



STATISTICAL AND OPERATIONAL REPORT OF  
NORTH CAROLINA APPELLATE COURTS

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# SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA



## 2023–2024 CASELOAD

The first two tables in this subsection give 10-year trend data for appeals and petitions docketed and disposed. The third table presents the types of cases that the court hears. The fourth and fifth tables summarize case activity in those cases reaching the decision stage and the dispositions of petitions for review. The next table shows the various methods of disposition of appeals — signed opinion, per curiam opinion (unsigned), and dismissal or withdrawal — as well as the types of disposition (e.g., affirmed, reversed). The final table gives Supreme Court processing times for appeals disposed by signed or per curiam opinion.

### Appeals Docketed and Disposed

Fiscal Year	Appeals Docketed	Appeals Disposed
2023 – 24	95	100
2022 – 23	66	183
2021 – 22	139	135
2020 – 21	186	152
2019 – 20	196	141
2018 – 19	140	92
2017 – 18	142	136
2016 – 17	137	92
2015 – 16	111	127
2014 – 15	97	93

### Petitions Docketed and Disposed

Fiscal Year	Petitions Docketed	Petitions Disposed
2023 – 24	443	421
2022 – 23	425	467
2021 – 22	441	753
2020 – 21	448	219
2019 – 20	475	419
2018 – 19	588	494
2017 – 18	513	495
2016 – 15	509	515
2015 – 14	567	539
2014 – 13	579	583

## Caseload Inventory

Petitions for Review*	Begin Pending (7/1/23)	Filed	Disposed	End Pending (6/30/24)
Civil domestic	6	17	15	8
Juvenile	8	20	16	12
Other civil	68	143	131	80
Criminal (death sentence)	0	0	0	0
Other criminal	93	262	259	96
Administrative agency decision	2	1	0	3
<b>Total petitions for review</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>199</b>

Appeals**	Begin Pending (7/1/23)	Filed	Disposed	End Pending (6/30/24)
Civil domestic	1	4	2	3
Petitions for review granted that became civil domestic appeals	1	1	1	1
Juvenile	1	5	2	4
Petitions for review granted that became juvenile appeals	2	5	3	4
Other civil	34	29	31	32
Petitions for review granted that became other civil appeals	18	11	19	10
Criminal, defendant sentenced to death	13	4	4	13
Other criminal	18	19	17	20
Petitions for review granted that became other criminal appeals	22	14	21	15
Administrative agency decision	0	2	0	2
Petitions for review granted that became appeals of administrative agency decision	0	1	0	1
<b>Total appeals</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>105</b>

Other Proceedings	Filed	Disposed
Rule 16(b) additional issues	11	6
Motions	913	955
<b>Total other proceedings</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>961</b>

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

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

### Submission of Cases Reaching Decision Stage

Cases Argued	Number of Cases
Civil domestic	2
Juvenile	5
Other civil	45
Criminal (capital)	2
Other criminal	21
Administrative agency decision	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>

Submission Without Arguments	Number of Cases
By motion of the parties	0
By order of the court	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>

### Dispositions of Petitions

Petitions For Review	Granted	Denied	Dismissed / Withdrawn	Other	Total
Civil domestic	1	14	0	0	15
Juvenile	1	15	0	0	16
Other civil	19	108	4	0	131
Criminal (capital)	0	0	0	0	0
Other criminal	21	234	4	0	259
Administrative agency decision	0	0	0	0	0
Post conviction	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>421</b>

### Dispositions of Appeals

Dispositions by Signed Opinion*	Affirmed	Affirmed in Part; Reversed in Part	Affirmed in Part; Reversed in Part; Remanded	Reversed	Reversed and Remanded	Other	Total Dispositions
Civil domestic	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Juvenile	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Other civil	7	1	3	3	6	4	24
Criminal (capital)	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Other criminal	6	1	0	7	4	3	21
Administrative agency decision	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>52</b>

Dispositions by Per Curiam Opinion**	Affirmed	Affirmed in Part; Reversed in Part; Remanded	Other	Total Dispositions
Civil domestic	0	0	0	0
Juvenile	0	1	0	1
Other civil	5	0	1	6
Criminal (capital)	0	0	0	0
Other criminal	1	0	2	3
Administrative agency decision	0	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>

## Dispositions of Appeals

Dispositions by Withdrawal or Dismissal	Number of Cases
Civil domestic	0
Juvenile	0
Other civil	4
Criminal (capital)	0
Other criminal	4
Administrative agency decision	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>

