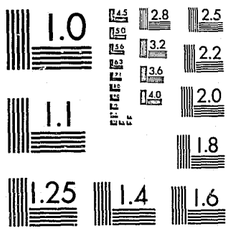

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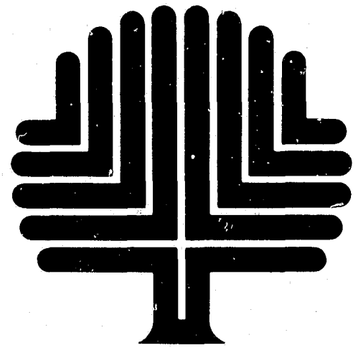

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IMPORTANT

We have provided an evaluation sheet at the end of this publication. It will assist us in improving future reports if you complete and return it at your convenience.

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This State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Report, 1979 is the fifth in a series containing statistical caseload data compiled from the annual reports of each state court system and from other available data. This volume results from a cooperative effort between the National Center for State Courts and the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA), to develop within the Center a national database of state court caseload statistics. The effort is funded by the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

For the first time, the data reported in this volume are available on computer tape. This will be a major asset to those conducting research on state court management. The Center hopes to continue this automation in future years.

The Court Statistics and Information Management Project (CSIM) continues to expand the scope of its activities and capabilities, shifting its focus from data collection and publication to the analysis of these data for the benefit of the courts community. This Annual Report series, however, will continue to be the principal project publication. From year to year the reported data demonstrate gradual improvement in the quantity and quality of court data.

The National Center has been assisted in data gathering for the production of the Annual Report by state and local-level court personnel from across the country. The leadership of COSCA and especially the COSCA-CSIS Committee, now chaired by Walter Kane, have helped guide project staff in their search for ways to present these data in a way that is both comprehensive and comprehensible.

Edward B. McConnell
Executive Director
National Center for State Courts

The Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) continues to support the Court Statistics and Information Management Project in its efforts to establish, within the National Center for State Courts (NCSC), the capability to gather, analyze, and disseminate statistical information on state court systems. The project has been made a cooperative effort between COSCA and the NCSC by giving policy control and direction over the project to a committee composed of state court administrators, court data processing personnel, a trial court administrator, and a representative from the academic community selected by COSCA.

This fifth edition of the Annual Report improves upon the data and tables contained in previous editions of the report. In making these improvements, we continue to be guided by the users of this information. Many of the summary tables have been rearranged to identify comparable data. This is an ongoing process that will continue to benefit from increased awareness of comparable subject-matter jurisdiction among the states. Modifications have also been made to the way in which the trial data from general and limited jurisdiction courts are presented. It is our belief that these additions and modifications will help the users of this report to find the information they need in a form that is useful to them.

This year's automation of the data contained within this Report will greatly enhance staff's ability to conduct sophisticated analysis of court management data, and facilitate the project's goal of disseminating statistical information in a form conducive to research.

As always, we must caution the reader of this report to pay close attention to all indications of the completeness and comparability of data, and to read the introduction to the report where the methodology used to construct the report is discussed. This year, staff has developed face sheets for the summary tables which further outline the sources of data, the rationale behind some of the summary statistics, and minimum limitations that should be considered in interpreting the data. An inspection of the current edition and the four previous editions of the report should demonstrate to the reader that the quality and quantity of court-related data continue to improve.

Walter J. Kane, Chairman
COSCA-CSIS Committee
Conference of State Court
Administrators

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The preparation of State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Report, 1979 has been supervised and greatly assisted by the Court Statistics and Information Systems (CSIS) Committee appointed from the membership of the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA). The CSIS Committee members have given generously of their time, talent, and experience, and their participation has been invaluable to the project staff. The positive control exerted by COSCA through this committee, using a review and approval process, has greatly enhanced the quality of this report.

The COSCA CSIS Committee members, however, are not the only COSCA members whose assistance has been vital to the production of this document. The administrators and their staff in all the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico have provided the Court Statistics and Information Management Project with whatever research materials they had available, both published and unpublished, and they have been consistently patient and helpful in answering written and telephoned inquiries for more data or for explanations of the data provided. Their continuing support of the development of a national data base of state court statistics within the National Center for State Courts is the crucial element in determining the quality of the statistics that are being gathered.

The members of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks are another indispensable source of much-needed data. The clerks volunteered to provide and verify appellate court data that in many states are unavailable from any other source. Their assistance has been invaluable in increasing both the quantity and the quality of appellate court data available to the project.

The Court Statistics and Information Management Project staff would like to recognize and thank all these many individuals who have contributed to this fifth in the series of annual reports on state court caseload statistics.

Highlights

Production of the Annual Report series is an evolutionary process with the long-term goal of improving the statistical series playing an important role for the Court Statistics and Information Management Project. This process is further discussed in the introduction.

Data availability has improved greatly from the first half of this century, when the first national compilation of caseload data was attempted. This improvement in the quantity of available data has continued with significantly more data being reported for 1979 and 1978 than for previous years. Some gross volume data are displayed in this report for all appellate courts, for most of the trial courts of general jurisdiction, and for many of the trial courts of limited or special jurisdiction. However, the validity and reliability of much of the data reported has not been ascertained.

Substantial effort by the Court Statistics and Information Management Project (CSIM) staff and the Conference of State Court Administrators CSIS Committee was required to develop a methodology for displaying nationwide state court caseload for the first annual report, published in 1979 to cover the 1975 court year. During preliminary attempts to aggregate available statistics into specific groupings, it became obvious that any realistic compilation must have a structure derived from, not superimposed upon, the data reported by the states. The second annual report (i.e., 1976), published in 1980, reflected that orientation and emphasis, with augmentations made to improve the presentation of the data and to accommodate the addition of limited jurisdiction data. In the third edition of the Annual Report series, the summary tables were extensively revised to reflect recommendations made by members of the Methodological Review Panel. The summary statistics as presented in this fifth annual report reflect the existing situation in state court statistics and are presented in a format designed to increase their usefulness.

For the reader of this document, cautionary notes necessarily abound. Because of many state-to-state variations in the kinds of data reported, the summary tables in this annual report do not permit extensive, valid, direct comparisons of caseload among states without careful examination of all the factors involved in assuring that the data are comparable. Variations in data availability, court organization, subject matter jurisdiction, definitions of case types and units of count, reporting periods, and the degrees of completeness and accuracy of data all combine to make cross-jurisdictional comparisons extremely complex. These variations are discussed in general terms in the introduction to the report. The limitations on analysis section can be found in the face sheets accompanying each summary table.

Comparisons among the 1979 data contained in this report and the 1975, 1976, 1977 and 1978 data contained in the first four reports in this series should be made only after careful examination of the factors mentioned above to ascertain that these factors have not changed for the courts of interest.

The report is divided into two parts, each with its own purpose. The summary statistical tables in Part I were constructed from the individual court profiles for all the states found in Part II. Depending on the interest of the user, he can proceed from the general to the specific or vice versa. Users of the report may locate a summary table of interest in Part I, for example, one containing caseload inventory data for domestic relations cases. An examination of the data contained in the table may stimulate questions that are answered in part by reference to either the court organization charts or individual court profiles contained in Part II. Another approach is to first examine a court profile in Part II of the document, and then turn to the appropriate summary tables in Part I to compare caseload volume of other courts with similar jurisdiction to that of the court of interest.

This two-part structure for the document required its preparation to proceed in stages. First an overview court organization chart and an individual statistical profile was prepared for each state's appellate and trial courts. The resulting documentation makes up Part II of this report. Data were then compiled into nationwide inventory statistics (begin pending, filed, disposed, and end pending). The inventory statistics were separated where possible into broad case category classifications, chosen to reflect the kinds of data being reported by the states.

Several general observations can be made about the 1979 state court caseload data. First, in addition to the increase in available data, the number of cases filed in the courts has also increased from 1978 to 1979. The caseload estimates indicate that the number of cases filed per judge has increased. Most trial courts also reported increases in the number of filings from 1978 to 1979. Second, the courts have managed to handle this increase in filings fairly well with most courts disposing between 90 and 100 percent of the number of cases filed. A few courts disposed more cases than were filed. The disposition rates of less than 100 percent, however, mean that most courts are adding to their pending caseload. For courts reporting pending caseload, most had increases of less than 20 percent. Finally, for courts reporting pending and filed data, the number of cases pending at the end of the year as a percent of the number of cases filed was less than 60 percent for most courts of last resort, less than 90 percent for most intermediate appellate courts and for civil caseload in most trial courts, less than 50 percent for criminal caseload in most trial courts, and less than 50 percent for juvenile caseload in most trial courts.

The composition of the caseload of the courts is also of interest. In the appellate courts, the data available indicate that approximately 55 percent of the appeals filed in 1979 were civil appeals. For the trial courts in 1979 the caseload estimates indicate that of the 80.5 million cases filed, approximately 14 million were civil cases, 10.6 million were criminal cases, 54.4 million were traffic cases, and 1.8 million were juvenile cases.

The court organization charts and statistical profiles in Part II are helpful references because they indicate not only the organization and subject matter jurisdiction of the courts in each state, but also the differences in reporting periods, units of count, and variations in case categories and classifications. They show at a glance how much data were available for comparison purposes.

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Courts Statistics and Information Management Project

The Annual Report series of state court caseload statistics is the product of the continuing cooperative relationship between the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) and the National Center for State Courts (NCSC). Financial management, project management, and project staffing responsibility are assumed by the Court Statistics and Information Management (CSIM) Project, formerly called the National Court Statistics Project (NCSP) of the NCSC. COSCA, through its Court Statistics and Information Systems Committee, provides general policy review, guidance, and control over all project activities. The series is funded by the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

The twin goals of the Court Statistics and Information Management Project are to collect, compile, analyze, and disseminate state court caseload statistics and to help states improve the quality of the data they report by assisting them in resolving their statistical problems. The Annual Report series responds directly to the first goal by compiling all available state court caseload data from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico.[1]

Uses of court statistical data

The four major uses of court statistical data, as identified in the NCSP publications, State Court Caseload Statistics: The State of the Art and Court Case Management Information Systems Manual[2], are (1) operational (aiding in the execution of routine day-to-day activities at the local level); (2) management (decision making at the state or local level concerned with improvement of the court process and system-wide efficiency in the use of court resources); (3) internal planning and research (goal setting and policy planning to establish long-term programs and identify evolving problems); and (4) indirect court uses (decision making by those outside the courts concerned with policymaking or research about court operations). The various uses of court statistics require different levels of detail and analysis, but the availability of detailed statistics is dependent upon the statistical reporting system used at the state or local level. This annual report has restricted its scope to the level of detail currently available from state-level reporting systems.

Operational decisions are made at the local level and require detailed information on a case-by-case basis. These decisions must be made daily and cannot be based upon year-end summary statistics such as those contained in this 1979 report.

Management decisions can be made at either the state or local level and require aggregation of detailed information used for operational decisions. Caseflow management data such as that needed to determine the status of the preparation of the record for appeal or to generate exception reports are gathered by some state reporting systems, but this kind of information is also case specific and too detailed to be compiled and used for nationwide comparisons. In contrast, state-level summary statistics are useful for management purposes in areas such as comparisons of time lapses in case processing to establish norms or guides; analyses to determine assignments of judges needed to relieve backlog; analyses to determine the need for additional judges, support personnel, or facilities; and analyses to determine the impact of an intermediate appellate court on the state system.

In response to the recognized need for certain management data nationally, the 1979 Annual Report has concentrated on uniformly classifying caseload data and on compiling available case processing time data. Caseload and case processing are major components of court workload, which the NCSP has defined to mean all court-related matters that consume time and effort (hence, purely administrative and ministerial functions are also included as workload). Measurement of court workload per se is not directly addressed in this report, but caseload inventory data and data regarding the number of trials do provide partial indications of the extent of judicial activity. The data presented in this report reflect the quantity of management data now available from each state's reporting system in published and unpublished reports.

Internal planning and research, as well as planning and research by those outside the court system, require a much wider range of data and analysis than operational and management decisions. The information necessary for these purposes often includes not only an aggregation of data on caseload and caseflow but also specific data regarding status of cases, as well as information on court operations, judicial budgets, actions prior to filing a case, and actions after disposition of a case. Of interest to some individuals within and outside the court system are studies on a wide range of other subjects, such as the effect and cost of litigation, bail availability and uniformity including recognizance/10% bail programs, the validity of case weighting techniques, sentence disparity patterns, the effects of plea negotiation on caseloads, and the impact of legislation. To answer these questions is, however, beyond the capabilities of most state or even local court information systems. Basic information on caseload and caseflow is adequate for many other planning and research issues where the level of needed detail is not as high. These latter kinds of issues include, for example, case filing and disposition trend analysis, caseload composition analysis, analysis of reversal rates, time lapse analysis to establish norms and guides, and forecasting of caseload volumes to determine resource and facilities needs.

Scope of the data in the annual report series

The first annual report (1975) presented available caseload data for state appellate courts and trial courts of general jurisdiction, and for selected categories (juvenile, domestic relations, probate, and mental health) in limited jurisdiction courts. The second annual report

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[1]Repetition of "50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico" becomes very cumbersome. Throughout the rest of this report, "states" and "court systems" will be used for the reporting units that include the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico.

[2]National Court Statistics Project, National Center for State Courts, State Court Caseload Statistics: The State of the Art (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1978). Clifford and Jensen, Court Case Management Information Systems Manual (Williamsburg, National Center for State Courts, 1983).

(1976) again presented available data for appellate courts and courts of general jurisdiction, and also included all available caseload data for all limited jurisdiction courts. As data from each court level become more complete, future aggregation of trial court caseloads should become more meaningful.

The 1976 report was expanded to include Puerto Rico. Data from Guam were added for the 1977 court year. The scope of future reports will be broadened to include American Samoa and the Virgin Islands when these data become available.

This report reflects court organization and jurisdiction as it existed in 1979, but the reader should keep in mind that court systems are not static entities. For example, in 1979, Connecticut consolidated its trial courts, eliminating its Juvenile Court and Court of Common Pleas and shifting this jurisdiction to its Superior Court. Massachusetts unified all its trial courts into a new Trial Court of the Commonwealth; all the former courts became divisions of the new unified court. The dollar amount limits of civil jurisdiction have changed in many courts. Because court organizational or jurisdictional characteristics change over time, caution should be exercised in attempting to compare the data in this 1979 report with earlier data or with more current data.

Data collection

Data sources. The sources of data for the tables presented in this series are published annual reports provided by the states and unpublished statistical material requested of and supplied by state court administrators and appellate court clerks. (Appendix B of this report identifies the sources of data from each state.) Additional relevant information was secured from appropriate personnel in each state. Telephone contact and follow-up correspondence were used to collect missing data, confirm the accuracy of available data, and determine the legal jurisdiction of each court. Information was collected concerning the number of judges per court or court system (from annual reports, offices of state court administrators, and appellate clerks); the state population (based on Bureau of the Census 1979 revised estimates); other 1979 demographic data (taken from the Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1980[3]); and special characteristics regarding subject matter jurisdiction and court structure. When explanation of a court's jurisdiction was not directly obtainable, information from the State Court Organization, 1980[4] was used.

Verification of data. With the cooperation of the Conference of State Court Administrators, all data after CSIM classification were submitted for review and verification to the appropriate state court administrator's office. An additional check was provided through the cooperation of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks (NCACC), which invited CSIM staff to submit appellate court data for review and verification to the appropriate clerk of the appellate court in each state. This process also included followup by CSIM staff through telephone or letter contact with the state personnel. Forty-nine of the 53 states and territories covered by this report verified the data for 1979. Finally, the format, content, and limitations of data tables have been reviewed and approved by the COSCA CSIS Committee, which guides the Court Statistics and Information Management Project.

In order to produce the statistics contained in this report, a great deal of effort was expended by CSIM Project staff in collecting missing data, whether from published or ancillary sources, in defining terminology, and in identifying categories in which cases should be placed. In other words, data contained in this report cannot be replicated solely from available published material. Yet even after this extensive data-gathering effort, large gaps remain in the data collected.

An extensive effort was required to validate CSIM classification of data provided by the states and to avoid further distortion of any data received. Although attempts to reconcile obvious discrepancies in reported data were made, the CSIM Project staff did not have the resources to assess the underlying validity or accuracy of the data received from the states. For example, the published cumulative case statistics for appellate courts or for trial courts frequently did not balance with reported totals within each category. Such discrepancies were seldom footnoted or explained in published state reports. These discrepancies are, however, footnoted in the court statistical profiles in Part II of this report.

Types of data included. Because few states report data suitable for all kinds of planning and research purposes, and because most states report only certain types of data, the NCSP initially chose to include in the national series only those kinds of data that either were already fairly widely available or could be made available without requiring undue effort. Enough states reported trend data, caseload by category, number of reversals, and time-to-disposition data to warrant inclusion of these topics in this report, and some preliminary analyses can be made. For those states not supplying basic data, gaps and "not/available" entries in the profiles draw attention to the missing data. In the past, all data supplied by a state, complete or not, were entered in the summary tables. In 1979 and following years only data that are complete (or at least 90% complete for a case category) are displayed in the summary tables because only these data are comparable. As more data become available in coming years, the annual report series can be expanded to include broader and more sophisticated compilations and analyses.

Many current variations in court data, as indicated by profile footnotes, must be considered before summary tables can be constructed to make comparisons among courts or states. Variations that limit the comparability of the 1979 data include: court organization, subject matter jurisdiction, case definition, completeness, accuracy, and reporting periods. These variations (with the exception of variations in reporting periods) are discussed on the face sheets to the summary tables.

Variations in reporting periods. As indicated on profile headings and in Figure A, most states report data by calendar year; many report by fiscal year, however, and a few report appellate court data by court term. Therefore, the time spans covered in this report are not always directly comparable.

Although data included in this report cover reporting periods of approximately uniform length, the starting and ending dates for the reporting periods vary both within and among states. Differences in reporting periods have little effect on cumulative data elements such as filing and dispositions since no matter when the reporting period began and ended, the data cover one complete year. Pending data are greatly affected, though, since they represent a "snapshot" in time and can vary greatly depending on when that snapshot was taken. Figure A displays the actual reporting periods for all courts not using the calendar year for the reporting period.

[3]U.S. Bureau of the Census, Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1980 (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1980).

[4]National Court Statistics Project, National Center for State Courts, State Court Organization, 1980 (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1982).

FIGURE A:
Reporting periods for state courts, not using the calendar year 1979.

State	Reporting Period 7/01/78-6/30/79	8/01/78-7/31/79	9/01/78-8/31/79	10/01/78-9/30/79	12/1/78-11/30/79
Alabama				All courts	
California	All courts				
Colorado	All courts				
Connecticut	All courts				
Delaware	All courts				
Georgia	All other courts		Supreme Court		
Hawaii	All courts				
Kansas	All courts				
Kentucky	All courts				
Maryland	All courts				
Massachusetts	All trial courts		All appellate courts		
Michigan	All courts but Court of Appeals				
Missouri	All courts				
Montana	All trial courts				
Nebraska	Workmen's Compensation Court		Supreme Court		
New Hampshire	All courts				
New Jersey			All courts		
North Carolina	All trial courts		Supreme Court		
Puerto Rico	All courts				
Rhode Island				Supreme Court	
South Carolina	County Court and Civil and Criminal Court				
South Dakota	All court				
Utah	All but Supreme Court and Juvenile Court				
Vermont	All courts				
West Virginia					Circuit Court

Data display

Case category classifications. CSIM case categories used for this 1979 report are those chosen by the COSCA CSIS Committee for inclusion in the State Court Model Annual Report and State Court Model Statistical Dictionary. These case categories appear as principal headings in the summary tables in Part I, and in each court's profile in Part II. Terminology used within each state is displayed on each court's profile as subheadings under the boldface CSIM main headings. The CSIM main headings are categories used uniformly for all the states. For example, a state's "application for leave to appeal" was classified under the CSIM category of request to appeal in all tables. Explanations used in source documents to clarify a state's data are included, as are explanations to clarify project staff's arrangement of those data. These appear, where appropriate, as footnotes in each court's profile and as footnotes to the summary tables.

Format used. Profiles (Part II). After the 1979 case data available from each state were classified, a profile of the courts in each state was constructed. Each state profile for 1979 contains the following:

--A chart depicting the organization of the court system within the state, the jurisdiction and route of appeal for each court, the number of judges, and information on the types of trials.

--A set of tables containing the case-related data received from each state court or court system.

Summary Tables (Part I). Complete data from each state profile were transferred into summary tables designed to display the kinds of available data that could be aggregated. The summary tables are divided into two major sections (appellate and trial) to reflect the two major levels of court.

Appellate courts include both courts of last resort (the final court or courts of appeal within a particular state) and intermediate appellate courts (the court or courts in which the primary work is the disposition of initial appeals received from trial courts of general jurisdiction or administrative agencies, and in which some decisions are subject to appeal or review by a court of last resort). For purposes of displaying data, the courts of last resort have been divided into two groups: those in states with intermediate appellate courts and those in states without intermediate appellate courts. With few exceptions, this division conveniently separates courts of last resort according to whether they have almost complete discretionary jurisdiction. Courts of last resort in states without intermediate appellate courts generally have

FIGURE B:
Cross-reference to summary tables in previous editions of the Annual Report series.

	Corresponding table numbers for previous reports			
	1975	1976	1977	1978
1979 APPELLATE COURT SUMMARY TABLES:				
1. Caseload estimates	1	1	1	1
2. Total reported caseload	2	2	2	2
3. Caseload categories for COLR	5	3	3	3
4. Caseload categories for IAC's	6	4	4	4
5. Civil and criminal appeals and requests to appeal for COLR	19	11	8	8
6. Civil and criminal appeals and requests to appeal for IAC's	20	12	9	9
7. COLR w/IAC caseload	7,8,9,10	5,6	5	5
8. COLR w/out IAC caseload	11,12,13,14	7,8	6	6
9. IAC caseload	15,16,17,18	9,10	7	7
10. Number of court opinions				10
11. Time interval data	21	13	10	11
12. Historical filing data		14	11	12
13. Change in historical filing data		15	12	13
1979 TRIAL COURT SUMMARY TABLES:				
14. Caseload estimates		16	13	14
15. Total reported caseload		17,18,19	14,15,16	15,16,17
16. Civil filed and disposed		20	17	18
17. Composition of civil general jurisdiction filings	28		18	19
18. Composition of civil general jurisdiction dispositions	28		19	20
19. Tort caseload		23	20	21
20. Contract caseload		24	21	22
21. Small claims caseload		25	22	23
22. Real property rights caseload		26	23	24
23. Domestic relations caseload	29	27	24	25
24. Estate caseload	30	28	25	26
25. Mental health caseload	31	29	26	27
26. Civil appeals caseload		30	27	28
27. Civil trials		48	47	29
28. Criminal filed and disposed		31	28	30
29. Composition of criminal general jurisdiction filings	34		29	31
30. Composition of criminal general jurisdiction dispositions	34		30	32
31. Felony caseload	35,36	32	31	33
32. Misdemeanor caseload		33	32	34
33. Felony/misdemeanor caseload		34	33	35
34. Ordinance violation caseload		35	34	36
35. Preliminary hearing caseload		36	35	37
36. Criminal appeals caseload		37	36	38
37. Type of disposition for criminal cases		38	37	39
38. Criminal trials		39,48	38,47	40
39. Traffic filed and disposed		40	39	41
40. DWI/DUI caseload		41	40	42
41. Type of disposition for traffic cases		43	42	44
42. Traffic trials		48	47	45
43. Juvenile filed and disposed	42	44	43	46
44. Criminal-type offense caseload		45	44	47
45. Status offense caseload		46	45	48
46. Non-offense caseload		47	46	49
47. Historical filing data		49	48	50
48. Change in historical filing data		50	49	51

IAC = Intermediate Appellate Court
COLR = Court of Last Resort

little or no discretionary jurisdiction, although there are exceptions, such as Virginia and West Virginia.

For purposes of this report, a trial court is considered to be a court of general jurisdiction if it meets one of the following criteria:

--The individual state considers it a general jurisdiction court.

--Felony cases are tried and felony sentences given for all types of felony cases.

--The judges of the court are general jurisdiction court judges sitting on temporary assignment.

All other trial courts are classified as limited or special jurisdiction courts.

In the 1975 Annual Report, the states were arranged alphabetically in all summary tables. In 1976 the trial courts handling criminal cases were grouped according to the way in which criminal cases were counted in each court. In the 1979 report, a further evolution in the grouping of states has been added to all trial court case type tables (except juvenile) in order to place together those courts that have similar subject matter jurisdiction. Trial court case type tables are arranged in this volume as follows:

Complete state data:
1. Exclusive court jurisdicton: States where one court has exclusive case type jurisdiction.
2. Not exclusive court jurisdiction: States where two or more courts have case type jurisdiction.

Incomplete state data:
3. States where one or more courts have case type jurisdiction, but complete data are not reported by one or more courts.

Footnotes. Standard footnote headings specifying the completeness and quality of the data are used on all court profiles and will continue to be used in the Annual Report series. Footnotes that contain necessary information on the quality of the data are included on the summary tables. If more information on the data presented in the summary tables is needed, the user should consult the individual court profiles where all footnotes are given.

Data interpretation

Several devices are used in the summary tables for analyzing the caseload data. The measures selected for use vary according to the data being analyzed and are explained in the face sheets accompanying each group of summary tables under headings such as disposed cases as a percent of filed cases, end pending cases as a percent of filed cases, number and percent change in pending caseload, filed cases per unit of population, disposed and end pending cases per unit of population, and filed and disposed cases per judge.

In addition, estimates of national caseload totals are found on Tables 1 and 14. An explanation of the estimation procedure will be found in Appendix A.

Continuing development of the series

The Annual Report series is an evolving product. It is anticipated that additions and refinements will be made to successive volumes in the series. Between 1975 and 1976, the amount of data contained in the report was greatly increased by the inclusion of data from all special and limited jurisdiction courts. This trend continued in 1977 and 1978. In the 1979 report, face sheets have been added to the summary tables to explain the type and depth of analysis considered by the CSIM Project to be meaningful, given the quality and completeness of the data. In addition, over half the trial court tables have been rearranged to group those states in which case category data can be compared. This kind of rearrangement will continue in succeeding volumes. As more is learned about the quality of the data, more specific suggestions will be given for their proper use, along with warnings to help avoid their abuse. Figure B presents a helpful cross-reference to summary tables in previous editions of this series. This will assist the user to locate similar information that may have been rearranged on the summary tables over the years.

It is important to the long-term improvement of the statistical series that these early volumes in the series be circulated widely enough to encourage reader/user ideas and commentary, and that they be used as a vehicle for developing solutions to problems encountered during the statistical series production process. As each successive volume is published, the CSIM Project can consider the feedback subsequently received from users of the documents, thereby further enhancing succeeding volumes. During this process, the availability to future researchers of successive-year data compilations will preserve complete time series information. The drawbacks occasioned by limitations in data currently available are greatly outweighed by the importance of having data available for all years in the continuing statistical series.

In order to improve the quality of data contained in future volumes of the Annual Report series, the CSIM staff and COSCA CSIS Committee will consider the feasibility of conducting audits of selected data from particular courts. It is anticipated that the combination of these "mini-audits" and technical assistance by project staff to states requesting an assessment of and assistance in improving their statistical report systems will systematically improve the validity and reliability of the data contained in the Annual Report series.

It should also be pointed out that for the first time, the data contained in this report are available in computer-readable form. There are five data sets: appellate caseload, trial caseload, criminal dispositions, civil dispositions, and traffic dispositions. These data sets were used to construct 37 of the 48 summary tables. This year, Tables 10-13, 27, 37-38, 41-42, and 47-48 were still compiled by hand. This number should get smaller in future years. This automation process has spotlighted the need for more specific information on subject-matter jurisdiction. It has also mandated a reorganization of disposition types which will appear in future reports.

As states gradually increase the quantity and quality of data available to the CSIM Project, the problems presently caused by incomplete data will decrease. Progressive improvements should be apparent to the reader of successive volumes in the series.

Future analysis will not only describe court systems as they exist at the present time but will also predict where they are going. The purpose will be to identify existing or developing

problems and suggest solutions. Research proposed by the CSIM Project is not anticipated to be exhaustive, but will concentrate on those questions considered to be of greatest interest and importance to the courts and research communities.

Dynamics of improvement

Ideas and suggestions for improvement of this state court caseload statistical series have come from many sources, and have provided the creative stimulus needed to assess current CSIM efforts constructively and to map future directions.

Continuation of evolutionary improvement in this statistical series rests, ultimately, upon the ability of the CSIM Project to maintain a productive dialogue and flow of ideas among the producer-compilers of the Annual Report, its data sources, and its end users. Much improvement in state court statistics has already been achieved, but much remains to be done.

Because of their importance and potential impact for improving the national statistical series on caseloads, the Model Annual Report and Model Statistical Dictionary need to be briefly described.

During compilation of the State of the Art and the 1975 Annual Report, a staggering classification problem resulted from the multitude of terms being used by the states to report their caseloads. The need for both a model annual report and a statistical dictionary of terms for court usage became obvious. These documents, published in 1980, are to be used as tools to assist the states in improving their statistics. Such improvement should eventually be reflected in future annual reports.

The State Court Model Annual Report[5] is a flexible working outline of critically needed, basic management data that should, as a minimum, be included in state court annual reports. The model identifies the kinds of data and the types of display needed for caseload and other management. The State Court Model Statistical Dictionary[6] is a companion document which provides common terminology, definitions, and usage for reporting civil, criminal, traffic, juvenile, and appellate caseload inventory and manner of disposition as presented in the model annual report. The classification structure and definitions serve as models of preferred terminology and meanings for purposes of statewide and national comparison. The first edition of the dictionary covers those data elements essential for classifying court caseload inventory and manner of disposition. A supplement to the dictionary, published in 1984, contains revisions of those terms that experience has demonstrated needed improvement, as well as additional data element sets for court caseflow (events in case processing) which are needed to determine status of pending cases.

Both of these documents must be viewed as a logical first step in promoting comparable court statistics. They were not available to states in time to affect their reporting systems or the national Annual Reports before 1980. Nevertheless, their effect will be noticeable in each succeeding national-level Annual Report because CSIM technical assistance effort is interwoven with the Annual Report national statistical series. This is accomplished by helping states adopt the suggestions in the model annual report and model statistical dictionary and by proactive identification of particular state systems that could benefit from technical assistance directed at helping resolve existing methodological problems of classification structure, terminology, definition of local data-reporting procedures, and data handling/transformation procedures. To the extent that such technical assistance suggestions are adopted, individual states directly benefit and the Annual Report national statistical series indirectly benefits.

Future versions of the model annual report and model statistical dictionary will consider development of finer levels of detail, expansion of the classification structure, and addition of other significant information.

State Court Organization, 1980[7] is also related to the annual report in that it contains the types of organizational information most often sought by court administrators and researchers.

The Court Case Management Information System Manual[8] was produced jointly by the National Court Statistics Project and the State Judicial Information Systems Project to provide a methodology for building a court information system that would provide the data needed for both daily court operations and longer-term case management, resource allocation, and strategic planning.

The process of building toward meaningful statistics takes time. Concurrently with expanding and refining the Annual Report national statistical series, the CSIM effort must encourage movement toward quality and precision in state court statistics. The necessarily long-term nature of this evolutionary process will contribute greatly to year-to-year improvements and enhancements of the statistical series. Given the complexity of the problems being faced, building toward comparability, quality assurance, and appropriate detail is a necessary incremental process. It is in this light that the CSIM Project presents the data and analysis contained in the Annual Report, 1979.

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[5]National Court Statistics Project, National Center for State Courts, State Court Model Annual Report (Williamsburg, VA, 1980).

[6]National Court Statistics Project, National Center for State Courts, State Court Model Statistical Dictionary (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Court Printing Office, 1980).

[7]See footnote 4, above.

[8]See footnote 2, above.

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Appellate court summary statistics

In this section, tables are presented to show the caseload of appellate courts in 1979. Appellate courts are subdivided into courts of last resort (the final court of appeal within a particular state) and intermediate appellate courts (courts whose primary work is the disposition of initial appeals received from trial courts of general jurisdiction or administrative agencies, and whose decisions are usually subject to appeal or review by a court of last resort within a given state). For purposes of data presentation, in some tables, the courts of last resort have been divided further into courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts and courts of last resort in states without intermediate appellate courts.

Data presented in the following tables were compiled from all data that were available, both in annual reports and in unpublished data provided by individual appellate court clerks and state court administrators.

Three factors restrict comparability from state to state of these appellate court caseload data. These are variations in court jurisdiction, variations in case classification, and variations in the way cases are counted.

Major variation from state to state in court jurisdiction among appellate courts results from the kind and amount of discretionary jurisdiction over initial appeals granted to courts of last resort and to intermediate appellate courts. States having both levels of appellate courts generally direct the more difficult appeals to the court of last resort, but these are not necessarily the same types of cases in every state. Similarly, trial courts of general jurisdiction in some states have incidental appellate jurisdiction. These courts may receive a large portion of the initial appeals, while other states that do not assign appellate jurisdiction to general jurisdiction courts will have all of their appeals heard in the appellate courts. In these states the appellate courts will have a much higher filing rate, but not necessarily more workload than in those states where appeals are heard in general jurisdiction courts. Another variation in appellate court jurisdiction is in the amount of discretion in jurisdiction granted to the court.

The second major variation in appellate court data arises in the classification of cases. Some courts report only total filings with no indication as to the types of cases included or the proportion of the caseload each type accounts for. Other courts report only what they have designated as appeals. Still other courts classify all types of cases by case category. Often definitions are not given for the case categories. The types of cases classified as appeals present a difficult problem. Requests for bail pending appeal, requests for delayed appeal, and petitions to stay the lower court ruling pending appeal generally are not considered appeals, but are counted as such in some courts. The appeals caseload will be inflated in these states. Comparison of appellate caseload is difficult because of these kinds of variations in the classification of the cases being counted.

The final variation in appellate court case data results from differences in the point at which cases are counted, and how they are counted. Some courts count cases as soon as the notice of appeal is filed while others count them at a later event, such as the filing of the record or the filing of the appellant's brief. Courts may inflate or deflate their caseload by the way they count appeals of criminal convictions for two or more defendants, by whether cross appeals are counted as separate cases, and by the way they count appeals granted through discretionary jurisdiction. Courts with discretionary jurisdiction sometimes report the total number of cases filed without distinguishing between mandatory and discretionary jurisdiction cases; or they separate mandatory and discretionary cases filed but do not indicate the number of requests for discretionary review granted; or they provide separate data for mandatory cases, discretionary jurisdiction granted, and discretionary jurisdiction denied; or they combine mandatory jurisdiction cases and cases accepted for review, but report separately the total number of petitions for review filed, resulting in double counting of granted petitions for review.

In trying to deal with these many variations in case data, the Court Statistics and Information Management Project has presented as much information as possible about the caseload. The jurisdiction of each court is outlined briefly in the court system chart for each state located in Part II of this report. Also presented in each court statistical profile in Part II is any available information about case category classification or how and when cases are counted. Because the deciding of appeals is the primary function of the appellate courts, data on appeals should be separated from data on procedural matters. The significant differences in the definition and classification of cases in appellate courts have led the CSIM staff to define appellate caseload to include as 'cases' any appeal, any original proceeding, any request to appeal, or any sentence review only case.

The appellate tables that follow (Numbers 1 through 13) are sequenced from the presentation of general data to more specific analytical tables. The tables present general caseload, various analyses of caseload, civil and criminal break-downs, and time-to-disposition of appeals. The last two tables (Tables 12 and 13) present 10-year trends in filings for those states reporting total case data for 5 or more years, as well as the number and percent change in filings for these courts.

TABLE 1: Reported and estimated national caseload for courts of last resort, intermediate appellate courts, and all appellate courts, 1979.

Variations in court organization:

All 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico have courts of last resort. Oklahoma and Texas have two courts of last resort, one that hears civil cases and one that hears criminal cases.

Thirty states have intermediate appellate courts. Four of these have two intermediate appellate courts.

Variations in subject matter jurisdiction:

Courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts generally have wide discretion in determining matters they will hear. Most appeals are heard as a matter of right by intermediate appellate courts, and by courts of last resort in states without intermediate appellate courts. (The courts of last resort in Virginia and West Virginia are exceptions.)

Total case figures are not comparable from state to state without considering the mix of mandatory and discretionary appeals heard by each court, and the variety of case types included in the jurisdiction of each court.

Variations in case classification and definitions:

Some states report total cases processed without any indication of case type. Other states include, in their reported caseload, only appeals that were decided on the merits. Some appellate courts include all original proceedings, while others report no original proceedings. Some states do not distinguish cases, from motions or other procedural matters.

This report defines "appellate case" to include any appeal, original proceeding, request to appeal, or sentence review only case.

Sources of data for each court are found in the individual court profiles in Part II, and in Appendix B.

Reported cases:

The reported cases figures contain the reported cases that were 100% complete with no "j" footnotes. These data can be found in Tables 2, 3, and 4.

Percent of population represented:

State population figures used for all appellate courts and courts of last resort are from the revised 1979 Bureau of Census estimates and total 227,732,000 for the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Bureau of Census estimates for the population of the 30 states with intermediate appellate courts in 1979 totaled 194,305,000. The percent of population represented for each caseload category is based on the appropriate total population figure.

Estimated totals from Appendix A:

These figures represent the estimated data from those states who reported less than complete data. The estimating equations can be found in Appendix A.

Estimated national totals:

Estimated national totals for 1979 are the cumulative totals of all reported data that were complete plus the estimated data for each state not reporting complete data. This figure for "All appellate courts" is the sum of estimated national totals from "courts of last resort" and "intermediate appellate courts." The procedure used to estimate incomplete or missing data is discussed in Appendix A of this volume.

Estimated cases per judge:

This measure is used to indicate the average number of cases filed for each appellate judge, and the number of cases in which each appellate judge participated in the disposition.

There were 914 judges assigned to appellate courts in 1979: 354 in courts of last resort, and 560 in intermediate appellate courts. The estimated national totals in each of the categories was divided by the number of judges serving that level of court.

Estimated cases per 100,000 population:

This measure is used to indicate the frequency with which cases are filed and disposed in appellate courts.

Estimated cases per 100,000 population were calculated by dividing the estimated national totals by the appropriate population figure, 2,277.32 for all appellate courts and for courts of last resort, and 1,943.05 for intermediate appellate courts.

Examples of appropriate uses and techniques:

The estimates of total volume can be compared to the estimates of total volume of cases filed and disposed in trial courts in Table 14 to indicate how frequently cases are appealed to appellate courts. These figures may be compared to the caseload of federal appellate courts to indicate the proportion of appellate cases that are heard in the state court systems.

Limitations on use:

Data have been aggregated in order to make rough estimates of overall national totals, but this has been done without regard to definitions of case categories and units of count. The national estimates contained in this report should be viewed only as "ball-park" estimates, and not the exact volume of cases in state courts.

TABLE 1:
Reported and estimated national caseload for courts of last resort, intermediate appellate courts, and all appellate courts, 1979.

Estimated cases per judge and per 100,000 population.

Reported and estimated caseload	Filed	Disposed
All appellate courts		
Reported cases	140,211	124,254
Number of states reporting complete data	47	46
Percent of population represented by complete data	86%	81%
Estimated national totals	170,000	164,000
Courts of last resort		
Reported cases	51,555	47,028
Number of states reporting complete data	48	46
Percent of population represented by complete data	92%	81%
Percent of variance explained (R^2)	99%	99%
Estimated totals from Appendix A	6,289	8,273
Estimated national totals	58,000	55,000
Intermediate appellate courts		
Reported cases	99,446	90,022
Number of states reporting complete data	29	28
Percent of population represented by complete data	99%	99%
Percent of variance explained (R^2)	98%	98%
Estimated totals from Appendix A	12,612	18,933
Estimated national totals	112,000	109,000
Estimated cases per judge		
All appellate courts	186	180
Courts of last resort	163	156
Intermediate appellate courts	200	195
Estimated cases per 100,000 population		
All appellate courts	75	72
Courts of last resort	25	24
Intermediate appellate courts	58	56

Note: Reported cases for all appellate courts is less than the sum of reported cases for courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts due to the fact that states with more than one appellate court had to report complete data for all its appellate courts in order for this table to display total state appellate caseload. A state with one court reporting complete data, and one court reporting incomplete data will not be reported in "All appellate courts" but will have the complete data from the one court reported in the appropriate section (i.e., either "Courts of last resort" or "Intermediate appellate courts").

TABLE 2: Reported appellate court caseload for all appellate courts, 1979.

Variations in court organization:

Appellate courts are subdivided into courts of last resort (the final court of appeal within a particular state) and intermediate appellate courts. This table presents data for both of these appellate court types.

Variations in subject matter jurisdiction:

In some states, trial courts of general jurisdiction have incidental appellate jurisdiction. These courts may receive a large portion of the initial appeals, while other states that do not assign appellate jurisdiction to general jurisdiction courts will have all their appeals heard in appellate courts. In these states the appellate courts will have a much higher filing rate, but not necessarily more workload than those states hearing appeals in general jurisdiction courts.

Sources of data:

All appellate courts reported at least some caseload inventory data for 1979.

Data presented in this and the following tables were compiled from both annual reports and unpublished data provided by individual appellate court clerks and state court administrators. The sources of data for each court are shown in the individual court profiles in Part II and in Appendix B.

Reported national totals:

The reported national totals include only data from states reporting complete data in the inventory categories for all courts in the state.

Number of states reporting:

Only those states that reported complete data for all appellate courts are included in this table. The term "state" in this and following tables includes the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

Percent of population represented:

State populations used for "all appellate courts" are the revised 1979 Bureau of Census estimates and total 227,732,000 for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

Appropriate analyses:

Disposed as a percent of filed. The statistic indicates how well all the appellate courts in a state are disposing of cases that are filed. This figure may be somewhat dependent on the number of appellate judges, as well as the types of cases that can be appealed. A figure less than 100% indicates that the state appellate courts are not keeping up with their caseload. A statistic greater than 100% indicates that the courts are beginning to clean up their pending cases.

Limitations on use:

Comparisons should not be made among states before checking for similarities and differences among the states in the profile section in Part II. When comparing the number of appeals filed and disposed among states, also consider the percent of the appeals that are discretionary (i.e., the number of requests to appeal handled by each state); as well as the number of appellate courts in the state.

TABLE 2:
Reported appellate court caseload for all appellate courts, 1979.

Disposed as a percent of filing. Number of courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts. Reported national totals with number of states reporting and percent of population represented.

State	All appellate courts. Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed as a percent of filed	Number of courts: Last resort	Number of courts: Intermediate
Alabama	777[i]	2,010[i]	2,081[i]	706[i]	104%[i]	1	2
Alaska	624	656	634	646	97%	1	0
Arizona	1,693	3,027	3,177	1,543	105%	1	1
Arkansas	277	1,266	1,082	461	85%	1	1
California		16,637	17,108		103%	1	1
Colorado	1,353	2,155	1,997	1,511	93%	1	1
Connecticut	834	749	707	876	94%	1	1
Delaware	329	339	358	310	106%	1	0
District of Columbia	1,134[i]	1,236	1,318	1,052[i]	107%	1	0
Florida	8,004	14,911	13,385	9,644	90%	1	1
Georgia	304	3,419	3,322	401	97%	1	1
Hawaii	670	338	297	711	88%	1	0
Idaho	500	410	354	556	86%	1	0
Illinois	4,225	7,078	5,956	5,347	84%	1	1
Indiana	910	1,545	1,746	709	113%	1	1
Iowa	958	1,884	1,789	1,044	95%	1	1
Kansas		1,259	1,188		94%	1	1
Kentucky	1,213	2,617	2,567	1,185	98%	1	1
Louisiana		5,506	5,193		94%	1	1
Maine	295	408	447	256	110%	1	0
Maryland	140	2,229	2,061	199	92%	1	1
Massachusetts	937[i]	1,384[i]	1,407	811[i]		1	1
Michigan		6,969	6,667		121%	1	1
Minnesota[i]						1	0
Mississippi	438	843	862	414	102%	1	0
Missouri	2,274	2,903	2,904	2,278	100%	1	1
Montana		472	516		109%	1	0
Nebraska[i]						1	0
Nevada	667	912	866	713	95%	1	0
New Hampshire	155	293	303	145	103%	1	0
New Jersey	6,736	6,704	7,804	5,821	116%	1	1
New Mexico	485	1,132	1,114	506	98%	1	1
New York[i]						1	2
North Carolina		2,362	2,187		93%	1	1
North Dakota	121	208	241	88	116%	1	0
Ohio		9,715	9,504		98%	1	1
Oklahoma	2,118[i]	2,569	2,173	2,546[i]	85%	2	1
Oregon	1,697	4,183	4,168	1,697	100%	1	1
Pennsylvania		8,783				1	2
Puerto Rico	280	1,170	1,165	285	100%	1	0
Rhode Island	569	486	478	577	98%	1	0
South Carolina	125	715	507	333	71%	1	0
South Dakota	283	319	327	276	103%	1	0
Tennessee	869	2,292	2,329	832	102%	1	2
Texas	4,086	8,304	7,321	5,018	88%	2	1
Utah		618	534		86%	1	0
Vermont	291	422	367	349	87%	1	0
Virginia	775	1,862	1,810	857	97%	1	0
Washington	2,306	3,028	2,988	2,395	99%	1	1
West Virginia		1,012	804		79%	1	0
Wisconsin		2,619	2,259[i]	1,157[i]		1	1
Wyoming	132	177	222	87	125%	1	0
Reported national totals*	44,618	140,211	124,254	48,070		54	34
Number states reporting*	34	47	46	34			
Percent of population represented*	50%	86%	81%	50%			

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TABLE 2:
Reported appellate court caseload for all appellate courts, 1979. *(continued)*

Note: For inclusion on this table, a case is defined as any **appeal, original proceeding, request to appeal, or sentence review only** case.
All available data are entered in the table and all appropriate calculations are included. Blank spaces indicate that either the data were unavailable or less than 90% complete, or the calculations were inappropriate.

-- = Not applicable.

[i]Data are incomplete:
Alabama--Total cases in the Court of Criminal Appeals do not include petitions disposed of in the clerk's office at the direction of the court.
District of Columbia--Pending data do not include special proceedings in **original jurisdiction** cases.
Massachusetts--Pending and filed figures for the Supreme Judicial Court do not include cases heard in "single justice sessions."
Minnesota--Data were unavailable from the Supreme Court.
Nebraska--All figures were excluded because they did not include **requests to appeal**; therefore, the figures were less than 90% complete.
New York--State figures were excluded because the Court of Appeals did not report **civil requests to appeal** or other motions; therefore, the figures were probably less than 90% complete.
Oklahoma--Pending figures for the Court of Appeals do not include **civil requests to appeal.**
Wisconsin--The disposed and end pending fiugre for the Supreme Court do not include miscellaneous **original jurisdiction** cases.

*Reported national totals:
The reported national totals include only data for states reporting data in the caseload category for all courts in the state. Incomplete data indicated by an "i" footnote are not included in the national totals.
Number of states reporting:
Reported cases for courts of last resort and "all appellate courts" are from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Reported cases for intermediate appellate courts are from the 30 states with intermediate appellate courts.
Percent of population represented:
State populations used for courts of last resort and "all appellate courts" are the revised 1979 Bureau of Census estimates and total 227,732,000 for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

TABLE 3: Detailed caseload categories for courts of last resort, 1979.
TABLE 4: Detailed caseload categories for intermediate appellate courts, 1979.

Variations in court organization:

Table 3 contains caseload inventory by case type for the courts of last resort in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.
Table 4 contains caseload inventory by case type for the intermediate appellate courts in the 30 states that have intermediate appellate courts.

Variations in subject matter jurisdiction:

Major variation from state to state results from the kind of discretionary jurisdiction granted to courts of last resort and to intermediate appellate courts. States having both levels of appellate courts generally direct the most difficult appeals to the courts of last resort, but these are not necessarily the same types of cases in every state.
Although most courts of last resort, have jurisdiction over original proceedings, disciplinary, advisory opinion, and request to appeal cases, intermediate appellate courts rarely hear these types of cases. The individual state profiles broadly outline the specific jurisdiction of each court.
These variations in jurisdiction make caseload comparisons among appellate courts extremely difficult.

Variations in case classification and definitions:

The classification used by each state will be found in the pertinent state profile in Part II.
This report defines "appellate case" to include any appeal, original proceeding, request to appeal, or sentence review only case, and where possible, has placed each state's case data within these case classifications.
Some states report total cases processed without any indication as to the type of proceeding. Other states include in their caseload only appeals that were decided on the merits. Some appellate courts include all original proceedings, while others report none. Some states do not distinguish cases from procedural matters such as motions for rehearing.
Classification of the same type of proceeding varies from state to state. For example, habeas corpus may be reported as a separate category, or it may be subsumed in appeals, original proceedings, or motions.

Sources of data for each court are found in the individual state profiles in Part II, and in Appendix B.

Reported national totals:

The reported national totals for courts of last resort (i.e., Table 3) and intermediate appellate courts (i.e., Table 4) include only data for states reporting complete data in the caseload category.
The number of requests to appeal granted that appear in parentheses were not included in the totals to avoid double counting (see footnote "e").

Number of states reporting for courts of last resort:

Reported cases for appeals and total cases are from the states that reported complete appeals data. Reported cases for original proceedings and requests to appeal are from the 49 states handling original proceedings and 47 states handling requests to appeal that reported complete data for each of these categories.
The term "state" in this and following tables includes the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

Number of states reporting for intermediate appellate courts:

Reported cases for appeals and total cases are from the 30 states with intermediate appellate courts that reported complete appeals data. Reported cases for original proceedings and requests to appeal are from the 22 states handling these types of cases that reported complete data for each of these categories.

Percent of population represented for courts of last resort:

State populations used are the Bureau of Census counts for 1979 and total 227,734,000 for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The total population is 213,772,000 for the 49 states handling original proceedings and 216,612,000 for the 47 states handling requests to appeal.

Percent of population represented for intermediate appellate courts:

State populations used are the Bureau of Census counts for 1979 and total 194,305,000 for the 30 states with intermediate appellate courts. The total population is 149,106,000 for the 22 states handling original proceedings and 135,325,000 for the 22 states handling requests to appeal. The percent of population represented for each caseload category is based on these total population figures.

Appropriate analyses:

Although these tables are designed primarily to display total caseload data, they may also be used for some analysis. Comparisons may be made between caseload figures of courts of similar type, for example, between the number of mandatory appeals filed in courts of last resort, and those filed in intermediate appellate courts.

Limitations on use:

Comparisons should not be made among states before checking for similarities and differences among the states in the profile section in Part II. Before total figures are compared, check to be certain that all courts are of the same type and have jurisdiction over and reported data from the same types of cases. Comparisons should not be made between courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts, or between courts of last resort with and without intermediate appellate courts. Within comparable groups of courts, it may be safer to make comparisons of types of cases than of the total caseload. When comparing the number of appeals filed, disposed, or pending among states, also consider the percent of the appeals that are discretionary (numbers in parentheses) and the number of requests to appeal handled by each state.

TABLE 3:
Detailed caseload categories for courts of last resort, 1979.

Appeals, original proceedings, requests to appeal, sentence review only, and total cases. Reported national totals with number of states reporting and percent of population represented.

State and court title	Begin pending					Filed					Disposed					End pending				
	Appeals	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	Sentence review only	Total cases	Appeals	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	Sentence review only	Total cases	Appeals	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	Sentence review only	Total cases	Appeals	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	Sentence review only	Total cases
Alabama--Supreme Court	0	0	0		0	362 (66)[e]	102	298		762 (66)[e]	428	102	232 (66)[e]		762 (66)[e]	0	0	0		0
Alaska--Supreme Court	506	6	61	51	624	438	37	141	40	656	393	36	150	55	634	546	7	54	39	646
Arizona--Supreme Court	100	111	NH		211	120	908	NH		1,028	154	941	NH		1,095	66	78	NH		144
Arkansas--Supreme Court	265	12	NH		277	515	135	NH		650	657	126	NH		783	123	21	NH		144
California--Supreme Court						15 (158)[e]	799 (35)[e]	2,970		3,784 (193)[e]	124	768	2,777 (193)[e]		3,669 (193)[e]					
Colorado--Supreme Court	X	X	X		350	254	311	375		941	X	X	X		877	X	X	X		414
Connecticut--Supreme Court	608		11		619	515		99		614	447		95		542	691		15		691
Delaware--Supreme Court	321	8	NH		329	317	22	NH		339	342	16	NH		358	296	14	NH		310
District of Columbia--Court of Appeals	X	X	X		1,134[i]	1,117[j]	119	(j)		1,236	1,278[j]	40[i]	(j)		1,318	X	X	X		1,052[i]
Florida--Supreme Court	X	X	X		1,363	372	520	1,669		2,561	X	X	X		2,524	X	X	X		1,403
Georgia--Supreme Court	158	NH	146		304	738 (140)[e]	NH	712		1,450 (140)[e]	386	512	1,626		1,353 (140)[e]	235	NH	166		401
Hawaii--Supreme Court	667	3			670	303	35			338	801	NH	552 (140)[e]		297	704	7			711
Idaho--Supreme Court	497	3			500	380	30			410	266	31			354	546	10			556
Illinois--Supreme Court	172	13	188		373	99 (140)[e]	107 (8)[e]	1,140		1,346 (148)[e]	331	23			1,296 (148)[e]	196	13	214		423
Indiana--Supreme Court	X	X	X		109	X (27)[ei]	X	X		604 (27)[ei]	215	107	974 (140)[e]		604 (27)[ei]	X	X	X		109
Iowa--Supreme Court	X	X	X	X	880	1,507 (26)[e]	X	X	X	1,507 (26)[e]	241	85	278 (27)[ei]		1,410 (26)[e]	X	X	X	X	968
Kansas--Supreme Court	221				221[i]	290 (11)[e]	33	120		443 (11)[e]	1,175	7	214 (26)[e]	14	416 (11)[e]	207				207[i]
Kentucky--Supreme Court	X	X	129		236	185 (175)[e]	104	465		754 (175)[e]	304	X	102 (11)[e]		671 (175)[e]	X	X	62		241
Louisiana--Supreme Court						493[j](529)[e]	78	2,271		2,842 (529)[e]	226	88	357 (175)[e]		2,763 (529)[e]					
Maine--Supreme Judicial Court	257	0	NH	38	295	356	3	NH	49	408	898[j]	56	1,809		447	236	0	NH	20	256
Maryland--Court of Appeals	28	0	0		28	47 (101)[e]	30	463		540 (101)[e]	377	3	NH	67	528 (101)[e]	40	0	0		40
Massachusetts--Supreme Judicial Court	175[i]	X	X		175[i]	339[i]	X	X		339[i]	136	30	362 (101)[e]		432[i]	134[i]	X	X		134[i]
Michigan--Supreme Court	X	X	X		850	X (55)[e]	42	1,428		1,470 (55)[e]	432	X	X		1,508 (55)[e]	X	X	X		812
Minnesota--Supreme Court[i]											X	X	X (55)[e]							
Mississippi--Supreme Court	433	5			438	700	143			843	722	140			862	411	8			414
Missouri--Supreme Court	82	X	X		131	170	182	332		684	171	173	344		688	81	X	X		128
Montana--Supreme Court						362	110			472	X	X			516					
Nebraska--Supreme Court	488[j]	(j)			488[i]	638[j]	(j)			638[i]	660[j]	(j)			660[i]	443[j]	(j)			443[i]
Nevada--Supreme Court	X	X	X		667	681	214	17		912	X	X	X		866	X	X	X		713
New Hampshire--Supreme Court	X	X			155	257	36			293	X	X			303	X	X			145
New Jersey--Supreme Court	151	32	351		534	71 (143)[e]	84	931		1,086 (143)[e]	243	94	1,016 (143)[e]		1,353 (143)[e]	122	22	307		451
New Mexico--Supreme Court	X	X	X		197	234 (22)[e]	199	182		615 (22)[e]	255	206	144 (22)[e]		605 (22)[e]	X	X	X		207
New York--Court of Appeals						645 (97)[e]		1,740[i]		2,385[i](97)[e]	570		1,530[i](97)[e]		2,100[i](97)[e]					
North Carolina--Supreme Court	X	X	X		21	122 (63)[e]	3 (1)[e]	449		624 (64)[e]	X	X	374 (64)[e]		536 (64)[e]	X	X	X		19
North Dakota--Supreme Court	121	0	0		121	190	12	6		208	223	12	6		241	88	0	0		88
Ohio--Supreme Court						143 (146)[e]	193	1,385		1,721 (146)[e]	208	200	1,220 (146)[e]		1,628 (146)[e]					
Oklahoma--STATE TOTAL	X	X	X	X	2,002	1,035[j](94)[e]	577	310[i]	X	1,922 (94)[e]	824[j]	503	132[i] (71)[e]		1,601 (94)[e]	X	X	132[i]	X	2,383
Supreme Court	X	X	X		1,620	741 (71)[e]	246	189		1,176 (71)[e]	540	209	132 (71)[e]		881 (71)[e]	X	X	132		1,903
Court of Criminal Appeals	X	X	X	X	382	294[j](23)[e]	331	121[i][j] (j)		746 (23)[e]	284[j]	294	X[j] (j)		720 (23)[e]	X	X	X	X	480
Oregon--Supreme Court	X	X	109		251	13 (104)[e]	162	552		727 (104)[e]	X	X	X (104)[e]		799 (104)[e]	X	X	92		164
Pennsylvania--Supreme Court						798[j](215)[e]	X	1,052		1,850 (215)[e]	X	X	X (215)[e]		X (215)[e]	547	1	228		776
Puerto Rico--Supreme Court	86	29	165		280	249	27	894		1,170	232	34	899		1,165	103	22	160		285
Rhode Island--Supreme Court	441	23	105		569	330	58	98		486	291	61	126		478	480	20	77		577
South Carolina--Supreme Court	X	X			125	702	13			715	X	X			507	333	0			333
South Dakota--Supreme Court	X	X	X		283	254	28	37		319	X	X	X		327	X	X	X		276
Tennessee--Supreme Court	46	NH	142		188	159 (121)[e]	NH	695		854 (121)[e]	227	NH	574 (121)[e]		801 (121)[e]	99	NH	142		241
Texas--STATE TOTAL	2,537	0	243		2,782	3,132 (230)[e]	7 (12)[e]	2,720		5,859 (242)[e]	2,606	19	2,426 (291)[e]		5,051 (242)[e]	3,293	0	246		3,539
Supreme Court	30	0	152	NH	184	24 (85)[e]	7 (12)[e]	983		1,014 (97)[e]	84	19	791 (146)[e]		894 (146)[e]	55	0	198		253
Court of Criminal Appeals	2,507	NH	91		2,598	3,108 (145)[e]	NH	1,737		4,845 (145)[e]	2,522	NH	1,635 (145)[e]		4,157 (145)[e]	3,238	NH	48		3,286
Utah--Supreme Court						598	20			618	X	X			534					
Vermont--Supreme Court	289	2			291	418	4			422	362	5			367	348	1			349
Virginia--Supreme Court	192	114	469		775	X (207)[e]	X	X		1,862 (207)[e]	235	316	1,259 (207)[e]		1,810 (207)[e]	217	79	561		857
Washington--Supreme Court	151	7	134		294	184	29	572		785	175	19	561		755	177	20	145		342
West Virginia--Supreme Court of Appeals						X (353)[e]	518	494		1,012 (353)[e]	236	326 (192)[e]	242 (252)[e]		804 (444)[e]					
Wisconsin--Supreme Court	X	5[i]	X		5[i]	548	88			636	449	50[i]			499[i]	108	4[i]			112[i]
Wyoming--Supreme Court	X	X	NH		132	X	X	NH		177	X	X	NH		222	X	X	NH		87
Reported national totals*	8,817	368	2,253	89	18,229	21,056	6,122	22,617	89	51,555	18,300	5,089	18,719	136	47,028	10,736	323	2,469	59	20,618
Number of states reporting*	25	20	16	2	39	47	41	30	2	48	41	31	27	3	46	28	22	17	2	40
Percent of population represented*	40%	32%	34%		61%	88%	75%	74%		92%	82%	65%	67%		81%	48%	39%	40%		66%

Note: For inclusion on this table, a case is defined as any **appeal, original proceeding, request to appeal,** or **sentence review only** case.
All available data are entered in the table. Blank spaces indicate that the data were unavailable, or less than 90% complete. Numbers in parentheses, representing the number of **requests to appeal** that were granted, were not included in any of the calculations.

NH = This case type is not handled in this court.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total, but were unavailable by category.

[e]Cases are not included in the total to avoid double counting:
A request to appeal granted is not counted as a disposed request to appeal or as a filed appeal. It is counted as a disposition only when the resulting appeal is disposed. The numbers of requests to appeal granted are the figures appearing in parentheses. These numbers were not included in any of the calculations.

[i]Data are not complete:
District of Columbia--Court of Appeals--Pending data do not include some **original proceedings** cases. **Original proceedings** disposed cases do not include **original jurisdiction** cases.
Indiana--Supreme Court--The number of criminal petitions to transfer granted were unavailable.
Kansas--Supreme Court--Total pending cases do not include **original proceedings** or **requests to appeal.**
Massachusetts--Supreme Judicial Court--Total cases figures do not include **original proceedings** or **requests to appeal** cases. Pending and filed **appeals** do not include "single
Nebraska--Supreme Court--Total cases figures do not include **requests to appeal.**
New York--Court of Appeals-- **Requests to appeal** and total cases filed and disposed do not include **civil requests to appeal** or other motions.
Oklahoma--Court of Criminal Appeals-- **Requests to appeal** do not include **criminal** cases.
justice sessions."
Wisconsin--Supreme Court-- **Original proceedings** and total cases filed and pending do not include miscellaneous **original jurisdiction** cases.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
District of Columbia--Filed and disposed **appeals** include **requests to appeal.**
Louisiana--Supreme Court--Filed and disposed **appeals** include a few habeas corpus **original jurisdiction** cases.
Nebraska--Supreme Court-- **Appeals** include a minimal number of original proceedings.
Oklahoma--Court of Criminal Appeals--Filed and disposed **appeals** include **criminal requests to appeal** and **sentence review** only cases.
Pennsylvania--Supreme Court--The **appeals** filed figure includes disciplinary cases.

*Reported national totals:
The reported national totals included only data for states reporting data in the caseflow category for all courts in the state. Only complete data were included in the national totals. Figures marked with an "i" footnote were not included; those marked with a "j" were included. The **numbers of request to appeal granted that appear in** parentheses were not included in the totals to avoid double counting (see footnote "e").
Number of states reporting:
Reported cases for appeals and total cases are from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Reported cases from original proceedings and requests to appeal are from the 49 states and 47 states handling original proceedings and request to appeal, respectively.
Percent of population represented:
State populations (excluding Minnesota) used are the revised Bureau of Census estimates, and total 223,696,000 from the 49 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The total population is 213,772,000 for the 49 states handling original proceedings and 216,612,000 for the 47 states handling requests to appeal.

TABLE 4:
Detailed caseload categories for intermediate appellate courts, 1979.
Appeals, original proceedings, requests to appeal, and total cases. Reported national totals with number of states reporting and percent of population represented.

State and court title	Begin pending				Filed				Disposed				End pending			
	Appeals	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	Total Cases	Appeals	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	Total Cases	Appeals	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	Total Cases	Appeals	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	Total Cases
Alabama--STATE TOTAL	777[j]			777[i]	1,248[j]			1,248[i]	1,128[j]	191		1,319[i]	706[j]			706[i]
Court of Civil Appeals	155			155	419			419	370			370	204			204
Court of Criminal Appeals	622[j]	(j)	(j)	622[i]	829[j]	(j)	(j)	829[i]	758[j]	191	(j)	949[i]	502[j]	(j)	(j)	502[i]
Arizona--Court of Appeals	1,404	78	NH	1,482	1,742	257	NH	1,999	1,816	266	NH	2,082	1,330	69	NH	1,399
Arkansas--Court of Appeals	0	0	NH	0	553	63	NH	616	239	60	NH	299	314	3	NH	317
California--Courts of Appeal	5,523		NH	5,523[i]	7,941	4,912	NH	12,853	8,667	4,772	NH	13,439	6,319		NH	6,319[i]
Colorado--Court of Appeals	1,003	NH		1,003	1,214	NH		1,214	1,120	NH		1,120	1,097	NH		1,097
Connecticut--Appellate Session of Superior Court	215	NH	NH	215	135	NH	NH	135	165	NH	NH	165	185	NH	NH	185
Florida--District Courts of Appeal				6,641	10,039	1,799	512	12,350	8,641	1,671	549	10,861				8,241
Georgia--Court of Appeals	0	0	0	0	X	X	X	1,969	X	X	X	1,969	0	0	0	0
Illinois--Appellate Court	3,852	NH	NH	3,852	5,732	NH	NH	5,732	4,660	NH	NH	4,660	4,924	NH	NH	4,924
Indiana--Court of Appeals	801	NH		801	941	NH		941	1,142	NH		1,142	600	NH		600
Iowa--Court of Appeals	78[j]	NH	NH	78	377[j]	NH	NH	377	370	NH	NH	379	76[j]	NH	NH	76
Kansas--Court of Appeals	601			601	816			816	772			772	645			645
Kentucky--Court of Appeals	955	22	0	977	1,769	71	2	1,863	1,805	75	16	1,896	919	18	7	944
Louisiana--Courts of Appeal	X	X		1,395	2,269	395		2,664	2,046	384		2,430	X	X		1,147
Maryland--Court of Special Appeals	112		0	112	1,512(9)[e]		177	1,689(9)[e]	1,369		164(9)[e]	1,533(9)[e]	159		0	159
Massachusetts--Appeals Court	762			762	1,045			1,045	975			975	677			677
Michigan--Court of Appeals					3,862	X	X	5,499	X	X	X	5,159				
Missouri--Court of Appeals	2,098	X	X	2,143	1,816	401	2	2,219	1,827	X	X	2,216	2,092	X	X	2,150
New Jersey--Appellate Division of Superior Court	6,170		32	6,202	4,785		833	5,618	5,634		817	6,451	5,323		48	5,370
New Mexico--Court of Appeals	288			288	517			517	509			509	299			299
New York--STATE TOTAL					10,453[j]	(j)		10,453	10,564[j]	142[j]		10,706				
Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court					8,418[j]	(j)		8,418	9,065[j]	142[j]		9,207				
Appellate Terms of the Supreme Court					2,035			2,035	1,499			1,499				
North Carolina--Court of Appeals					1,204(54)[e]	2	532	1,738(54)[e]	1,244[j]		407(54)[e]	1,651(54)[e]				
Ohio--Court of Appeals	4,576	213	NH	4,789	7,304	690	NH	7,994	7,228	648	NH	7,876	4,653	256	NH	4,909
Oklahoma--Court of Appeals	116	NH		116	482(71)[e]	NH	165	647(71)[e]	435	NH	137(71)[e]	572(71)[e]	163	NH		163
Oregon--Court of Appeals	1,446	NH	NH	1,446	3,456	NH	NH	3,456	3,369	NH	NH	3,369	1,533	NH	NH	1,533
Pennsylvania--STATE TOTAL					6,700	233		6,933								
Superior Court					4,047			4,047								
Commonwealth Court					2,653	233		2,886	X	X		2,414				
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL	381	X		681	1,425	13		1,438	X	X		1,528				591
Court of Appeals	381	NH		381	775	NH		775	858	NH		858	298	NH		298
Court of Criminal Appeals	X	X		300	650	13		663	X	X		670	X	X		293
Texas--Courts of Civil Appeals	1,304	NH		1,304	2,445	NH		2,445	2,270	NH		2,270	1,479	NH		1,479
Washington--Court of Appeals	1,906	60	46	2,012	1,921	174	148	2,243	1,940	154	139	2,233	1,922	80	51	2,053
Wisconsin--Court of Appeals	799	10		809[i]	1,684	110	189	1,983	1,458	113	189	1,760	1,031	14	0	1,045
Reported national totals*	35,167	383	78	38,486	85,576	9,120	2,581	99,446	71,582	8,143	2,418	90,022	36,466	440	106	40,709
Number of states reporting*	24	7	5	25	29	12	9	29	26	9	8	28	23	7	6	25
Percent of population represented*	71%	22%	15%	66%	98%	54%	35%	99%	85%	44%	31%	95%	68%	22%	22%	66%

Note: For inclusion on this table, a case is defined as any **appeal, original proceeding, request to appeal or sentence review only** case.
All available data are entered in the table. Blank spaces indicate that the data were unavailable, or less than 90% complete.

NH = This case type is not handled in this court.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
A request to appeal granted is not counted as a disposed request to appeal or as a filed appeal. It is counted as a disposition only when the resulting appeal is disposed.
The numbers of requests to appeal granted are the numbers appearing in parentheses in the table. These numbers are not included in the calculated national totals.
[i]Data in incomplete:
Alabama--Court of Criminal Appeals--Total cases do not include petitions diposed of in the clerk's office at the direction of the Court.
California--Total pending cases figures do not include **original proceedings.**
Wisconsin--Total begin pending cases do not include **requests to appeal.**
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Alabama--Court of Criminal Appeals--Pending and filed **appeal** data include **original proceedings** and **requests to appeal.** Disposed **appeal** data includes **requests to appeal.**
Iowa--Court of Appeals--Total **appeals** filed and pending include **sentence review only** cases.
New York--Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court--Filed and disposed **appeals** include an unknown number of **original proceedings.**
North Carolina--Disposed **appeals** include **originial proceedings.**

*Reported national totals:
The reported national totals include only data for states reporting data that are at least 90% complete in the caseload category for all courts in the state.
Pending data for California were not included in the totals.
*Number of states reporting:
Reported cases for appeals and total cases are from the 30 states with intermediate appellate courts. Reported cases for original proceedings and requests to appeal are from the 22 states and 22 states, respectively, handling each case type.
*Percent of population represented:
State populations used are the revised Bureau of Census estimates and total 194,305,000 for the 30 states with intermediate appellate courts. The total population is 149,106,000 for the 22 states handling original proceedings and 135,325,000 for the 22 states handling requests to appeal. The percent of population represented for each caseload category is based on these total population figures.

TABLE 5: Caseload for appeals and requests to appeal (civil and criminal) and total cases for courts of last resort, 1979.

TABLE 6: Caseload for appeals and requests to appeal (civil and criminal) and total cases for intermediate appellate courts, 1979.

Variations in court organization:

Tables 5 and 6 display a portion of the data displayed in Tables 3 and 4, and the same variations in court organization apply.

Variations in subject matter jurisdiction:

Tables 5 and 6 display a portion of the data displayed in Tables 3 and 4, and the same variations in subject matter jurisdiction apply.

Variations in case classifications and definitions:

The total cases column in Tables 5 and 6 is the same as in Tables 3 and 4, and includes all appeals, original jurisdiction cases, requests to appeal, and sentence review only cases. Only two case types--appeals and requests to appeal--are displayed in Tables 5 and 6, both separated, where data were available, into civil and criminal categories.

These tables indicate that a significant minority of states fail to break down appeals into even the most general case types--civil and criminal.

The sum of civil and criminal cases may not add up to the figures shown for appeals and requests to appeals in Tables 3 and 4 because other types of appeals and requests to appeal may be included. (See the pertinent state profile in Part II for this information.)

The types of cases classified as appeals present a particular problem. Matters such as requests for bail pending appeal, requests for delayed appeal, and petitions to stay the lower court ruling pending appeal generally are not considered appeals, but are counted as such in some courts, inflating the appellate caseload in those states.

Courts with discretionary jurisdiction sometimes report the total number of cases filed without distinguishing between mandatory and discretionary cases; or they separate mandatory and discretionary cases filed but do not indicate the number of requests for discretionary review granted. Some provide separate data for mandatory cases, discretionary review granted, and discretionary review denied, while others combine mandatory cases and cases accepted for review, but report separately the number of petitions for review filed, resulting in double counting of granted petitions for review.

Sources of data for each court are found in the individual profiles in Part II and in Appendix B.

Appropriate analyses:

Although these tables are designed primarily to display the breakdown of appellate caseloads into the civil and criminal case types, they may also be used for some analysis. The ratio of civil to criminal appeals may be calculated for any court. These ratios may be compared between courts of similar type. The ratio of civil appeals to civil requests to appeal may be calculated and compared to the ratio of criminal appeals to requests to appeal.

Limitations on use:

Although cases are identified as being civil or criminal on this table, the definitions used by the courts to make this distinction may differ. One court may include juvenile appeals, and appeals of administrative agency cases in its civil appeal category. Other courts may report these cases in three separate categories, as recommended in the Model Statistical Dictionary. Before comparisons are made, one should check each court profile to determine whether there is any indication of the types of cases included in the civil or criminal category.

For those courts that report non-civil and criminal cases in separate categories and for those that have jurisdiction over original proceedings in addition to the appeals and request to appeal cases reported here, the sum of the figures reported for any case category on the table will be less than the total cases figure reported for that case category.

Disposed					End pending				
Appeals		Requests to appeal			Appeals		Requests to appeal		
Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Total cases	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Total cases
X	X	X	X	762 (66)[e]	0	0	0	0	0
254	139			634	346	200			646
79	72	NH	NH	1,095	7	56	NH	NH	144
424	221	NH	NH	783	64	46	NH	NH	144
75	49	1,355 (113)[e]	1,422 (80)[e]	3,669 (193)[e]					
X	X	X	X	877	X	X	X	X	414
390	57	X	X	542	522	154			691
218	124	NH	NH	358	161	135	NH	NH	310
X	X	X	X	1,318	X	X	X	X	1,027
X	X	X	X	2,524	X	X	X	X	1,403
X	X	X	X	1,353 (140)[e]					401
111	155			297	449	255			711
180	80			354	323	145			556
109	63	487 (94)[e]	487 (46)[e]	1,296 (148)[e]	72	58	103	111	423
X	X	182 (27)[e]	96 ( )[ei]	604 (27)[ei]	X	X	0	X	109
765	348	155 (X)[e]	59 (X)[e]	1,410 (26)[e]	X	X	X	X	968
X	137	X	X	416 (11)[e]	X	X			207[i]
X	X	X	X	671 (175)[e]	X	X	X	X	241
X	X	X	X	2,763 (529)[e]					
245	132	NH	NH	447	180	56	NH	NH	256
84	52	166 (62)[e]	196 (39)[e]	528 (101)[e]	28	12	0	0	40
X	X			432					134[i]
X	X	X	X	1,508 (55)[e]	X	X	X	X	812
X	X			862	X	X			414
133	38	X	X	688	X	X	X	X	128
X	X			516					
341	214			660[i]	263	110			443[i]
X	X			866	X	X			713
X	X			303	X	X			145
95	46	X	X	1,353 (143)[e]	X	X	X	X	451
X	X	X	X	605 (22)[e]	X	X	X	X	207
423	147	X	1,530 (97)[e]	( )[e]					
X	X	216 (46)[e]	139 (18)[e]	536 (64)[e]	X	X			19
178	45			241	70	18			88
X	X	X	X	1,628 (146)[e]					
540	X	132 (71)[e]	X	1,601 (94)[e]	X	X		X	2,383
540	NH	132 (71)[e]	NH	881 (71)[e]	X	NH		NH	1,903
NH	X	NH	X	720 (23)[e]	NH	X	NH	X	480
X	X	X (47)[e]	X (36)[e]	799 (104)[e]	X	X	X	X	164
									776
40	101	X	X	1,165 (215)[e]	10	74	X	X	285
205	54	X	X	478	287	147	X	X	577
X	X			507	220	89			333
X	X	X	X	327 ( )[e]	X	X	X	X	276
X	X	X	X	801 (121)[e]	X	X	X	X	241
84	2,522	791 (146)[e]	1,635 (145)[e]	5,051 (291)[e]	55	3,238	198	48	3,539
84	NH	791 (146)[e]	NH	894 (146)[e]	55	NH	198	NH	253
NH	2,522	NH	1,635 (145)[e]	4,157 (145)[e]	NH	3,238	NH	48	3,286
X	X			534					
277	72			367	X	X			349
X	X	384 (168)[e]	758 (39)[e]	1,810 (207)[e]	X	X	271	283	857
141	34	229	179	755	135	42	52	65	342
X	X	X	X	804 (353)[e]					
		X	X	499[i]	X	X	0	0	112[i]
X	X	NH	NH	222	X	X	NH	NH	87

TABLE 6:
Caseload for appeals and requests to appeal (civil and criminal) and total cases for intermediate appellate courts, 1979.

State and court title	Begin pending					Filed					Disposed					End pending				
	Appeals		Requests to appeal			Appeals		Requests to appeal			Appeals		Requests to appeal			Appeals		Requests to appeal		
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Total cases	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Total cases	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Total cases	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal	Total cases
Alabama--STATE TOTAL	155	622[J]		(J)	777[I]	419	829[J]		(J)	1,248[I]	370	758[J]		(J)	1,319[I]	204	502[J]		(J)	706[I]
Court of Civil Appeals	155	NH		NH	155	419	NH		NH	419	370	NH		NH	370	204	NH		NH	204
Court of Criminal Appeals	NH	622[J]	NH	(J)	622[I]	NH	829[J]	NH	(J)	829[I]	NH	758[J]	NH	(J)	949[I]	NH	502[J]	NH	(J)	502[I]
Arizona--Court of Appeals	619	648	NH	NH	1,482	692	805	NH	NH	1,999	671	906	NH	NH	2,082	640	547	NH	NH	1,399
Arkansas--Court of Appeals	0	0	NH	NH	0	400	153	NH	NH	553	160	79	NH	NH	239	240	74	NH	NH	314
California--Courts of Appeal	2,895	2,628	NH	NH	5,523[I]	3,662	4,279	NH	NH	12,853	X	X	NH	NH	13,439	3,250	3,069	NH	NH	6,319[I]
Colorado--Court of Appeals	X	X			1,003	797	344			1,214	X	X			1,120	X	X			1,097
Connecticut--Appellate Session of the Superior Court	152	63			215	82	53			135	120	45			165	114	71			185
Florida--District Court of Appeal	X	X	X	X	6,641	X	X	X	X	12,350	X	X	X	X	10,861	X	X	X	X	8,241
Georgia--Court of Appeals	0	0	0	0	0	X	X	X	X	1,969	X	X	X	X	1,969	0	0	0	0	0
Illinois--Appellate Court	1,770	2,082	NH	NH	3,852	2,876	2,856	NH	NH	5,732	2,308	2,352	NH	NH	4,660	2,338	2,586	NH	NH	4,924
Indiana--Court of Appeals	X	X			801	472	433			941	X	X			1,142	X	X			600
Iowa--Court of Appeals	48	30	NH	NH	78	263	114	NH	NH	377	238	111	NH	NH	379	52	24	NH	NH	76
Kansas--Court of Appeals	X	X			601	X	X			816	X	X			772	X	X			645
Kentucky--Court of Appeals	758	197	X	X	977	1,386	383	X	X	1,863	1,440	365	X	X	1,896	704	215	X	X	944
Louisiana--Court of Appeal	X	NH		NH	1,395	2,269	NH		NH	2,664	2,046	NH		NH	2,430	X	NH		NH	1,147
Maryland--Court of Special Appeals	68	44	0	0	112	801(X)[e]711(X)[e]		X	X	1,689(9)[e]	736	633	X	X	1,533(9)[e]	83	76			159
Massachusetts--Appeals Court	X	X			762	X	X			1,045	X	X			975	X	X			677
Michigan--Court of Appeals						X	X	X	X	5,499	X	X	X	X	5,159					
Missouri--Court of Appeals	1,340	758	X	X	2,143	1,332	484	X	X	2,219	1,270	557	X	X	2,216	1,427	665	X	X	2,150
New Jersey--Appellate Division of Superior Court	X	X	X	X	6,202	1,947	1,713	X	X	5,618	X	X	X	X	6,451	X	X	X	X	5,370
New Mexico--Court of Appeals	X	X			288	239	252[J]			517	X	X			509	X	X			299
New York--STATE TOTAL						X	X			10,453[I]	X	X			10,706					
Appellate Division of the Supreme Court						X	X			8,418[I]	X	X			9,207					
Appellate Terms of the Supreme Court						X	X			2,035	X	X			1,499					
North Carolina--Court of Appeals						X	X	X	X	1,738(54)[e]	X	X	X	X	1,651(54)[e]					
Ohio--Court of Appeals	2,776	1,800	NH	NH	4,789	4,423	2,881	NH	NH	7,994	4,452	2,776	NH	NH	7,876	2,754	1,899	NH	NH	4,909
Oklahoma--Court of Appeals	116	NH		NH	116[I]	482(71)[e]NH		165	NH	647(71)[e]	435	NH	137(71)[e]NH		572	163	NH		NH	163[I]
Oregon--Court of Appeals	X	X	NH	NH	1,446	1,091	1,475	NH	NH	3,456	X	X	NH	NH	3,369	X	X	NH	NH	1,533
Pennsylvania--STATE TOTAL						X	X			6,933										
Superior Court						X	X			4,047										
Commonwealth Court						X	X			2,886					2,414					
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL	381				681	775	650			1,438	858	X			1,528	298				591
Court of Appeals	381	NH		NH	381	775	NH		NH	775	858	NH		NH	858	298	NH		NH	298
Court of Criminal Appeals	NH		NH		300	NH	650	NH		663	NH	X	NH		670	NH		NH		293
Texas--Court of Civil Appeals	1,304	NH		NH	1,304	2,445	NH		NH	2,445	2,270	NH		NH	2,270	1,479	NH		NH	1,479
Washington--Court of Appeals	1,079	827	X	X	2,012	1,200	721	X	X	2,243	1,157	783	X	X	2,233	1,136	786	X	X	2,053
Wisconsin--Court of Appeals	626	173			809[I]	1,459[J]	414[J]	(J)	(J)	1,983	1,270[J]	377[J]	(J)	(J)	1,760	819	212			1,045

Note: For inclusion on this table, a case is defined as any **appeal, original proceeding, request to appeal, or sentence review only** case.
Total cases pending, filed, and disposed include original proceedings and sentence review only cases as well as all appeals and all requests to appeal.
All available data are entered in the table. Blank spaces indicate that the data were unavailable, or less than 90% complete.

NH = This case type is not handled in this court.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total, but were unavailable by category.

[e]Cases are not included in the total to avoid double counting:
A request to appeal granted is not counted as a disposed request to appeal or as a filed appeal. It is counted as a disposition only when the resulting appeal is disposed.

[i]Data are incomplete:
Alabama--Court of Criminal Appeals--Data do not include petitions disposed of in the clerk's office at the direction of the Court.
California--Courts of Appeal--Total pending cases do not include **original jurisdiction** cases.
New York--Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court--Total cases filed do not include all **original proceedings.**
Oklahoma--Court of Appeals--Total pending data do not include **requests to appeal.**
Wisconsin--Court of Appeals--Total begin pending cases do not include **requests to appeal.**

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Alabama--Court of Criminal Appeals--Pending and filed **appeals** include **original proceedings** and **requests to appeal.** Disposed **appeals** included **requests to appeal.**
New Mexico--Court of Appeals-- **Criminal appeals** filed includes **juvenile** appeals.
Wisconsin--Court of Appeals-- **Civil** and **criminal appeals** include **requests to appeal.**

TABLE 7: Caseload for courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts, 1979.
TABLE 8: Caseload for courts of last resort in states without intermediate appellate courts, 1979.
TABLE 9: Caseload for intermediate appellate courts, 1979.

Variations in court organization:

In Tables 7 and 8, the courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts have been separated from the states without intermediate appellate courts, while Tables 7 and 9 together show the total appellate caseload in those states with intermediate appellate courts.

These tables contain the same caseload inventory data that is shown in Table 2, and the same variations in court organization apply to these tables.

Variations in subject matter jurisdiction:

The jurisdiction of each court is outlined briefly in the court system organization chart for each state located in Part II of this report.

Major variation from state to state results from the type of mandatory and discretionary jurisdiction over initial appeals granted to courts of last resort and to intermediate appellate courts. States having both levels of appellate courts generally direct the more difficult appeals to the court of last resort, but these are not necessarily the same types of cases in every state.

In some states trial courts of general jurisdiction have incidental appellate jurisdiction, which affects the number of appeals filed in the appellate courts.

Variations in case classification and definitions:

Total case figures may not be comparable from state to state.

Some states report total cases processed without any indication as to what types of proceedings are included. Other states include in their caseload only appeals that were decided on the merits. Some appellate courts include all original proceedings, while others report none. Some states do not distinguish appeals and other cases from procedural matters.

Variations in counting cases:

The kind and amount of discretionary jurisdiction granted to courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts vary from state to state. Courts with discretionary jurisdiction sometimes report the total number of cases filed without distinguishing between mandatory and discretionary cases; or they separate mandatory and discretionary cases filed but do not indicate the number of requests for discretionary review granted. Some provide separate data for mandatory cases, discretionary review granted, and discretionary review denied, while others combine mandatory cases and cases accepted for review, but report separately the number of petitions for review filed, resulting in double counting of granted petitions for review.

Courts may count cases at different stages in proceedings. Some courts count cases when the notice of appeal is filed. Others wait to count cases until they are argued or submitted on briefs. Courts which count cases at stages that occur later in case processing will not count those cases on which a notice of appeal is filed but later the parties decide not to pursue the subsequent stages. The manner of counting cases in each court is given in Table 11 and on each individual appellate court profile in Part II of this report.

Sources of data for each court are found in the individual profiles in Part II and in Appendix B.

Appropriate analyses:

Disposed cases as percent of filed. This measure represents the percent of the number of filed cases that the court was able to dispose. The percent is computed by dividing the number of cases filed by the number disposed and then multiplying by one hundred. A percent over one hundred indicates that the court disposed more cases than were filed, thus reducing pending caseload. A percent significantly less than one hundred indicates that the court is not keeping up with the volume of cases being filed. This measure was not computed if the number of cases filed was less than ten.

End pending as percent of filed. This figure gives the percent of the number of filed cases that were pending at the end of the year. This measure is computed by dividing the number of cases pending at the end of the year by the number of cases filed and then multiplying by one hundred. A value of one hundred percent indicates that the number of cases pending at the end of the year was equal to the number of cases filed during the year. A value higher than one hundred percent indicates a pending caseload larger than cases filed, while a value lower than one hundred percent indicates a pending caseload smaller than the number of cases filed. This percent was not computed if the number of cases filed was less than ten.

Number change in pending caseload. This number gives the net increase or decrease in pending caseload for the court year by subtracting the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year from the number of cases pending at the end of the year. An alternative to this calculation, subtracting the number disposed from the number filed, was used when pending data were unavailable or incomplete. When this alternate formula was used, the resulting number was enclosed in parentheses. A positive number indicates that the pending caseload increased during the year while a negative number indicates that the pending caseload was reduced in size. Thus, a large negative change in pending indicates that the court is keeping the caseload current, while a large positive change in pending would indicate that the court has not kept pace with its filings.

Percent change in pending caseload. This percentage indicates the change in pending cases relative to the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year, and is obtained by dividing the number change in pending caseload by the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year and then multiplying by one hundred. (This figure cannot be calculated if the alternative formula described above was used to calculate the number change in the pending caseload.) A high negative percent indicates that the court reduced its pending caseload significantly, while a high positive percent indicates that the pending caseload increased significantly. This measure was not computed if the number of beginning pending cases was less than ten.

Filed and disposed per judge. These measures are displayed in appellate court tables. If all other factors (court jurisdiction, discretionary jurisdiction, case definition, panels in the court, etc.) are similar, these measures permit comparison of caseload per judge. These statistics were computed by dividing the filed and disposed cases respectively, by the number of appellate judges serving that court.

The necessity for caution when making any comparisons among states must be repeated. This warning holds true especially for comparisons using any of the above measures.

Filed per 100,000 population. The unit of state population used on all court caseload charts is 100,000. This measure compensates for variations in state population and gives a more realistic basis for comparison of caseloads among states of various sizes. If all other factors (court jurisdiction, discretionary jurisdiction, case definition, etc.) are similar, the filed per 100,000 population statistic permits direct comparisons among states of the number of filed cases.

Limitations on use:

Comparisons should not be made among states before checking for similarities and differences among the states in the profiles section in Part II. Comparisons should not be made between courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts or between courts of last resort with and without intermediate appellate courts. When comparing states, care must also be taken to insure that state totals are used in those states with more than one court of last resort or intermediate appellate court. When comparing the number of appeals filed, disposed, or pending among states, also consider the percent of the appeals that are discretionary (numbers in parentheses) and the number of requests to appeal handled by each state.

TABLE 7: Caseload for courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts, 1979.
State population. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed and disposed per judge. Filed per 100,000 population.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Number of judges	Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Per judge: Filed	Per judge: Disposed	Filed per 100,000 population
Alabama--Supreme Court	3,869	9	0	762 (66)[e]	762 (66)[e]	0	100%		0		85	85	20
Arizona--Supreme Court	2,639	5	211	1,028	1,095	144	107%	14%	-67	-32%	206	219	39
Arkansas--Supreme Court	2,269	7	277	650	783	144	120%	22%	-133	-48%	93	112	29
California--Supreme Court	23,255	7		3,784 (193)[e]	3,669 (193)[e]		97%		(115)		541	524	16
Colorado--Supreme Court	2,849	7	350	941	877	414	93%	44%	64	18%	134	125	33
Connecticut--Supreme Court	3,100	6	619	614	542	691	88%	113%	72	12%	102	90	20
Florida--Supreme Court	9,471	7	1,363	2,561	2,524	1,403	99%	55%	40	3%	366	361	27
Georgia--Supreme Court	5,391	7	304	1,450 (140)[e]	1,353 (140)[e]	401	93%	28%	97	32%	207	193	27
Illinois--Supreme Court	11,423	7	373	1,346 (148)[e]	1,296 (148)[e]	423	96%	31%	50	13%	192	185	12
Indiana--Supreme Court	5,475	5	109	604 (27)[e]	604 (27)[e]	109	100%	18%	0		121	121	11
Iowa--Supreme Court	2,917	9	880	1,507 (26)[e]	1,410 (26)[e]	968	94%	64%	88	10%	167	157	52
Kansas--Supreme Court	2,347	7		443 (11)[e]	416 (11)[e]		94%		(27)		63	59	19
Kentucky--Supreme Court	3,644	7	236	754 (175)[e]	671 (175)[e]	241	89%	32%	5	2%	108	96	21
Louisiana--Supreme Court	4,139	7		2,842 (529)[e]	2,763 (529)[e]		97%		(79)		406	395	69
Maryland--Court of Appeals	4,223	7	28	540 (101)[e]	528 (101)[e]	40	98%	7%	12	43%	77	75	13
Massachusetts--Supreme Judicial Court.	5,746	7			432							62	(8)
Michigan--Supreme Court	9,249	7	850	1,470 (55)[e]	1,508 (55)[e]	812	103%	55%	-38	-5%	210	215	16
Missouri--Supreme Court	4,889	7	131	684	688	128	101%	19%	-3	-2%	98	98	14
New Jersey--Supreme Court	7,373	7	534	1,086 (143)[e]	1,353 (143)[e]	451	125%	42%	-83	-16%	155	193	15
New Mexico--Supreme Court	1,281	5	197	615 (22)[e]	605 (22)[e]	207	98%	34%	10	5%	123	121	48
New York--Court of Appeals[i]	17,634	7											
North Carolina--Supreme Court	5,802	7	21	624 (64)[e]	536 (64)[e]	19	86%	3%	-2	-10%	89	77	11
Ohio--Supreme Court	10,799	7		1,721 (146)[e]	1,628 (146)[e]		95%		(93)		246	233	16
Oklahoma--STATE TOTAL	2,970	12	2,002	1,922 (94)[e]	1,601 (94)[e]	2,383	83%	124%	381	19%	160	133	65
Supreme Court[k]	--	9	1,620	1,176 (71)[e]	881 (71)[e]	1,903	75%	162%	283	18%	131	98	40
Court of Criminal Appeals[k]	--	3	382	746 (23)[e]	720 (23)[e]	480	97%	64%	98	26%	249	240	25
Oregon--Supreme Court	2,578	7	251	727 (104)[e]	799 (104)[e]	164	110%	23%	-87	-35%	104	114	28
Pennsylvania--Supreme Court	11,874	7		1,850 (215)[e]	(215)[e]	776		42%			264		16
Tennessee--Supreme Court	4,533	5	188	854 (121)[e]	801 (121)[e]	241	94%	28%	53	28%	171	160	19
Texas--STATE TOTAL	13,887	18	2,782	5,859 (291)[e]	5,051 (291)[e]	3,539	86%	60%	757	27%	326	281	42
Supreme Court[k]	--	9	184	1,014 (146)[e]	894 (146)[e]	253	88%	25%	69	38%	113	99	7
Court of Criminal Appeals[k]	--	9	2,598	4,845 (145)[e]	4,157 (145)[e]	3,286	86%	68%	688	27%	538	462	35
Washington--Supreme Court	4,013	9	294	785	755	342	97%	44%	48	16%	87	84	20
Wisconsin--Supreme Court	4,666			636	499[l]	112[l]					91		14

Note: For inclusion on this table, a case is defined as any **appeal, original proceeding, request to appeal,** or **sentence review only** case.
All available data are entered in the table and all appropriate calculations are included. Blank spaces indicate that either the data are not available or the calculations were inappropriate. Numbers in parentheses, representing the number of requests to appeal that were granted, were not included in any of the calculations.

-- = Not applicable.

[e]Cases are not included in the total to avoid double counting:
A request to appeal granted is not counted as a disposed request to appeal or as a filed appeal. It is counted as a disposition only when the resulting appeal is disposed. The numbers of requests to appeal granted are the numbers appearing in parentheses in the table. These numbers were not included in any of the calculations.

[i]Data are not complete:
New York--Caseload data were excluded from this table due to the failure to report the number of **civil requests to appeal** which renders the data less than 90% complete.
Wisconsin--The disposed and end pending figures do not include miscellaneous **original jurisdiction** cases.

[k]Additional information:
Both Oklahoma and Texas have two courts of last resort. The Supreme Court hears only civil matters; the Court of Criminal Appeals hears all criminal matters. Both also have an intermediate appellate court that hears only civil matters. Although the Court of Criminal Appeals in both states has no intermediate appellate court, data from both courts of last resort are included on this table for Texas and Oklahoma so that the entire caseload of that level of court can be presented as a unit as it is for every other state.

TABLE 8:
Caseload for courts of last resort in states without intermediate appellate courts, 1979.
State population. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed and disposed per judge. Filed per 100,000 population.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Number of judges	Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Per judge: Filed	Per judge: Disposed	Filed per 100,000 population
Alaska--Supreme Court	402	5	624	656	634	646	97%	99%	22	4%	131	127	163
Delaware--Supreme Court	599	5	329	339	358	310	106%	91%	-19	-6%	68	72	57
District of Columbia--Court of Appeals	656	9	1,134[i]	1,236	1,318	1,052[i]	107%		(-82)		137	146	188
Hawaii--Supreme Court	950	5	670	338	297	711	88%	210%	41	6%	68	59	36
Idaho--Supreme Court	933	5	500	410	354	556	86%	136%	56	11%	82	71	44
Maine--Supreme Judicial Court	1,125	7	295	408	447	256	110%	63%	-39	-13%	58	64	36
Minnesota--Supreme Court[i]	4,038	9											
Mississippi--Supreme Court	2,508	9	438	843	862	414	102%	49%	-24	-6%	94	96	34
Montana--Supreme Court	789	5		472	516		109%		(-44)		94	103	60
Nebraska--Supreme Court[i]	1,564	7											
Nevada--Supreme Court	765	5	667	912	866	713	95%	78%	46	7%	182	173	119
New Hampshire--Supreme Court	912	5	155	293	303	145	103%	50%	-10	-7%	59	61	32
North Dakota--Supreme Court	652	5	121	208	241	88	116%	42%	-33	-27%	42	48	32
Puerto Rico--Supreme Court	3,165	8	280	1,170	1,165	285	100%	24%	5	2%	146	146	37
Rhode Island--Supreme Court	957	5	569	486	478	577	98%	119%	8	1%	97	96	51
South Carolina--Supreme Court	3,087	5	125	715	507	333	71%	47%	208	166%	143	101	23
South Dakota--Supreme Court	689	5	283	319	327	276	103%	87%	-7	-3%	64	65	46
Utah--Supreme Court	1,416	5		618	534		86%		(84)		124	107	44
Vermont--Supreme Court	506	5	291	422	367	349	87%	83%	58	20%	84	73	83
Virginia--Supreme Court	5,325	7	775	1,852 (207)[e]	1,810 (207)[e]	857	97%	46%	82	11%	266	259	35
West Virginia--Supreme Court of Appeals	1,939	5		1,012 (444)[e]	804 (444)[e]		79%		(208)		202	161	52
Wyoming--Supreme Court	452	5	132	177	222	87	125%	49%	-45	-34%	35	44	39

Note: For inclusion on this table, a case is defined as any **appeal, original proceeding, request to appeal,** or **sentence review only** case.
All available data are entered in the table and all appropriate calculations are included. Blank spaces indicate that either the data were unavailable or less than 90% complete, or the calculations were inappropriate. Numbers in parentheses, representing the number of requests to appeal that were granted, were not included in the calculations.

[e]Cases are not included in the total to avoid double counting:
A request to appeal granted is not counted as a disposed request to appeal or as a filed appeal. It is counted as a disposition only when the resulting appeal is disposed. The numbers of requests to appeal granted are the numbers appearing in parentheses in the table. These numbers were not included in any of the calculations in the table.

[i]Data are not complete:
District of Columbia--Pending data do not include special proceedings in **original jurisdiction** cases.
Minnesota--Data were unavailable from the Minnesota Supreme Court.
Nebraska--State figures did not include **requests to appeal,** and therefore, were less than 90% complete.

TABLE 9:
Caseload for intermediate appeliate courts, 1979.
State population. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed and disposed per judge. Filed per 100,000 population.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Number of judges	Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Per judge: Filed	Per judge: Disposed	Filed per 100,000 population
Alabama--STATE TOTAL	3,869	8	777[i]	1,248[i]	1,319[i]	706[i]	106%[i]	57%[i]	-71[i]	-9%[i]	156[i]	165[i]	32[i]
Court of Civil Appeals	--	3	155	419	370	204	88%	49%	49	32%	140	123	11
Court of Criminal Appeals	--	5	622[i]	829[i]	949[i]	502[i]	114%[i]	61%[i]	-120[i]	-19%[i]	166[i]	190[i]	21[i]
Arizona--Court of Appeals	2,639	12	1,482	1,999	2,082	1,399	104%	70%	-83	-6%	167	174	76
Arkansas--Court of Appeals	2,269	6	0	616	299	317	49%	51%	317	--	103	50	27
California--Courts of Appeal	23,255	56		12,853	13,439		105%		(-586)		230	240	55
Colorado--Court of Appeals	2,849	10	1,003	1,214	1,120	1,097	92%	90%	94	9%	121	112	43
Connecticut--Appellate Session of Superior Court	3,100	3	215	135	165	185	122%	137%	-30	-14%	45	55	4
Florida--District Court of Appeal	9,471	39	6,641	12,350	10,861	8,241	88%	67%	1,600	24%	317	278	130
Georgia--Court of Appeals	5,391	9	0	1,969 (0)[e]	1,969 (0)[e]	0	100%		0		219	219	37
Illinois--Appellate Court	11,423	31	3,852	5,732	4,660	4,924	81%	86%	1,072	28%	185	150	50
Indiana--Court of Appeals	5,475	13	801	941	1,142	600	121%	64%	-201	-25%	72	88	17
Iowa--Court of Appeals	2,917	5	78	377	379	76	101%	20%	-2	-3%	75	76	13
Kansas--Court of Appeals	2,347	7	601	816	772	645	95%	79%	44	7%	117	110	35
Kentucky--Court of Appeals	3,644	14	977	1,863	1,896	944	102%	51%	-33	-3%	133	135	51
Louisiana--Courts of Appeal[a]	4,139	29	1,395	2,664	2,430	1,147	91%	43%	-248	-18%	92	84	64
Maryland--Court of Special Appeals	4,223	13	112	1,689 (9)[e]	1,533 (9)[e]	159	91%	9%	47	42%	130	118	40
Massachusetts--Appeals Court	5,746	10	762	1,045	975	677	93%	65%	-85	-11%	105	98	18
Michigan--Court of Appeals	9,249	18		5,499	5,159		94%		340		306	287	59
Missouri--Court of Appeals	4,889	28	2,143	2,219	2,216	2,150	100%	97%	7	<1%	79	79	45
New Jersey--Appellate Division of Superior Court	7,373	21	6,202	5,618	6,451	5,370	115%	96%	-832	-13%	268	307	76
New Mexico--Court of Appeals	1,281	7	288	517	509	299	99%	58%	11	4%	74	73	40
New York--STATE TOTAL	17,634	33		10,453[i]	10,706						317[i]	324	64[i]
Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court	--	24		8,418[i]	9,207						351[i]	384	52[i]
Appellate Terms of the Supreme Court	--	9		2,035	1,499		74%		(536)		226	167	12
North Carolina--Court of Appeals	5,802	12		1,738 (54)[e]	1,651 (54)[e]		95%		(87)		145	138	30
Ohio--Court of Appeals	10,799	44	4,789	7,944	7,876	4,909	99%				182	179	74
Oklahoma--Court of Appeals[a]	2,970	6		647 (71)[e]	572 (71)[e]		88%		(75)		108	95	22
Oregon--Court of Appeals	2,578	10	1,446	3,456	3,369	1,533	98%	44%	87	6%	346	337	134
Pennsylvania--STATE TOTAL	11,874	16		6,933							433		58
Superior Court[a]	--	7		4,047							578		34
Commonwealth Court[a]	--	9		2,886	2,414		84%		(472)		321	268	24
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL	4,533	21	681	1,438	1,528	591	106%	41%	-90	-13%	68	73	32
Court of Appeals[a]	--	12	381	775	858	298	111%	39%	-83	-22%	65	72	17
Court of Criminal Appeals	--	9	300	663	670	293	101%	44%	-7	-2%	74	74	15
Texas--Courts of Civil Appeals[a]	13,887	51	1,304	2,445	2,270	1,479	93%	61%	175	13%	48	45	18
Washington--Court of Appeals	4,013	13	2,012	2,243	2,233	2,053	100%	92%	41	2%	140	140	56
Wisconsin--Court of Appeals	4,666	12	809[i]	1,983	1,760	1,045	89%	53%	(223)		165	147	42

Note: For inclusion on this table, a case is defined as any **appeal, original proceeding, request to appeal,** or **sentence review only** case.
All available data are entered in the table and all appropriate calculations are included. Blank spaces indicate that either the data were unavailable or less than 90% complete, or the calculations were inappropriate. Numbers appearing in parentheses, representing the number of requests to appeal that were granted, were not included in the calculations.

-- = Not applicable.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
The Louisiana Courts of Appeal, Oklahoma Court of Appeals, Tennessee Court of Appeals, and Texas Court of Civil Appeals have jurisdiction over civil cases only.
The Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania handles cases involving officials or officers of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania only. Other intermediate appellate cases are heard in the Superior Court.
[e]Cases are not included in the total to avoid double counting:
A request to appeal granted is not counted as a disposed request to appeal or as a filed appeal. It is counted as a disposition only when the resulting appeal is disposed. The numbers of requests to appeal granted are the numbers appearing in parentheses in the table. These numbers are not included in the calculated figures.
[i]Data are not complete:
Alabama--Court of Criminal Appeals--Figures do not include petitions disposed of in the clerk's office at the direction of the Court.
New York--Appellate divisions of the Supreme Court--Total cases filed do not include all **original proceedings.**
[k]Additional information:
Iowa--The figure given as filed is the number of cases transferred to this court by the Iowa Supreme Court. All appellate cases in Iowa are initially filed with the Supreme Court. It retains some of them, and transfers some to the Court of Appeals for disposition.

TABLE 10: Opinions reported by appellate courts, 1979.

Variations in court organization:

Appellate courts in this table have been separated into courts of last resort in states without intermediate appellate courts, courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts, and intermediate appellate courts. This breakdown illustrates how the number of cases disposed of by opinion may vary by appellate court organization.

The number of appellate courts in each state is shown in Table 2.

Variations in subject matter jurisdiction:

The types of appellate cases and their complexity vary from state to state, and from appellate court to appellate court within a state. Variation in subject-matter jurisdiction may be partially explained by court organization, e.g., the presence of an intermediate appellate court, or the existence of a specialized appellate court. The number of, and time consumed by, original jurisdiction cases is also affected by several variables, including whether state statutes require that collateral attacks on criminal convictions be filed originally in the trial court or in the appellate court.

Sources of data:

These are found on the individual court profiles in Part II and in Appendix B.

Variations in case classification and definitions:

A case was classified as disposed of by opinion if it was so classified by the state annual report, e.g., a listing of "per curiam" would only be classified as an opinion if it was listed as "per curiam opinion." The data do not include dissenting and concurring opinions.

Courts may increase or decrease their reported caseloads by the way they count appeals of criminal convictions for two or more defendants, by whether cross appeals are counted as separate cases, and by the way they count appeals granted through discretionary jurisdiction.

Appropriate analyses:

Number of cases disposed of by opinion as percent of dispositions. This summary statistic may indicate the importance attributed by a specific court to opinion-writing as a manner of disposition. A figure of 68% can be interpreted to mean that 68% of that court's dispositions were resolved by an opinion. Although a lower figure in another court may indicate that court's preference to resolve disputes without opinion, the lower figure may result from a variety of other factors, such as: a higher caseload than the first court; fewer resources that can be devoted to opinion-writing than the first court; or a different set of cases that do not require elaborate explanations of decisions through opinion-writing. In short, this may be more of a workload measure than one which identifies opinion-writing as a method of announcing decisions.

Number of cases disposed of by opinion per judge. This summary statistic can be used as but one component of a general workload measure. A figure of 44 can be interpreted to mean that given that court's definition of an opinion, 44 cases were disposed of by an opinion for each judge assigned to that court.

Limitations on use:

Differences between courts can limit the value of the figures reported in this table. The use of different terminology by different courts to mean the same thing further complicates analysis. A per curiam opinion in one court may be the functional equivalent of a full opinion in another court, or a memorandum opinion in yet another court. An effort has been made to limit the reporting of opinions in this table to full-length opinions, signed or unsigned, but because we are not able to differentiate among ways terms are used in each state, some less than full-length opinions are probably included in these data.

Beyond the problem of distinguishing among types of opinions, full opinions may be of different lengths. Also, courts make varied use of commissioners, law clerks, and other legal staff. Some courts may use staff to draft opinions, while others do not. These figures may also vary depending on appellate court structure and the amount of discretionary jurisdiction. For these reasons, figures such as the number of cases disposed of by opinion per judge, and the number of opinions written per judge are less than perfect indicators of the level of work done by judges in these courts, and they are by no means an all-encompassing measure of a judge's workload. Behaviors other than opinion-writing are important components of a judge's daily activities.

TABLE 10:
Opinions reported by appellate courts, 1979.

Courts reporting dispositions by opinion. Number and percent of cases disposed by opinion, by case type. Total cases disposed by opinion, total cases disposed, and number of justices/judges.

State and court level	Cases disposed of by opinion										Total appeals disposed of by opinion
	Civil appeals		Criminal appeals		Agency appeals		Juvenile appeals		Post-conviction appeals		
Intermediate appellate courts	Number	% of category disposed of by opinion	Number	% of category disposed of by opinion	Number	% of category disposed of by opinion	Number	% of category disposed of by opinion	Number	% of category disposed of by opinion	
Alabama--Court of Civil Appeals	X		NH								
Court of Criminal Appeals	NH		X								
Arizona--Court of Appeals	200	30%	106	12%	23	11%	10	31%			339
California--Courts of Appeal[m]	2,673		3,077								
Colorado--Courts of Appeals											
Connecticut--Appellate Session of Superior Court	60	50%	28	62%							88
Georgia--Court of Appeals											
Illinois--Appellate Court[m]	1,232	53%	860	37%							2,092
Indiana--Court of Appeals[m]											
Iowa--Court of Appeals	257[j]	99%	120[j]	100%		(j)				(j)	377
Kansas--Court of Appeals	276		133	100%							409
Kentucky--Court of Appeals											
Maryland--Court of Special Appeals[j]											
Massachusetts--Appeals Court											
Michigan--Court of Appeals											
Missouri--Court of Appeals	594	46%	418	75%							1,012
New Jersey--Appellate Division of Superior Court[m]											
New Mexico--Court of Appeals											
New York--Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court											
North Carolina--Court of Appeals											1,104[j]
Ohio--Court of Appeals	3,009	68%	2,109	78%							5,118
Oklahoma--Court of Appeals	435	100%									435
Oregon--Court of Appeals											
Pennsylvania--Superior Court											
Commonwealth Court											
Tennessee--Court of Appeals	699[l]	81%	NH								699[l]
Court of Criminal Appeals	NH		575[l]								575[l]
Texas--Courts of Civil Appeals	2,040	90%	NH								
Washington--Court of Appeals	559[j]	48%	549[j]	70%							1,108[j]
Wisconsin--Court of Appeals											
States with courts of last resort having no intermediate appellate courts											
Alaska--Supreme Court[m]	119[j]	47%[j]	84[j]	60%[j]				(j)			203
District of Columbia--Court of Appeals											
Hawaii--Supreme Court[m]	66	59%	120	78%							186
Idaho--Supreme Court[m]	112[j]	62%	53[j]	57%	25	65%		(j)		(j)	190
Maine--Supreme Judicial Court	177	72%	100	76%							277
Mississippi--Supreme Court[j]											603[j]
Montana--Supreme Court											
Nebraska--Supreme Court	259	76%	84	39%	55	79%			18	69%	416
New Hampshire--Supreme Court											
North Dakota--Supreme Court											
Oklahoma--Court of Criminal Appeals	NH		X								284
Puerto Rico--Supreme Court											
South Carolina--Supreme Court											
South Dakota--Supreme Court[m]											
Texas--Court of Criminal Appeals	NH		2,524	61%							2,524
Utah--Supreme Court											
Vermont--Supreme Court											115

Original proceedings		Sentence review only		Total cases disposed of by opinions	Total Dispositions	Number of Justices/ Judges	Number of cases disposed of by opinion as percent of dispositions	Number of cases disposed of by opinion per Judge	Number of opinions per Judge
Number	% of category disposed of by opinion	Number	% of category disposed of by opinion						
				246	370	3	66%	82	
				400	949[l]	5[c]	42%[l]	80[c]	
21	8%			360	2,082	12	17%	30	
414	9%			6,164[m]	13,439	58.1[c]	46%	106[c]	(104)[m]
				746	1,120	10	67%	75	
				88	165	3	53%	29	
				1,732	1,969	9	88%	192	
				2,092[m]	4,660	31[c]	45%	67	(63)[m]
				1,108[m]	1,142	12	97%	92	(92)[m]
		(j)		377	379	5	99%	75	
				409	772	7	53%	58	
				1,141[j]	1,896	14	60%[j]	86[j]	
				911[j]	1,533	13	59%[j]	70[j]	
				388	975	10	40%	39	
				2,790	5,159	18	54%	155	
				1,032	2,216	28	47%	37	
				3,427[m]	6,451	21[c]	53%	163	(152)[m]
				183	509	7	36%	26	
				561	9,207	24[c]	6%	23[c]	
				1,104	1,671	12	66%	92	
418[j]	64%[j]			5,536	7,876	44	70%	125	
				435	435	6	100%	73	
				687	3,369	10	20%	69	
				1,751		7		250	
				1,389		9		154	
				699	858	12	81%	58	
				575	670	9	86%	64	
				2,040	2,270	51	90%	40	
				1,136[j]	2,233	16[c]	51%[j]	71[j]	
9	6%			867	1,760	12	49%	72	
3	8%	42	76%	274[m]	634	5	43%	55	
				319	1,318	9	24%	35	
7	23%			197	297	5	66%	39	(41)[m]
39	95%			229[m]	354	5	65%	46	(46)[m]
				277	447	7	62%	40	
				603[j]	862	9	70%[j]	67[j]	
				321	516	5	62%	64	
				416	660[l]	7	63%[l]	59	
				224	303	5	74%	45	
				171[m]	241	5	70%	34	
				284	720	3	39%	95	
				81	1,165	8	7%	10	
				261	507	5	51%	52	
				233[m]	327	5	71%[m]	47	(41)[m]
				2,524	4,157	9	61%	280	
				300	534	5	56%	60	
				115	367	5	31%	23	

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TABLE 10:
Opinions reported by appellate courts, 1979. *(continued)*

State and court level	Cases disposed of by opinion: Civil appeals Number	Civil appeals % of category disposed of by opinion	Criminal appeals Number	Criminal appeals % of category disposed of by opinion	Agency appeals Number	Agency appeals % of category disposed of by opinion	Juvenile appeals Number	Juvenile appeals % of category disposed of by opinion	Post-conviction appeals Number	Post-conviction appeals % of category disposed of by opinion	Total appeals disposed of by opinion
States with courts of last resort having no intermediate appellate courts (con't)											
Virginia--Supreme Court											161
West Virginia--Supreme Court of Appeals											
Wyoming--Supreme Court											
States with courts of last resort having intermediate appellate courts											
Alabama--Supreme Court											428
Arizona--Supreme Court	67	85%	48	67%							115
Arkansas--Supreme Court											
California--Supreme Court	75	100%	48	98%							123
Colorado--Supreme Court											
Connecticut--Supreme Court	195	50%	43	75%							238
Florida--Supreme Court											
Georgia--Supreme Court											
Illinois--Supreme Court											
Indiana--Supreme Court											241
Iowa--Supreme Court[m]	202[J]	25%	81[J]	33%	(J)				(J)		
Kansas--Supreme Court	X		118	86%	X						238
Louisiana--Supreme Court											395
Maryland--Court of Appeals[J]											
Massachusetts--Supreme Judicial Court											
Michigan--Supreme Court											
Missouri--Supreme Court	107	80%	26	68%							133
New Jersey--Supreme Court[m]											141[m]
New Mexico--Supreme Court											
New York--Court of Appeals											
North Carolina--Supreme Court											
Oklahoma--Supreme Court				NH							
Oregon--Supreme Court											
Pennsylvania--Supreme Court											
Tennessee--Sureme Court											
Texas--Supreme Court				NH							
Washington--Supreme Court	93	65%	25	74%							118

Note: All available data are included in the table. Blank spaces indicate that data were unavailable.
A case was classified as disposed by opinion if it was so classified by the state annual reports, e.g., a listing of "per curiam" would only be classified as an opinion, if it was listed, "per curiam opinion."
The data do not include dissenting or concurring opinions.

NH = This case type is not handled in this court.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[c]Judge information:
Alabama--Court of Criminal Appeals--There are three supernumerary judges also assigned to this court.
California--Court of Appeal--Although there were 56 judges allocated originally, there were 58.1 full-time judge equivalents.
Illinois--Appellate Court--Three retired and ten circuit judges also served by assignment during 1979.
Missouri--Supreme Court--Three commissioners also served the Court.
New York--Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court--Nine justices and twelve certified retired judges were temporarily assigned to this Court.
New Jersey--Twenty-two judges are authorized, but one judge served as acting administrative director of the courts.
Texas--Courts of Civil Appeals--Nine new judges were added on December 1, 1978.
Washington--Supreme Court--In addition, one commissioner serves the Supreme Court, and three commissioners served the Court of Appeals.

[j]Data are incomplete:
Alabama--Court of Criminal Appeals--Data do not include petitions disposed of in the clerk's office at the direction of the Court.
Nebraska-- **Requests to appeal** are not included in disposition data.
Tennessee--Court of Appeals--In addition, there were 159 "per curiam and simple orders" dispositions.
Court of Criminal Appeals--In addition, there were 95 "per curiam and orders" dispositions.

[J]Explanation of data included in the category:
Alaska-- **Civil** and **criminal appeals** include some **juvenile appeals.**
Idaho-- **Civil appeals** include **juvenile appeals. Criminal appeals** include **postconviction remedy** cases.
Minnesota--Agency appeals data include **requests to appeal.**
Iowa--Supreme Court-- **Civil appeals** include agency appeals and **postconviction remedy** cases. **Criminal appeals** include **original jurisdiction** cases.

Original proceedings Number	Original proceedings % of category disposed of by opinion	Sentence review only Number	Sentence review only % of category disposed of by opinion	Total cases disposed of by opinions	Total Dispositions	Number of Justices/ Judges	Number of cases disposed of by opinion as percent of dispositions	Number of cases disposed of by opinion per Judge	Number of opinions per Judge
				161	1,810	7	9%	23	
				185	804	5	23%	37	
				170[m]	222	5	77%	34	(32)[m]
				428	762	9	56%	48	
86	9%			201	1,095	5	18%	40	
				469	783	7	60%	67	
64	8%			187	3,669	7	5%	27	
				284	877	7	32%	41	
				238	542	6	44%	40	
				417	2,524	7	17%	60	
				646[m]	1,274	7	51%	92	
				219	1,296	7	17%	31	
21	27%			262	604	5	43%	52	
7	100%		(J)	290[m]	1,410	9	20%	32	(32)
				238	416	7	57%	34	
12	21%			407	2,763	7	15%	58	
				112[J]	528	7	21%	16[J]	
				250		7		36	
				127	1,508	7	8%	18	
				133	687	7[c]	19%	19[c]	
14[m]	15%			155[m]	1,353	7	11%	22	(18)[m]
				197	605	5	33%	39	
				163		7		23	
				162		7		23	
				277	881	9	31%	31	
				195	799	7	24%	28	
				403		7		58	
				161	801	5	20%	32	
				93	894	9	10%	10	
9	60%			189	755	9[c]	25%	21[c]	

Iowa--Court of Appeals-- **Civil appeals** include agency appeals and **postconviction remedy appeals. Criminal appeals** include **sentence review only** cases.
Kentucky--Court of Appeals--Of the figures given, 927 were "nonpublished" opinions.
Maryland--Court of Appeals--Six of the 112 opinions were "unreported," and 715 of the 911 opinions of the Court of Special Appeals were "unreported."
Mississippi--Of the 603 opinions, 107 were "unpublished."
North Carolina--Court of Appeals-- **Civil appeals** include agency appeals and State Bar cases.
Ohio--Court of Appeals--This figure includes habeas corpus, original actions, **appeals of administrative agencies,** and **appeals** from the Court of Claims.
Washington--Court of Appeals--Of the figures given, 322 civil, 377 criminal, and 11 other cases were unpublished opinions.

[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Alaska--The 274 cases were disposed by 237 opinions published in 1979. Twenty six of the 274 cases were **requests to appeal.**
California--Courts of Appeal--There were 6,031 majority opinions and "by the court" majority opinions that disposed of 6,164 cases.
Georgia--Supreme Court--These 646 opinions were written during the 1979 court year which ran from September 1978 to August 1979.
Hawaii--Supreme Court--207 opinions written in 197 cases.
Idaho--227 cases were disposed of by 185 majority and 44 per curiam opinions.
Illinois--Appellate Court--The 2,092 cases were disposed of by 1,952 majority and per curiam opinions.
Indiana--Court of Appeals--The 1,108 cases were disposed of by 1,108 opinions.
Iowa--Supreme Court--The 357 opinions covered 357 cases.
New Jersey--Supreme Court--The 93 written opinions and 35 per curiam opinions disposed of 141 appeals and 14 disciplinary matters.
Appellate Division of Superior Court--The 3,198 opinions disposed of 3,427 cases.
North Dakota--Supreme Court--In addition to 171 majority opinions, there were 23 special concurring or dissenting opinions.
South Dakota--The 233 cases were disposed of by 204 opinions.
Wyoming--Supreme Court--These 170 cases were closed by 105 opinions.

TABLE 11: Time interval (days) data for courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts, 1979.

Variations in court organization:

Appellate courts in this table have been separated into courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts. See Table 2 for the number of appellate courts in each state.

Sources of data:

These are found in the individual court profiles in Part II and in Appendix B.

Variations in case classification and definitions:

Data on this table are apparently for appeals decided on the merits after a full review by the court, although this fact is not usually made explicit in the source documents.

Variations in counting cases:

Some courts count cases as soon as the notice of appeal is filed while others count them at a later event, such as at the filing of the record or the filing of the appellant's record. The latter method will exclude those cases that are withdrawn before the counting point from total dispositions.

Appropriate analyses:

Comparison can be made of time to disposition for courts at the same level that use the same event for the start of the time interval. The time intervals used on this table are designed to divide the entire time a case is pending into the portion of time it is under the control of the court and the portion over which the lawyers have control. Comparisons can be made of the portion of the entire time the case is pending in a particular status with similar cases pending in another court of the same type. Comparisons can also be made of the length of time different types of cases take in the same court.

Limitations on use:

Courts are grouped on this table by type of court (court of last resort or intermediate appellate court) and by the events used to define the start and end of each interval. Comparisons should be restricted to similar types of cases in courts that use the same events for the start and end of the interval of interest.

Although an attempt has been made to divide the entire time a case is pending into the portion over which the lawyers have control and the portion the court has control, these are not the only actors that affect the pace of litigation. The lawyer may have to wait for the court reporter to prepare the necessary transcripts. The court may have to wait for another court to make a decision on a different aspect of the case. This table indicates the average pace of litigation for large groups of not necessarily homogeneous cases. A detailed study of the pace of litigation should be supported by data of far greater detail than are available here.

TABLE 11:
Time interval (days) data for courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts, 1979.
Courts grouped by beginning event point. Beginning event to briefs filed, to argument or submission, and to decision announced. Argument or submission to decision announced. Type of cases included and statistic type (mean or median).

State and court title	Type of case	Beginning event	Beginning event to briefs filed	Beginning event to argument or submission	Argument or submission to decision announced	Beginning event to decision announced	Type of statistic
Courts of last resort							
Alaska--Supreme Court	civil	notice of appeal	249	338	237†	575†	mean
	criminal	notice of appeal	319	392	187†	579†	mean
	sentence appeal	notice of appeal	168	168	216†	384†	mean
District of Columbia--Court of Appeals	total cases	notice of appeal	127†	363	112	449	mean
Iowa--Supreme Court	civil	notice of appeal		329	61	390	mean
	priority civil	notice of appeal		206	50	256	mean
	criminal	notice of appeal		329	52	381	mean
	total cases	notice of appeal		314	57	371	mean
New Mexico--Supreme Court	total cases	notice of appeal		235	75	309	mean
New Jersey--Supreme Court	total cases	notice of appeal or granting certification		207	129	336	mean
	total cases	notice of appeal or granting certification		193	109	277	median
North Dakota--Supreme Court	civil	notice of appeal	125	167	77	244	mean
	criminal	notice of appeal	103	133	58	191	mean
Oregon--Supreme Court	total cases	notice of appeal				362†	mean
Washington--Supreme Court	criminal	notice of appeal	319†	123	108	556	median
	civil	notice of appeal	271†	107	143	505	median
	juvenile	notice of appeal	134†	0	128	262	median
	all cases	notice of appeal	296†	117	135	518	median
Hawaii--Supreme Court	civil	filing of appeal				1,107	mean
	criminal					830	mean
	other	filing of appeal				1,080	mean
	original proceedings					73	mean
Idaho--Supreme Court	civil and juvenile	filing of appeal		240	553	793	mean
	criminal and postconviction	filing of appeal		293	447	740	mean
	administrative agency	filing of appeal		207	473	680	mean
Wyoming--Supreme Court	total cases	docketing		177	85	262	mean
Arkansas--Supreme Court	civil	filing of record		121	15	137	mean
	criminal and post-conviction remedy	filing of record		156	35	191	mean
Mississippi--Supreme Court	total cases	filing of record				245	mean
	total cases	judgment in lower court				410	mean
Maryland--Court of Appeals	total cases	disposition in lower court			107	454	mean
New Jersey--Supreme Court	total cases	judgment below		314	129	443	mean
	total cases	judgment below		286	109	370	median
Intermediate appellate courts							
Alabama--Court of Civil Appeals	total cases (all civil)	notice of appeal	119†	186	21	207	mean
Iowa--Court of Appeals	civil	ready for submission			159		mean
	priority civil	ready for submission			128		mean
	criminal	ready for submission			137		mean
	total cases	ready for submission			149		mean
New Jersey--Appellate Division of Superior Court	total cases	notice of appeal		431	23	391	mean
	total cases	notice of appeal		358	14	353	median
New Mexico--Court of Appeals	torts	notice of appeal	181			428	mean
	administrative appeals	notice of appeal	124			368	mean
	workmen's compensation	notice of appeal	162			289	mean
	interlocutory appeal	notice of appeal	74			134	mean
	other civil	notice of appeal	158			384	mean
	criminal and juvenile	notice of appeal				207	mean
Oregon--Court of Appeals	non-criminal	notice of appeal				217†	mean
Washington--Court of Appeals	criminal	notice of appeal	194†	223	54	423	median
	civil	notice of appeal	187†	203	61	439	median
	juvenile	notice of appeal	139†	155	76	375	median
	all appeals	notice of appeal	190†	219	61	425	median
Texas--Court of Civil Appeals	total cases (all civil)	filing of appeal			70	198	mean
Maryland--Court of Special Appeals	total cases	disposition in lower court			37	293	mean
New Jersey--Appellate Division of Superior Court	total cases	judgment below		480	23	397	mean
	total cases	judgment below		404	14	359	median

Note: Times are often given in months, fractions of months, or months and days. For comparability, months were converted to days by using 30.5 days per month. Data on this table are apparently for appeals decided on the merits after a full review by the court, although this fact is not usually made explicit in the source documents. The data for the Washington Supreme Court are only for appeals filed directly with the court, and not for appeals certified or transferred from the intermediate appellate court. In addition to regular appeals, the New Jersey Supreme Court data include some cases in which the decision on the merits is made pursuant to the argument as to whether the certification should be granted.
All available data are entered in the table. Blank spaces indicate that the data are not available.

†For the time the briefs are filed, the following events were used:
Readiness--Iowa Supreme Court.
Date perfected--Washington Supreme Court, and Washington Court of Appeals.
Appellee's brief--Alabama Court of Civil Appeals

For time decision announced, the following events were used:
Opinion publication--Alaska Supreme Court
Final decision--Oregon Supreme Court and Oregon Court of Appeals

TABLE 12: Filed cases for appellate courts, 1970-1979.

TABLE 13: Number and percent change in filed cases year to year and for 10-year period for appellate courts, 1970-1979.

Variations in court organization:

Appellate courts in this table have been separated into courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts. See Table 2 for the number of appellate courts in each state.

Of the 55 courts of last resort in the 50 states, District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico, 40 reported complete trend data on appellate cases filed for at least five years. Of the 33 intermediate appellate courts, 25 reported complete trend data on appellate cases filed for at least five years.

Sources of data:

These are found in the State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Report series, 1976-1979 and historical data supplied by selected state court administrative offices.

Variations in subject matter jurisdiction:

The jurisdiction of each court is outlined briefly in the court system chart for each state located in Part II of this report. Variations in jurisdiction make caseload comparisons among appellate courts extremely difficult.

Variations in case classification and definitions:

The case classifications used in the Annual Report series are those chosen for inclusion in the State Court Model Annual Report and State Court Model Statistical Dictionary. Differences among states in what they include in even the broad category, appellate case, can make caseload comparisons difficult from state to state. Some courts, for example, include only appeals in their appellate caseload. Some include original appellate proceedings as cases, while others exclude them. Some courts count requests to appeal as separate cases, double-counting those that are granted and become appeals.

Variations in counting cases:

As indicated in Table 11, some courts count cases as soon as the notice of appeal is filed while others count them at a later event. The latter will exclude those cases that are withdrawn before the counting point from total filings.

The other variations in counting noted in Table 11 also apply to Tables 12 and 13.

Appropriate analyses:

The method of counting cases and the data included for each yearly figure were kept constant for each court. As a result, the number and percent changes in caseloads reported in these tables are, except where otherwise noted, due to accrual change (usually growth) in court filings and not to changes in the way the court counted cases. Changes for similar courts or for all courts within a state may be compared for identical time periods.

Limitations on use:

Caseloads normally fluctuate from year to year, so changes from one year to the next may not be representative of the actual underlying trend. The change in the jurisdiction of a court or the creation of an intermediate appellate court will have a dramatic effect on the rate and direction of change of related courts' caseloads. Creation of an intermediate court increases the opportunity to file cases, so states in which these courts were created will probably show faster growth in the total appellate caseload than that found in states that either had an intermediate court for the entire interval or did not have one at all. Once the capacity of the new court is reached, the rate of growth may decrease. The addition of judges to an intermediate court may have a similar though less dramatic effect on historical caseload data growth patterns.

TABLE 12:
Filed cases for appellate courts, 1970-1979.

Appellate courts reporting five or more years of cases filed data.

State and court title	Cases filed									
	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Courts of last resort										
Alabama--Supreme Court						369	510	815	667	762
Alaska--Supreme Court						315	468	613	630	656
Arizona--Supreme Court	679	697	677	686	749	889	1,023	964	1,111	1,028
California--Supreme Court						3,668	3,801	3,850	4,012	3,784
Colorado--Supreme Court	568*	544	517	606	611	553	651	735	854	941
Delaware--Supreme Court						333	335	364	361	339
District of Columbia--Court of Appeals						1,265	1,369	1,353	1,305	1,236
Florida--Supreme Court						1,846	2,214	2,253	2,740	2,561
Georgia--Supreme Court						1,313	1,433	1,496	1,506	1,450[b]
Hawaii--Supreme Court						194	265	316	374	338
Idaho--Supreme Court						338	332	374	340	410
Illinois--Supreme Court						1,087	998	1,139	1,250	1,346
Iowa--Supreme Court						1,086	1,176	1,231	1,490	1,507
Kansas--Supreme Court			368	341	342	368	438	464*		443
Kentucky--Supreme Court[k]						1,199	833*	463	771	754
Louisiana--Supreme Court	755	863	1,044	1,083	1,258	1,606	1,762	2,266	2,405	2,842
Maine--Supreme Judicial Court						268	334	379	422	408
Maryland--Court of Appeals						756[j]	657[j]	558	585	540
Michigan--Supreme Court	504	708	658	811	957	974	1,045	1,503	1,636	1,470
Minnesota--Supreme Court	576	584	603	677	781	921	911	1,001	1,117	
Missouri--Supreme Court						439	579	667	615	684
Montana--Supreme Court	189	197	236	239	269	299	409	469	517	472
Nevada--Supreme Court	396	306	375	392	434	553	806	1,092	1,031	912
New Hampshire--Supreme Court	139	186	188	240	270	268	273	315	310	293
New Jersey--Supreme Court						1,048[i]	1,164[i]	902[i]	1,016[i]	1,086[i]
New Mexico--Supreme Court	218	240	295	298	433	500	558	632	654	615
North Carolina--Supreme Court						520	546	465	541	624
North Dakota--Supreme Court						129	150	186	--	208
Ohio--Supreme Court		905	1,001	1,144	1,203	1,323	1,404	1,516	1,593	1,721
Oklahoma--STATE TOTAL	1,357	1,235	1,281	1,421	1,578	1,806	1,998	2,002	1,729	1,922
Supreme Court	726	433	508*	702	735	992	1,019	1,109	1,029	1,176
Court of Criminal Appeals	631	802	776	719	893	814	979	893	700	746
Oregon--Supreme Court						773	973	885	594	727
Pennsylvania--Supreme Court			1,424	1,387	1,607	1,696	1,736	1,549	1,944	1,850
Puerto Rico--Supreme Court			878	995	1,071	1,083	1,204	1,248	1,136	1,170
Rhode Island--Supreme Court						347	411	427	445	486
South Carolina--Supreme Court						276	416	487	714	715
South Dakota--Supreme Court						218	294	288	279	319
Tennessee--Supreme Court						953	897	879	813	854
Texas--STATE TOTAL						3,715	4,774	5,727	5,942	5,859
Supreme Court						973	1,072	1,035	1,070	1,014
Court of Criminal Appeals						2,742	3,702	4,692	4,872	4,845
Vermont--Supreme Court						355	366	364	359	422
Virginia--Supreme Court	1,380	1,329	1,398	1,249	1,256	1,526	1,672	1,932	1,846	1,862
Washington--Supreme Court		450	414	426	497	504	589	638	654	785
West Virginia--Supreme Court of Appeals						720	878	863	713	1,012
Wyoming--Supreme Court						129	138	146	157	177
Intermediate appellate courts										
Alabama--STATE COURT						1,011	1,270	1,161	1,273	1,248
Court of Civil Appeals						133	186	308	361	419
Court of Criminal Appeals						878	1,084	853	912	829
Arizona--Court of Appeals	805	783	875	921	1,321	1,725	2,017	2,005	2,183	1,999
California--Courts of Appeal	7,721	8,327	8,194	8,806	9,418	9,936	10,312	11,460	12,337	12,853
Colorado--Court of Appeals	373*	616	426	468	444	858	915	1,128	1,119	1,214
Florida--Court of Appeals						7,849	9,129	9,647	9,563	12,350
Illinois--Appellate Court	1,856	2,499	3,020	3,044	3,259	4,135	3,973	4,381	4,411	5,732
Indiana--Court of Appeals						626	777	883	896	941
Kansas--Court of Appeals	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	370	792	816
Kentucky--Court of Appeals	--	--	--	--	--	--	615	1,922	1,571	1,863
Louisiana--Courts of Appeal	1,416	1,455	1,573	1,589	1,579	2,020	2,189	2,407	2,386	2,664
Maryland--Court of Special Appeals						1,286[j]	1,541[j]	1,545	1,644	1,689
Massachusetts--Appeals Court						870	605	1,166	1,050	1,045
Michigan--Court of Appeals	2,214	2,336	2,799	3,076	3,579	4,435	4,544	5,274	5,248	5,499
Missouri--Court of Appeals										
New Jersey--Appellate Division of Superior Court	2,449	2,746	3,583	3,883	3,801	4,383	4,819	5,978	6,098	5,618
New York--Appellate Terms of the Supreme Court						2,177	2,115	2,430	2,215	2,035
New Mexico--Court of Appeals	168	232	235	318	475	514	446	576	539	517
Ohio--Court of Appeals		3,798	4,311	4,909	5,503	6,869	7,204	7,992	7,546	7,994
Oklahoma--Court of Appeals	--	445	472	365	406	327	418	353	449	647
Oregon--Court of Appeals	577	622	766	843	1,046	1,539	1,847	2,348	3,106	3,456
Pennsylvania--STATE TOTAL			3,780	4,474	3,916	5,023	6,067	6,364	7,692	6,933
Superior Court			2,433	2,670	2,203	2,996	3,631	3,700	4,495	4,047
Commonwealth Court			1,347	1,804	1,713	2,027	2,436	2,664	3,197	2,886
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL	863	859	1,042	1,092	1,016	1,279	1,330	1,472	1,424	1,438
Court of Appeals	488	452	498	494	485	655	694	758	730	775
Court of Criminal Appeals	375	407	544	598	531	630	636	714	694	663
Texas--Courts of Civil Appeals	1,228	1,328	1,397	1,332	1,502	1,764	1,824	1,969	2,172	2,445
Washington--Court of Appeals	--	937	1,243	1,244	1,541	1,819	1,777	1,996	2,093	2,243

Note: For inclusion on this table a case is defined as any appeal, any original proceeding, or any request to appeal. Requests to appeal are counted when originally filed and are not counted again if granted. The numbers correspond to the numbers not in parentheses in the remainder of this document.
All complete data are entered in the table. Blank spaces indicate that the data are not available.

-- = Not applicable.

*Indicates the year the intermediate appellate court began operation.

[b]Particular court or reporting system information:
Georgia--Supreme Court--Figures from previous years do not include pending data, and it is therefore not clear how requests to appeal which were granted, were counted. This figure may not be comperable with previous years.

[i]Data are not complete:
New Jersey--Supreme Court--Data do not include all motions for direct certification and motions for leave to appeal.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Maryland--Court of Appeals and Court of Special Appeals--Requests to appeal granted were double counted in the data reported here for 1975 and 1976--once when the request to appeal was filed and again when the resulting appeal was filed.

[k]Additional information:
Kentucky--Supreme Court--Before 1976, the court of last resort was named the Court of Appeals.

TABLE 13:
Number and percent change in filed cases year to year and for 10-year period for appellate courts, 1970-1979.
Appellate courts reporting five or more years of cases filed data.

State and court title	Number and percent change in cases filed									
	1970 to 1971	1971 to 1972	1972 to 1973	1973 to 1974	1974 to 1975	1975 to 1976	1976 to 1977	1977 to 1978	1978 to 1979	1970 to 1979
Courts of last resort										
Alabama--Supreme Court						141 (38%)	305 (60%)	-148 (-18%)	95 (14%)	
Alaska--Supreme Court						153 (49%)	145 (31%)	17 (3%)	26 (4%)	
Arizona--Supreme Court.....	-18 (-3%)	-20 (-3%)	9 (1%)	63 (9%)	140 (19%)	134 (15%)	-59 (-6%)	147 (15%)	-83 (-7%)	349 (51%)
California--Supreme Court.....						133 (4%)	49 (1%)	162 (4%)	-228 (-6%)	
Colorado--Supreme Court.....	-24*(-4%)	-27 (-5%)	89 (17%)	5 (1%)	-58 (-9%)	98 (18%)	84 (13%)	119 (16%)	87 (10%)	373 (66%)
Delaware--Supreme Court.....						2 (1%)	29 (9%)	-3 (-1%)	-22 (-6%)	
District of Columbia--Court of Appeals.....						104 (8%)	-16 (-1%)	-48 (-4%)	-69 (-5%)	
Florida--Supreme Court						368 (20%)	39 (2%)	487 (22%)	-179 (-7%)	
Georgia--Supreme Court						120 (9%)	63 (4%)	10 (1%)		
Hawaii--Supreme Court.....						71 (37%)	51 (19%)	58 (18%)	-36 (-10%)	
Idaho--Supreme Court.....						-6 (-2%)	42 (13%)	-34 (-9%)	70 (21%)	
Illinois--Supreme Court.....						-89 (-8%)	141 (14%)	111 (10%)	96 (8%)	
Iowa--Supreme Court.....						90 (8%)	55 (5%)	259 (21%)	17 (1%)	
Kansas--Supreme Court.....			-27 (-7%)	1 (0%)	26 (8%)	70 (19%)	26 (6%)			
Kentucky--Supreme Court[k].....						-366 (-31%)	-370*(-45%)	308 (67%)	-17 (-2%)	
Louisiana--Supreme Court.....	108 (14%)	181 (21%)	39 (4%)	175 (16%)	348 (28%)	156 (10%)	504 (29%)	139 (6%)	437 (18%)	2,087 (277%)
Maine--Supreme Judicial Court.						66 (25%)	45 (13%)	43 (11%)	-14 (-3%)	
Maryland--Court of Appeals....						-99[j](-13%)	-99[j](-15%)	27[j](5%)	-45[j](-8%)	
Michigan--Supreme Court.....	204 (40%)	-50 (-7%)	153 (23%)	146 (18%)	17 (2%)	71 (7%)	458 (44%)	133 (9%)	-166 (-10%)	966 (192%)
Minnesota--Supreme Court.....	8 (1%)	19 (3%)	74 (12%)	104 (15%)	140 (18%)	-10 (-1%)	90 (10%)	116 (12%)		
Missouri--Supreme Court.....						140 (32%)	88 (15%)	52 (8%)	69 (11%)	
Montana--Supreme Court.....	8 (4%)	39 (20%)	3 (1%)	30 (13%)	30 (11%)	110 (37%)	60 (15%)	48 (10%)	-45 (-9%)	283 (150%)
Nevada--Supreme Court.....	-90 (-23%)	69 (23%)	17 (5%)	42 (11%)	119 (27%)	253 (46%)	286 (35%)	-61 (-6%)	-119 (-12%)	516 (130%)
New Hampshire--Supreme Court..	47 (34%)	2 (1%)	52 (28%)	30 (12%)	-2 (-1%)	5 (2%)	42 (15%)	-5 (-2%)	-17 (-5%)	154 (111%)
New Jersey--Supreme Court.....						-116[l](-11%)	-262[l](-23%)	114[l](13%)	70[l](7%)	
New Mexico--Supreme Court.....	22 (10%)	55 (23%)	3 (1%)	135 (45%)	67 (15%)	58 (12%)	74 (13%)	22 (3%)	-39 (-6%)	397 (182%)
North Carolina--Supreme Court.						26 (5%)	-81 (-15%)	76 (16%)	83 (15%)	
North Dakota--Supreme Court...						21 (16%)	36 (24%)	—	—	
Ohio--Supreme Court.....		96 (11%)	143 (14%)	59 (5%)	120 (10%)	81 (6%)	112 (8%)	77 (5%)	128 (8%)	
Oklahoma--STATE TOTAL.....	-122*(-9%)	46 (4%)	140 (11%)	157 (11%)	228 (14%)	192 (11%)	4 (0%)	-273 (-14%)	193 (11%)	565 (42%)
Supreme Court.....	-293*(-40%)	75 (17%)	194 (38%)	33 (5%)	257 (35%)	27 (3%)	90 (9%)	-80 (7%)	147 (14%)	450 (62%)
Court of Criminal Appeals...	171 (27%)	-26 (-3%)	-57 (-7%)	124 (17%)	-29 (-3%)	165 (20%)	-86 (-9%)	-193 (-22%)	46 (7%)	115 (18%)
Oregon--Supreme Court.....						200 (26%)	-88 (-9%)	-291 (-33%)	133 (22%)	
Pennsylvania--Supreme Court...			-37 (-3%)	220 (16%)	89 (6%)	40 (2%)	-187 (-11%)	395 (26%)	-94 (-5%)	
Puerto Rico--Supreme Court....			117 (13%)	76 (8%)	12 (1%)	121 (11%)	44 (4%)	-112 (-9%)	34 (3%)	
Rhode Island--Supreme Court...						64 (18%)	16 (4%)	18 (4%)	41 (9%)	
South Carolina--Supreme Court.						140 (51%)	71 (17%)	227 (47%)	1 (0%)	
South Dakota--Supreme Court...						76 (35%)	-6 (-2%)	-9 (-3%)	40 (14%)	
Tennessee--Supreme Court.....						-56 (-6%)	-18 (-2%)	-66 (-8%)	41 (5%)	
Texas--STATE TOTAL.....						1,059 (29%)	953 (20%)	215 (4%)	-83 (-1%)	
Supreme Court.....						99 (10%)	-37 (-3%)	35 (3%)	-56 (-5%)	
Court of Criminal Appeals...						960 (35%)	990 (27%)	180 (4%)	-27 (-1%)	
Vermont--Supreme Court.....						11 (3%)	-2 (-1%)	-5 (-1%)	63 (18%)	
Virginia--Supreme Court.....	-51 (-4%)	69 (5%)	-149 (-11%)	7 (1%)	270 (21%)	146 (10%)	260 (16%)	-86 (-4%)	16 (1%)	482 (35%)
Washington--Supreme Court.....		-36 (-8%)	12 (3%)	71 (17%)	7 (1%)	85 (17%)	49 (8%)	16 (3%)	131 (20%)	
West Virginia--Supreme Court of Appeals.....						158 (22%)	-15 (-2%)	-150 (-17%)	299 (42%)	
Wyoming--Supreme Court						9 (7%)	8 (6%)	11 (8%)	20 (13%)	

Intermediate appellate courts												
Alabama--STATE TOTAL.....							259 (26%)	-109 (-9%)	112 (10%)	-25 (-2%)		
Court of Civil Appeals.....							53 (40%)	122 (66%)	53 (17%)	58 (14%)		
Court of Criminal Appeals...							206 (23%)	-231 (-21%)	59 (7%)	-83 (-9%)		
Arizona--Court of Appeals.....	-22 (-3%)	92 (12%)	46 (5%)	400 (43%)	404 (31%)	292 (17%)	-12 (-1%)	178 (9%)	-184 (-8%)	1,194 (148%)		
California--Courts of Appeal..	606 (8%)	-133 (-2%)	612 (7%)	612 (7%)	518 (6%)	376 (4%)	1,148 (11%)	877 (8%)	516 (4%)	5,132 (66%)		
Colorado--Court of Appeals....	243 (65%)	-190 (-31%)	42 (10%)	-24 (-5%)	414 (93%)	57 (7%)	213 (23%)	-9 (-1%)	95 (8%)	841 (225%)		
Florida--Court of Appeals.....						1,280 (16%)	518 (6%)	-84 (-1%)	2,787 (29%)			
Illinois--Appellate Court.....	643 (35%)	521 (21%)	24 (1%)	215 (7%)	876 (27%)	-162 (-4%)	408 (10%)	30 (1%)	1,321 (30%)	3,876 (209%)		
Indiana--Court of Appeals.....						151 (24%)	106 (14%)	13 (1%)	45 (5%)			
Kansas--Court of Appeals.....		--	--	--	--	--	--	--	422 (114%)	24 (3%)		
Kentucky--Court of Appeals....		--	--	--	--	--	--	1,307 (213%)	-351 (-36%)	292 (19%)		
Louisiana--Court of Appeal....	39 (3%)	118 (8%)	16 (1%)	-10 (-1%)	441 (28%)	169 (8%)	218 (10%)	-21 (-1%)	278 (12%)	1,248 (88%)		
Maryland--Court of Special Appeals.....						255[J] (20%)	4[J] (0%)	99[J] (6%)	45[J] (3%)			
Massachusetts--Appeals Court..						-265 (-30%)	561 (93%)	-116 (-10%)	-5 (0%)			
Michigan--Court of Appeals....	122 (6%)	463 (20%)	277 (10%)	503 (16%)	856 (24%)	109 (2%)	730 (16%)	-26 (0%)	251 (5%)	3,285 (148%)		
Missouri--Court of Appeals....						363 (20%)	-35 (-2%)	109 (5%)	-36 (-2%)			
New Jersey--Appellate Division of Superior Court.....	297 (12%)	837 (30%)	300 (8%)	-82 (-2%)	582 (15%)	436 (10%)	1,159 (24%)	120 (2%)	-480 (-8%)	3,169 (129%)		
New York--Appellate Terms of the Supreme Court.....						-62 (-3%)	315 (15%)	-215 (-9%)	-180 (-8%)			
New Mexico--Court of Appeals..	64 (38%)	3 (1%)	83 (35%)	157 (49%)	39 (8%)	-68 (-13%)	130 (29%)	-37 (-6%)	-22 (-4%)	349 (208%)		
Ohio--Court of Appeals.....		513 (14%)	598 (14%)	594 (12%)	1,366 (25%)	335 (5%)	788 (11%)	-446 (-6%)	448 (6%)			
Oklahoma--Court of Appeals....	--	27 (6%)	-107 (-23%)	41 (11%)	-79 (-19%)	91 (28%)	-65 (-16%)	96 (27%)	198 (44%)			
Oregon--Court of Appeals.....	45 (8%)	144 (23%)	77 (10%)	205 (24%)	493 (47%)	308 (20%)	501 (27%)	758 (32%)	350 (11%)	2,879 (499%)		
Pennsylvania--STATE TOTAL.....			694 (18%)	-558 (-12%)	1,107 (28%)	1,044 (21%)	297 (5%)	1,328 (21%)	-759 (-10%)			
Superior Court.....			237 (10%)	-467 (-17%)	793 (36%)	635 (21%)	69 (2%)	795 (21%)	-448 (-10%)			
Commonwealth Court.....			457 (34%)	-91 (-5%)	314 (18%)	409 (20%)	228 (9%)	553 (20%)	-311 (-10%)			
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL.....	-4 (0%)	183 (21%)	50 (5%)	-76 (-7%)	263 (26%)	51 (4%)	142 (11%)	-48 (-3%)	14 (1%)	575 (67%)		
Court of Appeals.....	-36 (-7%)	46 (10%)	-4 (-1%)	-9 (-2%)	170 (35%)	39 (6%)	64 (9%)	-27 (-4%)	45 (6%)	287 (59%)		
Court of Criminal Appeals...	32 (9%)	137 (34%)	54 (10%)	-67 (-11%)	99 (19%)	6 (1%)	78 (12%)	-20 (-3%)	-31 (-4%)	288 (77%)		
Texas--Courts of Civil Appeals	100 (8%)	69 (5%)	-65 (-5%)	170 (13%)	262 (17%)	60 (3%)	145 (8%)	203 (10%)	273 (13%)	1,217 (99%)		
Washington--Court of Appeals..		--	306 (33%)	1 (0%)	297 (24%)	278 (18%)	-42 (2%)	219 (12%)	97 (5%)	150 (7%)		

Note: For inclusion on this table a case is defined as any appeal, any original proceeding, or any request to appeal. Requests to appeal are counted when originally filed and are not counted again if granted. The numbers correspond to the numbers not in parentheses in the remainder of the report. All complete data are entered in the table and all appropriate calculations are included. Blank spaces indicate that the data were not available or the calculations were not appropriate.

