	Begin		Total		% Caseload Disposed	End
	Pending 7/1/91	Filed	Caseload	Disposed		Pending 6/30/92	Pending 7/1/91	Filed	Caseload	Disposed		Pending 6/30/92
<b>District 6A</b>												
Halifax	393	1,153	1,546	888	57.4%	658	171	455	626	398	63.6%	228
<b>District 6B</b>												
Bertie	21	350	371	259	72.5%	102	32	104	136	80	58.8%	56
Hertford	76	493	569	464	81.5%	105	53	210	263	157	59.7%	106
Northampton	73	209	282	203	72.0%	79	32	127	159	95	59.7%	64
District Totals	170	1,052	1,222	936	76.6%	286	117	441	558	332	59.5%	226
<b>District 7A</b>												
Nash	380	1,270	1,650	1,299	78.7%	351	107	419	526	362	68.8%	164
<b>District 7B-C</b>												
Edgecombe	252	1,188	1,440	963	66.9%	477	194	308	502	244	48.6%	258
Wilson	352	1,132	1,484	955	64.4%	529	134	432	566	293	51.8%	273
District Totals	604	2,320	2,924	1,918	65.6%	1,006	328	740	1,068	537	50.3%	531
<b>District 8A</b>												
Greene	40	171	211	150	71.1%	61	30	107	137	101	73.7%	36
Lenoir	190	741	931	776	83.4%	155	235	679	914	725	79.3%	189
District Totals	230	912	1,142	926	81.1%	216	265	786	1,051	826	78.6%	225
<b>District 8B</b>												
Wayne	296	1,149	1,445	936	64.8%	509	348	1,033	1,381	1,023	74.1%	358
<b>District 9</b>												
Franklin	160	527	687	443	64.5%	244	116	396	512	341	66.6%	171
Granville	225	424	649	556	85.7%	93	142	367	509	373	73.3%	136
Person	237	406	643	550	85.5%	93	169	337	506	409	80.8%	97
Vance	401	879	1,280	821	64.1%	459	265	704	969	566	58.4%	403
Warren	93	345	438	288	65.8%	150	98	177	275	169	61.5%	106
District Totals	1,116	2,581	3,697	2,658	71.9%	1,039	790	1,981	2,771	1,858	67.1%	913
<b>District 10A-D</b>												
Wake	2,103	5,434	7,537	5,004	66.4%	2,533	497	2,581	3,078	2,538	82.5%	540

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	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Begin		Total		% Caseload	End	Begin		Total		% Caseload	End
	Pending 7/1/91	Filed	Caseload	Disposed	Disposed	Pending 6/30/92	Pending 7/1/91	Filed	Caseload	Disposed	Disposed	Pending 6/30/92
<b>District 11</b>												
Harnett	164	684	848	572	67.5%	276	36	222	258	185	71.7%	73
Johnston	172	878	1,050	757	72.1%	293	109	345	454	362	79.7%	92
Lee	136	654	790	591	74.8%	199	62	349	411	358	87.1%	53
District Totals	472	2,216	2,688	1,920	71.4%	768	207	916	1,123	905	80.6%	218
<b>District 12A-C</b>												
Cumberland	1,137	3,248	4,385	2,558	58.3%	1,827	188	578	766	520	67.9%	246
<b>District 13</b>												
Bladen	254	430	684	387	56.6%	297	75	173	248	185	74.6%	63
Brunswick	269	448	717	503	70.2%	214	63	154	217	165	76.0%	52
Columbus	97	370	467	261	55.9%	206	70	158	228	162	71.1%	66
District Totals	620	1,248	1,868	1,151	61.6%	717	208	485	693	512	73.9%	181
<b>District 14A-B</b>												
Durham	2,406	2,338	4,744	3,056	64.4%	1,688	210	602	812	614	75.6%	198
<b>District 15A</b>												
Alamance	812	3,141	3,953	3,114	78.8%	839	253	921	1,174	1,019	86.8%	155
<b>District 15B</b>												
Chatham	226	317	543	393	72.4%	150	40	85	125	96	76.8%	29
Orange	259	802	1,061	721	68.0%	340	41	135	176	145	82.4%	31
District Totals	485	1,119	1,604	1,114	69.5%	490	81	220	301	241	80.1%	60
<b>District 16A</b>												
Hoke	173	414	587	354	60.3%	233	60	149	209	121	57.9%	88
Scotland	276	656	932	662	71.0%	270	50	179	229	160	69.9%	69
District Totals	449	1,070	1,519	1,016	66.9%	503	110	328	438	281	64.2%	157
<b>District 16B</b>												
Robeson	900	2,897	3,797	1,826	48.1%	1,971	597	952	1,549	711	45.9%	838
<b>District 17A</b>												
Caswell	33	184	217	166	76.5%	51	44	242	286	247	86.4%	39
Rockingham	660	1,556	2,216	1,473	66.5%	743	371	931	1,302	859	66.0%	443
District Totals	693	1,740	2,433	1,639	67.4%	794	415	1,173	1,588	1,106	69.6%	482

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	Begin	Total			End	Begin	Total			End		
	Pending 7/1/91	Filed	Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/92	Pending 7/1/91	Filed	Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/92
<b>District 17B</b>												
Stokes	243	472	715	508	71.0%	207	94	323	417	319	76.5%	98
Surry	155	722	877	705	80.4%	172	137	610	747	610	81.7%	137
District Totals	398	1,194	1,592	1,213	76.2%	379	231	933	1,164	929	79.8%	235
<b>District 18A-E</b>												
Guilford	2,369	5,937	8,306	6,008	72.3%	2,298	383	820	1,203	921	76.6%	282
<b>District 19A</b>												
Cabarrus	596	1,379	1,975	1,155	58.5%	820	377	939	1,316	890	67.6%	426
<b>District 19B</b>												
Montgomery	152	311	463	271	58.5%	192	99	217	316	217	68.7%	99
Randolph	323	1,087	1,410	779	55.2%	631	217	508	725	475	65.5%	250
District Totals	475	1,398	1,873	1,050	56.1%	823	316	725	1,041	692	66.5%	349
<b>District 19C</b>												
Rowan	669	1,353	2,022	1,240	61.3%	782	156	451	607	376	61.9%	231
<b>District 20A</b>												
Anson	39	473	512	311	60.7%	201	57	293	350	270	77.1%	80
Moore	344	1,009	1,353	1,084	80.1%	269	138	523	661	505	76.4%	156
Richmond	245	1,073	1,318	940	71.3%	378	179	597	776	567	73.1%	209
District Totals	628	2,555	3,183	2,335	73.4%	848	374	1,413	1,787	1,342	75.1%	445
<b>District 20B</b>												
Stanly	193	379	572	427	74.7%	145	208	435	643	541	84.1%	102
Union	390	953	1,343	1,089	81.1%	254	288	681	969	768	79.3%	201
District Totals	583	1,332	1,915	1,516	79.2%	399	496	1,116	1,612	1,309	81.2%	303
<b>District 21A-D</b>												
Forsyth	667	2,674	3,341	2,599	77.8%	742	226	1,380	1,606	1,383	86.1%	223
<b>District 22</b>												
Alexander	86	153	239	153	64.0%	86	68	242	310	181	58.4%	129
Davidson	229	858	1,087	649	59.7%	438	137	467	604	465	77.0%	139
Davie	31	121	152	100	65.8%	52	41	146	187	152	81.3%	35
Iredell	527	976	1,503	1,081	71.9%	422	302	849	1,151	839	72.9%	312
District Totals	873	2,108	2,981	1,983	66.5%	998	548	1,704	2,252	1,637	72.7%	615

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	Pending 7/1/91	Filed	Caseload	Disposed		Pending 6/30/92	Pending 7/1/91	Filed	Caseload	Disposed		Pending 6/30/92
<b>District 23</b>												
Alleghany	24	44	68	28	41.2%	40	24	49	73	44	60.3%	29
Ashe	27	114	141	70	49.6%	71	37	86	123	65	52.8%	58
Wilkes	178	413	591	443	75.0%	148	142	328	470	375	79.8%	95
Yadkin	42	141	183	115	62.8%	68	52	120	172	117	68.0%	55
District Totals	271	712	983	656	66.7%	327	255	583	838	601	71.7%	237
<b>District 24</b>												
Avery	65	80	145	72	49.7%	73	33	57	90	62	68.9%	28
Madison	69	60	129	92	71.3%	37	12	39	51	33	64.7%	18
Mitchell	68	68	136	93	68.4%	43	21	28	49	26	53.1%	23
Watauga	177	206	383	213	55.6%	170	106	213	319	169	53.0%	150
Yancey	26	45	71	30	42.3%	41	12	19	31	13	41.9%	18
District Totals	405	459	864	500	57.9%	364	184	356	540	303	56.1%	237
<b>District 25A</b>												
Burke	392	645	1,037	571	55.1%	466	471	750	1,221	745	61.0%	476
Caldwell	523	1,017	1,540	939	61.0%	601	454	669	1,123	903	80.4%	220
District Totals	915	1,662	2,577	1,510	58.6%	1,067	925	1,419	2,344	1,648	70.3%	696
<b>District 25B</b>												
Catawba	705	1,334	2,039	1,133	55.6%	906	449	1,021	1,470	931	63.3%	539
<b>District 26A-C</b>												
Mecklenburg	1,360	4,316	5,676	3,724	65.6%	1,952	987	2,063	3,050	1,632	53.5%	1,418
<b>District 27A</b>												
Gaston	1,017	2,607	3,624	2,471	68.2%	1,153	299	762	1,061	682	64.3%	379
<b>District 27B</b>												
Cleveland	464	828	1,292	808	62.5%	484	98	250	348	183	52.6%	165
Lincoln	432	581	1,013	615	60.7%	398	112	174	286	187	65.4%	99
District Totals	896	1,409	2,305	1,423	61.7%	882	210	424	634	370	58.4%	264
<b>District 28</b>												
Buncombe	1,015	1,814	2,829	2,341	82.8%	488	264	783	1,047	920	87.9%	127

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	Pending 7/1/91	Filed	Caseload	Disposed		Pending 6/30/92	Pending 7/1/91	Filed	Caseload	Disposed		Pending 6/30/92
<b>District 29</b>												
Henderson	330	803	1,133	747	65.9%	386	196	332	528	339	64.2%	189
McDowell	165	302	467	270	57.8%	197	147	265	412	242	58.7%	170
Polk	111	63	174	70	40.2%	104	45	70	115	57	49.6%	58
Rutherford	353	644	997	588	59.0%	409	427	809	1,236	824	66.7%	412
Transylvania	127	284	411	219	53.3%	192	45	81	126	77	61.1%	49
District Totals	1,086	2,096	3,182	1,894	59.5%	1,288	860	1,557	2,417	1,539	63.7%	878
<b>District 30A</b>												
Cherokee	59	237	296	204	68.9%	92	38	172	210	177	84.3%	33
Clay	31	82	113	96	85.0%	17	8	37	45	27	60.0%	18
Graham	14	241	255	124	48.6%	131	19	81	100	74	74.0%	26
Macon	41	164	205	127	62.0%	78	34	76	110	86	78.2%	24
Swain	36	109	145	128	88.3%	17	18	50	68	58	85.3%	10
District Totals	181	833	1,014	679	67.0%	335	117	416	533	422	79.2%	111
<b>District 30B</b>												
Haywood	85	358	443	307	69.3%	136	53	266	319	281	88.1%	38
Jackson	34	172	206	158	76.7%	48	26	128	154	114	74.0%	40
District Totals	119	530	649	465	71.6%	184	79	394	473	395	83.5%	78
<b>State Totals</b>	<b>32,590</b>	<b>85,748</b>	<b>118,338</b>	<b>79,680</b>	<b>67.3%</b>	<b>38,658</b>	<b>14,954</b>	<b>40,925</b>	<b>55,879</b>	<b>39,576</b>	<b>70.8%</b>	<b>16,303</b>

**CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL CASES  
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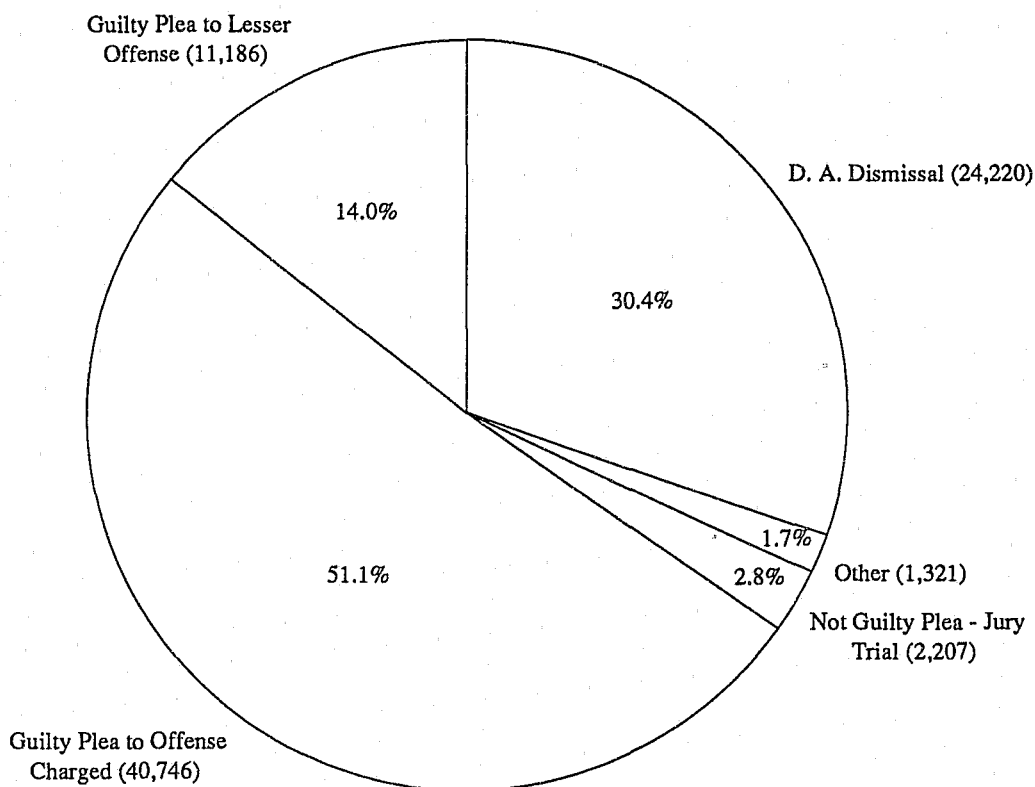
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Prosecutorial District	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Begin Pending	Total			% Caseload	End Pending	Begin Pending	Total			% Caseload	End Pending
	7/1/91	Filed	Caseload	Disposed	Disposed	6/30/92	7/1/91	Filed	Caseload	Disposed	Disposed	6/30/92
1	785	1,239	2,024	1,230	60.8%	794	604	1,030	1,634	1,090	66.7%	544
2	411	1,293	1,704	1,255	73.7%	449	301	887	1,188	955	80.4%	233
3A	1,050	2,112	3,162	2,113	66.8%	1,049	508	1,762	2,270	1,928	84.9%	342
3B	473	2,030	2,503	1,775	70.9%	728	152	894	1,046	772	73.8%	274
4	672	3,239	3,911	2,888	73.8%	1,023	144	776	920	678	73.7%	242
5	705	3,245	3,950	2,565	64.9%	1,385	617	1,706	2,323	1,448	62.3%	875
6A	393	1,153	1,546	888	57.4%	658	171	455	626	398	63.6%	228
6B	170	1,052	1,222	936	76.6%	286	117	441	558	332	59.5%	226
7	984	3,590	4,574	3,217	70.3%	1,357	435	1,159	1,594	899	56.4%	695
8	526	2,061	2,587	1,862	72.0%	725	613	1,819	2,432	1,849	76.0%	583
9	1,116	2,581	3,697	2,658	71.9%	1,039	790	1,981	2,771	1,858	67.1%	913
10	2,103	5,434	7,537	5,004	66.4%	2,533	497	2,581	3,078	2,538	82.5%	540
11	472	2,216	2,688	1,920	71.4%	768	207	916	1,123	905	80.6%	218
12	1,137	3,248	4,385	2,558	58.3%	1,827	188	578	766	520	67.9%	246
13	620	1,248	1,868	1,151	61.6%	717	208	485	693	512	73.9%	181
14	2,406	2,338	4,744	3,056	64.4%	1,688	210	602	812	614	75.6%	198
15A	812	3,141	3,953	3,114	78.8%	839	253	921	1,174	1,019	86.8%	155
15B	485	1,119	1,604	1,114	69.5%	490	81	220	301	241	80.1%	60
16A	449	1,070	1,519	1,016	66.9%	503	110	328	438	281	64.2%	157
16B	900	2,897	3,797	1,826	48.1%	1,971	597	952	1,549	711	45.9%	838
17A	693	1,740	2,433	1,639	67.4%	794	415	1,173	1,588	1,106	69.6%	482
17B	398	1,194	1,592	1,213	76.2%	379	231	933	1,164	929	79.8%	235
18	2,369	5,937	8,306	6,008	72.3%	2,298	383	820	1,203	921	76.6%	282
19A	1,265	2,732	3,997	2,395	59.9%	1,602	533	1,390	1,923	1,266	65.8%	657
19B	475	1,398	1,873	1,050	56.1%	823	316	725	1,041	692	66.5%	349
20	1,211	3,887	5,098	3,851	75.5%	1,247	870	2,529	3,399	2,651	78.0%	748
21	667	2,674	3,341	2,599	77.8%	742	226	1,380	1,606	1,383	86.1%	223
22	873	2,108	2,981	1,983	66.5%	998	548	1,704	2,252	1,637	72.7%	615
23	271	712	983	656	66.7%	327	255	583	838	601	71.7%	237
24	405	459	864	500	57.9%	364	184	356	540	303	56.1%	237
25	1,620	2,996	4,616	2,643	57.3%	1,973	1,374	2,440	3,814	2,579	67.6%	1,235
26	1,360	4,316	5,676	3,724	65.6%	1,952	987	2,063	3,050	1,632	53.5%	1,418
27A	1,017	2,607	3,624	2,471	68.2%	1,153	299	762	1,061	682	64.3%	379
27B	896	1,409	2,305	1,423	61.7%	882	210	424	634	370	58.4%	264
28	1,015	1,814	2,829	2,341	82.8%	488	264	783	1,047	920	87.9%	127
29	1,086	2,096	3,182	1,894	59.5%	1,288	860	1,557	2,417	1,539	63.7%	873
30	300	1,363	1,663	1,144	68.8%	519	196	810	1,006	817	81.2%	189
<b>State Totals</b>	<b>32,590</b>	<b>85,748</b>	<b>118,338</b>	<b>79,680</b>	<b>67.3%</b>	<b>38,658</b>	<b>14,954</b>	<b>40,925</b>	<b>55,879</b>	<b>39,576</b>	<b>70.8%</b>	<b>16,303</b>

This table is provided because prosecutorial districts are not coterminous with superior court districts. (See the district maps in Part II.)

## MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF FELONIES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

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Guilty pleas continue to account for more than 60% of all superior court felony dispositions, with most of them being pleas to the offense charged. Dismissals here include voluntary dismissals with and without leave, the latter of which also includes dismissals after deferred prosecution. "Other" dispositions include changes of venue, dismissals by the court, indictments returned not a true bill by grand juries, dispositions of writs of habeas corpus on fugitive warrants, dispositions of probation violations from other counties, and any other disposition not falling into one of the specific categories on the chart.

The median ages (in days) of cases disposed by each method of disposition are as follows:

Manner of Disposition	Median Age at Disposition
Not Guilty Plea - Jury Trial	209.0
Guilty Plea to Offense Charged	89.0
Guilty Plea to Lesser Offense	82.0
Dismissal	131.0
Other	81.0



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	Guilty Pleas		Jury Trials	DA Dismissal		Speedy	Other	Total Dispositions	Total Negotiated Pleas
	As Charged	Lesser Offense		Without Leave	With Leave	Trial Dismissals			
<b>District 1</b>									
Camden	4	4	1	10	1	0	0	20	3
Chowan	19	55	6	21	0	0	4	105	61
Currituck	38	62	4	83	6	0	0	193	89
Dare	93	56	9	164	34	0	4	360	0
Gates	17	15	8	10	7	0	1	58	4
Pasquotank	162	91	12	107	29	0	5	406	226
Perquimans	32	11	0	41	3	0	1	88	34
District Totals	365 29.7%	294 23.9%	40 3.3%	436 35.4%	80 6.5%	0 0.0%	15 1.2%	1,230 100.0%	417 33.9%
<b>District 2</b>									
Beaufort	322	56	24	95	17	0	11	525	400
Hyde	43	3	1	1	1	0	1	50	39
Martin	260	30	13	63	8	0	8	382	252
Tyrrell	30	5	2	5	0	0	4	46	24
Washington	165	36	14	32	4	0	1	252	159
District Totals	820 65.3%	130 10.4%	54 4.3%	196 15.6%	30 2.4%	0 0.0%	25 2.0%	1,255 100.0%	874 69.6%
<b>District 3A</b>									
Pitt	739 35.0%	416 19.7%	70 3.3%	772 36.5%	92 4.4%	0 0.0%	24 1.1%	2,113 100.0%	1,163 55.0%
<b>District 3B</b>									
Carteret	316	68	8	157	12	0	20	581	383
Craven	678	175	12	160	27	0	16	1,068	813
Pamlico	49	44	3	22	5	0	3	126	87
District Totals	1,043 58.8%	287 16.2%	23 1.3%	339 19.1%	44 2.5%	0 0.0%	39 2.2%	1,775 100.0%	1,283 72.3%
<b>District 4A</b>									
Duplin	76	331	19	213	8	0	4	651	328
Jones	33	4	0	20	5	0	1	63	43
Sampson	316	97	19	166	5	0	7	610	299
District Totals	425 32.1%	432 32.6%	38 2.9%	399 30.1%	18 1.4%	0 0.0%	12 0.9%	1,324 100.0%	670 50.6%

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	Guilty Pleas		Jury Trials	DA Dismissal		Speedy	Other	Total Dispositions	Total Negotiated Pleas
	As Charged	Lesser Offense		Without Leave	With Leave	Trial Dismissals			
<b>District 4B</b>									
Onslow	803	176	45	491	38	0	11	1,564	937
	51.3%	11.3%	2.9%	31.4%	2.4%	0.0%	0.7%	100.0%	59.9%
<b>District 5</b>									
New Hanover	1,282	274	31	606	66	0	31	2,290	1,251
Pender	105	40	9	111	2	0	8	275	111
District Totals	1,387	314	40	717	68	0	39	2,565	1,362
	54.1%	12.2%	1.6%	28.0%	2.7%	0.0%	1.5%	100.0%	53.1%
<b>District 6A</b>									
Halifax	597	80	14	174	19	0	4	888	792
	67.2%	9.0%	1.6%	19.6%	2.1%	0.0%	0.5%	100.0%	89.2%
<b>District 6B</b>									
Bertie	187	13	7	57	3	0	2	269	183
Hertford	233	61	12	146	1	0	11	464	253
Northampton	125	14	10	43	3	0	8	203	162
District Totals	545	88	29	246	7	0	21	936	598
	58.2%	9.4%	3.1%	26.3%	0.7%	0.0%	2.2%	100.0%	63.9%
<b>District 7A</b>									
Nash	537	148	17	556	33	0	8	1,299	662
	41.3%	11.4%	1.3%	42.8%	2.5%	0.0%	0.6%	100.0%	51.0%
<b>District 7B-C</b>									
Edgecombe	260	132	27	528	0	0	16	963	284
Wilson	373	83	18	448	15	0	18	955	542
District Totals	633	215	45	976	15	0	34	1,918	826
	33.0%	11.2%	2.3%	50.9%	0.8%	0.0%	1.8%	100.0%	43.1%
<b>District 8A</b>									
Greene	58	32	7	45	4	0	4	150	86
Lenoir	337	197	30	162	30	0	20	776	540
District Totals	395	229	37	207	34	0	24	926	626
	42.7%	24.7%	4.0%	22.4%	3.7%	0.0%	2.6%	100.0%	67.6%
<b>District 8B</b>									
Wayne	500	177	25	153	67	0	14	936	637
	53.4%	18.9%	2.7%	16.3%	7.2%	0.0%	1.5%	100.0%	68.1%

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	Guilty Pleas		Jury Trials	DA Dismissal		Speedy	Other	Total Dispositions	Total Negotiated Pleas
	As Charged	Lesser Offense		Without Leave	With Leave	Trial Dismissals			
<b>District 9</b>									
Franklin	301	35	4	73	25	0	5	443	374
Granville	274	85	4	180	12	0	1	556	350
Person	178	123	7	231	7	0	4	550	301
Vance	533	55	3	205	17	0	8	821	0
Warren	149	27	2	104	2	0	4	288	171
District Totals	1,435	325	20	793	63	0	22	2,658	1,196
	54.0%	12.2%	0.8%	29.8%	2.4%	0.0%	0.8%	100.0%	45.0%
<b>District 10A-D</b>									
Wake	3,163	319	76	874	533	0	39	5,004	3,170
	63.2%	6.4%	1.5%	17.5%	10.7%	0.0%	0.8%	100.0%	63.3%
<b>District 11</b>									
Harnett	318	86	10	149	0	0	9	572	261
Johnston	434	117	21	147	7	0	31	757	518
Lee	316	95	18	149	9	0	4	591	396
District Totals	1,068	298	49	445	16	0	44	1,920	1,175
	55.6%	15.5%	2.6%	23.2%	0.8%	0.0%	2.3%	100.0%	61.2%
<b>District 12A-C</b>									
Cumberland	1,752	244	39	372	83	0	68	2,558	1,966
	68.5%	9.5%	1.5%	14.5%	3.2%	0.0%	2.7%	100.0%	76.9%
<b>District 13</b>									
Bladen	247	14	18	92	11	0	5	387	215
Brunswick	142	83	22	243	11	0	2	503	285
Columbus	78	59	24	81	4	0	15	261	131
District Totals	467	156	64	416	26	0	22	1,151	631
	40.6%	13.6%	5.6%	36.1%	2.3%	0.0%	1.9%	100.0%	54.8%
<b>District 14A-B</b>									
Durham	1,725	262	47	804	186	0	32	3,056	1,987
	56.4%	8.6%	1.5%	26.3%	6.1%	0.0%	1.0%	100.0%	65.0%
<b>District 15A</b>									
Alamance	1,984	452	40	596	31	0	11	3,114	2,761
	63.7%	14.5%	1.3%	19.1%	1.0%	0.0%	0.4%	100.0%	88.7%

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	Guilty Pleas		Jury Trials	DA Dismissal		Speedy Trial Dismissals	Other	Total Dispositions	Total Negotiated Pleas
	As Charged	Lesser Offense		Without Leave	With Leave				
<b>District 15B</b>									
Chatham	224	22	10	109	6	0	22	393	299
Orange	448	67	17	130	43	0	16	721	511
District Totals	672 60.3%	89 8.0%	27 2.4%	239 21.5%	49 4.4%	0 0.0%	38 3.4%	1,114 100.0%	810 72.7%
<b>District 16A</b>									
Hoke	254	46	8	31	10	0	5	354	284
Scotland	515	48	10	78	3	0	8	662	551
District Totals	769 75.7%	94 9.3%	18 1.8%	109 10.7%	13 1.3%	0 0.0%	13 1.3%	1,016 100.0%	835 82.2%
<b>District 16B</b>									
Robeson	1,403 76.8%	101 5.5%	91 5.0%	99 5.4%	88 4.8%	0 0.0%	44 2.4%	1,826 100.0%	447 24.5%
<b>District 17A</b>									
Caswell	84	28	3	39	2	0	10	166	101
Rockingham	734	212	56	422	40	0	9	1,473	877
District Totals	818 49.9%	240 14.6%	59 3.6%	461 28.1%	42 2.6%	0 0.0%	19 1.2%	1,639 100.0%	978 59.7%
<b>District 17B</b>									
Stokes	353	48	15	89	2	0	1	508	401
Surry	503	68	2	111	9	0	12	705	511
District Totals	856 70.6%	116 9.6%	17 1.4%	200 16.5%	11 0.9%	0 0.0%	13 1.1%	1,213 100.0%	912 75.2%
<b>District 18A-E</b>									
Guilford	3,430 57.1%	609 10.1%	217 3.6%	1,108 18.4%	575 9.6%	0 0.0%	69 1.1%	6,008 100.0%	3,880 64.6%
<b>District 19A</b>									
Cabarrus	320 27.7%	226 19.6%	34 2.9%	539 46.7%	19 1.6%	0 0.0%	17 1.5%	1,155 100.0%	462 40.0%

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	GUILTY PLEAS		Jury Trials	DA DISMISSAL		Speedy Trial	Other	Total Dispositions	Total Negotiated Pleas
	As Charged	Lesser Offense		Without Leave	With Leave	DDismissals			
<b>District 19B</b>									
Montgomery	102	35	14	117	0	0	3	271	35
Randolph	439	60	49	205	22	0	4	779	476
District Totals	541	95	63	322	22	0	7	1,050	511
	51.5%	9.0%	6.0%	30.7%	2.1%	0.0%	0.7%	100.0%	48.7%
<b>District 19C</b>									
Rowan	417	134	33	606	25	0	25	1,240	1,007
	33.6%	10.8%	2.7%	48.9%	2.0%	0.0%	2.0%	100.0%	81.2%
<b>District 20A</b>									
Anson	97	53	7	139	10	0	5	311	138
Moore	414	102	17	539	2	0	10	1,084	505
Richmond	368	154	23	364	0	0	31	940	505
District Totals	879	309	47	1,042	12	0	46	2,335	1,148
	37.6%	13.2%	2.0%	44.6%	0.5%	0.0%	2.0%	100.0%	49.2%
<b>District 20B</b>									
Stanly	189	36	5	186	2	0	9	427	382
Union	374	289	18	389	6	0	13	1,089	890
District Totals	563	325	23	575	8	0	22	1,516	1,272
	37.1%	21.4%	1.5%	37.9%	0.5%	0.0%	1.5%	100.0%	83.9%
<b>District 21A-D</b>									
Forsyth	1,593	381	101	466	24	0	34	2,599	1,675
	61.3%	14.7%	3.9%	17.9%	0.9%	0.0%	1.3%	100.0%	64.4%
<b>District 22</b>									
Alexander	94	19	10	27	1	0	2	153	114
Davidson	410	86	21	100	17	0	15	649	474
Davie	74	9	2	13	0	0	2	100	67
Iredell	593	248	21	191	17	0	11	1,081	637
District Totals	1,171	362	54	331	35	0	30	1,983	1,292
	59.1%	18.3%	2.7%	16.7%	1.8%	0.0%	1.5%	100.0%	65.2%

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	GUILTY PLEAS		Jury Trials	DA DISMISSAL		Speedy Trial Dismissals	Other	Total Dispositions	Total Negotiated Pleas
	As Charged	Lesser Offense		Without Leave	With Leave				
<b>District 23</b>									
Alleghany	13	3	2	2	1	0	7	28	15
Ashe	38	7	6	14	0	0	5	70	41
Wilkes	325	19	26	43	7	0	23	443	61
Yadkin	62	32	11	6	3	0	1	115	73
District Totals	438	61	45	65	11	0	36	656	190
	66.8%	9.3%	6.9%	9.9%	1.7%	0.0%	5.5%	100.0%	29.0%
<b>District 24</b>									
Avery	14	7	0	37	7	0	7	72	0
Madison	26	13	9	38	5	0	1	92	31
Mitchell	32	8	2	35	14	0	2	93	47
Watauga	75	31	6	97	0	0	4	213	101
Yancey	11	3	2	14	0	0	0	30	12
District Totals	158	62	19	221	26	0	14	500	191
	31.6%	12.4%	3.8%	44.2%	5.2%	0.0%	2.8%	100.0%	38.2%
<b>District 25A</b>									
Burke	209	45	5	230	71	0	11	571	148
Caldwell	343	84	20	437	45	0	10	939	585
District Totals	552	129	25	667	116	0	21	1,510	733
	36.6%	8.5%	1.7%	44.2%	7.7%	0.0%	1.4%	100.0%	48.5%
<b>District 25B</b>									
Catawba	343	194	13	531	43	0	9	1,133	456
	30.3%	17.1%	1.1%	46.9%	3.8%	0.0%	0.8%	100.0%	40.2%
<b>District 26A-C</b>									
Mecklenburg	385	1,896	178	978	183	0	104	3,724	1,900
	10.3%	50.9%	4.8%	26.3%	4.9%	0.0%	2.8%	100.0%	51.0%
<b>District 27A</b>									
Gaston	1,224	258	84	786	70	0	49	2,471	1,425
	49.5%	10.4%	3.4%	31.8%	2.8%	0.0%	2.0%	100.0%	57.7%
<b>District 27B</b>									
Cleveland	439	76	49	208	7	0	29	808	114
Lincoln	348	31	37	186	6	0	7	615	339
District Totals	787	107	86	394	13	0	36	1,423	453
	55.3%	7.5%	6.0%	27.7%	0.9%	0.0%	2.5%	100.0%	31.8%

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	Guilty Pleas		Jury Trials	DA Dismissal		Speedy	Other	Total Dispositions	Total Negotiated Pleas
	As Charged	Lesser Offense		Without Leave	With Leave	Trial Dismissals			
<b>District 28</b>									
Buncombe	1,629	62	62	389	169	0	30	2,341	1,401
	69.6%	2.6%	2.6%	16.6%	7.2%	0.0%	1.3%	100.0%	59.8%
<b>District 29</b>									
Henderson	375	92	8	183	59	0	30	747	476
McDowell	149	11	16	90	1	0	3	270	128
Polk	51	2	7	9	0	0	1	70	42
Rutherford	319	54	13	141	46	0	15	588	237
Transylvania	84	19	4	81	25	0	6	219	61
District Totals	978	178	48	504	131	0	55	1,894	944
	51.6%	9.4%	2.5%	26.6%	6.9%	0.0%	2.9%	100.0%	49.8%
<b>District 30A</b>									
Cherokee	63	21	3	69	40	0	8	204	1
Clay	23	5	5	27	7	0	29	96	0
Graham	30	3	1	87	2	0	1	124	6
Macon	60	11	5	37	5	0	9	127	14
Swain	56	6	7	34	2	0	23	128	69
District Totals	232	46	21	254	56	0	70	679	90
	34.2%	6.8%	3.1%	37.4%	8.2%	0.0%	10.3%	100.0%	13.3%
<b>District 30B</b>									
Haywood	132	46	22	94	9	0	4	307	192
Jackson	73	24	8	45	0	0	8	158	125
District Totals	205	70	30	139	9	0	12	465	317
	44.1%	15.1%	6.5%	29.9%	1.9%	0.0%	2.6%	100.0%	68.2%
State Totals	40,746	11,186	2,207	20,987	3,233	0	1,321	79,680	47,062
	51.1%	14.0%	2.8%	26.3%	4.1%	0.0%	1.7%	100.0%	59.1%

# MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF FELONIES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS BY PROSECUTORIAL DISTRICT

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Prosecutorial District	Guilty Pleas		Jury Trials	DA Dismissal		Speedy Trial		Total Dispositions	Total Negotiated Pleas
	As Charged	Lesser Offense		Without Leave	With Leave	Dismissals	Other		
1	365 29.7%	294 23.9%	40 3.3%	436 35.4%	80 6.5%	0 0.0%	15 1.2%	1,230 100.0%	417 33.9%
2	820 65.3%	130 10.4%	54 4.3%	196 15.6%	30 2.4%	0 0.0%	25 2.0%	1,255 100.0%	874 69.6%
3A	739 35.0%	416 19.7%	70 3.3%	772 36.5%	92 4.4%	0 0.0%	24 1.1%	2,113 100.0%	1,163 55.0%
3B	1,043 58.8%	287 16.2%	23 1.3%	339 19.1%	44 2.5%	0 0.0%	39 2.2%	1,775 100.0%	1,283 72.3%
4	1,228 42.5%	608 21.1%	83 2.9%	890 30.8%	56 1.9%	0 0.0%	23 0.8%	2,888 100.0%	1,607 55.6%
5	1,387 54.1%	314 12.2%	40 1.6%	717 28.0%	68 2.7%	0 0.0%	39 1.5%	2,565 100.0%	1,362 53.1%
6A	597 67.2%	80 9.0%	14 1.6%	174 19.6%	19 2.1%	0 0.0%	4 0.5%	888 100.0%	792 89.2%
6B	545 58.2%	88 9.4%	29 3.1%	246 26.3%	7 0.7%	0 0.0%	21 2.2%	936 100.0%	598 63.9%
7	1,170 36.4%	363 11.3%	62 1.9%	1,532 47.6%	48 1.5%	0 0.0%	42 1.3%	3,217 100.0%	1,488 46.3%
8	895 48.1%	406 21.8%	62 3.3%	360 19.3%	101 5.4%	0 0.0%	38 2.0%	1,862 100.0%	1,263 67.8%
9	1,435 54.0%	325 12.2%	20 0.8%	793 29.8%	63 2.4%	0 0.0%	22 0.8%	2,658 100.0%	1,196 45.0%
10	3,163 63.2%	319 6.4%	76 1.5%	874 17.5%	533 10.7%	0 0.0%	39 0.8%	5,004 100.0%	3,170 63.3%
11	1,068 55.6%	298 15.5%	49 2.6%	445 23.2%	16 0.8%	0 0.0%	44 2.3%	1,920 100.0%	1,175 61.2%
12	1,752 68.5%	244 9.5%	39 1.5%	372 14.5%	83 3.2%	0 0.0%	68 2.7%	2,558 100.0%	1,966 76.9%
13	467 40.6%	156 13.6%	64 5.6%	416 36.1%	26 2.3%	0 0.0%	22 1.9%	1,151 100.0%	631 54.8%
14	1,725 56.4%	202 8.6%	47 1.5%	804 26.3%	186 6.1%	0 0.0%	32 1.0%	3,056 100.0%	1,987 65.0%
15A	1,984 63.7%	452 14.5%	40 1.3%	596 19.1%	31 1.0%	0 0.0%	11 0.4%	3,114 100.0%	2,761 88.7%
15B	672 60.3%	89 8.0%	27 2.4%	239 21.5%	49 4.4%	0 0.0%	38 3.4%	1,114 100.0%	810 72.7%
16A	769 75.7%	94 9.3%	18 1.8%	109 10.7%	13 1.3%	0 0.0%	13 1.3%	1,016 100.0%	835 82.2%

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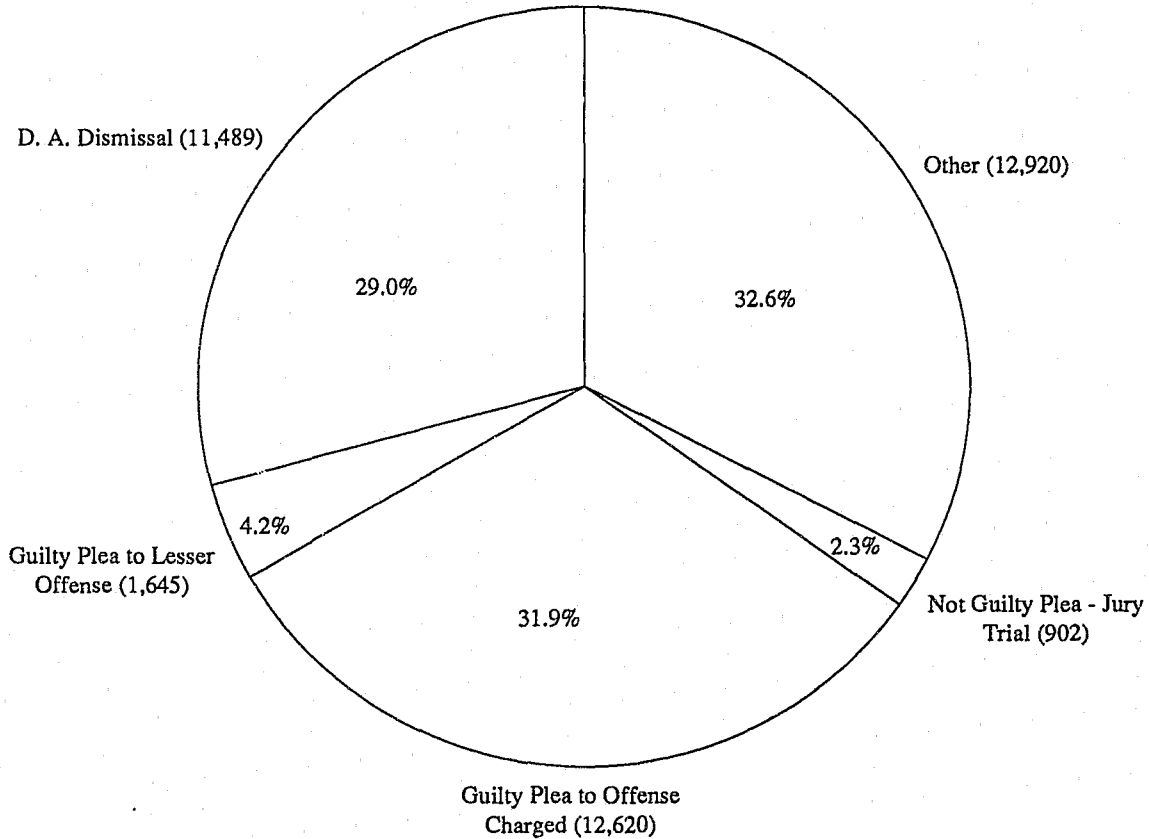
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Prosecutorial District	Guilty Pleas		Jury Trials	DA Dismissal		Speedy Trial Dismissals	Other	Total Dispositions	Total Negotiated Pleas
	As Charged	Lesser Offense		Without Leave	With Leave				
16B	1,403 76.8%	101 5.5%	91 5.0%	99 5.4%	88 4.8%	0 0.0%	44 2.4%	1,826 100.0%	447 24.5%
17A	818 49.9%	240 14.6%	59 3.6%	461 28.1%	42 2.6%	0 0.0%	19 1.2%	1,639 100.0%	978 59.7%
17B	856 70.6%	116 9.6%	17 1.4%	200 16.5%	11 0.9%	0 0.0%	13 1.1%	1,213 100.0%	912 75.2%
18	3,430 57.1%	609 10.1%	217 3.6%	1,108 18.4%	575 9.6%	0 0.0%	69 1.1%	6,008 100.0%	3,880 64.6%
19A	737 30.8%	360 15.0%	67 2.8%	1,145 47.8%	44 1.8%	0 0.0%	42 1.8%	2,395 100.0%	1,469 61.3%
19B	541 51.5%	95 9.0%	63 6.0%	322 30.7%	22 2.1%	0 0.0%	7 0.7%	1,050 100.0%	511 48.7%
20	1,442 37.4%	634 16.5%	70 1.8%	1,617 42.0%	20 0.5%	0 0.0%	68 1.8%	3,851 100.0%	2,420 62.8%
21	1,593 61.3%	381 14.7%	101 3.9%	466 17.9%	24 0.9%	0 0.0%	34 1.3%	2,599 100.0%	1,675 64.4%
22	1,171 59.1%	362 18.3%	54 2.7%	331 16.7%	35 1.8%	0 0.0%	30 1.5%	1,983 100.0%	1,292 65.2%
23	438 66.8%	61 9.3%	45 6.9%	65 9.9%	11 1.7%	0 0.0%	36 5.5%	656 100.0%	190 29.0%
24	158 31.6%	62 12.4%	19 3.8%	221 44.2%	26 5.2%	0 0.0%	14 2.8%	500 100.0%	191 38.2%
25	895 33.9%	323 12.2%	38 1.4%	1,198 45.3%	159 6.0%	0 0.0%	30 1.1%	2,643 100.0%	1,189 45.0%
26	385 10.3%	1,896 50.9%	178 4.8%	978 26.3%	183 4.9%	0 0.0%	104 2.8%	3,724 100.0%	1,900 51.0%
27A	1,224 49.5%	258 10.4%	84 3.4%	786 31.8%	70 2.8%	0 0.0%	49 2.0%	2,471 100.0%	1,425 57.7%
27B	787 55.3%	107 7.5%	86 6.0%	394 27.7%	13 0.9%	0 0.0%	36 2.5%	1,423 100.0%	453 31.8%
28	1,629 69.6%	62 2.6%	62 2.6%	389 16.6%	169 7.2%	0 0.0%	30 1.3%	2,341 100.0%	1,401 59.8%
29	978 51.6%	178 9.4%	48 2.5%	504 26.6%	131 6.9%	0 0.0%	55 2.9%	1,894 100.0%	944 49.8%
30	437 38.2%	116 10.1%	51 4.5%	393 34.4%	65 5.7%	0 0.0%	82 7.2%	1,144 100.0%	407 35.6%
State Totals	40,746 51.1%	11,186 14.0%	2,207 2.8%	20,987 26.3%	3,233 4.1%	0 0.0%	1,321 1.7%	79,680 100.0%	47,062 59.1%

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## MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF MISDEMEANORS IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

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Guilty pleas account for 36.1% of superior court misdemeanor dispositions, nearly all of which are guilty pleas to the offense charged. The "other" category includes withdrawn appeals, cases remanded to district court for judgment, and other miscellaneous dispositions such as changes of venue, dismissal by the court, and dispositions of probation violations from other counties. Dismissals include voluntary dismissals with and without leave, the latter of which includes dismissals after deferred prosecution.