## Processing Time from Docket to Opinion\*

Type of Case	Number of Cases	Median (Days)	Mean (Days)
Civil domestic	1	548	548
Petitions for review granted that became civil domestic appeals	0	0	0
Juvenile	2	227	248
Petitions for review granted that became civil juvenile appeals	1	311	311
Other civil	21	486	498
Petitions for review granted that became other civil appeals	9	786	813
Criminal, defendant sentenced to death	2	1165	2141
Other criminal	9	546	628
Petitions for review granted that became other criminal appeals	15	701	707
Administrative agency decision	2	92	363
Petitions for review granted that became appeals of administrative agency decision	1	655	655
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>655</b>

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

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## 2023–2024 CASELOAD

In addition to trend data for the past 10 years, the following tables provide data about filings and dispositions for cases on appeal, petitions, and motions during FY 2023 – 24. “Cases on appeal” include cases appealed from district courts, superior courts, and administrative agencies. They are counted as appeals upon the filing of a record with the clerk’s office. The “petition” category includes petitions involving the four extraordinary writs set out in Article V of the Rules of Appellate Procedure: certiorari, mandamus, prohibition, and supersedeas; petitions for rehearing filed under Rule 31 of the Rules of Appellate Procedure, petitions for writ of habeas corpus, and a few miscellaneous filings. “Motions” encompass any type of relief sought from the Court of Appeals, either in a case already filed with the Court of Appeals or one on its way to the Court of Appeals but not yet filed.

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

### Filings and Dispositions of Appeals and Petitions\*

Fiscal Year	Filings	Dispositions
2023–24	1,935	1,995
2022–23	1,921	1,773
2021–22	1,621	1,594
2020–21	1,530	1,484
2019–20	1,765	1,892
2018–19	2,062	2,133
2017–18	2,214	2,178
2016–17	2,264	2,201
2015–16	2,183	2,229
2014–15	2,377	2,312

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

### Caseload Inventory

Type	Begin Pending Cases	Incoming	Disposed	End Pending Cases	Cases Disposed with Oral Argument	Cases Disposed Without Oral Argument	Published Cases	Unpublished Cases	Average Days Calendar to Opinion	Average Days Docket to Opinion
Agency	29	54	46	37	15	31	10	24	78	243
Domestic	91	100	109	82	23	86	34	56	104	310
Juvenile	167	183	241	109	104	137	32	202	36	249
Civil other	260	283	293	250	103	190	96	132	97	270
Criminal other	405	529	495	439	100	395	130	315	84	299
<b>Total</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>1,184</b>	<b>917</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>274</b>



Cases Filed	Number of Cases
Appeals	1,145
Motions	5,496
Petitions	790
Motions and petitions	6,286
Records, motions, and petitions	7,431
Appeals disposed by written opinion*	1,031
Appeals in which the judgment or order of a trial tribunal was affirmed	694
Appeals in which the judgment or order of a trial tribunal was reversed	158
Appeals in which the judgment or order of a trial tribunal was affirmed in part and reversed in part	165
Appeals disposed by the Court of Appeals other than by written opinion	174
Appeals disposed by the Court of Appeals	1,205
Causes certified from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court after determination by the Court of Appeals	431
Causes after determination by the Court of Appeals in which certiorari to the Court of Appeals was disallowed by the Supreme Court	231

\*One opinion may dispose of more than one appeal.

Cases Filed	Number of Cases
<b>Cases on appeal</b>	
Civil cases appealed from district courts	306
Civil cases appealed from superior courts	260
Civil cases appealed from administrative agencies	56
Criminal cases appealed from superior courts	523
<b>Total cases on appeal</b>	<b>1,145</b>

## Disposition of Motions and Petitions

Type	Number of Cases
<b>Disposition of Motions</b>	
Allowed	4,901
Denied	269
Dismissed	229
Dismissed as moot	63
Other	38
Referred	24
Special order	3
Withdrawn	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,527</b>
<b>Disposition of Petitions</b>	
Allowed	118
Denied	376
Dismissed	263
Dismissed as moot	38
Other	9
Special order	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>816</b>
<b>Petitions Filed</b>	
Petition for Writ of Certiorari (PWC)	419
Petition for Writ of Mandamus (PWM)	144
Petition for Writ of Supersedeas (PWS)	107
Petition for Writ of Prohibition (PWP)	4
Other	116
<b>Total</b>	<b>790</b>

## Manner of Case Dispositions (Opinions Only)

Affirmed*	Reversed*	Affirmed in Part, Reversed in Part*	Other Cases Disposed	Total Cases Disposed
694	158	165	174	1,205

\*Cases disposed by written opinion.



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