-- = Not applicable.

*Indicates the year the intermediate appellate court began operation.

[I]Data are not complete:
New Jersey--Supreme Court--Data do not include all motions for direct certification and motions for leave to appeal.

[J]Explanation of data included in the category:
Maryland--Court of Appeals and Court of Special Appeals--Requests to appeal granted were double counted in the data reported here for 1975 and 1976--once when the request to appeal was filed and again when the resulting appeal was filed. As a result, the difference between filing volumes in 1967 and 1977 is understated.

[K]Additional information:
Kentucky--Supreme Court--Before 1976, the court of last resort was named the Court of Appeals.

Trial court summary statistics

This section contains tables that display the 1979 statistical data from the trial courts. The data cannot be found in published annual reports alone. All published annual reports and other available documents from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico were used. Unpublished data provided by state court administrators or other officials were also used.

In this 1979 Annual Report the number of states with some trial court data displayed has increased from 44 states and the District of Columbia in 1975, to 49 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico in 1977, 1978 and 1979. The major reason for the increase has been the addition of statistics from limited jurisdiction courts. Court systems that contributed to the 1975 Annual Report have provided more data as state court administrators have become aware of the CSIM data needs. Several states that submitted no data for the 1975 report have since changed or improved their data systems to the extent that they now provide data for the national statistical series.

Trial court data received from states are generally more detailed and easier to interpret than appellate court data. However, some very specific problems prevent comparisons of the data presented in this report. These problems are (1) the lack of uniform case classifications; (2) lack of uniform ways of counting cases; (3) the lack of complete data reported by the courts; (4) questions relating to the validity of data collected, both published and unpublished; and (5) variations in the subject matter jurisdiction of the courts.

The first problem in comparing data available from trial courts is the lack of uniformity in case classification and unit of case count. Both the case categories and the data classified in the case categories vary from state to state. Under the case category of "law," for example, one state may use the term "civil judgment," another "civil complaint," and still another may report the case as "money judgment." This makes consolidation of these categories difficult. The lack of uniformity in unit of case count causes difficulty in comparison of caseload (see Figure C). Units of counting criminal cases may be informations, indictments, or complaints; the number of defendants; or even the number of charges. Civil cases may be counted at the filing of a complaint, at note of issue, or at the time placed on the calendar.

The second problem in comparing data available from trial courts is the lack of complete statistics. Some states report only total caseload. Others report individual case categories, but omit breakdowns within certain categories to show what is included within, for example, domestic relations, estate, or mental health. This omission presents a problem in interstate comparisons. In addition, there are states that are not consistent in their reporting of data. The general jurisdiction court, for example, may give detailed category breakdowns, whereas the limited jurisdiction court may report only total civil, criminal, and juvenile cases, or not report at all.

The third problem relates to questions of validity of the data collected, both published and unpublished. One of the major factors in data validity is the chance of human error. Many elements (hidden data, transposition of figures, double counting of cases, manner used to verify data) contribute to the scope of this problem. Although many verification techniques have been implemented by state court administrators and by the Court Statistics and Information Management Project staff to keep errors to a minimum, the reader should understand that a verification process does not guarantee absolute accuracy.

The final problem is variation in the subject matter jurisdiction of the courts. In 1979, five states, Illinois, Idaho, Iowa, Missouri and South Dakota, the District of Columbia, and Guam, handled all types of cases in general jurisdiction courts. In other states, such as Florida and New Jersey, general jurisdiction courts process only major criminal cases and major civil actions, while other civil and criminal cases are handled by limited jurisdiction courts. Limited jurisdiction courts were added to this series in 1976 in order to present a complete picture of the trial court caseload. The 1979 state statistical profiles in Part II show that the number and types of trial courts vary from state to state. This difference in court structure must be kept in mind while examining the data in these summary tables.

The reader should note two other factcrs before reviewing the trial court tables. The first: only states reporting data that could be displayed in specific case category tables (i.e., felony, real property rights, status offenses, etc.) were included in such tables. For the sake of clarity, those states that did not report such data were not listed.

The following tables are sequenced from a general overview (national caseload totals for courts) to the more specific caseload detail (civil, criminal, traffic, and juvenile case categories and caseload).

FIGURE C:
Criminal case unit of count, used by trial courts, by state.

State	Court	Charging document: Information, indictment, or complaint	Defendants on information, indictment, or complaint	Other: Charges	Other: Case number	Other: No consistent definition
Alabama	All trial courts reporting		X			
Alaska	All trial courts	X				
Arizona	All trial courts		X			
Arkansas	All trial courts	X				
California	All trial courts		X			
Colorado	All trial courts		X			
Connecticut	All trial courts		X			
Delaware	Superior Court		X			
	All other trial courts			X		
District of Columbia	Superior Court		X			
Florida	All trial courts		X			
Georgia	All trial courts reporting		X			
Guam		X				
Hawaii	Circuit Court		X			
	District Court			X		
Idaho	All trial courts		X			
Illinois	Circuit Court	X				
Indiana	All trial courts reporting	X				
Iowa	District Court	X				
Kansas	All trial courts reporting	X				
Kentucky	All trial courts		X			
Louisiana	District Court		X			
	Other trial courts reporting	X				
Maine	Superior Court		X			
	District Court	X				
Maryland	Circuit Court	X				
	District Court		X			
Massachusetts	All trial courts reporting	X				
Michigan	All trial courts reporting		X			
Minnesota	All trial courts					X
Mississippi	All trial courts reporting	X				
Missouri	All trial courts reporting	X				
Montana	District Court		X			
Nebraska	District Court		X			
	County Court	X				
	Municipal Court		X			
Nevada	District Court		X			
New Hampshire	All trial courts					X
New Jersey	All trial courts	X				
New Mexico	District Court		X			
	Magistrate Court	X				
New York	All trial courts reporting		X			
North Carolina	All trial courts					X
North Dakota	All trial courts				X	
Ohio	All trial court		X			
Oklahoma	District Court	X				
Oregon	All trial courts				X	
Pennsylvania	All trial courts reporting		X			
Puerto Rico	All trial courts reporting			X		
Rhode Island	All trial courts reporting	X				
South Carolina	All trial courts	X				
South Dakota	Circuit Court	X				
Tennessee	All trial courts reporting	X				
Texas	All trial courts		X			
Utah	All trial courts	X				
Vermont	All trial courts	X				
Virginia	All trial courts			X		
Washington	All trial courts		X			
West Virginia	All trial courts reporting	X				
Wisconsin	All trial courts	X				
Wyoming	District Court	X				

TABLE 14: Reported national caseload (civil, criminal, traffic, juvenile, and total) in general jurisdiction, limited jurisdiction, and all trial courts, 1979.

Variations in court organization:

In 1979 the number of different kinds of trial courts in a state ranged from 1 (in states with a single-tier trial court) to 15. Five states (Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and South Dakota), the District of Columbia, and Guam have no limited jurisdiction courts.

A court organization chart for each state can be found in Part II of this report.

Variations in subject matter jurisidiction:

When comparing trial court statistics, the differences in jurisdiction both within and among states must be examined. For example, general jurisdiction courts in states with single-tier courts handle all cases from felonies to parking violations and from the largest civil actions to small claims. Another state's general jurisdiction courts may have a criminal division that handles only felony matters (after preliminary hearing in a limited jurisdiction court), and a civil division that handles no civil cases involving less than $10,000.

Variations in case classification and definitions:

Some states report only total caseload. Others report individual case categories, but omit breakdowns within certain categories to show what is included within, for example, domestic relations, estate, or mental health. This omission presents a problem in interstate comparison.

In addition, there are states that are not consistent in their reporting of data. The general jurisdiction court, for example, may give detailed category breakdowns, whereas the limited jurisdiction court may report only total civil, criminal, and juvenile cases, or not report at all.

Sources of data:

The 1979 state statistical profiles in Part II show how the number and types of courts vary from state to state. Also see Appendix B.

Variations in counting cases:

Figure C displays the existing variation in criminal case units of count. These figures show that the problem of case definition in trial courts is more acute on the criminal side. Most states, Puerto Rico, and Guam count civil cases in all trial courts when the petition or complaint is filed. In criminal cases, however, the two major units of count are almost evenly divided. Paper documents filed are the count unit for some courts, while the number of defendants is the count unit for other courts. In fact, several states have courts using different units of count.

Reported cases:

The reported cases for all trial courts, for general jurisdiction courts, and for limited jurisdiction courts include all complete data by the level of court indicated within the state. For example, for a state with more than one limited jurisdiction court to be included in the reported cases for limited jurisdiction courts, all of its limited jurisdiction courts must have reported complete data.

Number of states reporting complete data:

This figure represents the total number of states whose trial courts, at the indicated level, reported complete data.

Percent of population represented by complete data:

State population figures used are the revised 1979 Bureau of Census estimates and total 227,836,000 for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico. This was the figure used to compute percent of population represented by complete data for all trial courts, and for civil and criminal case types in general jurisdiction courts.

Estimated national totals:

These are the cumulative totals of all reported state total data that were complete, plus the estimated totals for each state for which complete figures were unavailable. The procedure used to estimate incomplete and missing data is discussed in Appendix A.

Appropriate analyses:

The estimates of total trial court volume can be compared to the estimates of the total appellate volume given in Table 1 to indicate the relationship between trial and appellate courts. The estimate of the total volume of each major case type, civil, criminal, traffic, and juvenile, shows the relative distribution of the types of cases that are brought to the trial courts.

Limitations on use:

The estimates of case volume are based on complete data from only a portion of the states. It is not possible at this time to gauge the variability of these estimates. They should be viewed only as gross, "ball park" estimates, and not as representing the exact volume of cases in state courts.

TABLE 14:
Reported national caseload (civil, criminal, traffic, juvenile, and total) in general jurisdiction, limited jurisdiction, and all trial courts, 1979.

Estimated civil, criminal, juvenile, traffic, and total cases filed and disposed in all trial courts.

Reported and estimated caseload	Filed	Disposed
CIVIL		
All trial courts:		
Reported cases	5,707,522	4,555,671
Number of states reporting complete data	25	20
Percent of population represented by complete data	44%	37%
Percent of variance explained (R^2)	88%	99%
Estimated totals from Appendix A	7,897,508	8,401,568
Estimated national totals	14,000,000	13,000,000
General jurisdiction courts:		
Reported cases	5,239,248	3,828,185
Number of states reporting complete data (43 states handle civil cases in limited jurisdiction courts)	46	36
Percent of population represented by complete data	82%	71%
Limited jurisdiction courts:		
Reported cases	3,189,061	2,573,362
Number of states reporting complete data	19	15
Percent of population represented by complete data (195,656,000 is the population in the 43 states)	50%	45%
CRIMINAL		
All trial courts:		
Reported cases	3,517,147	3,263,105
Number of states reporting complete data	21	17
Percent of total population represented by complete data	33%	31%
Percent of variance explained (R^2)	86%	99%
Estimated totals from Appendix A	7,136,599	6,699,288
Estimated national totals	11,000,000	10,000,000
General jurisdiction courts:		
Reported cases	2,388,087	1,762,567
Number of states reporting complete data	45	38
Percent of total population represented by complete data	74%	69%
Limited jurisdiction courts:		
Reported cases	2,704,238	2,702,079
Number of states reporting complete data (46 states handle criminal cases in limited jurisdiction courts)	16	12
Percent of total population represented by complete data (203,125,000 is the population in the 46 states)	38%	37%
TRAFFIC		
All trial courts:		
Reported cases	39,588,754	30,181,456
Number of states reporting complete data	30	26
Percent of population represented by complete data	53%	54%
Percent of variance explained (R^2)	44%	99%
Estimated totals from Appendix A	14,849,094	16,435,720
Estimated national totals	54,000,000	47,000,000
General jurisdiction courts:		
Reported cases	12,028,507	5,730,122
Number of states reporting complete data	19	17
Percent of population represented by complete data (59,724,000 is the population in the states handling traffic cases in general jurisdiction courts)	98%	82%
Limited jurisdiction courts:		
Reported cases	28,097,503	25,455,810
Number of states reporting complete data	21	18
Percent of population represented (205,470,000 is the population in the states handling traffic cases in limited jurisdiction courts)	45%	48%
JUVENILE		
All trial courts:		
Reported cases	1,105,496	865,050
Number of states reporting complete data	42	30
Percent of population represented by complete data (227,836 is total population)	66%	55%
Percent of variance explained (R^2)	38%	99%
Estimated totals from Appendix A	699,021	880,206
Estimated national totals	2,000,000	2,000,000
General jurisdiction courts:		
Reported cases	674,275	558,813
Number of states reporting complete data	30	25
Percent of population represented by complete data (161,297,000 is the total population for states handling juvenile cases in general jurisdiction courts)	71%	64%
Limited jurisdiction courts:		
Reported cases	434,097	312,981
Number of states reporting complete data	17	9
Percent of population represented by complete data (111,597,000 is the total population for states handling juvenile cases in limited jurisdiction courts)	58%	45%

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TABLE 14:
Reported national caseload (civil, criminal, traffic, juvenile, and total) in general jurisdiction, limited jurisdiction, and all trial courts, 1979. *(continued)*

Reported and estimated caseload	Filed	Disposed
TOTAL		
All trial courts:		
Reported cases	49,918,919	38,865,282
Estimated totals from Appendix A	30,582,222	32,416,782
Estimated national totals	81,000,000	72,000,000
General jurisdiction courts:		
Reported cases	20,330,117	11,879,687
Limited jurisdiction courts:		
Reported cases	34,424,899	31,044,232

Note: Data included in this table are those from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico. To ascertain the states that reported data in any category, refer to Table 15.

Variations in court organization:

Fifty states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico have 1979 trial court data displayed in Table 15.

A court organization chart for each state is in Part II of this report. The wide variation in court organization from state to state can be illustrated by comparing the District of Columbia's single-tier court system with Georgia, which has a number of general jurisdiction and/or limited jurisdiction courts. These differences in court organization determine the proportion of total trial court caseload that will be heard in general jurisdiction and in limited jurisidiction courts in each state.

Variations in subject matter jurisdiction:

The variations in court organization mentioned above will also determine what proportion of civil, criminal, traffic, and juvenile case types are heard at each level of court. See the individual court profiles in Part II for the case types handled in each trial court.

Variations in case classification and definitions:

Table 15 shows only the very broad breakdown of caseload into civil, criminal, traffic, and juvenile cases, and indicates with NHs the case types not handled in each particular court. This table gives a good overview of the way caseload is distributed among the trial courts. The large number of blank spaces indicates from which courts data were unavailable for 1979. No totals appear for a state on the state name line in any of the columns unless complete data (at least 90%) were reported by all courts handling that case type. State totals are left blank if data were missing from any court in the state.

Sources of data are indicated in the individual court profiles in Part II and Appendix B.

Variations in counting civil and criminal cases:

Those states that count criminal cases by charging documents are listed separately from those that count defendants. States that use some other unit of count for criminal cases will have the definition spelled out in the charging document columns, and have the data listed in the defendant columns. Care should be taken to avoid comparing defendant-count states with state data based on other units of count. These definitions in criminal cases are spelled out in the immediately preceding Figure C. An "*" next to a court indicates that the civil unit of count is not the filing of a complaint. Please check the profile to identify the unit of count. Only data from those states that count cases in the same way can be compared.

Appropriate analyses:

Disposed cases as percent of filed. This measure represents the percent of the number of filed cases that the court was able to dispose. The percent is computed by dividing the number of cases filed by the number disposed and then multiplying by one hundred. A percent over one hundred indicates that the court disposed more cases than were filed, thus reducing pending caseload. A percent significantly less than one hundred indicates that the court is not keeping up with the volume of cases being filed. This measure was not computed if the number of cases filed was less than ten.

Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population. The unit of state population used on all court caseload charts is 100,000. This measure compensates for variations in state population and gives a more realistic basis for comparison of caseloads among states of various sizes. If the number of filings was unavailable but the number of dispositions was available, the number of cases disposed per unit of population was entered in this column in place of the number of cases filed per population unit. The use of this alternative quantity is indicated by enclosing it in parentheses. Population figures represent the total state population.

If all other factors (court jurisdiction, case definition, unit of count, etc.) are similar, the filed per unit of population statistic will permit direct comparison among states of the number of filed civil cases, criminal cases, traffic cases, juvenile cases, as well as among state totals.

Limitations on use:

Data that are not at least 90% complete are not included in this table to prevent inappropriate comparisons. The data that are included must account for differences between the way cases are defined and counted in different courts. Where possible, comparisons should be limited to those among state totals for specific types of cases. Before making comparisons between limited jurisdiction courts or among general jurisdiction courts, check the organization charts in Part II of this volume for similarities in jurisdiction.

TABLE 15:
Reported total trial court caseload, 1979.
General and limited jurisdiction courts. Population. Filed and disposed. Disposed as a percentage of filed, and filed per 100,000 population for the civil, criminal, traffic, juvenile, and total state caseload.

State and court name	Jurisdiction	State population	State totals				Civil			
			Filed	Disposed	Disposed as % of filed	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population	Filed	Disposed	Disposed as % of filed	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
ALABAMA:		2,869								
Circuit Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	73,100	74,144	101%	2,548
District Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	130,106	135,291	104%	4,535
Probate Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
Municipal Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH
ALASKA:		402	138,175	119,270	86%	34,372	25,918	22,182	86%	6,447
Superior Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	11,066	9,867	89%	2,753
District Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	14,451	12,043	83%	3,595
Magistrate's Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	401	272	68%	100
ARIZONA:		2,639	1,059,610[I]	1,055,393[I]	100%[I]	40,152[I]	132,081[I]	133,281[I]	101%[I]	5,005[I]
Superior Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	84,852[I]	86,293[I]	102%[I]	3,215[I]
Justice of the Peace Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	47,229	46,988	99%	1,790
City Magistrate Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH
ARKANSAS:		2,269								
Circuit Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	27,683	26,463	96%	1,220
Chancery Court and Probate Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	43,878			1,934
Municipal Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
County Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	1,886			83
Court of Common Pleas	L	—	—	—	—	—	508			22
Justice of the Peace Court, Police Court, and City Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
CALIFORNIA:		23,255	18,179,660[I]	14,968,656[I]	82%	78,175[I]	1,489,106[I]	1,104,684[I]	74%[I]	6,403[I]
Superior Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	579,754[I]	439,886[I]	76%[I]	2,493[I]
Justice Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	48,776	35,760	73%	210
Municipal Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	860,576	629,038	73%	3,701
COLORADO:		2,849	266,886	256,645	96%	9,368	167,634	158,242	94%	5,884
District Court, Denver Superior Court, Denver Juvenile Court, and Denver Probate Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	95,982	89,922	94%	3,369
Water Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	2,134	2,112	99%	75
County Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	69,518	66,208	95%	2,440
Municipal Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH
CONNECTICUT:		3,100	635,769			20,509	194,969			6,289
Superior Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	147,904			4,771
Probate Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	47,065			1,518
DELAWARE:		599	210,810[I]	213,859[I]	101%[I]	35,194[I]	42,616[I]	40,220[I]	94%[I]	7,115[I]
Superior Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	4,121	3,767	91%	688
Court of Chancery	G	—	—	—	—	—	2,657	2,467	93%	444
Court of Common Pleas	L	—	—	—	—	—	3,739	3,238	87%	624
Family Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	15,587	15,189	97%	2,602
Municipal Court of Wilmington	L	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH
Alderman's Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
Justice of the Peace Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	16,459	15,384	93%	2,748
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:										
Superior Court*	G	656	209,928	211,527	101%	32,001	151,252	150,647	100%	23,057
FLORIDA:		9,471	2,877,199	2,632,782	92%	30,379	469,233	429,488	92%	4,954
Circuit Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	259,345	231,832	89%	2,738
County Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	209,888	197,656	94%	2,216
GEORGIA:		5,391								
Superior Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	115,438	101,957	88%	2,141
State Court and County Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	119,519[I]	117,050[I]	98%[I]	2,217[I]
Probate Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
Juvenile Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH
Justice of the Peace Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
Small Claims Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
Municipal Court (located in Savannah and Columbus)	L	—	—	—	—	—				
Magistrate's Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
Civil Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
Criminal Court, Municipal Court (other locations), Recorder's Court, Mayor's Court, City Council Court, and Police Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH

State and court name	Criminal: Charging document				Criminal: Defendant				Traffic				Juvenile			
	Filed	Disposed	Disposed as % of filed	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population	Filed	Disposed	Disposed as % of filed	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population	Filed	Disposed	Disposed as % of filed	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population	Filed	Disposed	Disposed as % of filed	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
ALABAMA:													42,771	40,472	95%	1,491
Circuit Court	—	—	—	—	24,302	24,552	101%	847	NH	NH	NH	NH	21,025	20,138	96%	733
District Court	—	—	—	—	95,603	95,811	100%	3,332	191,421	185,403	97%	6,672	21,746	20,334	94%	758
Probate Court	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Municipal Court													NH	NH	NH	NH
ALASKA:	18,835			4,685	—	—	—	—	92,070			22,903	1,352	1,085	80%	336
Superior Court	1,074	1,086	101%	267	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH	1,352	1,085	80%	336
District Court	16,027			3,987	—	—	—	—	90,997			22,636	NH	NH	NH	NH
Magistrate's Court	1,734	1,466	85%	431	—	—	—	—	1,073	1,095	102%	267	NH	NH	NH	NH
ARIZONA:	—	—	—	—	117,745	104,351	89%	4,462	808,783	816,983	101%	30,647				
Superior Court	—	—	—	—	13,815	13,175	95%	523	NH	NH	NH	NH				
Justice of the Peace Court	—	—	—	—	41,332	35,080	85%	1,566	289,941	266,595	92%	10,987	NH	NH	NH	NH
City Magistrate Court	—	—	—	—	62,598	56,096	92%	2,372	518,842	550,388	106%	19,661	NH	NH	NH	NH
ARKANSAS:					—	—	—	—								
Circuit Court	14,866	15,930	107%	655	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Chancery Court and Probate Court	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Municipal Court					—	—	—	—					NH	NH	NH	NH
County Court	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	11,786			519
Court of Common Pleas	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Justice of the Peace Court, Police Court, and City Court					—	—	—	—					NH	NH	NH	NH
CALIFORNIA:	—	—	—	—	804,812[I]	728,711[I]	91%[I]	3,461[I]	15,781,234	13,038,773	83%	67,862	104,508[I]	96,488[I]	92%[I]	449[I]
Superior Court	—	—	—	—	56,280[I]	51,387[I]	91%[I]	242[I]	NH	NH	NH	NH	104,508[I]	96,488[I]	92%[I]	449[I]
Justice Court	—	—	—	—	63,988	56,932	89%	275	575,424	493,845	86%	2,474	NH	NH	NH	NH
Municipal Court	—	—	—	—	684,544	620,392	91%	2,944	15,205,810	12,544,928	83%	65,387	NH	NH	NH	NH
COLORADO:	—	—	—	—									17,631	16,472	93%	619
District Court, Denver Superior Court, Denver Juvenile Court, and Denver Probate Court	—	—	—	—	15,287	14,328	94%	537	NH	NH	NH	NH	17,631	16,472	93%	619
Water Court	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
County Court	—	—	—	—	32,925	31,232	95%	1,156	164,443	159,205	97%	5,772	NH	NH	NH	NH
Municipal Court													NH	NH	NH	NH
CONNECTICUT:	—	—	—	—	101,354	94,687	93%	3,270	322,705	328,459	102%	10,410	16,741	17,168	103%	540
Superior Court	—	—	—	—	101,354	94,687	93%	3,270	322,705	328,459	102%	10,410	16,741	17,168	103%	540
Probate Court	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
DELAWARE:	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					8,179			1,365
Superior Court	—	—	—	—	2,950	3,186	108%	492	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Court of Chancery	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Court of Common Pleas		Number of charges:			7,411	7,394	100%	1,237	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Family Court		Number of incidents:			2,345	2,328	99%	391	763			127	8,179			1,365
Municipal Court of Wilmington		Number of charges:			9,154	9,023	99%	1,528	17,199	17,591	102%	2,871	NH	NH	NH	NH
Alderman's Court		Number of charges:											NH	NH	NH	NH
Justice of the Peace Court		Number of charges:			22,956			3,832	86,355			14,417	NH	NH	NH	NH
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:																
Superior Court*	—	—	—	—	31,381	29,404	94%	4,784	21,243	25,853	122%	3,238	6,052	5,623	93%	923
FLORIDA:	—	—	—	—	341,621	298,375	87%	3,607	1,983,283	1,829,334	92%	20,941	83,062	75,585	91%	877
Circuit Court	—	—	—	—	107,786	91,812	85%	1,138	NH	NH	NH	NH	83,062	75,585	91%	877
County Court	—	—	—	—	235,835	206,563	88%	2,469	1,983,283	1,829,334	92%	20,941	NH	NH	NH	NH
GEORGIA:					—	—	—	—								
Superior Court	45,480	43,139	95%	844	—	—	—	—	15,008	15,356	102%	278				
State Court and County Court	75,214[I]	67,505[I]	90%[I]	1,395[I]	—	—	—	—	223,575[I]	213,641[I]	96%	4,147[I]	NH	NH	NH	NH
Probate Court	4,062	3,943	97%	75	—	—	—	—	193,243	191,147	99%	3,585	NH	NH	NH	NH
Juvenile Court	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	2,547	2,397	94%	47	35,742	32,486	91%	663
Justice of the Peace Court	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Small Claims Court	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Municipal Court (located in Savannah and Columbus)									NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Magistrate's Court									NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Civil Court	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Criminal Court, Municipal Court (other locations), Recorder's Court, Mayor's Court, City Council Court, and Police Court													NH	NH	NH	NH

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TABLE 15:
Reported total trial court caseload, 1979. *(continued)*

State and court name	Jurisdiction	State population	State totals: Filed	State totals: Disposed	State totals: Disposed as % of filed	State totals: Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population	Civil: Filed	Civil: Disposed	Civil: Disposed as % of filed	Civil: Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
HAWAII:		950	836,010	817,950	98%	88,001	35,377	31,158	88%	3,724
Circuit Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	22,903	19,578	85%	2,411
Land Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	46	125	272%	5
Tax Appeal Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	59	73	124%	6
District Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	12,369	11,382	92%	1,302
IDAHO:		933	312,080	304,421	98%	33,449	52,762	48,418	92%	5,655
District Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	8,380	7,350	88%	898
Magistrate's Division	G	—	—	—	—	—	44,382	41,068	93%	4,757
ILLINOIS:										
Circuit Court	G	11,423	8,046,981	5,067,905	63%	70,445	672,588	658,670	98%	5,888
INDIANA:		5,475								
Superior Court and Circuit Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	221,334	211,850	96%	4,043
County Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	90,178	80,220	89%	1,647
Probate Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	6,399	6,171	96%	117
Municipal Court of Marion County	L	—	—	—	—	—	21,132	19,790	94%	386
Small Claims Court of Marion County	L	—	—	—	—	—				
City Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
Town Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
IOWA:										
District Court	G	2,917	503,882	505,163	100%	17,274	153,599	151,310	99%	5,266
KANSAS:		2,347					104,013			4,432
District Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	104,013			4,432
Municipal Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH
KENTUCKY:		3,644	665,745	562,197	84%	18,270	169,751	130,218	77%	4,658
Circuit Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	60,414	56,191	93%	1,658
District Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	109,337	74,027	68%	3,000
LOUISIANA:		4,139								
District Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	152,965			3,696
Family Court and Juvenile Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
City Court, Parish Court, Municipal Court and Traffic Court of New Orleans	L	—	—	—	—	—	69,223	42,414	61%	1,672
Justice of the Peace Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
Mayor's Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH
MAINE:		1,125								
Superior Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	7,760	7,203	93%	690
District Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
Probate Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
Administrative Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	355	375	106%	32
MARYLAND:		4,223								
Circuit Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	81,064	69,692	86%	1,920
District Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	423,704			10,033
Orphan's Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
MASSACHUSETTS:		5,746	4,109,871			71,526	484,224			8,427
Superior Court Department	G	—	—	—	—	—	31,793	37,372	118%	553
District Court Department	G	—	—	—	—	—	297,034	191,247	64%	5,169
Housing Court Department	L	—	—	—	—	—	8,789			153
Boston Municipal Court Department	G	—	—	—	—	—	31,783	17,645	56%	553
Juvenile Court Department	G	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH
Land Court Department	G	—	—	—	—	—	9,005	7,857	87%	157
Probate and Family Court Department	G	—	—	—	—	—	105,820			1,842
MICHIGAN:		9,249					709,982[1]	679,062[1]	96%	7,676[1]
Circuit Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	189,448[1]	194,057[1]	102%[1]	2,048[1]
Recorder's Court of Detroit	G	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH
District Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	334,732[1]	320,754[1]	96%[1]	3,619[1]
Probate Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
Municipal Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	3,479	3,681	106%	38
Common Pleas Court of Detroit	L	—	—	—	—	—	146,429	126,858	87%	1,583
MINNESOTA:		4,038								
District Court[8]	G	—	—	—	—	—	19,361	15,211	79%	479
Probate Court[8]	L	—	—	—	—	—	5,379	4,551	85%	133
County Court[8]	L	—	—	—	—	—	21,008[1]	18,491[1]	88%[1]	520
County Municipal Court[8]	L	—	—	—	—	—	18,840	18,198	97%	467
Conciliation Court[8]	L	—	—	—	—	—				

Criminal: Charging document: Filed	Criminal: Charging document: Disposed	Criminal: Charging document: Disposed as % of filed	Criminal: Charging document: Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population	Criminal: Defendant: Filed	Criminal: Defendant: Disposed	Criminal: Defendant: Disposed as % of filed	Criminal: Defendant: Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population	Traffic: Filed	Traffic: Disposed	Traffic: Disposed as % of filed	Traffic: Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population	Juvenile: Filed	Juvenile: Disposed	Juvenile: Disposed as % of filed	Juvenile: Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	746,575	735,606	99%	78,587	8,259	7,946	96%	869
—	—	—	—	2,801	1,961	70%	295	136	86	63%	14	8,259	7,946	96%	869
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Individual offense on the information:				42,998	41,276	96%	4,526	746,439	735,520	99%	78,573	NH	NH	NH	NH
—	—	—	—	30,036	28,527	95%	3,219	221,279	219,774	99%	23,717	8,003	7,702	96%	858
—	—	—	—	3,027	2,926	97%	324	16	14	88%	2	2	2	100%	<1
—	—	—	—	27,009	25,601	95%	2,895	221,263	219,760	99%	23,715	8,001	7,700	96%	858
581,976	547,534	94%	5,095	—	—	—	—	6,762,091	3,832,022	57%	59,197	30,326	29,679	98%	265
				—	—	—	—					20,851	19,026	91%	381
51,038	48,009	94%	932	—	—	—	—	96,896	95,547	99%	1,770	19,459	17,881	92%	355
47,223	40,837	86%	863	—	—	—	—	178,336	168,970	95%	3,257	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	1,392	1,145	82%	25
45,571	34,577	76%	832	—	—	—	—	100,702	90,214	90%	1,839	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
												NH	NH	NH	NH
												NH	NH	NH	NH
198,019	198,460	100%	6,788	—	—	—	—	147,028	148,988	101%	5,040	5,236	6,405	122%	180
												30,110			1,283
25,163	26,924	107%	1,072	—	—	—	—	271,674	261,168	96%	11,575	30,110			1,283
												NH	NH	NH	NH
—	—	—	—	208,426	183,035	88%	5,720	251,740	220,226	87%	6,908	35,828[J]	28,718[J]	80%[J]	983[J]
—	—	—	—	10,512	9,537	91%	289	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
—	—	—	—	197,914	173,448	88%	5,431	251,740	220,226	87%	6,908	35,828[J]	28,718[J]	80%[J]	983[J]
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					40,991			990
—	—	—	—	264,805			6,398	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	35,880			867
122,328	99,065	81%	2,956	—	—	—	—	408,850	329,660	81%	9,861	5,111	4,189	82%	123
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
												NH	NH	NH	NH
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	160,245	157,324	98%	14,244	3,867	3,642	94%	344
—	—	—	—	5,425	5,174	95%	482	2,892	2,428	84%	257	NH	NH	NH	NH
27,439	26,577	97%	2,439	—	—	—	—	157,353	154,896	98%	13,987	3,867	3,642	94%	344
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	628,408	628,408	100%	14,881	25,332	23,339	92%	600
38,902	36,643	94%	921	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH	23,352	21,126	90%	553
—	—	—	—	88,858			2,104	628,408	628,408	100%	14,881	1,980	2,213	112%	47
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
269,271[J]			4,686[J]	—	—	—	—	3,307,610[1]			57,564[1]	48,766			849
30,886	42,166	137%	538	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
218,835[J]			3,809[J]	—	—	—	—	3,289,014[1]			57,240[1]	34,376			598
5,652			96	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
13,862			241	—	—	—	—	18,596			324	NH	NH	NH	NH
36			1	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH	14,390			250
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
—	—	—	—	415,107[1]	383,116[1]	92%	4,488[1]								
—	—	—	—	28,893[1]	29,140[1]	101%[1]	312[1]	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Number of warrants issued:				86,221	61,133	71%	932	363,644	297,207	82%	3,932	NH	NH	NH	NH
—	—	—	—	293,961[1]	286,927[1]	98%[1]	3,178[1]	1,985,054[1]	1,920,047[1]	97%[1]	21,462	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH								
—	—	—	—	6,032	5,916	98%	65	35,234	33,797	96%	381	NH	NH	NH	NH
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TABLE 15:
Reported total trial court caseload, 1979. *(continued)*

State and court name	Jurisdiction	State population	State totals: Filed	State totals: Disposed	State totals: Disposed as % of filed	State totals: Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population	Civil: Filed	Civil: Disposed	Civil: Disposed as % of filed	Civil: Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
MISSISSIPPI:		2,508								
Circuit Court	G	—	—	—	—	—				
Chancery Court	G	—	—	—	—	—				
County Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
Family Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
Municipal Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH
Justice Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
MISSOURI:										
Circuit Court	G	4,889	—	—	—	—	198,293	173,666	88%	4,056
MONTANA:		789								
District Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	26,372	20,894	79%	3,342
Justice Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
City Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
Municipal Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
NEBRASKA:		1,564	473,046			30,246	76,912[i]			4,892[i]
District Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	22,313[i]	21,229[i]	95%[i]	1,427
County Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	33,337	33,117	99%	2,132
Separate Juvenile Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH
Municipal Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	20,328			1,300
Workmen's Compensation Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	534	511	96%	34
NEVADA:		765								
District Court	G	—	—	—	—	—				
Justice Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
Municipal Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
NEW HAMPSHIRE:		912	291,386			31,950	69,161			7,583
Superior Court[a]	G	—	—	—	—	—	18,464	17,954	97%	2,025
Probate Court[a]	L	—	—	—	—	—	16,470			1,806
District Court[a]	L	—	—	—	—	—	33,537			3,677
Municipal Court[a]	L	—	—	—	—	—	690			76
NEW JERSEY:		7,373								
Superior Court[a]	G	—	—	—	—	—	77,427	74,464	96%	1,050
County District Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	331,672	324,656	98%	4,498
Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	80,878	80,619	100%	1,097
Surrogate's Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
Municipal Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH
NEW MEXICO:		1,281								
District Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	44,069	40,166	91%	3,440
Magistrate Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	15,294			1,194
Municipal Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH
Probate Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
Small Claims Court of Albuquerque	L	—	—	—	—	—				
NEW YORK:		17,634								
Supreme Court and County Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	65,951	67,182	102%	374
Surrogates' Court	L	—	—	—	—	—		76,110		(432)
Family Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	271,815[i]	269,981[i]	99%[i]	1,541[i]
Civil Court of the City of New York	L	—	—	—	—	—	142,592	142,447	100%	809
Criminal Court of the City of New York	L	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH
District Court and City Court	L	—	—	—	—	—		125,227		(710)
Court of Claims	L	—	—	—	—	—				
Town and Village Justice Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
NORTH CAROLINA:		5,802	1,582,624	1,549,578	98%	27,277	352,307	337,298	96%	6,072
Superior Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	72,759	69,419	95%	1,254
District Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	279,548	267,879	96%	4,818
NORTH DAKOTA:		652		171,250[i]		(26,265)[i]		22,186[i]		(3,403)[i]
District Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	11,070	10,027	91%	1,698
County Probate Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	1,592	1,284	81%	244
County Court with increased Jurisdiction	L	—	—	—	—	—		9,765[i]		(1,498)[i]
County Justice Court	L	—	—	—	—	—		1,110		(170)
Municipal Court	L						NH	NH	NH	NH
OHIO:		10,799					638,567	626,879	98%	5,913
Court of Common Pleas	G	—	—	—	—	—	256,661	257,547	100%	2,377
Municipal Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	356,578	344,748	97%	3,302
County Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	23,377	22,670	97%	216
Mayor's Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH
Court of Claims	L	—	—	—	—	—	1,951	1,914	98%	18

Criminal: Charging document: Filed	Charging document: Disposed	Charging document: Disposed as % of filed	Charging document: Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population	Criminal: Defendant: Filed	Defendant: Disposed	Defendant: Disposed as % of filed	Defendant: Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population	Traffic: Filed	Traffic: Disposed	Traffic: Disposed as % of filed	Traffic: Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population	Juvenile: Filed	Juvenile: Disposed	Juvenile: Disposed as % of filed	Juvenile: Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
				—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
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				—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH				
								NH	NH	NH	NH				
												NH	NH	NH	NH
								NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
				—	—	—	—	302,868	284,771	94%	6,195	17,293	16,102	93%	354
—	—	—	—									1,219	876	72%	155
—	—	—	—	2,962	2,756	93%	375	NH	NH	NH	NH	1,219	876	72%	155
												NH	NH	NH	NH
								NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
												NH	NH	NH	NH
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					4,979			318
4,869[j]	4,710[j]	97%[j]	311[j]	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
46,250	50,668	110%	2,957	—	—	—	—	207,546	204,893	99%	13,270	3,331	3,165	95%	213
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	1,648			105
—	—	—	—									NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
—	—	—	—												
—	—	—	—					NH	NH	NH	NH				
												NH	NH	NH	NH
												NH	NH	NH	NH
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	171,982			18,858	6,988			766
Inconsistent statewide unit:				6,142	7,724	126%	673	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Inconsistent statewide unit:				36,019			3,950	164,854			18,076	6,807			746
Inconsistent statewide unit:				1,094			120	7,128			782	181			20
390,685	348,989	89%	5,299	—	—	—	—	3,934,709	3,165,342	80%	53,366	108,665	108,514	100%	1,474
25,141	27,116	108%	341	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
4,371	4,265	98%	59	—	—	—	—	76,928	58,290	76%	1,043	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	108,665	108,514	100%	1,474
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
361,173	317,517	88%	4,899	—	—	—	—	3,857,781	3,107,052	81%	52,323	NH	NH	NH	NH
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	74,802				4,159	3,644	88%	325
—	—	—	—	5,289	5,029	95%	413	NH	NH	NH	NH	4,159	3,644	88%	325
32,130			2,508	—	—	—	—	74,802			5,839	NH	NH	NH	NH
								NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
—	—	—	—									47,930[i]	61,326[i]	128%[i]	272[i]
—	—	—	—	30,806	33,508	109%	171	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	47,930[i]	61,326[i]	128%[i]	272[i]
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
—	—	—	—					118,929			674	NH	NH	NH	NH
—	—	—	—		140,706		(798)		337,782		(1,916)	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
												NH	NH	NH	NH
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	796,227	787,465	99%	13,723	21,207	23,054	109%	366
Inconsistent statewide unit:				56,591	54,587	96%	975	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Inconsistent statewide unit:				356,292	347,174	97%	6,141	796,227	787,465	99%	13,723	21,207	23,054	109%	366
—	—	—	—	16,780	15,350	91%	2,574		126,958		(19,472)	5,810	6,756	116%	891
Case number assigned:				1,021	1,004	98%	157	500	500	100%	77	5,810	6,756	116%	891
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Case number assigned:				12,447	11,069	89%	1,909		57,675		(8,846)	NH	NH	NH	NH
Case number assigned:				3,312	3,277	99%	508		22,889		(3,511)	NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	45,894		(7,039)	NH	NH	NH	NH
—	—	—	—									209,985	208,313	99%	1,945
—	—	—	—	33,544	33,709	100%	311	NH	NH	NH	NH	209,985	208,313	99%	1,945
—	—	—	—	308,830	297,355	96%	2,860	1,224,291	1,223,954	100%	11,337	NH	NH	NH	NH
—	—	—	—	26,986	26,702	99%	250	147,491	146,638	99%	1,366	NH	NH	NH	NH
												NH	NH	NH	NH
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH

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TABLE 15:
Reported total trial court caseload, 1979. *(continued)*

State and court name	Jurisdiction	State population	State totals: Filed	State totals: Disposed	State totals: Disposed as % of filed	State totals: Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population	Civil: Filed	Civil: Disposed	Civil: Disposed as % of filed	Civil: Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
OKLAHOMA:		2,970						196,954		(6,631)
District Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	198,849	185,088	93%	6,695
Municipal Criminal Court of Record	L	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH
Municipal Court Not of Record	L	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH
Workers' Compensation Court	L	—	—	—	—	—		11,851		(399)
Court of Tax Review	L	—	—	—	—	—	6	6	100%	<1
Court of Bank Review	L	—	—	—	—	—	5	9	180%	<1
OREGON:		2,578								
Circuit Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	62,782			2,435
Tax Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	112	134	120%	4
District Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	81,404	80,681	99%	3,158
Justice Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
County Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	155	137[l]		6
Municipal Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH
PENNSYLVANIA:		11,874		2,901,873		(24,439)	455,001	442,545	97%	3,832
Court of Common Pleas	G	—	—	—	—	—	196,919	188,902	96%	1,658
District Justice Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	184,150	180,066	98%	1,551
Philadelphia Municipal Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	71,813	71,539	100%	605
Philadelphia Traffic Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH
Pittsburgh City Magistrate Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	2,119	2,038	96%	18
RHODE ISLAND:		957								
Superior Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	7,087			741
Family Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	5,817			608
District Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	31,586	24,294	77%	3,301
Probate Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
Municipal Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH
SOUTH CAROLINA:		3,087								
Circuit Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	36,349	31,368	86%	1,177
Family Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	41,308	43,738	106%	1,338
Probate Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH
Magistrate Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	88,381	89,687	101%	2,863
Municipal Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH
County Court and Civil and Criminal Court	L	—								
SOUTH DAKOTA:										
Circuit Court	G	689	170,392			24,730	30,363			4,407
TENNESSEE:		4,533								
Circuit Court and Criminal Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	51,158	46,616	91%	1,129
Chancery Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	34,536	33,295	96%	762
Law and Equity Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	4,200	3,613	86%	93
County Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
General Sessions Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
Probate Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
Juvenile Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH
Justice of the Peace Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
Municipal Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH
TEXAS:		13,887								
District Court and Criminal District Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	311,984	289,066	93%	2,247
County Court at Law, Constitutional County Court, and Probate Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	145,036			1,044
Municipal Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH
Justice of the Peace Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
UTAH:		1,416								
District Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	27,511	23,181	84%	1,943
Circuit Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	38,255[l]	30,611[l]	80%[l]	2,702[l]
Justice Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
Juvenile Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH
VERMONT:		506	123,807[l]	122,387		(24,187)	23,007[J]	22,041[J]	95%[J]	4,547[J]
Superior Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	7,132[J]	6,757[J]	95%[J]	1,409[J]
District Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	11,117	11,082	100%	2,197
Probate Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	4,758	4,202	88%	940
VIRGINIA:		5,325	2,016,994	1,925,194	95%	37,878	612,655	569,445	93%	11,505
Circuit Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	75,341	68,264	91%	1,415
District Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	537,314	501,181	93%	10,090

State and court name	Criminal – Charging document: Filed	Disposed	Disposed as % of filed	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population	Criminal – Defendant: Filed	Disposed	Disposed as % of filed	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population	Traffic: Filed	Disposed	Disposed as % of filed	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population	Juvenile: Filed	Disposed	Disposed as % of filed	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
OKLAHOMA:					—	—	—	—					8,156	9,488	116%	275
District Court	62,291	55,959	90%	2,097	—	—	—	—	227,007	219,558	97%	7,643	8,156	9,488	116%	275
Municipal Criminal Court of Record													NH	NH	NH	NH
Municipal Court Not of Record													NH	NH	NH	NH
Workers' Compensation Court	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Court of Tax Review	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Court of Bank Review	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
OREGON:	—	—	—	—									15,667			608
Circuit Court	Case number assigned:				16,643	15,503	93%	646	NH	NH	NH	NH	15,573			604
Tax Court	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
District Court	Case number assigned:				83,228	80,447	97%	3,228	435,365	421,941	97%	16,888	NH	NH	NH	NH
Justice Court	Case number assigned:												NH	NH	NH	NH
County Court	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	94			4
Municipal Court	Case number assigned:												NH	NH	NH	NH
PENNSYLVANIA:	—	—	—	—		546,413		(4,602)		1,873,972		(15,782)	39,685	38,943	98%	334
Court of Common Pleas	—	—	—	—	73,765	66,872	91%	621	NH	NH	NH	NH	39,685	38,943	98%	334
District Justice Court	—	—	—	—	475,730	412,727	87%	4,007	1,137,900	1,047,714	92%	9,583	NH	NH	NH	NH
Philadelphia Municipal Court	—	—	—	—	47,219	45,914	97%	398	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Philadelphia Traffic Court	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	1,093,331	480,766	44%	9,208	NH	NH	NH	NH
Pittsburgh City Magistrate Court	—	—	—	—		20,900		(176)		345,492		(2,910)	NH	NH	NH	NH
RHODE ISLAND:	—	—	—	—									8,157			852
Superior Court	—	—	—	—	3,582			374	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Family Court	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	8,157			852
District Court													NH	NH	NH	NH
Probate Court	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Municipal Court													NH	NH	NH	NH
SOUTH CAROLINA:					—	—	—	—								
Circuit Court	31,746[J]	32,757[J]	103%[J]	1,028[J]	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Family Court	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH								
Probate Court	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH				
Magistrate Court	84,156			2,726	—	—	—	—	447,736			14,504	NH	NH	NH	NH
Municipal Court													NH	NH	NH	NH
County Court and Civil and Criminal Court	(J)	(J)	(J)	(J)					NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
SOUTH DAKOTA:																
Circuit Court					—	—	—	—	123,194[J]	117,447[J]	95%	17,880[J]	5,350			776
TENNESSEE:																
Circuit Court and Criminal Court	27,325			603					3,398			75	NH	NH	NH	NH
Chancery Court	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Law and Equity Court	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
County Court	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH				
General Sessions Court																
Probate Court	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Juvenile Court									NH	NH	NH	NH				
Justice of the Peace Court													NH	NH	NH	NH
Municipal Court													NH	NH	NH	NH
TEXAS:	—	—	—	—									12,838	12,719	99%	92
District Court and Criminal District Court	—	—	—	—	92,476	91,238	99%	666					11,385	11,283	99%	82
County Court at Law, Constitutional County Court, and Probate Court	—	—	—	—	224,513	210,101	94%	1,617	86,158	85,509	99%	620	1,453	1,436	99%	10
Municipal Court	—	—	—	—	394,207	312,608	79%	2,839	5,149,816	3,735,431	73%	37,084	NH	NH	NH	NH
Justice of the Peace Court	—	—	—	—									NH	NH	NH	NH
UTAH:					—	—	—	—					25,516[J]			1,802[J]
District Court	2,396	2,495	104%	169	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Circuit Court	31,186[l]	25,197		2,202	—	—	—	—	460,801[l]	355,498[l]	77%[l]	32,542[l]	NH	NH	NH	NH
Justice Court					—	—	—	—					NH	NH	NH	NH
Juvenile Court	254[J]			18[J]	—	—	—	—	13,396[J]			946[J]	25,516[J]			1,802[J]
VERMONT:					—	—	—	—	80,821	81,032	100%	15,973	1,099	1,154	105%	217
Superior Court					—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
District Court	18,818[l]	18,088		3,719	—	—	—	—	80,821	81,032	100%	15,973	1,099	1,154	105%	217
Probate Court	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
VIRGINIA:	—	—	—	—	354,939	345,476	97%	6,666	918,037	886,348	97%	17,240	131,363	123,925	94%	2,467
Circuit Court	Number of charges:				55,120	53,836	98%	1,035	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
District Court	Number of charges:				299,819	291,640	97%	5,630	918,037	886,348	97%	17,240	131,863	123,925	94%	2,467

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TABLE 15:
Reported total trial court caseload, 1979. *(continued)*

State and court name	Jurisdiction	State population	State totals: Filed	State totals: Disposed	State totals: Disposed as % of filed	State totals: Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population	Civil: Filed	Civil: Disposed	Civil: Disposed as % of filed	Civil: Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
WASHINGTON:		4,013					206,774			5,153
Superior Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	112,320	74,500[1]		2,799
District Court and Justices of the Peace	L	—	—	—	—	—	92,445			2,304
Municipal and Police Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	2,009			50
WEST VIRGINIA:		1,939					89,967	82,367	92%	4,640
Circuit Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	41,525	40,159	97%	2,142
Magistrate Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	48,442	42,208	87%	2,498
Municipal Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH
WISCONSIN:		4,666					198,640	174,264	88%	4,257
Circuit Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	198,640	174,264	88%	4,257
Municipal Justice Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH
WYOMING:		432								
District Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	12,259			2,838
Justice of the Peace Court and County Court	L	—	—	—	—	—				
Municipal Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH
GUAM:										
Superior Court	G	104	46,464	35,877	77%	44,677	5,649	2,951	52%	5,432
PUERTO RICO:		3,163					145,818	146,928	101%	4,607
Superior Court	G	—	—	—	—	—	94,556	97,251	103%	2,988
District Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	51,262	49,577	97%	1,620
Municipal Court	L	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH
Justices of the Peace	L	—	—	—	—	—	NH	NH	NH	NH

Note: All data that are at least 90% complete are entered in the table. Blank spaces indicate that either the data were unavailable or less than 90% complete, or that the calculations were inappropriate.

NH = This cast type is not handled by this court.
— = Not applicable.

[1]Data are incomplete:
Arizona—Superior Court—Civil figures do not include adoption data for Maricopa County, or any statewide mental health data.
California—Superior Court—One court reported data for only the first six months of the reporting period.
Delaware—Civil and state totals include 53 civil filings and 175 civil dispositions from the Aldorman's Court. Those figures were not reported, however, because they were less than 90% complete.
Georgia—State Court and County Court—Filed and disposed figures do not include the State Court in DeKalb County.
Massachusetts—District Court Department—Traffic filings do not include DWI/DUI cases—these are included in criminal filings.
Michigan—Circuit Court—Caseload data were unavailable for Arenac, Jackson and Mason Counties.
District Court—Caseload data were unavailable for courts in Barry, Ecorse, Kentwood, Livonia and Newago.
Civil totals include 35,512 civil filings and 33,231 civil dispositions from the Probate Court. These figures were not reported, however, because they were less than 90% complete.
Nebraska—District Court— Civil filings and dispositions do not include civil appeals.
New York—Family Court—Figures do not include case activity in Queens County during December.
North Dakota—County Court with increased Jurisdiction—Civil dispositions do not include mental health data from LeMoure, Ramsey and Ransom Counties.
Oregon—County Court— Civil dispositions do not include adoption or mental health cases.
Utah—Circuit Court—Except for criminal dispositions, no data were reported for the court located in American Fork.
Vermont—District Court—Criminal filings do not include sentence review only cases.
Washington—Superior Court—Civil and criminal disposition data were unavailable from one court location.
Municipal and Police Court— Traffic figures do not include parking citations.

[2]Explanation of data included in the category:
Kentucky—District Court— Juvenile cases include delinquency, status, dependency, neglect, neady, and abuse cases, as well as paternity actions and adult violations of KRS 530.060-.070 (endangering the welfare of or unlawful transaction with a minor).
Massachusetts—District Court Department— Criminal filings include DWI/DUI cases.
Nebraska—District Court— Criminal filings and dispositions include civil appeals.
South Carolina—Circuit Court— Criminal figures include cases that were handled in the County Court and the Civil and Criminal Court.
South Dakota—Circuit Court— Traffic figures include some Class 2 misdemeanors and petty offenses, which includes such things as prostitution, gambling and disorderly conduct.
Utah—Juvenile Court—Filings are the number of referrals.
Vermont—Superior Court— Civil data include criminal appeals, and some postconviction remedy cases.

Criminal: Charging document: Filed	Charging document: Disposed	Charging document: Disposed as % of filed	Charging document: Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population	Criminal: Defendant: Filed	Defendant: Disposed	Defendant: Disposed as % of filed	Defendant: Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population	Traffic: Filed	Traffic: Disposed	Traffic: Disposed as % of filed	Traffic: Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population	Juvenile: Filed	Juvenile: Disposed	Juvenile: Disposed as % of filed	Juvenile: Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
—	—	—	—	145,091			3,616					20,836	16,646	80%	519
—	—	—	—	15,224	12,956[1]		379	NH	NH	NH	NH	20,836	16,646	80%	519
—	—	—	—	80,629			2,009	591,235			14,733	NH	NH	NH	NH
—	—	—	—	49,238			1,227	221,897[1]			5,529[1]	NH	NH	NH	NH
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					6,995	6,291	90%	361
7,659	6,241	81%	395	—	—	—	—					6,595	6,291	90%	361
Number of warrants issued:				129,535	117,740	91%	6,681	122,291	116,249	95%	6,307	NH	NH	NH	NH
												NH	NH	NH	NH
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—								
54,437	56,314	103%	1,168	—	—	—	—	82,233	68,747	84%	1,762				
				—	—	—	—					NH	NH	NH	NH
				—	—	—	—					1,022			237
1,613	1,573	98%	393	—	—	—	—					1,022			237
								NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
												NH	NH	NH	NH
415	286	69%	399	—	—	—	—	39,924	32,386	81%	38,388	476	254	53%	458
—	—	—	—					53,402	53,740	101%	1,687	5,858	5,509	94%	185
Number of charges:				19,183	19,661	102%	606	NH	NH	NH	NH	5,858	5,509	94%	185
Number of charges:								53,402	53,740	101%	1,687	NH	NH	NH	NH
								NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
								NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH

TABLE 16: Civil filed and disposed for general jurisdiction, limited jurisdiction, and all trial courts, 1979.

Variations in court organization, subject matter jurisdiction, and case classification:

This table breaks the gross totals of Table 15 into the civil case classification. Because of the variations in court organization, subject matter jurisdiction, and case classification, comparisons of general jurisdiction and limited jurisdiction courts from state to state are seldom appropriate.

Lack of complete data (less than 90% complete from an individual court) is responsible for the large number of blanks in the "All trial courts" columns on this table, as well as for states missing from the table. In order for a state to be included in this table, it had to have complete filing or disposition data from all its trial courts.

Courts that do not break their caseload down into specific case types, do generally separate caseload into civil, criminal, and juvenile cases. (Traffic may be reported separately or it may be lumped into criminal caseload.)

Sources of data are found on the individual court profiles in Part II and in Appendix B.

Variations in counting cases do have an impact on total caseloads. If states are not counting cases at the same beginning and ending point, total caseload is not comparable.

Appropriate analyses:

Disposed as a percent of filed. This measure represents the percent of the number of filed cases that the court was able to dispose. The percent is computed by dividing the number of cases filed by the number disposed and then multiplying by one hundred. A percent over one hundred indicates that the court disposed more cases than were filed, thus reducing pending caseload. A percent significantly less than one hundred indicates that the court is not keeping up with the volume of cases being filed.

Limitations on use:

Compairsons can be made between courts that count cases in the same way. The method of counting civil cases has the greatest influence over data reported.

Although data have been broken down into general and limited jurisdiction courts, this has been done to provide a flavor for the different workloads of the different levels of trial courts. Interstate comparisons should be restricted to all trial courts' figures.

TABLE 16:
Civil filed and disposed for general jurisdiction, limited jurisdiction, and all trial courts, 1979.
State population. Disposed as a percent of filed.

State	General jurisdiction courts			Limited jurisdiction courts			All trial courts		
	Filed	Disposed	Disposed as a percent of filed	Filed	Disposed	Disposed as a percent of filed	Filed	Disposed	Disposed as a percent of filed
Alaska	11,066	9,867	89%	14,852	12,315	83%	25,918	22,182	86%
Colorado	98,116	92,034	94%	69,518	66,208	95%	167,634	158,242	94%
Connecticut	147,904			47,065			194,969		
District of Columbia	151,252	150,647	100%	--	--	--	151,252	150,647	100%
Florida	259,345	231,832	89%	209,888	197,656	94%	469,233	429,488	92%
Guam	5,649	2,951	52%	--	--	--	5,649	2,951	52%
Hawaii	23,008	19,776	86%	12,369	11,382	92%	35,377	31,158	88%
Idaho	52,762	48,418	92%	--	--	--	52,762	48,418	92%
Illinois	672,588	658,670	98%	--	--	--	672,588	658,670	98%
Iowa	153,599	151,310	99%	--	--	--	153,599	151,310	99%
Kansas	104,013			NH	NH	--	104,013		
Kentucky	60,414	56,191	93%	109,337	74,027	68%	169,751	130,218	77%
Massachusetts	475,435			8,789			484,224		
Missouri	198,293	173,666	88%	--	--	--	198,293	173,666	88%
New Hampshire	18,464	17,954	97%	50,697			69,161		
North Carolina	72,759	69,419	95%	279,548	267,879	96%	352,307	337,298	96%
Ohio	256,661	257,547	100%	381,906	369,332	97%	638,567	626,879	98%
Oklahoma		185,088			11,866			196,954	
Pennsylvania	196,919	188,902	96%	258,082	253,543	98%	455,001	442,545	97%
Puerto Rico	94,556	97,251	103%	51,262	49,677	97%	145,818	146,928	101%
South Dakota	30,363			--	--	--	30,363		
Vermont	18,249[j]	17,839[j]	98%[j]	4,758	4,202	88%	23,007[j]	22,041[j]	96%[j]
Virginia	75,341	68,264	91%	537,314	501,181	93%	612,655	569,445	93%
Washington	112,320			94,454			206,774		
West Virginia	41,525	40,159	97%	48,442	42,208	87%	89,967	82,367	92%
Wisconsin	198,640	174,264	88%	NH	NH	--	198,640	174,264	88%

Note: State totals were included in this table only when all courts with civil jurisdiction within that state reported either complete filings and/or dispositions. Blank spaces indicate that the data were unavailable or incomplete, or the calculations were inappropriate.

NH = This case type is not handled in this court.

-- = Not applicable.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Vermont--General jurisdiction courts-- Civil appeal data include criminal appeals as well as some habeas corpus and postconviction remedy cases.

TABLE 17: Composition of civil case filings in general jurisdiction courts, 1979.
TABLE 18: Composition of civil case dispositions in general jurisdiction courts, 1979.

Variations in court organization and subject matter jurisdiction:

These two tables deal only with general jurisdiction courts. In states with a single-tier trial court (Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, South Dakota, District of Columbia, and Guam), all case types are heard in the general jurisdiction court. These courts are indicated by a "*" before their state name. In all other states some of the trial court case types are heard in limited jurisdiction courts.

The individual court profiles for each state (found in Part II) must be consulted to determine whether the figures for an individual case type in these tables represent the complete caseload for that case type in the particular state.

Sources of data:

These are found in the individual court profiles in Part II and in Appendix B.

Variations in case classifications and definitions:

Courts that do not break their caseload down into specific case types do generally separate caseload into civil, criminal, and juvenile cases. (Traffic may be reported separately or it may be reported as a part of the criminal caseload.) Consequently, these two tables are easier to aggregate than later tables that show specific case types.

Those states that reported less than 90% of complete "total" data were excluded from these tables.

Appropriate analyses:

Data from these tables may be used to identify courts with similar jurisdiction and courts that handle similar volumes of cases. These data can also be used to compute the distribution of types of civil cases filed in each court. To compute the proportion of the total filings (dispositions) for each case type, divide the number of filings (dispositions) for each case type by the total filings (dispositions) for each court and multiply by 100.

Limitations on use:

Comparisons should not be made between courts in states with a single-tier trial court (marked with an "*") and courts in states with both general and limited jurisdiction courts.

Comparisons can be made only between courts that use the same unit of count for counting civil cases. Since the data contained in these tables are taken from only the general jurisdiction courts, the organization charts for each state should be checked to determine whether or not other courts in the state also handle the specific case types before comparisons of volumes of specific case types are made.

TABLE 17:
Composition of civil case filings in general jurisdiction courts, 1979.
State and court. Civil case categories.

State and court title	Civil cases filed: Law	Tort	Contract	Small claims	Real property rights	Equity	Domestic relations	Estate	Mental health	Appeal	Other	Total civil
Alabama--Circuit Court	(J)	(J)		NH			46,809		NH	(J)	26,302[J]	73,111
Alaska--Superior Court	NH	860	1,487	NH	274		5,970	908	315	196	1,056	11,066
Arizona--Superior Court	33,033[J]	(J)	(J)				43,673[J]	8,146		(J)		84,852[I]
Arkansas--STATE TOTAL	27,683[J]					6,890	28,534	7,368	1,086	(J)		71,561
Circuit Court	27,683[J]				NH		NH	NH	NH	(J)		27,683
Chancery and Probate Court	NH	NH		NH		6,890	28,534	7,368	1,086	NH	NH	43,878
California--Superior Court	NH	92,948[I]		NH	2,074[I]		175,746[I]	62,826[I]	3,558[I]	12,064[I]	230,538[I]	579,754[I]
Colorado--STATE TOTAL	16,689	3,873			7,287		47,840	7,601	3,043	648	11,135	98,116
District Court, Denver Superior Court, Denver Juvenile Court, and Denver Probate Court	16,689	3,873		NH	5,153		47,840	7,601	3,043	648	11,135	95,982
Water Court	NH	NH	NH	NH	2,134	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH		2,134
Connecticut--Superior Court	41,637			86,356	2,434		17,275		202			147,904
Delaware--STATE TOTAL	1,875		(J)	NH	658[I]	(J)	304	2,240	674	216	811[J]	6,778
Court of Chancery	NH	NH	(J)	NH	(J)	(J)		2,240			417[J]	2,657
Superior Court	1,875			NH	658	NH	304	NH	674	216	394	4,121
*District of Columbia--Superior Court	5,978			28,882	102,938		7,877	2,563	877	447	1,690	151,252
Florida--Circuit Court	NH	20,366	30,539	NH	15,949	NH	79,497	42,843	13,570	734	55,847	259,345
Georgia--Superior Court							41,016				54,422	115,438
*Guam--Superior Court	1,459			2,129	29		955	174			903	5,649
Hawaii--STATE TOTAL	NH	1,324	1,596	NH	250	NH	14,467[J]	1,817	(J)	59	3,495	23,008
Circuit Court	NH	1,324	1,596	NH	204	NH	14,467[J]	1,817	(J)		3,495	22,903
Land Court	NH	NH	NH	NH	46	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	46
Tax Appeal Court	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	59	NH	59
*Idaho--STATE TOTAL	NH	1,691	NH	15,584		NH	14,224	3,982		275[J]	17,006	52,762
District Court	NH	1,083	NH	3		NH	2,059	4		275[J]	4,956	8,380
Magistrates Division	NH	608	NH	15,581		NH	12,165	3,978		NH	12,050	44,382
*Illinois--Circuit Court	219,229			180,486	648	25,358	104,375	32,530	9,243	93,591	7,128	672,588
Indiana--Superior Court and Circuit Court	NH			38,360		NH	77,103	21,074			84,797	221,334
*Iowa--District Court	NH			78,141		NH	948	23,479			51,031	153,599
Kansas--District Court		5,027	32,159	11,875	9,779	NH	26,882	11,625	2,519	188	3,959	104,013
Kentucky--Circuit Court	17,461			NH			33,183	NH	2,181[J]	1,135	6,454	60,414
Louisiana--District Court	NH			NH								152,965
Maine--Superior Court	1,980	2,118	1,427	NH			1,800	NH	NH	252	183	7,760
Maryland--Circuit Court	4,287	7,801	5,969	NH	3,586	11,375	44,369	595		2,735	347	81,064
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL	169,937[I]			124,697[I]	32,628[I]		37,777[I]	55,325[I]	2,651[I]	39[I]	20,687[I]	475,435
Superior Court Department												31,793
District Court Department	141,523			122,163	23,103		4,374		2,616		3,255	297,034
Boston Municipal Court Department	28,414			2,534	520		241		35	39		31,783
Land Court Department					9,005							9,005
Probate and Family Court Department							33,063	55,325			17,432	105,820
Michigan--STATE TOTAL		15,256[I]		NH			128,166[I]			1,480[I]	44,928[I]	189,830[I]
Circuit Court	NH	15,256[I]		NH		NH	128,166[I]			1,098[I]	44,928[I]	189,448[I]
Court of Claims	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	382	NH	382
Minnesota--District Court	19,119			NH				242	NH			19,361
*Missouri--Circuit Court				13,362				12,436			172,495	198,293
Montana--District Court	NH	1,725	5,573	NH	664	NH	9,487	3,337	411	398	4,777	26,372
Nebraska--District Court				NH			13,792	NH	NH		8,521	22,313[I]
New Hampshire--Superior Court	6,473			NH		11,191[J]	(J)	NH	NH			18,464
New Jersey--Superior Court		44,688				4,318	27,468	953				77,427
New Mexico--District Court							18,236				25,833	44,069
New York--Supreme Court and County Court	NH	35,677		NH	167	NH	10,259	NH		5,999	13,849	65,951
North Carolina--Superior Court	12,034			NH			NH	32,926	NH		27,799[J]	72,759
North Dakota--District Court	NH	720	3,851	NH	702	NH	4,870	38	NH	159	730	11,070
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas	NH	21,412		NH		NH	97,776	76,631	8,609	2,763	49,470	256,661

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TABLE 17:
Composition of civil case filings in general jurisdiction courts, 1979. *(continued)*

State and court title	Civil cases filed: Law	Tort	Contract	Small claims	Real property rights	Equity	Domestic relations	Estate	Mental health	Appeal	Other civil	Total civil
Oklahoma--District Court	NH	8,000	25,617	85,298	8,529	NH	40,074	14,154	2,515	1,247	9,636	198,849
Oregon--STATE TOTAL	X			NH		X	28,967	6,669	3,736	112		62,894
Circuit Court	X			NH		X	28,967	6,669	3,736			62,782
Tax Court	X			NH		X	NH	NH	NH	112		112
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas							118,464	19,787	7,914		50,814	196,919
Puerto Rico--Superior Court	1,949	3,560	438	NH	7,794	NH	30,707	NH	NH	138[1]	49,970	94,556
Rhode Island--Superior Court				NH			NH	NH	NH	X	X	7,087
South Carolina--Circuit Court							NH					36,349
*South Dakota--Circuit Court				13,014			3,752	4,602	616		8,379	30,363
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL	NH	10,645	7,246	NH	2,846		50,259	1,688	940	11,995	4,275	89,894
Circuit Court	NH	9,803	2,486	NH	711		27,833	104	376	8,377	1,468	51,158
Law and Equity Court	NH	311	313	NH	110		2,677	178	46	336	229	4,200
Chancery Court	NH	531	4,447	NH	2,025		19,749	1,406	518	3,282	2,578	34,536
Texas--District Court and Criminal District Court	NH	16,926		NH		NH	160,585			28,708	105,765	311,984
Utah--District Court		864		NH	81	NH	10,746	3,464	908	229	11,219	27,511
*Vermont--STATE TOTAL	6,484			6,822			4,005		579	338[J]	21	18,249[J]
Superior Court	3,485						3,288			338[J]	21	7,132[J]
District Court	2,999			6,822			717		579			11,117
Virginia--Circuit Court	25,633				1,076	12,842	33,252			2,538		75,341
Washington--Superior Court	NH	6,968	22,469	NH	6,984		46,238	13,536	4,386	1,760	9,979	112,320
West Virginia--Circuit Court							1,308		2,311	1,446	36,460	41,525
Wisconsin--Circuit Court	(J)	(J)		58,469[1]	(J)		36,527	42,406	(J)	(J)	61,238[J]	198,640[1]
Wyoming--District Court				NH				2,190			10,069	12,259

Note: All available data from states that have total filings which are at least 90% complete were entered in this table. Blank spaces indicate that the data were unavailable or less than 90% complete. **Other civil** also includes **extraordinary writ** cases.

X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

NH = This case type is not handled by this court.

*These states have a single-tier trial court. These courts have no limited jurisdiction courts under them, so included in their caseload are cases that would be heard by limited jurisdiction courts elsewhere.

[1]Data are incomplete:

Arizona--Superior Court-- **Adoption** data were unavailable for Maricopa County.

California--Superior Court--One court reported data for only the first six months of the reporting period.

Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL--The Superior Court did not provide case type breakdowns.

Michigan--Circuit Court--Data were unavailable for Arenac, Jackson and Mason Counties.

Nebraska--District Court-- **Total civil** does not include **appeals** cases.

Puerto Rico--Superior Court-- **Appeal** data do not include appeals of trial court cases.

Wisconsin--Circuit Court-- **Small claims** figure does not include uncontested cases outside of Milwaukee County.

[J]Explanation of data in the category:

Alabama--Circuit Court-- **Other civil** includes **law, auto tort,** and **civil appeals** cases.

Arizona--Superior Court-- **Law** includes prayer under $1,000, **auto tort, non-auto tort, contract,** eminent domain, unclassified civil and **appeal** cases.

Arkansas--Circuit Court-- **Law** includes trial de novo **appeals.**

Delaware--Superior Court-- **Other civil** includes **contract, real property rights,** and **equity** cases.

Hawaii--Circuit Court-- **Domestic relations** include **mental health** cases.

Idaho--District Court--Data may include some **juvenile** appeals.

Kentucky--Circuit Court-- **Mental health** data include some competency hearings.

New Hampshire--Superior Court-- **Equity** includes **domestic relations** cases.

North Carolina--Superior Court-- **Other civil** includes **real property, adoptions** and **mental health** cases.

Vermont--Superior Court-- **Appeal** data include some **criminal appeals, postconviction remedy** and **extraordinary writ** cases.

Wisconsin--Circuit Court-- **Other civil** includes **torts, real property rights, mental health,** and **appeals** cases.

TABLE 18:
Composition of civil case dispositions in general jurisdiction courts, 1979.
State and court. Civil case categories.

State and court title	Civil cases disposed: Law	Tort	Contract	Small claims	Real property rights	Equity	Domestic relations	Estate	Mental health	Appeal	Other civil	Total civil
Alabama--Circuit Court	(J)	(J)		NH			48,832		NH	(J)	25,312[J]	74,144
Alaska--Superior Court		X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	9,867
Arizona--Superior Court	30,578[J]	(J)	(J)		(J)		43,159[1]	11,315	1,061	(J)		86,293[1]
Arkansas--STATE TOTAL	26,463[J]					7,301	26,805[1]	3,645[1]		(J)		64,214[1]
Circuit Court	26,463[J]				NH		NH	NH	NH	(J)		26,463
Chancery and Probate Court	NH	NH			NH	7,301	26,805[1]	3,645[1]		NH	NH	37,751[1]
California--Superior Court		63,289[1]			NH	1,301[1]	149,312[1]	60,883[1]	3,510[1]	11,622[1]	149,969[1]	439,886[1]
Colorado--STATE TOTAL	13,512	3,180			NH	6,375		43,604	10,332	3,031	613	11,387	92,034
District Court, Denver Superior Court, Denver Juvenile Court, and Denver Probate Court	13,512	3,180			NH	4,263		43,604	10,332	3,031	613	11,387	89,922
Water Court	NH	NH		NH	NH	2,112	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH		2,112
Connecticut--Superior Court	40,539				410[1]	1,685		18,948		197			61,779[1]
Delaware--STATE TOTAL	1,665			(J)	NH	579[1]	(J)	308	2,084	650	225	723[J]	6,234
Court of Chancery		NH		(J)	NH	(J)	(J)		2,084			383[J]	2,467
Superior Court	1,665				NH	579	NH	308	NH	650	225	340	3,767
*District of Columbia--Superior Court	5,714				29,043	103,429		7,105	2,324	826	543	1,663	150,647
Florida--Circuit Court	NH	19,768	22,991		NH	14,776		71,976	40,499	12,779	477	48,566	231,832
Georgia--Superior Court	NH							56,508	NH	NH		45,449	101,957
Guam--Superior Court	604				1,015	38		526	24			744	2,951
Hawaii--STATE TOTAL	NH	988	1,186		NH	413		12,921[J]	1,535	(J)	73	2,660	19,776
Circuit Court	NH	988	1,186		NH	288		12,921[J]	1,535	(J)		2,660	19,578
Land Court	NH	NH	NH		NH	125	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	125
Tax Appeal Court	NH	NH	NH		NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	73	NH	73
*Idaho--STATE TOTAL	NH	1,514	NH		14,547		NH	13,107	3,963		276[1]	35,011	48,418
District Court	NH	905	NH		1		NH	2,066	6		276[1]	4,096	7,350
Magistrates Division	NH	609	NH		14,546		NH	11,041	3,957		NH	10,915	41,068
*Illinois--Circuit Court	204,536				176,762	638	37,924	104,333	35,113	9,386	82,299	7,679	658,670
Indiana--Superior Court and Circuit Court					33,972			77,283	19,909			80,146	211,850
*Iowa--District Court					81,372			762	20,640			48,176	151,310
Kentucky--Circuit Court	17,275							29,828			2,544[J]	1,009	5,535	56,191
Maine--Superior Court	2,050	1,722	1,254		NH			1,649	NH		NH	242	286	7,203
Maryland--Circuit Court	4,081	7,543	4,837		NH	3,180	9,875	36,646	566		2,610	354	69,692
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL	96,395[1]				88,200[1]	24,739[1]		2,569[1]		2,304[1]	10[1]	2,352[1]	254,121[1]
Superior Court Department													27,372
District Court Department	80,263				87,552	16,483		2,328		2,269		2,352	191,247
Boston Municipal Court Department	16,132				648	399		241		35	10		17,645
Land Court Department						7,857							7,857
Probate and Family Court Department													
Michigan--STATE TOTAL		17,453[1]						126,857[1]			1,542[1]	48,686[1]	194,538[1]
Circuit Court		17,453[1]			NH			126,857[1]			1,061[1]	48,686[1]	194,057[1]
Court of Claims		NH	NH		NH	NH		NH	NH	NH	481	NH	481
Minnesota--District Court	14,908				NH				303	NH			15,211
*Missouri--Circuit Court					11,124				10,751			151,791	173,666
Montana--District Court		X	X		NH	X		7,877	2,766	282	X	X	20,894
Nebraska--District Court					NH			12,991	NH	NH		8,238	21,229[1]
New Hampshire--Superior Court	5,777				NH		16	12,161	NH	NH	X		17,954
New Jersey--Superior Court	NH	41,353					4,009	28,102[1]					74,464
New Mexico--District Court								17,452				22,714	40,166
New York--Supreme Court and County Court	NH	38,107			NH	188		9,948	NH		5,150	13,789	67,182
North Carolina--Superior Court	11,324				NH	(J)		(J)	31,378	(J)		26,717[J]	69,419
North Dakota--District Court		627	3,582		NH	513		4,537	14	NH	134	620	10,027
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas		22,841			NH			98,078	76,827	8,436	2,385	48,980	257,547
Oklahoma--District Court		6,572	21,641		86,415	7,268		40,125	11,769	2,539	994	7,765	185,088

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TABLE 18:
Composition of civil case dispositions in general jurisdiction courts, 1979. *(continued)*

State and court title	Civil cases disposed: Law	Tort	Contract	Small claims	Real property rights	Equity	Domestic relations	Estate	Mental health	Appeal	Other civil	Total civil
Oregon--Tax Court	X			NH		X				134		134
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas							112,915	19,723	8,024		48,240	188,902
Puerto Rico--Superior Court	2,089	3,510	439	NH	8,387	NH	32,731	NH	NH	146[1]	49,949	97,251
South Caroiina--Circuit Court							NH					31,368
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL		X	X	NH	X		X	X	X	X	X	83,524
Circuit Court		X	X	NH	X		X	X	X	X	X	46,616
Law and Equity Court		X	X	NH	X		X	X	X	X	X	3,613
Chancery Court		X	X	NH	X		X	X	X	X	X	33,295
Texas--District Court and Criminal District Court	NH	15,535		NH		156,240				26,950	9[illegible],341	289,066
Utah--District Court	X				X		X	2,650	957	93	X	23,181
*Vermont--STATE TOTAL	6,355			6,715			3,929		497	327[J]		17,839[J]
Superior Court	3,270						3,144			327[J]	16	6,757[J]
District Court	3,085			6,715			785		497			11,082
Virginia--Circuit Court	23,045				972	11,149	31,155		NH	1,943		68,264
Washington--Superior Court		6,258[1]	16,138[1]	NH	3,834[1]		34,028[1]	8,149	1,436	603[1]	4,054[1]	74,500[1]
West Virginia--Circuit Court							1,264		2,276	1,372	35,247	40,159
Wisconsin--Circuit Court	(J)	(J)		56,156[1]	1,910[J]		28,907	40,924	(J)	(J)	48,277[J]	174,264[1]

Note: All available data from states that have total dispositions which are at least 90% complete are entered in this table. Blank spaces indicate that the data were unavailable, or less than 90% complete. **Other civil** also includes **extraordinary writ** cases.

X = The date for this case type are known to be included in the total.

NH = This case type is not handled by the court.

*These states have a single-tier trial court. These courts have no limited jurisdiction courts under them, so included in their caseload are cases that would be heard by limited jurisdiction courts elsewhere.

[1]Data are incomplete:

Arizona--Superior Court-- **Adoption** data were unavailable for Maricopa County.

Arkansas--Chancery and Probate Court-- **Domestic relations** does not include **adoptions**. **Estate** does not include **guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship** and **other estate** cases.

California--Superior Court--One court reported data for only the first six months of the reporting period.

Connecticut--Superior Court-- **Small claims** include less than 1% of the **small claims** probable dispositions.

Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL--Case type breakdowns were unavailable for the Superior Court Department, and no data were available for the Probate and Family Court Department.

Michigan--Circuit Court--Data were unavailable for Arenac, Jackson and Mason Counties.

Nebraska--District Court-- **Total civil** does not include **appeal** cases.

New Jersey--Superior Court--Data do not include contested **adoptions**.

Puerto Rico--Superior Court-- **Appeal** data do not include appeals of trial court cases.

Washington--Superior Court--One court location was unable to provide data for the indicated case types.

Wisconsin--Circuit Court-- **Small claims** cases do not include uncontested cases outside of Milwaukee County.

[J]Explanation of data included in the category:

Alabama--Circuit Court-- **Other civil** includes **law, auto tort,** and **civil appeals** cases.

Arizona--Superior Court-- **Law** includes prayer under $1,000, **auto tort, non-auto tort, contract,** eminent domain, unclassified civil and **appeals** cases.

Arkansas--Circuit Court-- **Law** includes trial de novo appeals.

Delaware--Court of Chancery-- **Other civil** includes some **equity, real property,** and **contract** cases.

Hawaii--Circuit Court-- **Domestic relations** includes **mental health** cases.

Idaho--District Court--Data may include some **juvenile** appeals.

Kentucky--Circuit Court-- **Mental health** data include competency hearings.

North Carolina--Superior Court-- **Other civil** includes some **real property, adoptions** and **mental health** cases.

Vermont--Superior Court-- **Appeals** data include some **criminal appeals, post conviction remedy** and **extra-ordinary writ** cases.

Wisconsin--Circuit Court-- **Other civil** includes **torts, real property rights, mental health, appeals** and **extraordinary writs**.

TABLE 19: Tort caseload for trial courts, 1979.
TABLE 20: Contract caseload for trial courts, 1979.
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Variations in court organization and subject matter jurisdiction:

Caseload in these tables is from both general jurisdiction and limited jurisdiction courts. The same case types may be handled in very different courts from state to state. Only state totals can be compared. To facilitate comparisons, the states in these tables have been grouped into three categories: those states where a court has exclusive jurisdiction over a case type and where it submitted complete data; those states where more than one court handles a case type and each court submitted complete data; and those states that reported incomplete data from any one of these courts with that case type jurisdiction.

The court organization charts in Part II should be consulted for a brief summary of the jurisdiction of each court.

Sources of data:

These are found in the individual court profiles in Part II and in Appendix B.

Variations in case classification and definitions:

The COSCA CSIM Committee has chosen to classify cases according to subject-matter rather than the remedy sought. This makes categories such as "law" and "equity" difficult to reclassify unless the particular court can tell us the kinds of cases included.

Even with use of the Model Statistical Dictionary case definitions, the classifications vary from state to state. Domestic relations, for example, may include all family matters in some states while other states report only divorce actions as domestic relations cases.

Some states count support and custody matters in their juvenile caseload, whereas the classification used here places these matters in domestic relations caseload.

Only states reporting data that could be displayed in the specific case type are included in these tables, and then only if the data are 90% complete. Many courts do not break data down beyond the broad civil, criminal, traffic, and juvenile categories.

Variations in counting cases:

Caseload cannot be compared among courts that do not count cases at the same beginning and end point. Those states that do not count cases at the filing of the petition or complaint have been separated and placed at the bottom of each large jurisdiction grouping.

Appropriate analyses:

Disposed cases as percent of filed. This measure represents the percent of the number of filed cases of which the court was able to dispose. The percent is computed by dividing the number of cases filed by the number disposed and then multiplying by one hundred. A percent over one hundred indicates that the court disposed of more cases than were filed, thus reducing pending caseload. A percent significantly less than one hundred indicates that the court is not keeping up with the volume of cases being filed. This measure was not computed if the number of cases filed was less than ten or if the quantity of missing data (indicated by an "i" footnote in the profiles in Part II) made it inappropriate.

End pending cases as percent of filed. This figure gives the percent of the number of filed cases that were pending at the end of the year. This measure is computed by dividing the number of cases pending at the end of the year by the number of cases filed and then multiplying by one hundred. A value of one hundred percent indicates that the number of cases pending at the end of the year was equal to the number of cases filed during the year. A value higher than one hundred percent indicates a pending caseload larger than cases filed, while a value lower than one hundred percent indicates a pending caseload smaller than the number of cases filed. We expect this number to be low for case types such as traffic that have relatively quick disposition times, but it will be larger for torts and other case types that usually take longer to process. This percent was not computed if the number of cases filed was less than ten or if the quantity of missing data (indicated by an "i" footnote on the profiles in Part II) made it inappropriate.

Number change in pending caseload. This number gives the net increase or decrease in pending caseload for the court year by subtracting the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year from the number of cases pending at the end of the year. An alternative to this calculation, subtracting the number disposed from the number filed, was used when pending data were unavailable or incomplete. When this alternate formula was used, the resulting number was enclosed in parentheses. A positive number indicates that the pending caseload increased during the year while a negative number indicates that the pending caseload was reduced in size. Thus, a large negative change in pending cases indicates that the court is keeping the caseflow current, while a large positive change in pending cases indicates that the court has not kept pace with its filings.

Percent change in pending caseload. This percentage indicates the change in pending cases relative to the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year, and is obtained by dividing the number change in pending caseload by the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year and then multiplying by one hundred. (This figure cannot be calculated if the alternative formula described above was used to calculate the number change in the pending caseload.) A high negative percent indicates that the court reduced

its pending caseload significantly, while a high positive percent indicates that the pending caseload increased significantly. This measure was not computed if the number of beginning pending cases was less than ten or if the jurisdiction of the court changed significantly during the year.

Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population. The unit of state population used on all court caseload charts is 100,000. This measure compensates for variations in state population and gives a more realistic basis for comparison of caseloads among states of various sizes. If the number of filings was not available or was not complete (indicated by an "i" footnote in the profiles in Part II) but the number of dispositions was available, the number of cases disposed per unit of population was entered in this column in place of the number of cases filed per population unit, and the use of this alternative quantity was indicated by enclosing it in parentheses. Population figures used in the criminal tables represent the total state population. If all other factors (court jurisdiction, case definition, etc.) are similar, the filed-per-unit-of-population statistic will permit direct comparisons among states of the number of filed cases. For civil cases in trial courts, this measure will indicate, among other things, the propensity to litigate among the citizens in a given state.

Limitations on use:

In these case type tables, only the STATE TOTALS can be compared in those states where more than one court has jurisdiction over the case type.

Comparisons can be made between the data reported for a state where an individual court has exclusive jurisdiction over the type of case and the STATE TOTALS for states where more than one court has jurisdiction. Comparisons can not be made for states reporting incomplete data. Comparisons should be made only between those cases that use the same unit of count for counting civil cases. (See Figure A for a listing of the groups of states that use the same unit of count for civil cases.)

TABLE 19:
Tort caseload for trial courts, 1979.
State population. Courts reporting tort (auto tort, professional tort, product liability tort, and other tort) caseload. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 population.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
COMPLETE STATE TOTALS										
Exclusive court jurisdiction:										
Kansas--District Court	2,347		5,027							214
Oklahoma--District Court	2,970	7,282	7,814	6,221	8,875	79%	113%	1,593	21%	263
Not exclusive court jurisdiction:										
Hawaii--STATE TOTAL	950	3,378	2,247	1,703	3,922	76%	175%	544	16%	237
Circuit Court	--	2,077	1,324	988	2,413	75%	182%	336	16%	139
District Court	--	1,301	923	715	1,509	77%	163%	208	16%	97
Idaho--STATE TOTAL	933	1,974	1,691	1,514	2,151	90%	127%	177	9%	181
District Court	--	1,369	1,083	905	1,547	84%	143%	178	13%	116
Magistrate's Division	--	605	608	609	604	100%	99%	-1	-1%	65
Ohio--STATE TOTAL	10,799	34,105[i]	41,011	41,356	33,910[i]	101%		(-1,429)		380
Court of Common Pleas	--	24,213[i]	21,412	22,841	22,934[i]	107%				198
County Court	--	59	347	248	158	71%	46%	99	168%	3
Municipal Court	--	9,833	19,252	18,267	10,818	95%	56%	985	10%	178
Puerto Rico--STATE TOTAL	3,165	8,621	5,605	5,452	8,774	97%	157%	153	2%	177
Superior Court	--	6,929	3,560	3,510	6,979	99%	196%	50	1%	113
District Court	--	1,692	2,045	1,942	1,795	95%	88%	103	6%	65
New Jersey--STATE TOTAL	7,373	61,735	62,811	58,838	65,708	94%	105%	3,973	6%	852
*Superior Court (Law Division and Chancery Division)	--	55,607	44,688	41,353	58,942	93%	132%	3,335	6%	606
County District Court	--	6,128	18,123	17,485	6,766	96%	37%	638	10%	246
INCOMPLETE STATE TOTALS										
Alaska--Superior Court	402		860							214
District Court	--		457							114
Magistrate's Court	--									
California--Superior Court	23,255		92,948[i]	63,289[i]		68%[i]		(29,659)[i]		400[i]
Municipal Court	--									
Justice Court	--									
Colorado--District Court and Denver Superior Court	2,849		3,873	3,180		82%		(693)		136
County Court	--									
Florida--Circuit Court	9,471		20,366	19,768		97%		(598)		215
County Court	--									
Maine--Superior Court	1,125	2,834	2,118	1,722	3,230	81%	153%	396	14%	188
District Court	--									
Maryland--Circuit Court	4,223		7,801	7,543		97%		(258)		185
District Court	--									
Michigan--Circuit Court	9,249	25,265[i]	15,256[i]	17,453[i]	23,068[i]	114%[i]	151%[i]	-2,557[i]	-10%[i]	165[i]
District Court	--									
Common Pleas Court of Detroit	--									
Montana--District Court	789		1,725							219
Justice Court	--									
Municipal Court	--									
City Court	--									
New York--Supreme Court and County Court	17,634		35,677	38,107		107%		(-2,430)		202
Civil Court of the City of New York	--		32,175	34,466		107%		(-2,291)		183
Town and Village Justice Court	--									
District Court and City Court	--									
North Dakota--District Court	652		720	627		87%		(93)		110
County Court with Increased Jurisdiction	--									

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TABLE 19:
Tort caseload for trial courts, 1979. *(continued)*

State and court title	State population in thousands	Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
INCOMPLETE STATE TOTALS (con't)										
Tennessee--Circuit Court	4,533		9,803							
Law and Equity Court	--		311							216
Chancery Court	--		531							7
Justice of the Peace Court	--									12
General Sessions Court	--									
Texas--District Court	13,887	31,052	16,926	15,535	32,444	92%	192%	1,392	4%	122
County Court at Law and Constitutional County Court	--	15,392	9,853	10,137	15,108	103%	153%	-284	-2%	71
Justice of the Peace Court	--									
Utah--District Court	1,416		864							61
Circuit Court	--									
Justice Court	--									
Washington--Superior Court	4,013		6,968	6,258[i]						174
Justices of the Peace	--									
District Court	--									

Note: States were included on this table only when at least one court specifically provided data on the number of torts. States were excluded from this table when the number of torts could not be segregated from other civil actions in any of its courts. However, when one state court separated torts from other civil actions, and it was clear that other courts in that state had jurisdiction over civil actions with monetary damages that did not fall under the jurisdiction of a specific small claims structure, then the state was categorized as having incomplete state data.
Blank spaces indicate that either the data were unavailable or less than 90% complete, or that the calculations were inappropriate.

* = These courts do not use filing of a petition as the unit of count. Check the state profile to identify the specific unit of count.

[i]Data are incomplete:
California--Superior Court--One court reported data for only the first six months of the reporting period.
Michigan--Circuit Court--Caseload data were unavailable for Arenac, Jackson and Mason Counties.
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas--Pending data were unavailable for all tort case types.
Washington--Superior Court--One court location did not report disposition data for 1979.

TABLE 20:
Contract caseload for trial courts, 1979.
State population. Courts reporting contract caseload. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 population.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
COMPLETE STATE TOTALS										
Exclusive court jurisdiction:										
Kansas--District Court	2,347		32,159							1,370
Oklahoma--District Court	2,970	20,389	22,969	17,860	15,498	77%	67%	-4,891	-23%	773
Not exclusive court jurisdiction:										
Hawaii--STATE TOTAL	950	6,485	10,401	9,494	7,392	91%	71%	907	14%	1,095
Circuit Court	--	1,914	1,596	1,186	2,324	74%	146%	410	21%	168
District Court	--	4,571	8,805	8,308	5,068	94%	58%	497	11%	927
INCOMPLETE STATE DATA										
Alaska--Superior Court	402		1,487							370
District Court (District Division)	--		3,414							849
District Court (Magistrate's Division)	--									
Florida--Circuit Court	9,471		30,539	22,991		75%		(7,548)		322
County Court	--									
Maine--Superior Court	1,125	2,005	1,427	1,254	2,178	88%	153%	173	9%	127
District Court	--									
Maryland--Circuit Court	4,223		5,969	4,837		81%		(1,132)		141
District Court	--									
Montana--District Court	789		5,573							706
Justice Court, City Court and Municipal Court	--									
New York--Civil Court of the City of New York	17,634		20,198	20,217		100%		(-19)		115
Supreme Court and County Court	--									
Town and Village Justice Court	--									
District Court and City Court	--									
North Dakota--District Court	652		3,851	3,582		93%		(269)		591
County Court with Increased Jurisdiction	--									
County Justice Court	--									
Ohio--County Court	10,799	1,097	5,271	4,699	1,669	89%	32%	572	52%	49
Court of Common Pleas	--									
Municipal Court	--	59,429	185,475	179,206	65,698	97%	35%	6,269	11%	1,718
Puerto Rico--Superior Court	3,165	459	438	439	458	100%	105%	-1	-1%	14
District Court	--									
Tennessee--Circuit Court	4,533		2,486							55
Law and Equity Court	--		313							7
Chancery Court	--		4,447							98
General Sessions Court	--									
Justice of the Peace Court	--									
Texas--County Court at Law, Constitutional County Court, and Probate Court	13,887	45,368	28,319	27,710	45,977	98%	162%	609	1%	204
District Court	--									
Justice of the Peace Court	--									
Washington--Superior Court	4,013		22,469	16,138[i]						560
Justices of the Peace	--									
District Court	--									
New Jersey--County District Court	7,373	34,482	164,641	163,634	35,489	99%	22%	1,007	3%	2,233
*Superior Court	--									

Note: States were included in this table only when at least one court specifically provided data on the number of contracts. States were excluded from this table when the number of contracts could not be segregated from other civil actions in any of its courts. However, when one state court separated contracts from other civil actions, and it was clear that other courts in that state had jurisdiction over civil actions with monetary damages that did not fall under the jurisdiction of a specific small claims structure, then the state was categorized as having incomplete state data.
Blank spaces indicate that either the data were unavailable or less than 90% complete, or that the calculations were inappropriate.

* = These courts do not use filing of a petition as the unit of count. Check the state profile to identify the specific unit of count.

[i]Data are incomplete:

Washington--Superior Court--One court location did not report disposition data for 1979.

TABLE 21:
Small claims caseload for trial courts, 1979.

State population. Courts reporting small claims caseload. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 population.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
COMPLETE STATE DATA										
Exclusive court jurisdiction:										
Alabama--District Court	2,869		85,330	89,188		105%		(-3,858)		2,974
Connecticut--Superior Court	3,100		86,356	410[i]	331[i]					2,786
Guam--Superior Court	104	3,266	2,129	1,015	4,380	48%	206%	1,114	34%	2,047
Hawaii--District Court	950	480	1,370	1,382	468	101%	34%	-12	-3%	144
Illinois--Circuit Court	11,423	48,236	180,486	176,762	47,044	98%	26%	-1,192	-3%	1,580
Iowa--District Court	2,917	15,265	78,141	81,372	12,034	104%	15%	-3,231	-21%	2,679
Kansas--District Court	2,347		11,875							506
Kentucky--District Court	3,644		28,435	21,904		77%		(6,531)		780
Maine--District Court	1,125		18,832	15,647		83%		(3,185)		1,674
Missouri--Circuit Court	4,889		13,362	11,124		83%		(2,238)		273
New Jersey--County District Court	7,373	6,743	42,247	40,669	8,321	96%	20%	1,578	23%	573
North Carolina--District Court	5,802		179,088	173,730		97%		5,358		3,087
Oklahoma--District Court	2,970	54,647	78,071	74,416	58,302	95%	74%	3,655	6%	2,628
Rhode Island--District Court	957		8,161	5,869		72%		(2,292)		853
South Dakota--Circuit Court	689		13,014	10,201		78%		(2,813)		1,889
Vermont--District Court	506	1,710	6,822	6,715	1,817	98%	27%	107	6%	1,348
Wisconsin--Circuit Court	4,666		58,469[i]	56,156[i]		96%[i]		(2,313)[i]		1,253[i]
*District of Columbia--Superior Court	656	1,953	28,882	29,043	1,792	101%	6%	-161	-8%	4,403
Not exclusive court jurisdiction:										
California--STATE TOTAL	23,255		496,999	371,335		75%		(125,664)		2,137
Justice Court	--		34,072	25,643		75%		(8,429)		147
Municipal Court	--		462,927	345,692		75%		(117,235)		1,991
Idaho--STATE TOTAL	933	3,338	15,584	14,547	4,375	93%	28%	1,037	31%	1,670
District Court	--	0	3	1	2	33%	67%	2		<1
Magistrate's Division	--	3,338	15,581	14,546	4,373	93%	28%	1,035	31%	1,670
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL	5,746		126,617							2,204
District Court Department	--		122,163	87,552		72%		(34,611)		2,126
Housing Court Department	--		1,920							33
Boston Municipal Court Department	--		2,534	648		26%		(1,886)		44
Nebraska--STATE TOTAL	1,564		13,410							857
County Court	--		10,694	10,728		100%		(-34)		684
Municipal Court	--		2,716							174
North Dakota--STATE TOTAL	652		6,207	6,103		98%		(104)		952
County Court with Increased Jurisdiction	--		5,108	5,042		99%		(66)		783
County Justice Court	--		1,099	1,061		97%		(38)		169
Ohio--STATE TOTAL	10,799	15,701	90,607	88,316	17,992	97%	20%	2,291	15%	839
County Court	--	1,466	12,327	12,357	1,436	100%	12%	-30	-2%	114
Municipal Court	--	14,235	78,280	75,959	16,556	97%	21%	2,321	16%	725
Washington--STATE TOTAL	4,013		25,339							631
District Court and Justices of the Peace	4,013		25,339							631
*New Hampshire--STATE TOTAL	912		26,796							2,938
*District Court	--		26,130							2,865
*Municipal Court	--		666							73
INCOMPLETE STATE DATA										
Alaska--District Court	402	6,737	9,529	8,534	8,386	90%	88%	1,649	25%	2,370
Magistrate's Court	--									
Colorado--County Court	2,849	1,980	12,242	11,231	2,991	92%	24%	1,011	51%	430
Denver Superior Court	--									
Indiana--Superior Court and Circuit Court	5,475	14,078	38,360	33,972	18,466	89%	48%	4,388	31%	701
County Court	--	20,502	64,686	61,416	23,772	95%	37%	3,270	16%	1,181
Small Claims Court of Marion County	--									
Michigan--Common Pleas Court of Detroit	9,249	1,526	2,568	2,247	469	88%	18%	-1,057	-69%	28
District Court	--	6,106[i]	80,760[i]	77,553[i]	9,313[i]	96%[i]	12%[i]	3,207[i]	53%[i]	873[i]
Municipal Court	--	0	10	10	0	100		0		<1

State and court title	State population in thousands	Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
INCOMPLETE STATE DATA (con't)										
New York--District Court and City Court	17,634		47,328	46,462		98%		(866)		268
Town and Village Justice Court	--									
Civil Court of the City of New York	--									
Oregon--District Court	2,578	11,252	46,902	46,570	11,584	99%	25%	332	3%	1,819
Justice Court	--									
Pennsylvania--Philadelphia Municipal Court	11,874	3,799	28,179	28,001	3,917	99%	14%	118	3%	237
District Justice Court	--									
Utah--Circuit Court	1,416		15,251[i]							1,077[i]
Justice Court	--									

Note: Blank spaces indicate that either the data were unavailable or less than 90% complete, or that the calculations were inappropriate.

* = These courts do not use the filing of a petition or complaint as the unit of count. Check the state profile to identify the unit of count.

[i]Data are incomplete:
Connecticut--Superior Court--Disposition data were unavailable for small claims cases not handled by the Housing Sessions.
Michigan--District Court--Data were unavailable from the courts in Barry, Ecoise, Kentwood, Livonia and Newaygo.
Utah--Circuit Court--Data were unavailable from the court located in American Fork.
Wisconsin--Circuit Court--All data were available for Milwaukee County; however, only contested cases were available for the rest of the state.

TABLE 22:
Real property rights caseload for trial courts, 1979.

State population. Courts reporting real property rights caseload. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 population.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
COMPLETE STATE DATA										
Exclusive court jurisdiction:										
Alaska--Superior Court	402		274							68
Connecticut--Superior Court	3,100	0	2,434	1,685	749	69%	31%	749		79
Guam--Superior Court	104	124	29	38	115	131%	397%	-9	-7%	28
Illinois--Circuit Court	11,423	1,088	648	638	1,138	98%	176%	50	5%	6
Kansas--District Court	2,347		9,779							417
Montana--District Court	789		664							84
Oklahoma--District Court	2,970	5,124	8,000	7,352	5,872	91%	73%	748	14%	269
Washington--Superior Court	4,013		6,984	3,834[i]						174
*District of Columbia--Superior Court	656	7,909	102,938	103,429	7,418	100%	7%	-491	-6%	15,692
Not exclusive court jurisdiction:										
Colorado--STATE TOTAL	2,849		7,287	6,375		87%		(912)		256
District Court, Denver Superior Court and Denver Probate Court	--		5,153	4,263		83%		(890)		181
Water Court	--	3,995	2,134	2,112	4,017	99%	188%	22	<1%	75
Hawaii--STATE TOTAL	950	1,387	1,312	1,218	1,481	93%	113%	94	7%	138
Circuit Court	--	374	204	288	290	141%	142%	-84	-22%	21
Land Court	--	89	46	125	10	272%	22%	-79	-89%	5
District Court	--	924	1,062	805	1,181	76%	111%	257	28%	112
Maryland--STATE TOTAL	4,223		301,150							7,131
Circuit Court	--		3,586	3,180		89%		(406)		85
District Court	--		297,564							7,046
Puerto Rico--STATE TOTAL	3,165	7,405	8,423	9,062	6,766	108%	80%	-639	-9%	266
Superior Court	--	6,995	7,794	8,387	6,402	108%	82%	-593	-9%	246
District Court	--	410	629	675	364	107%	58%	-46	-11%	20
INCOMPLETE STATE DATA										
California--Superior Court	23,255		2,074[i]	1,301[i]		63%[i]		(773)[i]		9[i]
Municipal Court	--									
Justice Court	--									
Delaware--Superior Court	599	385	658	579	464	88%	71%	79	21%	110
Court of Common Pleas	--									
Florida--Circuit Court	9,471		15,949	14,776		93%		(1,173)		168
County Court	--									
Massachusetts--Housing Court Department	5,746		6,869							120
Land Court Department	--	13,385	9,005	7,857	14,533	87%	161%	1,148	9%	157
District Court Department	--		23,103	16,483		71%		(6,620)		402
Superior Court Department	--									
Boston Municipal Court Department	--		520	399		77%		(121)		9
Michigan--Common Pleas Court of Detroit	9,249	34,864	42,822	38,990	4,312	91%	10%	-30,552	-88%	463
District Court	--	4,426[i]	76,763[i]	74,625[i]	6,564[i]	97%[i]	9%[i]	2,138[i]	48%[i]	830[i]
Municipal Court	--	125	1,263	1,293	95	102%	8%	-30	-24%	14
Probate Court	--									
Nebraska--County Court	1,564		252	266		106%		(-14)		16
District Court	--									
New York--Supreme Court and County Court	17,634		167	188		113%		(-21)		1
Civil Court of the City of New York	--		84,428	82,159		97%		(2,269)		479
District Court	--									
Court of Claims	--									
Town and Village Justice Court	--									
North Dakota--District Court	652		702	513		73%		(189)		108
County Court with Increased Jurisdiction	--									
Ohio--County Court	10,799		2,741	2,772	342	101%	12%	-31	-8%	25
Municipal Court	--	14,536	54,659	52,753	16,442	97%	30%	1,906	13%	506
Court of Common Pleas	--									
Court of Claims	--									
Pennsylvania--Philadelphia Municipal Court	11,874	780	18,782	18,350	1,212	98%	7%	432	55%	158
Pittsburgh City Magistrates	--		2,119	2,038		96%		(81)		18
District Justice Court	--									
Court of Common Pleas	--									

State and court title	State population in thousands	Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
INCOMPLETE STATE DATA (con't)										
Tennessee--Circuit Court	4,533		711							16
Law and Equity Court	--		110							2
Chancery Court	--		2,025							45
General Sessions Court	--									
Justice of the Peace Court	--									
Texas--County Court at Law	13,887	1,641	546	470	1,717	86%	314%	76	5%	4
District Court	--									
Utah--District Court	1,416		81							6
Circuit Court	--									
Virginia--Circuit Court	5,325		1,076	972		90%		(104)		20
District Court	--									
*New Hampshire--District Court	912		2,123							233
Municipal Court	--		18							2
Superior Court	--									
New Jersey--County District Court	7,373	4,151	106,661	102,868	7,944	96%	7%	3,793	91%	1,447
*Superior Court	--									

Note: Blank spaces indicate that either the data were unavailable or less than 90% complete, or that the calculations were inappropriate.

* = These courts do not use filing of a petition or complaint as the unit of count. Check the state profile to identify the specific unit of count.

[i]Data are incomplete:
California--Superior Court--One court reported data for only the first six months of the reporting period.
Michigan--District Court--Data are unavailable from courts in Barry, Ecoise, Kentwood, Livonia and Newaygo.
Washington--Superior Court--Incomplete data were reported for only one court location.

TABLE 23:
Domestic relations caseload for trial courts, 1979.
State population. Courts reporting domestic relations caseload. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 population.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
COMPLETE STATE TOTALS										
Exclusive court jurisdiction:										
Alabama--Circuit Court	2,869		46,809	48,832		104%		(-2,023)		1,632
Alaska--Superior Court	402		5,970							1,485
Florida--Circuit Court	9,471		79,497	71,976		91%		(7,521)		839
Georgia--Superior Court	5,391	43,956	61,016	56,508	44,222	93%	72%	266	1%	1,132
Guam--Superior Court	104	725	955	526	1,154	55%	121%	429	59%	918
Hawaii--Circuit Court	950	10,360[j]	14,467[j]	12,921[j]	11,906[j]	89%[j]	82%[j]	1,546[j]	15%[j]	1,523[j]
Idaho--DISTRICT COURT TOTAL	933	7,007	14,224	13,107	8,124	92%	57%	1,117	16%	1,525
District Division	--	1,674	2,059	2,066	1,667	100%	81%	-7	-1%	221
Magistrate's Division	--	5,333	12,165	11,041	6,457	91%	53%	1,124	21%	1,304
Illinois--Circuit Court	11,423	71,097	104,375	104,333	65,710	100%	63%	-5,387	-8%	914
Iowa--District Court	2,917		948	762		80%		(186)		33
Kansas--District Court	2,347	9,375[i]	26,882	24,227[i]	10,011[i]			636[i]	6%[i]	1,145
Kentucky--Circuit Court	3,644		33,183	29,828		90%		(3,355)		911
Maryland--Circuit Court	4,223		44,369	36,646		83%		(7,723)		1,051
Montana--District Court	789	2,291	9,487	7,877	3,991	83%	41%	1,610	70%	1,202
New Mexico--District Court	1,281	6,691	18,236	17,452	7,249	96%	40%	558	8%	1,424
North Carolina--District Court	5,802		54,063	52,601		97%		(1,462)		932
North Dakota--District Court	652		4,870	4,537		93%		(333)		747
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas	10,799	26,968[i]	97,776	98,078	26,813[i]	100%		(-302)		905
Oklahoma--District Court	2,970	23,851	41,359	38,393	26,817	92%	64%	2,966	12%	1,392
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas	11,874	29,010	118,404	112,915	33,632	95%	28%	4,622	16%	997
South Dakota--Circuit Court	689		3,752							545
Texas--District Court	13,887	97,424	160,585	156,240	101,769	97%		(4,345)	4%	1,156
Utah--District Court	1,416		10,746							759
Washington--Superior Court	4,013		46,238	34,028[i]						1,152
West Virginia--Circuit Court	1,939	278	1,308	1,254	322	97%	25%	44	16%	67
Wisconsin--Circuit Court	4,666		36,527	28,907		79%		(7,620)		783
*District of Columbia--Superior Court	656	8,395	7,877	7,105	9,077	90%	115%	772	9%	1,201
Not exclusive court jurisdiction:										
Arkansas--STATE TOTAL	2,269		30,420							1,341
Chancery and Probate Court	--	15,819	28,534	26,805[i]	15,833[i]					1,258
County Court	--		1,886							83
Colorado--STATE COURT	2,849		47,840	43,604		91%		(4,236)		1,679
District Court and Denver Juvenile Court	--		47,840	43,604		91%		(4,236)		1,679
Connecticut--STATE TOTAL	3,100		20,020							646
Superior Court	--	14,032	17,275	18,948	12,359	110%	72%	-1,673	-12%	557
Probate Court	--		2,745							89
Delaware--STATE TOTAL	599		15,079							2,517
Superior Court	--	185	304	308	181	101%	60%	-4	-2%	51
Family Court	--		14,775							2,467
Oregon--STATE TOTAL	2,578		28,978							1,124
Circuit Court	--	13,171[i]	28,967	26,795[i]	13,249[i]			78[i]	1%[i]	1,124
County Court	--		11							1
Puerto Rico--STATE TOTAL	3,165	15,227	34,280	36,206	13,301	106%	39%	-1,926	-13%	1,083
Superior Court	--	14,958	30,707	32,731	12,934	107%	42%	-2,024	-14%	970
District Court	--	269	3,573	3,475	367	97%	10%	98	36%	113
Vermont--STATE TOTAL	506	3,013	5,216	5,097	3,132	98%	60%	119	4%	1,031
Superior Court	--	2,714	3,288	3,144	2,858	96%	87%	144	5%	650
District Court	--	172	717	785	104	109%	15%	-68	-40%	142
Probate Court	--	127	1,211	1,168	170	96%	14%	43	34%	239
Virginia--STATE TOTAL	5,325		88,503	80,618		91%		(7,885)		1,662
Circuit Court	--		33,252	31,155		94%		(2,097)		625
District Court	--		55,251	49,463		90%		(5,788)		1,038
New Jersey--STATE TOTAL	7,373		108,346							1,469
*Superior Court (Chancery Division)	--	7,978[i]	27,468	28,102[i]	7,312[i]			-666[i]	-8%[i]	373
Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court	--	7,035	80,878	80,619	7,294	100%	9%	259	4%	1,097

State and court title	State population in thousands	Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
INCOMPLETE STATE DATA										
Arizona--Superior Court	2,639	23,709[i]	43,673[i]	43,159[i]	24,223[i]	98%[i]	55%[i]	514[i]	2%[i]	1,654[i]
California--Superior Court	23,255		175,746[i]	149,312[i]		85%[i]		(26,434)[i]		756[i]
Indiana--Superior Court and Circuit Court	5,475	54,456	77,103	77,283	53,736	100%	70%	-720	-1%	1,408
Probate Court	--									
Maine--Superior Court	1,125	1,534	1,800	1,649	1,685	92%	94%	151	10%	160
District Court	--									
Probate Court	--									
Massachusetts--Probate and Family Court Department	5,746		33,063							575
Superior Court Department	--									
District Court Department	--		4,374	2,328		53%		(2,046)		76
Boston Municipal Court Department			241	241		100%				4
Michigan--Circuit Court	9,249	51,839[i]	128,166[i]	126,857[i]	53,148[i]	99%[i]	41%[i]	1,309[i]	3%[i]	1,386[i]
Probate Court	--									
Nebraska--District Court	1,564		13,792	12,991		94%		(801)		882
County Court	--		1,211	1,219		101%		(-8)		77
Separate Juvenile Court	--									
New York--Supreme Court	17,634	3,511	10,259	9,948	3,822	97%	37%	311	9%	58
Family Court	--	32,055	271,215[i]	269,307[i]	31,855[i]	99%[i]	12%[i]	(1,908)[i]		1,538[i]
Surrogate's Court	--			3,197						(18)
Rhode Island--Family Court	957		5,817							608
Probate Court	--									
Tennessee--Circuit Court	4,533		27,883							614
Law and Equity Court	--		2,677							59
Chancery Court	--		19,749							436
General Sessions Court	--									
Trial Justice Court	--									
*New Hampshire--Superior Court	912			12,161						(1,333)
*Probate Court	--		2,787							306

Note: All available data that are at least 90% complete are entered in the Table. Blank spaces indicate that either the data were unavailable or less than 90% complete, or that the calculations were inappropriate.

* = These courts do not use filing of a petition or complaint as the unit of count. Check the state profile to identify the specific unit of count.

[i]Data are incomplete:
Arizona--Superior Court--Data do not include adoption cases from Maricopa County.
Arkansas--Chancery and Probate Court--Disposed and end-pending totals do not include adoption cases.
California--Superior Court--One court reported data for only the first six months of the reporting period.
Kansas--District Court--Pending and disposed figures do not include adoption cases.
Michigan--Circuit Court--Caseload data were unavailable for Arenac, Jackson or Mason Counties.
New Jersey--Superior Court--Pending and disposed figures do not include contested adoption cases.
New York--Family Court--Filed, disposed and end-pending figures do not include case activity in Queens County during December.
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas--Pending data were not reported for all civil categories.
Oregon--Circuit Court--Pending and disposition figures do not include adoption cases.
Washington--Superior Court--Incomplete disposition data were reported for one court location.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Hawaii--Circuit Court--Domestic relations includes all mental health cases.

TABLE 24:
Estate caseload for trial courts, 1979.

State population. Courts reporting estate caseload. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 population.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
COMPLETE STATE DATA										
Exclusive court jurisdiction:										
Alaska--Superior Court	402		908							226
Arizona--Superior Court	2,639	28,658	8,146	11,315	25,489	139%	313%	-3,169	-11%	309
Arkansas--Chancery and Probate Court	2,269		7,368							325
Connecticut--Probate Court	3,100		42,437							1,369
Delaware--Court of Chancery	599	7,163	2,240	2,084	7,319	93%	327%	156	2%	374
Florida--Circuit Court	9,471		42,843	40,499		95%		(2,344)		452
Guam--Superior Court	104	927	174	24	1,077	14%	619%	150	16%	167
Hawaii--Circuit Court	950	7,450	1,817	1,535	7,732	84%	426%	282	4%	191
Idaho--District Court Total	933	4,602	3,982	3,963	4,621	100%	116%	19	<1%	427
District Court Division	--	14	4	6	12	150%	300%	-2	-14%	<1
Magistrate's Division	--	4,588	3,978	3,957	4,609	99%	116%	21	<1%	426
Illinois--Circuit Court	11,423	89,516	32,530	35,113	86,933	108%	267%	-2,583	-3%	285
Iowa--District Court	2,917		23,479	20,640		88%		(2,839)		805
Kansas--District Court	2,347		11,625	9,652		83%		(1,973)		495
Massachusetts--Probate and Family Court Department	5,746		55,325							963
Missouri--Circuit Court	4,889		12,436	10,751		86%		(1,685)		254
Montana--District Court	789	5,044	3,337	2,766	5,615	83%	168%	571	11%	423
Nebraska--County Court	1,564		10,940	11,343		104%		(-403)		700
North Carolina--Superior Court	5,802	47,012	32,926	31,378	48,560	95%	147%	1,548	3%	568
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas	10,799	70,533[i]	76,631	76,827	69,021[i]	100%		(-196)		710
Oklahoma--District Court	2,970	15,973	14,023	12,148	17,848	86%	127%	1,875	11%	472
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas	11,874	1,466	19,787	19,723	1,469	100%	7%	3	<1%	167
South Dakota--Circuit Court	689		4,602							668
Utah--District Court	1,416	3,496	3,464	2,650	4,311	77%	124%	815	23%	245
Vermont--Probate Court	506	10,500[i]	3,039	2,538	11,101[i]	84%		(501)		601
Washington--Superior Court	4,013		13,536	8,149		60%		(5,387)		337
Wisconsin--Circuit Court	4,666		42,406	40,924		97%		(1,482)		909
Wyoming--District Court	432		2,190							507
*District of Columbia--Superior Court	656	3,380	2,563	2,324	3,619	91%	141%	239	7%	391
*New Hampshire--Probate Court	912		12,997							1,425
Not exclusive court jurisdiction:										
Colorado--STATE TOTAL	2,849		7,601	10,332		136%		(-2,731)		267
District Court and Denver Probate Court	2,849		7,601	10,332		136%		(-2,731)		267
Indiana--STATE TOTAL	5,475	81,746	26,167	24,774	83,139	95%	318%	1,393	2%	478
Superior Court and Circuit Court	--	72,584	21,074	19,909	73,749	94%	350%	1,165	2%	385
Probate Court	--	9,162	5,093	4,865	9,390	96%	184%	228	2%	93
North Dakota--STATE TOTAL	652		3,680	2,864		78%		(816)		564
District Court	--		38	14		37%		(24)		6
County Court with Increased Jurisdiction	--		2,050	1,566		76%		(484)		314
County Probate Court	--	3,495	1,592	1,284	3,803	81%	239%	308	9%	244
Oregon--STATE TOTAL	2,578	15,580	6,873	6,894	15,561	100%	226%	-19	-1%	267
Circuit Court	--	15,127	6,669	6,702	15,096	100%	226%	-31	-1%	259
District Court	--	77	62	55	84	89%	135%	7	9%	2
County Court	--	376	142	137	381	96%	268%	5	1%	6
INCOMPLETE STATE DATA										
California--Superior Court	23,255		62,826[i]	60,883[i]		97%[i]		(1,943)[i]		270[i]
Kentucky--District Court	3,644		30,579	17,940		59%		(12,639)		839
Circuit Court	--									
Maryland--Circuit Court	4,223		595	566		95%		(29)		14
Orphan's Court	--									
New York--Family Court	17,634	243	593[i]	643[i]	193[i]	108%[i]	33%[i]	(-50)[i]		3[i]
Surrogates' Court	--			72,913						(414)

State and court title	State population in thousands	Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
INCOMPLETE STATE DATA (con't)										
Tennessee--Law and Equity Court	4,533		178							4
Chancery Court	--		1,406							31
Circuit Court	--		104							2
Probate Court	--									
County Court	--									
Texas--County Court at Law, Constitutional County Court, and Probate Court	13,887		62,787							452
District Court	--									
Minnesota--County Court*	4,038		10,507[i]	9,296[i]	15,028	88%[i]		(1,211)[i]		260[i]
District Court*	--		242	303	490	125%	202%	(-61)		6
Probate Court	--		4,417	3,484	8,486	79%	192%	(933)		109
New Jersey--Superior Court*	7,373		953							13
Surrogate's Court	--									

Note: Blank spaces indicate that either the data were unavailable or less than 90% complete, or that the calculations were inappropriate.

* = These courts do not use the filing of a petition or complaint as the unit of count. Check the state profile to identify the specific unit of count.

[i]Data are incomplete:
California--Superior Court--One court reported data for only the first six months of the reporting period.
New York--Family Court--Filed, disposed and end-pending figures do not include data from Queens County during December.
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas--Pending data were not available for all civil categories.
Vermont--Probate Court--Pending data do not include hearings for cases commenced prior to January 1, 1970.

TABLE 25:
Mental health caseload for trial courts, 1979.

State population. Courts reporting mental health caseload. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 population.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
COMPLETE STATE DATA										
Exclusive court jurisdiction:										
Alaska--Superior Court	402		315							78
Arizona--Superior Court	2,639			1,061						(40)
Arkansas--Chancery and Probate Court	2,269		1,086							48
California--Superior Court	23,255		3,558[i]	3,510[i]		99%[i]		(48)[i]		15[i]
Delaware--Superior Court	599	104	674	650	128	96%	19%	24	23%	113
Florida--Circuit Court	9,471		13,570	12,779		94%		(791)		143
Illinois--Circuit Court	11,423	1,525	9,243	9,386	1,916	102%	21%	391	26%	81
Kansas--District Court	2,347		2,519							107
Kentucky--Circuit Court	3,644		2,181[j]	2,544[j]		117%[j]		(-363)[j]		60[j]
Montana--District Court	789	94	411	282	223	69%	54%	129	137%	52
New Hampshire--Probate Court	912		164							18
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas	10,799		8,609	8,436		98%		(173)		80
Oklahoma--District Court	2,970	829	2,708	2,676	861	98%	31%	32	3%	91
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas	11,874	597	7,914	8,024	300	101%	4%	-297	-50%	67
South Dakota--Circuit Court	689		616							89
Utah--District Court	1,416		908	957		105%		(-49)		64
Washington--Superior Court	4,013		4,386	1,436		33%		(2,950)		109
West Virginia--Circuit Court	1,939	373	2,311	2,276	408	98%	18%	35	9%	119
*District of Columbia--Superior Court	656	67	877	826	118	94%	13%	51	76%	134
Not exclusive court jurisdiction:										
Colorado--STATE TOTAL	2,849	1,268	3,043	3,031	1,280	100%	42%	12	1%	107
District Court, Denver Probate Court and Denver Juvenile Court	2,849	1,268	3,043	3,031	1,280	100%	42%	12	1%	107
Connecticut--STATE TOTAL	3,100		1,722							56
Superior Court	--	69	202	197	74	98%	37%	5	7%	7
Probate Court	--		1,520							49
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL	5,746		2,651	2,304		87%		(347)		46
District Court Department	--		2,616	2,269		87%		(347)		46
Boston Municipal Court Department	--		35	35		100%		(0)		1
Oregon--STATE TOTAL	2,578		3,738							145
Circuit Court	--		3,736							145
County Court	--		2							1
Vermont--STATE TOTAL	506	52	579	497	134	86%	23%	82	158%	114
District Court	--	51	579	497	133	86%	23%	82	161%	114
Probate Court	--	1	0	0	1			0		
Minnesota--STATE TOTAL	4,038		2,851	2,509	692	88%	24%	(342)		71
County Court*	--		1,889	1,442	245	76%	13%	(447)		47
Probate Court*	--		962	1,067	447	111%	46%	(-105)		24
INCOMPLETE STATE DATA										
New York--Family Court	17,634	24	7[i]	31[i]	0[i]	443%[i]		(-24)[i]		1[i]
North Dakota--County Court with Increased Jurisdiction	652									
County Justice Court	--			42						(6)
Tennessee--Circuit Court	4,533		376							8
Chancery Court	--		518							11
Law and Equity Court	--		46							1
County Court	--									
Probate Court	--									

Note: Blank spaces indicate that either the data were unavailable or less than 90% complete, or that the calculations were inappropriate.

* = These courts do not use the filing of a petition or complaint as the unit of count. Check the state profile to identify the specific unit of count.

[i]Data are incomplete:
California--Superior Court--One court reported data for only the first six months of the reporting period.
New York--Family Court--Filed, disposed and end-pending figures do not include case activity in Queens County during December.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Kentucky--Circuit Court--Figures include competency hearings.

TABLE 26:
Civil appeals caseload for trial courts, 1979.

State population. Courts reporting civil appeals caseload. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 population.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
COMPLETE STATE TOTALS										
Exclusive court jurisdiction:										
Delaware--Superior Court[a]	599	394	216	225	385	104%	178%	-9	-2%	36
Kansas--District Court[a]	2,347		188							8
Kentucky--Circuit Court[a]	3,644		1,135	1,009		89%		(126)		31
Maryland--Circuit Court[a]	4,223		2,735	2,610		95%		(125)		65
North Dakota--District Court[a]	652		159	134		84%		(25)		24
Vermont--Superior Court[a]	506	368[j]	338[j]	327[j]	379[j]	97%[j]	112%[j]	11[j]	3%[j]	67[j]
Florida--Circuit Court[b]	9,471		734	477		65%		(257)		8
Utah--District Court[b]	1,416		229	93		41%		(136)		16
Virginia--Circuit Court[b]	5,325		2,538	1,943		77%		(595)		48
Washington--Superior Court[b]	4,013		1,760	603[i]						44
Illinois--Circuit Court[c]	11,423	136,074	93,591	82,299	147,172	88%	157%	11,098	8%	819
*District of Columbia--Superior Court[c]	656	640	447	543	544	121%	122%	-96	-15%	68
Not exclusive court jurisdiction:										
Colorado--STATE TOTAL[a]	2,849		648	613		95%		(35)		23
District Court and Denver Superior Court[a]	2,849		648	613		95%		(35)		23
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL[a]	4,533		11,995							265
Circuit Court[a]	--		8,377							185
Law and Equity Court[a]	--		336							7
Chancery Court[a]	--		3,282							72
Hawaii--STATE TOTAL[c]	950	301	76	92	285	121%	375%	-16	-5%	8
District Court[c]	--	260	17	19	258	112%	1,518%	-2	-1%	2
Tax Appeal Court[c]	--	41	59	73	27	124%	46%	-14	-34%	6
Ohio--STATE TOTAL[c]	10,799	3,855	4,714	4,299	4,400	91%	93%	545	14%	44
Court of Common Pleas[c]	--	2,554	2,763	2,385	2,932	86%	106%	378	15%	26
Court of Claims[c]	--	1,301	1,951	1,914	1,468	98%	75%	167	13%	18
Oklahoma--STATE TOTAL[c]	2,970			12,918						(434)
District Court[c]	--	509	1,092	1,052	549	96%	50%	40	7%	36
Court of Bank Review[c]	--	11	5	9	1	180%	20%	-10	-91%	<1
Court of Tax Review[c]	--	0	6	6	0	100%		0		<1
*Workers' Compensation Court[c]	--			11,851						(399)
INCOMPLETE STATE TOTALS										
Alaska--Superior Court[a]	402		196							49
California--Superior Court[a]	23,255		12,064[i]	11,622[i]		96%[i]		(442)[i]		52[i]
Idaho--District Court[a]	933	237	275	276	236	100%	86%	-1	-1%	29
Maine--Superior Court[a]	1,125	169	252	242	179	96%	71%	10	6%	22
Administrative Court[c]	--		355	375		106%		(-20)		32
Massachusetts--Boston Municipal Court Department[b]	5,746		39	10		26%		(29)		1
Superior Court Department[b]	--									
District Court Department[b]	--									
Michigan--Circuit Court[a]	9,249	1,000[i]	1,098[i]	1,061[i]	1,037[i]	97%[i]	94%[i]	37[i]	4%[i]	12[i]
Court of Claims[c]	--	740	382	481	641	126%	168%	-99	-13%	4
Montana--District Court[a]	789		398							50
Nebraska--Workmens Compensation Court[c]	1,564	130	534	511	153	96%	29%	23	18%	34
District Court[a]	--									
New York--County Court[a]	17,634		5,999	5,150		86%		(849)		34
Court of Claims[c]	--									
Oregon--Tax Court[c]	2,578	124	112	134	102	120%	91%	-22	-18%	4
Circuit Court[a]	--									

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TABLE 26:
Civil appeals caseload for trial courts, 1979. *(continued)*

State and court title	State population in thousands	Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
INCOMPLETE STATE TOTALS (con't)										
Puerto Rico--Superior Court[a]	3,165	169	138	146	161	106%	117%	-8	-5%	4
District Court[c]	--	3	8	7	4	88%	50%	1	33%	<1
Texas--District Court[a]	13,887	70,657	28,708	26,950	72,414	94%	252%	1,757	2%	207
Constitutional County Court[b]	--									
County Court at Law[b]	--									
West Virginia--Circuit Court[a]	1,939	32	1,446	1,372	106	95%	7%	74	231%	75

Note: Blank spaces indicate that either the data were unavailable or less than 90% complete, or that the calculations were inappropriate.

* = These courts do not use the filing of a petition or complaint as the unit of count. Check the state profile to identify the specific unit of count.

a = Trial courts that have appellate jurisdiction over judgments of other courts and administrative agencies. Courts with this footnote under incomplete state data may have reported either appeals from other courts' judgments, or administrative agencies, but not both.
b = Trial courts that have appellate jurisdiction over only the judgments of other courts.
c = Trial courts that have appellate jurisdiction over only the decisions of administrative agencies.

[i]Data are incomplete:
California--Superior Court--One court reported data for only the first six months of the reporting period.
Michigan--Circuit Court--Data were unavailable for Arenac, Jackson and Mason Counties.
Washington--Superior Court--Incomplete data were received from one location.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Vermont--Superior Court--Data include criminal appeals as well as some habeas corpus and postconviction remedy cases.

TABLE 27: Civil jury and non-jury trial dispositions by case type, 1979.

Variations in court organization and subject matter jurisdiction:

Subject matter jurisdictions are visually quite apparent in Tables 27 and 38, where the "+" symbols under the heading "Case type" indicate what case types were reported for each piece of trial data. These breakdowns were made to facilitate comparative analysis among courts and case types. Both general jurisdiction and limited jurisdiction courts are included.

Sources of data:

These are found in the individual court profiles in Part II and in Appendix B.

Variations in case classifications and definitions:

Both the case categories and the data classified in each case category vary from state to state. The categories "law" and "equity" have been added to the CSIM case types on Table 27 in order to accommodate those states that have reported trial data for cases they classify as "law" and "equity." Overlap exists between these categories and the CSIM case types, which focus on subject-matter rather than on the remedy sought.

Variations in counting both cases and trials:

Each of these tables has numerical superscripts by each court name, indicating how that court counts cases. Caseload cannot be compared among courts that do not count cases in the same way.

The definitions used by each court to count trials are indicated in the third column in Tables 27 and 38, the second column in Table 42. Comparisons can be made between courts that count trials in the same way.

Appropriate analyses:

Trials as a percent of dispositions. Dividing the number of trials conducted by the total number of cases disposed of for the appropriate case type results in the trial rate for that case type for the court.

Jury trials as a percent of dispositions. Dividing the number of jury trials conducted by the total number of cases disposed of for the appropriate case type results in the jury trial rate for that case type for the court.

Jury trials as a percent of trials. Dividing the number of jury trials by the total number of trials conducted for that case type results in the proportion of trials that are trials by jury for that case type for the court.

Limitations on use:

Comparisons on these tables must be restricted to the court level, and must be controlled for case type, unit of count, and trial definitions. State totals have not been computed in order to avoid any temptation to compare "apples and oranges."

Care should also be taken to compare only those courts that share similar rules regarding the availability of jury trials. For example, some states make it more difficult for a criminal defendant to waive a jury trial than other states. Similarly, in some states both parties to civil litigation must agree to a jury trial, while in other states one of the parties can demand a jury trial.

TABLE 27:
Civil jury and non-jury trial dispositions by case type, 1979.
State and court. Civil case types. Jury trial definition. Dispositions per case type, number of trials, trials as a percent of dispositions, number of jury trials, jury trials as a percent of dispositions and of trials.

State and court title	Case type for which trial data given: Law	Tort	Contract	Small Claims	Real Property	Equity	Domestic Rels	Estate	Mental Health	Appeal	Other	Jury/ trial definition	Number of dispositions per case type	Number of trials	Trials as a percent of dispositions	Number of jury trials	Jury trials as a percent of dispositions	Jury trials as a percent of trials
Alaska:																		
Superior Court	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	A	2,909	130	4%	82	3%	63%
District Court[1]	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	A	3,297	212	16%	44	1%	20%
	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	8,534	988	16%	—	--	—
Arizona:																		
Superior Court	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	B	72,494[1]	5,992[1]	8%[1]	577[1]	<1%[1]	10%[1]
Justices of the Peace	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	G	46,988	10,540	22%	11	<1%	<1%
California:																		
Superior Court[1]	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	C	439,886[1]	267,085[1]	62%[1]	2,831[1]	<1%[1]	1%[1]
	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	B	25,643	18,246	71%	—	--	—
Justice Court[1]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	B	10,117	2,007	20%	20	<1%	<1%
	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	F	345,691	265,690	77%	—	--	—
Municipal Court[1]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	F	283,346	77,362	27%	548	<1%	<1%
Connecticut:																		
Superior Court[1]	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	C	40,539[1]	2,500[1]	6%[1]	438[1]	1%[1]	18%[1]
	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	C	18,722[1]	1,078[1]	6%[1]	—	—	—
Delaware:																		
Superior Court[1]	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	2,244	131	6%			
District of Columbia:																		
Superior Court[2]	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	5,714	347	6%	193	3%	56%
	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	29,043		—	—	—	—
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	A	826	15	2%	12	1%	80%
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	A	543	154	28%	0	0%	0%
Florida:																		
Circuit Court[1]	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	C	231,832	135,747	59%	2,759	1%	2%
County Court[1]	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	197,656	116,188	59%	63	<1%	<1%
Georgia:																		
Superior Court[1]	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	A	56,508	24,720	44%	355	<1%	1%
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	A	45,449	9,525	21%	1,573	3%	17%
State Court and County Courts[1]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	A	117,050[1]	5,454	5%	1,234	1%	23%
Hawaii:																		
Circuit Court[1]	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	988	54	5%	39	4%	72%
	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	1,186	46	4%	9	<1%	20%
	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	288	4	1%	2	<1%	50%
	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	C	12,921[J]	66	<1%	14	<1%	21%
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	C	2,660	102	4%	23	<1%	23%
	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	G	715	47	7%	—	--	—
District Court[1]	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	G	8,308	88	1%	—	--	—
	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	G	1,370	516	38%	—	--	—
	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	G	805	53	7%	—	--	—
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	G	153	26	17%	—	--	—
Idaho:																		
District Court[1]	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	905	254	28%			
	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	C	2,006	1,109	55%			
	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	C	7	5	71%			
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	C	276	136	49%			
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	C	4,096	1,484[J]	49%[J]			
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	609	78	13%			
Magistrate's Division[1]	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	14,506	9,416	65%	—	—	—
	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	11,041	8,061	73%			
	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	C	3,430	2,616	76%			
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	C	10,915[J]	1,999[J]	18%			
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+							
Illinois:																		
Circuit Court[1]	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	204,536			1,832	<1%	

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TABLE 27:
Civil jury and non-jury trial dispositions by case type, 1979. *(continued)*

State and court title	Case type: Law	Tort	Contract	Small Claims	Real Property	Equity	Domestic Rels	Estate	Mental Health	Appeal	Other	Jury/ trial definition	Number of dispositions per case type	Number of trials	Trials as a percent of dispositions	Number of jury trials	Jury trials as a percent of dispositions	Jury trials as a percent of trials
Indiana:																		
Superior Court and Circuit Court[1]	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+		80,146	44,064	55%	753	<1%	2%
	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	A	33,972	6,145	18%	--	--	--
	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–		50,854[1]	31,586[1]	62%[1]	0	0%	0%
County Court[1]	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	A	61,416	12,632	21%	--	--	--
	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	A	18,804	6,851	36%	22	<1%	<1%
Probate Court[1]	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	+	A	6,171	198	3%	2	<1%	1%
Municipal Court of Marion County[1]	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	A	19,790	5,442	27%	54	<1%	<1%
Iowa:																		
District Court[1]	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	C	81,372	13,609	17%	--	--	--
	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	C	20,640	257	1%	5	<1%	2%
	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	C	48,176	6,328	13%	469	<1%	7%
Kansas:																		
District Court[1]	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	C	24,227[1]	3,027[1]	13%[1]	--	--	--
Maine:																		
Superior Court	+	+	+	–	–	–	+	–	–	+	+	F	7,203[1]	356[1]	5%[1]	144[1]	2%[1]	40%[1]
Maryland:																		
Circuit Court[1]	+	+	+	–	+	+	+	+	–	+	+	A	69,692	17,607	25%	806	1%	5%
Massachusetts:																		
Boston Municipal Court	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	C	16,312	2,705	17%			
Michigan:																		
Circuit Court[1]	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	C	17,453[1]	855[1]	5%[1]	645[1]	4%[1]	75%[1]
	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	C	126,857[1]	2,649[1]	2%[1]	71[1]	<1%[1]	3%[1]
	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	C	1,061[1]	21[1]	2%[1]	2[1]	<1%[1]	10%[1]
	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	C	48,686[1]	1,656[1]	3%[1]	461[1]	<1%[1]	29%[1]
District Court[1]	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	C	168,576[1]	6,192[1]	4%[1]	663[1]	<1%[1]	11%[1]
	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	C	77,553[1]	10,218[1]	13%[1]	0	0%	0%
	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	C	14,625[1]	29,667[1]	40%[1]	791[1]	1%[1]	3%[1]
Common Pleas Court of Detroit[1]	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	C	85,621	1,529	2%	173	<1%	11%
	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	C	2,247	251	11%	--	--	--
	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	C	38,990	6,114	16%	602	2%	10%
Municipal Court[1]	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	C	2,378	98	4%	2	<1%	2%
	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	C	10	2	20%	0	0%	0%
	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	C	1,293	58	4%	0	0%	0%
New Jersey:																		
Superior Court	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	B	41,353	4,028	10%	2,681	6%	67%
	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	B	4,009	966	24%	3	<1%	<1%
	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	B	28,201[1]	10,036[1]	36%[1]	--	--	--
County District Court[1]	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	B	17,485	1,142	7%	308	2%	30%
	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	B	163,634	3,417	2%	226	<1%	7%
	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	B	40,669	13,818	40%	31	<1%	<1%
	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	B	102,868	36,978	40%	8	<1%	<1%
New York:																		
Civil Court of the City of New York[1]	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	+	A	82,428	6,490	8%	26	<1%	<1%
	–	+	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	A	54,683	2,217	4%	580	1%	26%
District Court and City Court[1]	+	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	A	125,227	4,824	4%			
Surrogate's Court[1]	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	A	72,013	2,333	3%			
North Carolina:																		
Superior Court[1]	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	+	C	69,419	4,850	7%	657	<1%	14%
District Court[1]	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	C	41,548	13,309	32%	387	<1%	3
	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	C	173,730	166,647	95%	--	--	--
	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	C	52,601	42,605	81%	70	<1%	<1%

State and court title	Case type: Law	Tort	Contract	Small Claims	Real Property	Equity	Domestic Rels	Estate	Mental Health	Appeal	Other	Jury/ trial definition	Number of dispositions per case type	Number of trials	Trials as a percent of dispositions	Number of jury trials	Jury trials as a percent of dispositions	Jury trials as a percent of trials
North Dakota:																		
District Court	–	+	+	–	+	–	+	+	–	+	–	A	10,027	353	4%	46	<1%	13%
Ohio:																		
Court of Common Pleas[1]	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	C	22,841[1]	3,118[1]	14%[1]	932[1]	4%[1]	30%[1]
	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	C	88,413[1]	11,993[1]	14%[1]	--	--	--
	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	C	2,385	422	18%	198	8%	47%
	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	C	48,980	9,209	19%	536	1%	6%
County Court[1]	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	C	248	48	19%	0	0	0
	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	C	4,699	154	3%	5	<1%	3%
	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	C	2,772	586	21%	1	<1%	<1%
	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	C	2,594	541	21%	3	<1%	<1%
Court of Claims	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	A	1,914	48	3%	0	0%	0%
Municipal Court[1]	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	C	18,267	1,480	8%	111	<1%	8%
	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	C	179,206	5,006	3%	132	<1%	3%
	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	C	52,753	1,231	2%	25	<1%	2%
	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	C	18,563	9,272	50%	314	2%	3%
Oklahoma:																		
District Court[1]	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	A	6,221	1,414	23%			
	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	A	17,860	2,613	15%			
	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	A	74,416	9,378	13%	--	--	--
	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	A	7,352	2,177	30%			
	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	A	31,533	6,593	21%	--	--	--
	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	A	12,148	264	2%	--	--	--
	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	A	2,676	184	7%			
	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	A	1,052	305	30%			
	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	A	6,759[J]	2,064[J]	31%[J]			
Oregon:																		
Circuit Court[1]	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	C	26,795	2,193	8%	--	--	--
	+	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	C		2,783		1,313		47%
Pennsylvania:																		
Court of Common Pleas[1]	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	A	21,447[J]	5,878[J]	27%[J]	1,695[J]	8%[J]	29%[J]
District Justice Court[1]	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	A	180,066	40,029	22%	--	--	--
Puerto Rico:																		
Superior Court[1]	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	A	2,089	235	11%	--	--	--
	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	A	3,510	386	11%	--	--	--
	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	A	439	57	13%	--	--	--
	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	A	8,387	753	9%	--	--	--
	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	A	32,731	2,737	8%	--	--	--
	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	A	146[1]	17[1]	12%[1]	--	--	--
	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	A	49,949[J]	937[J]	2%[J]	--	--	--
District Court[1]	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	A	38,676	3,942	10%	--	--	--
	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	A	1,942	405	21%	--	--	--
	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	A	675	124	18%	--	--	--
	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	A	3,475	50	1%	--	--	--
	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	A	4,902	1,043	21%	--	--	--
Rhode Island:																		
District Court[1]	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	G	24,294	2,642	11%	--	--	--
South Carolina:																		
County Court, Civil Court, and Criminal Court[1]	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	A	10,667[J]	410[J]	4%[J]			
Magistrate Court[1]	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	A	88,687	24,969	28%	311	<1%	1%
South Dakota:																		
Circuit Court[1]	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	C	10,201[1]	1,104[1]	11%[1]	--	--	--
	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	C	2,820[1J]	469[1J]	17%[1J]	--	--	--
	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	C	6,181[1]	1,087[1]	11%[1]	177[1]	3%[1]	16%[1]

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TABLE 27:
Civil jury and non-jury trial dispositions by case type, 1979. *(continued)*

State and Court Title	Case type: Law	Tort	Contract	Small Claims	Real Property	Equity	Domestic Rels	Estate	Mental Health	Appeal	Other	Jury/ trial definition	Number of dispositions per case type	Number of trials	Trials as a percent of dispositions	Number of jury trials	Jury trials as a percent of dispositions	Jury trials as a percent of trials
Texas:																		
District Court[1]	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	32,444	2,023	6%	660[J]	2%[J]	33%[J]
	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	C	156,240	118,919	76%	159[J]	<1%[J]	<1%[J]
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	C	26,950	4,542	17%	499[J]	2%[J]	11%[J]
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	C	85,527	21,831	26%	1,580[J]	2%[J]	7%[J]
County Court at Law, Constitutional County Court, and Probate Court[1]	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	53,487	3,755	7%	821	2%	22%
	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	10,137	710	7%	193	2%	27%
	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	27,710	1,239	4%	66	<1%	5%
	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	470	27	6%	12	3%	44%
Justice of the Peace Court[1]	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	200,498[I]	66,234[I]	33%[I]	735[I]	<1%[I]	1%[I]
Utah:																		
District Court[1]	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	C	23,181[J]	1,979[J]	9%[J]	231[J]	<1%[J]	12%[J]
Circuit Court[1]	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	C	30,611[I]	4,713[I]	15%[I]	80[I]	<1%[I]	2%[I]
Vermont:																		
Superior Court[1]	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	3,270	373	11%	65	2%	17%
District Court[1]	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	B	3,085	179	6%	6	<1%	3%
	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	B	6,715	431	6%	0	0%	0%
Virginia:																		
Circuit Court[1]	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	23,045	4,752	21%	1,345	6%	28%
	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	C	972	293	30%	147	15%	50%
	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	C	11,151	1,468	13%	32	<1%	2%
	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	C	31,155	1,504	5%	—	—	—
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	C	1,943	732	37%	135	7%	18%
Washington:																		
Superior Court[1]	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	C	74,500[I,J]	7,384[I,J]	10%[I,J]	1,181[I,J]	2%[I,J]	16%[I,J]
Wisconsin:																		
Circuit Court[1]	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	F	56,156[I]	3,524[I]	6%[I]	23[I]	<1%[I]	<1%[I]
	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	F	28,907	9,862	34%	96	<1%	<1%
	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	F	48,277	4,197	9%	1,002	2%	24%
Wyoming:																		
District Court[1]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	H	9,573[I]	2,780[I]	29%[I]	56[I]	<1%[I]	2%[I]

Note: All available data are entered in the table and all appropriate calculations are included. Blank spaces indicate that the data were unavailable or calculations were inappropriate.