The median ages (in days) of cases disposed by each method of disposition are as follows:

Manner of Disposition	Median Age at Disposition
Not Guilty Plea - Jury Trial	163.0
Guilty Plea to Offense Charged	103.0
Guilty Plea to Lesser Offense	70.0
Dismissal	111.0
Other	62.0

**MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF MISDEMEANORS  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS**

**July 1, 1991-- June 30, 1992**

	GUILTY PLEAS		Jury Trials	DA DISMISSAL		Speedy	Other	Total Dispositions	Total Negotiated Pleas
	As Charged	Lesser Offense		Without Leave	With Leave	Trial Dismissals			
<b>District 1</b>									
Camden	10	12	2	5	4	0	0	33	6
Chowan	26	17	2	30	2	0	19	96	21
Currituck	32	16	2	30	27	0	15	122	30
Dare	74	64	23	94	32	0	92	379	0
Gates	19	13	0	14	2	0	15	63	2
Pasquotank	82	21	4	52	35	0	87	281	48
Perquimans	37	5	2	25	1	0	46	116	11
District Totals	280 25.7%	148 13.6%	35 3.2%	250 22.9%	103 9.4%	0 0.0%	274 25.1%	1,090 100.0%	118 10.8%
<b>District 2</b>									
Beaufort	144	11	12	84	24	0	217	492	127
Hyde	16	0	0	2	1	0	16	35	7
Martin	59	8	2	29	16	0	100	214	31
Tyrrell	28	2	2	1	2	0	34	69	9
Washington	37	3	9	18	10	0	68	145	28
District Totals	284 29.7%	24 2.5%	25 2.6%	134 14.0%	53 5.5%	0 0.0%	435 45.5%	955 100.0%	202 21.2%
<b>District 3A</b>									
Pitt	1,184 61.4%	53 2.7%	26 1.3%	244 12.7%	87 4.5%	0 0.0%	334 17.3%	1,928 100.0%	633 32.8%
<b>District 3B</b>									
Carteret	77	1	5	59	25	0	153	320	56
Craven	181	8	14	84	15	0	118	420	92
Pamlico	7	0	0	11	2	0	12	32	7
District Totals	265 34.3%	9 1.2%	19 2.5%	154 19.9%	42 5.4%	0 0.0%	283 36.7%	772 100.0%	155 20.1%
<b>District 4A</b>									
Duplin	25	12	1	45	1	0	18	102	19
Jones	11	0	0	13	0	0	6	30	10
Sampson	73	5	10	41	1	0	27	157	36
District Totals	109 37.7%	17 5.9%	11 3.8%	99 34.3%	2 0.7%	0 0.0%	51 17.6%	289 100.0%	65 22.5%

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	Guilty Pleas		Jury Trials	DA Dismissal		Speedy Trial Dismissals	Other	Total Dispositions	Total Negotiated Pleas
	As Charged	Lesser Offense		Without Leave	With Leave				
<b>District 4B</b>									
Onslow	97	9	33	156	19	0	75	389	61
	24.9%	2.3%	8.5%	40.1%	4.9%	0.0%	19.3%	100.0%	15.7%
<b>District 5</b>									
New Hanover	569	20	15	410	69	0	243	1,326	397
Pender	49	2	2	61	1	0	7	122	18
District Totals	618	22	17	471	70	0	250	1,448	415
	42.7%	1.5%	1.2%	32.5%	4.8%	0.0%	17.3%	100.0%	28.7%
<b>District 6A</b>									
Halifax	169	18	8	84	17	0	102	398	224
	42.5%	4.5%	2.0%	21.1%	4.3%	0.0%	25.6%	100.0%	56.3%
<b>District 6B</b>									
Bertie	35	1	7	19	0	0	18	80	24
Hertford	72	2	1	53	3	0	26	157	33
Northampton	50	0	0	30	0	0	15	95	48
District Totals	157	3	8	102	3	0	59	332	105
	47.3%	0.9%	2.4%	30.7%	0.9%	0.0%	17.8%	100.0%	31.6%
<b>District 7A</b>									
Nash	131	11	13	92	22	0	93	362	83
	36.2%	3.0%	3.6%	25.4%	6.1%	0.0%	25.7%	100.0%	22.9%
<b>District 7B-C</b>									
Edgecombe	90	3	1	73	3	0	74	244	32
Wilson	63	10	2	113	6	0	99	293	73
District Totals	153	13	3	186	9	0	173	537	105
	28.5%	2.4%	0.6%	34.6%	1.7%	0.0%	32.2%	100.0%	19.6%
<b>District 8A</b>									
Greene	17	8	6	10	3	0	57	101	8
Lenoir	243	63	11	181	49	0	178	725	57
District Totals	260	71	17	191	52	0	235	826	65
	31.5%	8.6%	2.1%	23.1%	6.3%	0.0%	28.5%	100.0%	7.9%
<b>District 8B</b>									
Wayne	251	46	11	147	79	0	489	1,023	240
	24.5%	4.5%	1.1%	14.4%	7.7%	0.0%	47.8%	100.0%	23.5%

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	As Charged	Lesser Offense		Without Leave	With Leave	Trial Dismissals			
<b>District 9</b>									
Franklin	104	40	4	66	13	0	114	341	169
Granville	120	23	7	122	8	0	93	373	132
Person	152	10	9	144	9	0	85	409	165
Vance	309	24	2	153	13	0	65	566	2
Warren	57	8	4	46	5	0	49	169	56
District Totals	742	105	26	531	48	0	406	1,858	524
	39.9%	5.7%	1.4%	28.6%	2.6%	0.0%	21.9%	100.0%	28.2%
<b>District 10A-D</b>									
Wake	563	42	41	252	935	0	705	2,538	442
	22.2%	1.7%	1.6%	9.9%	36.8%	0.0%	27.8%	100.0%	17.4%
<b>District 11</b>									
Harnett	36	0	3	68	3	0	75	185	26
Johnston	158	18	8	75	8	0	95	362	116
Lee	129	3	13	82	11	0	120	358	131
District Totals	323	21	24	225	22	0	290	905	273
	35.7%	2.3%	2.7%	24.9%	2.4%	0.0%	32.0%	100.0%	30.2%
<b>District 12A-C</b>									
Cumberland	169	2	14	83	20	0	232	520	159
	32.5%	0.4%	2.7%	16.0%	3.8%	0.0%	44.6%	100.0%	30.6%
<b>District 13</b>									
Bladen	62	1	10	40	6	0	66	185	55
Brunswick	46	5	11	31	17	0	55	165	25
Columbus	43	5	7	32	1	0	74	162	36
District Totals	151	11	28	103	24	0	195	512	116
	29.5%	2.1%	5.5%	20.1%	4.7%	0.0%	38.1%	100.0%	22.7%
<b>District 14A-B</b>									
Durham	274	29	7	192	31	0	81	614	307
	44.6%	4.7%	1.1%	31.3%	5.0%	0.0%	13.2%	100.0%	50.0%
<b>District 15A</b>									
Alamance	563	39	20	169	6	0	222	1,019	584
	55.3%	3.8%	2.0%	16.6%	0.6%	0.0%	21.8%	100.0%	57.3%

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	GUILTY PLEAS		Jury Trials	DA DISMISSAL		Speedy Trial Dismissals	Other	Total Dispositions	Total Negotiated Pleas
	As Charged	Lesser Offense		Without Leave	With Leave				
<b>District 15B</b>									
Chatham	40	7	3	12	8	0	26	96	22
Orange	12	4	5	25	9	0	90	145	17
District Totals	52 21.6%	11 4.6%	8 3.3%	37 15.4%	17 7.1%	0 0.0%	116 48.1%	241 100.0%	39 16.2%
<b>District 16A</b>									
Hoke	34	0	12	15	8	0	52	121	29
Scotland	85	3	4	31	4	0	33	160	80
District Totals	119 42.3%	3 1.1%	16 5.7%	46 16.4%	12 4.3%	0 0.0%	85 30.2%	281 100.0%	109 38.8%
<b>District 16B</b>									
Robeson	235 33.1%	1 0.1%	12 1.7%	23 3.2%	86 12.1%	0 0.0%	354 49.8%	711 100.0%	66 9.3%
<b>District 17A</b>									
Caswell	102	9	3	37	0	0	96	247	92
Rockingham	376	48	16	195	35	0	189	859	361
District Totals	478 43.2%	57 5.2%	19 1.7%	232 21.0%	35 3.2%	0 0.0%	285 25.8%	1,106 100.0%	453 41.0%
<b>District 17B</b>									
Stokes	162	6	3	45	11	0	92	319	160
Surry	323	19	3	68	11	0	186	610	139
District Totals	485 52.2%	25 2.7%	6 0.6%	113 12.2%	22 2.4%	0 0.0%	278 29.9%	929 100.0%	299 32.2%
<b>District 18A-E</b>									
Guilford	377 40.9%	28 3.0%	33 3.6%	136 14.8%	75 8.1%	0 0.0%	272 29.5%	921 100.0%	345 37.5%
<b>District 19A</b>									
Cabarrus	153 17.2%	27 3.0%	17 1.9%	276 31.0%	21 2.4%	0 0.0%	396 44.5%	890 100.0%	80 9.0%

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	As Charged	Lesser Offense		Without Leave	With Leave				
<b>District 19B</b>									
Montgomery	26	3	1	83	2	0	102	217	11
Randolph	110	7	14	162	30	0	152	475	95
District Totals	136	10	15	245	32	0	254	692	106
	19.7%	1.4%	2.2%	35.4%	4.6%	0.0%	36.7%	100.0%	15.3%
<b>District 19C</b>									
Rowan	63	1	9	124	35	0	144	376	118
	16.8%	0.3%	2.4%	33.0%	9.3%	0.0%	38.3%	100.0%	31.4%
<b>District 20A</b>									
Anson	61	15	0	67	4	0	123	270	54
Moore	124	14	1	218	1	0	147	505	146
Richmond	109	30	5	224	1	0	198	567	123
District Totals	294	59	6	509	6	0	468	1,342	323
	21.9%	4.4%	0.4%	37.9%	0.4%	0.0%	34.9%	100.0%	24.1%
<b>District 20B</b>									
Stanly	163	8	5	123	16	0	226	541	239
Union	190	36	9	243	1	0	289	768	332
District Totals	353	44	14	366	17	0	515	1,309	571
	27.0%	3.4%	1.1%	28.0%	1.3%	0.0%	39.3%	100.0%	43.6%
<b>District 21A-D</b>									
Forsyth	477	49	27	252	18	0	560	1,383	355
	34.5%	3.5%	2.0%	18.2%	1.3%	0.0%	40.5%	100.0%	25.7%
<b>District 22</b>									
Alexander	31	3	3	19	2	0	123	181	23
Davidson	113	9	7	94	17	0	225	465	96
Davie	31	1	0	22	0	0	98	152	13
Iredell	186	89	12	63	28	0	461	839	151
District Totals	361	102	22	198	47	0	907	1,637	283
	22.1%	6.2%	1.3%	12.1%	2.9%	0.0%	55.4%	100.0%	17.3%

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	As Charged	Lesser Offense		Without Leave	With Leave	Trial Dismissals			
<b>District 23</b>									
Alleghany	2	0	1	3	2	0	36	44	0
Ashe	20	1	3	6	0	0	35	65	14
Wilkes	79	4	12	36	19	0	225	375	10
Yadkin	28	1	4	11	2	0	71	117	15
District Totals	129	6	20	56	23	0	367	601	39
	21.5%	1.0%	3.3%	9.3%	3.8%	0.0%	61.1%	100.0%	6.5%
<b>District 24</b>									
Avery	26	3	2	19	1	0	11	62	0
Madison	8	0	5	15	0	0	5	33	4
Mitchell	5	1	2	10	1	0	7	26	4
Watauga	23	4	24	33	0	0	85	169	11
Yancey	5	1	0	6	0	0	1	13	2
District Totals	67	9	33	83	2	0	109	303	21
	22.1%	3.0%	10.9%	27.4%	0.7%	0.0%	36.0%	100.0%	6.9%
<b>District 25A</b>									
Burke	175	40	6	171	34	0	319	745	75
Caldwell	252	33	9	173	45	0	391	903	302
District Totals	427	73	15	344	79	0	710	1,648	377
	25.9%	4.4%	0.9%	20.9%	4.8%	0.0%	43.1%	100.0%	22.9%
<b>District 25B</b>									
Catawba	108	44	9	345	32	0	393	931	112
	11.6%	4.7%	1.0%	37.1%	3.4%	0.0%	42.2%	100.0%	12.0%
<b>District 26A-C</b>									
Mecklenburg	71	300	73	749	30	0	409	1,632	301
	4.4%	18.4%	4.5%	45.9%	1.8%	0.0%	25.1%	100.0%	18.4%
<b>District 27A</b>									
Gaston	212	24	22	213	44	0	167	682	202
	31.1%	3.5%	3.2%	31.2%	6.5%	0.0%	24.5%	100.0%	29.6%
<b>District 27B</b>									
Cleveland	63	11	8	43	0	0	58	183	11
Lincoln	27	2	19	29	25	0	85	187	18
District Totals	90	13	27	72	25	0	143	370	29
	24.3%	3.5%	7.3%	19.5%	6.8%	0.0%	38.6%	100.0%	7.8%



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	As Charged	Lesser Offense		Without Leave	With Leave				
<b>District 28</b>									
Buncombe	456	3	40	127	72	0	222	920	333
	49.6%	0.3%	4.3%	13.8%	7.8%	0.0%	24.1%	100.0%	36.2%
<b>District 29</b>									
Henderson	84	4	11	74	29	0	137	339	75
McDowell	84	3	8	49	0	0	98	242	61
Polk	9	0	0	24	0	0	24	57	4
Rutherford	272	28	8	208	72	0	236	824	146
Transylvania	30	1	6	11	4	0	25	77	16
District Totals	479	36	33	366	105	0	520	1,539	302
	31.1%	2.3%	2.1%	23.8%	6.8%	0.0%	33.8%	100.0%	19.6%
<b>District 30A</b>									
Cherokee	73	2	6	51	2	0	43	177	1
Clay	9	2	0	4	2	0	10	27	0
Graham	22	1	0	24	5	0	22	74	8
Macon	23	3	4	18	5	0	33	86	3
Swain	6	0	5	23	8	0	16	58	21
District Totals	133	8	15	120	22	0	124	422	33
	31.5%	1.9%	3.6%	28.4%	5.2%	0.0%	29.4%	100.0%	7.8%
<b>District 30B</b>									
Haywood	80	17	20	66	7	0	91	281	109
Jackson	42	2	5	18	0	0	47	114	48
District Totals	122	19	25	84	7	0	138	395	157
	30.9%	4.8%	6.3%	21.3%	1.8%	0.0%	34.9%	100.0%	39.7%
State Totals	12,620	1,645	902	8,981	2,508	0	12,920	39,576	9,929
	31.9%	4.2%	2.3%	22.7%	6.3%	0.0%	32.6%	100.0%	25.1%

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July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992

Prosecutorial District	Guilty Pleas		Jury Trials	DA Dismissal		Speedy Trial		Total Dispositions	Total Negotiated Pleas
	As Charged	Lesser Offense		Without Leave	With Leave	Dismissals	Other		
1	280 25.7%	148 13.6%	35 3.2%	250 22.9%	103 9.4%	0 0.0%	274 25.1%	1,090 100.0%	118 10.8%
2	284 29.7%	24 2.5%	25 2.6%	134 14.0%	53 5.5%	0 0.0%	435 45.5%	955 100.0%	202 21.2%
3A	1,184 61.4%	53 2.7%	26 1.3%	244 12.7%	87 4.5%	0 0.0%	334 17.3%	1,928 100.0%	633 32.8%
3B	265 34.3%	9 1.2%	19 2.5%	154 19.9%	42 5.4%	0 0.0%	283 36.7%	772 100.0%	155 20.1%
4	206 30.4%	26 3.8%	44 6.5%	255 37.6%	21 3.1%	0 0.0%	126 18.6%	678 100.0%	126 18.6%
5	618 42.7%	22 1.5%	17 1.2%	471 32.5%	70 4.8%	0 0.0%	250 17.3%	1,448 100.0%	415 28.7%
6A	169 42.5%	18 4.5%	8 2.0%	84 21.1%	17 4.3%	0 0.0%	102 25.6%	398 100.0%	224 56.3%
6B	157 47.3%	3 0.9%	8 2.4%	102 30.7%	3 0.9%	0 0.0%	59 17.8%	332 100.0%	105 31.6%
7	284 31.6%	24 2.7%	16 1.8%	278 30.9%	31 3.4%	0 0.0%	266 29.6%	899 100.0%	188 20.9%
8	511 27.6%	117 6.3%	28 1.5%	338 18.3%	131 7.1%	0 0.0%	724 39.2%	1,849 100.0%	305 16.5%
9	742 39.9%	105 5.7%	26 1.4%	531 28.6%	48 2.6%	0 0.0%	406 21.9%	1,858 100.0%	524 28.2%
10	563 22.2%	42 1.7%	41 1.6%	252 9.9%	935 36.8%	0 0.0%	705 27.8%	2,538 100.0%	442 17.4%
11	323 35.7%	21 2.3%	24 2.7%	225 24.9%	22 2.4%	0 0.0%	290 32.0%	905 100.0%	273 30.2%
12	169 32.5%	2 0.4%	14 2.7%	83 16.0%	20 3.8%	0 0.0%	232 44.6%	520 100.0%	159 30.6%
13	151 29.5%	11 2.1%	28 5.5%	103 20.1%	24 4.7%	0 0.0%	195 38.1%	512 100.0%	116 22.7%
14	274 44.6%	29 4.7%	7 1.1%	192 31.3%	31 5.0%	0 0.0%	81 13.2%	614 100.0%	307 50.0%
15A	563 55.3%	39 3.8%	20 2.0%	169 16.6%	6 0.6%	0 0.0%	222 21.8%	1,019 100.0%	584 57.3%
15B	52 21.6%	11 4.6%	8 3.3%	37 15.4%	17 7.1%	0 0.0%	116 48.1%	241 100.0%	39 16.2%
16A	119 42.3%	3 1.1%	16 5.7%	46 16.4%	12 4.3%	0 0.0%	85 30.2%	281 100.0%	109 38.8%

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Prosecutorial District	Guilty Pleas		Jury Trials	DA Dismissal		Speedy Trial		Total Dispositions	Total Negotiated Pleas
	As Charged	Lesser Offense		Without Leave	With Leave	Dismissals	Other		
16B	235 33.1%	1 0.1%	12 1.7%	23 3.2%	86 12.1%	0 0.0%	354 49.8%	711 100.0%	66 9.3%
17A	478 43.2%	57 5.2%	19 1.7%	232 21.0%	35 3.2%	0 0.0%	285 25.8%	1,106 100.0%	453 41.0%
17B	485 52.2%	25 2.7%	6 0.6%	113 12.2%	22 2.4%	0 0.0%	278 29.9%	929 100.0%	299 32.2%
18	377 40.9%	28 3.0%	33 3.6%	136 14.8%	75 8.1%	0 0.0%	272 29.5%	921 100.0%	345 37.5%
19A	216 17.1%	28 2.2%	26 2.1%	400 31.6%	56 4.4%	0 0.0%	540 42.7%	1,266 100.0%	198 15.6%
19B	136 19.7%	10 1.4%	15 2.2%	245 35.4%	32 4.6%	0 0.0%	254 36.7%	692 100.0%	106 15.3%
20	647 24.4%	103 3.9%	20 0.8%	875 33.0%	23 0.9%	0 0.0%	983 37.1%	2,651 100.0%	894 33.7%
21	477 34.5%	49 3.5%	27 2.0%	252 18.2%	18 1.3%	0 0.0%	560 40.5%	1,383 100.0%	355 25.7%
22	361 22.1%	102 6.2%	22 1.3%	198 12.1%	47 2.9%	0 0.0%	907 55.4%	1,637 100.0%	283 17.3%
23	129 21.5%	6 1.0%	20 3.3%	56 9.3%	23 3.8%	0 0.0%	367 61.1%	601 100.0%	39 6.5%
24	67 22.1%	9 3.0%	33 10.9%	83 27.4%	2 0.7%	0 0.0%	109 36.0%	303 100.0%	21 6.9%
25	535 20.7%	117 4.5%	24 0.9%	689 26.7%	111 4.3%	0 0.0%	1,103 42.8%	2,579 100.0%	489 19.0%
26	71 4.4%	300 18.4%	73 4.5%	749 45.9%	30 1.8%	0 0.0%	409 25.1%	1,632 100.0%	301 18.4%
27A	212 31.1%	24 3.5%	22 3.2%	213 31.2%	44 6.5%	0 0.0%	167 24.5%	682 100.0%	202 29.6%
27B	90 24.3%	13 3.5%	27 7.3%	72 19.5%	25 6.8%	0 0.0%	143 38.6%	370 100.0%	29 7.8%
28	456 49.6%	3 0.3%	40 4.3%	127 13.8%	72 7.8%	0 0.0%	222 24.1%	920 100.0%	333 36.2%
29	479 31.1%	36 2.3%	33 2.1%	366 23.8%	105 6.8%	0 0.0%	520 33.8%	1,539 100.0%	302 19.6%
30	255 31.2%	27 3.3%	40 4.9%	204 25.0%	29 3.5%	0 0.0%	262 32.1%	817 100.0%	190 23.3%
State Totals	12,620 31.9%	1,645 4.2%	902 2.3%	8,981 22.7%	2,508 6.3%	0 0.0%	12,920 32.6%	39,576 100.0%	9,929 25.1%

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# AGES OF FELONY (FEL) AND MISDEMEANOR (MIS) CASES PENDING IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

Ages of Cases Pending June 30, 1992

		Ages of Pending Cases (Days)						Total Pending	Mean Age (Days)	Median Age (Days)
		0-90	91-120	121-180	181-365	366-730	>730			
<b>District 1</b>										
Camden	Fel	4	0	4	2	0	0	10	119.4	168.0
	Mis	17	2	5	6	1	2	33	142.6	60.0
Chowan	Fel	27	11	8	48	10	132	236	620.2	890.0
	Mis	12	2	8	10	21	45	98	682.3	716.0
Currituck	Fel	25	5	6	7	5	1	49	182.4	89.0
	Mis	22	1	1	3	2	4	33	248.0	54.0
Dare	Fel	58	20	10	47	7	1	143	158.4	109.0
	Mis	48	10	12	32	19	0	121	186.1	140.0
Gates	Fel	20	4	35	23	1	0	83	146.6	124.0
	Mis	7	5	6	2	0	1	21	157.8	104.0
Pasquotank	Fel	55	39	21	75	42	9	241	236.6	186.0
	Mis	77	5	16	56	26	9	189	221.7	146.0
Perquimans	Fel	12	0	4	10	1	5	32	319.5	181.0
	Mis	11	1	10	12	7	8	49	381.0	221.0
District Totals Fel		201	79	88	212	66	148	794	325.7	194.0
		25.3%	25.3%	25.3%	25.3%	25.3%	25.3%	25.3%		
Mis		194	26	58	121	76	69	544	305.4	161.0
		35.7%	4.8%	10.7%	22.2%	14.0%	12.7%	100.0%		
<b>District 2</b>										
Beaufort	Fel	79	39	26	49	32	0	225	176.6	116.0
	Mis	49	21	21	12	2	0	105	112.9	96.0
Hyde	Fel	12	9	6	5	1	0	33	131.2	95.0
	Mis	1	5	5	4	0	0	15	157.3	133.0
Martin	Fel	67	19	10	21	0	1	118	105.8	76.0
	Mis	32	10	4	11	2	0	59	119.0	78.0
Tyrrell	Fel	13	0	0	0	0	0	13	16.1	5.0
	Mis	19	0	0	0	1	0	20	61.3	63.0
Washington	Fel	46	1	11	1	1	0	60	60.6	21.5
	Mis	25	1	8	0	0	0	34	69.6	67.0
District Totals Fel		217	68	53	76	34	1	449	134.5	95.0
		48.3%	15.1%	11.8%	15.9%	7.6%	0.2%	100.0%		
Mis		126	37	38	27	5	0	233	106.6	78.0
		54.1%	15.9%	16.3%	11.6%	2.1%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 3A</b>										
Pitt	Fel	277	80	271	224	78	119	1,049	257.6	161.0
		26.4%	7.6%	25.8%	21.4%	7.4%	11.3%	100.0%		
Mis	Mis	153	56	27	89	12	5	342	143.4	97.0
		44.7%	16.4%	7.9%	26.0%	3.5%	1.5%	100.0%		

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<b>District 3B</b>										
Carteret	Fel	57	37	59	65	3	1	222	156.9	134.0
	Mis	48	9	33	20	4	2	116	151.3	133.0
Craven	Fel	149	70	37	31	32	31	350	240.6	95.0
	Mis	75	12	17	5	6	6	121	155.9	68.0
Pamlico	Fel	13	51	42	41	9	0	156	180.0	146.0
	Mis	8	12	8	9	0	0	37	124.8	113.0
District Totals Fel		219	158	138	137	44	32	728	202.1	105.0
		30.1%	21.7%	19.0%	18.8%	6.0%	4.4%	100.0%		
Mis		131	33	58	34	10	8	274	149.7	96.5
		47.8%	12.0%	21.2%	12.4%	3.6%	2.9%	100.0%		
<b>District 4A</b>										
Duplin	Fel	70	0	8	2	0	0	80	46.2	21.0
	Mis	14	1	3	3	0	0	21	93.7	55.0
Jones	Fel	162	6	6	10	0	0	184	19.8	0.0
	Mis	11	0	0	1	0	0	12	57.3	25.5
Sampson	Fel	41	3	3	6	1	0	54	94.7	77.0
	Mis	10	2	4	1	2	0	19	128.8	77.0
District Totals Fel		273	9	17	18	1	0	318	39.2	0.0
		85.8%	2.8%	5.3%	5.7%	0.3%	0.0%	100.0%		
Mis		35	3	7	5	2	0	52	98.2	55.0
		67.3%	5.8%	13.5%	9.6%	3.8%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 4B</b>										
Onslow	Fel	495	49	107	47	7	0	705	77.0	55.0
		70.2%	7.0%	15.2%	6.7%	1.0%	0.0%	100.0%		
Mis	141	15	23	9	2	0	190	73.8	55.0	
	74.2%	7.9%	12.1%	4.7%	1.1%	0.0%	100.0%			
<b>District 5</b>										
New Hanover	Fel	411	116	161	389	111	70	1,258	237.6	158.0
	Mis	224	69	174	170	88	63	788	266.9	179.0
Pender	Fel	27	22	38	19	9	12	127	284.0	145.0
	Mis	35	18	13	11	1	9	87	245.8	116.0
District Total Fel		438	138	199	408	120	82	1,385	241.9	148.0
		31.6%	10.0%	14.4%	29.5%	8.7%	5.9%	100.0%		
Mis		259	87	187	181	89	72	875	264.8	169.0
		29.6%	9.9%	21.4%	20.7%	10.2%	8.2%	100.0%		
<b>District 6A</b>										
Halifax	Fel	202	65	176	138	76	1	658	165.0	131.0
		30.7%	9.9%	26.7%	21.0%	11.6%	0.2%	100.0%		
Mis	85	31	35	52	23	2	228	170.1	120.0	
	37.3%	13.6%	15.4%	22.8%	10.1%	0.9%	100.0%			

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<b>District 6B</b>										
Bertie	Fel	71	7	9	15	0	0	102	92.0	67.0
	Mis	22	12	8	2	3	9	56	297.3	118.0
Hertford	Fel	23	24	12	24	17	5	105	241.3	130.0
	Mis	27	7	14	39	13	6	106	249.6	226.0
Northampton	Fel	39	9	2	21	8	0	79	155.9	97.0
	Mis	34	13	3	8	5	1	64	138.9	73.0
District Totals Fel		133	40	23	60	25	5	286	164.4	104.0
		46.5%	14.0%	8.0%	21.0%	8.7%	1.7%	100.0%		
Mis		83	32	25	49	21	16	226	230.1	118.0
		36.7%	14.2%	11.1%	21.7%	9.3%	7.1%	100.0%		
<b>District 7A</b>										
Nash	Fel	190	45	9	34	25	48	351	225.3	54.0
		54.1%	12.8%	2.6%	9.7%	7.1%	13.7%	100.0%		
Mis	131	15	3	3	8	4	164	77.5	20.0	
		79.9%	9.1%	1.8%	1.8%	4.9%	2.4%	100.0%		
<b>District 7B-C</b>										
Edgecombe	Fel	235	3	37	39	29	134	477	342.1	133.0
	Mis	49	15	13	20	13	148	258	628.5	756.0
Wilson	Fel	114	81	83	142	73	36	529	261.3	161.0
	Mis	107	42	26	28	31	39	273	330.4	110.0
District Totals Fel		349	84	120	181	102	170	1,006	299.6	160.0
		34.7%	8.3%	11.9%	18.0%	10.1%	16.9%	100.0%		
Mis		156	57	39	48	44	187	531	475.2	211.0
		29.4%	10.7%	7.3%	9.0%	8.3%	35.2%	100.0%		
<b>District 8A</b>										
Greene	Fel	14	4	22	17	4	0	61	193.1	159.0
	Mis	15	6	4	3	8	0	36	180.0	103.0
Lenoir	Fel	99	0	39	15	2	0	155	95.4	78.0
	Mis	131	26	14	17	1	0	189	71.2	32.0
District Totals Fel		113	4	61	32	6	0	216	123.0	83.0
		52.3%	1.9%	28.2%	14.8%	2.8%	0.0%	100.0%		
Mis		146	32	18	20	9	0	225	88.6	32.0
		64.9%	14.2%	8.0%	8.9%	4.0%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 8B</b>										
Wayne	Fel	313	103	37	41	15	0	509	84.0	57.0
		61.5%	20.2%	7.3%	8.1%	2.9%	0.0%	100.0%		
Mis	157	43	53	71	31	3	358	159.5	106.0	
		43.9%	12.0%	14.8%	19.8%	8.7%	0.8%	100.0%		

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<b>District 9</b>										
Franklin	Fel	100	8	96	32	5	3	244	135.3	138.0
	Mis	84	17	14	27	19	10	171	217.5	104.0
Granville	Fel	50	11	8	15	7	2	93	154.7	90.0
	Mis	51	11	17	40	14	3	136	201.6	144.0
Person	Fel	43	8	9	14	15	4	93	210.7	111.0
	Mis	24	8	9	23	22	11	97	319.6	257.0
Vance	Fel	222	47	79	41	63	7	459	161.1	97.0
	Mis	148	36	39	64	87	29	403	273.8	144.0
Warren	Fel	42	24	21	44	17	2	150	204.4	145.0
	Mis	43	10	4	15	13	21	106	397.5	125.5
District Totals Fel		457	98	213	146	107	18	1,039	165.1	110.0
		44.0%	9.4%	20.5%	14.1%	10.3%	1.7%	100.0%		
Mis		350	82	83	169	155	74	913	271.7	134.0
		38.3%	9.0%	9.1%	18.5%	17.0%	8.1%	100.0%		
<b>District 10A-D</b>										
Wake	Fel	1,062	154	344	562	231	180	2,533	226.3	131.0
		41.9%	6.1%	13.6%	22.2%	9.1%	7.1%	100.0%		
Mis		286	60	60	59	42	33	540	174.8	77.0
		53.0%	11.1%	11.1%	10.9%	7.8%	6.1%	100.0%		
<b>District 11</b>										
Harnett	Fel	133	31	43	56	6	7	276	141.3	102.0
	Mis	28	8	14	18	3	2	73	183.5	134.0
Johnston	Fel	149	48	53	39	3	1	293	107.1	90.0
	Mis	53	9	10	13	5	2	92	140.1	70.0
Lee	Fel	145	39	9	3	3	0	199	63.8	55.0
	Mis	32	10	5	5	1	0	53	84.3	55.0
District Totals Fel		427	118	105	98	12	8	768	108.2	70.0
		55.6%	15.4%	13.7%	12.8%	1.6%	1.0%	100.0%		
Mis		113	27	29	36	9	4	218	141.1	89.0
		51.8%	12.4%	13.3%	16.5%	4.1%	1.8%	100.0%		
<b>District 12A-C</b>										
Cumberland	Fel	805	187	232	389	193	21	1,827	168.6	110.0
		44.1%	10.2%	12.7%	21.3%	10.6%	1.1%	100.0%		
Mis		98	26	47	44	24	7	246	177.1	119.0
		39.8%	10.6%	19.1%	17.9%	9.8%	2.8%	100.0%		

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<b>District 13</b>										
Bladen	Fel	52	27	48	39	131	0	297	249.8	257.0
	Mis	32	9	6	16	0	0	63	111.6	90.0
Brunswick	Fel	122	43	21	14	11	3	214	123.4	70.0
	Mis	34	7	6	3	0	2	52	108.4	70.0
Columbus	Fel	65	41	63	24	11	2	206	140.9	120.0
	Mis	38	4	7	6	9	2	66	148.5	64.0
District Totals Fel		239	111	132	77	153	5	717	180.8	125.0
		33.3%	15.5%	18.4%	10.7%	21.3%	0.7%	100.0%		
Mis		104	20	19	25	9	4	181	124.1	70.0
		57.5%	11.0%	10.5%	13.8%	5.0%	2.2%	100.0%		
<b>District 14A-B</b>										
Durham	Fel	490	130	234	310	231	293	1,688	319.1	179.0
		29.0%	7.7%	13.9%	18.4%	13.7%	17.4%	100.0%		
Mis	53	14	29	62	27	13	198	249.7	182.0	
	26.8%	7.1%	14.6%	31.3%	13.6%	6.6%	100.0%			
<b>District 15A</b>										
Alamance	Fel	528	125	106	50	30	0	839	93.9	69.0
		62.9%	14.9%	12.6%	6.0%	3.6%	0.0%	100.0%		
Mis	83	23	26	15	7	1	155	117.4	81.0	
	53.5%	14.8%	16.8%	9.7%	4.5%	0.6%	100.0%			
<b>District 15B</b>										
Chatham	Fel	63	20	30	31	6	0	150	124.9	104.0
	Mis	19	2	3	4	1	0	29	110.6	64.0
Orange	Fel	172	39	40	72	15	2	340	126.6	78.0
	Mis	17	4	4	3	3	0	31	114.0	83.0
District Totals Fel		235	59	70	103	21	2	490	126.1	103.0
		48.0%	12.0%	14.3%	21.0%	4.3%	0.4%	100.0%		
Mis		36	6	7	7	4	0	60	112.4	68.0
		60.0%	10.0%	11.7%	11.7%	6.7%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 16A</b>										
Hoke	Fel	64	49	47	43	29	1	233	177.1	140.0
	Mis	46	13	7	12	10	0	88	135.7	81.0
Scotland	Fel	128	43	21	36	39	3	270	175.1	104.0
	Mis	32	19	9	6	3	0	69	108.3	104.0
District Totals Fel		192	92	68	79	68	4	503	176.0	104.0
		38.2%	18.3%	13.5%	15.7%	13.5%	0.8%	100.0%		
Mis		78	32	16	18	13	0	157	123.7	91.0
		49.7%	20.4%	10.2%	11.5%	8.3%	0.0%	100.0%		



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<b>District 16B</b>										
Robeson	Fel	414	409	375	561	199	13	1,971	198.2	147.0
		21.0%	20.8%	19.0%	28.5%	10.1%	0.7%	100.0%		
	Mis	187	98	94	202	198	59	838	288.7	235.5
		22.3%	11.7%	11.2%	24.1%	23.6%	7.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 17A</b>										
Caswell	Fel	43	3	3	2	0	0	51	60.2	43.0
	Mis	24	7	6	2	0	0	39	74.6	40.0
Rockingham	Fel	329	83	109	174	43	5	743	151.5	116.0
	Mis	163	45	70	143	21	1	443	160.8	124.0
District Totals Fel		372	86	112	176	43	5	794	145.7	105.0
		46.9%	10.8%	14.1%	22.2%	5.4%	0.6%	100.0%		
Mis		187	52	76	145	21	1	482	153.8	124.0
		38.8%	10.8%	15.8%	30.1%	4.4%	0.2%	100.0%		
<b>District 17B</b>										
Stokes	Fel	114	23	37	25	8	0	207	101.6	70.0
	Mis	64	10	10	10	3	1	98	112.1	63.0
Surry	Fel	97	32	17	21	1	4	172	112.5	76.0
	Mis	79	31	20	6	1	0	137	77.9	61.0
District Totals Fel		211	55	54	46	9	4	379	106.5	76.0
		55.7%	14.5%	14.2%	12.1%	2.4%	1.1%	100.0%		
Mis		143	41	30	16	4	1	235	92.2	63.0
		60.9%	17.4%	12.8%	6.8%	1.7%	0.4%	100.0%		
<b>District 18A-E</b>										
Guilford	Fel	934	273	366	485	219	21	2,298	165.8	119.0
		40.6%	11.9%	15.9%	21.1%	9.5%	0.9%	100.0%		
	Mis	124	30	35	64	27	2	282	163.9	109.0
		44.0%	10.6%	12.4%	22.7%	9.6%	0.7%	100.0%		
<b>District 19A</b>										
Cabarrus	Fel	261	99	81	297	82	0	820	171.9	151.0
		31.8%	12.1%	9.9%	36.2%	10.0%	0.0%	100.0%		
	Mis	138	90	41	111	46	0	426	168.4	113.0
		32.4%	21.1%	9.6%	26.1%	10.8%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 19B</b>										
Montgomery	Fel	101	23	16	31	21	0	192	143.9	84.0
	Mis	49	11	16	18	5	0	99	135.0	106.0
Randolph	Fel	282	64	98	140	38	9	631	159.0	106.0
	Mis	114	27	37	43	22	7	250	160.1	105.0
District Totals Fel		383	87	114	171	59	9	823	155.5	104.0
		46.5%	10.6%	13.9%	20.8%	7.2%	1.1%	100.0%		
Mis		163	38	53	61	27	7	349	153.0	106.0
		46.7%	10.9%	15.2%	17.5%	7.7%	2.0%	100.0%		

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<b>District 19C</b>										
Rowan	Fel	170	77	109	308	112	6	782	217.9	209.0
		21.7%	9.8%	13.9%	39.4%	14.3%	0.8%	100.0%		
	Mis	111	2	32	59	27	0	231	161.7	123.0
		48.1%	0.9%	13.9%	25.5%	11.7%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 20A</b>										
Anson	Fel	97	55	26	16	7	0	201	111.1	95.0
	Mis	37	15	14	10	3	1	80	123.0	104.0
Moore	Fel	171	23	19	28	16	12	269	166.2	62.0
	Mis	77	23	2	30	19	5	156	192.5	91.0
Richmond	Fel	152	111	19	68	28	0	378	135.5	112.0
	Mis	88	43	19	34	24	1	209	153.5	96.0
District Totals Fel		420	189	64	112	51	12	848	139.5	91.0
		49.5%	22.3%	7.5%	13.2%	6.0%	1.4%	100.0%		
Mis		202	81	35	74	46	7	445	161.7	96.0
		45.4%	18.2%	7.9%	16.6%	10.3%	1.6%	100.0%		
<b>District 20B</b>										
Stanly	Fel	39	32	43	26	2	3	145	158.9	125.0
	Mis	64	9	7	16	5	1	102	124.2	61.5
Union	Fel	111	8	41	28	57	9	254	242.2	138.0
	Mis	84	6	34	39	15	23	201	324.2	133.0
District Totals Fel		150	40	84	54	59	12	399	211.9	138.0
		37.6%	10.0%	21.1%	13.5%	14.8%	3.0%	100.0%		
Mis		148	15	41	55	20	24	303	256.9	97.0
		48.8%	5.0%	13.5%	18.2%	6.6%	7.9%	100.0%		
<b>District 21A-D</b>										
Forsyth	Fel	391	95	47	161	41	7	742	132.8	81.0
		52.7%	12.8%	6.3%	21.7%	5.5%	0.9%	100.0%		
	Mis	111	18	23	52	13	6	223	143.9	92.0
		49.8%	8.1%	10.3%	23.3%	5.8%	2.7%	100.0%		
<b>District 22</b>										
Alexander	Fel	35	15	10	21	5	0	86	154.7	105.0
	Mis	76	13	22	16	2	0	129	109.6	90.0
Davidson	Fel	183	59	89	99	7	1	438	125.7	91.0
	Mis	75	23	28	9	4	0	139	103.7	83.0
Davie	Fel	16	15	6	12	3	0	52	137.2	119.0
	Mis	24	4	5	2	0	0	35	72.7	53.0
Iredell	Fel	209	52	52	88	19	2	422	127.4	91.0
	Mis	113	59	52	79	9	0	312	140.8	112.0
District Totals Fel		443	141	157	220	34	3	998	129.5	96.5
		44.4%	14.1%	15.7%	22.0%	3.4%	0.3%	100.0%		
Mis		288	99	107	106	15	0	615	122.0	102.0
		46.8%	16.1%	17.4%	17.2%	2.4%	0.0%	100.0%		

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		Ages of Pending Cases (Days)						Total Pending	Mean Age (Days)	Median Age (Days)
		0-90	91-120	121-180	181-365	366-730	>730			
<b>District 23</b>										
Alleghany	Fel	13	2	12	10	1	2	40	191.9	131.0
	Mis	13	1	4	8	3	0	29	176.9	134.0
Ashe	Fel	14	5	14	33	5	0	71	204.3	207.0
	Mis	20	10	5	22	1	0	58	158.4	109.0
Wilkes	Fel	88	8	9	27	10	6	148	177.9	55.0
	Mis	63	6	13	12	1	0	95	86.1	54.0
Yadkin	Fel	31	7	10	18	2	0	68	148.5	116.0
	Mis	23	3	6	14	9	0	55	171.6	124.0
District Totals Fel		146	22	45	88	18	8	327	179.2	116.0
		44.6%	6.7%	13.8%	26.9%	5.5%	2.4%	100.0%		
Mis		119	20	28	56	14	0	237	134.7	89.0
		50.2%	8.4%	11.8%	23.6%	5.9%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 24</b>										
Avery	Fel	26	0	9	8	29	1	73	248.1	221.0
	Mis	14	2	6	2	2	2	28	181.7	84.0
Madison	Fel	12	1	2	12	5	5	37	354.7	231.0
	Mis	11	3	0	2	2	0	18	136.8	83.5
Mitchell	Fel	10	5	4	11	11	2	43	283.6	271.0
	Mis	9	5	0	4	3	2	23	228.0	106.0
Watauga	Fel	66	12	12	24	51	5	170	267.9	165.5
	Mis	58	11	30	31	16	4	150	184.9	123.0
Yancey	Fel	4	1	27	5	2	2	41	205.4	140.0
	Mis	2	4	5	5	2	0	18	186.9	140.0
District Totals Fel		118	19	54	60	98	15	364	267.6	162.0
		32.4%	5.2%	14.8%	16.5%	26.9%	4.1%	100.0%		
Mis		94	25	41	44	25	8	237	185.2	118.0
		39.7%	10.5%	17.3%	18.6%	10.5%	3.4%	100.0%		
<b>District 25A</b>										
Burke	Fel	135	18	67	174	49	23	466	228.9	196.0
	Mis	153	52	86	140	40	5	476	182.3	151.0
Caldwell	Fel	172	64	105	192	57	11	601	205.0	160.0
	Mis	78	44	48	33	15	2	220	150.8	109.0
District Totals Fel		307	82	172	366	106	34	1,067	215.4	172.0
		28.8%	7.7%	16.1%	34.3%	9.9%	3.2%	100.0%		
Mis		231	96	134	173	55	7	696	172.3	138.0
		33.2%	13.8%	19.3%	24.9%	7.9%	1.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 25B</b>										
Catawba	Fel	152	155	161	319	108	11	906	212.0	167.0
		16.8%	17.1%	17.8%	35.2%	11.9%	1.2%	100.0%		
Mis		227	74	83	112	40	3	539	146.0	102.0
		42.1%	13.7%	15.4%	20.8%	7.4%	0.6%	100.0%		

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		0-90	91-120	121-180	181-365	366-730	>730			
<b>District 26A-C</b>										
Mecklenburg	Fel	820	229	296	342	206	59	1,952	184.9	111.5
		42.0%	11.7%	15.2%	17.5%	10.6%	3.0%	100.0%		
	Mis	419	121	243	289	257	89	1,418	253.7	156.5
		29.5%	8.5%	17.1%	20.4%	18.1%	6.3%	100.0%		
<b>District 27A</b>										
Gaston	Fel	479	175	141	169	121	68	1,153	195.1	118.0
		41.5%	15.2%	12.2%	14.7%	10.5%	5.9%	100.0%		
	Mis	139	35	67	105	28	5	379	178.1	139.0
		36.7%	9.2%	17.7%	27.7%	7.4%	1.3%	100.0%		
<b>District 27B</b>										
Cleveland	Fel	164	33	57	85	113	32	484	263.4	155.0
	Mis	60	17	17	28	28	15	165	285.1	141.0
Lincoln	Fel	184	37	25	74	66	12	398	200.4	97.0
	Mis	54	7	1	6	27	4	99	228.0	89.0
District Totals Fel		348	70	82	159	179	44	882	235.0	124.0
		39.5%	7.9%	9.3%	18.0%	20.3%	5.0%	100.0%		
Mis		114	24	18	34	55	19	264	263.6	109.0
		43.2%	9.1%	6.8%	12.9%	20.8%	7.2%	100.0%		
<b>District 28</b>										
Buncombe	Fel	301	56	50	41	31	9	488	119.3	61.0
		61.7%	11.5%	10.2%	8.4%	6.4%	1.8%	100.0%		
	Mis	78	23	10	11	4	1	127	97.1	67.0
		61.4%	18.1%	7.9%	8.7%	3.1%	0.8%	100.0%		
<b>District 29</b>										
Henderson	Fel	84	93	71	69	46	23	386	226.5	147.0
	Mis	68	37	29	32	22	1	189	171.7	116.0
McDowell	Fel	38	37	12	58	33	19	197	298.3	221.0
	Mis	71	19	13	16	22	24	170	301.0	107.5
Polk	Fel	11	2	25	10	44	12	104	400.5	383.0
	Mis	17	4	4	16	14	3	58	268.3	213.0
Rutherford	Fel	94	34	118	96	55	12	409	216.6	134.0
	Mis	150	56	68	100	37	1	412	165.6	120.0
Transylvania	Fel	53	10	63	42	7	17	192	258.8	146.0
	Mis	18	0	14	7	1	9	49	291.5	146.0
District Totals Fel		280	176	289	275	185	83	1,288	253.2	155.0
		21.7%	13.7%	22.4%	21.4%	14.4%	6.4%	100.0%		
Mis		324	116	133	171	96	38	878	206.9	119.5
		36.9%	13.2%	15.1%	19.5%	10.9%	4.3%	100.0%		

