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Superior Court*Caseload Inventory and Median Age of Cases*

Case Type	Filed	Disposed	End Pending (6/30/24)	Median Age (in Days)	
				Disposed Cases	Pending Cases
Civil cases	20,593	19,225	20,013	237	250
Contract	4,097	3,793	3,812	214	226
Collect on accounts	831	668	505	120	128
Motor vehicle negligence	3,848	4,063	3,788	321	212
Other negligence	2,671	2,761	3,713	400	321
Real property	1,692	1,357	3,187	491	424
Administrative appeal	46	68	82	311	665
Other	7,408	6,515	4,926	104	178
Estates	86,390	81,956	95,425	88	481
Special proceedings*	32,736	33,498	31,729	78	688
Criminal cases	81,614	114,390	99,231		
Felonies	71,071	98,483	85,400	366	382
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	7,158	11,716	9,394	370	543
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	3,385	4,191	4,437	312	411

*The number of special proceeding cases filed and disposed reflects those cases that are non-confidential.

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Superior Court*Manner of Disposition*

Case Type	Jury Trial	Judge Trial	Magistrate Trial	Final Order / Judgment Without Trial
Civil cases	102	2,741	2	3,351
Contract	27	449	0	437
Collect on accounts	0	58	0	122
Motor vehicle negligence	20	223	1	246
Other negligence	36	200	0	239
Real property	3	463	0	633
Administrative appeal	0	19	0	4
Other	16	1,329	1	1,670
Estates	0	5	0	4
Special proceedings	2	122	1	484

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Clerk	Dismissal on Order of Court	Discontinued	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
Civil cases	1,257	634	562	9,342	1,234
Contract	443	108	120	2,007	202
Collect on accounts	206	20	44	205	13
Motor vehicle negligence	34	81	105	3,239	114
Other negligence	13	130	63	1,844	236
Real property	9	13	30	183	23
Administrative appeal	1	16	2	22	4
Other	551	266	198	1,842	642
Estates	80,118	27	9	28	1,765
Special proceedings	20,359	1,218	105	3,967	7,240

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Superior Court

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Jury Trial – Guilty Verdict	Jury Trial – Not Guilty Verdict	Jury Trial – Guilty Plea Before Verdict	Guilty Plea No Contest to Lesser	Guilty Plea No Contest
Criminal cases	1,412	448	159	7,262	52,323
Felonies	1,177	323	145	7,143	47,622
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	158	87	8	70	3,449
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	77	38	6	49	1,252

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Dismissal After Deferred Prosecution	Dismissal With Leave	Other*
Criminal cases	794	2,347	49,645
Felonies	746	1,871	39,456
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	48	304	7,592
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	0	172	2,597

*Other includes speedy trial dismissals, and beginning in FY 2019, dismissal without leave.

District Court

Caseload Inventory and Median Age of Cases

Case Type				Median Age (in Days)	
	Filed	Disposed	End Pending (6/30/24)	Disposed Cases	Pending Cases
Civil cases	195,216	186,873	109,760	73	212
URESAs / UIFSA	224	362	606	133	1,931
Child support (IV – D)	20,126	21,024	17,601	120	471
Child support (non IV – D)	2,281	1,993	4,343	286	590
General civil	78,311	71,831	40,728	98	125
Magistrate appeal / transfer	3,553	3,697	1,426	60	152
Other domestic relations	90,721	87,966	45,056	50	265
Civil magistrate (small claims)	208,801	203,966	21,514	16	23
Criminal cases	1,121,915	1,224,047	601,931		
Felonies	99,851	100,213	60,844	139	146
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	210,879	251,996	131,199	179	159
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	811,185	871,838	409,888	129	117
Infractions	324,118	349,975	98,961	75	65

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Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Jury Trial	Judge Trial	Magistrate Trial	Final Judgment Without Trial
Civil cases	202	54,384	74	40,856
URESAs / UIFSA	0	65	1	113
Child support (IV – D)	25	5,993	7	7,870
Child support (non IV – D)	8	593	0	767
General civil	40	11,677	33	12,573
Magistrate appeal / transfer	17	1,736	4	573
Other domestic relations	112	34,320	29	18,960
Civil magistrate (small claims)	12	1,137	116,464	1,049

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District Court

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Clerk	Dismissal on Order of Court	Discontinued	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
Civil cases	25,867	15,983	7,621	34,991	6,895
URESAs / UIFSAs	0	2	44	38	99
Child support (IV – D)	100	235	2,061	3,401	1,332
Child support (non IV – D)	49	58	66	248	204
General civil	19,683	3,199	3,412	19,741	1,473
Magistrate appeal / transfer	30	576	4	612	145
Other domestic relations	6,005	11,913	2,034	10,951	3,642
Civil magistrate (small claims)	89	13,868	5,027	63,812	2,508

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Trial – Guilty Verdict	Trial – Not Guilty Verdict	Guilty Plea Before Magistrate	Guilty Plea No Contest	Felony Heard and Bound Over	Probable Cause Not Found	Felony Probable Cause Waived
Criminal cases	8,722	3,619	245	181,159	170	2,697	2,222
Felonies	551	17	0	26,936	170	1,603	2,222
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	4,976	2,403	128	70,474	0	582	0
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	3,195	1,199	117	83,749	0	512	0

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Dismissal After Deferred Prosecution	Dismissal With Leave	Worthless Check Waiver	Felony Superseding Indictment	Other*
Criminal cases	3,967	122,022	42	30,475	868,707
Felonies	941	1,520	0	28,345	37,908
Misdemeanors, other than traffic	2,767	12,031	42	1,391	157,202
Traffic misdemeanors (includes DWI)	259	108,471	0	739	673,597

* Other includes dismissal without leave beginning in FY 2019.

Manner of Disposition

Case Type	Waived	Other
Infractions	162,127	187,848



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