-- = Not applicable.

\+ = Data are given for these case types.

[I]Data are not complete:
- Arizona--Superior Court-- **Adoption** and **domestic relations** figures do not include **adoption** data from Maricopa County.
- California--Superior Court--One court reported data for only the first six months of the reporting period.
- Connecticut--Superior Court--Data were not available for any cases handled by the Housing Sessions or for civil, **small claims**, or **law** cases disposed in the geographic area courts, formerly the Courts of Common Pleas.
- Court of Common Pleas--Data are given only for family docket and nonfamily docket cases.
- Indiana--Superior Court and Circuit Court--Data do not include redocketed dissolutions.
- Kansas--District Court-- **Domestic relation** cases do not include **adoptions**.
- Maine--Superior Court--Trial data do not include URESA cases, but do include extraordinary writs.
- Michigan--Circuit Court--There were no data available for the following counties: Arenac, Jackson, and Mason.
- District Court--There were no data available for the following courts: Barry, Ecolse, Kentwood, Livonia, and Newaygo.
- New Jersey--Superior Court-- **Domestic relations** cases include only **marriage dissolution** and uncontested **adoption** cases.
- Ohio--Court of Common Pleas-- **Tort** data include only personal injury. **Domestic relations** trial data do not include **adoptions** birth records.
- Puerto Rico--Superior Court-- **Appeal** does not include appeals of trial court cases.
- South Dakota--Data do not include full-time equivalent Lay Magistrate or Lawyer Magistrate cases.
- Texas--Justice of the Peace Court--Data reported represent 9,180 Justice of the Peace Court monthly reports out of a possible 11,640--a reporting rate of 79%.
- Utah--Circuit Court--No data were reported for the court located in American Fork.
- Washington--Circuit Court--One court location reported incomplete disposition data.
- Wisconsin--Circuit Court-- **Small claims** data are reported for all cases in Milwaukee County, but for contested cases only in the rest of the state.
- Wyoming--Figures do not include **estate** data.

[J]Explanation of data included in the category:
- Connecticut--Superior Court--Data for civil trials are given for **domestic relations marriage dissolution cases.**
- Oklahoma--Other includes extraordinary writs.
- Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas--Civil trial data include only the subcategory "civil" classified under **other civil**.
- Puerto Rico--Superior Court-- **Other civil** includes **extraordinary writs.**
- South Carolina--Other category could mean any category, it is not broken down in the state profile.
- South Dakota--Circuit Court-- **Domestic relations** includes only **marriage dissolution** cases.
- Texas--The District Court--Directed verdict cases are included in jury trials.
- Utah--District Court-- **Other civil** includes **extraordinary writs.**
- Washington--Circuit Court--Trial date for **civil** cases do not include **adoption** cases.

[1]A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[2]A civil case is counted when it is placed on the calendar (has reached issue). [3]A civil case is counted at the note of issue.
[5]A civil case is not counted in the same way throughout the state.

Trial definition:
- A = A trial is counted if tried to judgment, completion, verdict, or decision.
- B = A jury trial is counted when the jury selection begins (first juror is drawn).
- C = A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn (impaneled).
- D = A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.
- F = A trial is counted when it has officially begun.
- G = A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs. Guilty pleas are not counted as trials.
- H = A trial is not counted in the same way throughout the state.

TABLE 28: Criminal filed and disposed in general jurisdiction, limited jurisdiction, and all trial courts, 1979.

Variations in court organization, subject matter jurisdiction, and case classification:

This table breaks the gross totals of Table 15 into criminal case classification. Because of the variations in court organization, subject matter jurisdiction, and case classification, comparisons of general jurisdiction and limited jurisdiction courts from state to state are seldom appropriate.

Lack of complete data (less than 90% complete from an individual court) is responsible for the large number of blanks in the "All trial courts" columns on this table, as well as for states missing from the table. In order for a state to be included in this table, it had to have complete filing or disposition data from all its trial courts.

Courts that do not break their caseload down into specific case types, do generally separate caseload into civil, criminal, and juvenile cases. (Traffic may be reported separately or it may be lumped into criminal caseload.)

Sources of data are found on the individual court profiles in Part II and in Appendix B.

Variations in counting cases do have an impact on total caseloads. If states are not counting cases at the same beginning and ending point, total caseload is not comparable. See Figure C.

Appropriate analyses:

Disposed as a percent of filed. This measure represents the percent of the number of filed cases that the court was able to dispose. The percent is computed by dividing the number of cases filed by the number disposed and then multiplying by one hundred. A percent over one hundred indicates that the court disposed more cases than were filed, thus reducing pending caseload. A percent significantly less than one hundred indicates that the court is not keeping up with the volume of cases being filed.

Limitations on use:

Comparisons can be made between courts that count cases in the same way. The method of counting criminal cases has the greatest influence over data reported. Consult Figure C for a listing of the groups of courts that count criminal cases in the same way.

Although data have been broken down into general and limited jurisdiction courts, this has been done to provide a flavor for the different workloads of the different levels of trial courts. Interstate comparisons should be restricted to all trial courts' data.

TABLE 28:
Criminal filed and disposed in general jurisdiction, limited jurisdiction, and all trial courts, 1979.
State adult population within unit of count groupings. Disposed as a percent of filed.

State and unit of count	General jurisdiction courts			Limited jurisdiction courts			All trial courts		
	Filed	Disposed	Disposed as a percent filed	Filed	Disposed	Disposed as a percent filed	Filed	Disposed	Disposed as a percent filed
Informations, indictments, or complaints									
Alaska	1,074			17,761			18,835		
Guam	415	286	69%	--	--	--	415	286	69%
Illinois	581,976	547,534	94%	--	--	--	581,976	547,534	94%
Iowa	198,019	198,460	100%	--	--	--	198,019	198,460	100%
Maine	5,425	5,174	95%	27,439	26,577	97%	32,864	31,751	97%
Maryland	38,902			88,858			127,760		
Massachusetts	263,619			5,652			269,271		
New Jersey	25,141	27,116	108%	365,544	321,782	88%	390,485	348,898	89%
Number of defendants									
Arizona	13,815	13,175	95%	103,930	91,176	88%	117,745	104,351	89%
Colorado	15,287	14,328	94%	32,925	31,232	95%	48,212	45,560	94%
Connecticut	101,354	94,687	93%	--	--	--	101,354	94,687	93%
District of Columbia	31,381	29,404	94%	--	--	--	31,381	29,404	94%
Florida	107,786	91,812	85%	233,835	206,563	88%	341,621	298,375	87%
Hawaii	2,801	1,961	70%	42,998	41,276	96%	45,799	43,237	94%
Idaho	30,036	28,527	95%	--	--	--	30,036	28,527	95%
Kentucky	10,512	9,587	91%	197,914	173,448	88%	208,426	183,035	88%
Pennsylvania		66,872			479,541			546,413	
Virginia	55,120	53,836	98%	299,819	291,640	97%	354,939	345,476	97%
Washington	15,224			129,867			145,091		
No consistent definition									
New Hampshire	6,142			37,113			43,255		
North Carolina	56,591	54,587	96%	356,292	347,174	97%	412,883	401,761	97%
Case number assigned									
North Dakota	1,021	1,004	98%	15,759	14,346	91%	16,780	15,350	91%

Note: All courts in Louisiana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Hawaii, and Delaware are displayed in the number of defendants grouping because this is the unit of count for the general jurisdiction court in each of these states. Data for all courts in Maryland are displayed with the number of informations, indictments, or complaints grouping since this is the unit of count for general jurisdiction courts in this state.
State totals were included in this table when all courts with criminal jurisdiction within that state reported either complete filings and/or dispositions. Blank spaces indicate that the data were unavailable or incomplete, or the calculations were inappropriate.

-- = Not applicable.

NH = This case type is not handled in this court.

TABLE 29: Composition of criminal case filings in general jurisdict jurisdiction courts, 1979.
TABLE 30: Composition of criminal case dispositions in general jurisdiction courts, 1979.

Variations in court organization and subject matter jurisdiction:

These two tables deal only with general jurisdiction courts. In states with a single-tier trial court (Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, South Dakota, District of Columbia, and Guam), all case types are heard in the general jurisdiction court. These courts are indicated by an "*" before their state name. In all other states, some of the trial court case types are heard in limited jurisdiction courts.

The individual court profiles for each state (found in Part II) must be consulted to determine whether the figures for an individual case type in these tables represent the complete caseload for that case type in the particular state.

Sources of data:

These are found in the individual court profiles in Part II and in Appendix B.

Variations in case classifications and definitions:

Courts that do not break their caseload down into specific case types do generally separate caseload into civil, criminal, and juvenile cases. (Traffic may be reported separately or it may be reported as a part of the criminal caseload.) Consequently, these two tables are easier to aggregate than later tables that show specific case types.

Those states that reported less than 90% of complete "total" data were excluded from these tables.

Appropriate analyses:

Data from these tables may be used to identify courts with similar jurisdiction and courts that handle similar volumes of cases. These data can also be used to compute the distribution of types of criminal cases filed in each court. To compute the proportion of the total filings (dispositions) for each case type, divide the number of filings (dispositions) for each case type by the total filings (dispositions) for each court and multiply by 100.

Limitations on use:

Comparisons should not be made between courts in states with a single-tier trial court (marked with an "*") and courts in states with both general and limited jurisdiction courts.

Comparisons can be made only between courts that use the same unit of count for counting criminal cases. Since the data contained in these tables are taken from only the general jurisdiction courts, the organization charts for each state should be checked to determine whether or not other courts in the state also handle the specific case types before comparisons of volumes of specific case types are made.

TABLE 29:
Composition of criminal case filings in general jurisdiction courts, 1979.
State and court. Criminal case categories.

State and court title	Criminal cases filed: Felony	Misdemeanor	Felony/misdemeanor	Preliminary hearing	Ordinance violation	Appeal	Other criminal	Total criminal
Alabama--Circuit Court	X			NH	NH	X	NH	24,302
Alaska--Superior Court	691	17		NH	NH	155	211	1,074
Arizona--Superior Court	11,323	92		NH	NH	1,852	548	13,815
Arkansas--Circuit Court	9,861	(j)		NH	NH	5,005[j]		14,866
California--Superior Court			33,931[†]			2,349[†]		56,280[†]
Colorado--District Court, Denver Superior Court, Denver Juvenile Court, and Denver Probate Court	10,622				NH	540	4,125	15,287
Connecticut--Superior Court	5,043		96,231				80	101,354
Delaware--Superior Court			2,729	NH	NH	229	NH	2,950
*District of Columbia--Superior Court	4,005	15,150		7,010	3,505	NH	1,711	31,381
Florida--Circuit Court	106,959	NH	NH		NH	827	NH	107,786
Georgia--Superior Court	28,541	16,969			NH	NH	NH	45,480
*Guam--Superior Court	143	272						415
Hawaii--Circuit Court	2,377	354		NH	NH	NH	70	2,801
*Idaho--STATE TOTAL	2,752	21,494		5,699		91		30,036
District Court	2,752	184		NH	NH	91	NH	3,027
Magistrates Division		21,310		5,699			NH	27,009
*Illinois--Circuit Court	37,722	469,438[j]		(j)	74,816	NH		581,976
Indiana--Superior Court and Circuit Court		20,334	18,179	2,478			10,047	51,038
*Iowa--District Court	16,566[j]	82,917		22,617	75,919	(j)		198,019
Kansas--District Court	9,901	14,420		NH	NH	842		25,163
Kentucky--Circuit Court			10,124	NH	NH	388	NH	10,512
Maine--Superior Court	2,483	2,278		NH			664	5,425
Maryland--Circuit Court			34,130	NH	NH	4,112	660	38,902
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL	X	198,156[j]				21,565	43,898	263,619
Superior Court Department	X					850	30,036	30,886
District Court Department	(j)	198,120[j]				20,715		218,835
Boston Municipal Court Department							13,862	13,862
Juvenile Court Department		36						36
Michigan--STATE TOTAL	39,476[†j]	6,527			68,543	568[†]		105,114[†]
Circuit Court	28,325[†j]			NH	NH	568[†]		28,893[†]
Recorder's Court of Detroit	11,151	6,527			68,543	NH		86,221
Montana--District Court	2,281	681			NH	X	X	2,962
Nebraska--District Court	3,632[j]	(j)			NH	1,237[j]		4,869[j]
New Hampshire--Superior Court			3,436	NH	NH	2,706	NH	6,142
New Jersey--Superior Court	22,198				NH	2,784	159	25,141
New Mexico--District Court			5,289		NH			5,289
New York--Supreme Court			30,806	NH	NH		NH	30,806
North Carolina--Superior Court	32,129			NH	NH	24,462	NH	56,591
North Dakota--District Court	879	40	NH	NH	NH	47	55	1,021
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas	33,544	NH		NH	NH	NH	NH	33,544
Oklahoma--District Court	23,692	37,822	NH		NH	423	354	62,291
Oregon--Circuit Court	16,643	NH			NH			16,643
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas			60,335[j]			12,566[j]	864	73,765
Puerto Rico--Superior Court	9,242	9,221		720	NH			19,183
Rhode Island--Superior Court			2,515			1,067		3,582
South Carolina--Circuit Court			31,746[j]	NH				31,746[j]
Tennessee--Circuit Court and Criminal Court			27,325					27,325
Texas--District Court and Criminal District Court	77,461	7,950			NH		7,065	92,476
Utah--District Court			2,103	NH	NH	293		2,396
*Vermont--District Court	2,892[†]	15,280[†]			NH		646[†]	18,818[†]
Virginia--Circuit Court	31,896	22,839		NH	NH		385	55,120

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TABLE 29:
Composition of criminal case filings in general jurisdiction courts, 1979. *(continued)*

State and court title	Criminal cases filed: Felony	Misdemeanor	Felony/misdemeanor	Preliminary hearing	Ordinance violation	Appeal	Other criminal	Total criminal
Washington--Superior Court	12,171							
Wisconsin--Circuit Court	13,187	27,683		NH	NH	3,053	NH	15,224
Wyoming--District Court	1,613	NH	NH	NH	NH		13,567	54,437
								1,613

Note: All available data from states that have total filings which are at least 90% complete are entered in the table. Blank spaces indicate that the data were unavailable, or less than 90% complete. **Other criminal** also includes **extraordinary writ, postconviction remedy** and **sentence review only** cases. The **felony/misdemeanor** category in this table does not represent the sum of all **felonies** and **misdemeanors**, but deals with those figures which could not be broken down into those respective categories.

X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

NH = This case type is known not to be handled by this court.

*These states have a single-tier trial court. These courts have no limited jurisdiction courts under them, so included in their caseload are cases that would be heard by limited jurisdiction courts elsewhere.

[1]Data are incomplete:
California--Superior Court--One court reported data for only the first six months of the reporting period.
Michigan--Circuit Court--Data were unavailable for Arenac, Jackson and Mason Counties.
Vermont--District Court--Data do not include **sentence review only** cases, nor data from the Superior Court.

[J]Explanation of data included in the category:
Arkansas--Circuit Court-- **Appeals** include some original **misdemeanors.**
Illinois--Circuit Court-- **Misdemeanors** include **ordinance violations** and **preliminary hearings** in the Circuit Court of Cook County.
Iowa--District Court-- **Felony** data include **appeals.**
Massachusetts--District Court Department--Data include some **felonies.**
Michigan--Circuit Court--Data include some high **misdemeanors.**
Nebraska--District Court-- **Felony** data include some **misdemeanors,** and **Appeal** data include some **civil appeals.**
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas-- **Felony/misdemeanor** figure includes some trial de novo for **appeal** cases.
South Carolina--Circuit Court--Data include cases from the County Court, and the Civil and Criminal Court.

TABLE 30:
Composition of criminal case dispositions in general jurisdiction courts, 1979.
State and court. Criminal case categories.

State and court title	Criminal cases disposed: Felony	Misdemeanor	Felony/misdemeanor	Preliminary hearing	Ordinance violation	Appeal	Other criminal	Total criminal
Alabama--Circuit Court								24,552
Alaska--Superior Court	751	X		NH	NH	X	335	1,086
Arizona--Superior Court	10,557	233		NH	NH	1,829	556	13,175
Arkansas--Circuit Court	10,744			NH	NH	5,186[J]		15,930
California--Superior Court			49,217[1]	NH	NH	2,170[1]		51,387[1]
Colorado--District Court, Denver Superior Court, Denver Juvenile Court, and Denver Probate Court	8,971				NH	354	5,003	14,328
Connecticut--Superior Court	5,084		89,589				14	94,687
Delaware--Superior Court			3,186[J]	NH	NH	(J)	NH	3,186
*District of Columbia--Superior Court	3,960	13,090		7,080	3,548	NH	1,726	29,404
Florida--Circuit Court	91,148	NH	NH		NH	664	NH	91,812
Georgia--Superior Court	27,317	15,842			NH	NH	NH	43,159
*Guam--Superior Court	117	169						286
Hawaii--Circuit Court	1,628	293		NH	NH	NH	40	1,961
*Idaho--STATE TOTAL	2,681	20,261		5,333		52		28,527
District Court	2,681	193		NH	NH	52	NH	2,921
Magistrates Division	NH	20,068		5,333			NH	25,601
*Illinois--Circuit Court	35,312	444,350[J]		(J)	67,872	NH		547,534
Indiana--Superior Court and Circuit Court		17,472	18,466	1,963			10,108	48,009
*Iowa--District Court	15,098[J]	83,952		23,609	75,801	(J)		198,460
Kansas--District Court	10,255	16,669[J]		NH	NH	(J)		26,924
Kentucky--Circuit Court			9,259	NH	NH	328	NH	9,587
Maine--Superior Court	2,508	2,046		NH			620	5,174
Maryland--Circuit Court			31,103	NH	NH	4,631	909	36,643
Massachusetts--Superior Court Department	X					718	41,448	42,166[1]
Michigan--STATE TOTAL	39,602[1J]	6,090			44,073	508[1]		90,273[1]
Circuit Court	28,632[1J]			NH	NH	508[1]		29,140[1]
Recorder's Court of Detroit	10,970	6,090			44,073	NH		61,133
Montana--District Court	X		2,756		NH	X	X	2,756
Nebraska--District Court	3,563[J]	(J)			NH	1,147[J]		4,710[J]
New Hampshire--Superior Court			3,327[1]		NH	3,642[1]	NH	7,724
New Jersey--Superior Court	24,256				NH	2,699	161	27,116
New Mexico--District Court			5,029		NH			5,029
New York--Supreme Court and County Court			33,508	NH	NH		NH	33,508
North Carolina--Superior Court	30,979			NH	NH	23,608	NH	54,587
North Dakota--District Court	871	37		NH	NH	49	47	1,004
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas	33,709	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	33,709
Oklahoma--District Court	21,839	33,496			NH	323	301	55,959
Oregon--Circuit Court	15,503	NH	NH		NH			15,503
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas			53,751[J]			12,474[J]	647	66,872
Puerto Rico--Superior Court	9,397	9,042		722	NH			19,661
South Carolina--Circuit Court			32,757[J]	NH				32,757[J]
Texas--District Court and Criminal District Court	75,231	9,886			NH		6,121	91,238
Utah--District Court			2,225	NH	NH	270		2,495
*Vermont--District Court	2,753[1]	14,741[1]		NH	NH		594[1]	18,088[1]
Virginia--Circuit Court	31,260	22,246		NH	NH		330	53,836
Washington--Superior Court	X			NH	NH	X	NH	12,956[1]
West Virginia--Circuit Court				NH	NH			6,241
Wisconsin--Circuit Court	12,352	23,878					20,084	56,314
Wyoming--District Court	1,573	NH	NH	NH	NH			1,573

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TABLE 30:
Composition of criminal case dispositions in general jurisdiction courts, 1979. *(continued)*

Note: All available data from states that had total dispositions which were at least 90% complete are entered in the table. Blank spaces indicate that the data were unavailable or less than 90% complete. **Other criminal** also includes **extraordinary writ, postconviction remedy** and **sentence review only** cases. The **felony/misdemeanor** category in this table does not represent the sum of all **felonies** and **misdemeanors**, but deals only with those figures which could not be broken down into those respective categories.

X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

NH = This case type is known not to be handled by the court.

*These states have a single-tier trial court. These courts have no limited jurisdiction courts under them, so included in their caseload are cases that would be heard by limited jurisdiction courts elsewhere.

[I]Data are incomplete:
California--Superior Court--One court reported data for only the first six months of the reporting period.
Massachusetts--Superior Court Department--These are not state totals--they do not include data from any of the other departments.
Michigan--Circuit Court--Data were unavailable for Arenac, Jackson and Mason Counties.
New Hampshire--Superior Court--Data for individual case types are missing for Strafford County.
Vermont--District Court--Figures do not include data from the Superior Court due to substantially incomplete total disposition figures from the Superior Court.
Washington--Superior Court--One court location failed to provide data for the indicated case types.

[J]Explanation of data included in the category:
Arkansas--Circuit Court-- **Appeals** include some original **misdemeanors**.
Delaware--Superior Court-- **Felony/misdemeanor** includes **appeals**.
Illinois--Circuit Court-- **Misdemeanors** include **ordinance violations** and **preliminary hearings** in the Circuit Court of Cook County.
Iowa--District Court-- **Felony** data include **appeals**.
Kansas--District Court-- **Misdemeanors** include **appeals**.
Michigan--Circuit Court--Data include some high **misdemeanors**.
Nebraska--District Court-- **Felony** data include some **misdemeanors**, and appeal data include some **civil appeals**.
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas-- **Felony/misdemeanor** figure includes some trial de novo for appeal cases.
South Carolina--Circuit Court--Data include cases from the County Court, and the Civil and Criminal Court.

TABLE 31: Felony caseload for general jurisdiction courts, 1979.
TABLE 32: Misdemeanor caseload for trial courts, 1979.
TABLE 33: Combined felony and misdemeanor caseload, 1979.
TABLE 34: Ordinance violation caseload for trial courts, 1979.
TABLE 35: Preliminary hearing caseload for trial courts, 1979.
TABLE 36: Criminal appeals caseload for trial courts, 1979.

Variations in court organization and subject matter jurisdiction:

Caseload in these tables is from both general jurisdiction and limited jurisdiction courts. The same case types may be handled in different courts from state to state. Only state totals can be compared among these states using the same unit of count. To facilitate comparisons, the states in these tables have been grouped into three categories: those states where a court has exclusive jurisdiction over a case type and where it reported complete data; those states where more than one court handles a case type and each court submitted complete data; and those states where data from any one of the courts with that casetype jurisdiction are incomplete. The court organization charts in Part II should be consulted for a brief summary of the jurisdiction of each court.

Sources of data:

These are found in the individual court profiles in Part II and in Appendix B.

Variations in case classification and definitions:

Both the case categories and the data classified in the case categories vary from state to state.

Because such problems exist for these and all other case categories, the case types used in this report are those chosen for inclusion in the State Court Model Annual Report and State Court Model Statistical Dictionary.

Even with use of the model case types, however, caseloads are not comparable if state statutes vary as to the types of criminal cases classified as felonies or misdemeanors. Certain drug offenses, for example, may be serious felonies in one state but only misdemeanors in another.

Only states reporting data that could be displayed in the specific case types are included in the tables, and then only if the data are at least 90% complete. Many courts do not break data down beyond the broad civil, criminal, traffic, and juvenile categories.

Variations in counting cases:

Each of these tables has numerical superscripts by each court name, indicating how that court counts cases. This distinction is highlighted further by dotted lines separating the states by unit of count.

Appropriate analysis:

Disposed cases as percent of filed. This measure represents the percent of the number of filed cases of which the court was able to dispose. The percent is computed by dividing the number of cases filed by the number disposed of and then multiplying by one hundred. A percent over one hundred indicates that the court disposed of more cases than were filed, thus reducing pending caseload. A percent significantly less than one hundred indicates that the court is not keeping up with the volume of cases being filed. This measure was not computed if the number of cases filed was less than ten or if the quantity of missing data (indicated by an "i" footnote) made it inappropriate.

End pending cases as percent of filed. This figure gives the percent of the number of filed cases that were pending at the end of the year. This measure is computed by dividing the number of cases pending at the end of the year by the number of cases filed and then multiplying by one hundred. A value of one hundred percent indicates that the number of cases pending at the end of the year was equal to the number of cases filed during the year. A value higher than one hundred percent indicates a pending caseload larger than cases filed, while a value lower than one hundred percent indicates a pending caseload smaller than the number of cases filed. This percent was not computed if the number of cases filed was less than ten or if the quantity of missing data (indicated by an "i" footnote in the profiles in Part II) made it inappropriate.

Number change in pending caseload. This number gives the net increase or decrease in pending caseload for the court year by subtracting the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year from the number of cases pending at the end of the year. An alternative to this calculation, subtracting the number disposed of from the number filed, was used when pending data were unavailable or incomplete. When this alternate formula was used, the resulting number was enclosed in parentheses. A positive number indicates that the pending caseload increased during the year while a negative number indicates that the pending caseload was reduced in size. Thus, a large negative change in pending cases indicates that the court is keeping the caseflow current, while a large positive change in pending cases would indicate that the court has not kept pace with its filings.

Percent change in pending caseload. This percentage indicates the change in pending cases relative to the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year, and is obtained by dividing the number change in pending caseload by the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year and then multiplying by one hundred. (This figure cannot be calculated if the alternative formula described above was used to calculate the number change in the pending caseload.) A high negative percent indicates that the court reduced its pending caseload significantly, while a high positive percent indicates that the pending caseload increased significantly. This measure was not computed if the number of beginning pending cases was less than ten or if the jurisdiction of the court changed significantly during the year.

Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population. The unit of state population used on all court caseload charts is 100,000. This measure compensates for variations in state population and gives a more realistic basis for comparison of caseloads among states of various sizes. If the number of filings was not available or was not complete (indicated by an "i" footnote on the

profiles in Part II) but the number of dispositions was available, the number of cases disposed per unit of population was entered in this column in place of the number of cases filed per population unit, and the use of this alternative quantity was indicated by enclosing it in parentheses. Population figures used in the criminal tables represent the 18-year-old-plus state population. If all other factors (court jurisdiction, case definition, etc.) are similar, the filed-per-unit-of-population statistic will permit direct comparisons among states of the number of filed cases.

Limitations on use:

In these criminal case type tables, only STATE TOTALS can be compared in those states where more than one court has jurisdiction over the case type. Comparisons can be made between the data reported for a state with an individual court that has exclusive jurisdiction over the type of case, and the STATE TOTALS for states where more than one court has jurisdiction. Comparisons should be avoided for states not reporting data for one or more courts that have jurisdiction over the case type.

Comparisons should be made only between those cases that use the same unit of count for counting criminal cases.

It should also be noted that any change(s) in the caseload of a court may not indicate a change in the actual "offense-rate" within a state, but may merely reflect changes in the criminal code, law enforcement policies and/or citizen reporting rates--among other things. These data should only be used for court management measures.

TABLE 31:
Felony caseload for general jurisdiction courts, 1979.

State adult population within unit of count groupings. Courts reporting felony caseload. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 adult population.

State and court title	State adult population in thousands	Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
COMPLETE STATE DATA:										
Exclusive court jurisdiction:										
Alaska--Superior Court[6]	261	283	691	751	382	109%	55%	99	35%	265
Arkansas--Circuit Court[6]	1,542	6,938	9,861	10,744	6,055	109%	61%	-883	-13%	640
Guam--Superior Court[6]		450	143	117	476	82%	333%	26	6%	
Illinois--Circuit Court[6]	7,997	21,724	37,722	35,312	19,399	94%	51%	-2,325	-11%	472
Iowa--District Court[6]	2,080	12,102[j]	16,566[j]	15,098[j]	13,517[j]	91%[j]		(1,468)[j]	12%[j]	796[j]
Kansas--District Court[6]	1,724	4,051	9,901	10,255	3,697	104%	37%	-354	-9%	574
New Jersey--Superior Court (Law Division)[6]	5,332	31,450	22,198	24,256	29,392	109%	132%	-2,058	-7%	416
North Dakota--District Court[5]	462		879	871		99%		(8)		190
Oklahoma--District Court[6]	2,028	27,658	22,753	20,510	29,871	90%	131%	2,213	8%	1,121
Oregon--Circuit Court[6]	1,828	6,348	16,643	15,503	7,488	93%	45%	1,140	18%	910
South Dakota--Circuit Court[6]	484		2,337	2,682		115%		(-345)		483
Wisconsin--Circuit Court[6]	3,372		13,187	12,352		94%		(835)		391
Wyoming--District Court[6]	312	664	1,613	1,573	697	98%	43%	33	5%	517
Arizona--Superior Court[7]	1,697	5,272	11,323	10,557	6,038	93%	53%	766	15%	667
Colorado--District Court[7]	1,972		10,622	8,971		84%		(1,651)		539
District of Columbia--Superior Court[7]	487	1,049	4,005	3,960	1,094	99%	27%	45	4%	822
Florida--Circuit Court[7]	6,633		106,959	91,148		85%		(15,811)		1,613
Georgia--Superior Court[7]	3,561	18,423	28,511	27,317	15,652	96%	55%	-2,771	-15%	801
Hawaii--Circuit Court[7]	640	2,332	2,377	1,628	3,081	68%	130%	749	32%	371
Idaho--District Court[7]	612	1,177	2,752	2,681	1,248	97%	45%	71	6%	450
Maine--Superior Court[7]	779	1,466	2,483	2,508	1,712	101%	69%	246	17%	319
Montana--District Court[7]	551		2,281							414
Nebraska--District Court[7]	1,125		3,632[j]	3,563[j]		98%[j]		(69)[j]		323[j]
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas[7]	7,645	7,576	33,544	33,709	7,411	100%	22%	-165	-2%	439
Washington--Superior Court[7]	2,829		12,171							430
Puerto Rico--Superior Court[8]		8,056	9,242	9,897	7,401	107%	80%	-655	-8%	
Virginia--Circuit Court[8]	2,753		31,896	31,260		98%		(636)		849
North Carolina--Superior Court[9]	3,992	10,584	32,129	30,979	11,734	96%	37%	1,150	11%	805
Not exclusive court jurisdiction:										
Vermont--STATE TOTAL	350	991	2,915	2,788	1,118	95%	38%	127	12%	832
Superior Court[6]	--	20	23	35	8	152%	35%	-12	-60%	6
District Court[6]	--	971	2,892	2,753	1,110	95%	38%	139	14%	826
Texas--District Court and Criminal District Court[7]	9,291	48,627	77,461	75,231	50,857	97%	66%	2,230	5%	834
INCOMPLETE STATE DATA										
Connecticut--Superior Court[7]	2,269	3,042[i]	5,043[i]	5,084[i]	2,892[i]	100%[i]	57%[i]	-150[i]	-4%[i]	222[i]
Michigan--Circuit Court[7]	6,470	9,063[ij]	28,325[ij]	28,632[ij]	8,756[ij]	101%[ij]	31%[ij]	-307[ij]	-3%[ij]	438[ij]
Recorder's Court of Detroit[7]	--	2,764	11,151	10,970	2,945	98%	26%	181	7%	172

Note: All available data that are at least 90% complete are entered in the table. Blank spaces indicate that either the data were unavailable or less than 90% complete, or that the calculations were inappropriate.

6 The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments or complaints.

7 The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment or complaint.

8 The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.

9 The criminal case unit of count is inconsistent statewide.

[i]Data are incomplete:
Connecticut--Superior Court--These data do not include Part B Felonies.
Michigan--Circuit Court--Data were unavailable for Arenac, Jackson and Mason Counties.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Iowa--District Court--Pending data include some appeal and indictable misdemeanor cases. Filed and disposed figures include appeals.
Michigan--Circuit Court--Data include high misdemeanors that are punishable by more than one year in prison.
Nebraska--District Court--Figures include a few misdemeanor cases.

TABLE 32:
Misdemeanor caseload for trial courts, 1979.

State adult population within unit of count groupings. Courts reporting misdemeanor caseload. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 adult population.

State and court title	State adult population in thousands	Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
COMPLETE STATE DATA										
Exclusive court jurisdiction:										
Guam--Superior Court[6]	--	378	272	169	481	62%	177%	103	27%	
Illinois--Circuit Court[6]	7,997	71,214[i]	469,438	444,350	124,876[i]	95%		(25,088)		5,870
Iowa--District Court[6]	2,080		82,917	83,952		101%		(-1,035)		3,986
Kansas--District Court[6]	1,724	4,346[j]	14,420	16,669[j]	2,939[j]			-1,407[j]	-32%[j]	836
Oklahoma--District Court[6]	2,076	19,201	36,608	36,077	19,732	99%	54%	531	3%	1,763
Colorado--County Court[7]	1,972	11,449	30,486	28,793	13,142	94%	43%	1,693	15%	1,546
District of Columbia--Superior Court[7]	487	2,407	15,150	13,090	4,467	86%	29%	2,060	86%	3,111
Florida--County Court[7]	6,633		165,294	144,838		88%		(20,456)		2,492
Not exclusive court jurisdiction:										
Alaska--STATE TOTAL	261		14,108							5,405
Superior Court[6]	--		17							7
District Court[6]	--		12,507							4,792
Magistrate's Court[6]	--		1,584	1,363		86%		(221)		607
North Dakota--STATE TOTAL	462		14,414	13,130		91%		(1,284)		3,120
District Court[6]	--		40	37		92%		(3)		9
County Court with Increased Jurisdiction[6]	--		11,273	10,016		89%		(1,257)		2,440
County Justice Court[6]	--		3,101	3,077		99%		(24)		671
Vermont--STATE TOTAL	350	2,576	15,282	14,746	3,112	96%		536	21%	4,366
Superior Court[6]	--	3	2	5	0	250%		-3	-100%	1
District Court[6]	--	2,573	15,280	14,741	3,112	96%	20%	539	21%	4,366
Arizona--STATE TOTAL	1,697	32,167	89,138	77,410	43,895	87%	49%	11,728	37%	5,253
Superior Court[7]	--	256	92	233	115	253%	125%	-141	-55%	5
Justice of the Peace Court[7]	--	5,326	26,448	21,081	10,693	80%	40%	5,367	101%	1,559
City Magistrates[7]	--	26,585	62,598	56,096	33,087	90%	53%	6,502	25%	3,689
Idaho--STATE TOTAL	612	4,586	21,494	20,261	5,819	94%	27%	1,233	27%	3,512
District Court[7]	--	47	184	193	38	105%	21%	-9	-19%	30
Magistrate's Court[7]	--	4,539	21,310	20,068	5,781	94%	27%	1,242	27%	3,482
Washington--STATE TOTAL	2,829		70,753							2,501
District Court and Justices of the Peace[7]	--		70,753							2,501
Puerto Rico--STATE TOTAL	--	14,794	51,320	50,363	15,751	98%	31%	957	6%	
Superior Court[8]	--	6,490	9,221	9,042	6,669	98%	72%	179	3%	
District Court[8]	--	8,304	42,099	41,321	9,082	98%	22%	778	9%	
New Hampshire--STATE TOTAL	634		33,464							5,278
District Court[9]	--		32,472							5,122
Municipal Court[9]	--		992							157
Hawaii--STATE TOTAL	640			18,541						2,907
Circuit Court[7]	--	560	354	293	621	83%	175%	61	11%	55
District Court[8]	--			18,248						2,851
Maine--STATE TOTAL	779		26,972	25,910		96%		(1,062)		3,462
Superior Court[7]	--	945	2,278	2,046	1,177	90%	52%	232	25%	292
District Court[6]	--		24,694	23,864		97%		(830)		3,170
INCOMPLETE STATE DATA										
Indiana--Superior Court and Circuit Court (County Court Function)[6]	3,807									
Superior Court and Circuit Court[6]	--									
Criminal Court of Marion County[6]	--									
County Court[6]	--	12,904	43,855	37,549	19,210	84%	44%	6,306	50%	1,152
Municipal Court of Marion County[6]	--	21,719	45,571	34,577	32,713	76%	72%	10,994	51%	1,197
Juvenile Court of Marion County[6]	--									
City Court[6]	--									
Town Court[6]	--									

State and court title	State adult population in thousands	Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
INCOMPLETE STATE DATA: (con't.)										
Louisiana--City Court and Parish Court and Municipal Court[6]	2,723		29,270	25,882		88%		(3,388)		1,075
District Court[6]	--									
Massachusetts--District Court Department[6]	4,253		198,120[j]							4,658[j]
Housing Court Department[6]	--		5,652							133
Juvenile Court Department[6]	--		36							1
Superior Court Department[6]	--									
Boston Municipal Court Department[6]	--									
Missouri--Circuit Court[6]	3,524		40,822[i]	34,679[i]		85%[i]		(6,143)[i]		1,158[i]
Rhode Island--Superior Court[6]	683									
District Court[6]	--		28,423[j]	27,166[j]		96%[j]		(1,257)[j]		4,161[j]
Municipal Court[6]	--									
South Carolina--Magistrate Court[6]	2,026		67,951							3,354
Circuit Court[6]	--									
Civil and Criminal Court[6]	--									
Utah--Juvenile Court[6]	862		254[j]							29[j]
Circuit Court[6]	--		10,778[i,j]							1,250[i,j]
Justice of the Peace Court[6]	--									
District Court[6]	--									
Wisconsin--Circuit[6]	3,372		27,683	23,878		86%		(3,805)		821
Municipal Justice Court[6]	--									
California--Superior Court[7]	16,475									
Justice Court[7]	--		50,977	46,072		90%		(4,905)		309
Municipal Court[7]	--		533,270	494,489		93%		(38,781)		3,237
Georgia--Superior Court[7]	3,561	9,918	16,969	15,842	8,354	93%	49%	-1,564	-16%	477
State Court and County Court[7]	--									
Probate Court[7]	--		4,062	3,943		97%		(119)		114
Municipal Court[7]	--									
Magistrate's Court[7]	--									
Kentucky--District Court[7]	2,485		174,418	152,299		87%		(22,119)		7,019
Circuit Court[7]	--									
Michigan--Recorder's Court of Detroit[7]	6,470		6,527	6,090		93%		(437)		101
Montana--District Court[7]	551		681							124
Ohio--County Court[7]	7,645	2,154	23,108	22,775	2,487	99%	11%	333	16%	302
Municipal Court[7]	--	24,612	264,704	254,634	34,682	96%	13%	10,070	41%	3,462
Mayor's Court[7]	--									
Pennsylvania--Philadelphia Municipal Court[7]	8,620	5,506	34,324	34,124	5,413	99%	16%	-93	-2%	398
Court of Common Pleas[7]	--									
Pittsburgh City Magistrates[7]	--									
Texas--District Court and Criminal	--									
District Court[7]	9,291	7,602	7,950	9,886	5,666	124%	71%	-1,936	-25%	86
County Court at Law and Constitutional County Court[7]	--	183,626[j]	143,156	210,101[j]	198,038[j]			(14,412)[j]	8%[j]	1,541
Municipal Court[7]	--		394,207	312,608		79%		(81,599)		4,243
Justice of the Peace Court[7]	--									
Virginia--Circuit Court[8]	3,758		22,839	22,246		97%		(593)		608
District Court[8]	--									
Delaware--Court of Common Pleas[8]	417	1,130	7,411	7,394	1,147	100%	15%	17	2%	1,777
Alderman's Court[8]	--									
Justice of the Peace Court[8]	--		17,570							4,213
Superior Court[7]	--									

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TABLE 32:
Misdemeanor caseload for trial courts, 1979. *(continued)*

State and court title	State adult population in thousands	Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
INCOMPLETE STATE DATA (con't)										
Maryland--District Court[7]	3,000		88,858							2,962
Circuit Court[6]	--									
Nebraska--County Court[6]	1,125		33,961	36,500		107%		(-2,539)		3,019
District Court[7]	--									
Municipal Court[7]	--									
New Mexico--Magistrate Court[6]	836		13,096							1,567
District Court[7]	--									
West Virginia--Magistrate Court[11]	1,339	39,382	118,339	107,869	49,852	91%	42%	10,470	27%	8,838
Circuit Court[9]	--									
Municipal Court[12]	--									

Note: All available data that are 90% or more complete are entered in the table. Blank spaces indicate that either the data were unavailable or less than 90% complete, or that the calculations were inappropriate.

6 The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments or complaints.
7 The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment or complaint.
8 The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.
9 The criminal case unit of count is inconsistent statewide.
10 The criminal case unit of count is the number assigned at arraignment.
11 The criminal case unit of count is the number of warrants issued.
12 The criminal case unit of count is unknown.

i Data are incomplete:
Missouri--Circuit Court--Data include only data from associate circuit judges.
Utah--Circuit Court--Data were not reported for the court located in American Fork.

j Explanation of data included in category:
Massachusetts--District Court Department--These include DWI cases.
Kansas--District Court--Disposed and pending data include some criminal appeal cases.
Texas--County Court at Law--Disposed and pending data include criminal appeal cases.
Utah--Circuit Court--Data include preliminary hearings.
Rhode Island--District Court--Data may include some traffic cases.

TABLE 33:
Combined felony and misdemeanor caseload, 1979.
State adult population within unit of count groupings. Courts reporting felony, misdemeanor, or felony/misdemeanor caseload. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 adult population.

State and court title	State adult population in thousands	Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
COMPLETE STATE DATA										
Exclusive court jurisdiction:										
Guam--Superior Court[6]		828	415	286	957	69%	231%	129	16%	
Illinois--Circuit Court[6]	7,997	92,938[i]	507,160	479,662	144,275	95%	28%	(27,498)		5,342
Iowa--District Court[6]	2,080	28,120	99,483	99,050	28,553	100%	28%	433	2%	4,783
Kansas--District Court[6]	1,724	8,397[j]	24,321	26,924[j]	6,636[j]			-1,761[j]	-21%[j]	1,411
Missouri--Circuit Court[6]	3,524	[i]	59,325[j]	52,003[j]		88%[j]		(7,322)[j]		1,683[j]
Oklahoma--District Court[6]	2,076	46,859	59,361	56,587	49,603	95%	84%	2,744	6%	2,859
Connecticut--Superior Court[7]	2,295	11,771	101,274	94,673	10,543	93%	10%	-1,228	-10%	4,413
District of Columbia--Superior Court[7]	487	3,456	19,155	17,050	5,561	89%	29%	2,105	61%	3,933
Not exclusive court jurisdiction:										
Alaska--STATE TOTAL	261		14,799							5,670
Superior Court[6]	--	283[i]	708	751[i]	382[i]			99[i]	35%[i]	271
District Court[6]	--		12,507							4,792
Magistrates' Court[6]	--		1,584	1,363		86%		(221)		607
North Dakota--STATE TOTAL	462		15,293	14,001		92%		(1,292)		3,310
District Court[6]	--		919	908		99%		(11)		199
County with Increased Jurisdiction[6]	--		11,273	10,016		89%		(1,257)		2,440
County Justice Court[6]	--		3,101	3,077		99%		(24)		671
South Carolina--STATE TOTAL										
Circuit Court, County Court, and Civil and Criminal Court[6]	2,026	8,639	31,746	32,757	7,628	103%	24%	-1,011	-12%	1,567
Magistrate Court[6]	--		67,951							3,354
Vermont--STATE TOTAL	350	3,567	18,197	17,534	4,230	96%	23%	663	19%	5,199
Superior Court[6]	--	23	25	40	8	160%	32%	-15	-65%	7
District Court[6]	--	3,544	18,172	17,494	4,222	96%	23%	678	19%	5,192
Arizona--STATE TOTAL	1,697	37,439	100,461	87,967	49,933	88%	50%	12,494	33%	5,920
Superior Court[7]	--	5,528	11,415	10,790	6,153	95%	54%	625	11%	673
Justices of the Peace[7]	--	5,326	26,448	21,081	10,693	80%	40%	5,367	101%	1,559
City Magistrates[7]	--	26,585	62,598	56,096	33,087	90%	53%	6,502	25%	3,689
Colorado--STATE TOTAL	1,972		41,108	37,764						
District Court[7]	--		10,622	8,971		84%		(1,651)		539
County Court[7]	--	11,449	30,486	28,793	13,142	94%	43%	1,693	15%	1,546
Florida--STATE TOTAL	6,633		272,253	235,986		87%		(36,267)		4,105
Circuit Court[7]	--		106,959	91,148		85%		(15,811)		1,613
County Court[7]	--		165,294	144,838		88%		(20,456)		2,492
Idaho--STATE TOTAL	612	5,763	24,246	22,942	7,067	95%	29%	1,304	23%	3,962
District Court[7]	--	1,224	2,936	2,874	1,286	98%	44%	62	5%	480
Magistrate's Division[7]	--	4,539	21,310	20,068	5,781	94%	27%	1,242	27%	3,482
Kentucky--STATE TOTAL	2,485		184,304	161,558		88%		(22,746)		7,417
Circuit Court[7]	--		10,124	9,259		91%		(865)		407
District Court[7]	--		174,180	152,299		87%		(21,881)		7,009
Washington--STATE TOTAL	2,829		82,924							2,931
Superior Court[7]	--		12,171							430
District Court and Justices of the Peace[7]	--		70,753							2,501
Puerto Rico--STATE TOTAL	--	22,850	60,562	60,260	23,152	100%	38%	302	1%	
Superior Court[8]	--	14,546	18,463	18,939	14,070	103%	76%	-476	-3%	
District Court[8]	--	8,304	42,099	41,321	9,082	98%	22%	778	9%	

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TABLE 33:
Combined felony and misdemeanor caseload, 1979. *(continued)*

State and court title	State adult population in thousands	Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
Not exclusive court jurisdiction (con't.)										
New Hampshire--STATE TOTAL	634		36,900							5,820
Superior Court[9]	--		3,436	3,327[i]						542
District Court[9]	--		32,472							5,122
Municipal Court[9]	--		992							157
Hawaii--STATE TOTAL	640			20,169						(3,278)
Circuit Court[7]	--	2,892	2,731	1,921	3,702	70%	136%	810	28%	427
District Court[8]	--			18,248						(2,851)
Maine--STATE TOTAL	779		29,455	28,418				(1,037)		3,781
Superior Court[7]	--	2,411	4,761	4,554	2,889	96%	61%	478	20%	611
District Court[6]	--		24,694	23,864		97%		(830)		3,170
Maryland--STATE TOTAL	3,000		122,988							4,100
Circuit Court[6]	--		34,130	31,103		91%		(3,027)		1,138
District Court[7]	--		88,858							2,962
New Mexico--STATE TOTAL	836		18,385							2,199
District Court[7]	--	2,597	5,289	5,029	2,864	95%	54%	267	10%	633
Magistrate Court[6]	--		13,096							1,567
INCOMPLETE STATE DATA										
Arkansas--Circuit Court[6]	1,542	6,938	9,861	10,744	6,055	109%	61%	-883	-13%	640
Municipal Court[6]	--									
City Court, Police Court and Justice of the Peace Court[6]	--									
Indiana--Superior Court and Circuit Court (County Court Function)[6]	3,807									
Superior Court and Circuit Court[6]	--	26,825	38,513	35,938	29,400	93%	76%	2,575	10%	1,012
Criminal Court of Marion County[6]	--									
County Court[6]	--	12,904	43,855	37,549	19,210	86%	44%	6,306	49%	1,152
Municipal Court of Marion County[6]	--	21,719	45,571	34,577	32,713	76%	72%	10,994	51%	1,197
Juvenile Court of Marion County[6]	--									
City Court and Town Court[6]	--									
Massachusetts--Superior Court Department[6]	4,253									
District Court Department[6]	--		198,120[j]							4,658[j]
Boston Municipal Court Department[6]	--									
Housing Court Department[6]	--		5,652							133
Juvenile Court Department[6]	--		36							1
New Jersey--Superior Court (Law Division) and County Court[6]	5,332	31,450	22,198	24,256	29,392	109%	132%	-2,058	-7%	416
District Court[6]	--									
Municipal Court[6]	--									
Rhode Island--Superior Court[6]	683		2,515	4,092		163%		(-1,577)		368
District Court[6]	--		28,423[j]	27,166[j]		96%[j]		(1,257)[j]		4,161[j]
Municipal Court[6]	--									
Tennessee--Circuit Court and Criminal Court[6]	3,134		27,325							872
Justice of the Peace Court[6]	--									
Utah--District Court[6]	862		2,103	2,225		106%		(-122)		244
Juvenile Court[6]	--		254[j]							29[j]
Circuit Court[6]	--		10,778[ij]							1,250[ij]
Justice of the Peace Court[6]	--									
Wisconsin--Circuit Court[6]	3,372		40,870	36,230		89%		(4,640)		1,212
Municipal Justice Court[6]	--									
Wyoming--District Court[6]	312	664	1,613	1,573	697	98%	43%	33	5%	517
Justice Court[6]	--									
California--Superior Court[7]	16,475		53,931[i]	49,217[i]		91%[i]		(4,714)[i]		327[i]
Justice Court[7]	--		50,977	46,072		90%		4,905		309
Municipal Court[7]	--		533,270	494,489		93%		(38,781)		3,237

State and court title	State adult population in thousands	Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
INCOMPLETE STATE DATA (con't.)										
Georgia--Superior Court[7]	3,561	28,341	45,480	43,159	24,006	95%	53%	-4,335	-15%	1,277
State Court and County Court[7]	--		4,062	3,943		97%		(119)		114
Probate Court[7]	--									
Municipal Court[7]	--									
Magistrate's Court[7]	--									
Michigan--Circuit Court[7]	6,470	9,063[i]	28,325[i]	28,632[i]	8,756[i]	101%[i]	31%[i]	-307[i]	-3%[i]	438[i]
Recorder's Court of Detroit[7]	--		17,678	17,060		97%		(618)		273
District Court[7]	--									
Municipal Court[7]	--									
Montana--District Court[7]	551	791	2,962	2,756	988	93%	33%	197	25%	538
Justice Court[7]	--									
City Court[7]	--									
Municipal Court[7]	--									
New York--Supreme Court and County Court[7]	12,898		30,806	33,508		109%		(-2,702)		239
Criminal Court of the City of New York[7]	--									
Town and Village Court[7]	--									
District Court[7]	--									
City Court[7]	--									
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas[7]	7,645	7,576	33,544	33,709	7,411	100%	22%	-165	-2%	439
County Court[7]	--	2,154	23,108	22,775	2,487	99%	11%	333	16%	302
Municipal Court[7]	--	24,612	264,704	254,634	34,682	96%	13%	10,070	41%	3,462
Mayor's Court[7]	--									
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas[7]	8,620	25,339[j]	60,335[j]	53,751[j]	27,885[j]	89%[j]	46%[j]	2,546[j]	10%[j]	700[j]
Philadelphia Municipal Court[7]	--	5,506	34,324	34,124	5,413	99%	16%	-93	-2%	398
Pittsburgh City Magistrates[7]	--									
Texas--District Court and Criminal District Court[7]	9,291	56,229	85,411	85,117	56,523	100%	66%	294	1%	919
County Court at Law, and Constitutional County Court[7]	--	183,626[j]	143,156	210,101[j]	198,038[j]			(14,412)[j]	8%[j]	1,541
Justice of the Peace Court[7]	--		394,207	312,680		79%		(81,527)		4,243
Municipal Court[7]	--									
Virginia--Circuit Court[8]	3,758		54,735	53,506		98%		(1,229)		1,456
District Court[8]	--									
North Carolina--Superior Court[9]	3,992	10,584	32,129	30,979	11,734	96%	37%	1,150	11%	805
District Court[9]	--									
Oregon--Circuit Court[10]	1,828	6,348	16,643	15,503	7,488	93%	45%	1,140	18%	910
Justice Court[10]	--									
District Court[10]	--									
Delaware--Superior Court[7]	417	1,417[j]	2,729	3,186[j]	1,181[j]			(-236)[j]	-17%[j]	654
Court of Common Pleas[8]	--	1,130	7,411	7,394	1,147	100%	15%	17	2%	1,777
Justice of the Peace Court[8]	--		17,570							4,213
Alderman's Court[8]	--									
Louisiana--District Court[7]	2,723									
City Court, Parish Court and Municipal Court[6]	--		29,270	25,882		88%		(3,388)		1,075
Nebraska--District Court[7]	1,125		3,632	3,563		98%		(69)		323
County Court[6]	--		33,961	36,500		107%		(-2,539)		3,019
Municipal Court[7]	--									
West Virginia--Magistrate Court[11]	1,339	39,382	118,339	107,869	49,852	91%	42%	10,470	27%	8,838
Circuit Court[9]	--									
Municipal Court[12]	--									

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TABLE 33:
Combined felony and misdemeanor caseload, 1979. *(continued)*

Note: All available data that are at least 90% complete are entered in the table. Blank spaces indicate that either the data were unavailabl or less than 90% complete, or the calculations were inappropriate.

6 The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments or complaints.
7 The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment or complaint.
8 The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.
9 The criminal case unit of count is inconsistent statewide.
10 The criminal case unit of count is the number assigned at arraignment.
11 The criminal case unit of count is the number of warrants issued.
12 The criminal case unit of count is unknown.

i Incomplete state data:
Alaska--Superior Court--Disposed and pending data do not include misdemeanors.
California--Superior Court--One court reported data for only the first six months of the reporting period.
Michigan--Circuit Court--Data were unavailable for the courts in Arenac, Jackson and Wayne Counties.
New Hampshire--Superior Court--Disposition data were unavailable from the court in Strafford County.
Utah--Circuit Court--Data were not reported by the court in American Fork.

j Explanation of data included in the category:
Delaware--Superior Court--Disposed and pending data include some criminal appeal cases.
Kansas--District Court--Disposed and pending data include some criminal appeal cases.
Missouri--Circuit Court--Figures include municipal appeals.
Massachusetts--District Court Department--Data include DWI cases.
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas--Data include criminal trial de novo for appeal.
Texas--County Court at Law--Disposed and pending data include criminal appeals.
Utah--Circuit Court--Data include preliminary hearings.
--Juvenile Court--Filed figures are the number of referrals.

TABLE 34:
Ordinance violation caseload for trial courts, 1979.
State population within unit of count groupings. Courts reporting ordinance violations caseload. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 adult population.

State and court title	State adult population in thousands	Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
COMPLETE STATE DATA										
Exclusive court jurisdiction:										
Illinois--Circuit Court[6]	7,996		74,816	67,872		91%		(6,944)		936
Iowa--District Court[6]	2,080	48,352	75,919	75,801	48,425	100%	64%	73	1%	3,650
Utah--City Court[6]	862		20,297[i]							2,355[i]
District of Columbia--Superior Court[7]	487	314	3,505	3,548	271	101%	8%	-43	-14%	720
Florida--County Court[7]	6,633		68,541	61,725		90%		(6,816)		1,033
Washington--Municipal Court[7]	2,829		49,238							1,740
Hawaii--District Court[8]	640	2,868	24,049	22,096	4,821	92%	20%	1,953	68%	3,758
Not exclusive court jurisdiction:										
California--STATE TOTAL	16,475		58,224	45,090		77%		(13,134)		353
Municipal Court[7]	--		53,401	41,187		77%		(12,214)		324
Justice Court[7]	--		4,823	3,903		81%		(920)		29
INCOMPLETE STATE DATA										
Louisiana--City Court, Parish Court, Municipal Court and Traffic Court of New Orleans[6]	2,723		93,058	73,283		79%		(19,775)		3,417
Mayor's Court[6]	--									
Michigan--District Court[7]	6,470	19,859[i]	100,404[i]	97,893[i]	22,370[i]	97%[i]	22%[i]	2,511[i]	13%[i]	1,552[i]
Common Pleas Court of Detroit[7]	--									
Municipal Court[7]	--	581	4,832	4,743	670	98%	14%	89	15%	75
Recorder's Court of Detroit[7]	--	125,056	68,543	44,073	149,526	64%	218%	24,470	20%	1,059
Pennsylvania--District Justice Court[7]	8,620		258,223	217,117		84%				2,996
Pittsburgh City Magistrates[7]	--			800						(9)
Nebraska--County Court[6]	1,125		8,263	8,235		100%		(28)		735
Municipal Court[7]	--									

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[i]Data are incomplete:
Michigan--District Court--Data were unavailable from the courts in Barry, Ecoise, Kentwood, Livonia and Newaygo.
Utah--Circuit Court--Data were unavailable from the court located in American Fork.

TABLE 35:
Preliminary hearing caseload for trial courts, 1979.

State adult population within unit of count groupings. Courts reporting felony preliminary caseload. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 adult population.

State and court title	State adult population in thousands	Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
COMPLETE STATE DATA										
Exclusive court jurisdiction:										
Iowa--District Court[6]	2,080	3,834	22,617	23,609	2,603	104%	12%	-1,231	-32%	1,087
Maine--District Court[6]	779		2,745	2,713		99%		(32)		352
Missouri--Circuit Court[6]	3,524		27,618	22,064		80%		(5,554)		784
New Mexico--Magistrate Court[6]	836		8,843							1,058
Rhode Island--District Court[6]	683		7,297	7,170		98%		(127)		1,068
South Carolina--Magistrate Court[6]	2,026	1,102	16,205	15,947	1,360	98%	8%	258	23%	800
Arizona--Justices of the Peace[7]	1,697	2,949	14,884	13,999	3,834	94%	26%	885	30%	877
Colorado--County Court[7]	1,972	0	2,439	2,439	0	100%		0		124
District of Columbia--Superior Court[7]	487	264	7,010	7,080	194	101%	3%	-70	-27%	1,439
Idaho--Magistrate's Division[7]	612	2,033	5,699	5,533	2,199	97%	39%	166	8%	931
Kentucky--District Court[7]	2,485		23,496	21,149		90%		(2,347)		946
Hawaii--District Court[8]	640		932							(146)
North Dakota--STATE TOTAL	462		1,385	1,253		90%		(132)		300
County Court with increased Jurisdiction[10]	--		1,174	1,053		90%		(121)		254
County Justice Court[10]	--		211	200		95%		(11)		46
West Virginia--Magistrate Court[11]	1,339	4,085	11,196	9,871	5,410	88%	48%	1,325	32%	836
Not exclusive court jurisdiction:										
Alaska--STATE TOTAL	261		1,674	1,373		82%		(301)		641
District Court[6]	--	654	1,524	1,270	690	83%	45%	36	6%	584
Magistrate's Court[6]	--		150	103		69%		(47)		57
California--STATE TOTAL	16,475		106,061	91,673		86%		(14,388)		644
Justice Court[7]	--		8,188	6,957		85%		(1,231)		50
Municipal Court[7]	--		97,873	84,716		87%		(13,157)		594
Ohio--STATE TOTAL	7,645	4,611	48,004	46,648	5,967	97%	12%	1,356	29%	628
County Court[7]	--	338	3,878	3,927	289	101%	8%	-49	-14%	51
Municipal Court[7]	--	4,273	44,126	42,721	5,678	97%	13%	1,405	33%	577
Pennsylvania--STATE TOTAL	8,620			108,259						(1,361)
Philadelphia Municipal Court[7]	--	1,047	12,895	11,790	1,655	91%	13%	608	58%	150
District Justice Court[7]	--		96,822	88,869		92%		(7,953)		1,123
Pittsburgh City Magistrates[7]	--			7,600						88
Washington--District Court[7] and Justice of the Peace Court[7]	2,829		9,876							349
Puerto Rico--STATE TOTAL	--	10,023	16,088	16,573	9,538	103%	59%	-485	-5%	
Superior Court[8]	--	146	720	722	144	100%	20%	-2	-1%	
District Court[8]	--	9,877	15,368	15,851	9,394	103%	61%	-483	-5%	
New Hampshire--STATE TOTAL	634		3,649							576
District Court[9]	--		3,547							560
Municipal Court[9]	--		102							16
INCOMPLETE STATE DATA										
Oregon--District Court[10]	1,828	1,546	10,405	9,945	2,006	96%	19%	460	30%	569
Justice Court[10]	--									
Nebraska--County Court[6]	1,125		4,026	5,933		147%		(-1,907)		358
Municipal Court[7]	--									

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TABLE 36:
Criminal appeals caseload for trial courts, 1979.

State adult population within unit of count groupings. Courts reporting criminal appeals caseload. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 adult population.

State and court title	State adult population in thousands	Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
COMPLETE STATE DATA										
Exclusive court jurisdiction:										
Alaska--Superior Court[6]	261		155							59
Arkansas--Circuit Court[6]	1,542	2,961[j]	5,005[j]	5,186[j]	2,780[j]	104%[j]	56%[j]	-181[j]	-6%[j]	325[j]
Kansas--District Court[6]	1,724		842							49
Maryland--Circuit Court[6]	3,000		4,112	4,631		113%		(-519)		137
New Jersey--Superior Court[6]	5,332	654	2,784	2,699	739	97%	27%	85	13%	52
Oklahoma--District Court[6]	2,028	1,165	429	357	1,237	83%	288%	72	6%	21
Rhode Island--Superior Court[6]	683		1,067							156
Utah--District Court[6]	862		293	270		92%		(23)		34
Arizona--Superior Court[7]	1,697	451	1,852	1,829	474	99%	26%	23	5%	109
California--Superior Court[7]	16,475		2,349[i]	2,170[i]		92%[i]		(179)[i]		14[i]
Delaware--Superior Court[7]	417		221							53
Florida--Circuit Court[7]	6,633		827	664		80%		(163)		12
Idaho--District Court[7]	612	59	91	52	98	57%	108%	39	66%	15
Kentucky--Circuit Court[7]	2,485		388	328		85%		(60)		16
Michigan--Circuit Court[7]	6,470	557[i]	568[i]	508[i]	617[i]	89%[i]	109%[i]	60[i]	11%[i]	9[i]
Nebraska--District Court[7]	1,125		1,237[j]	1,147[j]		93%[j]		(90)[j]		110[j]
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas[7]	8,620	2,807[j]	12,566[j]	12,474[j]	2,873[j]	99%[j]	23%[j]	66[j]	2%[j]	146[j]
Washington--Superior Court[7]	2,829		3,053							108
New Hampshire--Superior Court[9]	634		2,706	3,642[i]						427
North Carolina--Superior Court[9]	3,992	7,310	24,462	23,608	8,164	97%	33%	854	12%	613
Not exclusive court jurisdiction:										
Texas--County Court at Law and Constitutional County Court[7]	9,291		81,357							876
INCOMPLETE STATE DATA										
Massachusetts--District Court[6]	4,253		20,715							487
Superior Court[6]	--	827	850	718	959	84%	113%	132	16%	20
Boston Municipal Court[12]	--									
North Dakota--District Court[6]	462		47	49		104%		(-2)		10
County Court with Increased Jurisdiction[6]	--									
Colorado--District Court and Denver Superior Court[7]	1,972		540	354		66%		(186)		27
County Court[7]	--									

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[i] Data are incomplete:
California--Superior Court--One court reported data for only the first six months of the reporting period.
New Hampshire--Superior Court--Disposition data were missing from Strafford County.

[j] Explanation of data included in the category:
Arkansas--Circuit Court--Figures include some original misdemeanor cases.
Nebraska--District Court--Figures include civil appeals.
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas--Data include non-criminal appeals.

TABLE 37: Criminal disposition types for trial courts, 1979.

Variations in court organization and subject matter jurisdiction:

These tables display data for the general jurisdiction and limited jurisdiction courts that report manner-of-disposition data. In Table 37 the states are grouped according to the unit used in counting criminal cases.

Sources of data are found in the individual court profiles in Part II and in Appendix B.

Variations in definitions:

Table 37 indicates the various units used in counting cases from state to state. Only a few states report sufficiently complete data to make between-state comparisons of the proportion of total caseload disposed by each manner of disposition.

Appropriate analyses:

Number and percent of total dispositions for each manner of disposition. Dividing the number of cases for each manner of disposition by the total number of similar cases results in the proportions of cases disposed by each manner of disposition. These figures can be compared between courts that count cases in the same way (i.e., the same unit of count).

Limitations on use:

The distribution of the proportions of cases by different manners of disposition is affected by the method used for counting cases in the court. Dismissals will make up a higher percentage of dispositions in those courts that use a paper-based or charge-based count. Before making comparisons between states and courts, be sure that they both use the same unit of count.

The distribution is also affected by the order with which procedures are carried out by the court and the prosecutor. The proportion of dismissals will be lower in courts that screen cases before filing them than in courts that screen cases after they are filed.

In addition, care should be taken to ensure that a dismissal in one state means the same as a dismissal in another state. For example, some states may distinguish between dismissals by prosecutors and by judges, while others may treat them as the same.

TABLE 37:
Criminal disposition types for trial courts, 1979.

State adult population within unit of count groupings. Courts reporting criminal disposition types. Pleas, total convictions, trial convictions, acquitted, nolle prosequi, and dismissed. Each disposition type as a percent of criminal dispositions.

State, court title, and unit of count	Total criminal dispositions	Total trials	Plea		Trial conviction			Total conviction		Acquittal		Nolle prosequi		Dismissal	
			Number	As percent of disposed	Number	As percent of disposed	As percent of trials	Number	As percent of disposed	Number	As percent of disposed	Number	As percent of disposed	Number	As percent of disposed
Informations, indictments, complaints															
Alaska--Superior Court	751[1]	127[1]	416[1]	55%[1]	85[1]	11%[1]	67%[1]	501[1]	67%[1]	33[1]	4%[1]			156[1]	21%[1]
Georgia--Superior Court	43,159[b][1]	4,405[1]	34,644[1]	80%[1]								13,437[1,j]	31%[1,j]	(j)	
State Court and County Court	67,505[b][1]	3,191[1]	39,134[1]	58%[1]								16,457[1,j]	24%[1,j]	(j)	
Indiana--Municipal Court of Marion County	34,577	7,001													
Kansas--District Court	26,924	1,244	14,256	53%	915	3%	74%[c]	15,171	56%	329	1%	6,541	24%	2,023	8%
New Jersey--STATE TOTAL	348,898	12,038													
Superior Court (Law and Chancery Divisions)	27,116	2,812	12,743	47%	1,327	5%	47%	14,070	52%	1,138	4%			8,701	32%
County District Court	4,265	473													
Municipal Court	317,517	2,656													
North Dakota--District Court	1,004	179	580	58%	162	16%	90%	742	74%	17	2%			151	15%
South Carolina--Circuit Court	32,757	1,595[j]	23,562	72%	1,255	4%	79%[j]	24,817	76%	340	1%	5,831	18%	1,173	4%
Tennessee--Circuit Court and Criminal Court	28,319[j]	3,620[j]	16,646	59%[j]	2,799	10%[j]	77%[j]	9,445	33%[j]	821	3%[j]	2,059	7%[j]	2,578	9%[j]
Utah--STATE TOTAL	27,692[1]	4,300[1]	11,403[1]	41%[1]										5,736[1]	21%[1]
District Court	2,495[1]	425[1]	1,431[1]	57%[1]										369[1]	15%[1]
Circuit Court	25,197	3,875	9,972	40%										5,367	21%
Vermont--STATE TOTAL	18,130[1]	224[1]	11,996[1]	66%[1]								4,855[1]	27%[1]	661[1]	4%[1]
Superior Court	42[1]	5[1]	12[1]	29%[1]								1[1]	2%[1]	12[1]	29%[1]
District Court	18,088	219	11,984	66%								4,854	27%	649	4%
Wyoming--District Court	1,573	324	764	49%										410	26%
Number of defendants															
Arizona--Superior Court	13,175	1,017	7,080	54%								2,531[j]	19%[j]	722[j]	5%[j]
California--STATE TOTAL	728,711[1]	71,883[1]	420,039[1]	58%[1]	59,060[1]	8%[1]	82%[1]	481,033[1]	66%[1]					156,040[1]	21%[1]
Superior Court	51,387[1]	8,332[1]	36,565[1]	71%[1]	5,408[1]	10%[1]	65%[1]	41,973[1]	82%[1]					5,913[1]	12%[1]
Justice Court	56,932	7,186	25,470	45%	5,252	10%	73%	32,656	57%					8,165	14%
Municipal Court	620,392	56,365	358,004	58%	48,400	8%	86%	406,404	66%					141,962	23%
Connecticut--Superior Court	94,687[1]	1,475[1]													
Delaware--Superior Court	3,186	319	1,962	62%	227	7%	71%	2,189	69%	55	2%	796	25%	41	1%
District of Columbia--Superior Court	29,404[1]	1,190[1]	7,292[1]	25%[1]	615[1]	2%[1]	52%[1]	7,907[1]	27%[1]	330[1]	1%[1]	4,657[1]	16%[1]	1,861[1]	6%[1]
Florida--STATE TOTAL	297,711[1]	14,311[1]	109,206[1]	37%[1]	4,403[1]	1%[1]	31%[1]	113,609[1]	38%[1]	4,758[1]	1%[1]			83,096[1]	28%[1]
Circuit Court	91,148[1]	4,174[1]	19,091[1]	21%[1]	2,028[1]	2%[1]	49%[1]	21,119[1]	23%[1]	1,331[1,j]	1%[1,j]			35,733[1,j]	39%[1,j]
County Court	206,563	10,137	90,115	44%	2,375	1%	23%	92,490	45%	3,037[j]	2%[j]			47,363[j]	23%[j]
Hawaii--Circuit Court	1,961	238	928	47%								446	23%	149	8%
District Court	40,344[1]							9,628[1]	24%[1]			1,447[1]	4%[1]	5,282[1]	13%[1]
Illinois--Circuit Court	35,312[1,j]	3,782[1]	20,161[1]	57%[1]	2,416[1]	7%[1]	64%[1]	22,891[1]	65%[1]	1,366[1]	4%[1]			16,676[1,j]	47%[1,j]
Michigan--Circuit Court	29,140[1]	2,607[1]	11,267[1]	39%[1]										3,944[1]	14%[1]
Municipal Court	5,916	368	1,499	25%										1,086	18%
District Court	286,927[1]	12,775[1]	79,112[1]	28%[1]										38,795[1]	14%[1]
Montana--District Court	2,756	222	1,543	56%	166	6%	75%	1,709	62%	56	2%	(j)	(j)	661[j]	24%[j]
New York--STATE TOTAL	374,670	6,184	193,826	52%	3,802	1%	61%	197,628	53%	2,496	1%			137,722	37%
Supreme Court and County Court	33,508	3,488	29,144	72%	2,505	7%	72%	26,649	79%	1,092	3%			5,767	17%
Criminal Court of the City of New York	200,456	1,056	93,108	46%	421	<1%	40%	93,529	47%	703	<1%			78,337	39%
District Court and City Court	140,706	1,640	76,574	54%	876	1%	53%	77,450	55%	764	<1%			53,618	38%

Ohio--STATE TOTAL	311,118[1]	19,708[1]	156,208[1]	50%[1]								11,365[1]	4%[1]	40,905[1]	13%[1]
Court of Common Pleas	33,709	3,940	20,251	60%								3,872	11%	566	2%
County Court	22,775[1]	2,081[1]	9,003[1]	39%[1]								1,302[1]	6%[1]	3,852[1]	17%[1]
Municipal Court	254,634[1]	13,687[1]	126,954[1]	50%[1]								6,191[1]	2%[1]	36,487[1]	14%[1]
Pennsylvania--STATE TOTAL	495,046[1]	60,081[1]	235,726[1]	48%[1]								64,830[1]	13%[1]		
Court of Common Pleas	53,751[1]	7,373[1]	24,006[1]	45%[1]								7,373[1]	14%[1]	359[1]	1%[1]
Philadelphia Municipal Court	28,568[1]	2,838[1]	3,005[1]	10%[1]								13,962[1]	49%[1]		
District Justice Court	412,727	49,870	208,715	51%	27,941	7%	56%	236,656	57%	21,929	5%	43,495	10%		
Texas--STATE TOTAL	886,999	134,630	651,755	73%	118,854	13%	88%	526,662	59%	13,610	2%			225,803	25%
District Court and Criminal District Court	91,238	4,071	49,189	54%	3,226	3%	79%	52,415	57%	579	1%			30,399	33%
County Court at Law and Constitutional County Court	210,101	3,330	77,379	37%	1,841	1%	55%	79,220	38%	1,489	1%			96,584	46%
Municipal Court	312,608[1]	78,322[1]	117,950[1]	38%[1]	70,583[1]	23%[1]	90%[1]	188,533[1]	60%[1]	7,839[1]	2%[1]			40,052[1]	13%[1]
Justice of the Peace Court	273,052[1]	48,907[1]	163,290[1]	60%[1]	43,204[1]	16%[1]	88%[1]	206,494[1]	76%[1]	3,703[1]	1%[1]			58,768[1]	21%[1]
Virginia--Circuit Court	53,836	15,750	22,870	42%								8,142	15%	2,295	4%
Number of charges															
Puerto Rico--STATE TOTAL	76,111[1]	12,345	20,986	28%[1]	4,916	26%[1]	66%[1]	23,665	31%[1]	9,975	13%			27,778	36%[1]
Superior Court	18,939	4,923	6,584	35%	2,565	14%	52%	6,913	36%	2,358	12%			6,913	36%
District Court	57,172[1]	7,422[1]	14,401	25%[1]	2,351	4%[1]	32%[1]	16,752	29%[1]	7,617	13%[1]			20,885	36%
No consistent definition															
North Carolina--Superior Court	30,979[1]		16,993[1]	55%[1]								10,491[1]	34%[1]		
District Court	347,174	38,687	126,197	36%								70,981	20%		

Note: All available data are entered in the table and all appropriate calculations are included. Blank spaces indicate that either the data were unavailable or the calculations were inappropriate.

[b]Particular court or reporting system information:

The numbers of dispositions reported for Georgia courts in this table are different from those reported in the rest of this report. Georgia defines a case differently when counting types of dispositions than it does when counting filings or total dispositions. The total disposition figures used here are the sums of the numbers of cases given under each type of disposition.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:

Hawaii--District Court--The unit of count is the number of charges.

[1]Data are not complete:

Alaska--Superior Court--Data are given for **felony** cases only.
California--Superior Court--One court reported data for only the first six months of the reporting period.
Connecticut--Superior Court--Data are given for **felony** and **misdemeanor** cases only.
District of Columbia--Data include **felony, misdemeanor,** and **ordinance violation** cases only.
Florida--Circuit Court--Data are given for **felony** cases only.
Georgia--Superior Court--Data are given for cases filed after June 30, 1970 only.
Hawaii--District Court--Data do not include **preliminary hearing** cases.
Illinois--Circuit Court--Data are given for **felony** cases only.
Michigan--Circuit Court--Data were unavailable from three counties.
District Court--Data were unavailable from five locations.
North Carolina--Superior Court--Data are given for **felony** cases only.
Ohio--County Court and Municipal Court--Data given do not include **preliminary hearing** cases.
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas--Data include **felony/misdemeanor** cases only.
Philadelphia Municipal Court--Data are given for **misdemeanor** "criminal" cases only.
Puerto Rico--District Court--All data include **misdemeanor** and **felony** cases only. The total trials figure was estimated by adding the trial convictions and trial acquittals. Grand total does not include **ordinance violations**.
Texas--Municipal Court and Justice of the Peace Court--Data contained in this table are based on an incomplete number of monthly reports received. The reporting rates for the various courts were: Municipal Court--eighty-nine percent; Justice of the Peace Court--seventy-nine percent.
District Court and Criminal District Court--Data include **felony/misdemeanor** cases only.
Utah--District Court--Data include **felony/misdemeanor** cases only.
Vermont--Superior Court--Data include **felony, misdemeanor, sentence review only,** and **appeal** cases only.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:

Arizona--Nolle prosequi data include some dismissals.
Florida--Some dismissals are included with acquittals.
Georgia--Dismissal data are included with the nolle prosequi data.
Illinois--The dismissal figure includes cases reduced to **misdemeanor**. The total dispositions figure does not include defendants who were convicted of **misdemeanors**.
Montana--The dismissal figure included nolle prosequi.
New York--The total trials data are based on a defendant count, not the trial count reported in the state profile. This reporting makes the trial data comparable with the other data presented in this table.
South Carolina--The total trials figure was estimated by adding the trial convictions and **trial acquittals.**
Tennessee--The number of dispositions and the number of trials are estimated from the criminal disposition breakdown data.

TABLE 38: Criminal jury and non-jury trial dispositions by case type, 1979.

Variations in court organization and subject matter jurisdiction:

Subject matter jurisdictions are visually quite apparent in Tables 27 and 38, where the "+" symbols under the heading "Case type" indicate what case types were reported for each piece of trial data. These breakdowns were made to facilitate comparative analysis among courts and case types. Both general jurisdiction and limited jurisdiction courts are included.

Sources of data:

These are found in the individual court profiles in Part II and in Appendix B.

Variations in case classifications and definitions:

Both the case categories and the data classified in each case category vary from state to state. The categories "law" and "equity" have been added to the CSIM case types on Table 27 in order to accommodate those states that have reported trial data for cases they classify as "law" and "equity." Overlap exists between these categories and the CSIM case types, which focus on subject-matter rather than on the remedy sought.

Variations in counting both cases and trials:

Each of these tables has numerical superscripts by each court name, indicating how that court counts cases. Caseload cannot be compared among courts that do not count cases in the same way.

The definitions used by each court to count trials are indicated in the third column in Tables 27 and 38, the second column in Table 42. Comparisons can be made between courts that count trials in the same way.

Appropriate analyses:

Trials as a percent of dispositions. Dividing the number of trials conducted by the total number of cases disposed of for the appropriate case type results in the trial rate for that case type for the court.

Jury trials as a percent of dispositions. Dividing the number of jury trials conducted by the total number of cases disposed of for the appropriate case type results in the jury trial rate for that case type for the court.

Jury trials as a percent of trials. Dividing the number of jury trials by the total number of trials conducted for that case type results in the proportion of trials that are trials by jury for that case type for the court.

Limitations on use:

Comparisons on these tables must be restricted to the court level, and must be controlled for case type, unit of count, and trial definitions. State totals have not been computed in order to avoid any temptation to compare "apples and oranges."

Care should also be taken to compare only those courts that share similar rules regarding the availability of jury trials. For example, some states make it more difficult for a criminal defendant to waive a jury trial than other states. Similarly, in some states both parties to civil litigation must agree to a jury trial, while in other states one of the parties can demand a jury trial.

TABLE 38:
Criminal jury and non-jury trial dispositions by case type, 1979.
State and court. Criminal case types. Jury trial definition. Dispositions per case type, number of trials, trials as a percent of dispositions, number of jury trials, jury trials as a percent of dispositions and of trials.

State, Court Title and Unit of Count	Case Type: Felony	Misdemeanors Preliminary hearing	Ord violation	Appeal Extraordinary writ	Other	Jury/ trial defini- tion	Number of disposi- tions per case type	Number of trials	Trials as a percent of dispo- sitions	Number of jury trials	Jury trials as a percent of dispo- sitions	Jury trials as a percent of trials
Informations, indictments, or complaints												
Alaska:												
Superior Court	+	-	-	-	-	A	751	127	17%	114	15%	90%
District Court	-	+	-	-	-	A	18,827[j]	909[j]	5%[j]	529[j]	3%[j]	58%[j]
Indiana:												
County Court	-	+	-	-	-	A	36,908[i]	4,146[i]	11%[i]	141[i]	<1%[i]	3%[i]
Municipal Court of Marion County	-	+	-	-	-	A	34,577	7,001	20%	69	<1%	1%
Iowa:												
District Court	+	-	-	-	+	C	15,098	1,762	12%	611	4%	35%
	-	+	-	-	-	C	83,952	4,719	6%	332	<1%	7%
	-	-	-	+	-	C	75,801	4,239	6%	45	<1%	1%
Kansas:												
District Court	+	-	-	-	-	C	10,255	599	6%	463	4%	77%
	-	+	-	-	+	C	16,669	645	4%	81	<1%	13%
Maine:												
Superior Court	+	+	-	+	-	F	5,174[j]	663[j]	13%[j]	445[j]	9%[j]	67%
Maryland:												
Circuit Court	+	+	-	-	+	A	36,643[j]	11,882[j]	32%[j]	1,581[j]	4%[j]	13%[j]
New Jersey:												
Superior Court	+	-	-	-	-	B	24,256	2,812	12%	2,318	10%	82%
County District Court	-	-	-	-	-	G	4,265	473	11%	--	--	--
Municipal Court	-	+	-	+	-	G	317,517	2,656	1%	--	--	--
North Dakota:												
District Court	+	+	-	-	+	A	1,004	179	18%	52	5%	29%
Oklahoma:												
District Court	+	-	-	-	-	A	20,510	1,966	10%			
	-	+	-	-	-	A	36,077	4,121	11%			
	-	-	-	-	-	A	357	183	51%			
Oregon:												
Circuit Court	+	-	-	-	-	C	15,503	1,905	12%	1,134	7%	59%
Municipal Court	-	-	-	+	-	C	22,334[i]	3,547[i]	16%[i]			
South Carolina:												
Magistrate Court	-	+	+	-	-	A	530,658[j]	104,730[j]	20%[j]	2,267[j]	<1%[j]	2%[j]
South Dakota:												
Circuit Court	+	-	-	-	-	C	2,682[i]	160[i]	6%[i]	103[i]	4%[i]	64%[i]
	-	+	-	-	-	C	10,894[i]	669[i]	6%[i]	141[i]	1%[i]	21%[i]
Utah:												
District Court	+	+	-	-	-	C	2,225	425	19%	279	12%	66%
Circuit Court	-	+	+	+	-	C	25,197	3,875	15%	350	1%	9%
Vermont:												
Superior Court	+	+	-	-	-	A	40	5	12%	1	2%	20%
District Court	+	+	-	-	-	B	18,088	219	1%	167	1%	76%
Wisconsin:												
Circuit Court	+	-	-	-	-	F	12,352	1,122	9%	522	4%	46%
	-	+	-	-	-	F	23,878	920	4%	276	12%	30%
	-	-	-	-	+	F	20,084	2,337	1%	125	12%	5%
Wyoming:												
District Court	+	-	-	-	-	H	1,573	324	21%	71	5%	22%
Number of Defendants												
Alabama:												
Circuit Court	+	-	-	+	-	A	24,552	7,282	30%	1,567	6%	22%
Arizona:												
Superior Court	+	-	-	-	-	B	10,557	710	7%	635	6%	89%
	-	+	-	-	-	B	233	11	5%	8	3%	73%
	-	-	-	+	-	B	1,829	295	16%	18	1%	6%
	-	-	-	-	+	B	92	1	1%	0	0%	0%
City Magistrates Court	-	+	-	-	-	B	56,096	7,172	13%	86	<1%	1%
California:												
Superior Court	+	+	-	-	-	C	49,217	6,793	14%	4,472	9%	66%
	-	-	-	+	-	C	2,170	1,593	73%			
Justice Court	-	+	-	-	-	B	46,072	3,561	8%	447	1%	12%
	-	-	+	-	-	B	6,597[j]	3,502[j]	53%[j]	23[j]	<1%[j]	1%[j]
Municipal Court	-	-	-	+	-	B	3,903	123	3%	1	<1%	1%
	-	+	-	-	-	F	494,489	11,951	2%	4,467	1%	37%
	-	-	-	+	-	F	41,187	879	2%	11	<1%	1%
	-	-	+	-	-	F	84,716[j]	44,535[j]	53%[j]	119[j]	<1%[j]	7%[j]

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TABLE 38:
Criminal jury and non-jury trial dispositions by case type, 1979. *(continued)*

State, Court Title and Unit of Count	Case Type: Felony	Misdemeanors	Preliminary hearing	Ord violation	Appeal	Extraordinary writ	Other	Jury/ trial definition	Number of dispositions per case type	Number of trials	Trials as a percent of dispositions	Number of jury trials	Jury trials as a percent of dispositions	Jury trials as a percent of trials
Number of Defendants (continued)														
Colorado:														
County Court	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	C	28,793	1,777	6%	251	1%	14%
Connecticut:														
Superior Court	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	C	94,673	1,475	2%	518	<1%	35%
Delaware:														
Superior Court	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	C	3,186	319	10%	269	8%	84%
District of Columbia:														
Superior Court	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	3,960	575	14%	528	13%	92%
	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	A	13,090	478	4%	377	3%	79%
	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	A	3,548	137	4%	2	<1%	1%
Florida:														
Circuit Court	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	91,148	4,174	5%	2,761	3%	66%
County Court	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	C	206,563	10,137	5%	2,106	1%	21%
Hawaii:														
Circuit Court	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	C	1,921	234	12%	198	10%	85%
	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	C	40	4	10%	0	0%	0%
Idaho:														
District Court	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	2,681	1,936	72%			
	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	C	193	136	70%			
	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	C	52	16	31%			
Magistrate's Division of District Court	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	C	20,068	13,520	67%			
	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	C	5,533	1,748	32%			
Illinois:														
Circuit Court	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	35,312[i]	3,782[i]	11%[i]	1,348[i]	4%[i]	36%[i]
Michigan:														
Circuit Court	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	28,632[i]	2,052[i]	7%[i]	1,542[i]	5%[i]	75%[i]
	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	C	508[i]	15[i]	3%[i]	2[i]	<1%[i]	13%[i]
District Court	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	C	97,893[i]	7,096[i]	7%[i]	508[i]	<1%[i]	7%[i]
	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	C	189,034[i]	5,679[i]	3%[i]	1,025[i]	<1%[i]	18%[i]
Municipal Court	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	C	4,743	327	7%	10	<1%	3%
	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	C	1,173	41	3%	2	<1%	5%
Montana:														
District Court	+	+	-	-	-	-	-		2,756	222	8%	111	4%	50%
New York:														
Supreme Court and County Court	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	A	33,508	3,488	10%			
District Court and City Court	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	A	140,706	1,640	<1%			
Ohio:														
Court of Common Pleas	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	33,709	3,940	12%	2,132	6%	54%
County Court	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	C	22,775	2,081	9%	113	<1%	5%
Municipal Court	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	C	254,634	13,687	5%	944	<1%	7%
Pennsylvania:														
Court of Common Pleas	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	A	53,751	7,373	14%	2,726	5%	37%
Philadelphia Municipal Court	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	A	34,124[i]	2,838[i]	8%[i]	--	--	--
District Justice Court	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	A	412,727	49,870	12%	--	--	--
Texas:														
District Court and Criminal District Court	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	75,231	3,967	5%[j]	2,974[j]	4%[j]	75%[j]
	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	C	9,886	104	1%	7%	<1%	7%
Municipal Court	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	A	312,608[i]	78,322[i]	25%[i]	728[i]	<1%[i]	1%[i]
Justice of the Peace Court	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	A	273,052[i]	48,907[i]	18%[i]	477[i]	<1%[i]	1%[i]
County Court at Law, Constitutional County Court, and Probate Court	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	A	210,101	3,330	2%	1,266	1%	38%
Washington:														
Superior Court	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	C	12,956[i]	2,790[i]	21%[i]	1,619[i]	12%	58%
Number of charges/counts														
Delaware:														
Court of Common Pleas	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	C	7,394	7,394	100%	50	1%	1%
Georgia:														
Superior Court	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	27,317	3,511	13%	2,782	10%	79%
	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	A	15,842	894	6%	375	2%	42%
State Court and County Court	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	A	67,505	3,191	5%	1,058	2%	33%
Probate Court	-	+	-	-	-	-	-		3,943	85	<2%	--	--	--
Puerto Rico:														
Superior Court	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	9,897	2,628	27%	451	5%	17%
	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	A	9,042	2,295	25%	32	<1%	1%
Virginia:														
Circuit Court	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	31,260	9,103	29%	2,182	7%	24%
	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	C	22,246	6,561	29%	702	3%	11%
	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	E	330	86	26%	--	--	--

State, Court Title and Unit of Count	Case Type: Felony	Misdemeanors	Preliminary hearing	Ord violation	Appeal	Extraordinary writ	Other	Jury/ trial definition	Number of dispositions per case type	Number of trials	Trials as a percent of dispositions	Number of jury trials	Jury trials as a percent of dispositions	Jury trials as a percent of trials
No consistent definition														
North Carolina:														
Superior Court	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	30,979			2,220	7%	
	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	C	23,608			1,563	7%	
District Court	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	E	347,174	38,687	11%	--	--	--

Note: All available data are entered in the table and all appropriate calculations are included. Blank spaces indicate that the data were unavailable or the calculations were inappropriate.

-- = Not applicable.

\+ = Data are given for these case types.

[i] Data are incomplete:
Illinois--Circuit Court--Trials in which defendants were found guilty of a reduced charge were not included in the data.
Indiana--County Court--Data do not include redocketed criminal cases which represent about 2% of the **misdemeanor** dispositions.
Maine--District Court--As a result of the implementation of the new reporting system, data were available for the second half of the reporting period only.
Michigan--Circuit Court--No data were given from the following counties: Arenac, Jackson, and Mason.
District Court--No data were available from the following locations: Ann Arbor, Birmingham, Lapeer County, Kalamazoo, Livonia, Muskegon County, St. Joseph's County, South Haven, and Southfield.
Oregon--Municipal Court--Only 129 courts reported data. Partial reports were received from 3 municipalities.
Pennsylvania--Philadelphia Municipal Court--Data include only those cases listed as criminal in the **misdemeanor** category.
South Dakota--Data for all courts do not include data for the 6.5 full-time equivalent Lay Magistrates or 12.6 Lawyer Magistrates of the Circuit Court. The **misdemeanor** cases are limited to high grade, Class 1 cases which represent 8% of the total **misdemeanor** dispositions.
Texas--The Municipal Court reported 89% of their monthly county reports, and the Justice of the Peace Court 79%.
Washington--Superior Court--Incomplete disposition data were reported for the case categories marked for one court location. That court was able to report dispositions only for cases filed during 1979.

[j] Explanation of data included in the category.
Alaska--District Court--Data include misdemeanor **traffic** cases, which comprise approximately 33% of the data.
California-- **Preliminary hearing** trial data exclude decisions only relevant to cases being bound over.
Maine--Superior Court--Data also include **traffic** cases.
Maryland--Other cases include **postconviction remedy** and **sentence review** cases.
South Carolina--Data could not be separated from **traffic** cases.
Texas--The District Courts' jury trial data include directed verdicts.

Trial definitions:
A = A trial is counted if tried to judgment, completion, verdict, or decision.
B = A jury trial is counted when the jury selection begins (first juror is drawn).
C = A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn (impaneled).
D = A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.
E = A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.
F = A trial is counted when it has officially begun.
G = A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs. Guilty pleas are not counted as trials.
H = A trial is not counted in the same way throughout the state.

TABLE 39: Traffic filed and disposed in general jurisdiction, limited jurisdiction, and all trial courts, 1979.

Variations in court organization, subject matter jurisdiction, and case classification:

This table breaks the gross totals of Table 15 into the broad case traffic classification. Because of the variations in court organization, subject matter jurisdiction, and case classification, comparisons of general jurisdiction and limited jurisdiction courts from state to state are seldom appropriate.

Lack of complete data (less than 90% complete from an individual court) is responsible for the large number of blanks in the "All trial courts" columns on this table, as well as for states missing from the table. In order for a state to be included in this table, it had to have complete filing or disposition data from all its trial courts.

Courts that do not break their caseload down into specific case types do generally separate caseload into civil, criminal, and juvenile cases. (Traffic may be reported separately or it may be lumped into criminal caseload.)

Sources of data are found on the individual court profiles in Part II and in Appendix B.

Variations in counting cases do have an impact on total caseloads. If states are not counting cases at the same beginning and ending point, total caseload is not comparable.

Appropriate analyses:

Disposed as a percent of filed. This measure represents the percent of the number of filed cases that the court was able to dispose. The percent is computed by dividing the number of cases filed by the number disposed and then multiplying by one hundred. A percent over one hundred indicates that the court disposed more cases than were filed, thus reducing pending caseload. A percent significantly less than one hundred indicates that the court is not keeping up with the volume of cases being filed.

Limitations on use:

Although data have been broken down into general and limited jurisdiction courts, this has been done to provide a flavor for the different workloads of the different levels of trial courts. Interstate comparisons should be restricted to all trial courts' figures.

Also, comparisons should not be made between states that handle traffic, and in particular, parking cases differently. Courts that include parking cases in their reported data, indicated by a footnote "s" should not be compared to those that do not, indicated by a footnote "r." In addition, states with neither an "s" or "r" footnote should not be compared with any other state or themselves. For these states, we simply do not know if they do, or do not include parking cases.

TABLE 39:
Traffic filed and disposed in general jurisdiction, limited jurisdiction, and all trial courts, 1979.

State population. Disposed as a percent of filed.

State	General jurisdiction courts			Limited jurisdiction courts			All trial courts		
	Filed	Disposed	Disposed as a percent of filed	Filed	Disposed	Disposed as a percent of filed	Filed	Disposed	Disposed as a percent of filed
Alabama	NH	NH	--	191,421r	185,403r	97%r	191,421r	185,403r	97%r
Alaska	NH	NH	--	92,070			92,070		
Arizona	NH	NH	--	808,783	816,983	101%	808,783	816,983	101%
California	NH	NH	--	15,781,234s	13,038,773s	83%s	15,781,234s	13,038,773s	83%s
Connecticut	322,705r	328,459r	102%r	--	--	--	322,705r	328,459r	102%r
District of Columbia	21,243jr	25,853jr	122%jr	--	--	--	21,243jr	25,853jr	122%jr
Florida	NH	NH	--	1,983,283r	1,829,334r	92%r	1,983,283r	1,829,334r	92%r
Guam	39,924	32,386	81%	--	--	--	39,924	32,386	81%
Hawaii	136r	86r	63%r	746,439s	735,520s	99%s	746,575s	735,606s	99%s
Idaho	221,279r	219,774r	99%r	--	--	--	221,279r	219,774r	99%r
Illinois	6,762,091s	3,832,022s	57%s	--	--	--	6,762,091s	3,832,022s	57%s
Indiana	96,896r	95,547r	99%r	279,038r	259,184r	93%r	375,934r	354,731r	94%r
Iowa	147,028r	144,988r	99%r	--	--	--	147,028r	144,988r	99%r
Kentucky	NH	NH	--	251,740	220,226	87%	251,740	220,226	87%
Louisiana	NH	NH	--	408,850r	329,660r	81%r	408,850r	329,660r	81%r
Maine	2,892r	2,428r	84%	157,353r	154,896r	98%r	160,245r	157,324r	98%r
Maryland	NH	NH	--	628,408	628,408		628,408	628,408	
Massachusetts	3,307,610			--	--	--	3,307,610s		
Missouri	302,868s	284,771	94%	--	--	--	302,868	284,771	94%
Nebraska	NH	NH	--	207,546r	204,893r	99%r	207,546r	204,893r	99%r
New Hampshire	NH	NH	--	171,982r			171,982r		
New Jersey	NH	NH	--	3,934,709s	3,165,342s	80%	3,934,709s	3,165,342s	80%s
New Mexico	NH	NH		74,802			74,802		
North Carolina	NH	NH	--	796,227	787,465	99%	796,227	787,465	99%
North Dakota		500r			126,458r			126,958r	
Oklahoma	227,007r	219,558r	97%r	NH	NH	--	227,007r	219,558r	97%r
Pennsylvania	NH	NH	--		1,873,972			1,873,972	
Puerto Rico	NH	NH	--	53,402	53,740	101%	53,402	53,740	101%
South Carolina	NH	NH	--	447,736			447,736		
South Dakota	123,194j	117,447j	95%j	--	--	--	123,194j	117,447j	95%j
Vermont	80,821	81,032	100%	NH	NH	--	80,821	81,032	100%
Virginia	NH	NH	--	918,037	886,348	97%	918,037	386,348	97%

Note: State totals were included in this table only when all courts with traffic jurisdiction within that state reported either complete filings and/or dispositions. Blank spaces indicate that the data were unavailable or incomplete, or the calculations were inappropriate.

NH = This case type is not handled in this court.

-- = Not applicable.

jExplanation of data included in the category:
South Dakota--All courts--Data for DWI/DUI and other traffic are included in the class 1 misdemeanor data in the state profile.
District of Columbia--All courts--Data include new filings and reinstated cases.

rData reported are known to not include parking cases.

sData reported are known to include parking cases.

TABLE 40: DWI/DUI caseload for trial courts, 1979.

Variations in court jurisdiction and subject matter jurisdiction.

Caseload in these tables is from both general jurisdiction and limited jurisdiction courts. DWIs may be handled in different courts from state to state. The court organization charts in Part II should be consulted for a brief summary of the jurisdiction of each court.

Sources of data:

These are found in the individual court profiles in Part II and in Appendix B.

Variations in case classification and definitions:

Both the case categories and the data classification within case categories vary from state to state. Because such problems exist for these and all other case categories, the case types used in this report are those chosen for inclusion in the State Court Model Annual Report and State Court Model Statistical Dictionary.

Only states reporting data that could be displayed in the specific case type are included in the tables, and then only if the data are at least 90% complete. Many courts do not break down data beyond the broad civil, criminal, traffic, and juvenile categories.

Parking violations, which many states report in their traffic caseload, are not included in this table.

In addition, some states include DWI/DUI in their criminal categories. Beginning with our 1981 Annual Report, we will also be including DWI/DUI in our criminal category.

Appropriate analyses:

Disposed cases as percent of filed. This measure represents the percent of the number of filed cases of which the court was able to dispose. The percent is computed by dividing the number of cases filed by the number disposed of and then multiplying by one hundred. A percent over one hundred indicates that the court disposed of more cases than were filed, thus reducing pending caseload. A percent significantly less than one hundred indicates that the court is not keeping up with the volume of cases being filed. This measure was not computed if the number of cases filed was less than ten or if the quantity of missing data (indicated by an "i" footnote) made it inappropriate.

End pending cases as percent of filed. This figure gives the percent of the number of filed cases that were pending at the end of the year. This measure is computed by dividing the number of cases pending at the end of the year by the number of cases filed and then multiplying by one hundred. A value of one hundred percent indicates that the number of cases pending at the end of the year was equal to the number of cases filed during the year. Assuming that the number of dispositions is a close estimate of the number of filings, this could be interpreted to mean that if the court received no new filings the following year, it would take that whole year to eliminate its backlog. A value higher than one hundred percent indicates a pending caseload larger than cases filed, while a value lower than one hundred percent indicates a pending caseload smaller than the number of cases filed. We expect this number to be low for case types such as traffic that have relatively quick disposition times. This percent was not computed if the number of cases filed was less than ten or if the quantity of missing data (indicated by an "i" footnote on the profiles in Part II) made it inappropriate.

Number change in pending cases. This number gives the net increase or decrease in pending caseload for the court year by subtracting the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year from the number of cases pending at the end of the year. An alternative to this calculation, subtracting the number disposed from the number filed, was used when pending data were unavailable or incomplete. When this alternate formula was used, the resulting number was enclosed in parentheses. A positive number indicates that the pending caseload increased during the year while a negative number indicates that the pending caseload was reduced in size. Thus, a large negative change in pending indicates that the court is keeping the caseflow current, while a large positive change in pending would indicate that the court has not kept pace with its filings.

Percent change in pending cases. This percentage indicates the change in pending cases relative to the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year. It is obtained by dividing the number change in pending caseload by the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year, and then multiplying by one hundred. (This figure cannot be calculated if the alternate formula described above was used to calculate the number change in the pending caseload.) A high negative percent indicates that the court reduced its pending caseload significantly, while a high positive percent indicates that the pending caseload increased significantly. This measure was not computed if the number of beginning pending cases was less than ten or if the jurisdiction of the court changed significantly during the year.

Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population. The unit of state population used on all court caseload charts is 100,000. This measure compensates for variations in state population and gives a more realistic basis for comparison of caseloads among states of various sizes. If the number of filings was not available or was not complete (indicated by an "i" footnote in the profiles in Part II) but the number of dispositions was available, the number of cases disposed per unit of population was entered in this column in place of the number of cases filed per population unit, and the use of this alternative quantity is indicated by enclosing it in parentheses. Population figures used in the traffic tables represent the total state population. If all other factors (court jurisdiction, case definition, etc.) are similar, the filed-per-unit-of-population statistic will permit direct comparisons among states of the number of filed cases.

Limitations on use:

The unit of count for traffic cases is not included in this report. Nevertheless, these cases are probably counted differently in many of these courts. Some courts may report data for all traffic cases; others only for contested cases. Comparisons should be made using only STATE TOTAL data or data from a court that has exclusive jurisdiction over these types of cases. Comparisons should be avoided between individual courts that do not have exclusive jurisdiction in their states.

It should also be noted that large increases in the DWI caseload may not indicate increased drunk driving but may merely reflect changes in drunk driving legislation as well as other law enforcement policies.

TABLE 40:
DWI/DUI caseload for trial courts, 1979.

State population. Courts reporting DWI/DUI caseload. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 population.

State and court title	State population in thousands	Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed per 100,000 population
Hawaii--STATE TOTAL	950	1,040	2,599	2,342	1,297	90%	50%	257	25%	274
Circuit Court	—	9	23	18	14	78%	61%	5	56%	2
District Court	—	1,031	2,576	2,324	1,283	90%	50%	252	24%	271
Idaho--STATE TOTAL	933	2,085	8,253	7,800	2,538	95%	31%	453	22%	885
District Court	—	2	15	13	4	87%	27%	2	100%	2
Magistrates Division of District Court	—	2,083	8,238	7,787	2,534	95%	31%	451	22%	883
Kansas--District Court	2,347		3,944							168
New Mexico--Magistrate Court	1,281		3,867							302
Ohio--STATE TOTAL	10,799	10,833	68,836	65,271	14,398	95%	21%	3,565	33%	637
County Court	—	1,066	10,600	10,387	1,279	98%	12%	213	20%	98
Municipal Court	—	9,767	58,236	54,884	13,119	94%	23%	3,352	34%	539
Oklahoma--District Court	2,970	7,450	11,522	11,546	7,426	100%	64%	-24	-1%	388
South Carolina--Magistrate Court	3,087		10,788							350
Tennessee--Circuit Court and Criminal Court	4,533		3,398							75
Texas--County Court at Law, Constitutional County Court and Probate Court	13,887	46,868	86,158	85,509	47,517	99%	55%	649	1%	620

Note: All available data that are 90% or more complete are entered in the table. Blank spaces indicate that either the data were unavailable or less than 90% complete, or that the calculations were inappropriate.

TABLE 41: Traffic disposition types for trial courts, 1979.

Variations in court organization and subject matter jurisdiction:

These tables display data for the general jurisdiction and limited jurisdiction courts that report manner-of-disposition data. In Table 41 the states are grouped according to the unit used in counting traffic cases.

Sources of data are found in the individual court profiles in Part II and in Appendix B.

Variations in definitions:

Table 41 indicates the various units used in counting cases from state to state. Only a few states report sufficiently complete data to make between-state comparisons of the proportion of total caseload disposed by each manner of disposition.

Appropriate analyses:

Number and percent of total dispositions for each manner of disposition. Dividing the number of cases for each manner of disposition by the total number of similar cases results in the proportions of cases disposed by each manner of disposition. These figures can be compared between courts that count cases in the same way (i.e., the same unit of count).

Limitations on use:

The distribution of the proportions of cases by different manners of disposition is affected by the method used for counting cases in the court. Dismissals will make up a higher percentage of dispositions in those courts that use a paper-based or charge-based count. Before making comparisons between states and courts, be sure that they both use the same unit of count.

The distribution is also affected by the order with which procedures are carried out by the court and the prosecutor. The proportion of dismissals will be lower in courts that screen cases before filing them than in courts that screen cases after they are filed.

In addition, care should be taken to ensure that a dismissal in one state means the same as a dismissal in another state. For example, some states may distinguish between dismissals by prosecutors and by judges, while others may treat them as the same.

TABLE 41:
Traffic disposition types for trial courts, 1979.

State population. Courts reporting traffic disposition type data. Pleas, violations bureau, bail or bond forfeitures, total convictions, trial convictions, acquitted, nolle prosequi, and dismissed. Each disposition type as a percent of traffic dispositions.

State and court title	Total traffic dispositions	Total trials	Plea		Violations Bureau*		Bail or bond forfeiture		Trial conviction			Total conviction		Acquittal		Nolle prosequi		Dismissal	
			Number	As percent of disposed	Number	As percent of disposed	Number	As percent of disposed	Number	As percent of disposed	As percent of trials	Number	As percent of disposed	Number	As percent of disposed	Number	As percent of disposed	Number	As percent of disposed
Alaska--District Court	70,349[ir]	1,083[ir]	9,925[ir]	14%[ir]					551[ir]	1%[ir]	51%[ir]	10,476[ir]	15%[ir]	532[ijr]	1%[ijr]				
Arizona--STATE TOTAL	816,983	32,326																1,677,288[s]	13%[s]
Justice of the Peace	266,595	8,851							152,967[s]	1%[s]	75%[s]	11,254,604[s]	84%[s]					65,369[s]	13%[s]
Municipal Court	550,388	23,475							8,530[s]	2%[s]	74%[s]	414,990[s]	84%[s]					1,611,919[s]	13%[s]
California--STATE TOTAL	13,308,773[s]	202,694[s]	1,167,722[s]	9%[s]	NH	--	9,933,915[s]	75%[s]	144,437[s]	1%[s]	75%[s]	9,737,626[s]	78%[s]						
Justice Court	493,845[s]	11,605[s]	65,734[s]	13%[s]	NH	--	340,726[s]	69%											
Municipal Court	12,544,928[s]	191,089[s]	1,109,988[s]	9%[s]	NH	--	9,593,189[s]	76%[s]											
Colorado--County Court	159,205	8,087			3,168	2%													
District of Columbia--Superior Court	25,853[r]	436[r]	3,535[r]	14%[r]	NH	--	5,408[r]	21%[r]								11,228[r]	43%[r]	998[r]	4%[r]
Florida--County Court	369,346[ir]	34,051[ir]	200,007[ir]	54%[ir]			13,414[ir]	4%[ir]											
Georgia--STATE TOTAL	420,144[bi]	4,252[i]			NH	--										(j)		1,278[ij]	8%[ij]
Superior Court	15,356[bi]	397[i]	5,144[i]	33%[i]	NH	--	10,432[i]	68%[i]								(j)		12,871[ij]	6%[ij]
State Court and County Court	213,641[bi]	1,599[i]	68,500[i]	32%[i]	NH	--	137,314[i]	64%[i]											
Probate Court	191,147[bi]	2,256[i]	4,827[s]		NH	--													
Hawaii--STATE TOTAL	735,606[s]				NH	--										13,362[s]	2%[s]	77,269[s]	10%[s]
Circuit Court	86[r]	2[r]	4[r]	5%[r]	NH	--										13[r]	15%[r]	0[r]	0%[r]
District Court	735,520[s]				NH	--	438,680[s]	60%[r]				116,046[s]	16%[s]			13,349[s]	2%[s]	77,269[s]	10%[s]
Idaho--STATE TOTAL	219,774	10,976																	
District Court	14	11																9,051[ir]	3%[ir]
Magistrates Division of District Court	219,760	10,965																107,013[is]	5%[is]
Indiana--Municipal Court of Marion County	90,214	7,391			23,946	26%												105,296[is]	5%[is]
Iowa--District Court	144,988	12,583																1,717[s]	5%[s]
Kansas--District Court	260,452[ir]	4,974[ir]	206,246[ir]	79%[ir]			40,181[ir]	15%[ir]											
Michigan--STATE TOTAL	1,953,844[is]	40,243[is]	240,746[is]	12%[is]	955,971[is]	49%[is]												102,242	3%
District Court	1,920,047[is]	39,084[is]	235,919[is]	12%[is]	933,147[is]	49%[is]												1,559[j]	3%[j]
Municipal Court	33,797[s]	1,159[s]	4,827[s]	14%[s]	22,824[s]	67%[s]												100,683	3%
New Jersey--STATE TOTAL	3,165,342	0	393,944	12%	2,668,216	84%												109,154[r]	32%[r]
County District Court	58,290	0	6,191[j]	11%[j]	50,535	87%												82,134	10%
Municipal Court	3,107,052	0	387,753	12%	2,617,681	84%												210[r]	<1%[r]
New York--District Court and City Court	337,782[r]	7,280[r]	216,303[r]	64%[r]	NH	--			4,822[r]	1%[r]	66%[r]	221,125[r]	65%[r]	2,458[r]	1%[r]			10[r]	<1%[r]
North Carolina--District Court	787,465	38,058	169,002	21%														24[r]	<1%[r]
North Dakota--STATE TOTAL	126,458[r]				NH	--						117,530[r]	93%[r]	2,718[r]	2%[r]			176[r]	<1%[r]
County Court with Increased Jurisdiction	57,675[r]				NH	--						51,123[r]	99%[r]	542[r]	1%[r]				
County Justice Court	22,889[r]				NH	--						22,565[r]	98%[r]	300[r]	1%				
Municipal Court	45,894[r]				NH	--			43,842[r]	96%[r]		43,842[r]	96%[r]	1,876[r]	4%[r]				
Ohio--STATE TOTAL	1,370,592[r]	23,460[r]	481,691[r]	35%[r]	636,283[r]	46%[r]										5,014[r]	<1%[r]	49,175[r]	4%[r]
County Court	146,638[r]	3,075[r]	55,557[r]	38%[r]	68,870[r]	47%[r]										918[r]	1%[r]	2,027[r]	1%[r]
Municipal Court	1,223,954[r]	20,385[r]	426,134[r]	35%[r]	567,413[r]	46%[r]										4,096[r]	<1%[r]	47,148[r]	4%[r]
Oklahoma--District Court	180,298	10,447																	
Oregon--Municipal Court	182,854	25,229																	
Pennsylvania--District Justice Court	1,640,507	103,822	826,790	50%	NH	--			42,249	2%	41%	869,039	53%	61,573	4%	41,593	<1%		
Puerto Rico--District Court	53,740	4,753[i]	36,209	67%	NH	--	NH	--	2,191	4%	46%	38,400	71%	2,562	5%			12,330	23%
Texas--STATE TOTAL	3,449,740[i]	500,479[i]			2,298,969[i]	143%[i]			430,536[i]	12%[i]	86%[i]	2,532,257[i]	73%[i]	69,943[i]	2%[i]			389,448[i]	11%[i]
County Court at Law and Constitutional County Court	85,509[r]	1,461[r]	67,462[r]	90%[r]	NH	--			883[r]	1%[r]	60%[r]	68,345[r]	80%[r]	578[r]	1%[r]			14,073[r]	16%[r]
Municipal Court	2,320,841[ir]	357,815[ir]			1,476,281[ir]	64%[ir]			294,123[ir]	8%[ir]	82%[ir]	1,505,694[ir]	65%[ir]	63,692[ir]	3%[ir]			312,417[ir]	13%[r]
Justice of the Peace Court	1,043,390[i]	141,203[i]			822,688[i]	79%[i]			135,530[i]	13%[i]	96%[i]	958,218[i]	92%[i]	5,673[i]	<1%[i]			62,958[i]	6%[i]
Utah--Circuit Court	355,498[s]	7,319[s]	26,392[s]	7%[s]	NH	--	313,009	88%										8,661[s]	2%[s]
Vermont--District Court	81,032	434	67,493	83%												832	1%	1,322	2%
Wisconsin--Circuit Court	68,747	7,730																	

Note: All available data are entered in the table and all appropriate calculations are included. Blank spaces indicate that either the data were unavailable or the calculations were inappropriate.

NH = This case type is not handled in this court.

-- = Not applicable.

*Violations Bureau dispositions: These cases were disposed by a Violations Bureau, usually with just the payment of a fine. In the Texas Justice of the Peace Court and Municipal Court these are called payment of fine dispositions.

[b]Particular court or reporting system information:
The numbers of dispositions reported for Georgia courts in this table are different from those reported in the rest of this report. Georgia defines a case differently when counting types of dispositions than it does when counting filings or total dispositions. The total disposition figures used here are the sums of the number of cases given under each type of disposition.

[i]Data are incomplete:
Alaska--The figures given include only "other traffic" cases.
Florida--Data are given for criminal traffic violations only. This court also handles civil traffic violations, but they may not be resolved by trial.
Georgia--Superior Court--Data are given only for cases filed on or after July 1, 1970.
--State Court--Figures do not include DeKalb County.
Kansas--Data do not include juvenile traffic cases.
Michigan--District Court--No data were available from five locations.
Puerto Rico--The total trials figure was estimated by adding the trial convictions and trial acquittals.
Texas--Municipal Court data are based on an eighty-nine percent reporting rate. Justice of the Peace Courts submitted seventy-nine percent of all possible reports.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Alaska--Acquittals include some dismissals.
Georgia--Nolle prosequi are included in the dismissals category.
New Jersey--State Court--Pleas include some convictions; dismissals include some acquittals.

[r]Data reported are known to not include parking cases.

[s]Data reported are known to include parking cases.

TABLE 42: Traffic jury and non-jury trial dispositions, 1979.

Variations in court organization and subject matter jurisdiction:

Subject matter jurisdictions are visually quite apparent in Tables 27 and 38, where the "+" symbols under the heading "Case type" indicate what case types were reported for each piece of trial data. These breakdowns were made to facilitate comparative analysis among courts and case types. In this table, however, data include all available traffic data. Both general jurisdiction and limited jurisdiction courts are included.

Sources of data:

These are found in the individual court profiles in Part II and in Appendix B.

Variations in case classifications and definitions:

Both the case categories and the data classified in each case category vary from state to state.

Variations in counting both cases and trials:

Each of these tables has numerical superscripts by each court name, indicating how that court counts cases. Caseload cannot be compared among courts that do not count cases in the same way.

The definitions used by each court to count trials are indicated in the third column in Tables 27 and 38, the second column in Table 42. Comparisons can be made between courts that count trials in the same way.

Appropriate analyses:

Trials as a percent of dispositions. Dividing the number of trials conducted by the total number of cases disposed of for the appropriate case type results in the trial rate for that case type for the court.

Jury trials as a percent of dispositions. Dividing the number of jury trials conducted by the total number of cases disposed of for the appropriate case type results in the jury trial rate for that case type for the court.

Jury trials as a percent of trials. Dividing the number of jury trials by the total number of trials conducted for that case type results in the proportion of trials that are trials by jury for that case type for the court.

Limitations on use:

Comparisons on these tables must be restricted to the court level, and must be controlled for case type, unit of count, and trial definitions. State totals have not been computed in order to avoid any temptation to compare "apples and oranges."

Care should also be taken to compare only those courts that share similar rules regarding the availability of jury trials. For example, some states make it more difficult for a criminal defendant to waive a jury trial than other states. Similarly, in some states both parties to civil litigation must agree to a jury trial, while in other states one of the parties can demand a jury trial.

TABLE 42:
Traffic jury and non-jury trial dispositions, 1979.
State and court. Jury trial definition. Number of dispositions and trials. Trials as a percent of dispositions. Numbers of jury trials, jury trials as a percent of dispositions and trials.

State, and court title	Jury/ trial defini- tion	Number of disposi- tions	Number of trials	Trials as a percent of dispo- sitions	Number of jury trials	Jury trials as a percent of dispo- sitions	Jury trials as a per cent of trials
Alaska:							
District Court	A	70,349[i]	1,083[i]	2%	--	--	--
Arizona:							
Justices of the Peace	B	266,595	8,851	3%	177	<1%	2%
City Magistrates	B	550,388	23,475	4%	873	<1%	4%
California:							
Justice Court	B	493,845	11,605	2%	909	<1%	8%
Municipal Court	F	12,544,928	191,089	2%	3,362	<1%	2%
Colorado:							
County Court	C	159,205	8,087	5%	834	<1%	10%
District of Columbia:							
Superior Court	A	25,853	436	2%	42	<1%	10%
Florida:							
County Court	C	369,346	34,051	9%	1,951	<1%	6%
Georgia:							
Superior Court	A	15,356	397	2%	196	1%	49%
Probate Court	A	191,147	2,256	1%	--	--	--
State Court and County Court	A	213,641	1,599	1%	408	<1%	25%
Hawaii:							
Circuit Court	C	86	2	2%	2	2%	100%
Idaho:							
District Court	C	14	11	78%			
Magistrate's Division	C	219,760	10,976	5%			
Indiana:							
Municipal Court of Marion County	A	90,214	7,391	8%	--	--	--
Iowa:							
District Court	C	144,988	12,583	9%	242	<1%	2%
Kansas:							
District Court	C	260,452[i]	4,974[i]	2%	45[i]	<1%[i]	1%[i]
Michigan:							
District Court	C	1,920,047	39,084	2%[i]	2,010[i]	<1%[i]	5%[i]
Municipal Court	C	33,797	1,159	1%	11	<1%	1%
New York:							
District Court and City Court	A	337,782	7,280	2%			
North Carolina:							
District Court	E	787,465	38,058	5%	--	--	--
Ohio:							
County Court	C	146,638	3,075	2%	176	<1%	6%
Municipal Court	C	1,223,954	20,385	2%	752	<1%	4%
Oklahoma:							
District Court	A	188,298	10,447	6%			
Oregon:							
Municipal Court	C	182,854[i]	25,229[i]	14%[i]			
Pennsylvania:							
District Justice Court	A	1,640,507	103,822	6%	--	--	--
Texas:							
Municipal Court	A	2,320,841[ij]	357,815[ij]	15%[ij]	1,990	<1%[ij]	<1%
Justice of the Peace Court	A	1,043,390[i]	141,203[i]	14%[i]	1,443	<1%[i]	1%
Texas County Court at Law, Constitutional County Court	A	85,509[ij]	1,461[ij]	2%[ij]	911	1%[ij]	62%
Utah:							
Circuit Court	C	355,498	7,319	2%	799	<1%	11%
Vermont:							
District Court	A	81,032	434	1%	29	<1%	7%
Wisconsin:							
Circuit Court	F	68,747	7,730	11%	441	1%	6%

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TABLE 42:
Traffic jury and non-jury trial dispositions, 1979. *(continued)*

Note: All available data are entered in the table and all appropriate calculations are included. Blank spaces indicate that the data were unavailable or calculations were inappropriate.

-- = Not applicable.

[i]Data are incomplete:
Alaska--District Court--Data only include other traffic, a category which represents 92 percent of the traffic filings.
Kansas--Data do not include juvenile traffic cases.
Michigan--District Court--Data were not given for five locations.
Oregon--Only partial reports were received from 3 municipalities.
Texas--The Municipal Court reported 89% of their monthly reports, while the Justice of the Peace Court reported 79%.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Texas--Municipal Court--Does not include parking violations.--The County Court of Law, Constitutional County Court, and Probate Court are the only courts in the state that handle DWI/DUI cases.

Trial definitions:
A = A trial is counted if tried to judgment, completion, verdict, or decision.
B = A jury trial is counted when the jury selection begins (first juror is drawn).
C = A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn (impaneled).
D = A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.
E = A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.
F = A trial is counted when it has officially begun.

TABLE 44: Criminal-type offense caseload for trial courts, 1979.
TABLE 45: Status offense caseload for trial courts, 1979.
TABLE 46: Non-offense caseload for trial courts, 1979.

Variations in court jurisdiction and subject matter jurisdiction:

Caseload in these tables is from both general jurisdiction and limited jurisdiction courts, and represents the total caseload reported for each case type from each state. The same case type may be handled in different courts from state to state. The court organization charts in Part II should be consulted for a brief summary of the jurisdiction of each court.

Sources of data:

These are found in the individual court profiles in Part II and in Appendix B.

Variations in case classification and definitions:

Both the case categories and the data classification in the case categories vary from state to state.

Because such problems exist for these and all other case categories, the case types used in this report are those chosen for inclusion in the State Court Model Annual Report and State Court Model Statistical Dictionary.

Only states reporting data that could be displayed in the specific case type are included in the tables, and then only if the data are at least 90% complete. Many courts do not break data down beyond the broad civil, criminal, traffic, and juvenile categories.

The volume of juvenile cases cannot be compared across all state courts because the statutory age when a juvenile becomes an adult varies from state to state. This variation affects the volume of both juvenile filings and adult criminal filings.

Appropriate analyses:

Disposed cases as percent of filed. This measure represents the percent of the number of filed cases of which the court was able to dispose. The percent is computed by dividing the number of cases filed by the number disposed of and then multiplying by one hundred. A percent over one hundred indicates that the court disposed of more cases than were filed, thus reducing pending caseload. A percent significantly less than one hundred indicates that the court is not keeping up with the volume of cases being filed. This measure was not computed if the number of cases filed was less than ten or if the quantity of missing data (indicated by an "i" footnote) made it inappropriate.

End pending cases as percent of filed. This figure gives the percent of the number of filed cases that were pending at the end of the year. This measure is computed by dividing the number of cases pending at the end of the year by the number of cases filed and then multiplying by one hundred. A value of one hundred percent indicates that the number of cases pending at the end of the year was equal to the number of cases filed during the year. A value higher than one hundred percent indicates a pending caseload larger than cases filed, while a value lower than one hundred percent indicates a pending caseload smaller than the number of cases filed. This percent was not computed if the number of cases filed was less than ten or if the quantity of missing data (indicated by an "i" footnote in the profiles in Part II) made it inappropriate.

Number change in pending cases. This number gives the net increase or decrease in pending caseload for the court year by subtracting the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year from the number of cases pending at the end of the year. An alternative to this calculation, subtracting the number disposed of from the number filed, was used when pending data were unavailable or incomplete. When this alternate formula was used, the resulting number was enclosed in parentheses. A positive number indicates that the pending caseload increased during the year while a negative number indicates that the pending caseload was reduced in size. Thus, a large negative change in pending indicates that the court is keeping the caseflow current, while a large positive change in pending indicates that the court has not kept pace with its filings.

Percent change in pending cases. This percentage indicates the change in pending cases relative to the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year, and is obtained by dividing the number change in pending caseload by the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year and then multiplying by one hundred. (This figure cannot be calculated if the alternative formula described above was used to calculate the number change in the pending caseload.) A high negative percent indicates that the court reduced its pending caseload significantly, while a high positive percent indicates that the pending caseload increased significantly. This measure was not computed if the number of beginning pending cases was less than ten or if the jurisdiction of the court changed significantly during the year.

Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population. The unit of state population used on all court caseflow charts is 100,000. This measure compensates for variations in state population and gives a more realistic basis for comparison of caseloads among states of various sizes. If the number of filings was unavailable or was not complete (indicated by an "i" footnote on the profiles in Part II) but the number of dispositions was available, the number of cases disposed per unit of population was entered in this column in place of the number of cases filed per population unit, and the use of this alternative quantity was indicated by enclosing it in parentheses.

Population figures used in the juvenile tables represent the state population under 18 years of age. If all other factors (court jurisdiction, case definition, etc.) are similar, the filed-per-unit-of-population statistic will permit direct comparisons among states of the number of filed cases.

Limitations on use:

Although juvenile courts employ different units of counting when an event becomes a case, these tables do not use such a classification scheme. An effort will be directed at such a scheme in future reports.

TABLE 43: Juvenile filed and disposed for general jurisdiction, limited jurisdiction, and all trial courts, 1979.

Variations in court organization, subject matter jurisdiction, and case classification:

This table breaks the gross totals of Table 15 into the broad case juvenile classification. Because of the variations in court organization, subject matter jurisdiction, and case classification, comparisons of general jurisdiction and limited jurisdiction courts from state to state are seldom appropriate.

Lack of complete data (less than 90% complete from an individual court) is responsible for the large number of blanks in the "All trial courts" columns on this table, as well as for states missing from the table. In order for a state to be included in this table, it had to have complete filing or disposition data from all its trial courts.

Courts that do not break their caseload down into specific case types do generally separate caseload into civil, criminal, and juvenile cases. (Traffic may be reported separately or it may be lumped into criminal caseload.)

Sources of data are found on the individual court profiles in Part II and in Appendix B.

Variations in counting cases do have an impact on total caseloads. If states are not counting cases at the same beginning and ending point, total caseload is not comparable.

Appropriate analyses:

Disposed as a percent of filed. This measure represents the percent of the number of filed cases that the court was able to dispose. The percent is computed by dividing the number of cases filed by the number disposed and then multiplying by one hundred. A percent over one hundred indicates that the court disposed more cases than were filed, thus reducing pending caseload. A percent significantly less than one hundred indicates that the court is not keeping up with the volume of cases being filed.

Limitations on use:

Comparisons can be made between courts that count cases in the same way. The method of counting juvenile cases has the greatest influence over data reported.

Although data have been broken down into general and limited jurisdiction courts, this has been done to provide a flavor for the different workloads of the different levels of trial courts. Interstate comparisons should be restricted to all trial courts' figures.

TABLE 43:
Juvenile filed and disposed for general jurisdiction, limited jurisdiction, and all trial courts, 1979.
State juvenile population. Disposed as a percent of filed.

State	General jurisdiction courts			Limited jurisdiction courts			All trial courts		
	Filed	Disposed	Disposed as a percent of filed	Filed	Disposed	Disposed as a percent of filed	Filed	Disposed	Disposed as a percent of filed
Alabama	21,025	20,138	96%	21,746	20,334	94%	42,771	40,472	95%
Alaska	1,352	1,085	80%	NH	NH	--	1,352	1,085	80%
Arkansas	NH	NH	--	11,786			11,786		
Colorado	17,631	16,472	93%	NH	NH	--	17,631	16,472	93%
Connecticut	16,741	17,168	103%	NH	NH	--	16,741	17,168	103%
Delaware	NH	NH	--	8,179			8,179		
District of Columbia	6,052	5,623	93%	--	--	--	6,052	5,623	93%
Florida	83,062	75,585	91%	NH	NH	--	83,062	75,585	91%
Guam	476	254	53%	--	--	--	476	254	53%
Hawaii	8,259	7,946	96%	NH	NH	--	8,259	7,946	96%
Idaho	8,003	7,702	96%	--	--	--	8,003	7,702	96%
Illinois	30,326	29,679	98%	--	--	--	30,326	29,679	98%
Indiana	19,459	17,881	92%	1,392	1,145	82%	20,851	19,026	91%
Iowa	5,236	6,405	122%	--	--	--	5,236	6,405	122%
Kansas	30,110			NH	NH	--	30,110		
Kentucky	NH	NH	--	35,828[j]	28,718[j]	80%	35,828[j]	28,718[j]	80%[j]
Louisiana	NH	NH	--	40,991			40,991		
Maine	NH	NH	--	3,867	3,642	94%	3,867	3,642	94%
Maryland	23,352	21,126	90%	1,980	2,213	112%	25,332	23,339	92%
Massachusetts	48,766			NH	NH	--	48,766		
Missouri	17,293	16,102	93%	--	--	--	17,293	16,102	93%
Montana	1,219	876	72%	NH	NH	--	1,219	876	72%
Nebraska	NH	NH	--	4,979			4,979		
New Hampshire	NH	NH	--	6,988			6,988		
New Jersey	NH	NH	--	108,665	108,514	100%	108,665	108,514	100%
New Mexico	4,159	3,644	88%	NH	NH	--	4,159	3,644	88%
North Carolina	NH	NH	--	21,207	23,054	109%	21,207	23,054	109%
North Dakota	5,810	6,756	116%	NH	NH	--	5,810	6,756	116%
Ohio	209,985	208,313	99%	NH	NH	--	209,985	208,313	99%
Oklahoma	8,156	9,488	116%	NH	NH	--	8,156	9,488	116%
Oregon	15,573			94			15,667		
Pennsylvania	39,685	38,943	98%	NH	NH	--	39,685	38,943	98%
Puerto Rico	5,858	5,509	94%	NH	NH	--	5,858	5,509	94%
Rhode Island	NH	NH	--	8,157			8,157		
South Dakota	5,350			--	--	--	5,350		
Texas	11,385	11,283	99%	1,453	1,436	99%	12,838	12,719	99%
Utah	NH	NH	--	25,516[j]			25,516[j]		
Vermont	1,099	1,154	105%	NH	NH	--	1,099	1,154	105%
Virginia	NH	NH	--	131,363	123,925	94%	131,363	123,925	94%
Washington	20,836	16,646	80%	NH	NH	--	20,836	16,646	80%
West Virginia	6,995	6,291	90%	NH	NH	--	6,995	6,291	90%
Wyoming	1,022			NH	NH	--	1,022		

Note: State totals were included in this table only when all courts with juvenile jurisdiction within that state reported either complete filings and/or dispositions. Blank spaces indicate that the data were unavailable or incomplete, or the calculations were inappropriate.

NH = This case type is not handled in this court.

-- = Not applicable.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Kentucky--All courts-- Juvenile data include delinquency, status, dependency, neglect, needy, and abuse cases, as well as paternity and adult violations of KRS 530.060-.070 (endangering the welfare of or unlawful transactions with a minor).
Utah--Limited jurisdiction--Filed figures are the number of referrals.

TABLE 44:
Criminal-type offense caseload for trial courts, 1979.

State juvenile population. Courts reporting criminal-type caseload. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 juvenile population.

State and court title	Juvenile population in thousands	Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
California--Superior Court	6,219		86,222[I]	79,905[I]		93%[I]		(6,317)[I]		1,386[I]
Colorado--District Court and Denver Juvenile Court	800		6,304	5,378		85%		(926)		788
Connecticut--Superior Court	820	4,390	15,993	16,505	3,878	103%	24%	-512	-12%	1,950
Delaware--Family Court	165		7,443							4,511
District of Columbia--Superior Court	169	944	5,242	4,837	1,341	92%	26%	397	42%	3,102
Florida--Circuit Court	2,226		66,504	62,168		93%		(4,336)		2,988
Georgia--Juvenile Court[C]	1,557		22,344	20,352		91%		(1,992)		1,435
Guam--Superior Court		75	208	146	137	70%	66%	62	83%	
Hawaii--Circuit Court	274	1,978	4,985	4,736	2,227	95%	45%	249	13%	1,819
Idaho--STATE TOTAL	293	2,577	7,523	7,233	2,867	96%	38%	290	11%	2,568
District Court	--	0	0	0	0					0
Magistrates Division	--	2,577	7,523	7,233	2,867	96%	38%	290	11%	2,568
Kansas--District Court	645		3,858							598
Louisiana--City Court and Parish Court, and Municipal and Traffic Court	1,294		4,310[J]	3,477						333[J]
Maryland--STATE TOTAL	1,148		22,144	20,259		91%		(1,885)		1,929
Circuit Court	--		20,646	18,643		90%		(2,003)		1,798
District Court	--		1,498	1,616		108%		(-118)		131
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL	1,516		41,169							2,716
District Court Department	--		29,277							1,931
Juvenile Court Department	--		11,892							784
New Hampshire--STATE TOTAL	253		5,829							2,304
District Court	--		5,690							2,249
Municipal Court	--		139							55
New Jersey--Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court	2,001	13,841	97,110	96,750	14,201	100%	15%	360	3%	4,853
New York--Family Court	4,751	12,066	25,467[I]	31,732[I]	5,801[I]	125%[I]	23%[I]	(-6,265)[I]		536[I]
North Carolina--District Court	1,614		12,946	12,909		100%		(37)		802
North Dakota--District Court	196		3,032							1,547
Oklahoma--District Court	816	3,840	4,131	3,989	3,982	97%	96%	142	4%	506
Puerto Rico--Superior Court		977	5,858	5,509	1,326	94%	23%	349	36%	
Rhode Island--Family Court	246		7,195							2,925
South Dakota--Circuit Court	205		3,174							1,548
Texas--STATE TOTAL	4,090		9,807							240
District Court and Criminal District Court	--		8,624							211
County Court at Law, Constitutional County, and Probate Court	--		1,183							29
Utah--Juvenile Court	505		17,149							3,396
Washington--Superior Court	1,096		16,378	14,008		86%		(2,370)		1,494

Note: All available data that are 90% or more complete are entered in the table. Blank spaces indicate that the data were unavailable or less than 90% complete, or that the calculations were inappropriate.

[C]Judge information:
Judges of the Georgia State Court handle juvenile cases in those circuits not served by a Juvenile Court. Those cases are included in these figures.

[I]Data are incomplete:
California--Superior Court--One court reported data for only the first six months of the reporting period.
New York--Family Court--Data reported do not include case activity in Queens County during December.

[J]Explanation of data included in the category:
Louisiana--City Court and Parish County--Filings include juvenile traffic filings.

TABLE 45:
Status offense caseload for trial courts, 1979.

State juvenile population. Courts reporting status offenses caseload. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 juvenile population.

State and court title	Juvenile population in thousands	Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
Colorado--District Court and Denver Juvenile Court	800		764	725		95%		(39)		96
Delaware--Family Court	165		736							446
District of Columbia--Superior Court	169	38	344	330	52	96%	15%	14	37%	204
Georgia--Juvenile Court[c]	1,557		8,085	7,368		91%		(717)		519
Hawaii--Circuit Court	274	537	1,477	1,505	509	102%	34%	-28	-5%	539
Kansas--District Court	645		6,883							1,067
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL	1,516		4,522							298
District Court Department	—		2,684	1,899		71%		(785)		177
Juvenile Court Department	—		1,838							121
Michigan--Probate Court	2,795		4,201[1]							150[1]
Montana--District Court	236		780							331
New Hampshire--STATE TOTAL	253		630							249
District Court	—		599							237
Municipal Court	—		31							12
New Jersey--Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court	2,001	1,135	11,555	11,764	926	102%	8%	-209	-18%	578
New York--Family Court	4,751	5,828	12,972[1]	16,365[1]	2,435[1]	126%[1]	19%[1]	(-3,393)[1]		273[1]
North Carolina--District Court	1,614		3,299	3,446		104		(-147)		204
North Dakota--District Court	196		2,382							1,215
Oklahoma--District Court	816	1,375	1,123	1,110	1,388	99%	124%	13	1%	138
South Dakota--Circuit Court	205		446							218
Texas--STATE TOTAL	4,090		1,426							35
District Court and Criminal District Court	—		1,156							28
County Court at Law, Constitutional County Court, and Probate Court	—		270							7
Utah--Juvenile Court	505		6,617							1,310

Note: All available data that are 90% or more complete are entered in the table. Blank spaces indicate that either the data were unavailable or less than 90% complete, or that the calculations were inappropriate.

[c]Judge information:
Georgia--Judges of the State Court handle juvenile cases in those circuits not served by a Juvenile Court. Those cases are included in these figures.

[1]Data are incomplete:
New York--Family Court--Data reported do not include case activity in Queens County during December.

TABLE 46:
Non-offense caseload for trial courts, 1979.

State juvenile population. Courts reporting non-offense caseload. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed per 100,000 juvenile population.

State and court title	Juvenile population in thousands	Begin pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed: Disposed	As percent of filed: End pending	Change in pending: Number	Change in pending: Percent	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
California--Superior Court	6,219		18,286[1]	16,583[1]		91%[1]		(1,703)[1]		294[1]
Colorado--District Court and Denver Juvenile Court	800		2,181	1,723		79%		(458)		273
Connecticut--Superior Court	820	282	748	663	367	89%	49%	85	30%	91
District of Columbia--Superior Court	169	124	466	456	134	98%	29%	10	8%	276
Florida--Circuit Court	2,226		16,558	13,417		81%		(3,141)		744
Georgia--Juvenile Court[c]	1,557		4,486	4,056		90%		(430)		288
Hawaii--Circuit Court	274	242	560	442	360	79%	64%	118	49%	204
Idaho--STATE TOTAL	293	272	480	469	283	98%	59%	11	4%	164
District Court	—	1	2	2	1	100%	50%	0		1
Magistrates Division	—	271	478	467	282	98%	59%	11	4%	163
Kansas--District Court	645		2,176							337
Louisiana--City Court, Parish Court and Municipal and Traffic Court	1,294		401	366		91%		(35)		31
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL	1,516		1,849							122
District Court Department	—		1,189	847		71%		(342)		78
Juvenile Court Department	—		660							44
Montana--District Court	236		439							186
New Hampshire--STATE TOTAL	253		529							209
District Court	—		518							205
Municipal Court	—		11							4
New York--Family Court	4,751	7,511	8,979[1]	12,957[1]	3,533[1]	144%[1]	39%[1]	(-3,978)[1]		189[1]
North Carolina--District Court	1,614		4,962	6,699		135%		(1,737)		307
North Dakota--District Court	196		396							202
Oklahoma--District Court	816	2,280	1,876	2,060	2,097	110%	112%	-183	-1%	230
Rhode Island--Family Court	246		589							239
Utah--Juvenile Court	505		1,750							347
Washington--Superior Court	1,096		4,458	2,638		59%		(1,820)		407

Note: All available data that are 90% or more complete are entered in the table. Blank spaces indicate that either the data were unavailable or less than 90% complete, or that the calculations were inappropriate.

[c]Judge information:
Georgia--Judges of the State Court handle juvenile cases in those circuits not served by a Juvenile Court. Those cases are included in these figures.

[1]Data are incomplete:
California--Superior Court--One court reported data for only the first six months of the reporting period.
New York--Family Court--Data reported do not include case activity in Queens County during December.

TABLE 47: Filed cases (total, civil, criminal, and juvenile cases) for trial courts, 1970-1979.

TABLE 48: Number and percent change in filed cases (total, civil, criminal, and juvenile cases) year to year and for 10-year period for trial courts, 1970-1979. Trial courts reporting five or more years of cases filed data.

Variations in court organization:

These tables include data from both general jurisdiction and limited jurisdiction courts, although data were unavailable from all courts in each state (as indicated by the footnote "p" in the profiles in Part II).

Sources of data for each court are the State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Report series, 1975-1979 and historical data supplied by selected state court administrative offices.

Variations in subject matter jurisdiction:

The jurisdiction of each court is outlined briefly in the court system chart for each state located in Part II of this report. Variations in jurisdiction make caseload comparisons among trial courts extremely difficult.

Variations in case classification and definitions:

The case classifications used in the Annual Report series are those chosen for inclusion in the State Court Model Annual Report and State Court Model Statistical Dictionary. Differences among states in the way even the broad categories civil, criminal, and juvenile are defined can make caseload comparisons difficult from state to state. For example, some states include support and custody cases in their juvenile caseload, but the classification scheme used here places them in civil (domestic relations) caseload.

Variations in counting cases:

Figures A and B indicate the various units used in counting cases in the various states. Caseload cannot be compared that is not counted at the same beginning and ending point.

Appropriate analyses:

The method of counting cases and the data included for each yearly figure were kept constant for each court. As a result, the number and percent changes in caseloads reported in these tables are, except where otherwise noted, are due to the actual change (usually growth) in filings in the court and not to changes in the way the court counted cases. Changes for similar courts or for all courts within a state may be compared for identical time periods.

Limitations on use:

Caseloads normally fluctuate from year to year, so changes from one year to the next may not be representative of the actual underlying trend. The change in the jurisdiction of a court, or the consolidation of two or more courts, will have an effect on the caseload of the related courts' caseloads.

TABLE 47:
Filed cases (total, civil, criminal, and juvenile cases) for trial courts, 1970-1979.
Trial courts reporting five or more years of cases filed data.