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		0-90	91-120	121-180	181-365	366-730	>730			
<b>District 30A</b>										
Cherokee	Fel	27	5	16	40	2	2	92	184.0	153.0
	Mis	27	1	1	3	1	0	33	74.5	46.0
Clay	Fel	5	2	7	3	0	0	17	138.1	126.0
	Mis	11	1	5	1	0	0	18	95.7	77.0
Graham	Fel	4	2	5	118	2	0	131	212.6	208.0
	Mis	11	0	9	6	0	0	26	130.0	132.0
Macon	Fel	21	0	27	28	2	0	78	167.6	148.0
	Mis	9	3	9	2	1	0	24	121.4	120.5
Swain	Fel	5	5	1	6	0	0	17	127.4	105.0
	Mis	5	0	2	3	0	0	10	104.7	93.0
District Totals Fel		62	14	56	195	6	2	335	186.1	208.0
		18.5%	4.2%	16.7%	58.2%	1.8%	0.6%	100.0%		
District Totals Mis		63	5	26	15	2	0	111	103.8	81.0
		56.8%	4.5%	23.4%	13.5%	1.8%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 30B</b>										
Haywood	Fel	65	1	48	21	1	0	136	123.0	134.0
	Mis	21	6	8	2	0	1	38	104.2	73.0
Jackson	Fel	6	0	12	26	4	0	48	227.7	186.0
	Mis	15	2	10	13	0	0	40	135.6	140.0
District Totals Fel		71	1	60	47	5	0	184	150.3	146.5
		38.6%	0.5%	32.6%	25.5%	2.7%	0.0%	100.0%		
District Totals Mis		36	8	18	15	0	1	78	120.3	104.0
		46.2%	10.3%	23.1%	19.2%	0.0%	1.3%	100.0%		
<b>State Totals</b>										
State Totals	Fel	15,088	4,546	5,772	8,074	3,616	1,562	38,658	191.9	119.0
		39.0%	11.8%	14.9%	20.9%	9.4%	4.0%	100.0%		
State Totals	Mis	6,644	1,868	2,255	3,114	1,642	780	16,303	201.6	116.0
		40.8%	11.5%	13.8%	19.1%	10.1%	4.8%	100.0%		

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		0-90	91-120	121-180	181-365	366-730	>730			
1	Fel	201	79	88	212	66	148	794	325.7	194.0
		25.3%	9.9%	11.1%	26.7%	8.3%	18.6%	100.0%		
	Mis	194	26	58	121	76	69	544	305.4	161.0
		35.7%	4.8%	10.7%	22.2%	14.0%	12.7%	100.0%		
2	Fel	217	68	53	76	34	1	449	134.5	95.0
		48.3%	15.1%	11.8%	16.9%	7.6%	0.2%	100.0%		
	Mis	126	37	38	27	5	0	233	106.6	78.0
		54.1%	15.9%	16.3%	11.6%	2.1%	0.0%	100.0%		
3A	Fel	277	80	271	224	78	119	1,049	257.6	161.0
		26.4%	7.6%	25.8%	21.4%	7.4%	11.3%	100.0%		
	Mis	153	56	27	89	12	5	342	143.4	97.0
		44.7%	16.4%	7.9%	26.0%	3.5%	1.5%	100.0%		
3B	Fel	219	158	138	137	44	32	728	202.1	105.0
		30.1%	21.7%	19.0%	18.8%	6.0%	4.4%	100.0%		
	Mis	131	33	58	34	10	8	274	149.7	96.5
		47.8%	12.0%	21.2%	12.4%	3.6%	2.9%	100.0%		
4	Fel	768	58	124	65	8	0	1,023	65.2	39.0
		75.1%	5.7%	12.1%	6.4%	0.8%	0.0%	100.0%		
	Mis	176	18	30	14	4	0	242	79.0	55.0
		72.7%	7.4%	12.4%	5.8%	1.7%	0.0%	100.0%		
5	Fel	438	138	199	408	120	82	1,385	241.9	148.0
		31.6%	10.0%	14.4%	29.5%	8.7%	5.9%	100.0%		
	Mis	259	87	187	181	89	72	875	264.8	169.0
		29.6%	9.9%	21.4%	20.7%	10.2%	8.2%	100.0%		
6A	Fel	202	65	176	138	76	1	658	165.0	131.0
		30.7%	9.9%	26.7%	21.0%	11.6%	0.2%	100.0%		
	Mis	85	31	35	52	23	2	228	170.1	120.0
		37.3%	13.6%	15.4%	22.8%	10.1%	0.9%	100.0%		
6B	Fel	133	40	23	60	25	5	286	164.4	104.0
		46.5%	14.0%	8.0%	21.0%	8.7%	1.7%	100.0%		
	Mis	83	32	25	49	21	16	226	230.1	118.0
		36.7%	14.2%	11.1%	21.7%	9.3%	7.1%	100.0%		
7	Fel	539	129	129	215	127	218	1,357	280.4	133.0
		39.7%	9.5%	9.5%	15.8%	9.4%	16.1%	100.0%		
	Mis	287	72	42	51	52	191	695	381.4	119.0
		41.3%	10.4%	6.0%	7.3%	7.5%	27.5%	100.0%		
8	Fel	426	107	98	73	21	0	725	95.6	83.0
		58.8%	14.8%	13.5%	10.1%	2.9%	0.0%	100.0%		
	Mis	303	75	71	91	40	3	583	132.2	84.0
		52.0%	12.9%	12.2%	15.6%	6.9%	0.5%	100.0%		

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9	Fel	457	98	213	146	107	18	1,039	165.1	110.0
		44.0%	9.4%	20.5%	14.1%	10.3%	1.7%	100.0%		
	Mis	350	82	83	169	155	74	913	271.7	134.0
		38.3%	9.0%	9.1%	18.5%	17.0%	8.1%	100.0%		
10	Fel	1,062	154	344	562	231	180	2,533	226.3	131.0
		41.9%	6.1%	13.6%	22.2%	9.1%	7.1%	100.0%		
	Mis	286	60	60	59	42	33	540	174.8	77.0
		53.0%	11.1%	11.1%	10.9%	7.8%	6.1%	100.0%		
11	Fel	427	118	105	98	12	8	768	108.2	70.0
		55.6%	15.4%	13.7%	12.8%	1.6%	1.0%	100.0%		
	Mis	113	27	29	36	9	4	218	141.1	89.0
		51.8%	12.4%	13.3%	16.5%	4.1%	1.8%	100.0%		
12	Fel	805	187	232	389	193	21	1,827	168.6	110.0
		44.1%	10.2%	12.7%	21.3%	10.6%	1.1%	100.0%		
	Mis	98	26	47	44	24	7	246	177.1	119.0
		39.8%	10.6%	19.1%	17.9%	9.8%	2.8%	100.0%		
13	Fel	239	111	132	77	153	5	717	180.8	125.0
		33.3%	15.5%	18.4%	10.7%	21.3%	0.7%	100.0%		
	Mis	104	20	19	25	9	4	181	124.1	70.0
		57.5%	11.0%	10.5%	13.8%	5.0%	2.2%	100.0%		
14	Fel	490	130	234	310	231	293	1,688	319.1	179.0
		29.0%	7.7%	13.9%	18.4%	13.7%	17.4%	100.0%		
	Mis	53	14	29	62	27	13	198	249.7	188.0
		26.8%	7.1%	14.6%	31.3%	13.6%	6.6%	100.0%		
15A	Fel	528	125	106	50	30	0	839	93.9	69.0
		62.9%	14.9%	12.6%	6.0%	3.6%	0.0%	100.0%		
	Mis	83	23	26	15	7	1	155	117.4	81.0
		53.5%	14.8%	16.8%	9.7%	4.5%	0.6%	100.0%		
15B	Fel	235	59	70	103	21	2	490	126.1	103.0
		48.0%	12.0%	14.3%	21.0%	4.3%	0.4%	100.0%		
	Mis	36	6	7	7	4	0	60	112.4	68.0
		60.0%	10.0%	11.7%	11.7%	6.7%	0.0%	100.0%		
16A	Fel	192	92	68	79	68	4	503	176.0	104.0
		38.2%	18.3%	13.5%	15.7%	13.5%	0.8%	100.0%		
	Mis	78	32	16	18	13	0	157	123.7	91.0
		49.7%	20.4%	10.2%	11.5%	8.3%	0.0%	100.0%		
16B	Fel	414	409	375	561	199	13	1,971	198.2	147.0
		21.0%	20.8%	19.0%	28.5%	10.1%	0.7%	100.0%		
	Mis	187	98	94	202	198	59	838	288.7	235.5
		22.3%	11.7%	11.2%	24.1%	23.6%	7.0%	100.0%		

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17A	Fel	372	86	112	176	43	5	794	145.7	105.0
		46.9%	10.8%	14.1%	22.2%	5.4%	0.6%	100.0%		
	Mis	187	52	76	145	21	1	482	153.8	124.0
		38.8%	10.8%	15.8%	30.1%	4.4%	0.2%	100.0%		
17B	Fel	211	55	54	46	9	4	379	106.5	76.0
		55.7%	14.5%	14.2%	12.1%	2.4%	1.1%	100.0%		
	Mis	143	41	30	16	4	1	235	92.2	63.0
		60.9%	17.4%	12.8%	6.8%	1.7%	0.4%	100.0%		
18	Fel	934	273	366	485	219	21	2,298	165.8	119.0
		40.6%	11.9%	15.9%	21.1%	9.5%	0.9%	100.0%		
	Mis	124	30	35	64	27	2	282	163.9	109.0
		44.0%	10.6%	12.4%	22.7%	9.6%	0.7%	100.0%		
19A	Fel	431	176	190	605	194	6	1,602	194.3	182.0
		26.9%	11.0%	11.9%	37.8%	12.1%	0.4%	100.0%		
	Mis	249	92	73	170	73	0	657	166.1	113.0
		37.9%	14.0%	11.1%	25.9%	11.1%	0.0%	100.0%		
19B	Fel	383	87	114	171	59	9	823	155.5	104.0
		46.5%	10.6%	13.9%	20.8%	7.2%	1.1%	100.0%		
	Mis	163	38	53	61	27	7	349	153.0	106.0
		46.7%	10.9%	15.2%	17.5%	7.7%	2.0%	100.0%		
20	Fel	570	229	148	166	110	24	1,247	162.7	97.0
		45.7%	18.4%	11.9%	13.3%	8.8%	1.9%	100.0%		
	Mis	350	96	76	129	66	31	748	200.3	96.0
		46.8%	12.8%	10.2%	17.2%	8.8%	4.1%	100.0%		
21	Fel	391	95	47	161	41	7	742	132.8	81.0
		52.7%	12.8%	6.3%	21.7%	5.5%	0.9%	100.0%		
	Mis	111	18	23	52	13	6	223	143.9	92.0
		49.8%	8.1%	10.3%	23.3%	5.8%	2.7%	100.0%		
22	Fel	443	141	157	220	34	3	998	129.5	96.5
		44.4%	14.1%	15.7%	22.0%	3.4%	0.3%	100.0%		
	Mis	288	99	107	106	15	0	615	122.0	102.0
		46.8%	16.1%	17.4%	17.2%	2.4%	0.0%	100.0%		
23	Fel	146	22	45	88	18	8	327	179.2	116.0
		44.6%	6.7%	13.8%	26.9%	5.5%	2.4%	100.0%		
	Mis	119	20	28	56	14	0	237	134.7	89.0
		50.2%	8.4%	11.8%	23.6%	5.9%	0.0%	100.0%		

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**AGES OF FELONY (FEL) AND MISDEMEANOR (MIS) CASES PENDING  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS BY PROSECUTORIAL DISTRICT**

**Ages of Cases Pending June 30, 1992**

Prosecutorial District		Ages of Pending Cases (Days)						Total Pending	Mean Age (Days)	Median Age (Days)
		0-90	91-120	121-180	181-365	366-730	>730			
24	Fel	118	19	54	60	98	15	364	267.6	162.0
		32.4%	5.2%	14.8%	16.5%	26.9%	4.1%	100.0%		
	Mis	94	25	41	44	25	8	237	185.2	118.0
		39.7%	10.5%	17.3%	18.6%	10.5%	3.4%	100.0%		
25	Fel	459	237	333	685	214	45	1,973	213.8	169.0
		23.3%	12.0%	16.9%	34.7%	10.8%	2.3%	100.0%		
	Mis	458	170	217	285	95	10	1,235	160.8	120.0
		37.1%	13.8%	17.6%	23.1%	7.7%	0.8%	100.0%		
26	Fel	820	229	296	342	206	59	1,952	184.9	111.5
		42.0%	11.7%	15.2%	17.5%	10.6%	3.0%	100.0%		
	Mis	419	121	243	289	257	89	1,418	253.7	156.5
		29.5%	8.5%	17.1%	20.4%	18.1%	6.3%	100.0%		
27A	Fel	479	175	141	169	121	68	1,153	195.1	118.0
		41.5%	15.2%	12.2%	14.7%	10.5%	5.9%	100.0%		
	Mis	139	35	67	105	28	5	379	178.1	139.0
		36.7%	9.2%	17.7%	27.7%	7.4%	1.3%	100.0%		
27B	Fel	348	70	82	159	179	44	882	235.0	124.0
		39.5%	7.9%	9.3%	18.0%	20.3%	5.0%	100.0%		
	Mis	114	24	18	34	55	19	264	263.6	109.0
		43.2%	9.1%	6.8%	12.9%	20.8%	7.2%	100.0%		
28	Fel	301	56	50	41	31	9	488	119.3	61.0
		61.7%	11.5%	10.2%	8.4%	6.4%	1.8%	100.0%		
	Mis	78	23	10	11	4	1	127	97.1	67.0
		61.4%	18.1%	7.9%	8.7%	3.1%	0.8%	100.0%		
29	Fel	280	176	289	275	185	83	1,288	253.2	155.0
		21.7%	13.7%	22.4%	21.4%	14.4%	6.4%	100.0%		
	Mis	324	116	133	171	96	38	878	206.9	119.5
		36.9%	13.2%	15.1%	19.5%	10.9%	4.3%	100.0%		
30	Fel	133	15	116	242	11	2	519	173.4	167.0
		25.6%	2.9%	22.4%	46.6%	2.1%	0.4%	100.0%		
	Mis	99	13	44	30	2	1	189	110.6	82.0
		52.4%	6.9%	23.3%	15.9%	1.1%	0.5%	100.0%		
State Totals	Fel	15,088	4,546	5,772	8,074	3,616	1,562	38,658	191.9	119.0
		39.0%	11.8%	14.9%	20.9%	9.4%	4.0%	100.0%		
	Mis	6,644	1,868	2,255	3,114	1,642	780	16,303	201.6	116.0
		40.8%	11.5%	13.8%	19.1%	10.1%	4.8%	100.0%		

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## AGES OF FELONY (FEL) AND MISDEMEANOR (MIS) CASES DISPOSED IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

Ages of Cases Disposed July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992

		Ages of Disposed Cases (Days)						Total Disposed	Mean Age (Days)	Median Age (Days)
		0-90	91-120	121-180	181-365	366-730	>730			
<b>District 1</b>										
Camden	Fel	5	10	1	1	3	0	20	182.2	97.5
	Mis	18	1	3	6	2	3	33	188.4	73.0
Chowan	Fel	41	14	17	28	5	0	105	148.4	119.0
	Mis	40	8	19	19	9	1	96	154.9	120.5
Currituck	Fel	72	11	56	39	15	0	193	156.2	130.0
	Mis	54	5	19	25	15	3	122	185.2	129.5
Dare	Fel	93	28	91	89	48	11	360	215.5	157.0
	Mis	124	53	79	100	19	4	379	166.1	132.0
Gates	Fel	8	12	19	14	4	1	58	167.0	139.0
	Mis	26	9	7	13	6	2	63	169.8	114.0
Pasquotank	Fel	130	42	78	104	37	15	406	200.8	144.6
	Mis	93	31	59	71	22	5	281	175.9	136.0
Perquimans	Fel	11	6	23	22	18	8	88	314.2	222.5
	Mis	52	10	8	36	9	1	116	155.6	116.0
District Totals Fel		360	123	285	297	130	35	1,230	199.9	145.0
		29.3%	10.0%	23.2%	24.1%	10.6%	2.8%	100.0%		
Mis		407	117	194	271	82	19	1,090	169.5	128.0
		37.3%	10.7%	17.8%	24.9%	7.5%	1.7%	100.0%		
<b>District 2</b>										
Beaufort	Fel	244	64	74	107	36	0	525	139.7	103.0
	Mis	221	66	90	106	9	0	492	119.4	102.5
Hyde	Fel	21	5	13	9	2	0	50	132.9	111.0
	Mis	18	5	5	7	0	0	35	103.4	71.0
Martin	Fel	203	78	47	44	10	0	382	111.4	85.0
	Mis	95	38	34	36	11	0	214	129.1	97.0
Tyrrell	Fel	19	6	11	10	0	0	46	121.1	117.5
	Mis	30	14	9	14	2	0	69	117.9	98.0
Washington	Fel	106	10	41	69	26	0	252	158.9	146.5
	Mis	63	5	34	28	15	0	145	152.4	125.0
District Totals Fel		593	163	186	239	74	0	1,255	134.0	98.0
		47.3%	13.0%	14.8%	19.0%	5.9%	0.0%	100.0%		
Mis		427	128	172	191	37	0	955	125.9	103.0
		44.7%	13.4%	18.0%	20.0%	3.9%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 3A</b>										
Pitt	Fel	683	272	376	536	221	25	2,113	173.9	128.0
		32.3%	12.9%	17.8%	25.4%	10.5%	1.2%	100.0%		
Mis	1,529	154	117	105	19	4	1,928	69.6	53.0	
	79.3%	8.0%	6.1%	5.4%	1.0%	0.2%	100.0%			

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Ages of Cases Disposed July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992

		Ages of Disposed Cases (Days)						Total Disposed	Mean Age (Days)	Median Age (Days)
		0-90	91-120	121-180	181-365	366-730	>730			
<b>District 3B</b>										
Carteret	Fel	337	108	81	48	5	2	581	95.5	86.0
	Mis	215	36	23	37	9	0	320	87.0	60.5
Craven	Fel	720	96	115	81	42	14	1,068	106.2	62.5
	Mis	331	32	34	18	3	2	420	68.9	51.0
Pamlico	Fel	89	13	8	10	6	0	126	87.8	89.5
	Mis	18	2	1	8	3	0	32	129.1	89.5
District Totals Fel		1,146	217	204	139	53	16	1,775	101.4	68.0
		64.6%	12.2%	11.5%	7.8%	3.0%	0.9%	100.0%		
Mis		564	70	58	63	15	2	772	78.9	56.0
		73.1%	9.1%	7.5%	8.2%	1.9%	0.3%	100.0%		
<b>District 4A</b>										
Duplin	Fel	506	46	63	34	2	0	651	60.5	35.0
	Mis	77	5	9	10	1	0	102	73.3	43.0
Jones	Fel	52	4	1	5	0	1	63	56.9	23.0
	Mis	23	4	0	3	0	0	30	56.6	23.0
Sampson	Fel	455	41	60	53	0	1	610	75.2	49.0
	Mis	122	17	7	11	0	0	157	64.0	47.0
District Totals Fel		1,013	91	124	92	2	2	1,324	67.1	45.0
		76.5%	6.9%	9.4%	6.9%	0.2%	0.2%	100.0%		
Mis		222	26	16	24	1	0	289	66.5	46.0
		76.8%	9.0%	5.5%	8.3%	0.3%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 4B</b>										
Onslow	Fel	1,027	147	157	199	33	1	1,564	90.8	59.0
		65.7%	9.4%	10.0%	12.7%	2.1%	0.1%	100.0%		
Mis		238	38	45	58	10	0	389	98.6	64.0
		61.2%	9.8%	11.6%	14.9%	2.6%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 5</b>										
New Hanover	Fel	1,291	398	230	306	61	4	2,290	106.7	81.0
	Mis	843	171	139	122	49	2	1,326	94.3	61.0
Pender	Fel	137	32	52	43	10	1	275	126.8	92.0
	Mis	64	11	20	24	3	0	122	111.5	87.0
District Totals Fel		1,428	430	282	349	71	5	2,565	108.9	82.0
		55.7%	16.8%	11.0%	13.6%	2.8%	0.2%	100.0%		
Mis		907	182	159	146	52	2	1,448	95.7	62.0
		62.6%	12.6%	11.0%	10.1%	3.6%	0.1%	100.0%		
<b>District 6A</b>										
Halifax	Fel	313	114	193	193	65	10	888	168.0	137.5
		35.2%	12.8%	21.7%	21.7%	7.3%	1.1%	100.0%		
Mis		142	23	73	86	63	11	398	211.0	141.0
		35.7%	5.8%	18.3%	21.6%	15.8%	2.8%	100.0%		

# AGES OF FELONY (FEL) AND MISDEMEANOR (MIS) CASES DISPOSED IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

Ages of Cases Disposed July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992

		Ages of Disposed Cases (Days)						Total Disposed	Mean Age (Days)	Median Age (Days)
		0-90	91-120	121-180	181-365	366-730	>730			
<b>District 6B</b>										
Bertie	Fel	234	11	9	12	3	0	269	46.8	31.0
	Mis	51	5	13	7	4	0	80	101.7	47.5
Hertford	Fel	274	81	51	45	13	0	464	96.6	67.0
	Mis	73	25	24	25	9	1	157	132.7	96.0
Northampton	Fel	124	19	38	5	8	9	203	123.6	78.0
	Mis	64	9	8	8	3	3	95	112.3	47.0
District Totals Fel		632	111	98	62	24	9	936	88.2	52.0
		67.5%	11.9%	10.5%	6.6%	2.6%	1.0%	100.0%		
Mis		188	39	45	40	16	4	332	119.4	72.5
		56.6%	11.7%	13.6%	12.0%	4.8%	1.2%	100.0%		
<b>District 7A</b>										
Nash	Fel	863	108	132	146	50	0	1,299	98.0	57.0
		66.4%	8.3%	10.2%	11.2%	3.8%	0.0%	100.0%		
Mis	263	25	30	34	5	5	362	92.3	55.0	
	72.7%	6.9%	8.3%	9.4%	1.4%	1.4%	100.0%			
<b>District 7B-C</b>										
Edgecombe	Fel	783	58	52	37	4	29	963	79.6	34.0
	Mis	184	32	6	13	7	2	244	76.7	42.0
Wilson	Fel	505	177	84	133	34	22	955	129.8	84.0
	Mis	189	26	25	31	19	3	293	119.5	63.0
District Totals Fel		1,288	235	136	170	38	51	1,918	104.6	50.0
		67.2%	12.3%	7.1%	8.9%	2.0%	2.7%	100.0%		
Mis		373	58	31	44	26	5	537	100.0	52.0
		69.5%	10.8%	5.8%	8.2%	4.8%	0.9%	100.0%		
<b>District 8A</b>										
Greene	Fel	75	23	22	21	9	0	150	123.9	86.5
	Mis	66	8	10	13	4	0	101	92.5	59.0
Lenoir	Fel	545	52	46	89	37	7	776	95.1	42.0
	Mis	464	57	89	87	27	1	725	99.4	63.0
District Totals Fel		620	75	68	110	46	7	926	99.7	53.0
		67.0%	8.1%	7.3%	11.9%	5.0%	0.8%	100.0%		
Mis		530	65	99	100	31	1	826	98.5	61.5
		64.2%	7.9%	12.0%	12.1%	3.8%	0.1%	100.0%		
<b>District 8B</b>										
Wayne	Fel	528	99	114	148	35	12	936	119.3	71.0
		56.4%	10.6%	12.2%	15.8%	3.7%	1.3%	100.0%		
Mis	505	108	182	161	61	6	1,023	127.3	93.0	
	49.4%	10.6%	17.8%	15.7%	6.0%	0.6%	100.0%			

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CASES DISPOSED IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS**

**Ages of Cases Disposed July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992**

		Ages of Disposed Cases (Days)						Total Disposed	Mean Age (Days)	Median Age (Days)
		0-90	91-120	121-180	181-365	366-730	>730			
<b>District 9</b>										
Franklin	Fel	242	63	85	25	25	3	443	121.2	90.0
	Mis	194	38	50	30	18	11	341	145.0	82.0
Granville	Fel	291	129	68	58	8	2	556	106.4	84.0
	Mis	179	45	51	72	19	7	373	145.1	97.0
Person	Fel	248	104	81	54	31	32	550	178.8	96.5
	Mis	217	54	40	55	26	17	409	164.4	79.0
Vance	Fel	411	167	134	64	27	18	821	128.2	90.0
	Mis	316	80	84	51	19	16	566	127.9	77.0
Warren	Fel	139	41	37	63	6	2	288	132.2	95.0
	Mis	74	16	22	35	17	5	169	186.6	110.0
District Totals Fel		1,331	504	405	264	97	37	2,658	133.4	90.0
		50.1%	19.0%	15.2%	9.9%	3.6%	2.1%	100.0%		
Mis		980	233	247	243	99	56	1,858	147.9	85.0
		52.7%	12.5%	13.3%	13.1%	5.3%	3.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 10A-D</b>										
Wake	Fel	2,658	654	591	714	285	102	5,004	140.4	83.0
		53.1%	13.1%	11.8%	14.3%	5.7%	2.0%	100.0%		
Mis	2,199	93	80	115	44	7	2,538	58.3	32.0	
	86.6%	3.7%	3.2%	4.5%	1.7%	0.3%	100.0%			
<b>District 11</b>										
Harnett	Fel	310	75	77	99	9	2	572	122.2	80.0
	Mis	125	31	11	10	7	1	185	90.9	61.0
Johnston	Fel	443	90	78	113	26	7	757	117.1	76.0
	Mis	184	42	56	75	4	1	362	112.4	85.0
Lee	Fel	421	67	51	39	12	1	591	83.7	57.0
	Mis	232	28	56	40	2	0	358	87.8	69.5
District Totals Fel		1,174	232	206	251	47	10	1,920	108.4	75.0
		61.1%	12.1%	10.7%	13.1%	2.4%	0.5%	100.0%		
Mis		541	101	123	125	13	2	905	98.3	70.0
		59.8%	11.2%	13.6%	13.8%	1.4%	0.2%	100.0%		
<b>District 12A-C</b>										
Cumberland	Fel	1,194	231	387	508	194	44	2,558	154.8	100.0
		46.7%	9.0%	15.1%	19.9%	7.6%	1.7%	100.0%		
Mis	333	35	53	53	36	10	520	116.3	59.0	
	64.0%	6.7%	10.2%	10.2%	6.9%	1.9%	100.0%			

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		Ages of Disposed Cases (Days)						Total Disposed	Mean Age (Days)	Median Age (Days)
		0-90	91-120	121-180	181-365	366-730	>730			
<b>District 13</b>										
Bladen	Fel	216	32	70	54	14	1	387	113.4	89.0
	Mis	85	21	28	43	7	1	185	141.4	98.0
Brunswick	Fel	136	79	103	164	10	11	503	166.2	126.0
	Mis	74	21	31	33	5	1	165	132.0	101.0
Columbus	Fel	89	40	52	56	22	2	261	167.8	123.0
	Mis	82	16	29	24	11	0	162	129.9	90.0
District Totals Fel		441	151	225	274	46	14	1,151	148.8	113.0
		38.3%	13.1%	19.5%	23.8%	4.0%	1.2%	100.0%		
Mis		241	58	88	100	23	2	512	134.8	98.0
		47.1%	11.3%	17.2%	19.5%	4.5%	0.4%	100.0%		
<b>District 14A-B</b>										
Durham	Fel	766	209	254	501	1,188	138	3,056	334.1	279.0
		25.1%	6.8%	8.3%	16.4%	38.9%	4.5%	100.0%		
Mis		336	45	67	66	55	45	614	194.5	89.0
		54.7%	7.3%	10.9%	10.7%	9.0%	7.3%	100.0%		
<b>District 15A</b>										
Alamance	Fel	1,997	437	428	206	46	0	3,114	86.7	71.0
		64.1%	14.0%	13.7%	6.6%	1.5%	0.0%	100.0%		
Mis		735	119	113	49	3	0	1,019	69.8	61.0
		72.1%	11.7%	11.1%	4.8%	0.3%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 15B</b>										
Chatham	Fel	115	55	57	124	41	1	393	178.7	154.0
	Mis	51	10	6	17	9	3	96	158.9	82.0
Orange	Fel	284	63	190	162	22	0	721	134.2	126.0
	Mis	91	11	18	22	2	1	145	106.4	68.0
District Totals Fel		399	118	247	286	63	1	1,114	149.9	129.0
		35.8%	10.6%	22.2%	25.7%	5.7%	0.1%	100.0%		
Mis		142	21	24	39	11	4	241	127.3	74.0
		58.9%	8.7%	10.0%	16.2%	4.6%	1.7%	100.0%		
<b>District 16A</b>										
Hoke	Fel	148	39	75	72	20	0	354	125.8	107.0
	Mis	52	9	37	14	8	1	121	135.0	115.0
Scotland	Fel	236	51	140	166	62	7	662	168.6	145.0
	Mis	74	9	31	40	5	1	160	140.8	106.0
District Totals Fel		384	90	215	238	82	7	1,016	153.7	141.0
		37.8%	8.9%	21.2%	23.4%	8.1%	0.7%	100.0%		
Mis		126	18	68	54	13	2	281	138.3	107.0
		44.8%	6.4%	24.2%	19.2%	4.6%	0.7%	100.0%		
<b>District 16B</b>										
Robeson	Fel	674	200	320	454	167	11	1,826	157.4	125.0
		36.9%	11.0%	17.5%	24.9%	9.1%	0.6%	100.0%		
Mis		348	69	101	120	37	36	711	169.9	100.0
		48.9%	9.7%	14.2%	16.9%	5.2%	5.1%	100.0%		

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		0-90	91-120	121-180	181-365	366-730	>730			
<b>District 17A</b>										
Caswell	Fel	86	20	34	25	1	0	166	105.9	89.0
	Mis	150	37	31	27	2	0	247	89.3	71.0
Rockingham	Fel	387	63	360	365	281	17	1,473	219.4	168.0
	Mis	288	95	153	224	92	7	859	176.2	141.0
District Totals Fel		473	83	394	390	282	17	1,639	207.9	168.0
		28.9%	5.1%	24.0%	23.8%	17.2%	1.0%	100.0%		
Mis		438	132	184	251	94	7	1,106	156.8	117.0
		39.6%	11.9%	16.6%	22.7%	8.5%	0.6%	100.0%		
<b>District 17B</b>										
Stokes	Fel	240	56	72	111	28	1	508	138.4	103.0
	Mis	203	29	47	34	6	0	319	95.3	64.0
Surry	Fel	398	105	97	59	25	21	705	116.5	81.0
	Mis	410	60	81	51	7	1	610	88.3	69.5
District Totals Fel		638	161	169	170	53	22	1,213	125.7	88.0
		52.6%	13.3%	13.9%	14.0%	4.4%	1.8%	100.0%		
Mis		613	89	128	85	13	1	929	90.7	69.0
		66.0%	9.6%	13.8%	9.1%	1.4%	0.1%	100.0%		
<b>District 18A-E</b>										
Guilford	Fel	2,801	710	892	1,039	349	217	6,008	160.5	98.0
		46.6%	11.8%	14.8%	17.3%	5.8%	3.6%	100.0%		
Mis		461	86	104	186	61	23	921	156.4	90.0
		50.1%	9.3%	11.3%	20.2%	6.6%	2.5%	100.0%		
<b>District 19A</b>										
Cabarrus	Fel	332	83	165	454	118	3	1,155	188.8	178.0
		28.7%	7.2%	14.3%	39.3%	10.2%	0.3%	100.0%		
Mis		296	66	203	259	66	0	890	160.8	133.5
		33.3%	7.4%	22.8%	29.1%	7.4%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 19B</b>										
Montgomery	Fel	54	35	50	81	51	0	271	218.4	166.0
	Mis	98	14	32	51	21	1	217	159.9	115.0
Randolph	Fel	250	91	167	194	51	26	779	182.5	138.0
	Mis	189	52	74	105	46	9	475	173.1	117.0
District Totals Fel		304	126	217	275	102	26	1,050	191.8	143.0
		29.0%	12.0%	20.7%	26.2%	9.7%	2.5%	100.0%		
Mis		287	66	106	156	67	10	692	169.0	116.0
		41.5%	9.5%	15.3%	22.5%	9.7%	1.4%	100.0%		
<b>District 19C</b>										
Rowan	Fel	327	121	161	553	69	9	1,240	189.6	181.0
		26.4%	9.8%	13.0%	44.6%	5.6%	0.7%	100.0%		
Mis		136	45	76	92	27	0	376	153.0	127.0
		36.2%	12.0%	20.2%	24.5%	7.2%	0.0%	100.0%		

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<b>District 20A</b>										
Anson	Fel	196	42	37	35	1	0	311	92.0	70.0
	Mis	188	31	34	14	3	0	270	82.0	61.5
Moore	Fel	623	83	171	166	41	0	1,084	115.4	72.0
	Mis	295	64	67	71	6	2	505	99.4	73.0
Richmond	Fel	619	107	124	77	13	0	940	88.4	70.0
	Mis	338	91	63	67	8	0	567	93.9	75.0
District Totals Fel		1,438	232	332	278	55	0	2,335	101.4	70.0
		61.6%	9.9%	14.2%	11.9%	2.4%	0.0%	100.0%		
Mis		821	186	164	152	17	2	1,342	93.6	72.0
		61.2%	13.9%	12.2%	11.3%	1.3%	0.1%	100.0%		
<b>District 20B</b>										
Stanly	Fel	218	63	62	75	8	1	427	121.4	89.0
	Mis	278	60	103	83	12	5	541	117.3	84.0
Union	Fel	606	103	124	192	62	2	1,089	135.6	79.0
	Mis	430	71	93	108	59	7	768	135.7	77.0
District Totals Fel		824	166	186	267	70	3	1,516	131.6	81.5
		54.4%	10.9%	12.3%	17.6%	4.6%	0.2%	100.0%		
Mis		708	131	196	191	71	12	1,309	128.1	82.0
		54.1%	10.0%	15.0%	14.6%	5.4%	0.9%	100.0%		
<b>District 21A-D</b>										
Forsyth	Fel	1,606	305	340	274	74	0	2,599	95.4	70.0
		61.8%	11.7%	13.1%	10.5%	2.8%	0.0%	100.0%		
Mis		1,137	105	72	59	10	0	1,383	66.7	51.0
		82.2%	7.6%	5.2%	4.3%	0.7%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 22</b>										
Alexander	Fel	34	22	35	50	10	2	153	180.7	160.0
	Mis	103	19	27	26	6	0	181	113.9	81.0
Davidson	Fel	220	86	161	142	39	1	649	146.7	126.0
	Mis	277	42	65	67	11	3	465	107.4	70.0
Davie	Fel	52	16	10	21	1	0	100	113.5	79.5
	Mis	84	30	24	14	0	0	152	89.4	84.0
Iredell	Fel	325	239	199	237	81	0	1,081	154.0	116.0
	Mis	330	136	176	164	32	1	839	134.6	105.0
District Totals Fel		631	363	405	450	131	3	1,983	151.6	120.0
		31.8%	18.3%	20.4%	22.7%	6.6%	0.2%	100.0%		
Mis		794	227	292	271	49	4	1,637	120.4	92.0
		48.5%	13.9%	17.8%	16.6%	3.0%	0.2%	100.0%		



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<b>District 23</b>										
Alleghany	Fel	8	0	5	8	3	4	28	302.7	187.0
	Mis	11	5	6	11	8	3	44	265.0	174.5
Ashe	Fel	36	9	3	8	11	3	70	188.1	90.0
	Mis	17	6	13	23	4	2	65	213.7	173.0
Wilkes	Fel	216	33	97	50	43	4	443	140.7	96.0
	Mis	170	42	72	73	16	2	375	133.4	104.0
Yadkin	Fel	69	6	9	28	1	2	115	134.0	80.0
	Mis	54	16	16	24	7	0	117	135.4	94.0
District Totals Fel		329	48	114	94	58	13	656	151.5	90.0
		50.2%	7.3%	17.4%	14.3%	8.8%	2.0%	100.0%		
Mis		252	69	107	131	35	7	601	152.1	108.0
		41.9%	11.5%	17.8%	21.8%	5.8%	1.2%	100.0%		
<b>District 24</b>										
Avery	Fel	16	0	11	23	0	22	72	430.9	211.0
	Mis	27	1	13	14	5	2	62	187.7	144.5
Madison	Fel	26	10	20	27	9	0	92	179.0	154.0
	Mis	17	5	8	3	0	0	33	97.7	81.0
Mitchell	Fel	33	8	6	29	16	1	93	201.1	174.0
	Mis	5	0	4	11	5	1	26	293.5	250.5
Watauga	Fel	44	18	25	88	35	3	213	222.2	207.0
	Mis	48	15	21	39	20	26	169	278.0	181.0
Yancey	Fel	7	0	7	8	8	0	30	233.1	194.0
	Mis	2	0	1	7	3	0	13	263.5	284.0
District Totals Fel		126	36	69	175	68	26	500	241.0	204.0
		25.2%	7.2%	13.8%	35.0%	13.6%	5.2%	100.0%		
Mis		99	21	47	74	33	29	303	240.6	163.0
		32.7%	6.9%	15.5%	24.4%	10.9%	9.6%	100.0%		
<b>District 25A</b>										
Burke	Fel	84	24	59	252	133	19	571	288.4	234.0
	Mis	224	58	88	298	68	9	745	194.2	181.0
Caldwell	Fel	252	100	159	325	89	14	939	201.6	160.0
	Mis	268	121	186	251	73	4	903	170.5	139.0
District Totals Fel		336	124	218	577	222	33	1,510	234.4	203.0
		22.3%	8.2%	14.4%	38.2%	14.7%	2.2%	100.0%		
Mis		492	179	274	549	141	13	1,648	181.2	153.0
		29.9%	10.9%	16.6%	33.3%	8.6%	0.8%	100.0%		
<b>District 25B</b>										
Catawba	Fel	252	90	184	451	147	9	1,133	211.7	194.0
		22.2%	7.9%	16.2%	39.8%	13.0%	0.8%	100.0%		
Mis		315	92	250	239	31	4	931	147.0	132.0
		33.8%	9.9%	26.9%	25.7%	3.3%	0.4%	100.0%		

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<b>District 26A-C</b>										
Mecklenburg	Fel	2,233	445	504	405	115	22	3,724	106.4	73.0
		60.0%	11.9%	13.5%	10.9%	3.1%	0.6%	100.0%		
	Mis	628	306	335	286	70	7	1,632	136.4	107.0
		38.5%	18.8%	20.5%	17.5%	4.3%	0.4%	100.0%		
<b>District 27A</b>										
Gaston	Fel	1,076	234	391	526	238	6	2,471	150.6	115.0
		43.5%	9.5%	15.8%	21.3%	9.6%	0.2%	100.0%		
	Mis	279	58	88	170	80	7	682	178.1	125.0
		40.9%	8.5%	12.9%	24.9%	11.7%	1.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 27B</b>										
Cleveland	Fel	365	82	118	155	83	5	808	158.2	105.0
	Mis	98	16	23	20	18	8	183	158.6	76.0
Lincoln	Fel	144	46	105	200	103	17	615	242.4	196.0
	Mis	68	19	24	49	21	6	187	199.0	148.0
District Totals Fel		509	128	223	355	186	22	1,423	194.6	138.0
		35.8%	9.0%	15.7%	24.9%	13.1%	1.5%	100.0%		
Mis		166	35	47	69	39	14	370	179.0	113.0
		44.9%	9.5%	12.7%	18.6%	10.5%	3.8%	100.0%		
<b>District 28</b>										
Buncombe	Fel	919	259	352	501	306	4	2,341	172.1	120.0
		39.3%	11.1%	15.0%	21.4%	13.1%	0.2%	100.0%		
	Mis	491	148	117	141	22	1	920	106.6	85.0
		53.4%	16.1%	12.7%	15.3%	2.4%	0.1%	100.0%		
<b>District 29</b>										
Henderson	Fel	322	43	104	183	89	6	747	181.6	138.0
	Mis	134	31	40	84	46	4	339	182.6	126.0
McDowell	Fel	58	13	60	88	46	5	270	234.3	200.0
	Mis	57	39	67	47	26	6	242	190.2	128.5
Polk	Fel	12	4	4	36	14	0	70	303.4	349.0
	Mis	25	8	10	9	5	0	57	136.5	109.0
Rutherford	Fel	189	60	100	172	60	7	588	192.1	146.0
	Mis	249	86	180	251	50	8	824	169.3	151.5
Transylvania	Fel	80	14	22	45	32	26	219	343.1	171.0
	Mis	29	8	9	15	9	7	77	265.9	149.0
District Totals Fel		661	134	290	524	241	44	1,894	215.5	153.0
		34.9%	7.1%	15.3%	27.7%	12.7%	2.3%	100.0%		
Mis		494	172	306	406	136	25	1,539	179.1	137.0
		32.1%	11.2%	19.9%	26.4%	8.8%	1.6%	100.0%		

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<b>District 30A</b>										
Cherokee	Fel	48	19	33	87	9	8	204	191.7	186.0
	Mis	70	51	15	31	5	5	177	137.0	106.0
Clay	Fel	34	12	21	29	0	0	96	136.3	145.0
	Mis	14	0	7	5	1	0	27	131.8	73.0
Graham	Fel	8	20	6	83	7	0	124	224.7	188.0
	Mis	32	4	11	23	2	2	74	164.6	124.0
Macon	Fel	38	28	24	16	21	0	127	190.6	115.0
	Mis	34	15	15	19	3	0	86	130.6	108.0
Swain	Fel	49	38	18	21	2	0	128	122.7	113.0
	Mis	28	3	4	14	9	0	58	187.5	93.5
District Totals Fel		177	117	102	236	39	8	679	176.7	146.0
		26.1%	17.2%	15.0%	34.8%	5.7%	1.2%	100.0%		
Mis		178	73	52	92	20	7	422	147.1	106.0
		42.2%	17.3%	12.3%	21.8%	4.7%	1.7%	100.0%		
<b>District 30B</b>										
Haywood	Fel	203	25	35	18	21	5	307	118.0	60.0
	Mis	227	15	14	19	6	0	281	67.5	41.0
Jackson	Fel	108	7	18	11	3	11	158	166.6	62.0
	Mis	68	15	20	11	0	0	114	86.1	68.5
District Totals Fel		311	32	53	29	24	16	465	134.5	60.0
		66.9%	6.9%	11.4%	6.2%	5.2%	3.4%	100.0%		
Mis		295	30	34	30	6	0	395	72.8	47.0
		74.7%	7.6%	8.6%	7.6%	1.5%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>State Totals</b>										
Fel		37,815	9,008	11,394	14,399	6,004	1,060	79,680	149.6	97.0
		47.5%	11.3%	14.3%	18.1%	7.5%	1.3%	100.0%		
Mis		21,656	4,141	5,367	6,176	1,840	396	39,576	124.2	80.0
		54.7%	10.5%	13.6%	15.6%	4.6%	1.0%	100.0%		

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1	Fel	360	123	285	297	130	35	1,230	199.9	145.0
		29.3%	10.0%	23.2%	24.1%	10.6%	2.8%	100.0%		
	Mis	407	117	194	271	82	19	1,090	169.5	128.0
		37.3%	10.7%	17.8%	24.9%	7.5%	1.7%	100.0%		
2	Fel	593	163	186	239	74	0	1,255	134.0	98.0
		47.3%	13.0%	14.8%	19.0%	5.9%	0.0%	100.0%		
	Mis	427	128	172	191	37	0	955	125.9	103.0
		44.7%	13.4%	18.0%	20.0%	3.9%	0.0%	100.0%		
3A	Fel	683	272	376	536	221	25	2,113	173.9	128.0
		32.3%	12.9%	17.8%	25.4%	10.5%	1.2%	100.0%		
	Mis	1,529	154	117	105	19	4	1,928	69.6	53.0
		79.3%	8.0%	6.1%	5.4%	1.0%	0.2%	100.0%		
3B	Fel	1,146	217	204	139	53	16	1,775	101.4	68.0
		64.6%	12.2%	11.5%	7.8%	3.0%	0.9%	100.0%		
	Mis	564	70	58	63	15	2	772	78.9	56.0
		73.1%	9.1%	7.5%	8.2%	1.9%	0.3%	100.0%		
4	Fel	2,040	238	281	291	35	3	2,888	80.0	50.0
		70.6%	8.2%	9.7%	10.1%	1.2%	0.1%	100.0%		
	Mis	460	64	61	82	11	0	678	84.9	55.0
		67.8%	9.4%	9.0%	12.1%	1.6%	0.0%	100.0%		
5	Fel	1,428	430	282	349	71	5	2,565	108.9	82.0
		55.7%	16.8%	11.0%	13.6%	2.8%	0.2%	100.0%		
	Mis	907	182	159	146	52	2	1,448	95.7	62.0
		62.6%	12.6%	11.0%	10.1%	3.6%	0.1%	100.0%		
6A	Fel	313	114	193	193	65	10	888	168.0	137.5
		35.2%	12.8%	21.7%	21.7%	7.3%	1.1%	100.0%		
	Mis	142	23	73	86	63	11	398	211.0	141.0
		35.7%	5.8%	18.3%	21.6%	15.8%	2.8%	100.0%		
6B	Fel	632	111	98	62	24	9	936	88.2	52.0
		67.5%	11.9%	10.5%	6.6%	2.6%	1.0%	100.0%		
	Mis	188	39	45	40	16	4	332	119.4	72.5
		56.6%	11.7%	13.6%	12.0%	4.8%	1.2%	100.0%		
7	Fel	2,151	343	268	316	88	51	3,217	101.9	55.0
		66.9%	10.7%	8.3%	9.8%	2.7%	1.6%	100.0%		
	Mis	636	83	61	78	31	10	899	96.9	55.0
		70.7%	9.2%	6.8%	8.7%	3.4%	1.1%	100.0%		
8	Fel	1,148	174	182	258	81	19	1,862	109.6	61.0
		61.7%	9.3%	9.8%	13.9%	4.4%	1.0%	100.0%		
	Mis	1,035	173	281	261	92	7	1,849	114.5	76.0
		56.0%	9.4%	15.2%	14.1%	5.0%	0.4%	100.0%		

