



North Carolina Judicial Branch

2014–15 QUICK FACTS

July 1, 2014–June 30, 2015

SUPREME COURT

7 justices

Appeals docketed	97
Appeals disposed	93
Petitions docketed	579
Petitions disposed	583

COURT OF APPEALS

15 judges

Appeals/petitions filed	2,377
Appeals/petitions disposed	2,312

SUPERIOR COURT

112 judges

Total cases filed	262,825
Total cases disposed	296,219

Cases

Civil*
Felonies
Misdemeanors**
Estates
Special proceedings***

Filed

17,265
102,443
26,523
70,924
45,670

Disposed

17,956
125,357
30,047
74,221
48,638

DISTRICT COURT

270 judges

Total cases filed	2,407,195
Total cases disposed	2,588,957

Cases

Civil magistrate
Civil district
Criminal district
Infractions

Filed

212,533
183,938
1,414,597
596,127

Disposed

213,218
183,630
1,558,546
633,563

*Includes Business Court cases

**Includes cases that originated in and transferred to superior court, and were appealed from district court

***Only those special proceedings cases that are non-confidential

North Carolina Judicial Branch Mission

To protect and preserve the rights and liberties of all the people, as guaranteed by the Constitutions and laws of the United States and North Carolina, by providing a fair, independent, and accessible forum for the just, timely, and economical resolution of their legal affairs.

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NORTH CAROLINA
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
of the COURTS

JUDICIAL BRANCH PERSONNEL 6,005.80*

100.000	Clerks of superior court
2,529.850	Clerk personnel
674.600	Magistrates
44.000	District attorneys
643.000	Assistant district attorneys
9.625	Trial court administrators
1,032.750	Court support staff
369.100	Administrative Office of the Courts personnel
148.375	Guardian ad Litem personnel
50.500	Other**

*The total figure includes FTEs from all funding sources; does not include justices and judges (see reverse side) or Indigent Defense Services FTEs. However, with justices and judges included, the Judicial Branch has 548 independently elected judicial officials.

**Other includes Judicial Standards Commission, Conference of District Attorneys, Dispute Resolution Commission, Conference of Clerks of Superior Court, Innocence Inquiry Commission, Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism, and Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission positions.

JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET*

Total certified appropriations	\$463,893,072
Percentage of total State General Fund budget	2.20%

*Does not include Indigent Defense Services funds.

\$676 MILLION TOTAL DISBURSED TO CITIZENS AND GOVERNMENTS**\$256,030,039 remitted to state treasurer**

General Court of Justice and other court fees, probation/parole, collection assistance fee, community service fees, writ of executions, license revocation, installment plan fee, limited driving privilege, copy and transcript fees, arbitration and dispute resolution fees, pro hac vice, electronic monitoring

\$54,965,942 disbursed to other entities

Escheats, law enforcement officers' retirement, Office of Indigent Defense fee recovery, North Carolina State Bar fees, license revocation, Displaced Homemaker Fund, law enforcement officers' training and certification, State Bureau of Investigation lab fees, Domestic Violence Center Fund, satellite based monitoring, misdemeanor confinement

\$5,662,921 receipts collected and disbursed for special operations

Information technology fees, worthless check fees, arbitration fees, miscellaneous operating receipts, fee/payment recovery

\$69,749,989 disbursed to local governments

Fines, forfeitures, facility fees, jail fees, including license revocation, officer fees, lab fees

\$289,792,161 disbursed to citizens

Restitution for victims, restitution for worthless check victims, condemnation awards, trusts, cash bonds, disbursements of funds held due to others, civil judgments, alimony, rent bonds, refunds of overpayments

MISCELLANEOUS

16,698	Abused or neglected children served by Guardian ad Litem program
13	Districts with family courts
25	Districts with court arbitration programs