State and court title	Cases Filed									
	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Total cases										
Alabama--Circuit Court						101,646	103,482	99,526	111,020[k]	118,438
Alaska--Superior Court						11,744	13,250	13,940	13,856	13,492
Arizona--Superior Court						80,517	84,774	94,270[l]	94,799	99,668[l]
Arkansas--Circuit Court	22,478	21,109	21,991	24,979	28,642	32,795	33,013	35,846	38,692	42,549
Chancery Court and Probate Court	28,233	30,760	34,368	35,541	37,608	38,633	39,716	41,512	42,867	43,878
Court of Common Pleas	246	241	248	248	367	364	241	250[l]	377[l]	508
California--STATE TOTAL	13,001,054	13,417,794	13,357,774	13,338,348	13,985,522	15,250,622	15,910,437	16,509,674	17,290,024	18,179,660[l]
Superior Court	507,163	527,488	522,256	532,563	562,248	602,470	667,122	713,880	726,659	740,542[l]
Justice Court	1,228,981	1,237,765	1,298,940	1,202,217	1,181,749	1,305,928	1,071,503	825,578	692,543	688,188
Municipal Court	11,264,910	11,652,541	11,536,578	11,603,568	12,241,525	13,342,224	14,171,812	14,970,216	15,870,822	16,750,930
Colorado--District Court and Denver Superior, Juvenile, and Probate Courts						118,912	119,207	121,966[l]	122,116	128,900
Water Court						2,256	1,844	2,040	2,868	2,134
Connecticut--STATE TOTAL							554,542	584,949	636,155	635,769
Superior Court						29,944[k]	30,348[k]	31,272[k]	31,797[k]	588,704[ak]
Court of Common Pleas							458,528	489,964	541,678	(a)
Juvenile Court						15,985	14,452	13,480	15,027	(a)
Probate Court						55,879	51,214	50,233	47,653	47,065
Delaware--Superior Court						11,260	8,721	7,921	7,208	4,121
Court of Chancery						2,450	2,664	2,604	2,757	2,657
Court of Common Pleas	4,857	5,262	5,260	6,436	6,779	8,375	9,116	9,737	9,583[l]	11,150
Family Court	15,977	17,662	13,787	14,294	17,113	21,206	21,957	24,513	25,533	26,874
Justice of the Peace Court	67,047	69,552	87,073	76,508	76,320	94,519	99,140	111,425	110,779	125,770
District of Columbia--Superior Court						290,537	307,309	317,799	246,361[k]	209,928[k]
Florida--Circuit Court						399,181	373,672	418,877	434,920	399,229
Hawaii--Circuit Court						26,490	28,041	30,938	32,550	34,099
Land Court						49	57	44	53	46
Tax Appeal Court						189	41	43	47	59
Idaho--STATE TOTAL						250,397	262,636	275,991	298,664	312,080
District Court						12,812	13,120	11,584	11,612	11,425
Magistrates Division						237,585	249,516	264,407	287,052	300,655
Illinois--Circuit Court						3,418,677	3,464,572	3,524,456	7,633,949[k]	8,046,981
Iowa--District Court						546,682	587,921	597,231	517,706	503,882
Kansas--District Court	34,043	35,151	37,309	36,947	39,534	42,038	45,066	185,710[a]	410,398[a]	430,960
Kentucky--Circuit Court						71,591	70,699	79,671	65,977	70,926
Maine--Superior Court						13,892	12,384	15,587	15,683	16,077
Maryland--Circuit Court						112,266	121,676	133,344	153,199	143,318
Massachusetts--Superior Court Department						67,730	68,593	66,649		62,679
Michigan--Circuit Court						159,778	153,350	156,605	198,943[l]	218,341[l]
Minnesota--District Court						29,333[l]	30,562[l]	28,855[l]	27,139[l]	
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas			65,954	63,259	66,591	74,314	74,474	72,132	79,578	198,293[a]
Nebraska--District Court						21,872	24,447	25,201	27,443	27,182
New Hampshire--Superior Court	16,060	16,469	18,401	19,917	21,974	23,719	24,189	24,737	26,615	24,606
New Jersey--Superior Court and County Court	70,576	76,782	84,571	87,196	84,934	94,731	96,557	97,409	101,421	102,568
Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court	85,770	88,670	99,270	105,259	121,693	133,546	146,358	151,717	165,840	189,543
New Mexico--District Court						40,599	43,955	(1)	49,328	53,517
New York--Supreme Court and County Court						154,763	145,758	147,426	96,177[k]	96,757
Family Court						198,753	292,288	305,325	322,481[l]	319,745[l]
North Dakota--District Court						8,361	9,685	11,065	17,259	18,401
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas						475,664	464,438	483,220	496,872	500,190
Oklahoma--District Court						373,776	403,014	426,772	457,561	447,083
Oregon--Circuit Court						72,497	83,573	81,720	91,182	94,998
Tax Court						232	181	148	138	112

Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas			240,688	243,315	263,359	290,757	292,186	288,878	296,033	310,369
Rhode Island--Superior Court			9,104	9,248	9,092	10,207	10,010	9,494	9,976	10,669
District Court			66,540[k]	74,877[k]	82,613	76,602	57,783	58,606	60,653	67,306
Family Court						11,391	12,260	12,264	12,022	13,974
Tennessee--Circuit Court and Criminal Court	63,528	60,571	58,009	61,567	69,958	76,051	76,966	81,335	80,885	81,881
Law and Equity Court	3,022	3,130	3,794	4,590	5,182	4,566	4,847	4,466	3,868	4,200
Chancery Court	17,847	18,294	19,469	22,487	26,242	29,569	30,998	32,419	32,663	34,536
Texas--District Court and Criminal District Court						357,509	361,949	378,314	394,679	415,845
Utah--District Court		20,519	22,305	23,922	**	28,672	28,601	30,362	31,986	29,907
Vermont--Superior Court						6,319	6,750	6,672	6,974	7,194[l]
District Court						76,442	69,907	73,555	102,018	111,855[l]
Virginia--Circuit Court	79,400	83,154	85,581	88,751	98,249	104,582	106,819	117,351	125,058	130,461
Washington--Superior Court	88,627	92,369	95,413	100,135	111,477	116,640	121,811	127,965	135,630	146,380
Civil cases										
Alabama--Circuit Court						75,869	78,016	64,619	70,465	73,111
Alaska--Superior Court						9,283	10,749	11,375	11,370	11,066
Arizona--Superior Court						63,599	62,574[l]	68,635	79,587[l]	84,852[l]
Arkansas--STATE TOTAL						58,805	60,157	63,836[l]	67,652[l]	72,069
Circuit Court						19,808	20,200	22,074	24,408	27,683
Chancery and Probate Court	28,233	30,760	34,368	35,541	37,608	38,633	39,716	41,512	42,867	43,878
Court of Common Pleas	246	241	248	248	367	364	241	250[l]	377[l]	508
California--STATE TOTAL						1,248,298	1,267,667	1,320,321	1,391,856	1,489,106
Superior Court						467,092	501,775	548,933	563,355	579,754
Justice Court	67,041	59,016	60,049	65,152	67,340	69,134	58,031	49,828	45,635	48,776
Municipal Court	562,478	537,729	547,805	600,350	639,686	712,072	707,861	721,560	782,866	860,576
Colorado--District Court and Denver Superior and Probate Courts[l, j]						89,213	89,884	90,198[l]	90,309	95,982
Water Court[l]						2,256	1,844	2,040	2,868	2,134
Connecticut--STATE TOTAL							217,137	217,489	207,534	194,969
Superior Court[l]						25,003	25,793	26,891	28,089	147,904[a]
Court of Common Pleas							140,130	140,214	131,619	(a)
Juvenile Court						0	0	151	173	(a)
Probate Court						55,879	51,214	50,233	47,653	47,065
Delaware--Superior Court						7,173	4,935	3,824	3,915	4,121
Court of Chancery						2,450	2,664	2,604	2,757	2,657
Court of Common Pleas	1,701	1,646	1,484	2,230	2,185	3,114	3,354	3,412	3,049[l]	3,739
District of Columbia--Superior Court[l]						171,959	170,059	161,944	158,286	150,647
Florida--Circuit Court						254,148	243,129	250,080	262,355	231,832
Hawaii--Circuit Court						16,665	18,000	20,763	22,616	22,903
Land Court						49	57	44	53	46
Tax Appeal Court						189	41	43	47	59
Idaho--STATE TOTAL						37,224	40,245	45,537	48,172	52,762
District Court						9,701	9,719	8,240	8,483	8,380
Magistrates Division						27,523	30,526	37,297	39,689	44,382
Illinois--Circuit Court						632,664	633,246	635,666	689,701	672,588
Iowa--District Court						124,185	125,415	129,770	143,817	153,599
Kansas--District Court[l]	28,737	29,826	31,649	31,488	33,491	35,312	37,811	58,005[a]	92,076[a]	104,013
Kentucky--Circuit Court						58,859	59,497	65,998	55,845	60,414
Maine--Superior Court						5,158	5,851	7,568	8,023	7,760
Maryland--Circuit Court						57,330	62,158	66,026	74,720	81,064
District Court			227,002	245,828	291,337	299,201	332,812	371,336	398,260	423,704
Massachusetts--Superior Court Department						32,247	31,085	31,395		31,793
Michigan--Circuit Court						132,202	126,924	130,433	115,039[l]	189,448[l]
Minnesota--District Court						21,342	21,643	18,843	16,461	19,361
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas			65,954	63,259	66,591	74,314	74,474	72,132	79,578	198,293[a]
Nebraska--District Court						15,229	17,232	18,640	21,272	22,313
New Hampshire--Superior Court	12,741	12,868	13,736	15,064	16,829	17,398	17,758	17,745	19,479	18,464
New Jersey--Superior Court and County Court	47,800	48,910	52,430	58,366	56,901	63,231	64,877	68,371	74,337	77,427
County District Court	215,491	237,548	239,213	251,745	260,664	280,941	293,917	303,057	317,885	331,672
Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court	35,466	35,089	40,454	41,407	49,358	50,889	61,874	69,474	73,460	80,878
New Mexico--District Court						30,374	33,990	39,217	40,568	44,069
New York--Supreme Court and County Court						119,009	114,099	116,031	64,671[k]	65,951
Family Court						153,220	243,416	257,885	273,663[l]	271,815[l]

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TABLE 47:
Filed cases (total, civil, criminal, and juvenile cases) for trial courts, 1970-1979. *(continued)*

State and court title	Cases Filed									
	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Civil cases (continued)										
Oregon--Circuit Court						46,832	55,618	53,116	60,562	62,782
Tax Court	202	189	175	223	148	232	181	148	138	112
Rhode Island--Superior Court						6,542	6,733	6,341	6,795	7,087
District Court			26,141	26,738	31,217	33,335	29,026	28,488	29,196	31,586
Family Court						4,584	5,115	5,667	5,134	5,817
Tennessee										
Circuit Court	42,638	38,689	37,905	39,614	43,375	46,589	47,357	49,462	49,378	51,158
Law and Equity Court	3,022	3,130	3,794	4,590	5,182	4,566	4,847	4,466	3,868	4,200
Chancery Court	17,847	18,294	19,469	22,487	26,242	29,569	30,998	32,419	32,663	34,536
Texas--District Court and Criminal District Court						264,888	272,601	285,335	296,127	311,984
Utah--District Court		18,599	20,207	21,594	**	26,029	25,533	27,010	28,542	27,511
Vermont--Superior Court						6,275	6,691	6,601	6,892	6,757
District Court						15,473	12,868	10,636	10,613	11,117
Virginia--Circuit Court						62,938	63,976	67,685	71,975	75,341
Washington--Superior Court						90,663	94,325	99,000	103,946	112,320
Wisconsin--Circuit Court and County Court						192,243	208,280[j]		188,406	198,640[k]
Wyoming--District Court						7,987	7,981	9,044	11,583	12,259
Criminal cases										
Alabama--Circuit Court						25,777	25,466	24,143	23,326	24,302
Alaska--Superior Court						1,075	991	1,082	1,190	1,074
Arizona--Superior Court						13,662	13,913	13,231	14,005	13,815
Arkansas--Circuit Court						12,987	12,813	13,774	14,284	14,866
California--STATE TOTAL						776,987	778,003	807,364	794,679	804,812[j]
Superior Court						57,656	57,430	57,161	58,077	56,280[j]
Justice Court	91,899	90,694	94,058	97,518	98,080	97,344	83,863	71,973	63,500	63,988
Municipal Court	585,030	581,081	587,115	583,070	589,394	621,987	636,710	678,230	673,102	684,544
Colorado--District Court and Denver Superior Court						14,569	14,334	15,690	15,025	15,287
Connecticut--STATE TOTAL							95,746	91,400	91,182	101,354
Superior Court						4,941	4,555	4,522	3,871	101,354
Court of Common Pleas							91,191	86,878	87,311	(k)
Delaware--Superior Court	2,093	2,489	4,011	3,042	3,177	4,087	3,786	4,097	3,293	2,950
Court of Common Pleas	3,156	3,616	3,776	4,116	4,594	5,261	5,762	6,325	6,534	7,411
Municipal Court of Wilmington	6,453	6,680	7,726	8,476	7,835	8,785	8,754	9,540	8,893	9,154
District of Columbia--Superior Court						33,923	31,956	29,040	28,332	29,404
Florida--Circuit Court						82,222	66,166	92,526	95,842	91,812
Hawaii--Circuit Court						2,086	2,028	1,992	2,097	2,801
Idaho--STATE TOTAL						34,602	30,490	29,444	29,219	30,036
District Court						3,094	3,379	3,324	3,113	3,027
Magistrates Division						31,508	27,111	26,120	26,106	27,009
Illinois--Circuit Court						598,300	520,112	519,334	517,975	581,976
Iowa--District Court						205,098		190,363	177,024	198,019
Kansas--District Court	5,306	5,325	5,660	5,459	6,043	6,726	7,255	19,835[a]	25,211[a]	25,163
Kentucky--Circuit Court						12,732	11,202	13,673	10,132	10,512
Maine--Superior Court						8,734	6,533	6,138	5,444	5,425
Maryland--Circit Court						29,726	34,333	43,616	36,108	38,902
Massachusetts--Superior Court Department						35,483	37,508	35,254		30,886
Michigan--Circuit Court						27,576	26,426	26,172	17,744[j]	28,893[j]
Minnesota--District Court						7,991	8,919	10,012	10,678	
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas			15,326	14,449	16,341	17,760	18,080	18,130	19,020	86,943[a]
Nebraska--District Court						6,643	7,215	6,561	6,171	4,869
New Hampshire--Superior Court	3,319	3,601	4,665	4,853	5,145	6,321	6,431	6,992	7,136	6,142
New Jersey--Superior Court and County Court	22,776	27,872	32,141	28,830	28,033	31,500	31,680	29,038	27,084	25,141
New Mexico--District Court						4,771	4,706	4,656	4,949	5,289
New York--Supreme Court and County Court						35,754	31,659	31,395	31,506	30,806

North Carolina--Superior Court			40,293	42,359	46,628	53,505	52,547	51,264	53,278	56,591
North Dakota--District Court						1,076	1,051	1,083	1,057	1,021
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas			24,155	25,121	28,782	31,554	30,527	30,835	31,575	33,544
Oklahoma--District Court						57,446	55,581	59,289	59,348	60,309
Oregon--Circuit Court						14,360	14,485	14,174	16,097	16,643
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas			67,230	62,078	67,047	78,141	76,302	73,058	72,562	73,765
Rhode Island--Superior Court						3,665	3,277	3,153	3,181	3,582
District Court			40,399[J]	48,139[J]	51,396[J]	43,267[J]	28,757[J]	30,118[J]	31,457[J]	35,720[J]
Tennessee--Circuit Court and Criminal Court	20,890	21,882	20,104	21,953	26,583	26,462	29,609	30,062	28,148	27,325
Texas--District Court and Criminal District Court						80,702	78,317	81,838	86,223	92,476
Utah--District Court		1,920	2,098	2,328	**	2,643	3,068	3,352	3,444	2,396
Vermont--STATE TOTAL						16,954	16,987	18,059	19,269	18,890[I]
Superior Court						44	59	71	82	72[I]
District Court						16,910	16,928	17,988	19,187	18,818[I]
Virginia--Circuit Court						41,644	42,843	49,666	53,083	55,120
Washington--Superior Court						14,048	14,053	14,141	14,278	15,224
Wisconsin--Circuit Court and County Court						71,563	78,403		42,977	54,437[K]
Wyoming--District Court						1,629	1,329	1,284	1,404	1,613
Juvenile cases										
Alaska--Superior Court						1,386	1,510	1,483	1,296	1,352
California--Superior Court						77,722	107,917	107,786	105,227	104,508[I]
Colorado--District Court and Denver Juvenile Court[J]						15,130[J]	16,089[J]	16,078[J]	16,782[J]	17,631[J]
Connecticut--STATE TOTAL						19,985	14,452	13,329	14,854	16,741
Superior Court						(k)	(k)	(k)	(k)	16,741
Juvenile Court						15,985	14,452	13,329	14,854	(k)
District of Columbia--Superior Court						7,756	7,391	6,289	6,384	5,623
Florida--Circuit Court						62,811	64,377	76,271	76,723	75,585
Hawaii--Circuit Court						7,739	7,363	8,075	7,756	8,259
Idaho--STATE TOTAL						7,523	7,927	7,733	7,915	8,003
District Court						17	1	3	1	2
Magistrates Division						7,506	7,926	7,730	7,914	8,001
Illinois--Circuit Court						27,983	25,731	25,686	29,183	30,326
Iowa--District Court						5,685	5,672	6,059	6,195	5,236
Maryland--STATE TOTAL						27,069	28,232	26,601	24,465	25,332
Circuit Court						29,210	25,185	23,702	22,371	23,352
District Court	1,712	1,475	1,218	1,546	2,088	1,859	3,047	2,899	2,094	1,980
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas			15,785	16,437	17,161	18,751	16,929	16,734	18,563	17,293[a]
New Jersey--Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court	50,304	53,581	58,816	63,852	72,335	82,657	84,484	82,243	92,380	108,665
New Mexico--District Court						5,454	5,259		3,811	4,159
New York--Family Court						45,533	48,872	47,440	48,818[I]	47,930[I]
North Dakota--District Court						855	1,001	974	5,709	5,810
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas						194,288	189,342	202,796	210,539	209,985
Oklahoma--District Court						8,311	8,272	8,906	8,141	7,323
Oregon--STATE TOTAL						11,568	13,712	14,653	14,656	15,667
Circuit Court						11,305	13,470	14,430	14,523	15,573
County Court						263	242	223	133	94
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas			24,770	27,094	35,120	39,882	37,084	35,614	37,365	39,685
Rhode Island--Family Court						6,807	6,436	5,761	6,888	8,157
South Dakota--Circuit Court						4,210	4,210	3,519	2,735[I]	5,350
Texas--STATE TOTAL						82,229	12,327	12,791	13,540	12,838
District Court and Criminal District Court						80,702	11,031	11,141	12,329	11,385
County Court at Law, and Constitutional County Court						1,527	1,296	1,650	1,211	1,453
Utah--Juvenile Court						22,522	22,482	22,939	23,367	25,516
Vermont--District Court						968	1,020	1,038	1,097	1,099
Washington--Superior Court						11,929	13,433	14,824	17,406	20,836

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TABLE 47:
Filed cases (total, civil, criminal, and juvenile cases) for trial courts, 1970-1979. *(continued)*

Note: All available data are included in the table. Blank spaces indicate that data were not available. The courts listed in this table represent those courts which reported five or more years of cases filed data.

-- = Not applicable.
* The missing data for Utah in 1974 was a result of a change from fiscal to calendar year reporting.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Connecticut--In 1979, the Court of Common Pleas and the Juvenile Court were abolished and their jurisdiction was transferred to the Superior Court.
Kansas--District Court--In the middle of the 1977 court year, all the trial courts in Kansas except the Municipal Court were consolidated. The full impact of the consolidation is reflected in the data given for 1978.
Missouri--Circuit Court--In 1979, all seven trial courts in Missouri were combined into the Circuit Court.

[i]Data are not complete:
Arizona--Superior Court-- **civil** --Data footnoted contained incomplete figures for **mental health** cases in 1976 and **adoption** in 1978 and 1979.
Total cases--In addition to the **civil** data missing as explained above, incomplete data were reported for **juvenile** cases for two court locations in all years but 1975.
Arkansas--Court of Common Pleas--Total cases and **civil** --No data were reported for two court locations in 1977 or one location in 1978.
California--Superior Court--One court location did not report data for six months of 1979.
Colorado--Denver Probate Court--Total cases and **civil** cases-- No **estate** data were available for three months of 1977.
Delaware--Court of Common Pleas--(1978 only)--Other **civil** miscellaneous cases are missing from the court located in New Castle County for six months.
Kansas--District Court--(1978 only)--Figures do not include **other estate** cases.
Maryland--Circuit Court--Figures for total cases do not include **sentence review only** cases. **Criminal** cases do not include **sentence review only** cases or adult offenses against juveniles.
Michigan--Circuit Court--(1978 only)--No data were available for one court; six other courts reported total cases filed only. (1979 only)--Three courts reported no data.
Minnesota--District Court--No data were available for **juvenile** cases filed in this court.
New Mexico--District Court--Total cases--No **juvenile** data were available for 1977.
New York--Family Court--No data were reported for one court location in 1978. In 1979, no data were reported for December by one court.
North Dakota--Circuit Court-- **juvenile** --Figure given for 1978 does not include **other juvenile** cases filed and therefore is not comparable to other **juvenile** data given for this court on the table.
South Dakota--Circuit Court-- **juvenile** --Figure given for 1978 does not include **other juvenile** cases filed and therefore is not comprable to the other **juvenile** data given for this court on the table.
Vermont--Superior Court and District Court--Total cases and **criminal** --Figures for 1979 for **criminal** cases for these courts do not include **sentence review only** cases, jurisdiction recently added to these courts.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Colorado--District Court and Denver Superior and Juvenile Courts--Post judgment actions on **civil adoption**, paternity, and support cases are included in the juvenile caseload figures.
Rhode Island--District Court-- **criminal** --Also included in these figures are the **traffic** cases handled by the court.

[k]Additional information:
Alabama--Circuit Court--Total cases--This court was given jurisdiction over **juvenile** cases in 1978.
Connecticut--Superior Court--No data are included for cases disposed by the Appellate Session of Superior Court.
District of Columbia--Superior Court--Total cases--Between 1978 and 1979, most of the traffic jurisdiction of this court was transferred to an administrative agency.
Illinois--Circuit Court--Total cases--In 1978, the court started to include the number of parking tickets filed in Cook County in its caseload.
New York--Supreme Court and County Court--Total cases and **civil** --Starting in 1978, the court did not include uncontested matrimonial cases as a part of the data it reported.
Rhode Island--District Court--Total cases--These figures include only those traffic cases handled in the court. The remaindor are handled by the Administrative Adjudication Division of the State Department of Transportation.
Wisconsin--The County Court was abolished and its jurisdiction was transferred to the Circuit Court in 1979.

TABLE 48:
Number and percent change in filed cases (total, civil, criminal, and juvenile cases) year to year and for 10-year period for trial courts, 1970-1979 Trial courts reporting five or more years of cases filed data.

State and court title	Number and percent change in cases filed									
	1970 to 1971	1971 to 1972	1972 to 1973	1973 to 1974	1974 to 1975	1975 to 1976	1976 to 1977	1977 to 1978	1978 to 1979	1970 to 1979
Total cases										
Alabama--Circuit Court						1,836 (2%)	-3,956 (-4%)	(k)	3,418 (7%)	
Alaska--Superior Court						1,506 (13%)	690 (5%)	-84 (-1%)	-364 (-3%)	
Arizona--Superior Court						4,257 (5%)	9,496 (11%)	529 (1%)	4,869 (5%)	
Arkansas--Circuit Court	-1,369 (-6%)	882 (4%)	2,988 (14%)	3,663 (15%)	4,153 (15%)	218 (1%)	2,833 (9%)	2,846 (8%)	3,857 (10%)	20,071 (89%)
Chancery Court and Probate Court	2,527 (9%)	3,608 (12%)	1,173 (3%)	2,067 (6%)	1,025 (3%)	1,083 (3%)	1,796 (5%)	1,355 (3%)	1,011 (2%)	15,645 (55%)
Court of Common Pleas	-5 (-2%)	7 (3%)	0 (0%)	119 (48%)	-3 (-1%)	-123 (-34%)	9[l] (4%)	127[l] (51%)	131[l] (35%)	262 (107%)
California--STATE TOTAL	416,740 (3%)	-60,020 (0%)	-19,426 (0%)	647,174 (5%)	1,265,100 (9%)	659,815 (4%)	599,237 (4%)	780,350 (5%)	889,636[l] (5%)	5,178,606[l] (40%)
Superior Court	20,325 (4%)	-5,232 (-1%)	10,307 (2%)	29,685 (6%)	40,222 (7%)	64,652 (11%)	46,758 (7%)	12,779 (2%)	13,883 (2%)	233,379 (46%)
Justice Court	8,784 (1%)	61,175 (5%)	-96,723 (-7%)	-20,468 (-2%)	124,179 (11%)	-234,425 (-18%)	-245,925 (-23%)	-133,035 (-16%)	-4,355 (-1%)	-540,793 (-44%)
Municipal Court	387,631 (3%)	-115,963 (-1%)	66,990 (1%)	637,957 (5%)	1,100,699 (9%)	829,588 (6%)	798,404 (6%)	900,606 (6%)	880,108 (6%)	5,486,020 (49%)
Colorado-- District Court and Denver Superior, and Probate Courts						295 (0%)	2,759 (2%)	150 (0%)	6,784 (6%)	
Water Court						-412 (-18%)	196 (11%)	828 (41%)	-734 (-26%)	
Connecticut--STATE TOTAL							30,407 (5%)	51,206 (9%)	-386[a] (0%)	
Superior Court						404[k] (1%)	924[k] (3%)	525[k] (2%)	(a)	
Court of Common Pleas							31,436 (7%)	51,714 (11%)	(a)	
Juvenile Court						-1,533 (-10%)	-972 (-7%)	1,547 (11%)	(a)	
Probate Court						-4,665 (-8%)	-981 (-2%)	-2,580 (-5%)	-588 (-1%)	
Delaware--Superior Court						-2,539 (-23%)	-800 (-9%)	-713 (-9%)	-3,087 (-43%)	
Court of Chancery						214 (9%)	-60 (-2%)	153 (6%)	-100 (-4%)	
Court of Common Pleas						741 (9%)	621 (7%)	154[l] (2%)	1,567[l] (16%)	
Family Court						751 (4%)	2,556 (12%)	1,020 (4%)	1,341 (5%)	
Justice of the Peace Court						4,621 (5%)	12,285 (12%)	-646 (-1%)	14,991 (14%)	
District of Columbia--Superior Court						16,772 (6%)	10,490 (3%)	-71,438[k] (-22%)	-36,433 (-15%)	
Florida--Circuit Court						-25,509 (-6%)	45,205 (12%)	16,043 (4%)	-35,691 (-8%)	
Hawaii--Circuit Court						1,551 (6%)	2,897 (10%)	1,612 (5%)	1,549 (5%)	
Land Court						8 (16%)	-13 (-23%)	9 (20%)	-7 (-13%)	
Tax Court						-148 (-78%)	2 (5%)	4 (9%)	12 (26%)	
Idaho--STATE TOTAL						12,239 (5%)	13,355 (5%)	22,673 (8%)	13,416 (5%)	
District Court						308 (2%)	-1,536 (-12%)	28 (0%)	-187 (-2%)	
Magistrates Division						11,931 (5%)	14,891 (6%)	22,645 (9%)	13,603 (5%)	
Illinois--Circuit Court						65,895 (2%)	39,884 (1%)	(k)	413,032[k] (5%)	
Iowa--District Court						41,239 (7%)	9,310 (1%)	-79,525 (-13%)	-13,824 (-3%)	
Kansas--District Court	1,108 (3%)	2,158 (6%)	-362 (-1%)	2,587 (7%)	2,504 (6%)	3,028 (7%)	(a)	(a)	20,562 (5%)	(a)
Kentucky--Circuit Court						-892 (-1%)	8,972 (13%)	-13,694 (-17%)	4,949 (7%)	
Maine--Superior Court						-1,508 (-11%)	3,203 (26%)	97 (1%)	394 (2%)	
Maryland--Circuit Court						9,410 (8%)	11,668 (10%)	-145 (0%)	10,119 (8%)	
Massachusetts--Superior Court Department						863 (1%)	-1,944 (-3%)			
Michigan--Circuit Court						-6,428 (-4%)	3,255 (2%)	(l)	(l)	
Minnesota--District Court						(l)	-1,707 (-5%)	-1,716 (-6%)		
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court.			-2,920 (-3%)	5,948 (6%)	10,732 (11%)	-1,342 (-1%)	-2,487 (-2%)	10,165 (10%)	(a)	
Nebraska--District Court						2,575 (12%)	754 (3%)	2,242 (9%)	-261 (-1%)	
New Hampshire--Superior Court	409 (3%)	1,932 (12%)	1,516 (8%)	2,057 (10%)	1,745 (8%)	470 (2%)	548 (2%)	1,878 (8%)	-2,009 (-8%)	8,546 (53%)
New Jersey--Superior Court and Court	6,206 (9%)	7,789 (10%)	2,625 (3%)	-2,262 (-3%)	9,797 (12%)	1,826 (2%)	852 (1%)	4,012 (4%)	1,147 (1%)	31,992 (45%)
Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court	2,990 (3%)	10,600 (12%)	5,989 (6%)	16,434 (16%)	11,853 (10%)	12,812 (10%)	5,359 (4%)	14,123 (9%)	23,703 (14%)	103,773 (121%)
New Mexico--District Court						3,356 (8%)	(l)	(l)	4,189 (8%)	
New York--Supreme Court and County Court						-9,005 (-6%)	1,668 (1%)	(k)	580 (1%)	
Family Court						93,535 (47%)	13,037 (4%)	(l)	(l)	
North Dakota--District Court						1,324 (16%)	1,380 (14%)	6,194 (56%)	1,142 (7%)	

Ohio--Court of Common Pleas						-11,226 (-2%)	18,782 (4%)	13,652 (3%)	3,518 (1%)		
Oklahoma--District Court						29,238 (8%)	23,758 (6%)	30,789 (7%)	-10,478 (-2%)		
Oregon--Circuit Court						11,076 (15%)	-1,853 (-2%)	9,462 (12%)	3,816 (4%)		
Tax Court						-51 (-22%)	-33 (-18%)	-10 (-7%)	-26 (-19%)		
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas			2,627 (1%)	20,044 (8%)	27,398 (10%)	1,429 (0%)	-3,308 (-1%)	7,155 (2%)	14,336 (5%)		
Rhode Island--Superior Court			144 (2%)	-156 (-2%)	1,115 (12%)	-197 (-2%)	-516 (-5%)	482 (5%)	693 (7%)		
District Court[K]			8,337 (13%)	7,736 (10%)	-6,011 (-7%)	-18,819 (-25%)	823 (1%)	2,047 (3%)	6,653 (11%)		
Family Court						-869 (-8%)	4 (0%)	-242 (-2%)	1,952 (16%)		
Tennessee--Circuit Court and Criminal Court	-2,957 (-5%)	-2,562 (-4%)	3,558 (6%)	8,391 (14%)	6,093 (9%)	915 (1%)	4,369 (6%)	-450 (-1%)	996 (1%)	18,353 (29%)	
Law and Equity Court	108 (4%)	664 (21%)	796 (21%)	592 (13%)	-616 (-12%)	281 (6%)	-381 (-8%)	-598 (-13%)	332 (9%)	1,178 (39%)	
Chancery Court	447 (3%)	1,175 (6%)	3,018 (16%)	3,755 (17%)	3,327 (13%)	1,429 (5%)	1,421 (5%)	244 (1%)	1,873 (6%)	16,689 (94%)	
Texas--District Court and Criminal District Court						4,440 (1%)	16,365 (5%)	16,365 (4%)	21,166 (5%)		
Utah--District Court		1,786 (9%)	1,617 (7%)	**	**	-71 (0%)	1,761 (6%)	1,624 (5%)	-2,079 (-6%)	**	
Vermont--Superior Court						431 (7%)	-78 (-1%)	302 (4%)	220[I] (3%)		
District Court						-8,535 (-11%)	5,648 (8%)	28,463 (39%)	9,837 (10%)		
Virginia--Circuit Court	3,754 (5%)	2,427 (3%)	3,170 (4%)	9,498 (11%)	6,333 (6%)	2,237 (2%)	10,532 (10%)	7,707 (7%)	5,403 (4%)	51,061 (64%)	
Washington--Superior Court	3,742 (4%)	3,044 (3%)	4,722 (5%)	11,342 (11%)	5,163 (5%)	5,171 (4%)	6,154 (5%)	7,665 (6%)	10,750 (8%)	57,753 (65%)	
Civil cases											
Alabama--Circuit Court						2,147 (3%)	-13,397 (-17%)	5,846 (9%)	2,646 (4%)		
Alaska--Superior Court						1,466 (16%)	626 (6%)	-5 (0%)	-304 (-3%)		
Arizona--Superior Court						-1,025[I] (-2%)	6,061[I] (10%)	10,952[I] (16%)	5,265 (7%)		
Arkansas--STATE TOTAL						1,352 (2%)	3,679[I] (6%)	3,816[I] (6%)	4,417[I] (6%)		
Circuit Court						392 (2%)	1,874 (9%)	2,334 (11%)	3,275 (13%)		
Chancery and Probate Court	2,437 (9%)	3,698 (12%)	1,173 (3%)	2,067 (6%)	1,026 (3%)	1,083 (3%)	1,796 (4%)	1,355 (4%)	1,011 (2%)	15,645 (55%)	
Court of Common Pleas	-5 (-2%)	7 (3%)	0 (0%)	119 (48%)	-3 (-1%)	-123 (-34%)	9[I] (4%)	127[I] (51%)	131[I] (35%)	262 (106%)	
California--STATE TOTAL						19,369 (2%)	52,654 (4%)	71,535 (5%)	97,250 (7%)		
Superior Court						34,683 (7%)	47,158 (9%)	14,422 (3%)	16,399 (3%)		
Justice Court						-11,103 (-16%)	-8,203 (-14%)	-4,193 (-8%)	3,141 (7%)		
Municipal Court						-4,211 (-1%)	13,699 (2%)	61,306 (8%)	77,710 (10%)		
Colorado--District Court, and Denver Superior and Probate Courts[I,J]						671 (1%)	314 (0%)	111 (0%)	5,673 (6%)		
Water Court[I]						-412 (-18%)	196 (11%)	828 (41%)	-734 (-26%)		
Connecticut--STATE TOTAL							352 (0%)	-9,955 (-5%)	-12,565 (-6%)		
Superior Court[I]						790 (3%)	1,098 (4%)	1,198 (4%)	(a)		
Court of Common Pleas							84 (0%)	-8,595 (-6%)	(a)		
Juvenile Court								22 (15%)	(a)		
Probate Court						-4,665 (8%)	-981 (-2%)	-2,580 (-5%)	-588 (-1%)		
Delaware--Superior Court						-2,238 (-31%)	-1,111 (-23%)	91 (2%)	206 (5%)		
Court of Chancery						214 (9%)	-60 (-2%)	153 (6%)	-100 (-4%)		
Court of Common Pleas						240 (6%)	58 (2%)	-363 (-11%)	690[I] (23%)		
District of Columbia--Superior Court						-1,900 (-1%)	-8,115 (-5%)	-3,658 (2%)	-7,639 (-5%)		
Florida--Circuit Court						-11,019 (-4%)	6,951 (3%)	12,275 (5%)	-30,523 (-12%)		
Hawaii--Circuit Court						1,335 (8%)	2,763 (15%)	1,853 (9%)	287 (1%)		
Land Court						8 (16%)	-13 (-23%)	9 (20%)	-7 (-13%)		
Tax Appeal Court						-148 (-78%)	2 (5%)	4 (9%)	12 (25%)		
Idaho--STATE TOTAL						3,021 (8%)	5,292 (13%)	2,635 (6%)	4,590 (9%)		
District Court						18 (0%)	-1,479 (-15%)	243 (3%)	-103 (-1%)		
Magistrates Division						3,003 (11%)	6,771 (22%)	2,392 (6%)	4,693 (12%)		
Illinois--Circuit Court						582 (0%)	2,420 (4%)	34,035 (8%)	-17,113 (-2%)		
Iowa--District Court						1,230 (1%)	4,355 (3%)	14,047 (11%)	9,782 (7%)		
Kansas--District Court[I]	1,089 (4%)	1,823 (6%)	-161 (-1%)	2,003 (6%)	1,821 (5%)	2,499 (7%)	(a)	(a)	11,937 (13%)	(a)	
Kentucky--Circuit Court						638 (11%)	6,501 (11%)	-10,153 (-15%)	4,569 (8%)		
Maine--Superior Court						693 (13%)	1,717 (29%)	455 (6%)	-263 (-3%)		
Maryland--Circuit Court						4,828 (8%)	3,868 (6%)	8,694 (13%)	6,344 (8%)		
District Court			18,826 (8%)	45,509 (19%)	7,864 (3%)	33,611 (11%)	38,524 (12%)	26,924 (7%)	25,444 (6%)		
Massachusetts--Superior Court Department						-1,162 (-4%)	210 (1%)				

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TABLE 48:
Number and percent change in filed cases (total, civil, criminal, and juvenile cases) year to year and for 10-year period for trial courts, 1970-1979 Trial courts reporting five or more years of cases filed data. *(continued)*

State and court title	Number and percent change in cases filed									
	1970 to 1971	1971 to 1972	1972 to 1973	1973 to 1974	1974 to 1975	1975 to 1976	1976 to 1977	1977 to 1978	1978 to 1979	1970 to 1979
Civil cases (continued)										
Michigan--Circuit Court						-5,278 (-4%)	3,509 (3%)	(i)	(i)	
Minnesota--District Court						301 (1%)	-2,800 (-13%)	-2,382 (-13%)	2,900 (18%)	
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas			2,695 (4%)	3,332 (5%)	7,723 (12%)	160 (0%)	-2,342 (-3%)	7,446 (10%)	(a)	
Nebraska--District Court						2,003 (13%)	1,408 (8%)	2,632 (14%)	1,041 (5%)	
New Hampshire--Superior Court	127 (1%)	868 (7%)	1,328 (10%)	1,765 (12%)	569 (3%)	360 (2%)	-13 (0%)	1,734 (10%)	-1,015 (-5%)	5,723 (45%)
New Jersey--Suprior Court and County Court	1,110 (2%)	3,520 (7%)	5,936 (11%)	-1,465 (-3%)	6,330 (11%)	1,646 (3%)	3,494 (5%)	5,966 (9%)	3,090 (4%)	29,627 (62%)
County District Court	22,057 (10%)	1,665 (1%)	12,530 (5%)	8,921 (4%)	20,277 (8%)	12,976 (5%)	9,140 (3%)	14,828 (5%)	13,787 (4%)	116,181 (54%)
Juvenile and Domestic Relations	-377 (-1%)	5,365 (15%)	953 (2%)	7,951 (19%)	1,531 (3%)	10,985 (22%)	7,600 (12%)	3,986 (6%)	7,418 (10%)	45,412 (128%)
New Mexico--District Court						3,616 (12%)	5,227 (15%)	1,351 (3%)	3,501 (9%)	
New York--Supreme Court and County Family Court						-4,910 (-4%)	1,932 (2%)	(k)	1,280 (2%)	
North Carolina--District Court			22,629 (15%)	32,456 (19%)	15,604 (8%)	90,196 (59%)	14,469 (6%)	15,778[l] (6%)	-1,848[l] (-1%)	
North Dakota--District Court						5,382 (2%)	19,845 (9%)	19,465 (8%)	15,428 (6%)	
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas						1,200 (19%)	1,376 (18%)	969 (11%)	1,095 (11%)	
Oklahoma--District Court[j]						-5,253 (-2%)	5,020 (2%)	5,169 (2%)	1,903 (1%)	
Oregon--Circuit Court						2,709 (2%)	11,840 (7%)	8,614 (5%)	4,116 (2%)	
Tax Court	-13 (-6%)	-1,467 (7%)	48 (27%)	75 (34%)	84 (57%)	8,786 (19%)	-2,502 (-4%)	7,446 (14%)	2,220 (4%)	
Rhode Island--Superior Court						51 (22%)	33 (18%)	-10 (7%)	-26 (19%)	-90 (-45%)
District Court			597 (2%)	4,479 (17%)	2,118 (7%)	191 (3%)	-392 (-6%)	454 (7%)	292 (4%)	
Family Court						-4,309 (-13%)	-540 (-2%)	710 (2%)	2,390 (8%)	
Tennessee--Circuit Court	-3,959 (-9%)	-784 (-2%)	1,709 (5%)	3,761 (9%)	3,214 (7%)	531 (12%)	552 (11%)	-533 (9%)	683 (13%)	
Law and Equity Court	108 (4%)	664 (21%)	796 (21%)	592 (13%)	-616 (-12%)	768 (2%)	2,105 (4%)	-84 (0%)	1,780 (4%)	8,520 (20%)
Chancery Court	-447 (3%)	1,175 (6%)	3,018 (16%)	3,755 (17%)	3,327 (13%)	281 (6%)	-381 (8%)	-598 (13%)	332 (9%)	1,178 (39%)
Texas--District Court and Criminal District Court						1,429 (5%)	1,421 (5%)	244 (1%)	1,873 (6%)	16,689 (94%)
Utah--District Court		1,608 (9%)	1,387 (7%)	**	**	7,713 (3%)	12,734 (5%)	10,792 (4%)	15,857 (5%)	
Vermont--Superior Court						-496 (-2%)	1,477 (6%)	1,532 (6%)	-1,031 (-4%)	
District Court						416 (7%)	-90 (-1%)	291 (4%)	-135 (-2%)	
Virginia--Circuit Court						-2,605 (-17%)	-2,232 (-17%)	-23 (0%)	504 (5%)	
Washington--Superior Court						-1,038 (-2%)	3,709 (6%)	4,290 (6%)	3,366 (5%)	
Wisconsin--Circuit Court and County Court						3,662 (4%)	4,675 (5%)	4,946 (5%)	8,374 (8%)	
Wyoming--District Court						16,037 (8%)			10,234[k] (5%)	
						-6 (0%)	1,063 (13%)	2,539 (28%)	676 (6%)	
Criminal cases										
Alabama--Circuit Court						-311 (-1%)	-1,323 (-5%)	-817 (-3%)	976 (4%)	
Alaska--Superior Court						-84 (-8%)	91 (9%)	108 (10%)	-116 (-10%)	
Arizona--Superior Court						251 (2%)	-682 (-5%)	774 (6%)	-190 (-1%)	
Arkansas--Circuit Court						-174 (-1%)	961 (7%)	510 (4%)	582 (4%)	
California--STATE TOTAL						1,016 (0%)	29,361 (4%)	-12,685 (-2%)	10,133[l] (1%)	
Superior Court						-226 (0%)	-269 (0%)	916 (2%)	-1,797[l] (-3%)	
Justice Court	1,205 (1%)	3,364 (4%)	3,460 (4%)	562 (1%)	-736 (-1%)	-13,481 (-14%)	-11,890 (-14%)	-8,473 (-12%)	488 (1%)	-27,911 (-30%)
Municipal Court	-3,949 (-1%)	6,034 (1%)	-4,045 (-1%)	6,324 (1%)	32,593 (6%)	14,723 (2%)	41,520 (6%)	-5,128 (-1%)	11,442 (2%)	99,514 (17%)
Colorado--District Court and Denver Superior Court						-235 (-2%)	1,356 (9%)	-665 (-4%)	262 (2%)	
Connecticut--STATE TOTAL							-4,346 (-4%)	-218 (0%)	10,172 (11%)	
Superior Court						-386 (-8%)	-33 (-1%)	-651 (-14%)	(a)	
Court of Common Pleas							-4,313 (-5%)	433 (0%)	(a)	
Delaware--Superior Court	396 (19%)	1,522 (61%)	-969 (-24%)	135 (4%)	910 (29%)	-301 (-7%)	311 (8%)	804 (20%)	657 (20%)	857 (41%)
Court of Common Pleas	460 (15%)	160 (4%)	340 (9%)	478 (12%)	667 (15%)	501 (10%)	563 (10%)	209 (3%)	877 (13%)	4,255 (135%)
Municipal Court of Wilmington	227 (4%)	1,046 (16%)	750 (10%)	-641 (8%)	950 (12%)	-31 (0%)	786 (9%)	-647 (-7%)	261 (3%)	2,701 (42%)

District of Columbia--Superior Court						-1,967 (-6%)	-2,916 (-9%)	-704 (-2%)	1,072 (4%)	
Florida--Circuit Court						-16,056 (-19%)	26,360 (40%)	3,316 (4%)	-4,030 (-4%)	
Hawaii--Circuit Court						58 (3%)	-36 (-2%)	105 (5%)	704 (34%)	
Idaho--STATE TOTAL						-4,112 (-12%)	-1,046 (-3%)	-225 (-1%)	817 (3%)	
District Court						285 (9%)	-55 (-2%)	-211 (-6%)	-86 (-3%)	
Magistrates Division						4,397 (14%)	-991 (-4%)	-14 (0%)	903 (3%)	
Illinois--Circuit Court						-78,188 (-13%)	-778 (0%)	-1,359 (0%)	64,001 (12%)	
Iowa--District Court								-13,339 (-7%)	20,995 (12%)	
Kansas--District Court	19 (0%)	335 (60%)	-201 (-4%)	584 (11%)	683 (11%)	529 (8%)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Kentucky--Circuit Court						-1,532 (-12%)	3,838 (34%)	-3,541 (-26%)	380 (4%)	
Maine--Superior Court						-2,201 (-25%)	-395 (-6%)	-694 (-11%)	-19 (0%)	
Maryland--Circuit Court						4,607 (15%)	9,283 (27%)	-7,508 (-17%)	2,794 (8%)	
Massachusetts--Superior Court Department						2,025 (6%)	-2,254 (-6%)			
Michigan--Circuit Court						-1,150 (-4%)	-254 (-1%)	(l)	(l)	
Minnesota--District Court						928 (12%)	1,093 (12%)	666 (7%)		
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas			-877 (-6%)	1,892 (13%)	1,419 (9%)	320 (2%)	50 (0%)	890 (5%)	(a)	
Nebraska--Disrict Court						573 (9%)	-654 (-9%)	-390 (-6%)	-1,302 (-21%)	
New Hampshire--Superior Court	282 (8%)	1,064 (30%)	188 (4%)	292 (6%)	1,176 (23%)	110 (2%)	561 (9%)	144 (2%)	-994 (-14%)	2,823 (85%)
New Jersey--Superior Court and County Court	5,096 (22%)	4,269 (15%)	-3,311 (-10%)	-797 (-3%)	3,467 (12%)	180 (1%)	-2,642 (-8%)	-1,954 (-7%)	-1,943 (-7%)	2,365 (10%)
New Mexico--District Court						-65 (-1%)	-50 (-1%)	293 (6%)	340 (7%)	
New York--Supreme Court and County Court						-4,095 (-11%)	-264 (-1%)	111 (0%)	-700 (-2%)	
North Carolina--Superior Court			2,066 (5%)	4,269 (10%)	6,877 (15%)	-958 (-2%)	-1,283 (-2%)	2,014 (4%)	3,313 (6%)	
North Dakota--District Court						-25 (-2%)	32 (3%)	-26 (-2%)	-36 (-3%)	
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas			966 (4%)	3,661 (15%)	2,772 (10%)	-1,027 (-3%)	308 (1%)	740 (2%)	1,969 (6%)	
Oklahoma--District Court						-1,856 (-3%)	3,708 (7%)	59 (0%)	961 (2%)	
Oregon--Circuit Court						120 (1%)	-311 (-2%)	1,923 (13%)	546 (3%)	
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas			-5,152 (-8%)	4,969 (8%)	11,094 (16%)	-1,839 (-2%)	-2,974 (-4%)	-496 (-1%)	1,203 (2%)	
Rhode Island--Superior Court						-388 (-10%)	-124 (-4%)	28 (1%)	401 (13%)	
District Court			7,740 (19%)	3,257 (7%)	-8,129 (-16%)	-14,510 (-33%)	1,361 (5%)	1,339 (4%)	4,263 (12%)	
Tennessee--Circuit Court and Criminal Court	992 (5%)	-1,778 (-8%)	1,849 (9%)	4,630 (21%)	-121 (0%)	3,147 (12%)	453 (1%)	-1,914 (-6%)	-823 (-3%)	6,435 (31%)
Texas--District Court and Criminal District Court						-2,385 (-3%)	3,521 (4%)	4,385 (5%)	6,253 (7%)	
Utah--District Court		178 (9%)	230 (11%)	**	**	425 (16%)	284 (9%)	92 (3%)	-1,048 (-30%)	
Vermont--STATE TOTAL						33 (0%)	1,072 (6%)	1,210 (7%)	379[i] (-2%)	
Superior Court						15 (34%)	12 (20%)	9 (13%)	10[i] (12%)	
District Court						18 (0%)	1,060 (6%)	1,199 (7%)	-369 (-2%)	
Virginia--Circuit Court						1,199 (3%)	6,823 (16%)	3,417 (7%)	2,037 (4%)	
Washington--Superior Court						5 (0%)	88 (1%)	137 (1%)	946 (7%)	
Wisconsin--Circuit Court and County Court						6,840 (10%)			11,460[k] (27%)	
Wyoming--District Court						-300 (-18%)	-45 (-4%)	120 (9%)	209 (15%)	
Juvenile Cases										
Alaska--Superior Court						-124 (-9%)	-27 (-2%)	-187 (-13%)	56 (4%)	
California--Superior Court						30,185 (39%)	-131 (0%)	-2,559 (-2%)	-719[l] (-1%)	
Colorado--District Court and Denver Juvenile Court[j]						959 (6%)	-11 (0%)	704 (4%)	849 (5%)	
Connecticut--STATE TOTAL						-1,533 (-10%)	-1,123 (-8%)	1,255 (9%)	1,887 (13%)	
Superior Court						(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	
Juvenile Court						-1,533 (-10%)	-1,123 (-8%)	1,255 (9%)	(a)	
District of Columbia--Superior Court						-365 (-5%)	-1,102 (-15%)	95 (1%)	-761 (-12%)	
Florida--Circuit Court						1,566 (2%)	11,894 (18%)	452 (1%)	-1,138 (-1%)	

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TABLE 48:
Number and percent change in filed cases (total, civil, criminal, and juvenile cases) year to year and for 10-year period for trial courts, 1970-1979
Trial courts reporting five or more years of cases filed data. *(continued)*

State and court title	Number and percent change in cases filed									
	1970 to 1971	1971 to 1972	1972 to 1973	1973 to 1974	1974 to 1975	1975 to 1976	1976 to 1977	1977-1978	1978-1979	1970 to 1979
Juvenile Cases (continued)										
Hawaii--Circuit Court						-376 (-5%)	712 (10%)	-319 (-4%)	503 (6%)	
Idaho--STATE TOTAL						404 (5%)	-194 (-2%)	182 (2%)	88 (1%)	
District Court						-16 (-94%)	2 (0%)	-2 (0%)	1 (0%)	
Magistrates Division						420 (6%)	-196 (-2%)	184 (2%)	87 (1%)	
Illinois--Circuit Court						-2,252 (-8%)	-45 (0%)	3,497 (14%)	1,143 (4%)	
Iowa--District Court						-13 (0%)	387 (7%)	136 (2%)	-959 (-15%)	
Maryland--STATE TOTAL						1,163 (4%)	-1,631 (-6%)	-2,136 (-8%)	867 (3%)	
Circuit Court						-25 (0%)	-1,483 (-6%)	-1,331 (-6%)	981 (4%)	
District Court	-237 (-14%)	-257 (-17%)	328 (27%)	542 (35%)	89 (4%)	1,188 (64%)	-148 (-5%)	-805 (-2%)	-114 (-5%)	268 (16%)
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas			652 (4%)	724 (4%)	1,590 (9%)	-1,822 (-10%)	-195 (-1%)	1,829 (11%)	-1,270 (-7%)	
New Jersey--Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court	3,277 (6%)	5,235 (10%)	5,036 (8%)	8,483 (13%)	10,322 (14%)	1,827 (2%)	-2,241 (-3%)	10,137 (12%)	16,285 (18%)	58,361 (116%)
New Mexico--District Court						-195 (-4%)			348 (9%)	
New York--Family Court						3,339 (7%)	-1,432 (-3%)	1,378[1] (3%)	-888[1] (-2%)	
North Dakota--District Court						146 (17%)	-27 (-3%)	4,735 (486%)	101 (2%)	
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas						-4,946 (-2%)	13,454 (7%)	7,743 (4%)	-554 (0%)	
Oklahoma--District Court						-39 (0%)	634 (8%)	-765 (-8%)	-818 (-10%)	
Oregon--STATE TOTAL						2,144 (19%)	941 (7%)	3 (0%)	1,011 (7%)	
Circuit Court						2,165 (19%)	960 (7%)	93 (1%)	1,050 (7%)	
County Court						-21 (-8%)	-19 (-8%)	90 (40%)	-39 (-29%)	
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas			2,324 (9%)	8,026 (30%)	4,762 (14%)	-2,798 (-7%)	-1,470 (-4%)	1,751 (5%)	2,320 (6%)	
Rhode Island--Family Court						-317 (-5%)	-675 (-10%)	1,127 (19%)	1,269 (18%)	
South Dakota--Circuit Court						0 (0%)	-691 (-16%)	(1)	(1)	
Texas--STATE TOTAL						-69,902 (-85%)	464 (4%)	749 (6%)	-702 (-5%)	
District Court and Criminal District County Court						-69,971 (-86%)	110 (1%)	1,188 (11%)	-944 (-8%)	
County Court at Law and Constitutional Court						-231 (-15%)	354 (27%)	-439 (-27%)	242 (20%)	
Utah--Juvenile Court						202 (1%)	457 (2%)	885 (4%)	2,149 (9%)	
Vermont--District Court						52 (5%)	18 (2%)	59 (6%)	2 (0%)	
Washington--Superior Court						1,504 (13%)	1,391 (10%)	2,582 (17%)	3,430 (20%)	

Note: All available data are included in the table. Blank spaces indicate that data were not available. The courts listed in this table represent those courts which reported five or more years of cases filed data.

-- = Not applicable.

**The missing data for Utah in 1974 was a result of a change from fiscal to calendar year reporting.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Connecticut--In 1979, the Court of Common Pleas and the Juvenile Court were abolished and their jurisdiction was transferred to the Superior Court.
Kansas--District Court--In the middle of the 1977 court year, all the trial courts in Kansas except the Municipal Court were consolidated. The full impact of the consolidation is reflected in the data given in 1978.
Missouri--Circuit Court--In 1979, all seven trial courts in Missouri were combined into the Circuit Court.

[l]Data are not complete:
Arizona--Superior Court-- **Civil** --Data footnoted contained incomplete figures for **mental health** cases in 1976 and **adoption** in 1978 and 1979.
Total cases--In addition to the **civil** data missing as explained above, incomplete data were reported for **juvenile** cases for two court locations in all years but 1975.
Arkansas--Court of Common Pleas--Total cases and **civil** --No data were reported for two court locations in 1977 or one location in 1978.
California--Superior Court--One court location did not report data for six months of 1979.
Colorado--Denver Probate Court--Total cases and **civil** cases--No **estate** data were available for three months of 1977.
Delaware--Court of Common Pleas--(1978 only)--Other civil miscellaneous cases are missing from the data reported by the court located in New Castle County for six months.
Kansas--District Court--(1978 only)--Figures do not include **other estate** cases.
Maryland--Circuit Court--Figures for total cases do not include **sentence review only** cases. **Criminal** cases do not include **sentence review only** cases or adult offenses against juveniles.
Michigan--Circuit Court--In 1978 no data were available for one court, six other courts reported total cases filed only. Three courts reported no data for 1979.
Minnesota--District Court--No data were available for **juvenile** cases filed in this court.
New Mexico--District Court--Total cases--No **juvenile** data were available for 1977.
New York--Family Court--No data were reported for one court location in 1978. In 1979, no data were reported for December by one court.
North Dakota--Circuit Court-- **juvenile** --Figure given for 1978 does not include **other juvenile** cases filed and therefore is not comparable to the other **juvenile** data given for this court on the table.
South Dakota--Circuit Court-- **juvenile** --Figure given for 1978 does not include **other juvenile** cases filed and therefore is not comparable to the other **juvenile** data given this court on this table.
Vermont--Superior Court and District Court--Total cases and **criminal** --Figures for 1979 for criminal cases for these courts do not include **sentence review only** cases, jurisdiction recently added to these courts.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Colorado--District Court and Denver Superior and Juvenile Courts--Post judgment actions on **civil** **adoption**, paternity, and support cases are included in the juvenile caseload figures.
Rhode Island--District Court-- **criminal** --Also included in these figures are the **traffic** cases handled by the court.

[k]Additional information:
Alabama--Circuit Court--Total cases--This court was given jurisdiction over **juvenile** cases in 1978.
Connecticut--Superior Court--No data are included for cases disposed by the Appellate Session of Superior Court.
District of Columbia--Superior Court--Total cases--Between 1978 and 1979, most of the traffic jurisdiction of this court was transferred to an administrative agency.
Illinois--Circuit Court--Total cases--In 1978, the court started to include the number of parking tickets filed in Cook County in its caseload.
New York--Supreme Court and County Court--Total casees and **civil** --Starting in 1978, the court did not include uncontested matrimonial cases as a part of the data it reported.
Rhode Island--District Court--Total cases--These figures include only those traffic cases handled in the court. The remainder are handled by the Administrative Adjudication Division of the State Department of Transportation.
Wisconsin--The County Court was abolished and its jurisdiction was transferred to the Circuit Court in 1979.

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Part II
State court statistical profiles

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The following section begins with blank prototypes of the three different types of tables that make up the profile of the court system of each state. The first prototype is a diagram depicting the organization of the courts within a state, including number of judges and number of courts, their jurisdictions and routes of appeal. The second and third prototype tables provide the reader with an outline of the case categories into which actual data from appellate and trial courts have been classified.

Following the blank prototypes are the state statistical profiles, which contain the actual court caseload statistics. State profiles are arranged in alphabetical order by state name with the organization chart for the state court system presented first, followed by the statistical profiles for the court(s) of last resort, intermediate appellate court(s) (if any), general jurisdiction court(s), and limited or special jurisdiction court(s) (if any).

The statistical profile for each court is the basic source document used in compiling the summary tables in Part I. Along with the name of the court, the level of the court, the number of court divisions, the number of judges, and the time span covered by the data, each profile shows the actual caseload data reported by that court. Data are classified into the general categories chosen by the NCSP as being most representative of the kinds of data reported by the states. For example, a divorce action reported by a trial court is displayed as a "marriage dissolution" case under the general heading of "domestic relations" for "civil" caseflow. CSIM classifications are shown in the prototypes and appear in boldface on the statistical profiles.

Footnotes are used in these statistical profiles to explain any peculiarities regarding the data as reported by each court and to qualify data, as necessary, when transferred from the statistical profiles to the summary tables in Part I. Standard footnote headings, as indicated on the prototypes, have been adopted for use in this report and will continue to be used in the annual report series. These standard headings give the subject matter of the footnote. If further explanation is needed, informational statements are provided on the profiles under the standard footnote heading.

In Part II the source of data is indicated at the bottom of each state court profile. A complete listing of sources is included in Appendix B.

STATE COURT SYSTEM, 1979

COURT OF LAST RESORT
number of justices
Jurisdiction:
-Original.
-Exclusive.
-Kinds of appeals.
-Discretionary review.

Court of last resort

↑

INTERMEDIATE APPELLATE COURT (Number of courts)
number of judges
Jurisdiction:
-Original.
-Exclusive.

Intermediate appellate court

↑

COURT OF GENERAL JURISDICTION (Number of courts)
number of judges
Jurisdiction:
-Civil.
-Criminal.
-Traffic.
-Juvenile.
Appeals heard.

Jury trial/no jury trial

Court of general jurisdiction

↑

COURT OF LIMITED/ SPECIAL JURISDICTION (Number of courts)
number of judges
Jurisdiction:
-Civil.
-Criminal.
-Traffic.
-Juvenile.

Jury trial/no jury trial.

Court of limited jurisdiction

↑ Indicates route of appeal.

STATE NAME, COURT NAME
Court of last resort or intermediate appellate court
Number of court divisions, Number of judges
Time period covered

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil				
Criminal				
Postconviction remedy				
Appeal of administrative agency case				
Juvenile				
Total appeals				
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction				
Disciplinary matter				
Advisory opinion				
Total				
Requests to appeal:				
Civil				
Criminal				
Postconviction remedy				
Appeal of administrative agency case				
Juvenile				
Total				
Sentence review only				
Total other cases				
Total cases				
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests				
Other matters				
Total other proceedings				

Manner of disposition

	Opinion	Memorandum decision	Order	Dismissed/ withdrawn/ settled	Transferred	Other
Appeals:						
Civil						
Criminal						
Postconviction						
Agency						
Juvenile						
Total						
Original proceedings:						
Original jurisdiction						
Disciplinary matter						
Advisory opinion						
Total						
Requests to appeal:						
Civil						
Criminal						
Postconviction						
Agency						
Juvenile						
Total						
Sentence review only						
Total cases						

Disposition of cases

	Appeals					
	Civil	Criminal	Post conviction	Agency	Juvenile	Sentence review only
Opinion:						
Affirmed						
Modified						
Reversed						
Reversed and remanded						
Remanded						
Memorandum decision:						
Affirmed						
Modified						
Reversed						
Reversed and remanded						
Remanded						
Order:						
Affirmed						
Modified						
Reversed						
Reversed and remanded						
Remanded						

Time interval data[n] (months/days)

	Notice of appeal to ready for hearing			Ready for hearing to under advisement (submitted or oral argument completed)			Under advisement (submitted or oral argument completed) to decision			Notice of appeal to decision		
	Number of cases	Mean	Median	Number of cases	Mean	Median	Number of cases	Mean	Median	Number of cases	Mean	Median
Appeals:												
Civil												
Criminal												
Postconviction												
Agency												
Juvenile												
Total												
Original proceedings:												
Original jurisdiction												
Disciplinary matter												
Advisory opinion												
Total												
Sentence review only												

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Appellate Court Statistical Profile Prototype (continued)

Disposition of other cases

	Opinion		Memorandum decision		Order	
	Granted	Denied	Granted	Denied	Granted	Denied
Original proceedings:						
Original jurisdiction						
Disciplinary matter						
Advisory opinion						
Total						
Requests to appeal:						
Civil						
Criminal						
Postconviction						
Agency						
Juvenile						
Total						
Total other cases						

Age of pending caseload (days)

	Not ready for hearing									Ready for hearing			Under advisement (submitted or oral argument completed)			Average age of pending caseload
	Awaiting court reporter's transcript			Awaiting appellant's brief			Awaiting respondent's brief									
	0-60 days	61-120 days	Over 120 days	0-60 days	61-120 days	Over 120 days	0-60 days	61-120 days	Over 120 days	0-90 days	91-180 days	Over 180 days	0-90 days	91-180 days	Over 180 days	
Appeals:																
Civil																
Criminal																
Postconviction																
Agency																
Juvenile																
Total																
Original proceedings:																
Original jurisdiction																
Disciplinary matter																
Advisory opinion																
Total																
Requests to appeal:																
Civil																
Criminal																
Postconviction																
Agency																
Juvenile																
Total																
Sentence review only																
Total cases																

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[a]Court jurisdiction.
[b]Particular court or reporting system information.
[c]Judge information.
[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.
[h]Figure was computed.
[i]Data are not complete.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category.
[k]Additional information.
[l]Special source or revision in data.
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data.
[n]Information on time interval or age of pending caseload data.

Source:

STATE NAME, COURT NAME
Court of general jurisdiction or court of limited jurisdiction
Number of circuits or districts, Number of judges
Time period covered

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law				
Tort:				
Auto tort				
Professional tort				
Product liability tort				
Other tort				
Total				
Contract				
Small claims				
Real property rights				
Equity				
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution				
Support/custody				
Adoption				
Other domestic relations				
Total				
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate				
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship				
Other estate				
Total				
Mental health				
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case				
Appeal of trial court case				
Total				
Extraordinary writ				
Postconviction remedy				
Other civil				
Total civil				
Criminal[d]:				
Felony				
Misdemeanor				
Felony/misdemeanor				
Preliminary hearing				
Ordinance violation				
Appeal				
Extraordinary writ				
Postconviction remedy				
Sentence review only				
Other criminal				
Total criminal				
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI				
Other traffic violation				
Parking violation				
Total traffic				
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense				
Status offense				
Non-offense				
Other juvenile				
Total juvenile				
Grand total				

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Trial Court Statistical Profile Prototype (continued)

	Trial[d]		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil[d]:			
Law			
Tort:			
Auto tort			
Professional tort			
Product liability tort			
Other tort			
Total			
Contract			
Small claims			
Real property rights			
Equity			
Domestic relations:			
Marriage dissolution			
Support/custody			
Adoption			
Other domestic relations			
Total			
Estate:			
Probate/wills/intestate			
Guardianship/conservatorship/ trusteeship			
Other estate			
Total			
Mental health			
Appeal:			
Appeal of administrative agency case			
Appeal of trial court case			
Total			
Extraordinary writ			
Postconviction remedy			
Other civil			
Total civil			
Criminal[d]:			
Felony			
Misdemeanor			
Felony/misdemeanor			
Preliminary hearing			
Ordinance violation			
Appeal			
Extraordinary writ			
Postconviction remedy			
Sentence review only			
Other criminal			
Total criminal			
Traffic:			
DWI/DUI			
Other traffic violation			
Parking violation			
Total traffic			
Juvenile:			
Criminal-type offense			
Status offense			
Non-offense			
Other juvenile			
Total juvenile			
Grand total			

	Time interval data[n] (days)		
Age at disposition:	Number of Cases	Mean	Median
Civil[d]:			
Law			
Tort:			
Auto tort			
Professional tort			
Product liability tort			
Other tort			
Total			
Contract			
Small claims			
Real property rights			
Equity			
Domestic relations:			
Marriage dissolution			
Support/custody			
Adoption			
Other domestic relations			
Total			
Estate:			
Probate/wills/intestate			
Guardianship/conservatorship/ trusteeship			
Other estate			
Total			
Mental health			
Appeal:			
Appeal of administrative agency case			
Appeal of trial court case			
Total			
Extraordinary writ			
Postconviction remedy			
Other civil			
Total civil			
Criminal[d]:			
Felony			
Misdemeanor			
Felony/misdemeanor			
Preliminary hearing			
Ordinance violation			
Appeal			
Extraordinary writ			
Postconviction remedy			
Sentence review only			
Other criminal			
Total criminal			
Traffic:			
DWI/DUI			
Other traffic violation			
Parking violation			
Total traffic			
Juvenile:			
Criminal-type offense			
Status offense			
Non-offense			
Other juvenile			
Total juvenile			
Grand total			

Civil dispositions

	Uncontested/Default	Dismissed/ withdrawn/ settled	Transferred	Arbitration
Civil[d]:				
Law				
Tort:				
Auto tort				
Professional tort				
Product liability tort				
Other tort				
Total				
Contract				
Small claims				
Real property rights				
Equity				
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution				
Support/custody				
Adoption				
Other domestic relations				
Total				
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate				
Guardianship/conservatorship/ trusteeship				
Other estate				
Total				
Mental health				
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case				
Appeal of trial court case				
Total				
Extraordinary writ				
Postconviction remedy				
Other civil				
Total				

Criminal dispositions

	Felony	Misdemeanor	Preliminary hearing	Ordinance violation	Appeal	Extraordinary writ	Postconviction	Sentence review	Other criminal	Total
Jury trial:										
Conviction										
Guilty plea										
Acquittal										
Dismissed										
Non-jury trial:										
Conviction										
Guilty plea										
Acquittal										
Dismissed										
Dismissed/nolle prosequi										
Bail forfeiture										
Bound over										
Transferred										

Traffic dispositions

	DWI/DUI	Other traffic violation	Parking	Total
Jury trial:				
Conviction				
Acquittal				
Non-jury trial:				
Conviction				
Acquittal				
Guilty plea				
Dismissed/nolle prosequi				
Bail forfeiture				
Parking fines				
Transferred				
Other				

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	Age of pending caseload (days)							
	0-30 days	31-60 days	61-90 days	91-180 days	181-360 days	361-720 days	Over 720 days	Average age of pending cases
Civil[d]:								
Law								
Tort:								
Auto tort								
Professional tort								
Product liability tort								
Other tort								
Total								
Contract								
Small claims								
Real property rights								
Equity								
Domestic relations:								
Marriage dissolution								
Support/custody								
Adoption								
Other domestic relations								
Total								
Estate:								
Probate/wills/intestate								
Guardianship/conservatorship/ trusteeship								
Other estate								
Total								
Mental health								
Appeal:								
Appeal of administrative agency case								
Appeal of trial court case								
Total								
Extraordinary writ								
Postconviction remedy								
Other civil								
Total civil								
Criminal[d]:								
Felony								
Misdemeanor								
Felony/misdemeanor								
Preliminary hearing								
Ordinance violation								
Appeal								
Extraordinary writ								
Postconviction remedy								
Sentence review only								
Other criminal								
Total criminal								
Traffic:								
DWI/DUI								
Other traffic violation								
Parking violation								
Total traffic								
Juvenile:								
Criminal-type offense								
Status offense								
Non-offense								
Other juvenile								
Total juvenile								
Grand total								

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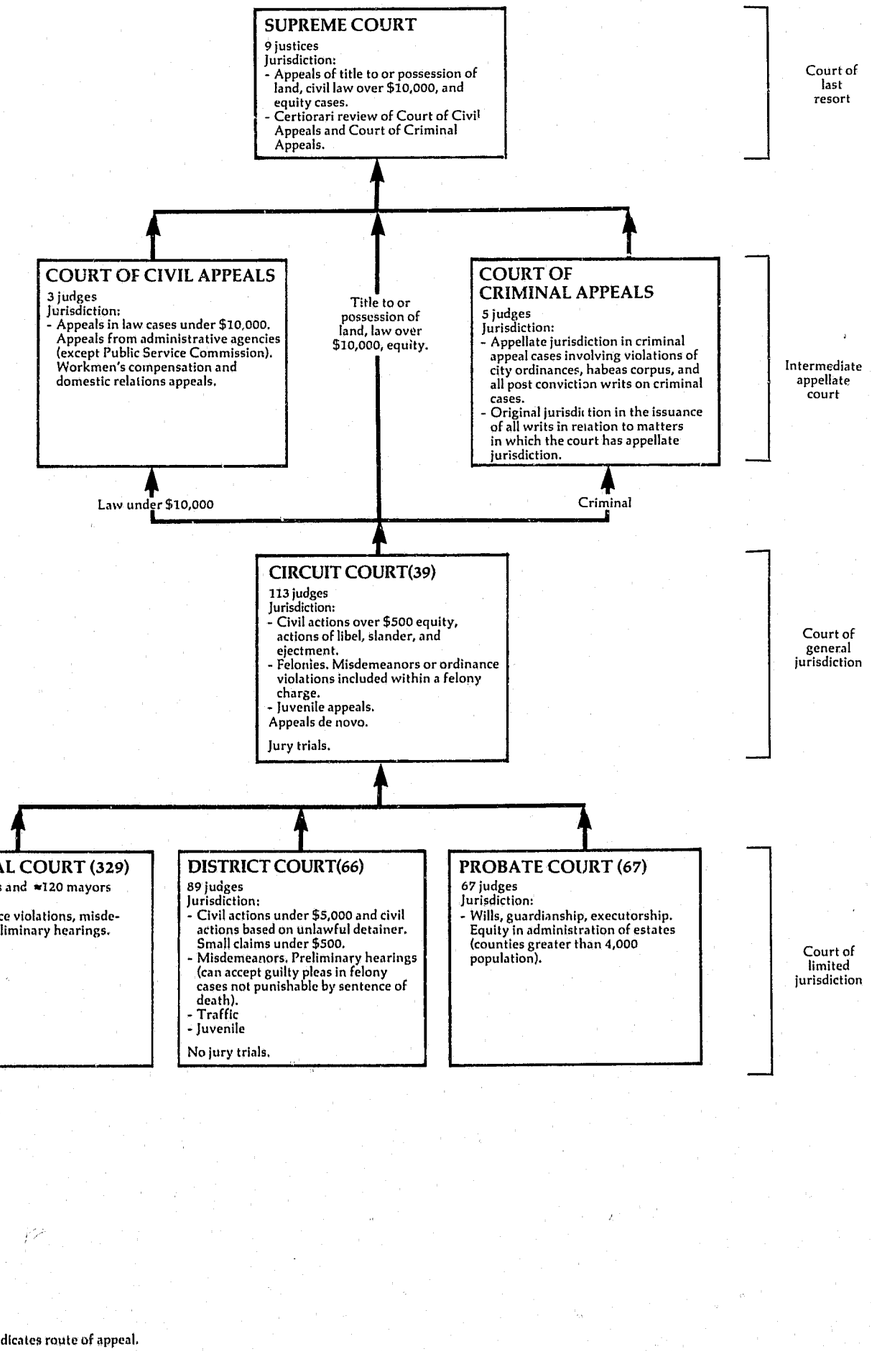
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[a]Court jurisdiction.
[b]Particular court or reporting system information.
[c]Judge information.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
Civil definition.
Criminal case unit of count.
Jury trial definition.
Non-jury trial definition.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.
[h]Figure was computed.
[i]Data are not complete.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category.
[k]Additional information.
[l]Special source or revision in the data.
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data.
[n]Information on time interval or age of pending caseload data.

Source:

ALABAMA COURT SYSTEM, 1979



ALABAMA SUPREME COURT[k]
Court of last resort
9 justices
October 5, 1978 to September 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Appeals	0	362	X	0
Petitions for writs of certiorari granted	0	(66)[e]	X	0
Total appeals	0[k]	362 (66)[e]	428[j]	0
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Miscellaneous matters[j]	0	95[j]	95[j]	0
Advisory opinions	0	7	7	0
Total	0	102	102	0
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions for writ of certiorari	0	298	232 (66)[e]	0
Total other cases	0	400	334 (66)[e]	0
Total cases	0[k]	762 (66)[e]	762 (66)[e]	0[k]

Manner of disposition

Written opinion 428

[b]Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Petitions for writ of certiorari granted are not counted as disposed until the resulting appeal is disposed; a filing is not counted for the resulting appeal. These numbers of granted petitions for writ of certiorari are the figures appearing in the parentheses.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
The figure given for the number of appeals disposed represents the number of opinions written during the year.
Miscellaneous matters include prisoner petitions and requests to take the Bar Exam.
[k]Additional information:
Data are given on this profile only for cases already under submission. All cases submitted to the court are decided within the term year.

Source: The Administrative Director of the Courts, Alabama Judicial System Annual Report, 1978-79 (Montgomery, Alabama). Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ALABAMA COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS[a]
Intermediate appellate court
3 judges
October 1978 to September 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Cases	155	419	370	204
Total appeals	155	419	370	204
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases	—	—	—	—
Total cases	155	419	370	204
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	--	103[l]	103[l]	--
Total other proceedings	--	103[l]	103[l]	--

Manner of disposition

Written opinion	246
Without full written opinion	124

Disposition of appeals[l]

Opinion:	
Affirmed	160
Reversed	64
Affirmed in part/reversed in part	16
Dismissed or extraordinary relief granted or denied	6

Time interval data (average weeks)

From filing notice of appeal to completing the record	9.0[l]
From completing the record to appellant's brief	4.5[l]
From appellant's brief to appellee's brief	3.5[l]
From appellee's brief to oral arguments	9.5
From oral argument to written opinion released	3.0[l]
From notice of appeal to written opinion	25.5

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Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.
-- = Not applicable.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Court has jurisdiction in **civil appeal** and **appeal of administrative agency** cases only. Figures for these two categories could not be separated for inclusion in this chart.
[l]Special source or revision in data:
These data were supplied by the clerk of the court during data verification.

Source: The Administrative Director of Courts, Annual Report, 1978-79 (Montgomery, Alabama). Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional data were supplied by the clerk of the court during data verification.

ALABAMA COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS[a]
Intermediate appellate court
5[c] judges
October 1978 to September 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Criminal:				
Cases	622[jk]	829[jl]	758[j]	502[jk]
Total appeals[j]	622[jk]	829[jl]	758[j]	502[jk]
Other cases:				
Original proceedings	(j)	(j)	191	(j)
Requests to appeal:				
Notice of appeal	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Total other cases	(j)	(j)	191[l]	(j)
Total cases[i]	622[ik]	829[i]	949[i]	502[jk]

Manner of disposition

Opinion	400
Without opinion	358
Decided en banc	192

Disposition of cases[l]

Affirmed	619
Reversed and remanded	70
Remanded with directions	11
Reversed and rendered	18
Dismissed	5
Petition denied	35
Cases decided en banc (**original proceedings**)	191

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Court has jurisdiction in **criminal appeal** cases only.
[c]Judge information:
There are in addition three supernumerary judges assigned to this court.
[i]Data are not complete:
Total cases do not include petitions disposed of in the clerk's office at the direction of the court.
Other cases disposed do not include notice of appeal cases.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Total appeals pending and filed include **original proceedings** and notice of appeal cases as well as **appeals.** Total appeals disposed includes notice of appeal cases.
[k]Additional information:
Pending includes cases pending on certiorari in the Supreme Court of Alabama and the Supreme Court of the United States, cases on motions for new trial in trial courts, and those in which appeals have not been perfected (all necessary documents filed).
[l]Special source or revision in data:
Manner of disposition and disposition of cases data were provided by the clerk of court during data verification.

Source: The Administrative Director of Courts, Annual Report, 1978-79 (Montgomery, Alabama). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional data were supplied by the clerk of the court during data verification.

ALABAMA CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
39 circuits, 113 judges
October 1, 1978 to September 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations	N/A	46,809	48,832	N/A
Other civil[j]	N/A	26,302[j]	25,312[j]	N/A
Total civil	N/A	73,111	74,144	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Total criminal[j]	N/A	24,302[j]	24,552[j]	N/A
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	21,025	20,138	N/A
Grand total	N/A	118,438	118,834	N/A

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Criminal	1,567	5,715	7,282

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N/A = Ths case type is handled by the court but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the indictment.
A trial is counted if tried to completion.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Other civil figures include **law, auto tort,** and **civil appeals** cases.
Criminal cases include **felonies** and **criminal appeals.**

Source: The Administrative Director of Courts, Annual Report, 1978-79 (Montgomery, Alabama). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ALABAMA DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
66 courts, 89 judges
October 1, 1978 to September 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Small claims	N/A	85,330	89,188	N/A
Other civil:				
Civil	N/A	44,776	46,103	N/A
Total civil	N/A	130,106	135,291	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Other criminal:				
State criminal	N/A	92,001	92,850	N/A
Municipal criminal	N/A	3,602	2,961	N/A
Total	N/A	95,603	95,811	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	95,603	95,811	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
State traffic	N/A	180,408	175,910	N/A
Municipal traffic	N/A	11,013	9,493	N/A
Total	N/A	191,421	185,403	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	191,421	185,403	N/A
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	21,746	20,334	N/A
Grand total	N/A	438,876	436,839	N/A

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court but the data are unavailable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the indictment or complaint.
[i]Data are not complete:
The number of **juvenile** case filings, dispositions, and cases pending at the end of the year were not available, and therefore are not included in the grand total filing, disposition, and end pending figures.

Source: The Administrative Director of Courts, Annual Report, 1978-79 (Montgomery, Alabama). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

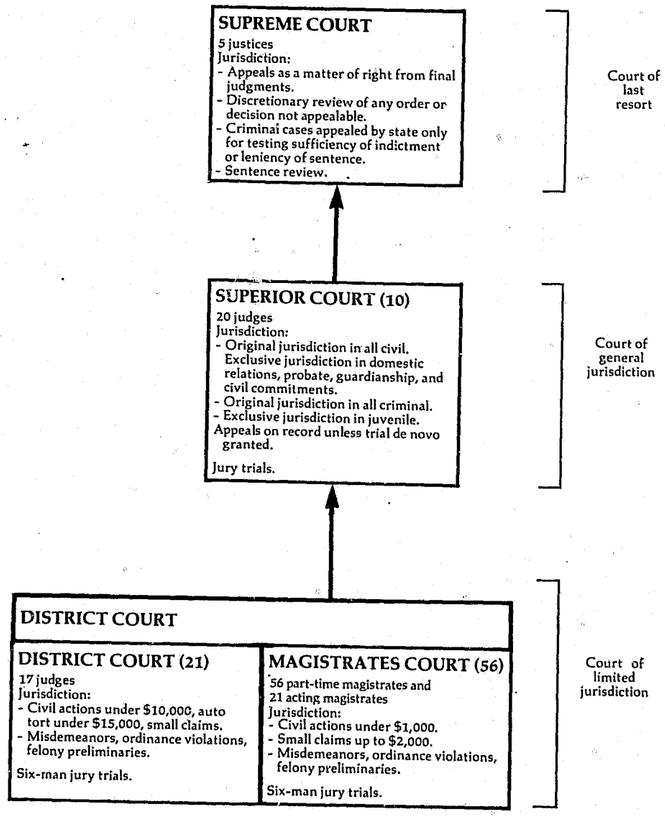
ALABAMA PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
67 courts, 67 judges
October 1, 1978 to September 30, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Probate Court in 1979.

ALABAMA MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
329 courts; ~220 recorders, ~120 mayors
October 1, 1978 to September 30, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court in 1979.

ALASKA COURT SYSTEM, 1979



ALASKA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed[J]	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil[J]	297	305	254	3469
Criminal[J]	209	133	139	2009
Total appeals	506	438	393	5469
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Original applications	6	37	36	7
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions for review	61	141	150	549
Sentence review only:				
Sentence appeal	51	40	55	399
Total other cases	118	218	241	1009
Total cases	624	656	634	646

Manner of disposition

	Appeals: Civil	Appeals: Criminal	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	Sentence review only	Total cases
Opinion and mandate	119	84	3	26	42	274
Memorandum opinion & judgment	19	15	0	0	2	36
Summary order	3	1	9	14	1	28
Dismissed by court or parties	113	39	4	30	10	196
Denied	--	--	20	80	--	100
Total	254	139	36	150	55	634

Disposition of cases

	Civil	Criminal	Original jurisdiction	Requests to appeal	Sentence review only	Total
By opinion and mandate:						
Affirmed	63	46	1	7	34	151
Affirmed in part/reversed in part	8	14	0	3	5	30
Reversed	7	3	0	9	0	19
Reversed and remanded	35	17	0	6	1	59
Remanded	6	4	0	1	2	13
Sentence too lenient	--	--	--	--	0	0
Bar disciplinary action	--	--	2	--	--	2
By memorandum opinion and judgment:						
Affirmed	18	12	0	0	1	31
Reversed	1	3	0	0	1	5
By summary order:						
Affirmed	0	1	1	4	0	6
Reversed or reversed and remanded	0	0	2	4	0	6
Other	3	0	6	6	1	16
Total dispositions on the merits	141	100	12	40	45	338
Review denied	--	--	20	80	--	100

Status of pending caseload (12/31/79)

	Cases awaiting: Records	Briefs	Hearing	Decision	Mandate	Stayed
Appeals:						
Civil	70	106	20	130	12	8
Criminal	19	83	8	78	4	8
Original proceedings	0	2	0	4	1	0
Requests to appeal	0	8	3	43	0	0
Sentence review only	2	11	3	22	0	1
Total	91	210	34	277	17	17

Time interval data[n] (average days)

	Civil appeal	Criminal appeal	Sentence review only
tice of appeal to mandate	609	599	395
tice of appeal to opinion publication	575[h]	579[h]	384[h]
Notice of appeal to certification of record	104	124	64
ertification of record to completion of briefing	145	195	93
mpletion of briefing to hearing or submission	89	73	11
aring or submission to opinion publication	237[h]	187[h]	216[h]
Hearing or submission to circulating draft opinion	130	125	129
Circulating draft opinion to publication date	107	62	87
lication date to mandate	34	20	11

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Alaska Supreme Court (continued)

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
-- = Not applicable.

[g] Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
During the year, a number of cases are reclassified, for example, a **criminal appeal** may become a **sentence review only** case, and other cases, originally improperly classified, are corrected. The transfers between case categories account for the discrepencies in caseflow.

[h] Figure was computed:
"Publication date to mandate" mean figure equals "notice of appeal to mandate" minus "notice of appeal to opinion publication."
"Hearing or submission to opinion publication" mean figure for time interval data equals the "hearing or submission to circulating draft opinion" plus "circulating draft opinion to opinion publication."
"Notice of appeal to opinion publication" is the sum of four major subcategories.

[j] Explanation of data included in the category:
Filed figures include cases filed and reinstated.
The number of **civil** and **criminal appeals** filed includes cross appeals filed.
Juvenile appeals relating to dependency are included with the **civil appeals**.
Juvenile appeals relating to criminal-type offenses are included with the **criminal appeals** category.

[n] Information on time interval or age of pending caseload data:
The analysis of time periods for disposition of appeals was done for 139 **civil appeals**, 107 **criminal appeals**, and 38 **sentence review only** cases, which together comprised all cases closed by opinion and mandate during 1979.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Alaska Court System, 1979 Annual Report (Anchorage, Alaska: 1980); and the Annual Statistical Report of the clerk of the Supreme Court entitled "Annual Statistical Report 1979." Statistics are from the annual report and clerk's memo except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ALASKA SUPERIOR COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
4 districts, 10 courts, 20 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End Pending
Civil[d]:				
Tort:				
Civil damage	X	860[h]	X	X
Contract:				
Debts, contracts, and notes	X	1,487[h]	X	X
Real property rights:				
Housing, real estate	X	274[h]	X	X
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	X	2,090[h]	X	X
Dissolution of marriage	X	2,145[h]	X	X
Total	X	4,235	X	X
Support/custody:				
Reciprocal support	X	880[h]	X	X
Other[j]	X	330[h]	X	X
Total	X	1,210[h]	X	X
Adoption	X	525[h]	X	X
Total	X	5,970	X	X
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Estates	X	647[h]	X	X
Probate waiver	X	87[h]	X	X
Total	X	734[h]	X	X
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship	X	17[h]	X	X
Protective	X	140[h]	X	X
Total	X	157[h]	X	X
Other estate	X	17[h]	X	X
Total	X	908[h]	X	X
Mental health:				
Sanity	X	315[h]	X	X
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Administrative review	X	196[h]	X	X
Other civil:				
Other civil	X	1,056[h]	X	X
Total civil	13,159	11,066	9,867	14,540[g]
Criminal[d]:				
Felony	283	691	751	382[g]
Misdemeanor	N/A	17	X	N/A
Appeal:				
From District Court	N/A	52	X	N/A
To Supreme Court	N/A	103	X	N/A
Total	N/A	155	X	N/A
Other criminal:				
Probation revocation	N/A	181	X	N/A
Other	N/A	30	X	N/A
Total	N/A	211	335[l]	N/A
Total criminal	283[i]	1,074	1,086	382[gi]
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquency	N/A	X	X	N/A
Other juvenile:				
Child in need of aid	N/A	X	X	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	1,352	1,085	N/A
Grand total	13,442[i]	13,492	12,038	15,257[gi]

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Domestic relations[m]	--	198	198
Other civil[m]	48	82	130
Total civil	48	280	328
Criminal (felony)	114	13	127
	162	293	455

Civil dispositions[m]

	Other civil[m]	Domestic relations[m]
ault	687	1,474
ndrawn	1,204	
gment		
retrial)	154	308
smissed	864	
contested	--	3,237

Criminal (felony) dispositions

	Before trial	Jury trial	Non-jury trial
Guilty (convicted)	--	76	9
Guilty plea	414	2	0
Acquittal	--	29	4
Mistrial with dismissal	--	7	0
Dismissed	156	0	0
Change of venue	0	0	0
Complaint withdrawn	4	0	0
Other	50	0	0
Total	624	114	13

Age of pending caseloads[n] (12/31/79) (days)

	Average	Median
Domestic relations[m]	588	332
Probate[m]	891	676
Other civil[m]	670	637
Felony	435	363

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Time interval data (days)

Age at disposition[n]:	Average	Median	0 to 30 days	31 to 60 days	61 to 90 days	91 to 120 days	121 to 180 days	181 to 365 days	366 to 730 days	Over 730 days
Domestic relations[j]...	200	65	423	2,042	553	312	357	712	537	281
Probate[j].....	448	81	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other civil	422	311	213	277	183	168	261	586	728	623
Felony	169	99	244	66	121	104	71	92	26	27

Age of pending caseload (12/31/79)(days)

	Under 90 days	91 to 180 days	181 to 365 days	366 to 545 days	546 to 730 days	731 to 910 days	911 to 1,095 days	Over 1,095 days
Domestic relations[m].....	823	531	756	427	310	333	262	867
Other civil[m].....	739	752	1,399	950	849	620	391	1,656

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-- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of indictments or complaints. Some occur after preliminary hearings in District Court.
A trial is counted if tried to judgment.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as given in the annual report.
[h]Figure was computed:
Filing data for **civil** case categories were estimated, based on the total probate filing figures and the percentages of the totals that each case category represented given in the annual report.
The **juvenile** filing figure for each category was calculated by multiplying the percent of formal petitions for each category by the total number of formal petitions.
[i]Data are not complete:
Criminal total pending figures include only **felony** cases.
Grand total pending figures include only **civil** and **felony** cases.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
The state annual report indicates that a majority of the **domestic relations** "other" cases are reciprocal support cases.
[l]Special source or revision in the data:
The number of other criminal cases disposed was supplied by the administrative office of the court during data verification.
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
Civil jury trial and **civil** disposition data are for all **civil** categories except **domestic relations** and probate. **Civil** non-jury trials also include domestic relations (divorce, reciprocal support) cases.
The "domestic relations" category does not include **adoption** cases.
The "probate" category includes all **estate, mental health,** and **adoption** cases.
The "other civil" category includes **tort, contract, real property rights, appeal,** and **other civil** cases.
[n]Information on time interval or age of pending caseload data:
Age at disposition and age of pending data are given for the following categories as listed in the annual report:
Domestic relations -- divorce, dissolution of marriage, and other.
Probate -- estates, guardianship, probate waiver, protective, other, **adoption,** and sanity.
Other civil -- civil damage; debts, contracts, and notes; housing, real estate; administrative review; and other.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Alaska Court System, 1979 Annual Report (Anchorage, Alaska: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ALASKA DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
4 districts, 21 courts, 17 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Tort:				
Civil damage	X	457	X	X
Contract:	X	3,414	X	X
Debt, contract, and notes	6,737	9,529	8,534	8,3869
Small claims				
Other civil:	X	1,051	X	X
Other				
Total civil	12,200	14,451	12,043	15,2449
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	X	12,507[h]	X	X
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony	654	1,524	1,270	6909
Other criminal	N/A	1,996	1,910[l]	N/A
Total criminal	X[i]	16,027	X	X[i]
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:	X	6,734[h]	X	X
Misdemeanor traffic	N/A	469	X	N/A
Other criminal--traffic on formal complaint	N/A	83,774	70,349	N/A
Other traffic	N/A	90,997[h]	X	N/A
Total				
Total traffic	X[i]	90,997[h]	X	X[i]
Grand total	17,254[i]	121,475	104,399	23,2809[i]

	Trial[d]		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Small claims	--	988	988
All other civil ..	44	168	212
Total	44	1,156	1,200
Criminal:			
Misdemeanor[m]	529	380	909
Traffic[m]	--	1,083	1,083
Grand total	573	2,619	3,192

Criminal dispositions

	Misdemeanor[m]		
	Before trial	Jury trial	Non-jury trial	Preliminary hearing
Guilty (convicted)	--	282	312	--
Guilty plea (includes reduced to misdemeanor)..	10,227	0	2	268
Acquittal	--	234	64	--
Mistrial with dismissal	--	13	2	--
Bail forfeiture	543	--	--	--
Complaint withdrawn	735	0	0	0
Dismissed	5,261	0	0	457
Superceded by indictment	--	--	--	226
Held to answer	--	--	--	171
Other	1,152	0	0	148

Civil[m] dispositions

Default	1,796
Withdrawn	1,054
Dismissal	288

Traffic[m] dispositions

Guilty at non-jury trial	551
Acquitted and dismissed	532
Guilty plea	9,925
Waiver at counter and mail in bail	42,906
No shows (closed statistically)	2.021
Other	13,514

Time interval data (days)

Age at disposition:	Average	Median	1 to 30 days	31 to 60 days	61 to 90 days	91 to 120 days	121 to 180 days	181 to 365 days	366 to 730 days	Over 730 days
Civil:										
Small claims	235	97	1,488	1,939	1,168	696	637	583	1,172	851
All other civil	243	109	463	901	384	228	321	510	457	245
Criminal:										
Misdemeanor[m]	105	33	10,907	2,255	1,775	1,116	677	795	643	659
Preliminary hearing ...	63	17	985	112	40	29	20	28	42	14
Traffic[n]	220	200	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Age of pending caseload (12/31/79) (days)

	Average	Median	Under 90 days	91 to 180 days	Under 121 days	121 to 180 days	181 to 365 days	366 to 545 days	546 to 730 days	731 to 910 days	911 to 1,095 days	Over 1,095 days
Civil:												
Small claims	577	399	1,531	957	N/A	N/A	1,727	1,071	535	501	106	1,958
All other civil	623	511	924	666	N/A	N/A	1,195	831	704	566	450	1,522
Criminal:												
Misdemeanor[m].....	444	445	N/A	N/A	1,781	486	959	1,148	2,972	0	0	0
Preliminary hearing ..	418	374	N/A	N/A	137	57	131	125	240	0	0	0

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X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of indictments or complaints.
A trial is counted if tried to judgment.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the annual report. The end pending figure for **preliminary hearings** does not include those cases out on warrants.
[h]Figure was computed:
Misdemeanor and "misdemeanor traffic" filing figures were estimated using the total filing figures given for the two case categories together and the percentage of the total each represented given in the annual report. There were 19,241 misdemeanor and misdemeanor traffic filings. There were 18,827 misdemeanor and misdemeanor traffic dispositions.
[i]Data are not complete:
Grand total pending figures include all data except **other criminal**, other criminal--traffic informal complaint, and other traffic cases.
[l]Special source or revision in the data:
The number of **other criminal** cases disposed was provided by the administrative office of the court during data verification.
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
Civil type of disposition data do not include dispositions of **small claims** cases.
Misdemeanor type of disposition data include misdemeanor traffic cases.
Traffic trial and type of disposition data only include "other traffic" cases.
[n]Information on time interval or age of pending caseload data:
Misdemeanor age at disposition is measured from first appearance to dismissal, acquittal, or sentencing. The misdemeanor category for time interval and age of pending data includes misdemeanor traffic cases.
Traffic time interval data only include "other traffic" cases.
Age of pending caseload data were not available for "all other civil" cases in the same time period breakdowns as were available for all other case categories.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Alaska Court System, 1979 Annual Report (Anchorage, Alaska: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional information was supplied by the administrative office of the court during data verifcation.

ALASKA MAGISTRATES COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
4 districts, 56 courts, 56 part-time and 21 acting magistrates
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

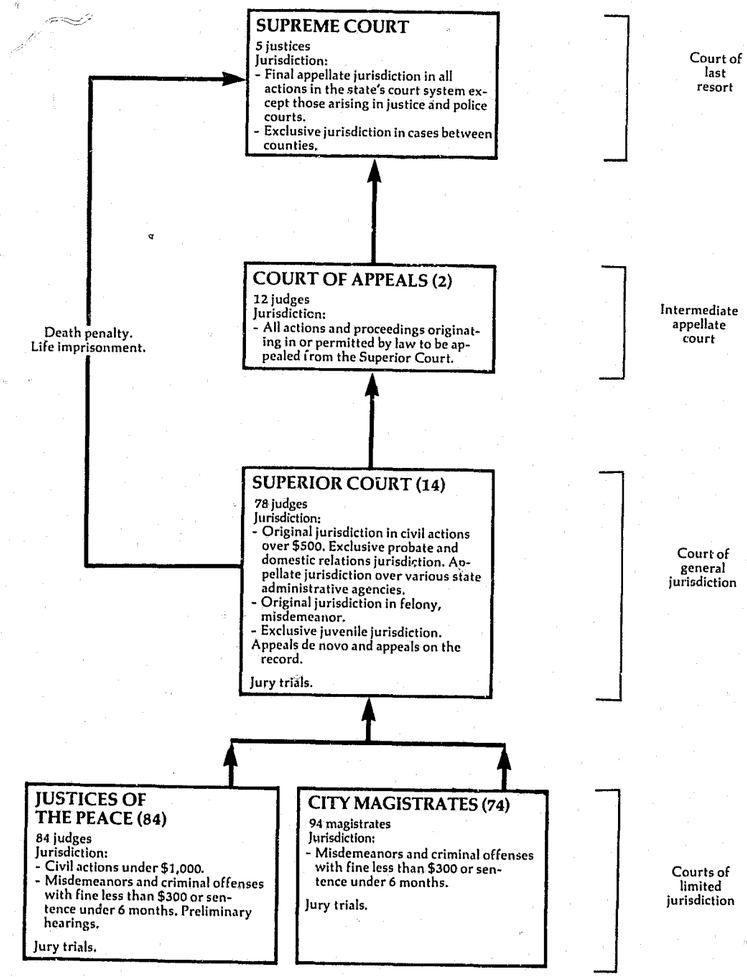
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Total civil	N/A	401	272	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	1,584	1,363	N/A
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony	N/A	150	103	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	1,734	1,466	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	1,073	1,095	N/A
Grand total	N/A	3,208	2,833	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of indictments or complaints.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Alaska Court System, 1979 Annual Report (Anchorage, Alaska: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ARIZONA COURT SYSTEM, 1979



ARIZONA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	36	50	79	7
Criminal	59	69	72	56
Delayed appeals	5	1	3	3
Total appeals[j]	100	120	154	66
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Habeas corpus	4	37	40	1
Special actions[j]	26	147	162	11
Bar matters	6	56	57	5
Petitions for review[j]	75	668	682	61
Total	111	908	941	78
Total other cases	111	908	941	78
Total cases	211	1,028	1,095	144
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Miscellaneous special actions[j]	6	65	64	7
Total other proceedings	6	65	64	7

Manner of disposition

	Appeals						
	Civil	Criminal	Delayed	Total	Original jurisdiction	Other matters	Total
Written opinion	67	48	0	115	86	0	201
Memorandum decision	9	24	3	36	2	0	38
Terminated without written opinion	3	0	0	3	853	64	920

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Appeals (civil, criminal, and delayed) filed include cases transferred in from the Arizona Court of Appeals. Ninety-three appeals were transferred from the Court of Appeals during 1979.
Special actions include mandamus, probibition, and quo warranto cases from Divisiion One of the Court of Appeals. The Supreme Court has handled these cases for Division One since 1975 in order to help it catch up with its backlog.
Petitions for review are requests for review of Court of Appeals cases (or portions thereof) that are heard as a matter of right. They are not necessarily processed as a regular **appeal.**
Miscellaneous special actions are instituted by indigent prisoners for redress of grievances arising out of their convictions or restraint. There is no constitutional or statutory provision which prescribes this type of case.

Source: Arizona Supreme Court, The Arizona Courts, 1979 Annual Judicial Report (Phoenix, Arizona: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ARIZONA COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
2 divisions, 12 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed[j]	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	619	692	671	640
Criminal	648	805	906	547
Delayed appeals	0	0	0	0
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Industrial Commission	125	187	207	105
Unemployment insurance	0	9	0	9
Total	125	196	207	114
Juvenile	12	49	32	29
Total appeals	1,404[f]	1,742	1,816	1,330
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Habeas corpus	2	5	6	1
Special actions[j]	14	164	160	18
Petitions for review--post conviction	62	88	100	50
Total	78	257	266	69
Total other cases	78	257	266	69
Total cases	1,482	1,999	2,082	1,399

Manner of disposition

	Appeals						Original jurisdiction	Total
	Civil	Criminal	Delayed	Agency	Juvenile	Total		
Written opinion	200	106	0	23	10	339	21	360
Memorandum	174	505	0	125	16	820	45	865
Terminated without opinion	247	250	0	59	6	562	196	758
Transferred to Supreme Court	50	45	0	0	0	95	4	99

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[j]Explanation of data incuded in the category:
Appeals filed are net figures after **appeals** transferred in are added.
Appeals disposed include **appeals** tranferred out and **appeals** disposed by the court.
Special actions include mandamus, prohibition, and quo warranto cases.

Source: Arizona Supreme Court, The Arizona Courts, 1979 Annual Judicial Report (Phoenix, Arizona: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ARIZONA SUPERIOR COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
14 counties, 78 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil[j]	29,951	33,033	30,758	32,226
Domestic relations:				
Support/custody:				
Reciprocal support	8,684	7,646	7,393	8,937
Adoption	1,716[i]	1,083[i]	915[i]	1,884[i]
Other domestic relations:				
Domestic relations	12,799	26,717	27,049	12,467
Modify decree	118	1,589	1,358	349
Foreign decree	147	172	170	149
Contempt only	245	6,466	6,274	437
Total	13,309	34,944	34,851	13,402
Total	23,709[i]	43,673[i]	43,159[i]	24,223[i]
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Probate	28,658	8,146	11,315	25,489
Mental health	N/A	N/A	1,061[j]	N/A
Appeal	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Total civil	82,318[i]	84,852[i]	86,293[i]	81,938[i]
Criminal[d]:				
Felony	5,272	11,323	10,557	6,038
Misdemeanor	256	92	233	115
Appeal	451	1,852	1,829	474
Postconviction remedy:				
Postconviction relief	102	453	464	91
Other criminal:				
Unclassified[j]	19	95	92	22
Total criminal	6,100	13,815	13,175	6,740
Juvenile[i]:				
Non-offense:				
Juvenile dependency	270[i]	1,001[i]	778[i]	493[i]
Total juvenile	270[i]	1,001[i]	778[i]	493[i]
Grand total	88,688[i]	99,668[i]	100,246[i]	89,171[i]

	Trial[d]		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Law	562	1,880	2,442
Domestic relations:			
Support/custody	0	0	0
Adoption	0	0	0
Domestic relations	15	3,535	3,550
Total	15[i]	3,535[i]	3,550[i]
Estate:			
Probate/wills/intestate	0	0	0
Mental health	0	0	0
Total	577[i]	5,415[i]	5,992[i]
Criminal:			
Felony	635	75	710
Misdemeanor	8	3	11
Appeal	18	277	295
Other criminal	0	1	1
Total	661	356	1,017
Grand total	1,238[i]	5,771[i]	7,009[i]

Criminal dispositions

	Felony	Misdemeanor	Appeal	Other criminal	Total
Jury trial in process:[m]					
Guilty plea	28	0	0	0	28
Dismissals	24	0	1	0	25
Non-jury trial in process:					
Guilty plea	2	0	0	0	2
Dismissals	2	0	15	0	17
Plea	6,873	127	50	0	7,050
Dismissed/nol pros	2,304	57	165	5	2,531
Transfer out	62	5	204	11	282
Other dismissals	449	24	203	4	680
Otherwise removed	159	9	647	71	886
Affirmed/Reversed	--	--	265	--	265

Civil dispositions

	Law	Domestic relations			Estate	Mental health
		Support/custody	Adoption[i]	Domestic relations	Probate/wills/intestate	
Default hearing	5,893	0	0	16,410	0	0
Dismissals	5,546	0	0	4,156	0	0
Transfer out	477	279	0	69	0	0
Final order	0	0	915[i]	0	0	1,061
Otherwise removed	15,648	7,114	0	2,864	11,315	0
Arbitration	747	0	0	0	0	0
Medical Malpractice Panel	5	0	0	0	0	0

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court but the data are unavailable.
-- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
A jury trial is counted when the voir dire examination of the panel begins.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year.
A caseload inventory was conducted in the Superior Court during January, 1979. Adjustments, based on the findings of the inventory, were made to the beginning pending figures reported for the 1979 court year.

[i]Data are not complete:
Adoption total **domestic relations**, total civil, and grand total figures do not include **adoption** data for Maricopa County.
Juvenile filing, dispositions, and pending data do not include data from Maricopa or Yuma Counties.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filings include cases transferred in.
Dispositions include cases transferred out.
Civil cases include prayer under $1,000, **auto tort, non-auto tort, contract,** eminent domain, unclassified civil, and **appeal** cases.
Mental health cases disposed are the number of civil (549) and criminal (512) mental health hearings held.
Civil appeals are included with data classified in the law category.
Unclassified criminal cases are offenses which do not come under any of the other criminal case categories listed, for example, peace bond complaints.

[m]Information on type of disposition or trial data:
Figures given for **criminal** cases disposed while a jury or non-jury trial was in process are also included in the courts of the number of **criminal** jury and non-jury trials held. Trials are counted at their beginning, but not all continue to verdict.

Source: Arizona Supreme Court, The Arizona Courts, 1979 Annual Judicial Report (Phoenix, Arizona: 1979). Statistics are from the reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ARIZONA JUSTICES OF THE PEACE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
84 courts, 84 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Total civil	24,104[f]	47,229	46,988	24,345
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	5,326[f]	26,448	21,081	10,693
Preliminary hearing	2,949[f]	14,884	13,999	3,834
Total criminal	8,275[f]	41,332	35,080	14,527
Traffic:				
Total traffic	57,763[f]	269,941	266,595	81,109
Grand total	90,142[f]	378,502	348,663	119,981

	Trial[d]		
	Jury	Non-Jury	Total
Civil	11	10,529	10,540
Criminal	51	1,637	1,688
Traffic	177	8,674	8,851
Total	239	20,840	21,079

	Age of pending cases (12/31/79)			
	Under 20 days	Under 150 days	Under 1 year	All other cases
Civil	N/A	N/A	19,226	5,119
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	5,172	X	5,521
Preliminary hearing	622	X	X	3,212
Traffic	N/A	48,781	X	32,328

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.

[l]Special source or revision in the data:
The number of trials conducted was provided by the office of the state court administrator during data verification.

Source: Arizona Supreme Court, The Arizona Courts, 1979 Annual Judicial Report (Phoenix, Arizona: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional information was provided by the state court administrative office during data verification.

ARIZONA CITY MAGISTRATES[l]
Court of limited jurisdiction
74 courts, 94 magistrates
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	26,585[f]	62,598	56,096	33,087
Total criminal	26,585[f]	62,598	56,096	33,087
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI	X	X	X	X
Other traffic violation	X	X	X	X
	171,702[f]	518,842	550,388	148,156
Grand total	206,287[f]	581,440	606,484	181,243

	Trial[dl]		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Criminal	86	7,086	7,172
Traffic	873	22,602	23,475
Total	959	29,688	30,647

	Age of pending caseload (12/31/79)	
	Under 150 days	Over 150 days
Criminal	15,087	2,523
Traffic	46,624	12,208
Total	57,711	14,731

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[d]Case definition or unit of court:
The criminal case unit of court is the number of defendants on the complaint.
A trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.

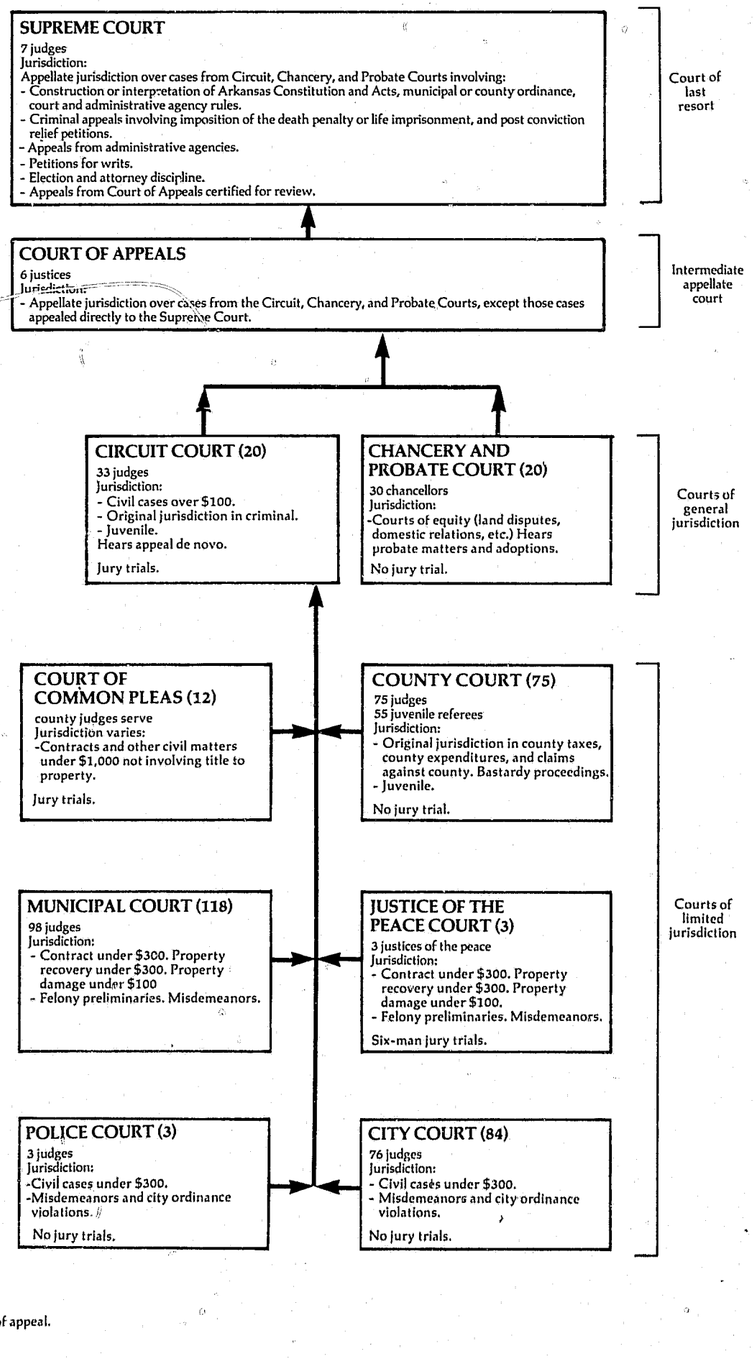
[f]Beginning pending figures for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Caseload for the 1978 court year were not available for all court locations; caseload data reported for the 1979 court year are completed.

[i]Data are not complete:
No data were available on the age of the pending caseload in the Marana or Phoenix courts.

[l]Special source or revision in the data:
All data given for the Arizona City Magistrates were provided by the office of the state court administrator.

Source: Unpublished data provided by the office of the Administrative Director of the Courts.

ARKANSAS COURT SYSTEM, 1979



ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Law	76	161	208	29
Equity	80	145	192	33
Probate	15	11	24	2
Total	171	317	424	64
Criminal:				
Capital	8	5	8	5
Other felony	71	169	200	40
Misdemeanor	7	7	13	1
Total	86	181	221	46
Postconviction remedy:				
Postconviction	8	17	12	13
Total appeals	265	515	657	123
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Civil:				
Habeas corpus	0	0	0	0
Mandamus	1	1	2	0
Prohibition	2	9	10	1
Certiorari	0	10	8	2
Other petitions[j]	2	34	29	7
Total	5	54	49	10
Criminal:				
Habeas corpus	0	3	3	0
Mandamus	0	15	14	1
Prohibition	4	15	16	3
Postconviction	1	14	14	1
Certiorari	0	14	12	2
Other petitions[j]	2	20	18	4
Total	7	81	77	11
Total	12	135	126	21
Total other cases	12	135	126	21
Total cases	277	650	783	144
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	14	121	118	17
Other matters:	36[l]	345[l]	333[l]	48[l]
Motions (excluding extension of time)	0	1,105	1,104	1
Motions for extension of time	36	1,450	1,437	49
Total	50[l]	1,571	1,555	66
Total other proceedings				

Manner of disposition

Written opinion (majority)	453[m]
Per curiam	16

Time interval data[n] (average days)

	Civil	Criminal and post-conviction remedy
Record filing to submission	121.12	156.25
Submission to decision	15.42	34.99
Record filing to decision	136.54	191.24
Average number of days case continued on motion of appellant	21.01	18.08
Average number of days case continued on motion of appellee	1.89	7.04

Disposition of cases

	Civil	Criminal	Post-conviction	Total
Appeals:				
Affirmed:				
Affirmed	156	109	8	273
Affirmed as modified or on condition	20	8	1	29
Total	176	117	9	302
Reversed:				
Reversed	17	4	0	21
Affirmed in part, reversed in part	10	3	0	13
Reversed and dismissed	13	8	1	22
Reversed with directions	1	0	0	1
Total	41	15	1	57
Reversed and remanded	58	21	0	79
Remanded	2	1	0	3
Affirmed in part and remanded	2	1	0	3
Transferred to Court of Appeals	115	58	0	173
Dismissed:				
Dismissed with opinion	2	0	0	2
Dismissed without opinion	28	8	2	38
Total	30	8	2	40
Original jurisdiction:				
Petitions granted	22	31[l]	1[l]	54
Petitions denied	27	32[l]	13[l]	72
Rehearing requests:				
Granted	3	9	0	12
Denied	31	75	0	106
Total	34	84	0	118

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Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Other petitions include reviews of Court of Appeals decisions and transfers from the Court of Appeals.
[l]Special source or revision in the data:
The number of motions (excluding extension of time) pending, filed, and disposed, and the number of **criminal** and **postconvictions original jurisdiction** petitions granted and denied were provided by the administrative office of the courts during data verification.
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
There were 62 dissenting, 23 concurring, and 6 dissenting in part and concurring in part opinions filed in addition to the 453 majority opinions filed.
[n]Information on time interval or age of pending caseload data:
The time interval data are based on a survey of 221 **civil appeals** and 129 **criminal** and **postconviction remedy appeals** decided by the Supreme Court during 1979.

Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, Fifteenth Annual Report, 1979 Judicial Statistics (Little Rock, Arkansas). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional information was supplied by the administrative office of the courts during data verification.

ARKANSAS COURT OF APPEALS[b]
Intermediate appellate court
6 justices
July 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending[b]	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Law	0	286	114	172
Equity	0	101	43	58
Probate	0	13	3	10
Total	0	400	160	240
Criminal:				
Felony	0	138	68	70
Misdemeanor	0	15	11	4
Total	0	153	79	74
Total appeals	0	553	239	314
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Civil:				
Habeas corpus	0	0	0	0
Certiorari	0	2	1	1
Other petitions	0	54	53	1
Total	0	56	54	2
Criminal:				
Habeas corpus	0	0	0	0
Certiorari	0	7	6	1
Other petitions	0	0	0	0
Total	0	7	6	1
Total	0	63	60	3
Total other cases	0	63	60	3
Total cases	0	616	299	317
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	0	45	35[k]	10
Other matters:				
Motions (excluding extension of time)	0	115	93[k]	22
Motions for extension of time	0	423	420	3[h]
Total	0	538	513	25
Total other proceedings	0	583	548	35

Disposition of cases

	Civil	Criminal	Total
Appeals:			
Affirmed:			
Affirmed	88	50	138
Affirmed as modified or on condition	8	6	14
Total	96	56	152
Affirmed in part and remanded	2	0	2
Reversed:			
Reversed	4	0	4
Affirmed in part, reversed in part	7	4	11
Reversed and dismissed	2	3	5
Reversed with directions	0	0	0
Total	13	7	20
Reversed and remanded	27	6	33
Remanded	3	0	3
Dismissed:			
Dismissed with opinion	0	0	0
Dismissed without opinion	11	5	16
Total	11	5	16
Transferred to Supreme Court	8	5	13

	Civil	Criminal	Total
Original jurisdiction:			
Petitions granted	54	5	59
Petitions denied	0	1	1
Rehearing requests:			
Granted	0	0	0
Denied	25	10	35
Total	25	10	35

Manner of disposition

Written opinion (majority)	167[m]
Per curiam	36

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[b]Particular court or reporting system information:
The Arkansas Court of Appeals was established with the approval by the voters of Constitutional Amendment 58 in November of 1978. The court began operations on July 1, 1979. The data reported here are for the first six months of the court's operation, the second half of the court year.
[h]Figure was computed:
End pending figure for motions for extension of time was calculated using beginning pending, filed, and disposed figures given in the annual report.
[k]Additional information:
None of the rehearing requests were granted.
Seventy-five of the motions (excluding time motions) were granted.
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
There were 45 dissenting, 7 concurring, and 1 dissenting in part and concurring in part opinions filed in addition to the 167 majority opinions filed.

Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, Fifteenth Annual Report, 1979 Judicial Statistics (Little Rock, Arkansas). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ARKANSAS CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
20 circuits, 33 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law[j]:				
Civil	21,109[fj]	27,683[j]	26,463[j]	22,329[j]
Appeals	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Total civil	21,109[f]	27,683	26,463	22,329
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Capital	49[f]	91	86	54
Felony	6,889[f]	9,770	10,658	6,001
Total	6,938[f]	9,861	10,744	6,055
Appeal[j]	2,961[f]	5,005	5,186	2,780
Total criminal[j]	9,899[f]	14,866	15,930	8,835
Grand total	31,008[f]	42,549	42,393	31,164

Age of pending caseload

	Less than 1 year	1 to 2 years	Over 2 years
Civil	13,720	5,441	3,168
Criminal:			
Felony:			
Capital	47	2	5
Felony	4,038	1,310	653
Total	4,085	1,312	658
Appeal	2,179	433	168
Total criminal	6,264	1,745	826

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Law includes **appeals** (trial de novo) that could not be separated from the total.
Appeal cases include some original **misdemeanor** cases.
Criminal data include a nominal number of **juvenile** cases and **juvenile appeals.**

Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, Fourteenth Annual Report, 1979 Judicial Statistics (Little Rock, Arkansas). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ARKANSAS CHANCERY AND PROBATE COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
20 chancery circuits, 30 chancellors[c]
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Equity	9,269[f]	6,890	7,301	8,858
Domestic relations:				
Support/custody:				
Reciprocals IN	2,788[f]	2,277	1,766	3,299
Reciprocals OUT	0	1,402	1,402	0
Total	2,788[f]	3,679	3,168	3,299
Adoption	N/A	1,715	N/A	N/A
Other domestic relations:				
Domestic relations	13,031[f]	23,140	23,637	12,534
Total	15,819[f]	28,534	26,805[i]	15,833[ig]
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Decedents' estates	14,796[f]	4,084	3,645[i]	15,235
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship	N/A	1,948	N/A	N/A
Other estate:				
Miscellaneous probate	N/A	1,336	N/A	N/A
Total	14,796[fi]	7,368	3,645[i]	15,235[ig]
Mental health:				
Alcoholic and mental	N/A	1,086	N/A	N/A
Total civil	39,884[fi]	43,878	37,751[i]	39,926[i]
Grand total	39,884[fi]	43,878	37,751[i]	39,926[i]

Age of pending caseload

	Less than 1 year	1 to 2 years	Over 2 years
Civil:			
Equity	3,844	2,807	2,207
Support/custody:			
Reciprocals IN	1,377	844	1,078
Reciprocals OUT	0	0	0
Total	1,377	844	1,078
Other domestic relations	7,929	2,848	1,757
Total civil	13,150	6,499	5,042

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[c]Judge information
Three circuit judges serve as chancellors, also.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as given in the annual report.
[i]Data are not complete:
Domestic relations pending and disposed totals do not include **adoptions.**
Estate pending and disposed totals do not include **guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship** and **other estate cases.**
Total civil and grand total pending and disposed do not include **adoptions, guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship, other estate,** and **mental health cases.**

Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, Fifteenth Annual Report, 1979 Judicial Statistics (Little Rock, Arkansas). Statistics are from the annual report and the clerk's corrections except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ARKANSAS COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
Court of limited jurisdiction
12 courts, county judges serve
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Total civil	N/A	508	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	508	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, Fifteenth Annual Report, 1979 Judicial Statistics (Little Rock, Arkansas). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ARKANSAS COUNTY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
75 courts; 75 judges, 55 juvenile referees
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations:				
Bastardy	N/A	1,886	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	1,886	N/A	N/A
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	11,786	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	13,672	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, Fifteenth Annual Report, 1979 Judicial Statistics (Little Rock, Arkansas). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL COURT[i]
Court of limited jurisdiction
118 courts, 98 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Total civil	N/A	24,998[i]	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal	N/A	113,701[i]	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	113,701[i]	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Driving while intoxicated	N/A	19,663[i]	N/A	N/A
Other traffic violations:				
Moving traffic	N/A	240,176[i]	N/A	N/A
Other traffic	N/A	125,034[i]	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	365,210[i]	N/A	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	384,875[i]	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	528,043[i]	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
[i]Data are not complete:
There were no reports filed for the towns of Arkadelphia, Booneville, Dermott, DeValls Bluff, England, Eudora, Fordyce, Harrisburg, Lake Village, Lewisville, Melbourne, Rogers, Salem, Stuttgart, and Warren. Only 6-month reports are available for McGehee, Marshall, Marianna, Mammoth Spring, Hope, Clarksville, Ash Flat, and Batesville. Data reported for Batesville and Berryville were not divided into the subcategories. A total of 4,469 cases were filed in these two courts; this figure is included in the grand total figure, but not in the other breakdowns.

Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, Fifteenth Annual Report, 1979 Judicial Statistics (Little Rock, Arkansas). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ARKANSAS CITY COURT, POLICE COURT, AND JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT[i]
Court of limited jurisdiction
84 city courts, 76 judges; 3 police courts, 3 judges; 3 justice of the peace courts, 3 justices of the peace
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Total civil	N/A	137[i]	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal	N/A	3,519[i]	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	3,519[i]	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Driving while intoxicated	N/A	1,520[i]	N/A	N/A
Other traffic violations:				
Moving traffic	N/A	11,166[i]	N/A	N/A
Other traffic	N/A	4,492[i]	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	15,658[i]	N/A	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	17,178[i]	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	20,834[i]	N/A	N/A

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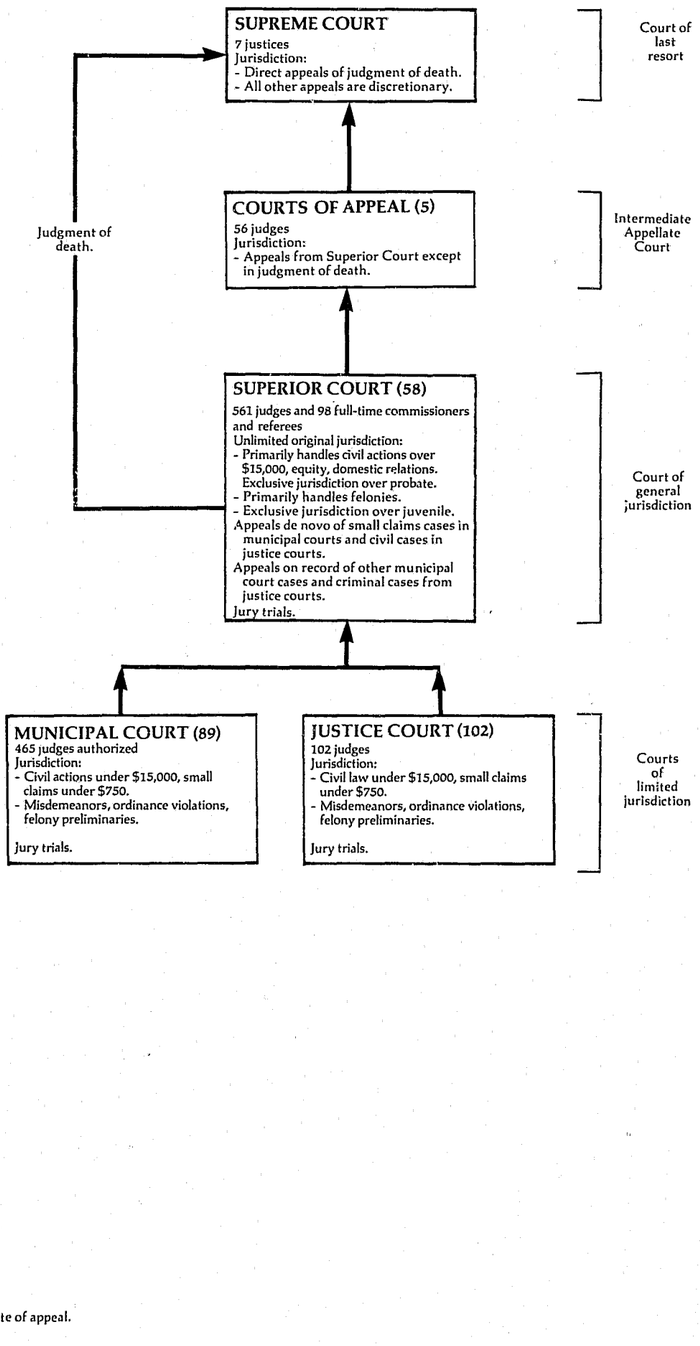
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
[i]Data are not complete:
There were no reports for the cities of Alma, Arkansas City, Ashdown, Austin, Bearden, Calico Rock, Cotton Plant, Decatur, Delight, Diaz, Farmington, Friendship, Gravette, Greenbriar, Grubbs, Higginson, Holly Grove, Jacksonport, Magazine, Manila, Marked Tree, McCrory, Mitchellville, Mountainburg, Newark, Norristown, Russell, Swifton, Thornton, Tuckerman and Whitehall. Only 6 month reports are available from: Altheimer, Bald Knob, Cammack Village, Carthage, Dumas, Gillett, Glenwood, Gould, Grady, Green Forest, Horseshoe Bend, Hoxie, Humphrey, Lowell, Madison, Marshall, Palestine, Pangburn, Parkdale, Patterson, Rosebud, Strong, Sulphur Springs, Summitt, Sunset, Traskwood, Tryronza, and Wilson.

Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, Fifteenth Annual Report, 1979 Judicial Statistics (Little Rock, Arkansas). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

CALIFORNIA COURT SYSTEM, 1979



CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	N/A	0 (92)[e]	75	N/A
Criminal:				
Direct appeals[j]	N/A	15	X	N/A
Other criminal	N/A	0 (66)[e]	X	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	15 (66)[e]	49	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	15 (158)[e]	124	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Civil	N/A	213 (21)[e]	X	N/A
Criminal	N/A	378 (14)[e]	X	N/A
Total	N/A	591 (35)[e]	589	N/A
Disciplinary matters:				
Attorney disciplinary proceedings[j]	N/A	90	61	N/A
Advisory opinion:				
Executive clemency applications	N/A	118	118	N/A
Total	N/A	799 (35)[e]	768	N/A
Requests to appeal[j]:				
Civil:				
Civil appeals	N/A	994	902 (92)[e]	N/A
Civil **original proceedings**	N/A	474	453 (21)[e]	N/A
Total	N/A	1,468	1,355 (113)[e]	N/A
Criminal:				
Criminal appeals	N/A	1,109	1,043 (66)[e]	N/A
Criminal **original proceedings** (habeas corpus)	N/A	393	379 (14)[e]	N/A
Total	N/A	1,502	1,422 (80)[e]	N/A
Total	N/A	2,970	2,777 (193)[e]	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	3,769 (35)[e]	3,545 (193)[e]	N/A
Total cases	N/A	3,784 (193)[e]	3,669 (193)[e]	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	N/A	N/A	82	N/A
Other matters:				
Transfer and retransfer	N/A	N/A	185	N/A
Orders/writs to show cause	N/A	N/A	59	N/A
Motions decided	N/A	N/A	148	N/A
Miscellaneous	N/A	N/A	2,109	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	2,501	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	N/A	2,583	N/A

Manner of disposition

	Appeals		Original proceedings	Other proceedings	Total
	Civil	Criminal			
Written opinion	75	48	64	0	187

Disposition of appeals (criminal)[m]

Affirmed	11
Affirmed with modifications	5
Reversed, no retrial	2
Reversed for expected retrial	24
Dismissed	1

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Petitions for hearings granted are not counted as a disposed petition until the resulting **appeal** or **original proceeding** is disposed; a filing is not counted for the **appeal** or **original proceeding**. These granted petitions are the numbers appearing in parentheses.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Direct **criminal appeals** are capital (death penalty) cases only.
When an attorney files a petition for a writ of review in the Supreme Court, the **disciplinary matter** is docketed as a civil **original proceeding**, and the case is reflected both in the filings and, when decided, in the dispositions. Petitions for a writ of review were filed in 2 of the 90 **disciplinary matters** and petitions to set aside or stay suspension were filed in 11 of the cases.
Requests to appeal are petitions for hearing cases previously decided by the Courts of Appeal.

[l]Special source or revision in the data;
Figures for civil and criminal **original jurisdiction** cases disposed and the number of executive clemency applications filed were supplied by the administrative office of the court during data verification.

[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
Disposition of appeals data include only **criminal appeals** terminated by written opinion.

Source: Judicial Council of California, 1980 Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the California Courts (San Francisco, California: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

CALIFORNIA COURTS OF APPEAL
Intermediate appellate court
5 districts, 56[c] judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	2,895	3,662	X	3,250
Criminal	2,628	4,279	X	3,069
Total appeals	5,523	7,941	8,667	6,3199
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Civil	N/A	3,831	X	N/A
Criminal	N/A	1,081	X	N/A
Total	N/A	4,912	4,772	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	4,912	4,772	N/A
Total cases	5,523[i]	12,853	13,439	6,319[i]
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	N/A	N/A	1,449	N/A
Other matters:				
Motions to dismiss on clerk's certificate	N/A	425	N/A	N/A
Motions	N/A	N/A	1,262	N/A
Orders (miscellaneous)	N/A	N/A	9,415	N/A
Total	N/A	425[i]	10,677	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	425[i]	12,126[i]	N/A

Manner of disposition

	Appeals: Civil	Appeals: Criminal	Original proceedings	Total
Written opinion	2,673	3,077	414	6,164

Disposition of appeals (criminal)[m]

Affirmed	2,330
Affirmed with modifications	368
Reversed, no retrial	18
Reversed for expected retrial	308
Dismissed	4

Status of pending caseload (6/30/79)

	Civil	Criminal	Total
Appeals not ready for calendar	1,767[h]	1,908[h]	3,675[h]
Appeals argued, calendared, or ready for calendar	1,483	1,161	2,644

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X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[c]Judge information:
There were 58.1 full-time judge equivalents in the Courts of Appeal during fiscal year 1978-1979.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the annual report.
[h]Figure was computed:
The number of pending **appeals** not ready for calendar was computed by subtracting the number argued, calendared, or ready for calendar from the total number pending.
[i]Data are not complete:
Total cases pending do not include **original proceedings**.
Total other matters and other proceedings filed include only motions to dismiss on clerk's certificate. Filings are not reported for other categories.
Total other matters and other proceedings disposed do not include disposition of motions to dismiss on clerk's certification.
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
Disposition of **appeals** data include only **criminal appeals** terminated by written opinion.
There were 4,901 authored majority opinions and 1,130 "by the court" majority opinions that disposed of 6,031 cases.

Source: Judicial Council of California, 1980 Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the California Courts (San Francisco, California: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURT[i]
Court of general jurisdiction
58 courts, 561 judges, and 98 full-time commissioners and referees
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Tort:				
Auto tort:				
Personal injury, death and property damage--motor vehicles	N/A	63,105[i]	41,781[i]	N/A
Other tort	N/A	29,843[i]	21,508[i]	N/A
Total	N/A	92,948[i]	63,289[i]	N/A
Real property rights:				
Eminent domain (parcels)	N/A	2,074[i]	1,301[i]	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Family law	N/A	175,746[i]	149,312[i]	N/A
Estate:				
Other estate:				
Probate and guardianship	N/A	62,826[i]	60,883[i]	N/A
Mental health	N/A	3,558[i]	3,510[i]	N/A
Appeal:				
Appeal of trial court case:				
Appeals from lower courts	N/A	12,064[i]	11,622[i]	N/A
Extraordinary writs:				
Habeas corpus	N/A	12,990[i]	11,764[i]	N/A
Other civil:				
Other complaints	N/A	99,270[i]	52,000[i]	N/A
Other petitions	N/A	118,278[i]	86,205[i]	N/A
Total	N/A	217,548[i]	138,205[i]	N/A
Total civil	N/A	579,754[i]	439,886[i]	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal	N/A	53,931[i]	49,217[i]	N/A
Appeal	N/A	2,349[i]	2,170[i]	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	56,280[i]	51,387[i]	N/A
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquency	N/A	86,222[i]	79,905[i]	N/A
Non-offense:				
Dependency	N/A	18,286[i]	16,583[i]	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	104,508[i]	96,488[i]	N/A
Grand total	N/A	740,542[i]	587,761[i]	N/A

Trial[di]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil[m]:			
Auto tort	1,810	190	2,000[i]
Other tort	X	X	1,933[i]
Real property rights	X	X	292[i]
Domestic relations	X	X	142,497[i]
Estate	X	X	56,911[i]
Mental health	X	X	3,284[i]
Appeal[m]	X	X	11,124[i]
Extraordinary writ	X	X	5,557[i]
Other civil	X	X	43,487[i]
Total	2,831	264,254	267,085[i]
Criminal:			
Felony/misdemeanor	4,472	2,267	6,739[i]
Appeal[m]	X	X	1,593[i]
Total	X	X	8,332[i]
Juvenile:			
Criminal-type offense	X	X	72,023[i]
Non-offense	X	X	14,267[i]
Total	X	X	86,290[i]
Grand total	7,303	354,404	361,707[i]

Criminal dispositions[im]

	Felony	Misdemeanor	Total
Jury trial:			
Acquitted or dismissed	X	X	793
Convicted	3,483	196	3,679
Non-jury trial:			
Acquitted or dismissed	X	X	538
Convicted	1,529	200	1,729
Guilty plea	33,988	2,577	36,565
Dismissed or transferred	X	X	5,913

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CONNECTICUT PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
129 courts, 129 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations:				
Adoption:				
Approval of adoption agreement	N/A	841	N/A	N/A
Other domestic relations:				
Termination of parental rights	N/A	654	N/A	N/A
Combination termination of parental rights and adoption	N/A	280	N/A	N/A
Marriages (permission and waiver)	N/A	910	N/A	N/A
Other applications or petitions	N/A	60	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	1,904	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	2,745	N/A	N/A
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Decedent's estate	N/A	31,467	N/A	N/A
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardians	N/A	1,753	N/A	N/A
Conservators	N/A	3,898	N/A	N/A
Trustees	N/A	5,319	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	10,970	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	42,437	N/A	N/A
Mental health:				
Application for committment-adult	N/A	1,520	N/A	N/A
Other civil:				
Change of name	N/A	363	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	47,065	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	47,065	N/A	N/A

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[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

[k]Additional information:
In addition the court handled 8,851 passport applications.

Source: Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department, Report of the Judicial Department, State of Connecticut, July 1, 1978-June 30, 1980 (Hartford, Connecticut: January, 1981). Statistics are from the biennual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

[c]Judge information:
There were 58.1 full-time judge equivalents in the Courts of Appeal during fiscal year 1978-1979.

[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the annual report.

[h]Figure was computed:
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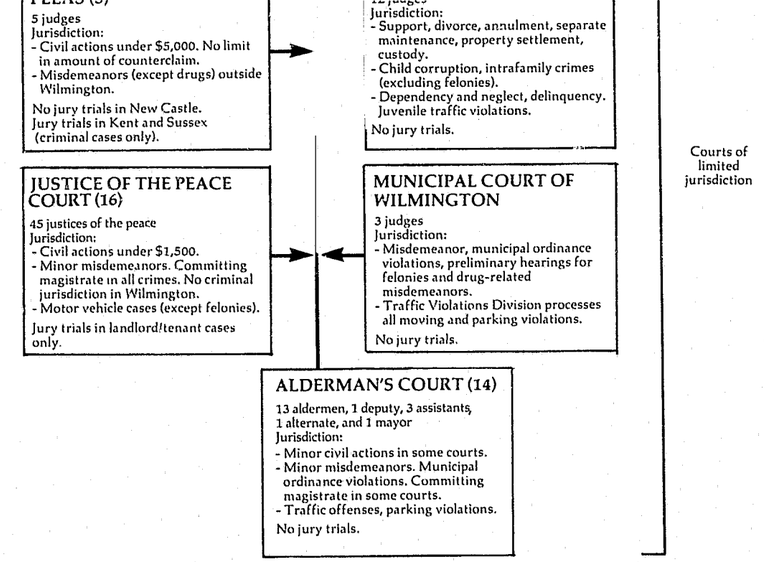

	Trial[di] Jury	Trial[di] Non-jury	Trial[di] Total
Civil[m]:			
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Total	2,831	264,254	267,085[i]
Criminal:			
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Juvenile:			
Criminal-type offense	X	X	72,023[i]
Non-offense	X	X	14,267[i]
Total	X	X	86,290[i]
Grand total	7,303	354,404	361,707[i]

Criminal dispositions[im]	Felony	Misdemeanor	Total
Jury trial:			
Acquitted or dismissed	X	X	793
Convicted	3,483	196	3,679
Non-jury trial:			
Acquitted or dismissed	X	X	538
Convicted	1,529	200	1,729
Guilty plea	33,988	2,577	36,565
Dismissed or transferred	X	X	5,913

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The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.
[i] Data are not complete:
One court reported data for only the first six months of the reporting period.
[j] Explanation of data included in the category:
Family law includes annulment, divorce, and separate maintenance cases.
[f] ormation on disposition type or trial data:
ivil trials include mental health hearings; they do not include habeas corpus hearings.
e were 3,745 juries sworn for the 2,831 civil cases disposed by jury trial, and 4,751 juries sworn for the 4,472 criminal defendants
osed by jury trial.
ppeals and criminal appeals trial data are for appeals disposed by trial de novo; appeals disposed after hearing are not included.

ial Council of California, 1980 Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the California Courts (San Francisco, California:
. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

CALIFORNIA JUSTICE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
102 courts, 102 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Small claims	N/A	34,072	25,643	N/A
Other civil	N/A	14,704	10,117	N/A
Total civil	N/A	48,776	35,760	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Group A misdemeanor	N/A	25,608	22,772	N/A
Group B misdemeanor	N/A	25,369	23,300	N/A
Total	N/A	50,977	46,072	N/A
Ordinance violations:				
Non-traffic infractions	N/A	4,823	3,903	N/A
Preliminary hearing:				
Felonies	N/A	8,188	6,957	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	63,988	56,932	N/A
Traffic:				
Parking:				
Illegal parking	N/A	145,584	106,760	N/A
Other traffic violations:				
Group C misdemeanor[j]	N/A	21,307	18,669	N/A
Group D misdemeanor	N/A	36,208	32,833	N/A
Traffic infractions	N/A	372,325	335,583	N/A
Total	N/A	429,840	387,085	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	575,424	493,845	N/A
Grand total	N/A	688,188	586,537	N/A

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Small claims	0	18,246	18,246
Other civil	20	1,987	2,007
Total	20	20,233	20,253
Criminal:			
Misdemeanor	447	3,114	3,561
Ordinance violations	1	122	123
Preliminary hearing (felonies)	23	3,479	3,502
Total	471	6,715	7,186
Traffic:			
Parking	0	702	702
Other traffic violations	418	10,485	10,903
Total	418	11,187	11,605
Grand total	909	38,135	39,044

Civil dispositions

	Small claims	Other civil	Total
Dismissed for lack of prosecution	2,719	685	3,404
Other dismissals or transfers	4,531	1,586	6,117
Summary judgments	85	704	789
All other judgments	62	5,135	5,197

Traffic dispositions

	Parking	Other traffic violation	Total
Jury trial:			
Convicted	0	306	306
Acquitted or dismissed	0	112	112
Non-jury trial:			
Convicted	480	7,744	8,224
Acquitted or dismissed	222	2,741	2,963
Juvenile order	21	7,370	7,391
Guilty plea	2,399	63,335	65,734
Transferred	49	2,971	3,020
Bail forfeiture	95,116	245,610	340,726
Dismissals	8,473	56,896	65,369

Criminal dispositions

	Misdemeanor	Ordinance violation	Preliminary hearing	Total
Jury trial:				
Convicted	276	0	17	293
Acquitted or dismissed	171	1	6	178
Non-jury trial:				
Convicted or bound over	1,962	85	2,912	4,959
Acquitted or dismissed	1,031	36	567	1,634
Juvenile order	121	1	0	122
Guilty plea	22,249	967	2,254	25,470
Transferred	321	9	123	453
Bail forfeiture	13,526	2,131	1	15,658
Dismissals	6,415	673	1,077	8,165

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-- = Not applicable.

[d] Case definition or unit of count:
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The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A jury trial is counted when jury selection begins.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.

[j] Explanation of data included in the category:
Group C misdemeanors include hit and run, drunk driving, reckless driving--injury, and driving under the influence of drugs cases.
[k] Additional information:
Of the 6,957 felony preliminary hearing cases disposed, 1,971 felony charges were reduced to misdemeanors.

Source: Judicial Council of California, 1980 Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the California Courts (San Francisco, California: 1980) and unpublished data provided by the admnistrative office of the court. Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
89 courts, 465 authorized judgships
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Small claims	N/A	462,927	345,692	N/A
Other civil	N/A	397,649	283,346	N/A
Total civil	N/A	860,576	629,038	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Group A misdemeanor	N/A	353,338	327,750	N/A
Group B misdemeanor	N/A	179,932	166,739	N/A
Total	N/A	533,270	494,489	N/A
Ordinance violation:				
Non-traffic infractions	N/A	53,401	41,187	N/A
Preliminary hearing:				
Felonies	N/A	97,873	84,716	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	684,544	620,392	N/A
Traffic:				
Parking:				
Illegal parking	N/A	10,038,230	7,881,581	N/A
Other traffic violation:				
Group C misdemeanor[j]	N/A	263,056	217,448	N/A
Group D misdemeanor	N/A	244,603	368,192	N/A
Traffic infractions	N/A	4,659,921	4,077,707	N/A
Total	N/A	5,167,580	4,663,347	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	15,205,810	12,544,928	N/A
Grand total	N/A	16,750,930	13,794,358	N/A

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Small claims	0	265,690	265,690
Other civil	548	76,814	77,362
Total	548	342,504	343,052
Criminal:			
Misdemeanor	4,467	7,484	11,951
Ordinance violation	11	868	879
Felonies	119	44,416	44,535
Total	4,597	51,768	56,365
Traffic:			
Parking	0	78,488	78,488
Other traffic violation	3,362	109,239	112,601
Total	3,362	187,727	191,089
Grand total	8,507	582,017	590,506

Civil dispositions

	Small claims	Other civil	Total
Dismissed for lack of prosecution...	11,869	7,102	18,971
Other dismissals or transfers	68,132	59,302	127,434
Summary judgments	0	4,442	4,442
All other judgments	1	135,138	135,139

Traffic dispositions

	Parking	Other traffic violation	Total
Jury trial:			
Acquitted or dismissed	0	919	919
Convicted	0	2,443	2,443
Non-jury trial:			
Acquitted or dismissed	5,340	40,393	45,733
Convicted	73,148	68,846	141,994
Juvenile order	149	40,089	40,238
Guilty plea	97,394	1,004,594	1,101,988
Bail forfeiture	6,887,828	2,705,361	9,593,189
Dismissals	817,632	794,287	1,611,919
Transferred	90	6,415	6,505

Criminal dispositions

	Misdemeanor	Ordinance violation	Preliminary hearing felonies	Total
Jury trial:				
Acquitted or dismissed	1,839	1	47	1,887
Convicted	2,628	10	72	2,710
Non-jury trial:				
Acquitted or dismissed	3,299	266	3,412	6,977
Convicted or bound over	4,111	577	41,002	45,690
Juvenile order	74	25	2	101
Pleas of guilty	323,703	12,261	22,040	358,004
Bail forfeitures	46,190	15,220	8	61,418
Dismissals	111,627	12,805	17,530	141,962
Transferred	1,018	22	603	1,643

[b]Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
-- = Not applicable.