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9	Fel	1,331	504	405	264	97	57	2,658	133.4	90.0
		50.1%	19.0%	15.2%	9.9%	3.6%	2.1%	100.0%		
	Mis	980	233	247	243	99	56	1,858	147.9	85.0
		52.7%	12.5%	13.3%	13.1%	5.3%	3.0%	100.0%		
10	Fel	2,658	654	591	714	285	102	5,004	140.4	83.0
		53.1%	13.1%	11.8%	14.3%	5.7%	2.0%	100.0%		
	Mis	2,199	93	80	115	44	7	2,538	58.3	32.0
		86.6%	3.7%	3.2%	4.5%	1.7%	0.3%	100.0%		
11	Fel	1,174	232	206	251	47	10	1,920	108.4	75.0
		61.1%	12.1%	10.7%	13.1%	2.4%	0.5%	100.0%		
	Mis	541	101	123	125	13	2	905	98.3	70.0
		59.8%	11.2%	13.6%	13.8%	1.4%	0.2%	100.0%		
12	Fel	1,194	231	387	508	194	44	2,558	154.8	100.0
		46.7%	9.0%	15.1%	19.9%	7.6%	1.7%	100.0%		
	Mis	333	35	53	53	36	10	520	116.3	59.0
		64.0%	6.7%	10.2%	10.2%	6.9%	1.9%	100.0%		
13	Fel	441	151	225	274	46	14	1,151	148.8	113.0
		38.3%	13.1%	19.5%	23.8%	4.0%	1.2%	100.0%		
	Mis	241	58	88	100	23	2	512	134.8	98.0
		47.1%	11.3%	17.2%	19.5%	4.5%	0.4%	100.0%		
14	Fel	766	209	254	501	1,188	138	3,056	334.1	279.0
		25.1%	6.8%	8.3%	16.4%	38.9%	4.5%	100.0%		
	Mis	336	45	67	66	55	45	614	194.5	89.0
		54.7%	7.3%	10.9%	10.7%	9.0%	7.3%	100.0%		
15A	Fel	1,997	437	428	206	46	0	3,114	86.7	71.0
		64.1%	14.0%	13.7%	6.6%	1.5%	0.0%	100.0%		
	Mis	735	119	113	49	3	0	1,019	69.8	61.0
		72.1%	11.7%	11.1%	4.8%	0.3%	0.0%	100.0%		
15B	Fel	399	118	247	286	63	1	1,114	149.9	129.0
		35.8%	10.6%	22.2%	25.7%	5.7%	0.1%	100.0%		
	Mis	142	21	24	39	11	4	241	127.3	74.0
		58.9%	8.7%	10.0%	16.2%	4.6%	1.7%	100.0%		
16A	Fel	384	90	215	238	82	7	1,016	153.7	141.0
		37.8%	8.9%	21.2%	23.4%	8.1%	0.7%	100.0%		
	Mis	126	18	68	54	13	2	281	138.3	107.0
		44.8%	6.4%	24.2%	19.2%	4.6%	0.7%	100.0%		
16B	Fel	674	200	320	454	167	11	1,826	157.4	125.0
		36.9%	11.0%	17.5%	24.9%	9.1%	0.6%	100.0%		
	Mis	348	69	101	120	37	36	711	169.9	100.0
		48.9%	9.7%	14.2%	16.9%	5.2%	5.1%	100.0%		

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# AGES OF FELONY (FEL) AND MISDEMEANOR (MIS) CASES DISPOSED IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS BY PROSECUTORIAL DISTRICT

Ages of Cases Disposed July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992

Prosecutorial District		Ages of Disposed Cases (Days)						Total Disposed	Mean Age (Days)	Median Age (Days)
		0-90	91-120	121-180	181-365	366-730	>730			
17A	Fel	473	83	394	390	282	17	1,639	207.9	168.0
		28.9%	5.1%	24.0%	23.8%	17.2%	1.0%	100.0%		
	Mis	438	132	184	251	94	7	1,106	156.8	117.0
		39.6%	11.9%	16.6%	22.7%	8.5%	0.6%	100.0%		
17B	Fel	638	161	169	170	53	22	1,213	125.7	88.0
		52.6%	13.3%	13.9%	14.0%	4.4%	1.8%	100.0%		
	Mis	613	89	128	85	13	1	929	90.7	69.0
		66.0%	9.6%	13.8%	9.1%	1.4%	0.1%	100.0%		
18	Fel	2,801	710	892	1,039	349	217	6,008	160.5	98.0
		46.6%	11.8%	14.8%	17.3%	5.8%	3.6%	100.0%		
	Mis	461	86	104	186	61	23	921	156.4	90.0
		50.1%	9.3%	11.3%	20.2%	6.6%	2.5%	100.0%		
19A	Fel	659	204	326	1,007	187	12	2,395	189.2	181.0
		27.5%	8.5%	13.6%	42.0%	7.8%	0.5%	100.0%		
	Mis	432	111	279	351	93	0	1,266	158.5	135.0
		34.1%	8.8%	22.0%	27.7%	7.3%	0.0%	100.0%		
19B	Fel	304	126	217	275	102	26	1,050	191.8	143.0
		29.0%	12.0%	20.7%	26.2%	9.7%	2.5%	100.0%		
	Mis	287	66	106	156	67	10	692	169.0	116.0
		41.5%	9.5%	15.3%	22.5%	9.7%	1.4%	100.0%		
20	Fel	2,262	398	518	545	125	3	3,851	113.3	76.0
		58.7%	10.3%	13.5%	14.2%	3.2%	0.1%	100.0%		
	Mis	1,529	317	360	343	88	14	2,651	110.6	76.0
		57.7%	12.0%	13.6%	12.9%	3.3%	0.5%	100.0%		
21	Fel	1,606	305	340	274	74	0	2,599	95.4	70.0
		61.8%	11.7%	13.1%	10.5%	2.8%	0.0%	100.0%		
	Mis	1,137	105	72	59	10	0	1,383	66.7	51.0
		82.2%	7.6%	5.2%	4.3%	0.7%	0.0%	100.0%		
22	Fel	631	363	405	450	131	3	1,983	151.6	120.0
		31.8%	18.3%	20.4%	22.7%	6.6%	0.2%	100.0%		
	Mis	794	227	292	271	49	4	1,637	120.4	92.0
		48.5%	13.9%	17.8%	16.6%	3.0%	0.2%	100.0%		
23	Fel	329	48	114	94	58	13	656	151.5	90.0
		50.2%	7.3%	17.4%	14.3%	8.8%	2.0%	100.0%		
	Mis	252	69	107	131	35	7	601	152.1	108.0
		41.9%	11.5%	17.8%	21.8%	5.8%	1.2%	100.0%		

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**AGES OF FELONY (FEL) AND MISDEMEANOR (MIS) CASES DISPOSED  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS BY PROSECUTORIAL DISTRICT**

**Ages of Cases Disposed July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992**

Prosecutorial District		Ages of Disposed Cases (Days)						Total Disposed	Mean Age (Days)	Median Age (Days)
		0-90	91-120	121-180	181-365	366-730	>730			
24	Fel	126	36	69	175	68	26	500	241.0	204.0
		25.2%	7.2%	13.8%	35.0%	13.6%	5.2%	100.0%		
	Mis	99	21	47	74	33	29	303	240.6	153.0
		32.7%	6.9%	15.5%	24.4%	10.9%	9.6%	100.0%		
25	Fel	588	214	402	1,028	369	42	2,643	224.7	202.0
		22.2%	8.1%	15.2%	38.9%	14.0%	1.6%	100.0%		
	Mis	807	271	524	788	172	17	2,579	168.9	142.0
		31.3%	10.5%	20.3%	30.6%	6.7%	0.7%	100.0%		
26	Fel	2,233	445	504	405	115	22	3,724	106.4	73.0
		60.0%	11.9%	13.5%	10.9%	3.1%	0.6%	100.0%		
	Mis	628	306	335	286	70	7	1,632	136.4	107.0
		38.5%	18.8%	20.5%	17.5%	4.3%	0.4%	100.0%		
27A	Fel	1,076	234	391	526	238	6	2,471	150.6	115.0
		43.5%	9.5%	15.8%	21.3%	9.6%	0.2%	100.0%		
	Mis	279	58	88	170	80	7	682	178.1	125.0
		40.9%	8.5%	12.9%	24.9%	11.7%	1.0%	100.0%		
27B	Fel	509	128	223	355	186	22	1,423	194.6	138.0
		35.8%	9.0%	15.7%	24.9%	13.1%	1.5%	100.0%		
	Mis	166	35	47	69	39	14	370	179.0	113.0
		44.9%	9.5%	12.7%	18.6%	10.5%	3.8%	100.0%		
28	Fel	919	259	352	501	306	4	2,341	172.1	120.0
		39.3%	11.1%	15.0%	21.4%	13.1%	0.2%	100.0%		
	Mis	491	148	117	141	22	1	920	106.6	85.0
		53.4%	16.1%	12.7%	15.3%	2.4%	0.1%	100.0%		
29	Fel	661	134	290	524	241	44	1,894	215.5	153.0
		34.9%	7.1%	15.3%	27.7%	12.7%	2.3%	100.0%		
	Mis	494	172	306	406	136	25	1,539	179.1	137.0
		32.1%	11.2%	19.9%	26.4%	8.8%	1.6%	100.0%		
30	Fel	488	149	155	265	63	24	1,144	159.5	114.0
		42.7%	13.0%	13.5%	23.2%	5.5%	2.1%	100.0%		
	Mis	473	103	86	122	26	7	817	111.2	73.0
		57.9%	12.6%	10.5%	14.9%	3.2%	0.9%	100.0%		
State Totals	Fel	37,815	9,008	11,394	14,399	6,004	1,060	79,680	149.6	97.0
		47.5%	11.3%	14.3%	18.1%	7.5%	1.3%	100.0%		
	Mis	21,656	4,141	5,367	6,176	1,840	396	39,576	124.2	80.0
		54.7%	10.5%	13.6%	15.6%	4.6%	1.0%	100.0%		

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**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 1991-92 of cases filed and disposed of in the State's district courts.

Data are given on four major case classifications in the district court division: civil cases, juvenile proceedings, criminal cases, and infractions. Civil cases are divided into "small claims" cases assigned to magistrates; domestic relations cases (chiefly concerned with annulments, divorces, alimony, custody and support of children); and "general civil" cases. Juvenile proceedings are classified according to the nature of the offense or condition alleged in the petition that initiates the case. District court criminal cases are divided into motor vehicle cases (where the offense charged is defined in Chapter 20 of the North Carolina General Statutes) and non-motor vehicle criminal cases.

Infractions are non-criminal violations of law punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100 and not punishable by imprisonment. This category of cases in the district courts was created effective September 1, 1986, when the General Assembly decriminalized most minor traffic offenses. Prior to September 1, 1986, "infractions" were prosecuted as criminal motor vehicle cases. Therefore, for purposes of comparing present to past district court criminal caseloads, criminal motor vehicle caseloads of 1985-86 and earlier are substantially comparable to the combined motor vehicle and infraction caseloads of 1986-87 and later. (This comparison is not exact, since not all cases now prosecuted as infractions were criminal motor vehicle cases in prior years. For example, the infraction of purchase or possession of alcohol by a person age 19 or 20 was neither an infraction nor a criminal violation prior to September 1, 1986.)

Magistrates may handle civil, criminal, and infraction cases in district court. When the plaintiff in a civil case requests, and the amount in controversy does not exceed \$2,000, the case may be classified as a "small claim" civil action and assigned to a magistrate for hearing. Magistrates are empowered to hear and enter judgments as directed by the chief district court judge in criminal worthless check cases when the amount of the check does not exceed \$2,000, provided that the sentence imposed does not exceed 30 days. In addition, they may accept written appearances, waivers of trial, and pleas of guilty, and enter judgments as the chief district court judge directs, in certain littering cases, and in worthless check cases when the amount of the check is \$2,000 or less, the offender has made restitution, and the warrant does not charge a fourth or subsequent worthless check violation. Magistrates may also accept waivers of appearances, pleas of guilty or admissions of responsibility, and enter judgments in misdemeanor or infraction cases involving certain alcohol, traffic, hunting, fishing, and boating offenses in accordance with a uniform schedule adopted by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges. In other misdemeanor and infraction cases, where the punishment cannot exceed imprisonment for 30 days or a \$50 fine or penalty, magis-

trates may accept guilty pleas or admissions of responsibility and enter judgment. Magistrates have authority to issue arrest warrants valid throughout the state and search warrants valid throughout the county, grant bail before trial in any noncapital case, and conduct initial appearances under G.S. 15A-511.

Appeals from magistrates' judgments in civil, criminal, and infraction cases are to the district court, with a district court judge presiding.

The bar graphs that follow illustrate that district court criminal and infraction cases filed and disposed of in the 1991-92 year greatly outnumbered civil cases. Motor vehicle criminal cases and infractions accounted for slightly over fifty percent of total filings and dispositions, and the non-motor vehicle criminal cases accounted for about twenty-seven percent of filings and dispositions. As in past years, the greatest portion of district court civil filings and dispositions were small claims referred to magistrates.

The large volume categories of infraction, criminal motor-vehicle, and civil magistrate cases are not reported to the AOC by individual case file numbers. Therefore, it is not possible to obtain, by computer processing, the numbers of pending cases as of a given date or the ages of cases pending and ages of cases at disposition. These categories of cases are processed through the courts faster than any others, thus explaining the decision not to allocate personnel and computer resources to reporting these cases in the detail that is provided for other categories of cases.

Also, juvenile proceedings and hearings on commitment or recommitment of persons to the State's mental health hospital facilities are not reported to AOC by individual case file numbers.

Two tables are provided on juvenile proceedings: offenses and conditions alleged, and numbers of adjudicatory hearings held.

Data on district court hearings for mental health hospital commitments and recommitments are reported in Part III, "Cost and Case Data on Representation of Indigents."

The ages of district court cases pending on June 30, 1992, and the ages of cases disposed of during 1991-92 are reported for the domestic relations, general civil and magistrate appeal/transfer, and criminal non-motor vehicle case categories.

The median age of domestic relations cases pending on June 30, 1992, was 202 days, compared with a median age of 209 days for domestic relations cases pending on June 30, 1991. For general civil and magistrate appeal/transfer cases, the median age of cases pending on June 30, 1992, was 216 days, compared with 193 days on June 30, 1991. At the time of disposition during 1991-92, the median age of domestic relations cases was 48 days, and the median age for general civil and magistrate appeal/transfer cases was 104 days, compared with a median age of 48 days at the time of disposition for domestic relations cases and 108 days for general civil and magistrate

## The District Court Division, Continued

appeal/transfer cases during 1990-91.

For district court non-motor vehicle criminal cases, the median age for cases pending on June 30, 1992, was 64 days, about the same as the median age for such cases pending on June 30, 1991, 65 days. The median age of non-motor vehicle criminal cases at the time of disposition during 1991-92 was 36 days, compared with 34 days for these cases at the time of disposition during 1990-91.

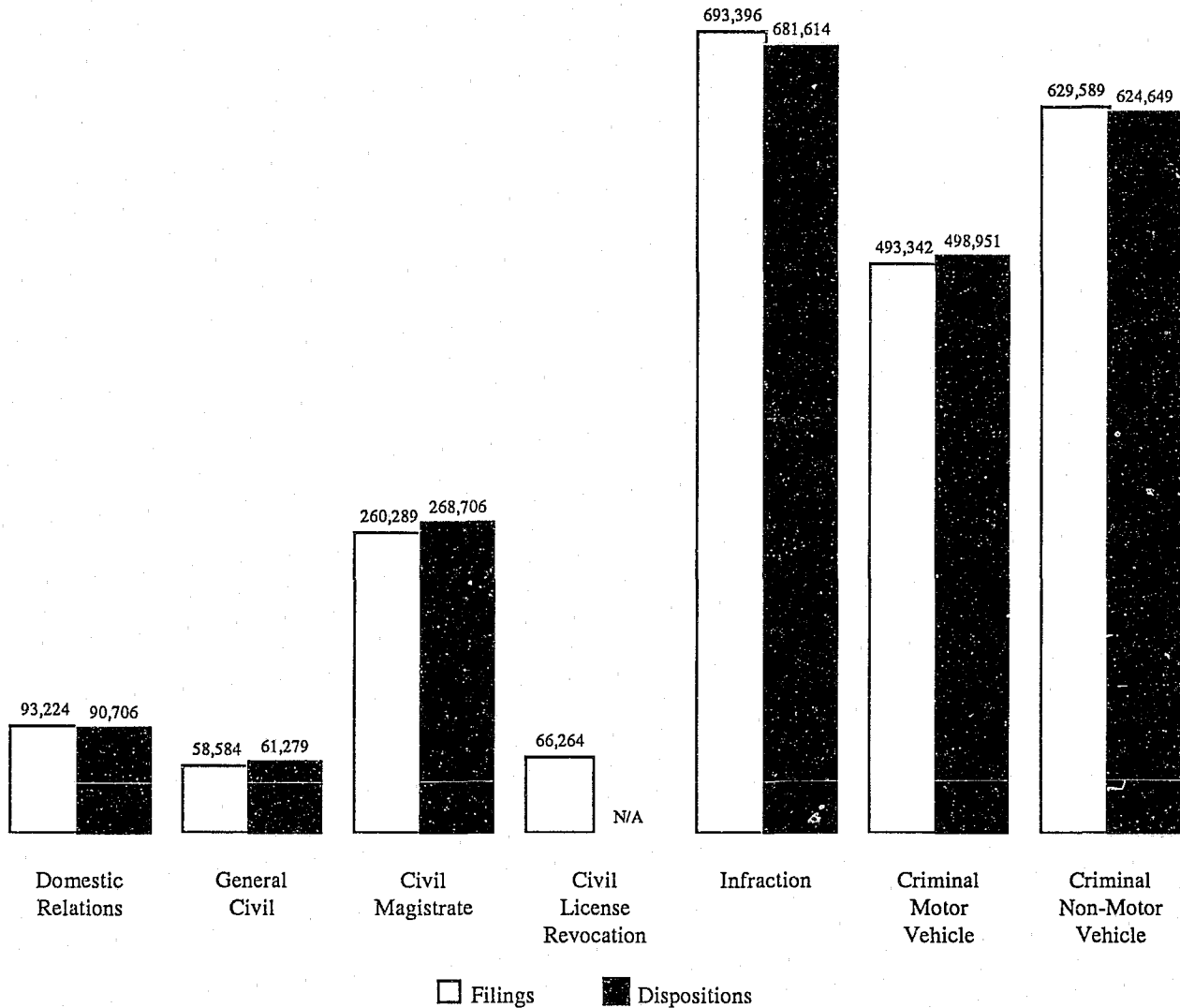
The statewide total district court filings during 1991-92, not including juvenile cases and mental health hospital commitment hearings, was 2,294,688 cases, compared with 2,253,348 during 1990-91, an increase of 41,340 filings (1.8%). Filings of infraction cases increased by 41,668 cases, or 6.4%, from 651,728 in 1990-91 to

693,396 in 1991-92. Filings of criminal non-motor vehicle cases increased by 19,303 cases, 3.2%, from 610,286 cases in 1990-91, to 629,589 in 1991-92. The largest percentage increase in filings was for domestic relations cases, which increased by 9.2%, or 7,893 cases, from 85,331 in 1990-91 to 93,224 in 1991-92.

Filings of civil magistrate cases decreased by 6.8%, from 279,209 cases in 1990-91, to 260,289 cases in 1991-92. There was also a decrease in filings of general civil cases, of 4,125 cases or 6.6%, from 62,709 in 1990-91, to 58,584 in 1991-92. Civil license revocation filings decreased by 3,847 cases, 5.5%, from 70,111 in 1990-91 to 66,264 in 1991-92. Filings of criminal motor vehicle cases decreased slightly, by 632 cases or 0.1%, from 493,974 in 1990-91 to 493,342 in 1991-92.

## FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992

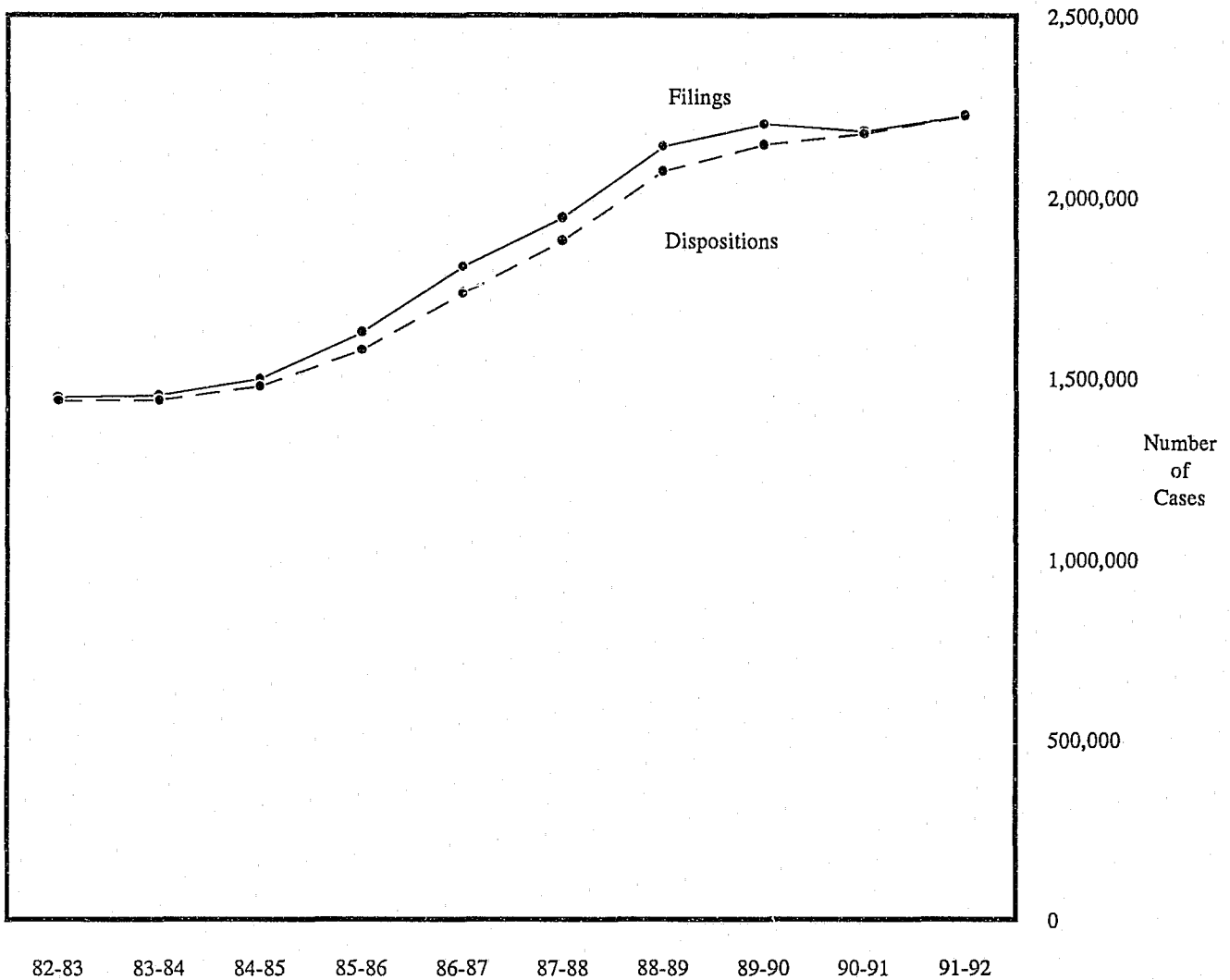


The 66,264 civil license revocations are automatic, 10-day driver license suspensions imposed on drivers arrested on suspicion of impaired driving whose breath tests show a blood alcohol concentration of 0.10 or more. There was a 5.5% decrease in civil license revocation filings compared to 70,111 filed in 1990-91. These cases are counted only at filing. Criminal motor vehicle and infraction cases (almost all of which are traffic-related)

made up 51.7% of total district court filings and 53.0% of total dispositions during 1991-92. The civil case categories together (domestic, general civil, which includes appealed civil magistrate cases, civil magistrate, and civil license revocation) accounted for 20.8% of total filings (478,361 of 2,294,688). Criminal non-motor vehicle case filings accounted for 27.4% of total filings.

## CASELOAD TRENDS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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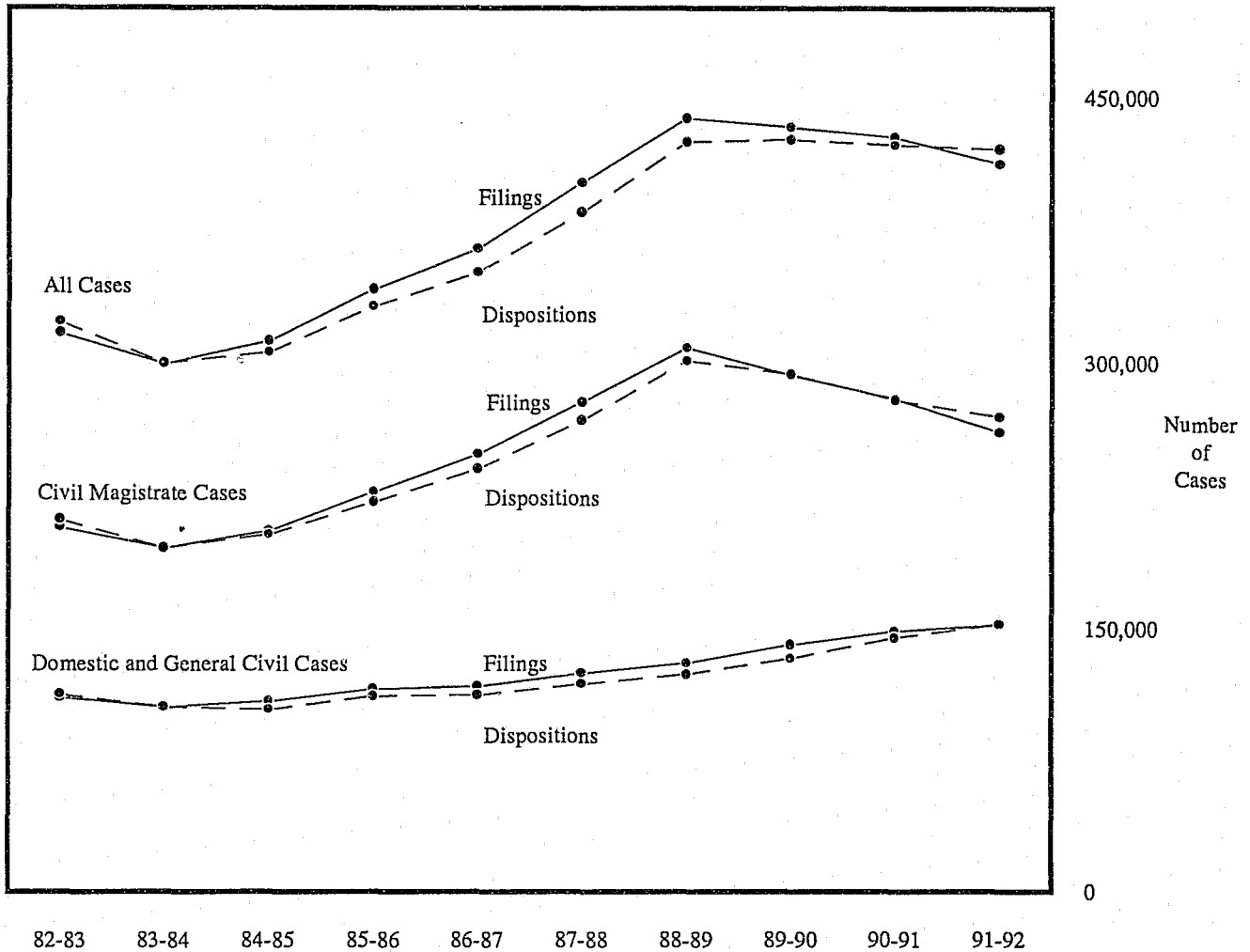


Total filings in the district courts increased by 1.8% from 2,253,348 in 1990-91 to 2,294,688 in 1991-92. Total filings on this graph include all civil, infraction, and criminal cases. Total dispositions (which do not include civil license revocations, as these are counted only at filing)

have increased every year since 1982-83, reaching 2,225,905 dispositions during 1991-92, an increase of 2.3% from the 2,175,869 total dispositions in 1990-91. During 1991-92, not including infraction filings, case filings exceeded dispositions by 2,519 cases (0.1%).

## TRENDS IN FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS OF CIVIL CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

1982-83 -- 1991-92

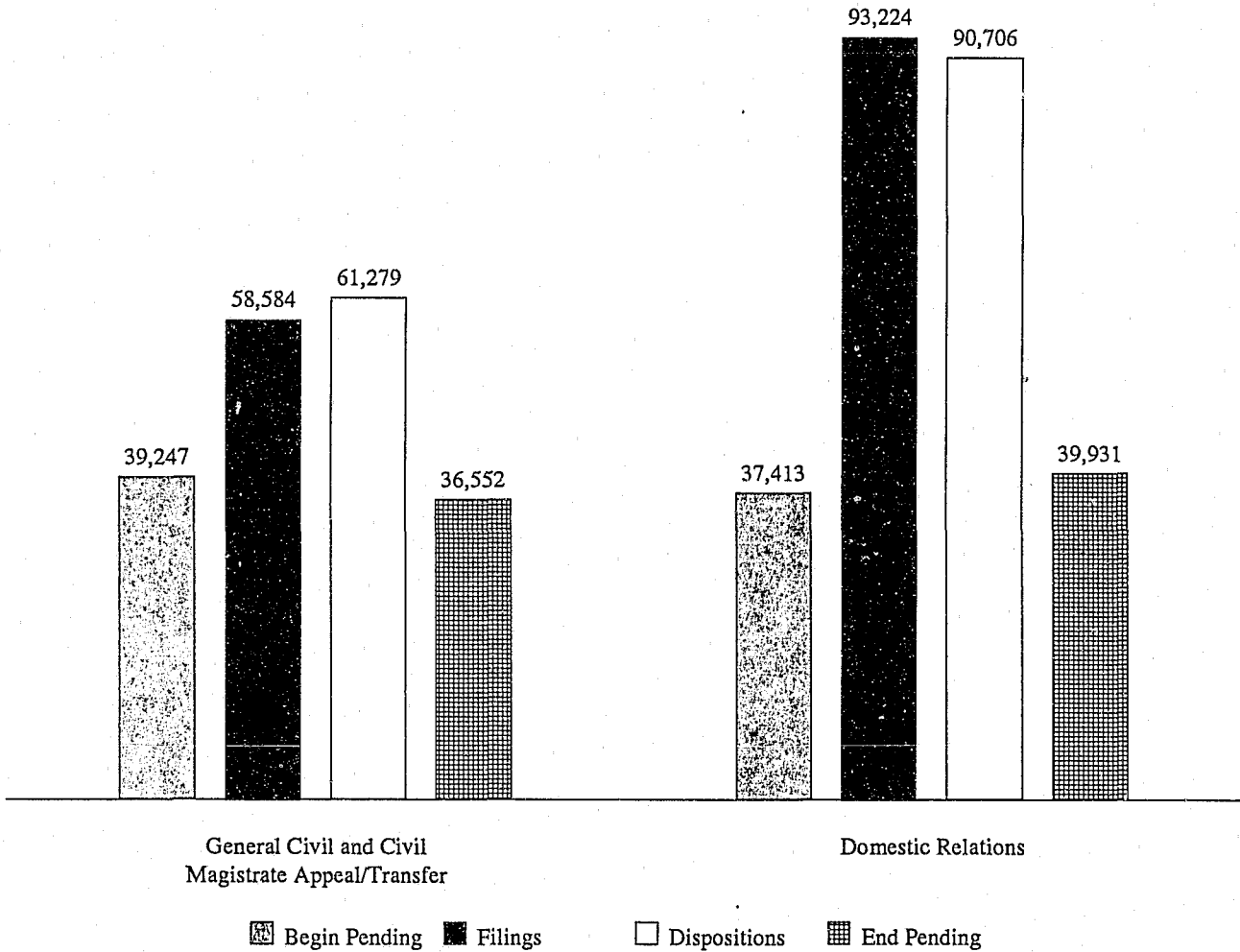


After increasing for five years until 1988-89, civil magistrate (often known as small claims) filings have decreased for the past three years, by 5.0% in 1989-90, 4.6% in 1990-91, and 6.8% in 1991-92. During 1991-92, civil magistrate case dispositions (268,706) exceeded filings (260,289) by 8,417 cases. Filings and dispositions of domestic relations and general civil cases increased from

1990-91 to 1991-92. Filings of these cases increased by 2.5%, from 148,040 in 1990-91 to 151,808 in 1991-92, while dispositions increased by 5.2%, from 144,539 in 1990-91 to 151,985 in 1991-92. During 1991-92, dispositions of domestic relations and general civil cases exceeded filings, by 177 cases.

## CIVIL (NON-MAGISTRATE) CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992

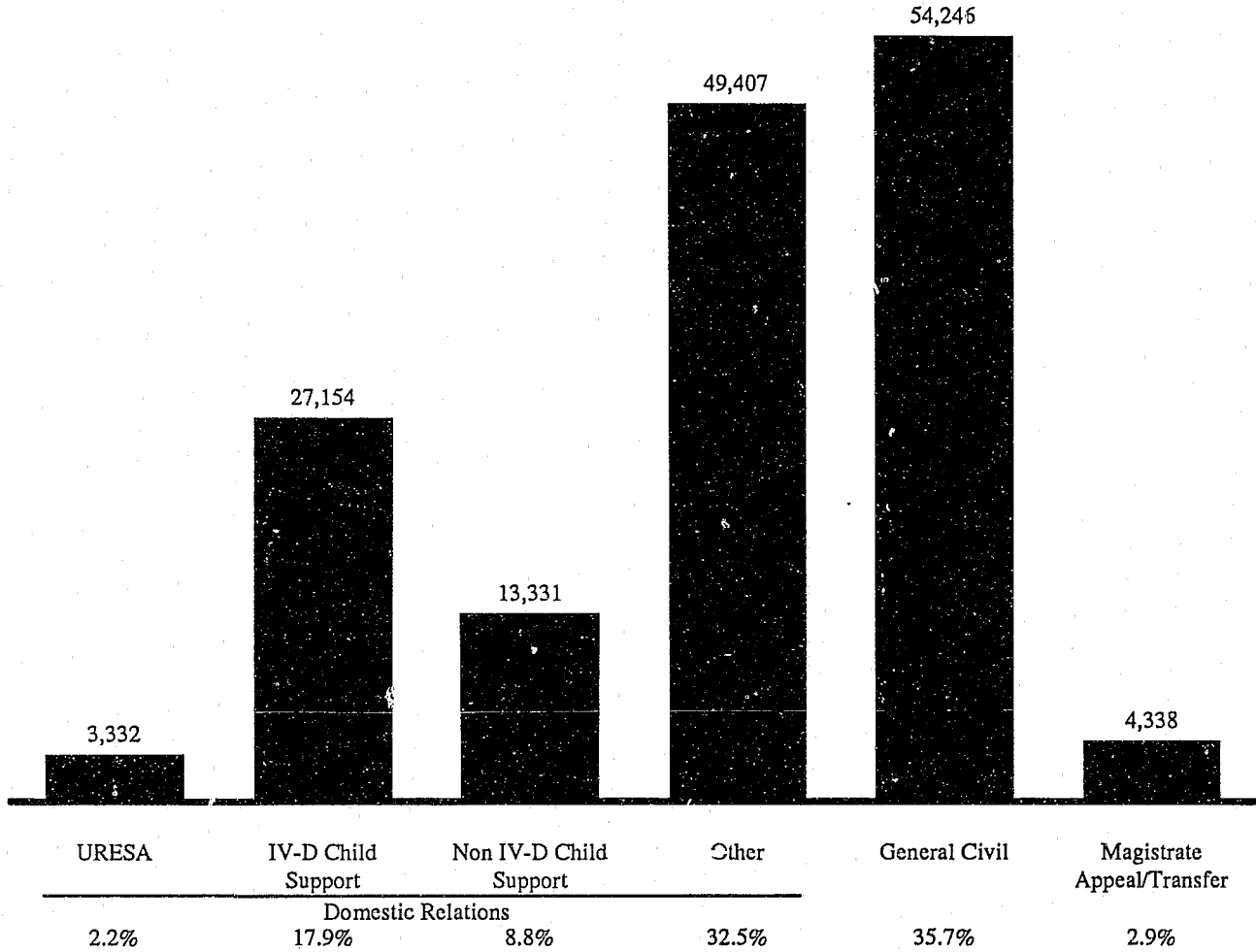


During 1991-92, more general civil and civil magistrate appeal/transfer cases were disposed than were filed. As a result, there were fewer cases pending at the end of the year than at the beginning (2,695 fewer cases, a

6.9% decrease). Filings of domestic relations cases exceeded dispositions, resulting in an increase of 2,518 cases (6.7%) in the number of pending cases.

**CIVIL (NON-MAGISTRATE) CASES FILED  
IN THE DISTRICT COURTS**

July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992



"URESAs" stands for the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act and refers to actions enforcing child support orders entered by judges in one state or county by the courts in another. "IV-D Child Support" refers to cases initiated by counties or the Department of Human Resources to collect child support owed to social services clients. "Non IV-D Child Support" actions are initiated by custodial parents themselves. The "other" category includes actions such as annulments and divorces in which child support is not an issue. "General Civil" refers to other civil cases in district court (contracts,

collections, negligence, etc.). "Magistrate Appeal/Transfer" cases are appeals and transfers from small claims court. The domestic relations categories combined represent 61.4% of the total civil non-magistrate cases (93,224 of 151,808). In 1991-92, compared to 1990-91, there were decreases in filings of URESAs cases (6.1%), general civil cases (7.0%), and magistrate appeals and transfers (1.4%). Filings of IV-D Child Support cases increased by 19.3%, filings of Non IV-D Child Support cases increased by 2.0%, and filings of "Other" domestic cases increased by 7.5%.

# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL (NON-MAGISTRATE) CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992

	Domestic Relations						General Civil and Magistrate Appeals/Transfers					
	Begin		Total		% Caseload Disposed	End Pending 6/30/92	Begin		Total		% Caseload Disposed	End Pending 6/30/92
	Pending 7/1/91	Filed	Caseload	Disposed			Pending 7/1/91	Filed	Caseload	Disposed		
<b>District 1</b>												
Camden	28	35	63	40	63.5%	23	9	18	27	17	63.0%	10
Chowan	58	166	224	167	74.6%	57	39	72	111	73	65.8%	38
Currituck	67	144	211	128	60.7%	83	101	75	176	117	66.5%	59
Dare	127	262	389	246	63.2%	143	289	319	608	252	41.4%	356
Gates	37	87	124	75	60.5%	49	15	46	61	42	68.9%	19
Pasquotank	245	452	697	400	57.4%	297	113	208	321	174	54.2%	147
Perquimans	91	112	203	116	57.1%	87	31	36	67	32	47.8%	35
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>1,258</b>	<b>1,911</b>	<b>1,172</b>	<b>61.3%</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>1,371</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>51.6%</b>	<b>664</b>
<b>District 2</b>												
Beaufort	298	677	975	627	64.3%	348	186	159	345	188	54.5%	157
Hyde	15	42	57	24	42.1%	33	24	13	37	12	32.4%	25
Martin	190	319	509	273	53.6%	236	45	73	118	53	44.9%	65
Tyrrell	15	54	69	51	73.9%	18	14	19	33	25	75.8%	8
Washington	59	219	278	226	81.3%	52	79	77	156	104	66.7%	52
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>1,311</b>	<b>1,888</b>	<b>1,201</b>	<b>63.6%</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>55.4%</b>	<b>307</b>
<b>District 3A</b>												
Pitt	255	1,572	1,827	1,367	74.8%	460	304	847	1,151	855	74.3%	296
<b>District 3B</b>												
Carteret	166	656	822	592	72.0%	230	108	346	454	340	74.9%	114
Craven	336	1,029	1,365	993	72.7%	372	205	653	858	633	73.8%	225
Pamlico	29	110	139	101	72.7%	38	22	34	56	40	71.4%	16
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>1,795</b>	<b>2,326</b>	<b>1,686</b>	<b>72.5%</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>1,033</b>	<b>1,368</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>74.0%</b>	<b>355</b>
<b>District 4</b>												
Duplin	183	544	727	581	79.9%	146	114	197	311	206	66.2%	105
Jones	56	151	207	160	77.3%	47	24	29	53	42	79.2%	11
Onslow	1,458	2,124	3,582	2,557	71.4%	1,025	1,022	783	1,805	1,120	62.0%	685
Sampson	173	681	854	643	75.3%	211	113	275	388	285	73.5%	103
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,870</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>5,370</b>	<b>3,941</b>	<b>73.4%</b>	<b>1,429</b>	<b>1,273</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>2,557</b>	<b>1,653</b>	<b>64.6%</b>	<b>904</b>
<b>District 5</b>												
New Hanover	579	1,787	2,366	1,855	78.4%	511	1,053	1,618	2,671	1,733	64.9%	938
Pender	134	326	460	374	81.3%	86	114	187	301	202	67.1%	99
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>2,113</b>	<b>2,826</b>	<b>2,229</b>	<b>78.9%</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>1,167</b>	<b>1,805</b>	<b>2,972</b>	<b>1,935</b>	<b>65.1%</b>	<b>1,037</b>



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	Pending 7/1/91	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/92	Pending 7/1/91	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/92
<b>District 6A</b>												
Halifax	247	1,275	1,522	1,158	76.1%	364	71	204	275	208	75.6%	67
<b>District 6B</b>												
Bertie	110	317	427	338	79.2%	89	28	80	108	82	75.9%	26
Hertford	130	361	491	376	76.6%	115	60	85	145	114	78.6%	31
Northampton	110	345	455	396	87.0%	59	45	59	104	82	78.8%	22
District Totals	350	1,023	1,373	1,110	80.8%	263	133	224	357	278	77.9%	79
<b>District 7</b>												
Edgecombe	259	970	1,229	891	72.5%	338	120	297	417	283	67.9%	134
Nash	396	1,276	1,672	1,214	72.6%	458	340	585	925	572	61.8%	353
Wilson	217	1,470	1,687	1,318	78.1%	369	252	471	723	492	68.0%	231
District Totals	872	3,716	4,588	3,423	74.6%	1,165	712	1,353	2,065	1,347	65.2%	718
<b>District 8</b>												
Greene	32	148	180	145	80.6%	35	31	63	94	61	64.9%	33
Lenoir	176	809	985	796	80.8%	189	181	398	579	404	69.8%	175
Wayne	730	1,689	2,419	1,751	72.4%	668	663	1,036	1,699	868	51.1%	831
District Totals	938	2,646	3,584	2,692	75.1%	892	875	1,497	2,372	1,333	56.2%	1,039
<b>District 9</b>												
Franklin	154	465	619	432	69.8%	187	151	592	743	386	52.0%	357
Granville	143	453	596	439	73.7%	157	82	171	253	170	67.2%	83
Person	73	347	420	315	75.0%	105	73	158	231	162	70.1%	69
Vance	173	649	822	625	76.0%	197	165	291	456	274	60.1%	182
Warren	69	243	312	169	54.2%	143	32	67	99	62	62.6%	37
District Totals	612	2,157	2,769	1,980	71.5%	789	503	1,279	1,782	1,054	59.1%	728
<b>District 10</b>												
Wake	5,558	4,956	10,514	5,507	52.4%	5,007	7,328	7,033	14,361	7,723	53.8%	6,638
<b>District 11</b>												
Harnett	261	861	1,122	840	74.9%	282	319	486	805	556	69.1%	249
Johnston	241	1,476	1,717	1,324	77.1%	393	264	745	1,009	641	63.5%	368
Lee	228	699	927	627	67.6%	300	258	406	664	448	67.5%	216
District Totals	730	3,036	3,766	2,791	74.1%	975	841	1,637	2,478	1,645	66.4%	833
<b>District 12</b>												
Cumberland	2,545	5,466	8,011	5,065	63.2%	2,946	596	1,508	2,104	1,639	77.9%	465

