



North Carolina Judicial Branch

2015–16 QUICK FACTS

July 1, 2015–June 30, 2016

SUPREME COURT

7 justices

Appeals docketed	111
Appeals disposed	127
Petitions docketed	567
Petitions disposed	539

COURT OF APPEALS

15 judges

Appeals/petitions filed	2,183
Appeals/petitions disposed	2,229

SUPERIOR COURT

109 judges

Total cases filed	263,682
Total cases disposed	289,015

Cases

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

Filed

16,532
105,271
25,819
71,480
44,580

Disposed

16,514
123,728
28,017
76,467
44,289

DISTRICT COURT

270 judges

Total cases filed	2,377,571
Total cases disposed	2,559,247

Cases

Civil magistrate
Civil district
Criminal district
Infractions

Filed

206,682
184,399
1,405,216
581,274

Disposed

208,457
183,817
1,552,616
614,357

*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.

Prepared by:



**NORTH CAROLINA
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
of the COURTS**

JUDICIAL BRANCH PERSONNEL 6,151.675*

100.000	Clerks of superior court
2,528.100	Clerk personnel
674.600	Magistrates
44.000	District attorneys
640.000	Assistant district attorneys
8.000	Trial court administrators
1,178.725	Court support staff
376.25	Administrative Office of the Courts personnel
148.500	Guardian ad Litem personnel
52.500	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 545 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, Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission positions, Commission on Administration of Law and Justice, and Pro Bono Resource Center.

JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET*

Total certified appropriations	\$484,931,217
Percentage of total State General Fund budget	2.23%

*Does not include Indigent Defense Services funds.

\$738 MILLION TOTAL DISBURSED TO CITIZENS AND GOVERNMENTS

\$265,811,445 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

\$44,325,773 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

\$5,544,773 receipts collected and disbursed for special operations

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

\$71,152,547 disbursed to local governments

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

\$350,809,541 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

17,019	Abused or neglected children served by Guardian ad Litem program
14	Districts with family courts
25	Districts with court arbitration programs