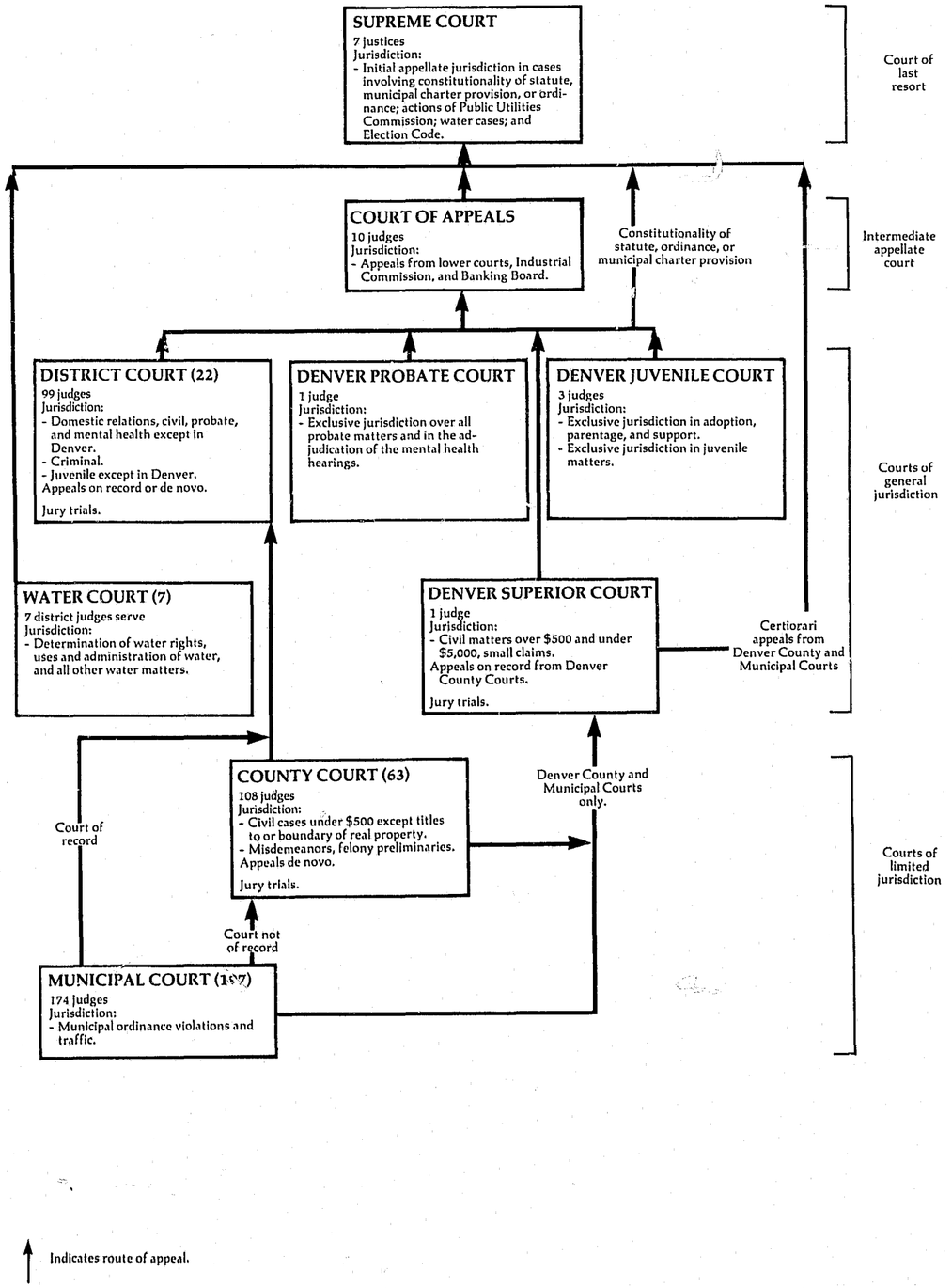
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A trial is counted when commenced. A jury trial is commenced once jury selection begins; a non-jury trial at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Group C misdemeanors include hit and run, drunk driving, reckless driving--injury, and driving under the influence of drugs cases.

[k]Additional information:
Of the 84,720 felony **preliminary hearing** dispositions, 15,312 felony charges were reduced to misdemeanors.

Source: Judicial Council of California, 1980 Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the California Courts (San Francisco, California: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

COLORADO COURT SYSTEM, 1979



COLORADO SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil[j]	X	81	X	X
Criminal:				
Criminal	X	96	X	X
Interlocutories	X	25	X	X
Total	X	121	X	X
Postconviction remedy:				
Habeas corpus	X	49	X	X
Other appeals:				
Statutory review	X	3	X	X
Reopened cases	X	0	X	X
Total	X	3	X	X
Total appeals	X	254	X	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Original proceedings	X	284	X	X
Interrogatories	X	0	X	X
Rule 21.1	0	1	X	0
Bail reduction	X	0	X	X
Total	X	285	X	X
Disciplinary matters:				
Disciplinary proceedings	X	26	X	X
Total	X	311	X	X
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions in certiorari	X	375	X	X
Total other cases	X	686	X	X
Total cases	350[f]	941[k]	877	414

Manner of disposition

Written opinion	284
Without opinion	587
Transferred to Court of Appeals	6

Status of pending caseload (6/30/79)

Cases not yet at issue:	
Certiorari granted, awaiting briefs on merits	33
Appeals pending	101
Appeal on limited remand	3
Appeal held in abeyance	1
Cases at issue:	
Cases at issue awaiting oral argument	60
Cases orally argued awaiting opinion	70
Cases submitted without argument	50
Opinion announced awaiting action on rehearing	20

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
The beginning pending figure for 1978 was revised and is so noted in the annual report.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Civil appeals includes water cases, P.U.C. decisions, and constitutional questions.
[k]Additional information:
Total cases filed includes one request for stay pending appeal.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary 1978-79 (Denver, Colorado: 1979).
Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

COLORADO COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
10 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil[j]	X	797[j]	X	X
Criminal	X	344[j]	X	X
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Industrial commission	X	73	X	X
Total appeals	1,003[f]	1,214	1,120	1,097
Other cases:				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases				
Total cases	1,003[f]	1,214	1,120	1,097

Manner of disposition

Published opinion[m]	308
Unpublished opinion[m]	438
Without opinion	285
Transferred to Supreme Court	89

Status of pending caseload 6/30/79

	Appeals			
	Civil	Criminal	Agency	Total
Cases not yet at issue	X	X	X	702
Cases at issue:				
At issue awaiting oral argument	97	103	10	210
Orally argued awaiting opinion	86	16	2	104
Submitted without oral argument	X	X	X	81
Total at issue	X	X	X	395

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[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Civil appeals include appeals from courts, and all administrative boards and agencies within the jurisdiction of the Court except the Industrial Commission.
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
Prior to December 8, 1977, published opinions were referred to as written opinions. From July 1, 1976 to December 8, 1977, unpublished opinions were referred to as memo opinions.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary 1978-79 (Denver, Colorado: 1979).
Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

COLORADO DISTRICT COURT, DENVER SUPERIOR COURT, DENVER JUVENILE COURT, AND DENVER PROBATE COURT[J]
Court of general jurisdiction
22 districts, 104[c] judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Money demands	X	16,689	13,512	X
Tort:				
Auto tort:				
Personal injury--motor vehicle[J]	X	1,516	1,290	X
Other tort:				
Personal injury--other	X	1,269	958	X
Property damage	X	968	819	X
Wrongful death	X	120	113	X
Total	X	2,357	1,890	X
Total	X	3,873	3,180	X
Real property rights:				
Real and personal property	X	5,153	4,263	X
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Dissolution of marriage	X	25,199	21,645	X
Legal separation	X	457	416	X
Invalidity of marriage	X	126	115	X
Total	X	25,782	22,176	X
Support/custody:				
Paternity and support	X	3,835	2,530	X
Child custody	X	232	122	X
Reciprocal nonsupport interstate	X	6,745	5,835	X
Reciprocal support intrastate	X	747	677	X
Total	X	11,559	9,164	X
Adoption	X	2,193	1,962	X
Other domestic relations:				
Miscellaneous	X	382	158	X
Postjudgment actions	X	7,924	10,144	X
Total	X	8,306	10,302	X
Total	X	47,840	43,604	X
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Intestates	X	1,435	1,942	X
Testates	X	3,601	3,989	X
Small estates	X	209	199	X
Total	X	5,245	6,130	X
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianships	X	440	1,853	X
Conservatorships	X	760	1,014	X
Total	X	1,200	2,867	X
Other estate:				
Miscellaneous	X	518	542	X
Postjudgment actions	X	638	793	X
Total	X	1,156	1,335	X
Total	X	7,601	10,332	X
Mental health:				
Short-term treatment	X	918	904	X
Developmentally disabled admissions	X	33	25	X
Petition for evaluation	X	775	755	X
Long-term treatment	X	53	45	X
Alcoholism commitments	X	212	225	X
Postjudgment actions	X	970	1,038	X
Miscellaneous	X	82	39	X
Total	1,268	3,043	3,031	1,280
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Administrative review and local governments	X	531	528	X
Appeal of trial court case:				
County court appeals	X	117	85	X
Total	X	648	613	X
Extraordinary writs:				
Miscellaneous[J]	X	4,203	3,503	X
Other civil:				
Postjudgment actions	X	6,932	7,884	X
Total civil	X	95,982	89,922	X
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Offenses against the person	X	1,931	1,607	X
Offenses against property	X	5,330	4,533	X
Offense involving fraud	X	854	681	X
Offenses involving governmental operation	X	245	213	X
Drug and narcotic offenses	X	720	661	X
Miscellaneous offenses	X	1,542	1,276	X
Total	X	10,622	8,971	X
Appeal:				
Appeal of trial court case:				
County court appeals	X	540	354	X

Other criminal:				
Non-offense[J]	X	452	336	X
Postjudgment actions	X	3,673	4,667	X
Total	X	4,125	5,003	X
Total criminal[k]	11,603	15,287	14,328	12,562
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquency	X	6,304	5,378	X
Status offense:				
Child in need of support	X	764	725	X
Non-offense:				
Dependency and neglect petitions	X	2,181	1,723	X
Other juvenile:				
Relinquishments	X	506	481	X
Miscellaneous	X	714	562	X
Postjudgment actions	X	7,162	7,603	X
Total	X	8,382	8,646	X
Total juvenile[k]	X	17,631	16,472	X
Grand total[k]	97,971	128,900	120,722	106,149

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[c]Judge information:
Five of these 104 judges serve in the Denver Superior, Juvenile, and Probate Courts.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
[J]Explanation of data included in the category:
Personal injury--motor vehicle includes related property damage.
Miscellaneous under **extraordinary writs** includes habeas corpus and other remedial writs, injunctions, etc.
Criminal non-offense cases include extraditions, revocations, parole, and release from commitment hearings.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary 1978-79 (Denver, Colorado: 1979).
Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

COLORADO WATER COURT[a]
Court of general jurisdiction
7 districts, 7 district judges serve
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed[J]	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Real property rights[J]	3,995	2,134	2,112	4,017
Total civil	3,995	2,134	2,112	4,017
Grand total	3,995	2,134	2,112	4,017

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Data for this court are included with the general jurisdiction courts since District Court judges serve.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[J]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filed includes original actions filed and postjudgment actions filed.
Cases filed include water adjudications, diligence findings, review petitions, and cases involving springs, waste waters, etc.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary 1978-79 (Denver, Colorado: 1979).
Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

COLORADO COUNTY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
63 counties, 108 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Small claims	1,980[f]	12,242	11,231	2,991
Other civil:				
Civil	11,199[f]	57,276	54,977	13,498
Total civil	13,179[f]	69,518	66,208	16,489
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor[j]	11,449[f]	30,486	28,793	13,142
Preliminary hearing	0	2,439	2,439	0
Total criminal	11,449[f]	32,925	31,232	13,142
Traffic:				
Total traffic	46,491[f]	164,443	159,205	51,729
Grand total	71,119[f]	266,886	256,645	81,360

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Small claims	--	3,885	3,885
Other civil	54	3,410	3,464
Total	54	7,295	7,349
Criminal:			
Misdemeanor	251	1,526	1,777
Traffic	834	7,253	8,087
Total	1,139	16,074	17,213

Traffic dispositions

Traffic violations bureau 3,168

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
-- = Not applicable.

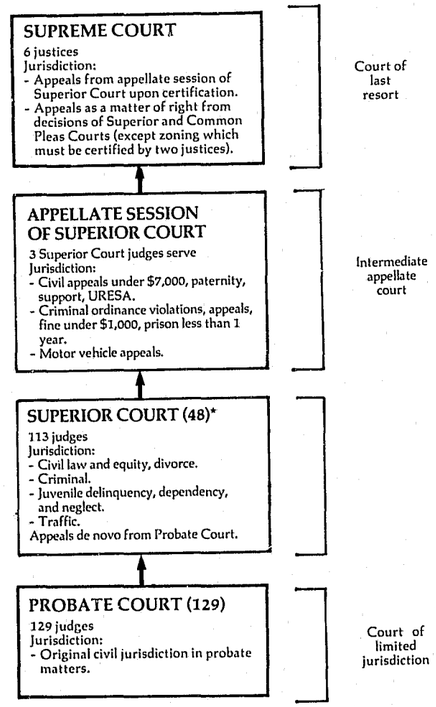
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
[f]Beginning pending figures for the 1979 court year do not equal end pending figures for the 1978 court year:
Pending data were revised by the administrative office of the court.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Misdemeanor data include only those cases filed as **misdemeanors**, and not those filed as **felonies** but reduced to **misdemeanors**.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary 1978-79 (Denver, Colorado: 1979).
Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

COLORADO MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
197 courts, 174 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

There were no data available for cases filed in the Municipal Court for fiscal year 1978-79.

CONNECTICUT COURT SYSTEM, 1979



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

*On July 1, 1978, the Court of Common Pleas and the Juvenile Court were abolished. Their jurisdiction was transferred to the Superior Court.

CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
6 justices
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	487	425	390	522
Criminal	121	90	57	154
Total appeals	608	515	447	676
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions for certification	11[l]	99[l]	95	15[l]
Total other cases	11	99	95	15
Total cases	619[f]	614	542	691
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Motions	N/A	N/A	232[k]	N/A
Reservations	N/A	N/A	5	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	237	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	N/A	237	N/A

Manner of disposition

	Appeals		
	Civil	Criminal	Total
By opinion	195	43	238

Disposition of appeals[l]

Affirmed (no error)	145
Reversed (error, no further proceedings)	41
Reversed and remanded (error, further proceedings)	39
Reservations	5

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
For 1979, the number of petitions for certification pending at the beginning of the year was available. This figure was not available for the end of 1978, and thus, the two reported numbers are different.

[k]Additional information:
All two hundred thirty two of the motions acted on were argued.

[l]Special source or revision in the data:
The number of petitions for certification pending and filed and the disposition of appeals data were provided by the office of the Chief Court Administrator during data verification.

Source: Chief Justice and Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department, Report of the Judicial Department, State of Connecticut, July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1980 (Hartford, Connecticut: January, 1981). Statistics are from the report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional information was supplied by the Office of the Chief Court Administrator during data verification.

APPELLATE SESSION OF SUPERIOR COURT, CONNECTICUT[a]
Intermediate appellate court
3 Superior Court judges serve
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	152	82	120	114
Criminal	63	53	45	71
Total appeals	215	135	165	185
Total cases	215	135	165	185

Manner of disposition

	Civil	Criminal	Total
By opinion	60	28	88

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
The Appellate Session of Superior Court was established by statute in 1974. In previous editions of this State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Report series it was classified as part of the general jurisdiction trial court and its caseload data were given on that court's statistical profile. Starting in 1979, it has been reclassified as an intermediate appellate court and its caseload data presented on a separate court profile.

Source: Chief Justice and Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department, Report of the Judicial Department July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1980 (Hartford, Connecticut: January, 1981). Statistics are from the biennial report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT[b]
Court of general jurisdiction
48 courts, 113 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil[j]	57,446	41,544	40,518	58,473[g]
Civil--Housing Sessions[k]	0	93	21	72
Total	57,446	41,637	40,539	58,545[g]
Real property rights:				
Summary process--Housing Sessions[k]	0	2,434	1,685	749
Small claims:				
Small claims	N/A	85,615	N/A	N/A
Small claims--Housing Sessions[k]	0	741	410	331
Total	N/A	86,356	410[i]	331[i]
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution	13,979[f]	17,068	18,772	12,275
Other domestic relations:				
Termination of parental rights	53	207	176	84
Total	14,032	17,275	18,948	12,359
Mental health:				
Revocation of commitment	69	202	197	74
Total civil	71,547[fi]	147,904	61,779[i]	75,038[gi]
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Part A criminal	3,042[fk]	5,043	5,084	2,892[gk]
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Part B criminal	8,729[fk]	96,231	89,589[k]	7,585[gk]
Other criminal:				
Criminal--Housing Sessions	0	80	14	66
Total criminal	11,771[f]	101,354	94,687	10,543[g]
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Motor vehicle	11,075	X	X	5,483
Infractions awaiting payment	13,209	X	X	13,047
Total	24,284	322,705	328,459	18,530
Total traffic	24,284	322,705	328,459	18,530
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquency referrals	4,390[f]	15,993	16,505	3,878
Non-offense:				
Neglect	282[f]	748	663	367
Total juvenile	4,672[f]	16,741	17,168	4,245
Grand total	112,274[fi]	588,704	502,093[i]	108,356[i]

Trial[di]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Law[m]	438	2,062	2,500
Domestic relations[m]	--	1,078	1,078
Total	438	3,140	3,578
Criminal:			
Felony Part A	207	0	207
Felony/misdemeanor	311	957	1,268
Total	518	957	1,475
Grand total	956[i]	4,097[i]	5,053[i]

Status of pending caseload (6/30/79)

	Felony (Part A)
Waiting plea	274
Waiting trial	2,366
Waiting sentence	252

Age of pending caseload (months) (6/30/79)

	0-3 months	3-6 months	6-12 months	Over 12 months
Criminal Part A	932	578	686	696
Juvenile delinquency	2,544	904	430[n]	(n)

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Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court but the data are unavailable.
-- = Not applicable.

[b]Particular court or reporting system information:
On July 1, 1978, the Court of Common Pleas and the Juvenile Court were unified with the Superior Court. As a result, data reported for 1979 for this court are not comparable to those reported from previous years.
Starting with this profile, data from the Appellate Session of Superior Court are given in a separate profile as an intermediate appellate court. These data were included in the Superior Court profile in previous years.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures reported were affected by the consolidation of the courts that occured during 1979.
Figures are given as in the reports.

[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Pending figures are given for active cases only. There was no information available on the number of cases transferred from active to inactive status or from inactive to active status during the year, resulting in the imbalance.

[i]Data are not complete:
No pending or disposition data were available for **small claims** cases not handled by the Housing Sessions. These data are missing from the total small claims, total civil, and grand total pending and disposition figures.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Civil law cases include **torts, contracts,** collection cases, and appeals of wills and estates in trust from the Probate Court.

[k]Additional information:
The Housing Session was initiated in January, 1979. Data for the Housing Session are given for the final six months of the year.
Four thousand eight hundred twenty Part B **criminal** cases were transferred to Part A.
In addition to the data included in the profile, there were 856 inactive Part A criminal cases and 10,542 inactive Part B (4,055 in diversionary stage and 6,487 with rearrest pending) cases pending at the beginning of the year and 965 Part A and 13,508 Part B (5,035 in diversionary stage and 8,473 with rearrest pending) cases pending at the end of the year.

[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
Data for **civil** trials are given for law cases on the jury, non-jury, or appeal of administrative agency case trial lists and **domestic relations marriage dissolution** cases.
Trial data were not available for any cases handled by the Housing Sessions or for **civil, small claims,** or law cases disposed in the geographic area courts, formerly the Courts of Common Pleas.

Source: Office of Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department, Court Unification: The First 365 Days (Hartford, Connecticut), and Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department, Report of the Judicial Department, State of Connecticut, July 1, 1978-June 30, 1980 (Hartford, Connecticut: January, 1981). Statistics are from these two reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

CONNECTICUT PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
129 courts, 129 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations:				
Adoption:				
Approval of adoption agreement	N/A	841	N/A	N/A
Other domestic relations:				
Termination of parental rights	N/A	654	N/A	N/A
Combination termination of parental rights and adoption	N/A	280	N/A	N/A
Marriages (permission and waiver)	N/A	910	N/A	N/A
Other applications or petitions	N/A	60	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	1,904	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	2,745	N/A	N/A
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Decedent's estate	N/A	31,467	N/A	N/A
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardians	N/A	1,753	N/A	N/A
Conservators	N/A	3,898	N/A	N/A
Trustees	N/A	5,319	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	10,970	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	42,437	N/A	N/A
Mental health:				
Application for committment-adult	N/A	1,520	N/A	N/A
Other civil:				
Change of name	N/A	363	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	47,065	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	47,065	N/A	N/A

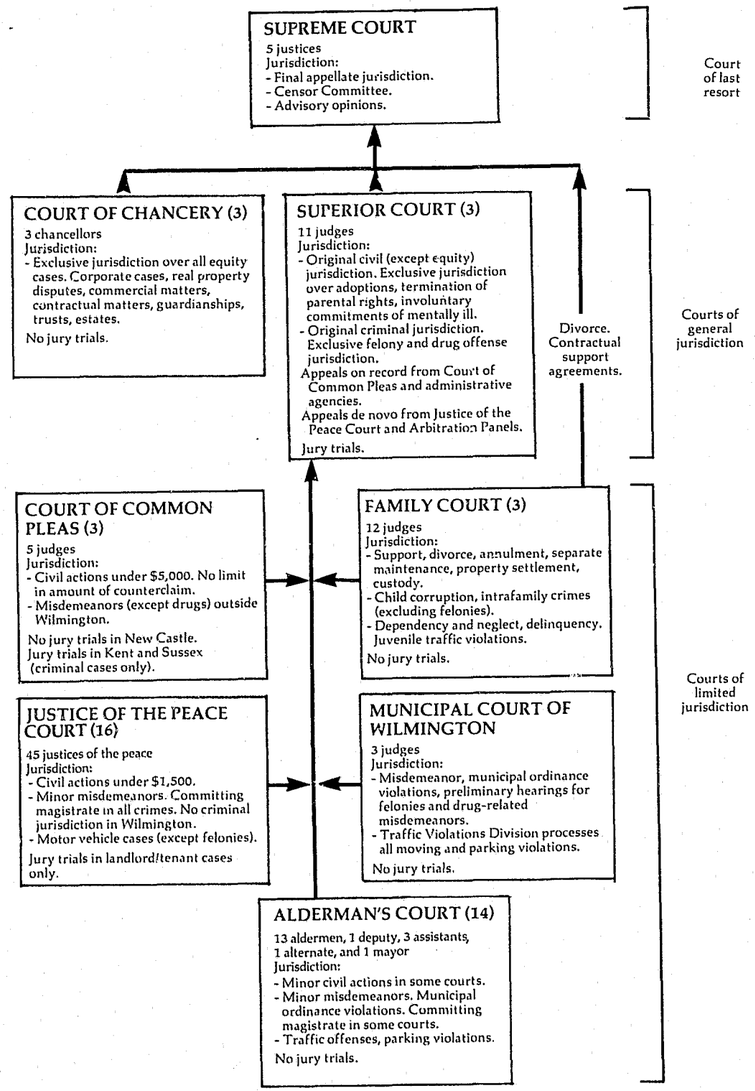
Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

[k]Additional information:
In addition the court handled 8,851 passport applications.

Source: Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department, Report of the Judicial Department, State of Connecticut, July 1, 1978-June 30, 1980 (Hartford, Connecticut: January, 1981). Statistics are from the biennial report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

DELAWARE COURT SYSTEM, 1979



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

DELAWARE SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil[i]	188[f]	191	218	161
Criminal	133[f]	126	124	135
Total appeals	321[f]	317	342	296
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Original applications	6	16	11	11
Certifications	2	4	5	1
Total	8	20	16	12
Advisory opinions	0	2	0	2
Total	8	22	16	14
Total other cases	8	22	16	14
Total cases	329	339	358	310

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[f]Beginning pending figures for the 1979 court year do not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year: Figures were adjusted from those originally reported in the 1978 Delaware Annual Report.

Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1979 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1979). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

DELAWARE COURT OF CHANCERY[k]
Court of general jurisdiction
3 counties, 3 chancellors
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Estates	2,908	1,766	1,657	3,017
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardians for minors	1,074	126	151	1,049
Guardians for infirm	723	122	73	772
Trusts	1,982	137	133	1,986
Trustees for mentally ill	169	6	4	171
Total	3,948	391	361	3,978
Other estate:				
Other matters	307	83	66	324
Total	7,163	2,240	2,084	7,319
Other civil:				
Civil cases[j]	661	417	383	695
Total civil	7,824	2,657	2,467	8,014
Grand total	7,824	2,657	2,467	8,014

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Civil cases include corporate cases, equity, real property disputes (boundaries and title), commercial matters, contractual matters, Delaware's "Sunshine Law," etc. Corporate matters take up most of the time.

[k]Additional information:
This profile does not include referrals to the Public Guardian. The Public Guardian refers cases to the Court of Chancery if he thinks a guardianship may be necessary. In the fiscal year 1978-79 there were 79 beginning pending, 119 filed, 110 disposed, and 88 end pending cases for the Public Guardian. The 119 filed cases were 8 guardianships and 111 investigations.

Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1979 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1979). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

DELAWARE SUPERIOR COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
3 counties, 11 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Complaints	2,479	1,875	1,665	2,689
Real property rights:				
Mechanic's liens and morgages	385	658	579	464
Domestic relations:				
Other domestic relations:				
Terminations and adoptions	185	304	308	181
Mental health:				
Involuntary commitments	104	674	650	128
Appeal	394	216	225	385
Other civil:				
Miscellaneous	160	394	340	214
Total civil	3,707	4,121	3,767	4,061
Criminal[d]:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal[j]	1,417	2,729	3,186	1,181
Appeal	(j)	221	(j)	(j)
Total criminal	1,417	2,950	3,186[k]	1,181[k]
Grand total	5,124	7,071	6,953	5,242

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil[m]			
Law	X	X	128
Real property rights	X	X	3
Total	X	X	131
Criminal[k]	269	50	319
Total	N/A	N/A	450

Time interval data (average days)[n]

	Between filing and disposition
Civil:	
Law	490.4
Real property rights	159.3
Other domestic relations	138.1
Mental health	36.1
Appeal	434.1
Other civil	95.8

Criminal dispositions[k]

	Felony/misdemeanor
Jury trial:	
Guilty	154
Guilty plea	41
Not guilty	38
Dismissal at trial	10
Nolle prosequi at trial	6
Hung jury	20
Mistrial	11
Non-jury trial:	
Guilty	31
Guilty plea	1
Not guilty	16
Directed verdict	1
Nolle prosequi at trial	1
Plea	1,962
Total trial conviction	227
Total acquittal	55
Dismissal	31
Nolle prosequi	796
Appeal dismissed, record remanded	55
Remand	5
Diversions and consolidations	7

Time interval data (average days)

	Mean	Median[n]
Criminal:		
Arrest to disposition[n]	88.6	70.5
Indictment to disposition[n]	67.1	46.5
Length of trial	1.77	N/A

Civil disposition

	Law	Real property rights	Domestic relations	Mental health	Appeals	Other	Total
Granted			294			260	554
Dismissed	215	13	14	226	37	70	575
Withdrawn:							
Voluntary dismissals	899	159	--	--	63	0	1,121
Uncontested:							
Voluntary commitment	--	--	--	424	--	--	424
Default judgment for plaintiff	300	388	--	--	--	0	688
Other judgment for plaintiff	83	9	--	--	--	0	92
Judgment for defendant	34	2	--	--	--	0	36
Split decision	6	5	--	--	--	0	11
Affirmed	--	--	--	--	72	--	72
Reversed	--	--	--	--	20	--	20
Affirmed in part, reversed in part	--	--	--	--	6	--	6
Remanded	--	--	--	--	27	--	27
Other	0	0	0	0	0	10	10

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[d] Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, transfer, appeal, or reinstatement. A defendant with a consecutively numbered series of information, appeals, or transfers filed on the same day is counted as one defendant.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.

[j] Explanation of data included in the category:
Involuntary commitment proceedings are held only in New Castle County.
Criminal case figures include appeals that are tried de novo except for filings, which can be separated into new filings and appeals.

[k] Additional information:
The number of pending **criminal** defendants displayed includes those which are triable and not triable.
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In addition to the **criminal** case dispositions listed there were also 257 unindicted **criminal** cases disposed by nolle prosequi. These cases were not counted with the other **criminal** dispositions because these cases were never actually before the Superior Court. The cases had been bound over to Superior Court either because probable cause was found at the preliminary hearing, or because the preliminary hearing was waived, but either the Attorney General then decided not to seek indictment, or the grand jury ignored the indictment.
The trial information counts the number of trials held. More than one defendant's case may be disposed of by a single trial. There were 280 defendants whose cases were disposed of by jury trial, and 50 whose cases were disposed of by non-jury trial.

[m] Information on disposition type or trial data:
Only **law** and **real property rights** cases are tried in this court.

[n] Information on time interval or age of pending caseload data:
Arrest to disposition times include all defendants.
Indictment to disposition times include indicted defendants only.
Median time values were calculated using the grouped medians method.

Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1979 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1979). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

DELAWARE FAMILY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
3 courts, 12 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed[k]	End pending[k]
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce and annulments	999	3,560	3,734	825
Support/custody:				
New support	X	3,405	X	X
Arrearages and modifications	X	2,941	X	X
Custody/visitation	X	2,665	X	X
Total		9,011	X	
Other domestic relations:				
Visitation	X	591	X	X
Imperiling	X	584	X	X
Ancillary matters	X	1,029	X	X
Total	X	2,204	X	X
Total	X	14,775	X	X
Other civil	X	812	X	X
Total civil	2,595	15,587	15,189	2,993
Criminal[d]:				
Other criminal:				
Adult criminal	220	2,345	2,328	237
Total criminal	220	2,345	2,328	237
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Traffic--juvenile	X	763	X	X
Total traffic	X	763	X	X
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Felony	X	2,041	X	X
Misdemeanor	X	5,402	X	X
Total	X	7,443	X	X
Status offense	X	736	X	X
Total juvenile	X	8,179	X	X
Grand total	3,922	26,874	26,475	4,321

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X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal, traffic, and juvenile unit of count is the number of single incidents. Multiple complaints arising from a single incident are counted as a single petition.

Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1979 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1979). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

DELAWARE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
16 courts, 45 justices of the peace
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Total civil	13,691	16,459	15,384	14,766
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal	X	17,570	X	X
Other criminal:				
Fish/game	X	2,090	X	X
Other	X	3,296	X	X
Total	X	5,386	X	X
Total criminal	X	22,956	X	X
Traffic:				
Total traffic	X	86,355	X	X
Grand total	14,644	125,770	124,178	16,236

Criminal and traffic dispositions

By mail-in fine	59,276
By court appearance	48,861
By counsel appearance	657

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X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.

Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1979 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1979). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

DELAWARE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
Court of limited jurisdiction
3 courts, 5 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Other civil:				
Complaints[j]	X	3,545	X	X
Miscellaneous[j]	X	194	X	X
Total	1,586	3,739	3,238	2,087
Total civil	1,586	3,739	3,238	2,087
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal	1,130	7,411	7,394	1,147
Total criminal	1,130	7,411	7,394	1,147
Grand total	2,716	11,150	10,632	3,234

	Trial[d]		
	Jury[a]	Non-jury	Total
Criminal	50	7,344	7,394

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X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Jury trials are not handled in the New Castle County Court of Common Pleas; jury trials for criminal cases are held in Kent and Sussex Counties. If a jury demand is made in New Castle County, the case is transferred to the Superior Court.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted if the case is not disposed of by a jury trial. Disposition by guilty plea, nolle prosequi, dismissal, etc., are all counted as non-jury trials.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
"Complaints" includes complaints for damages (including those involving automobiles), replevins, foreign attachments, and domestic attachments.
"Miscellaneous" includes civil judgments and petitions for name change.

Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1979 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1979). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MUNICIPAL COURT OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 3 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal[d]:				
Other criminal:				
Criminal[j]	407	9,154	9,023	538
Total criminal	407	9,154	9,023	538
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation	1,225	17,199	17,591	833
Total traffic[j]	1,225	17,199	17,591	833
Grand total	1,632	26,353	26,614	1,371

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Criminal cases include misdemeanor, ordinance violation, and preliminary hearing cases.

Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1979 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1979). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

DELAWARE ALDERMAN'S COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
14 courts, 13 aldermen and 1 mayor[c]
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Small claims:				
Other	0[i]	53[i]	175[i]	09[i]
Total civil	0[i]	53[i]	175[i]	09[i]
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal	0[i]	1,393[i]	2,036[i]	119[i]
Total criminal	0[i]	1,393[i]	2,036[i]	119[i]
Traffic:				
Total traffic	202[i]	7,975[i]	14,329[i]	1299[i]
Grand total	219[i]	10,935[i]	16,540[i]	1699[i]

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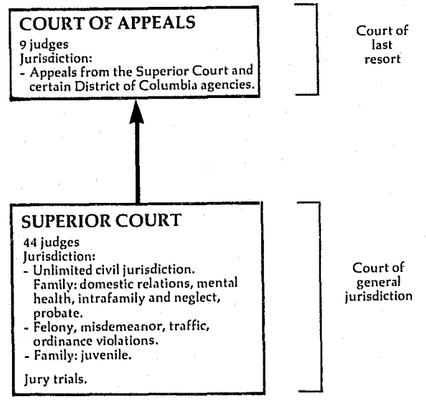
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[c]Judge information:
In addition to the aldermen and mayor serving this court, there are also 1 deputy, 3 assistant, and positions for 2 alternate aldermen, one of which was vacant during 1979.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Difference is due to the various sources of missing data listed below.
[i]Data are not complete:
No filing or pending data were available for the courts in Newport, Harrington, Bridgeville, and Ocean View. The court in Newark did not report any pending data.
Civil disposed and grand total disposed figures do not include data from August 1978 through December 1978 for the Harrington Alderman's Court.
No data were available for criminal and traffic dispositions for November and December 1978 and March 1979 for the Blades Alderman's Court.
Pending and filed figures for the court in Rehoboth Beach were not divided into criminal and traffic cases. These cases were included in the grand total figures reported (17 beginning pending, 1,514 filed, and 29 end pending) but are not included in either the criminal or traffic totals.

Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1979 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1979). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT SYSTEM, 1979



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS
Court of last resort
9 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	X	419	X	X
Criminal	X	574	X	X
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Agency	X	124	X	X
Total appeals[j]	X	1,117[j]	1,278[j]	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Originial jurisdiction:				
Special proceedings[j]	X	79	X	X
Disciplinary	N/A	40	40	N/A
Total	X[i]	119	40[i]	X[i]
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions for review	X	(j)	(j)	X
Total other cases	X[i]	119	X	X[i]
Total cases	1,134[fil]	1,236	1,318	1,052[i]
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Procedural motions	0	7,093	7,093	0
Substantive motions	0	1,303	1,303	0
Total	0	8,396	8,396	0
Total other proceedings	0	8,396	8,396	0

Manner of disposition	
Opinion	319
Judgment	400
By order	559

Time interval (average days)	
Notice of appeal to filing of record	127[l]
Filing of record until briefing is completed	142[l]
Completed briefing to argument or submission	94[l]
Argument or submission to decision	112[l]
Notice of appeal to decision	449

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year.
Figure is as provided by the administrative office of the court during data verification.
[i]Data are not complete:
The total **original proceedings** disposed figure does not include special proceedings cases.
Disciplinary cases are not included in the total cases pending figures.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Total appeals figures include **appeals** and petitions for review cases.
"Special proceedings" include mandamus, prohibition, extradition, habeas corpus, contempt, and mental health cases. Formerly the majority of these cases were categorized under **criminal appeals.**
[l]Special source or revision in the data:
Beginning and end pending figures for total cases and other figures as footnoted were provided by the administrative office of the court during data verification.

Source: Joint Committee on Judicial Administration in the District of Columbia and Executive Officer, 1979 Annual Report (Washington, D.C.). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional information was supplied by the administrative office of the court during data verification.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SUPERIOR COURT[a]
Court of general jurisdiction
1 court, 44 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[dk]:				
Law:				
Civil jury	3,986	3,670	3,806	3,850
Civil non-jury	1,192	2,308	1,908	1,592
Total	5,178	5,978	5,714	5,442
Small claims	1,953	28,882	29,043	1,792
Real property rights:				
Landlord and tenant	7,909[fk]	102,938	103,429	7,418
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	4,753	4,161	4,488	4,426
Support/custody:				
Support	548	364	253	659
Reciprocal support	1,490	1,088	813	1,765
Total	2,038	1,452	1,066	2,424
Adoption	233	350	339	244
Other domestic relations:				
Paternity	397	1,104	670	831
Intrafamily[j]	884	810	542	1,152
Total	1,281	1,914	1,212	1,983
Total	8,305	7,877	7,105	9,077
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Decedents' estates	X	2,230	X	X
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Minors' estates	X	125	X	X
Conservatorships and miscellaneous judiciary cases	X	208	X	X
Total	X	333	X	X
Total	3,380[l]	2,563	2,324	3,619[l]
Mental health:				
Judicial petitions	67[fh]	877	826	118
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Civil tax	222	189	120	291
Criminal tax	418	258	423	253
Total	640	447	543	544
Extraordinary writ:				
Habeas corpus	17	14	25	6
Other civil:				
Auditor-master division[j]	444	1,676	1,638	482
Total civil	27,893[f]	151,252	150,647	28,498
Criminal[dj]:				
Felony	1,049	4,005	3,960	1,094
Misdemeanor	2,407	15,150	13,090	4,467
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony pre-indictments	264	7,010	7,080	194
Ordinance violation:				
Major triable District of Columbia cases	38	81	100	19
Other District of Columbia cases	276	3,424	3,448	252
Total	314	3,505	3,548	271
Extraordinary writ:				
Special proceedings[j]	57	1,711	1,726	42
Total criminal	4,091	31,381	29,404	6,068
Traffic[j]:				
Other traffic violation:				
Major triable traffic	930	4,956	4,665	1,221
Other traffic	5,062	16,287	21,188	161
Total	5,992	21,243[k]	25,853	1,382
Total traffic	5,992	21,243	25,853	1,382
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquency	944[l]	5,242[l]	4,837	1,349[l]
Status offense:				
Person in need of supervision	38[l]	344[l]	330	52[l]
Non-offense:				
Neglect	124	466	456	134
Total juvenile	1,106	6,052	5,623	1,527
Grand total	39,082[f]	209,928	211,527	37,475

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Law	193	154	347
Small claims	---	N/A	N/A
Mental health	12	3	15
Appeal	0	154	154
Total	205	311[i]	516[i]
Criminal:			
Felony	528	47	575
Misdemeanor	377	101	478
Ordinance violation	2	135	137
Total	907	283	1,190
Traffic:			
Other traffic violation[m]	42	394	436
Grand total	1,154	988[i]	2,142[i]

Civil (law) dispositions

Settled before court	1,943
Dismissed before trial	938
Removed from calendar	349
Settled at pre-trial or trial conference	1,189
Summary judgment granted	156
Settlement	110
Dismissed for want ofprosecution	59
Consent or confessed judgment	52
Dismissed by motion	65
Default judgment	166
Exparte	2
Judgment on pleadings	96
Stays	0
Motion for judgment granted	93
Other	59
Dismissed-pretrial motion	90

Juvenile dispositions

	Criminal type offense and status offense
Not petitioned	1,449
Closed	852
Committed to SSA	438
Consent decree	647
Dismissed	383
Disposed on another case	510
Transferred	0
Probation	611
Suspended commitment	275
Other	10

Traffic dispositions[m]

Other traffic violation:	
Guilty plea	3,535
Dismissed by court	998
Nolle prosequi	11,228
No paper	1,033
Transfer Rule 105	8
Absconded	2,738
Security forfeit	5,408
Other[m]	469

Time interval data (average months)

Time trial could be had after case was placed on calendar:

Civil jury	12.0
Civil non-jury	11.0

Criminal dispositions

	Felony	Misdemeanor	Ordinance violation	Preliminary hearing	Extraordinary writ	Total
Jury trial:						
Guilty	324	188	X	--	--	512[i]
Not guilty	146	140	X	--	--	286[i]
Mistrial	51	23	X	--	--	74[i]
Motions for judgment of acquittal	7	26	X	--	--	33[i]
Total	528	377	2	--	--	907
Non-jury trial:						
Guilty	22	81	X	--	--	103[i]
Not guilty	25	19	X	--	--	44[i]
Motions for judgment of acquittal	0	1	X	--	--	1[i]
Total	47	101	135	--	--	283
Dismissed by court	458	554	205	615	9	1,861[l]
No paper	0	2,260	1,325	1,370	--	4,955
Nolle prosequi	38	3,577	530	262	250[l]	4,657
Guilty plea	2,367	4,313	612	--	--	7,292
Absconded	449	1,284	211	134	26	2,104
Mental observation	0	186	2	109	--	297[l]
Transfer Rule 105	0	332	0	--	--	332[l]
Security forfeit	0	0	526	--	--	526
Held for Grand Jury	--	--	--	2,964	--	2,964
Waived Grand Jury	--	--	--	1,169	--	1,169
No probable cause	--	--	--	80	--	80
Certified to U.S. Magistrate	--	--	--	79	--	79
Indictment filed	--	--	--	216	--	216
Extradition waived	--	--	--	--	507	507
Extradition granted	--	--	--	--	31	31
Extradition denied	--	--	--	--	0	0
Special proceedings granted	--	--	--	--	774	774
Special proceedings denied	--	--	--	--	129	129
Others	73	106	0	62	0	241

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Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
-- = Not applicable.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Superior Court data are displayed according to case types, not court divisions as they exist in the Superior Court. Civil Division handles civil jury, civil non-jury, **small claims**, and landlord and tenant cases. Family Division handles divorce, **adoption**, paternity, support, reciprocal support, intrafamily, judicial petitions, habeas corpus, delinquency, neglect, and person in need of supervision cases. Probate Division handles decedent's estates and minor's estates cases. Tax Division handles civil tax and criminal tax cases. Criminal Division handles all **criminal** and **traffic** cases.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted when it is placed on the calendar (has reached issue).
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A jury trial is counted if tried to verdict.
A non-jury trial is counted if tried to decision.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year.
The difference is due to adjustments made by the administrative office of the court.

[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
There was a correction of -8 cases made to the **juvenile criminal-type offense** caseload data during the year.

[h]Figure was computed:
Figure was computed from filed, disposed, and end pending data.

[i]Data are not complete:
No data were available for the number of nonjury trials conducted for **small claims** cases. As a result, nonjury and total trial figures for total civil and total cases are not complete.
No breakdown was available for the outcome of non-jury trials for **criminal ordinance violations** cases. The total breakdown of the result of criminal non-jury trials is therefore not complete.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
The business of the auditor-master division includes fiduciary accounts, orders of reference, and inventories.
Special proceedings include fugitive from justice complaints, writs of habeas corpus, extradition of out of state witnesses, adversary hearings, and show cause of contempt proceedings.
Criminal and **traffic** cases filed include new filings and reinstated cases.

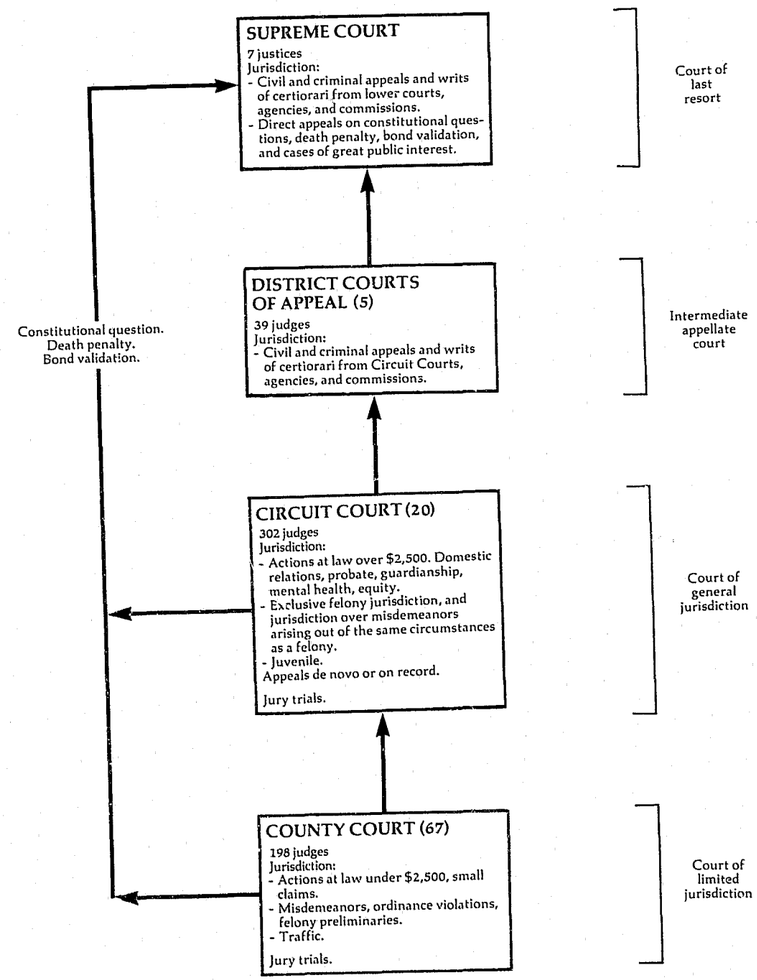
[k]Additional information:
Information on the beginning pending figure for landlord and tenant cases reflects a change in administrative policy. Beginning in 1978, pending cases reported include all undisposed cases. Prior to 1978, practice was to reflect as pending only those cases for which trial had been set.
Starting in 1979, most minor traffic violations were transferred to the Department of Transportation.

[l]Special source or revision in the data:
These figures were provided by the staff of the Executive Officer during data verification.

[m]Disposition type or trial data:
Other traffic dispositions are defendants whose cases are in the traffic summons stage in accordance with procedures outlined in the Traffic Violation Notice System.

Source: Joint Committee on Judicial Administration in the District of Columbia and Executive Officer, 1979 Annual Report (Washington, D.C.). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional informaiton was provided by the staff of the Executive Officer during data verification.

FLORIDA COURT SYSTEM, 1979



FLORIDA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals	X	372	386	X
Total appeals	X	372	386	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Habeas corpus	X	156	161	X
Mandamus	X	98	111	X
Prohibition	X	39	39	X
Board of Bar Examiners	X	37	29	X
Other	X	24	24	X
Total	X	354	364	X
Disciplinary:				
Florida Bar	X	163	143	X
Advisory opinion:				
Certified questions	X	3	5	X
Total	X	520	512	X
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions for writs of certiorari from:				
District Courts of Appeal	X	1,264	1,200	X
Circuit Court	X	25	20	X
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Industrial Relations Commission	X	346	374	X
Public Service Commission	X	23	29	X
Total	X	369	403	X
Other	X	11	3	X
Total	X	1,669	1,626	X
Total other cases	X	2,189	2,138	X
Total cases	1,363[1]	2,561	2,524	1,403[1]
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests:				
Petitions for rehearing	64[1]	236[1]	255[1]	47[1]
Total other proceedings	64[1]	236[1]	255[1]	47[1]

Manner of disposition[1]

Opinion:	
Written opinion	188
Per curiam	229
Total	417
Disposition by order	2,107

Status of pending caseload[1] (12/31/79)

Number of cases:	
Not perfected	391
Ready for argument	60
Under consideration	952
Total	1,403

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[9]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
There were +3 corrections made to the count of cases and +2 corrections made to the count of other proceedings in the court during the year by the clerk of the court.
[1]Special source or revision in the data:
Figures footnoted were supplied by the clerk of the court during data verification.

Source: Office of State Courts Administrator, Florida Judicial System Statistical Report 1979 (Tallahassee, Florida). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional information was supplied by the clerk of the court during data verification.

FLORIDA DISTRICT COURTS OF APPEAL
Intermediate appellate court
5 districts, 39 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals	X	10,039	8,641	X
Total appeals	X	10,039	8,641	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Other original writs	X	780	628	X
Advisory opinion:				
Other[J]	X	1,019	1,043	X
Total	X	1,799	1,671	X
Requests to appeal:				
Certiorari	X	512	549	X
Total other cases	X	2,311	2,220	X
Total cases	6,641[1]	12,350	10,861	8,241[9][1]

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[9]Change in pending does not equal the different between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as given in the annual report and by the administrative office of the courts.
[J]Explanation of data included in the category:
"Other" category includes reinstated appeals and certified questions.
[1]Special source or revision in the data:
Pending figures were provided by the administrative office of the courts during data verification.

Source: Office of State Courts Administrator, Florida Judicial System Statistical Report 1979 (Tallahassee, Florida). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional information was supplied by the Office of the State Courts Administrator during data verification.

FLORIDA CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
20 circuits, 302 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Tort:				
Professional tort:				
Medical malpractice	N/A	853	880	N/A
Other tort:				
Negligence	N/A	19,513	18,888	N/A
Total	N/A	20,366	19,768	N/A
Contract:				
Contracts and indebtedness	N/A	30,539	22,991	N/A
Real property rights:				
Condemnation	N/A	1,130	871	N/A
Real property/mortgage foreclosure	N/A	14,819	13,905	N/A
Total	N/A	15,949	14,776	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Dissolution and annulment	N/A	79,497	71,976	N/A
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Probate	N/A	37,965	36,614	N/A
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship	N/A	4,731	3,692	N/A
Trusts	N/A	147	193	N/A
Total	N/A	4,878	3,885	N/A
Total	N/A	42,843	40,499	N/A
Mental health	N/A	13,570	12,779	N/A
Appeal	N/A	734[l]	477[l]	N/A
Other civil	N/A	55,847	48,566	N/A
Total civil	N/A	259,345	231,832	N/A
Criminal:				
Felony:				
Capital punishment crimes	N/A	791	372	N/A
Crimes against persons	N/A	24,206	20,932	N/A
Crimes against property	N/A	38,095	32,176	N/A
Drugs	N/A	17,722	15,597	N/A
Other felonies	N/A	26,145	22,071	N/A
Total	N/A	106,959	91,148	N/A
Appeal	N/A	827	664	
Total criminal	N/A	107,786	91,812	N/A
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquency	N/A	66,504	62,168	N/A
Non-offense:				
Dependency	N/A	16,558	13,417	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	83,062	75,585	N/A
Grand total	N/A	390,193	399,229	N/A

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil[m]	2,759	132,988	135,747
Criminal[m] **(felony)**	2,761	1,413	4,174
Total	5,520	134,401	139,921

Civil dispositions

Dismissed before hearing 42,330

Criminal (felony) dispositions[m]

Jury trial:	
Conviction	1,497
Acquitted or dismissed	913
Convicted after plea	124
Adjudication withheld	227
Non-jury trial:	
Conviction	531
Acquitted or dismissed	418
Convicted after plea	109
Adjudication withheld	355
Before trial:	
Convicted after plea	18,858
Adjudication withheld	15,952
Dismissed	35,733
Transferred to another court	10,854
Other	5,577

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint arising from a single criminal episode.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs. All civil cases not disposed by jury trial or dismissed before trial are considered disposed by judge (non-jury trial).

[l]Special source or revision in the data:
The figures footnoted were supplied by the administrative office of the court during data verification.

[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
Civil trial data do not include **estate** or **appeal** cases.
Criminal trial and disposition data totals do not include appeals.

Source: Office of State Courts Administrator, Florida Judicial System Statistical Report 1979 (Tallahassee, Florida). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and corrections were provided by the administrative office of the courts during data verification.

FLORIDA COUNTY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
67 counties, 198 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Summary procedure[j]	N/A	151,221	372	N/A
Other civil cases[j]	N/A	58,667	51,305	N/A
Total	N/A	209,888	197,656	N/A
Total civil	N/A	209,888	197,656	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	165,294	144,838	N/A
Ordinance violation:				
Municipal ordinance	N/A	51,204	45,888	N/A
County ordinance	N/A	17,337	15,837	N/A
Total	N/A	68,541	61,725	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	233,835	206,563	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Civil infractions	N/A	1,580,917	1,459,988	N/A
Criminal cases	N/A	402,366	369,346	N/A
Total	N/A	1,983,283	1,829,334	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	1,983,283	1,829,334	N/A
Grand total	N/A	2,427,006	2,233,553	N/A

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	63	116,125	116,188
Criminal	2,106	8,031	10,137
Traffic[m]	1,951	32,100	34,051
Total	4,120	156,256	160,376

Civil dispositions

Dismissed before hearing .. 81,468

Traffic dispositions

Civil infractions:	
After hearing	227,224
Other than hearing	1,232,764
Criminal cases:	
Bond estreature	13,414
Plea	200,007
Other	121,874

Criminal dispositions

Jury trial:	
Conviction	453
Acquittal or dismissed	908
Convicted after plea	435
Adjudication withheld	310
Non-jury trial:	
Conviction	2,375
Acquittal or dismissed	3,037
Convicted after plea	1,005
Adjudication withheld	1,614
Before trial:	
Convicted after plea	88,675
Adjudication withheld	30,320
Dismissed	47,363
Transferred to another court	1,986
Other	28,082

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

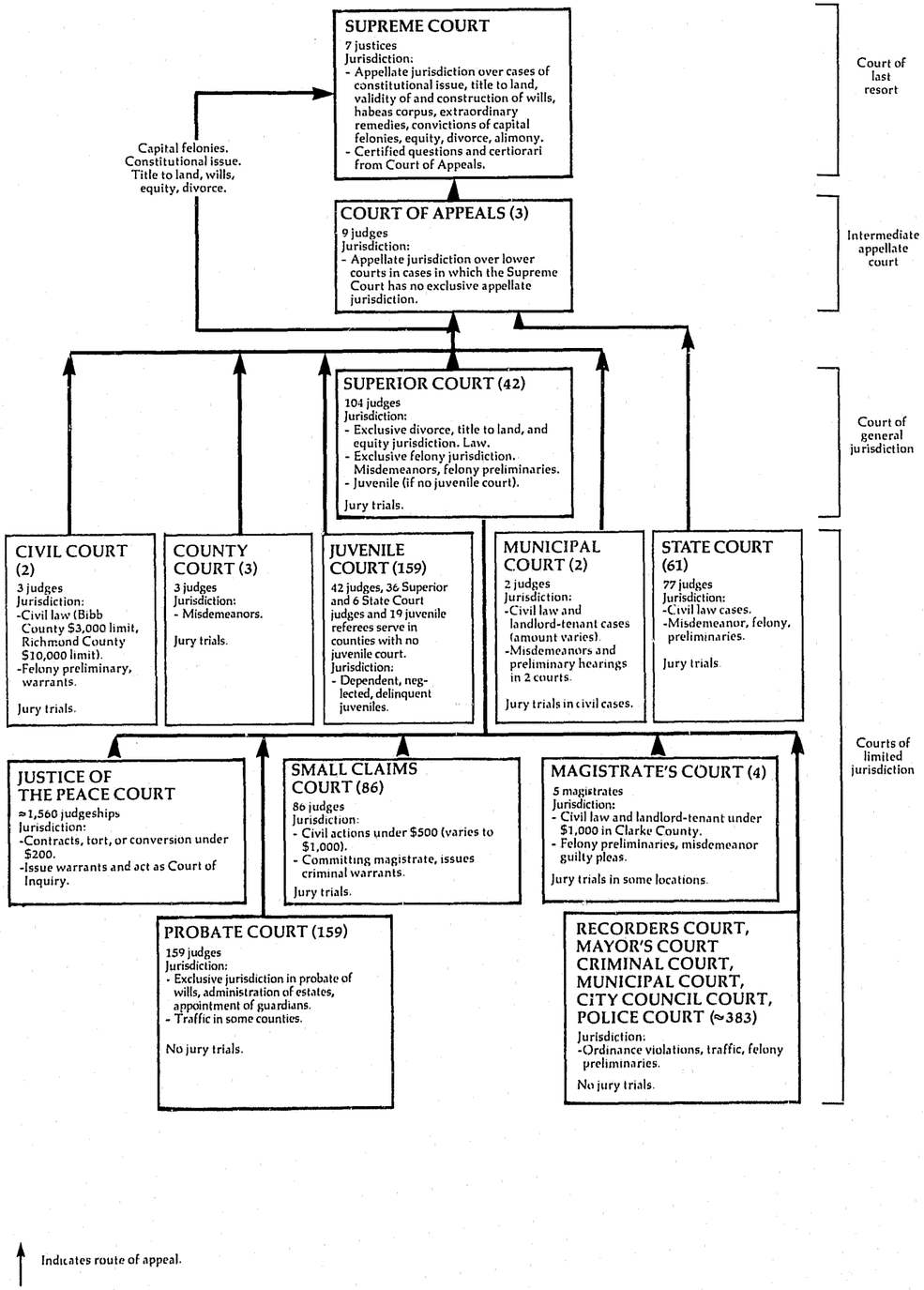
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint, from a single criminal episode.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs. All civil cases not disposed by jury trial or dismissed before trial are considered disposed by judge (non-jury trial).

[j]Explanation of data included in the category.
Summary procedure cases are those involving $0 to $1,500 in damages.
Other civil cases are those involving $1,500 to $2,500 as well as nonmonetary civil cases.

[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
Trials are held for criminal **traffic** cases only. Hearings are held for civil infractions; these hearings are not included with the trial data.

Source: Office of State Courts Administrator, Florida Judicial System Statistical Report, 1979 (Tallahassee, Florida). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

GEORGIA COURT SYSTEM, 1979



GEORGIA SUPREME COURT[b]
Court of last resort
7 justices
September 1, 1978 to August 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Total appeals	158	738 (140)[e]	801	235
Other cases:				
Requests to appeal:				
Applications for certiorari	107	471	390 (86)[e]	102
Applications (habeas corpus)	37	164	119 (26)[e]	56
Applications for interlocutory appeal	2	72	40 (27)[e]	7
Applications for discretionary appeal	0	5	3 (1)[e]	1
Total	146	712	552 (140)[e]	166
Total other cases	146	712	552 (140)[e]	166
Total cases	304	1,450 (140)[e]	1,353 (140)[e]	401

Manner of disposition

Written opinions	646[m]
Transfer to Court of Appeals	47
Other	108

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Requests to appeal granted are not counted as disposed until the resulting **appeals** are disposed; similarly the resulting **appeals** are not counted as new filing. These granted **requests to appeal** are the numbers appearing in parentheses in the profile.

[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
These 646 opinions were written during the 1979 court year which ran from September 1978 to August 1979. The remaining data on this profile covers the fiscal year. Since more than one case may be decided by one opinion, the number of cases decided may be somewhat greater than the number of opinions.

Source: Unpublished information provided by the clerk of the court, Administrative Office of the Courts, Sixth Annual Report (Atlanta, Georgia: February, 1980) and Timothy W. Floyd, The Caseload of the Supreme Court of Georgia (unpublished). Statistics are taken from the unpublished reports and annual report except that totals were computed where necessary.

GEORGIA COURT OF APPEALS[b]
Intermediate appellate court
3 divisions, 9 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Total appeals	0	X	X	0
Other cases:				
Original proceedings	0	X	X	0
Requests to appeal:				
Application in interlocutory matter	0	X	X	0
Total other cases	0	X	X	0
Total cases	0	1,969	1,969	0

Manner of disposition

Written opinion	1,732
Withdrawn or transferred to the Supreme Court	237

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[b]Particular court or reporting system information:
During 1978, this court changed its reporting period from the calendar year to the fiscal year. As a result, data displayed in this chart overlap by six months the data presented for this court for the 1977 court year.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Sixth Annual Report (Atlanta, Georgia: February, 1980). Statistics are taken from the annual report except that totals were computed where necessary.

GEORGIA SUPERIOR COURT[c]
Court of general jurisdiction
42 circuits, 104 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending[l]	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations	43,956[l]	61,016	56,508	44,2229
Other civil:				
General civil	44,484[l]	35,306	30,349	44,1749
Independent motions	22,179[l]	19,116	15,100[l]	20,6299
Total	66,663[l]	54,422	45,449[l]	64,8039
Total civil	110,619[l]	115,438	101,957[l]	109,0259
Criminal[d]:				
Felony	18,423[l]	28,511	27,317	15,6529
Misdemeanor	9,918[l]	16,969	15,842	8,3549
Total criminal	28,341[l]	45,480	43,159	24,0069
Traffic:				
Total traffic	3,517[l]	15,008	15,356	3,2359
Grand total	142,477	175,926	160,472[l]	136,2669

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Domestic relations	355	24,365	24,720
Other civil	1,573	7,952	9,525
Total	1,928	32,317	34,245
Criminal (counts):			
Felony	2,782	729	3,511
Misdemeanor	375	519	894
Total	3,157	1,248	4,405
Traffic (counts)	196	201	397
Grand total	5,281	33,766	39,047

Civil dispositions

	Before trial judgment	Dismissal or settlement	5-year Admin. termination
Domestic relations	19,144	12,223	421
Other civil	17,602	17,714	608

Criminal dispositions[m]

	Felony	Misdemeanor	Total
Pleas	24,721	9,923	34,644
Bond	0	2,828	2,828
Dismissal/nol prosequi	8,557	4,880	13,437
Dead docket[m]	2,519	652	3,171

Traffic dispositions[m]

Pleas	5,144
Bond	10,432
Dismissal/nolle prosequi	1,278
Dead docket[m]	128

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[c]Judge information:
Superior Court judges handle **juvenile** cases in those counties without independent Juvenile Court judges. These cases are included on the Juvenile Court statistical profile.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of dockets per the indictment or accusation.
A jury trial is counted if tried to verdict.
A non-jury trial is counted if tried to decision.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as given by the annual report and the administrative office of the court.
[l]Special source or revision in data:
End pending figures, and other civil dispositions were obtained from the AOC during verification.
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
"Dead docket" refers to **criminal** or **traffic** cases which were placed on inactive status..
Trial and disposition category figures do not equal total dispositions for **criminal** and **traffic** cases as a result of differing counting units. Figures for trials and types of dispositions for **criminal** and **traffic** cases are given by the number of counts involved.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Sixth Annual Report (Atlanta, Georgia: February, 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

GEORGIA STATE COURT AND COUNTY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
61 courts, 77 judges; 3 courts, 3 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
General civil	N/A	70,274[i]	68,824[i]	N/A
Independent motion[b]	N/A	49,245[i]	48,226[i]	N/A
Total civil	N/A	119,519[i]	117,050[i]	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	75,214[i]	67,505[i]	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	75,214[i]	67,505[i]	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	223,575[i]	213,641[i]	N/A
Grand total	N/A	418,308[i]	398,196[i]	N/A

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	1,234	4,220	5,454
Criminal[m]	1,058	2,133	3,191
Traffic[m]	408	1,191	1,599
Grand total			

Civil dispositions[m]

Judgment	104,224
Dismissal/settled	12,483
Five-year administrative termination	343

Criminal dispositions[m]

Plea	39,134
Bond	7,314
Dismissal/nolle prosequi	16,457
Dead docket[m]	4,130
Other	185

Traffic dispositions[m]

Plea	68,500
Bond	137,314
Dismissal/nolle prosequi	12,871
Dead docket[m]	2,883
Other	191

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data were unavailable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted by docket entries (suits, petitions, complaints, motions, etc.).
The criminal case unit of count is the number of indictments or accusations.
A jury trial is counted if tried to verdict.
A non-jury trial is counted if tried to decision.
[i]Data are not complete:
Filed and disposed figures do not include the State Court located in Dekalb County.
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
"Dead docket" refers to **criminal** or **traffic** cases which were put on inactive status.
Trial and disposition category figures do not equal total dispositions for **civil, criminal,** and **traffic** cases as a result of the use of differing counting methods. Figures for **criminal** trials and type of disposition are given by the number of counts involved.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Sixth Annual Report (Atlanta, Georgia: February, 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

GEORGIA PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
159 counties, 159 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Estate	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	4,062	3,943	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	4,062	3,943	N/A
Traffic:	N/A			N/A
Total traffic	N/A	193,243	191,147	N/A
Grand total	N/A	197,305[i]	195,090[i]	N/A

	Trial[d]		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	--	N/A	N/A
Criminal	--	85	85
Traffic	--	2,256	2,256
Total cases	--	2,341[i]	2,341[i]

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
The criminal case unit of count is criminal docket entries.
A non-jury trial is counted if tried to decision.

[i]Data are not complete:
Grand total caseload and trial figures do not include civil cases. Although civil cases are handled by the Probate Court, no data concerning them were available for inclusion in the court profile.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Sixth Annual Report (Atlanta, Georgia: February, 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

GEORGIA JUVENILE COURT[c]
Court of limited jurisdiction
159 courts, 42[c] judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed[j]	End pending
Traffic[d]:				
Other traffic violation:				
Juvenile traffic	N/A	2,547	2,397	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	2,547	2,397	N/A
Juvenile[d]:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquent	N/A	22,344	20,352	N/A
Status offense:				
Unruly	N/A	8,085	7,368	N/A
Non-offense:				
Deprived	N/A	4,486	4,056	N/A
Other juvenile:				
Special proceedings	N/A	827	710	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	35,742	32,486	N/A
Grand total	N/A	38,289	34,883	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[c]Judge information:
There were 8 full-time and 34 part-time Juvenile Court judges, as well as 6 State Court judges and 36 Superior Court judges serving as Juvenile Court judges and handling cases. There were also 19 appointed referees hearing juvenile matters.
Superior Court judges handle juvenile cases in those counties without a separate Juvenile Court. Those cases are included in these Juvenile Court figures.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filed figures are the number of children against which complaints or petitions were filed.
Disposed figures are the number of children for which all charges against them are disposed.

Source: The Administrative Office of the Courts, Sixth Annual Report (Atlanta, Georgia: February, 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

GEORGIA MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
2 courts, 2 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for fiscal year 1979.

GEORGIA CIVIL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
2 courts, 3 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Civil Court for fiscal year 1979.

GEORGIA SMALL CLAIMS COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
86 courts, 86 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Small Claims Court for fiscal year 1979.

GEORGIA MAGISTRATE'S COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
4 courts, 5 magistrates
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Magistrate's Court for fiscal year 1979.

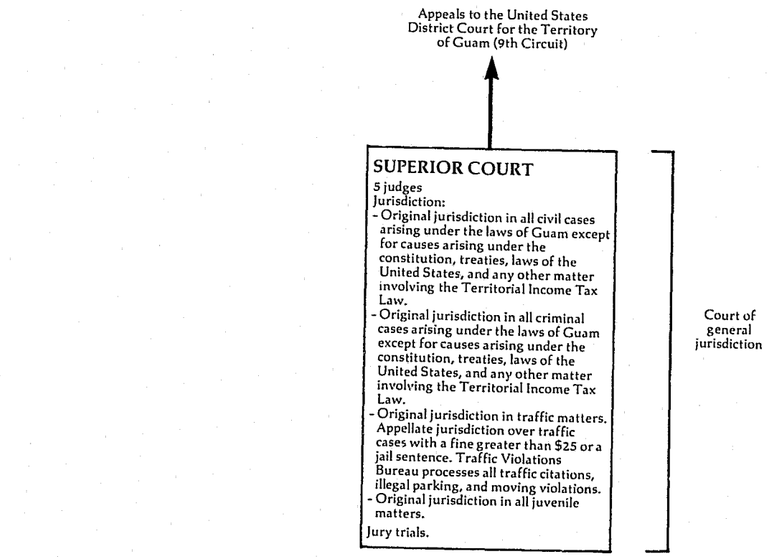
GEORGIA JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
1560 judgeships
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Justice of the Peace Court for fiscal year 1979.

GEORGIA RECORDER'S COURT, MAYOR'S COURT, MUNICIPAL COURT, CITY COUNCIL COURT, POLICE COURT, AND CRIMINAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
383 courts
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Recorder's Court, Mayor's Court, Municipal Court, City Council Court, Police Court, or Criminal Court for fiscal year 1979.

GUAM COURT SYSTEM, 1979



GUAM SUPERIOR COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
1 court, 5 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

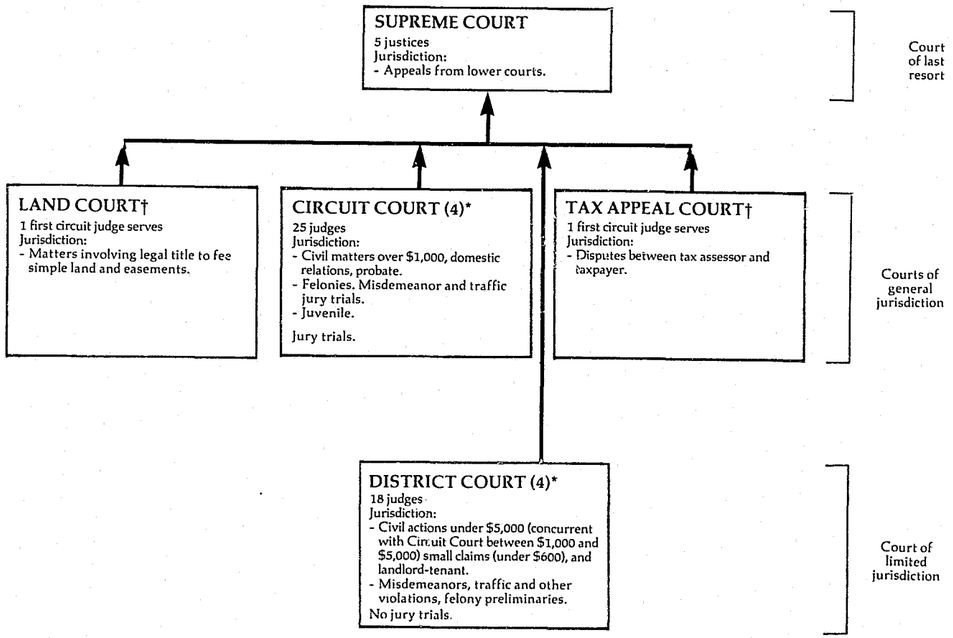
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	2,077[f]	1,459	604	2,932
Small claims	3,266[f]	2,129	1,015	4,380
Real property rights:				
Land registration	124[f]	29	38	115
Domestic relations:				
Domestic	725[f]	955	526	1,154
Estate	927[f]	174	24	1,077
Other civil:				
Special proceedings	361[f]	903	744	520
Total civil	7,480	5,649	2,951	10,178
Criminal[d]:				
Felony	450[f]	143	117	476
Misdemeanor	378[f]	272	169	481
Total criminal	828[f]	415	286	957
Traffic:				
Total traffic	4,867[f]	39,924	32,386	12,405
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Juvenile delinquency	75[f]	208	146	137
Other juvenile:				
Juvenile special proceedings	315[f]	268	108	475
Total juvenile	390[f]	476	254	612
Grand total	13,565[f]	46,464	35,877	24,152

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the 1980 Guam annual report.

Source: Superior Court of Guam, 1980 Annual Report (Agana, Guam). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

HAWAII COURT SYSTEM, 1979



↑ Indicates route of appeal

† The Land Court and Tax Appeal Court hear special cases, but are considered general jurisdiction courts for this report because circuit judges serve.

* The Circuit Court and District Court are both courts of record. District Courts hear high volume cases. The Circuit Court hears all jury trials. For purposes of this report, the Circuit Court is considered a court of general jurisdiction since it handles felony cases.

HAWAII SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	389	171	111	449
Criminal:				
Criminal	262	122	149	235
Traffic	16	10	6	20
Total	278	132	155	255
Total appeals	667	303	266	704
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Habeas corpus	0[l]	6[l]	5[l]	1[l]
Prohibition	2[l]	17[l]	17[l]	2[l]
Mandamus	0[l]	5[l]	2[l]	3[l]
Other	1[l]	7[l]	7[l]	1[l]
Total	3	35	31	7
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases	3	35	31	7
Total cases	670	338	297	711
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	3	18	16	5
Other matters:				
Motions	40	607	563	84
Total other proceedings	43	625	579	89

Manner of disposition

	Written opinion[m]	Motion to dismiss granted	Withdrawals and discontinued	Other
Appeals:				
Civil	66	6	39	0
Criminal:				
Criminal	116	2	30	1
Traffic	4	0	2	0
Original proceedings	7	0	1	23
Rehearing requests	2	0	0	14
Motions	2	0	0	561
Total	197	8	72	599

Disposition of cases

	Appeals
Affirmances (including reversed in part and modified and affirmed)	127
Reversals (including remands)	49
Other (including dismissal of appeal and denial of petition in original proceeding)	10

Status of pending caseload (6/30/79)

Being briefed	277
Ready for hearing	447
Awaiting decision	76

Time interval data[l] (median months)

	Appeals			Other proceedings
	Civil	Criminal	Other	
Appeal filed to regular or memorandum opinion filed	36.3	27.2	35.4	2.4

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
Blank space = Not enough information is known. This case category may or may not be handled by the court.

[l] Special source or revision in data:
The breakdown of **original jurisdiction** cases and time interval data were supplied by the office of the clerk of the Supreme Court.

[m] Information on disposition type or trial data:
Written opinions include both full and per curiam opinions. There were 207 opinions written in 197 cases.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, State of Hawaii: Annual Report 1978-1979 (Honolulu, Hawaii: 1980). Source of case data is included in the annual report. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary. Additional data were supplied by the clerk of court during data verification.

HAWAII CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
4 circuits, 25[c] judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Tort:				
Auto tort:				
Personal injury or property damage or both, motor vehicle	1,159	691	579	1,271
Other tort:				
Personal injury or property damage or both, non-motor vehicle	918	633	409	1,142
Total	2,077	1,324	988	2,413
Contract	1,914	1,596	1,186	2,324
Real property rights:				
Condemnation	176	56	50	182
Land[j]	9	2	0	11
Mechanics' and materialmen's lien	189	146	238	97
Total	374	204	288	290
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	3,582	5,913	5,549	3,946
Annulment	18	15	15	18
Separation and separate maintenance	142	108	98	152
Total	3,742	6,036	5,662	4,116
Support/custody:				
Uniform reciprocal enforcement	1,215	1,951	1,934	1,232
Adoption:				
Adoption proceedings	557	840	755	642
Other domestic relations:				
Paternity/parental proceedings	714	981	713	982
Miscellaneous proceedings--Family Court[j]	1,152	1,418	1,213	1,357
Adults' referrals	346	795	737	405
Supplemental proceedings--Family Court	2,634	2,445	1,907	3,172
Total	4,846	5,640	4,570	5,916
Total	10,360	14,467	12,921	11,906
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Regular probate	2,388	826	605	2,609
Small estate over $10,000	41[f]	73	38	76
Small estate over $2,000	649[f]	450	428	671
Small estate under $2,000	235[f]	127	166	196
Total	3,313	1,476	1,237	3,552
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Regular guardianship	3,109	309	170	3,248
Small guardianship	752	32	115	669
Special	276	0	13	263
Total	4,137	341	298	4,180
Total	7,450	1,817	1,535	7,732
Mental health	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Other civil:				
Naturalization	120	488	539	69
Other civil action	2,471	1,377	1,050	2,798
Other special proceedings	812	416	160	1,068
Supplemental proceedings[j]	1,202	1,088	818	1,472
District Court transfers[j]	140	126	93	173
Total	4,745	3,495	2,660	5,580
Total civil	26,920	22,903	19,578	29,705
Criminal[d]:				
Felony[l]	2,332	2,377	1,628	3,081
Misdemeanor[l]	560	354	293	621
Other criminal:				
Criminal actions in Family Court	40	70	40	70
Total criminal	2,932	2,801	1,961	3,772
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Driving under the influence	9	23	18	14
Other traffic violation:				
Traffic offenses	31	55	23	63
Juvenile traffic	36	58	45	49
Total	67	113	68	112
Total traffic	76	136	86	126

Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Law violation	1,978	4,985	4,736	2,227
Status offense:				
Needing protective supervision	537	1,477	1,505	509
Non-offense:				
Needing services	242	560	442	360
Other juvenile:				
Other	153	364	355	162
Supplemental proceedings	509	873	908	474
Total	662	1,237	1,263	636
Total juvenile	3,419	8,259	7,946	3,732
Grand total	33,347	34,099	29,571	37,875

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Tort:			
Auto tort	23	5	28
Other tort	16	10	26
Total	39	15	54
Contract	9	37	46
Real property rights	2	2	4
Domestic relations	14	52	66
Other civil	23	79	102
Total civil	87	185	272
Criminal:			
Felony and misdemeanor	198	36	234
Other criminal	0	4	4
Total criminal	198	40	238
Traffic:			
DWI/DUI	2	0	2
Other traffic violations	0	0	0
Total traffic	2	0	2
Grand total	287	225	512

Criminal dispositions

	Felony and misdemeanor	Other criminal	Total
Plea (no trial held)	920	8	928
Dismissal	145	4	149
Nolle prosequi (no service)	426	20	446
Other	196	4	200

Traffic dispositions

	DWI/DUI	Other traffic violation	Total
Contested hearing (juvenile)	--	5	5
Uncontested hearing (juvenile)	--	17	17
Dismissed	0	0	0
Nolle prosequi (no service)	5	8	13
Plea (no trial held)	0	4	4
Counseling service (juvenile)	--	18	18
Other	11	16	27

Civil dispositions

	Auto tort	Other tort	Contract	Real property rights	Domestic relations	Estate	Other civil	Total
Contested hearing	0	0	0	6	1,333	10	302	1,651
Uncontested hearing	0	0	18	17	6,122	905	622	7,684
Dismissal	465	311	617	42	--	17	756	2,208
No service	11	7	16	0	--	--	18	52
No answer	11	6	261	0	--	--	32	310
No statement of readiness	1	3	17	0	--	--	26	47
No trial held	16	15	20	4	746	--	21	822
Counseling service	--	--	--	--	717	--	--	717
Other	47	41	191	215	3,937	603	781	5,815

Juvenile dispositions

	Criminal-type offense	Status offense	Non-offense	Other juvenile	Total
Contested hearing	803	72	251	73	1,199
Uncontested hearing	1,894	261	104	163	2,422
Counseling service	1,707	1,117	58	265	3,147
Other	332	55	29	762	1,178

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
-- = Not applicable.

[c]Judge information:
There are a total of 25 (18 circuit, 2 family, and 5 district family) judges that hear Circuit Court proper and Family Court cases. In the first circuit, Family Court cases are heard by the 2 Family Court and 5 District Family Court judges. In the other three circuits, both circuit and district court judges hear Family Court cases in addition to their regular assignments. All Family Court data are included with the Circuit Court data on this table and in the summary tables in Part I of this report.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Land cases handled by the Land Court are not included.
Miscellaneous family contains mental health cases.
Supplemental proceedings in the other civil category include supplemental proceedings on criminal as well as civil cases.
District Court transfers are cases initiated in the District Court that demand a jury trial.

[l]Special source or revision in data:
Data breakdown for felony and misdemeanor cases was obtained by telephone from the administrative office of the courts.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, State of Hawaii: Annual Report 1978-1979 (Honolulu, Hawaii: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report, except that totals have been computed where necessary.

HAWAII LAND COURT[a]
Court of general jurisdiction
1 first circuit judge serves
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Real property rights:				
Contested land registration cases	89	46	125	10
Total civil	89	46	125	10
Grand total[k]	89	46	125	10

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Data for the Land Court are included with the general jurisdiction courts because circuit judges serve. The Circuit Court also handles some land cases.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[k]Additional information:
In addition to the 46 contested land registrations filed, there were 3,097 ex parte petitions filed.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, State of Hawaii: Annual Report 1978-1979 (Honolulu, Hawaii: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report, except that totals have been computed where necessary.

HAWAII TAX APPEAL COURT[a]
Court of general jurisdiction
1 first circuit judge serves
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case	41[f]	59	73	27
Total civil	41[f]	59	73	27
Grand total	41[f]	59	73	27

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Data for the Tax Appeal Court are included with the general jurisdiction courts because circuit judges serve.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, State of Hawaii: Annual Report 1978-1979 (Honolulu, Hawaii: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report, except that totals have been computed where necessary.

HAWAII DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
4 districts, 18[c] judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Tort	1,301	923	715	1,509
Contract:				
Assumpsit	4,571	8,805	8,308	5,068
Small claims	480	1,370	1,382	468
Real property rights:				
Summary possession	924	1,062	805	1,181
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Nonpayment of taxes	260	17	19	258
Other civil	61	192	153	100
Total civil	7,597	12,369	11,382	8,584
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	X	X	18,248	X
Ordinance violation:				
Other violations	2,868	24,049	22,096	4,821
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony	X	X	932	X
Total criminal	6,785	42,998	41,276	8,507
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Driving under the influence	1,031	2,576	2,324	1,283
Parking	21,255	519,030	513,370	26,915
Other traffic violation:				
Moving arrest and citation	30,846	149,392	149,955	30,283
Non-moving	25,981	75,441	69,871	31,551
Total	56,827	224,833	219,826	61,834
Total traffic	79,113	746,439	735,520	90,032
Grand total	93,495	801,806	788,178	107,123

Non-jury trial[d]	
Civil:	
Tort	47
Contract	88
Small claims	516
Real property rights	53
Other civil	26
Total civil	730

	Civil dispositions: Discontinuance/ dismissed	Default/ confession	Commitment to circuit court, jury trial demanded
Tort	373	265	30
Contract	2,015	6,175	30
Small claims	567	299	0
Real property rights	338	357	57
Appeal of administrative agency case	7	11	1
Other civil	69	56	2
Total	3,369	7,163	120

Criminal dispositions	Misdemeanor	Ordinance violation	Total
Misdemeanor and ordinance violation:			
Nolle prosequi	1,217	230	1,447
Total conviction	8,383	1,245	9,628
Discharge/dismissal	4,759	523	5,282
Stricken	1,799	561	2,360
Bail forfeiture	1,727	19,528	21,255
Commitment to Circuit Court, jury trial demanded	363	9	372
Preliminary hearing:			
Stricken or discharged	--	--	163
Committed to grand jury	--	--	518
Committed to circuit court	--	--	251

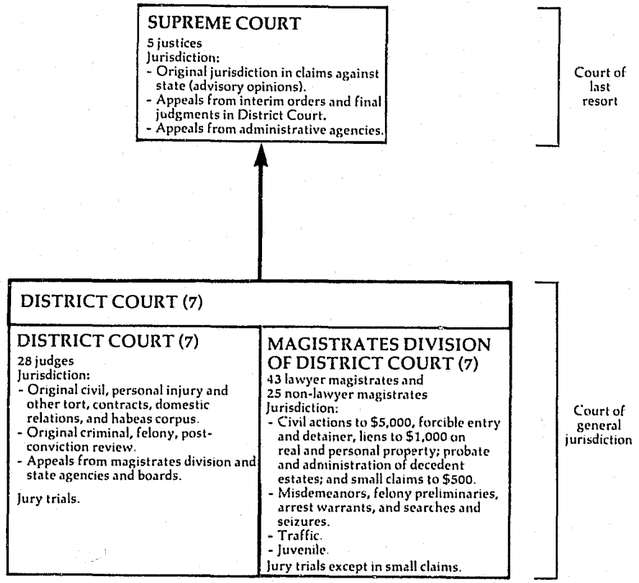
Traffic dispositions	DWI/DUI	Parking	Other traffic violations	Total
Nolle prosequi	42	5,857	7,450	13,349
Total conviction	2,008	40,133	73,905	116,046
Discharge/dismissal	128	50,506	26,635	77,269
Stricken	29	47,200	42,911	90,140
Bail forfeiture	94	369,674	68,912	438,680
Commitment to circuit court, jury trial demanded	23	0	13	36

Boldface headings indicate the classification used by the CSIM project.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[c]Judge information:
The six district judges in the second, third, and fifth circuits hear Family Court cases in addition to their regular assignments. These Family Court cases are displayed with the Circuit Court data in this report.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the individual offense on the information or complaint.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, State of Hawaii: Annual Report 1978-1979 (Honolulu, Hawaii: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report, except that totals have been computed where necessary.

IDAHO COURT SYSTEM, 1979



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

IDAHO SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed[J]	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Auto negligence	3	0	2	1
Other negligence	1	2	2	1
Tax appeals	7	3	2	8
Domestic relations	18[f]	21	15	24
Environment/zoning	1	3	1	3
Other	262[f]	186	158	290
Total	292[f]	215	180	327
Criminal:				
Judgments	113	76	69	120
Other	9	17	11	25
Total	132	93	80	145
Postconviction remedy:				
Postconviction relief	4	8	5	7
Habeas corpus appeals	10	3	8	5
Total	14	11	13	12
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Industrial Commission	39	33	31	41
Public utility commission	12	8	7	13
Total	51	41	38	54
Juvenile:				
YRA and CPA[J]	5	3	2	6
Other appeals:				
Interlocutory appeals	3	17	18	2
Total appeals	497[f]	380	331	546
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Habeas corpus	0	7	4	3
Mandamus	0	14	12	2
Prohibition	1[f]	1	2	0
Other	0	6	4	2
Total	1[f]	28	22	7
Disciplinary matter:				
Disciplinary	2[f]	2	1	3
Total	3[f]	30	23	10
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases	3[f]	30	23	10
Total cases	500[f]	410	354	556
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	N/A	27	24	N/A
Other matters:				
Extension of time	N/A	732	715	N/A
Motion to dismiss	N/A	137	132	N/A
Other	N/A	523	489	N/A
Total	N/A	1,392	1,336	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	1,419	1,360	N/A

Manner of disposition[1]

	Appeals				Original jurisdiction (Interlocutory Appeals)	
	Civil and juvenile	Criminal and postconviction remedy	Administrative agency	Total		Total
Cases disposed with opinion	112	53	25	190	39	229
Number of majority opinions	99	31	17	147	38	185
Per curiam opinions	13	22	8	43	1	44
Cases disposed without opinion	70	40	13	123	2	125

Time interval data (average days)

	Civil and juvenile	Criminal and postconviction	Administrative agency
Appeals:			
Filing to at issue	244	315	203
At issue to hearing	399	338	373
Hearing to final closure	181	140	131

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Corrections were made based on an inventory of cases.

[J]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filed figures include cases added and cases transferred.
YRA cases are juvenile delinquency cases filed under the Youth Rehabilitation Act. CPA cases involve dependent or neglected children petitions filed under the Child Protection Act.

[1]Special source or revision in the data:
Figures on the manner of disposition were supplied by the clerk of the court during data verification.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, The Idaho Courts 1979 Annual Report and The Idaho Courts 1979 Annual Report Appendix (Boise, Idaho). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been calculated where necessary, and additional information was supplied by the clerk of the court during data verification.

IDAHO DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
7 districts, 28 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Tort:				
Personal injury/property damage	1,369[f]	1,083	905	1,547
Small claims	0	3	1	2
Domestic relations:				
Support/custody:				
Support proceedings	448	488	405	531
Adoption	1	1	0	2
Other domestic relations:				
Domestic relations	1,225[f]	1,570	1,661	1,134
Total	1,674[f]	2,059	2,066	1,667
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Informal estate	9[f]	1	5	5
Formal estate	1	0	0	1
Total	10[f]	1	5	6
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship of minors	2	3	1	4
Guardianship of incapacitated	2	0	0	2
Total	4	3	1	6
Total	14[f]	4	6	12
Appeal:				
Appeal of trial court case:				
Civil appeal	211	258	246	223
Special proceeding appeal[J]	26[f]	17	30	13
Total	237	275	276	236
Extraordinary writ:				
Habeas corpus	65[f]	111	134	42
Other civil:				
Other complaints and petitions	4,510[f]	4,769	3,898	5,381
All other special hearings	43[f]	76	64	55
Total	4,553	4,845	3,962	5,436
Total civil	7,912[f]	8,380	7,350	8,942
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Felony--drug	157[f]	274	281	150
Felony--driving while intoxicated	99[f]	168	170	97
Other felony	921[f]	2,310	2,230	1,001
Total	1,177[f]	2,752	2,681	1,248
Misdemeanor:				
Misdemeanor--drug	14[f]	19	23	10
Other misdemeanor	33[f]	165	170	28
Total	47[f]	184	2,230	38
Appeal	59[f]	91	2,681	98
Total criminal	1,283[f]	3,027	2,926	1,384
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Misdemeanor--driving while intoxicated	2[f]	15	13	4
Other traffic violation:				
Traffic	2[f]	1	1	2
Total traffic	4[f]	16	14	6
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Youth Rehabilitation Act--other	0[f]	0	0	0
Non-offense:				
Child Protection Act	1	2	2	1
Total juvenile	1[f]	2	2	1
Grand total	9,200[f]	11,425	10,292	10,333

Total trial[d]			
Civil:		**Criminal:**	
Tort	254	**Felony**	1,936
Small claims	1	**Misdemeanor**	136
Domestic relations:		**Appeal**	16
Support/custody	101	Total criminal	2,088
Adoption	0	**Traffic:**	
Other domestic relations	1,008	**DWI/DUI**	11
Total	1,109	**Other traffic violations**	0
Estate:		Total traffic	11
Probate/wills/intestate	3	**Juvenile:**	
Guardianship/conservator-ship trusteeship	1	**Criminal-type offense**	0
Total	4	**Non-offense**	0
Appeal:		Total juvenile	0
Appeal of trial court case	136		
Extraordinary writs	23		
Other civil	1,461		
Total civil	2,988		
Grand total	5,087		

Time interval data (average days)	First appearance to closure
Days to dispostion:	
Criminal and traffic:	
Cases disposed by dismissal	193
Cases disposed by guilty plea	115
Cases disposed after trial and sentencing	199

Boldface headings indicate the classification used by the CSIM project.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
A trial is counted when it has officially begun (the jury is sworn or there is an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence).
Also included with the trial data are cases closed at hearings.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Corrections were made to end pending figures for the 1979 court year based on an inventory of cases. This caused the beginning pending figures for the 1979 court year, computed from filed, disposed, and end pending figures, to be different from end pending figures reported for 1978.

[h]Figures were computed:
Beginning pending figures were computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

[J]Explanation of data included in the category:
Special proceeding appeals may include some juvenile appeals.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, The Idaho Courts 1979 Annual Report (Boise, Idaho). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

IDAHO MAGISTRATES DIVISION OF DISTRICT COURT[a]
Court of general jurisdiction
7 districts, 43 lawyer magistrates and 25 non-lawyer magistrates.
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Tort:				
Personal injury/property damage	605[fh]	608	609	604
Small claims	3,338[fh]	15,581	14,546	4,373
Domestic relations:				
Support/custody:				
Support proceedings	1,909[fh]	3,112	2,562	2,459
Adoption	354[fh]	1,075	1,064	365
Other domestic relations:				
Domestic relations	3,070[fh]	7,978	7,415	3,633
Total	5,333[fh]	12,165	11,041	6,457
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Informal estate	2,874[fh]	2,641	2,347	3,168
Formal estate	1,136[fh]	883	1,083	936
Total	4,010[h]	3,524	3,430	4,104
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship of minors	317[fh]	212	263	266
Guardianship of incapacitated	261[fh]	242	264	239
Total	578[fh]	454	527	505
Extraordinary writs:	4,588[fh]	3,978	3,957	4,609
Habeas corpus	25[fh]	150	108	67
Other civil:				
Other complaints and petitions	7,358[fh]	11,194	10,157	8,395
All other special hearings	329[fh]	706	650	385
Total	7,687[fh]	11,900	10,807	8,780
Total civil	21,576[fh]	44,382	41,068	24,890
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Misdemeanor--drug	193[fh]	871	874	190
Other misdemeanor	4,346[fh]	20,439	19,194	5,591
Total	4,539[fh]	21,310	20,068	5,781
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony--drug	119[fh]	514	514	119
Felony--driving while intoxicated	44[fh]	321	294	71
Felony--all other	1,870[h]	4,864	4,725	2,009
Total	2,033[fh]	5,699	5,533	2,199
Total criminal	6,572[fh]	27,009	25,601	7,980
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Misdemeanor--driving while intoxicated	2,080[fh]	8,234	7,781	2,533
Juvenile--driving while intoxicated	3[h]	4	6	1
Total	2,083[fh]	8,238	7,787	2,534
Other traffic violations:				
Traffic--other than driving while intoxicated	4,725[fh]	213,025	211,973	5,777
Total traffic	6,808[fh]	221,263	219,760	8,311
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Youth Rehabilitation Act--drug	65[fh]	71	90	46
Youth Rehabilitation Act--other	2,512[fh]	7,452	7,143	2,821
Total	2,577[h]	7,523	7,233	2,867
Non-offense:				
Child Protection Act	271[fh]	478	467	282
Total juvenile	2,848[fh]	8,001	7,700	3,149
Grand total	37,804[fh]	300,655	294,129	44,330

Total trial[d]

Civil:	
Tort	78
Small claims	9,416
Domestic relations:	
Support/custody	816
Adoption	980
Other domestic relations	6,265
Total	8,061
Estate:	
Probate/wills/intestate	2,156
Guardianship/conservatorship trusteeship	460
Total	2,616
Extraordinary writs	10
Other civil	1,989
Total civil	22,170
Criminal:	
Misdemeanor	13,520
Preliminary hearing	1,748
Total criminal	15,268
Traffic:	
DWI/DUI	6,217
Other traffic violations	4,748
Total traffic	10,965
Juvenile:	
Criminal-type offense	4,345
Non-offense	353
Total juvenile	4,698
Grand total	53,101

Time interval data (average days)

	First appearance to closure
Days to disposition:	
Criminal and traffic[n]:	
Cases disposed by dismissal	81
Cases disposed by guilty plea	23
Cases disposed after trial and sentencing	63

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are not available.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
The Magistrates Division is a division of the District Court and its data are included in the general jurisdiction section of the summary tables in Part II of this report.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A trial is counted when it is officially begun (the jury is sworn or there is an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence). Also included with the trial data are cases closed at hearings.

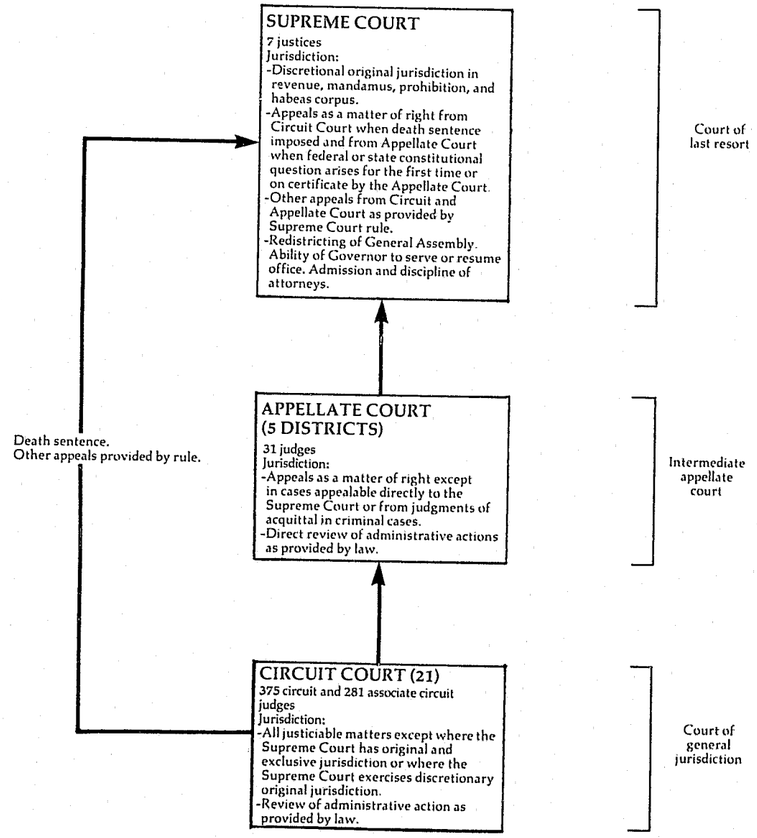
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1980 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1979 court year:
Corrections were made to end pending figures for the 1980 court year based on an inventory of cases. This caused the beginning pending figures for the 1980 court year computed from filed, disposed, and end pending figures, to be different from end pending figures reported for 1979.

[h]Figures were computed:
Beginning pending figures were computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

[n]Information on time interval or age of pending caseload data:
Criminal and traffic cases included in the time interval data include all criminal and traffic data except "juvenile--driving while intoxicated" cases.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, The Idaho Courts 1979 Annual Report (Boise, Idaho). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ILLINOIS COURT SYSTEM, 1979



ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Application for leave to appeal allowed	62	(84)[e]	82	64
Action for motion in public interest case [Rule 302(b)] allowed	11	(10)[e]	17	4
Statute held invalid [Rules 302(a)(1), 603]	6	4	7	3
Certificate of importance	3	1	3	1
Total	82	5 (94)[e]	109	72
Criminal:				
Application for leave to appeal allowed	43	(46)[e]	52	37
Action for motion in public interest case [Rule 302 (b)] allowed	1	(0)[e]	1	0
Statute held invalid [Rules 302(a)(1), 603]	2	7	4	5
Certificate of importance (Rule 316)	5	1	6	0
Death penalty [Rule 603]	3	13	0	16
Total	54	21 (46)[e]	63	58
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Industrial Commission[a] [Rules 302(a)(2)]	36	73	43	66
Total appeals	172	99 (140)[e]	215	196
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Civil:				
Original action motions (including Rule 381 motions)	1	42	35 (5)[e]	3
Original action motions allowed	0	(5)[e]	3	2
Miscellaneous	0	11	11	0
Total civil	1	53 (5)[e]	49 (5)[e]	5
Criminal:				
Original action motions (including Rule 381 motions)	3	30	29 (3)[e]	1
Original action motions allowed	1	(3)[e]	3	1
Miscellaneous	1	15	16	0
Total criminal	5	45 (3)[e]	48 (3)[e]	2
Disciplinary matter:				
Attorney disciplinary	7	9	10	6
Total	13	107 (8)[e]	107 (8)[e]	13
Requests to appeal:				
Civil:				
Petition of leave to appeal	86	563	462 (84)[e]	103
Petition for public interest [Rule 302(b)] motion	1	34	25 (10)[e]	0
Total civil	87	597	487 (94)[e]	103
Criminal:				
Petition for leave to appeal	101	537	481 (46)[e]	111
Petition for public interest [Rule 302(b)] motion	0	6	6 (0)[e]	0
Total criminal	101	543	487 (46)[e]	111
Total	188	1,140	974 (140)[e]	214
Total other cases	201	1,247 (8)[e]	1,081 (148)[e]	227
Total cases	373	1,346 (148)[e]	1,296 (148)[e]	423
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests:				
Petition for rehearing	N/A	N/A	61	N/A
Other matters:				
Other motions	N/A	N/A	1,517	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	N/A	1,578	N/A

Manner of disposition

Full opinion	219
Supervisory orders	22

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Petitions for leave to appeal, Rule 302(b) motions, and original action motions are counted as **requests to appeal** or **original proceedings** filings; when denied, a disposition is counted; when granted, the case becomes an **appeal** or **original proceeding**, but a new filing is not counted. When the **appeal** or **original proceeding** is concluded, a disposition is counted. The granted petitions and motions are the numbers appearing in parentheses.

Source: Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, 1979 Annual Report of the Supreme Court of Illinois (Chicago, Illinois: March 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

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ILLINOIS APPELLATE COURT
Intermediate appellate court
5 districts, 31[c] judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	1,770	2,876[k]	2,308	2,338
Criminal	2,082	2,856[k]	2,352	2,586
Total appeals	3,852	5,732	4,660	4,924
Total cases	3,852	5,732	4,660	4,924

Disposition of appeals

	Civil				Criminal			
	By opinion	By order	Without opinion or order	Total	By opinion	By order	Without opinion or order	Total
Affirmed	589	226	--	815	547	963	--	1,510
Modified	10	3	--	13	18	9	--	27
Reversed	103	30	--	133	56	24	--	80
Affirmed in part and/or reversed in part	163	16	--	179	74	50	--	124
Reversed and remanded	327	64	1	392	147	66	3	216
Remanded	6	5	--	11	8	11	--	19
Remanded with director for further proceeding	--	--	2	2	--	--	10	10
Dismissed	34	26	627	687	10	20	272	302
Transferred	--	--	18	18	--	--	3	3
Leave to appeal denied	--	--	51	51	--	--	3	3
Confession of error	--	--	0	0	--	--	9	9
Other dispositions	--	--	7[l]	7	--	--	49[l]	49
Total	1,232	370	706	2,308	860	1,143	301	2,352

Manner of disposition

	Civil	Criminal	Total
Majority opinion	X	X	1,952[m]
Per curiam	X	X	3[m]
Rule 23 order	X	X	1,464[m]
Without opinion or order	706	349	1,055

Time interval data (months)

	Number of cases					
	Under 6 months	6 to 12 months	12 to 18 months	18 to 24 months	24 to 36 months	Over 36 months
Date of filing to date of disposition:						
Civil	490	916	628	215	49	10
Criminal	464	756	812	267	51	2
Date briefs filed to date of disposition:						
Civil	1,198	569	82	10	3	0
Criminal	1,682	341	32	2	0	0

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[c]Judge information:
In addition to the 31 regular judges, 3 retired judges and 10 circuit judges also served on this court by agreement during 1979.
[k]Additional information:
Of the 2,876 **civil appeals** filed, 37 were cases which were reinstated during 1979.
Of the 2,856 **criminal appeals** filed, 44 were cases which were reinstated during 1979.
[l]Special source or revision in the data:
Figures for the number of civil and criminal appeals disposed without opinion or order were supplied by the administrative office of the courts during data verification.
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
There were 31 specially concurring, 121 dissenting, and 27 supplemental opinions filed in the court.
The 1,955 majority and per curiam opinions disposed of 2,092 cases.
The 1,464 Rule 23 orders disposed of 370 **civil** and 1,143 **criminal** cases.

Source: Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, 1979 Annual Report of the Supreme Court of Illinois (Chicago, Illinois: March, 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional information was supplied by the administrative office of the courts during data verification.

ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
21 circuits, 375 circuit and 281[c] associate judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed	End pending[k]
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Law $15,000 and under	81,438	176,693	166,600	90,076[g]
Law over $15,000	80,281	42,536	37,936	85,223[g]
Total	161,719	219,229	204,536	175,299[g]
Small claims	48,236	180,486	176,762	47,044[g]
Real property rights:				
Eminent domain	1,088	648	638	1,138[g]
Equity:				
Chancery	26,347	25,358	37,924	34,309[g]
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	43,374	71,376	74,318	37,501[g]
Other domestic relations:				
Family	27,723[f]	32,999	30,015	28,209[g]
Total	71,097[f]	104,375	104,333	65,710[g]
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Probate	89,516[h]	32,530	35,113	86,933
Mental health	1,525	9,243	9,386	1,916[g]
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Tax	135,532	93,427	82,115	146,655[g]
Municipal corporations	542	164	184	517[g]
Total	136,074	93,591	82,299	147,172[g]
Other civil:				
Miscellaneous remedies	8,835	7,128	7,679	6,132[g]
Total civil	544,437[f]	672,588	658,670	565,653[g]
Criminal[d]:				
Felony	21,724	37,722	35,312	19,399[g]
Misdemeanor:				
Misdemeanors[j]	71,214[fi]	457,989	434,179	124,876[gi]
Conservation violations	N/A	1,449	10,171	N/A
Total	71,214[fi]	469,438	444,350	124,876[gi]
Ordinance violation	N/A	74,816	67,872	N/A
Total criminal	92,938[fi]	581,976	547,534	144,275[gi]
Traffic:				
Parking:				
Parking tickets in Cook County	N/A	4,189,821	1,371,624	N/A
Other traffic violation:				
Traffic violations	N/A	2,572,270	2,460,398	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	6,762,091	3,832,022	N/A
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	16,278	30,326	29,679	16,877[g]
Grand total	653,653[fi]	8,046,981	5,067,905	726,805[gi]

Trial[dm]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Law $1,000 to $15,000	757	N/A	N/A
Law over $15,000	1,075	N/A	N/A
Total	1,832	N/A	N/A
Criminal (felony)[m]	1,348	2,434	3,782
Total	3,180	N/A	N/A

Criminal (felony) dispositions[m]

	Felony
Jury trial:	
Conviction	1,004
Acquittal	344
Non-jury trial:	
Conviction	1,412
Acquittal	1,022
Plea of guilty	20,161
Convicted of included misdemeanor[m]	314
Discharged at preliminary hearing	18,986
Other reduced or dismissed	16,676
Found unfit to stand trial	189

Time interval data

	Under 1 year	1 to 1-1/2 years	1-1/2 to 2 years	2 to 2-1/2 years	2-1/2 to 3 years	3 to 3-1/2 years	3-1/2 to 4 years	Over 4 years	Average time elapsed months
Cases terminated by verdict:									
Law	217	231	226	172	119	129	187	551	34.1

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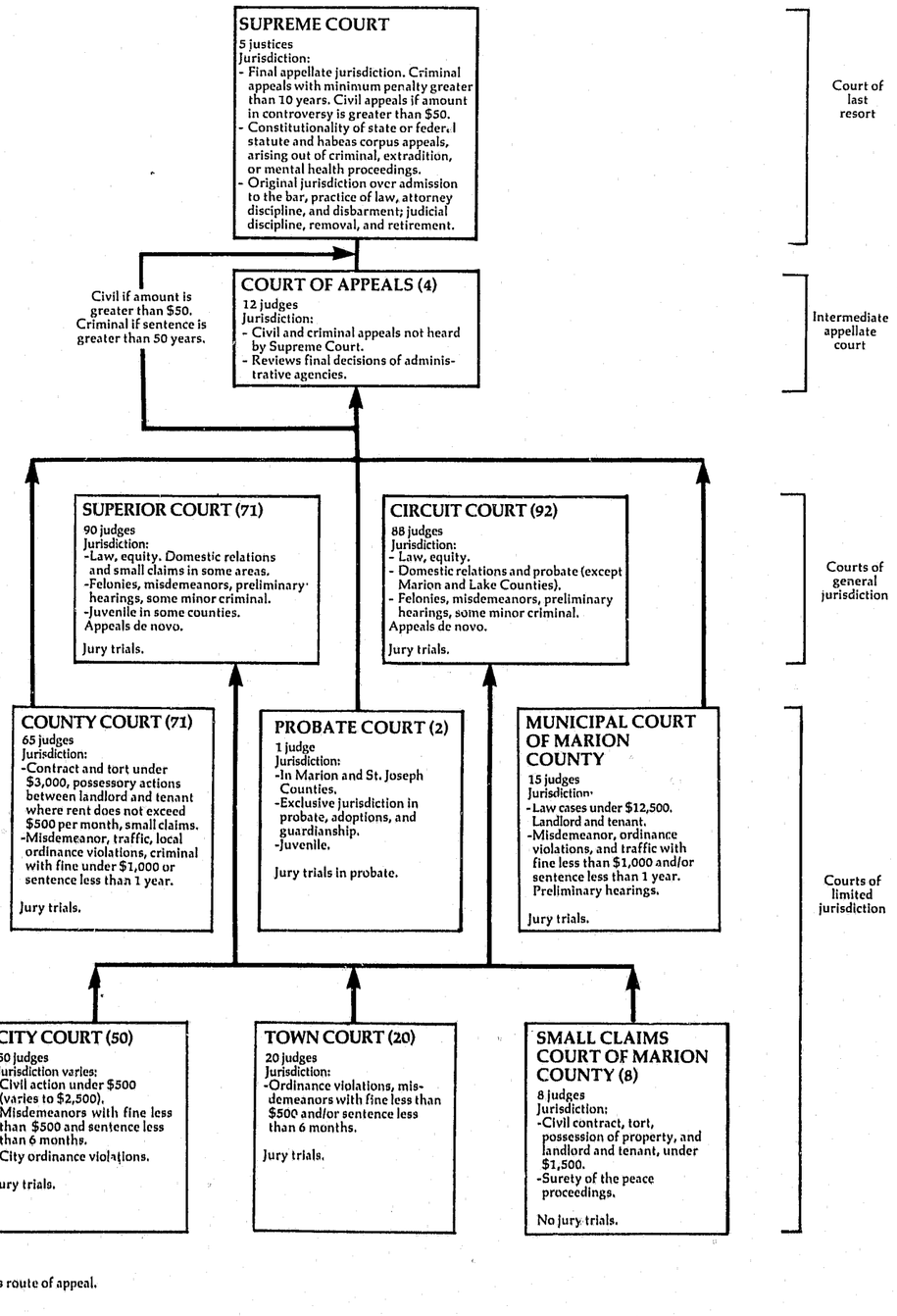
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[c]Judge information:
Associate judges may hear all matters except **criminal** trials in which the defendant is charged with an offense punishable by more than one y
imprisonment.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count for caseload data is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints. The criminal unit of count for
trial and type of disposition data is the number of defendants.
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.
[f]Beginning figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures were adjusted by reason of a physical inventory.
[h]Figure was computed:
The beginning pending figure for probate was calculated from filed, disposed, and end pending figures given in the annual report.
[i]Data are not complete:
Misdemeanors and grand total pending figures do not include data for non-suburban Cook County, or any conservation violations. The end pendi
figures do include **misdemeanors** pending in the City of Chicago.
Criminal total pendings do not include pending cases for conservation violations, or **ordinance violations.** The beginning pending figure does
not include **misdemeanors** pending in the City of Chicago.
Grand total pendings do not include pending cases for conservation violations, **ordinance violations,** and **traffic** cases.
[j]Explanation of data in the category:
Filed includes cases that have been reinstated and transferred in and transferred out of the court's jurisdiction. Cases reinstated or
transferred in are added to the original filings, while cases transferred out are subtracted. Postjudgment and posttermination matters are
not included.
Misdemeanor cases include **ordinance violations,** conservation violations and preliminary hearings in **felony** cases in the Circuit Court of
Cook County.
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
Criminal trials and **criminal** dispositions are for **felony** cases only. Trials in which the defendant was found guilty of a reduced charge were
not included in the trial data, but are included in the total "convicted of included misdemeanor" figure.

Source: Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, 1979 Annual Report of the Supreme Court of Illinois (Chicago, Illinois: March, 1980).
Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

INDIANA COURT SYSTEM, 1979



INDIANA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Direct appeals	X	X	210	X
Civil after petitions to transfer granted	X	(27)[e]	21	X
Criminal after petitions to transfer granted	X	(N/A)[e]	10	X
Total appeals	X	X (27)[ei]	241	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Original actions	X	X	20	X
Writs	0	59	59[k]	0
Total	X	X	79	X
Disciplinary matter:				
Disciplinary cases	X	X	6	X
Total	X	X	85	X
Requests to appeal:				
Civil petitions to transfer	0	209	182 (27)[e]	0
Criminal petitions to transfer	X	X	96 (N/A)[e]	X
Total	X	X	278 (27)[ei]	X
Total other cases	X	X	363 (27)[ei]	X
Total cases	109[l]	604[h](27)[ei]	604 (27)[ei]	109
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Petitions for extension of time	N/A	N/A	589	N/A
Special judge matters	N/A	N/A	664	N/A
Hearing officers in disciplinary matters	N/A	N/A	21	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	N/A	1,274	N/A

Manner of disposition

	Appeals	Original jurisdiction	Disciplinary	Total
Majority opinion	241	20	1[m]	262[m]

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Requests to appeal granted are not counted as dispositions until the appeal is disposed; the filing of the resulting appeal is not counted as a new filing. These granted requests to appeal cases are the numbers appearing in the parentheses.
[h]Figure was computed:
Total filing figure was computed from total disposition and pending data.
[i]Data are not complete:
The number of criminal petitions to transfer granted was not available, and is therefore not included in the total appeals filed, total cases filed figures, requests to appeal disposed, total other cases disposed, or total cases disposed.
[k]Additional information:
The writs were disposed as follows: 27 were denied; 22 were granted; 10 were dismissed.
[l]Special source or revision in the data:
The beginning pending total cases figure was obtained from the 1978 annual report where it was given as the end pending figure for the 1978 court year.
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
There were 4 concurring opinions and 44 dissenting opinions.
In addition to the one majority opinion written in a disciplinary case, five per curiam opinions were also written.

Source: Division of State Court Administration, 1979 Indiana Judicial Report (Indianapolis, Indiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

INDIANA COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
4 districts, 12 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending[j]	Filed[j]	Disposed	End pending[j]
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	X	472	X	X
Criminal	X	433	X	X
Other appeals:				
Expedited cases	X	36	X	X
Total appeals	801	941	1,142	600
Other cases:				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases				
Total cases	801	941	1,142	600
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Motions to dismiss/affirm	32[f]	150	142	40
Motions, petitions for time, and miscellaneous orders handed down	--	3,418	3,418	--
Total	32[f]	3,568	3,560	40
Total other proceedings	32[f]	3,568	3,560	40

Manner of disposition

Opinion (majority)	1,108
Order	

Age of pending caseload (months)

Less than 3 months	158
Between 3 and 6 months	102
Between 6 and 9 months	70
Between 9 and 12 months	75
Over 12 months	195

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Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filed cases are "fully briefed cases" forwarded to the court by the clerk's office.
Pending cases are "fully briefed cases" that have been filed but not disposed.
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
There were a total of 149 concurring and dissenting opinions filed in addition to the 1,108 majority opinions.

Source: Division of State Court Administration, 1979 Indiana Judicial Report (Indianapolis, Indiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

INDIANA SUPERIOR COURT AND CIRCUIT COURT[a]
Court of general jurisdiction
71 courts, 90 judges; 92 circuits, 88 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Small claims (County Court function)[k]	14,078[fh]	38,360	33,972	18,466
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Dissolution	37,419[fh]	49,[illegible]	50,854	35,679
Redocketed dissolutions	17,037[fh]	27,[illegible]	26,969	18,057
Total	54,456[fh]	77,103	77,823	53,736
Estate:				
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship	30,215[fh]	3,754	3,334	30,635
Other estate:				
Probate/adoption	42,369[fh]	17,320	16,575	43,114
Total	72,584[fh]	21,074	19,909	73,749
Other civil:				
Plenary proceedings	71,466[fh]	52,336	53,011	70,791
Redocketed civil	20,066[fh]	14,765	13,836	20,995
Plenary proceedings (County Court function)[k]	14[fh]	15	22	7
Redocketed civil (County Court function)[k]	8,402[fh]	17,681	13,277	12,806
Total	99,948[fh]	84,797	80,146	104,599
Total civil	241,066[fh]	221,334	211,850	250,550
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal (County Court function)[k]	8,189[fh]	19,511	16,710	10,990
Redocketed criminal (County Court function)[k]	125[fh]	763	733	155
Criminal--adult offenses against juveniles	15[fh]	60	29	46
Total	8,329[fh]	20,334	17,472	11,191
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal	17,081[fh]	16,094	16,302	16,873
Redocketed criminal	1,415[fh]	2,085	2,164	1,336
Total	18,496[fh]	18,179	18,466	18,209
Preliminary hearing:				
Other (County Court function)[jk]	218[fh]	2,478	1,963	733
Other criminal:				
Other[j]	5,444[fh]	10,047	10,108	5,383
Total criminal	32,487[fh]	51,038	48,009	35,516
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Nonfelony traffic (County Court function)[k]	9,254[fh]	96,896	95,547	10,603
Total traffic	9,254[fh]	96,896	95,547	10,603
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	13,597[fh]	19,459	17,881	15,175
Grand total	296,404[fh]	388,727[k]	373,287	311,844

Trial[d]

Superior and Circuit Court

	Dissolution	Civil plenary	Redocketed civil	Criminal	Other[m]	Total
Jury	--	752	--	932	127	1,811
Non-jury	31,586	11,622	5,301	1,404	48,693	98,606
Total	31,586	12,374	5,301	2,336	48,820	100,417

County Court function

	Dissolution	Small Claims	Civil plenary	Redocketed civil	Criminal	Traffic	Other[m]	Total
Jury		--	1	--	39	--	29	69
Non-jury		6,145	842	7,871	2,756	3,406	901	21,921
Total		6,145	843	7,871	2,795	3,406	930	21,990
Total trials	31,586	6,145	13,217	13,172	5,131		49,750	122,407

Type of disposition

	Superior and Circuit Court	County Court function	Total
Dismissed	55,315	20,351	75,666
Guilty plea	10,847	34,943	45,790
Default	18,449	14,782	33,231
Settled	12,798	5,359	18,157
Closed	6,011	--	6,011
Transferred	1,393	239	1,632
Venued out	5,349	71	5,420
Traffic Violations Bureau	0	58,805	58,805
Failure to appear	0	3,368	3,368
Other	484	2,306	2,790

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
-- = Not applicable.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
In 1979, the Criminal Court of Marion County and the Juvenile Court of Marion County were made a part of the Superior Court. Their data, which in previous years were reported on separate profiles, are included in this profile. As a result, these data are not comparable with data for the Circuit Court and Superior Court for previous years.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as calculated from data given in the annual report.

[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the annual report.

[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figures were calculated from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
"Other" includes all matters adjudicated in the court that have not been specifically listed. These include probable cause hearings, petitions for writs of habeas corpus, commitment proceedings, waiver hearings, and informal juvenile hearings. It was determined from the data that many of these were probable cause cases when handled as a County Court function. The "other" category cases are listed as **other criminal** for the regular functions of the court.

[k]Additional information:
Case categories identified as "county court function" are cases that were handled by the Superior Court or Circuit Court, but are normally handled by the County Court.
Cases filed include 459 cases "venued in".

[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
"Other" trials include data for trials in **estate, juvenile, preliminary hearing,** and **other criminal** cases.

Source: Division of State Court Administration, 1979 Indiana Judicial Report (Indianapolis, Indiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

INDIANA PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court[b], 1 judge
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil plenary	463[l]	710	600	573[h]
Redocketed civil	0[l]	0	0	0[h]
Total	463[l]	710	600	573[h]
Estate:				
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship	4,711[l]	1,111	957	4,865[h]
Other estate:				
Probate/adoption	4,451[l]	3,982	3,908	4,525[h]
Total	9,162[l]	5,093	4,865	9,390[h]
Other civil	826[l]	596	706	716[h]
Total civil	10,451[l]	6,399	6,171	10,679[h]
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	1,008[l]	1,392	1,145	1,255[h]
Grand total	11,459[l]	7,791[k]	7,316	11,934[h]

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	2	196	198
Juvenile	3	4,852	4,855
Total	5	5,048	5,053

Civil and juvenile dispositions

Dismissed	357
Settled	248
Closed	1,657
Venued out	1

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[b]Particular court or reporting system information:
The court is located in St. Joseph County.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.
[h]Figure was computed:
End pending figure was computed from the filing, disposition, and beginning pending data.
[k]Additional information:
One of the filed cases was "venued in".
[l]Special source or revision in the data:
The beginning pending figures were taken from the 1978 annual report where they are given as end pending figures for that court year.

Source: Division of State Court Administration, 1978, 1979 Indiana Judicial Report (Indianapolis, Indiana). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

INDIANA COUNTY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
71 courts, 65 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Small claims	20,502[fh]	64,686	61,416	23,772
Other civil:				
Plenary proceedings	2,546[fh]	4,478	3,392	3,632
Redocketed civil	15,904[fh]	21,014	15,412	21,506
Total	18,450[fh]	25,492	18,804	25,138
Total civil	38,952[fh]	90,178	80,220	48,910
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal	12,717[fh]	43,090	36,908	18,899
Redocketed criminal	187[fh]	765	641	311
Total	12,904[fh]	43,855	37,549	19,210
Preliminary hearing:				
Other[j]	356[fh]	3,368	3,288	436
Total criminal	13,260[fh]	47,223	40,837	19,646
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Nonfelony traffic	37,826[fh]	178,336	168,970	47,192
Total traffic	37,826[fh]	178,336	168,970	47,192
Grand total	90,038[fh]	315,737[k]	290,027	115,748

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Small claims	--	12,632	12,632
Plenary proceeding	22	661	683
Redocketed civil	0	6,168	6,168
Total	22	19,461	19,483
Criminal	141	4,005	4,146
Traffic	0	5,913	5,913
Other[m]	75	2,749	2,824
Total	238	32,128	32,366

Type of disposition

Plea	76,142
Dismissed	40,159
Default	24,326
Traffic Violations Bureau	93,549
Settled	14,027
Failed to appear	6,150
Transferred out	2,019
Venued out	414
Other	875

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are given as calculated from data contained in the annual report.
[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figure was computed from filings, dispositions, and end pending data.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
"Other" category includes all matters adjudicated in the court that have not been specifically listed. These include probable cause hearings, petitions for writs of habeas corpus, commitment proceedings, and waiver hearings. It was determined from the data that many of these were probable cause cases in the County Courts.
[k]Additional information:
Three-hundred-one of the filed cases were "venued in."
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
"Other" trials include data for trials in **traffic** and **preliminary hearing** cases.

Source: Division of State Court Administration, 1979 Indiana Judicial Report (Indianapolis, Indiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MUNICIPAL COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 11 full-time and 4 part-time judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	4,989[fh]	12,166	12,435	4,720
Redocketed civil	755[fh]	8,966	7,355	2,366
Total	5,744[fh]	21,132	19,790	7,086
Total civil	5,744[fh]	21,132	19,790	7,086
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal	21,719[fh]	45,563	34,569	32,713
Redocketed criminal	0	8	8	0
Total	21,719[fh]	45,571	34,577	32,713
Total criminal	21,719[fh]	45,571	34,577	32,713
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Nonfelony traffic	48,957[fh]	100,702	90,214	59,445
Total traffic	48,957[fh]	100,702	90,214	59,445
Grand total	76,420[fh]	167,405	144,581	99,244

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	54	5,388	5,442
Criminal	69	6,932	7,001
Traffic	--	7,391	7,391
Unspecified	15	93	108
Total	138	19,804	19,942

Type of disposition

Guilty plea	48,083
Dismissed	40,613
Default	6,668
Traffic Violations Bureau	23,946
Settled	1,995
Transferred out	12
Venued out	56
Other	3,266

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
-- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are given as calculated from data contained in the annual report.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the annual report.
[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figure was computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.
[k]Additional information:
Five of the filed cases were "venued in."

Source: Division of State Court Administration, 1979 Indiana Judicial Report (Indianapolis, Indiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

INDIANA CITY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
50 courts, 50 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data for cases handled in the City Court for 1979.

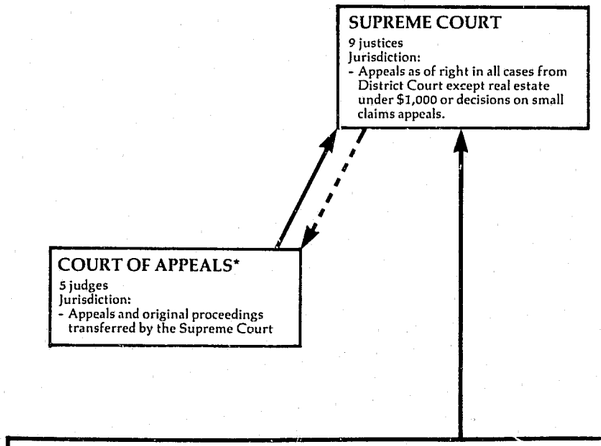
INDIANA TOWN COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
20 courts, 20 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data for cases handled in the Town Court for 1979.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA
Court of limited jurisdiction
8 courts, 8 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data for cases handled in the Small Claims Court for 1979.

IOWA COURT SYSTEM, 1979



Indicates route of appeal.

Indicates transfer of cases.

*Court of Appeals began hearing oral arguments and deciding cases in January, 1977.

IOWA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
9 justices
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Contracts	X	X	39	X
Contested child custody	X	X	9	X
Domestic relations not involving child custody	X	X	8	X
Property	X	X	13	X
Taxation	X	X	5	X
Tort	X	X	33	X
Trust, estates, wills	X	X	5	X
Other	X	X	28	X
Direct appeals from final judgments in civil cases	X	X	--	X
Writ of certiorari granted	X	(X)[e]	--	X
Interlocutory appeal granted	X	(X)[e]	--	X
Disposition by order or other mode prior to formal submission to the court	--	--	625[k]	--
Total	X	1,002[l](X)[e]	765	X
Criminal:				
Guilty plea only	X	X	2	X
Guilty plea and sentencing only	X	X	3	X
Other	X	X	62	X
Direct appeals from final judgments in criminal cases	X		--	X
Writ of certiorari granted	X	(X)[e]	--	X
Disposition by order or other mode prior to formal submission to the court	--	--	281[k]	--
Total	X	493[l](X)[e]	348	X
Postconviction remedy:				
Postconviction relief	X	12	8	X
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Administrative law	X	(j)	54	X
Total appeals	X	1,507 (26)[e]	1,175	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Disciplinary:				
Lawyer disciplinary proceedings	X	(j)	7	X
Request to appeal:				
Civil:				
Petition for writ of certiorari	X	X	37 (X)[e]	X
Petition for permission to appeal interlocutory ruling	X	X	98 (X)[e]	X
Petition for discretionary review	X	X	20 (X)[e]	X
Total	X	X	155	X
Criminal:				
Petition for writ of certiorari	X	(j)	10 (X)[e]	X
Petition for discretionary review	X	(j)	49 (X)[e]	X
Total	X	(j)	59 (X)[e]	X
Total	X	(j)	214 (26)[e]	X
Sentence review only:				
Sentencing only	X	(j)	14	X
Total other cases	X	(j)	235 (26)[e]	X
Total cases	880	1,507 (26)[e]	1,410 (26)[e]	9689
Other matters:				
Rehearing requests:				
Application for further review	19[l]	N/A	144	N/A
Motions and orders	0	3,024	3,024	0
Total	19	N/A	3,168	N/A

Manner of disposition

	Civil[m]	Criminal[m]	Disciplinary	Total
Signed opinion	192[l]	74[l]	7	273[l]
Per curiam	10[l]	7[l]	0	17[l]
Total opinion	202	81	7	290
Dismissed by order	X	X	X	117

Status of pending caseload

	Civil[m]	Criminal[m]	Total
In work	485	294	779
Ready	95	30	125
Assigned to justices for submission	19	11	30
Out to justices (submitted)	19	15	34

Disposition of cases[l]

	Civil[m]	Criminal[m]	Total	Disciplinary
Signed or per curiam opinion:[l]				
Affirmed	90	52	142	--
Reversed	66	15	81	--
Reversed Court of Appeals	9	4	13	--
Combination or modification	28	6	34	--
Lawyer license suspended	--	--	--	7
Other	16	4	20	0
Without opinion:				
Transferred to Court of Appeals	263	114	377	0
Consolidations	11	9	20	--
Dismissal or withdrawal prior to submission	0	49	249	0
Other dismissal	129	92	221	0

Time interval data[l] (average months)

	Civil[n]	Priority civil[n]	Criminal[n]	All
Notice of appeal to readiness	7.5	4.6	8.2	7.4
Readiness to submission	3.4	2.3	2.7	3.1
Submission to filing of decision	2.0	1.7	1.7	1.9
Notice of appeal to decision	12.9	8.6	12.6	12.4
Ready for submission to opinion	8.3	4.1	4.2	6.5

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
X = The date for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Petitions for writ of certiorari and petitions for permission to appeal interlocutory ruling when granted are not counted as a disposition. The resulting appeal is not counted as a new filing, and is counted as a disposition only when the appeal is disposed. These granted petitions are the numbers appearing in the parentheses.

[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as given in the annual report.

[i]Data are not complete:
Total appeals pending data do not include civil appeals, postconviction remedy, or appeal of administrative agency cases.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Civil appeals disposed and pending figures include direct civil appeals, original proceedings, and requests to appeal arising out of civil cases. Disciplinary cases are included in civil appeals under filed and pending.
Criminal appeals disposed and pending figures include both direct criminal appeals and original proceedings arising out of criminal cases.

[k]Additional information:
Cases transferred to the Court of Appeals by the Supreme Court are not included in cases listed as disposed prior to formal submission to the court.

[l]Special source or revision in the data:
Figures for the number of appeals filed, the number of civil and criminal opinions written and their contents. and time interval data were supplied by the clerk of the court during data verification.

[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
The civil category for manner of disposition, disposition of cases, and status of pending cases data includes civil appeals, postconviction relief, and appeal of administrative agency cases.
The criminal category for manner of disposition, disposition of cases, and status of pending cases data includes criminal appeals and sentence review only cases.
In addition to the 290 majority opinions, there were also 36 dissents and 30 concurences filed.

[n]Information on time interval or age of pending caseload data:
Priority civil includes postconviction relief and contested child custody cases.

Source: Court Administrator of the Judicial Department, 1978 Annual Statistical Report (Des Moines, Iowa: 1979). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional information was supplied by the clerk of the court during data verification.

IOWA COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
5 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Contracts	X	X	47	X
Contested child custody	X	X	35	X
Domestic relations not involving child custody	X	X	76	X
Property	X	X	21	X
Taxation	X	X	2	X
Tort	X	X	25	X
Trust, estates, wills	X	X	13	X
Other	X	X	17	X
Disposition by order	X		2	X
Total[j]	48[j]	263[j]	238	529[j]
Criminal:				
Guilty plea only	X	X	11	X
Guilty plea and sentencing only	X	X	0	X
Other	X	X	100	X
Total[j]	30[j]	114[j]	111	249[j]
Postconviction remedy:				
Postconviction relief	(j)	(j)	8	(j)
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Administrative law	(j)	(j)	13	(j)
Total appeals	78[j]	377[j]	370	769[j]
Other cases:				
Sentence review only:				
Sentencing only	(j)	(j)	9	(j)
Total other cases	(j)	(j)	9	(j)
Total cases	78	377	379	769

Manner of disposition

	Civil[m]	Criminal[m]	Total
Signed opinion	86[l]	35[l]	121
Per curiam	171[l]	85[l]	256
Total	257	120	377
Dismissal by order	2[l]	0[l]	2

Disposition of cases

	Civil[m]	Criminal[m]	Total
Signed and per curiam opinion:			
Affirmed	X	X	235
Reversed	X	X	70
Combination or modification	X	X	72

Time interval data (average months)

	Civil[n]	Priority civil[n]	Criminal[n]	All
Ready for submission to opinion	5.2	4.2	4.5	4.9

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Data are as reported in the annual report.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Civil appeals filed and pending include administrative law and postconviction relief cases.
Criminal appeals filed and pending include **sentence review only** cases.
[l]Special source or revision in the data:
The number of **civil** and **criminal** opinions written and the number dismissed by order were supplied by the clerk of the court during data verification.
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
The **civil** category for manner of disposition and disposition of cases data includes **civil appeals**, postconviction relief, and **appeal of administrative agency cases.**
The **criminal** category for manner of disposition and disposition of cases data includes **criminal appeal** and **sentence review only** cases.
[n]Information on time interval or age of pending caseload data:
Priority civil includes post conviction relief and contested child custody cases.

Source: Court Administrator of the Judicial Department, 1979 Annual Statistical Report (Des Moines, Iowa: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional information were supplied by the clerk of the court during data verification.

IOWA DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
8 districts[c]
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Small claims:				
Small claims (associate judges and regular magistrates assigned)	837[f]	13,443	13,494	787
Small claims (substitute and part-time magistrates assigned)	605[h]	11,868	12,013	460
Small claims (docket maintained by the clerk)	13,823[h]	52,830	55,865	10,788
Total[j]	15,265[f]	78,141	81,372	12,034
Domestic relations:				
Other domestic relations:				
Termination of parental rights	N/A	948	762[k]	N/A
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Estate opened[k]	N/A	19,484	17,239	N/A
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship and conservatorship opened[k]	N/A	3,197	2,984	N/A
Trusteeships opened[k]	N/A	798	417	N/A
Total	N/A	3,995	340[l]	N/A
Total	N/A	23,479	20,640	N/A
Other civil:				
Regular civil (district judges)	X	50,619[h]	47,754	X
Regular civil (associate judges, substitute and regular magistrates)	X	412	422	X
Total	45,341[f]	51,031	48,176	48,196[g]
Total civil	60,606[fi]	153,599	151,310	60,230[gj]
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Regular criminal (district judges)[jk]	12,102[fj]	16,566[h]	15,098	13,517[gj]
Misdemeanor:				
Regular criminal (associate judges and regular full-time and substitute judicial magistrates)[jk]	(j)	14,460	14,513	(j)
Nonindictable state[k]	16,018[f]	68,457	69,439	15,036
Total	16,018[j]	82,917	83,952	15,036[j]
Preliminary hearing:				
Preliminary examination[j] (associate judges and regular magistrates)	2,593[f]	12,326	12,788[k]	1,892[g]
Preliminary examination (substitute and part-time magistrates)	1,241[hf]	10,291	10,821[k]	711
Total	3,834[f]	22,617	23,609	2,603[g]
Ordinance violations:				
Nonindictable ordinance[k]	48,352[f]	75,919	75,801	48,425[g]
Total criminal	80,306	198,019	198,460[k]	79,581[g]
Traffic:				
Other traffic violations:				
Nonindictable state[k]	7,874[h]	92,236	92,727	7,383
Nonindictable ordinance[k]	6,751[h]	54,792	56,261	5,282
Total	14,625[h]	147,028	148,988	12,665
Total traffic	14,625	147,028	148,988	12,665
Juvenile:				
Other juvenile:				
Juvenile (district judges)	N/A	1,960	1,456[k]	N/A
Juvenile (associate judges and regular magistrates)	N/A	3,276	4,949[k]	N/A
Total	N/A	5,236	6,405[k]	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	5,236	6,405[k]	N/A
Grand total	155,537[i]	503,882	505,163	152,476[gi]

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Small claims	--	13,609	13,609
Estate	5	252	257
Other civil	469	5,859	6,328
Total	474	19,720	20,194
Criminal:			
Felony	611	1,151	1,762
Misdemeanor	332	4,387	4,719
Ordinance violation	45	4,194	4,239
Total	988	9,732	10,720
Traffic:			
Other traffic violation	242	12,341	12,583
Grand total	1,704	41,793	43,497

Age of pending caseload (12/31/79)

	Over 1 year	Under 1 year
Regular civil	19,165	29,031
Regular criminal	3,842	9,675

Time interval data[h]

Age at disposition:	Under 1 year	1 to 3 years	Over 3 years
Probate/wills/intestate	9,137	6,206	1,896

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-- = Not applicable.

[c]Judge information:
Data include cases handled by 92 district and 13 district associate judges, 17 regular full-time, 9 substitute full-time, and 166 part-time magistrates.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial (contested) is counted when the first witness is sworn.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
The disparity between these figures is due to inventory corrections.

[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the annual report.

[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figure was computed from filed, disposed, and end pending data.
Time interval data were estimated from percentages given in the annual report.

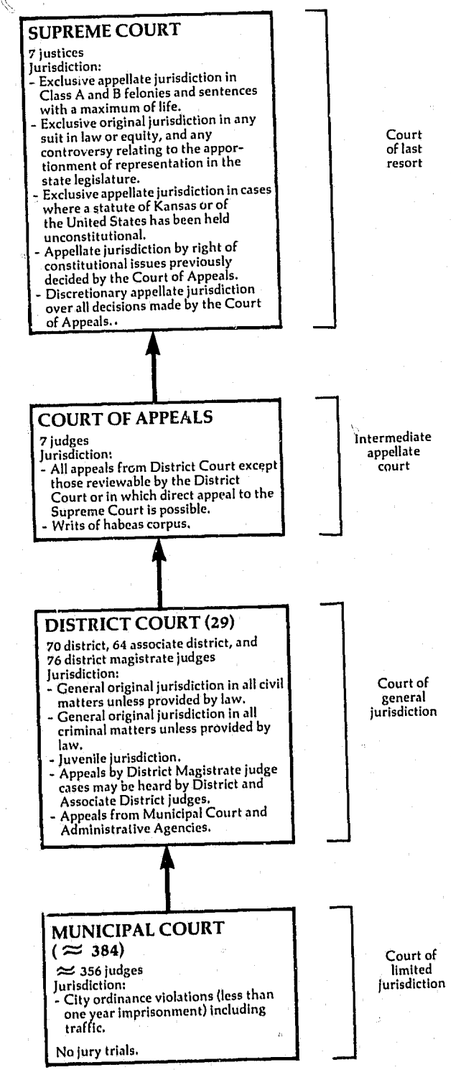
[i]Data are not complete:
Estate, total **civil**, and grand total disposed figures do not include guardianship and conservatorship, or trusteeship.
Total **civil** pending does not include **estate** data.
Grand total pending does not include **estate** or **juvenile** data.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Small claims total includes cases handled by the clerk. The cases are not listed as filed or pending in the "by clerk" category because the cases are filed as regular cases and not as cases to be specifically disposed by the clerk.
Regular criminal cases handled by the district judges include **felonies** and **appeals**.
Felony pending is the total for all regular criminal categories (**felony**, **appeal**, indictable misdemeanor).
Misdemeanor (regular criminal) pending cases are included in the **felony** (regular criminal) data.

[k]Additional information:
Other domestic relations and juvenile cases disposed represent the number of cases closed by formal hearing.
Estate, guardianship and conservatorship, trusteeship, and regular criminal (**felony**) cases are handled by district judges only.
Formal hearings were held in 239 of the 13,027 **preliminary hearing** cases disposed by associate judges and regular magistrates.
Nonindictable state and nonindictable ordinance cases are handled by district associate judges, regular full-time, substitute full-time, and part-time magistrates.
In addition to the total **criminal** cases disposed, there were 685 search warrants, 607 seized property hearings, and 129 miscellaneous actions handled by district associate judges, regular full-time magistrates and substitute full-time magistrates, and 587 search warrants, and 351 seized property hearings and 422 miscellaneous actions handled by part-time magistrates.

Source: Court Administrator of the Judicial Department, 1978 Annual Statistical Report, Iowa Judiciary (Des Moines, Iowa: 1979). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

KANSAS COURT SYSTEM, 1979



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

KANSAS SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	X	X (X)[e]	X	X
Criminal	X	X (X)[e]	137	X
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Workmen's compensation	X	X (X)[e]	X	X
Total appeals	221[f]	290J (11)[e]	304	207
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Habeas corpus	N/A	X	X	N/A
Mandamus	N/A	X	X	N/A
Other writs	N/A	X	X	N/A
Total	N/A	X	X	N/A
Disciplinary	N/A	33	10	N/A
Total	N/A			N/A
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions for review Court of Appeals decisions	N/A	120	102 (11)[e]	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	153	112 (11)[e]	N/A
Total cases	221[fi]	443 (11)[e]	416 (11)[e]	207[i]
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests:				
Motions for rehearing	0	53	53[k]	0
Other matters:				
Motions	0	833	833	0
Total other proceedings	0	886	886	0

Disposition of cases

	Appeals				Requests to appeal
	Civil	Criminal	Agency	Total	
By opinion:					
Affirmed	X	94	X	175	--
Reversed	X	8	X	28	--
Affirmed in part, revised in part	X	12	X	28	--
Dismissed	X	4	X	7	--
Without opinion:					
Voluntary dismissals	X	7	X	19	--
Dismissals by court	X	1	X	4	--
Granted	--	--	--	--	11
Denied	--	--	--	--	102

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Blank space = Not enough information is known. The category may or may not be handled by the court.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Petitions for review of Court of Appeals decisions when granted are not counted as disposed cases until the resulting **appeal** is disposed; a new filing is not counted for the resulting **appeal**. These granted petitions for review are the numbers appearing in parentheses.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.
[i]Data are not complete:
No beginning pending or filed data were available for **requests to appeal** cases. These cases are not included in the total cases beginning pending or filed categories.
[J]Explanation of data included in the category:
Appeals filed include 136 cases transferred from the Court of Appeals.
[k]Additional information:
Of the 53 motions for rehearing disposed, none were granted.

Source: Office of the Judicial Administration, Annual Report on the Courts of Kansas, July 1, 1978 through June 30, 1979 (Topeka, Kansas: November, 1979). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

KANSAS COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate Appellate Court
7 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	X	X	X	X
Criminal	X	X	X	X
Total appeals	601[f]	816	772	645
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases				
Total cases	601[f]	816	772	645
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests:				
Motions for rehearing	0	31[k]	31[k]	0
Other matters:				
Motions	0	2,556	2,556	0
Total other proceedings	0	2,587	2,587	0

Manner of disposition

	Civil	Criminal	Total
Appeals terminated by opinion	276	133	409

Disposition of appeals

	Civil	Criminal	Total
Affirmed	215	109	324
Reversed	4	2	6
Affirmed in part, reversed in part	10	4	14
Remanded	9	2	11
Reversed and remanded	32	14	46
Dismissed	6	2	8
Without opinion:			
Voluntary dismissals	165	33	198
Dismissals by court	15	14	29
Other	X	X	136
Transferred to Supreme Court	0	0	0

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[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
As noted in the annual report, the figures reflect adjustments made to the figures as previously reported.
[k]Additional information:
All 31 of the rehearing requests were denied.
Cases disposed include 136 cases transferred to the Supreme Court.

Source: Office of the Judicial Administration, Annual Report on the Courts of Kansas, July 1, 1978 through June 30, 1979 (Topeka, Kansas: November 1979). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

KANSAS DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
29 districts: 70 district, 64 associate district, and 76 district magistrate judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[j]:				
Tort:				
Auto tort:				
Auto negligence	X	1,332	X	X
Professional tort:				
Medical negligence	X	132	X	X
Product liability tort	X	101	X	X
Other tort:				
Property damage	X	1,600	X	X
Other tort	X	1,862	X	X
Total	X	3,462	X	X
Total	X	5,027	X	X
Contract	X	32,159	X	X
Small claims[a]	N/A	11,875	N/A	N/A
Real property rights:				
Personal property	X	1,672	X	X
Real property	X	8,107	X	X
Total	X	9,779	X	X
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce, annulment, or separate maintenance	X	20,215	14,831	X
Support/custody:				
U.R.E.S.A. inward	X	1,835	X	X
U.R.E.S.A. outward	X	1,423	X	X
Total	X	3,258	X	X
Adoption	N/A	2,019	N/A	N/A
Other domestic relations	X	1,390	X	X
Total	9,375[fi]	26,882	24,227[i]	10,011[i]
Mental health:				
Mental health treatment proceedings	N/A	1,806	N/A	N/A
Alcohol treatment proceedings	N/A	713	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	2,519	N/A	N/A
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Decedents estates	N/A	5,908	5,036	N/A
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship/conservatorship/estates	N/A	1,902	944	N/A
Trusts	N/A	277	134	N/A
Total	N/A	2,179	1,078	N/A
Other estate:				
Determination of descent	N/A	2,202	2,202	N/A
Miscellaneous probate actions	N/A	1,336	1,336	N/A
Total	N/A	3,538	3,538	N/A
Total	N/A	11,625	9,652	N/A
Appeal	X	188	X	X
Extraordinary writ:				
Special writs	X	279	X	X
Other civil	21,287	3,680	X	X
Total civil	30,662[fi]	104,013	79,679	35,958[i]
Criminal[d]:				
Felony	4,051	9,901	10,255	3,697
Misdemeanor	4,346[j]	14,420	16,669[j]	2,939[j]
Appeal	(j)	842	(j)	(j)
Total criminal	8,397[f]	25,163	26,924	6,636
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Driving while intoxicated	N/A	3,944	X	N/A
Other traffic violation:				
Other traffic	N/A	267,314	X	N/A
Juvenile traffic	N/A	416	716	N/A
Total	N/A	267,730	X	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	271,674	261,168	N/A
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type ofense:				
Delinquent	N/A	3,858	X	N/A
Status offense:				
Miscreant	N/A	4,652	X	N/A
Wayward or truant	N/A	2,231	X	N/A
Total	N/A	6,883	X	N/A
Non-offense:				
Dependent/neglected	N/A	2,176	X	N/A
Other juvenile:				
Informal juvenile	N/A	17,193	N/A	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	30,110	11,122[i]	N/A
Grand total	38,407[fi]	430,960	378,893[i]	42,594[i]

Contested trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Domestic relations[m]	--	3,027	3,027
Other civil	380	3,544	3,924
Total	380	6,571	6,951
Criminal:			
Felony	463	136	599
Misdemeanor[m]	81	564	645
Total	544	700	1,244
Traffic[m]	45	4,929	4,974
Grand total	969	12,200	13,169

Criminal dispositions

	Felony	Misdemeanor[m]	Total
Pleas of guilty	4,795	9,461	14,256
Trial convictions	446	469	915
Acquitted	153	176	329
Dismissed by prosecutor	2,058	3,683	6,541
Dismissed by judge	868	1,155	2,023
Other	1,135	1,725	2,860

Traffic dispositions[m]

Pleas of guilty	206,246
Bond forfeiture	40,181
Dismissed	9,051

Civil dispositions[i]

	Domestic relations[m]	Other civil	Total
Dismissals	6,338	15,782	22,120
Uncontested	12,425	22,279	34,704
Contested, no formal trial	1,270	1,847	3,117
Other	1,167	1,968	3,135

Age of pending caseload (6/30/79)

	6 months or less	7 to 12 months	13 to 18 months	19 to 24 months	over 24 months
Civil:					
Domestic relations[m]	7,001	1,650	622	388	350
Other civil	13,303	6,238	2,974	1,716	1,716
Total	20,304	7,888	3,596	2,104	2,066
Criminal:					
Felony	2,449	654	247	147	200
Misdemeanor	1,629	539	263	233	275
Total	4,078	1,193	510	380	475

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X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted at the filing of a petition or complaint. **Appeals** are filed in categories according to the nature of the case.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is impaneled.
A non-jury trial is counted if the case is contested (an attorney appears in opposition).