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	Pending	Total			% Caseload	Pending	Pending	Total			% Caseload	Pending		
7/1/91	Filed	Caseload	Disposed	Disposed	6/30/92	7/1/91	Filed	Caseload	Disposed	Disposed	6/30/92			
<b>District 13</b>														
Bladen	82	368	450	312	69.3%	138	161	298	459	319	69.5%	140		
Brunswick	322	611	933	619	66.3%	314	284	329	613	389	63.5%	224		
Columbus	318	725	1,043	804	77.1%	239	255	380	635	404	63.6%	231		
District Totals	722	1,704	2,426	1,735	71.5%	691	700	1,007	1,707	1,112	65.1%	595		
<b>District 14</b>														
Durham	1,558	2,718	4,276	3,074	71.9%	1,202	1,244	1,896	3,140	1,939	61.8%	1,201		
<b>District 15A</b>														
Alamance	454	1,326	1,780	1,297	72.9%	483	566	1,290	1,856	1,079	58.1%	777		
<b>District 15B</b>														
Chatham	183	517	700	487	69.6%	213	68	124	192	123	64.1%	69		
Orange	430	893	1,323	782	59.1%	541	455	645	1,100	659	59.9%	441		
District Totals	613	1,410	2,023	1,269	62.7%	754	523	769	1,292	782	60.5%	510		
<b>District 16A</b>														
Hoke	92	319	411	301	73.2%	110	37	108	145	98	67.6%	47		
Scotland	156	639	795	594	74.7%	201	130	244	374	267	71.4%	107		
District Totals	248	958	1,206	895	74.2%	311	167	352	519	365	70.3%	154		
<b>District 16B</b>														
Robeson	715	2,061	2,776	1,919	69.1%	857	857	742	1,599	792	49.5%	807		
<b>District 17A</b>														
Caswell	55	221	276	204	73.9%	72	30	59	89	66	74.2%	23		
Rockingham	222	1,020	1,242	982	79.1%	260	178	370	548	440	80.3%	108		
District Totals	277	1,241	1,518	1,186	78.1%	332	208	429	637	506	79.4%	131		
<b>District 17B</b>														
Stokes	95	278	373	264	70.8%	109	76	108	184	103	56.0%	81		
Surry	201	730	931	678	72.8%	253	157	410	567	426	75.1%	141		
District Totals	296	1,008	1,304	942	72.2%	362	233	518	751	529	70.4%	222		
<b>District 18</b>														
Guilford	3,068	5,848	8,916	5,253	58.9%	3,663	4,918	4,831	9,749	5,189	53.2%	4,560		

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	Pending 7/1/91	Filed	Caseload	Disposed		Pending 6/30/92	Pending 7/1/91	Filed	Caseload	Disposed		Pending 6/30/92
<b>District 19A</b>												
Cabarrus	260	1,119	1,379	1,117	81.0%	262	266	951	1,217	902	74.1%	315
<b>District 19B</b>												
Montgomery	219	487	706	302	42.8%	404	115	202	317	156	49.2%	161
Randolph	305	1,031	1,336	898	67.2%	438	199	479	678	476	70.2%	202
District Totals	524	1,518	2,042	1,200	58.8%	842	314	681	995	632	63.5%	363
<b>District 19C</b>												
Rowan	298	1,251	1,549	1,232	79.5%	317	374	615	989	719	72.7%	270
<b>District 20</b>												
Anson	152	382	534	302	56.6%	232	145	94	239	101	42.3%	138
Moore	319	709	1,028	595	57.9%	433	384	382	766	331	43.2%	435
Richmond	294	708	1,002	629	62.8%	373	233	308	541	219	40.5%	322
Stanly	258	668	926	567	61.2%	359	212	405	617	345	55.9%	272
Union	282	900	1,182	887	75.0%	295	456	482	938	462	49.3%	476
District Totals	1,305	3,367	4,672	2,980	63.8%	1,692	1,430	1,671	3,101	1,458	47.0%	1,643
<b>District 21</b>												
Forsyth	1,236	3,586	4,822	3,315	68.7%	1,507	1,879	3,160	5,039	3,591	71.3%	1,448
<b>District 22</b>												
Alexander	64	287	351	269	76.6%	82	46	119	165	115	69.7%	50
Davidson	566	1,450	2,016	1,460	72.4%	556	378	604	982	630	64.2%	352
Davie	101	375	476	350	73.5%	126	122	142	264	165	62.5%	99
Iredell	335	1,268	1,603	1,190	74.2%	413	325	561	886	581	65.6%	305
District Totals	1,066	3,380	4,446	3,269	73.5%	1,177	871	1,426	2,297	1,491	64.9%	806
<b>District 23</b>												
Alleghany	32	134	166	124	74.7%	42	19	52	71	47	66.2%	24
Ashe	63	194	257	187	72.8%	70	45	99	144	93	64.6%	51
Wilkes	166	733	899	698	77.6%	201	393	1,146	1,539	1,124	73.0%	415
Yadkin	92	308	400	272	68.0%	128	117	169	286	161	56.3%	125
District Totals	353	1,369	1,722	1,281	74.4%	441	574	1,466	2,040	1,425	69.9%	615

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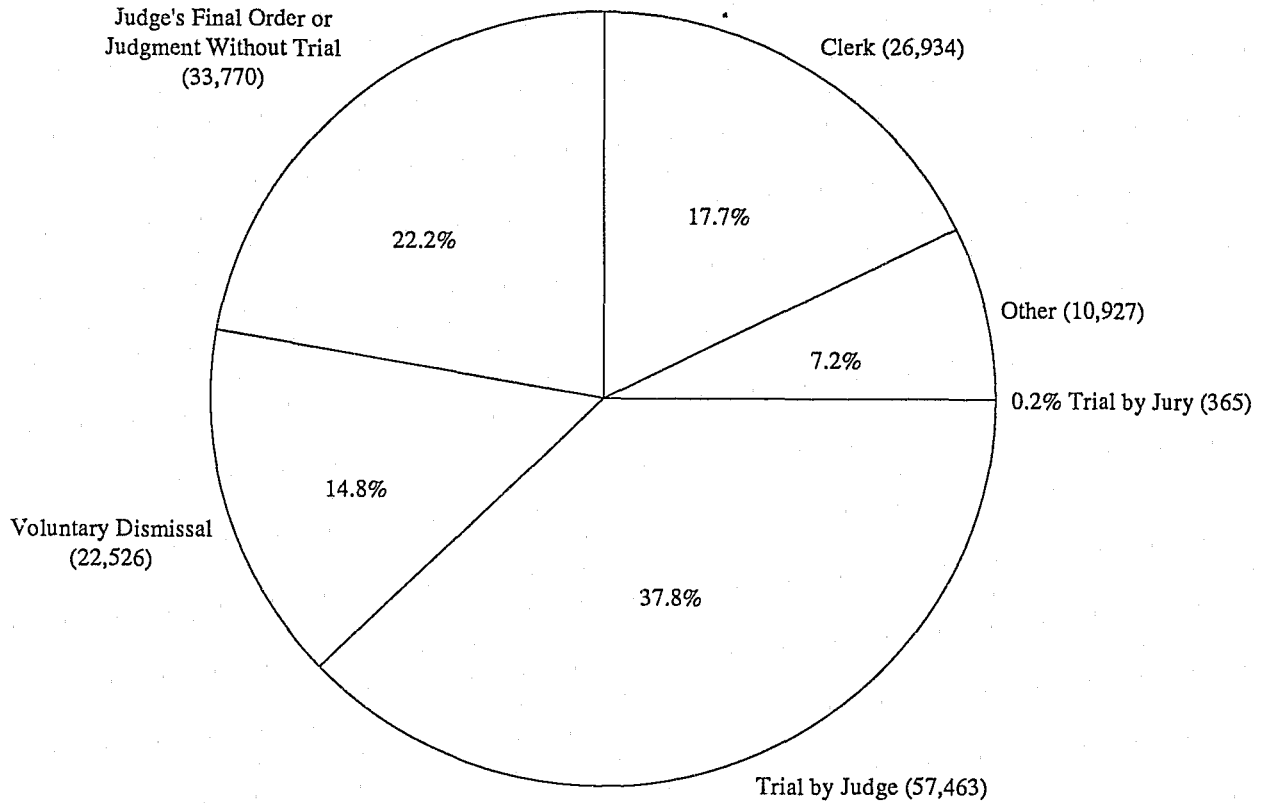
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	Begin		Total		% Caseload Disposed	End	Begin		Total		% Caseload Disposed	End
	Pending 7/1/91	Filed	Caseload	Disposed		Pending 6/30/92	Pending 7/1/91	Filed	Caseload	Disposed		Pending 6/30/92
<b>District 24</b>												
Avery	93	172	265	153	57.7%	112	62	104	166	91	54.8%	75
Madison	71	193	264	179	67.8%	85	23	52	75	48	64.0%	27
Mitchell	76	151	227	172	75.8%	55	27	89	116	84	72.4%	32
Watauga	118	326	444	300	67.6%	144	162	323	485	361	74.4%	124
Yancey	48	156	204	141	69.1%	63	19	65	84	59	70.2%	25
District Totals	406	998	1,404	945	67.3%	459	293	633	926	643	69.4%	283
<b>District 25</b>												
Burke	265	1,049	1,314	1,048	79.8%	266	251	560	811	676	83.4%	135
Caldwell	226	914	1,140	869	76.2%	271	151	413	564	408	72.3%	156
Catawba	626	1,814	2,440	1,857	76.1%	583	377	1,017	1,394	1,083	77.7%	311
District Totals	1,117	3,777	4,894	3,774	77.1%	1,120	779	1,990	2,769	2,167	78.3%	602
<b>District 26</b>												
Mecklenburg	2,865	6,535	9,400	6,498	69.1%	2,902	5,554	8,248	13,802	8,712	63.1%	5,090
<b>District 27A</b>												
Gaston	605	2,986	3,591	2,941	81.9%	650	322	1,073	1,395	1,157	82.9%	238
<b>District 27B</b>												
Cleveland	359	1,852	2,211	1,902	86.0%	309	128	490	618	465	75.2%	153
Lincoln	118	677	795	649	81.6%	146	74	240	314	252	80.3%	62
District Totals	477	2,529	3,006	2,551	84.9%	455	202	730	932	717	76.9%	215
<b>District 28</b>												
Buncombe	1,000	2,547	3,547	2,561	72.2%	986	856	1,568	2,424	1,730	71.4%	694
<b>District 29</b>												
Henderson	289	741	1,030	789	76.6%	241	235	366	601	430	71.5%	171
McDowell	176	394	570	422	74.0%	148	68	136	204	158	77.5%	46
Polk	41	146	187	141	75.4%	46	34	61	95	66	69.5%	29
Rutherford	222	849	1,071	857	80.0%	214	115	266	381	278	73.0%	103
Transylvania	144	343	487	336	69.0%	151	71	89	160	110	68.8%	50
District Totals	872	2,473	3,345	2,545	76.1%	800	523	918	1,441	1,042	72.3%	399

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<b>District 30</b>												
Cherokee	72	226	298	213	71.5%	85	35	112	147	105	71.4%	42
Clay	13	60	73	57	78.1%	16	18	52	70	52	74.3%	18
Graham	34	74	108	84	77.8%	24	20	31	51	33	64.7%	18
Haywood	288	653	941	582	61.8%	359	216	287	503	314	62.4%	189
Jackson	97	290	387	284	73.4%	103	114	150	264	156	59.1%	108
Macon	90	250	340	243	71.5%	97	90	121	211	126	59.7%	85
Swain	33	138	171	142	83.0%	29	18	48	66	42	63.6%	24
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>1,691</b>	<b>2,318</b>	<b>1,605</b>	<b>69.2%</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>1,312</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>63.1%</b>	<b>484</b>
<b>State Totals</b>	<b>37,413</b>	<b>93,224</b>	<b>130,637</b>	<b>90,706</b>	<b>69.4%</b>	<b>39,931</b>	<b>39,247</b>	<b>58,584</b>	<b>97,831</b>	<b>61,279</b>	<b>62.6%</b>	<b>36,552</b>

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Most civil cases in district court are disposed of by judges, either before trial or with a bench (non-jury) trial. The "Other" category here includes such actions

as removal to federal court or an order from another state closing a Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act case.

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<b>District 1</b>								
Camden	Gen	0	1	4	2	6	4	17
	Dom	0	5	7	26	1	1	40
Chowan	Gen	1	15	17	1	36	3	73
	Dom	0	62	10	84	1	10	167
Currituck	Gen	0	7	25	16	24	45	117
	Dom	0	80	25	23	0	0	128
Dare	Gen	1	10	71	31	111	28	252
	Dom	0	131	23	85	1	6	246
Gates	Gen	0	1	7	28	0	6	42
	Dom	1	8	2	59	0	5	75
Pasquotank	Gen	0	14	45	11	83	21	174
	Dom	1	232	31	134	1	1	400
Perquimans	Gen	0	2	8	2	17	3	32
	Dom	0	62	9	38	0	7	116
District Totals	Gen	2	50	177	91	277	110	707
		0.3%	7.1%	25.0%	12.9%	39.2%	15.6%	100.0%
	Dom	2	580	107	449	4	30	1,172
		0.2%	49.5%	9.1%	38.3%	0.3%	2.6%	100.0%
<b>District 2</b>								
Beaufort	Gen	2	19	58	16	76	17	188
	Dom	1	270	11	333	2	10	627
Hyde	Gen	0	2	3	1	5	1	12
	Dom	1	15	0	8	0	0	24
Martin	Gen	0	3	20	1	29	0	53
	Dom	0	124	11	135	1	2	273
Tyrrell	Gen	0	1	9	5	8	2	25
	Dom	0	1	2	46	0	2	51
Washington	Gen	0	14	29	3	45	13	104
	Dom	0	71	9	136	0	10	226
District Totals	Gen	2	39	119	26	163	33	382
		0.5%	10.2%	31.2%	6.8%	42.7%	8.6%	100.0%
	Dom	2	481	33	658	3	24	1,201
		0.2%	40.0%	2.7%	54.8%	0.2%	2.0%	100.0%
<b>District 3A</b>								
Pitt	Gen	3	173	236	6	336	101	855
		0.4%	20.2%	27.6%	0.7%	39.3%	11.8%	100.0%
	Dom	1	1,239	79	6	2	40	1,367
	0.1%	90.6%	5.8%	0.4%	0.1%	2.9%	100.0%	

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<b>District 3B</b>								
Carteret	Gen	0	51	106	48	100	35	340
	Dom	1	424	29	102	1	35	592
Craven	Gen	3	48	155	125	223	79	633
	Dom	2	623	44	186	2	136	993
Pamlico	Gen	2	1	14	21	0	2	40
	Dom	0	63	2	25	0	11	101
District Totals	Gen	5	100	275	194	323	116	1,013
		0.5%	9.9%	27.1%	19.2%	31.9%	11.5%	100.0%
	Dom	3	1,110	75	313	3	182	1,686
		0.2%	65.8%	4.4%	18.6%	0.2%	10.8%	100.0%
<b>District 4</b>								
Duplin	Gen	2	23	57	24	94	6	206
	Dom	1	222	41	277	0	40	581
Jones	Gen	2	5	16	3	10	6	42
	Dom	0	71	12	50	0	27	160
Onslow	Gen	2	189	364	32	193	340	1,120
	Dom	0	1,575	137	142	4	699	2,557
Sampson	Gen	1	15	134	19	112	4	285
	Dom	0	283	40	299	2	19	643
District Totals	Gen	7	232	571	78	409	356	1,653
		0.4%	14.0%	34.5%	4.7%	24.7%	21.5%	100.0%
	Dom	1	2,151	230	768	6	785	3,941
		0.0%	54.6%	5.8%	19.5%	0.2%	19.9%	100.0%
<b>District 5</b>								
New Hanover	Gen	16	198	406	310	646	157	1,733
	Dom	0	1,086	143	574	3	49	1,855
Pender	Gen	1	43	59	22	54	23	202
	Dom	0	192	22	90	1	69	374
District Totals	Gen	17	241	465	332	700	180	1,935
		0.9%	12.5%	24.0%	17.2%	36.2%	9.3%	100.0%
	Dom	0	1,278	165	664	4	118	2,229
		0.0%	57.3%	7.4%	29.8%	0.2%	5.3%	100.0%
<b>District 6A</b>								
Halifax	Gen	1	51	37	21	96	2	208
		0.5%	24.5%	17.8%	10.1%	46.2%	1.0%	100.0%
	Dom	0	277	15	852	3	11	1,158
		0.0%	23.9%	1.3%	73.6%	0.3%	0.9%	100.0%

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<b>District 6B</b>								
Bertie	Gen	2	9	20	7	38	6	82
	Dom	1	82	16	237	0	2	338
Hertford	Gen	0	36	23	47	4	4	114
	Dom	0	330	31	5	0	10	376
Northampton	Gen	0	18	24	14	24	2	82
	Dom	0	126	22	238	0	10	396
District Totals	Gen	2	63	67	68	66	12	278
		0.7%	22.7%	24.1%	24.5%	23.7%	4.3%	100.0%
	Dom	1	538	69	480	0	22	1,110
		0.1%	48.5%	6.2%	43.2%	0.0%	2.0%	100.0%
<b>District 7</b>								
Edgecombe	Gen	1	30	74	13	152	13	283
	Dom	0	396	61	415	0	19	891
Nash	Gen	2	71	159	62	271	7	572
	Dom	0	707	48	444	3	12	1,214
Wilson	Gen	5	56	135	79	202	15	492
	Dom	0	643	55	608	2	10	1,318
District Totals	Gen	8	157	368	154	625	35	1,347
		0.6%	11.7%	27.3%	11.4%	46.4%	2.6%	100.0%
	Dom	0	1,746	164	1,467	5	41	3,423
		0.0%	51.0%	4.8%	42.9%	0.1%	1.2%	100.0%
<b>District 8</b>								
Greene	Gen	0	13	22	1	22	3	61
	Dom	0	60	6	73	1	5	145
Lenoir	Gen	7	40	122	65	149	21	404
	Dom	1	466	42	263	0	24	796
Wayne	Gen	1	108	259	50	444	6	868
	Dom	1	1,075	126	532	9	8	1,751
District Totals	Gen	8	161	403	116	615	30	1,333
		0.6%	12.1%	30.2%	8.7%	46.1%	2.3%	100.0%
	Dom	2	1,601	174	868	10	37	2,692
		0.1%	59.5%	6.5%	32.2%	0.4%	1.4%	100.0%

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<b>District 9</b>								
Franklin	Gen	0	10	209	22	134	11	386
	Dom	2	128	43	219	6	34	432
Granville	Gen	4	17	43	18	73	15	170
	Dom	0	145	32	221	1	40	439
Person	Gen	1	5	47	19	80	10	162
	Dom	0	195	20	87	1	12	315
Vance	Gen	1	42	72	8	127	24	274
	Dom	0	281	30	263	2	49	625
Warren	Gen	1	11	13	5	26	6	62
	Dom	0	57	8	99	0	5	169
District Totals	Gen	7	85	384	72	440	66	1,054
		0.7%	8.1%	36.4%	6.8%	41.7%	6.3%	100.0%
	Dom	2	806	133	889	10	140	1,980
		0.1%	40.7%	6.7%	44.9%	0.5%	7.1%	100.0%
<b>District 10</b>								
Wake	Gen	12	210	1,700	1,070	3,367	1,364	7,723
		0.2%	2.7%	22.0%	13.9%	43.6%	17.7%	100.0%
	Dom	0	2,382	200	1,995	11	919	5,507
		0.0%	43.3%	3.6%	36.2%	0.2%	16.7%	100.0%
<b>District 11</b>								
Harnett	Gen	8	29	253	119	145	2	556
	Dom	2	430	95	300	5	8	840
Johnston	Gen	9	8	205	91	281	47	641
	Dom	0	405	76	804	0	39	1,324
Lee	Gen	5	78	126	26	199	14	448
	Dom	0	371	70	176	0	10	627
District Totals	Gen	22	115	584	236	625	63	1,645
		1.3%	7.0%	35.5%	14.3%	38.0%	3.8%	100.0%
	Dom	2	1,206	241	1,280	5	57	2,791
		0.1%	43.2%	8.6%	45.9%	0.2%	2.0%	100.0%
<b>District 12</b>								
Cumberland	Gen	4	252	308	95	702	278	1,639
		0.2%	15.4%	18.8%	5.8%	42.8%	17.0%	100.0%
	Dom	0	3,503	301	1,063	6	192	5,065
		0.0%	69.2%	5.9%	21.0%	0.1%	3.8%	100.0%

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<b>District 13</b>								
Bladen	Gen	0	50	85	21	159	4	319
	Dom	0	148	25	131	1	7	312
Brunswick	Gen	1	57	130	35	120	46	389
	Dom	0	330	90	148	2	49	619
Columbus	Gen	12	61	151	51	108	21	404
	Dom	0	363	84	302	0	55	804
District Totals	Gen	13	168	366	107	387	71	1,112
		1.2%	15.1%	32.9%	9.6%	34.8%	6.4%	100.0%
	Dom	0	841	199	581	3	111	1,735
		0.0%	48.5%	11.5%	33.5%	0.2%	6.4%	100.0%
<b>District 14</b>								
Durham	Gen	2	29	535	174	1,049	150	1,939
		0.1%	1.5%	27.6%	9.0%	54.1%	7.7%	100.0%
	Dom	0	1,195	347	1,380	0	152	3,074
		0.0%	38.9%	11.3%	44.9%	0.0%	4.9%	100.0%
<b>District 15A</b>								
Alamance	Gen	3	59	310	62	608	37	1,079
		0.3%	5.5%	28.7%	5.7%	56.3%	3.4%	100.0%
	Dom	0	621	93	296	10	63	1,297
		0.0%	64.4%	7.2%	22.8%	0.8%	4.9%	100.0%
<b>District 15B</b>								
Chatham	Gen	1	11	29	14	61	7	123
	Dom	0	148	16	224	44	55	487
Orange	Gen	1	174	207	11	237	29	659
	Dom	0	545	41	187	1	8	782
District Totals	Gen	2	185	236	25	298	36	782
		0.3%	23.7%	30.2%	3.2%	38.1%	4.6%	100.0%
	Dom	0	693	57	411	45	63	1,269
		0.0%	54.6%	4.5%	32.4%	3.5%	5.0%	100.0%
<b>District 16A</b>								
Hoke	Gen	0	20	37	0	41	0	98
	Dom	0	104	38	155	1	3	301
Scotland	Gen	0	33	76	16	116	26	267
	Dom	0	196	69	311	0	18	594
District Totals	Gen	0	53	113	16	157	26	365
		0.0%	14.5%	31.0%	4.4%	43.0%	7.1%	100.0%
	Dom	0	300	107	466	1	21	895
		0.0%	33.5%	12.0%	52.1%	0.1%	2.3%	100.0%

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<b>District 16B</b>								
Robeson	Gen	2	188	166	41	344	51	792
		0.3%	23.7%	21.0%	5.2%	43.4%	6.4%	100.0%
	Dom	0	844	137	835	17	86	1,919
		0.0%	44.0%	7.1%	43.5%	0.9%	4.5%	100.0%
<b>District 17A</b>								
Caswell	Gen	0	9	18	5	15	19	66
	Dom	0	104	6	80	0	14	204
Rockingham	Gen	4	43	100	12	241	40	440
	Dom	0	533	94	286	2	67	982
District Totals	Gen	4	52	118	17	256	59	506
		0.8%	10.3%	23.3%	3.4%	50.6%	11.7%	100.0%
	Dom	0	637	100	366	2	81	1,186
		0.0%	53.7%	8.4%	30.9%	0.2%	6.8%	100.0%
<b>District 17B</b>								
Stokes	Gen	0	17	34	8	38	6	103
	Dom	0	147	18	91	1	7	264
Surry	Gen	10	39	106	46	213	12	426
	Dom	1	366	52	257	1	1	678
District Totals	Gen	10	56	140	54	251	18	529
		1.9%	10.6%	26.5%	10.2%	47.4%	3.4%	100.0%
	Dom	1	513	70	348	2	8	942
		0.1%	54.5%	7.4%	36.9%	0.2%	0.8%	100.0%
<b>District 18</b>								
Guilford	Gen	19	515	1,643	274	2,207	531	5,189
		0.4%	9.9%	31.7%	5.3%	42.5%	10.2%	100.0%
	Dom	1	3,876	232	561	10	573	5,253
		0.0%	73.8%	4.4%	10.7%	0.2%	10.9%	100.0%
<b>District 19A</b>								
Cabarrus	Gen	4	48	211	100	472	67	902
		0.4%	5.3%	23.4%	11.1%	52.3%	7.4%	100.0%
	Dom	3	520	54	489	1	50	1,117
		0.3%	46.6%	4.8%	43.8%	0.1%	4.5%	100.0%

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<b>District 19B</b>								
Montgomery	Gen	0	12	52	3	89	0	156
	Dom	0	269	32	0	1	0	302
Randolph	Gen	4	52	103	45	263	9	476
	Dom	0	567	60	237	0	34	898
District Totals	Gen	4	64	155	48	352	9	632
		0.6%	10.1%	24.5%	7.6%	55.7%	1.4%	100.0%
	Dom	0	836	92	237	1	34	1,200
		0.0%	69.7%	7.7%	19.8%	0.1%	2.8%	100.0%
<b>District 19C</b>								
Rowan	Gen	1	41	259	79	305	34	719
		0.1%	5.7%	36.0%	11.0%	42.4%	4.7%	100.0%
	Dom	0	587	135	448	2	60	1,232
		0.0%	47.6%	11.0%	36.4%	0.2%	4.9%	100.0%
<b>District 20</b>								
Anson	Gen	2	4	36	15	43	1	101
	Dom	1	113	24	159	2	3	302
Moore	Gen	2	73	96	14	117	29	331
	Dom	0	347	34	203	1	10	595
Richmond	Gen	3	20	43	20	130	3	219
	Dom	0	312	17	260	8	32	629
Stanly	Gen	0	31	83	4	224	3	345
	Dom	0	291	22	250	1	3	567
Union	Gen	8	147	121	11	173	2	462
	Dom	1	647	42	193	0	4	887
District Totals	Gen	15	275	379	64	687	38	1,458
		1.0%	18.9%	26.0%	4.4%	47.1%	2.6%	100.0%
	Dom	2	1,710	139	1,065	12	52	2,980
		0.1%	57.4%	4.7%	35.7%	0.4%	1.7%	100.0%
<b>District 21</b>								
Forsyth	Gen	9	181	915	330	1,829	327	3,591
		0.3%	5.0%	25.5%	9.2%	50.9%	9.1%	100.0%
	Dom	1	2,178	160	862	3	111	3,315
		0.0%	65.7%	4.8%	26.0%	0.1%	3.3%	100.0%

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<b>District 22</b>								
Alexander	Gen	1	8	38	5	61	2	115
	Dom	1	146	15	93	1	13	269
Davidson	Gen	9	68	166	39	320	28	630
	Dom	0	736	78	591	4	51	1,460
Davie	Gen	3	27	67	10	46	12	165
	Dom	1	185	36	120	1	7	350
Iredell	Gen	9	78	177	29	241	47	581
	Dom	1	572	58	469	1	89	1,190
District Totals	Gen	22	181	448	83	668	89	1,491
		1.5%	12.1%	30.0%	5.6%	44.8%	6.0%	100.0%
	Dom	3	1,639	187	1,273	7	160	3,269
		0.1%	50.1%	5.7%	38.9%	0.2%	4.9%	100.0%
<b>District 23</b>								
Alleghany	Gen	1	3	15	7	15	6	47
	Dom	0	62	13	42	0	7	124
Ashe	Gen	1	14	17	17	42	2	93
	Dom	0	103	14	70	0	0	187
Wilkes	Gen	0	144	145	9	821	5	1,124
	Dom	0	535	42	112	1	8	698
Yadkin	Gen	1	9	63	7	80	1	161
	Dom	0	147	15	97	0	13	272
District Totals	Gen	3	170	240	40	958	14	1,425
		0.2%	11.9%	16.8%	2.8%	67.2%	1.0%	100.0%
	Dom	0	847	84	321	1	28	1,281
		0.0%	66.1%	6.6%	25.1%	0.1%	2.2%	100.0%
<b>District 24</b>								
Avery	Gen	0	12	22	4	32	21	91
	Dom	0	85	11	45	0	12	153
Madison	Gen	1	4	10	6	24	3	48
	Dom	0	84	22	64	0	9	179
Mitchell	Gen	0	6	19	5	45	9	84
	Dom	0	110	21	34	0	7	172
Watauga	Gen	0	23	140	62	110	26	361
	Dom	1	188	30	65	0	16	300
Yancey	Gen	0	8	21	6	22	2	59
	Dom	0	74	10	47	0	10	141
District Totals	Gen	1	53	212	83	233	61	643
		0.2%	8.2%	33.0%	12.9%	36.2%	9.5%	100.0%
	Dom	1	541	94	255	0	54	945
		0.1%	57.2%	9.9%	27.0%	0.0%	5.7%	100.0%

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<b>District 25</b>								
Burke	Gen	7	54	202	57	299	57	676
	Dom	1	511	104	395	1	36	1,048
Caldwell	Gen	1	54	121	51	171	10	408
	Dom	1	559	35	264	0	10	869
Catawba	Gen	11	54	273	239	461	45	1,083
	Dom	1	978	112	732	2	32	1,857
District Totals	Gen	19	162	596	347	931	112	2,167
		0.9%	7.5%	27.5%	16.0%	43.0%	5.2%	100.0%
	Dom	3	2,048	251	1,391	3	78	3,774
		0.1%	54.3%	6.7%	36.9%	0.1%	2.1%	100.0%
<b>District 26</b>								
Mecklenburg	Gen	25	1,232	2,810	723	3,717	205	8,712
		0.3%	14.1%	32.3%	8.3%	42.7%	2.4%	100.0%
Dom	4	4,369	313	1,389	23	400	6,498	
	0.1%	67.2%	4.8%	21.4%	0.4%	6.2%	100.0%	
<b>District 27A</b>								
Gaston	Gen	16	48	243	289	468	93	1,157
		1.4%	4.1%	21.0%	25.0%	40.4%	8.0%	100.0%
Dom	0	1,549	144	1,156	3	89	2,941	
	0.0%	52.7%	4.9%	39.3%	0.1%	3.0%	100.0%	
<b>District 27B</b>								
Cleveland	Gen	6	42	109	48	196	64	465
	Dom	0	1,098	106	358	0	340	1,902
Lincoln	Gen	4	32	60	44	103	9	252
	Dom	0	390	36	218	3	2	649
District Totals	Gen	10	74	169	92	299	73	717
		1.4%	10.3%	23.6%	12.8%	41.7%	10.2%	100.0%
	Dom	0	1,488	142	576	3	342	2,551
		0.0%	58.3%	5.6%	22.6%	0.1%	13.4%	100.0%
<b>District 28</b>								
Buncombe	Gen	17	330	402	57	726	198	1,730
		1.0%	19.1%	23.2%	3.3%	42.0%	11.4%	100.0%
Dom	2	1,931	179	122	14	313	2,561	
	0.1%	75.4%	7.0%	4.8%	0.5%	12.2%	100.0%	

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<b>District 29</b>								
Henderson	Gen	3	46	146	87	130	18	430
	Dom	3	454	77	192	0	63	789
McDowell	Gen	3	6	33	15	92	9	158
	Dom	0	245	29	122	2	24	422
Polk	Gen	0	12	18	8	19	9	66
	Dom	3	105	9	9	3	12	141
Rutherford	Gen	1	44	56	13	134	30	278
	Dom	1	508	45	251	1	51	857
Transylvania	Gen	2	8	26	24	42	8	110
	Dom	0	155	35	135	2	9	336
District Totals	Gen	9	116	279	147	417	74	1,042
		0.9%	11.1%	26.8%	14.1%	40.0%	7.1%	100.0%
	Dom	7	1,467	195	709	8	159	2,545
		0.3%	57.6%	7.7%	27.9%	0.3%	6.2%	100.0%
<b>District 30</b>								
Cherokee	Gen	0	25	21	12	43	4	105
	Dom	1	112	15	64	0	21	213
Clay	Gen	0	3	14	11	22	2	52
	Dom	0	15	4	37	1	0	57
Graham	Gen	0	7	10	2	12	2	33
	Dom	1	59	10	14	0	0	84
Haywood	Gen	3	66	80	24	132	9	314
	Dom	0	354	57	161	0	10	582
Jackson	Gen	2	4	45	22	64	19	156
	Dom	0	49	46	165	2	22	284
Macon	Gen	2	10	51	17	36	10	126
	Dom	1	130	21	78	0	13	243
Swain	Gen	1	3	7	12	16	3	42
	Dom	0	75	9	51	0	7	142
District Totals	Gen	8	118	228	100	325	49	828
		1.0%	14.3%	27.5%	12.1%	39.3%	5.9%	100.0%
	Dom	3	794	162	570	3	73	1,605
		0.2%	49.5%	10.1%	35.5%	0.2%	4.5%	100.0%
State Totals	Gen	318	6,327	16,867	5,911	26,688	5,168	61,279
		0.5%	10.3%	27.5%	9.6%	43.6%	8.4%	100.0%
	Dom	47	51,136	5,659	27,859	246	5,759	90,796
		0.1%	56.4%	6.2%	30.7%	0.3%	6.3%	100.0%

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**Ages of Cases Pending June 30, 1992**

	Ages of Pending Cases (Months)						Total Pending	Mean Age (Days)	Median Age (Days)
	<6	%	6-12	%	>12	%			
<b>District 1</b>									
Camden	9	39.1%	2	8.7%	12	52.2%	23	485.1	369.0
Chowan	36	63.2%	8	14.0%	13	22.8%	57	295.4	126.0
Currituck	46	55.4%	16	19.3%	21	25.3%	83	294.9	144.0
Dare	61	42.7%	23	16.1%	59	41.3%	143	452.1	253.0
Gates	30	61.2%	4	8.2%	15	30.6%	49	242.3	123.0
Pasquotank	104	35.0%	53	17.8%	140	47.1%	297	478.1	341.0
Perquimans	19	21.8%	13	14.9%	55	63.2%	87	991.9	481.0
District Totals	305	41.3%	119	16.1%	315	42.6%	739	483.5	265.0
<b>District 2</b>									
Beaufort	95	27.3%	50	14.4%	203	58.3%	348	689.8	513.0
Hyde	13	39.4%	7	21.2%	13	39.4%	33	412.2	245.0
Martin	70	29.7%	18	7.6%	148	62.7%	236	789.6	520.0
Tyrrell	7	38.9%	4	22.2%	7	38.9%	18	443.7	276.0
Washington	30	57.7%	13	25.0%	9	17.3%	52	193.7	91.0
District Totals	215	31.3%	92	13.4%	380	55.3%	687	666.8	440.0
<b>District 3A</b>									
Pitt	293	63.7%	103	22.4%	64	13.9%	460	174.4	104.0
<b>District 3B</b>									
Carteret	182	79.1%	28	12.2%	20	8.7%	230	132.5	71.0
Craven	227	61.0%	82	22.0%	63	16.9%	372	191.3	130.5
Pamlico	29	76.3%	5	13.2%	4	10.5%	38	173.8	106.0
District Totals	438	68.4%	115	18.0%	87	13.6%	640	169.1	95.0
<b>District 4</b>									
Duplin	101	69.2%	30	20.5%	15	10.3%	146	158.9	85.0
Jones	28	59.6%	7	14.9%	12	25.5%	47	234.1	112.0
Onslow	464	45.3%	232	22.6%	329	32.1%	1,025	315.7	221.0
Sampson	136	64.5%	29	13.7%	46	21.8%	211	212.3	91.0
District Totals	729	51.0%	298	20.9%	402	28.1%	1,429	281.7	172.0
<b>District 5</b>									
New Hanover	292	57.1%	102	20.0%	117	22.9%	511	237.6	144.0
Pender	48	55.8%	24	27.9%	14	16.3%	86	194.3	162.5
District Totals	340	57.0%	126	21.1%	131	21.9%	597	231.3	145.0
<b>District 6A</b>									
Halifax	313	86.0%	34	9.3%	17	4.7%	364	103.5	69.0

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<b>District 6B</b>									
Bertie	40	44.9%	25	28.1%	24	27.0%	89	262.2	207.0
Hertford	49	42.6%	33	28.7%	33	28.7%	115	256.3	221.0
Northampton	54	91.5%	2	3.4%	3	5.1%	59	88.8	49.0
District Totals	143	54.4%	60	22.8%	60	22.8%	263	220.7	158.0
<b>District 7</b>									
Edgecombe	195	57.7%	61	18.0%	82	24.3%	338	322.7	132.0
Nash	251	54.8%	58	12.7%	149	32.5%	458	323.0	156.5
Wilson	306	82.9%	40	10.8%	23	6.2%	369	125.8	62.0
District Totals	752	64.5%	159	13.6%	254	21.8%	1,165	260.4	97.0
<b>District 8</b>									
Greene	30	85.7%	2	5.7%	3	8.6%	35	146.0	50.0
Lenoir	142	75.1%	28	14.8%	19	10.1%	189	152.3	84.0
Wayne	347	51.9%	105	15.7%	216	32.3%	668	253.4	165.0
District Totals	519	58.2%	135	15.1%	238	26.7%	892	227.8	124.5
<b>District 9</b>									
Franklin	103	55.1%	45	24.1%	39	20.9%	187	236.0	151.0
Granville	88	56.1%	39	24.8%	30	19.1%	157	228.4	151.0
Person	58	55.2%	22	21.0%	25	23.8%	105	214.3	144.0
Vance	109	55.3%	51	25.9%	37	18.8%	197	240.0	140.0
Warren	63	44.1%	47	32.9%	33	23.1%	143	270.6	211.0
District Totals	421	53.4%	204	25.9%	164	20.8%	789	238.9	158.0
<b>District 10</b>									
Wake	1,198	23.9%	643	12.8%	3,166	63.2%	5,007	724.9	540.0
<b>District 11</b>									
Harnett	185	65.6%	68	24.1%	29	10.3%	282	166.7	118.5
Johnston	280	71.2%	72	18.3%	41	10.4%	393	141.5	85.0
Lee	186	62.0%	64	21.3%	50	16.7%	300	179.8	141.0
District Totals	651	66.8%	204	20.9%	120	12.3%	975	160.6	111.0
<b>District 12</b>									
Cumberland	1,275	43.3%	540	18.3%	1,131	38.4%	2,946	330.9	245.5
<b>District 13</b>									
Bladen	93	67.4%	23	16.7%	22	15.9%	138	172.1	71.0
Brunswick	136	43.3%	53	16.9%	125	39.8%	314	346.6	247.5
Columbus	112	46.9%	45	18.8%	82	34.3%	239	268.7	209.0
District Totals	341	49.3%	121	17.5%	229	33.1%	691	284.8	193.0

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<b>District 14</b>									
Durham	598	49.8%	291	24.2%	313	26.0%	1,202	252.5	186.0
<b>District 15A</b>									
Alamance	261	54.0%	102	21.1%	120	24.8%	483	255.3	141.0
<b>District 15B</b>									
Chatham	101	47.4%	51	23.9%	61	28.6%	213	273.1	200.0
Orange	180	33.3%	96	17.7%	265	49.0%	541	428.2	350.0
District Totals	281	37.3%	147	19.5%	326	43.2%	754	384.4	306.0
<b>District 16A</b>									
Hoke	72	65.5%	14	12.7%	24	21.8%	110	215.6	127.0
Scotland	108	53.7%	45	22.4%	48	23.9%	201	263.2	152.0
District Totals	180	57.9%	59	19.0%	72	23.2%	311	246.3	138.0
<b>District 16B</b>									
Robeson	424	49.5%	116	13.5%	317	37.0%	857	408.3	197.0
<b>District 17A</b>									
Caswell	30	41.7%	19	26.4%	23	31.9%	72	348.5	266.5
Rockingham	177	68.1%	49	18.8%	34	13.1%	260	175.0	102.0
District Totals	207	62.3%	68	20.5%	57	17.2%	332	212.6	118.0
<b>District 17B</b>									
Stokes	62	56.9%	15	13.8%	32	29.4%	109	268.7	148.0
Surry	139	54.9%	30	11.9%	84	33.2%	253	407.9	141.0
District Totals	201	55.5%	45	12.4%	116	32.0%	362	366.0	142.5
<b>District 18</b>									
Guilford	1,501	41.0%	679	18.5%	1,483	40.5%	3,663	479.2	270.0
<b>District 19A</b>									
Cabarrus	203	77.5%	45	17.2%	14	5.3%	262	115.8	69.0
<b>District 19B</b>									
Montgomery	145	35.9%	98	24.3%	161	39.9%	404	360.8	295.0
Randolph	203	46.3%	90	20.5%	145	33.1%	438	377.0	213.5
District Totals	348	41.3%	188	22.3%	306	36.3%	842	369.2	255.5
<b>District 19C</b>									
Rowan	228	71.9%	49	15.5%	40	12.6%	317	150.2	67.0

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<b>District 20</b>									
Anson	77	33.2%	43	18.5%	112	48.3%	232	587.4	355.0
Moore	167	38.6%	75	17.3%	191	44.1%	433	446.8	295.0
Richmond	139	37.3%	58	15.5%	176	47.2%	373	410.3	326.0
Stanly	152	42.3%	48	13.4%	159	44.3%	359	372.5	315.0
Union	137	46.4%	42	14.2%	116	39.3%	295	371.6	210.0
District Totals	672	39.7%	266	15.7%	754	44.6%	1,692	429.1	300.0
<b>District 21</b>									
Forsyth	817	54.2%	269	17.9%	421	27.9%	1,507	267.7	153.0
<b>District 22</b>									
Alexander	46	56.1%	12	14.6%	24	29.3%	82	378.7	138.5
Davidson	257	46.2%	92	16.5%	207	37.2%	556	330.2	241.0
Davie	62	49.2%	41	32.5%	23	18.3%	126	236.6	183.0
Iredell	198	47.9%	92	22.3%	123	29.8%	413	287.2	200.0
District Totals	563	47.8%	237	20.1%	377	32.0%	1,177	308.4	208.0
<b>District 23</b>									
Alleghany	29	69.0%	9	21.4%	4	9.5%	42	152.2	100.0
Ashe	43	61.4%	10	14.3%	17	24.3%	70	254.8	133.5
Wilkes	132	65.7%	44	21.9%	25	12.4%	201	176.0	95.0
Yadkin	65	50.8%	23	18.0%	40	31.3%	128	331.0	171.0
District Totals	269	61.0%	86	19.5%	86	19.5%	441	231.2	123.0
<b>District 24</b>									
Avery	37	33.0%	20	17.9%	55	49.1%	112	589.3	355.5
Madison	55	64.7%	6	7.1%	24	28.2%	85	275.8	102.0
Mitchell	29	52.7%	4	7.3%	22	40.0%	55	541.3	118.0
Watauga	86	59.7%	25	17.4%	33	22.9%	144	252.4	136.0
Yancey	43	68.3%	7	11.1%	13	20.6%	63	192.6	76.0
District Totals	250	54.5%	62	13.5%	147	32.0%	459	365.4	144.0
<b>District 25</b>									
Burke	202	75.9%	37	13.9%	27	10.2%	266	138.3	79.0
Caldwell	133	49.1%	43	15.9%	95	35.1%	271	273.1	207.0
Catawba	320	54.9%	116	19.9%	147	25.2%	583	246.5	155.0
District Totals	655	58.5%	196	17.5%	269	24.0%	1,120	227.2	130.0
<b>District 26</b>									
Mecklenburg	1,468	50.6%	573	19.7%	861	29.7%	2,902	266.4	176.0
<b>District 27A</b>									
Gaston	441	67.8%	126	19.4%	83	12.8%	650	157.1	78.0

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<b>District 27B</b>									
Cleveland	289	93.5%	18	5.8%	2	0.6%	309	72.5	50.0
Lincoln	133	91.1%	12	8.2%	1	0.7%	146	82.9	53.5
District Totals	422	92.7%	30	6.6%	3	0.7%	455	75.8	53.0
<b>District 28</b>									
Buncombe	579	58.7%	175	17.7%	232	23.5%	986	278.1	134.0
<b>District 29</b>									
Henderson	167	69.3%	42	17.4%	32	13.3%	241	170.8	98.0
McDowell	75	50.7%	26	17.6%	47	31.8%	148	285.1	180.0
Polk	26	56.5%	10	21.7%	10	21.7%	46	238.2	115.0
Rutherford	131	61.2%	24	11.2%	59	27.6%	214	231.2	104.5
Transylvania	64	42.4%	29	19.2%	58	38.4%	151	474.0	274.0
District Totals	463	57.9%	131	16.4%	206	25.8%	800	269.2	132.5
<b>District 30</b>									
Cherokee	43	50.6%	14	16.5%	28	32.9%	85	581.3	174.0
Clay	10	62.5%	3	18.8%	3	18.8%	16	195.8	80.0
Graham	14	58.3%	7	29.2%	3	12.5%	24	197.1	122.0
Haywood	150	41.8%	39	10.9%	170	47.4%	359	515.9	322.0
Jackson	66	64.1%	16	15.5%	21	20.4%	103	236.9	126.0
Macon	67	69.1%	13	13.4%	17	17.5%	97	259.1	119.0
Swain	22	75.9%	4	13.8%	3	10.3%	29	199.7	78.0
District Totals	372	52.2%	96	13.5%	245	34.4%	713	417.7	169.0
State Totals	19,336	48.4%	6,989	17.5%	13,606	34.1%	39,931	363.1	202.0

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	<6	%	6-12	%	>12	%			
<b>District 1</b>									
Camden	23	57.5%	7	17.5%	10	25.0%	40	406.0	118.0
Chowan	140	83.8%	5	3.0%	22	13.2%	167	129.1	33.0
Currituck	89	69.5%	18	14.1%	21	16.4%	128	214.2	87.0
Dare	200	81.3%	27	11.0%	19	7.7%	246	129.2	56.0
Gates	61	81.3%	10	13.3%	4	5.3%	75	93.3	45.0
Pasquotank	322	80.5%	41	10.3%	37	9.3%	400	123.5	60.0
Perquimans	91	78.4%	13	11.2%	12	10.3%	116	164.6	61.5
District Totals	926	79.0%	121	10.3%	125	10.7%	1,172	147.1	58.0
<b>District 2</b>									
Beaufort	581	92.7%	26	4.1%	20	3.2%	627	63.1	13.0
Hyde	22	91.7%	1	4.2%	1	4.2%	24	82.9	39.0
Martin	251	91.9%	13	4.8%	9	3.3%	273	56.1	7.0
Tyrrell	44	86.3%	3	5.9%	4	7.8%	51	92.5	14.0
Washington	186	82.3%	22	9.7%	18	8.0%	226	116.6	12.5
District Totals	1,084	90.3%	65	5.4%	52	4.3%	1,201	73.2	13.0
<b>District 3A</b>									
Pitt	1,229	89.9%	104	7.6%	34	2.5%	1,367	72.4	46.0
<b>District 3B</b>									
Carteret	483	81.6%	60	10.1%	49	8.3%	592	111.0	54.0
Craven	815	82.1%	92	9.3%	86	8.7%	993	112.4	55.0
Pamlico	75	74.3%	14	13.9%	12	11.9%	101	143.2	56.0
District Totals	1,373	81.4%	166	9.8%	147	8.7%	1,686	113.7	54.0
<b>District 4</b>									
Duplin	440	75.7%	67	11.5%	74	12.7%	581	152.1	57.0
Jones	119	74.4%	23	14.4%	18	11.3%	160	164.6	49.5
Onslow	1,632	63.8%	212	8.3%	713	27.9%	2,557	352.9	91.0
Sampson	552	85.8%	56	8.7%	35	5.4%	643	85.5	42.0
District Totals	2,743	69.6%	358	9.1%	840	21.3%	3,941	272.0	69.0
<b>District 5</b>									
New Hanover	1,536	82.8%	139	7.5%	180	9.7%	1,855	108.6	46.0
Pender	274	73.3%	54	14.4%	46	12.3%	374	144.1	66.5
District Totals	1,810	81.2%	193	8.7%	226	10.1%	2,229	114.5	49.0
<b>District 6A</b>									
Halifax	987	85.2%	133	11.5%	38	3.3%	1,158	85.1	50.0