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.

[i]Data are not complete:
Domestic relations pending and disposed figures do not include **adoption** cases.
Total **estate**, total **civil**, and grand total filed figures do not include **other estate** cases.
Total **civil** pending figures do not include **small claims**, **adoptions**, **mental health**, or **estate** cases.
Total **civil** and grand total disposed figures do not include **small claims**, **adoption**, or **mental health** cases.
Grand total pending figures do not include **small claims**, **adoption**, **mental health**, **estate**, **traffic**, or **juvenile** cases.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Pending and disposed **misdemeanors** include criminal appeals.
Filings include original actions and retrials/reinstatements.
Civil cases are divided into three major groupings in the Kansas Annual Report: domestic relations, regular actions, and limited actions (Chapter 61 cases). Regular and limited actions cases include **contract**, **tort**, **real property rights**, **civil appeals**, **extraordinary writs**, and **other civil** cases. They are distinguished from each other by the amount demanded in the suit. There were 17,156 regular civil cases filed and 15,282 disposed during the 1979 court year. The same elements for limited actions were 33,956 and 30,518.

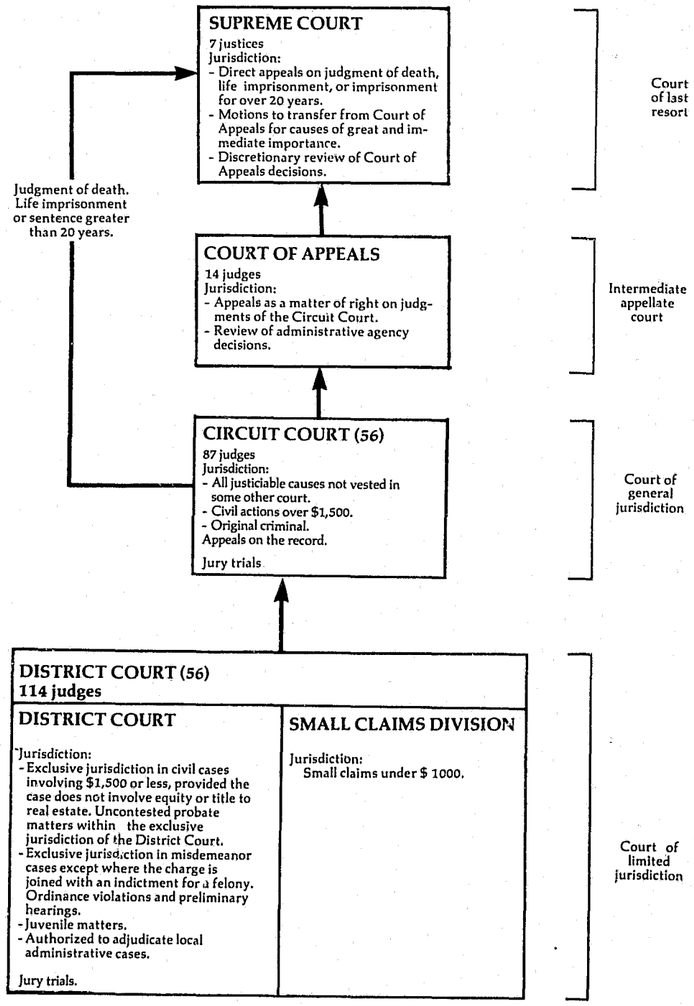
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
Domestic relations trial, type of disposition, and age of pending cases data do not include **adoption** cases.
Misdemeanor trial and disposition data include **appeal** cases from lower courts.
Traffic disposition and trial data do not include juvenile traffic cases.

Source: Office of the Judicial Administrator, Annual Report on the Courts of Kansas July 1, 1978 through June 30, 1979 (Topeka, Kansas: November 1979). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

KANSAS MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
384 courts, 356 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for fiscal year 1979.

KENTUCKY COURT SYSTEM, 1979



KENTUCKY SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979[b]

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Direct appeals	X	185[l]	X	X
Motions for transfer granted	X	(8)[el]	X	X
Motions for discretionary review granted	X	(167)[el]	X	X
Total appeals	X[j]	185 (175)[e]	226[l]	X[j]
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Original actions	(j)	7[l]	10[l]	(j)
Motions for injunctive relief	4[f]	7	6	5
Total	X	14	16	X
Disciplinary:				
Bar Association actions	X	90[kl]	72[kl]	X
Total	X	104	88	X
Requests to appeal:				
Motion for transfer	3[f]	13	6 (8)[el]	2
Motion for discretionary review	126[f]	452	351 (167)[el]	60[l]
Total	129[f]	465	357 (175)[e]	62
Total other cases	133[fi]	569	445 (175)[e]	82[i]
Total cases	236[f]	754 (175)[e]	671 (175)[e]	241[i]
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests:				
Petitions for rehearing	6[f]	49	45	10
Total other proceedings	6[f]	49	45	10

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X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[b]Particular court or reporting system information:
The court changed its reporting period from the calendar year to the fiscal year, starting with this report. As a result, there is a six month overlap between data reported here and those contained in the 1978 edition of this report.

[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Motions for transfer and motions for discretionary review granted are not counted as disposed until the **appeal** is disposed; a filing is not counted for the resulting **appeal**. These granted petitions are the numbers appearing in parentheses.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Between 1978 and 1979 the court changed its reporting period from the calendar year to the fiscal year. As a result, the beginning pending data reported here do not match the end pending data contained in the 1978 edition of this report.

[i]Data are not complete:
Figures for total other cases pending do not include original action cases.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Pending original actions are included with the pending **appeal** cases.

[k]Additional information:
Bar Association filings included 37 disciplinary actions and 53 other matters; dispositions included 28 disciplinary actions and 44 other matters.

[l]Special source or revision in the data:
Footnoted figures were provided by the Clerk of the Court, who also furnishes these data to the Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report, 1979-80 (Frankfort, Kentucky). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional information were supplied by the Clerk of the Court.

KENTUCKY COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
14 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979[b]

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	758[f]	1,386	1,440	704
Criminal	197[f]	383	365	215
Total appeals	955[f]	1,769	1,805	919
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Original actions	16[f]	53	58	11
Actions for injunctive relief	6[f]	18	17	7
Total	22[f]	71	75	18
Requests to appeal:				
Discretionary review	0[f]	23	16	7
Total other cases	22[f]	94	91	25
Total cases	977[f]	1,863	1,896	944
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests:				
Petitions for rehearing:				
Civil	82[f]	236	250	68
Criminal	9[f]	49	48	10
Total	91[f]	285	298	78
Total other proceedings	91[f]	285	298	78

Manner of disposition[l]

	Published opinion	Non-published opinion	Total
Total cases	214	927	1,141

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[b]Particular court or reporting system information:
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[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Between 1978 and 1979 the court changed its reporting period from the calendar year to the fiscal year. As a result, the beginning pending data reported here do not match the end pending data contained in the 1978 edition of this report.

[l]Special source or revision in the data:
The numbers of published and unpublished opinions rendered by the court during 1979 were provided by the Clerk of the Court during data verification.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report, 1979-80 (Frankfort, Kentucky). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions and corrections were supplied by the Clerk of the Court during data verification.

KENTUCKY CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
56 districts, 87 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979[b]

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil suit	N/A	17,461	17,275	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Adoption:				
Adoption and termination of parental rights	N/A	2,266	2,175	N/A
Other domestic relations:				
Domestic relations	N/A	30,917	27,653	N/A
Total	N/A	33,183	29,828	N/A
Mental health[j]	N/A	2,181	2,544	N/A
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Workmen's compensation	N/A	744	592	N/A
Appeal of trial court case:				
Probate[j]	N/A	102	189	N/A
Civil appeal	N/A	289	228	N/A
Total	N/A	391	417	N/A
Other civil[j]	N/A	1,135	1,009	N/A
Total civil	N/A	6,454	5,535	N/A
	N/A	60,414	56,191	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal	N/A	10,124	9,259	N/A
Appeal	N/A	388	328	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	10,512	9,587	N/A
Grand total	N/A	70,926	65,778	N/A

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[b]Particular court or reporting system information:
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[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Domestic relations cases include contested and uncontested divorces, separations, annulments, and certain post-divorce hearings for modifications in support, custody, visitation rights, etc.
Mental health cases include both involuntary hospitalization and competency hearings.
Probate cases are primarily will contests and exceptions to probate settlements of the District Court.
Other civil cases include tax, zoning, and other administrative board appeals; state-initiated fiscal suits from the Department of Revenue, Unemployment Compensation Board, etc; Uniform Reciprocal Support Act cases; cases involving only injunctive relief; and other cases not specifically categorized elsewhere on the profile.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report, 1979-80 (Frankfort, Kentucky). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and corrections and additional data were supplied by the administrative office of the courts during data verification.

KENTUCKY DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
56 districts, 114 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1980[b]

	Beginning[j] pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	N/A	50,323	34,183	N/A
Small claims	N/A	28,435	21,904	N/A
Estate:				
Other estate:				
Probate[j]	N/A	30,579	17,940	N/A
Total civil	N/A	109,337	74,027	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	174,418	152,299	N/A
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony	N/A	23,496	21,149	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	197,914	173,448	N/A
Traffic[d]:				
Total traffic	N/A	251,740	220,226	N/A
Juvenile[dj]:				
Total juvenile	N/A	35,828	28,718	N/A
Grand total	N/A	594,819	496,419	N/A

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[b]Particular court or reporting system information:
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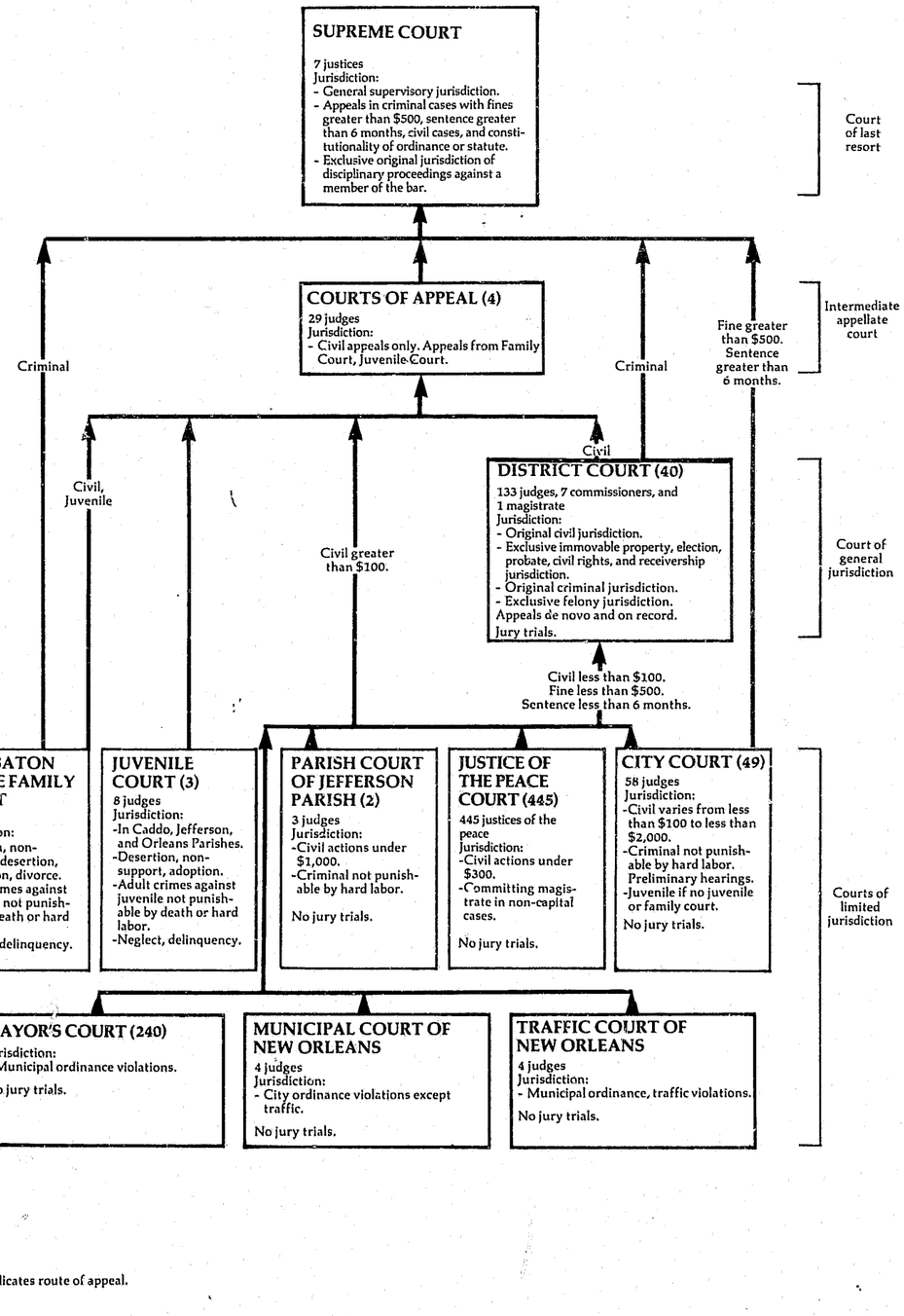
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal, traffic, and juvenile case unit of count is the number of defendants.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
The probate category includes name changes, and various other fiduciary appointments (guardianships, committee fiduciaries for incompetents, conservatorships, etc.), as well as other estate cases.
Juvenile cases include delinquency, status, dependency, neglect, needy, and abuse cases, as well as paternity actions and adult violations of KRS 530.060-.070 (endangering the welfare of or unlawful transaction with a minor).

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report, 1979-80 (Frankfort, Kentucky). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions were made to all data by the administrative office of the courts during data verification.

LOUISIANA COURT SYSTEM, 1979



LOUISIANA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Appeals[j]	N/A	493	434	N/A
Writs granted	N/A	(529)[e]	464	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	493 (529)[e]	898	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Other matters	N/A	70	45	N/A
Disciplinary:				
Original jurisdiction petitions[j]	N/A	8	11[j]	N/A
Total	N/A	78	56	N/A
Requests to appeal:				
Writs	N/A	2,271	1,809 (529)[e]	
Total other cases	N/A	2,349	1,865 (529)[e]	N/A
Total cases	N/A	2,842 (529)[e]	2,763 (529)[e]	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	N/A	209	201	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	209	201	N/A

Manner of disposition

	Appeals	Original jurisdiction	Disciplinary	Requests to appeal	Total cases	Rehearing requests
Written opinion	395	1	11	--	407	18
Per curiam without opinion	217	44	0	--	261	0
With orders	286	0	0	--	286	0
Dismissed	10	0	0	11	21	0
Granted	--	--	--	529	529	19
Denied	--	--	--	1,462	1,462	182
Not considered	--	0	--	50	50	0

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Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
-- = Not applicable.

[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
A writ granted is not counted as disposed until the resulting **appeal** is disposed; a filing is not counted for the resulting **appeal**. These granted writs are the numbers appearing in parentheses in the profile.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Appeals filed include a few habeas corpus **original jurisdiction** cases.
Original jurisdiction petitions under **disciplinary** include some nondisciplinary bar matters as well as **disciplinary** cases.

Source: Judicial Administrator, Judicial Council Annual Report with 1979 Statistics and Related Data (New Orleans, Louisiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

LOUISIANA COURTS OF APPEAL[a]
Intermediate appellate court
4 circuits, 29[c] judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	X	2,269	2,046[h]	X
Total appeals	X	2,269	2,046	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Writs	X	395	384[h]	X
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases	X	395	384	X
Total cases	1,395[f][l]	2,664	2,430	1,147[g][l]
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	N/A	N/A	589	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	N/A	589	N/A

Manner of disposition

Judgments rendered	1,802
Cases dismissed	244

Disposition of cases

	Original jurisdiction
Granted	84
Refused	300

Status of pending caseload[l] (12/31/79)

To be argued	932
Argued but not decided	215

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
The court hears **civil appeals** only.
[c]Judge information:
One retired judge was also assigned to hear cases in the Fourth Circuit of the Courts of Appeal.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year.
Figure is as calculated from data given in the annual report.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as given in the annual report and the administrative office of the court.
[h]Figure was computed:
The writs disposed figure was computed by adding writs refused and writs granted.
The appeals disposed figure was computed by adding together cases dismissed and judgments rendered.
[l]Special source or revision in the data:
Beginning and end pending figures were provided by the administrative office of the court during data verification.

Source: Judicial Administrator, Judicial Council Annual Report with 1979 Statistics and Related Data (New Orleans, Louisiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional information was supplied by the administrative office of the court during data verification.

LOUISIANA DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
40 districts, 133 judges, 7 commissioners, and 1 magistrate
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Total civil	N/A	152,965	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Total criminal	N/A	264,805	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	417,770	N/A	N/A

	Trial[1]		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	434	N/A	N/A
Criminal	767	N/A	N/A
Total cases	1,201	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.

Source: Judicial Administrator, Judicial Council Annual Report with 1979 Statistics and Related Data (New Orleans, Louisiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions were made by the state court administrative office during data verification.

LOUISIANA FAMILY COURT AND JUVENILE COURT[b]
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 3 judges; 3 courts, 8 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	35,880	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	35,880	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[b]Particular court or reporting system information:
The Louisiana judicial reporting system is undergoing modifications. Filings from Caddo Family Court and Juvenile Court were derived from new case numbers assigned and counts of dispositions, and may not be comparable to data from the other courts.

Source: Judicial Administrator, Judicial Council Annual Report with 1979 Statistics and Related Data (New Orleans, Louisiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

LOUISIANA CITY COURT[i] AND PARISH COURT[i], AND MUNICIPAL COURT AND TRAFFIC COURT OF NEW ORLEANS
Court of limited jurisdiction
49 courts, 58 judges; 2 courts, 3 judges; 1 court, 4 judges ; 1 court, 4 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	N/A	69,223	42,414	N/A
Total civil	N/A	69,223	42,414	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
State misdemeanor	N/A	29,270	25,882	N/A
Ordinance violation	N/A	93,058	73,183[l]	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	122,328	99,065	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
State cases	N/A	96,497	88,468	N/A
Ordinance cases	N/A	304,805	236,549	N/A
Juvenile traffic-city	N/A	5,870	3,769	N/A
Juvenile traffic-state	N/A	978[l]	874	N/A
Total	N/A	408,150	329,660	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	408,150	329,660	N/A
Juvenile[j]:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquency	N/A	4,310	3,477	N/A
Non-offense:				
Neglect	N/A	401	366	N/A
Other juvenile:				
Special proceedings	N/A	400	346	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	5,111	4,189	N/A
Grand total	N/A	604,812	475,328	N/A

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Juvenile traffic filings are included in the **juvenile** total filings.
[l]Special source or revision in the data:
Figures footnoted were provided by the administrative office of the courts during data verification.

Source: Judicial Administrator, Judicial Council Annual Report with 1979 Statistics and Related Data (New Orleans, Louisiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions were made by the state court administrative office during data verification, and additional information was supplied by the administrative office of the courts during data verification.

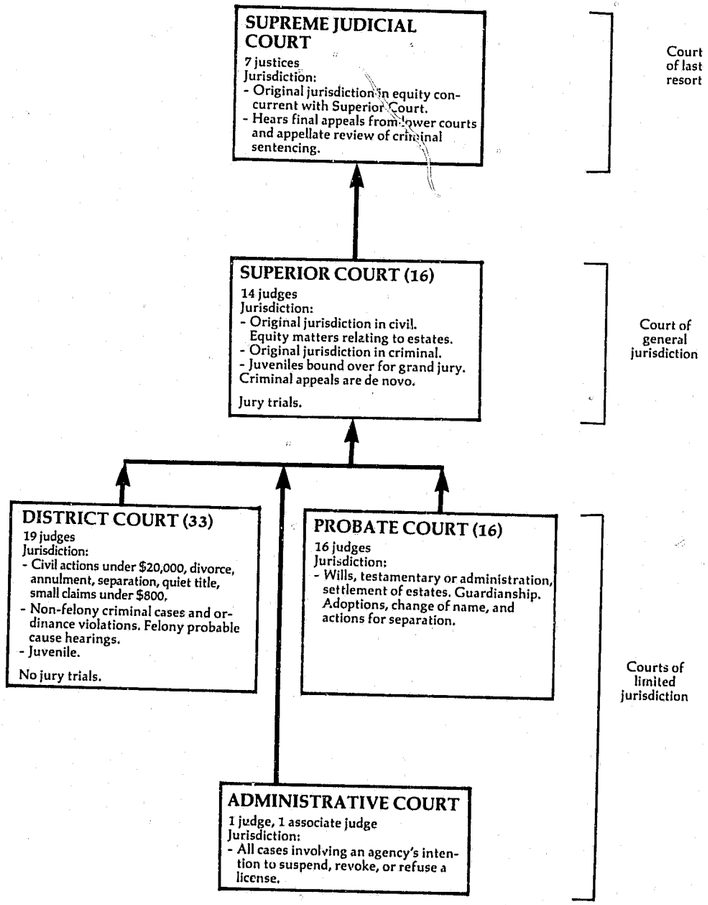
LOUISIANA JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
445 courts, 445 justices of the peace
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Justice of the Peace Court for 1979.

LOUISIANA MAYOR'S COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
240 courts
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Mayor's Court for 1979.

MAINE COURT SYSTEM, 1979



MAINE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
New appeals	X	235	X	X
Reports	X	2	X	X
Interlocutory appeals	X	1	X	X
Total	187	238	245	180
Criminal:				
New appeals	X	112	X	X
Interlocutory appeals	X	5	X	X
Reports	X	1	X	X
Total	70	118	132	56
Total appeals	257	356	377	236
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Advisory opinions:				
Solemn occasion opinions	X	3	3	X
Sentence review only:				
Appeals in the appellate division	38	49	67	20
Total other cases	38	52	70	20
Total cases	295	408	447	256

Manner of disposition	Civil	Criminal	Total
Signed opinion	154	88	242
Per curiam and memorandum opinions	20	12	32
Solemn occasion opinions	3	0	3

Disposition of appeals	Civil	Criminal	Total
Written opinions:			
Denied	82	72	154
Sustained	80	27	107
Dismissed	10	1	11
Remanded	2	0	2
Total	174	100	274
Non-opinion dispositions:			
Dismissed by Court	7	10.5	17.5
Withdrawn by defendant	55	19.5	74.5
Withdrawn by state	0	2	2
Certificate of probable cause denied	8	0	8
Remanded	1	0	1

Status of pending caseload (appeals) (12/31/79)

Not yet at issue	151
At issue awaiting oral argument	43
Orally argued awaiting opinion	42

Disposition of sentence review cases

Sentence unchanged	63
Sentence reduced	4
Sentence increased	0

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X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report 1979 (Auburn, Maine: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MAINE SUPERIOR COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
16 counties, 14 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Other civil	2,890	1,980	2,050	2,820
Tort:				
Damages	1,371	1,163	873	1,661
Personal injury	1,463	955	849	1,569
Total	2,834	2,118	1,722	3,230
Contract	2,005	1,427	1,254	2,178
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	375	497	438	434
Support/custody:				
URESA	1,159	1,303	1,211	1,251
Total	1,534	1,800	1,649	1,685
Appeal:				
Appeal of trial court case:				
Infraction appeal	19	43	40	22
Other appeal	150	209	202	157
Total	169	252	242	179
Extraordinary writs:				
Habeas corpus	56	78	74	60
Other civil:				
Habitual offender	202	105	212	95
Total civil	9,690	7,760	7,203	10,247
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Classes A, B, and C	1,466	2,483	2,508	1,712
Misdemeanor:				
Classes D and E	945	2,278	2,046	1,177
Other criminal	360	664	620	408
Total criminal	2,771	5,425	5,174	3,297
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Title 29[j]	928[j]	2,892[j]	2,428[j]	1,392[j]
Total traffic	928	2,892	2,428	1,392
Grand total	13,389	16,077	14,805	14,936

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil[m]	144	212	356
Criminal and traffic	445	218	663
Grand total	589	430	1,019

Time interval data (days)

	0 to 90 days	90 to 180 days	180 to 270 days	270 to 365 days	over 365 days
Civil:					
Filing to pretrial memo	322	268	171	105	309
Pretrial memo to pretrial conference	422	321	78	25	54
Pretrial conference to jury trial	26	39	26	21	34
Pretrial conference to jury-waived trial.	64	56	27	14	16
Filing to disposition	1,288	813	581	439	2,871

	0 to 30 days	31 to 60 days	61 to 90 days	91 to 120 days	over 120 days
Criminal:					
Filing to first appearance	2,173	100	54	37	91
First appearance to guilty plea	666	179	146	150	421
First appearance to jury trial	10	19	18	23	124
First appearance to non-jury trial	15	8	10	2	32
All first appearances to disposition	830	271	236	233	885

Civil dispositions

Default judgments	300
Dismissed by plaintiff, settlements, and stipulated judgments (Rule 41(a))	2,953
Dismissed by court (Rule 41(b))	1,082
Summary judgment	211
Final order	1,399
Divorce decree	313
Appeal sustained	22
Appeal denied	96
Writ denied	28
Writ granted	9
Court finding	143
Jury verdict	117
Directed verdict	9
Multiple judgments	28
Other	493

Criminal and traffic dispositions

Jury trial:		District Court bail revised	118
Convicted	351	District Court bail affirmed	50
Acquitted	133	Juvenile appeal denied	7
Non-jury trial:		Juvenile appeal sustained	14
Convicted	160	Juvenile appeal, new sentence	10
Acquitted	73	Probation revoked	40
Guilty plea	3,552	Filed case	112
Mistrial	36	Not guilty by reason of insanity	9
Dismissed by court	114	Other	415
Dismissed by District Attorney (Rule 48(a))	2,398	Unclassified	4

[g] Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[d] Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the informations, indictments, or complaints.
A trial is counted by the state when it has officially begun.

[f] Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.

[j] Explanation of data included in the category:
Title 29 cases are OUI (operating under the influence) cases and other traffic offenses.
End pending figure was calculated from filed, disposed, and beginning pending data.

[l] Special source or revision in the data:
Figures as noted were supplied by the administrative office of the courts during data verification.

[m] Information on disposition type on trial data:
Civil trial data do not include URESA cases.

Source: Data were provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts during data verification.

MAINE DISTRICT COURT[a]
Court of limited jurisdiction
33 courts, 19 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed[i]	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	N/A	13,606	11,674	N/A
Money judgments	N/A	6,891	5,861	N/A
Total	N/A	20,497	17,535	N/A
Small claims	N/A	18,832	15,647	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	N/A	7,761	7,213	N/A
Support/custody:				
Reciprocal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	7,761	7,213	N/A
Mental health	N/A	546[i]	480[i]	N/A
Total civil	N/A	47,636[i]	40,875[i]	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Classes D and E	N/A	24,694[l]	23,864	N/A
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony Classes A, B, and C	N/A	2,745	2,713	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	27,439	26,577	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Traffic criminal	N/A	55,877	50,990[l]	N/A
Civil violations and traffic infractions	N/A	101,476	103,906	N/A
Total	N/A	157,353	154,896	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	157,353	154,896	N/A
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	3,867	3,642	N/A
Grand total	N/A	236,295[i]	225,990[i]	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
The courts located in Fort Kent and Van Buren Counties handle **criminal**, **traffic**, and **juvenile** cases only.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
[i]Data are not complete:
No data were available for reciprocal **support/custody** cases.
Only Augusta, Bangor, Kittery, Lewiston, Portland, Skowhegan, and Springvale, reported **mental health** data.
[l]Special source or revision in the data:
These figures were corrected by the administrative office of the court during data verification.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report 1979 (Auburn, Maine: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and corrections were supplied by the Administrative Office of the Courts during data verification.

MAINE ADMINISTRATIVE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
2 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Bureau of liquor enforcement	N/A	281	278	N/A
Department of Secretary of State	N/A	21	24	N/A
Bureau of Maine State Police	N/A	31	47	N/A
Department of Human Services	N/A	10	11	N/A
Real Estate Commission	N/A	2	6	N/A
Board of Dental Examiners	N/A	0	1	N/A
Board of Examiners of Podiatrists	N/A	0	1	N/A
Board of Pesticides Control	N/A	1	1	N/A
State Board of Nursing	N/A	1	0	N/A
Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	N/A	3	2	N/A
Appeal from decision of Department of Public Safety	N/A	1	1	N/A
Department of Maine Resources	N/A	2	1	N/A
Appeal from Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages	N/A	1	1	N/A
State Board of Licensure of Medical Facilities other than Hospitals	N/A	1	1	N/A
Total	N/A	355	375	N/A
Total civil	N/A	355	375	N/A
Grand total	N/A	355	375	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

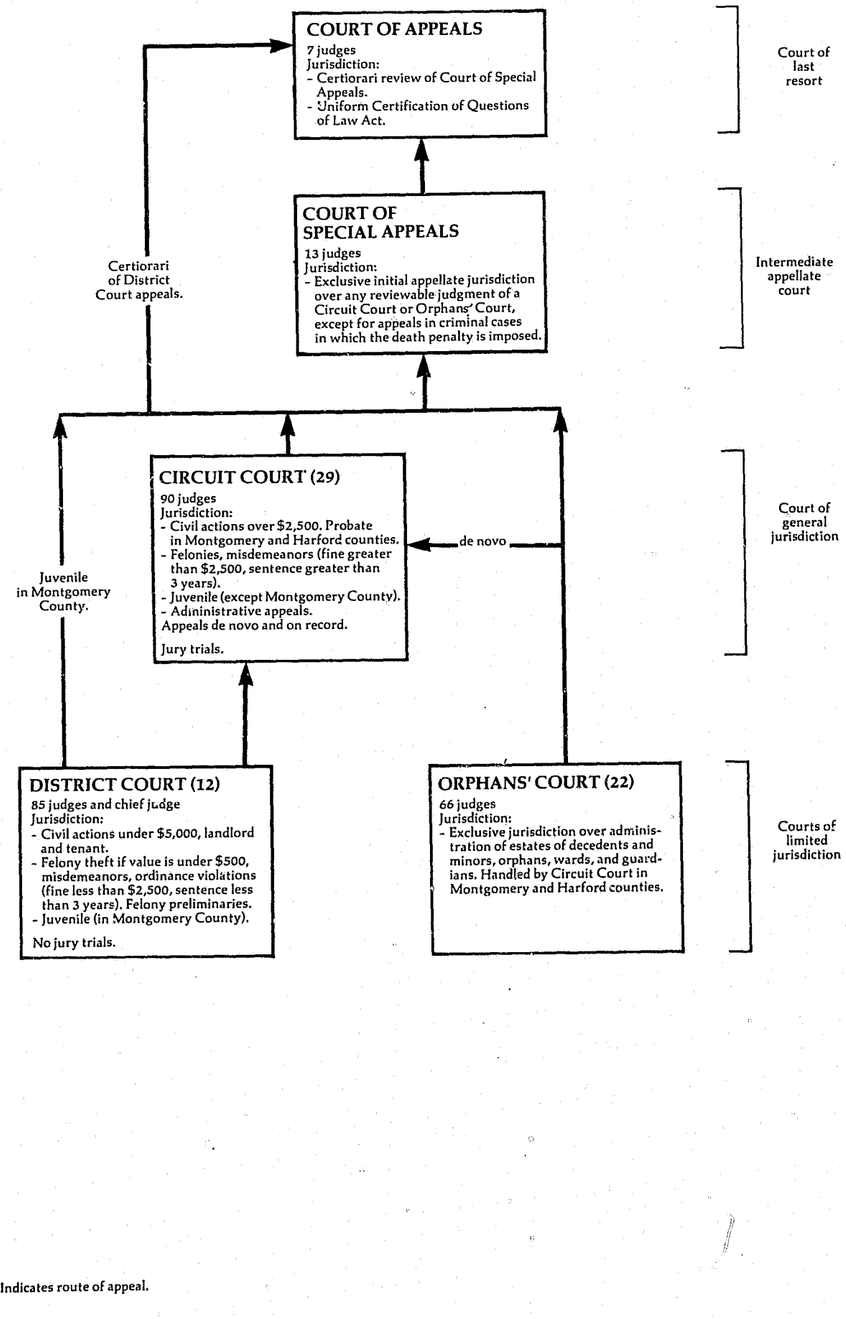
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a complaint.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report 1979 (Auburn, Maine: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MAINE PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
16 courts, 16 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Probate Court for 1979.

MARYLAND COURT SYSTEM, 1979



MARYLAND COURT OF APPEALS
Court of last resort
7 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	16	47[h](62)[e]	84	28
Criminal	12	(39)[eh]	52	12
Total appeals	28	47[h](101)[e]	136	40
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Disciplinary	0	30	30	0
Requests to appeal:				
Applications for certiorari:				
Civil	0	228	166 (62)[e]	0
Criminal	0	235	196 (39)[e]	0
Total	0	463	362 (101)[e]	0
Total other cases	0	493	392 (101)[e]	0
Total cases	28	540 (101)[e]	528[k](101)[e]	40

Manner of disposition[m]

Reported opinions	106
Unreported opinions	6

Disposition of appeals

	Civil			Criminal	Total
	Law	Equity	Total		
Affirmed	19	7	26	26	52
Reversed	22	11	33	18	51
Affirmed in part, reversed in part	5	0	5	3	8
Remanded without affirmance or reversal	5	2	7	1	8
Dismissed, opinion filed	0	2	2	0	2
Dismissed without opinion	3	2	5	2	7
Dismissed prior to argument or submission	3	1	4	2	6
Transferred to Court of Special Appeals	1	0	1	0	1
Stayed	1	0	1	0	1

Disposition of applications for certiorari

	Civil	Criminal	Total
Granted	62	39	101
Denied	165	192	357
Dismissed	1	2	3
Withdrawn	0	2	2
Total	228	235	463

Time interval data (average months)

Original filing to disposition in Circuit Court	16.9
Disposition in Circuit Court to docketing	8.6
Docketing to argument	3.5
Argument to decision	2.8

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Applications for certiorari when granted are not counted as dispositions until the resulting **appeal** is disposed; a filing is not counted for the associated **appeal.** These granted applications for certiorari are the numbers appearing in parentheses.

[h]Figure was computed:
Civil and **criminal appeal** filings and dispositions were computed from available data.

[k]Additional information:
The Court of Appeals also admitted 704 persons to the practice of law, 61 of which were admitted from other jurisdictions.

[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
Five opinions were per curiam. Ten dissenting opinions, two concurring opinions, and six opinions concurring in part and dissenting in part were also filed.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report 1978-79 (Annapolis, Maryland). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MARYLAND COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
13 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Law	41	476[l](X)[e]	413	53
Equity	27	325[l](X)[e]	323	30
Total	68[j]	801[l](X)[ej]	736[j]	83[j]
Criminal	44	711[l](X)[e]	633	76
Juvenile	(j)	(j) (x)[e]	(j)	(j)
Total appeals	112	1,512[l](9)[e]	1,369	1599
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal:				
Application for leave to appeal	0	177[l]	164 (9)[e]	0
Total other cases	0	177	164 (9)[e]	0
Total cases	112	1,689[l](9)[e]	1,533[k](9)[e]	1599

Manner of disposition[m]

Reported opinions	196
Unreported opinions, all per curiam	715

Disposition of appeals

	Civil[j]			Criminal	Total
	Law	Equity	Total		
Affirmed	147	120	267	398	665
Modified and affirmed	0	3	3	0	3
Reversed	44	39	83	90	173
Affirmed in part, reversed in part	8	14	22	20	42
Remanded without affirmance or reversal	9	9	18	8	26
Dismissed, opinion filed	13	13	26	1	27
Dismissed prior to argument or submission	146	98	244	103	347
Transferred to Court of Appeals	45	27	72	13	85
Stayed	1	0	1	0	1

Disposition of applications for leave to appeal

	Postconviction	Inmate grievance	Total
Granted	9	0	9
Denied	149	4	153
Withdrawn	0	0	0
Remanded	3	0	3
Dismissed	5	3	8
Total	166	7	173

Time interval data (average months)

Original filings to dispositions in court below	16.3
Disposition in Circuit Court to docketing	3.4
Docketing to argument	5.0
Argument to decision	1.2

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Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Applications for leave to appeal when granted are not counted as dispositions until the resulting **appeal** is disposed; a new filing is not counted for the associated **appeal.** These granted applications for leave to appeal are the numbers appearing in parentheses.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as given in the annual report and by the clerk of the court.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Juvenile appeals are included with the data for **civil appeals.**
[k]Additional information:
The court also considered 32 miscellaneous matters during the year, in addition to its regular caseload.
[l]Special source or revision in the data:
Filing figures were supplied by the clerk of the court during data verification.
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
Six dissenting opinions and six concurring opinions were also filed.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report 1978-1979 (Annapolis, Maryland). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional information was supplied by the clerk of the court during data verification.

MARYLAND CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
29 courts, 90 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Confessed judgments	X	2,024	2,119	X
Other law	X	2,263	1,962	X
Defective delinquent	X			X
Total	X	4,287	4,081	X
Tort:				
Auto tort:				
Motor tort	X	5,429	5,377	X
Other tort:				
Other tort	X	2,178	1,951	X
Consent cases	X	194	215	X
Total	X	2,372	2,166	X
Total	X	7,801	7,543	X
Contract	X	5,969	4,837	X
Real property rights:				
Condemnation	X	315	278	X
Foreclosure	X	3,271	2,902	X
Total	X	3,586	3,180	X
Equity:				
Other equity	X	11,375	9,875	X
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce, nullity, maintenance	X	30,371	27,491	X
Adoption	X	1,848	1,823	X
Other domestic relations:				
Paternity	X	12,150	7,332	X
Total	X	44,369	36,646	X
Estate:				
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Petition for guardianship	X	595	566	X
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case	X	1,834	1,677	X
Appeal of trial court case	X	901	933	X
Total	X	2,735	2,610	X
Extraordinary writ:				
Habeas corpus	X	347	354	X
Total civil	76,622[f]	81,064	69,692	87,994
Criminal[d]:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Nonsupport	X	2,211	1,996	X
Other criminal	X	31,784	28,973	X
Adult offenses against juveniles	(j)	135	134	(j)
Total	X	34,130	31,103	X
Appeal of trial court case:				
Motor vehicle	X	1,852	2,053	X
Criminal	X	2,260	2,578	X
Total	X	4,112	4,631	X
Postconviction remedy:				
Postconviction	X	409	676	X
Sentence review only:				
Applications for review of criminal sentences	N/A	251	233	N/A
Total criminal	17,867[fij]	38,902	36,643	20,107[gij]
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquency	X	20,646	18,643	X
Other juvenile:				
Child in need of assistance/child in need of supervision	X	2,706	2,483	X
Total juvenile	6,310[fj]	23,352	21,126	8,537[j]
Grand total	100,799[fi]	143,318	127,461	116,638[gi]

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Law[m]	806	1,673	2,479
Equity[m]	0	15,128	15,128
Total	806	16,801	17,607
Criminal	1,581	10,301	11,882
Total	2,387	27,102	29,489

Time interval data[n] (average days)

	Filing to trial or hearing	Filing to disposition
Civil:		
Law[n]	423	371
Equity[n]	172	236
Total[h]	207[h]	275[h]
Criminal[j]	126	159
Juvenile[j]	50	71

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Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
All **juvenile** cases are heard in this court in all counties except Montgomery County, where they are heard in the District Court. **Juvenile** data for Montgomery County are given on the District Court profile.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.
A jury trial is counted if tried to verdict.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as given in te annual report.
[h]Figure was computed:
Time interval data for total civil cases were computed by weighting the average for law and for equity cases by the number of cases tried or disposed of each type.
[i]Data are not complete:
Criminal and grand total pending do not include **sentence review only** cases.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Pending figures for adult offenses against juveniles are included in the total pending for juvenile cases.
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
The equity category for trial data includes **domestic relations, equity,** and foreclosure. The law category includes all other **civil** categories.
[n]Information on time interval or age of pending caseload data.
The equity category for time interval data includes **domestic relations, equity,** and foreclosure. The law category includes all other **civil** categories.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report 1978-79 (Annapolis, Maryland). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MARYLAND DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
12 districts, 85 judges and chief judge
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Contract and tort cases	N/A	111,080	N/A	N/A
Real property rights:				
Landlord and tenant	N/A	297,564	N/A	N/A
Other civil	N/A	15,060	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	423,704	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal	N/A	88,839	N/A	N/A
Adult offenses against juveniles	X	19	19	X
Total	N/A	88,858	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	88,858	19[i]	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	628,408	628,408[h]	N/A
Juvenile[j]:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquency	X	1,498	1,616	X
Other juvenile:				
Child in need of assistance/child in need of supervision	X	482	597	X
Total juvenile	X	1,980	2,213	X
Grand Total	1,242[fi]	1,142,950	630,640[i]	1,009[i]

Non-jury trial[d]

Civil	41,117
Traffic	214,596
Total	255,713[i]

Criminal dispositions

Defendants held for grand jury action	10,073
Defendants transferred to Circuit Court for jury trial	6,837

Traffic dispositions

Cases paid	413,812

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.
[h]Figure was computed:
The total number of **traffic** cases disposed was computed by adding the number of **traffic** cases disposed by non-jury trial and the number of cases paid.
[i]Data are not complete:
Criminal dispositions include adult offenses against juveniles cases only.
Total disposed and pending data do not include civil or **misdemeanor** criminal cases.
No information was available on the number of criminal or juvenile trials conducted.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Juvenile data are cases heard in the District Court in Montgomery County only. In the remainder of the state, **juvenile** cases are heard in the Circuit Court. Data for **juvenile** cases outside Montgomery County are included on the Circuit Court profile.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report 1978-79 (Annapolis, Maryland). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MARYLAND ORPHAN'S COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
22 counties, 66 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Orphan's Court for fiscal year 1979.

MASSACHUSETTS COURT SYSTEM, 1979

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
7 justices
Jurisdiction:
- Original jurisdiction in equity matters and cases arising under specific statutes which cannot be transferred to a lower court.
- Final appellate jurisdiction in civil and criminal matters.
- Criminal appeals of death or life imprisonment sentence.

Appellate review of cases from Appeals Court on certification.

Court of last resort

Death penalty.
Life imprisonment.*

APPEALS COURT
10 judges
Jurisdiction:
- Civil actions, equity matters, administrative appeals, and proceedings relating to extraordinary writs. Criminal matters (except death or life imprisonment).

Intermediate appellate court

TRIAL COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH
258 justices

SUPERIOR COURT DEPARTMENT (14)
46 justices
Jurisdiction:
- Original jurisdiction in all civil and criminal matters except where another department has exclusive original jurisdiction.

Hears appeals of civil, criminal, and juvenile delinquency cases from this and other departments in an Appellate Division.
Jury trials.

DISTRICT COURT DEPARTMENT (69)
163 justices
Jurisdiction:
- Original civil jurisdiction under $4,500. Small claims under $750.
- Felonies (sentence less than five years); misdemeanors, municipal ordinance violations.

Appeals of cases originating in this department heard in an Appellate Division.
Jury trials (6-person) de novo and in the first instance.**

BOSTON MUNICIPAL COURT DEPARTMENT
9 justices
Jurisdiction:
- Civil matters under $4,500.
- Felonies (fine less than $5,000, sentence less than 5 years). Misdemeanors, municipal ordinance violations.

Appeals of cases originating in this department heard in an Appellate Division.
Jury trials (6-person) de novo and in the first instance.**

Court of general jurisdiction

JUVENILE COURT DEPARTMENT (4)
7 justices
Jurisdiction:
(Located in Boston, Worchester, Springfield, and Bristol.)
- All juvenile matters.

Jury trials (6-person).

HOUSING COURT DEPARTMENT (2)
3 justices
Jurisdiction:
(Located in Hampden County and the City of Boston.)
- Matters (civil and criminal) relating to health, safety, or welfare of occupant in place of human habitation.

LAND COURT DEPARTMENT
3 justices
Jurisdiction:
- Land confirmation and registration and related matters.

PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT (14)
27 justices
Jurisdiction:
- Domestic relations, probate of wills, administration of estates, divorce and annulment, guardianship, adoption matters, and name changes.
- Equity.

↑ Indicates route of appeal.

*Appeals generally may be taken to either the Appeals Court or the Supreme Judicial Court with the Supreme Judicial Court deciding which court will hear each case.

**The District Court Department and the Boston Municipal Court Department both received jurisdiction on January 1, 1979 to conduct jury of six trials in the first instance and as the result of an appeal de novo. These cases previously were heard by a jury of twelve in the Superior Court Department.

MASSACHUSETTS SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
September 1, 1978 to August 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Full court appeals	175	339	393[h]	1349
Single justice appeals[i]	N/A	N/A	39	N/A
Total appeals	175[i]	339[i]	432	134g[i]
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases				
Total cases	175[i]	339[i]	432	134g[i]

Manner of disposition

Full court appeals:	
Written opinions	230
Rescript opinions	20
Total	250

Disposition of full court appeals

Without opinion:	
Dismissed	17
Summary disposed	126

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

gChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as given in or as calculated from the unpublished data.

hFigure was computed:
The number of full court appeals disposed was calculated by adding the number of opinions to the number of cases dismissed and the number summary disposed.

iData are not complete:
Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court justices also sit (on a rotational basis) in "single justice sessions." No filing or pending data were available on the number of cases handled in these single justice sessions.

jExplanation of data included in the category:
Pending case figures do not include cases on which argument had been heard but no opinion had been released.

Source: Unpublished data supplied by the Supreme Judicial Court.

MASSACHUSETTS APPEALS COURT
Intermediate appellate court
10 judges
September 1, 1978 to August 31, 1979

	Beginning pending[g]	Filed	Disposed	End Pending[j]
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Total appeals	762	1,045	975[h]	6779
Other cases:				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases				
Total cases	762	1,045	975	6779

Manner of disposition

Full opinions	200
Rescript opinions	188
Total	388

Disposition of appeals

Without opinion:	
Summarily disposed without hearing	135
Dismissals/appeals withdrawn/remands	271
Transferred to the Supreme Judicial Court	181

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Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.

gChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as given in or as calculated from the unpublished data.

hFigure was computed:
The number of **appeals** disposed was calculated by adding the number of opinions to the number of cases disposed without opinion.

jExplanation of data included in the category:
Pending case figures do not include cases on which argument had been heard but no opinion had been released.

Source: Unpublished data supplied by the Supreme Judicial Court.

MASSACHUSETTS SUPERIOR COURT DEPARTMENT
Court of general jurisdiction
14 courts, 46 justices
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Other civil:				
Jury cases	X	X	X	X
Non-jury cases	X	X	X	X
Total	86,332[f]	31,793	37,372	80,854[l]
Total civil	86,332[f]	31,793	37,372	80,854[l]
Criminal[d]:				
Appeal	827	850	718	959
Other criminal	33,603	30,036	41,448	25,039
Total criminal	34,430[f]	30,886	42,166	25,998
Grand total	120,762[f]	62,679	79,538	106,852

Disposition of criminal appeals

Withdrawn	296
Dismissed	376
Sentences reduced	46
Sentences increased	0
Total	718

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X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.

[l]Special source or revision in the data:
The end pending figure for civil cases was corrected by the Office of the Chief Administrative Justice as the result of a physical inventory carried out during 1980.

Source: Chief Administrative Justice, Annual Report--The Office of the Chief Administrative Justice of the Trial Court, 1979 (Boston, Massachusetts: 1979). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and corrections were supplied by the Office of the Chief Administrative Justice during data verification.

MASSACHUSETTS HOUSING COURT DEPARTMENT
Court of general jurisdiction
2 courts[b], 3 justices
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Small claims	N/A	1,920	N/A	N/A
Real property rights:				
Civil	N/A	1,645	N/A	N/A
Summary process	N/A	5,224	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	6,869	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	8,789	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal	N/A	5,652	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	5,652	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	14,441	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[b]Particular court or reporting system information:
The two courts are in Boston and Hampden County.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of complaints.

Source: Chief Administrative Justice, Annual Report--The Office of the Chief Administrative Justice of the Trial Court, 1979 (Boston, Massachusetts: 1979). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MASSACHUSETTS DISTRICT COURT DEPARTMENT[a]
Court of general jurisdiction
69 divisions, 163 justices
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
law:				
Civil	N/A	73,993	50,878	N/A
Supplemenatry process	N/A	67,530	27,492	N/A
Cases removed to Superior Court Department	N/A	--	1,893	N/A
Total	N/A	141,523	80,263	N/A
Real property rights:				
Summary process	N/A	23,103	16,483	N/A
Small claims	N/A	122,163	87,552	N/A
Domestic relations:				
URESA	N/A	4,374	2,328	N/A
Mental health:				
Mental commitments	N/A	2,616	2,269	N/A
Other civil:				
Unspecified transfer cases	N/A	3,255	2,352	N/A
Total civil	N/A	297,034	191,247	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal complaints[j]	N/A	198,120[j]	X	N/A
Appeal:				
Appeals to Jury Sessions[a]	N/A	20,715	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	218,835	X[i]	N/A
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI	N/A	(j)	X	N/A
Parking	N/A	2,687,857	1,501,247	N/A
Other traffic violation:				
Motor vehicle complaints entered	N/A	590,070[j]	X	N/A
Juvenile motor vehicle complaints	N/A	11,087	X	N/A
Total	N/A	601,157	X	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	3,289,014[i]	1,501,247[i]	N/A
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Other complaints	N/A	29,277	X	N/A
Status offense:				
Child in need of services	N/A	2,684	1,899	N/A
Non-offense:				
Care and protection	N/A	1,189	847	N/A
Appeal:				
Appeal to jury sessions	N/A	1,251[k]	N/A	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	34,376	2,746[i]	N/A
Grand total	N/A	3,839,259	2,322,052[i]	N/A

Traffic dispositions

Parking:	
Tickets paid	1,086,583
Complaints disposed of	414,664

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable, or not in a useable form.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Beginning on January 1, 1979, the District Court Department had jurisdiction of first instance and de novo appeal requests for six-person jury trials. Appeals no longer went to the 12-person jury session in the Superior Court Department.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of complaints.

[i]Data are not complete:
Total **traffic** filed figure does not include DWI/DUI cases.
Total **traffic** disposed figure does not include DWI/DUI or other **traffic** violation cases.
Total **juvenile** disposed does not include **criminal-type offense** or **juvenile appeals**.
Grand total disposed figure does not include **criminal appeals** cases, or **juvenile appeals** cases.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Criminal complaints include some **felony** cases. A maximum 5-year sentence may be given in these **felony** cases.
Total **misdemeanor** and **criminal** filed cases include DWI/DUI and operating so as to endanger cases.

[k]Additional information:
There were appeals filed in all three types of juvenile cases: 1,134 came from criminal-type offense cases, 42 from status offense cases, and 75 from non-offense cases.

Source: Chief Administrative Justice, Annual Report--The Office of the Chief Administrative Justice of the Trial Court, 1979 (Boston, Massachusetts: 1979). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

BOSTON MUNICIPAL COURT DEPARTMENT, MASSACHUSETTS[a]
Court of general jurisdiction
1 court, 9 justices
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	N/A	24,221	15,433	N/A
Supplementary process civil	N/A	1,240	104	N/A
Transfer from Superior Court	N/A	2,953	407	N/A
Transfer to Superior Court Department	--	--	368	--
Total	N/A	28,414	16,312	N/A
Real property rights:				
Summary process	N/A	520	399	N/A
Small claims:				
Small claims	N/A	2,409	548	N/A
Supplementary process small claims	N/A	125	100	N/A
Total	N/A	2,534	648	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Support/custody:				
URESA	N/A	241	241	N/A
Mental health:				
Mental commitments	N/A	35	35	N/A
Appeal:				
Appeal of trial court case:				
Appellate division	N/A	39	10	N/A
Total civil	N/A	31,783	17,645	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Other criminal:				
Jury of six cases[k]	N/A	1,751[k]	1,086	N/A
Domestic relations[j]	N/A	71	X	N/A
Other criminal complaints	N/A	12,040	X	N/A
Total	N/A	13,862	X	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	13,862	X	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Complaints	N/A	18,596	X	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	18,596	X	N/A
Grand total	N/A	64,241	36,341[k]	N/A

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil (law)	X	X	2,705
Criminal and traffic[j]:			
Jury of six[j]	X	X	793
Complaints[j]	X	X	9,137
Total	X	X	9,930
Total	X	X	12,635

Time interval data (criminal jury of six) (days)

Aging of completed caseload:

Under 30 days	348
31 to 60 days	285
61 to 90 days	109
91 to 120 days	35
Over 120 days	16

Criminal and traffic dispositions

	Complaints[j]	Jury of six
Guilty pleas	8,473	--
Acquitted	1,067	N/A
Bound over to grand jury	719	--
Placed on file, dismissed, etc.	3,822	--
Remanded	--	5
Defaulted	--	187
Dismissed	--	45
Withdrawn	N/A	56

Civil (law) dispositions

Removed to Superior Court	379
Defaulted	11,485

Boldface headings indicate the classification used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Beginning on January 1979, the Boston Municipal Court Department received jurisdiction of first instance and de novo appeal requests for six-person jury trials.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted at the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of complaints.
A trial is counted when the jury is sworn or when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Criminal domestic relations cases are incidents of domestic violence.
Trial and disposition data given for **criminal** and **traffic** complaint cases include **criminal** domestic relations, **traffic** complaints, and other criminal complaints.

[k]Additional information:
The Boston Municipal Court Department received jurisdiction to hold six-person jury sessions on January 1, 1979, the middle of the court reporting period. Data given here cover this six-month period and include first instance requests for jury trials as well as de novo appeals.
The 1,751 **criminal** jury of six cases involved 889 defendants.
The court also issued 327 search warrants and 5,677 rubbish disposal and violation of laws regulating the control of dogs matters.

Source: Chief Administrative Justice, Annual Report--The Office of the Chief Administrative Justice of the Trial Court, 1979 (Boston, Massachusetts: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT
Court of general jurisdiction
1 court, 3 justices
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Real property rights:				
Land registration and land confirmation	1,491	343	304	1,530
Subsequent petitions of land registration	52	1,993	2,008	37
Tax liens	3,799	2,125	1,139	4,785
Equity and miscellaneous	8,043	4,544	4,406	8,181
Total	13,385	9,005	7,857	14,533
Total civil	13,385	9,005	7,857	14,533
Grand total	13,385	9,005	7,857	14,533

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

[k]Additional information:
There were 38 land confirmations filed and 34 disposed. The remainder of the land registration and land confirmation cases were land registrations.
During the court year, 277 decree plans were made and 734 subdivisions were handled by the court in addition to the data reported on this profile.

Source: Chief Administrative Justice. Annual Report--The Office of the Chief Administrative Justice of the Trial Court, 1979 (Boston, Massachusetts: 1979). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MASSACHUSETTS JUVENILE COURT DEPARTMENT
Court of general jurisdiction
4 courts[b], 7 justices
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Adult	N/A	36	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	36	N/A	N/A
Juvenile[d]:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Juvenile criminal	N/A	24	N/A	N/A
Delinquent	N/A	11,550	N/A	N/A
Appellate--delinquency	N/A	318	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	11,892	N/A	N/A
Status offenses:				
Child in need of services	N/A	1,837	N/A	N/A
Appellate--child in need of services	N/A	1	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	1,838	N/A	N/A
Non-offense:				
Children in need of care and protection	N/A	572[k]	N/A	N/A
Appellate--care and protection	N/A	88	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	660	N/A	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	14,390	N/A	N/A
Grand total[k]	N/A	14,426	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[b]Particular court or reporting system information:
The four courts are located in Boston, Bristol, Springfield, and Worcester. The appellate division is located in Boston.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
The criminal and juvenile case unit of count is the number of complaints.

[k]Additional information:
In the course of conducting the business of the court, 68,080 judicial determinations were made.
The 572 complaints for children in need of care and protection represent 1,116 children.

Source: Chief Administrative Justice, Annual Report--The Office of the Chief Administrative Justice of the Trial Court, 1979 (Boston, Massachusetts: 1979). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MASSACHUSETTS PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
Court of general jurisdiction
14 courts, 27 justices
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

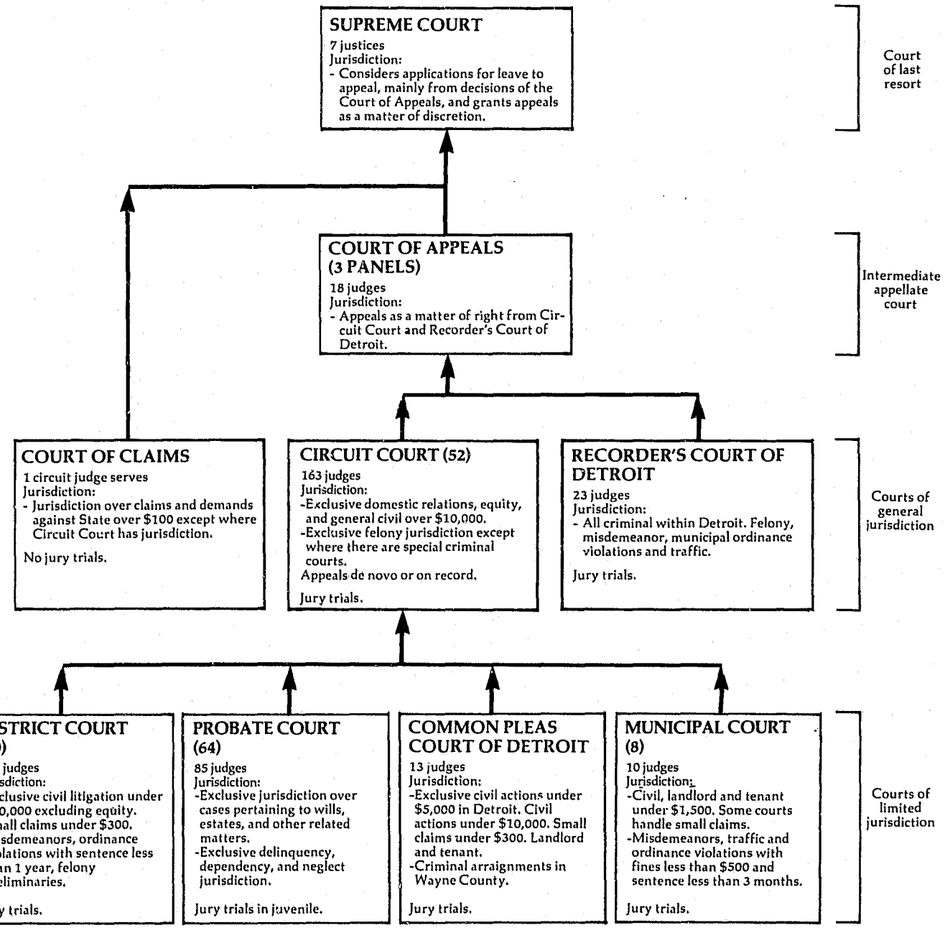
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	N/A	25,144	N/A	N/A
Desertions and living apart	N/A	90	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	25,234	N/A	N/A
Support/custody:				
Separate support and maintenance	N/A	3,458	N/A	N/A
Custody of minors	N/A	304	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	3,762	N/A	N/A
Adoptions	N/A	2,852	N/A	N/A
Other domestic relations:				
Abuse prevent petitions	N/A	1,215	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	33,063	N/A	N/A
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Wills	N/A	14,024	N/A	N/A
Administrations	N/A	10,592	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	24,616	N/A	N/A
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianships (minor and mentally ill)	N/A	2,618	N/A	N/A
Trusteeships	N/A	951	N/A	N/A
Accounts and distributions	N/A	22,062	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	25,631	N/A	N/A
Other estate:				
Partitions	N/A	259	N/A	N/A
Real estate sales	N/A	3,456	N/A	N/A
Equitable relief	N/A	1,363	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	5,078	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	55,325	N/A	N/A
Other civil	N/A	17,432	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	105,820	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	105,820	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

Source: Chief Administrative Justice, Annual Report--Office of the Chief Administrative Justice of the Trial Court, 1979 (Boston, Massachusetts: 1979). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MICHIGAN COURT SYSTEM, 1979



MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals	X	(55)[e]	X	X
Total appeals	X	(55)[e]	X	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Disciplinary:				
State Bar Grievance Board	X	8	X	X
Superintending control of Grievance Board or Board of Law Examiners	X	27	X	X
Judicial Tenure Commission	X	1	X	X
Total	X	36	X	X
Advisory opinion:				
Request for advisory opinion from Governor or Legislature	X	3	X	X
Certified question per GCR 1963, 797	X	3	X	X
Total	X	6	X	X
Total	X	42	X	X
Requests to appeal:				
Applications from decision of Court of Appeals	X	1,405	X (X)[e]	X
Applications prior to decision of Court of Appeals	X	23	X (X)[e]	X
Total	X	1,428	X (55)[e]	X
Total other cases	X	1,470	X (55)[e]	X
Total cases	850	1,470 (55)[e]	1,508 (55)[e]	812

Manner of disposition

Written opinion	127
Order without opinion	175

Disposition of cases

Dismissed or withdrawn	34
Cases granted	55
Denial of leave to appeal	1,161

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Requests to appeal granted are not counted as disposed until the **appeal** is disposed; a filing is not counted for the **appeal**. These granted **requests to appeal** are the numbers appearing in parentheses.

[k]Additional information:
Of the 1,470 cases filed, 634 were **civil** and 836 were **criminal** cases.

Source: State Court Administrator, Annual Report 1978-79 (Lansing, Michigan: 1979). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MICHIGAN COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
3 panels, 18 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Claim of appeal	N/A	3,862	X	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	3,862	X	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings	N/A	X	X	N/A
Requests to appeal	N/A	X	X	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	1,637	X	N/A
Total cases	N/A	5,499	5,159	N/A

Manner of disposition

Written opinion	2,790[m]
Order	2,369

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total, but were not available by category.

[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
The number of written opinions includes per curiam and memorandum opinions.

Source: State Court Administrator, Annual Report 1979-80 (Lansing, Michigan: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT[i]
Court of general jurisdiction
52 circuits, 163 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Tort:				
Auto tort:				
Auto negligence	21,461[fi]	11,841[i]	13,734[i]	19,568[i]
Product liability tort	533[fi]	380[i]	394[i]	579[i]
Other tort	3,271[fi]	3,035[i]	3,325[i]	2,981[i]
Total	25,265[fi]	15,256[i]	17,453[i]	23,068[i]
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	43,121[fi]	97,307[i]	94,091[i]	46,337[i]
Support/custody:				
URESA/support	4,800[fi]	22,768[i]	24,007[i]	3,570[i]
Other domestic relations:				
Paternity	3,909[fi]	8,091[i]	8,759[i]	3,241[i]
Total	51,839[fi]	128,166[i]	126,857[i]	53,148[i]
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Labor relations	123[fi]	135[i]	150[i]	108[i]
Appeal of trial court case:				
Appeal from District court	877[fi]	963[i]	911[i]	929[i]
Total	1,000[fi]	1,098[i]	1,061[i]	1,037[i]
Other civil:				
Other general civil	36,218[fi]	44,928[i]	48,686[i]	32,460[i]
Total civil	114,322[fi]	189,448[i]	194,057[i]	109,713[i]
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Criminal[j]	9,063[fi]	28,325[i]	28,632[i]	8,756[i]
Appeal:				
Appeal from District Court	557[fi]	568[i]	508[i]	617[i]
Total criminal	9,620[fi]	28,893[i]	29,140[i]	9,373[i]
Grand total	123,942[fi]	218,341[i]	223,197[i]	119,086[i]

Trial[di]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Tort	645	210	855[k]
Domestic relations	71	2,578	2,649
Appeal	2	19	21
Other civil	461	1,195	1,656
Total	1,179	4,002	5,181
Criminal:			
Felony	1,542	510	2,052
Appeal	2	13	15
Total	1,544	523	2,067
Grand total	2,723	4,525	7,248

Criminal dispositions[i]

	Felony	Appeal	Total
Guilty pleas	11,259	8	11,267
Dismissals	3,778	166	3,944
Remands to lower court	1,324	113	1,437
No progress	0	0	0
Bench warrant	879	0	879
Other judicial dispositions	7,660	206	7,866
Non-service	1,680	0	1,680

Civil dispositions[i]

	Auto tort	Product liability tort	Other tort	Marriage dissolution	Support/ custody	Other domestic relations	Agency appeal	Trial court appeal	Other civil	Total
Dismissals	2,648	137	1,308	7,122	4,454	1,497	65	239	6,663	24,133
Transfer remands to lower court	309	9	151	0	0	0	2	88	481	1,040
No progress	157	6	177	3,330	486	194	9	68	1,305	5,732
Bench warrant	0	0	0	372	98	130	0	0	15	615
Other judicial dispositions	8,096	73	714	64,505	13,901	4,742	35	502	30,458	123,026
Non-service	1,862	139	812	16,326	5,046	2,005	32	0	8,108	34,330

Time interval data[i] (average months)

Filing to beginning of trial

	Jury	Non-jury
Civil:		
Auto tort	29.1	23.5
Product liability tort	32.6	23.3
Other tort	31.7	20.0
Marriage dissolution and support/custody (hearings)	--	12.2
Other domestic relations	19.5	18.2
All other civil	30.7	13.6
Criminal	7.0	6.1

Age of pending caseload[i] (6/30/79)

Cases pending more than two years:

Civil:	
Tort	7,581
Domestic relations	3,010
Appeal	64
Other civil	10,059
Total	20,714
Criminal:	
Felony	171
Appeal	7
Total	178
Grand total	20,892

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Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
-- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definition or unit of court:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year.
In 1979, data were available for some counties that did not report in 1978. This caused the data reported as pending at the beginning of the 1979 court year to be different from those reported as pending at the end of the 1978 court year.
[i]Data are not complete:
No caseload data available for Arenac, Jackson, or Mason Counties.
No time to disposition data were available for Arenac, Jackson, Mason, or Wayne Counties.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Criminal includes some high misdemeanors that are punishable by more than 1 year in prison.
[k]Additional information:
Of **tort** trials, 662 trials were conducted for **auto tort**, 30 for **products liability tort** and163 for **other tort**. Of **domestic relations** trials, 2,436 trials were conducted for **marriage dissolution**, 22 for **suport/custody** and 191 for **other domestic relations**. Of trials of appeals, 7 trials were conducted for administrative agency appeals, 14 for appeals of trial court cases.

Source: State Court Administrator, Annual Report 1978-79 and Circuit Court Supplement (Lansing, Michigan: 1979). Statistics are from the annual report and supplement except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MICHIGAN COURT OF CLAIMS[a]
Court of general jurisdiction
1 circuit judge serves
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Cases	591	368[k]	332	627
Appeals[j]	149	14	149	14
Total	740	382	481	641
Total civil	740	382	481	641
Grand total	740	382	481	641

Civil dispositions

Cases:	
Settled	8
Consent judgment	79
Dismissed on motion	102
Dismissed on stipulation	74
Judgment for plaintiff	19
Judgment for defendant	17
Discontinued	15
Dismissed by court	1
Cancel--duplicate	0
Withdrawn	17
Appeals:	
Allowed	35
Denied	114
Withdrawn	0
Dismissed	0
Returned to VVEBS	0

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Data for this court are included with the general jurisdiction courts since circuit judges serve. Effective January 1, 1979, the jurisdiction of the Court of Claims will be assigned to the 30th Judicial Circuit.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Appeals are appeals under the Vietnam Era Bonus Section Act.
[k]Additional information:
Cases filed includes 9 cases remanded from appellate courts.

Source: State Court Administrator, Annual Report 1978-79 (Lansing, Michigan: 1979). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

RECORDER'S COURT OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN[a]
Court of general jurisdiction
1 court, 23 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Felony Division	2,764	11,151	10,970	2,945
Misdemeanor:				
Misdemeanor Division	N/A	6,527	6,090	N/A
Ordinance violation:				
City ordinance--Non-traffic	125,056	68,543	44,073	149,526
Total criminal	127,820[i]	86,221	61,133	152,471[i]
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
State offenses--Traffic	16,598	16,230	9,974	22,974
City ordinance--Traffic	187,075	347,414	287,233	247,256
Total	203,673	363,644	297,207	270,230
Total traffic	203,673	363,644	297,207	270,230
Grand total	331,493[i]	449,865	358,349[k]	422,701[i]

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Criminal:			
Felony	528	541	1,069
Misdemeanor	35	2,883	2,918
Ordinance violation	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	563[i]	2,424[i]	3,987[i]
Traffic	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grand total	563[i]	2,424[i]	3,987[i]

Criminal dispositions

	Felony	Misdemeanor
After trial:		
Not guilty	N/A	205
Dismissed	N/A	2,178
Convicted	N/A	535[h]
Before trial:		
Guilty plea	5,355	3,172
Dismissals before trial	3,152	0
Remands to lower court	0	0
Bench warrants	1,000	0
Other judicial disposition	394	0
Non-service	0	0

Boldface headings indicated the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court but the data are unavailable.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
The court is divided into three divisions: the Felony Division, the Misdemeanor Division, and the Traffic and Ordinance Division.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the warrant.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.
[h]Figure was computed:
The number of **misdemeanors** convicted at trial was calculated by subtracting the number not gulty and the number dismissed from the number of trials.
[i]Data are not complete:
Total criminal and grand total pending figures do not include **misdemeanors**.
Total criminal trial figures do not include trials conducted on **ordinance violation** cases.
Grand total trial figures do not include trials conducted on **ordinance violation** or **traffic** cases.
[k]Additional information:
The Misdemeanor Division also disposed of 1,262 writs and other matters.

Source: State Court Administrator, Annual Report 1978-1979 (Lansing, Michigan: 1979). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

COMMON PLEAS COURT OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN[a]
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 13 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	50,637[f]	101,039	85,621	22,426[g]
Small claims	1,526[f]	2,568	2,247	469
Real property rights:				
Summary proceedings	34,864[f]	42,822	38,990	4,312
Total civil	87,027[f]	146,429	126,858	27,207[g]
Criminal[d]:				
Ordinance violation:				
Non-traffic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grand total	87,027[fi]	146,429[i]	126,858[i]	27,207[gi]

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Law	173	1,356	1,529
Small claims	--	251	251
Real property rights	602	5,512	6,114
Total civil	775	7,119	7,894

Civil dispositions

	Law	Small claims	Real property rights	Total
Dismissal	6,550	445	8,211	15,206
Non-service	35,777	619	5,480	41,876
Other judicial dispositions	41,765	932	19,185	61,882

Age of pending caseload

Civil (law) cases pending over one year 2,256

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court but the data are unavailable.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Law and small claims cases are handled by the Civil Division.
Real property rights cases are handled by the Landlord-tenant Division.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are given as reported in the annual report.
[i]Data are not complete:
Grand total figures do not include criminal cases.

Source: State Court Administrator, Annual Report 1978-79 (Lansing, Michigan: 1979). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT COURT[i]
Court of limited jurisdiction
90 courts, 213 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending[i]	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	25,515[fi]	177,209[i]	168,576[i]	34,148[i]
Small claims	6,106[fi]	80,760[i]	77,553[i]	9,313[i]
Real property rights:				
Summary proceedings	4,426[fi]	76,763[i]	74,625[i]	6,564[i]
Total civil	36,047[fi]	334,732[i]	320,754[i]	50,025[i]
Criminal[d]:				
Ordinance violation:				
Ordinance--nontraffic	19,859[fi]	100,404[i]	97,893[i]	22,370[i]
Other criminal:				
State offense--nontraffic	19,366[fi]	193,557[i]	189,034[i]	23,889[i]
Total criminal	39,195[fi]	293,961[i]	286,927[i]	46,259[i]
Traffic:				
Parking:				
State and ordinance parking	54,394[fi]	366,624[i]	331,921[i]	89,097[i]
Other traffic violation:				
State offense--traffic	53,518[fi]	710,105[i]	690,672[i]	72,951[i]
Ordinance--traffic	75,768[fi]	908,325[i]	897,454[i]	86,639[i]
Total	129,286[fi]	1,618,430[i]	1,588,126[i]	159,590[i]
Total traffic	183,680[fi]	1,985,054[i]	1,920,047[i]	248,687[i]
Grand total	358,952[fi]	2,613,747[i]	2,527,728[i]	344,971[i]

Trial[di]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Law	663	5,529	6,192
Small claims	0	10,218	10,218
Real property rights	128	13,129	13,257
Total	791	28,876	29,667
Criminal:			
Ordinance violation	508	6,588	7,096
Other criminal	1,025	4,654	5,679
Total	1,533	11,242	12,775
Traffic:			
Parking	7	1,622	1,629
Other traffic violation	2,003	35,452	37,455
Total	2,010	37,074	39,084
Grand Total	4,334	77,192	81,526

Civil dispositions[i]

	Law	Small claims	Real property rights	Total
Dismissals	23,948	14,443	14,088	52,479
Bench warrants	324	42	2	368
No progress	7,408	2,516	1,451	11,375
Other judicial dispositions	67,399	24,657	27,800	119,856
Non-service	63,305	25,677	18,027	107,009

Traffic dispositions[i]

	Parking	Other traffic violation	Total
Guilty pleas	21,708	214,211	235,919
Dismissals	26,110	79,186	105,296
Preliminary exam waived	--	563	563
Preliminary exam conducted	--	231	231
Bench warrants	3,222	26,233	29,455
Other judicial dispositions	20,347	35,905	56,252
Magistrate	20,821	272,384	293,205
Traffic Bureau	173,733	759,414	933,147
Non-service	64,351	162,544	226,895
No progress	--	0	0

Criminal dispositions[i]

	Ordinance violation	Other criminal	Total
Guilty pleas	34,147	44,965	79,112
Dismissals	16,826	21,969	38,795
Magistrate	5,156	36,004	41,160
Traffic bureau	9,963	8,468	18,431
Bench warrants	6,144	6,455	12,599
Preliminary exam waived	0	11,161	11,161
Preliminary exam conducted	1	11,099	11,100
Other judicial dispositions	4,766	10,338	15,104
Non-service	13,794	32,896	46,690

Age of pending caseload[i]

Civil cases pending over one year:	
Law	12,353
Small claims	2,221
Real property rights	1,226

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
-- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.
[f]Beginning pending figure for 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year.
In 1979, data were available for some counties that did not report in 1978. This caused the data reported as pending at the beginning of the 1979 court year to be different from those reported as pending at the end of the 1978 court year.
[i]Data are not complete:
No data were available from the courts in Barry, Ecoise, Kentwood, Livonia and Newaygo.

Source: State Court Administrator, Annual Report 1978-79 (Lansing, Michigan: 1979). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
8 courts, 10 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pendi
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	1,968[f]	2,206	2,378	1,79
Small claims	0[f]	10	10	
Real property rights:				
Summary proceedings	125[f]	1,263	1,293	9
Total civil	2,093[f]	3,479	3,681	1,89
Criminal[d]:				
Ordinance violation:				
Ordinance--Non-traffic	581[f]	4,832	4,743	67
Other Criminal:				
State Offense--non-traffic	79[f]	1,200	1,173	10
Total criminal	660[f]	6,032	5,916	77
Traffic:				
Parking:				
State ordinance and parking	2,211[f]	7,360	5,579	3,99
Other traffic violation:				
State offense-traffic	12[f]	2,057	1,788	281
Ordinance--traffic	2,940[f]	25,817	26,430	2,327
Total	2,952[f]	27,874	28,218	2,608
Total traffic	5,163[f]	35,234	33,797	6,600
Grand total	7,916[f]	44,745	43,394	9,267

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Law	2	96	98
Small claims	0	2	2
Real property rights	0	58	58
Total	2	156	158
Criminal:			
Ordinance violation	10	317	327
Other criminal	2	39	41
Total	12	356	368
Traffic:			
Parking	0	97	97
Other traffic violation	11	1,051	1,062
Total	11	1,148	1,159
Grand Total	25	1,660	1,685

Criminal dispositions

	Ordinance violation	Other criminal	Total
Guilty pleas	1,290	209	1,499
Dismissals	923	163	1,086
Bench warrants	189	64	253
Preliminary exam waived	0	215	215
Preliminary exam conducted	0	209	209
No progress	0	0	0
Other judicial dispositions	399	94	493
Traffic bureau	1,125	31	1,156
Magistrate	0	0	0
Non-service	490	147	637

Civil dispositions

	Law	Small claims	Real property rights	Total
Dismissals	421	1	103	525
Bench warrants	1	0	0	1
No progress	285	0	0	285
Other judicial dispositions	980	7	1,130	2,117
Non-service	593	0	2	595
Magistrates	0	0	0	0

Traffic dispositions

	Parking	Other traffic violation	Total
Guilty pleas	113	4,714	4,827
Dismissals	193	1,524	1,717
Preliminary exam waived	0	6	6
Preliminary exam conducted	0	13	13
Bench warrants	5	410	415
No progress	0	0	0
Other judicial dispositions	148	526	674
Magistrate	0	0	0
Traffic bureau	4,990	17,834	22,824
Non-service	33	2,129	2,162

Age of pending caseload

Civil cases pending over one year:

Law	532
Small claims	0
Real property rights	0

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.

[f]Beginning pending figure for 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year.
Figures are as given in the annual report.

Source: State Court Administrator, Annual Report 1978-79 (Lansing, Michigan: 1979). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT[i]
Court of limited jurisdiction
64 courts, 85 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
vil[d]:				
Real property rights:				
Condemnation	13[i]	24[i]	18[i]	19[i]
Domestic relations:				
Adoption	2,903[i]	3,745[i]	3,420[i]	3,310[gi]
Other domestic relations:				
Paternity	0[i]	9,780[i]	7,898[i]	29[i]
Marriage waiver	0[i]	4,392[i]	4,283[i]	469[i]
Total	0[i]	14,172[i]	12,181[i]	489[i]
Total	2,903[i]	17,917[i]	15,601[i]	3,358[gi]
Estate	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mental health:				
Mental illness	1,121[fi]	11,101[i]	10,875[hi]	1,347[i]
Mental handicapped/retarded	749[fi]	989[i]	1,084[hi]	654[i]
Total	1,870[fi]	12,090[i]	11,959[hi]	2,001[i]
Other civil:				
Name change	44[fi]	2,807[i]	3,185[i]	79[gi]
Miscellaneous[j]	14[fi]	2,674[i]	2,468[i]	459[i]
Total	58[fi]	5,481[i]	5,653[i]	124[gi]
Total civil	4,844[fi]	35,512[i]	33,231[i]	5,502[gi]
raffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Juvenile traffic citations	N/A	42,984[i]	N/A	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	42,984[i]	N/A	N/A
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense	N/A	22,180[i]	N/A	N/A
Status offense	N/A	3,938[i]	N/A	N/A
Non-offense:				
Abuse	N/A	987[i]	N/A	N/A
Neglect	3,070[i]	5,126[i]	N/A	N/A
Other neglect	N/A	4,139[i]	N/A	N/A
Total	3,070[i]	10,252[i]	N/A	N/A
Total juvenile	3,070[i]	36,370[i]	N/A	N/A
Grand total	7,914[fi]	114,866[ik]	33,231[i]	5,502[gi]

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as given in the annual report.

[h]Figure was computed:
Disposition data for **mental health** cases were computed from pending and filing data given in the annual report. Although the annual report says no **mental health** cases were completely disposed of, these computed figures may be interpreted as the number of cases which went from an active to an inactive status during the year.

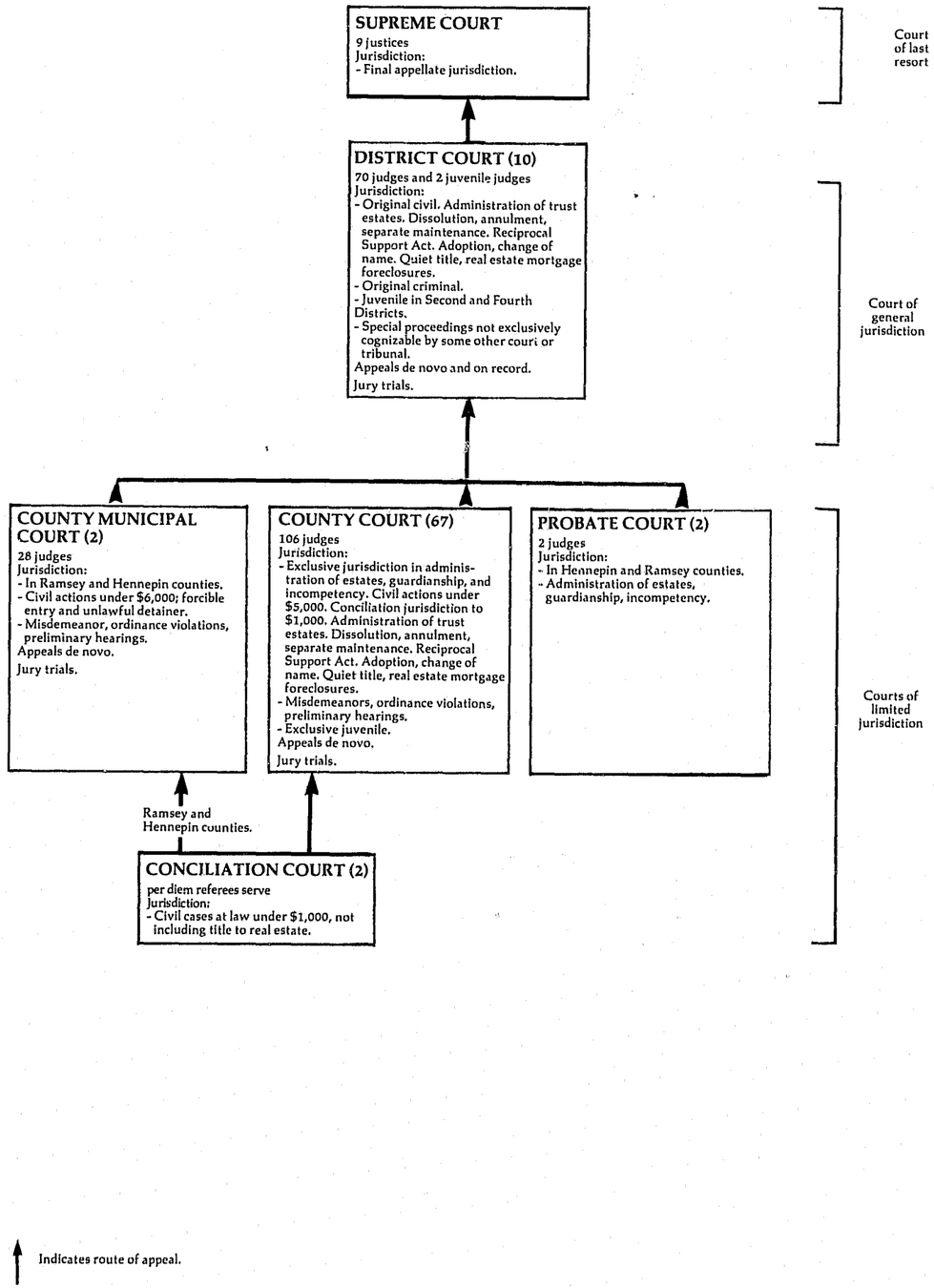
[i]Data are not complete:
Numerous court locations reported incomplete data for one or more case categories as a result, no comparisons should be made among these data or between these data and data from other courts.
Total civil figures do not include any **estate** cases.
Total juvenile beginning pending figure does not include **criminal-type** offense or **status offense** cases.
Grand total beginning pending figure does not include any **estate, traffic,** or **criminal-type offense** or **status offense juvenile** cases.
Grand total end pending and disposed figures do not contain any **estate, juvenile,** or **traffic** data.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Miscellaneous **civil** cases include safe deposits, escheats, and delayed births.

[k]Additional information:
An addition to the case categories included here, the court also issues marriage licenses and conducts marriage ceremonies.

Source: State Court Administrator, Annual Report 1978-79 (Lansing, Michigan: 1979). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MINNESOTA COURT SYSTEM, 1979



MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
9 justices
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled by the Supreme Court during 1979.

MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
10 districts, 70 judges and 2 juvenile judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
General civil	N/A	19,119	14,908	6,375
Estate:				
Trust	N/A	242	303	490
Total civil	N/A	19,361	15,211	6,865
Criminal[d]:				
Total criminal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grand total[i]	N/A	19,361[i]	15,211[i]	6,865[i]

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted at the note of issue. If a jury demand is made after the filing on the court calendar, the case is counted as a disposition on the court calendar and a new filing is counted for jury cases.

[i]Data are not complete:
Grand total figures do not include **criminal** or **juvenile** cases.

Source: Unpublished data supplied by the Office of the State Court Administrator.

MINNESOTA COUNTY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
67 districts, 106 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
General civil	N/A	8,612	7,753	1,480
Small claims:				
Conciliation Court	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,741
Support/custody:				
Support	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,722
Other domestic relations:				
Adoption/appeal/other family	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,180
Total	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,643
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Decedent estate	N/A	8,648	8,207	13,173
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship/conservatorship	N/A	1,859	1,089	1,730
Trust estate	N/A	N/A	N/A	125
Total	N/A	1,859[i]	1,089[i]	1,855
Total	N/A	10,507[i]	9,296[i]	15,028
Mental Health:				
Commitments	N/A	1,889	1,442	245
Total civil	N/A	21,008[i]	18,491[i]	21,396[i]
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Non-traffic criminal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	21,008[i]	18,491[i]	21,396[i]

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is known to be handled by the court but the data were not available.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted at the note of issue. If a jury demand is made after the filing on the court calendar, the case is counted as a disposition on the court calendar and a new filing is counted for the jury case.
[i]Data are not complete:
Total **guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship** and **estate** cases filed an disposed do not include trust estate cases.
Total civil cases filed and disposed do not inlucde **small claims, domestic relations** or trust estate cases.
Total cases filed and disposed do not include **small claims, domestic relations,** trust estate, **criminal, traffic,** or **juvenile** cases.
Total civil end pending figure does not include **small claims** cases.
Total cases end pending do not include **small claims, criminal, traffic,** or **juvenile** cases.

Source: Unpublished data provided by the Office of the State Court Administrator.

MINNESOTA COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
2 courts, 28 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Total civil	722[fh]	18,840	18,198	1,364
Criminal[d]:				
Total criminal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grand total	722[fhi]	18,840[i]	18,198[i]	1,364[i]

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted at the note of issue. If a jury demand is made after the filing on the court calendar, the case is counted as a disposition on the court calendar and a new filing is counted for jury cases.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the unpublished data.
[h]Figure was computed:
The beginning pending figure for **civil** cases was computed from filing, disposition, and end pending figures provided by the staff of the Office of the State Court Administrator.
[i]Data are not complete:
Total figures do not include **criminal** or **traffic** cases.

Source: Unpublished data provided by the Office of the State Court Administrator. Statistics are from the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MINNESOTA PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
2 courts, 2 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Supervised administration	N/A	1,328	1,558	3,713
Unsupervised administration	N/A	2,346	1,374	2,431
Formal, unsupervised administration	N/A	0	0	1
Total	N/A	3,674	2,932	7,696
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship or conservatorship	N/A	743	552	790
Total	N/A	4,417	3,484	8,486
Mental health:				
Commitment	N/A	962	1,067	447
Total civil	N/A	5,379	4,551	8,933
Total cases	N/A	5,379	4,551	8,933

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This casetype is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

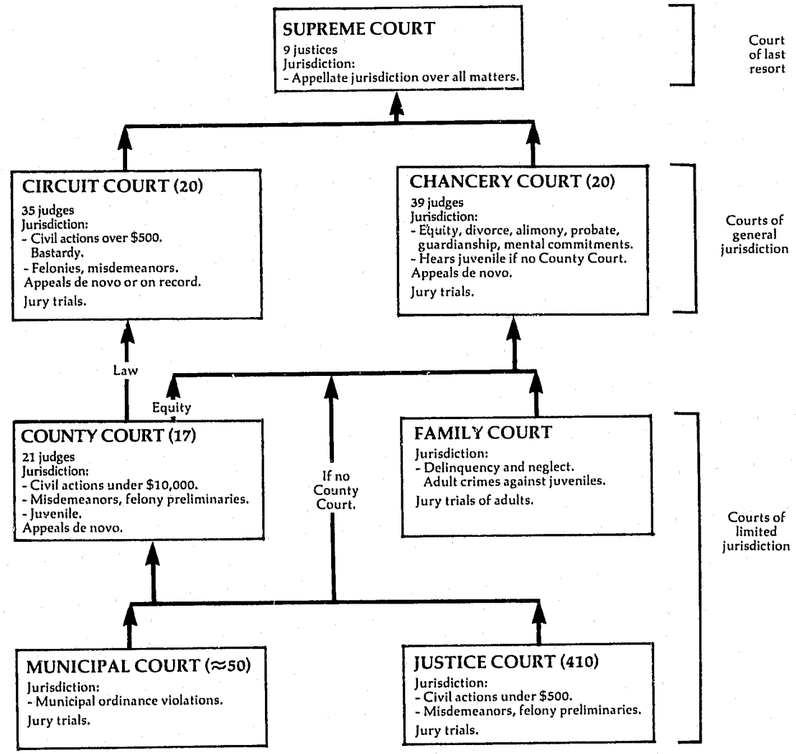
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted at the note of issue.

Source: Unpublished data supplied by the Office of the State Court Administrator.

MINNESOTA CONCILIATION COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
2 courts; per diem referees serve
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Conciliation Court during 1979.

MISSISSIPPI COURT SYSTEM, 1979



Indicates route of appeal.

MISSISSIPPI SUPREME COURT[b]
Court of last resort
9 justices
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	X	487	418[i]	X
Criminal	X	210	185[i]	X
Unspecified cases (dismissed)	--	--	119[k]	--
Unspecified cases (reinstated)	--	3	--	--
Total appeals	433	700	722	411
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Other petitions	5[l]	143[h]	140	8
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases	5[l]	143[h]	140	8
Total cases	438[l]	843	862	414
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests:				
Petitions for rehearing	11[l]	128[h]	126	13
Other matters:				
Motions	12[l]	401[h]	397[h]	16
Total other proceedings	23[l]	529[h]	523	29

Manner of disposition

	Written opinion	Per curiam	Total
Appeals on the merits	396[m]	207	603
Petitions for rehearing	5	121	126
Other petitions	1	139	140
Motions[j]	5	511	516
Total	407	978	1,385

Disposition of appeals

Affirmed	417
Reversed	128
Affirmed in part, reversed in part	49
Affirmed on condition of remittitur or additur	0
Dismissed	119
Dismissed after hearing on the merits	9

Time interval data (days)

	Average	Range
Record filed to submitted	219	54- 345
Submitted to decision	26	6- 365
Record filed to decision	245	70- 671
Judgment in lower court to decision	410	83-1,008

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[b]Particular court or reporting system information:
The court sits in 3 divisions of 3 judges each, with judges alternating among the divisions.
[h]Figure was computed:
The filing figures were computed from disposed and pending data.
The number of motions disposed was computed by subtracting the number of dismissed **appeals** from the total number of motions given as disposed in the annual report.
[i]Data are not complete:
Civil and **criminal appeal** disposition figures do not include dismissals of unspecified cases.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Data for motions disposed in the manner of disposition table includes 119 unspecified **appeals** cases which were dismissed.
[k]Additional information:
Cases disposed by dismissal are included in the **civil** and **criminal appeals** filings, but a **civil/criminal** breakdown for cases dismissed is not available.
[l]Special source or revision in the data:
Beginning pending figures for cases other than **appeals** were taken from the 1978 annual report where they are given as end pending figures for the 1978 court year.
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
Of the 396 majority opinions deciding cases on the merits, 289 were published and 107 were unpublished. There were also 34 concurring or dissenting opinions written.

Source: Executive Assistant, Supreme Court, 13th Annual Statistical Report 1978 and 14th Annual Statistical Report 1979 (Jackson, Mississippi). Sources of case data are available. Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MISSISSIPPI CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
20 circuit districts, 35 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Circuit Court in 1979.

MISSISSIPPI CHANCERY COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
20 chancery districts, 39 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Chancery Court in 1979.

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
17 courts, 21 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the County Court in 1979.

MISSISSIPPI JUSTICE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
410 courts
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Justice Court in 1979.

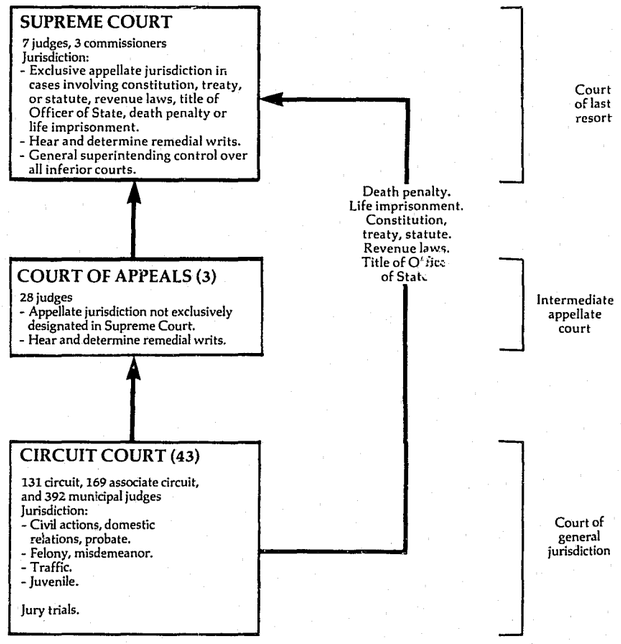
MISSISSIPPI FAMILY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Family Court for 1979.

MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
~50 courts
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for 1979.

MISSOURI COURT SYSTEM, 1979



MISSOURI SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices, 3 commissioners
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	X	125[1]	133	X
Criminal	X	45[1]	38	X
Total appeals	82	170	171	81
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Habeas corpus	X	54[1]	52	X
Mandamus	X	50[1]	50	X
Prohibition	X	56[1]	57	X
Quo warranto	X	4[1]	3	X
Retirement	X	1[1]	1[1]	X
Other writs	X	6[1]	4	X
Total	X	171	167	X
Disciplinary matter:				
Disbarment	X	3[1]	1	X
Reinstatement	X	8[1]	5	X
Total	X	11	6	X
Total	X	182	173	X
Requests to appeal:				
Application to transfer	X	293[1]	331	X
Recommendations or certifications	X	18[1]	4	X
Other	X	21[1]	9	X
Total	X	332	344	X
Total other cases	49	514	517	47
Total cases	131	684	688	128
Other proceedings:				
Motions for rehearing	7	42	48[k]	1
Other matters:				
Motion activity	41	295[k]	246	90
Total other proceedings	48	337	294	91

Manner of disposition

	Appeals		
	Civil	Criminal	Total
Written opinion	107	26	133
Dismissal	10	4	14
Transfer without opinion	12	8	20
By order	4	0	4

Disposition of original jurisdiction cases

Denied	138
Sustained	19[l]
Dismissed and other	10
Total	167

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[k]Additional information:
Three rehearing requests were sustained; 45 were denied.
The 295 motions filed do not include motions for permission to file writs, which were included in this figure prior to 1977.

[l]Special source or revision in the data:
The clerk of the court supplied the figures footnoted during data verification.

Source: Office of the State Courts Administrator, Judicial Department of Missouri Annual Statistical Report FY 1979 - system in transition (Jefferson City, Missouri). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional information was provided by the clerk of the court during data verification.

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
3 districts, 28 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	1,340[f]	1,332	1,270	1,4279
Criminal	758[f]	484	557	6659
Total appeals	2,098[f]	1,816	1,827	2,0929
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Habeas corpus	X	80	X	X
Mandamus	X	128	X	X
Prohibition	X	192	X	X
Quo warranto	X	1	X	X
Total	X	401	X	X
Requests to appeal:				
Certiorari	X	2	X	X
Total other cases	45[f]	403	389	58
Total cases	2,143[f]	2,219	2,216	2,150
Other proceedings:				
Motion activity	N/A	5,084	N/A	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	5,084	N/A	N/A

Manner of disposition

	Appeals			Other cases	Total
	Civil	Criminal	Total		
Written opinion	594	418	1,012	20	1,032
Dismissal	630	129	759	--	759
Consolidation	38	4	42	--	42
Transfer without opinion	8	6	14	--	14
Order	--	--	--	149	149
Denied	--	--	--	220	220

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
The difference is due to a continued refinement of the recordkeeping procedures in the Western District of this court.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
During the year, this court counted dispositions in terms of opinions written, and, since one opinion may dispose of more than our case, these figures do not balance.

Source: Office of the State Courts Administrator, Judicial Department of Missouri Annual Statistical Report FY 1979 - System in transition (Jefferson City, Missouri). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MISSOURI CIRCUIT COURT[a]
Court of general jurisdiction
43 circuits, 131 circuit judges, 169 associate circuit judges, and 392 municipal judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

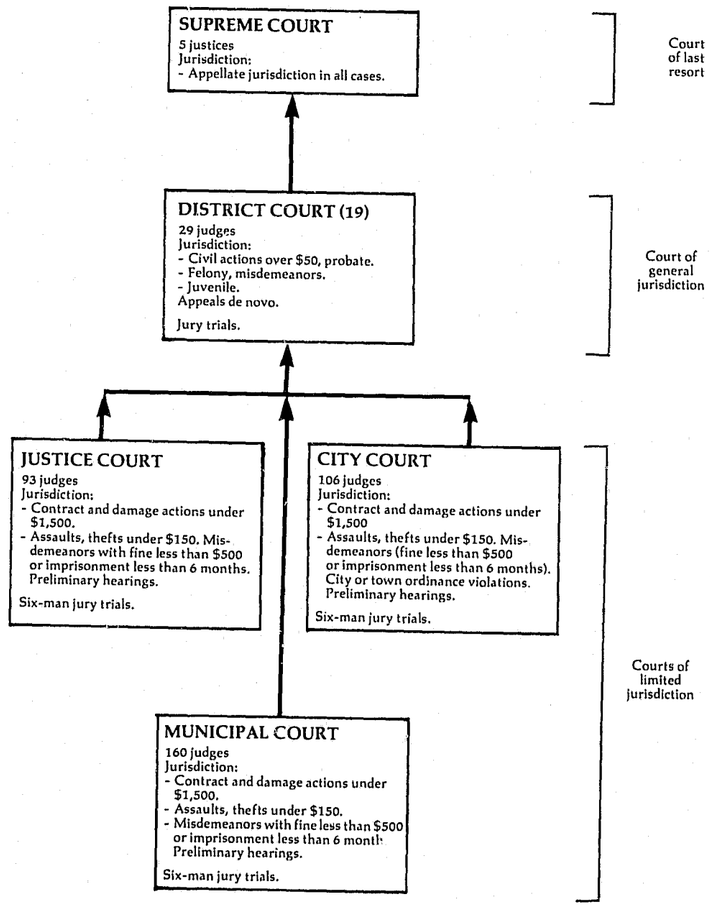
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Small claims (associate circuit judges)	N/A	13,362	11,124	N/A
Estate (circuit judges)	N/A	12,436	10,751	N/A
Other civil:				
Circuit judges	N/A	88,478	77,659	N/A
Associate circuit judges	N/A	84,017	74,132	N/A
Total	N/A	172,495	151,791	
Total civil	N/A	198,293	173,666	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal (circuit judges)	N/A	18,503[j]	17,324[j]	N/A
Misdemeanor (associate circuit judges)	N/A	40,822	34,679	N/A
Preliminary hearing (associate circuit judges):				
Felony	N/A	27,618	22,064[j]	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	86,943[i]	74,067[i]	N/A
Traffic (associate circuit judges:				
Total traffic	N/A	302,868	284,771	N/A
Juvenile (circuit judges):				
Total juvenile	N/A	17,293	16,102	N/A
Total cases	N/A	605,397[i]	548,606[i]	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
The new judicial article, implemented on January 2, 1979, provided for unification of all the trial courts (the former Court of Common Pleas, Magistrate Court, Probate Court, St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction, and Municipal Court) into the Circuit Court.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments. A filing may involve multiple defendants.
A jury or non-jury trial is counted when those cases with contested issues of fact are disposed after the presentation of evidence on the merits has started.
[i]Data are not complete:
No data were available for cases handled by municipal judges. Their caseloads consist primarily of **ordinance violations.**
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Felony/misdemeanor figures include municipal **appeals.**
Preliminary hearing disposition figures include dismissals, bind-overs, trials, and acceptance to pleas of reduced charges.

Source: Office of the State Courts Administrator, Judicial Department of Missouri Annual Statistical Report FY 1979 - System in transition (Jefferson City, Missouri). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MONTANA COURT SYSTEM, 1979



MONTANA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1978 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	N/A	288	X	N/A
Criminal	N/A	74	X	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	362	X	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings	N/A	110	X	N/A
Requests to appeal	N/A	(j)	X	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	110	X	N/A
Total cases	N/A	472	516	N/A

Manner of disposition

Written opinion	321
Denial or dismissal	195

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = Data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Although the court does handle **requests to appeal**, their figures could not be separated from the numbers of **appeals** and **original proceedings** filed.

Source: Unpublished data supplied by the Office of the State Court Administrator.

MONTANA DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
19 districts, 29 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Tort	X	1,725[h]	X	X
Contract:				
Contract	X	796[h]	X	X
Debt	X	4,777[h]	X	X
Total	X	5,573[h]	X	X
Real property rights:				
Property	X	664[h]	X	X
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution	X	6,240[h]	X	X
Adoption	112[h]	820	684	248
Other domestic relations[j]:				
Other	X	2,427[h]	X	X
Total	2,291[h]	9,487	7,877	3,901
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Formal probate	X	167[h]	X	X
Informal probate	X	2,569[h]	X	X
Total	X	2,736[h]	X	X
Guardianship/trusteeship/conservatorship:				
Other probate	X	601[h]	X	X
Total	5,044[h]	3,337	2,766	5,615
Mental health:				
Insanity[j]	94[h]	411	282	223
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Administration[j]	X	398	X	X
Extraordinary writ	X	(j)	X	X
Other civil:				
Jurisdiction[j]	X	4,777[h]	X	X
Total civil	11,805[h]	26,372	20,894	17,284
Criminal[d]:				
Felony	X	2,281	X	X
Misdemeanor	X	681	X	X
Total criminal	791[h]	2,962	2,756	988
Juvenile:				
Status offense:				
YINS--youth in need of supervision	X	780[h]	X	X
Non-offense:				
YINC--youth in need of care	X	439[h]	X	X
Total juvenile	260[h]	1,219	876	603
Grand total	12,856[h]	30,553	24,526	18,875

Trial[dh]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Criminal	111	111	222

Civil disposition[h]

Judgment/decree	6,522
Dismissed	2,403
Dismissed for lack of diligence	515
Dismissed by praecipe	343
Default by judge	1,373
Default by clerk	686
Transferred	343
Statutory lien	3,776
Other	1,201

Criminal dispositions[h]

Jury trial:	
Guilty verdict	83
Acquitted	28
Non-jury trial:	
Guilty verdict	83
Acquitted	28
Guilty plea	1,543
Other	358
Nolle prosequi/dismissed	661

Age of pending caseload[n] (days) (6/30/79)

	0-90 days	91-180 days	Over 180 days
Civil:			
General civil[n]	2,045	1,505	3,995
Domestic relations[n]	1,135	710	1,808
Adoption	82	52	114
Estate	745	733	4,137
Mental health	45	64	114
Criminal	320	260	408
Juvenile	160	132	303
Total	4,540	3,456	10,879

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
Civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment or complaint.
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.

[h]Figure was computed:
Filing figures so marked were calculated from percentages given in the unpublished data.
All beginning pending figures were calculated from filing, disposition, and end pending figures given in the unpublished data.
All data given for type of disposition were calculated from percentages given in the unpublished data.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filings include new and reopened cases.
Other domestic relations cases include URESA (outgoing and incoming) and paternity cases.
Insanity cases include mentally ill and inebriation (commitments).
Other civil jurisdiction cases include name changes, injunctions, declaratory judgments, certificate of amount due, warrant of restraint, abstract of judgment, transcript of judgment, mandamus, habeas corpus and habitual traffic offender cases.
Administration cases are zoning, tax, water rights, and workmen's compensation appeals from administrative agencies.
Data for **extraordinary writs** are included in the **other civil** category.

[n]Information on time to disposition or age of pending caseload data:
The general civil category includes **torts, contracts, real property rights, appeal of administrative agency case,** and **other civil** cases.
Domestic relations includes **marriage dissolution** and **other domestic relations** cases only. **Adoption** case ages are reported separately.

Source: Unpublished data supplied by the Office of the State Court Administrator.

MONTANA JUSTICE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
93 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Justice Court for fiscal year 1979.

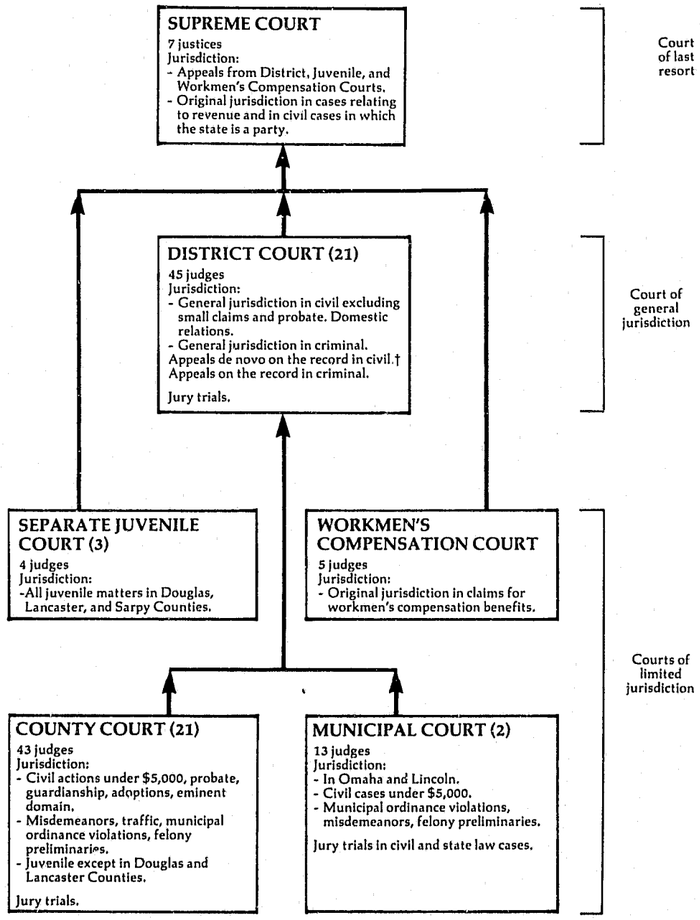
MONTANA CITY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
106 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the City Court for fiscal year 1979.

MONTANA MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
160 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for fiscal year 1979.

NEBRASKA COURT SYSTEM, 1979



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

†In Nebraska, "de novo on the record" means that the court may make an independent determination of the facts.

NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
September 1, 1978 to August 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Civil case categories	297[f]	319	341	263
Criminal:				
Direct criminal appeal	105	199	201	103
Other criminal	8[f]	16	13	7
Total	113[f]	215	214	110
Postconviction remedy:				
Postconviction	20[f]	23	26	16
Appeals of administrative agency cases:				
Workmen's compensation	10[f]	20	15	13
Public Service Commission	5[f]	0	5	0
Court of Industrial Relations	7[f]	9	12	5
Other administrative	35[f]	41	38	34
Total	57[f]	70	70	52
Other appeals:				
Unclassified	1[f]	11	9	2
Total appeals	488[f,j]	638[j]	660[j]	443[j]
Other cases:				
Original proceedings	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Requests to appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total other cases	(j)[i]	(j)[i]	(j)[j]	(j)[i]
Total cases	488[f,i]	638[i]	660[i]	443[i]

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Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the unpublished data.

[i]Data are not complete:
Requests to appeal are not counted statistically by the Supreme Court; the figures presented for **appeals** are cases docketed. There are a number of cases that the court refuses to hear. These discretionary cases, when leave to docket is denied, could be considered processed by the court, but they are not docketed or reported statistically. As a result, **request to appeal** cases are not included in the total cases figures given in the chart.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Original proceedings are included with the **appeals** data. There are a minimal number of **original proceedings** handled by the court.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, The Courts of Nebraska 1979 (Lincoln, Nebraska), and unpublished data supplied by the clerk of the court. Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEBRASKA DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
21 districts, 45 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations	X	13,792	12,991	X
Other civil	X	8,521	8,238	X
Appeal	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Total civil[j]	X	22,313	21,229	X
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Criminal[j]	X	3,632	3,563	X
Appeal	X	1,237[j]	1,147[j]	X
Total criminal	X	4,869	4,710	X
Grand total	15,699[f]	27,182	25,939	16,942

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figure is as given in the annual report.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filed figures include the number of reopened cases placed before the District Court.
Cases that are listed as criminal appeals include both civil and criminal appeals. Statement in the annual report indicates that more than half were criminal appeals.
Criminal cases may include a few misdemeanor cases.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, The Courts of Nebraska 1979 (Lincoln, Nebraska), and unpublished data supplied by the office of the state court administrator. Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEBRASKA WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 5 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed[k]	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Disputed claims	130	534	511	153
Total civil	130	534	511	153
Grand total	130	534	511[k]	153

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[k]Additional information:
In addition to the 511 dispositions, there were 164 rehearings before three judges sitting en banc. Of these rehearings 20 were appealed to the Supreme Court.
The court also processed an additional 538 lump sum settlements for which there were no previous court actions.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, The Courts of Nebraska 1979 (Lincoln, Nebraska). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL COURT[a]
Court of limited jurisdiction
2[b] courts, 13 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Small claims	N/A	2,716	N/A	N/A
Other civil:				
Regular civil	N/A	17,612	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	20,328	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Total criminal	N/A	X	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	X	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	153,218	N/A	N/A

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X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Municipal Courts have exclusive jurisdiction in cases involving violations of local ordinances.
[b]Particular court or reporting system information:
The two Municipal Courts are located in Omaha and Lincoln.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, The Courts of Nebraska 1979 (Lincoln, Nebraska). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEBRASKA SEPARATE JUVENILE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
3[b] courts, 4 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	1,648	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	1,648	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[b]Particular court or reporting system information:
There are three separate Juvenile Courts in Nebraska, located in Douglas County, Lancaster County, and Sarpy County.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, The Courts of Nebraska 1979 (Lincoln, Nebraska). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEBRASKA COUNTY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
21 districts, 43 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	X	10,240	9,561	X
Small claims	X	10,694	10,728	X
Real property rights:				
Eminent domain	X	252	266	X
Domestic relations:				
Adoption	X	1,211	1,219	X
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Probate and inheritance tax	X	8,976	8,545	X
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship and conservatorship	X	1,964	2,798	X
Total	X	10,940	11,343	X
Total civil	X	33,337	33,117	X
Criminal[d]:				
Statute non-traffic	X	33,961	36,500	X
Ordinance violation:				
Ordinance non-traffic	X	8,263	8,235	X
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony	X	4,026	5,933	X
Total criminal	X	46,250	50,668	X
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Statute traffic	X	170,768	168,650	X
Ordinance traffic	X	36,778	36,243	X
Total	X	207,546	204,893	X
Total traffic	X	207,546	204,893	X
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	X	3,331	3,165	X
Grand total	68,857[f]	290,464	291,843	67,478

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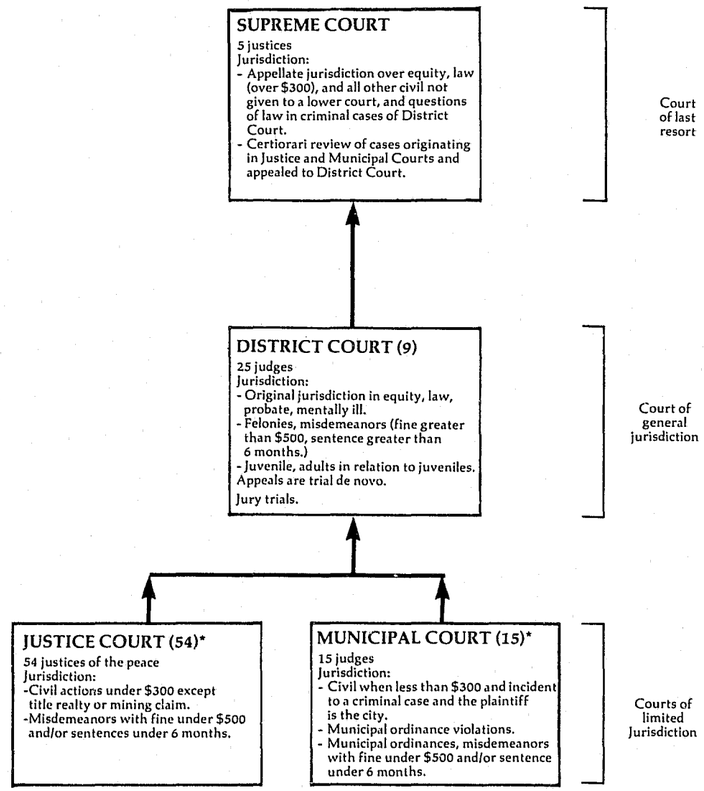
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints. Two defendants charged on a single complaint count as one case, unless cases are separated for trial. One defendant with two charges on a single complaint is one case, unless the

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report. The variance was due to recounting and correcting entries.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, The Courts of Nebraska 1979 (Lincoln, Nebraska) and unpublished data provided by the office of the state court administrator. Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEVADA COURT SYSTEM, 1979



↑ Indicates route of appeal.
*Nine justices of the peace also serve as Municipal Court judges.

NEVADA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	X	257	X	X
Criminal	X	424	X	X
Total appeals	X	681	X	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisiction:				
Habeas corpus	X	11	X	X
Mandamus	X	43	X	X
Prohibition	X	32	X	X
Quo warranto	X	0	X	X
Certiorari	X	7	X	X
Exceptions	X	12	X	X
Motions	X	62	X	X
Total	X	167	X	X
Disciplinary:				
Bar	X	47	X	X
Total	X	214	X	X
Requests to appeal	X	17	X	X
Total other cases	X	231	X	X
Total cases	667	912	866	713

Status of pending caseload (12/31/79)

Set or assigned	339
Under submission	69
Other	305

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

Explanation of data included in the category:
Certiorari cases in this court are original proceedings for review.

Source: Unpublished data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts. Statistics are from the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEVADA DISTRICT COURT[i]
Court of general jurisdiction
9 districts, 25[c] judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil actions	N/A	3,861[i]	N/A	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce actions	N/A	4,168[i]	N/A	N/A
Support/custody:				
Reciprocal	N/A	1,071[i]	N/A	N/A
Adoptions	N/A	180[i]	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	5,419[i]	N/A	N/A
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Probate	N/A	365[i]	N/A	N/A
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship	N/A	92[i]	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	457[i]	N/A	N/A
Mental health:				
Inebriate matters	N/A	0[i]	N/A	N/A
Insanity matters	N/A	93[i]	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	93[i]	N/A	N/A
Other civil:				
Miscellaneous matters heard	N/A	398[i]	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	10,228[i]	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal actions	N/A	2,042[i]	N/A	N/A
Other criminal:				
Miscellaneous criminal matters heard	N/A	1,067[i]	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	3,109[i]	N/A	N/A
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	810[i]	N/A	N/A
Grand total[i]	N/A	14,147[i]	N/A	N/A

Trial[di]	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Law	61[i]	784[i]	845[i]
Domestic relations:			
Marriage dissolution	--	116[i]	116[i]
Total	61[i]	900[i]	961[i]
Criminal:			
Felony/misdemeanor	75[i]	508[i]	583[i]
Grand total	136[i]	1,408[i]	1,544[i]

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
-- = Not applicable.

[c]Judge information:
The second district has 7 judges and is located in Washoe County (Carson City and Reno). Data were available only for only this district. There are a total of 25 judges in the 9 districts statewide.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A jury trial is counted if tried to verdict.
A non-jury trial is counted if tried to decision.

[i]Data are not complete:
Data were available for only one district: the second district (Washoe County). This county contains approximately one-third of the total state population.

Source: Unpublished data supplied by the clerk of the 2nd District Court. Statistics are taken from the unpublished data except that totals were computed where necessary.

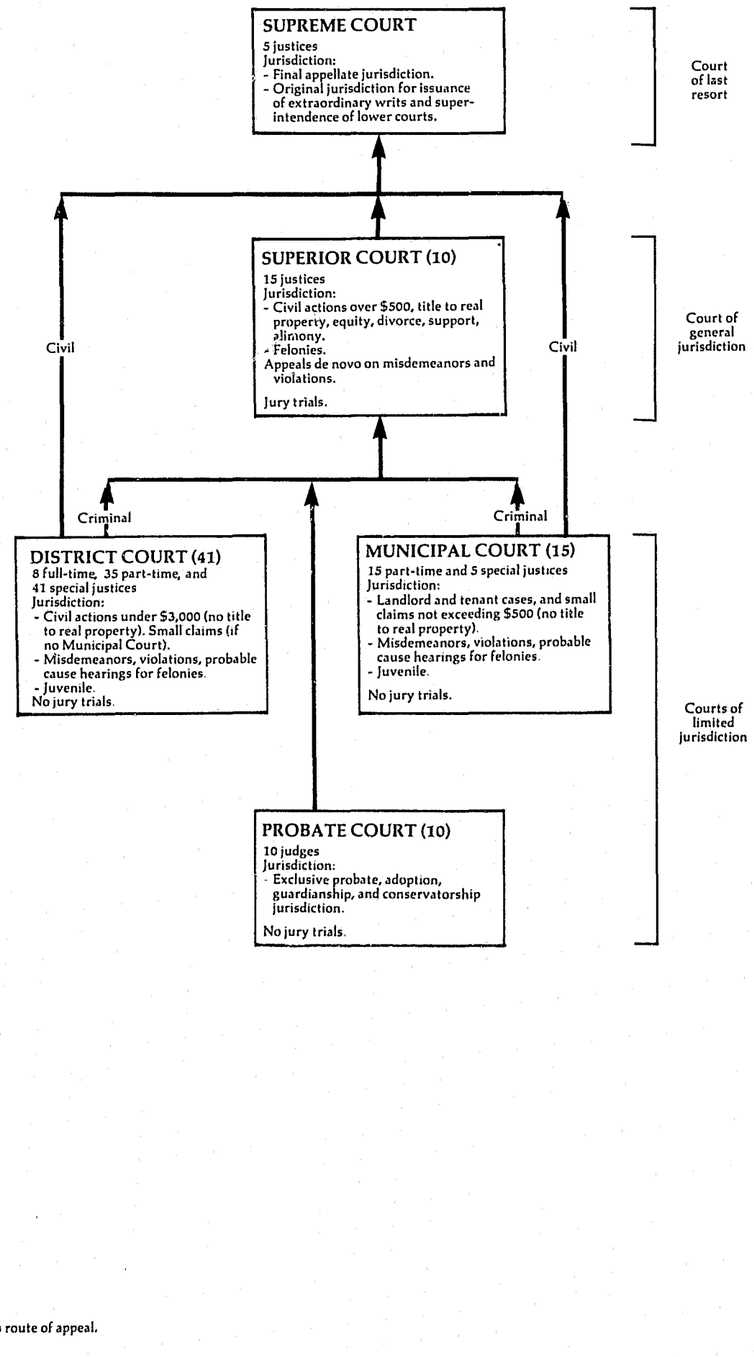
NEVADA JUSTICE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
54 courts, 54 justices of the peace
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Justice Court for 1979.

NEVADA MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
15 courts, 15 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for 1979.

NEW HAMPSHIRE COURT SYSTEM, 1979



NEW HAMPSHIRE SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil and criminal	X	236	X	X
Appeal of administrative agency case	X	21	X	X
Total appeals	X	257	X	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Original cases filed	X	30	X	X
Certification of questions under Rule 20	X	1	X	X
Total	X	31	X	X
Advisory opinions	X	5	X	X
Total	X	36	X	X
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases	X	36	X	X
Total cases	155[f]	293	303	145

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Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
The court changed its reporting period between 1978 and 1979. The figures given as beginning pending for 1979 reflect an inventory of cases for a different date than that used for the figures given as pending at the end of the 1978 court year.

Source: Chairman, Judicial Council, Eighteenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire covering periods July 1, 1978-June 30, 1979, and July 1, 1979-June 30, 1980 (Concord, New Hampshire: 1980). Statistics are from the biennial report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE SUPERIOR COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
10 courts, 15 justices
July 1, 1978 to June 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	X	6,473	5,777[h]	X
Equity:				
Equity brought forward[j]	X	11,991[j]	16	X
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Marital cases	X	(j)	5,526	X
Marital cases brought forward for further orders	X	(j)	3,294	X
Total	X	(j)	8,820	X
Other domestic relations:				
Other equity/marital	X	(j)	3,341	X
Total	X	(j)	12,161	X
Total civil	21,004[fh]	18,464	17,954	21,511
Criminal[d]:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Indictments	X	3,056	2,482[i]	X
Informations	X	380	269[i]	X
Cases brought forward for further orders	X	--	576[i]	X
Total	X	3,436	3,327[i]	X
Appeal	X	2,706	3,642[i]	X
Total criminal	7,056[fh]	6,142	7,724	5,474[h]
Grand total	28,060[fh]	24,606	25,678	26,985

	Trial[d]		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Law	X	X	X
Equity	X	X	X
Domestic relations	--	X	X
Appeal	X	X	X
Total	X	X	X
Criminal	X	X	X
Grand total	468	2,310	2,778

Civil and criminal dispositions

Guilty plea	2,717
Nol possed	1,241
Dismissed	2,841
Defaulted	984
Other	8,537
Other hearings	7,785

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court but the data are not available.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is not counted in the same way throughout the state.
The criminal case unit of count is not consistent statewide.
A trial is not counted in the same way throughout the state.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in or as calculated from the data given in the biennial report.
[h]Figure was computed:
The number of **civil law** cases disposed in Strafford was estimated, using data given in the biennial report.
Beginning pending figures were calculated from filing, disposition, and end pending figures given in the annual report.
The number of **criminal** cases pending at the end of the year was calculated by subtracting the number of **civil** cases pending from the total number of cases pending at the end of the year given in the biennial report.
[i]Data are not complete:
Criminal disposition data provided by the court in Strafford County were not separated into case types. Data reported for the individual criminal case types are incomplete. However, the total number of **criminal** cases disposed are complete.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
The **equity** cases filed figure includes **domestic relations** filing figures.

Source: Chairman, Judicial Council, Eighteenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire covering periods July 1, 1978-June 30, 1979, and July 1, 1979-June 30, 1980 (Concord, New Hampshire: 1980). Statistics are from the biennial report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COURT[k]
Court of limited jurisdiction
41 courts: 8 full-time, 35 part-time, and 41 special justices
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Small claims	N/A	26,130	N/A	N/A
Real property rights:				
Landlord and tenant	N/A	2,123	N/A	N/A
Extraordinary writ:				
Writs	N/A	5,284	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	33,537	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	32,472	N/A	N/A
Preliminary hearing:				
Felonies	N/A	3,547	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	36,019	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Violations (including traffic violations)	N/A	164,854	N/A	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	164,854	N/A	N/A
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquent children	N/A	5,690	N/A	N/A
Status offense:				
Children in need of supervision	N/A	599	N/A	N/A
Non-offense:				
Abused/neglected children	N/A	518	N/A	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	6,807	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	241,217	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is not counted in the same way throughout the state.
The criminal case unit of count is not consistent statewide.
[k]Additional information:
Data for six court locations were estimated.

Source: Chairman, Judicial Council, Eighteenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire covering periods July 1, 1978-June 30, 1979, and July 1, 1979-June 30, 1980 (Concord, New Hampshire: 1980). Statistics are from the biennial report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
10 courts, 10 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations:				
Adoption	N/A	753	N/A	N/A
Other domestic relations:				
Marriage waivers granted	N/A	1,746	N/A	N/A
Termination of parental rights	N/A	128	N/A	N/A
Relinquishment of parental rights	N/A	153	N/A	N/A
Other	N/A	7	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	2,034	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	2,787	N/A	N/A
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Will allowed	N/A	2,827	N/A	N/A
Will authenticity	N/A	219	N/A	N/A
Administrations allowed	N/A	1,195	N/A	N/A
Voluntary administrations	N/A	549	N/A	N/A
Inheritance tax	N/A	28	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	4,818	N/A	N/A
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardians appointed	N/A	628	N/A	N/A
Conservators appointed	N/A	139	N/A	N/A
Trustees appointed	N/A	162	N/A	N/A
Accounts allowed	N/A	6,781	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	7,710	N/A	N/A
Other estate:				
Death certificate	N/A	119	N/A	N/A
Inquisitions	N/A	350	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	469	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	12,997	N/A	N/A
Mental health:				
Involuntary commitments	N/A	164	N/A	N/A
Other civil:				
Change of name	N/A	522	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	16,470	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	16,470	N/A	N/A

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is not counted in the same way throughout the state.

Sources: Chairman, Judicial Council, Eighteenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire covering periods July 1, 1978-June 30, 1979, and July 1, 1979-June 30, 1980 (Concord, New Hampshire: 1980). Statistics are from the biennial report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
15 courts: 15 part-time and 5 special justices
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Small claims	N/A	666	N/A	N/A
Real property rights:				
Landlord and tenant	N/A	18	N/A	N/A
Extraordinary writs:				
Writs	N/A	6	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	690	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	992	N/A	N/A
Preliminary hearing:				
Felonies	N/A	102	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	1,094	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Violations (including traffic violations)	N/A	7,128	N/A	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	7,128	N/A	N/A
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquent children	N/A	139	N/A	N/A
Status offense:				
Children in need of supervision	N/A	31	N/A	N/A
Non-offense:				
Abused/neglected children	N/A	11	N/A	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	181	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	9,093	N/A	N/A

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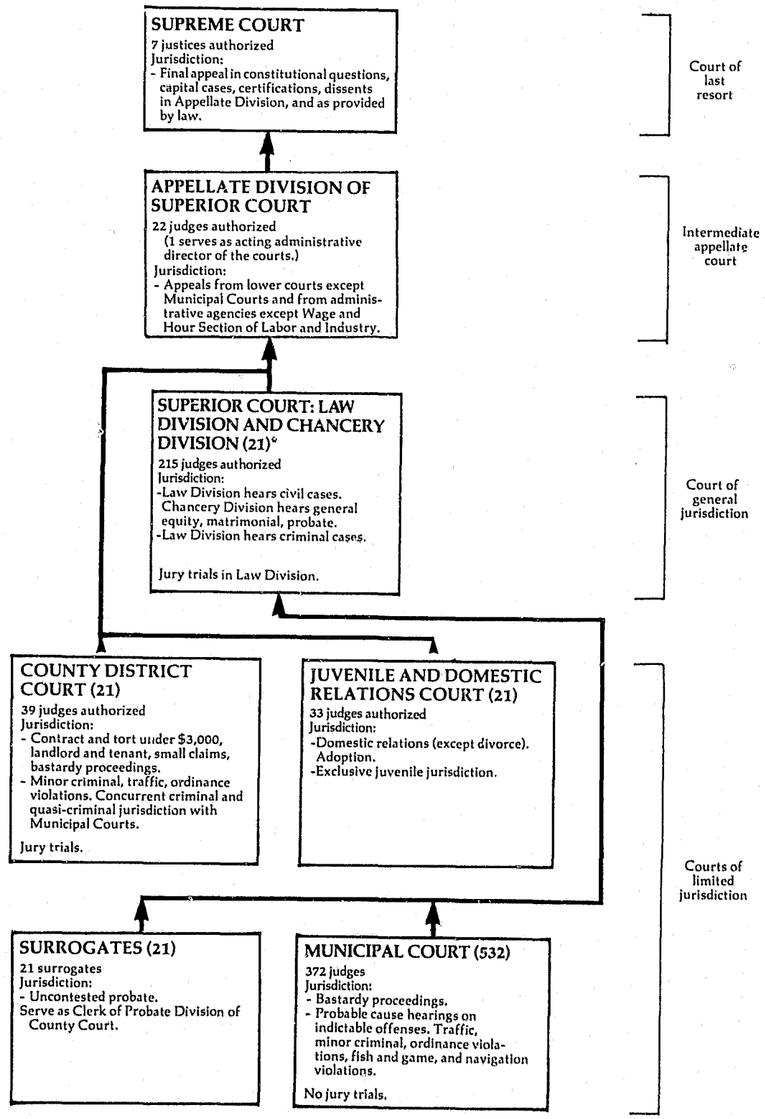
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is not counted in the same way throughout the state.
The criminal case unit of count is not consistent statewide.

Source: Chairman, Judicial Council, Seventeenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire covering periods July 1, 1978-June 30, 1979, and July 1, 1979-June 30, 1980 (Concord, New Hampshire: 1980). Statistics are from the biennial report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW JERSEY COURT SYSTEM, *1979*



*The County Court was merged with the Superior Court on December 7, 1978.

NEW JERSEY SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
September 1, 1978 to August 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Civil categories	X	X (X)[e]	95	X
Criminal	X	X (X)[e]	46	X
Appeals of administrative agency case:				
State agencies or authorities	X	X (X)[e]	42	X
Cases consolidated or disposed before argument	X	X (X)[e]	60	X
Total appeals	151	71 (143)[e]	243	122
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Disciplinary	32	86	94	22
Requests to appeal[j]:				
Petitions for certification	351	931	860 (115)[e]	307
Motion for direct certification	(j)	(j)	40 (12)[e]	(j)
Motions for leave to appeal	(j)	(j)	116 (16)[e]	(j)
Total	351[i]	931[i]	1,016 (143)[e]	307[g][i]
Total other cases	385[i]	1,015[i]	1,110 (143)[e]	329[g][i]
Total cases	534[i]	1,086[i] (143)[e]	1,353 (143)[e]	451[g][i]
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	X	X	33	X
Other matters:				
Motions and other petitions	X	X	1,126	X
Total other proceedings	178[j]	1,348[j]	1,159	183[j]

Manner of disposition[m]

Written opinion	93[m]
Per curiam	35

Status of pending caseload (8/31/79)

Not yet perfected	22
Perfected and ready for argument	93
Held for further argument	1
Argued but not decided	6

Age of pending caseload (8/31/79)

Under 2 months	20
2 to 5 months	39
5 to 8 months	29
8 to 12 months	23
12 to 14 months	6
14 to 17 months	3
17 to 20 months	2
Over 20 months	0

Disposition of appeals

Affirmed	59
Reversed	48
Modified	10
Reversed and remanded	19
Affirmed and reversed in part	6
Remanded	5
Dismissed after argument	15
Dismissed before argument	53
Remanded before argument	7
Consolidated with certification	7
Decided without argument	17

Time intervals (months/days)

	Mean	Median
Judgment below to notice of appeal or granting of certification	3/15	3/01
Notice of appeal or granting of certification to perfection	3/02	2/07
Perfection to argument	3/22	4/03
Argument to decision	4/07	3/17
Notice of appeal or granting of certification to decision	11/01	9/27
Perfection to decision	7/29	7/02

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Requests to appeal when granted are not counted as disposed until the resulting **appeal** is disposed; a new filing is not counted for the resulting appeal. These granted **requests to appeal** are the numbers appearing in parentheses.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are a given in the annual report.
[i]Data are not complete:
Filing and pending data for motions for direct certification and motions for leave to appeal could not be separated from other motions and other petitions data. These numbers are not included in total **requests to appeal**, total other cases, or total cases filed or pending figures.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filing and pending figures for total other proceedings include motions for direct certification and motions for leave to appeal. Disposition data for these two categories are available separately and are listed on the appropriate lines under the **requests to appeal** heading above.
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
The 93 written opinions and 35 per curiam opinions disposed of 141 **appeals** and 14 **disciplinary** matters.
There were also 26 concurring, 31 dissenting, and 8 concurring in part, dissenting in part opinions written.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Annual Report 1978-79 (Trenton, New Jersey: 1980). Source of case data is available. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW JERSEY APPELLATE DIVISION OF SUPERIOR COURT
Intermediate appellate court
21[c] judges
September 1, 1978 to August 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	X	1,947[h]	X	X
Criminal	X	1,713	X	X
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
State agencies	X	1,125[k]	X	X
Total appeals	6,170[f]	4,785[k]	5,634[k]	5,322
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal:				
Leave to appeal	32[f]	833	817	48
Total other cases	32[f]	833	817	48
Total cases[k]	6,202[f]	5,618	6,451	5,370
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	13	172	167	18
Other matters:				
Motions and petitions	189[f]	4,591	4,493	287
Total other proceedings	202[f]	4,763	4,660	305

Manner of disposition

Published opinions	258[m]
Per curiam	2,940[m]
Dismissed (opinion)	96
Transfers[m]	12
Dismissal/withdrawal	2,195

Status of pending caseload (8/31/79)

Not yet perfected	3,156
Perfected and ready for calendaring	2,115
Submitted but not decided	17
Argued but not decided	34

Disposition of appeals

Affirmed	2,436
Reversed	544
Remanded	67
Certifications	12
Modified	284
Dismissed (opinion)	96

Time interval (months/days)

	Mean	Median
Judgment below to notice of appeal	1/11	1/10
Date of appeal to perfected	9/09	7/12
Perfected to argued or submitted	5/02	4/16
Argued or submitted to decided	0/23	0/14
Date of appeal to decided	13/01	11/23
Perfected to decided	5/20	5/01

Age of pending caseload (8/31/79)[l]

Under 2 months	960
2 to 5 months	1,042
5 to 8 months	933
8 to 12 months	854
12 to 14 months	374
14 to 17 months	423
17 to 20 months	236
Over 20 months	500

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Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[c]Judge information:
There are 22 judges authorized in this court, but 1 judge served as the acting administrative director of the courts.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report. Difference is due to adjustments made by the clerk of the court to the computerized docketing control system.
[h]Figure was computed:
Civil appeals filed were computed by subtracting the number of **criminal appeals** and **appeals of administrative agency cases** filed from the number of total appeals filed.
[k]Additional information:
Appeals of administrative agency cases include 43 criminal appeals from state administrative agencies that are not included under **criminal appeals.**
Total appeals filed and disposed include 12 certifications by the Supreme Court before calendaring by the Appellate Division.
[l]Special source or revision in the data:
Age of pending caseload data were provided by the administrative office of the courts during data verification.
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
There were also 5 concurring and 15 dissenting opinions filed.
Transfers are cases transferred to the Supreme Court by certification.
The 3,198 opinions disposed of 3,427 cases.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Annual Report 1978-79 (Trenton, New Jersey: 1980). Source of case data is available.
Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional information was supplied by the administrative office of the courts during data verification.

NEW JERSEY SUPERIOR COURT (LAW DIVISION and CHANCERY DIVISION)[a]
Court of general jurisdiction
21 counties, 215 judges authorized
September 1, 1978 to August 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	Defendants	End pending
Civil[d]:					
Tort:					
Auto tort:					
Auto negligence	23,806[f]	19,491	17,908	--	25,389
Other tort:					
Other--Law Division	31,801[f]	25,197	23,445	--	33,553
Total	55,607[f]	44,688	41,353	--	58,942
Equity	2,820[f]	4,318	4,009	--	3,129
Domestic relations:					
Marriage dissolution:					
Matrimonial[j]	7,978[f]	25,609	26,275	--	7,312
Adoption:					
Adoption (contested)	X	32	X	--	X
Adoption (uncontested)	0	1,827	1,827	--	0
Total	X	1,859	X	--	X
Total	7,978[fi]	27,468	28,102[i]	--	7,312[i]
Estate (County Court):					
Probate/wills/intestate:					
Wills and administration	X	209	X	--	X
Accounting	X	146	X	--	X
Total	X	355	X	--	X
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:					
Appointment of guardians for incompetents	0	438	438	--	0
Other estate:					
Other probate matters	X	160	X	--	X
Total[j]	X	953	X	--	X
Total civil	66,667[f]	77,427	74,464	--	69,630
Criminal[d]:					
Felony:					
Indictments and accusations	31,450[f]	22,198[k]	24,256	30,317	29,392[k]
Appeal (County Court)	654[f]	2,784	2,699	N/A	739
Extraordinary writ:					
Postconviction relief	38[f]	159	161	N/A	36
Total criminal	32,142[f]	25,141	27,116	N/A	30,167
Grand total	98,809[f]	102,568	101,580	N/A	99,797

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Tort:			
Auto tort	1,308	75	1,383
Other tort	1,373	1,272	2,645
Total	2,681	1,347	4,028
Equity	3	963	966
Domestic relations:			
Marriage dissolution	--	10,036	10,036
Adoption	--	X	X
Total	--	X	X
Estate	--	N/A	N/A
Total	2,684	12,346[i]	15,030[i]
Criminal:			
Felony	2,318	494	2,812
Grand total	5,002	12,840[i]	17,842[i]

Civil dispositions

	In court: Contested	In court: Uncontested	Settled, dismissed, or discontinued	Other
Tort:				
Auto tort	--	--	16,084	441
Other tort	--	--	19,805	995
Total	--	--	35,889	1,436
Equity	--	--	2,678	365
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution	10,036	15,728	511	0
Estate	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Criminal dispositions

	Cases	Defendants
Felony:		
Jury trial:		
Conviction	1,200	1,448
Acuittal	824	1,015
Guilty or non vult plea	217	256
Dismissal	65	84
Conditional discharge	12	19
Non-jury trial:		
Conviction	127	137
Acquittal	314	357
Guilty or non vult plea	13	21
Dismissal	39	51
Conditional discharge	1	1
Total trial:		
Conviction	1,327	1,585
Acquittal	1,138	1,372
Guilty or non vult plea	230	277
Dismissal	104	135
Conditional discharge	13	1
Guilty or non vult plea without trial	12,743	15,735
Dismissal without trial	8,597	11,056
Conditional discharge without trial	104	137
Extraordinary writ:		
Petition summarily disposed	63	N/A
No relief granted	86	N/A
Some relief granted	12	N/A

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New Jersey Superior Court (continued)

Time interval[n] (month/days)

	Jury			Non-jury			All trial cases		
	Number	Mean	Median	Number	Mean	Median	Number	Mean	Median
Tort:									
Auto tort:									
Complaint to trial.....	165	25/19	24/11	6	26/29	24/12	171	25/21	24/11
Other tort:									
Complaint to trial.....	146	25/28	24/20	128	22/19	21/07	274	24/12	23/8
Total:									
Complaint to answer	311	2/27	1/26	134	2/18	1/13	445	2/24	1/22
Answer to pretrial	311	16/28	17/23	134	9/24	3/10	445	11/20	7/21
Pretrial to trial	311	9/04	6/29	134	8/9	3/27	445	8/16	5/21
Complaint to trial	311	25/23	24/14	134	22/25	21/07	445	24/27	23/24

	Defendants for whom trials commenced							Defendants who retracted a plea of not guilty						
		Indictment or accusation to first plea		Not guilty plea to trial or guilty plea		Indictment or accusation to commencement of trial			Indictment or accusation to first plea		Not guilty plea to retraction		Indictment or accusation to retraction	
	Number	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Number	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
Criminal:														
Murder	12	2/ 4	0/15	9/ 8	5/ 4	11/12	6/10	11	0/13	0/10	2/10	2/21	2/23	3/ 6
Other	406	2/ 2	0/28	10/ 7	7/15	12/ 9	9/10	1,247	2/ 0	0/28	8/ 5	5/14	10/ 4	7/15
Total	418	2/ 2	0/28	10/ 6	7/15	12/ 8	9/ 6	1,258	1/29	0/28	8/ 3	5/13	10/ 2	7/13

Age of pending cases[n] (months)

	Auto tort	Other tort	Equity	Marriage dissolution	Estate[n]	Felony
Under 6 months	5,214	7,135	1,433	3,294	139	8,943
6+ to 12 months	7,598	9,114	1,048	2,295	46	5,579
12+ to 18 months	5,933	7,818	415	1,035	62	3,635
18+ to 24 months	3,605	4,651	119	364	(n)	2,247
24+ to 36 months	2,569	3,710	66	257	(n)	3,188
Over 36 months	218	430	48	67	(n)	5,800

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N/A = This casetype is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[a]Court information:
The County Court was merged with the Superior Court on December 7, 1978 during this court year.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted when it is placed on the calendar (has reached issue).
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.
A jury trial is counted when the first juror is drawn.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
This is because of recounts by the counties resulting from their periodic physical inventories and the discovery of other reporting errors by the counties during the course of the year.

[i]Data are not complete:
Total pending figures for **domestic relations** include pending matrimonial and uncontested adoption cases. They do not include pending contested adoption cases.
Total disposed for **domestic relations** includes matrimonial and uncontested adoption cases, but not contested adoption cases.
Total civil and grand total trial data do not include **estate** cases.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Matrimonial includes divorce, maintenance, nullity, **adoption**, custody, matrimonial injunctions, and miscellaneous matrimonial.
Total **civil** figures include data for **adoption** (contested) and **estate** cases which could not be separated into the proper categories. There were 262 of these cases pending at the beginning of the court year, 562 disposed, and 247 pending at the end of the court year.

[k]Additional information:
Of the 22,198 **felony** cases filed, 387 were reopened cases.
Of the 29,392 **felony** cases pending at the end of the court year, 6,156 were listed on inactive status, untrialable for reasons beyond the control of the court or prosecutor. These include fugitives, John Does, and defendants incarcerated in another state.

[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Civil trials do not include uncontested matrimonial cases.