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<b>District 6B</b>									
Bertie	253	74.9%	42	12.4%	43	12.7%	338	131.8	44.0
Hertford	286	76.1%	50	13.3%	40	10.6%	376	117.9	41.5
Northampton	295	74.5%	53	13.4%	48	12.1%	396	126.6	40.0
District Totals	834	75.1%	145	13.1%	131	11.8%	1,110	125.2	42.0
<b>District 7</b>									
Edgecombe	763	85.6%	92	10.3%	36	4.0%	891	80.2	38.0
Nash	1,040	85.7%	90	7.4%	84	6.9%	1,214	126.0	45.0
Wilson	1,184	89.8%	90	6.8%	44	3.3%	1,318	67.0	35.0
District Totals	2,987	87.3%	272	7.9%	164	4.8%	3,423	91.3	41.0
<b>District 8</b>									
Greene	126	86.9%	14	9.7%	5	3.4%	145	71.9	37.0
Lenoir	685	86.1%	87	10.9%	24	3.0%	796	82.4	41.0
Wayne	1,423	81.3%	171	9.8%	157	9.0%	1,751	115.2	55.0
District Totals	2,234	83.0%	272	10.1%	186	6.9%	2,692	103.1	49.0
<b>District 9</b>									
Franklin	340	78.7%	31	7.2%	61	14.1%	432	133.2	45.5
Granville	350	79.7%	35	8.0%	54	12.3%	439	119.0	47.0
Person	279	88.6%	22	7.0%	14	4.4%	315	77.1	40.0
Vance	508	81.3%	53	8.5%	64	10.2%	625	106.8	39.0
Warren	139	82.2%	17	10.1%	13	7.7%	169	94.8	40.0
District Totals	1,616	81.6%	158	8.0%	206	10.4%	1,980	109.5	42.0
<b>District 10</b>									
Wake	3,491	63.4%	176	3.2%	1,840	33.4%	5,507	522.8	63.0
<b>District 11</b>									
Harnett	667	79.4%	65	7.7%	108	12.9%	840	112.4	49.0
Johnston	1,239	93.6%	62	4.7%	23	1.7%	1,324	55.9	36.0
Lee	492	78.5%	69	11.0%	66	10.5%	627	112.4	49.0
District Totals	2,398	85.9%	196	7.0%	197	7.1%	2,791	85.6	42.0
<b>District 12</b>									
Cumberland	4,188	82.7%	442	8.7%	435	8.6%	5,065	125.6	58.0
<b>District 13</b>									
Bladen	277	88.8%	14	4.5%	21	6.7%	312	79.4	21.5
Brunswick	466	75.3%	36	5.8%	117	18.9%	619	193.2	55.0
Columbus	605	75.2%	53	6.6%	146	18.2%	804	190.8	47.0
District Totals	1,348	77.7%	103	5.9%	284	16.4%	1,735	171.6	47.0
<b>District 14</b>									
Durham	2,020	65.7%	137	4.5%	917	29.8%	3,074	330.7	62.0

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<b>District 15A</b>									
Alamance	1,131	87.2%	91	7.0%	75	5.8%	1,297	100.6	56.0
<b>District 15B</b>									
Chatham	369	75.8%	55	11.3%	63	12.9%	487	135.2	47.0
Orange	684	87.5%	31	4.0%	67	8.6%	782	105.6	34.0
District Totals	1,053	83.0%	86	6.8%	130	10.2%	1,269	117.0	40.0
<b>District 16A</b>									
Hoke	250	83.1%	30	10.0%	21	7.0%	301	92.5	6.0
Scotland	514	86.5%	42	7.1%	38	6.4%	594	73.2	7.0
District Totals	764	85.4%	72	8.0%	59	6.6%	895	79.7	7.0
<b>District 16B</b>									
Robeson	1,633	85.1%	116	6.0%	170	8.9%	1,919	120.7	14.0
<b>District 17A</b>									
Caswell	177	86.8%	16	7.8%	11	5.4%	204	87.0	16.5
Rockingham	834	84.9%	100	10.2%	48	4.9%	982	88.2	41.0
District Totals	1,011	85.2%	116	9.8%	59	5.0%	1,186	88.0	38.0
<b>District 17B</b>									
Stokes	230	87.1%	11	4.2%	23	8.7%	264	104.4	49.0
Surry	592	87.3%	48	7.1%	38	5.6%	678	82.1	40.0
District Totals	822	87.3%	59	6.3%	61	6.5%	942	88.4	42.0
<b>District 18</b>									
Guilford	4,097	78.0%	333	6.3%	823	15.7%	5,253	223.9	56.0
<b>District 19A</b>									
Cabarrus	950	85.0%	151	13.5%	16	1.4%	1,117	79.8	45.0
<b>District 19B</b>									
Montgomery	251	83.1%	33	10.9%	18	6.0%	302	100.4	44.0
Randolph	779	86.7%	61	6.8%	58	6.5%	898	92.8	42.0
District Totals	1,030	85.8%	94	7.8%	76	6.3%	1,200	94.7	42.0
<b>District 19C</b>									
Rowan	1,061	86.1%	69	5.6%	102	8.3%	1,232	96.7	46.0



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	Ages of Disposed Cases (Months)						Total Disposed	Mean Age (Days)	Median Age (Days)
	<6	%	6-12	%	>12	%			
<b>District 20</b>									
Anson	273	90.4%	19	6.3%	10	3.3%	302	80.3	43.0
Moore	518	87.1%	44	7.4%	33	5.5%	595	92.5	44.0
Richmond	565	89.8%	38	6.0%	26	4.1%	629	81.4	41.0
Stanly	517	91.2%	31	5.5%	19	3.4%	567	76.9	35.0
Union	742	83.7%	58	6.5%	87	9.8%	887	115.1	38.0
District Totals	2,615	87.8%	190	6.4%	175	5.9%	2,980	92.7	40.0
<b>District 21</b>									
Forsyth	2,844	85.8%	220	6.6%	251	7.6%	3,315	107.9	53.0
<b>District 22</b>									
Alexander	243	90.3%	18	6.7%	8	3.0%	269	63.0	33.0
Davidson	1,215	83.2%	45	3.1%	200	13.7%	1,460	172.1	40.0
Davie	285	81.4%	31	8.9%	34	9.7%	350	119.2	48.5
Iredell	1,053	88.5%	75	6.3%	62	5.2%	1,190	74.8	26.0
District Totals	2,796	85.5%	169	5.2%	304	9.3%	3,269	122.0	37.0
<b>District 23</b>									
Alleghany	106	85.5%	8	6.5%	10	8.1%	124	88.9	42.0
Ashe	151	80.7%	16	8.6%	20	10.7%	187	142.2	38.0
Wilkes	632	90.5%	42	6.0%	24	3.4%	698	69.7	37.0
Yadkin	241	88.6%	11	4.0%	20	7.4%	272	93.0	33.0
District Totals	1,130	88.2%	77	6.0%	74	5.8%	1,281	87.1	38.0
<b>District 24</b>									
Avery	129	84.3%	7	4.6%	17	11.1%	153	110.8	43.0
Madison	148	82.7%	19	10.6%	12	6.7%	179	126.7	52.0
Mitchell	144	83.7%	12	7.0%	16	9.3%	172	173.0	65.5
Watauga	248	82.7%	25	8.3%	27	9.0%	300	135.0	57.0
Yancey	119	84.4%	13	9.2%	9	6.4%	141	116.0	43.0
District Totals	788	83.4%	76	8.0%	81	8.6%	945	133.6	54.0
<b>District 25</b>									
Burke	857	81.8%	125	11.9%	66	6.3%	1,048	96.4	42.0
Caldwell	788	90.7%	46	5.3%	35	4.0%	869	68.6	37.0
Catawba	1,505	81.0%	131	7.1%	221	11.9%	1,857	122.9	45.0
District Totals	3,150	83.5%	302	8.0%	322	8.5%	3,774	103.0	42.0
<b>District 26</b>									
Mecklenburg	5,264	81.0%	382	5.9%	852	13.1%	6,498	157.0	61.0
<b>District 27A</b>									
Gaston	2,583	87.8%	208	7.1%	150	5.1%	2,941	77.2	37.0

**AGES OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES  
DISPOSED IN THE DISTRICT COURTS**

**Ages of Cases Disposed July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992**

	Ages of Disposed Cases (Months)						Total Disposed	Mean Age (Days)	Median Age (Days)
	<6	%	6-12	%	>12	%			
<b>District 27B</b>									
Cleveland	1,697	89.2%	184	9.7%	21	1.1%	1,902	66.4	41.0
Lincoln	570	87.8%	74	11.4%	5	0.8%	649	69.6	42.0
District Totals	2,267	88.9%	258	10.1%	26	1.0%	2,551	67.2	41.0
<b>District 28</b>									
Buncombe	1,973	77.0%	303	11.8%	285	11.1%	2,561	141.3	49.0
<b>District 29</b>									
Henderson	601	76.2%	72	9.1%	116	14.7%	789	166.8	52.0
McDowell	324	76.8%	43	10.2%	55	13.0%	422	161.5	51.0
Polk	118	83.7%	11	7.8%	12	8.5%	141	112.9	47.0
Rutherford	757	88.3%	34	4.0%	66	7.7%	857	104.5	39.0
Transylvania	268	79.8%	42	12.5%	26	7.7%	336	112.7	45.5
District Totals	2,068	81.3%	202	7.9%	275	10.8%	2,545	134.8	45.0
<b>District 30</b>									
Cherokee	189	88.7%	11	5.2%	13	6.1%	213	83.0	40.0
Clay	48	84.2%	6	10.5%	3	5.3%	57	99.3	61.0
Graham	61	72.6%	12	14.3%	11	13.1%	84	162.7	63.0
Haywood	506	86.9%	29	5.0%	47	8.1%	582	134.4	36.0
Jackson	221	77.8%	24	8.5%	39	13.7%	284	153.5	45.5
Macon	186	76.5%	23	9.5%	34	14.0%	243	194.0	49.0
Swain	118	83.1%	17	12.0%	7	4.9%	142	105.0	40.5
District Totals	1,329	82.8%	122	7.6%	154	9.6%	1,605	137.6	42.0
State Totals	73,627	81.2%	6,737	7.4%	10,342	11.4%	90,706	157.2	48.0

# AGES OF GENERAL CIVIL AND MAGISTRATE APPEAL/TRANSFER CASES PENDING IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

Ages of Cases Pending June 30, 1992

	Ages of Pending Cases (Months)						Total Pending	Mean Age (Days)	Median Age (Days)
	<9	%	9-18	%	>18	%			
<b>District 1</b>									
Camden	7	70.0%	1	10.0%	2	20.0%	10	314.2	165.5
Chowan	23	60.5%	10	26.3%	5	13.2%	38	294.9	214.0
Currituck	24	40.7%	12	20.3%	23	39.0%	59	512.1	405.0
Dare	123	34.6%	91	25.6%	142	39.9%	356	461.2	440.0
Gates	14	73.7%	4	21.1%	1	5.3%	19	170.5	98.0
Pasquotank	42	28.6%	42	28.6%	63	42.9%	147	566.8	428.0
Perquimans	14	40.0%	12	34.3%	9	25.7%	35	695.1	321.0
District Totals	247	37.2%	172	25.9%	245	36.9%	664	481.4	379.5
<b>District 2</b>									
Beaufort	54	34.4%	28	17.8%	75	47.8%	157	614.9	487.0
Hyde	7	28.0%	8	32.0%	10	40.0%	25	632.2	510.0
Martin	36	55.4%	14	21.5%	15	23.1%	65	510.7	217.0
Tyrrell	4	50.0%	2	25.0%	2	25.0%	8	381.8	319.5
Washington	34	65.4%	10	19.2%	8	15.4%	52	332.3	155.0
District Totals	135	44.0%	62	20.2%	110	35.8%	307	540.3	384.0
<b>District 3A</b>									
Pitt	281	94.9%	15	5.1%	0	0.0%	296	104.4	78.0
<b>District 3B</b>									
Carteret	98	86.0%	10	8.8%	6	5.3%	114	146.2	103.5
Craven	193	85.8%	24	10.7%	8	3.6%	225	136.0	82.0
Pamlico	11	68.8%	3	18.8%	2	12.5%	16	268.1	181.0
District Totals	302	85.1%	37	10.4%	16	4.5%	355	145.2	84.0
<b>District 4</b>									
Duplin	72	68.6%	21	20.0%	12	11.4%	105	257.3	152.0
Jones	6	54.5%	4	36.4%	1	9.1%	11	269.5	130.0
Onslow	284	41.5%	159	23.2%	242	35.3%	685	473.3	376.0
Sampson	79	76.7%	21	20.4%	3	2.9%	103	191.3	130.0
District Totals	441	48.8%	205	22.7%	258	28.5%	904	413.6	285.0
<b>District 5</b>									
New Hanover	558	59.5%	307	32.7%	73	7.8%	938	260.3	209.0
Pender	70	70.7%	23	23.2%	6	6.1%	99	209.6	120.0
District Totals	628	60.6%	330	31.8%	79	7.6%	1,037	255.4	202.0
<b>District 6A</b>									
Halifax	59	88.1%	8	11.9%	0	0.0%	67	96.8	54.0

# AGES OF GENERAL CIVIL AND MAGISTRATE APPEAL/TRANSFER CASES PENDING IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

Ages of Cases Pending June 30, 1992

	Ages of Pending Cases (Months)						Total Pending	Mean Age (Days)	Median Age (Days)
	<9	%	9-18	%	>18	%			
<b>District 6B</b>									
Bertie	21	80.8%	5	19.2%	0	0.0%	26	123.9	73.5
Hertford	25	80.6%	5	16.1%	1	3.2%	31	118.4	46.0
Northampton	18	81.8%	2	9.1%	2	9.1%	22	163.5	64.5
District Totals	64	81.0%	12	15.2%	3	3.8%	79	132.7	57.0
<b>District 7</b>									
Edgecombe	101	75.4%	20	14.9%	13	9.7%	134	232.4	137.0
Nash	219	62.0%	68	19.3%	66	18.7%	353	311.5	172.0
Wilson	157	68.0%	40	17.3%	34	14.7%	231	296.8	146.0
District Totals	477	66.4%	128	17.8%	113	15.7%	718	292.0	152.0
<b>District 8</b>									
Greene	24	72.7%	4	12.1%	5	15.2%	33	254.5	110.0
Lenoir	139	79.4%	35	20.0%	1	0.6%	175	156.0	126.0
Wayne	451	54.3%	291	35.0%	89	10.7%	831	276.2	250.0
District Totals	614	59.1%	330	31.8%	95	9.1%	1,039	255.3	221.0
<b>District 9</b>									
Franklin	281	78.7%	66	18.5%	10	2.8%	357	171.9	123.0
Granville	63	75.9%	14	16.9%	6	7.2%	83	188.5	130.0
Person	47	68.1%	14	20.3%	8	11.6%	69	232.7	160.0
Vance	112	61.5%	40	22.0%	30	16.5%	182	320.0	134.5
Warren	19	51.4%	11	29.7%	7	18.9%	37	340.4	256.0
District Totals	522	71.7%	145	19.9%	61	8.4%	728	225.1	126.0
<b>District 10</b>									
Wake	2,878	43.4%	1,692	25.5%	2,068	31.2%	6,638	441.4	335.0
<b>District 11</b>									
Harnett	183	73.5%	60	24.1%	6	2.4%	249	173.3	138.0
Johnston	267	72.6%	90	24.5%	11	3.0%	368	186.5	138.0
Lee	180	83.3%	36	16.7%	0	0.0%	216	143.6	124.0
District Totals	630	75.6%	186	22.3%	17	2.0%	833	171.4	132.0
<b>District 12</b>									
Cumberland	432	92.9%	31	6.7%	2	0.4%	465	110.8	85.0
<b>District 13</b>									
Bladen	76	54.3%	48	34.3%	16	11.4%	140	266.8	198.0
Brunswick	126	56.3%	66	29.5%	32	14.3%	224	329.3	227.5
Columbus	142	61.5%	62	26.8%	27	11.7%	231	274.1	190.0
District Totals	344	57.8%	176	29.6%	75	12.6%	595	293.2	204.0

# AGES OF GENERAL CIVIL AND MAGISTRATE APPEAL/TRANSFER CASES PENDING IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

Ages of Cases Pending June 30, 1992

	Ages of Pending Cases (Months)						Total Pending	Mean Age (Days)	Median Age (Days)
	<9	%	9-18	%	>18	%			
<b>District 14</b>									
Durham	741	61.7%	264	22.0%	196	16.3%	1,201	253.9	151.0
<b>District 15A</b>									
Alamance	562	72.3%	166	21.4%	49	6.3%	777	175.6	90.0
<b>District 15B</b>									
Chatham	43	62.3%	21	30.4%	5	7.2%	69	226.9	138.0
Orange	208	47.2%	120	27.2%	113	25.6%	441	385.8	308.0
District Totals	251	49.2%	141	27.6%	118	23.1%	510	364.3	276.0
<b>District 16A</b>									
Hoke	26	55.3%	13	27.7%	8	17.0%	47	303.1	239.0
Scotland	63	58.9%	32	29.9%	12	11.2%	107	297.3	207.0
District Totals	89	57.8%	45	29.2%	20	13.0%	154	299.1	216.0
<b>District 16B</b>									
Robeson	234	29.0%	161	20.0%	412	51.1%	807	621.1	566.0
<b>District 17A</b>									
Caswell	14	60.9%	3	13.0%	6	26.1%	23	341.4	140.0
Rockingham	87	80.6%	18	16.7%	3	2.8%	108	143.2	91.5
District Totals	101	77.1%	21	16.0%	9	6.9%	131	178.0	96.0
<b>District 17B</b>									
Stokes	44	54.3%	13	16.0%	24	29.6%	81	392.4	235.0
Surry	108	76.6%	21	14.9%	12	8.5%	141	201.0	119.0
District Totals	152	68.5%	34	15.3%	36	16.2%	222	270.9	159.0
<b>District 18</b>									
Guilford	1,922	42.1%	1,041	22.8%	1,597	35.0%	4,560	429.9	361.0
<b>District 19A</b>									
Cabarrus	284	90.2%	29	9.2%	2	0.6%	315	114.5	64.0
<b>District 19B</b>									
Montgomery	79	49.1%	25	15.5%	57	35.4%	161	426.5	291.0
Randolph	123	60.9%	45	22.3%	34	16.8%	202	289.4	190.0
District Totals	202	55.6%	70	19.3%	91	25.1%	363	350.2	224.0
<b>District 19C</b>									
Rowan	211	78.1%	43	15.9%	16	5.9%	270	214.6	166.0

# AGES OF GENERAL CIVIL AND MAGISTRATE APPEAL/TRANSFER CASES PENDING IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

Ages of Cases Pending June 30, 1992

	Ages of Pending Cases (Months)						Total Pending	Mean Age (Days)	Median Age (Days)
	<9	%	9-18	%	>18	%			
<b>District 20</b>									
Anson	37	26.8%	24	17.4%	77	55.8%	138	738.5	712.5
Moore	168	38.6%	91	20.9%	176	40.5%	435	510.5	426.0
Richmond	128	39.8%	73	22.7%	121	37.6%	322	478.4	373.0
Stanly	121	44.5%	59	21.7%	92	33.8%	272	436.6	309.5
Union	198	41.6%	99	20.8%	179	37.6%	476	455.0	385.5
District Totals	652	39.7%	346	21.1%	645	39.3%	1,643	495.0	396.0
<b>District 21</b>									
Forsyth	959	66.2%	321	22.2%	168	11.6%	1,448	250.5	165.0
<b>District 22</b>									
Alexander	43	86.0%	6	12.0%	1	2.0%	50	174.5	133.5
Davidson	170	48.3%	85	24.1%	97	27.6%	352	358.2	293.5
Davie	61	61.6%	29	29.3%	9	9.1%	99	274.5	236.0
Iredell	213	69.8%	83	27.2%	9	3.0%	305	207.1	154.0
District Totals	487	60.4%	203	25.2%	116	14.4%	806	279.3	195.0
<b>District 23</b>									
Alleghany	19	79.2%	5	20.8%	0	0.0%	24	158.8	97.0
Ashe	33	64.7%	8	15.7%	10	19.6%	51	270.3	148.0
Wilkes	330	79.5%	76	18.3%	9	2.2%	415	156.1	95.0
Yadkin	73	58.4%	18	14.4%	34	27.2%	125	396.4	195.0
District Totals	455	74.0%	107	17.4%	53	8.6%	615	214.5	111.0
<b>District 24</b>									
Avery	40	53.3%	13	17.3%	22	29.3%	75	365.0	249.0
Madison	15	55.6%	8	29.6%	4	14.8%	27	261.5	197.0
Mitchell	30	93.8%	1	3.1%	1	3.1%	32	123.9	77.0
Watauga	88	71.0%	27	21.8%	9	7.3%	124	200.5	127.5
Yancey	20	80.0%	2	8.0%	3	12.0%	25	183.3	96.0
District Totals	193	68.2%	51	18.0%	39	13.8%	283	239.7	141.0
<b>District 25</b>									
Burke	109	80.7%	21	15.6%	5	3.7%	135	148.8	81.0
Caldwell	111	71.2%	37	23.7%	8	5.1%	156	184.2	111.0
Catawba	264	84.9%	31	10.0%	16	5.1%	311	149.5	78.0
District Totals	484	80.4%	89	14.8%	29	4.8%	602	158.3	88.0
<b>District 26</b>									
Mecklenburg	3,211	63.1%	1,430	28.1%	449	8.8%	5,090	239.1	186.0
<b>District 27A</b>									
Gaston	214	89.9%	18	7.6%	6	2.5%	238	112.2	54.5

**AGES OF GENERAL CIVIL AND MAGISTRATE APPEAL/TRANSFER CASES  
PENDING IN THE DISTRICT COURTS**

**Ages of Cases Pending June 30, 1992**

	Ages of Pending Cases (Months)						Total Pending	Mean Age (Days)	Median Age (Days)
	<9	%	9-18	%	>18	%			
<b>District 27B</b>									
Cleveland	146	95.4%	7	4.6%	0	0.0%	153	95.4	75.0
Lincoln	59	95.2%	3	4.8%	0	0.0%	62	87.5	73.0
District Totals	205	95.3%	10	4.7%	0	0.0%	215	93.1	75.0
<b>District 28</b>									
Buncombe	545	78.5%	94	13.5%	55	7.9%	694	187.9	118.0
<b>District 29</b>									
Henderson	122	71.3%	28	16.4%	21	12.3%	171	243.1	166.0
McDowell	42	91.3%	1	2.2%	3	6.5%	46	143.2	83.5
Polk	23	79.3%	3	10.3%	3	10.3%	29	199.6	139.0
Rutherford	77	74.8%	23	22.3%	3	2.9%	103	170.1	117.0
Transylvania	31	62.0%	10	20.0%	9	18.0%	50	323.6	134.0
District Totals	295	73.9%	65	16.3%	39	9.8%	399	219.7	137.0
<b>District 30</b>									
Cherokee	34	81.0%	6	14.3%	2	4.8%	42	177.1	102.0
Clay	15	83.3%	2	11.1%	1	5.6%	18	187.7	100.5
Graham	11	61.1%	7	38.9%	0	0.0%	18	202.6	178.5
Haywood	102	54.0%	40	21.2%	47	24.9%	189	481.3	236.0
Jackson	54	50.0%	30	27.8%	24	22.2%	108	323.9	251.5
Macon	51	60.0%	12	14.1%	22	25.9%	85	482.4	209.0
Swain	18	75.0%	6	25.0%	0	0.0%	24	168.7	100.0
District Totals	285	58.9%	103	21.3%	96	19.8%	484	383.2	204.0
State Totals	20,788	56.9%	8,381	22.9%	7,383	20.2%	36,552	327.3	216.0

# AGES OF GENERAL CIVIL AND MAGISTRATE APPEAL/TRANSFER CASES DISPOSED IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

Ages of Cases Disposed July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992

	Ages of Disposed Cases (Months)						Total Disposed	Mean Age (Days)	Median Age (Days)
	<9	%	9-18	%	>18	%			
<b>District 1</b>									
Camden	12	70.6%	1	5.9%	4	23.5%	17	312.4	92.0
Chowan	56	76.7%	8	11.0%	9	12.3%	73	269.1	81.0
Currituck	54	46.2%	12	10.3%	51	43.6%	117	705.5	315.0
Dare	207	82.1%	21	8.3%	24	9.5%	252	188.6	81.5
Gates	34	81.0%	6	14.3%	2	4.8%	42	164.6	61.5
Pasquotank	149	85.6%	16	9.2%	9	5.2%	174	141.0	68.5
Perquimans	27	84.4%	3	9.4%	2	6.3%	32	198.9	115.5
District Totals	539	76.2%	67	9.5%	101	14.3%	707	272.7	87.0
<b>District 2</b>									
Beaufort	141	75.0%	8	4.3%	39	20.7%	188	319.5	91.0
Hyde	8	66.7%	2	16.7%	2	16.7%	12	299.3	123.5
Martin	44	83.0%	7	13.2%	2	3.8%	53	143.8	65.0
Tyrrell	19	76.0%	2	8.0%	4	16.0%	25	226.4	52.0
Washington	75	72.1%	17	16.3%	12	11.5%	104	236.1	163.5
District Totals	287	75.1%	36	9.4%	59	15.4%	382	265.7	90.5
<b>District 3A</b>									
Pitt	799	93.5%	54	6.3%	2	0.2%	855	121.1	98.0
<b>District 3B</b>									
Carteret	309	90.9%	20	5.9%	11	3.2%	340	125.1	87.5
Craven	590	93.2%	31	4.9%	12	1.9%	633	123.7	86.0
Pamlico	33	82.5%	5	12.5%	2	5.0%	40	146.0	79.0
District Totals	932	92.0%	56	5.5%	25	2.5%	1,013	125.0	86.0
<b>District 4</b>									
Duplin	153	74.3%	21	10.2%	32	15.5%	206	239.9	88.0
Jones	33	78.6%	4	9.5%	5	11.9%	42	255.7	116.0
Onslow	646	57.7%	158	14.1%	316	28.2%	1,120	503.2	195.0
Sampson	264	92.6%	16	5.6%	5	1.8%	285	119.4	64.0
District Totals	1,096	66.3%	199	12.0%	358	21.7%	1,653	397.9	138.0
<b>District 5</b>									
New Hanover	1,273	73.5%	347	20.0%	113	6.5%	1,733	191.9	104.0
Pender	133	65.8%	43	21.3%	26	12.9%	202	226.3	129.0
District Totals	1,406	72.7%	390	20.2%	139	7.2%	1,935	195.5	106.0
<b>District 6A</b>									
Halifax	188	90.4%	17	8.2%	3	1.4%	208	111.1	71.5



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	<9	%	9-18	%	>18	%			
<b>District 6B</b>									
Bertie	65	79.3%	11	13.4%	6	7.3%	82	169.4	87.0
Hertford	88	77.2%	19	16.7%	7	6.1%	114	201.0	135.0
Northampton	65	79.3%	6	7.3%	11	13.4%	82	219.5	108.5
District Totals	218	78.4%	36	12.9%	24	8.6%	278	197.2	111.5
<b>District 7</b>									
Edgecombe	247	87.3%	26	9.2%	10	3.5%	283	141.0	73.0
Nash	449	78.5%	70	12.2%	53	9.3%	572	200.2	92.5
Wilson	362	73.6%	66	13.4%	64	13.0%	492	253.8	100.0
District Totals	1,058	78.5%	162	12.0%	127	9.4%	1,347	207.3	90.0
<b>District 8</b>									
Greene	54	88.5%	5	8.2%	2	3.3%	61	113.8	73.0
Lenoir	317	78.5%	78	19.3%	9	2.2%	404	158.1	91.0
Wayne	624	71.9%	124	14.3%	120	13.8%	868	220.7	92.0
District Totals	995	74.6%	207	15.5%	131	9.8%	1,333	196.8	91.0
<b>District 9</b>									
Franklin	334	86.5%	38	9.8%	14	3.6%	386	142.3	86.0
Granville	139	81.8%	24	14.1%	7	4.1%	170	160.4	90.0
Person	135	83.3%	20	12.3%	7	4.3%	162	152.3	84.5
Vance	215	78.5%	44	16.1%	15	5.5%	274	183.5	99.5
Warren	53	85.5%	3	4.8%	6	9.7%	62	162.9	80.0
District Totals	876	83.1%	129	12.2%	49	4.6%	1,054	158.7	88.5
<b>District 10</b>									
Wake	4,646	60.2%	1,069	13.8%	2,008	26.0%	7,723	420.6	164.0
<b>District 11</b>									
Harnett	365	65.6%	184	33.1%	7	1.3%	556	196.3	138.5
Johnston	541	84.4%	90	14.0%	10	1.6%	641	135.7	78.0
Lee	314	70.1%	125	27.9%	9	2.0%	448	178.5	105.5
District Totals	1,220	74.2%	399	24.3%	26	1.6%	1,645	167.8	98.0
<b>District 12</b>									
Cumberland	1,519	92.7%	114	7.0%	6	0.4%	1,639	116.8	84.0
<b>District 13</b>									
Bladen	252	79.0%	53	16.6%	14	4.4%	319	154.7	77.0
Brunswick	222	57.1%	51	13.1%	116	29.8%	389	393.7	157.0
Columbus	248	61.4%	48	11.9%	108	26.7%	404	299.4	105.5
District Totals	722	64.9%	152	13.7%	238	21.4%	1,112	290.9	96.0

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	<9	%	9-18	%	>18	%			
<b>District 14</b>									
Durham	1,390	71.7%	240	12.4%	309	15.9%	1,939	265.5	112.0
<b>District 15A</b>									
Alamance	903	83.7%	118	10.9%	58	5.4%	1,079	164.4	92.0
<b>District 15B</b>									
Chatham	99	80.5%	7	5.7%	17	13.8%	123	196.2	97.0
Orange	522	79.2%	68	10.3%	69	10.5%	659	207.9	120.0
District Totals	621	79.4%	75	9.6%	86	11.0%	782	206.0	116.0
<b>District 16A</b>									
Hoke	86	87.8%	8	8.2%	4	4.1%	98	133.5	76.5
Scotland	199	74.5%	56	21.0%	12	4.5%	267	176.8	82.0
District Totals	285	78.1%	64	17.5%	16	4.4%	365	165.2	80.0
<b>District 16B</b>									
Robeson	543	68.6%	71	9.0%	178	22.5%	792	325.2	78.0
<b>District 17A</b>									
Caswell	55	83.3%	7	10.6%	4	6.1%	66	140.6	53.0
Rockingham	382	86.8%	48	10.9%	10	2.3%	440	138.8	85.0
District Totals	437	86.4%	55	10.9%	14	2.8%	506	139.0	83.5
<b>District 17B</b>									
Stokes	75	72.8%	9	8.7%	19	18.4%	103	260.4	90.0
Surry	368	86.4%	39	9.2%	19	4.5%	426	134.1	70.0
District Totals	443	83.7%	48	9.1%	38	7.2%	529	158.7	74.0
<b>District 18</b>									
Guilford	3,454	66.6%	573	11.0%	1,162	22.4%	5,189	316.0	116.0
<b>District 19A</b>									
Cabarrus	769	85.3%	127	14.1%	6	0.7%	902	120.5	66.5
<b>District 19B</b>									
Montgomery	136	87.2%	12	7.7%	8	5.1%	156	161.6	82.0
Randolph	418	87.8%	37	7.8%	21	4.4%	476	131.0	63.0
District Totals	554	87.7%	49	7.8%	29	4.6%	632	138.6	68.0
<b>District 19C</b>									
Rowan	451	62.7%	239	33.2%	29	4.0%	719	205.0	133.0

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	<9	%	9-18	%	>18	%			
<b>District 20</b>									
Anson	68	67.3%	15	14.9%	18	17.8%	101	263.1	88.0
Moore	253	76.4%	31	9.4%	47	14.2%	331	226.2	117.0
Richmond	186	84.9%	17	7.8%	16	7.3%	219	147.6	63.0
Stanly	308	89.3%	19	5.5%	18	5.2%	345	155.8	87.0
Union	310	67.1%	70	15.2%	82	17.7%	462	261.8	112.5
District Totals	1,125	77.2%	152	10.4%	181	12.4%	1,458	211.6	92.0
<b>District 21</b>									
Forsyth	2,773	77.2%	506	14.1%	312	8.7%	3,591	196.7	94.0
<b>District 22</b>									
Alexander	99	86.1%	15	13.0%	1	0.9%	115	125.6	69.0
Davidson	512	81.3%	36	5.7%	82	13.0%	630	203.6	70.0
Davie	86	52.1%	32	19.4%	47	28.5%	165	350.4	238.0
Iredell	469	80.7%	87	15.0%	25	4.3%	581	162.0	84.0
District Totals	1,166	78.2%	170	11.4%	155	10.4%	1,491	197.6	81.0
<b>District 23</b>									
Alleghany	41	87.2%	5	10.6%	1	2.1%	47	139.7	101.0
Ashe	76	81.7%	11	11.8%	6	6.5%	93	154.7	55.0
Wilkes	1,041	92.6%	74	6.6%	9	0.8%	1,124	100.4	57.0
Yadkin	112	69.6%	31	19.3%	18	11.2%	161	286.6	84.0
District Totals	1,270	89.1%	121	8.5%	34	2.4%	1,425	126.3	61.0
<b>District 24</b>									
Avery	69	75.8%	15	16.5%	7	7.7%	91	181.0	77.0
Madison	35	72.9%	10	20.8%	3	6.3%	48	177.4	76.5
Mitchell	68	81.0%	9	10.7%	7	8.3%	84	151.5	72.5
Watauga	285	78.9%	53	14.7%	23	6.4%	361	171.1	92.0
Yancey	55	93.2%	2	3.4%	2	3.4%	59	141.5	55.0
District Totals	512	79.6%	89	13.8%	42	6.5%	643	167.7	83.0
<b>District 25</b>									
Burke	591	87.4%	65	9.6%	20	3.0%	676	132.0	71.0
Caldwell	371	90.9%	25	6.1%	12	2.9%	408	134.0	80.0
Catawba	940	86.8%	99	9.1%	44	4.1%	1,083	149.9	90.0
District Totals	1,902	87.8%	189	8.7%	76	3.5%	2,167	141.3	82.0
<b>District 26</b>									
Mecklenburg	5,792	66.5%	2,136	24.5%	784	9.0%	8,712	230.1	138.0
<b>District 27A</b>									
Gaston	1,071	92.6%	68	5.9%	18	1.6%	1,157	115.3	83.0

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	<9	%	9-18	%	>18	%			
<b>District 27B</b>									
Cleveland	446	95.9%	19	4.1%	0	0.0%	465	105.4	71.0
Lincoln	245	97.2%	7	2.8%	0	0.0%	252	97.6	68.0
District Totals	691	96.4%	26	3.6%	0	0.0%	717	102.7	70.0
<b>District 28</b>									
Buncombe	1,412	81.6%	241	13.9%	77	4.5%	1,730	175.8	126.0
<b>District 29</b>									
Henderson	306	71.2%	74	17.2%	50	11.6%	430	250.2	145.0
McDowell	136	86.1%	17	10.8%	5	3.2%	158	142.2	77.0
Polk	50	75.8%	8	12.1%	8	12.1%	66	228.7	100.0
Rutherford	233	83.8%	40	14.4%	5	1.8%	278	149.5	95.5
Transylvania	89	80.9%	12	10.9%	9	8.2%	110	179.1	111.5
District Totals	814	78.1%	151	14.5%	77	7.4%	1,042	198.1	109.0
<b>District 30</b>									
Cherokee	96	91.4%	9	8.6%	0	0.0%	105	93.7	58.0
Clay	47	90.4%	5	9.6%	0	0.0%	52	117.3	66.5
Graham	24	72.7%	8	24.2%	1	3.0%	33	172.9	130.0
Haywood	247	78.7%	36	11.5%	31	9.9%	314	244.7	122.0
Jackson	122	78.2%	23	14.7%	11	7.1%	156	204.7	133.5
Macon	96	76.2%	12	9.5%	18	14.3%	126	262.8	104.0
Swain	37	88.1%	4	9.5%	1	2.4%	42	146.1	114.0
District Totals	669	80.8%	97	11.7%	62	7.5%	828	204.9	106.0
State Totals	45,548	74.3%	8,692	14.2%	7,039	11.5%	61,279	236.5	104.0

# CIVIL MAGISTRATE FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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	Filings	Dispositions		Filings	Dispositions
<b>District 1</b>			<b>District 6B</b>		
Camden	82	86	Bertie	534	514
Chowan	415	427	Hertford	585	541
Currituck	218	229	Northampton	455	459
Dare	591	603			
Gates	188	180	District Totals	1,574	1,514
Pasquotank	842	835			
Perquimans	218	207	<b>District 7</b>		
District Totals	2,554	2,567	Edgecombe	6,876	6,702
			Nash	6,691	6,667
<b>District 2</b>			Wilson	4,845	4,710
Beaufort	1,367	1,389	District Totals	18,412	18,079
Hyde	135	134			
Martin	833	838	<b>District 8</b>		
Tyrrell	121	127	Greene	330	318
Washington	428	413	Lenoir	2,075	2,062
District Totals	2,884	2,901	Wayne	3,614	3,695
			District Totals	6,019	6,075
<b>District 3A</b>			<b>District 9</b>		
Pitt	3,941	3,821	Franklin	1,092	1,121
<b>District 3B</b>			Granville	1,453	1,422
Carteret	1,096	1,182	Person	875	973
Craven	2,327	2,408	Vance	3,418	3,574
Pamlico	252	260	Warren	1,084	1,076
District Totals	3,675	3,850	District Totals	7,922	8,166
<b>District 4</b>			<b>District 10</b>		
Duplin	1,489	1,517	Wake	18,178	18,780
Jones	239	263			
Onslow	5,334	5,634	<b>District 11</b>		
Sampson	1,453	1,478	Harnett	1,644	1,692
District Totals	8,515	8,892	Johnston	2,554	2,544
			Lee	1,217	1,266
<b>District 5</b>			District Totals	5,415	5,502
New Hanover	5,955	6,111			
Pender	658	821	<b>District 12</b>		
District Totals	6,613	6,932	Cumberland	10,633	10,555
<b>District 6A</b>			<b>District 13</b>		
Halifax	1,508	1,532	Bladen	2,760	2,774
			Brunswick	1,240	1,282
			Columbus	1,144	1,159
			District Totals	5,144	5,215

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	Filings	Dispositions		Filings	Dispositions
<b>District 14</b>			<b>District 20</b>		
Durham	15,102	15,454	Anson	1,097	1,087
			Moore	1,410	1,419
<b>District 15A</b>			Richmond	1,493	1,580
Alamance	3,263	3,381	Stanly	1,105	1,085
			Union	2,415	2,444
<b>District 15B</b>					
Chatham	697	716	District Totals	7,520	7,615
Orange	1,857	1,888			
			<b>District 21</b>		
District Totals	2,554	2,604	Forsyth	19,107	19,459
<b>District 16A</b>			<b>District 22</b>		
Hoke	760	768	Alexander	381	398
Scotland	1,549	1,628	Davidson	3,118	3,522
			Davie	515	509
District Totals	2,309	2,396	Iredell	2,711	2,697
<b>District 16B</b>			District Totals	6,725	7,126
Robeson	3,680	3,946			
			<b>District 23</b>		
<b>District 17A</b>			Alleghany	213	253
Caswell	409	401	Ashe	440	421
Rockingham	2,632	2,625	Wilkes	2,079	2,219
			Yadkin	427	462
District Totals	3,041	3,026			
			District Totals	3,159	3,355
<b>District 17B</b>					
Stokes	508	503	<b>District 24</b>		
Surry	1,662	1,646	Avery	316	339
			Madison	149	171
District Totals	2,170	2,149	Mitchell	385	376
			Watauga	738	750
<b>District 18</b>			Yancey	352	358
Guilford	17,590	17,703			
			District Totals	1,940	1,994
<b>District 19A</b>					
Cabarrus	2,686	2,751	<b>District 25</b>		
			Burke	1,690	1,804
<b>District 19B</b>			Caldwell	1,869	1,811
Montgomery	1,674	1,525	Catawba	2,728	2,709
Randolph	1,744	1,807			
			District Totals	6,287	6,324
District Totals	3,418	3,332			
			<b>District 26</b>		
<b>District 19C</b>			Mecklenburg	34,606	39,118
Rowan	2,628	2,784			
			<b>District 27A</b>		
			Gaston	4,731	4,774

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	<b>Filings</b>	<b>Dispositions</b>		<b>Filings</b>	<b>Dispositions</b>
<b>District 27B</b>			<b>District 30</b>		
Cleveland	2,923	3,093	Cherokee	356	345
Lincoln	1,107	1,084	Clay	117	124
			Graham	63	78
District Totals	4,030	4,177	Haywood	819	776
			Jackson	265	362
<b>District 28</b>			Macon	317	313
Buncombe	4,443	4,366	Swain	60	68
<b>District 29</b>			District Totals	1,997	2,066
Henderson	997	1,041			
McDowell	672	696	State Totals	260,289	268,706
Polk	201	242			
Rutherford	2,084	2,088			
Transylvania	362	358			
District Totals	4,316	4,425			

# MATTERS ALLEGED IN JUVENILE PETITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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	OFFENSES						CONDITIONS				Children		
	Delinquent			Undisciplined			Dependent	Neglected	Abused	Parental Rights Petitions	Grand Total	Court for Before First Time	
	Capital	Felony	Misde- meanor	Total	Truancy	Other							Total
<b>District 1</b>													
Camden	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	2	3	1	2	11	9
Chowan	0	1	12	13	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	19	24
Currituck	0	23	30	53	0	0	0	3	7	6	8	77	39
Dare	0	0	46	46	0	0	0	2	12	5	5	70	64
Gates	0	2	17	19	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	21	11
Pasquotank	0	108	106	214	0	1	1	11	15	9	11	261	66
Perquimans	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	5	1	0	2	14	15
District Totals	0	137	217	354	0	2	2	26	38	24	29	473	228
<b>District 2</b>													
Beaufort	0	73	90	163	3	1	4	7	20	2	3	199	81
Hyde	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	3	5	2	0	14	5
Martin	0	21	28	49	2	0	2	7	10	5	2	75	47
Tyrrell	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	5	14
Washington	0	19	42	61	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	66	28
District Totals	0	117	162	279	5	1	6	17	39	12	6	359	175
<b>District 3A</b>													
Pitt	0	131	254	385	0	0	0	47	36	4	10	482	161
<b>District 3B</b>													
Carteret	0	50	100	150	2	16	18	16	27	12	15	238	93
Craven	0	70	165	235	7	41	48	17	48	13	14	375	102
Pamlico	0	1	12	13	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	17	18
District Totals	0	121	277	398	9	57	66	33	78	26	29	630	213
<b>District 4</b>													
Duplin	0	5	45	50	0	1	1	1	16	1	4	73	48
Jones	0	2	9	11	0	1	1	1	8	3	0	24	21
Onslow	0	192	234	426	2	0	2	58	119	55	28	688	221
Sampson	0	35	31	66	0	1	1	0	19	0	9	95	62
District Totals	0	234	319	553	2	3	5	60	162	59	41	880	352
<b>District 5</b>													
New Hanover	0	498	440	938	0	96	96	16	104	11	32	1,197	383
Pender	0	11	32	43	0	0	0	41	51	16	2	153	86
District Totals	0	509	472	981	0	96	96	57	155	27	34	1,350	469
<b>District 6A</b>													
Halifax	0	114	107	221	1	5	6	1	17	2	0	247	115



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	OFFENSES							CONDITIONS				Children Before Court for First Time	
	Delinquent			Total	Undisciplined			Dependent	Neglected	Abused	Parental Rights Petitions		Grand Total
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde- meanor		Truancy	Other	Total						
<b>District 6B</b>													
Bertie	0	9	30	39	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	41	21
Hertford	0	63	58	121	0	2	2	2	3	4	1	133	49
Northampton	0	13	27	40	0	4	4	0	11	0	3	58	40
District Totals	0	85	115	200	0	7	7	2	14	4	5	232	110
<b>District 7</b>													
Edgecombe	0	131	189	320	0	0	0	7	72	6	9	414	187
Nash	1	111	172	284	0	63	63	63	62	9	7	488	160
Wilson	0	72	126	198	0	6	6	9	30	6	6	255	92
District Totals	1	314	487	802	0	69	69	79	164	21	22	1,157	439
<b>District 8</b>													
Greene	0	5	6	11	6	0	6	2	3	0	1	23	18
Lenoir	0	38	88	126	2	1	3	2	65	3	12	211	135
Wayne	1	95	165	261	16	36	52	51	121	19	35	539	187
District Totals	1	138	259	398	24	37	61	55	189	22	48	773	340
<b>District 9</b>													
Franklin	0	18	35	53	6	10	16	5	18	4	1	97	81
Granville	0	54	82	136	0	1	1	5	5	4	5	156	65
Person	0	28	61	89	5	8	13	2	19	11	5	139	61
Vance	0	33	82	115	2	21	23	13	11	3	3	168	105
Warren	0	0	19	19	10	0	10	5	5	0	0	39	29
District Totals	0	133	279	412	23	40	63	30	58	22	14	599	341
<b>District 10</b>													
Wake	0	304	651	955	13	243	256	128	113	24	49	1,525	502
<b>District 11</b>													
Harnett	0	49	54	103	8	10	18	22	55	17	6	221	155
Johnston	0	75	197	272	14	5	19	7	27	7	5	337	162
Lee	0	57	111	168	5	5	10	8	18	5	10	219	96
District Totals	0	181	362	543	27	20	47	37	100	29	21	777	413
<b>District 12</b>													
Cumberland	3	583	894	1,480	1	324	325	214	285	103	16	2,423	759