[n]Information on time interval or age of pending caseload data:
Time interval data are for cases in which trials commenced in the Law Division of the Superior Court during March 1979.
Age of pending data reflect active and inactive cases for **equity, marriage dissolution, estate,** and **felony** cases.
Age of pending cases data for **auto tort** and **other tort** cases are for active cases only. There were, in addition, 695 inactive **other tort** and 252 inactive **auto tort** cases.
The number of **estate** cases pending over 18 months is included in the 12+ to 18 months category.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Annual Report 1978-79 (Trenton, New Jersey: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW JERSEY COUNTY DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
21 courts, 39 judges authorized
September 1, 1978 to August 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Tort:				
Auto tort:				
Auto negligence	4,504[f]	13,387	12,856	5,035
Other tort	1,624[f]	4,736	4,629	1,731
Total	6,128[f]	18,123	17,,485	6,766
Contract	34,482[f]	164,641	163,634	35,489
Small claims[j]	6,743[f]	42,247	40,669	8,321
Real property rights:				
Tenancy	4,151	106,661	102,868	7,944
Total civil	51,504[f]	331,672	324,656	58,520
Criminal[d]:				
Other criminal:				
Criminal[j]	N/A	4,371	4,265	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	4,371	4,265	N/A
Traffic:				
Parking:				
Parking cases	N/A	38,807	23,458	N/A
Other traffic violation:				
Moving traffic cases	N/A	38,121	34,832	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	76,928	58,290	N/A
Grand total	51,504[fi]	412,971	387,211	58,520[i]

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Tort:			
Auto tort	213	503	716
Other tort	95	331	426
Total	308	834	1,142
Contract	226	3,191	3,417
Small claims	31	13,787	13,818
Real property rights ...	8	36,970	36,978
Total	573	54,782	55,355
Criminal:			
Other criminal	--	473	473
Traffic	--	0	0
Grand total	573	55,255	55,828

Criminal dispositions

	Other criminal
Convictions and guilty pleas in open court...	833
Violations Bureau	1,503
Dismissed after conditional discharge or pretrial intervention.....	127
Other dismissals and acquittals.....	339
Referred to other court.....	1
Referred to county prosecutor	989

Civil dispositions

	Tort						
	Auto tort	Other tort	Total	Contract	Small claims	Real property rights	Total
	4,939	1,415	6,354	104,554	6,278	12,229	129,415
Judgments by default.....							
Settled, dismissed, or discontinued, by dismissal of inactive cases	1,677	530	2,207	23,502	3,826	454	29,989
Before trial date.....	3,101	1,121	4,222	20,072	5,362	7,658	37,314
On trial date.....	2,022	941	2,963	9,939	10,393	45,371	68,666
Placed on inactive list or transferred	401	196	597	2,150	992	178	3,917

Traffic dispositions

	Parking	Other traffic violation	Total
Convictions and guilty pleas in open court	340	5,851	6,191
Violations Bureau	22,918	27,617	50,535
Dismissals and acquittals	200	1,359	1,559
Transferred to other court	0	5	5

Age of pending caseload (months)

	Under 6 months	6+ to 12 months	12+ to 18 months	18+ to 24 months	Over 24 months
Civil:					
Tort:					
Auto tort	3,887	924	153	33	38
Other tort	1,305	344	63	8	11
Total	5,192	1,268	216	41	49
Contract	31,075	3,510	635	176	93
Small claims	7,465	695	118	20	23
Real property rights	7,941	3	0	0	0
Total	51,673	5,476	969	237	165

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New Jersey County District Court (continued)

Time interval data[n] (months/days)

	Jury			Non-jury			Total		
	Number of cases	Mean	Median	Number of cases	Mean	Median	Number of cases	Mean	Median
Complaint to trial:									
Civil:									
Tort:									
Auto tort	25	12/14	12/14	49	8/28	7/11	74	10/4	9/5
Other tort	10	11/27	12/08	29	7/22	7/08	39	8/24	7/26
Total	15	--	--	78	--	--	113	--	--
Contract	28	13/29	13/20	365	7/15	6/18	393	7/28	6/28
Total	63	13/01	12/15	443	7/20	6/27	506	8/10	7/09
Complaint to answer:									
Civil[n]	63	2/07	1/03	443	1/19	1/02	506	1/22	1/02

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
-- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
A jury trial is counted when the first juror is drawn.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.
[i]Data are not complete:
Grand total pending figures do not include **criminal** or **traffic** cases.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filed includes all complaints filed or transferred from other courts or counties and inactive complaints restored to calendar.
Small claims include auto small claims cases and other small claims.
Criminal case complaints include indictable offenses referred to county prosecutors for indictment as well as minor criminal, disorderly persons, ordinance, fish and game, navigation, etc.
[n]Time interval or age of pending caseload data:
Time interval data are for all **civil** cases in which trials commenced during March 1979, excluding **small claims** and **real property rights**.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Annual Report 1978-79 (Trenton, New Jersey: 1980). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW JERSEY JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
21 courts, 33 judges authorized
September 1, 1978 to August 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations:				
Domestic relations and reciprocal support	7,035[f]	80,878	80,619	7,294
Total civil	7,035[f]	80,878	80,619	7,294
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Juvenile delinquent complaints	13,841[f]	97,110	96,750	14,201
Status offense:				
Juvenile in need of supervision (JINS)	1,135[f]	11,555	11,764	926
Total juvenile	14,976[f]	108,665	108,514	15,127
Grand total	22,011[f]	189,543	189,133	22,421

Hearings (dispositions)[l]

Civil:	
Domestic relations	68,028
Juvenile:	
Delinquency and JINS	58,304[m]
Total	126,332

Age of pending caseload (months)

	Civil	Juvenile	
	Domestic relations	**Criminal-type offense**	**Status offense**
Under 1 month	2,930	4,157	335
1 to 3 months	2,753	6,504	380
Over 3 months	1,611	3,540	211
3+ to 6 months	(n)	2,605	145
Over 6 months	(n)	935	66

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
This is because of recounts by the counties resulting from their periodic physical inventories and the discovery of other reporting errors by the counties during the course of the year.
[l]Special source or revision in the data:
Information or the number of hearings held was supplied by the administrative office of the courts during data verification.
[m]Information on trial or type of disposition data:
Of the 58,304 **juvenile** hearings, representation by counsel was mandatory at 33,525; it was not mandatory at the remaining 24,779.
[n]Information on time interval or age of pending caseload data:
The **domestic relations** cases pending 3+ to 6 months and over 6 months are included in the over 3 months category.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Annual Report 1978-79 (Trenton, New Jersey: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional information was supplied by the administrative office of the courts during data verification.

NEW JERSEY MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
532 courts, 372 judges
September 1, 1978 to August 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal[d]:				
Other criminal:				
Criminal[j]	N/A	361,173[j]	317,517	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	361,173[j]	317,517	N/A
Traffic:				
Parking:				
Parking cases	N/A	2,638,301	1,968,447	N/A
Other traffic violation:				
Moving traffic cases	N/A	1,219,480	1,138,605	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	3,857,781	3,107,052	N/A
Grand total	N/A	4,218,954	3,424,569	N/A

Non-jury trial[d]

Criminal (other criminal)	2,656
Traffic	0
Grand total	2,656

Criminal dispositions

	Other criminal
Convictions and guilty pleas in open court	115,894
Violations Bureau	22,189
Dismissal after conditional discharge and pretrial intervention	10,795
Other dismissals and acquittals	93,386
Referred to other court	3,526
Referred to county prosecutor	69,071

Traffic dispositions

	Parking	Other traffic violation	Total
Convictions and guilty pleas in open court	80,085	307,668	387,753
Violations Bureau	1,854,009	763,672	2,617,681
Dismissals and acquittals	34,316	66,367	100,683
Referred to other court	37	898	935

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

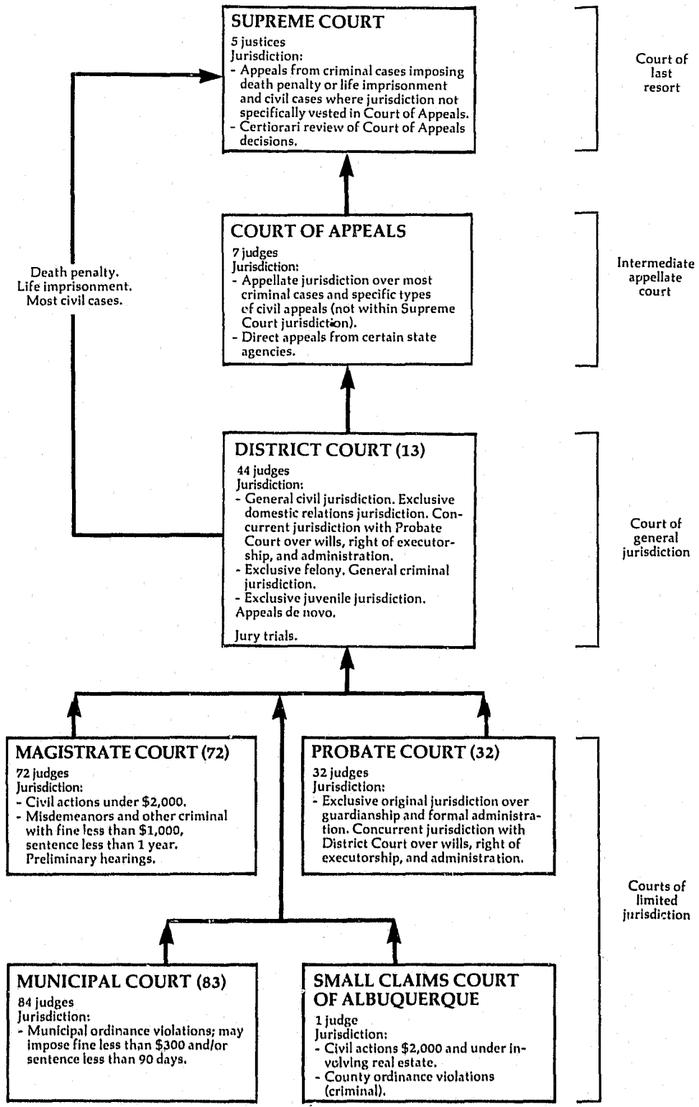
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Criminal case complaints include indictable offenses referred to county prosecutors for indictment as well as minor criminal, disorderly persons, ordinance, fish and game, navigation, etc.

Source: Proceedings in the Municipal Courts, September 1, 1978-August 31, 1979 (Trenton, New Jersey: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW JERSEY SURROGATES
21 counties, 21 surrogates
September 1, 1978 to August 31, 1979

No data were supplied for the surrogates because they handle only uncontested probate matters and serve as the clerks of the probate divisions of County Courts.

NEW MEXICO COURT SYSTEM, 1979



NEW MEXICO SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	X	206 (X)[e]	X	
Criminal	X	28 (X)[e]	X	X
Reinstated cases	X	0	X	X
Total appeals	X	234 (22)[e]	255	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Habeas corpus	X	94[j]	96[j]	X
Mandamus	X	27	26	X
Prohibition	X	59	54	X
Removal from corporation commission	X	1	0	X
Superintending control	X	7	8	X
Rule 32 election challenge	X	0	0	X
Quo Warranto	X	0	0	X
Criminal contempt	X	1	0	X
Other	X	4	14	X
Total	X	193[j]	198[j]	X
Disciplinary matter:				
Judicial standards commission (removal of judge)	X	2	2	X
Suspension of attorneys	X	2	2	X
Disciplinary	X	2	4	X
Total	X	6	8	X
Total	X	199[j]	206[j]	X
Requests to appeal:				
Certiorari	X	182	144 (22)[e]	X
Total other cases	X	381[j]	350[j](22)[e]	X
Total cases	197	615[j](22)[e]	605[j](22)[e]	207
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Rule 37 motions[j]	0	337	337	0
Rule 41 motions[j]	0	2	2	0
Rule 46 motions[j]	0	33	33	0
Rule 60 motions[j]	0	17	17	0
Total	0	389	389	0
Total other proceedings	0	389	389	0

Manner of disposition

Written opinion	195
Per curiam	2
Dismissal/withdrawal	50
Transfer	8

Disposition of appeals

By opinion:	
Affirmed	118
Reversed	54
Affirmed in part, reversed in part	11
Remanded	4
Dismissed with opinion	1
Denied petition	2
Writ quashed	2
Reversed trial court	1
Set aside contempt citation	1
Awarded attorneys fees	1
Awarded costs	1
Answered question in the negative	1

Time interval data (average days)

From notice of appeal to transcription[n]	93.6
From transcription to issue	82.5
From issue to submission	59.0
From submission to opinion/decision	74.8
From issue to opinion/decision	135.8

Status of pending caseload (12/31/79)

Not at issue	96
At issue--not set for oral argument	27
Previously submitted	84

Disposition of other cases

	Original proceedings			Requests to appeal
	Original jurisdiction	Disciplinary	Total	
Granted	0	--	0	22
Denied	56	--	56	127
Quashed	18	--	18	17
Made permanent	23	--	23	--
Dismissed	1	--	1	--
Motion for leave to file petition late--denied	0	--	0	--
Case reinstated--writ made permanent	0	--	0	--
Case reinstated on mandate--peremptory writ	0	--	0	--
Closed by orders	84	--	84	--
Suspension of attorneys	--	2	2	--
Disciplinary	--	4	4	--
Removal of judge	--	2	2	--
Withdrawn	3	0	3	0

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Certiorari cases granted are not counted as disposed until the resulting appeals are disposed; new filings are not counted for the resulting appeals. These granted certiorari cases are the numbers appearing in parentheses.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Habeas corpus filed includes 10 original habeas corpus cases and 84 cases from habeas corpus dockets. Habeas corpus disposed includes 12 original habeas corpus cases and 84 from the habeas corpus docket.
Rule 37 motions are prosecutors' motions for extension of time in District Court.
Rule 41 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure for Magistrates Court is a motion for extension of time.
Rule 46 motions are respondent's motions for time limits on adjudicatory hearings.
Rule 60 motions are children's court matters to expand the time limit fo commencement of adjudicatory hearings.

[n]Information on time interval or age of pending data:
No table was prepared on notice of appeal to docketing since counsel only has 30 days to file a skeleton transcript after filing of the notice of appeal.

Source: Judicial Department of the State of New Mexico, Annual Report, 1979 (Santa Fe, New Mexico: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW MEXICO COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
7 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	X	239	X	X
Criminal and juvenile	X	252	X	X
Appeal of administrative agency case	X	26	X	X
Other appeals:				
Reinstated cases	X	0	X	X
Total appeals	288[f]	517	509	2999
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases				
Total cases	288[f]	517	509	2999
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	0	57	57	0
Other matters:				
Motions	0	647	647	0
Total other proceedings	0	704	704	0

Manner of disposition

Formal opinion	183
Memorandum decision	199
Transfer	14
By order	111
Certification to Supreme Court	2

Disposition of appeals

	Civil and administrative	Criminal and juvenile	Interlocutory appeals
Affirmed	109	140	--
Reversed	56	51	--
Dismissed	2	5	--
Affirmed in part, reversed in part	9	10	--
Quashed	0	0	--
Granted	--	--	14
Denied	--	--	37
Transferred to Supreme Court	0	0	5

Time interval data[n] (average days)

	Civil				Criminal and juvenile			Administrative agency			
	Tort	Interlocutory appeals	Other	Total	Summary calendar	Other calendar	Total	Administrative appeals	Workmen's compensation	Total	Total cases
Number of cases	85	11	21	117	45	138	183	25	35	60	360
Notice of appeal in district court to decision:											
Notice of appeal in district court to answer brief filed:											
Notice of appeal in district court to transcript filed	104	36	91	95	--	--	--	48	94	75	--
Transcript filed to brief in chief filed	41	20	33	38	--	--	--	37	36	36	--
Brief in chief filed to answer brief filed	36	18	34	34	--	--	--	39	32	35	--
Notice of appel to answer brief filed	181	74	158	167	--	--	--	124	162	146	--
Answer brief filed to decision	247	60	226	226	--	--	--	244	127	176	--
Notice of appeal to decision	428	134	384	393	45	260	207	368	289	322	287
Decision to mandate	24	22	25	24	22	21	21	24	22	23	22

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Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as given in the annual report.
[n]Information on age of pending or time interval data:
Cases included in the time interval chart do not include dismissed, denied, docket and affirm, transferred to/from the Supreme Court, or those cases determined to be atypical as a result of severe problems or delays (e.g. reinstated cases).
Time interval figures given in the Annual Report were rounded to the nearest whole number for inclusion in this table.

Source: Judicial Department of the State of New Mexico, Annual Report, 1979 (Santa Fe, New Mexico: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW MEXICO DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
13 districts, 44 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations	6,691	18,236	17,452	7,249
Other civil	18,469	25,833	22,714	21,559
Total civil	25,160	44,069	40,166	28,808
Criminal[d]:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal	2,597	5,289	5,029	2,864
Total criminal	2,597	5,289	5,029	2,864
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	1,632	4,159	3,644	2,024
Grand total	29,389	53,517	48,839	33,696

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is impaneled.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Pending figures reflect adjustments made following an inventory conducted during 1979.

Source: Judicial department of the State of New Mexico, Annual Report, 1979 (Santa Fe, New Mexico: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report.

NEW MEXICO MAGISTRATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
72 courts, 72 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	N/A	15,294	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	15,294	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Non-traffic	N/A	13,096	N/A	N/A
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony	N/A	8,843	N/A	N/A
Other criminal:				
Failure to pay penalty assessed	N/A	10,191	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	32,130	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI	N/A	3,867	N/A	N/A
Other traffic violation:				
Traffic	N/A	70,935	N/A	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	74,802	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	122,226	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of indictments or complaints.

Source: Judicial Department of the State of New Mexico, Annual Report, 1979 (Santa Fe, New Mexico: 1979). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW MEXICO PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
32 courts, 32 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Probate Court for 1979.

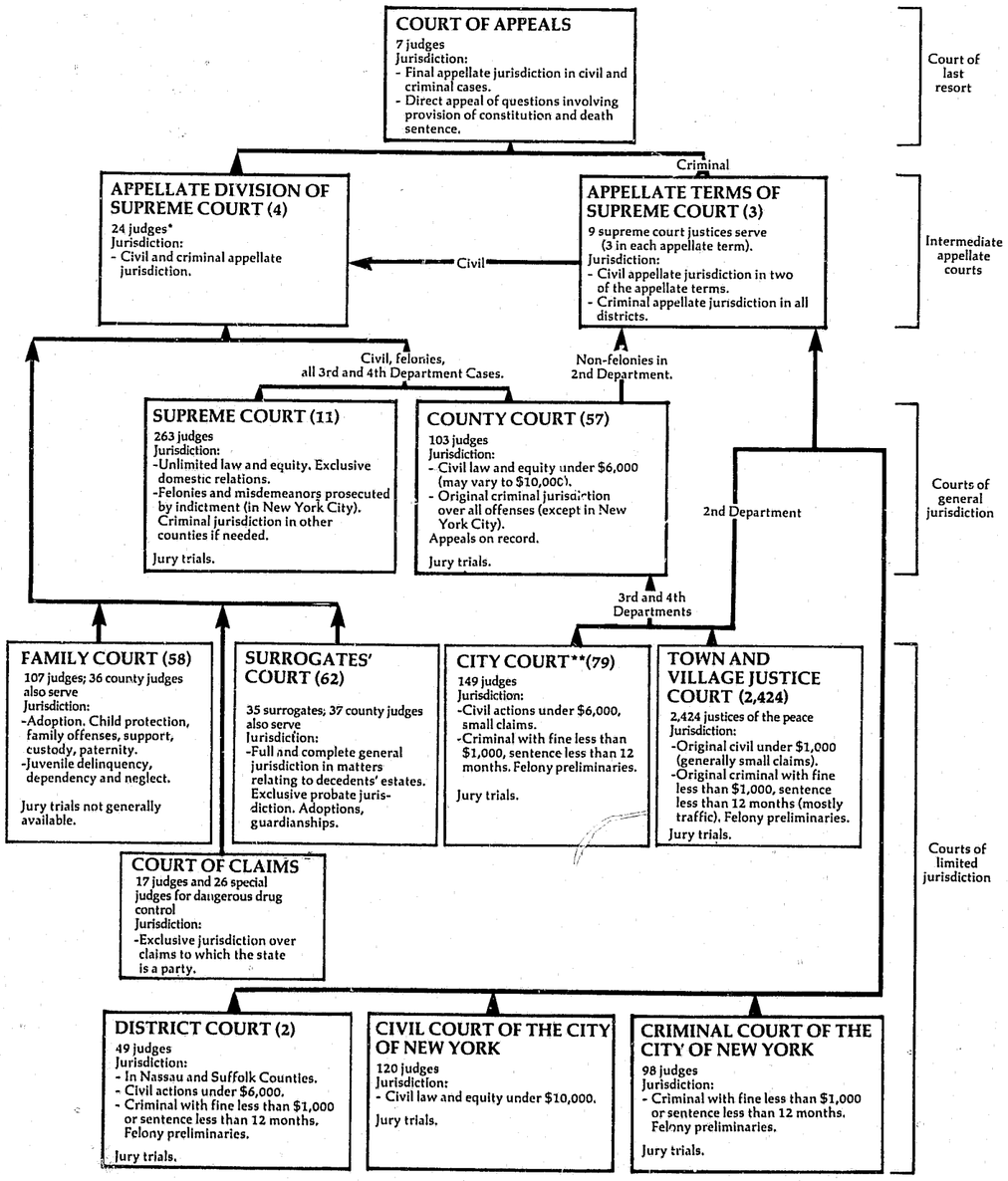
NEW MEXICO MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
83 courts, 84 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for 1979.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT OF ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 1 judge
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Small Claims Court for 1979.

NEW YORK COURT SYSTEM, 1979



Indicates route of appeal
*Nine justices and 12 certified retired justices were certified to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.
**Included are the city courts, justice courts, police courts, and recorder's courts.

NEW YORK COURT OF APPEALS
Court of last resort
7 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	N/A	X (N/A)[e]	423	N/A
Criminal	N/A	X (97)[e]	147	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	645 (97)[ei]	570	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal:				
Civil	N/A	N/A	N/A (N/A)[e]	N/A
Criminal:				
Application for leave to appeal	N/A	1,740	1,530 (97)[e]	N/A
Other motions	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	1,740[i]	1,530[i](97)[ei]	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	1,740[i]	1,503[i](97)[ei]	N/A
Total cases	N/A	2,385[i](97)[ei]	2,100[i](97)[ei]	N/A

Manner of disposition[m]

Written opinion	163
Per curiam	21
Memorandum	240

Disposition of appeals

	Civil	Criminal	Total
Affirmance	268	82	350
Reversal	102	55	157
Modification	29	6	35
Dismissal	24	4	28
Other	0	0	0

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
One-hundred-eleven applications for leave to appeal criminal convictions and sixty-six civil applications were granted by the court. These applications when granted are not counted as a disposition until the resulting **appeal** is disposed. No filing is counted for the **appeal.** These granted applications are the numbers appearing in parentheses.

[i]Data are not complete:
Total **appeals** and total cases filed do not include **civil requests to appeal** granted.
Total **requests to appeal,** total other cases, and total cases filed and disposed figures do not include **civil requests to appeal** or other motions.
Total **requests to appeal** disposed, total other cases disposed, and total cases disposed figures do not include **civil requests to appeal** cases granted.

[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
In addition to the 424 majority opinions, 15 concurring opinions and 73 dissenting opinions were filed.

Source: Chief Administrator of the Courts, Second Annual Report 1980 (New York, New York: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW YORK APPELLATE DIVISIONS OF THE SUPREME COURT
Intermediate appellate court
4 divisions, 24 judges[c]
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Total appeals	N/A	8,418[j]	9,065[j]	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction	N/A	(j)	(j)	N/A
Disciplinary matters:				
Attorney disciplinary proceedings	N/A	(j)	142[j]	N/A
Total	N/A	(j)	142[j]	N/A
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases	N/A	(j)	142[j]	N/A
Total cases	N/A	8,418[i]	9,207	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Motions decided	--	--	17,427	--
Total other proceedings	--	--	17,427	--

Manner of disposition

Full opinion	561
Per curiam	89
Memorandum	4,132

Disposition of appeals

Affirmances	6,074
Reversal not including new trials	1,351
Modifications	765
Dismissals	461
New trials	136
Other	275

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
-- = Not applicable.

[c]Judge information:
In addition to the 24 permanently assigned judges, 9 justices and 12 certified retired justices were temporarily assigned to this court during 1979.

[i]Data are not complete:
Total cases filed do not include all **original proceedings.**

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
An unknown number of **original proceedings** are included in total filings and dispositions of **appeals.**

Source: Chief Administrator of the Courts, Second Annual Report 1980 (New York, New York: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW YORK APPELLATE TERMS OF THE SUPREME COURT
Intermediate appellate court
3 terms, 9 supreme court justices serve[c]
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Total appeals	N/A	2,035	1,499	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases				
Total cases	N/A	2,035	1,499	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Motions heard or submitted	--	--	3,196	--
Total other proceedings	--	--	3,196	--

Manner of disposition

Opinions filed	0
Per curiam	1,032
Memoranda written, not filed	31

Disposition of appeals

Application rejected:	
Discontinued	33
Dismissed on calendar call (**civil**)	311
Dismissed on calendar call (**criminal**)	47
Remitted	1
Total rejected	392
Decisions rendered:	
Affirmed	595
Reversed	372
Modified	83
Dismissed, discontinued, withdrawn, remanded	57
Total decisions rendered	1,107

Note: Appellate Terms of the Supreme Court hear **civil** and **criminal appeals** from the first and second departments. County Courts sitting as appellate courts for the third and fourth departments hear some equivalent **criminal appeals**; however, data regarding the volume of such cases are not available. For certain **criminal** cases New York has three intermediate appellate courts when County Courts sitting as appellate courts are counted.

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Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.
N/A = This case type is handled by tne court, but the data are unavailable.
-- = Not applicable.

[c]Judge information:
During 1979, there were three appellate terms sitting with three judges in each term; hence the total of nine judges for 1979.

Source: Chief Administrator of the Courts, Second Annual Report 1980 (New York, New York: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW YORK SUPREME COURT AND COUNTY COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
11 districts, 263 justices; 57 counties, 103 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979[j]

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Tort:				
Auto tort:				
Motor vehicle	X	19,616	21,736	X
Professional tort:				
Medical malpractice	X	1,870	1,757	X
Other tort	X	14,191	14,614	X
Total	X	35,677	38,107	X
Real property rights:				
Condemnation	X	167	188	X
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Contested matrimonial	3,511[fh]	10,259	9,948	3,822
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Tax certiorari	X	5,999	5,150	X
Other civil:				
All others	X	13,849	13,789	X
Total civil	65,130[fh]	65,951	67,182	63,899
Criminal[d]:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Indictments--New York City	8,608[i]	16,454	17,014	8,918[gi]
Indictments--outside New York City	N/A	14,352	16,494	N/A
Total	8,608[i]	30,806	33,508	8,918[gi]
Total criminal	8,608[i]	30,806	33,508	8,918[gi]
Grand total	73,738[fi]	96,757	100,690	72,817[i]

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Criminal:			
New York City	X	X	2,151
Outside New York City	X	X	1,337
Total	X	X	3,488

Age of pending caseload(average months)

	New York City	Outside New York City	Total
Projected average age:			
Civil:			
Supreme Court	12	11	23
County Court	--	7	7

Criminal (felony/misdemeanor) dispositions

	New York City	Outside New York City	Total
Pleas of guilty:			
Felony	10,431	X	X
Misdemeanor	1,037	X	X
Total	11,468	12,676	24,144
Trial conviction	1,525	980	2,505
Acquittal	727	365	1,092
Dismissed	3,294	2,473	5,767

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the indictment, except in the trial data.
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision, which includes mistrials.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.

[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the annual report. [h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figure was calculated from filed, disposed, and end pending data given in the annual report.

[i]Data are not complete:
Pending data for **felony/misdemeanor** indictments--New York City do not include **misdemeanor** cases.
Total **criminal** pending and grand total pending figures do not include **misdemeanor** indictments inside New York City of **felony/misdemeanor** indictments outside New York City.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filed includes new actions, restorations, and transfers into these courts from other courts, plus or minus transfers within the courts.

[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
The dispositions of disagreements, mistrials and youths adjudicated as youthful offenders are not counted in the disposed data of the profile's top portion.

Source: Chief Administrator of the Courts, Second Annual Report 1980 (New York, New York: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

CIVIL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 120 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Tort	X	32,175	34,466	X
Contract:				
Commercial	X	20,198	20,217	X
Real property rights:				
Housing part actions	947	3,362	2,505	1,805
Housing part (summary proceeding)	X	81,066	79,655	X
Total	X	84,428	82,160	X
Other civil:				
Nonhousing part actions (summary proceeding)	X	5,791	5,604	X
Total civil	24,954	142,592	142,447	25,100
Grand total[k]	24,954	142,592	142,447	25,099

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Tort and contract	580	1,637	2,217
Real property rights and **other civil**	26	6,464	6,490
Total	606	8,101	8,707

Time interval data (average months)

Projected time from filing of note of issue to disposition[n]	4.4

Civil dispositions

	Tort and contract	Real property rights and other civil	Total
Settled, discontinued, or dismissed before trial	36,439	59,348	95,787
Settled or discontinued during trial	832	2,039	2,871
Dismissed during trial	64	122	186
Marked off calendar	8,305	697	9,002
Default judgment (inquest)	5,653	308	5,961
Default (no inquest)	--	16,432	16,432
Inquest by court	--	2,277	2,277
Consent judgment	20	21	41
Referred to referee	--	0	0
Disagreement or mistrial	104	30	134
Arbitration	1,049	--	1,049

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.
[k]Additional information:
This court also disposed of 54,276 motions and issued 146,752 orders during the time period.
[n]Time interval or age of pending data:
Time interval data are only for **tort, contract,** and housing part actions.

Source: Chief Administrator of the Courts, Second Annual Report 1980 (New York, New York: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 98 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	X	X	N/A
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony	N/A	X	X	N/A
Ordinance violation:				
Violations	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non-traffic summons[j]	N/A	475,612	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	475,612[i]	N/A	N/A
Other criminal	N/A	X	X	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	678,979[i]	200,456[i]	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Traffic summons	N/A	118,929	N/A	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	118,929	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	797,908[i]	200,456[i]	N/A

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Criminal[j]	X	X	1,056
Traffic	N/A	N/A	N/A

Criminal dispositions[i]

Pleas of guilty	93,108
Trial conviction[d]	421
Acquittal[d]	703
Referrals to grand jury	16,642
Dismissals	79,337
Other	11,245

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not unavailable by category.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
The criminal case unit of count for caseflow is the number of defendants on the indictment or complaint. Trial data are based on the number of trials, conducted, any one of which may include more than one defendant.
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.
[i]Data are not complete:
Total **ordinance violation** cases, total **criminal,** and grand total cases filed figures do not include violations cases.
Total **criminal** and grand total disposed cases and type of disposition data include only **misdemeanor,** felony **preliminary hearing,** and **other criminal** cases.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Non-traffic summons includes all "nonarrest cases and arrest cases of peddling" where a desk appearance ticket was issued.
[k]Additional information:
Criminal breakdowns for case categories given in the annual report are estimates of the volume of cases filed during the court year. The total number of cases filed is based on the actual count of cases. There was difference of 109 cases between the estimates for each case type and the actual total volume which could not be identified by case type.
There were also 68,969 warrants filed and 58,937 warrants executed by the court during the year.

Source: Chief Administrator of the Courts, Second Annual Report 1980 (New York, New York: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW YORK FAMILY COURT[i]
Court of limited jurisdiction
58 courts; 107 judges and 36 county judges serve
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending[g]
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations:				
Support/custody:				
Custody of minors	396[fh]	12,546[i]	10,847[i]	2,095[i]
Support (non-ADC and ADC)	10,548[fh]	38,638[i]	44,155[i]	5,031[i]
Uniform support of dependent's law	1,285[fh]	24,430[i]	23,511[i]	2,204[i]
Total	12,229[f]	75,614[i]	78,513[i]	9,330[i]
Adoption	395[fh]	3,899[i]	3,202[i]	1,092[i]
Other domestic relations:				
Supreme Court referral	121[fh]	1,687[i]	1,529[i]	279[i]
Foster care review	954[fh]	4,198[i]	4,516[i]	636[i]
Approval of foster care placement	474[fh]	7,863[i]	7,113[i]	1,224[i]
Physically handicapped	0[fh]	11,189[i]	9,901[i]	6789[i]
Family offense	2,767[fh]	19,802[i]	20,858[i]	1,711[i]
Paternity (non-ADC and ADC)	9,221[fh]	33,891[i]	36,666[i]	6,446[i]
Other proceedings	0[fh]	4,184[i]	2,377[i]	3099[i]
Supplementary	5,894[fh]	108,888[i]	104,632[i]	10,150[i]
Total	19,431[f]	191,702[i]	187,592[i]	21,433[i]
Total	32,055[f]	271,215[i]	269,307[i]	31,855[i]
Estate:				
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship	243[fh]	593[i]	643[i]	193[i]
Mental health:				
Mental defective	24[fh]	7[i]	31[i]	0[i]
Total civil	32,322[f]	271,815[i]	269,981[i]	32,0489[i]
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Juvenile delinquency	12,066[fh]	25,467[i]	31,732[i]	5,801[i]
Status offense:				
Person in need of supervision	5,828[fh]	12,972[i]	16,365[i]	2,435[i]
Non-offense:				
Permanent neglect	717[fh]	1,292[i]	1,494[i]	515[i]
Child protective--neglect	5,773[fh]	6,214[i]	9,493[i]	2,494[i]
Child protective--abuse	1,021[fh]	1,473[i]	1,970[i]	5249[i]
Total	7,511[fh]	8,979[i]	12,957[i]	3,5339[i]
Other juvenile:				
Consent to marry	0[fh]	512[i]	272[i]	59[i]
Total juvenile	25,405[r]	47,930[i]	61,326[i]	11,7749[i]
Grand total	57,727[f]	319,745[i]	331,307[i]	43,8229[i]

Civil dispositions[i]

	Withdrawn or dismissed
Domestic relations:	
Support/custody	28,805
Adoption	110
Other domestic relations	50,915
Total	79,830
Estate:	
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship	172
Mental health	21
Total	80,023

Time interval data (days)[ik]

	0-7 days	8-14 days	15-21 days	22-30 days	31-90 days	91-180 days	181-365 days	366-730 days	Over 730 days
Juvenile child protective proceedings involving child abuse:									
Filing of petition to initial fact-finding hearing:									
Boys	98	16	12	20	115	84	43	16	5
Girls	138	38	16	32	129	107	74	15	8
Initial fact-finding hearing to dispositional hearing:									
Boys	131	7	15	7	105	51	46	31	16
Girls	189	11	21	18	131	82	73	24	8

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year.
Figures are calculated from data given in the annual report.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
The sum of cases listed in the annual report as disposed and end pending was smaller than the number of cases listed as filed. Therefore 0 was entered as the beginning pending figure for this category.
[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figure was computed from filing, disposed, and end pending data.
[i]Data are not complete:
Data reported do not include case activity in Queens County during December. This effects the number of cases reported as filed, disposed, the type of dispositions pending at the end of the period, and the time interval data, but does not effect the beginning pending figures.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
The end pending figures include only petitions actively pending at the end of the period.
[k]Additional information:
There were cases involving 95 boys and 135 girls in which no initial fact-finding hearing was held.

Source: Chief Administrator of the Courts, Second Annual Report 1980 (New York, New York: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where appropriate.

NEW YORK DISTRICT COURT AND CITY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
2 counties: 2 courts, 49 judges; 61 cities: 79 courts, 149 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	N/A	N/A	78,765	N/A
Small claims	N/A	47,328	46,462	N/A
Total civil	N/A	47,328[i]	125,227	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Total criminal	N/A	N/A	140,706	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
All motor vehicle offenses	N/A	N/A	337,782	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	N/A	337,782	N/A
Grand total[i]	N/A	47,328[i]	603,715	N/A

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil (Law)	X	X	4,824
Criminal	X	X	1,640
Traffic	X	X	7,280
Total	X	X	13,744

Civil (Law) dispositions

Discontinued	15,699
Dismissed	8,923
Default	28,730
Mistrial	404
Other	20,185

Criminal dispositions

Plea	76,574
Dismissal	53,618
Conviction	876
Acquittal	764
Held for grand jury	5,045
Other	3,829

Traffic dispositions

Plea	216,303
Dismissal	109,154
Conviction	4,822
Acquittal	2,458
Mistrial	9
Held for grand jury	235
Other	4,801

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X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total, but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the indictment or complaint.
A trial is counted if tried to decision or verdict.
[i]Data are not complete:
Total civil and grand total filed figures include only **small claims** cases.

Source: Chief Administrator of the Courts, Second Annual Report 1980 (New York, New York: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW YORK SURROGATES' COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
62 courts; 35 surrogates and 37 county judges serve
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations:				
Adoption	N/A	N/A	3,197[k]	N/A
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Probate of wills	N/A	40,020	34,471	N/A
Administration proceedings	N/A	N/A	21,749	N/A
Accounting proceedings	N/A	11,187	7,136	N/A
Total	N/A	51,207[i]	63,356	N/A
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship proceedings	N/A	N/A	5,925[k]	N/A
Other estate:				
Other proceedings	N/A	N/A	3,632	N/A
Total	N/A	51,207[i]	72,913	N/A
Total civil	N/A	51,207[i]	76,110	N/A
Grand total	N/A	51,207[i]	76,110	N/A

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Probate/wills/intestate:			
Probate of wills	X	X	124
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship	X	X	39
Other estate	X	X	2,170
Total	X	X	2,333

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total, but were not available by category.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
A trial is counted as tried to verdict or decision.
[i]Data are not complete:
Probate/wills/intestate, estate, and total civil filed and grand total filed include only probate of wills and accounting proceedings. Dispositions contain data for all categories.
[k]Additional information:
The adoption disposed figure includes 65 petitions which were denied, dismissed, or withdrawn. In the remaining 3,132 cases, orders of adoption were granted.
The guardianship disposed figure includes 14 letters of guardianship which were denied. The remaining 5,911 letters of guardianship were granted.

Source: Chief Administrator of the Courts, Second Annual Report 1980 (New York, New York: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

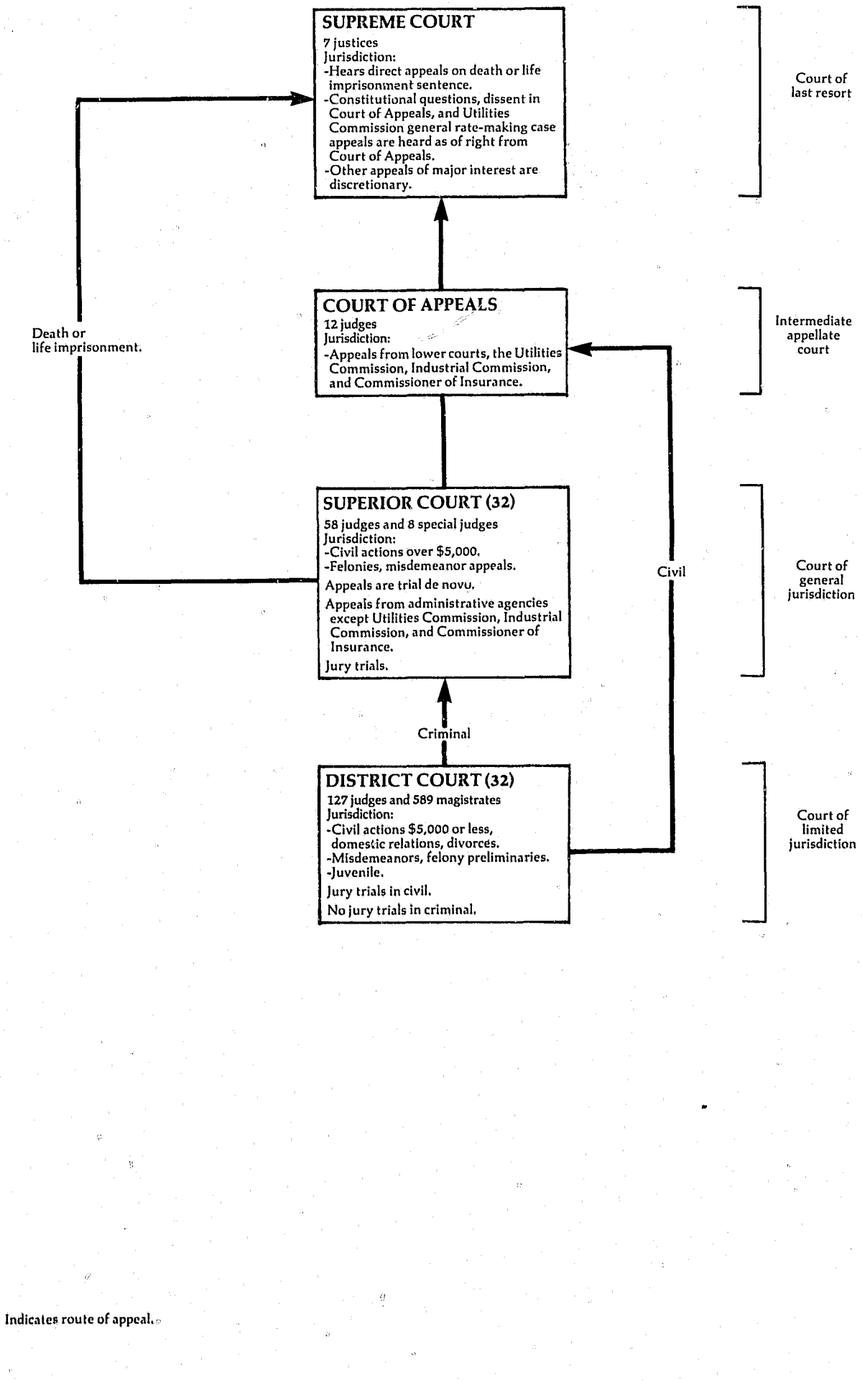
NEW YORK COURT OF CLAIMS
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 17 regular judges and 26 special judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Court of Claims for 1979.

NEW YORK TOWN AND VILLAGE JUSTICE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
2,424 courts, 2,424 justices of the peace
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Town Court or Village Court during 1979.

NORTH CAROLINA COURT SYSTEM, 1979



NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
September 5, 1978 to September 4, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Dissent in Court of Appeals	X	20	X	X
Substantial constitutional question	X	7	X	X
Petition for discretionary review of decision of Court of Appeals, allowed	X	(33)[e]	X	X
Petition for discretionary review prior to determination by Court of Appeals, allowed	X	(13)[e]	X	X
Petition for writ of certiorari, allowed	X	(2)[e]	X	X
Other statutory appeals of right	X	2	X	X
Total	X	29 (48)[e]	X	X
Criminal:				
Life sentence	X	63	X	X
Death sentence	X	9	X	X
Dissent in Court of Appeals	X	11	X	X
Substantal constitutional question	X	9	X	X
Petition for discretionary review of decision of Court of Appeals, allowed	X	(13)[e]	X	X
Petition for discretionary review prior to determination by Court of Appeals, allowed	X	(1)[e]	X	X
Petition of writ of certiorari, allowed	X	(1)[e]	X	X
Other statutory appeals of right	X	1	X	X
Total	X	93 (15)[e]	X	X
Total appeals	X	122 (63)[e]	X	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus allowed	X	(0)[e]	X	X
Supersedeas allowed	X	(0)[e]	X	X
Mandamus (civil) allowed	X	(1)[e]	X	X
Mandamus (criminal) allowed	X	(0)[e]	X	X
Total	X	(1)[e]	X	X
Disciplinary:				
Board of law examiners	X	0	X	X
Judicial standards commission	X	1	X	X
Total	X	1	X	X
Advisory opinion:				
On mandate from U.S. Supreme Court	X	2 (0)[e]	X	X
Total	X	3 (1)[e]	X	X
Requests to appeal:				
Civil:				
Discretionary review to review Court of Appeals	N/A	X	199 (27)[e]	N/A
Discretionary review prior to decision by Court of Appeals	N/A	X	9 (10)[e]	N/A
Petition for writ of certiorari	N/A	X	6 (8)[e]	N/A
Mandamus (civil)	N/A	X	2 (1)[e]	
Total	N/A	X	216 (46)[e]	N/A
Criminal:				
Discretionary review to review Court of Appeals	N/A	X	98 (13)[e]	N/A
Discretionary review prior to decision by Court of Appeals	N/A	X	0	N/A
Petition for writ of certiorari	N/A	X	39 (5)[e]	N/A
Mandamus (criminal)	N/A	X	2 (0)[e]	N/A
Total	N/A	X	139 (18)[e]	N/A
Other:				
On mandate from U.S. Supreme Court	N/A	0	(0)[e]	N/A
Habeas corpus	N/A	X	3 (0)[e]	N/A
Supersedeas	N/A	X	16 (0)[e]	N/A
Total	N/A	X	19 (0)[e]	N/A
Total	N/A	499	374 (64)[e]	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	502 (1)[e]	X (64)[e]	N/A
Total cases	21[f,i]	624 (64)[e]	536 (64)[e]	199[i,l]
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests:				
Applications for further review	N/A	N/A	62	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	N/A	62	N/A

Disposition of appeals

Affirmed	95
Reversed	33
New trial	18
Vacated and remanded	2
Affirmed in part and remanded	2
Affirmed in part and reversed in part	7
Modified and affirmed	4
Order of removal of a judge	1

Manner of disposition

	Civil	Criminal	Total
Opinions rendered	X	X	162
Cases dismissed or withdrawn	X	X	23

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Petitions for discretionary review granted are not counted as disposed until the appeal is disposed; a filing is not counted for the appeal. These granted petitions are the numbers appearing in parentheses. The number of granted petitions appearing in the filed column will usually differ from the number appearing in the disposed column because petitions allowed during one term may not be docketed as appeals until the following term.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year.
The difference is due to a change in the reporting period from the calendar year to the fiscal year of September to September.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Pending figures are incomplete. All data are as given in the unpublished reports.
[i]Data are not complete:
Pending data for total cases do not include requests to appeal.
[l]Special source or revision in the data:
The end pending figure was taken from the 1979-80 Annual Report where it is given us the number of cases brought forward from the Spring 1979 term.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, North Carolina Courts 1978-79 (Raleigh, North Carolina: 1980). Statistics are from the unpublished reports except that totals have been computed where necessary, and corrections were made during data verification.

NORTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
12 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End Pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
From Superior Court	N/A	439[i]	X	N/A
Criminal:				
From Superior Court	N/A	495[i]	X	N/A
Appeal of administrative agency cases:				
Insurance Commission	N/A	3 (X)[e]	X	N/A
Industrial Commission	N/A	38 (X)[e]	X	N/A
Utilities Commission	N/A	6 (X)[e]	X	N/A
Total	N/A	47 (X)[e]	X	N/A
Other appeals:				
From District Court	N/A	223 (X)[e]	X	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	1,204 (54)[e]	1,244[j]	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Disciplinary:				
State Bar cases	N/A	2	(j)	N/A
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions	N/A	532	407 (54)[e]	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	532	407 (54)[e]	N/A
Total cases	N/A	1,738 (54)[e]	1,651 (54)[e]	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Motions	0	N/A	1,028[k]	0
Total other proceedings	0	N/A	1,028[k]	0

Manner of disposition

	Appeals	Requests to appeal	Motions	Total
Written opinions:				
Affirmed	778	X	--	778[i]
Reversed	271	X	--	271[i]
Affirmed in part/ reversed in part	55	X	--	55[i]
Total	1,104	1	--	1,105
Other than opinion:				
Allowed	--	54	818	872
Denied	--	400	207	607
Remanded	--	6	3	9
Total	86	460	1,028	1,574

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[e]Figure not included in the total to avoid double counting:
The number of petitions that were granted are not counted as disposed until the resulting **appeal** is disposed; a new filing is not counted for the resulting **appeal**. The number of petitions granted are the figures appearing in parentheses in the court profile.
[i]Data are not complete:
Figures given for the number of opinions that affirmed, reversed, or affirmed in part/reversed in part do not include the opinion issued in on **request to appeal** petition.
Civil and **criminal appeals** filed include only cases from the Superior Court. Cases from the District Court could not be divided into these categories.
Total other cases disposed does not include State Bar cases.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Civil appeals figures include **appeals** from the Insurance Commissioner, the Industrial Commission, and the Utilities Commission, as well as **civil appeals.**
The number of State Bar cases disposed is included in the number of **appeals** disposed.
[k]Additional information:
Eight hundred-eighteen of the motions were allowed; three were remanded.

Source: Statistics are from the unpublished data supplied by the clerk of the court except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
32 districts, 58 regular and 8 special judges[k]
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	14,564[f]	12,034	11,324	15,274
Estate[a]	47,012[f]	32,926	31,378	48,560
Other civil:				
Special proceedings[aj]	19,114[f]	27,799	26,717	20,196
Total civil	80,690[f]	72,759	69,419	84,030
Criminal[d]:				
Felony	10,584[f]	32,129	30,979	11,734
Appeal of trial court case:				
Misdemeanor trial de novo	7,310[f]	24,462	23,608	8,164
Total criminal	17,894[f]	56,591	54,587	19,898
Grand total	98,584[f]	129,350	124,006	103,928

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	657	4,193	4,850
Criminal:			
Felony	2,200	N/A	N/A
Appeal	1,563	N/A	N/A
Total	3,763	N/A	N/A
Grand total	4,420	N/A	N/A

Civil dispositions

	Law
By clerk	1,078
Voluntary dismissal	2,184[m]
Other	3,212

Criminal dispositions

	Felony
By plea	16,993
Dismissal by district attorney	10,491

Age of pending caseload

	Civil	Felony	Appeal
Under 60 days	N/A	4,371	3,513
Under 90 days	2,894	N/A	N/A
61 to 120 days	N/A	2,647	1,611
91 to 180 days	2,244	N/A	N/A
120 to 180 days	N/A	1,411	877
181 to 365 days	3,424	1,558	1,146
Over 1 year	6,712	1,747	1,017
1+ to 2 years	3,654	N/A	N/A
Over 2 years	3,058	N/A	N/A
Average mean age (days)	462.4	183.8	167.2
Average median age (days)	306.1	88.6	73.5

Time from filing to disposition

Percentage of cases disposed in:	Civil	Felony	Appeal
Under 60 days	N/A	39.9	45.1
Under 90 days	20.3	N/A	N/A
61 to 120 days	N/A	30.0	26.1
121 to 180 days	N/A	11.2	11.3
91 to 180 days	11.8	N/A	N/A
181 days to 1 year	19.4	12.4	11.8
1+ to 2 years	24.8	N/A	N/A
Over 1 year	N/A	6.5	5.7
Over 2 years	23.7	N/A	N/A
Average mean time (days)	516.8	127.9	116.1
Average median time (days)	336.5	69.3	61.5

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Estate and special proceedings cases were disposed by the clerks of the Superior Court.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is not consistent statewide. Cases are counted according to what the courts have in fact treated as cases.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
The difference is due to a change in reporting period from calendar year to fiscal year for the court.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Special proceedings include such matters as petitions in foreclosure, involuntary commitments to mental hospitals, **adoptions**, condemnations of real property for public purposes, and incompetency of persons to manage their personal financial affairs.
[k]Additional information:
In addition to the judges serving this court, there are also 100 clerks who have the authority to dispose of **estate** and special proceedings cases that are handled by judges in other states. Data for cases disposed by the clerks of court are included in this profile.
[m]Information on type of disposition or trial data:
Data reported for **civil** voluntary dismissals were available for the last half of the reporting period only.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, North Carolina Courts, 1978-79 (Raleigh, North Carolina: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions were made during data verification by the administrative office of the courts.

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
32 districts, 127 judges, 589 magistrates
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
General civil	X	46,397	41,548	X
Small claims	X	179,088	173,730	X
Domestic relations	X	54,063	52,601	X
Total civil	79,085[f]	279,548	267,879	90,754
Criminal[d]:				
Other criminal:				
Nonmotor vehicle	47,537[f]	356,292	347,174	56,655
Total criminal	47,537[f]	356,292	347,174	56,655
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Motor vehicle	88,751[f]	796,227	787,465	97,513
Total traffic	88,751[f]	796,227	787,465	97,513
Juvenile[d]:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Capital	N/A	26	X	N/A
Other felony	N/A	4,143	X	N/A
Misdemeanor	N/A	7,469	X	N/A
Probation violation	N/A	1,308	X	N/A
Total	N/A	12,946	12,909	N/A
Status offense:				
Truancy	N/A	679	X	N/A
Other undisciplined	N/A	2,620	X	N/A
Total	N/A	3,299	3,446	N/A
Non-offense:				
Dependent	N/A	2,393	3,057	N/A
Neglected	N/A	2,569	3,642	N/A
Total	N/A	4,962	6,699	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	21,207	23,054	N/A
Grand total	215,373[fi]	1,453,274	1,425,572	244,922

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	By magistrate	Total
Civil:				
Law	387	12,922	--	13,309
Small claims	--	--	166,647	166,647
Domestic relations	70	42,535	--	42,605
Total	457	55,457	166,647	222,561
Criminal	--	38,299	388	38,687
Traffic	--	38,058	--	38,058
Total	457	131,814	167,035	299,306

Time from filing to disposition

Percentage of cases disposed in:	Civil	Criminal	Traffic
Under 60 days	N/A	83.9	85.7
Under 90 days	81.0	N/A	N/A
61 to 120 days	N/A	9.7	8.1
91 to 180 days	7.8	N/A	N/A
121 to 180 days	N/A	2.7	3.5
181 days to 1 year	4.3	2.1	2.0
Over 1 year	N/A	1.6	0.7
1 to 2 years	3.7	N/A	N/A
Over 2 years	3.2	N/A	N/A
Average mean time to disposition (days)	97.1	42.0	37.2
Average median time to disposition (days)	24.0	19.0	21.0

Age of pending caseload (days)

	Civil	Other criminal	Traffic
Under 60 days	N/A	27,333	59,395
Under 90 days	32,562	N/A	N/A
61 to 120 days	N/A	6,911	14,124
91 to 180 days	12,485	N/A	N/A
121 to 180 days	N/A	3,848	5,767
181 days to 1 year	14,268	7,433	8,956
Over 1 year	N/A	11,130	9,271
1 to 2 years	16,459	N/A	N/A
Over 2 years	14,890	N/A	N/A
Average mean time (days)	N/A	219.3	119.6
Average median time (days)	N/A	65.6	38.7

Criminal dispositions

Plea of guilty	126,197
Preliminary hearing	21,183
Waiver	51,276
Dismissed by district attorney	70,981

Traffic dispositions

Plea of guilty	169,002
Preliminary hearing	1,558
Waiver	471,176
Dismissed by district attorney	82,131
Speedy trial dismissal	3
Other	25,537

Juvenile dispositions

	Retained	Dismissed	Total
Criminal-type offense	9,462	3,447	12,909
Status offense	1,939	1,507	3,446
Non-offense:			
Dependent	2,427	630	3,057
Neglected	2,856	786	3,642
Total	5,283	1,416	6,699
Total	16,684	6,370	23,054

Civil dispositions

	Law	Small claims	Domestic relations	Total
By clerk	15,137	1,639	584	17,360
Voluntary dismissal	5,306	1,526	4,884	11,716
Other	7,796	3,918	4,528	16,242

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

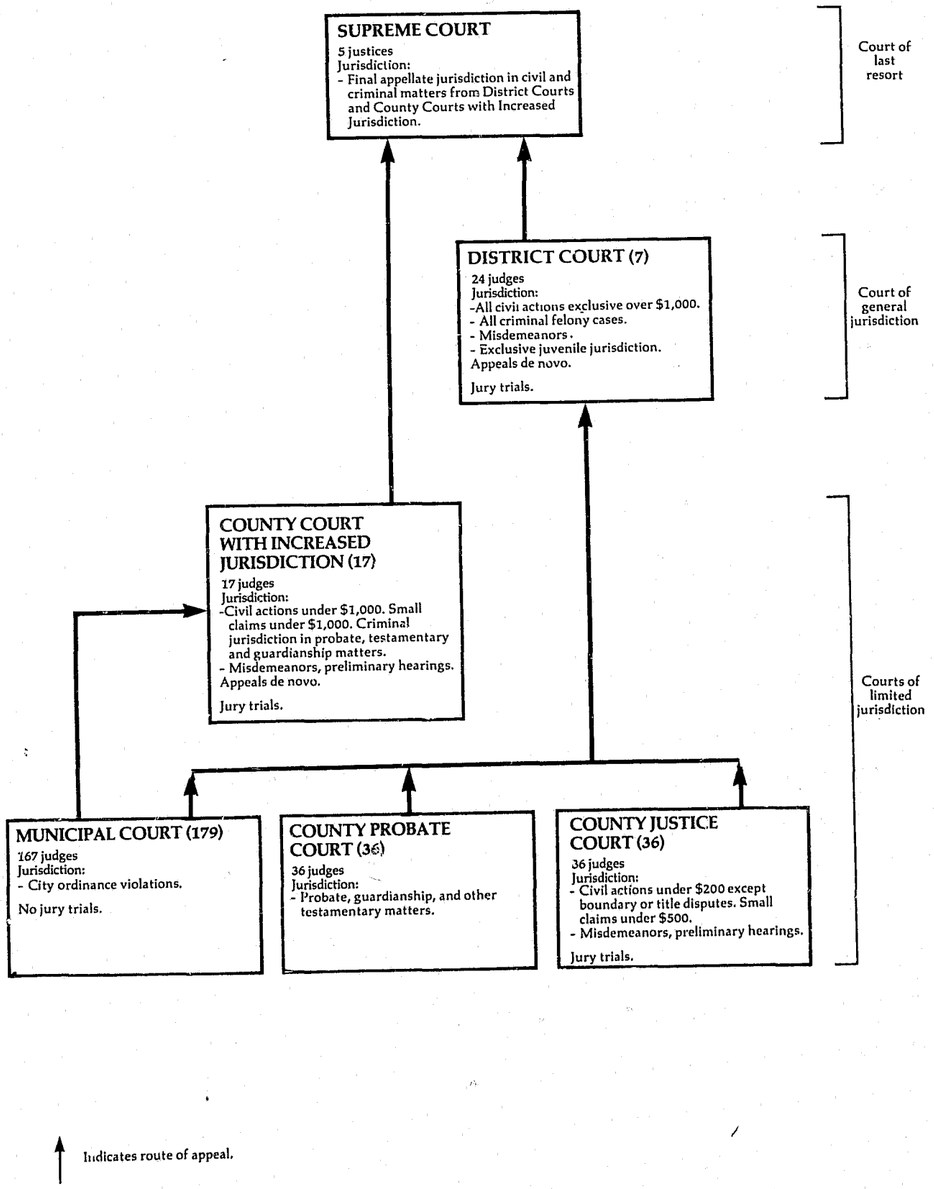
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is not consistent statewide. Cases are counted according to what the courts have in fact treated as cases.
A juvenile filing is an allegation contained in a juvenile petition. Juvenile dispositions are the number of adjudicatory hearings on juvenile petitions.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.

[f]Beginning pending figures for the 1979 court year do not equal end panding figures for the 1978 court year:
The difference is due to the change from the calendar to the fiscal year fr the reporting period of the court.

[i]Data are not complete:
Grand total pending figures do not include **juvenile** cases. Grand total filed and disposed include all categories.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, North Carolina Courts, 1978-79 (Raleigh, North Carolina: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NORTH DAKOTA COURT SYSTEM, 1979



NORTH DAKOTA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed[d]	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	96[l]	152	178	70[l]
Criminal	25[l]	38	45	18[l]
Total appeals	121[l]	190	223	88[l]
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Habeas corpus, mandamus, prohibition	0	7	7	0
Disciplinary matter:				
Disciplinary	0	4	4	0
Judicial Qualifications Commission	0	0	0	0
Total	0	4	4	0
Advisory opinion:				
Certified questions	0	1	1	0
Total	0	12	12	0
Requests to appeal:				
Certiorari	0	0	0	0
Writs requesting original jurisdiction	0	6	6	0
Total	0	6	6	0
Total other cases	0	18	18	0
Total cases	121	208	241	88[l]
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	N/A	53[l]	53	N/A
Motions	N/A	442[l]	442	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	495	495	N/A

Manner of disposition[m]	
Written opinion	171[m]
Disposition of cases	
By opinion:	
Affirmed	115
Reversed	12
Modified	2
Dismissed	3
Affirmed in part, reversed in part, modified in part	0
Reversed and remanded	28
Writ denied	6
Certified questions answered.	1
Discipline imposed	4

Time interval data (average days)	Civil	Criminal
From filing entry of judgment to notice of appeal	49	10
From notice of appeal to decision	244[h]	191[h]
From notice of appeal to complete record	48	40
From complete record to appellant's briefs	45	35
From appellant's briefs to appellee's briefs	32	28
From at issue (case ready for calendaring) to hearing	42	30
From hearing to decision	77	58

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A filing in North Dakota is not reported (for statistical purposes) until the case has been argued before the court; therefore, figures reported are lower than actual court workload.

[h]Figure was computed:
Time interval from notice of appeal to decision data were calculated by adding the five categories included in the chart.

[l]Special source or revision in data:
Figures footnoted were provided by the clerk of court during data verification.

[m]Information on disposition type or trial data.
Supreme Court opinions in North Dakota are regarded as issued when the opinion is signed and filed with the clerk.
In addition to the 171 majority opinions, there were 23 special concurring or dissenting opinions.

Source: Unpublished data supplied by the clerk of the court and North Dakota Judicial Council, Annual Report, 1979, 1980 (Bismarck, North Dakota). Statistics are from the unpublished data and the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
7 districts, 24 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Tort:				
Other tort:				
Damages	X	720	627	X
Contract:				
Collection action	X	3,851	3,582	X
Real property rights:				
Real estate matter	X	702	513	X
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	X	2,513	2,420	X
Support/custody:				
Support proceedings	X	1,865	1,610	X
Adoption	X	434	449	X
Other domestic relations:				
Termination of parental rights	N/A	58	58[l]	N/A
Total	X	4,870	4,537	X
Estate:				
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Trusts	N/A	38	14	N/A
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Appeal administrative hearing	X	82	60	X
Appeal of trial court case:				
Appeal other	X	77	74	X
Total	X	159	134	X
Extraordinary writ:				
Special remedy	X	56	76	X
Other civil	X	674[k]	544	X
Total civil	X[i]	11,070	10,027	X[i]
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Felony A	X	27	23	X
Felony B	X	142	167	X
Felony C	X	710	681	X
Total	X	879	871	X
Misdemeanor:				
Misdemeanor A	X	18	16	X
Misdemeanor B	X	22	21	X
Total	X	40	37	X
Appeal	X	47	49	X
Extraordinary writ:				
Special remedy	X	8	6	X
Other criminal[j]	X	47	41	X
Total criminal	X	1,021	1,004	X
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Juvenile traffic offenses	N/A	500	500[l]	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	500	500	N/A
Juvenile[d]:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquency	N/A	3,032	X	N/A
Status offense:				
Unruly	N/A	2,382	X	N/A
Non-offense:				
Deprivation	N/A	396	X	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	5,810	6,756[l]	N/A
Grand total	5,808[fhi]	18,401	18,287	5,868[i]

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	46[l]	307[l]	353[l]
Criminal	52	127	199
Total	98	434	532

Criminal dispositions

Guilty plea	580
Jury trial:	
Conviction	39
Acquittal	13
Non-jury trial:	
Conviction	123
Acquittal	4
Dismissal	151
Postconviction remedy	0
Change of venue	18
Other	76

Age of pending caseload

	Cases
Civil[n] over 18 months	1,032
Criminal and traffic over 120 days	150

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted at the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the case number assigned to the information or indictment.
The juvenile case unit of count is the number of referrals.
A jury trial is counted if tried to verdict.
A non-jury trial is counted when contested.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figure is as calculated from data given in the annual report and supplied by the administrative office of the court.

[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending data were computed from filing and dispositions given in the annual report and end pending data supplied by the administrative office of the court during data verification.

[i]Data are not complete:
Pending figures for total civil cases do not include **other domestic relations** or **estate** cases data.
Grand total pending figures do not include **other domestic relations estate,** juvenile traffic offenses, or **juvenile** data.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Figures given for **other criminal** cases also include criminal infractions.

[k]Additional information:
Included under **other civil** are 172 foreign judgment cases filed and 173 disposed.
Of the 6,814 **juvenile,** juvenile traffic, and termination of parental rights cases disposed, 1,066 were disposed formally, 3,377 informally, and 2,371 were disposed by counselling or adjustment. Included in cases reported under the **juvenile** heading on the profile are **civil** termination of parental rights and juvenile traffic violations.

[l]Special source or revision in the data:
These figures were provided by the administrative office of the court during data verification.

[n]Information on time interval or age of pending data:
Trust cases pending are not included in the **civil** age of pending cases data.

Source: North Dakota Judicial Council, Annual Report, 1979 (Bismarck, North Dakota). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional information was supplied by the administrative office of the court during data verification.

NORTH DAKOTA COUNTY COURT WITH INCREASED JURISDICTION
Court of limited jurisdiction
17 counties, 17 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	X	2,334	2,307	X
Small claims	X	5,108	5,042	X
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Probate	X	1,784	1,415	X
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship/conservatorship	X	266	151	X
Total	X	2,050	1,566	X
Mental health:				
Mental health hearings held	N/A	N/A	600[i]	N/A
Emergency commitment	N/A	N/A	250[i]	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	850[i]	N/A
Total civil	5,965[i,l]	9,492[i]	9,765[i]	6,542[i,l]
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	X	11,273	10,016	X
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony	X	1,174	1,053	X
Total criminal	1,728[l]	12,447	11,069	3,106[l]
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Noncriminal traffic	N/A	N/A	57,675	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	N/A	57,675	N/A
Grand total	7,693[i,l]	21,939[i]	78,509[i]	9,648[i,l]

Traffic dispositions

	Other traffic violation
Convictions	57,123
Acquittals	542
Dismissals	10

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the case number assigned to the information, indictment, or complaint.
[i]Data are not complete:
Total civil filed and pending figures do not include **mental health** cases. La Moure, Ramsey, and Ransom Counties did not report **mental health** cases disposed. **Mental health** data from these court locations therefore are not included in the grand total disposition figure, also.
Grand total filed and pending figures do not include **mental health** or **traffic** cases.
[l]Special source or revision in data:
Pending data were taken from the 1980 edition of the annual report.

Source: North Dakota Judicial Council, Annual Report, 1979, 1980 (Bismarck, North Dakota). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NORTH DAKOTA MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
179 municipalities, 167 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Criminal traffic	N/A	N/A	4,007	N/A
Noncriminal traffic	N/A	N/A	41,887	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	45,894	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	N/A	45,894	N/A
Grand total	N/A	N/A	45,894	N/A

Traffic dispositions

	Other traffic violation		
Non-jury trial:	Criminal	Noncriminal	Total
Convictions	3,583	40,259	43,842
Acquittals	387	1,489	1,876
Dismissals	37	139	176

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

Source: North Dakota Judicial Council, Annual Report, 1979 (Bismarck, North Dakota). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NORTH DAKOTA COUNTY PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
36 counties, 36 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Probate	X	1,435	1,186	X
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship/conservatorship	X	157	98	X
Total	3,495[l]	1,592	1,284	3,803[l]
Total civil	3,495[l]	1,592	1,284	3,803[l]
Grand total	3,495[l]	1,592	1,284	3,803[l]

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[l]Special source or revision in the data:
Pending data were taken from the 1980 edition of the annual report.

Source: North Dakota Judicial Council, Annual Report, 1979, 1980 (Bismarck, North Dakota). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NORTH DAKOTA COUNTY JUSTICE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
36 counties, 36 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	X	2	7	X
Small claims	X	1,099	1,061	X
Mental health:				
Mental health hearings	N/A	N/A	26	N/A
Emergency commitments	N/A	N/A	16	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	42	N/A
Total civil	54[i,l]	1,101[i]	1,110	87[i,l]
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	X	3,101	3,077	X
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony	X	211	200	X
Total criminal	1,058[l]	3,312	3,277	1,093[l]
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Noncriminal traffic	N/A	N/A	22,889	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	N/A	22,889	N/A
Grand total	1,112[i,l]	4,413[i]	27,276	1,180[i,l]

Traffic dispositions

	Other traffic violation
Convictions	22,565
Acquittals	300
Dismissals	24

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

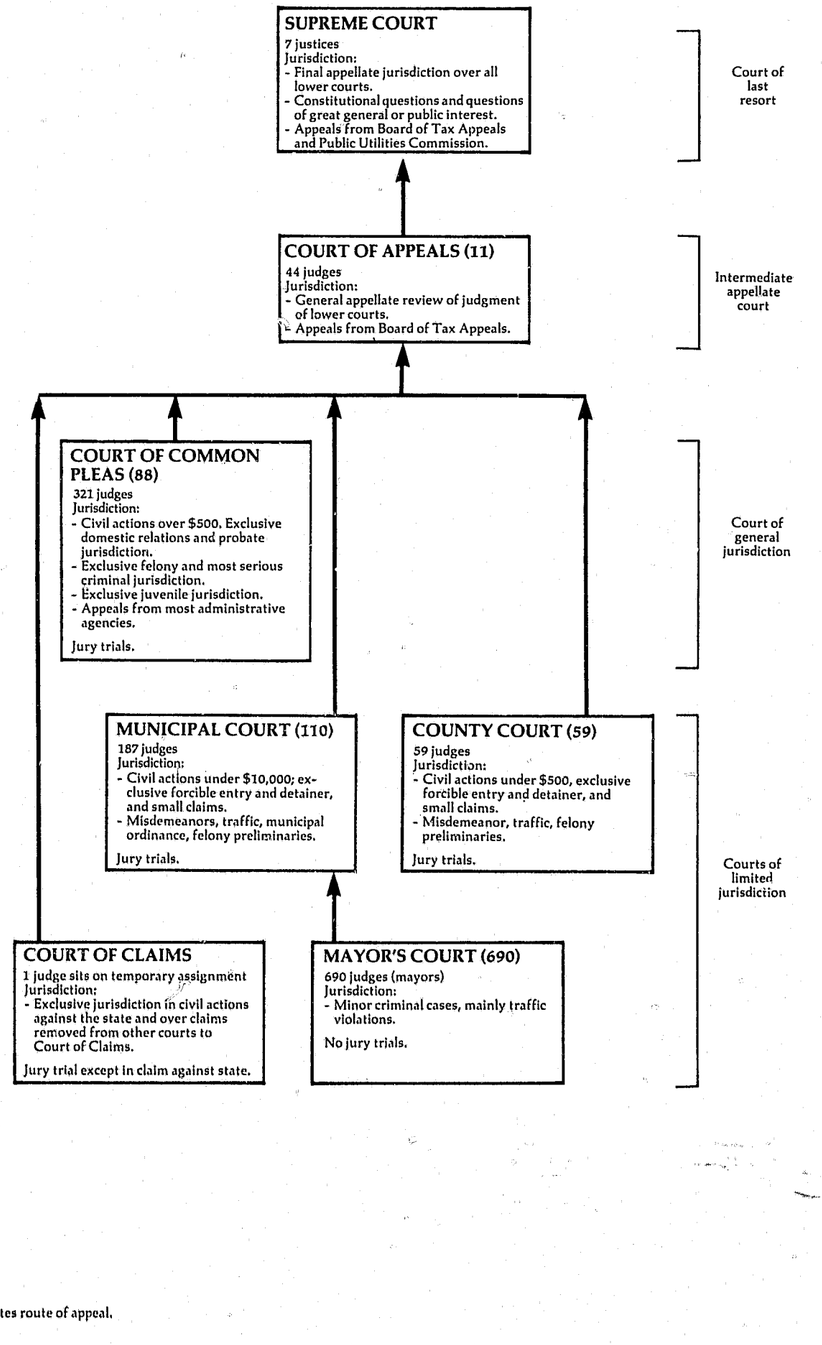
[d] Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the case number assigned to the information, indictment, or complaint.

[i] Data are not complete:
Total **civil** filed and pending figures do not include **mental health** cases.
Grand total filed and pending figures do not include **traffic** or **mental health** cases.

[l] Special source or revision in the data:
Pending data were taken from the 1980 edition of the annual report.

Source: North Dakota Judicial Council, Annual Report, 1979, 1980 (Bismarck, North Dakota). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OHIO COURT SYSTEM, 1979



OHIO SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Pursuant to allowance	N/A	(146)[e]	73	N/A
Originating in Court of Appeals	N/A	69	62	N/A
Conflict	N/A	14	19	N/A
Capital punishment	N/A	0	0	N/A
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Tax	N/A	36	30	N/A
P.U.C.O.	N/A	24	24	N/A
Total	N/A	60	54	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	143 (146)[e]	208	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Habeas corpus	N/A	25	34	N/A
Other original actions	N/A	139	142	N/A
Power siting committee	N/A	1	1	N/A
Total	N/A	165	177	N/A
Disciplinary	N/A	28	23	N/A
Total	N/A	193	200	N/A
Requests to appeal:				
Motion for leave to appeal	N/A	582	537 (34)[e]	N/A
Motion to certify	N/A	803	683 (112)[e]	N/A
Total	N/A	1,385	1,220 (146)[e]	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	1,578	1,420 (146)[e]	N/A
Total cases	N/A	1,721 (146)[e]	1,628 (146)[e]	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Motions to certify and motions for leave to appeal that have been granted are not counted as disposed until the **appeal** is disposed; a filing is not counted for the resulting **appeal**. These granted motions are the numbers appearing in parentheses.

Source: Office of the Administrative Director, Ohio Courts Summary 1979 (Columbus, Ohio). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OHIO COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
11 districts, 44 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	2,776	4,423	4,452	2,7549
Criminal	1,800	2,881	2,776	1,8999
Total appeals	4,576	7,304	7,228	4,6539
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Miscellaneous[j]	213	690	648	2569
Total other cases	213	690	648	2569
Total cases	4,789	7,994	7,876	4,9099

Manner of disposition

	Civil appeals	Criminal appeals	Miscellaneous[j]	Total
Full opinion	2,310	1,455	245	4,010
Per curiam	699	654	173	1,526
Dismissal	1,443	667	230	2,340

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the annual report.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Miscellaneous cases include habeas corpus, original actions, **appeals of administrative agency cases**, and **appeals** from the Court of Claims.

Source: Office of the Administrative Director, Ohio Courts Summary 1979 (Columbus, Ohio). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OHIO COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
Court of general jurisdiction
88 counties, 321 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Tort:				
Other tort:				
Personal injury	24,213[f]	20,762	22,041	22,934
Wrongful death	N/A	650	800	N/A
Total	24,213[fi]	21,412	22,841	22,934[gi]
Domestic relations:				
Adoption	N/A	6,766	6,919	N/A
Other domestic relations:				
Domestic relations	26,968[f]	88,258	88,413	26,813
Birth records	N/A	2,752	2,746	N/A
Total	26,968	91,010	91,159	26,813[gi]
Total	26,968	97,776	98,078	26,813[gi]
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Decedents' estates	44,446[f]	61,130	61,940	43,062[g]
Probate civil actions	3,502	5,069	5,772	2,546[g]
Minor's settlement	N/A	1,507	1,549	N/A
Total	47,948[i]	67,706	69,261	45,608[gi]
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship and testamentary trusts	22,585[f]	8,925	7,566	23,413[g]
Total	70,533[fi]	76,631	76,827	69,021[gi]
Mental health:				
Mental illness and retardation	N/A	8,609	8,436	N/A
Appeals:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Workmen's compensation	2,075[f]	2,154	1,813	2,416
Appropriations	479[f]	609	572	516
Total	2,554[f]	2,763	2,385	2,932
Other civil:				
Name change	N/A	3,245	3,233	N/A
All other civil	32,164[f]	46,225	45,747	32,642
Total	32,164[fi]	49,470	48,980	32,642[gi]
Total civil	156,432[fi]	256,661	257,547	154,342[gi]
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Criminal	7,576[f]	33,544	33,709	7,411[g]
Total criminal	7,576[f]	33,544	33,709	7,411[g]
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	24,152[f]	209,985	208,313	25,824
Grand total	188,160[fi]	500,190	499,569	187,577[i]

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil[m]:			
Personal injury	932	2,186	3,118
Wrongful death			800
Domestic relations	--	11,993	11,993
Appeal:			
Appeal of administrative agency case	198	224	422
All other civil	536	8,673	9,209
Total	1,666	23,076	24,742
Criminal:			
Felony	2,132	1,808	3,940
Juvenile	--	13,496[k]	13,496
Grand Total	3,798	38,380	42,178

Civil dispositions[m]

	Personal injury	Domestic relations	Agency appeal	All other civil
Dismissal without prejudice	2,252	22,817	382	8,490
Dismissal with prejudice	11,118	--	943	12,068
Default	884	--	118	10,428
Transfer	1,550	--	94	2,521
Uncontested	--	53,603	--	--
Pretrial	3,119	--	426	3,031

Age of pending cases

	Over 6 months	Over 12 months	Over 24 months
Personal injury	N/A	N/A	2,131
Workmen's compensation	N/A	641	N/A
Appropriations	273	N/A	N/A
Other civil	N/A	9,128	N/A
Criminal	252	N/A	N/A

Criminal dispositions

Guilty plea	20,251
Dismissed with prejudice	566
By unavailability	1,654
Transfer	1,368
Nolle prosse	3,872
Pretrial	2,058

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-- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.

[f]Beginning pending figures for the 1979 court year do not equal the end pending figures for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.

[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as given in the annual report.

[i]Data are not complete:
Pending data were not reported for all **civil** categories. Only those reported are included in the total.

[k]Additional information:
In addition to the **juvenile** court trials reported, 97,015 hearings before a judge and 208,227 hearings before a referee were held in **juvenile** cases.

[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Civil trial and disposition information includes only personal injury, **appeal of administrative agency case,** and **other civil** cases.

Source: Office of the Administrative Director, Ohio Courts Summary 1979 (Columbus, Ohio). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OHIO COUNTY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
59 courts, 59 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Tort:				
Other tort:				
Personal injury and property damage	59[f]	347	248	158
Contract	1,097[f]	5,271	4,699	1,669
Small claims	1,466[f]	12,327	12,357	1,436
Real property rights:				
Forcible entry and detainer	373[f]	2,741	2,772	342
Other civil	505[f]	2,691	2,594	602
Total civil	3,500[f]	23,377	22,670	4,207
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:	2,154[f]	23,108	22,775	2,487
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony	338[f]	3,878	3,927	289
Total criminal	2,492[f]	26,986	26,702	2,776
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated	1,066[f]	10,600	10,387	1,279
Other traffic violation:				
Traffic	4,053[f]	136,891	136,251	4,693
Total traffic	5,119[f]	147,491	146,638	5,972
Grand total	11,111[f]	197,854	196,010	12,955

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil[m]:			
Tort	0	48	48
Contract	5	149	154
Real property rights	1	585	586
Other civil	3	538	541
Total	9	1,320	1,329
Criminal:			
Misdemeanor	113	1,968	2,081
Traffic:			
DWI/DUI	125	879	1,004
Other traffic violation	51	2,020	2,071
Total	176	2,899	3,075
Grand total	298	6,187	6,485

Civil dispositions

	Tort	Contract	Small claims	Real property rights	Other civil	Total
Pretrial	2	7	--	3	27	39
Dismissal for want of prosecution	15	201	761	139	67	1,183
Other dismissals	63	695	3,003	834	558	5,153
Transfer to other judge	1	8	159	2	3	173
Default hearing by judge	119	3,624	8,373	1,208	1,396	14,720
Default hearing by referee	0	10	61	0	2	73

Criminal dispositions

	Misdemeanor	Preliminary hearing	Total
Plea	9,003	--	9,003
Pretrial	373	--	373
Dismissal for want of prosecution	1,302	168	1,470
Other dismissals	3,852	667	4,519
Transfer	192	--	192
Violations Bureau	3,444	--	3,444
Preliminary hearing--bound over	--	2,089	2,089
Waiver of preliminary hearing, bound over	--	732	732
Unavailability of accused	2,528	271	2,799

Traffic dispositions

	DWI/DUI	Other traffic violations	Total
Plea	7,787	47,770	55,557
Pretrial	679	341	1,020
Dismissal for want of prosecution	111	807	918
Other dismissals	431	1,596	2,027
Transfer	41	77	118
Violations Bureau	--	68,870	68,870
Unavailability of accused	334	14,719	15,053

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Age of pending caseload

	Over 1 month	Over 6 months	Over 12 months	Over 24 months
Civil:				
Tort	N/A	N/A	N/A	4
Contracts	N/A	N/A	155	(n)
Small claims	N/A	83	(n)	(n)
Real property rights	N/A	N/A	5	(n)
Other civil	N/A	N/A	12	(n)
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	209	(n)	(n)
Preliminary hearing	87	(n)	(n)	(n)
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI	N/A	56	(n)	(n)
Other traffic violations	N/A	449	(n)	(n)

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[d]Case definition or unit of count:
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The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.
Hearings by administrative judges and referees are not included as non-jury trials.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filed figures include both reactivated cases and original filings.

[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Civil trials do not include 8,373 hearings by judge in **small claims** cases.

[n]Time interval or age of pending caseload data:
Contracts, forcible entry and detainer, and **other civil** cases pending over 24 months are included with those pending over 12 months.
Small claims, **misdemeanor**, and **traffic** cases pending over 12 months, and over 24 months are included with those pending over 6 months.
Preliminary hearing cases pending over 6 months, over 12 months, and over 24 months are included with those pending over 1 month.

Source: Office of the Administrative Director, Ohio Courts Summary 1979 (Columbus, Ohio). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OHIO COURT OF CLAIMS[a]
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 1 judge sits on temporary assignment
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Administrative	405	411[k]	525	291
Judicial	232	210[k]	234	208
Victims of crimes	664	1,330	1,155	969
Total	1,301	1,951	1,914	1,468
Total civil	1,301	1,951	1,914	1,468
Grand total	1,301	1,951	1,914	1,468

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	0	48	48

Civil dispositions

Settlement	64
Administrative determination	509
Termination without trial	138

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
All cases where the amount of the claim exceeds $1,000 must be determined by a judge. Where the amount of the claim is between $100.01 and $999.99, the claim is determined by a judge unless a waiver is filed. All claims from $0.00 to $100.00 and all claims between $100.01 and $999.99 where the right to trial has been waived are administratively determined by the clerk or deputy clerk of the Court of Claims.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.

[k]Addition information:
Filings include reinstated cases.

Source: Office of the Administrative Director, Ohio Courts Summary 1979 (Columbus, Ohio). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OHIO MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
110 courts, 187 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Tort:				
Personal injury and property damage	9,833[f]	19,252	18,267	10,818
Contract	59,429[f]	185,475	179,206	65,698
Small claims	14,235[f]	78,280	75,959	16,556
Real property rights:				
Forcible entry and detainer	14,536[f]	54,659	52,753	16,442
Other civil	7,461[f]	18,912	18,563	7,810
Total civil	105,494[f]	356,578	344,748	117,324
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	24,612[f]	264,704	254,634	34,682
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony	4,273[f]	44,126	42,721	5,678
Total criminal	28,885[f]	308,830	297,355	40,360
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated	9,767[f]	58,236	54,884	13,119
Other traffic violation:				
Traffic	59,361[f]	1,166,055	1,169,070	56,346
Total traffic	69,128[f]	1,224,291	1,223,954	69,465
Grand total	203,507[f]	1,889,699	1,866,057	227,149

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil[m]:			
Tort	111	1,369	1,480
Contract	132	4,874	5,006
Real property rights	25	1,206	1,231
Other civil	46	1,509	1,555
Total	314	8,958	9,272
Criminal:			
Misdemeanor	944	12,743	13,687
Traffic:			
DWI/DUI	532	3,840	4,372
Other traffic violation	220	15,793	16,013
Total	752	19,633	20,385
Grand total	2,010	41,334	43,344

Civil dispositions

	Tort	Contract	Small[k] claims	Real property rights	Other civil	Total
Pretrial	1,185	4,739	--	548	572	7,044
Dismissal for want of prosecution	1,139	8,866	4,584	7,346	721	22,656
Other dismissals	5,319	34,367	18,350	11,836	4,489	74,361
Transfer to other judge	326	977	933	156	167	2,559
Default hearing by judge	6,381	97,617	18,460	18,218	9,815	150,491
Default hearing by referee	2,437	27,634	33,632	13,418	1,244	78,365

Criminal dispositions

	Misdemeanor	Preliminary hearing	Total
Plea	126,954	--	126,954
Pretrial	8,485	--	8,485
Dismissal for want of prosecution	6,191	1,836	8,027
Other dismissals	36,487	11,315	47,802
Transfer	1,104	--	1,104
Violations Bureau	26,224	--	26,224
Preliminary hearing--bound over	--	15,076	15,076
Waiver of preliminary hearing, bound over	--	11,717	11,717
Unavailability of accused	35,502	2,777	38,279

Traffic dispositions

	DWI/DUI	Other traffic violations	Total
Plea	38,865	387,269	426,134
Pretrial	2,532	4,557	7,089
Dismissal for want of prosecution	625	3,471	4,096
Other dismissals	3,247	43,901	47,148
Transfer	320	520	840
Violations Bureau	--	567,413	567,413
Unavailability of accused	4,923	145,926	150,849

Age of pending caseload

	Over 1 month	Over 6 months	Over 12 months	Over 24 months
Civil:				
Tort	N/A	N/A	N/A	228
Contract	N/A	N/A	3,168	(n)
Small claims	N/A	1,292	(n)	(n)
Real property rights	N/A	N/A	452	(n)
Other civil	N/A	N/A	491	(n)
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	6[illegible]	(n)	(n)
Preliminary hearing	373	(n)	(n)	(n)
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI	N/A	192	(n)	(n)
Other traffic violation	N/A	1,081[l]	(n)	(n)

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-- = Not applicable.

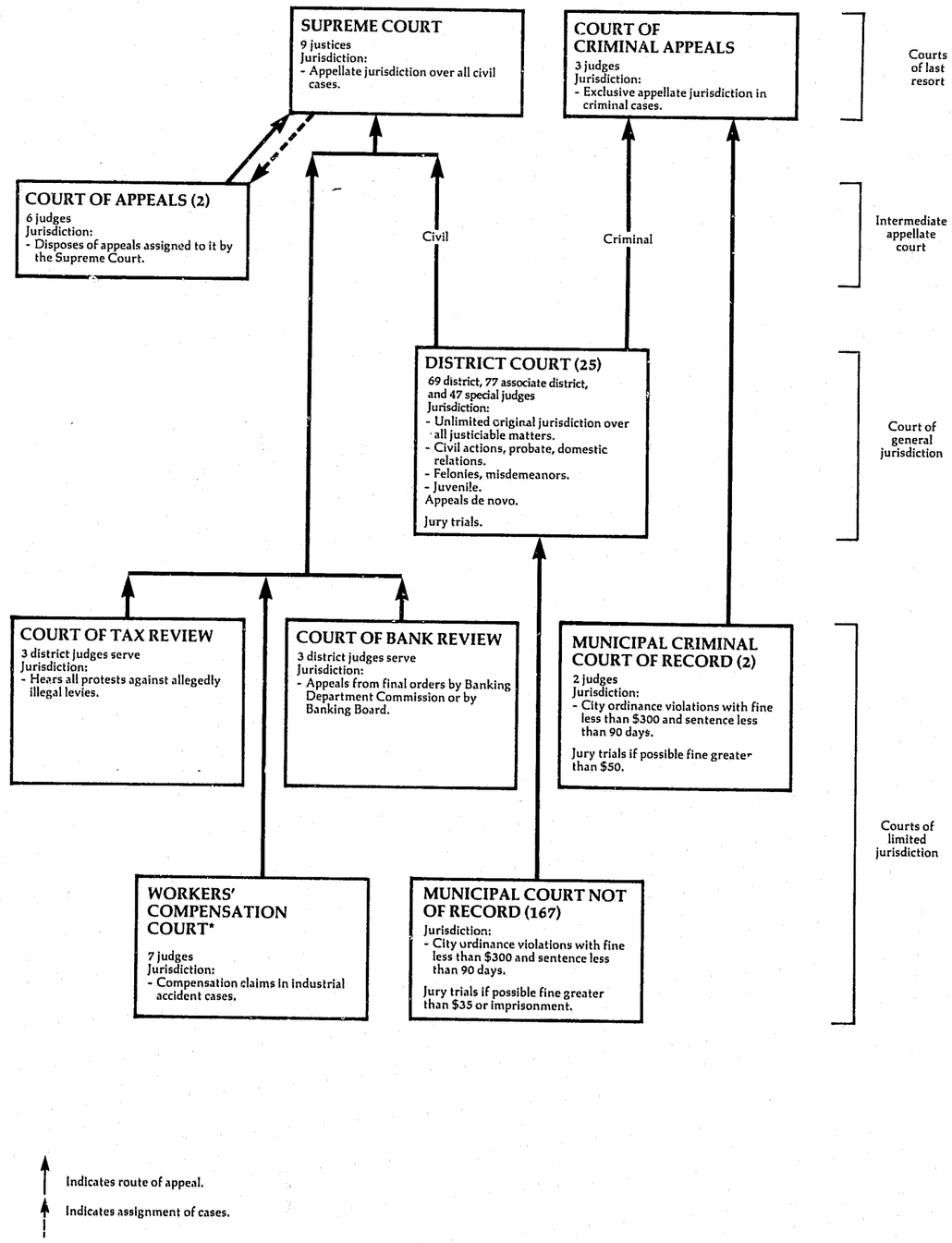
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn. Hearings by administrative judges and referees are not included as non-jury trials.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filed figures include both reactivated cases and original filings.
[k]Additional information:
In addition to the **small claims** dispositions reported on the chart, 933 **small claims** cases transferred were sent to the regular civil docket.
[l]Special source or revision in the data:
Figures footnoted were supplied by the office of the state court administrator during data verification.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Civil trials do not include 18,460 hearings by judge in **small claims** cases.
[n]Time interval or age of pending data:
Contract, forcible entry and detainer, and **other civil** cases pending over 24 months are included with those pending over 12 months.
Small claims, **misdemeanor**, and **traffic** cases pending over 12 months and over 24 months are included with those pending over 6 months.
Preliminary hearing cases pending over 6 months, over 12 months, and over 24 months are included with those pending over 1 month.

Source: Office of the Administrative Director, Ohio Courts Summary 1979 (Columbus, Ohio). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional information was supplied by the state court administrative office during data verification.

OHIO MAYORS' COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
690 courts, 690 judges (mayors)
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Mayors' Court for 1979.

OKLAHOMA COURT SYSTEM, 1979



OKLAHOMA SUPREME COURT[a]
Court of last resort
9 justices
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil[j]	X	741 (71)[e]	540	X
Total appeals	X	741 (71)[e]	540	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings	X	246	209	X
Requests to appeal:				
Civil:				
Certiorari	N/A	189	132 (71)[e]	N/A
Total other cases[j]	X[i]	435	341 (71)[e]	X[i]
Total cases[j]	1,620[f,i]	1,176 (71)[e]	881 (71)[e]	1,903[i]
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	N/A	82	81[k,l]	N/A
Other matters:				
Special matters	N/A	246	209	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	328	290	N/A

Manner of disposition		Disposition of requests for certiorari		Status of pending caseload (12/31/79)	
Opinions rendered	277	Writ granted	71	Cases at issue but not assigned	174
Orders, dismissals, etc.	278	Writ denied	132	Cases on assignment	279

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total, but were not available by category.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
The Supreme Court is the court of last resort for civil cases.
[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Petitions for certiorari that have been granted are not counted as disposed until the appeal is disposed; a filing is not counted for the resulting **appeal**. These granted petitions are the numbers appearing in parentheses.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
The imbalance is caused by certiorari data not being included in the pending figures. Figures are as given in the annual report.
[i]Data are not complete:
Total other cases and total cases pending figures do not include certiorari cases pending.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
All **civil appeals** are originally filed in the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court then assigns some of these cases to the Court of Appeals for disposition. Therefore, cases assigned, disposed, and pending in the Court of Appeals have been deducted from the Supreme Court's **appeals** category and utilized as caseload figures for the Court of Appeals. There were 482 cases transferred to the Court of Appeals in 1979.
[k]Additional information:
Rehearing requests were denied in 81 of the cases.
[l]Special source or revision in the data:
The number of rehearing requests disposed was provided by the administrative office of the courts during data verification.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary 1979 (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional information was supplied by the Administrative Office of the Courts during data verification.

OKLAHOMA COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS[a]
Court of last resort
3 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Criminal	X	X	X	X
Postconviction remedy:				
Postconviction	X	X (23)[e]	X	X
Juvenile	X	X	X	X
Total appeals	X	294[j] (23)[e]	284[j]	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Habeas corpus	X	X	X	X
Mandamus	X	X	X	X
Prohibition	X	X	X	X
Total	X	X	X	X
Advisory opinion:				
Reserved question of law	X	X	X	X
Total	X	331	294	X
Requests to appeal:				
Postconviction remedy:				
Postconviction	X	121	X (23)[e]	X
Criminal:				
Certiorari	X	(j)	(j)	X
Total	X	121[i]	X	X
Sentence review only:				
Review of suspended sentence	X	(j)	(j)	X
Total other cases	X	452[i]	436[i]	X
Total cases	382	746 (23)[e]	720 (23)[e]	480

Disposition of cases

	Opinion[m]	Order[m]	Total
Affirmed	191	0	191
Affirming denial	0	81	81
Modified and affirmed	14	0	14
Reversed	54	13	67
Dismissed	25	57	82
Granted	0	120	120
Denied	0	165	165
Total	284	436	720

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total, but were not available by category.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
The Court of Criminal Appeals has exclusive appellate jurisdiction in **criminal** cases. It is the court of last resort for **criminal** cases.
[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Postconviction cases granted are not counted as disposed until the resulting appeal is disposed; a new filing is not counted for the associated appeal. These granted cases are the numbers appearing in parentheses.
[i]Data are not complete:
Total **requests to appeal** do not include **criminal** cases.
Total other cases do not include **criminal requests to appeal** or **sentence review only** cases.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Total **appeals** filed and disposed include **criminal requests to appeal** and **sentence review only** cases.
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
All **appeals** are disposed by opinion; all **original proceedings** are disposed by order.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary 1979 (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OKLAHOMA COURT OF APPEALS[a]
Intermediate appellate court
2 divisions, 6 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil[a]	116[h]	482 (71)[e]	435	163[h]
Total appeals	116[h]	482 (71)[e]	435	163[h]
Other cases:				
Requests to appeal:				
Civil:				
Certiorari	N/A	165	137 (71)[e]	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	165	137 (71)[e]	N/A
Total cases	116[hi]	647 (71)[e]	572 (71)[e]	163[hi]

Manner of disposition

Opinions rendered	435
Certiorari granted	132
Certiorari denied	71
Certiorari dismissed	5

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Cases are assigned to the Court of Appeals by the Supreme Court. The Court of Appeals hears only civil cases assigned to it and has no original jurisdiction.

[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Petitions for certiorari that are granted are not counted as disposed until the resulting appeal is disposed; a filing is not counted for the resulting appeal. These granted petitions are the numbers appearing in parentheses.

[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figure for 1979 was computed as the end pending figure in the 1978 annual report.
End pending figure was computed from filings, dispositions, and beginning pending.

[i]Data are not complete:
Total pending data do not include certiorari cases.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary 1979 (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
25 districts: 69[c] district, 77 associate, and 48 special judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Tort:				
Auto tort:				
Auto negligence	3,953[f]	4,134	3,365	4,722
Other tort	3,329[f]	3,680	2,856	4,153
Total	7,282[f]	7,814	6,221	8,875
Contract:				
Contractual	20,389[f]	22,969	17,860	15,498
Small claims:				
Possession of personal property	1,279[f]	2,235	2,220	1,294
Possession of real property	2,963[f]	8,829	7,320	4,472
Other small claims	50,405[f]	67,007	64,876	52,536
Total	54,647[f]	78,071	74,416	58,302
Real property rights:				
Lien or mortgage foreclosure	1,976[f]	2,812	2,491	2,397
Real property	3,060[f]	4,738	4,389	5,409
Approval of conveyance of Indian lands	88[f]	450	472	66
Total	5,124[f]	8,000	7,352	5,872
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	16,528[f]	33,171	30,796	18,903
Separate maintenance	721	593	414	900
Annulment	172	342	323	191
Total	17,421[f]	34,106	31,533	19,994
Support/custody:				
Reciprocal support--incoming	3,260	2,734	2,585	3,409
Reciprocal support--outgoing	1,276	1,087	1,091	1,272
Total	4,536	3,821	3,676	4,681
Adoption	1,518	2,932	2,688	1,762
Other domestic relations:				
Paternity proceedings	228[f]	173	112	289
Other domestic	148	327	384	91
Total	376[f]	500	496	380
Total	23,851[f]	41,359	38,393	26,817
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Administration of estates and probate proper	12,033	9,161	7,711	13,483
Determination of death of joint or life tenant	588	2,991	2,859	720
Other probate	91[f]	165	151	105
Total	12,712[f]	12,317	10,721	14,308
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship and conservatorship	3,261[f]	1,706	1,427	3,540
Total	15,973[f]	14,023	12,148	17,848
Mental health	829	2,708	2,676	861
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Appeals from administrative tribunals	509[f]	1,092	1,052	549
Extraordinary writs:				
Injunction, quo warranto, mandamus, habeas corpus	1,365[f]	1,908	1,124	2,149
Other civil	5,284[f]	7,192	5,635	6,841
Total civil	135,253[f]	185,136	166,877	143,612
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Crime against person	5,142	4,820	5,413	4,549
Crime against property	12,825	10,573	9,636	13,732
Other felony	9,691	7,360	5,461	11,590
Total	27,658	22,753	20,510	29,871
Misdemeanor:				
Other misdemeanor	19,201[f]	36,608	36,077	19,732
Appeal:				
Appeals from city-funded courts	1,165[f]	429	357	1,237
Postconviction remedy:				
Felony postconviction appeals	N/A	519	422	N/A
Total criminal	48,024[i]	60,309	57,366	50,840[i]
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Driving while intoxicated	7,450[f]	11,522	11,546	7,426
Other traffic violation:				
Traffic	47,320[f]	182,793	176,752	53,361
Total traffic	54,770[f]	194,315	188,298	60,787

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Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Juvenile delinquency	3,840[f]	4,131	3,989	3,982
Status offense:				
Children in need of supervision	1,375[f]	1,123	1,110	1,388
Non-offense:				
Dependency and neglect	2,280[f]	1,876	2,060	2,097
Other juvenile	72[f]	193	157	108
Total juvenile	7,567[f]	7,323	7,316	7,575
Grand total[i]	245,614[fi]	447,083	419,857	262,814[i]

Trial or contest[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Tort:			
Auto tort	X	X	649
Other tort	X	X	765
Total	X	X	1,414
Contract	X	X	2,613
Small claims	--	9,378	9,378
Real property rights	X	X	2,177
Domestic relations:			
Marriage dissolution	--	5,816	5,816
Support/custody	--	691	691
Adoption	--	65	65
Other domestic relations	--	21	21
Total	--	6,593	6,593
Estate:			
Probate/wills/intestate	--	204	204
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship	--	60	60
Total	--	264	264
Mental health	X	184	184
Appeal	X	X	305
Extraordinary writ	X	X	484
Other civil	X	X	1,580
Total	X	X	24,992
Criminal:			
Felony	X	X	1,966
Misdemeanor	X	X	4,121
Appeal	X	X	183
Total	X	X	6,270
Traffic:			
DWI/DUI	X	X	1,845
Other traffic violation	X	X	8,602
Total	X	X	10,447
Juvenile:			
Criminal-type offense	X	X	2,284
Status offense	X	X	561
Non-offense	X	X	1,466
Total	X	X	4,311
Grand total	X	X	46,020

Age of pending caseload (12/31/79)

	0-12 months	12-24 months	Over 24 months
Civil	81,617	42,800	27,204
Criminal:			
Felony	11,751	7,043	11,108
Misdemeanor and appeal	9,581	4,283	7,105
Total	21,332	11,326	18,213
Traffic	26,719	12,518	21,570
Juvenile	5,979	1,930	1,671
Grand total	135,647	68,574	68,658

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[c]Judge information:
Three of the district judgeships were vacant at the beginning of 1979; there were 66 judges actually serving.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.
A trial or contest is counted if tried to completion.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.
[i]Data are not complete:
Total criminal and grand total pending figures do not include pending figures for felony postconviction appeals. This category is included in the filing and disposition totals.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
On demurrer, abatement, or motion to dismiss, and pretrial are dispositions for **auto tort, non-auto tort, property rights, contract, administrative, extraordinary writs,** and **other civil** cases only.
Dismissal, decree or approved settlement, decree or order after trial, decree or guilty plea, and by order or settlement are dispositions for **domestic relations** cases only.
Bond forfeitures are not included in the disposed figures of the previous page.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary 1979 (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT[k]
Court of limited jurisdiction[a]
1 court, 7 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case	N/A	N/A	11,851	N/A
Total civil	N/A	N/A	11,851	N/A
Grand total	N/A	N/A	11,851	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
The special jurisdiction is limited to injuries to an employee arising out of his employment.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A case for this court is a new claim or an ancillary proceeding to an existing claim.
[k]Additional information:
Prior to July 1, 1978, the name of this court was the State Industrial Court.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary 1979 (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OKLAHOMA COURT OF BANK REVIEW
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 3 district judges serve
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case	11	5	9	19
Total civil	11	5	9	19
Grand total	11	5	9	19

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as given in the annual report.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary 1979 (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OKLAHOMA COURT OF TAX REVIEW
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 3 district judges serve
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case	0	6	6	0
Total civil	0	6	6	0
Grand total	0	6	6	0

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary 1979 (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

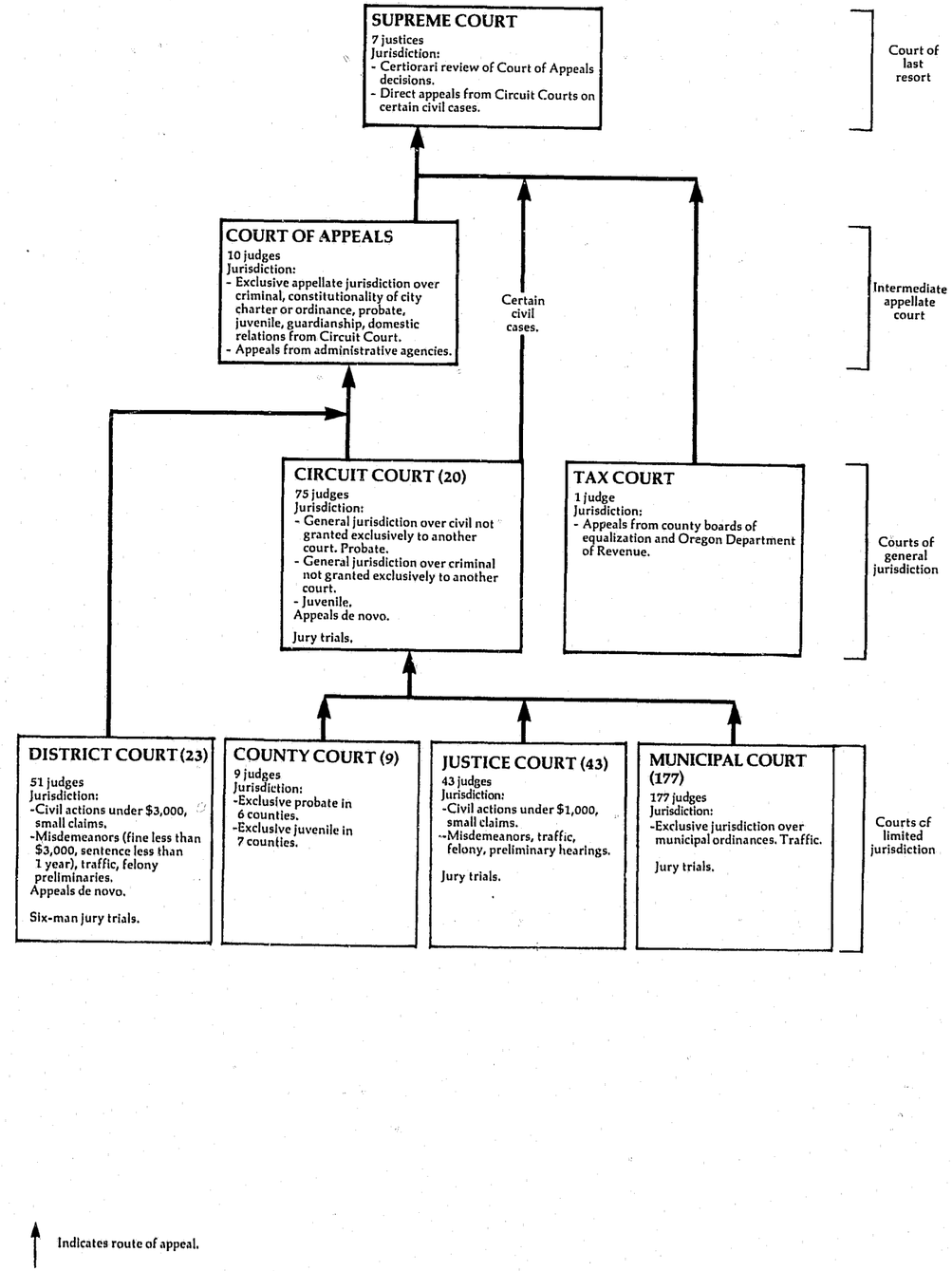
OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL CRIMINAL COURT OF RECORD
Court of limited jurisdiction
2 courts, 2 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data for cases handled in the Municipal Criminal Court of Record for 1979.

OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL COURT NOT OF RECORD
Court of limited jurisdiction
167 courts
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court Not of Record for 1979.

OREGON COURT SYSTEM, 1979



OREGON SUPREME COURT[a]
Court of last resort
7 justices
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Tax Court appeals	X	13	X	X
Court of Appeals review allowed	X	(47)[e]	X	X
Total	X	13(47)[e]	X	X
Criminal	X	(36)[e]	X	X
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Administrative agency review	X	(8)[e]	X	X
Worker's compensation	X	(9)[e]	X	X
Total	X	(17)[e]	X	X
Postconviction:				
Corrections disciplinary review	X	(4)[e]	X	X
Total appeals	X	13(104)[e]	X	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Ballot title	X	6	X	X
Habeas corpus	X	31	X	X
Mandamus	X	63	X	X
Other	X	6	X	X
Total	X	106	X	X
Disciplinary:				
Judicial fitness	X	0	X	X
Bar proceedings	X	56	X	X
Total	X	162	X	X
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions for review:				
Civil	X	X	X(47)[e]	X
Criminal	X	X	X(36)[e]	X
Juvenile	X	X	X(0)[e]	X
Postconviction remedy:				
Postconviction and habeas corpus	X	X	X(0)[e]	X
Corrections disciplinary review	X	X	X(4)[e]	X
Total	X	X	X(4)[e]	X
Appeal of administraive agency cases:				
Administrative agency review	X	X	X(8)[e]	X
Worker's compensation	X	X	X(9)[e]	X
Total	X	X	X(17)[e]	X
Total	109	552	(104)[e]	92
Total other cases	X	714	X(104)[e]	X
Total cases	251	727(104)[e]	799(104)[e]	164[g]

Manner of disposition

Written opinion	195
Dismissed or otherwise disposed without opinion	139

Disposition of appeals[m]

Affirmed	84
Reversed	72
Modified	29
Dismissed with opinion	3
Miscellaneous[m]	7

Time interval data (average days)

Notice of appeal to date case at issue	165
Date case at issue to final decision	197
Notice of appeal to final decision	362

Status of pending caseload[j] (12/31/79)

Not at issue	22
At issue	23
Under advisement	27

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
The Court of Appeals assumed jurisdiction over all **civil appeals** from the Circuit Court on January 1, 1978.
[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Petitions for review granted are not counted as dispositions until the **appeal** is disposed; the filing of the resulting appeal is not counted. These granted petitions are the numbers appearing in parentheses.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are a given in the annual report.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Status of pending caseload data are given for **appeals** and **original jurisdiction** cases only.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Disposition of appeals chart includes data only from cases decided by written opinion.
Miscellaneous **appeal** dispositions include cases of mandamus, other **original jurisdiction** cases, and bar proceedings.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, 26th Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1979 (Salem, Oregon). Sources of case data are available. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OREGON COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
10 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	X	1,091	X	X
Criminal:				
Criminal	X	1,366	X	X
Traffic	X	109	X	X
Total	X	1,475	X	X
Juvenile	X	67	X	X
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Workmen's compensation	X	266	X	X
Administrative agency review	X	200	X	X
Corrections disciplinary review	X	242	X	X
Parole board review	X	67	X	X
Total	X	775	X	X
Postconviction remedy:				
Postconvictions and habeas corpus	X	48	X	X
Total appeals	1,446	3,456	3,369	1,533
Total cases	1,446	3,456	3,369	1,533

Manner of disposition

Decision by opinion	687
Per curiam and memorandum decisions	872
Bench decisions	497
Dismissed/transferred	1,111
Consolidation	202

Disposition of appeals[m]

Affirmed	1,703
Reversed	424
Modified	107
Dismissed on merits	6
Miscellaneous	18

Time interval data (average days)

	Non-criminal appeals
Notice of appeal to date case at issue	147
Date case at issue to final decision	70
Notice of appeal to final decision	217

Status of pending caseload (12/31/79)

Not at issue	1,147
At issue	178
Under advisement	208

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[l]Special source or revision in data:
Breakdowns for time interval data were supplied by the administrative office of the court during data verification.
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
This analysis includes cases closed by consolidation.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, 26th Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1979 (Salem, Oregon). Sources of case data are available. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OREGON CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
20 circuits, 75 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law[k]	X	X	X	X
Equity[k]	X	X	X	X
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Dissolution	13,171	26,873	26,795	13,249
Adoption	N/A	2,094	N/A	N/A
Total	13,171[i]	28,967	26,795[i]	13,249[i]
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Decedents' estates	6,695	4,669	4,713[h]	6,651
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship and conservatorship	8,432	2,000	1,989	8,445[g]
Total	15,127	6,669	6,702	15,096[g]
Mental health:				
Mental competency	N/A	3,736	N/A	N/A
Total civil[i]	44,903[i]	62,782	54,237[i]	47,575[gi]
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Criminal	6,348[fh]	16,643	15,503	7,488
Total criminal	6,348[fh]	16,643	15,503	7,488
Juvenile[d]:				
Total juvenile	N/A	15,573	N/A	N/A
Grand total	51,251[fi]	94,998	69,740[i]	55,391[gi]

Trial[di]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Law and equity	1,313	1,470	2,783
Marriage dissolution	--	2,193	2,193
Total	1,313	3,663	4,976
Criminal (felony)	1,134	771	1,905
Grand total	2,447	4,434	6,881

Time interval data (average days)

Age of cases tried (filing to trial):
- **Civil** from date of filing:
  - **Marriage dissolution**: 225.8
  - All **civil**: 381.0
- **Criminal (felony)** from date of arraignment: 104.6

Age of pending caseload

	Civil[n]	Probate/wills/intestate	Criminal (felony)
Under 6 months	18,010	N/A	3,960
6+ to 12 months	7,952	N/A	795
Over 12 months	6,234	N/A	700
12+ to 24 months	4,961	N/A	(n)
Over 24 months	1,273	N/A	(n)
Over 36 months	(n)	504	(n)

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the case number assigned at arraignment.
A juvenile case is counted with the filing of a petition.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1978 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1977 court year:
Figures are as calculated from data given in the annual report.

[g]Change in pending does not equal the dfference between filings and disposition:
Figures are as given in the annual report.

[h]Figure was computed:
Disposed figure for decedents' estates was computed from filing and pending data.
Beginning pending figure for total civil cases was computed using filed, disposed, and end pending data for the combined categories of **law** and **equity** ("civil") given in the annual report.
Beginning pending figure for criminal and total criminal was computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

[i]Data are not complete:
Domestic relations pending and disposition figures do not include **adoption** cases. Filings include all categories.
Total civil pending and disposition figures do not include **adoption** or **mental health** cases. Filings include all categories.
Grand total disposition and pending figures do not include **adoption, mental health,** or **juvenile** cases. Filings include all categories.
Civil trial data only include trials for **law, equity,** and **marriage dissolution** cases.

[k]Additional information:
There were 16,605 **law** and **equity** cases pending at the beginning of the 1979 court year, 23,410 cases filed, 20,740 disposed, and 19,275 pending at the end of the court year.

[n]Information on time interval or age of pending caseload data:
Civil age of pending caseload data include **law, equity,** and **marriage dissolution** cases only.
The number of **civil** and **criminal** cases pending over 36 months are included in the over 24 months category and were not available separately.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, 26th Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1979, (Salem, Oregon). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OREGON TAX COURT
Court of general jurisdiction[a]
1 judge
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Regular Division	84	78	76	86
Small Claims Division	40	34	58	16
Total	124	112	134	102
Total civil	124	112	134	102
Grand total	124	112	134	102

Civil dispositions

	Regular Division	Small Claims Division	Total
On the merits	42	41	83
Dismissed or settled	34	17	51
Total	76	58	134

Time interval data (median months)

Age of cases terminated:
- Regular Division: 16.5
- Small Claims Division: 9.0

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Data from the Oregon Tax Court are included in the general jurisdiction charts because ORS 305.405 designates the Tax Court as a court of general jurisdiction within the substantive areas defined by ORS 305.410.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, 26th Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1979 (Salem, Oregon). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OREGON DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
23 counties, 55 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	13,630[f]	34,440	34,056	14,014
Small claims	11,252[fh]	46,902	46,570	11,584
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Decedents' estates	77	62	55[h]	84
Total civil	24,959[fh]	81,404	80,681	25,682
Criminal[d]:				
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony	1,546[fh]	10,405	9,945	2,006[k]
Other criminal:				
Misdemeanor and violation offenses	35,288[fh]	72,823	70,502	37,609[k]
Total criminal	36,834[fh]	83,228	80,447	39,615[k]
Traffic:				
Total traffic	108,706[fh]	435,365	421,941	122,130[k]
Grand total	170,499[fh]	599,997	583,069	187,427

Age of pending caseload

	Law	Small claims	Probate/wills/intestate	Preliminary hearing	Other criminal	Traffic
Under 6 months	8,896	8,771	N/A	1,331	24,201	60,401
6+ to 12 months	3,803	2,091	N/A	280	4,488	11,719
Over 12 months	1,315	722	N/A	282	4,062	17,043
Over 36 months	(n)	(n)	4	(n)	(n)	(n)

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Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[c]Judge information:
A total of 51.9 full-time equivalent judges served in the court during the year.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the case number assigned at arraignment.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as computed from data given in the annual report.
[h]Figure was computed:
Decedent's estates disposition figure was computed from filings and pending data.
Beginning pending figures were computed from filings, dispositions, and end pending data.
[k]Additional information:
The felony **preliminary hearing** pending figures do not include 113 cases classified as inactive.
The **other criminal** pending figures do not include 4,858 cases classified as inactive.
The **traffic** pending figures do not include 32,967 cases classified as inactive.
[n]Information on time interval or age of pending caseload data:
The number of **law, small claims, preliminary hearing, other criminal,** and **traffic** cases pending over 36 months are included in the over 12 months category and were not available separately.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, 26th Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1979 (Salem, Oregon). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OREGON COUNTY COURT[a]
Court of limited jurisdiction
9 counties, 9 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations:				
Adoption	N/A	11	N/A	N/A
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Decedents' estates	190[l]	115	106[h]	199
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship and conservatorship	186	27	31	182
Total	376	142	137	381
Mental health:				
Mental competency	N/A	2	N/A	N/A
Total civil[i]	376[i]	155	137[i]	381[i]
Juvenile[d]:				
Total juvenile	N/A	94	N/A	N/A
Grand total[i]	376[i]	249	137[i]	381[i]

Age of pending caseload

	Over 36 months
Decedents' estates	40

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
Four counties handle both **civil** and **juvenile cases,** two handle only **civil,** and three handle only **juvenile** cases in the County Court.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
A juvenile case is counted with the filing of a petition.
[h]Figure was computed:
Decedents' estates disposed figure was computed from filing and pending figures.
[i]Data are not complete:
Total **civil** pending and disposition figures do not include data for **adoption** and **mental health** cases. Filings include data for all categories.
Grand total pending and disposition figures do not include data for **adoption,** mental competency, or **juvenile** cases. Filings include data for all categories.
[l]Special source or revision in data:
Beginning pending figure for decedents' estates was obtained from Oregon's 1978 annual report.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, 25th, 26th Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1978, 1979,(Salem, Oregon). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OREGON JUSTICE COURT[i]
Court of limited jurisdiction
43 courts, 43 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	474[fhi]	992[i]	951[i]	515[i]
Small claims	571[fhi]	2,029[i]	1,969[i]	631[i]
Total civil	1,045[fhi]	3,021[i]	2,920[i]	1,146[i]
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Offenses	1,766[fhi]	7,764[i]	7,366[i]	2,164[i]
Total criminal	1,766[fhi]	7,764[i]	7,366[i]	2,164[i]
Traffic:				
Total traffic	15,508[fhi]	138,337[i]	135,453[i]	18,392[i]
Grand total[i]	18,319[fhi]	149,122[i]	145,739[i]	21,702[i]

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the case number assigned at arraignment.
[f]Beginning pending figures for the 1979 court year do not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as calculated from data given in the annual report.
[h]Figures were computed:
Beginning pending figures were computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.
[i]Data are not complete:
Only 32 justice courts reported data for 1979. Incomplete data were reported for the court located in Chiloquin, Klamath County. Courts begin to report data as they are added to the statistical reporting system.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, 26th Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1979 (Salem, Oregon). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OREGON MUNICIPAL COURT[i]
Court of limited jurisdiction
177 courts, 177 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal[d]:				
Ordinance violation:				
Other cases	6,225[fhi]	23,715[i]	22,334[i]	7,606[i]
Total criminal	6,225[fhi]	23,715[i]	22,334[i]	7,606[i]
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Major traffic offenses	6,141[fhi]	15,924[i]	14,596[i]	7,469[i]
Minor traffic offenses	34,340[fhi]	173,510[i]	168,258[i]	39,592[i]
Total	40,481[fhi]	189,434[i]	182,854[i]	47,061[i]
Total traffic	40,481[fhi]	189,434[i]	182,854[i]	47,061[i]
Grand total	46,706[fhi]	213,149[i]	205,188[i]	54,667[i]

Trial[di]

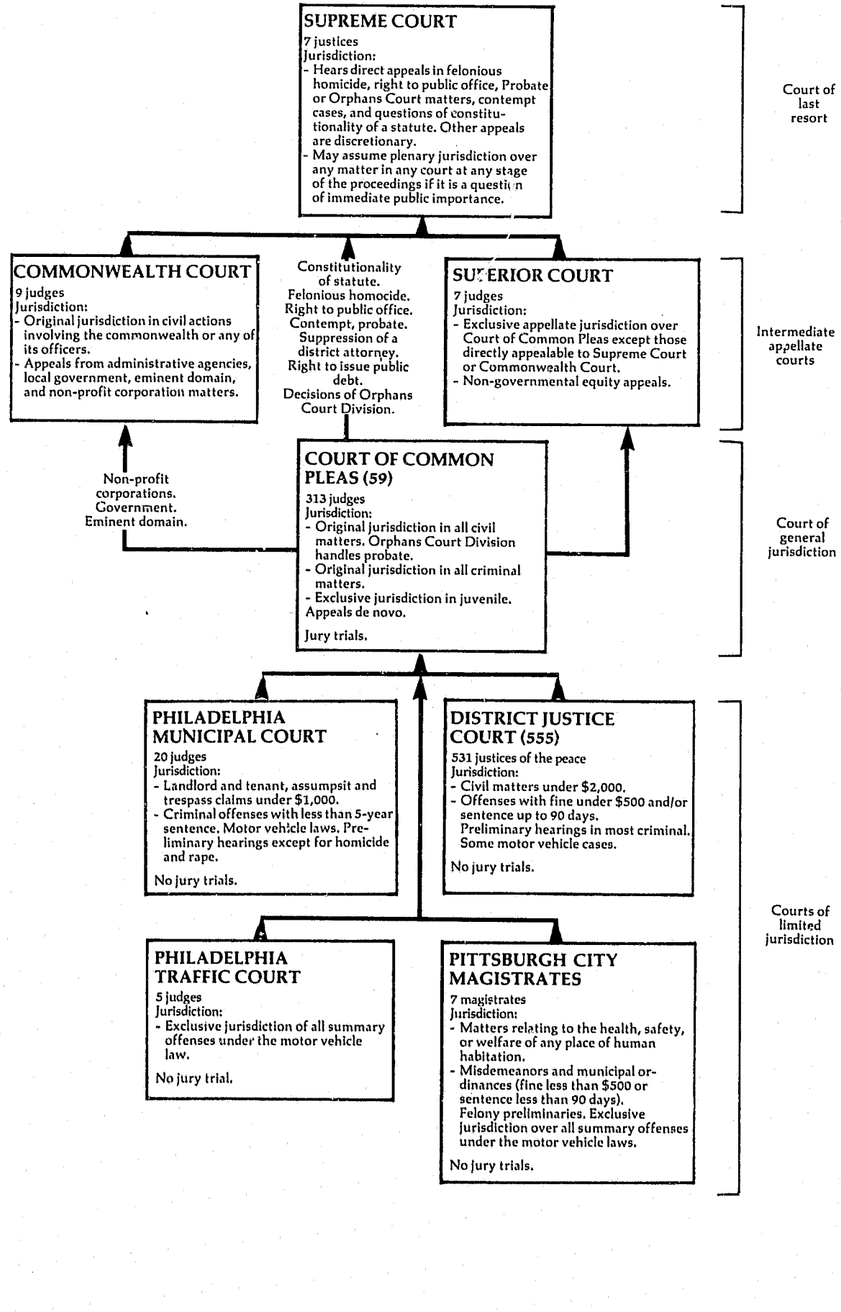
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Criminal	X	X	3,547[i]
Traffic:			
Major traffic offenses	X	X	4,011[i]
Minor traffic offenses	X	X	21,218[i]
Total	X	X	25,229[i]
Total	X	X	28,776[i]

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total, but were not available by category.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
The criminal case unit of count is the case number assigned at arraignment.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as calculated from data given in the annual report.
[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figures were computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.
[i]Data are not complete:
Only 129 Municipal Courts reported data for 1979. Partial reports were received from three municipalities: Coquille, Gold Hill, and Sisters. Courts begin to report data as they are added to the statistical reporting system.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, 26th Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1979 (Salem, Oregon). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

PENNSYLVANIA COURT SYSTEM, 1979



PENNSYLVANIA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals	N/A	798[j](215)[e]	N/A	547
Total appeals	N/A	798[j](215)[e]	N/A	547
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Disciplinary	N/A	(j)	N/A	1
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions for allocatur	N/A	1,052	N/A (215)[e]	228
Total other cases	N/A	1,052	N/A (215)[e]	229
Total cases	N/A	1,850 (215)[e]	N/A (215)[e]	776
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Miscellaneous petitions	N/A	1,375	N/A	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	1,375	N/A	N/A

Manner of disposition

Majority opinions	277[m]
Per curiam	126
Disciplinary orders written	56

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Petitions for allocatur that have been granted are not counted as disposed until the appeal is disposed; a filing is not counted for the resulting appeal. These granted petitions for allocatur are the numbers appearing in parentheses.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Data on the number of disciplinary cases filed are included in the appeals filed figure.
[m]Information on type of disposition or trial data:
In addition to the 277 majority opinions written there were 55 concurring opinions, 12 concurring and dissenting opinions, 146 dissenting opinions, 17 opinions in support of affirmation, 21 opinions in support of reversal, and 2 separate opinion written.

Source: Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, 1979 Annual Report (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

PENNSYLVANIA SUPERIOR COURT
Intermediate appellate court
7 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals	N/A	4,047	N/A	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	4,047	N/A	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases				
Total cases	N/A	4,047	N/A	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Miscellaneous petitions	N/A	3,548	N/A	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	3,548	N/A	N/A

Manner of disposition

Written opinions filed	1,751
Memorandum opinions	853

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

Source: Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, 1979 Annual Report (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

PENNSYLVANIA COMMONWEALTH COURT[a]
Intermediate appellate court
9 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Appeal of trial court case:				
Appeals from Court of Common Pleas	N/A	672	X	N/A
Transfers from other courts	N/A	50	X	N/A
Total	N/A	722	X	N/A
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Direct administrative appeals	N/A	1,931	X	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	2,653	X	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction	N/A	233	X	N/A
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases	N/A	233	X	N/A
Total cases	N/A	2,886	2,414	N/A

Manner of disposition

Written opinions handed down	1,389
Withdrawn, discontinued	553
Remanded, transferred, or dismissed	311
Dismissed for lack of prosecution	2
Stricken from list	19
Consolidated	140

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
The Commonwealth Court only handles cases involving officials or offices of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Source: Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, 1979 Annual Report (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

PENNSYLVANIA COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
Court of general jurisdiction
59 courts, 313 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	17,848	41,132	41,321	17,3299
Support/custody:				
Custody	1,207	7,510	7,223	1,3469
Adoption	1,128	6,346	6,296	1,2419
Other domestic relations:				
Domestic relations	8,827	63,416	58,075	13,7169
Total	29,010	118,404	112,915	33,6329
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Orphans' court audits	1,466	19,787	19,723	1,4699
Mental health	597	7,914	8,024	3009
Other civil:				
Civil[j]	21,432	22,472	21,447	21,7369
Arbitration	13,914	28,342	26,793	15,463
Total	35,346	50,814	48,240	37,1999
Total civil	66,419	196,919	188,902	72,6009
Criminal[d]:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal[j]	25,339	60,335	53,751	27,8859
Appeal:				
Miscellaneous[j]	2,807	12,566	12,474	2,8739
Postconviction remedy:				
Postconviction appeals	863	864	647	1,080
Total criminal	29,009	73,765	66,872	31,8389
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	5,887	39,685	38,943	6,5529
Grand total	101,315	310,369	294,717	110,9909

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	1,695[i]	4,183[i]	5,878[i]
Criminal (felony/misdemeanor)	2,726	4,647	7,373
Juvenile	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	4,421[i]	8,830[i]	13,251[i]

Civil dispositions[m]

Settlement	9,284
Hearing--settled	2,879
Stricken	1,322
Transferred to arbitration	923
Other	1,161

Criminal (felony/misdemeanor) dispositions

Guilty pleas	24,006
Nolle prossed	7,373
ARD (rehabilitation program)	10,406
Rule 1100	424
Disposition in lieu of trial (rehabilitation program)	112
Grand jury dismissals	359
Other	3,698

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or sentence, if adjudged guilty.

[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as given in the annual report.

[i]Data are not complete:
Civil trial and **civil** disposition data include only civil cases in the **other civil** category.
No trial figures were available for **juvenile** cases.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Civil under **other civil** includes trespass, assumpsit, equity, and miscellaneous civil cases that are counted when the case is placed at issue as ready for trial.
Criminal under **felony/misdemeanor** includes **felonies, misdemeanors,** and trial de novo for **appeal.**
Miscellaneous **appeals** include **criminal appeals** from District Justice Courts and other miscellaneous court actions.

Source: Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, 1979 Annual Report (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT, PENNSYLVANIA
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 20 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Small claims	3,799	28,179	28,001	3,917
Real property rights:				
Landlord and tenant	780	18,782	18,350	1,212
Other civil:				
Code enforcement[j]	4,457	24,852	25,188	4,121
Total civil	9,036	71,813	71,539	9,310
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal	5,506	28,705	28,568	5,0529
Private complaints[j]	0	5,619	5,556	3619
Total	5,506	34,324	34,124	5,4139
Preliminary hearing	1,047	12,895	11,790	1,6559
Total criminal	6,553	47,219	45,914	7,0689
Grand total	15,589	119,032	117,453	16,3789

Non-jury trial[d]

Criminal[m] 2,838

Criminal dispositions[m]

Guilty pleas	3,005
Nolle prossed	13,962
ARD (rehabilitation program)	8,467
Grand jury dismissals	0

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
A non-jury trial is counted if tried to completion (decision). There are no jury trials in this court.

[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
This was due in part to the placement of 602 records in deferred status and the reinstatement of 11 other records during the court year, a net change of -591 cases. Figures are as given in the annual report.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
"Private complaints" are criminal complaints filed by a private citizen; "criminal" complaints are filed by the police.
Code enforcement pertains to violations regarding housing, property, etc.

[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Criminal trials and **criminal** disposition types are only for the criminal category listed as "trial cases," which do not include preliminary hearings or summary proceedings.

Source: Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, 1979 Annual Report (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

PHILADELPHIA TRAFFIC COURT, PENNSYLVANIA
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 5 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Traffic[d]:				
Total traffic	N/A	1,093,331	480,766	N/A
Grand total	N/A	1,093,331	480,766	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
The traffic case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.

Source: Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, 1979 Annual Report (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT JUSTICE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
555 courts, 531 justices of the peace
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil complaints	N/A	184,150	180,066	N/A
Total civil	N/A	184,150	180,066	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Ordinance violation:				
Non-traffic citations	N/A	258,223	217,117	N/A
Preliminary hearing:				
Misdemeanor/felony complaints	N/A	96,822	88,869	N/A
Other criminal:				
Summary complaints	N/A	120,685	106,741	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	475,730	412,727	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	1,137,900	1,047,714	N/A
Grand total	N/A	1,797,780	1,640,507	N/A

Non-jury trial[d]

Civil	40,029
Criminal	49,870
Traffic	103,822
Total	193,781

Civil dispositions

Settled at or before trial	36,830
Judgment by default	83,256
Withdrawal of complaint	3,309
Dismissed without prejudice	4,567
Closed--no service	7,166
Other	4,909

Criminal dispositions

	Ordinance violation	Preliminary hearing	Other criminal	Total
Non-jury trial:				
Trial conviction	16,031	--	11,910	27,941
Acquitted	14,726	--	7,203	21,929
Guilty plea	151,712	4,242	52,761	208,715
Substantive defective	1,387	--	323	1,710
Withdrawal of prosecution	15,525	13,675	14,295	43,495
Unable to locate	10,199	--	8,361	18,560
Settled at or before trial	2,621	4,588	7,582	14,791
Bound to court at preliminary hearing	--	30,669	--	30,669
Dismissal at preliminary hearing	--	12,796	--	12,796
Waiver of preliminary hearing	--	17,410	--	17,410
Declared fugitive	--	2,609	--	2,609
Other	4,916	2,880	4,306	12,102

Traffic dispositions

Non-jury trial:	
Acquitted	61,573
Trial conviction	42,249
Guilty plea	826,790
Substantive defect	6,377
Withdrawal of prosecution	41,593
Unable to locate	41,114
Other	28,018

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
-- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definitions or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A non-jury trial is counted if tried to completion (decision).

Source: Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, 1979 Annual Report (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

PITTSBURGH CITY MAGISTRATE COURT, PENNSYLVANIA
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 7 magistrates
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

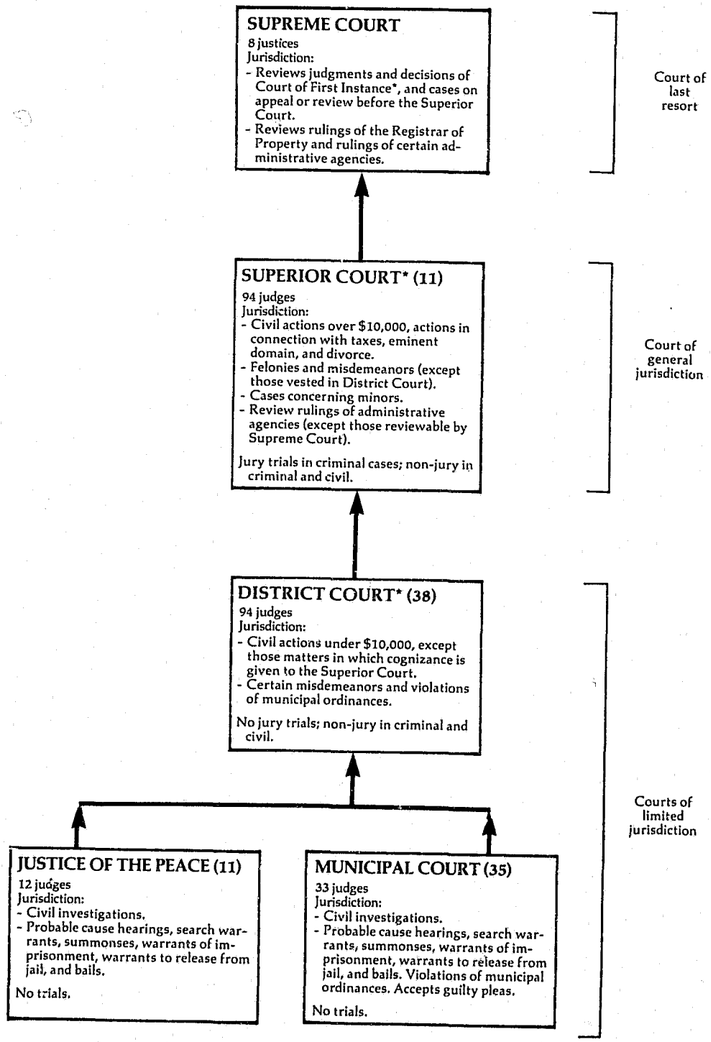
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Real property rights:				
Housing Court	N/A	2,119	2,038	N/A
Total civil	N/A	2,119	2,038	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Preliminary hearing:				
Indictable cases	N/A	N/A	7,600	N/A
Ordinance violation:				
Miscellaneous citations	N/A	N/A	800	N/A
Other criminal:				
Summary cases	N/A	N/A	12,500	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	N/A	20,900	N/A
Traffic:				
Parking:				
Parking tickets processed	N/A	N/A	310,531	N/A
Other traffic violations:				
Moving violations	N/A	N/A	32,627	N/A
Indictable cases	N/A	N/A	2,334	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	34,961	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	N/A	345,492	N/A
Total cases	N/A	2,119[i]	368,430	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
-- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definitions or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
[i]Data are not complete:
Total cases filed figure does not include **criminal** or **traffic** cases.

Source: Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, 1979 Annual Report (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

PUERTO RICO COURT SYSTEM, 1979



↑ Indicates route of appeal.
*The Court of First Instance consists of two divisions: the Superior Court and the District Court.

PUERTO RICO SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
8 justices
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	5	45	40	10
Criminal	58	117	101	74
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Minimum wage board	0	1	0	1
Industrial Commission	14	58	64	8
Registrar of property	0	11	6	5
Labor Relations Board	9	15	19	5
Board of Electors	0	2	2	0
Total	23	96	91	19
Total appeals	86	249	232	103
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Injunction	0	1	1	0
Habeas corpus	0	6	5	1
Mandamus	0	9	7	2
Quo warranto	4	0	4	0
Writ of prohibition	0	1	1	0
Total	4	17	18	3
Disciplinary matter:				
Corporate dissolution	5	0	5	0
Professional conduct (against lawyer)	15[f]	3	6	12
Bringing of charge (against judge)	2[f]	5	2	5
Complaints of Puerto Rico Bar Association	1	0	0	1
Total	23[f]	8	13	18
Advisory opinion cases:				
Certifications	2	2	3	1
Total	29[f]	27	34	22
Requests to appeal:				
Certiorari	65	422	416	71
Civil reviews	100[f]	472	483	89
Total	165[f]	894	899	160
Total other cases	194	927	933	182
Total cases	280	1,170	1,165	285

Manner of disposition

Opinion	81
Per curiam	30
Without opinion	1,054

Status of pending caseload (6/30/79)

	Submitted	Cases in process to be resolved
Appeals:		
Civil	4	6
Criminal	8	66
Agency	6	13
Total	18	85
Original proceedings:		
Original jurisdiction	0	3
Disciplinary matter	2	16
Advisory opinion	0	1
Total	2	20
Requests to appeal	18	142
Total cases	38	247

Disposition of cases

	Appeals				Civil reviews	All other cases	Total
	Civil	Criminal	Agency	Total			
Affirmed	3	56	10	69	25	11	105
Reversed	5	9	25	39	67	73	179
Modified	2	5	2	9	41	15	65
Dismissed	27	30	6	63	5	3	71
Writ denied	0	0	45	45	330	325	700
Other	3	1	3	7	15	23	45
Total	40	101	91	232	483	450	1,165

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year. Figures are as given in the annual report.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category: Filed figures include new filings and restored cases.

Source: Office of Court Administration, Annual Report 1978-1979 (Hato Rey, Puerto Rico: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

PUERTO RICO SUPERIOR COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
11 districts, 94 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Debt collections	2,256[f]	1,807	1,930	2,133
Wages	205[f]	142	159	188
Total	2,461[f]	1,949	2,089	2,321
Tort	6,929[f]	3,560	3,510	6,979
Contract:				
Contract executions	17[f]	8	8	17
Contract ratification	1	3	1	3
Note cancellation	192[f]	291	289	194
Specific performance to contract	88[f]	47	52	83
Contract cancellations	40[f]	46	36	50
Action of nullification	111[f]	42	49	104
Affidavits revision	0	0	0	0
Dissolution of corporation or firm	10[f]	1	4	7
Total	459[f]	438	439	458
Real property rights:				
Property	4,673[f]	6,650	6,868[l]	4,455[l]
Transfer of farm title	0[f]	2[l]	0	2[l]
Claim of rights	392[f]	579	592	379
Expropriation	1,930[f]	563	927	1,566
Total	6,995[f]	7,794	8,387	6,402
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	7,889[f]	20,458	21,544	6,803
Other domestic relations	7,069[f]	10,249	11,187	6,131
Total	14,958[f]	30,707	32,731	12,934
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Taxes	169[f]	138	146	161
Appeal of trial court case:				
Appeals	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Total	169[f][i]	138[i]	146[i]	161[i]
Extraordinary writs	760[f]	1,278	1,143	895
Other civil:				
Other special proceedings[j]	2,625[f]	10,455	10,125	2,955
License to bear arms	1,698[f]	36,978	37,406	1,270
Disability	7[f]	17	18	6
Other actions[j]	1,890[f]	1,242	1,257	1,875
Total	6,220[f]	48,692	48,806	6,106
Total civil	38,951[f]	94,556	97,251	36,256
Criminal[d]:				
Felony	8,056[f]	9,242	9,897	7,401
Misdemeanor	6,490[f]	9,221	9,042	6,669
Preliminary hearing	146[f]	720	722	144
Appeal	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Total criminal	14,692[f]	19,183	19,661	14,214
Juvenile[d]:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Charges	977[f]	5,858	5,509	1,326
Total juvenile	977[f]	5,858	5,509	1,326
Grand total	54,620[f]	119,597	122,421	51,796

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Law	--	235	235
Tort	--	386	386
Contract	--	57	57
Real property rights	--	753	753
Domestic relations:			
Marriage dissolution	--	2,054	2,054
Other domestic relations	--	683	683
Total	--	2,737	2,737
Appeal:			
Appeal of administrative agency case	--	17	17
Appeal of trial court case	--	(j)	(j)
Total	--	17	17
Extraordinary writ	--	186	186
Other civil	--	751	751
Total	--	5,122	5,122
Criminal:			
Felony	451	2,177	2,628
Misdemeanor	32	2,263	2,295
Total	483	4,440	4,923
Grand total	483	9,562	10,045

Civil dispositions[l]

	Settled	Dismissed	Transfers	Uncontested	Other[m]
Law	339	939	72	171	568
Tort	1,241	1,547	154	99	469
Contract	33	143	12	71	180
Real property rights	941	2,737	85	2,415	2,209
Domestic relations:					
Marriage dissolution	12	5,939	208	7,681	7,704
Other domestic relations	1,532	5,338	1,054	2,461	802[l]
Total	1,544	11,277	1,262	10,142	8,506
Appeal:					
Appeal of administrative agency case	13	24	1	77	31
Appeal of trial court case	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Total	13	24	1	77	31
Extraordinary writs	82	621	40	187	213
Other civil	769	3,990	201	42,974	872[l]
Total civil	4,962	21,278	1,827	56,136	13,048

Criminal dispositions

	Felony	Misdemeanor	Preliminary hearing	Total
Jury trial:				
Convicted	255	18	--	273
Acquitted	196	14	--	210
Non-jury trial:				
Convicted	1,327	965	--	2,292
Acquitted	850	1,298	--	2,148
Guilty plea	4,206	2,378	--	6,584
Total conviction	5,788	3,361	--	9,149
Dismissed	N/A	N/A	--	6,913
Transferred	N/A	N/A	--	269
Probable cause found	--	--	279	279
No probable cause found	--	--	286	286

Time interval data (months)

Age of cases at disposition:

	less than 3 months	3-6 months	6-9 months	9-12 months	12-18 months	18-24 months	24 months and over
Civil	50,461	4,636	2,229	1,262	1,194	528	948

	less than 1 month	1-2 months	2-3 months	3-4 months	4-5 months	5-6 months	6-9 months	9-12 months	12-15 months	15-18 months	18-21 months	21-24 months	24 months and over
Criminal	295	526	602	615	563	473	833	391	229	107	77	36	176

	less than 1 month	1-2 months	2-3 months	3-4 months	4-5 months	5-6 months	6-7 months	7-10 months	10-13 months	13-19 months	19-25 months	25 months and over
Juvenile	264	1,387	1,178	335	152	114	57	105	29	28	13	26

Age of pending caseload (6/30/79)

	6 months and under	6 months to 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	3-4 years	4-5 years	5-6 years	6-7 years	7 years and over
Civil	17,569	6,808	5,619	2,492	1,315	857	566	355	675
Criminal	6,273	1,326	1,325	798	791	982	827	491	1,257

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court but the data are not available.
-- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.
The juvenile case unit of count is the number of charges filed.
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.

[f]The beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.

[i]Data are not complete:
Civil appeals total figures do not include **appeals of trial court cases. Appeals of trial court cases** data are included by category with other civil data for caseload inventory, trial, and disposition data.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filed figures include original filings, transfers, and reopened cases.
Appeals of trial court cases are included according to the case type for caseload inventories, trial, and disposition data.
The number of **appeals** filed in each category was given, but the number of dispositions and pendings could not be separated. There were **civil appeals** and **criminal appeals** filed.
Other special proceedings include declaration of heir, confiscation, permission of law, and recovery.
Other actions include declaration of private title, nullity of fraudulent trespass, and supplementary orders issued to impugn the document.

[l]Special source or revision in the data:
Figures so marked were corrected by the administrative office of the court during data verification.

[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Civil non-jury trials are the number of contested cases concluded.
Appeal of trial court case data are included acording to the case type for **civil** trial and **civil** disposition data.

Source: Office of Court Administration, Annual Report 1978-1979 (Hato Rey, Puerto Rico: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional information was supplied by the administrative office of the court during data verification.

PUERTO RICO DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
38 courts, 94 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Debt collections	14,186[f]	39,332	37,762	15,756
Wages	552[f]	874	914	512
Total	14,738[f]	40,206	38,676	16,268
Tort	1,692[f]	2,045	1,942	1,795
Real property rights:				
Property	410[f]	629	675	364
Domestic relations:				
Family relations	269[f]	3,573	3,475	367
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Taxes	3	8	7	4
Other civil:				
Special proceedings	944[f]	4,039	4,113	870
Other	502	762	789	475
Total	1,446[f]	4,801	4,902	1,345
Total civil	18,558[f]	51,262	49,677	20,143
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal categories	8,304[f]	42,099	41,321	9,082
Ordinance violation:				
Infractions of municipal ordinances except traffic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Preliminary hearing	9,877[f]	15,368	15,851	9,394
Total criminal	18,181[i]	57,467[i]	57,172[i]	18,476[i]
Traffic:				
Total traffic	7,853[f]	53,402	53,740	7,515
Grand total	44,592[fi]	162,131[i]	160,589[i]	46,134[i]

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:[m]			
Law	--	3,942	3,942
Tort	--	405	405
Real property rights	--	124	124
Domestic relations	--	50	50
Appeal:			
Appeal of administrative agency case	--	0	0
Other civil	--	1,043	1,043
Total	--	5,564	5,564
Criminal	--	N/A	N/A
Traffic	--	N/A	N/A

Civil dispositions

	Settled	Dismissed	Transferred	Uncontested	Other
Law	1,512	21,076	686	4,559	10,843
Tort	378	892	121	85	466
Real property rights	45	312	26	111	181
Domestic relations	2	148	41	2,958	326
Appeal:					
Appeal of administrative agency case	2	5	0	0	0
Other civil	118	1,432	86	1,869	1,397
Total	2,057	23,865	960	9,582	13,213

Traffic dispositions

Non-jury trial:	
Convicted	2,191
Acquitted	2,562
Guilty plea	36,209
Dismissed	12,330
Transferred	448

Criminal dispositions[i]

	Misdemeanor	Preliminary hearing	Total[i]
Non-jury trial:			
Convicted	2,351	--	2,351
Acquitted	5,071	2,546	7,617
Guilty plea	14,401	--	14,401
Total conviction	16,752	--	16,752
Dismissed	18,787	2,098	20,885
Transferred	711	--	711
Transferred to Superior Court on misdemeanor	--	250	250
Nolle prosequi	--	2,252	2,252
Probable cause found	--	7,194	7,194

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-- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.