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	Delinquent			Undisciplined				Dependent	Neglected	Abused			
	Capital	Felony	Misde- meanor	Total	Truancy	Other	Total						
<b>District 13</b>													
Bladen	2	3	60	65	0	1	1	14	14	6	1	101	74
Brunswick	0	37	61	98	1	5	6	25	33	9	15	186	117
Columbus	0	32	101	133	0	3	3	8	35	6	12	197	120
District Totals	2	72	222	296	1	9	10	47	82	21	28	484	311
<b>District 14</b>													
Durham	4	197	177	378	5	43	48	68	68	9	28	599	196
<b>District 15A</b>													
Alamance	0	77	301	378	16	159	175	16	16	5	20	610	145
<b>District 15B</b>													
Chatham	0	10	42	52	0	3	3	19	8	4	1	87	39
Orange	0	56	97	153	2	6	8	22	33	2	24	242	108
District Totals	0	66	139	205	2	9	11	41	41	6	25	329	147
<b>District 16A</b>													
Hoke	0	18	77	95	0	3	3	8	6	4	1	117	62
Scotland	1	183	144	328	3	11	14	9	19	0	0	370	84
District Totals	1	201	221	423	3	14	17	17	25	4	1	487	146
<b>District 16B</b>													
Robeson	0	289	404	693	2	101	103	33	132	47	12	1,020	280
<b>District 17A</b>													
Caswell	0	6	17	23	0	3	3	1	7	4	0	38	23
Rockingham	0	86	168	254	3	16	19	5	24	5	9	316	93
District Totals	0	92	185	277	3	19	22	6	31	9	9	354	116
<b>District 17B</b>													
Stokes	0	34	127	161	0	5	5	36	37	8	6	253	101
Surry	0	35	74	109	1	9	10	1	26	2	4	152	96
District Totals	0	69	201	270	1	14	15	37	63	10	10	405	197
<b>District 18</b>													
Guilford	5	446	782	1,233	52	153	205	169	208	35	82	1,932	740
<b>District 19A</b>													
Cabarrus	1	89	88	178	3	34	37	11	23	11	12	272	159

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	Capital	Other Felony	Misde- meanor	Total	Truancy	Other	Total						
<b>District 19B</b>													
Montgomery	0	13	22	35	3	3	6	3	21	3	0	68	47
Randolph	0	105	309	414	10	92	102	37	49	5	19	626	198
District Totals	0	118	331	449	13	95	108	40	70	8	19	694	245
<b>District 19C</b>													
Rowan	0	99	221	320	11	131	142	31	26	6	16	541	158
<b>District 20</b>													
Anson	0	2	36	38	0	0	0	6	19	0	3	66	63
Moore	0	55	86	141	0	23	23	8	31	9	5	217	125
Richmond	0	101	62	163	0	4	4	8	65	5	0	245	131
Stanly	0	32	72	104	1	2	3	3	19	8	8	145	73
Union	0	116	195	311	0	73	73	53	40	10	10	497	164
District Totals	0	306	451	757	1	102	103	78	174	32	26	1,170	556
<b>District 21</b>													
Forsyth	2	291	342	635	1	405	406	134	134	15	79	1,403	539
<b>District 22</b>													
Alexander	0	5	26	31	2	7	9	4	7	11	0	62	58
Davidson	0	157	175	332	2	43	45	17	26	7	27	454	208
Davie	0	28	63	91	8	5	13	9	14	3	6	136	67
Iredell	0	137	181	318	0	81	81	17	51	7	24	498	218
District Totals	0	327	445	772	12	136	148	47	98	28	57	1,150	551
<b>District 23</b>													
Alleghany	0	24	29	53	2	4	6	0	22	3	5	89	50
Ashe	0	4	54	58	6	7	13	3	12	5	1	92	36
Wilkes	0	36	141	177	18	68	86	53	96	16	32	460	164
Yadkin	0	16	73	89	18	23	41	33	50	5	7	225	75
District Totals	0	80	297	377	44	102	146	89	180	29	45	866	325
<b>District 24</b>													
Avery	0	25	5	30	37	5	42	4	12	2	6	96	47
Madison	0	18	34	52	8	10	18	20	22	19	4	135	50
Mitchell	0	3	22	25	11	7	18	1	1	1	5	51	25
Watauga	0	12	41	53	2	21	23	7	6	1	4	94	51
Yancey	0	3	2	5	14	3	17	7	7	1	0	37	25
District Totals	0	61	104	165	72	46	118	39	48	24	19	413	198

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	Delinquency			Total	Undisciplined			Dependent	Neglected	Abused	Parental Rights Petitions		Grand Total
	Capital	Felony	Misde- meanor		Truancy	Other	Total						
<b>District 25</b>													
Burke	0	22	121	143	14	66	80	41	43	10	11	328	135
Caldwell	0	60	112	172	14	36	50	41	65	23	9	360	174
Catawba	0	68	130	198	11	46	57	36	50	28	26	395	199
District Totals	0	150	363	513	39	148	187	118	158	61	46	1,083	508
<b>District 26</b>													
Mecklenburg	0	602	2,001	2,603	4	466	470	65	245	64	80	3,527	1,082
<b>District 27A</b>													
Gaston	0	184	293	477	2	212	214	39	81	24	53	888	317
<b>District 27B</b>													
Cleveland	0	37	109	146	3	5	8	4	73	12	11	254	140
Lincoln	0	19	51	70	7	19	26	0	21	0	4	121	84
District Totals	0	56	160	216	10	24	34	4	94	12	15	375	224
<b>District 28</b>													
Buncombe	0	86	242	328	30	198	228	122	142	42	48	910	384
<b>District 29</b>													
Henderson	0	26	35	61	22	5	27	7	25	10	15	145	94
McDowell	0	32	81	113	5	11	16	21	12	7	10	179	69
Polk	0	8	12	20	0	2	2	4	3	1	2	32	24
Rutherford	0	28	56	84	18	30	48	24	27	4	6	193	86
Transylvania	0	14	50	64	2	2	4	25	26	3	13	135	37
District Totals	0	108	234	342	47	50	97	81	93	25	46	684	310
<b>District 30</b>													
Cherokee	0	13	24	37	8	8	16	5	29	14	3	104	65
Clay	0	2	3	5	0	7	7	0	4	0	1	17	17
Graham	0	0	13	13	7	1	8	0	0	0	0	21	11
Haywood	0	10	13	23	24	34	58	47	44	12	13	197	95
Jackson	0	17	38	55	9	28	37	17	18	7	1	135	89
Macon	0	8	13	21	0	14	14	12	11	9	4	71	41
Swain	0	0	1	1	4	8	12	6	13	4	0	36	36
District Totals	0	50	105	155	52	100	152	87	117	46	22	581	354
<b>State Totals</b>	20	7,217	13,164	20,401	531	3,674	4,205	2,205	3,799	952	1,122	32,684	12,805

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	Retained	Dismissed	Retained	Dismissed	Retained	Dismissed	Retained	Dismissed	Retained	Dismissed	Terminated	Not Terminated	
<b>District 1</b>													
Camden	2	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	8
Chowan	26	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
Currituck	29	2	0	0	7	0	21	0	14	0	2	0	75
Dare	26	9	0	0	2	0	12	0	5	0	1	0	55
Gates	15	11	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	28
Pasquotank	177	44	1	0	6	0	10	2	8	2	10	1	261
Perquimans	3	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
District Totals	278	71	1	1	27	1	45	3	27	2	14	1	471
<b>District 2</b>													
Beaufort	95	48	4	0	9	0	19	2	2	0	4	2	185
Hyde	4	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	10
Martin	33	7	1	0	8	1	10	0	3	0	0	0	63
Tyrrell	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
Washington	38	12	0	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	1	2	59
District Totals	171	68	5	0	21	1	37	2	7	0	5	4	321
<b>District 3A</b>													
Pitt	300	96	0	0	46	4	27	10	1	7	8	0	499
<b>District 3B</b>													
Carteret	104	44	2	0	8	5	13	12	12	2	6	2	210
Craven	177	87	6	3	6	9	43	3	1	11	13	0	359
Pamlico	11	10	0	0	0	0	9	0	1	0	0	0	31
District Totals	292	141	8	3	14	14	65	15	14	13	19	2	600

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	Retained	Dismissed	Retained	Dismissed	Retained	Dismissed	Retained	Dismissed	Retained	Dismissed	Terminated	Not Terminated	
<b>District 4</b>													
Duplin	38	13	0	3	0	2	10	1	0	0	2	1	70
Jones	12	4	1	0	14	1	18	3	4	1	0	0	58
Onslow	354	89	3	0	37	4	73	6	27	10	19	7	629
Sampson	61	4	1	0	0	0	16	2	0	0	8	1	93
District Totals	465	110	5	3	51	7	117	12	31	11	29	9	850
<b>District 5</b>													
New Hanover	904	34	92	4	16	0	102	2	11	0	31	1	1,197
Pender	38	6	0	0	41	0	51	0	16	0	2	1	155
District Totals	942	40	92	4	57	0	153	2	27	0	33	2	1,352
<b>District 6A</b>													
Halifax	136	110	0	3	1	1	4	14	0	0	0	0	269
<b>District 6B</b>													
Bertie	19	20	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	41
Hertford	245	100	4	2	3	2	6	5	12	7	1	1	388
Northampton	18	17	0	3	1	0	7	1	0	0	3	0	50
District Totals	282	137	4	6	4	2	13	7	12	7	4	1	479
<b>District 7</b>													
Edgecombe	145	109	0	1	5	0	40	1	3	0	2	0	306
Nash	204	48	34	7	56	8	52	13	2	12	6	1	443
Wilson	165	31	4	4	7	2	13	0	14	0	9	0	249
District Totals	514	188	38	12	68	10	105	14	19	12	17	1	998

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	<u>Retained</u>	<u>Dismissed</u>	<u>Retained</u>	<u>Dismissed</u>	<u>Retained</u>	<u>Dismissed</u>	<u>Retained</u>	<u>Dismissed</u>	<u>Retained</u>	<u>Dismissed</u>	<u>Terminated</u>	<u>Not Terminated</u>	
<b>District 8</b>													
Greene	14	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	16
Lenoir	109	32	1	1	1	9	32	2	1	0	12	0	200
Wayne	197	108	77	5	24	4	103	4	13	3	32	0	570
District Totals	320	140	79	6	25	13	135	6	14	3	45	0	786
<b>District 9</b>													
Franklin	46	4	11	4	0	0	12	3	4	0	0	0	84
Granville	95	10	1	0	5	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	116
Person	61	22	12	7	26	7	50	8	32	8	8	10	251
Vance	111	30	10	11	6	7	5	5	1	6	2	2	196
Warren	57	7	15	5	77	0	85	9	35	3	0	0	293
District Totals	370	73	49	27	114	15	153	27	72	17	10	13	940
<b>District 10</b>													
Wake	871	134	205	38	107	4	101	7	29	0	46	2	1,544
<b>District 11</b>													
Harnett	273	48	27	3	100	1	242	2	95	4	5	0	800
Johnston	188	97	19	2	6	2	23	3	3	0	8	1	352
Lee	154	67	9	2	1	5	5	7	0	0	6	0	256
District Totals	615	212	55	7	107	8	270	12	98	4	19	1	1,408
<b>District 12</b>													
Cumberland	743	769	17	320	135	49	140	95	26	50	25	3	2,372

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	Retained	Dismissed	Retained	Dismissed	Retained	Dismissed	Retained	Dismissed	Retained	Dismissed	Terminated	Not Terminated	
<b>District 13</b>													
Bladen	68	27	0	1	43	11	20	6	4	2	1	0	183
Brunswick	74	21	4	3	18	11	26	9	4	5	8	3	186
Columbus	73	27	5	3	24	1	147	11	10	0	5	5	311
District Totals	215	75	9	7	85	23	193	26	18	7	14	8	680
<b>District 14</b>													
Durham	111	51	6	1	45	7	46	5	9	0	19	0	300
<b>District 15A</b>													
Alamance	318	58	114	38	17	1	20	0	4	1	20	3	594
<b>District 15B</b>													
Chatham	23	31	1	2	6	6	0	4	1	0	3	0	77
Orange	135	48	4	4	12	5	12	9	1	0	18	2	250
District Totals	158	79	5	6	18	11	12	13	2	0	21	2	327
<b>District 16A</b>													
Hoke	85	10	2	1	8	0	5	1	4	0	1	0	117
Scotland	272	55	6	2	4	1	14	7	0	0	0	0	361
District Totals	357	65	8	3	12	1	19	8	4	0	1	0	478
<b>District 16B</b>													
Robeson	513	98	77	34	26	12	130	9	36	17	6	1	959
<b>District 17A</b>													
Caswell	11	4	0	2	1	0	5	1	5	0	0	0	29
Rockingham	198	33	15	3	3	0	15	1	3	1	11	2	285
District Totals	209	37	15	5	4	0	20	2	8	1	11	2	314



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	<u>Retained</u>	<u>Dismissed</u>	<u>Retained</u>	<u>Dismissed</u>	<u>Retained</u>	<u>Dismissed</u>	<u>Retained</u>	<u>Dismissed</u>	<u>Retained</u>	<u>Dismissed</u>	<u>Terminated</u>	<u>Not Terminated</u>	
<b>District 17B</b>													
Stokes	87	34	2	6	27	9	24	12	0	2	3	0	206
Surry	37	5	2	6	0	1	16	1	2	0	3	0	73
District Totals	124	39	4	12	27	10	40	13	2	2	6	0	279
<b>District 18</b>													
Guilford	618	423	106	52	92	39	88	44	14	5	71	12	1,564
<b>District 19A</b>													
Cabarrus	152	45	46	4	10	2	17	7	5	8	14	3	313
<b>District 19B</b>													
Montgomery	43	15	3	2	8	1	27	5	2	1	0	0	107
Randolph	249	142	107	15	19	11	16	26	3	5	19	0	612
District Totals	292	157	110	17	27	12	43	31	5	6	19	0	719
<b>District 19C</b>													
Rowan	273	64	99	22	59	4	32	7	7	2	18	3	590
<b>District 20</b>													
Anson	30	6	0	0	6	0	17	2	0	0	2	0	63
Moore	132	9	19	4	7	1	29	2	7	2	5	0	217
Richmond	79	42	0	1	8	2	167	15	25	0	3	8	350
Stanly	64	19	2	2	4	0	6	11	4	1	4	4	121
Union	199	81	56	10	46	12	7	34	0	7	11	0	463
District Totals	504	157	77	17	71	15	226	64	36	10	25	12	1,214
<b>District 21</b>													
Forsyth	494	141	347	59	128	6	121	13	14	1	54	25	1,403

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<b>District 22</b>													
Alexander	39	4	13	5	7	0	4	1	5	4	1	1	84
Davidson	221	37	4	37	19	0	36	2	11	2	31	0	400
Davie	50	10	9	4	5	2	15	3	5	0	1	0	104
Iredell	247	52	18	3	7	2	43	7	6	2	34	0	421
District Totals	557	103	44	49	38	4	98	13	27	8	67	1	1,009
<b>District 23</b>													
Alleghany	55	4	3	1	0	2	8	14	1	3	0	0	91
Ashe	42	8	11	2	3	1	15	3	6	0	1	0	92
Wilkes	157	25	75	5	54	5	134	4	26	0	17	12	514
Yadkin	67	12	35	3	26	11	40	35	4	3	4	0	240
District Totals	321	49	124	11	83	19	197	56	37	6	22	12	937
<b>District 24</b>													
Avery	44	12	39	34	12	1	13	2	2	2	8	0	169
Madison	25	14	21	6	21	8	19	7	19	12	4	0	156
Mitchell	27	16	17	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	75
Watauga	45	28	10	13	8	2	0	3	0	2	5	0	116
Yancey	7	2	16	3	8	0	1	9	0	1	0	0	47
District Totals	148	72	103	63	50	11	33	21	21	17	24	0	563
<b>District 25</b>													
Burke	100	16	50	25	19	12	23	10	7	4	7	2	275
Caldwell	88	83	60	28	35	15	52	12	24	9	17	0	423
Catawba	119	73	47	16	14	7	37	11	7	11	18	1	361
District Totals	307	172	157	69	68	34	112	33	38	24	42	3	1,059
<b>District 26</b>													
Mecklenburg	1,413	994	45	259	38	2	228	24	49	4	65	8	3,129

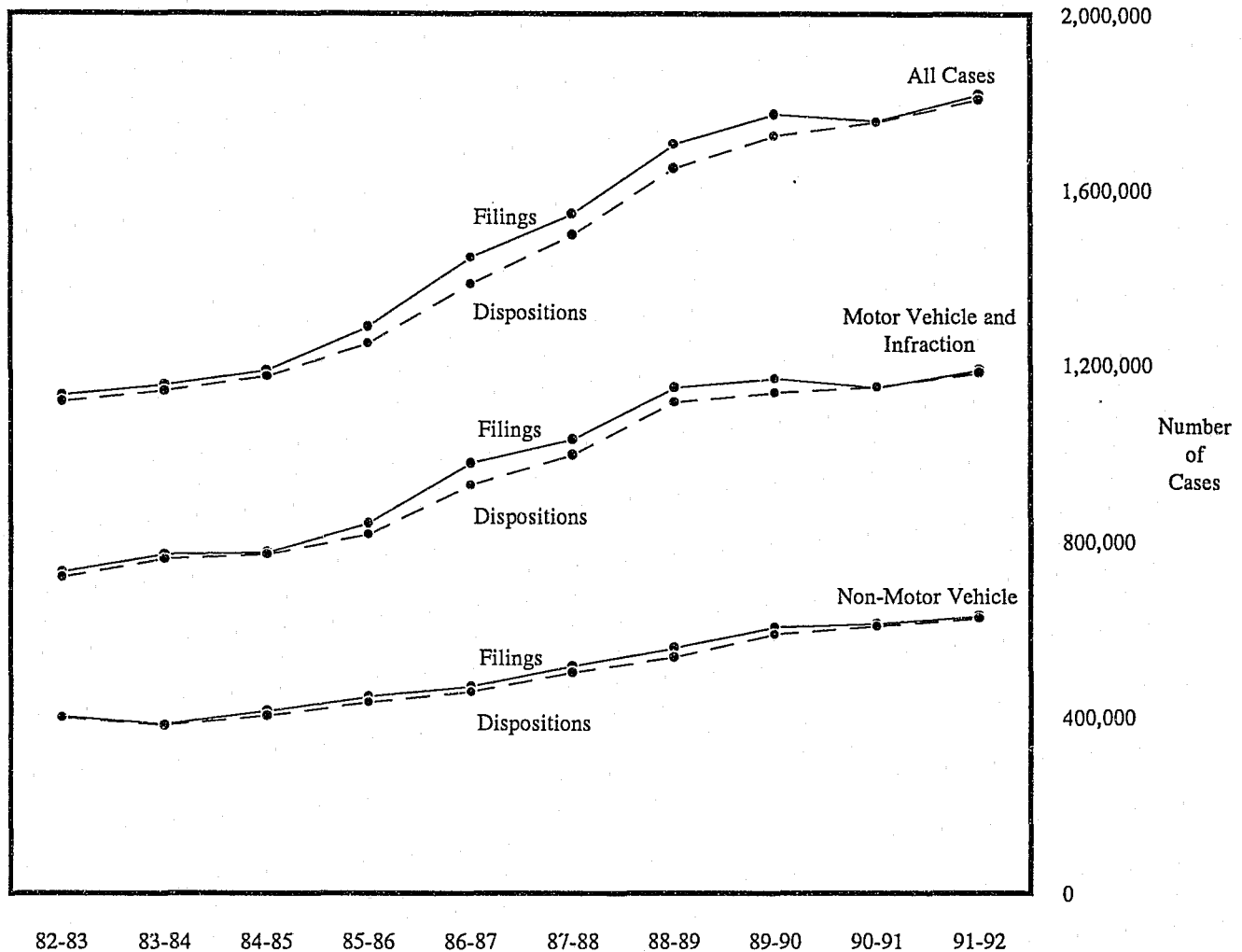
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	<u>Delinquency Hearings</u>		<u>Undisciplined Hearings</u>		<u>Dependency Hearings</u>		<u>Neglect Hearings</u>		<u>Abuse Hearings</u>		<u>Parental Rights</u>		<u>Total Hearings</u>
	Retained	Dismissed	Retained	Dismissed	Retained	Dismissed	Retained	Dismissed	Retained	Dismissed	Terminated	Not Terminated	
<b>District 27A</b>													
Gaston	239	144	144	49	18	12	41	14	15	5	25	2	708
<b>District 27B</b>													
Cleveland	117	44	6	0	2	0	37	2	5	1	5	0	219
Lincoln	56	19	13	7	1	0	22	3	1	0	5	0	127
District Totals	173	63	19	7	3	0	59	5	6	1	10	0	346
<b>District 28</b>													
Buncombe	360	188	152	105	38	11	52	10	10	8	12	1	947
<b>District 29</b>													
Henderson	40	30	26	3	8	0	10	1	4	5	10	4	141
McDowell	85	9	13	1	15	2	14	4	2	4	15	5	169
Polk	16	1	2	0	4	1	0	0	2	0	3	0	29
Rutherford	111	21	36	6	40	2	76	2	9	0	11	0	314
Transylvania	27	3	4	1	7	0	14	0	1	1	5	0	63
District Totals	279	64	81	11	74	5	114	7	18	10	44	9	716
<b>District 30</b>													
Cherokee	37	0	14	2	5	0	26	3	11	3	0	3	104
Clay	5	0	7	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	17
Graham	7	1	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Haywood	20	10	18	15	20	8	24	4	6	2	4	7	138
Jackson	40	13	15	14	8	4	9	3	1	0	0	1	108
Macon	23	0	4	9	7	1	7	1	5	1	5	0	63
Swain	0	1	6	6	6	0	13	0	4	0	0	0	36
District Totals	132	25	70	46	47	13	83	11	27	6	10	11	481
<b>State Totals</b>	<b>14,566</b>	<b>5,652</b>	<b>2,520</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>1,855</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>3,389</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>32,518</b>

## TRENDS IN FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS OF INFRACTION AND CRIMINAL CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

1982-83 -- 1991-92



Infraction cases are included with criminal motor vehicle cases here to show a meaningful trend before and after 1986, when the infraction category was first created. Almost all infractions would have been criminal motor vehicle cases before 1986. Motor vehicle and infraction case filings together increased by 3.6% in 1991-92, from 1,145,702 in 1990-91 to 1,186,738 in 1991-92. The increase

this year follows a decrease in filings of these cases in 1990-91; over the past two fiscal years, there has been a net increase of 1.8% in filings of these cases. Filings of criminal non-motor vehicle cases have increased in each of the last eight years. Criminal non-motor vehicle filings increased by 3.2% in 1991-92, from 610,286 in 1990-91 to 629,589 in 1991-92.

# MOTOR VEHICLE CRIMINAL CASE FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992

	Filed	Dispositions		Total Dispositions
		Waiver	Other	
<b>District 1</b>				
Camden	430	96	348	444
Chowan	574	196	415	611
Currituck	908	228	710	938
Dare	3,745	1,347	2,312	3,659
Gates	431	88	317	405
Pasquotank	1,743	390	1,343	1,733
Perquimans	749	212	531	743
District Totals	8,580	2,557	5,976	8,533
<b>District 2</b>				
Beaufort	2,951	683	2,537	3,220
Hyde	512	118	332	450
Martin	1,539	320	1,260	1,580
Tyrrell	515	151	348	499
Washington	592	169	375	544
District Totals	6,109	1,441	4,852	6,293
<b>District 3A</b>				
Pitt	8,737	846	7,281	8,127
<b>District 3B</b>				
Carteret	5,165	1,097	3,954	5,051
Craven	5,509	888	4,564	5,452
Pamlico	467	65	377	442
District Totals	11,141	2,050	8,895	10,945
<b>District 4</b>				
Duplin	3,146	710	2,435	3,145
Jones	615	105	414	519
Onslow	6,683	1,304	5,704	7,008
Sampson	4,332	1,282	3,064	4,346
District Totals	14,776	3,401	11,617	15,018
<b>District 5</b>				
New Hanover	8,981	2,273	6,845	9,118
Pender	2,537	628	1,774	2,402
District Totals	11,518	2,901	8,619	11,520
<b>District 6A</b>				
Halifax	4,107	1,034	2,651	3,685

# MOTOR VEHICLE CRIMINAL CASE FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992

	Filed	Dispositions		Total Dispositions
		Waiver	Other	
<b>District 6B</b>				
Bertie	1,598	353	1,143	1,496
Hertford	2,467	613	1,574	2,187
Northampton	1,342	228	1,072	1,300
District Totals	5,407	1,194	3,789	4,983
<b>District 7</b>				
Edgecombe	4,382	1,243	3,524	4,767
Nash	6,209	2,119	4,378	6,497
Wilson	4,534	1,392	3,740	5,132
District Totals	15,125	4,754	11,642	16,396
<b>District 8</b>				
Greene	928	129	651	780
Lenoir	5,156	827	4,326	5,153
Wayne	6,627	1,277	5,263	6,540
District Totals	12,711	2,233	10,240	12,473
<b>District 9</b>				
Franklin	2,486	365	2,093	2,458
Granville	2,346	516	1,862	2,378
Person	2,436	489	1,934	2,423
Vance	2,944	396	2,851	3,247
Warren	902	144	765	909
District Totals	11,114	1,910	9,505	11,415
<b>District 10</b>				
Wake	44,291	5,545	36,455	42,000
<b>District 11</b>				
Harnett	5,165	576	4,873	5,449
Johnston	6,414	1,025	5,323	6,348
Lee	4,721	827	3,698	4,525
District Totals	16,300	2,428	13,894	16,322
<b>District 12</b>				
Cumberland	19,221	2,726	16,731	19,457
<b>District 13</b>				
Bladen	3,122	597	2,626	3,223
Brunswick	3,532	421	3,224	3,645
Columbus	3,561	421	3,285	3,706
District Totals	10,215	1,439	9,135	10,574
<b>District 14</b>				
Durham	11,998	2,419	9,359	11,778

# MOTOR VEHICLE CRIMINAL CASE FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992

	Filed	Dispositions		Total Dispositions
		Waiver	Other	
<b>District 15A</b>				
Alamance	7,758	1,524	6,587	8,111
<b>District 15B</b>				
Chatham	2,960	501	2,537	3,038
Orange	4,924	890	3,838	4,728
District Totals	7,884	1,391	6,375	7,766
<b>District 16A</b>				
Hoke	2,494	415	2,084	2,499
Scotland	2,769	497	2,314	2,811
District Totals	5,263	912	4,398	5,310
<b>District 16B</b>				
Robeson	7,770	1,039	8,131	9,170
<b>District 17A</b>				
Caswell	978	179	825	1,004
Rockingham	5,243	1,102	4,253	5,355
District Totals	6,221	1,281	5,078	6,359
<b>District 17B</b>				
Stokes	2,089	364	1,613	1,977
Surry	4,147	795	3,359	4,154
District Totals	6,236	1,159	4,972	6,131
<b>District 18</b>				
Guilford	32,675	3,549	27,174	30,723
<b>District 19A</b>				
Cabarrus	7,180	1,456	5,754	7,210
<b>District 19B</b>				
Montgomery	2,178	252	1,953	2,205
Randolph	7,082	1,132	6,117	7,249
District Totals	9,260	1,384	8,070	9,454
<b>District 19C</b>				
Rowan	6,127	1,209	4,967	6,176

# MOTOR VEHICLE CRIMINAL CASE FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992

	Filed	Dispositions		
		Waiver	Other	Total Dispositions
<b>District 20</b>				
Anson	1,906	325	1,406	1,731
Moore	4,563	799	4,123	4,922
Richmond	2,646	426	2,195	2,621
Stanly	3,555	690	2,883	3,573
Union	4,854	906	4,106	5,012
District Totals	17,524	3,146	14,713	17,859
<b>District 21</b>				
Forsyth	22,637	3,310	19,077	22,387
<b>District 22</b>				
Alexander	1,433	206	1,233	1,439
Davidson	7,338	1,176	5,999	7,175
Davie	1,753	304	1,208	1,512
Iredell	7,535	1,696	6,280	7,976
District Totals	18,059	3,382	14,720	18,102
<b>District 23</b>				
Alleghany	573	180	324	504
Ashe	870	230	603	833
Wilkes	3,558	887	2,878	3,765
Yadkin	2,077	571	1,474	2,045
District Totals	7,078	1,868	5,279	7,147
<b>District 24</b>				
Avery	1,008	259	797	1,056
Madison	1,122	293	869	1,162
Mitchell	774	221	606	827
Watauga	2,451	806	1,677	2,483
Yancey	946	311	593	904
District Totals	6,301	1,890	4,542	6,432
<b>District 25</b>				
Burke	4,431	956	3,537	4,493
Caldwell	4,821	915	3,732	4,647
Catawba	7,078	1,283	5,957	7,240
District Totals	16,330	3,154	13,226	16,380
<b>District 26</b>				
Mecklenburg	46,006	11,874	40,364	52,238
<b>District 27A</b>				
Gaston	15,063	1,944	13,490	15,434



**MOTOR VEHICLE CRIMINAL CASE FILINGS AND  
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**July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992**

	Filed	Dispositions		
		Waiver	Other	Total Dispositions
<b>District 27B</b>				
Cleveland	4,375	871	3,695	4,566
Lincoln	2,102	356	1,730	2,086
District Totals	6,477	1,227	5,425	6,652
<b>District 28</b>				
Buncombe	10,877	4,054	7,021	11,075
<b>District 29</b>				
Henderson	4,722	1,007	3,688	4,695
McDowell	1,820	559	1,376	1,935
Polk	610	162	446	608
Rutherford	3,514	865	2,656	3,521
Transylvania	1,060	294	820	1,114
District Totals	11,726	2,887	8,986	11,873
<b>District 30</b>				
Cherokee	1,032	301	806	1,107
Clay	360	83	251	334
Graham	365	64	303	367
Haywood	2,598	423	2,082	2,505
Jackson	1,266	199	1,053	1,252
Macon	1,065	252	810	1,062
Swain	854	202	614	816
District Totals	7,540	1,524	5,919	7,443
State Totals	493,342	94,042	404,909	498,951

# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992

	Begin Pending 7/1/91	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	End Pending 6/30/92
<b>District 1</b>						
Camden	11	194	205	178	86.8%	27
Chowan	197	1,144	1,341	1,235	92.1%	106
Currituck	93	827	920	845	91.8%	75
Dare	562	3,132	3,694	3,005	81.3%	689
Gates	27	417	444	412	92.8%	32
Pasquotank	415	3,394	3,809	3,359	88.2%	450
Perquimans	68	516	584	491	84.1%	93
District Total	1,373	9,624	10,997	9,525	86.6%	1,472
<b>District 2</b>						
Beaufort	330	4,147	4,477	4,146	92.6%	331
Hyde	54	529	583	525	90.1%	58
Martin	203	2,050	2,253	2,106	93.5%	147
Tyrrell	33	430	463	419	90.5%	44
Washington	62	1,046	1,108	1,058	95.5%	50
District Total	682	8,202	8,884	8,254	92.9%	630
<b>District 3A</b>						
Pitt	3,355	17,836	21,191	16,343	77.1%	4,848
<b>District 3B</b>						
Carteret	1,482	6,450	7,932	6,387	80.5%	1,545
Craven	1,843	9,061	10,904	8,833	81.0%	2,071
Pamlico	123	1,019	1,142	984	86.2%	158
District Total	3,448	16,530	19,978	16,204	81.1%	3,774
<b>District 4</b>						
Duplin	554	3,272	3,826	3,393	88.7%	433
Jones	70	834	904	816	90.3%	88
Onslow	2,510	13,338	15,848	14,100	89.0%	1,748
Sampson	577	4,657	5,234	4,768	91.1%	466
District Total	3,711	22,101	25,812	23,077	89.4%	2,735
<b>District 5</b>						
New Hanover	3,252	16,268	19,520	16,176	82.9%	3,344
Pender	325	2,332	2,657	2,311	87.0%	346
District Total	3,577	18,600	22,177	18,487	83.4%	3,690
<b>District 6A</b>						
Halifax	1,092	6,533	7,625	6,905	90.6%	720

# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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	Begin Pending 7/1/91	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	End Pending 6/30/92
<b>District 6B</b>						
Bertie	133	1,912	2,045	1,805	88.3%	240
Hertford	252	2,618	2,870	2,520	87.8%	350
Northampton	153	1,636	1,789	1,604	89.7%	185
District Total	538	6,166	6,704	5,929	88.4%	775
<b>District 7</b>						
Edgecombe	1,875	8,964	10,839	8,338	76.9%	2,501
Nash	2,585	12,133	14,718	12,022	81.7%	2,696
Wilson	2,907	8,339	11,246	8,882	79.0%	2,364
District Total	7,367	29,436	36,803	29,242	79.5%	7,561
<b>District 8</b>						
Greene	160	809	969	823	84.9%	146
Lenoir	1,626	6,493	8,119	6,705	82.6%	1,414
Wayne	2,081	8,708	10,789	8,796	81.5%	1,993
District Total	3,867	16,010	19,877	16,324	82.1%	3,553
<b>District 9</b>						
Franklin	386	3,276	3,662	3,207	87.6%	455
Granville	396	3,228	3,624	3,213	88.7%	411
Person	503	2,725	3,228	2,793	86.5%	435
Vance	618	5,173	5,791	5,138	88.7%	653
Warren	190	1,480	1,670	1,514	90.7%	156
District Total	2,093	15,882	17,975	15,865	88.3%	2,110
<b>District 10</b>						
Wake	10,280	40,794	51,074	35,463	69.4%	15,611
<b>District 11</b>						
Harnett	1,014	6,305	7,319	6,316	86.3%	1,003
Johnston	1,225	8,030	9,255	7,829	84.6%	1,426
Lee	824	6,728	7,552	6,613	87.6%	939
District Total	3,063	21,063	24,126	20,758	86.0%	3,368
<b>District 12</b>						
Cumberland	5,989	25,843	31,832	26,852	84.4%	4,980
<b>District 13</b>						
Bladen	524	3,061	3,585	3,162	88.2%	423
Brunswick	689	4,485	5,174	4,548	87.9%	626
Columbus	530	4,908	5,438	4,775	87.8%	663
District Total	1,743	12,454	14,197	12,485	87.9%	1,712

# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1991 -- June 30, 1992

	Begin Pending 7/1/91	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	End Pending 6/30/92
<b>District 14</b>						
Durham	4,836	17,087	21,923	17,561	80.1%	4,362
<b>District 15A</b>						
Alamance	1,482	10,565	12,047	10,690	88.7%	1,357
<b>District 15B</b>						
Chatham	370	2,629	2,999	2,585	86.2%	414
Orange	974	5,866	6,840	5,837	85.3%	1,003
District Total	1,344	8,495	9,839	8,422	85.6%	1,417
<b>District 16A</b>						
Hoke	447	2,768	3,215	2,628	81.7%	587
Scotland	690	5,516	6,206	5,312	85.6%	894
District Total	1,137	8,284	9,421	7,940	84.3%	1,481
<b>District 16B</b>						
Robeson	2,309	15,234	17,543	14,925	85.1%	2,618
<b>District 17A</b>						
Caswell	80	1,107	1,187	1,054	88.8%	133
Rockingham	933	7,058	7,991	7,188	90.0%	803
District Total	1,013	8,165	9,178	8,242	89.8%	936
<b>District 17B</b>						
Stokes	405	2,887	3,292	2,801	85.1%	491
Surry	954	4,538	5,492	4,839	88.1%	653
District Total	1,359	7,425	8,784	7,640	87.0%	1,144
<b>District 18</b>						
Guilford	18,699	44,187	62,886	45,063	71.7%	17,823
<b>District 19A</b>						
Cabarrus	896	8,533	9,429	8,334	88.4%	1,095
<b>District 19B</b>						
Montgomery	512	2,682	3,194	2,642	82.7%	552
Randolph	1,503	7,167	8,670	7,046	81.3%	1,624
District Total	2,015	9,849	11,864	9,688	81.7%	2,176
<b>District 19C</b>						
Rowan	948	7,238	8,186	7,168	87.6%	1,018

**CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES  
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	<b>Begin Pending 7/1/91</b>	<b>Filed</b>	<b>Total Caseload</b>	<b>Disposed</b>	<b>% Caseload Disposed</b>	<b>End Pending 6/30/92</b>
<b>District 20</b>						
Anson	349	2,628	2,977	2,713	91.1%	264
Moore	551	5,692	6,243	5,460	87.5%	783
Richmond	617	5,843	6,460	5,680	87.9%	780
Stanly	349	3,192	3,541	3,168	89.5%	373
Union	640	6,712	7,352	6,545	89.0%	807
District Total	2,506	24,067	26,573	23,566	88.7%	3,007
<b>District 21</b>						
Forsyth	3,060	27,157	30,217	26,574	87.9%	3,643
<b>District 22</b>						
Alexander	370	2,058	2,428	2,114	87.1%	314
Davidson	1,624	11,868	13,492	12,005	89.0%	1,487
Davie	289	1,702	1,991	1,628	81.8%	363
Iredell	1,541	9,501	11,042	9,579	86.8%	1,463
District Total	3,824	25,129	28,953	25,326	87.5%	3,627
<b>District 23</b>						
Alleghany	145	478	623	527	84.6%	96
Ashe	104	1,152	1,256	1,083	86.2%	173
Wilkes	808	4,147	4,955	4,245	85.7%	710
Yadkin	125	1,188	1,313	1,079	82.2%	234
District Total	1,182	6,965	8,147	6,934	85.1%	1,213
<b>District 24</b>						
Avery	294	1,084	1,378	1,111	80.6%	267
Madison	237	732	969	800	82.6%	169
Mitchell	137	567	704	586	83.2%	118
Watauga	389	2,769	3,158	2,628	83.2%	530
Yancey	98	514	612	432	70.6%	180
District Total	1,155	5,666	6,821	5,557	81.5%	1,264
<b>District 25</b>						
Burke	717	5,504	6,221	5,472	88.0%	749
Caldwell	564	4,397	4,961	4,423	89.2%	538
Catawba	1,278	9,228	10,506	9,017	85.8%	1,489
District Total	2,559	19,129	21,688	18,912	87.2%	2,776
<b>District 26</b>						
Mecklenburg	11,299	45,981	57,280	46,680	81.5%	10,600
<b>District 27A</b>						
Gaston	5,554	16,351	21,905	16,803	76.7%	5,102

# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

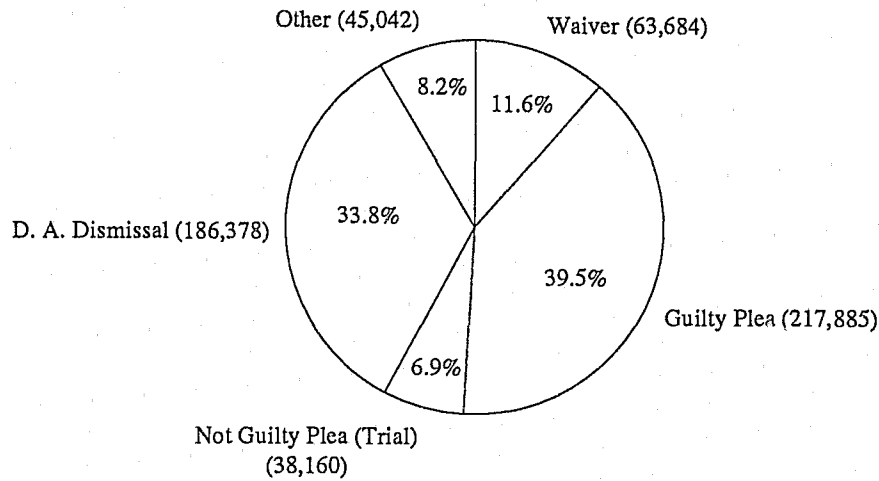
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	Begin Pending 7/1/91	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	End Pending 6/30/92
<b>District 27B</b>						
Cleveland	834	5,434	6,268	5,425	86.6%	843
Lincoln	435	3,134	3,569	3,189	89.4%	380
District Total	1,269	8,568	9,837	8,614	87.6%	1,223
<b>District 28</b>						
Buncombe	3,691	16,097	19,788	15,817	79.9%	3,971
<b>District 29</b>						
Henderson	1,258	4,879	6,137	5,372	87.5%	765
McDowell	454	2,338	2,792	2,291	82.1%	501
Polk	91	734	825	678	82.2%	147
Rutherford	1,184	5,104	6,288	4,796	76.3%	1,492
Transylvania	244	1,641	1,885	1,716	91.0%	169
District Total	3,231	14,696	17,927	14,853	82.9%	3,074
<b>District 30</b>						
Cherokee	178	1,210	1,388	1,251	90.1%	137
Clay	87	365	452	411	90.9%	41
Graham	131	699	830	751	90.5%	79
Haywood	380	2,654	3,034	2,577	84.9%	457
Jackson	157	1,201	1,358	1,181	87.0%	177
Macon	116	995	1,111	951	85.6%	160
Swain	76	523	599	505	84.3%	94
District Total	1,125	7,647	8,772	7,627	86.9%	1,145
State Totals	128,671	629,589	758,260	624,649	82.4%	133,611

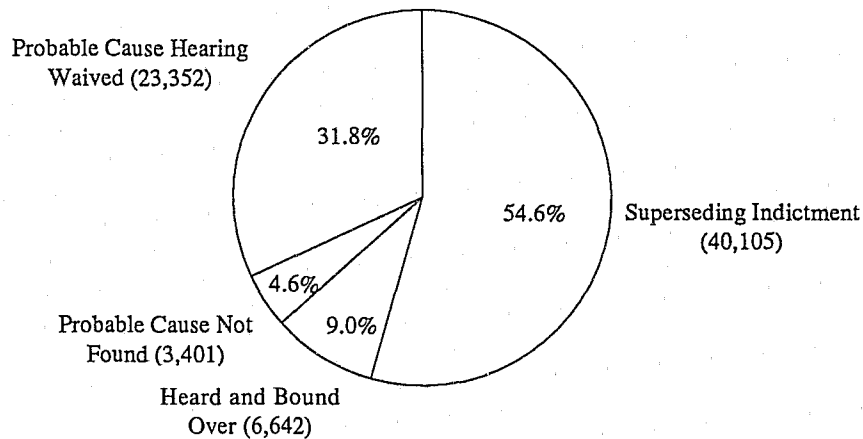
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**Misdemeanors**



**Felony Probable Cause Matters**



The waivers shown in the upper chart are waivers of trial in worthless check cases where the defendant pleads guilty to a magistrate. The "other" category includes changes of venue, waivers of extradition, findings of no probable cause at initial

appearance, and dismissals by the court. The proportion of district court felonies superseded by indictment increased each of the last six years, from 34.1% in 1986-87 to 54.6% this year.

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	Worthless Check Waiver	Guilty Plea		Not Guilty Plea	Dismissed by DA	Other	Felony Probable Cause Matters	Total Disposed
		Judge	Magistrate					
<b>District 1</b>								
Camden	6	37	8	40	44	25	18	178
Chowan	110	469	72	128	288	78	90	1,235
Currituck	28	164	13	86	236	224	94	845
Dare	101	782	116	222	825	715	244	3,005
Gates	37	127	5	41	77	59	66	412
Pasquotank	311	1,392	23	333	889	164	247	3,359
Perquimans	12	124	8	81	153	75	38	491
District Totals	605 6.4%	3,095 32.5%	245 2.6%	931 9.8%	2,512 26.4%	1,340 14.1%	797 8.4%	9,525 100.0%
<b>District 2</b>								
Beaufort	527	1,500	256	456	476	425	506	4,146
Hyde	16	102	17	86	45	186	73	525
Martin	347	687	25	285	220	224	318	2,106
Tyrrell	7	141	20	79	47	73	52	419
Washington	239	262	44	136	69	124	184	1,058
District Totals	1,136 13.8%	2,692 32.6%	362 4.4%	1,042 12.6%	857 10.4%	1,032 12.5%	1,133 13.7%	8,254 100.0%
<b>District 3A</b>								
Pitt	3,316 20.3%	5,821 35.6%	424 2.6%	699 4.3%	3,652 22.3%	497 3.0%	1,934 11.8%	16,343 100.0%
<b>District 3B</b>								
Carteret	723	1,717	624	240	2,046	510	527	6,387
Craven	1,549	2,886	66	411	2,406	612	903	8,833
Pamlico	35	261	8	48	271	168	193	984
District Totals	2,307 14.2%	4,864 30.0%	698 4.3%	699 4.3%	4,723 29.1%	1,290 8.0%	1,623 10.0%	16,204 100.0%
<b>District 4</b>								
Duplin	493	1,042	37	129	742	336	614	3,393
Jones	29	252	0	39	144	177	175	816
Onslow	2,630	5,436	171	408	2,722	758	1,975	14,100
Sampson	854	1,834	62	131	1,142	146	599	4,768
District Totals	4,006 17.4%	8,564 37.1%	270 1.2%	707 3.1%	4,750 20.6%	1,417 6.1%	3,363 14.6%	23,077 100.0%



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	Worthless Check Waiver	Guilty Plea		Not Guilty Plea	Dismissed by DA	Other	Felony Probable Cause Matters	Total Disposed
		Judge	Magistrate					
<b>District 5</b>								
New Hanover	1,180	7,306	249	855	2,853	2,151	1,582	16,176
Pender	96	752	30	173	675	262	323	2,311
District Totals	1,276 6.9%	8,058 43.6%	279 1.5%	1,028 5.6%	3,528 19.1%	2,413 13.1%	1,905 10.3%	18,487 100.0%
<b>District 6A</b>								
Halifax	495 7.2%	2,393 34.7%	367 5.3%	666 9.6%	1,220 17.7%	567 8.2%	1,197 17.3%	6,905 100.0%
<b>District 6B</b>								
Bertie	85	524	11	265	409	193	318	1,805
Hertford	223	793	16	242	548	264	434	2,520
Northampton	74	488	68	212	375	174	213	1,604
District Totals	382 6.4%	1,805 30.4%	95 1.6%	719 12.1%	1,332 22.5%	631 10.6%	965 16.3%	5,929 100.0%
<b>District 7</b>								
Edgecombe	1,130	2,748	204	790	1,865	354	1,247	8,338
Nash	2,577	4,191	235	637	2,817	363	1,202	12,022
Wilson	1,168	3,018	179	488	2,616	361	1,052	8,882
District Totals	4,875 16.7%	9,957 34.1%	618 2.1%	1,915 6.5%	7,298 25.0%	1,078 3.7%	3,501 12.0%	29,242 100.0%
<b>District 8</b>								
Greene	27	189	70	56	236	91	154	823
Lenoir	617	2,085	38	424	2,417	598	526	6,705
Wayne	1,385	2,561	32	371	3,128	442	877	8,796
District Totals	2,029 12.4%	4,835 29.6%	140 0.9%	851 5.2%	5,781 35.4%	1,131 6.9%	1,557 9.5%	16,324 100.0%
<b>District 9</b>								
Franklin	419	1,111	63	378	556	137	543	3,207
Granville	384	1,282	57	324	544	227	395	3,213
Person	320	1,078	111	244	423	226	391	2,793
Vance	438	2,078	72	480	1,097	322	651	5,138
Warren	144	431	12	249	226	105	347	1,514
District Totals	1,705 10.7%	5,980 37.7%	315 2.0%	1,675 10.6%	2,846 17.9%	1,017 6.4%	2,327 14.7%	15,865 100.0%

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	Worthless Check Waiver	Guilty Plea		Not Guilty Plea	Dismissed by DA	Other	Felony Probable Cause Matters	Total Disposed
		Judge	Magistrate					
<b>District 10</b>								
Wake	5,421 15.3%	9,627 27.1%	1,358 3.8%	1,951 5.5%	9,050 25.5%	2,564 7.2%	5,492 15.5%	35,463 100.0%
<b>District 11</b>								
Harnett	1,132	2,048	45	232	1,614	603	642	6,316
Johnston	1,149	2,999	108	274	1,781	667	851	7,829
Lee	1,063	2,243	87	228	1,958	359	675	6,613
District Totals	3,344 16.1%	7,290 35.1%	240 1.2%	734 3.5%	5,353 25.8%	1,629 7.8%	2,168 10.4%	20,758 100.0%
<b>District 12</b>								
Cumberland	4,948 18.4%	8,313 31.0%	60 0.2%	1,600 6.0%	7,978 29.7%	542 2.0%	3,411 12.7%	26,852 100.0%
<b>District 13</b>								
Bladen	376	905	30	290	869	373	319	3,162
Brunswick	343	1,349	178	308	1,780	222	368	4,548
Columbus	786	1,736	17	238	1,469	282	247	4,775
District Totals	1,505 12.1%	3,990 32.0%	225 1.8%	836 6.7%	4,118 33.0%	877 7.0%	934 7.5%	12,485 100.0%
<b>District 14</b>								
Durham	1,172 6.7%	6,899 39.3%	4 0.0%	674 3.8%	5,433 30.9%	1,251 7.1%	2,128 12.1%	17,561 100.0%
<b>District 15A</b>								
Alamance	804 7.5%	3,746 35.0%	388 3.6%	799 7.5%	1,842 17.2%	572 5.4%	2,539 23.8%	10,690 100.0%
<b>District 15B</b>								
Chatham	162	736	31	126	677	574	279	2,585
Orange	465	1,790	69	224	2,182	386	721	5,837
District Totals	627 7.4%	2,526 30.0%	100 1.2%	350 4.2%	2,859 33.9%	960 11.4%	1,000 11.9%	8,422 100.0%
<b>District 16A</b>								
Hoke	278	744	17	435	564	170	420	2,628
Scotland	553	2,037	90	432	977	501	722	5,312
District Totals	831 10.5%	2,781 35.0%	107 1.3%	867 10.9%	1,541 19.4%	671 8.5%	1,142 14.4%	7,940 100.0%

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<b>District 16B</b>								
Robeson	1,460 9.8%	5,769 38.7%	326 2.2%	1,505 10.1%	1,722 11.5%	1,200 8.0%	2,943 19.7%	14,925 100.0%
<b>District 17A</b>								
Caswell	31	302	53	221	175	117	155	1,054
Rockingham	310	2,644	61	920	1,182	751	1,320	7,188
District Totals	341 4.1%	2,946 35.7%	114 1.4%	1,141 13.8%	1,357 16.5%	868 10.5%	1,475 17.9%	8,242 100.0%
<b>District 17B</b>								
Stokes	257	851	38	147	662	369	477	2,801
Surry	452	1,588	145	343	1,147	467	697	4,839
District Totals	709 9.3%	2,439 31.9%	183 2.4%	490 6.4%	1,809 23.7%	836 10.9%	1,174 15.4%	7,640 100.0%
<b>District 18</b>								
Guilford	1,741 3.9%	13,548 30.1%	1,694 3.8%	1,370 3.0%	19,636 43.6%	1,854 4.1%	5,220 11.6%	45,063 100.0%
<b>District 19A</b>								
Cabarrus	1,221 14.7%	2,726 32.7%	65 0.8%	975 11.7%	1,532 18.4%	605 7.3%	1,210 14.5%	8,334 100.0%
<b>District 19B</b>								
Montgomery	219	646	318	234	857	68	300	2,642
Randolph	880	2,400	15	357	2,186	268	940	7,046
District Totals	1,099 11.3%	3,046 31.4%	333 3.4%	591 6.1%	3,043 31.4%	336 3.5%	1,240 12.8%	9,688 100.0%
<b>District 19C</b>								
Rowan	87 1.2%	2,173 30.3%	69 1.0%	905 12.6%	2,033 28.4%	637 8.9%	1,264 17.6%	7,168 100.0%

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		Judge	Magistrate					
<b>District 20</b>								
Anson	153	736	106	383	649	191	495	2,713
Moore	1,322	1,360	119	490	1,088	263	818	5,460
Richmond	396	1,807	78	684	1,213	474	1,028	5,680
Stanly	289	1,034	21	486	601	344	393	3,168
Union	890	2,103	127	616	1,396	533	880	6,545
District Totals	3,050 12.9%	7,040 29.9%	451 1.9%	2,659 11.3%	4,947 21.0%	1,805 7.7%	3,614 15.3%	23,566 100.0%
<b>District 21</b>								
Forsyth	2,242 8.4%	10,770 40.5%	0 0.0%	2,183 8.2%	7,829 29.5%	1,007 3.8%	2,543 9.6%	26,574 100.0%
<b>District 22</b>								
Alexander	174	697	10	78	692	304	159	2,114
Davidson	378	3,300	96	466	6,323	680	762	12,005
Davie	116	631	0	91	586	86	118	1,628
Iredell	394	3,587	267	433	3,384	597	917	9,579
District Totals	1,062 4.2%	8,215 32.4%	373 1.5%	1,068 4.2%	10,985 43.4%	1,667 6.6%	1,956 7.7%	25,326 100.0%
<b>District 23</b>								
Alleghany	46	165	23	39	155	63	36	527
Ashe	156	277	54	135	186	164	111	1,083
Wilkes	502	1,568	142	434	867	327	405	4,245
Yadkin	83	379	49	131	186	107	144	1,079
District Totals	787 11.3%	2,389 34.5%	268 3.9%	739 10.7%	1,394 20.1%	661 9.5%	696 10.0%	6,934 100.0%
<b>District 24</b>								
Avery	105	174	30	38	501	203	60	1,111
Madison	37	160	18	40	451	47	47	800
Mitchell	70	129	16	37	227	56	51	586
Watauga	518	510	156	101	795	359	189	2,628
Yancey	30	89	2	30	166	81	34	432
District Totals	760 13.7%	1,062 19.1%	222 4.0%	246 4.4%	2,140 38.5%	746 13.4%	381 6.9%	5,557 100.0%

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	Worthless Check Waiver	Guilty Plea		Not Guilty Plea	Dismissed by DA	Other	Felony Probable Cause Matters	Total Disposed
		Judge	Magistrate					
<b>District 25</b>								
Burke	694	1,857	16	287	1,396	653	569	5,472
Caldwell	464	1,381	204	206	1,111	302	755	4,423
Catawba	1,050	2,764	125	387	2,701	847	1,143	9,017
District Totals	2,208 11.7%	6,002 31.7%	345 1.8%	880 4.7%	5,208 27.5%	1,802 9.5%	2,467 13.0%	18,912 100.0%
<b>District 26</b>								
Mecklenburg	1,136 2.4%	13,463 28.8%	3 0.0%	1,352 2.9%	24,871 53.3%	4,884 10.5%	971 2.1%	46,680 100.0%
<b>District 27A</b>								
Gaston	467 2.8%	3,846 22.9%	391 2.3%	718 4.3%	8,112 48.3%	980 5.8%	2,289 13.6%	16,803 100.0%
<b>District 27B</b>								
Cleveland	406	1,872	102	450	1,409	577	609	5,425
Lincoln	411	901	54	222	685	458	458	3,189
District Totals	817 9.5%	2,773 32.2%	156 1.8%	672 7.8%	2,094 24.3%	1,035 12.0%	1,067 12.4%	8,614 100.0%
<b>District 28</b>								
Buncombe	2,072 13.1%	6,502 41.1%	206 1.3%	509 3.2%	4,143 26.2%	1,071 6.8%	1,314 8.3%	15,817 100.0%
<b>District 29</b>								
Henderson	500	1,956	206	214	1,869	143	484	5,372
McDowell	96	890	201	130	676	82	216	2,291
Polk	9	241	4	38	288	53	45	678
Rutherford	262	1,801	215	607	1,139	191	581	4,796
Transylvania	128	584	47	77	425	245	210	1,716
District Totals	995 6.7%	5,472 36.8%	673 4.5%	1,066 7.2%	4,397 29.6%	714 4.8%	1,536 10.3%	14,853 100.0%
<b>District 30</b>								
Cherokee	110	353	9	65	438	116	160	1,251
Clay	16	70	3	22	56	159	85	411
Graham	11	114	1	45	223	139	218	751
Haywood	233	862	50	121	930	117	264	2,577
Jackson	108	298	15	41	377	200	142	1,181
Macon	132	268	55	34	271	78	113	951
Swain	36	128	75	20	158	46	42	505
District Totals	646 8.5%	2,093 27.4%	208 2.7%	348 4.6%	2,453 32.2%	855 11.2%	1,024 13.4%	7,627 100.0%
State Totals	63,684 10.2%	205,510 32.9%	12,375 2.0%	38,160 6.1%	186,378 29.8%	45,042 7.2%	73,500 11.8%	624,649 100.0%

# AGES OF PENDING CRIMINAL NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

Ages of Cases Pending June 30, 1992

	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)						Total Pending	Mean Age (Days)	Median Age (Days)
	0-90	91-120	121-180	181-365	366-730	>730			
<b>District 1</b>									
Camden	21	3	0	3	0	0	27	65.1	41.0
Chowan	86	2	3	2	2	11	106	155.0	27.0
Currituck	63	2	9	1	0	0	75	49.2	32.0
Dare	611	16	25	29	7	1	689	46.4	19.0
Gates	31	1	0	0	0	0	32	31.1	30.0
Pasquotank	343	25	29	39	14	0	450	68.0	27.0
Perquimans	70	4	9	7	2	1	93	85.2	41.0
District Totals	1,225	53	75	81	25	13	1,472	63.4	26.5
	83.2%	3.6%	5.1%	5.5%	1.7%	0.9%	100.0%		
<b>District 2</b>									
Beaufort	301	11	16	3	0	0	331	37.7	26.0
Hyde	52	1	4	1	0	0	58	39.6	28.0
Martin	122	4	15	5	1	0	147	48.9	21.0
Tyrrell	30	6	5	3	0	0	44	60.6	36.5
Washington	48	0	2	0	0	0	50	30.7	15.0
District Totals	553	22	42	12	1	0	630	41.5	26.0
	87.8%	3.5%	6.7%	1.9%	0.2%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 3A</b>									
Pitt	2,960	625	536	461	261	5	4,848	105.2	63.0
	61.1%	12.9%	11.1%	9.5%	5.4%	0.1%	100.0%		
<b>District 3B</b>									
Carteret	1,071	105	156	141	63	9	1,545	96.4	50.0
Craven	1,179	206	250	334	100	2	2,071	113.8	69.0
Pamlico	107	11	24	12	1	3	158	88.7	46.0
District Totals	2,357	322	430	487	164	14	3,774	105.6	57.0
	62.5%	8.5%	11.4%	12.9%	4.3%	0.4%	100.0%		
<b>District 4</b>									
Duplin	352	38	35	5	3	0	433	51.5	34.0
Jones	60	17	7	4	0	0	88	65.8	48.0
Onslow	1,193	119	186	207	32	11	1,748	92.7	55.0
Sampson	379	25	48	12	2	0	466	59.6	40.0
District Totals	1,984	199	276	228	37	11	2,735	79.7	48.0
	72.5%	7.3%	10.1%	8.3%	1.4%	0.4%	100.0%		

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Ages of Cases Pending June 30, 1992

	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)						Total Pending	Mean Age (Days)	Median Age (Days)
	0-90	91-120	121-180	181-365	366-730	>730			
<b>District 5</b>									
New Hanover	1,640	162	261	382	448	451	3,344	288.1	97.0
Pender	213	12	26	39	46	10	346	145.6	48.5
District Totals	1,853	174	287	421	494	461	3,690	274.7	90.0
	50.2%	4.7%	7.8%	11.4%	13.4%	12.5%	100.0%		
<b>District 6A</b>									
Halifax	599	60	42	14	4	1	720	52.2	34.0
	83.2%	8.3%	5.8%	1.9%	0.6%	0.1%	100.0%		
<b>District 6B</b>									
Bertie	145	11	10	33	35	6	240	156.7	42.0
Hertford	268	27	24	16	12	3	350	76.4	34.0
Northampton	132	21	10	17	5	0	185	75.4	32.0
District Totals	545	59	44	66	52	9	775	101.0	34.0
	70.3%	7.6%	5.7%	8.5%	6.7%	1.2%	100.0%		
<b>District 7</b>									
Edgecombe	1,303	217	273	378	207	123	2,501	176.2	85.0
Nash	1,625	247	318	276	122	108	2,696	128.3	62.0
Wilson	1,274	241	282	342	132	93	2,364	152.9	83.0
District Totals	4,202	705	873	996	461	324	7,561	151.8	75.0
	55.6%	9.3%	11.5%	13.2%	6.1%	4.3%	100.0%		
<b>District 8</b>									
Greene	87	12	22	18	6	1	146	108.4	63.0
Lenoir	1,045	137	90	94	48	0	1,414	80.0	48.5
Wayne	1,187	186	295	255	55	15	1,993	105.7	68.0
District Totals	2,319	335	407	367	109	16	3,553	95.6	57.0
	65.3%	9.4%	11.5%	10.3%	3.1%	0.5%	100.0%		
<b>District 9</b>									
Franklin	366	16	19	28	23	3	455	82.4	32.0
Granville	311	13	21	36	30	0	411	88.7	28.0
Person	306	19	26	53	29	2	435	103.6	33.0
Vance	481	33	66	39	25	9	653	94.2	39.0
Warren	126	10	6	11	0	3	156	98.0	33.0
District Totals	1,590	91	138	167	107	17	2,110	92.8	33.0
	75.4%	4.3%	6.5%	7.9%	5.1%	0.8%	100.0%		

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<b>District 10</b>									
Wake	6,249	1,172	2,120	2,712	1,303	2,055	15,611	325.4	130.0
	40.0%	7.5%	13.6%	17.4%	8.3%	13.2%	100.0%		
<b>District 11</b>									
Harnett	665	133	63	103	24	15	1,003	100.9	50.0
Johnston	1,024	124	112	121	42	3	1,426	77.1	28.0
Lee	779	38	47	43	32	0	939	60.6	25.0
District Totals	2,468	295	222	267	98	18	3,368	79.6	33.0
	73.3%	8.8%	6.6%	7.9%	2.9%	0.5%	100.0%		
<b>District 12</b>									
Cumberland	3,238	463	521	423	221	114	4,980	121.5	60.0
	65.0%	9.3%	10.5%	8.5%	4.4%	2.3%	100.0%		
<b>District 13</b>									
Bladen	359	16	29	29	9	1	423	69.9	28.0
Brunswick	528	35	21	27	10	5	626	59.3	28.0
Columbus	503	47	57	37	19	0	663	72.1	39.0
District Totals	1,370	98	107	93	38	6	1,712	66.9	32.0
	80.0%	5.7%	6.3%	5.4%	2.2%	0.4%	100.0%		
<b>District 14</b>									
Durham	2,194	343	502	555	563	205	4,362	188.4	90.0
	50.3%	7.9%	11.5%	12.7%	12.9%	4.7%	100.0%		
<b>District 15A</b>									
Alamance	960	92	85	157	45	18	1,357	98.0	42.0
	70.7%	6.8%	6.3%	11.6%	3.3%	1.3%	100.0%		
<b>District 15B</b>									
Chatham	333	22	21	20	18	0	414	70.6	33.0
Orange	673	85	87	126	31	1	1,003	94.7	55.0
District Totals	1,006	107	108	146	49	1	1,417	87.6	48.0
	71.0%	7.6%	7.6%	10.3%	3.5%	0.1%	100.0%		
<b>District 16A</b>									
Hoke	413	46	76	32	17	3	587	81.9	42.0
Scotland	717	79	44	49	5	0	894	55.2	33.0
District Totals	1,130	125	120	81	22	3	1,481	65.8	35.0
	76.3%	8.4%	8.1%	5.5%	1.5%	0.2%	100.0%		



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<b>District 16B</b>									
Robeson	1,850	229	175	144	188	32	2,618	102.1	41.0
	70.7%	8.7%	6.7%	5.5%	7.2%	1.2%	100.0%		
<b>District 17A</b>									
Caswell	114	15	2	1	1	0	133	38.6	25.0
Rockingham	641	25	34	59	38	6	803	79.3	26.0
District Totals	755	40	36	60	39	6	936	73.5	25.0
	80.7%	4.3%	3.8%	6.4%	4.2%	0.6%	100.0%		
<b>District 17B</b>									
Stokes	374	21	29	35	27	5	491	92.5	41.0
Surry	532	51	40	16	8	6	653	68.3	35.0
District Totals	906	72	69	51	35	11	1,144	78.7	35.0
	79.2%	6.3%	6.0%	4.5%	3.1%	1.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 18</b>									
Guilford	7,271	1,890	2,323	3,154	2,248	937	17,823	215.7	117.0
	40.8%	10.6%	13.0%	17.7%	12.6%	5.3%	100.0%		
<b>District 19A</b>									
Cabarrus	965	54	59	17	0	0	1,095	39.0	25.0
	88.1%	4.9%	5.4%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 19B</b>									
Montgomery	369	21	24	82	36	20	552	145.3	47.0
Randolph	1,213	120	124	118	49	0	1,624	76.1	42.0
District Totals	1,582	141	148	200	85	20	2,176	93.7	43.0
	72.7%	6.5%	6.8%	9.2%	3.9%	0.9%	100.0%		
<b>District 19C</b>									
Rowan	866	68	42	36	6	0	1,018	47.2	26.0
	85.1%	6.7%	4.1%	3.5%	0.6%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 20</b>									
Anson	186	20	10	23	4	21	264	143.3	34.0
Moore	450	43	30	112	108	40	783	184.1	60.0
Richmond	604	35	63	41	14	23	780	96.3	27.5
Stanly	315	27	29	2	0	0	373	38.0	20.0
Union	614	41	42	73	33	4	807	80.6	27.0
District Totals	2,169	166	174	251	159	88	3,007	111.9	32.0
	72.1%	5.5%	5.8%	8.3%	5.3%	2.9%	100.0%		

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<b>District 21</b>									
Forsyth	2,618	368	409	237	11	0	3,643	64.8	40.0
	71.9%	10.1%	11.2%	6.5%	0.3%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 22</b>									
Alexander	275	19	13	7	0	0	314	42.4	15.0
Davidson	1,337	75	60	15	0	0	1,487	40.1	27.0
Davie	248	37	32	44	2	0	363	76.5	50.0
Iredell	1,151	131	122	56	3	0	1,463	58.9	35.0
District Totals	3,011	262	227	122	5	0	3,627	51.5	32.0
	83.0%	7.2%	6.3%	3.4%	0.1%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 23</b>									
Alleghany	71	1	21	2	0	1	96	73.2	37.5
Ashe	116	4	3	14	17	19	173	270.0	61.0
Wilkes	448	36	36	84	82	24	710	158.9	55.0
Yadkin	189	5	34	6	0	0	234	57.0	43.0
District Totals	824	46	94	106	99	44	1,213	148.3	49.0
	67.9%	3.8%	7.7%	8.7%	8.2%	3.6%	100.0%		
<b>District 24</b>									
Avery	140	50	20	35	14	8	267	159.5	85.0
Madison	105	11	9	20	17	7	169	175.4	61.0
Mitchell	65	2	7	24	9	11	118	204.1	57.0
Watauga	285	125	33	37	50	0	530	111.3	78.0
Yancey	106	14	3	32	22	3	180	164.6	64.0
District Totals	701	202	72	148	112	29	1,264	146.3	77.0
	55.5%	16.0%	5.7%	11.7%	8.9%	2.3%	100.0%		
<b>District 25</b>									
Burke	582	69	45	35	13	5	749	73.4	42.0
Caldwell	432	35	18	23	12	18	538	96.4	28.0
Catawba	1,143	113	175	57	1	0	1,489	58.8	41.0
District Totals	2,157	217	238	115	26	23	2,776	70.0	40.0
	77.7%	7.8%	8.6%	4.1%	0.9%	0.8%	100.0%		
<b>District 26</b>									
Mecklenburg	4,893	589	747	1,505	1,341	1,525	10,600	295.0	111.0
	46.2%	5.6%	7.0%	14.2%	12.7%	14.4%	100.0%		
<b>District 27A</b>									
Gaston	3,009	470	627	761	194	41	5,102	114.2	71.0
	52.0%	9.2%	12.3%	14.9%	3.8%	0.8%	100.0%		

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<b>District 27B</b>									
Cleveland	615	51	61	86	27	3	843	81.5	41.0
Lincoln	296	37	24	12	10	1	380	60.0	28.0
District Totals	911	88	85	98	37	4	1,223	74.8	35.0
	74.5%	7.2%	7.0%	8.0%	3.0%	0.3%	100.0%		
<b>District 28</b>									
Buncombe	2,318	385	522	621	121	4	3,971	106.1	67.0
	58.4%	9.7%	13.1%	15.6%	3.0%	0.1%	100.0%		
<b>District 29</b>									
Henderson	534	66	73	61	28	3	765	88.9	43.0
McDowell	393	21	32	28	24	3	501	78.3	32.0
Polk	70	14	31	30	2	0	147	106.9	98.0
Rutherford	667	84	89	245	220	187	1,492	294.7	118.0
Transylvania	121	5	15	10	12	6	169	116.4	32.0
District Totals	1,785	190	240	374	286	199	3,074	189.4	60.5
	58.1%	6.2%	7.8%	12.2%	9.3%	6.5%	100.0%		
<b>District 30</b>									
Cherokee	106	16	8	2	0	5	137	114.9	27.0
Clay	33	4	2	2	0	0	41	41.4	15.0
Graham	53	8	5	13	0	0	79	76.2	34.0
Haywood	312	50	44	31	18	2	457	92.5	47.0
Jackson	151	10	7	9	0	0	177	55.2	35.0
Macon	144	9	4	1	1	1	160	46.4	28.0
Swain	82	3	9	0	0	0	94	40.3	21.0
District Totals	881	100	79	58	19	8	1,145	75.7	35.0
	76.9%	8.7%	6.9%	5.1%	1.7%	0.7%	100.0%		
State Totals	78,274	10,917	13,301	15,792	9,065	6,262	133,611	165.2	64.0
	58.6%	8.2%	10.0%	11.8%	6.8%	4.7%	100.0%		

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<b>District 1</b>									
Camden	169	2	3	4	0	0	178	31.4	24.0
Chowan	1,134	34	36	31	0	0	1,235	33.6	19.0
Currituck	770	18	44	11	2	0	845	38.9	27.0
Dare	2,615	117	194	76	2	1	3,005	46.9	31.0
Gates	391	12	5	4	0	0	412	33.5	25.0
Pasquotank	3,001	123	143	89	3	0	3,359	45.0	30.0
Perquimans	429	31	22	9	0	0	491	45.2	33.0
District Totals	8,509	337	447	224	7	1	9,525	42.8	28.0
	89.3%	3.5%	4.7%	2.4%	0.1%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 2</b>									
Beaufort	3,954	83	49	45	14	1	4,146	26.7	14.5
Hyde	486	25	2	9	3	0	525	32.6	20.0
Martin	1,991	27	20	60	3	5	2,106	30.5	14.0
Tyrrell	377	31	4	7	0	0	419	39.4	29.0
Washington	1,033	12	4	9	0	0	1,058	21.6	15.0
District Totals	7,841	178	79	130	20	6	8,254	28.0	15.0
	95.0%	2.2%	1.0%	1.6%	0.2%	0.1%	100.0%		
<b>District 3A</b>									
Pitt	11,516	1,561	1,950	1,137	179	0	16,343	76.1	55.0
	70.5%	9.6%	11.9%	7.0%	1.1%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 3B</b>									
Carteret	4,718	421	586	434	174	54	6,387	82.7	42.0
Craven	6,294	688	742	878	206	25	8,833	80.4	43.0
Pamlico	793	71	56	56	8	0	984	58.2	35.0
District Totals	11,805	1,180	1,384	1,368	388	79	16,204	80.0	42.0
	72.9%	7.3%	8.5%	8.4%	2.4%	0.5%	100.0%		
<b>District 4</b>									
Duplin	2,829	250	191	120	3	0	3,393	51.1	34.0
Jones	723	40	31	20	2	0	816	36.5	15.0
Onslow	11,171	912	794	891	297	35	14,100	65.6	33.0
Sampson	3,888	344	310	212	13	1	4,768	54.9	35.0
District Totals	18,611	1,546	1,326	1,243	315	36	23,077	60.2	33.0
	80.6%	6.7%	5.7%	5.4%	1.4%	0.2%	100.0%		

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<b>District 5</b>									
New Hanover	14,185	516	464	513	264	234	16,176	59.3	22.0
Pender	1,974	105	120	72	31	9	2,311	51.6	24.0
District Totals	16,159	621	584	585	295	243	18,487	58.3	22.0
	87.4%	3.4%	3.2%	3.2%	1.6%	1.3%	100.0%		
<b>District 6A</b>									
Halifax	6,055	349	289	177	33	2	6,905	45.5	30.0
	87.7%	5.1%	4.2%	2.6%	0.5%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 6B</b>									
Bertie	1,696	43	33	23	9	1	1,805	31.0	20.0
Hertford	2,333	83	58	38	5	3	2,520	36.0	21.0
Northampton	1,460	53	39	40	12	0	1,604	36.5	19.0
District Totals	5,489	179	130	101	26	4	5,929	34.6	20.0
	92.6%	3.0%	2.2%	1.7%	0.4%	0.1%	100.0%		
<b>District 7</b>									
Edgecombe	5,913	773	722	700	187	43	8,338	85.3	51.0
Nash	8,089	1,167	1,385	1,031	255	95	12,022	94.2	59.0
Wilson	5,041	880	954	1,433	491	83	8,882	122.8	70.0
District Totals	19,043	2,820	3,061	3,164	933	221	29,242	100.3	59.0
	65.1%	9.6%	10.5%	10.8%	3.2%	0.8%	100.0%		
<b>District 8</b>									
Greene	626	62	59	54	20	2	823	71.2	38.0
Lenoir	4,631	597	778	571	103	25	6,705	81.7	49.0
Wayne	5,798	636	890	1,219	235	18	8,796	93.8	52.0
District Totals	11,055	1,295	1,727	1,844	358	45	16,324	87.7	50.0
	67.7%	7.9%	10.6%	11.3%	2.2%	0.3%	100.0%		
<b>District 9</b>									
Franklin	2,865	135	104	60	31	12	3,207	46.5	27.0
Granville	2,793	144	123	111	23	19	3,213	49.9	23.0
Person	2,366	146	90	88	83	20	2,793	68.3	33.0
Vance	4,369	249	227	207	45	41	5,138	59.7	26.0
Warren	1,344	68	46	43	13	0	1,514	41.5	19.0
District Totals	13,737	742	590	509	195	92	15,865	54.8	26.0
	86.6%	4.7%	3.7%	3.2%	1.2%	0.6%	100.0%		

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<b>District 10</b>									
Wake	25,507	2,244	2,750	3,727	1,134	101	35,463	81.9	38.0
	71.9%	6.3%	7.8%	10.5%	3.2%	0.3%	100.0%		
<b>District 11</b>									
Harnett	5,299	344	329	272	59	13	6,316	52.8	27.0
Johnston	6,626	422	442	305	32	2	7,829	49.4	28.0
Lee	5,681	313	351	240	28	0	6,613	48.7	29.0
District Totals	17,606	1,079	1,122	817	119	15	20,758	50.2	28.0
	84.8%	5.2%	5.4%	3.9%	0.6%	0.1%	100.0%		
<b>District 12</b>									
Cumberland	18,774	2,213	2,845	2,282	646	92	26,852	81.6	46.0
	69.9%	8.2%	10.6%	8.5%	2.4%	0.3%	100.0%		
<b>District 13</b>									
Bladen	2,728	198	119	97	20	0	3,162	47.0	30.0
Brunswick	3,882	279	275	98	12	2	4,548	50.3	35.0
Columbus	4,213	273	192	92	5	0	4,775	40.3	25.0
District Totals	10,823	750	586	287	37	2	12,485	45.6	29.0
	86.7%	6.0%	4.7%	2.3%	0.3%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 14</b>									
Durham	12,460	1,336	1,164	1,595	746	260	17,561	99.9	47.0
	71.0%	7.6%	6.6%	9.1%	4.2%	1.5%	100.0%		
<b>District 15A</b>									
Alamance	9,095	617	502	347	120	9	10,690	50.4	27.0
	85.1%	5.8%	4.7%	3.2%	1.1%	0.1%	100.0%		
<b>District 15B</b>									
Chatham	2,256	111	119	77	19	3	2,585	49.2	28.0
Orange	4,791	398	337	280	30	1	5,837	56.7	35.0
District Totals	7,047	509	456	357	49	4	8,422	54.4	34.0
	83.7%	6.0%	5.4%	4.2%	0.6%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 16A</b>									
Hoke	2,162	140	179	135	11	1	2,628	58.9	39.0
Scotland	4,516	272	229	241	52	2	5,312	54.1	32.0
District Totals	6,678	412	408	376	63	3	7,940	55.7	35.0
	84.1%	5.2%	5.1%	4.7%	0.8%	0.0%	100.0%		

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<b>District 16B</b>									
Robeson	12,505	888	966	485	78	3	14,925	48.4	28.0
	83.8%	5.9%	6.5%	3.2%	0.5%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 17A</b>									
Caswell	1,008	26	11	7	2	0	1,054	24.8	15.0
Rockingham	6,720	213	114	129	12	0	7,188	36.9	25.0
District Totals	7,728	239	125	136	14	0	8,242	35.4	23.0
	93.8%	2.9%	1.5%	1.7%	0.2%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 17B</b>									
Stokes	2,356	119	176	140	10	0	2,801	57.8	41.0
Surry	3,911	384	380	154	10	0	4,839	57.4	43.0
District Totals	6,267	503	556	294	20	0	7,640	57.6	42.0
	82.0%	6.6%	7.3%	3.8%	0.3%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 18</b>									
Guilford	25,030	3,548	4,443	5,844	4,103	2,095	45,063	168.8	76.0
	55.5%	7.9%	9.9%	13.0%	9.1%	4.6%	100.0%		
<b>District 19A</b>									
Cabarrus	7,606	303	201	217	7	0	8,334	42.4	29.0
	91.3%	3.6%	2.4%	2.6%	0.1%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 19B</b>									
Montgomery	2,162	172	132	141	31	4	2,642	61.8	39.0
Randolph	5,206	609	564	448	208	11	7,046	79.7	50.0
District Totals	7,368	781	696	589	239	15	9,688	74.8	47.0
	76.1%	8.1%	7.2%	6.1%	2.5%	0.2%	100.0%		
<b>District 19C</b>									
Rowan	6,115	315	430	297	9	2	7,168	51.3	33.0
	85.3%	4.4%	6.0%	4.1%	0.1%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 20</b>									
Anson	2,471	110	76	43	8	5	2,713	41.9	27.0
Moore	5,158	115	98	46	41	2	5,460	30.5	17.0
Richmond	5,261	178	167	64	6	4	5,680	35.5	22.0
Stanly	2,963	117	67	18	3	0	3,168	37.2	27.0
Union	5,979	236	155	141	33	1	6,545	37.5	22.0
District Totals	21,832	756	563	312	91	12	23,566	35.9	22.0
	92.6%	3.2%	2.4%	1.3%	0.4%	0.1%	100.0%		

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	Ages of Disposed Cases (Days)						Total Disposed	Mean Age (Days)	Median Age (Days)
	0-90	91-120	121-180	181-365	366-730	>730			
<b>District 21</b>									
Forsyth	23,526	1,045	789	1,156	58	0	26,574	43.8	23.0
	88.5%	3.9%	3.0%	4.4%	0.2%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 22</b>									
Alexander	1,780	151	84	86	13	0	2,114	55.2	40.0
Davidson	10,335	865	601	188	16	0	12,005	48.5	33.0
Davie	1,218	174	126	82	27	1	1,628	68.8	44.0
Iredell	7,744	755	612	444	24	0	9,579	58.0	41.0
District Totals	21,077	1,945	1,423	800	80	1	25,326	54.0	36.0
	83.2%	7.7%	5.6%	3.2%	0.3%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 23</b>									
Alleghany	434	26	45	21	1	0	527	53.9	33.0
Ashe	1,008	30	20	17	5	3	1,083	33.7	16.0
Wilkes	3,478	216	200	136	100	115	4,245	83.9	27.0
Yadkin	929	50	64	29	7	0	1,079	47.9	28.0
District Totals	5,849	322	329	203	113	118	6,934	68.2	24.0
	84.4%	4.6%	4.7%	2.9%	1.6%	1.7%	100.0%		
<b>District 24</b>									
Avery	750	75	97	144	39	6	1,111	100.0	57.0
Madison	493	58	114	110	25	0	800	99.9	67.0
Mitchell	458	52	31	18	23	4	586	79.8	44.0
Watauga	1,978	256	212	129	46	7	2,628	65.9	35.0
Yancey	321	31	46	23	11	0	432	77.2	51.0
District Totals	4,000	472	500	424	144	17	5,557	79.9	46.0
	72.0%	8.5%	9.0%	7.6%	2.6%	0.3%	100.0%		
<b>District 25</b>									
Burke	4,731	255	187	239	60	0	5,472	50.9	27.0
Caldwell	3,918	193	202	93	13	4	4,423	46.6	29.0
Catawba	7,640	471	344	552	10	0	9,017	51.7	29.0
District Totals	16,289	919	733	884	83	4	18,912	50.3	28.0
	86.1%	4.9%	3.9%	4.7%	0.4%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 26</b>									
Mecklenburg	38,129	2,300	2,243	2,289	1,239	480	46,680	71.2	30.0
	81.7%	4.9%	4.8%	4.9%	2.7%	1.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 27A</b>									
Gaston	9,119	1,765	2,228	3,017	612	62	16,803	119.8	80.0
	54.3%	10.5%	13.3%	18.0%	3.6%	0.4%	100.0%		



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	0-90	91-120	121-180	181-365	366-730	>730			
<b>District 27B</b>									
Cleveland	4,665	279	201	229	49	2	5,425	50.6	28.0
Lincoln	2,850	152	84	92	11	0	3,189	44.6	29.0
District Totals	7,515	431	285	321	60	2	8,614	48.4	28.0
	87.2%	5.0%	3.3%	3.7%	0.7%	0.0%	100.0%		
<b>District 28</b>									
Buncombe	10,688	1,314	1,404	1,890	506	15	15,817	91.8	53.0
	67.6%	8.3%	8.9%	11.9%	3.2%	0.1%	100.0%		
<b>District 29</b>									
Henderson	4,130	400	285	351	152	54	5,372	80.7	36.0
McDowell	1,835	129	147	140	33	7	2,291	69.2	42.0
Polk	539	54	56	29	0	0	678	55.6	37.5
Rutherford	3,878	265	262	272	79	40	4,796	66.5	28.5
Transylvania	1,425	103	84	81	15	8	1,716	58.5	31.0
District Totals	11,807	951	834	873	279	109	14,853	70.6	35.0
	79.5%	6.4%	5.6%	5.9%	1.9%	0.7%	100.0%		
<b>District 30</b>									
Cherokee	1,058	79	59	36	12	7	1,251	61.8	39.0
Clay	342	41	13	13	1	1	411	50.0	32.0
Graham	613	51	29	28	30	0	751	68.4	46.0
Haywood	2,123	138	165	142	9	0	2,577	54.6	30.0
Jackson	1,028	56	56	36	3	2	1,181	49.7	31.0
Macon	848	33	25	35	7	3	951	47.5	29.0
Swain	442	28	14	21	0	0	505	48.2	34.0
District Totals	6,454	426	361	311	62	13	7,627	54.8	34.0
	84.6%	5.6%	4.7%	4.1%	0.8%	0.2%	100.0%		
State Totals	486,714	39,191	40,509	40,612	13,460	4,163	624,649	73.2	36.0
	77.9%	6.3%	6.5%	6.5%	2.2%	0.7%	100.0%		

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<b>District 1</b>				
Camden	1,206	1,027	218	1,245
Chowan	2,126	1,790	373	2,163
Currituck	4,002	3,424	617	4,041
Dare	7,815	6,224	1,451	7,675
Gates	1,475	1,112	335	1,447
Pasquotank	3,150	2,541	648	3,189
Perquimans	2,007	1,732	459	2,191
District Totals	21,781	17,850	4,101	21,951
<b>District 2</b>				
Beaufort	6,916	4,177	2,782	6,959
Hyde	1,561	1,022	461	1,483
Martin	4,239	2,635	1,614	4,249
Tyrrell	2,516	1,714	807	2,521
Washington	1,255	748	530	1,278
District Totals	16,481	10,296	6,194	16,490
<b>District 3A</b>				
Pitt	12,803	6,436	5,744	12,180
<b>District 3B</b>				
Carteret	6,135	3,948	2,036	5,984
Craven	6,486	4,024	2,197	6,221
Pamlico	492	293	191	484
District Totals	13,163	8,265	4,424	12,689
<b>District 4</b>				
Duplin	6,849	4,913	1,720	6,633
Jones	1,401	850	488	1,338
Onslow	8,958	5,934	3,022	8,956
Sampson	8,126	5,575	2,487	8,062
District Totals	25,334	17,272	7,717	24,989
<b>District 5</b>				
New Hanover	10,865	8,032	2,415	10,447
Pender	4,575	3,604	774	4,378
District Totals	15,440	11,636	3,189	14,825
<b>District 6A</b>				
Halifax	9,937	8,082	2,115	10,197

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<b>District 6B</b>				
Bertie	3,301	2,403	700	3,103
Hertford	3,546	2,542	711	3,253
Northampton	3,567	2,559	863	3,422
District Totals	10,414	7,504	2,274	9,778
<b>District 7</b>				
Edgecombe	5,445	4,470	1,159	5,629
Nash	7,714	6,266	1,594	7,860
Wilson	9,157	7,085	1,415	8,500
District Totals	22,316	17,821	4,168	21,989
<b>District 8</b>				
Greene	1,437	836	574	1,410
Lenoir	8,569	4,776	3,581	8,357
Wayne	9,651	5,294	3,919	9,213
District Totals	19,657	10,906	8,074	18,980
<b>District 9</b>				
Franklin	3,104	1,896	1,199	3,095
Granville	6,246	3,791	2,403	6,194
Person	2,532	1,469	1,020	2,489
Vance	5,072	3,202	1,575	4,777
Warren	1,849	1,172	524	1,696
District Totals	18,803	11,530	6,721	18,251
<b>District 10</b>				
Wake	41,574	20,391	20,108	40,499
<b>District 11</b>				
Harnett	4,508	2,453	2,040	4,493
Johnston	10,716	6,704	3,703	10,407
Lee	6,605	3,672	2,575	6,247
District Totals	21,829	12,829	8,318	21,147
<b>District 12</b>				
Cumberland	21,780	13,933	6,705	20,638

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<b>District 13</b>				
Bladen	5,241	3,195	1,991	5,186
Brunswick	5,102	2,631	2,551	5,182
Columbus	7,146	4,231	2,698	6,929
District Totals	17,489	10,057	7,240	17,297
<b>District 14</b>				
Durham	14,018	8,127	7,138	15,265
<b>District 15A</b>				
Alamance	12,248	7,143	4,764	11,907
<b>District 15B</b>				
Chatham	4,911	3,097	1,964	5,061
Orange	9,259	5,490	3,449	8,939
District Totals	14,170	8,587	5,413	14,000
<b>District 16A</b>				
Hoke	2,321	1,455	739	2,194
Scotland	2,963	1,978	1,031	3,009
District Totals	5,284	3,433	1,770	5,203
<b>District 16B</b>				
Robeson	9,765	6,123	3,099	9,222
<b>District 17A</b>				
Caswell	2,144	1,342	733	2,075
Rockingham	8,967	6,158	3,069	9,227
District Totals	11,111	7,500	3,802	11,302
<b>District 17B</b>				
Stokes	4,151	2,806	1,216	4,022
Surry	6,830	4,610	1,975	6,585
District Totals	10,981	7,416	3,191	10,607
<b>District 18</b>				
Guilford	49,079	24,221	22,181	46,402
<b>District 19A</b>				
Cabarrus	10,959	7,149	3,456	10,605

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<b>District 19B</b>				
Montgomery	2,128	1,355	757	2,112
Randolph	11,515	6,190	5,308	11,498
District Totals	13,643	7,545	6,065	13,610
<b>District 19C</b>				
Rowan	9,350	5,188	4,138	9,326
<b>District 20</b>				
Anson	2,058	1,400	585	1,985
Moore	6,955	3,952	3,047	6,999
Richmond	2,779	1,765	985	2,750
Stanly	4,167	2,683	1,476	4,159
Union	5,250	3,243	1,909	5,152
District Totals	21,209	13,043	8,002	21,045
<b>District 21</b>				
Forsyth	27,317	14,366	12,825	27,191
<b>District 22</b>				
Alexander	2,422	1,375	1,072	2,447
Davidson	11,443	6,555	5,028	11,583
Davie	4,005	2,365	1,823	4,188
Iredell	11,897	7,788	3,976	11,764
District Totals	29,767	18,083	11,899	29,982
<b>District 23</b>				
Alleghany	964	596	367	963
Ashe	1,562	995	561	1,556
Wilkes	3,999	2,358	1,514	3,872
Yadkin	3,612	2,490	1,104	3,594
District Totals	10,137	6,439	3,546	9,985
<b>District 24</b>				
Avery	1,770	1,288	513	1,801
Madison	1,592	1,157	405	1,562
Mitchell	820	580	312	892
Watauga	2,735	1,906	841	2,747
Yancey	1,414	996	405	1,401
District Totals	8,331	5,927	2,476	8,403

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<b>District 25</b>				
Burke	6,009	3,172	2,537	5,709
Caldwell	3,943	1,951	1,828	3,779
Catawba	10,961	6,061	4,569	10,630
District Totals	20,913	11,184	8,934	20,118
<b>District 26</b>				
Mecklenburg	47,513	25,933	21,626	47,559
<b>District 27A</b>				
Gaston	23,496	15,210	8,569	23,779
<b>District 27B</b>				
Cleveland	8,678	6,106	2,560	8,666
Lincoln	3,065	1,695	1,297	2,992
District Totals	11,743	7,801	3,857	11,658
<b>District 28</b>				
Buncombe	10,763	8,490	1,829	10,319
<b>District 29</b>				
Henderson	5,712	4,289	1,443	5,732
McDowell	3,880	2,877	1,127	4,004
Polk	1,632	1,264	360	1,624
Rutherford	4,353	2,831	1,036	3,867
Transylvania	1,177	725	479	1,204
District Totals	16,754	11,986	4,445	16,431
<b>District 30</b>				
Cherokee	2,404	2,054	420	2,474
Clay	950	642	296	938
Graham	488	297	187	484
Haywood	4,678	3,516	966	4,482
Jackson	2,009	1,429	605	2,034
Macon	3,179	2,540	602	3,142
Swain	2,336	1,635	606	2,241
District Totals	16,044	12,113	3,682	15,795
State Totals	693,396	427,815	253,799	681,614