[f]The beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year.
Figures are as given in the annual report.

[i]Data are not complete:
Total criminal and grand total caseload and type of disposition data do not include ordinance violations.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filed figures include original filings, transfers, and reopened cases.

[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Civil non-jury trials are the number of contested civil cases concluded by trial.

Source: Office of Court Administration, Annual Report 1978-1979 (Hato Rey, Puerto Rico: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional data were supplied by the administrative office of the court during data verification.

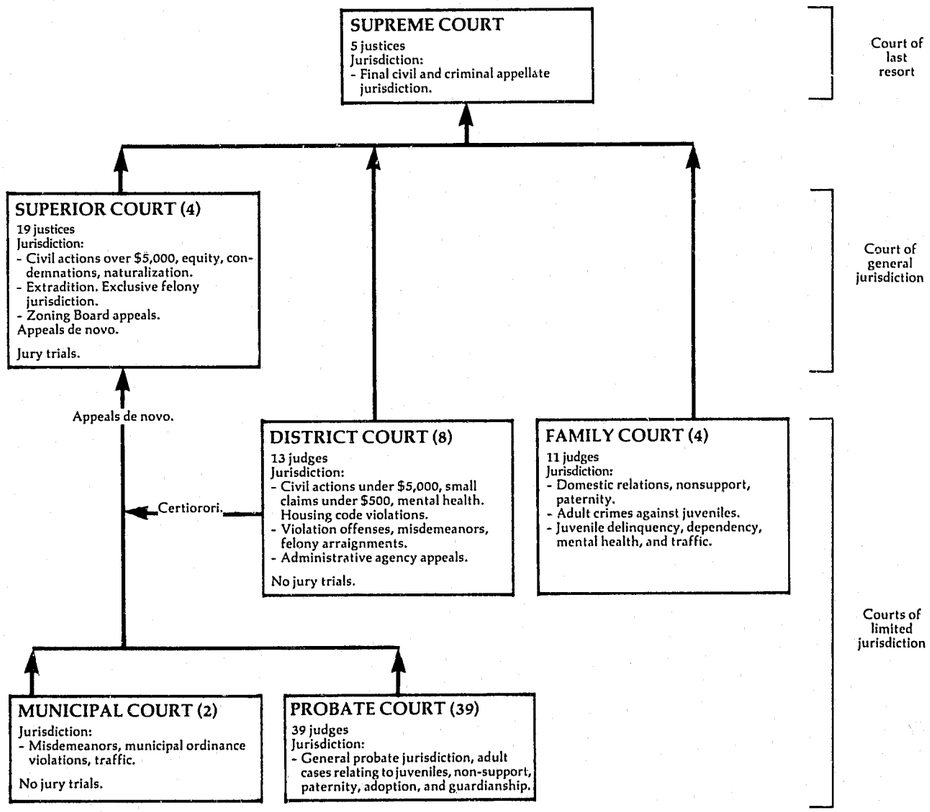
PUERTO RICO JUSTICES OF THE PEACE
Court of limited jurisdiction
11 courts, 12 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled by the Justices of th Peace for 1979.

PUERTO RICO MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
35 courts, 33 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled by the Municipal Court for 1979.

RHODE ISLAND COURT SYSTEM, 1979



RHODE ISLAND SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
October 1, 1978 to September 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Regular civil	240[h]	184	176	248
Domestic relations/custody/adoption	37[h]	31	29	39
Total	277[h]	215	205	287
Criminal	119[h]	82	54	147
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Workmen's compensation	45[h]	33	32	46
Total appeals	441[h]	330	291	480
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Habeas corpus	9[h]	26	29	6
Miscellaneous petitions	1[h]	15	12	4
Total	10[h]	41	41	10
Disciplinary:				
Bar disciplinary	4[h]	9	10	3
Advisory opinion:				
Certified questions	9[h]	7	9	7
Other	0[h]	1	1	0
Total	23[h]	58	61	20
Requests to appeal:				
Certiorari	105[h]	98	126	77
Total other cases	128[h]	156	187	97
Total cases	569[f]	486	478	577
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Arbitrator appointments	N/A	X	N/A	N/A
Petitions on bar exams	N/A	X	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	X	N/A	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	26	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.
[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figures were calculated from filed, disposed, and end pending figures provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Source: Unpublished data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

RHODE ISLAND SUPERIOR COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
4 counties, 19 justices
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Appeal:				
Appeal of trial court case	N/A	X	N/A	N/A
Other civil	N/A	X	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	7,087	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Defendant cases	N/A	2,515	4,092	N/A
Appeal	N/A	1,067	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	3,582	4,092[i]	N/A
Grand total	N/A	10,669	4,092[i]	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the indictment.
[i]Data are not complete:
Disposition data were available for **felony/misdemeanor** cases only. They do not include any **civil** cases or any **criminal** appeals.

Source: Unpublished data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
8 divisions, 13 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Regular civil	N/A	23,425	18,425	N/A
Small claims	N/A	8,161	5,869	N/A
Total civil	N/A	31,586	24,294	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor[ij]	N/A	28,423[j]	27,166[j]	N/A
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony	N/A	7,297	7,170	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	35,720	34,336	N/A
Traffic[ij]:				
Total traffic[j]	N/A	(j)	(j)	N/A
Grand total[i]	N/A	67,306[i]	58,630[i]	N/A

Trial[dl]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	--	2,642	2,642
Criminal and traffic	--	985	985
Total	--	3,637	3,637

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court but the data are unavailable.
-- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of indictments or complaints.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs. Criminal trials include changed pleas.
[i]Data are not complete:
Misdemeanor and grand total figures do not include motor vehicle violations handled by the Administrative Adjudication Division of the Department of Transportation.
Traffic (motor vehicle) violations handled by the Administrative Adjudication Division of the Department of Transportation are not included in figures given.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Traffic cases not handled by the Administrative Adjudication Division are included with the **misdemeanor** data.
[l]Special source or revision in the data:
Trial data were provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts during data verification.
[m]Information on disposition type on trial data:
The number of **criminal** trials includes cases disposed after a changed plea.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary, 1979 (Providence, Rhode Island). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional information was provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts during data verification.

RHODE ISLAND FAMILY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
4 counties, 11 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Absolute divorce	N/A	5,188	N/A	N/A
Adoption	N/A	492	N/A	N/A
Other domestic relations:				
Termination of parental rights	N/A	137	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	5,817	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	5,817	N/A	N/A
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Wayward/delinquent	N/A	7,195	N/A	N/A
Non-offense:				
Dependency, neglect, and abuse	N/A	589	N/A	N/A
Other juvenile:				
Child marriages	N/A	63	N/A	N/A
Other	N/A	310	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	373	N/A	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	8,157	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	13,974	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of indictments or complaints.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary, 1979 (Providence, Rhode Island). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

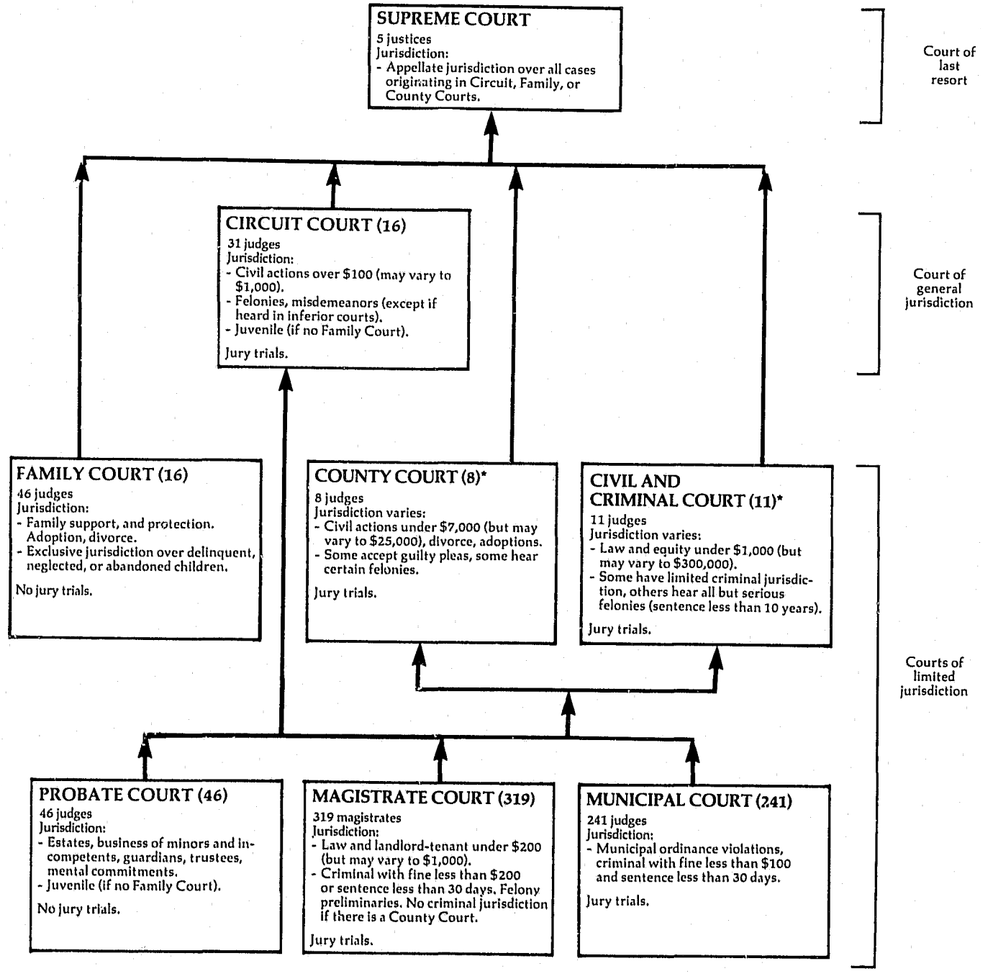
RHODE ISLAND MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
2 courts
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for 1979. The Municipal Courts are local courts operated independently by two cities.

RHODE ISLAND PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
39 courts, 39 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Probate Court for 1979. The Probate Court function is handled by independent probate judges chosen and paid by each of the 39 cities and towns.

SOUTH CAROLINA COURT SYSTEM, 1979



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

*During the court year, all County Courts and Civil and Criminal Courts were phased out and cases pending in them were transferred to the Circuit Court. None were left on July 1, 1979 at the close of the court year.

SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed[d]	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil[j]	X	433	X	220
Criminal[j]	X	184	X	89
Postconviction remedy:				
Postconviction	X	85	X	24
Total appeals	X	702	X	333
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction	X	5	X	0
Disciplinary matter	X	8	X	0
Total	X	13	X	0
Requests to appeal	X			
Total other cases	X	13	X	0
Total cases	125[fh]	715	507	333
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Motions (supersedeas, extensions of time, motion to dismiss, ect.)	0	437	429	8
Motions to settle record	0	251	245	6
Total	0[f]	688	674	14
Total other proceedings	0[f]	688	674	14

Manner of disposition

Regular opinions	261
Memorandum opinions	246

Disposition of appeals

Affirmed	256
Reversed	23
Reversed and remanded	48
Affirmed and remanded	3
Remanded	4
Other	82

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total, but were not available by category.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
In this court, cases are counted at docketing rather than at the filing of the notice of appeal. Many cases are dismissed between filing the notice of appeal and docketing. In 1979, 1,816 notices of appeal were filed: 766 were docketed, 780 dismissed, and 510 pending at the end of the year.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does ont equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report or calculated from figures given in the annual report.
[h]Figure was computed:
The beginning pending figure for total cases was computed from the filed, disposed, and end pending figures given in the unpublished data provided by the Clerk of the Court.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Civil appeals include "straight" appeals and Rule 29 appeals and appeals of cases from the Family Court.
Criminal appeals include regular and "no merit" appeals.

Source: The Judicial Department of South Carolina, Annual Report 1979 (Darlington, South Carolina), and unpublished data supplied by the clerk of the court. Statistics are from the annual report and the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

SOUTH CAROLINA CIRCUIT COURT[ab]
Court of general jurisdiction
16 circuits, 31 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979[b]

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Total civil	18,301[f]	36,349	31,368	23,282
Criminal[d]:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal[j]	8,639[f]	31,746	32,757	7,628
Total criminal[j]	8,639[f]	31,746	32,757	7,628
Grand total[j]	26,940[f]	68,095	64,125	30,910

Criminal dispositions

Conviction	1,255
Guilty plea--whole charge	21,536
Guilty plea--other charge	2,026
Acquittal	340
Dismissed (judicial dismissal)	1,173
Nol-prossed	5,831
Bail forfeiture (bond estreated)	52
Transferred	544

Age of pending caseload

	0-90 days	91-180 days	181-365 days	365-540 days	Over 540 days
Criminal:					
Felony/misdemeanor	2,282	1,419	1,023	552	2,352

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
The Circuit Court in South Carolina is divided into two parts: **civil** cases are heard in Court of Common Pleas, **criminal** cases in the Court of General Sessions.
[b]Particular court or reporting system information:
On July 1, 1979 the County Courts were phased out, and all cases pending in them were transferred to the Circuit Court.
The reporting period for this court changed in 1979 from the fiscal year to the calendar year. As a result, there is a 6-month lapse in reporting data between 1978 and 1979.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of indictments.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report and additional information.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Criminal data for **felony/misdemeanor**, total criminal, and grand total include **criminal** cases handled in the County Court and Civil and Criminal Court.

Source: The Judicial Department of South Carolina, Annual Report 1980 (Darlington, South Carolina). Statistics are from annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY COURT[b] AND CIVIL AND CRIMINAL COURT[i,k]
Court of limited jurisdiction
8[b] courts, 8 judges; 11 courts, 11 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979[b]

	Beginning pending	Filed[k]	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Total civil	8,040	7,419[ik]	10,667[i]	4,792
Criminal[d]:				
Total criminal	(k)	(k)	(k)	(k)
Grand total	8,040[i]	7,419[ik]	10,667[i]	4,792[i]

Trial[d]		Civil dispositions	
Civil	410	Settlement	887
		Voluntary dismissal	2,198
		Involuntary dismissal/nonsuit	1,103
		Default	3,439
		Transfer to other court	196
		Final order	1,754
		Other disposition	680

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[b]Particular court or reporting system information:
During the year, nine County Courts were phased out and all cases pending in them were transferred to the Circuit Court. On July 1, 1979, the remaining eight courts were phased out and all cases pending in them were transferred to the Circuit Court.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of indictments.
A trial is counted if the case is concluded by trial, and judgment on the verdict has been rendered and filed.

[i]Data are not complete:
Data for **criminal** cases handled in this court are not available here.

[k]Additional information:
No new cases were filed in the County Court after April 1, 1979 by order of the Supreme Court.
Pending, filed, and disposed figures for total criminal are included in the **criminal** section of the Circuit Court data chart. A total of 2,728 criminal warrants were filed.

Source: The Judicial Department of South Carolina, Annual Report 1980 (Darlington, South Carolina). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

SOUTH CAROLINA FAMILY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
16 courts, 46 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[dj]:	X	X	X	X
Total civil	15,763	41,308	43,738	13,333
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation[j]	X	X	X	X
Total traffic	X	X	X	X
Juvenile[j]	X	X	X	X
Total juvenile	X	X	X	X
Grand total	17,999[f]	52,635	55,259	15,375

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[b]Particular court or reporting information:
The reporting period for this court changed in 1979 from the fiscal year to the calendar year. As a result, there is a 6-month lapse in reporting between 1978 and 1979.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

[f]Beginning figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figure is as given in the annual report.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
The **civil** jurisdiction of this court includes **domestic relations marriage dissolution, support/custody, adoption, other domestic relations,** and **other civil** cases.
The **traffic** jurisdiction of this court includes juvenile traffic law violations only.
The **juvenile** jurisdiction of this court includes **criminal type offense, non-offense,** and **other juvenile** cases.

Source: The Judicial Department of South Carolina, Annual Report 1980 (Darlington, South Carolina). Statistics were from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

SOUTH CAROLINA MAGISTRATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
319 courts, 319 magistrates
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	5,964[f]	88,381	89,687	4,658
Total civil	5,964[f]	88,381	89,687	4,658
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Non-traffic	X	67,951	X	X
Preliminary hearing	1,102	16,205	15,947	1,360
Total criminal	X	84,156	X	X
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Driving under the influence	X	10,788	X	X
Other traffic violation:				
Other	X	436,948	X	X
Total traffic	X	447,736	X	X
Grand total	9,541[f]	620,273	620,345	9,469

Trial[d]	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	311	24,658	24,969
Criminal and traffic	2,267	102,463	104,730
Total	2,578	127,121	129,699

Criminal and traffic dispositions	Misdemeanor and traffic	Preliminary hearing
Forfeiture/guilty plea	409,981	--
Nol Pros	--	696
Bound over	--	12,153
Discharged	--	3,098

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of indictments, arrest warrants, or summons.
A jury trial is counted if the case is concluded by jury, and judgment on the verdict has been rendered and filed. A non-jury trial is counted if the case is concluded without a jury.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.

[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
This is caused by the missing data for **preliminary hearing** cases.

[k]Additional information:
The Magistrate Court also issued 106,347 arrest and 1,685 search warrants.

Source: The Judicial Department of South Carolina, Annual Report 1979 (Darlington, South Carolina). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

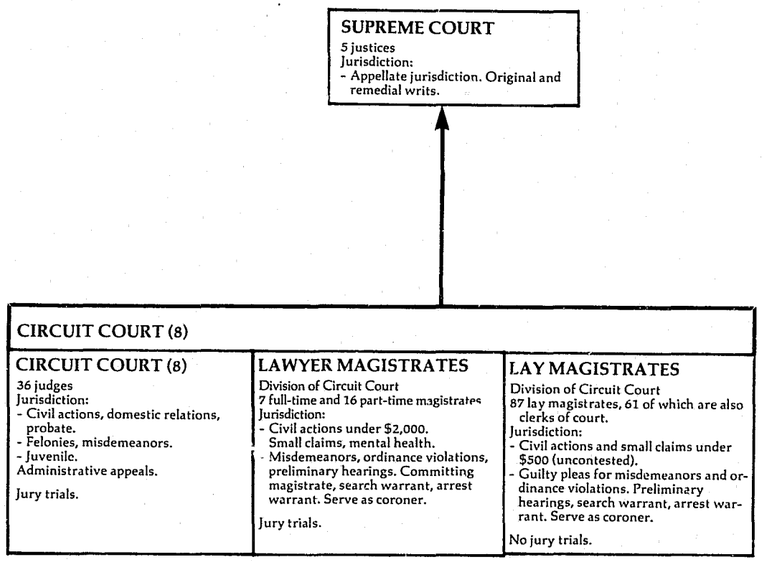
SOUTH CAROLINA PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
46 courts, 46 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Probate Court for 1979.

SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
241 courts, 241 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for 1979.

SOUTH DAKOTA COURT SYSTEM, 1979



SOUTH DAKOTA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Total appeals	X	254[j]	X	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction	X	X		X
Disciplinary	X	X	X	X
Advisory opinion	X	X	X	X
Total	X	28	X	X
Requests to appeal:				
Petition for allowance of appeal	X	37		X
Total other cases	X	65		X
Total cases	283[fh]	319	327	276

Manner of disposition

Opinion ..... 204[m]
Order of dismissal or denial ..... 87[m]

Status of pending caseload[l] (6/30/79)

Not ready for calendar 163
Ready for argument/submission ... 37
Submitted and pending 76

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
In 1979, the court changed from the calendar year to the fiscal year as its reporting period. As a result the beginning pending figures for the 1979 fiscal year do not match those given as pending at the end of 1978.
[h]Figure was computed:
The beginning pending figure was calculated from filed, disposed, and end pending figures given in the annual report.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Appeals filed figure includes reinstated appeals.
[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
These 204 opinions disposed of 233 cases.
There were 89 cases disposed of by the 87 orders of dismissal or denial.

Source: State Court Administrator's Office, Benchmark: Biennial Report of the South Dakota Unified Judicial System, FY 1978 and 1979 (Pierre, South Dakota: December, 1979). Statistics are from the biennial report except that totals have completed where necessary.

SOUTH DAKOTA CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
8 circuits, 36 judges[c]
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Small claims	N/A	13,014	10,201	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	N/A	3,126	2,820	N/A
Adoption	N/A	626	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	3,752	N/A	N/A
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Probate	N/A	3,970	N/A	N/A
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship	N/A	632	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	4,602	N/A	N/A
Mental health	N/A	616	N/A	N/A
Other civil	N/A	8,379	6,181	N/A
Total civil	N/A	30,363	19,202[i]	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Felony	N/A	2,337[l]	2,682	N/A
Misdemeanor:				
Class 1[j]	N/A	9,148[l]	10,894	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	11,485[i]	13,576[i]	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Class 2 and petty offense[j]	N/A	123,194[jl]	117,447[j]	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	123,194	117,447[j]	N/A
Juvenile[dk]:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquency	N/A	3,174	N/A	N/A
Status offense:				
Child in need of supervision	N/A	446	N/A	N/A
Other juvenile:				
Juvenile	N/A	1,730	N/A	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	5,350	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	170,392	150,225[i]	N/A

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury[m]	Total
Civil:			
Small claims	--	1,104	1,104
Marriage dissolution	--	469	469
Other civil	177	910	1,087
Total	177	2,483	2,660
Criminal:			
Felony	103	57	160
Class 1 misdemeanors	141	528	669
Total	244	585	829
Grand total	421	3,068	3,489

Criminal dispositions

	Felony	Class 1 misdemeanors
Guilty plea/dismissed	1,736	8,807
Preliminary hearing held	786	1,418

Civil dispositions

	Default
Small claims	9,097
Marriage dissolution	2,351
Other civil	5,094

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
-- = Not applicable.

[c]Judge information:
This court is also served by 7 full-time and 16 part-time lawyer magistrates (11.7 FTE), 26 lay magistrates, and 61 lay magistrates/clerks (6.5 FTE).

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.
The juvenile case unit of count is the number of referrals.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.

[i]Data are not complete:
Total misdemeanor and criminal cases filed and disposed and trial data do not include criminal Class 2 misdemeanor cases. These cases are included in the grand total filed and disposed figures.
Trial data do not include Class 2 misdemeanors, or any traffic or juvenile data.
Total civil disposed figure does not include adoption, probate, or mental health cases.
The grand total disposed figure does not include civil adoption, probate, mental health, or juvenile cases.

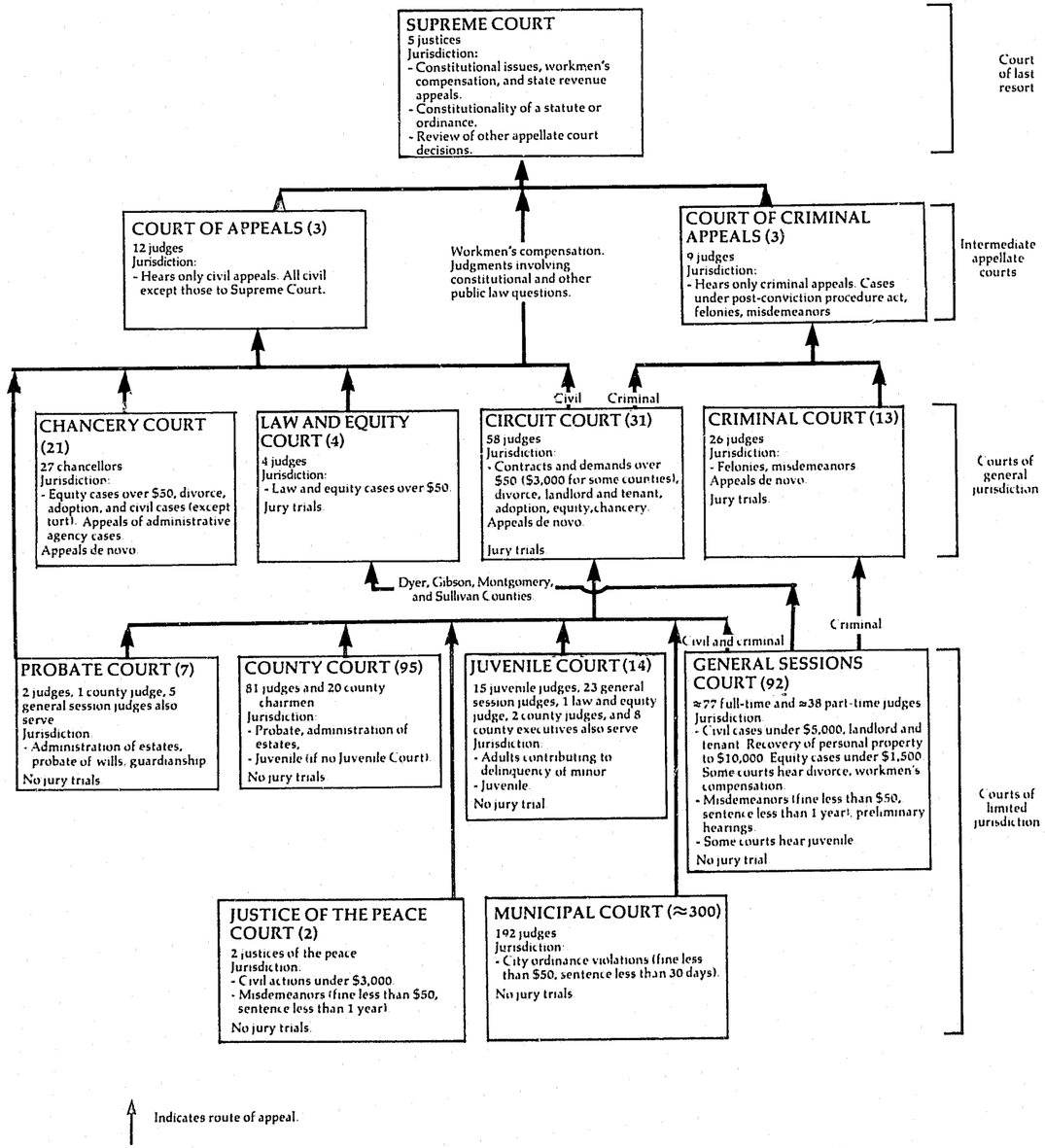
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Offenses included in Class 1 misdemeanors are reckless driving, simple assault, and driving while intoxicated.
Offenses included in Class 2 misdemeanors are approximately 80% traffic cases. The remaining 20% are criminal cases and include disorderly conduct, prostitution, and gambling. Petty offenses are defined as vehicle equipment violations.
The total number of these cases filed and disposed are given in the traffic category since traffic is the majority of these cases.
Traffic data for DWI/DUI cases are included in with the Class 1 misdemeanor data on the court profile.

[k]Additional information:
The juvenile caseload is handled by the court services department. There were 46.5 full-time equivalent court service officers during 1979.

[l]Special source or revision in the data:
Filing figures for criminal and traffic cases were supplied by the administrative office of the court during data verification.

Source: State Court Administrator's Office, Benchmark: A Biennial Report of the South Dakota Unified Judicial System, FY 1978 and 1979 (Pierre, South Dakota: December 1979). Statistics are from the biennial report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional information was supplied by the administrative office of the court during data verification.

TENNESSEE COURT SYSTEM, 1979



TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals	46[h]	159 (121)[e]	227	99
Total appeals	46[h]	159 (121)[e]	227	99
Other cases:				
Requests to appeal:				
Certiorari	142[h]	695	574 (121)[e]	142[j]
Total other cases	142[h]	695	574 (121)[e]	142[j]
Total cases	188[h]	854 (121)[e]	801 (121)[e]	241[j]

Manner of disposition

Opinions	161[m]
Per curiam and orders	66

Disposition of cases

	Appeals	Requests to appeal	Total
Affirmed	68	--	68
Reversed	22	--	22
Reversed and remanded	25	--	25
Affirmed in part--reversed in part	7	--	7
Reversed and dismissed	15	--	15
Modified and affirmed	4	--	4
Affirmed and remanded	13	--	13
Order denying petition	26	--	26
Dismissals	8	--	8
Remanded	16	--	16
Transferred	21	--	21
Granted	--	121	121
Denied	--	555	555
Other	2	19	21

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Petitions for certiorari granted are not counted as disposed until the appeal is disposed; a filing is not counted for the resulting appeal. These granted petitions are the numbers appearing in parentheses.
[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figures were computed from filed, disposed, and end pending data.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
These data include all reported discretionary applications except those not forwarded to the Courts as of December 31, 1979.
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
In addition to the 161 majority opinions and orders, there were 15 dissents and 5 concurrences written.

Source: Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1979 Annual Report (Nashville, Tennessee). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TENNESSEE COURT OF APPEALS[a]
Intermediate appellate court
3 divisions, 12 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	381[h]	775	858	298
Total appeals	381[h]	775	858	298
Other cases:				
Requests to appeal	—	—	—	—
Total other cases				
Total cases	381[h]	775	858	298

Manner of disposition

Opinions	699
Per curiam and simple orders	159

Disposition of appeals

Affirmed	375
Reversed	33
Reversed and remanded	88
Affirmed in part and reversed in part	28
Reversed and dismissed	35
Remanded	41
Modified and affirmed	42
Affirmed and remanded	50
Order denying petition	62
Other	31
Dismissed	64
Transferred	8
Modified and dismissed	1

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
This court has civil jurisdiction only.
[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending data were computed from filed, disposed and end pending data.

Source: Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1979 Annual Report (Nashville, Tennessee). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TENNESSEE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS[a]
Intermediate appellate court
3 divisions, 9 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Criminal	X	650	X	X
Total appeals	X	650	X	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Other	X	13	X	X
Requests to appeal	X	13	X	X
Total other cases				
Total cases	300[h]	663	670	293

Manner of disposition

Opinions	575[m]
Per curiam and orders	95

Disposition of cases

Affirmed	478
Reversed	1
Reversed and remanded	28
Affirmed in part and reversed in part	10
Reversed and dismissed	17
Remanded	17
Modified and affirmed	11
Affirmed and remanded	9
Order denying petition	14
Other	10
Dismissed	74
Transferred	0
Modified and dismissed	1

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
This court has criminal jurisdiction only.
[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figures were computed from filed, disposed and end pending figures.
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
There were also 15 concurrences and 14 dissents written.

Source: Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1979 Annual Report (Nashville, Tennessee). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TENNESSEE CIRCUIT COURT AND CRIMINAL COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
31 circuits, 58 judges; 13 circuits, 26 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Tort:				
Damages/torts	X	9,803	X	X
Contract:				
Contracts/debts	X	2,486	X	X
Real property rights:				
Real estate matters	X	711	X	X
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	X	19,624	X	X
Petitions modifications	X	2,999	X	X
Total	X	22,623	X	X
Support/custody:				
Reciprocal support	X	4,090	X	X
Adoption	X	744	X	X
Other domestic relations	X	376	X	X
Total	X	27,833	X	X
Estate:				
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Trusts	X	13	X	X
Other estate:				
Probate/conservatorship/guardianship	X	91	X	X
Total	X	104	X	X
Mental health	X	376	X	X
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Appeal from administrative hearing	X	115	X	X
Tax matter	X	10	X	X
Workmen's compensation	X	2,996	X	X
Total	X	3,121	X	X
Appeal of trial court case:				
Appeal from lower court	X	5,256	X	X
Total	X	8,377	X	X
Extraordinary writ:				
Special remedy	X	253	X	X
Other civil:				
Contempt proceeding	X	648	X	X
Other non-domestic relations	X	567	X	X
Total	X	1,215	X	X
Total civil	49,763[l]	51,158	46,616	54,305[h]
Criminal[d]:				
Felony/Misdemeanor:				
Acts against persons	X	3,738	X	X
Acts against property	X	16,111	X	X
Acts against public	X	7,476	X	X
Total	X	27,325	X	X
Total criminal	X	27,325	X	X
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
DWI	X	3,398	X	X
Total traffic	X	3,398	X	X
Grand total	72,209[l]	81,881	74,935	79,155[h]

Civil dispositions

Judgment after trial	5,261
Default judgment	791
Settled	6,768
Dismissed	13,876
Divorce decree	14,078
Adoption decree	610
Termination in probate	58
Ruling of petition	2,996
Summary judgment	381
Transfer to another court	595
Special remedy relief	81
Cite for contempt	465
Other	656

Criminal dispositions[m]

Convicted after trial	2,799
Acquitted	821
Guilty plea	16,646
Dismissed	2,578
Nolle prosequi	2,059
Remanded--general sessions	202
Special remedy relief	588
Transfer to another court	52
Unapprehended defendant	635
Other	1,939

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
[h]Figure was computed:
End pending figure was computed from filed, disposed, and beginning pending data.
[l]Special source or revision in the data:
Beginning pending data were obtained from the 1978 end pending data.
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
Criminal dispositions includes traffic dispositions.

Source: Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1979 Annual Report (Nashville, Tennessee). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TENNESSEE LAW AND EQUITY COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
4 courts, 4[c] judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Tort:				
Damages/torts	X	311	X	X
Contract:				
Contracts/debts	X	313	X	X
Real property rights:				
Real estate matters	X	110	X	X
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	X	1,964	X	X
Petitions	X	172	X	X
Total	X	2,136	X	X
Support/custody:				
Reciprocal support	X	382	X	X
Adoption	X	139	X	X
Other domestic relations	X	20	X	X
Total	X	2,677	X	X
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Probate	X	169	X	X
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Trusts	X	9	X	X
Total	X	178	X	X
Mental health	X	46	X	X
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Workmen's compensation	X	193	X	X
Appeal from administrative hearing	X	2	X	X
Tax matter	X	10	X	X
Total	X	205	X	X
Appeal of trial court case:				
Appeal from lower court	X	131	X	X
Total	X	336	X	X
Extraordinary writ:				
Special remedy	X	14	X	X
Other civil:				
Contempt	X	154	X	X
Other non-domestic relations	X	61	X	X
Total	X	215	X	X
Total civil	3,789[f]	4,200	3,613	4,9509
Grand total	3,789[f]	4,200	3,613	4,9509

Civil dispositions

Judgment after trial	303
Default judgment	72
Settled	254
Dismissed	914
Divorce decree	1,357
Adoption decree	70
Termination of probate	113
Ruling on petition	153
Summary judgment	6
Transfer to another court	229
Special remedy relief	34
Cite for contempt	71
Other	37

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[c]Judge information:
Fourteen additional chancellors/judges disposed of 10 percent of the total dispositions.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as given in the state's annual report.

Source: Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1979 Annual Report (Nashville, Tennessee). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TENNESSEE CHANCERY COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
21 chancery divisions, 27[c] chancellors
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Tort:				
Damages/torts	X	531	X	X
Contract:				
Contracts/debts	X	4,447	X	X
Real property rights:				
Real estate matters	X	2,025	X	X
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	X	15,446	X	X
Petitions modifications	X	2,638	X	X
Total	X	18,084	X	X
Support/custody:				
Reciprocal support	X	55	X	X
Adoption	X	1,450	X	X
Other domestic relations	X	160	X	X
Total	X	19,749	X	X
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Probate	X	1,361	X	X
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Trusts	X	45	X	X
Total	X	1,406	X	X
Mental health	X	518	X	X
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Workmen's compensation	X	2,849	X	X
Appeal from administrative hearing	X	197	X	X
Tax matter	X	212	X	X
Total	X	3,258	X	X
Appeal of trial court case:				
Appeal from lower court	X	24	X	X
Total	X	3,282	X	X
Extraordinary writ:				
Special remedy	X	778	X	X
Other civil:				
Contempt	X	508	X	X
Other non-domestic relations	X	1,292	X	X
Total	X	1,800	X	X
Total civil	29,828[f]	34,536	33,295	35,4269
Grand total	29,828[f]	34,536	33,295	35,4269

Civil dispositions

Judgment after trial	3,456
Default judgment	771
Settled	2,859
Dismissed	8,774
Divorce decree	11,396
Adoption decree	1,227
Termination of probate	1,075
Ruling on petition	1,701
Summary judgment	180
Transfer to another court	90
Special remedy relief	223
Cite for contempt	552
Other	991

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[c]Judge information:
Circuit judges hear chancery cases in the Special 11th and 17th Chancery Divisions. Chancery cases in Dyer and Gibson Counties are heard by the judge of the Law and Equity Court since there is no Chancery Court in either of these two counties. Five percent of the dispositions were handled by judges temporarily assigned to hear chancery cases.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as given in the state's annual report.

Source: Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1979 Annual Report (Nashville, Tennessee). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TENNESSEE GENERAL SESSIONS COURT[i]
Court of limited jurisdiction
92 counties; ∿77 full-time and ∿38 part-time judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	N/A	2,680[i]	X	N/A
Petitions modifications	N/A	70[i]	X	N/A
Total	N/A	2,750[i]	X	N/A
Support/custody:				
Reciprocal support	N/A	2[i]	X	N/A
Other domestic relations	N/A	2[i]	X	N/A
Total	N/A	2,754[i]	2,618[i]	N/A
Total civil	N/A	2,754[i]	2,618[i]	N/A
Grand total	N/A	2,754[i]	2,618[i]	N/A

Civil dispositions[i]

Dismissal	414
Divorce decree	1,968
Ruling on petition	154
Transferred	12
Cite for contempt	22
Other	48

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are included in the total but were not available by category.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
[i]Data are not complete:
Data were reported for only 16 out of a possible 95 counties.

Source: Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1979 Annual Report (Nashville, Tennessee). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TENNESSEE PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
7 courts: 2 judges, 1 county judge, and 5 general sessions judges serve
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Probate Court for 1979.

TENNESSEE COUNTY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
95 counties: 81 judges, and 20 county chairmen serve
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the County Court for 1979.

TENNESSEE JUVENILE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
14 courts: 15 juvenile judges, 23 general session judges, 1 law and equity judge, 2 county judges, and 8 county executives serve
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Juvenile Court for 1979.

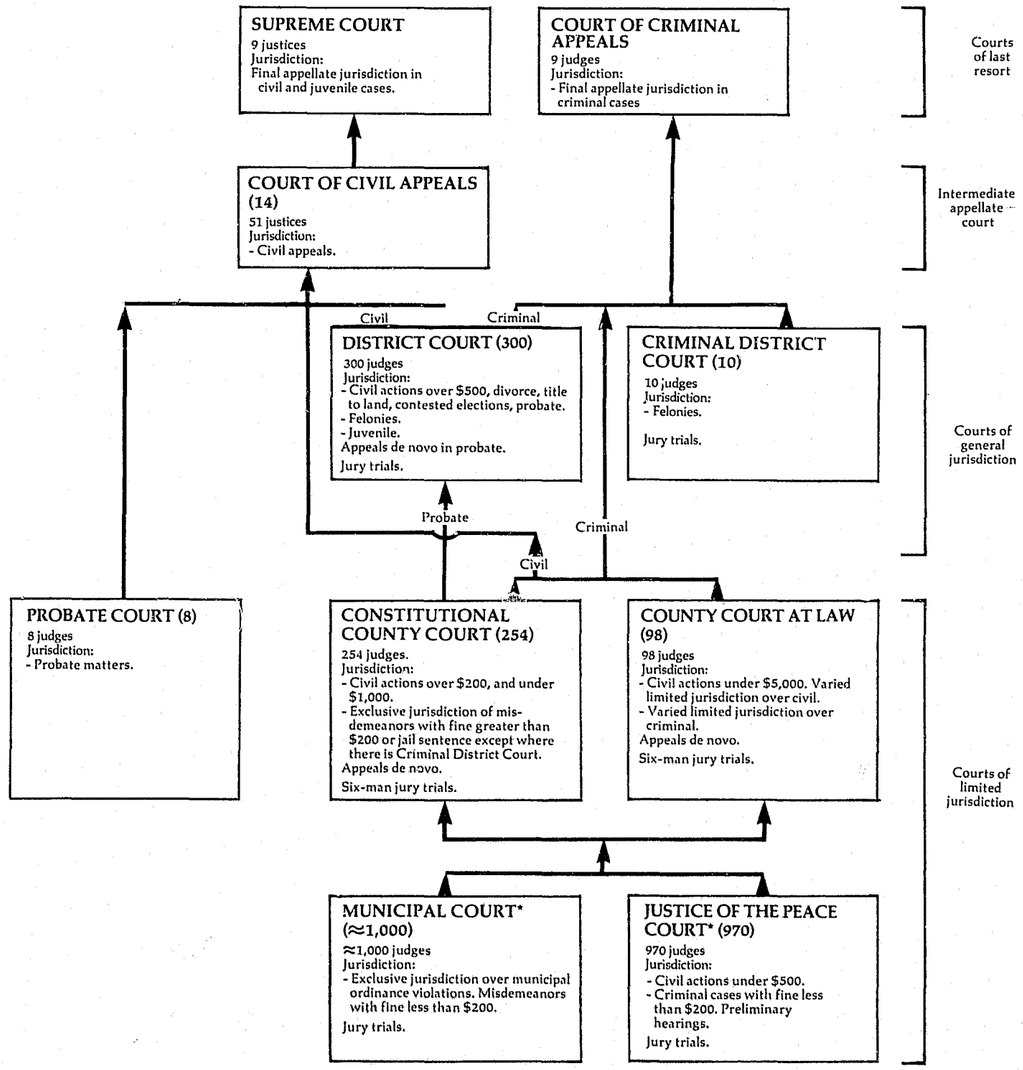
TENNESSEE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
2 courts, 2 justices of the peace
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled by the Justice of the Peace Court in 1979.

TENNESSEE MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
300 courts, 192 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for 1979.

TEXAS COURT SYSTEM, 1979



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

*Some Municipal and Justice of the Peace Courts may appeal to the District Court.

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TEXAS SUPREME COURT[a]
Court of last resort
9 justices
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	30[h]	24 (85)[e]	84	559[h]
Total appeals	30[h]	24 (85)[e]	84	559[h]
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Habeas corpus	2[l]	(4)[e]	4	0[g][l]
Mandamus	0	(8)[e]	8	0
Prohibition	0	(0)[e]	0	0
Injunction	0	6	6	0
Total	2[l]	6 (12)[e]	18	0[g][l]
Disciplinary:				
Judicial suspension proceeding	0[l]	1	1	0[l]
Total	0[l]	7 (12)[e]	19	0[l]
Requests to appeal:				
Motions for leave to file petitions for writ of:				
Mandamus (civil)	5	137	126 (8)[e]	8
Mandamus (criminal)	4	7	9 (0)[e]	2
Habeas corpus	2	14	12 (4)[e]	0
Prohibition	0	3	2 (0)[e]	1
Total	11	161	149 (12)[e]	11
Applications for writs of error	141	822	642 (134)[e]	187
Total	152	983	791 (146)[e]	198
Total other cases	154	990 (12)[e]	810 (146)[e]	1989
Total cases	184	1,014 (97)[e]	894 (146)[e]	1989
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests[j]	24	357	340[k]	41
Other matters:				
Miscellaneous motions	--	166	166	--
Total other proceedings	24	523	506	41

Manner of disposition

Written opinion	93[m]
Per curiam	20

Status of pending caseload (12/31/79)

Set for submission	22
Under submission	33

Disposition of cases

	Civil appeals	Original jurisdiction
Affirmed Court of Civil Appeals	15.5	--
Affirmed judgment of trial court	3	--
Reversed judgment of trial court	2	--
Reversed Court of Civil Appeals, affirmed trial court	24	--
Reversed and remanded to Court of Civil Appeals	4	--
Reversed and remanded to trial court	14.5	--
Reversed and rendered	11	--
Dismissed as moot	1	0
Writs granted	--	18
Relator discharged (withdrawn by petitioner)	--	2
Relator remanded	--	2

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
The Supreme Court is the court of last resort for **civil** cases only.
[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Motions for leave to file petitions for writs of mandamus, habeas corpus, or prohibition, and applications for writs of error when granted are not counted as disposed cases until the associated **original jurisdiction** cases or **appeals** are disposed. Similarly, a filing is not counted for the resulting **original jurisdiction** case or **appeal**. These granted petitions and applications are the numbers appearing in parentheses.
[g]Change in pending doees not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.
Figures are as given in the annual report or as calculated from data given in the annual report or supplied by the clerk of the court.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Rehearing requests include motions for rehearing of causes, motions for rehearing of applications for writs of error, and motions for rehearing of motions for leave to file petition.
[k]Additional information:
Of the 340 motions for rehearing disposed, 11 were granted.
[l]Special source or revision in the data:
The numbers of **original proceedings** cases pending were supplied by the clerk of the court.
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
The court also filed 16 dissenting opinions and 4 concurring opinions.
[h]Figure was computed:
Pending figures for **civil appeals** were calculated by subtracting the number of all other cases pending from the total number of cases pending given in the annual report.

Source: Texas Judicial Council, 51st Annual Report 1979 (Austin, Texas: May, 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional information was supplied by the clerk of the court during data verification.

TEXAS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS[a]
Court of last resort
9 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Criminal:				
Criminal	X	3,021	X	X
Reinstated criminal	X	87	X	X
Applications for writ of habeas corpus, etc., granted	X	(145)[e]	X	X
Total appeals	2,507	3,108 (145)[e]	2,522	3,238
Other cases:				
Requests to appeal:				
Habeas corpus and mandamus	91[f]	1,737	1,635 (145)[e]	48[h]
Total other cases	91[f]	1,737	1,635 (145)[e]	48[h]
Total cases	2,598[f]	4,845 (145)[e]	4,157 (145)[e]	3,286
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	0	603	603	0
Total other proceedings	0	603	603	0

Manner of disposition

	Appeals	Other cases	Other proceedings	Total
Signed opinion	589[m]	--	--	589
Per curiam	1,935	--	--	1,935
With written order	11	X	X	181

Status of pending appeals (12/31/79)

Under submission on rehearing	60
Under original submission	468
Unsubmitted	2,578
Pending on motion for rehearing	4
On appeal to U.S. Supreme Court	7
Waiting to become final or for motion for leave to file motion for rehearing	76
On motion for leave to file motion rehearing	45

Disposition of cases

	Appeals	Requests to appeal
Affirmed	1,812	--
Reformed and affirmed	40	--
Dismissed	152	7
Reversed and remanded	164	--
Reversed	4	--
Remanded to trial court for hearing on punishment	12	--
Abated	75	--
Reversed and dismissed	57	--
Reversed and bail granted	0	--
Granted with opinion	170	123
Granted in part, denied in part	0	0
Granted with order	--	11
Denied	36	1,596
No action	--	48
Hearing ordered	--	32

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
The Court of Criminal Appeals is the court of last resort for **criminal** cases only. It has no original jurisdiction.
[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Applications for writ of habeas corpus, etc., when granted, are not counted as disposed until the associated habeas corpus **appeal** is disposed; a new filing is not counted for the resulting **appeal**. The applications granted are the figures appearing in parentheses.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.
[h]Figure was computed:
End pending figure was computed from filing, disposition, and beginning pending data. There were 91 of the 227 habeas corpus petitions under consideration at year end.
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
The court also filed 118 dissenting opinions, 41 concurring opinions, and 3 opinions dissenting in part, concurring in part.

Source: Texas Judicial Council, 51st Annual Report 1979 (Austin, Texas: May, 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TEXAS COURTS OF CIVIL APPEALS[a]
Intermediate appellate court
14 divisions, 51 justices
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	1,304	2,445	2,270[k]	1,479
Total appeals	1,304	2,445	2,270[k]	1,479
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases	—	—	—	—
Total cases	1,304	2,445	2,270[k]	1,479

Manner of disposition

Written opinion	1,917[m]
Per curiam	123

Time interval data (average months)

Filing to disposition	6.5
Submission to disposition	2.3

Age of pending caseload

Under 6 months	1,075
6+ to 12 months	362
Over 12 months	42

Disposition of appeals

	Civil
Affirmed	973
Reversed and rendered	145
Affirmed in part, reversed in part and rendered	34
Affirmed in part, reversed in part and remanded	56
Reversed and remanded	342
Modified and/or reformed and affirmed	73
Dismissed with opinion	176
Dismissed without opinion	249
Otherwise disposed with opinion	157
Otherwise disposed without opinion	95

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case may or may not be handled by the court.

[a]Court jurisdiction:
The Courts of Civil Appeals have **civil** jurisdiction only.
[k]Additional information:
During 1979, 29 cases were granted a rehearing after disposition. These cases were subtracted from the total number disposed and were not added to the number filed to avoid double counting of cases.
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
The 1,917 majority opinions included 1,670 in cases on the merits, 55.5 refusing rehearing, 24.5 granting rehearing, 107 dismissing appeals, and 60 other opinions. In addition, the court filed 11 concurring, and 29 dissenting opinions.

Source: Texas Judicial Council, 51st Annual Report 1979 (Austin, Texas: May, 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TEXAS DISTRICT COURT AND CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
300 courts, 300 judges; 10 courts, 10 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Tort:				
Auto tort:				
Personal injury	31,052[f]	16,926	15,535	32,4449
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	84,361[f]	136,387	133,801	86,947
Annulment	813[f]	1,636	1,569	880
Total	85,174[f]	138,023	135,370	87,827
Other domestic relations:				
Nonadversary[j]	12,250[f]	22,562	20,870	13,942
Total	97,424[f]	160,585	156,240	101,769
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Workmen's compensation	10,113[f]	8,066	7,275	10,904
Tax	60,544[f]	20,642	19,676	61,510
Total	70,657[f]	28,708	26,950	72,4149
Extraordinary writ:				
Habeas corpus	1,027[f]	4,926	4,814	1,139
Other civil	136,450[f]	100,839	85,527	151,762
Total civil	336,610	311,984	289,066	359,528
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Criminal categories	48,627[f]	77,461	75,231	50,857
Misdemeanor	7,602[f]	7,950	9,886	5,666
Postconviction remedy:				
Postconviction habeas corpus	612	1,985	1,981	616
Other criminal:				
Contempt, extradition	657[f]	1,112	1,088	681
Bond forfeitures	5,567[f]	3,968	3,052	6,483
Total	6,224[f]	5,080	4,140	7,164
Total criminal	63,065[f]	92,476	91,238	64,303
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquency	X	8,624	X	X
Status offense:				
Child in need of supervision	X	1,156	X	X
Other juvenile	X	1,605	X	X
Total juvenile	4,604[f]	11,385	11,283	4,706
Grand total	404,279[f]	415,845	391,587	428,537

Trial[di]

Civil[i]:	Jury	Non-jury	Directed verdict[m]	Total
Tort	648	1,363	12	2,023
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution	125	102,656	3	102,784
Other	20	16,104	11	16,135
Total	145	118,760	14	118,919
Appeal:				
Agency	486	4,043	13	4,542
Other civil	1,447	20,251	133	21,831
Total	2,726[i]	144,417[i]	172[i]	147,315[i]
Criminal:				
Felony	2,902	993	72	3,967
Misdemeanor	7	97	0	104
Total	2,909	1,090	72	4,071
Juvenile	159	6,648	27	6,834
Grand total	5,794	152,155	271	158,220

Civil dispositions[i]

	Auto tort	Domestic relations: Marriage dissolution	Domestic relations: Other	Appeal: Agency	Other civil	Total[i]
Default judgment	474	--	86	3,878	9,760	14,198
Agreed judgment	4,538	--	684	4,634	10,632	20,488
Complete summary judgment	88	--	136	88	1,866	2,178
Dismissed for want of prosecution	2,849	23,177	1,449	4,365	15,693	47,533
Dismissed by plaintiff	4,331	8,625	1,303	8,704	18,710	41,673
Removed to federal court	21	6	4	10	288	329
Transferred--plea/ privilege	184	140	234	68	1,604	2,230
Other	1,027	638	839	661	5,143	8,308

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Criminal dispositions

	Felony	Misdemeanor	Total
Jury trial:			
Conviction	2,396	6	2,402
Acquittal	506	1	507
Directed verdict[m]:			
Acquittal	72	0	72
Non-jury trial:			
Conviction	728	96	824
Acquittal	265	1	266
Guilty plea	45,782	3,404	49,186
Dismissal, insufficient evidence	4,225	1,149	5,374
Other dismissals	20,557	4,468	25,025
Transfers	700	761	1,461

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X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs. Guilty pleas in criminal cases after the start of a non-jury trial are not counted as trials.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filngs and dispositions:
Figures are as given inthe annual report.
[i]Data are not complete:
Disposition and trial data for the civil category do not include dispositions and trials of extraordinary writs.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filings include new cases filed and other cases reaching docket.
Domestic relations "nonadversary" category includes adoptions, change of name, occupational drivers' licenses, dependent and neglected children decisions, and removal of disability of minority.
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
Directed verdict cases are counted as jury trials on the tables in Part I of this report.

Source: Texas Judicial Council, 51st Annual Report 1979 (Austin, Texas: May, 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TEXAS COUNTY COURT AT LAW, CONSTITUTIONAL COUNTY COURT, AND PROBATE COURT[b]
Court of limited jurisdiction
98 courts, 98 judges; 254 courts, 254 judges; 8 courts, 8 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Other civil[j]	53,824[f]	43,531	53,487	43,868
Tort:				
Auto tort:				
Auto damage	15,392[f]	9,853	10,137	15,108
Contract:				
Suit on debt	45,368[f]	28,319	27,710	45,977
Real property rights:				
Condemnation	1,641[f]	546	470	1,717
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Probate	N/A	62,787	N/A	N/A
Total civil	116,225[fi]	145,036	91,804[i]	106,670[i]
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Worthless checks	64,729[f]	35,989	34,935	65,879[g]
Marijuana	12,474[f]	19,499	20,189	11,790[g]
Other criminal	106,423[f]	87,668	154,977	120,369[g]
Total[j]	183,626[fj]	143,156	210,101[j]	198,038[gj]
Appeal	(j)	81,357	(j)	(j)
Total criminal	183,626[f]	224,513	210,101	198,038
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Driving while intoxicated	46,868[f]	86,158	85,509	47,517
Total traffic	46,868[f]	86,158	85,509	47,517
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquency	X	1,183	X	X
Status offense:				
Child in need of supervision	X	270	X	X
Total juvenile	1,547[f]	1,453	1,436	1,564
Grand total	348,266[fi]	457,160	388,850[i]	353,789[gi]

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Law	821	2,934	3,755
Tort:			
Auto tort	193	517	710
Contract	66	1,173	1,239
Real property rights	12	15	27
Total	1,092	4,639	5,731
Criminal	1,266	2,064	3,330
Traffic:			
DWI/DUI	911	550	1,461
Grand total	3,269	7,253	10,522

Civil dispositions

	Law	Auto tort	Contract	Real property rights	Total
Default or agreed judgments	20,182	3,699	15,637	307	39,825
Dismissed	27,335	4,920	9,816	85	42,156
Other	2,215	808	1,018	51	4,092

Criminal dispositions

Jury trial:	
Conviction	701
Acquittal	565
Non-jury trial:	
Conviction	1,140
Acquittal	924
Pleas of guilty/nolo contendere	77,379
Dismissed	96,584
Other	32,808

Traffic dispositions

Jury trial:	
Conviction	491
Acquittal	420
Non-jury trial:	
Conviction	392
Acquittal	158
Pleas of guilty/nolo contendere	67,462
Dismissed	14,073
Other	2,513

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[b]Particular court or reporting system information:
In the calendar year 1978, clerks in all counties reported data for all 12 months, a reporting rate of 100 percent.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or complaint.
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1978 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1977 court year:
The number of cases pending is adjusted by computer to reflect transfers and other year-end input.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Criminal appeals pending and disposed figures are reported in the **misdemeanor** categories. **Criminal appeals** filed are reported separately. As a result, neither **misdemeanor** or **criminal appeals** figures balance.
[i]Data are not complete:
Total civil and grand total disposition and pending figures do not include **estate** cases. Filings are for all categories.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
"Other civil" includes all of Harris County (Houston) activity which was not reported in the four detailed civil categories.
Misdemeanor totals include appeal dispositions and pending cases. Appeal filings are separated from the **misdemeanor** cases.

Source: Texas Judicial Council, 51st Annual Report 1979 (Austin, Texas: May 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TEXAS MUNICIPAL COURT[i]
Court of limited jurisdiction
1,000[b] courts, 1,000 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Non-traffic	N/A	394,207	312,608	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	394,207	312,608	N/A
Traffic:				
Parking	N/A	2,689,782	1,414,590	N/A
Other traffic violation	N/A	2,460,034	2,320,841	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	5,149,816	3,735,431	N/A
Grand total	N/A	5,544,023	4,048,039	N/A

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Criminal	728	77,594	78,322
Traffic[m] (other traffic violation)	1,990	355,825	357,815
Total	2,718	433,419	436,137

Criminal dispositions

Jury trial:	
Conviction	488
Acquittal	340
Non-jury trial:	
Conviction	70,095
Acquittal	7,499
Dismissed	40,052
Bond forfeitures	76,184
Payments of fine	117,950

Traffic dispositions[m]

Jury trial:	
Conviction	1,325
Acquittal	665
Non-jury trial:	
Conviction	292,798
Acquittal	63,027
Dismissed	312,417
Bond forfeitures	174,328
Payments of fine	1,476,281

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[b]Particular court or reporting system information:
Monthly reports were requested from the 214 cities with a 1970 population of over 5,000.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the complaint.
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.
[i]Data are not complete:
Data reported here represent 2,292 reports out of a possible 2,568, a reporting rate of 89 percent. Data includes only courts in cities with a 1970 population of 5,000 or greater. Data for the entire year were submitted by courts in 186 cities, incomplete data were submitted by courts in 14 cities, and the remaining 14 cities submitted no data for the 1978 court year.
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
Trial and disposition data for **traffic** cases include only **other traffic violation** cases.

Source: Texas Judicial Council, 51st Annual Report 1979 (Austin, Texas: May, 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TEXAS JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT[i]
Court of limited jurisdiction
970 courts, 970 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil suits	N/A	267,928[i]	200,498[i]	N/A
Total civil	N/A	267,928[i]	200,498[i]	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Non-traffic	N/A	396,661[i]	273,052[i]	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	396,661[i]	273,052[i]	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	1,171,450[i]	1,043,390[i]	N/A
Grand total	N/A	1,836,039[i]	1,516,940[i]	N/A

Trial[di]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	735	65,499	66,234
Criminal	477	46,430	48,907
Traffic	1,443	139,760	141,203
Total	2,655	251,689	256,344

Civil dispositions[i]

	Law
Settlement	77,630
Dismissed	56,634

Criminal dispositions[i]

Jury trial:	
Conviction	278
Acquittal	199
Non-jury trial:	
Conviction	42,926
Acquittal	3,504
Dismissed	58,768
Bond forfeitures	4,087
Payments of fine	163,290

Traffic dispositions[i]

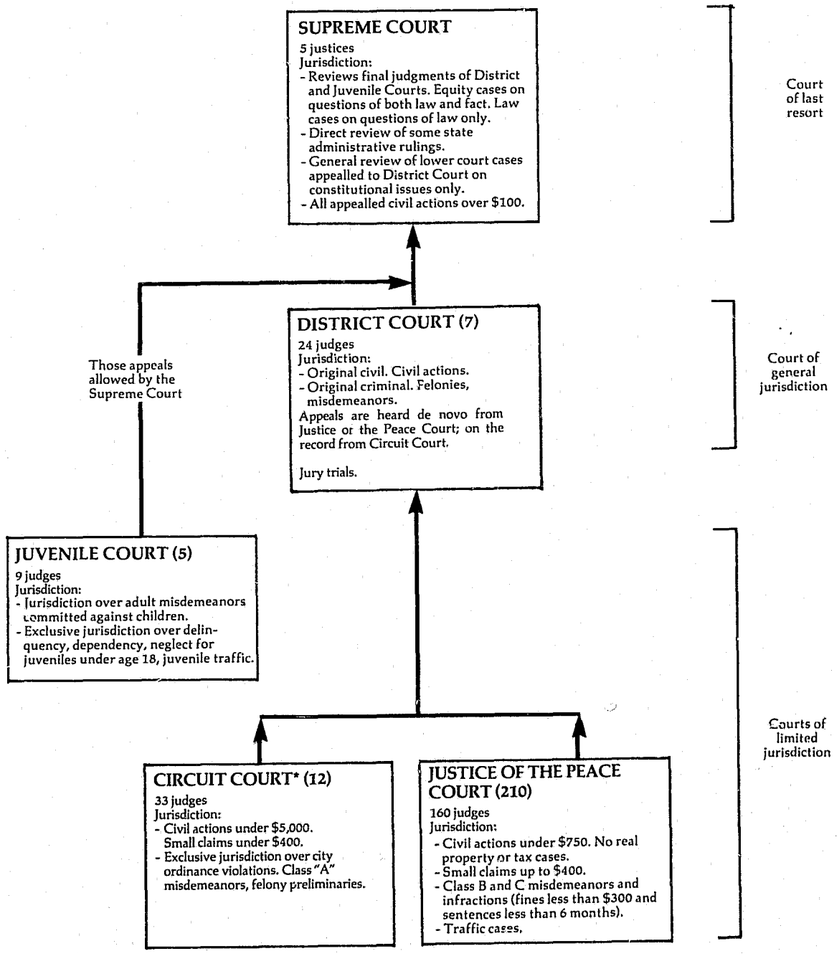
Jury trial:	
Conviction	1,179
Acquittal	264
Non-jury trial:	
Conviction	134,351
Acquittal	5,409
Dismissed	62,958
Bond forfeitures	16,541
Payments of fine	822,688

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the complaint.
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.
[i]Data are not complete:
Data reported here represent 9,180 Justice of the Peace Court monthly reports out of a possible 11,640, a reporting rate of 79 percent.

Source: Texas Judicial Council, 51st Annual Report 1979 (Austin, Texas: May, 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

UTAH COURT SYSTEM, 1979



Indicates route of appeal.

*The City Court was replaced effective July 1, 1978 by the Circuit Court.

UTAH SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	N/A	377	X	N/A
Criminal	N/A	107	X	N/A
Post conviction remedy:				
Post conviction	N/A	16[1]	X	N/A
Appeals of administrative agency cases:				
Administrative agencies	N/A	38[1]	X	N/A
Juvenile:				
Juvenile courts	N/A	12[1]	X	N/A
Other appeals:				
Interlocutory appeals	N/A	48[1]	X	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	598	X	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Original writs	N/A	16[1]	X	N/A
Disciplinary matter:				
Attorney discipline or application to bar	N/A	4[1]	X	N/A
Total	N/A	20	X	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	20	X	N/A
Total cases	N/A	618	534	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Law and motion	--	260	260	--
Total other proceedings	--	260	260	--

Manner of disposition

Opinion	300
Dismissal	234

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[1]Special source or revision in the data:
Filing figures for cases other than **civil** and **criminal appeals** were supplied by the clerk of the court during data verification.

Source: Utah Judicial Council, Annual Report/Utah Courts July 1, 1980 to June 30, 1981 (Salt Lake City, Utah: 1981). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional figures were supplied by the clerk of the court during data verification.

UTAH DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
7 districts, 29 courts, 24 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Tort:				
Personal injury	X	864	X	X
Real property rights:				
Eminent domain	X	81	X	X
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	X	10,746	X	X
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Probate	3,496	3,464	2,650	4,311[g]
Mental health	X	908	957	X
Appeal	X	229	93	X
Extraordinary writ:				
Writs[j]	X	338	X	X
Other civil:				
Complaints[j]	X	10,881	X	X
Total civil	26,299	27,511	23,181	30,736[g]
Criminal[d]:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal categories	X	2,103	2,225	X
Appeal	X	293	270	X
Total criminal	1,028[f]	2,396	2,495	935[g]
Grand total	27,327[f]	29,907	25,676	31,671[g]

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil[m]	231	1,748	1,979
Criminal[m]	279	146	425
Total	510	1,894	2,404

Civil dispositions[m]

Clerk judgment	761
Summary judgment	823
Defaults	9,692
Dismissed	6,226
Other	3,700

Criminal dispositions[m]

Pleas of guilty	1,431
Dismissed	369

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as given in the annual report.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Complaints (**other civil**) include filings not set forth in other categories, e.g., Uniform Enforcement of Support Act.
Writs contain such matters as Writs of review, prohibition, coram nobis, and habeas corpus.
[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
Civil type of disposition and trial data are given for **tort, real property rights, domestic relations, extraordinary writ,** and **other civil** cases.
Criminal type of disposition and trial data are given for **felony/misdemeanor** cases but not for **appeals.**

Source: Utah Judicial Council, Annual Report, Utah Courts July 1, 1978-June 30, 1979 (Salt Lake City, Utah: 1979). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

UTAH CIRCUIT COURT[b][i]
Court of limited jurisdiction
12 circuits, 33 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Small claims	N/A	15,251[i]	X	N/A
Other civil:				
Complaints	N/A	22,874[i]	X	N/A
New trials	N/A	130[i]	X	N/A
Total	N/A	23,004[i]	X	N/A
Total civil	N/A	38,255[i]	30,611[i]	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
State[j]	N/A	10,778[i][j]	X	N/A
Ordinance violation:				
City	N/A	20,297[i]	X	N/A
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony preliminary	N/A	(j)	X	N/A
Other criminal:				
New trials	N/A	111[i]	X	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	31,186[i]	25,197	N/A
Traffic[d]:				
Parking	N/A	278,333[i]	X	N/A
Other traffic violation:				
Moving	N/A	141,362[i]	X	N/A
Nonmoving	N/A	41,106[i]	X	N/A
Total	N/A	182,468[i]	X	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	460,801[i]	355,498[i]	N/A
Grand total	N/A	530,242[i]	411,306[i]	N/A

Trial[di]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	80	4,633	4,713
Criminal	350	3,525	3,875
Traffic	369	6,950	7,319
Total	799	15,108	15,907

Civil dispositions[i]

Dismissed	8,422
Defaults	12,189
Summary judgments	1,059
Clerk judgment	4,228

Criminal dispositions

Guilty pleas	9,972
Bail forfeiture	4,042
Dismissed	5,367
Bound over	1,941

Traffic dispositions[i]

Guilty pleas	26,392
Bail forfeiture	313,009
Dismissed	8,661

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[b]Particular court or reporting system information:
The City Court was repealed effective July 1, 1978 and replaced by the Circuit Court.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
The traffic case unit of count is the number of citations issued, regardless of the number of violations contained in each citation.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.
[i]Data are not complete:
No data were reported for the court located in American Fork for any case categories except **criminal** dispositions.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
State case filings include felony **preliminary hearings** and state misdemeanors.

Source: Utah Judicial Council, Annual Report, Utah Courts July 1, 1978-June 30, 1979 (Salt Lake City, Utah: 1979). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

UTAH JUSTICE COURT[i]
Courts of limited jurisdiction
210 courts, 160 justices of the peace
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Small claims	N/A	2,308[i]	N/A	N/A
Other civil	N/A	462[i]	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	2,770[i]	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	14,738[i]	N/A	N/A
Preliminary hearing	N/A	364[i]	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	15,102[i]	N/A	N/A
Traffic[d]:				
DWI/DUI	N/A	1,445[i]	N/A	N/A
Parking	N/A	1,946[i]	N/A	N/A
Other traffic violation:				
License violations	N/A	6,870[i]	N/A	N/A
Speeding	N/A	72,995[i]	N/A	N/A
Other Moving[j]	N/A	11,662[i]	N/A	N/A
Other Non-moving[j]	N/A	34,061[i]	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	125,588[i]	N/A	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	128,979[i]	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	146,851[i]	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of complaints filed.
The traffic case unit of count is the number of violations contained within each citation.

[i]Data are not complete:
Monthly statistical reports were submitted by 154 of the 183 justices of the peace.

Source: Utah Judicial Council, Annual Report, Utah Courts July 1978-June 1979 (Salt Lake City, Utah: 1979). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

UTAH JUVENILE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
5 districts, 9 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed[j]	Disposed	End pending
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor:				
Adult referrals	N/A	254	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	254	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Traffic--juvenile	N/A	13,396	N/A	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	13,396	N/A	N/A
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Criminal	N/A	17,149	N/A	N/A
Status offense	N/A	6,617	N/A	N/A
Non-offense:				
Dependency, neglect, abuse	N/A	1,750	N/A	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	25,516	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	39,166	N/A	N/A

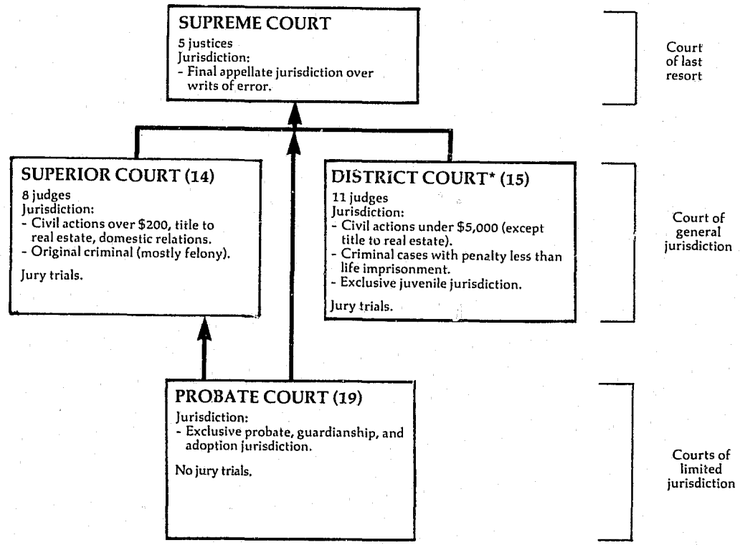
Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Filed figures are the number of referrals.

Source: Administrative Office of Juvenile Court, Juvenile Court for the State of Utah, Annual Report, 1979 (Salt Lake City, Utah). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

VERMONT COURT SYSTEM, 1979



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

*The District Court was created as a court of limited jurisdiction but since its creation has steadily increased its scope to include almost all criminal business except for homicides and cases where the sentence may be life imprisonment.

VERMONT SUPREME COURT[b]
Court of last resort
5 justices
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending[g]	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Civil	X	277	267	X
Small claims	X	12	1	X
URESA	X	1	0	X
Probate	X	X	X	X
Other	X	6[l]	9[l]	X
Total	X	296[l]	277[l]	X
Criminal:				
Criminal	X	89	X	X
Traffic	X	6[l]	2[l]	X
Bail	X	5	X	X
Total	X	100[l]	72	X
Postconviction remedy:				
Postconviction	X	6	7	X
Habeas corpus	X	4	0	X
Total	X	10	7	X
Juvenile	X	9	6	X
Total appeals	289[f]	418[k]	362	3489
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Habeas corpus	0	0	0	0
Extraordinary relief	1	2	3	0
Other civil	1	1	2	0
Total	2	3	5	0
Disciplinary matter	0	1	0	1
Total	2	4	5	1
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases	2[f]	4	5	1
Total cases	291[f]	422	367	3499
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests:				
Motions requesting reargument	0[f]	29	28	1
Total other proceedings	0[f]	29	28	1

Manner of disposition

	Appeals	Original proceedings	Total
Written opinion	115[m]	0	115
Per curiam	27	0	27
By court order	110	5	115
Stipulation by parties	110	0	110

Age of pending caseload

	Appeals	Original proceedings
Under 6 months	204	0
6+ to 12 months	102	1
12+ to 18 months	32	0
18+ to 24 months	3	0
24+ to 30 months	4	0
30+ to 36 months	1	0
Over 36 months	2	0

Disposition of appeals

Written and per curiam opinions:	
Affirmed	66
Affirmed and vacated in part	1
Affirmed in part, reversed in part, and remanded	1
Affirmed, vacated, and remanded	2
Reversed	1
Affirmed in part, reversed in part	4
Dismissed	9
Reversed and remanded	28
Reversed and remanded with instructions	6
Dismissed and cause remanded	2
Remanded with instructions	0
Affirmed and remanded	2
Vacated, remanded and reversed	1
Certified questions answered	2
Vacated and remanded	11
Judgment vacated	3
Judgment vacated and cause dismissed	1
Remanded	1
Reversed and vacated	1

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[f]Beginning pending figures for 1979 court year does not equal end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.

[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as given in the annual report.

[k]Additional information:
Three of the appeals filed were not identified by case type. They are included in the total number of appeals filed, but not in breakdown of filings by case type.

[l]Special source or revision in the data:
These figures were corrected by the staff of the Office of the Court Administrator during data verification.

[m]Information on trial or type of disposition data:
There were also 3 dissenting opinions written.

Source: Office of the Court Administrator, Judicial Statistics for Year Ending June 30, 1979 (Montpelier, Vermont). Sources of case data are available. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and corrections were made by the Office of the Court Administrator during data verification.

VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
14 counties, 8 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	4,272[f]	3,485	3,270	4,487
Domestic relations:				
Other domestic relations:				
Matrimonial[j]	2,714[f]	3,288	3,144	2,858
Appeal:				
Miscellaneous[j]	368	338	327	379
Extraordinary writ:				
Habeas corpus	5	21	16	10
Total civil	7,359[f]	7,132	6,757	7,734
Criminal[d]:				
Felony	20	23	35	8
Misdemeanor	3	2	5	0
Appeal	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Postconviction remedy	19[f]	37	30	26
Sentence review only	N/A	N/A	2	N/A
Total criminal	42[fi]	62[i]	72	34[i]
Grand total	7,401[fi]	7,194[i]	6,829	7,768[i]

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil[m]:			
Law	65	308	373
Appeal	3	100	103
Total	68	408	476
Criminal[m] (felony/misdemeanor)	1	4	5
Grand total	69	412	481

Civil dispositions[m]

	Law	Domestic relations	Appeal	Total
Default judgment	587	--	6	593
Consent judgment	337	--	50	387
Summary judgment	0	--	--	0
Dismissed	1,970	519	168	2,657
Transferred	2	0	0	2
Granted	--	2,362	--	2,362
Change of venue	1	0	0	1
Discontinued and other	--	263	--	263

Age of pending caseload

	Law	Domestic relations	Appeal	Felony	Misdemeanor
Under 3 months	(n)	(n)	(n)	2	0
3+ to 6 months	(n)	(n)	(n)	4	0
6+ to 12 months	(n)	(n)	(n)	1	0
Under 12 months	2,463[n]	2,227[n]	224[n]	1	0
12+ to 24 months	1,328	557	104	0	0
24+ to 36 months	557	71	40	0	0
Over 36 months	139	3	11	0	0

Criminal dispositions[m]

Plea	12
Dismissed	12
Nolle prosse	1
Change of venue	8
Extradition	0
Transferred	1
By finding	1
Sentence reduced	0
Sentence unchanged	2

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court but the data are unavailable.
-- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.
A jury trial is counted if the jury hands down a verdict.
A non-jury trial is counted if tried to decision.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
The difference represents adjustments made during the year to counts from Rutland County.

[i]Data are not complete:
Total criminal and grand total pending and filed figures do not include **sentence review only** figures.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Matrimonial cases include divorce, annulment, and **support/custody** cases.
Miscellaneous cases include both **civil** and **criminal appeals** as well as some habeas corpus and **postconviction remedy** cases.

[m]Categories for disposition type or trial data:
Criminal disposition data are only given for **felony, misdemeanor, sentence review only,** and **appeal** cases, and do not include any **postconviction remedy** data.

[n]Time interval or age of pending caseload data:
The data for **law, domestic relations,** and **appeal** cases under 3 months, 3+ to 6 months, and 6+ to 12 months in age are included in the total listed as under 12 months.

Source: Office of the Court Administrator, Judicial Statistics for Year Ending June 30, 1979 (Montpelier, Vermont). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

VERMONT DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
15 circuits, 11 judges
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending[b]	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	2,195[f]	2,999	3,085	2,109
Small claims	1,710[f]	6,822	6,715	1,817
Domestic relations:				
Support/custody:				
Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act	172[f]	717	785	104
Mental health:				
Mentally ill commitments	51	425	400	76
Commitments to Brandon Training School	0	139	85	54
Petitions for protective supervision	0	15	12	3
Total	51	579	497	133
Total civil	4,128[f]	11,117	11,082	4,163
Criminal[d]:				
Felony	971[f]	2,892	2,753	1,110
Misdemeanor	2,573[f]	15,280	14,741	3,112
Sentence review only	N/A	N/A	45	N/A
Other criminal:				
Snowmobile/boating complaints and fish and game information	0	646	549	97
Total criminal	3,544[fi]	18,818[i]	18,088	4,319[i]
Traffic:				
Total traffic	1,977	80,821	81,032	1,766
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	241	1,099	1,154	186
Grand total	9,890[fi]	111,855[i]	111,356	10,434[i]

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Law	6	173	179
Small claims	0	431	431
Total	6	604	610
Criminal	167	52	219
Traffic	29	405	434
Grand total	202	1,061	1,263

Civil dispositions

Law:	
Voluntary dismissal	1,195
Default judgment	1,381
Dismissed by judge	314
Transferred	16
Small claims:	
Settled/discontinued/ dismissed/summary judgment	6,284

Criminal dispositions

Jury trial:	
Guilty plea	24
Non-jury trial:	
Guilty plea	2
Guilty plea before trial	11,958
Dismissed by court	649
Nolle pross	4,854
Transferred to Juvenile Court	295
Change of venue	2
Referred to Department of Fish and Game	40
Sentence reduced	18
Sentence unchanged	27

Traffic dispositions

Plea	67,493
Nolle pross	832
Dismissed	1,322
Referred to Department of Motor Vehicles (noncompliance)	10,951

Age of pending caseload

	Civil (law)	Felony	Misdemeanor	Other criminal	Traffic
Under 3 months	(n)	519	1,539	(n)	(n)
3+ to 6 months	(n)	140	374	(n)	(n)
Under 6 months	(n)	659	1,913	88[n]	1,613[n]
6+ to 12 months	(n)	139	98	0	128
Under 12 months	1,511[n]	798	2,011	88	1,741
12+ to 24 months	462	23	17	0	24
24+ to 36 months	105	5	0	0	1
Over 36 months	31	0	0	0	0

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court but the data are unavailable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
A jury trial is counted if tried to verdict for **civil** and **traffic** cases; if drawing of jury begins for **criminal** cases.
A non-jury trial is counted if tried to decision for **civil** and **traffic** cases; if trial begins for **criminal** cases.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1978 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1977 court year:
These differences reflect adjustments made to pending figures for the Washington and Chittenden County courts.

[i]Data are not complete:
Total criminal and grand total pending and filed figures do not include criminal **sentence review only** cases.

[n]Time intervals or age of pending data:
Civil age of pending cases under 3 months, 3+ to 6 months, under 6 months, and 6+ to 12 months are listed as under 12 months.
Traffic age of pending cases under 3 months and 3+ to 6 months are listed as under 6 months.

Source: Office of the Court Administrator, Judicial Statistics for Year Ending June 30, 1979 (Montpelier, Vermont). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

VERMONT PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
19 circuits
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

	Beginning pending[b]	Filed[j]	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations:				
Adoption	127	502	460	169
Other domestic relations:				
Pre-marriage matters	0	709	708	1
Total	127	1,211	1,168	170
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Decedent estates	4,689[i]	1,950	1,830	4,809[i]
Testamentary trusts	1,977	70	91	1,956
Total	6,666[i]	2,020	1,921	6,765[i]
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship	3,832[i]	1,019	617	4,234[i]
Other estate:				
Gifts to minors	2	0	0	2
Cemetaries	0	0	0	0
Total	2	0	0	2
Total	10,500[i]	3,039	2,538	11,101[i]
Mental health:				
Alcohol and drug commitments	1	0	0	1
Other civil:				
Change of name	10	160	142	28
Vital records	109	348	354	103
Total	119	508	496	131
Total civil	10,747[i]	4,758	4,202	11,303[i]
Grand total	10,747[i]	4,758	4,202	11,303[i]

Number of contested hearings held

Domestic relations:	
Adoption	22
Estate:	
Decedent estates	57
Testamentary trusts	7
Guardianships	42
Total	106
Mental health	0
Total	128

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

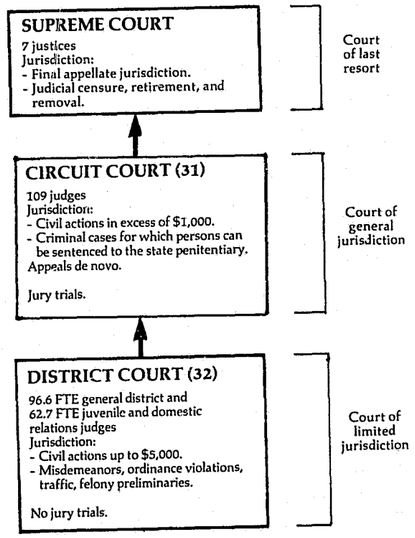
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Cases filed prior to January 1, 1970 which were disposed during the year were added into the filings as reopened cases.

[i]Data are not complete:
Figures for pending decedent estate and guardianship cases do not include hearings held for cases commenced prior to January 1, 1970.

Source: Office of the Court Administrator, Judicial Statistics for Year Ending June 30, 1979 (Montpelier, Vermont). Statistics are from the year ending report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

VIRGINIA COURT SYSTEM, 1979



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

VIRGINIA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
January 8, 1979 to January 4, 1980

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Petitions to appeal granted:				
Civil	X	(168)[e]	X	X
Criminal	X	(39)[e]	X	X
Postconviction remedy:				
Habeas corpus	X	(0)[e]	X	X
Total appeals	192	(207)[e]	235	2179
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Habeas corpus	X	X	252[k]	X
Mandamus	X	X	58[k]	X
Prohibition	X	X	2[k]	X
Total	114[l]	X	316[k]	79
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions to appeal:				
Withdrawn	--	X	56	--
Civil	171[l]	X	384 (168)[e]	271
Criminal	277[l]	X	758 (39)[e]	283
Postconviction remedy:				
Habeas corpus	21[l]	X	61 (0)[e]	17
Total	469[l]	X	1,259 (207)[e]	561
Total other cases	583[l]	1,862	1,575 (207)[e]	6409
Total cases	775[l]	1,862 (207)[e]	1,810 (207)[e]	8579
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	N/A	79	71	N/A
Other matters				
Orders to show cause or respond	--	272	272	--
Extensions of time	N/A	285	285	N/A
Total	N/A	557	557	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	636	627	N/A

Manner of disposition	Appeals
Written opinion	161
By order	74
Withdrawn	56

Disposition of cases	Appeals	Requests to appeal	Original jurisdiction
Affirmed	75	--	--
Reversed, remanded, etc.	86	--	--
Granted	--	207	--
Awarded	--	--	32
Refused	--	1,203	284
Withdrawn	--	56	--

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Petitions to appeal granted are not counted as disposed until the **appeal** is disposed; a filing is not counted for the **appeal**. The number of granted petitions to appeal appear in parentheses.

[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the annual report.

[k]Additional information:
One mandamus and 31 habeas corpus cases were awarded; no prohibition cases were. The remaining original jurisidiction cases were refused: 221 habeas corpus, 57 mandamus, and 2 prohibition. In addition, four other cases were also refused that could not be identified by case type.

[l]Special source or revision in data:
Beginning pending figures for other cases were taken from the 1978 annual report, where they are listed as end pending figures for 1978.

Source: Office of the Executive Secretary, Supremo Court, State of the Judiciary Report 1978 and State of the Judiciary Report 1979 (Richmond, Virginia: 1978 and 1979). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

VIRGINIA CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
31 circuits, 109 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Other law	X	25,633	23,045	X
Real property rights:				
Condemnation	X	1,076	972	X
Equity:				
Other chancery	X	12,842	11,151	X
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	X	33,252	31,155	X
Appeal	X	2,538	1,943	X
Total civil	X	75,341	68,266	X
Criminal[d]:				
Felony	X	31,896	31,260	X
Misdemeanor	X	22,839	22,246	X
Extraordinary writs				
Habeas corpus	X	385	330	X
Total criminal	X	55,120	53,836	X
Grand total	114,888[f]	130,461	122,100	123,249

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil			
Law	1,345	3,407	4,752
Real property rights	147	146	293
Equity	32	1,436	1,468
Domestic relations:			
Marriage dissolution	--	1,504	1,504
Appeal	135	597	732
Total	1,659	7,090	8,749
Criminal:			
Felony	2,182	6,921	9,103
Misdemeanor	702	5,859	6,561
Extraordinary writ	--	86	86
Total	2,884	12,866	15,750
Grand total	4,543	19,956	24,499

Civil dispositions

	Law	Real property rights	Equity	Marriage dissolution	Appeal	Total
Settled/dismissal	12,824	395	3,040	2,537	835	19,631
Default judgment	1,640	1	44	4	49	1,738
Case purged	2,309	13	1,523	2,809	222	6,876
Trial--dispositions	--	--	533	14,736	--	15,269
Trial--commissioner	62	208	1,963	9,097	--	11,330
Other	1,458	62	2,580	408	105	4,673

Criminal dispositions

	Felony	Misdemeanor	Extraordinary writ	Total
Withdrawal prior to trial	--	1,621	8	1,629
Dismissed without trial	1,166	982	147	2,295
Nolle Prosequi	5,233	2,909	--	8,142
Guilty plea prior to trial	13,849	9,021	--	22,870
Other	1,909	1,152	89	3,150

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X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Figure is as given in the annual report.

Source: Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court, State of the Judiciary Report 1979 (Richmond, Virginia: 1980). Statistics are from the report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

VIRGINIA DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
32 districts, 96.6 FTE general district and 62.7 FTE juvenile and domestic relations judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

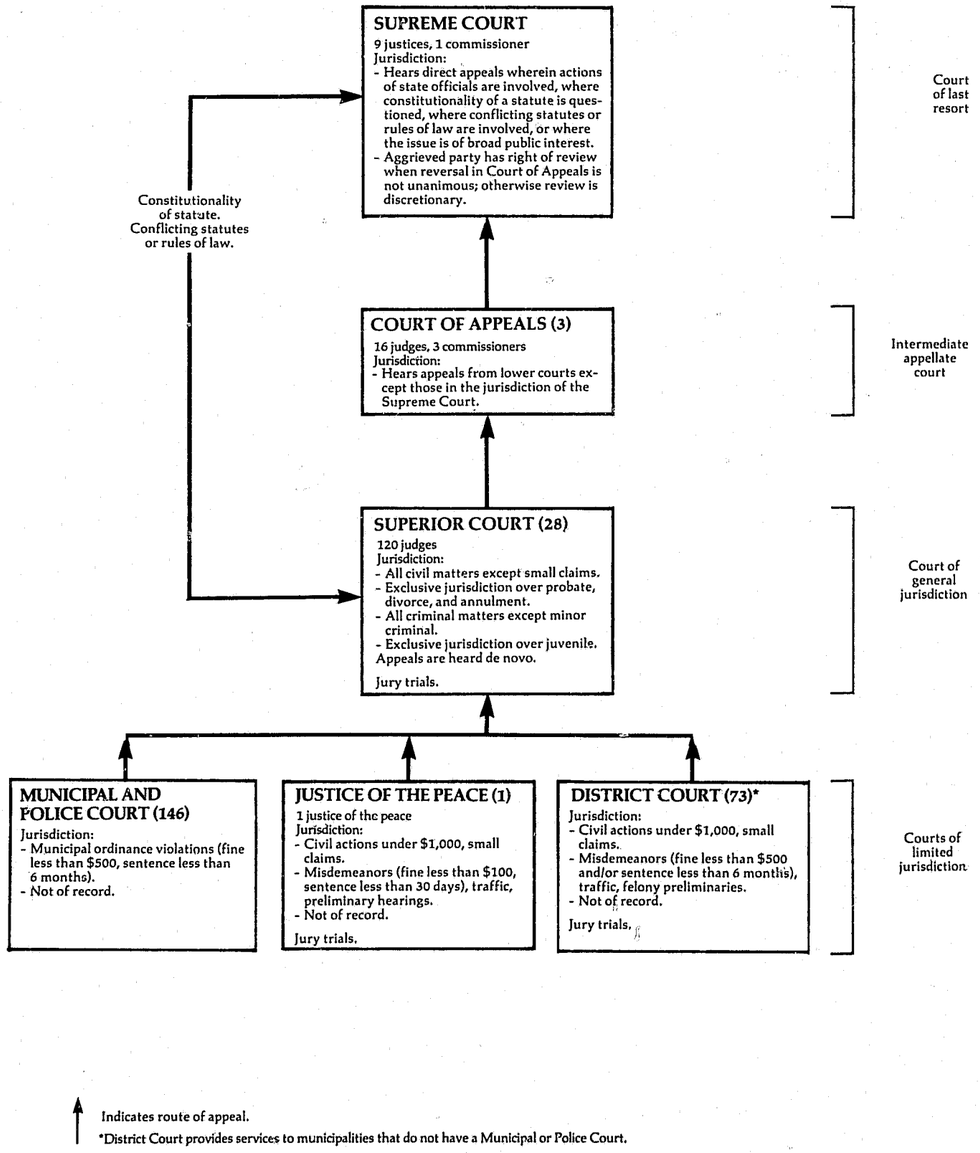
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations	N/A	55,251	49,463	N/A
Other civil:				
Civil	N/A	482,063	451,718	N/A
Total civil	N/A	537,314	501,181	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Other criminal:				
Criminal	N/A	299,819	291,640	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	299,819	291,640	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	918,037	886,348	N/A
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	131,363	123,925	N/A
Grand total	N/A	1,886,533	1,803,094	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[c]Judge information:
The court is also served by magistrates. There are 410 positions authorized, 241 of which serve full-time. During the 1979 court year, they issued 287,175 arrest warrants, 196,243 bonds, 34,088 summons, 3,516 search warrants, 212,651 committals and releases, 189,062 civil warrants, and handled 24,710 prepayments of traffic infractions and 12,150 prepayments of class four misdemeanors.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.

Source: Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court, State of the Judiciary Report 1979 (Richmond, Virginia: 1980). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

WASHINGTON COURT SYSTEM, 1979



WASHINGTON SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
9[c] justices
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending[j]	Filed	Disposed	End pending[j]
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	106[fl]	149	141	1359
Criminal	45[fl]	35	34	429
Total appeals	151[fl]	184	175	1779
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Personal restraint petitions[j]	2[l]	27	15	169
Disciplinary matter	5[l]	2	4	49
Total	7[l]	29	19	209
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions for review:				
Civil	51[fl]	222	229	529
Criminal	55[fl]	190	179	659
Total	106[fl]	412	408	1179
Notices of discretionary review	28[fl]	160	153	289
Total	134[fl]	572	561	1459
Total other cases	141[fl]	601	580	1659
Total cases	294[fl]	785	755	3429

Manner of disposition

	Appeals			Original jurisdiction	Disciplinary	Requests to appeal				Total
	Civil	Criminal	Total			Petitions for review Civil	Petitions for review Criminal	Discretionary review	Total	
Opinion	93	25	118	5	4	25	15	22	62	189
Order:										
Denied	10	0	10	1	0	199	164	116	479	490
Dismissed	6	4	10	5	0	5	0	14	19	34
Transferred	32	5	37	4	--	0	0	1	i	42

Time interval data (median days)

	Number of cases	From filed to ready	From ready to heard	From heard to opinion	From filing to opinion filed
Appeals in which opinions were filed:					
Criminal:					
Filed direct	5	281.0	122.0	73.0	489.0
Certified from COA	9	363.0	129.0	122.0	643.0
All criminal	14	318.5	122.5	108.0	555.5
Civil:					
Filed direct	19	280.0	102.0	143.0	528.0
Certified from COA	31	270.0	117.0	142.25	501.5
All civil	50	270.5	106.5	142.5	505.0
Juvenile:					
Filed direct	0	--	--	--	--
Certified from COA	1	134.0	0.0	128.0	262.0
All juvenile	1	134.0	0.0	128.0	262.0
All appeals:					
Filed direct	24	280.5	116.5	128.5	489.5
Certified from COA	41	304.0	117.0	141.75	517.5
All appeals	65	296.0	117.0	134.75	517.5

Status of pending caseload (12/31/79)

	Appeal			Disciplinary	Petitions for review			Other cases	Total
	Civil	Criminal	Total		Civil	Criminal	Total		
Not ready for setting	76	25	101	0	0	0	0	11	112
Ready for setting	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	19	21
Set for hearing	25	3	28	3	38	40	78	6	115
Opinion/order in process	33	14	47	1	14	24	38	8	94
Opinion/order filed (awaiting remittance)[j]	7	3	10	0	6	3	9	2	21

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Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
-- = Not applicable.

[c]Judge information:
In addition, one commissioner serves the Supreme Court.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Prior to 1979, cases awaiting remittance were counted as part of the pending caseload. The difference between the figures is the number of cases awaiting remittance.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as given in the annual reports.
[j]Explanation of data included in the total:
Pending caseflow data included in the profile do not include cases on which the opinion or order have been filed but are still awaiting remittance.
Personal restraint petitions are requests for relief from conditions of restraint imposed by the court, i.e., a prisoner who feels his sentence should be shortened under new laws passed since his incarceration.
[l]Special source or revision in the data:
Beginning pending figures were taken from the 1978 annual report where they are given as end pending figures for that year.

Source: Office of the Administrator for the Courts, 22nd, 23rd Annual Report 1978, 1979 (Olympia, Washington). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

WASHINGTON COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
3 divisions, 16 judges, 3 commissioners
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending[j]	Filed	Disposed	End ending[j]
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	1,079[fl]	1,200	1,157	1,136[g]
Criminal	827[fl]	721	783	786[g]
Total appeals	1,906[fl]	1,921	1,940	1,922[g]
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Personal restraint petitions[j]	60[fl]	174	154	80
Requests to appeal:				
Motions for discretionary review	46[fl]	148	139	51[g]
Total other cases	106[fl]	322	293	131
Total cases	2,012[fl]	2,243	2,233	2,053[g]

Manner of disposition

	Appeals: Civil	Criminal	Total	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	Total
Opinion:						
Published opinion	237	172	409	9	8	426
Unpublished opinion	322	377	699	9	2	710
Order:						
Denied	1	1	2	44	86	132
Dismissed	223	553	776	81	39	896
Transferred	10	44	54	11	4	69

Time interval data (median days)

Type of appeal:	From filed to ready	From ready to heard	From heard to opinion	From filing to opinion filed
Criminal	194.0	223.2	54.3	423.0
Civil	187.0	202.5	61.2	439.0
Juvenile	138.5	154.5	75.5	375.5
All appeals	189.8	218.8	60.8	424.8

Status of pending caseload (12/31/79)

	Appeals: Civil	Criminal	Total	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	Total
Not ready for setting	583	386	969	69	32	1,070
Ready for setting	177	104	281	9	5	295
Set for hearing	260	199	459	1	8	468
Opinion/order in process	116	97	213	1	6	220
Awaiting remittance[j]	122	109	231	3	6	240

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
-- = Not applicable.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Prior to 1979, cases awaiting remittance were counted as part of the pending caseload. The difference between the figures is the number of cases awaiting remittance.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as given in the annual reports.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Pending caseflow data included in the profile do not include cases awaiting remittance.
Personal restraint motions are a procedure for seeking relief from terms of confinement.
[l]Special source or revision in the data:
Beginning pending figures were provided by the administrative office of the court during data verification.

Source: Office of the Administrator for the Courts, 23rd Annual Report 1979 (Olympia, Washington). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional information was provided by the administrative office of the court during data verification.

WASHINGTON SUPERIOR COURT[i]
Court of general jurisdiction
28 courts, 120 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Tort	N/A	6,968	6,258[i]	N/A
Contract:				
Commercial/contract	N/A	22,469	16,138[i]	N/A
Real property rights:				
Property rights	N/A	6,984	3,834[i]	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Adoption	N/A	3,709	2,483	N/A
Other domestic relations:				
Domestic relations	N/A	42,529	31,545[i]	N/A
Total	N/A	46,238	34,028[i]	N/A
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Probate	N/A	11,516	7,392	N/A
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianships	N/A	2,020	757	N/A
Total	N/A	13,536	8,149	N/A
Mental health	N/A	4,386	1,436	N/A
Appeal:				
Appeal of trial court case:				
Lower court appeals	N/A	872	193[i]	N/A
Appeal of administative agency case:				
Administrative Law Review	N/A	888	410[i]	N/A
Total	N/A	1,760	603[i]	N/A
Other civil	N/A	9,979	4,054[i]	N/A
Total civil	N/A	112,320	74,500[i]	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Felony[j]:				
Crime against person[j]	N/A	4,747	X	N/A
Crime against property[j]	N/A	3,164	X	N/A
Liquor/narcotics	N/A	1,582	X	N/A
Other criminal	N/A	2,678	X	N/A
Total	N/A	12,171	X	N/A
Appeal of trial court case:				
De novo appeals from lower courts	N/A	3,053	X	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	15,224	12,956[i]	N/A
Juvenile:				
Criminal type offense:				
Juvenile offenders	N/A	16,378	14,008	N/A
Non-offense:				
Dependency	N/A	4,458	2,638	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	20,836	16,646	N/A
Grand total	N/A	148,380	104,102[i]	N/A

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil[m]	1,181	6,203	7,384
Criminal	1,619	1,171	2,790
Juvenile	0	3,176	3,176
Total	2,800	10,718	13,518

Civil dispositions[him]

Dismissed--failure to prosecute	4,788
Default judgment	28,725
Change of venue	798
Settled/other pretrial dismissal	26,331
Summary judgment	2,394
Disposed following start of trial (including trial verdict)	16,756

Criminal dispositions[hi]

Dismissed or acquitted after trial	648
Change of venue	389
Deferred prosecution or pretrial dismissal	3,369
Convicted and sentenced	6,867
Convicted with probation or deferred sentence	1,814

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.

[i]Data are not complete:
Incomplete disposition data were reported for the case categories marked for one court location. That court was able to report dispositions only for cases filed during 1979.

[h]Figures were computed:
Civil and **criminal** type of disposition data were calculated using percentages for each type of disposition given in the annual report.

[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
All original **criminal** cases filed in the Superior Court are **felony** cases. **Misdemeanors** are heard only on appeal from lower courts.
Crime against person category includes homicide, assault, sex offenses, and robbery.
Crime against property category includes burglary, larceny, and forgery.

[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
Type of disposition and trial data for **civil** cases given included the case categories of **tort, contract, real property rights, civil appeals,** domestic relations, and **other civil** cases.

Source: Office of the Administrator for the Courts, 23rd Annual Report 1979 and 1980 Annual Report of the Caseloads and Operations of the Courts of Washington (Olympia, Washington). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT COURT AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE[k]
Court of limited jurisdiction
73 district courts, 1 justice of the peace
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Law:				
Civil	N/A	67,106	N/A	N/A
Small claims	N/A	25,339	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	92,445	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	70,753	N/A	N/A
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony preliminary	N/A	9,876	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	80,629	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	591,235	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	764,309	N/A	N/A

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	X	X	X
Criminal	X	X	X
Traffic	X	X	X
Grand total	1,298	65,356	66,654

Criminal dispositions[m]
Bail forfeitures 13,828

Traffic dispositions[m]
Bail forfeitures 315,004

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X = The data for this case type is known to be included in the total, but were not available by category.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.

[k]Additional information:
District Court and Justices of the Peace data include cases that are processed by District Courts for municipalities that contract with the District Court for this purpose.

[m]Explanation of data included in the category:
Criminal and **traffic** dispositions include figures for bail forfeiture listed under both the court business of the District Courts and of Municipal Courts that contract with the District Courts.

Source: Office of the Administrator for the Courts, 23rd Annual Report 1979 (Olympia, Washington). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

WASHINGTON MUNICIPAL AND POLICE COURT[k]
Court of limited jurisdiction
146 courts
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[k]:				
Total civil	N/A	2,009	N/A	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Ordinance violation:				
Criminal	N/A	49,238	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	49,238	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
Parking:				
Parking citations	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other traffic violation:				
Traffic	N/A	221,897	N/A	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	221,897	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	273,144[i]	N/A	N/A

Trial[d]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	N/A	N/A	N/A
Criminal	X	X	X
Traffic	X	X	X
Total	338[i]	17,074[i]	17,412[i]

Criminal dispositions[k]
Bail forfeitures 11,844

Traffic dispositions[k]
Bail forfeitures 125,204

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

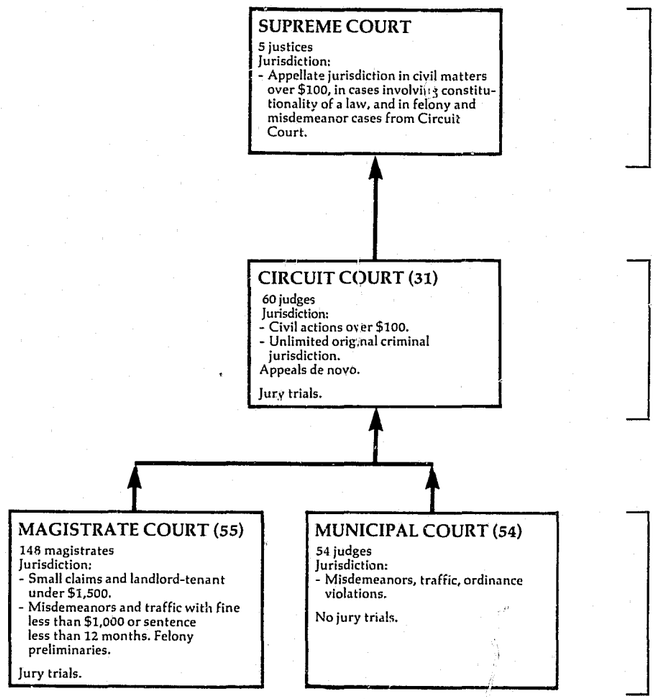
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.
A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.

[i]Data are not complete:
No data were available on the number of **parking** cases that were handled by the court.
Trial figures do not include **civil** trials that were conducted by the Seattle Municipal Court.

[k]Additional information:
Municipal and Police Court figures do not include those municipal **ordinance violations/traffic violations** that are processed by District Courts for municipalities contracting with District Courts for services.
Civil cases are handled in the Seattle Municipal Court only.

Source: Office of the Administrator for the Courts, 23rd Annual Report 1979 (Olympia, Washington). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

WEST VIRGINIA COURT SYSTEM, 1979



WEST VIRGINIA SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals[k]	N/A	0 (353)[e]	236	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	0 (353)[e]	236	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings[k]:				
Original jurisdiction	N/A	509	325 (184)[e]	N/A
Advisory opinion:				
Certified question	N/A	9	1 (8)[e]	N/A
Total	N/A	518	326 (192)[e]	N/A
Requests to appeal:				
Regular writs	N/A	X	X (X)[e]	N/A
Certiorari	N/A	X	X (X)[e]	N/A
Total	N/A	494	242 (252)[e]	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	1,012	568 (444)[e]	N/A
Total cases	N/A	1,012 (353)[e]	804 (444)[e]	N/A

Disposition of other cases

Manner of disposition (matured cases)			Original jurisdiction	Advisory opinion	Requests to appeal
Written and per curiam opinion	185	Granted	184	8	252
Orders and per curiam orders	51	Denied	264	1	217
		Withdrawn	0	0	1
		Not considered	61	0	24

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total, but were not available by category.

[e]Cases not included in the total to avoid double counting:
Requests to appeal that have been granted are not counted as disposed until the **appeal** is disposed; a filing is not counted for the resulting **appeal**. These granted **requests to appeal** are the numbers appearing in parentheses.

[k]Additional information:
West Virginia does not have an automatic appeal in either **civil** or **criminal** cases. Case accounting provided by the court consists of accounting for petitions for appeal filed and acted upon. Data are not maintained regarding **appeals** as a separate category.
Original proceedings are heard on a discretionary basis.

Source: Unpublished data provided by the administrative office of the courts. Statistics are from the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

WEST VIRGINIA CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
31 circuits, 60 judges
December 1, 1978 to November 30, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Domestic relations:				
Adoptions	278[fh]	1,308	1,264	322
Mental health:				
Mental hygiene	373[fh]	2,311	2,276	408
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Administrative	32[fh]	1,446	1,372	106
Other civil:				
Civil	40,057[fh]	33,423	32,770	40,710
Miscellaneous cases	922[fh]	3,037	2,477	1,482
Total	40,979[fh]	36,460	35,247	42,192
Total civil	41,662[fh]	41,525	40,159	43,028
Criminal[d]:				
Total criminal	5,607[fh]	7,659	6,241	7,025
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	2,940[fh]	6,995	6,291	3,644
Grand total	50,209[fh]	56,179	52,691	53,697

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of indictments or warrants issued.
[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
These figures represent the number of cases awaiting service on December 1, 1978, a different data than the figures given as pending at the end of the 1978 court year.
[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figures were calculated from filed, disposed, and end pending figures given in the unpublished data.

Source: Unpublished data provided by the administrative office of the courts. Statistics are from the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

WEST VIRGINIA MAGISTRATE COURT[a]
Court of limited jurisdiction
55 courts, 148 magistrates
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Total civil	14,574[h]	48,442	42,208	20,808
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor[j]	39,382[h]	118,339	107,869	49,852
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony	4,085[h]	11,196	9,871	5,410
Total criminal	43,467[h]	129,535	117,740	55,262
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Traffic and D.N.R.[j]	14,646[h]	122,291	116,249	20,688
Total traffic	14,646[h]	122,291	116,249	20,688
Grand total	72,687[h]	300,268	276,197	96,758

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.

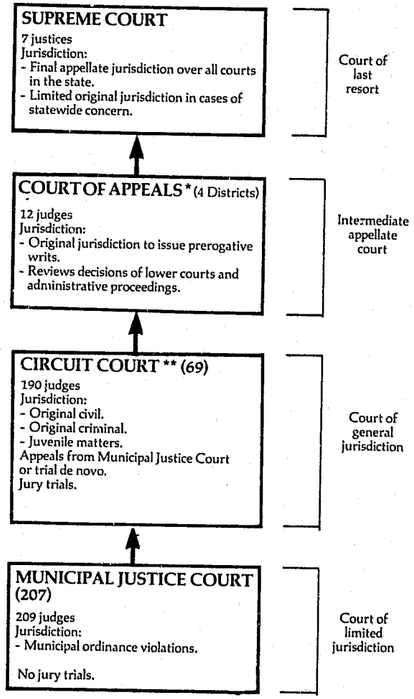
[a]Court jurisdiction:
This court was established January 1, 1977, replacing the existing Justice of the Peace Courts throughout the state.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or a complaint.
The criminal unit of count is the number of warrants issued.
[h]Figure was computed:
Beginning pending figures were computed from filed, disposed and end pending figure.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Misdemeanor includes **worthless check** cases.
"D.N.R." are cases, primarily traffic violations, occurring in state parks under the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources.

Source: Unpublished data provided by the administrative office of the courts. Statistics are from the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
54 courts, 54 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for 1979.

WISCONSIN COURT SYSTEM, 1979



indicates route of appeal.

*The Court of Appeals was established by Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 187, (1977) and began hearing cases on August 1, 1978.
**The County Court was abolished on August 1, 1978 and its jurisdiction was added to the Circuit Court.

WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals[j]:				
Total appeals	N/A	548	449	108
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Habeas corpus, mandamus, prohibition, certiorari	5	28	29	4
Miscellaneous	N/A	39	N/A	N/A
Original actions	0	6	6	0
Total	5[i]	73	35[i]	4[i]
Disciplinary	0	15	15	0
Total	5[i]	88	50[i]	4[i]
Total other cases	5[fi]	88	50[i]	4[i]
Total cases	5[fi]	636	499[i]	112[i]
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests:				
Motion for reconsideration	7	47	52	2
Other matters:				
Motions	41	47	76	12
Foreign bar admissions, bar exam, and diploma	--	N/A	675	--
Total	41	47[i]	751	12
Total other proceedings	48	94[i]	803	14

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
-- = Not applicable.

[f]Beginning pending figure for the 1979 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1978 court year:
Between 1978 and 1979, the court changed its reporting period from the fiscal year to the calendar year and also made some changes in its jurisdiction. As a result the numbers are not the same.
[i]Data are not complete:
Beginning pending total cases figure does not include the number of appeals pending at the beginning of the court year.
Total **original jurisdiction, original proceedings**, total other cases, and total cases pending and disposition data do not include miscellaneous cases.
Total other matters and total other proceedings filed do not include foreign bar admissions, bar exam, and diploma matters.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
The Supreme Court hears cases described as "review, bypass, and certification." It can review decisions of the Court of Appeals, hear cases on bypass of the Court of Appeals (on litigant's petition), or hear a case on certification from the Court of Appeals. To correspond with data reported from other states in this report, these cases are classified as **appeals** on this profile.

Source: Figures were supplied by the Director of State Courts Office during data verification.

WISCONSIN COURT OF APPEALS[a]
Intermediate appellate court
3 districts, 12 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals[j]:				
Civil	626	1,459[j]	1,270[j]	819[g]
Criminal	173	414[j]	377[j]	212[g]
Total appeals	799	1,873[j]	1,647[j]	1,031[g]
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction	10	110	113	14[g]
Requests to appeal:				
Non-final order of judgment	N/A	(j)	(j)	0
Total other cases	10[i]	110[i]	113[i]	14[g]
Total cases	809[i]	1,983	1,760	1,045[g]
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Motions	--	N/A	1,913	102
Total other proceedings	--	N/A	1,913	102

Manner of disposition

With opinion	867
Without opinion	893

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
-- = Not applicable.

[a]Court information:
The Court of Appeals was established by Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 187 (Laws of 1977) and began hearing cases on August 1, 1978.
[g]Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Thirteen cases were reinstated during the year. Figures are as given in the unpublished data.
[i]Data are not complete:
No figures are given for the number of **request to appeal** cases that were pending at the beginning of the year. These cases were not available separately from the number of **civil** and **criminal appeals** filed and disposed. They are not included in the number of total other cases pending at the beginning of the year, filed, or disposed.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Figures for **request to appeal** cases filed and disposed are included in the number of **civil** and **criminal appeals** filed and disposed. There were 189 **requests to appeal** filed and 189 disposed.

Source: Figures were supplied by the administrative office of the courts.

WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
69 circuits, 190 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Small claims	N/A	58,469[i]	56,156[i]	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	N/A	23,247	17,384	N/A
Other domestic relations	N/A	13,280	11,523	N/A
Total	N/A	36,527	28,907	N/A
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Estates	N/A	28,923	29,003	N/A
Other estate:				
Other proceedings	N/A	13,483	11,921	N/A
Total	N/A	42,406	40,924	N/A
Other civil[j]	N/A	61,238	48,277	N/A
Total civil	N/A	198,640	174,264	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Felony	N/A	13,187	12,352	N/A
Misdemeanor	N/A	27,683	23,878	N/A
Other criminal:				
Contested forfeitures	N/A	13,567	20,084	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	54,437	56,314	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Other contested traffic	N/A	82,233	68,747	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	82,233	68,747	N/A
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	4,681[i]	4,279[i]	N/A
Grand total	N/A	339,991[i]	303,604[i]	N/A

Trial[di]

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Small claims	23	3,501	3,524
Domestic relations	96	9,766	9,862
Other civil[j]	1,002	3,195	4,197
Total	1,121	16,462	17,583
Criminal:			
Felony	522	600	1,122
Misdemeanor	276	644	920
Other criminal	125	2,212	2,337
Total	923	3,456	4,379
Traffic	441	7,289	7,730
Juvenile	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grand total	2,485[i]	27,207[i]	29,692

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[b]Particular court or reporting system information:
Statistics are collected separately by Milwaukee County, which is not a part of the otherwise statewide information system.
[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.
A juvenile disposition is counted with the disposition of a formal petition.
A trial is counted when any testimony is taken.
[i]Data are not complete:
Small claims data are reported for all cases in Milwaukee County, but for contested cases only in the rest of the state.
Juvenile data were available for Milwaukee County only.
Total trial figures do not include trials conducted for **juvenile** cases.
[j]Explanation of data included in the category:
Cases included in the "other civil" category are **torts, real property rights, mental health, appeals, extraordinary writs,** and other civil cases for all areas of the state not reported separately on the profile.

Source: Unpublished data supplied by the Director of the State Courts Office.

WISCONSIN MUNICIPAL JUSTICE COURT[i]
Court of limited jurisdiction
207 courts, 209 justices[c]
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

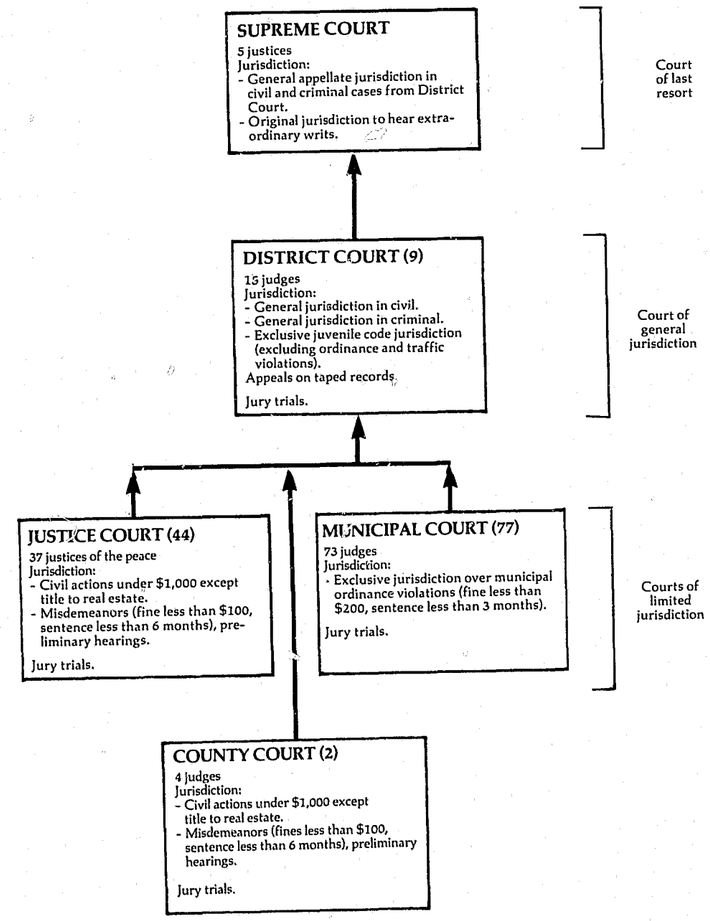
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal[d]:				
Ordinance violations:				
Civil ordinance violation	N/A	N/A	53,376[i]	N/A
Total criminal[k]	N/A	N/A	53,376[i]	N/A
Traffic:				
Parking	N/A	N/A	136,123[i]	N/A
Other traffic violation:				
Traffic	N/A	N/A	107,777[i]	N/A
Other	N/A	N/A	6,718[i]	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	114,495[i]	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	N/A	250,618[i]	N/A
Grand total	N/A	N/A	303,994[ik]	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

[c]Judge information:
One hundred and seventy-seven municipal justices reported statistics for 1979. The municipal justice spends an average of 2 1/2 hours on the bench and another 3 hours on related court work each week.
[d]Case definition or unit of court:
The criminal case unit of count is the number of complaints.
[i]Data are not complete:
Data were reported for 177 of the 209 court locations.
[k]Additional information:
In addition to the cases disposed by the court, the court also issued 34,180 warrants.

Source: Data were supplied by the Director of the State Courts Office.

WYOMING COURT SYSTEM, 1979



WYOMING SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	X	X	X	X
Criminal	X	X	X	X
Total appeals	X	X	X	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings	X	X	X	X
Total other cases	X	X	X	X
Total cases	132	177	222	87

Manner of disposition	
Opinion	158[m]
Order	42[m]

Disposition of cases	
Dismissed order	46
Original proceedings denied	11

Time interval data (average months)	
Docketing to maturity	3.6
Maturity to argument	2.2
Argument to opinion	2.8
Docketing to opinion	2.2
Cases dismissed by order:	
Docketing to disposition	2.2
Original proceedings denied by order:	
Docketing to disposition	1.3

Status of pending caseload (12/31/79)	
Not matured	37
Matured	4
Set for argument	26
Under advisement	20

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[m]Information on disposition type or trial data:
The 158 opinions closed 165 cases. The 42 orders closed 46 cases.

Source: Unpublished data supplied by the Court Coordinator and the Clerk of the Supreme Court.

WYOMING DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
9 districts, 15 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending[i]	Filed	Disposed[i]	End pending[i]
Civil[d]:				
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Probate	N/A	2,190	N/A	N/A
Other civil	4,044	10,069	9,573	4,541
Total civil	4,044[i]	12,259	9,573[i]	4,541[i]
Criminal[d]:				
Felony:				
Criminal	664	1,613	1,573	697
Total criminal	664	1,613	1,573	697
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	1,022	N/A	N/A
Grand total	4,108[i]	14,894	11,146[i]	5,238[i]

Trial[d]	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	56	2,724	2,780
Criminal	71	253	324
Total	127	2,977	3,104

Civil dispositions	Other civil
Default	3,345
Dismissal	3,322
Other	126

Criminal dispositions	
Guilty plea	764
Dismissal	410
Other	75

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
The trial definition is not consistent statewide.
[i]Data are not complete:
Total civil pending and disposed figures do not include any estate data.
Grand total pending and disposed cases do not include any estate or juvenile data.

Source: Judicial Planning Committee of Wyoming, Wyoming Courts (Cheyenne, Wyoming: January/February, 1980) vol. 2, no. 1. and unpublished data supplied by the Office of the Court Coordinator. Statistics are from the newsletter and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

WYOMING COUNTY COURT AND JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT[i]
Court of limited jurisdiction
2 courts, 4 judges; 44 courts, 37 justices of the peace
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil[d]:				
Total civil	N/A	N/A	5,601[i]	N/A
Criminal[d]:				
Preliminary hearing	N/A	N/A	866[i]	N/A
Other criminal:				
Criminal	N/A	N/A	64,486[i]	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	N/A	66,218[i]	N/A
Grand Total	N/A	N/A	71,819[i]	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
[i]Data are not complete:
No data were reported by one County Court or 22 Justice of the Peace Courts.

Source: Gayle R. Stewart, Assistant Court Coordinator, Wyoming Minor Court System Review (Cheyenne, Wyoming: July, 1980). Statistics are from this report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

WYOMING MUNICIPAL COURT[i]
Court of limited jurisdiction
77 courts, 73 judges
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal[d]:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	N/A	X	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	N/A	X	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	N/A	X	N/A
Grand Total	N/A	N/A	43,049[i]	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the CSIM project.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

[d]Case definition or unit of count:
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
[i]Data are not complete:
No data were reported by 33 of the 77 court locations.

Source: Gayle R. Stewart, Assistant Court Coordinator, Wyoming Minor Court System Review (Cheyenne, Wyoming: July, 1980). Statistics are from this report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

Appendices

Appendix A: Technical discussion of estimation procedures

A. Calculation of Missing and Incomplete Data

Least squares regression was used to estimate the total volume of filings and dispositions in trial and appellate courts for 1979. The procedure followed is similar to the one that was used to estimate the national totals for the 1978 edition of the Annual Report. The same or a reduced number of independent variables in each regression equation were used to predict 1979 filings and dispositions as were identified by the extended study conducted for the 1976 and 1977 Annual Reports. The coefficients of each regression equation were estimated, using all complete state-level caseload data. Unlike the 1978 Report, Puerto Rico and Guam were included in the estimation procedure.

The criterion used to identify which variables best predicted the caseload figures was the coefficient of determination (R^2) which tells what percent of the variation in the variable being predicted (i.e., the dependent variable), is explained by variation in the independent variable. The coefficient of determination can have any value between 0% and 100%. The combination of independent variables and variable transformations that produced the highest R^2 for each dependent variable was used in the estimating equation. The equations that were developed to estimate the 1979 national totals are discussed below.

Appellate Courts

Courts of last resort:

(1) Filings = -53.98 + 1.10 (1979 court of last resort dispositions)

(2) Dispositions = 62 + .90 (1979 actual or estimated court of last resort filings)

The number of missing data points that it was necessary to estimate with this pair of equations was small. Complete filing data were supplied by 48 of the 52 possible states and dispositions were given for 46. Only four states were unable to supply complete data for both filings and dispositions.

In previous years, appellate filings were found to be closely related to population figures. The coefficient of determination between estimates of 1976 population and filings in the court of last resort in 1976 was 81%; in 1977 it dropped to 54%; but for 1978 it dropped even lower, to 35%. This unacceptably low value continued in 1979, with an R^2 of 56%. Therefore, as in 1978, we looked for another variable to predict current year appellate filings. Judicial expenditures and numbers of appellate judges also yielded low R^2s of 44% and 52% respectively. Although a multiple regression using these three independent variables improved the R^2 to 76%, current year appellate filings were found to be closely related to appellate dispositions for the current year. Using 1979 dispositions in courts of last resort to predict 1979 filings, we calculated an R^2 value of 99%. When 1979 dispositions were unavailable, 1978 actual or estimated dispositions were used. The new predictive equation for filings in courts of last resort is given as equation (1) and was used to estimate filing figures for the four states that provided incomplete data. Dispositions were estimated from current year filing figures. For those states with incomplete filing data, the estimate of the filing figure from equation (1) was used as the independent variable in equation (2).

Intermediate Appellate Courts:

(3) Filings = 56.3 + 1.01 (1979 intermediate appellate court dispositions)

(4) Dispositions = -8.6 + .97 (1979 intermediate appellate court actual or estimated filings)

As was the case with the court of last resort, almost all states reported complete data for filings and dispositions in their intermediate appellate courts. The previously described method used to estimate the filing and disposition volume for courts of last resort was used here. Of the 30 states with intermediate appellate courts in 1979, only two did not report complete filing data and three did not report complete disposition data. Population, judicial expenditures and the number of intermediate appellate court judges were not sufficiently powerful explanations to justify inclusion in an estimating equation with R^2s of 65%, 71% and 59% respectively. Current year dispositions were found to be good predictors of current year filings (R^2 value of 98%) for intermediate appellate courts. The new predictive equation (3) was calculated using data from 27 states. Dispositions were estimated in the same way as they were for the courts of last resort using equation (4).

Estimates for those states who failed to provide complete filing or disposition data can be found in Table A.

TABLE A:
Estimates of filings and dispositions in courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts in 1979, by state.

	Court(s) of last resort		Intermediate appellate courts	
State	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed
Alabama			1,359[a]	1,310[a]
Massachusetts	1,377	1,302		
Minnesota	700	692	--	--
Nebraska	651	648	--	--
New York	3,561	3,268	11,253[a]	10,907[a]
Pennsylvania		1,728		6,716[a]
Wisconsin		635		

-- = Not applicable. These states do not have an intermediate appellate court.

Note: These were the only courts where estimates of complete data were required. Blank spaces indicate complete data reported by the state.

[a]Data for the two intermediate appellate courts in Alabama, New York, and Pennsylvania were added together before they were analyzed.

TABLE B:
Estimates of filings and dispositions of civil, criminal, traffic, and juvenile cases in trial courts in 1979, by state.

State	Civil		Criminal		Traffic		Juvenile	
	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed
Alabama	175,434	164,624	180,825	169,100	--	--	--	--
Alaska	--	--	--	16,829	--	85,264	--	--
Arizona	125,760	116,440	--	--	--	--	23,430	22,652
Arkansas	82,190	74,177	100,985	93,965	156,669	148,570	--	11,244
California	1,538,614	1,486,909	1,148,187	1,078,420	--	--	208,440	203,962
Colorado	--	--	--	--	378,878	366,335	--	--
Connecticut	--	183,573	--	--	--	--	--	--
Delaware	17,349	11,282	17,652	15,717	98,632	91,694	--	7,706
Georgia	234,051	221,482	256,773	240,491	481,414	466,821	4,598	4,197
Indiana	226,618	214,272	260,965	244,431	--	--	--	--
*Kansas	--	95,346	104,877	97,709	227,426	217,912	--	29,199
Louisiana	225,409	213,100	195,298	182,704	--	--	--	39,862
Maine	51,734	44,635	--	--	--	--	--	--
Maryland	382,648	365,622	--	119,218	--	--	--	--
*Massachusetts	--	464,150	--	252,239	--	3,236,493	--	47,491
Michigan	628,417	604,017	449,287	421,454	1,499,825	1,464,863	85,505	83,486
Minnesota	259,069	245,750	189,258	177,028	450,781	436,800	28,445	27,567
Mississippi	109,686	100,848	112,911	105,261	184,685	170,026	11,261	10,727
Missouri	--	--	231,723	216,944	--	--	--	--
Montana	29,012	22,595	27,133	24,629	90,983	84,199	--	--
Nebraska	64,001	56,534	65,806	60,981	--	--	--	4,570
Nevada	32,033	25,525	25,936	23,503	149,143	141,195	10,675	10,153
*New Hampshire	--	61,539	--	39,784	--	163,577	--	6,539
New Jersey	487,374	467,206	--	--	--	--	--	--
New Mexico	61,100	53,720	51,684	47,707	--	68,341	--	--
New York	1,720,629	1,663,463	867,699	814,761	4,168,713	4,080,374	283,528	277,548
North Dakota	22,727	16,498	20,297	18,203	134,909	--	--	--
Ohio	--	--	526,632	494,158	1,158,719	1,130,579	--	--
Oklahoma	136,517	--	135,965	126,931	--	--	--	--
Oregon	149,570	139,536	116,404	108,544	327,549	316,033	--	14,947
Pennsylvania	--	--	580,275	--	1,899,394	--	--	--
Rhode Island	63,578	56,124	35,516	32,509	151,800	143,800	--	7,685
South Carolina	128,721	119,312	141,803	132,419	--	433,816	3,587	3,206
*South Dakota	--	23,905	22,143	19,939	--	--	--	4,934
Tennessee	278,164	264,272	213,959	200,245	386,649	373,951	5,021	4,612
Texas	600,015	576,468	680,723	639,004	1,433,607	1,399,970	--	--
Utah	54,876	47,683	58,420	54,039	164,562	156,306	--	24,697
Vermont	--	--	13,011	11,355	--	--	--	--
*Washington	--	195,024	--	135,510	475,607	461,130	--	--
West Virginia	--	--	84,518	78,571	153,887	145,845	--	--
Wisconsin	--	--	210,615	197,102	594,217	577,367	29,443	28,545
Wyoming	12,212	6,297	9,319	7,884	81,045	74,459	5,088	4,677

Note: Figures in this table are estimates. The District of Columbia, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, North Carolina and Virginia were excluded from this table because they had complete data for all four of the major categories.

-- = Represents complete reported data.

Trial Courts

Data for trial courts were estimated by case category: civil, criminal, traffic, and juvenile. Far fewer states reported complete trial data than for appellate data. As a result, the estimates of the national totals of cases filed and disposed in trial courts are less accurate than those given for appellate courts.

Civil:

(5) Filings = -23,683 + 60.43 (total state expenditures)

(6) Dispositions = -5,547 + .97 (trial court civil filings)

Equation (5) is based on data from 24 states, while equation (6) is based on data from only 19. The R^2 for equations 5 and 6 were 88% and 99% respectively.

The estimates of the volume of civil filings and dispositions in trial courts in all states are given in Table B.

Criminal:

(7) Filings = -12,238 + 49.9 (total state population)

(8) Dispositions = -876 + .94 (trial court criminal filings)

Equation (7) was based on data from 21 states, while equation (8) was based on data from 16 states. The R^2 were 86% and 99% respectively.

The estimates of criminal filings and dispositions for all states are given in Table B.

Traffic:

(9) Filings = 22,762 + 40.9 (number of sworn police personnel)

(10) Dispositions = -4,965 + .98 (1979 trial court traffic filings)

The procedure used to estimate the number of traffic cases filed and disposed during 1979 represents a radical departure from that used in previous years. A few states include parking cases as a part of their traffic caseload; most do not. In order to prevent those few states that include parking cases from inflating the estimates for states that do not include parking cases in their caseload, states reporting traffic data which include parking cases that were eliminated from the data were California, Hawaii, Illinois, Massachusetts and New Jersey. Equation (9) was estimated with complete traffic filing data (minus parking cases) from 22 states, while equation (10) was estimated with complete dispositions minus parking cases from 21. The R^2 for equations (9) and (10) were 44% and 99% respectively. Several states had disposition data but no filing data, and the following equation was used to estimate filings for those states:

Filings = 6,682 + 1.01 (1979 dispositions).

This equation had an R^2 of 99%.

Juvenile:

(11) Filings = 2,124 + .58 (1979 judicial expenditures)

(12) Dispositions = -309 + .98 (1979 trial court juvenile filings)

Complete juvenile data were reported by more states than were data for any other category of trial court cases. Filing estimates were based on data from 39 states; disposition estimates were based on data from 29. However, the R^2 value (i.e., 30%) for measuring the adequacy of the estimation equation was lower for juvenile filings than it was for any of the other equations. This is probably a reflection of the different way each state counts juvenile cases. Although the R^2 was so low that very little confidence can be afforded estimates based on equation (11), it was the highest R^2 available for inclusion in the equation. Although the R^2 for equation (12) was very high (i.e., 99%) the estimates resulting from equation (12) were based upon juvenile filings yielded by the poor estimates of equation (11).

B. Calculation of the Estimates of National Totals

For each of the twelve categories of data represented above by an estimation equation, an estimate of the national total volume was calculated. Actual figures or estimates for all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico were added together to estimate the national totals. Finally, the estimates of total filings were added together by level of court to produce estimates of the total number of cases filed in all appellate courts and in all trial courts. Total dispositions for appellate and trial courts were produced in a similar manner. The estimates of caseload volume for appellate courts is given in Table 1 and for trial courts in Table 14 in Part I of this volume.

The estimates reported in Tables 1 and 14 should be considered as "ballpark" estimates of the actual data.

Appendix B: Sources of 1979 state court caseload statistics

STATE	COURTS OF LAST RESORT	INTERMEDIATE APPELLATE COURTS	GENERAL JURISDICTION COURTS	LIMITED JURISDICTION COURTS
Alabama	Annual Report, 1978-79 (The Administrative Director of the Courts)	Annual Report, 1978-79 (The Administrative Director of the Courts) and unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Court of Civil Appeals and the Court of Criminal Appeals	Annual Report, 1978-79 (The Administrative Director of the Courts)	Annual Report, 1978-79 (The Administrative Director of the Courts)
Alaska	Alaska Court System, 1979 Annual Report (Administrative Director of the Courts) and memo from clerk to justices of Supreme Court entitled "Annual Statistical Report 1979"	--	Alaska Court System,1979 Annual Report (Administrative Director of the Courts)	Alaska Court System, 1979 Annual Report (Administrative Director of the Courts)
Arizona	The Arizona Courts, 1979 Judicial Report (Arizona Supreme Court)	The Arizona Courts, 1979 Judicial Report (Arizona Supreme Court)	The Arizona Courts, 1979 Judicial Report (Arizona Supreme Court)	The Arizona Courts, 1979 Judicial Report (Arizona Supreme Court) and unpublished data provided by the Administrative Director of the Courts
Arkansas	Fifteenth Annual Report, 1979 Judicial Statistics (Executive Secretary, Judicial Department)	Fifteenth Annual Report, 1979 Judicial Statistics (Executive Secretary, Judicial Department)	Fifteenth Annual Report, 1979 Judicial Statistics (Executive Secretary, Judicial Department)	Fifteenth Annual Report, 1979 Judicial Statistics (Executive Secretary, Judicial Department)
California ..	1980 Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the California Courts (Judicial Council of California)	1980 Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the California Courts (Judicial Council of California)	1980 Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the California Courts (Judicial Council of California)	1980 Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the California Courts (Judicial Council of California) and unpublished data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts
Colorado	Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary 1978-79 (Office of the State Court Administrator)	Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary 1978-79 (Office of the State Court Administrator)	Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary, 1978-79 (Office of the State Court Administrator)	Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary, 1978-79 (Office of the State Court Administrator)
Connecticut .	Report of the Judicial Department, State of Connecticut July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1980 (Chief Justice and Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department)	Report of the Judicial Department, State of Connecticut July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1980 (Chief Justice and Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department)	Report of the Judicial Department, State of Connecticut July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1980 (Chief Justice and Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department) and Court Unification: The First 365 Days (Office of Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department)	Report of the Judicial Department, State of Connecticut July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1980 (Chief Justice and Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department)
Delaware	1979 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Director, Administrative Office of the Courts)	--	1979 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Director, Administrative Office of the Courts)	1979 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Director, Administrative Office of the Courts)
District of Columbia	1979 Annual Report (Joint Committee on Judicial Administration in the District of Columbia and Executive Officer)	--	1979 Annual Report (Joint Committee on Judicial Administration in the District of Columbia and Executive Officer)	--
Florida	Florida Judicial System Statistical Report 1979 (Office of State Courts Administrator)	Florida Judicial System Statistical Report 1979 (Office of State Courts Administrator)	Florida Judicial System Statistical Report 1979 (Office of State Courts Administrator)	Florida Judicial System Statistical Report 1979 (Office of State Courts)
Georgia	Sixth Annual Report (Administrative Office of the Courts) and "The Caseload of the Supreme Court of Georgia" (Timothy W. Floyd) (unpublished)	Sixth Annual Report (Administrative Office of the Courts)	Sixth Annual Report (Administrative Office of the Courts)	Sixth Annual Report (Administrative Office of the Courts)
Guam	--	--	1980 Annual Report (Superior Court of Guam)	--
Hawaii	State of Hawaii: Annual Report 1978-1979 (Administrative Director of the Courts)	--	State of Hawaii: Annual Report 1978-79 (Administrative Director of the Courts)	State of Hawaii: Annual Report 1978-79 (Administrative Director of the Courts)
Idaho	The Idaho Courts 1979 Annual Report and Appendix (Administrative Office of the Courts)	--	Idaho Courts 1979 Annual Report (Administrative Office of the Courts)	--
Illinois	1979 Annual Report of the Supreme Court of Illinois (Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts)	1979 Annual Report of the Supreme Court of Illinois (Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts)	1979 Annual Report of the Supreme Court of Illinois (Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts)	--

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Indiana	1979 Indiana Judicial Report (Division of State Court Administration)	1979 Indiana Judicial Report (Division of State Court Administration)	1979 Indiana Judicial Report (Division of State Court Administration)	1979 Indiana Judicial Report (Division of State Court Administration)
Iowa	1979 Annual Statistical Reports (Court Administrator of the Judicial Department)	1979 Annual Statistical Report (Court Administrator of the Judicial Department)	1979 Annual Statistical Report, Iowa Judiciary (Court Administrator of the Judicial Department)	--
Kansas	Annual Report on the Courts of Kansas, July 1, 1978 through June 30, 1979 (Office of Judicial Administration)	Annual Report on the Courts of Kansas, July 1, 1978 through June 30, 1979 (Office of Judicial Administration)	Annual Report on the Courts of Kansas, July 1, 1978 through June 30, 1979 (Office of Judicial Administration)	Not available
Kentucky	Annual Report, 1979-80 (Administrative Office of the Courts)	Annual Report, 1979-80 (Administrative Office of the Courts)	Annual Report 1979-80 (Administrative Office of the Courts)	Annual Report, 1979-80 (Administrative Office of the Courts)
Louisiana ...	Judicial Council Annual Report with 1979 Statistics and Related Data (Judicial Administrator)	Judicial Council Annual Report with 1979 Statistics and Related Data (Judicial Administrator)	Judicial Council Annual Report with 1979 Statistics and Related Data (Judicial Administrator)	Judicial Council Annual Report with 1979 Statistics and Related Data (Judicial Administrator)
Maine	Annual Report 1979 (Administrative Office of the Courts)	--	Unpublished data supplied by the Administrative Office of the Courts	Annual Report 1979 (Administrative Office of the Courts) and unpublished data supplied by the Administrative Office of the Courts
Maryland	Annual Report 1978-79 (Administrative Office of the Courts)	Annual Report 1978-79 (Administrative Office of the Courts)	Annual Report 1978-79 (Administrative Office of the Courts)	Annual Report 1978-79 (Administrative Office of the Courts)
Massachusetts	Unpublished data supplied by the Supreme Judicial Court	Unpublished data supplied by the Supreme Judicial Court	Annual Report--The Office of the Chief Administrative Justice of the Trial Court, 1979 (Chief Administrative Justice)	--
Michigan	Annual Report 1978-79 (State Court Administrator)	Annual Report 1979-80 (State Court Administrator)	Annual Report 1978-79 (State Court Administrator)	Annual Report 1978-79 (State Court Administator)
Minnesota ...	Not available	--	Unpublished data supplied by the Office of the State Court Administrator	Unpublished data supplied by the Office of the State Court Administrator
Mississippi .	13th and 14th Annual Statistical Reports 1978, 1979 (Executive Assistant, Supreme Court)	--	Not available	Not available
Missouri	Judicial Department of Missouri Annual Statistical Report FY1979--System in Transition (Office of the State Courts Administrator)	Judicial Department of Missouri Annual Statistical Report FY1979--System in Transition (Office of the State Courts Administrator)	Judicial Department of Missouri Annual Statistical Report FY1979--System in Transition (Office of the State Courts Administrator)	--
Montana	Unpublished data supplied by the State Court Administrator	--	Unpublished data provided by the State Court Administrator	Not available
Nebraska	The Courts of Nebraska 1979 (Office of the State Court Administrator) and unpublished data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court	--	The Courts of Nebraska 1979 (Office of the State Court Administrator)	The Courts of Nebraska 1979 (Office of the State Court Administrator)
Nevada	Unpublished data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts	--	Unpublished data provided by the Clerk of the 2nd District	Not available
New Hampshire	Eighteenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire (Chairman, Judicial Council)	--	Eighteenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire (Chairman, Judicial Council)	Eighteenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire (Chairman, Judicial Council)
New Jersey ..	Annual Report 1978-79 (Administrative Director of the Courts)	Annual Report 1978-79 (Administrative Director of the Courts)	Annual Report 1978-79 (Administrative Director of the Courts)	Annual Report 1978-79 and Proceedings in the Municipal Courts, Sept 1, 1978 to Aug. 31, 1979 (Administrative Director of the Courts)

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New Mexico ..	Annual Report, 1979 (Judicial Department of the State of New Mexico)	Annual Report, 1979 (Judicial Department of the State of New Mexico)	Annual Report, 1979 (Judicial Department of the State of New Mexico)	Annual Report, 1979 (Judicial Department of the State of New Mexico)
New York	Second Annual Report 1980 (Chief Administrator of the Courts)	Second Annual Report 1980 (Chief Administrator of the Courts)	Second Annual Report 1980 (Chief Administrator of the Courts)	Second Annual Report 1980 (Chief Administrator of the Courts)
North Carolina	North Carolina Courts 1978-79 (Administrative Office of the Courts)	Unpublished data from Clerk of Court of Appeals	North Carolina Courts 1978-79 (Administrative Office of the Courts)	North Carolina Courts 1978-79 (Administrative Office of the Courts)
North Dakota.	Annual Reports, 1979, 1980 (North Dakota Judicial Council) and unpublished data supplied by the Clerk of the Supreme Court	--	Annual Report, 1979 (North Dakota Judicial Council)	Annual Report, 1979, 1980 (North Dakota Judicial Council)
Ohio	Ohio Courts Summary 1979 (Office of the Administrative Director)	Ohio Courts Summary 1979 (Office of the Administrative Director)	Ohio Courts Summary 1979 (Office of the Administrative Director)	Ohio Courts Summary 1979 (Office of the Administrative Director)
Oklahoma	Report on the Judiciary 1979 (Administrative Director of the Courts)	Report on the Judiciary 1979 (Administrative Director of the Courts)	Report on the Judiciary 1979 (Administrative Director of the Courts)	Report on the Judiciary 1979 (Administrative Director of the Courts)
Oregon	26th Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1979 (Office of the State Court Administrator)	26th Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1979 (Office of the State Court Administrator)	26th Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1979 (Office of the State Court Administrator)	26th Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1979 (Office of the State Court Administrator)
Pennsylvania.	1979 Annual Report (Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts)	1979 Annual Report (Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts)	1979 Annual Report (Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts)	1979 Annual Report (Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts)
Puerto Rico..	Annual Report 1978-79 (Office of Court Administration)	--	Annual Report 1978-79 (Office of Court Administration)	Annual Report 1978-79 (Office of Court Administration)
Rhode Island.	Unpublished data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts	--	Unpublished data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts	Report on the Judiciary, 1979 (Administrative Office of the Courts)
South Carolina	Annual Report 1979 (Judicial Department of South Carolina)	--	Annual Report, 1980 (The Judicial Department of South Carolina)	Annual Report, 1980 (The Judicial Department of South Carolina)
South Dakota.	Benchmark: Biennial Report of the South Dakota Unified Judicial System FY 1978 and 1979 (State Court Administrator's Office) and unpublished data provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court	--	Benchmark: A Biennial Report of the South Dakota Unified Judicial System, FY1978 and 1979 (State Court Administrator's Office)	--
Tennessee ...	1979 Annual Report (Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee)	1979 Annual Report (Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee)	1979 Annual Report (Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee)	1979 Annual Report (Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee)
Texas	51st Annual Report 1979 (Texas Judicial Council)	51st Annual Report 1979 (Texas Judicial Council)	51st Annual Report 1979 (Texas Judicial Council)	51st Annual Report 1979 (Texas Judicial Council)
Utah	Annual Report, Utah Courts July 1, 1980 to June 30, 1981 (Utah Judicial Council) and unpublished data supplied by the Clerk of the Supreme Court	--	Annual Report, Utah Courts July 1, 1978-June 30, 1979 (Utah Judicial Council)	Annual Report, Utah Courts July 1, 1978-June 30, 1979 (Utah Judicial Council) and Juvenile Court for the State of Utah, Annual Report, 1979 (Administrative Office of Juvenile Court)
Vermont	Judicial Statistics for Year Ending June 30, 1979 (Office of the Court Administrator)	--	Judicial Statistics for Year Ending June 30, 1979 (Office of the Court Administrator)	Judicial Statistics for Year Ending June 30, 1979 (Office of the Court Administrator)
Virginia	State of the Judiciary Reports 1978, 1979 (Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court)	--	State of the Judiciary Report 1979 (Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court)	State of the Judiciary Report 1979 (Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court)

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Washington ..	22nd, 23rd Annual Reports 1978, 1979 (Office of the Administrator for the Courts)	22nd, 23rd Annual Reports 1978, 1979 (Office of the Administrator for the Courts)	23rd Annual Report 1979 and 1.80 Annual Report of the Caseloads and Operations of the Courts of Washington (Office of the Administrator of the Courts)	23rd Annual Report 1979 (Office of the Administrator for the Courts)
West Virginia	Unpublished data provided by Administrative Office of the Courts	--	Unpublished data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts	Unpublished data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts
Wisconsin ...	Unpublished data provided by the Director of the State Courts Office	Unpublished data provided by the Director of the State Courts Office	Unpublished data provided by the Director of the State Courts' Office	Unpublished data provided by the Director of the State Courts Office
Wyoming	Unpublished data provided by the Court Coordinator and the Clerk of the Supreme Court	--	Wyoming Minor Court System Review (Gayle R. Stewart, Assistant Court Coordinator)	Wyoming Minor Court System Review (Gayle R. Stewart, Assistant Court Coordinator)

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