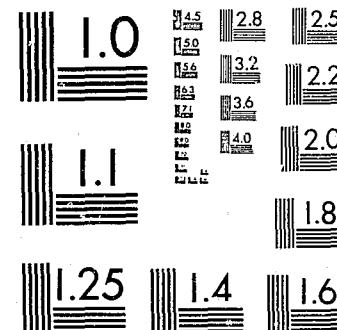




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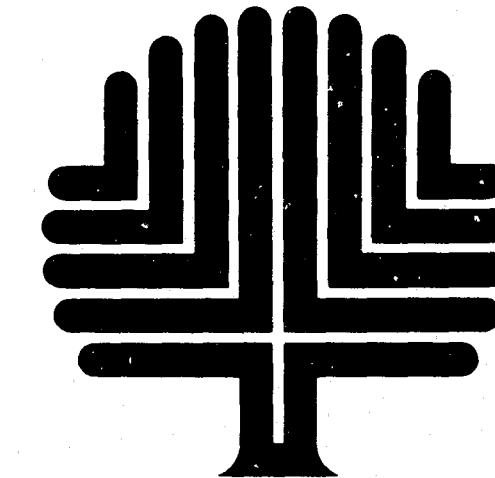
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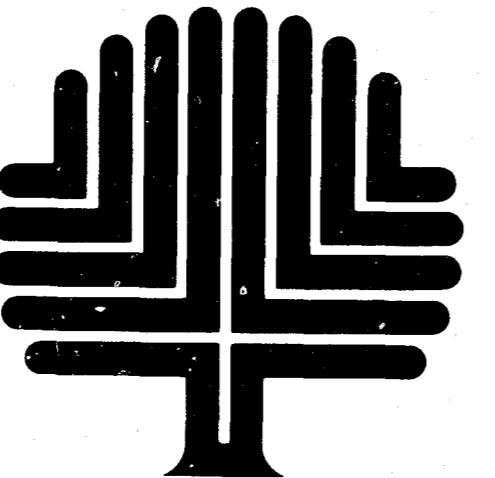
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This State Court Caseload Statistics Annual Report, 1977 is the third in a series of documents containing statistical caseload data compiled from the annual reports of each state court system and from other available data. It is the result of the cooperative effort of the National Center for State Courts and the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) to develop within the National Center a national database of state court caseload statistics.

The National Court Statistics Project (NCSP) 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 yearly Annual Report, however, will continue to be the principal project publication. From year to year the data contained in it demonstrate the gradual improvement and increasing quality of court data.

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The Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) has continued to give its support to the National Court Statistics Project in its efforts to establish within the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) the capability of gathering, analyzing, and disseminating statistical information on each state court system in the nation. 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 of state court administrators selected from COSCA.

This third edition of the Annual Report has undergone some major format changes from that used for previous editions. These changes were made to emphasize the data that are available. Although the contents and manner of presentation of the summary tables contained in Part I of the report are not identical to those contained in previous editions of the report, the reader who is interested in tracking the same data elements from

year to year should not have any difficulty locating the comparable figure in each edition of the report.

As always, we must caution the reader of this report to pay close attention to all the indications of the completeness and comparability of data, and to read the introduction to the report where the methodology used to construct the report and the limitations on its use are set out. An inspection of the three currently available editions of the report should demonstrate to the reader that the quality and quantity of court-related data continue to improve.

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Highlights

Substantial effort by the National Court Statistics Project (NCSP) staff and the Conference of State Court Administrators NCSP 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, published in 1980, reflected that orientation and emphasis, with augmentations made to better display the data and to accommodate the addition of limited jurisdiction data. In this, 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 here 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 on pages 1 through 9. The limitations on analysis section (pages 6 and 7) provides an indication of the kinds of analysis that can and cannot be made with the data in this report.

Comparisons between the 1977 data contained in this report and the 1975 and 1976 data contained in the first two 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.

Production of the Annual Report series is an evolutionary process with the long-term goal of improvement of the statistical series being foremost for the National Court Statistics Project. This process is discussed on pages 12 through 13 with the dynamics for improvement and interrelationships of project documents being discussed on pages 13 through 15.

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. Users of the report may wish to locate a summary table of interest, for example, one containing caseload inventory data for domestic rela-

tions cases in Part I. An examination of the data contained in the table may stimulate some questions which may be answered in part by reference to either the court organization charts or individual court profiles contained in Part II. Another approach would be to first examine a court profile in Part II of the document, and then turn to the associated summary tables in Part I to compare caseload volume of other courts with similar jurisdiction to that of the court of interest. Depending on the interest of the user, one can proceed from the general to the specific or vice versa.

This two-part structure for the document made it necessary that its preparation proceed in stages. Data were first compiled into nationwide volume statistics (beginning pending, filed, disposed, and end pending), and then the volume statistics were broken down where possible into broad category classifications, chosen to reflect the kinds of data being reported by the states. This approach required initial preparation of an overview court organization chart and an individual statistical profile for each state's appellate and trial courts. The resulting documentation makes up Part II of this report (pages 12 to 15).

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 1977 than for 1975 or 1976. 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.

Several general observations can be made about the 1977 state court caseload data. First, in addition to the increase in data available, the number of cases filed in the courts has also increased from 1976 to 1977. 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 1976 to 1977. 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 50 percent for most courts of last resort, less than 70 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 30 percent for traffic and 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 1977 were civil appeals. For the trial courts in 1977 the caseload estimates indicate that of the 83 million cases filed, approximately 12.8 million were civil cases, 10.2 million were criminal cases, 59 million were traffic cases, and 1.3 million were juvenile cases.

The detail 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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introduction

National Court Statistics 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 National Court Statistics Project (NCSP) of the NCSC. COSCA, through its NCSP Committee, provides general policy review, guidance, and control over all project activities.

The twin goals of the National Court Statistics 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 These NCSC goals require the careful choosing of an annual report series methodology for assembling the caseload data that are available from each of the states.

Methodology employed

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 A of this report identifies the sources of data from each state.)

In addition to a review of all published and unpublished data received from the states, a study was made of all available reporting forms and instructions used by the states to collect caseload statistics from their respective courts. Additional relevant information was secured from appropriate personnel in each state. As the project progressed, 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.

Each administrative office of the courts completed a check-off sheet to indicate the types of cases handled by each court. Beyond this, infor-

¹Repetition of "50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico" becomes very cumbersome. Throughout the rest of this report, states and court systems will be used even though the reporting units being discussed may include the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico.

mation 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 1977 revised estimates), other 1977 demographic data (taken from the Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1979²), and special characteristics regarding subject matter jurisdiction and court structure. When explanation of a court's jurisdiction was not directly obtainable, available information was used from the National Survey of Court Organization.³

Scope of the report

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

The 1976 report was expanded to include Puerto Rico. The addition of Puerto Rico to the series was made possible through translation assistance provided by the Puerto Rico Office of Court Administration. Data from Guam was available for the 1977 court year, so it was added to this edition of the report. The scope of future reports will be broadened, if possible, to include American Samoa and the Virgin Islands.

This report reflects court organization and jurisdiction as it existed in 1977, but the reader should keep in mind that court systems are not static entities. For example, the trial courts were unified in Kansas during the 1977 court year, and an intermediate appellate court was created. Since 1977, both Kentucky and Missouri have unified their trial courts, and Alaska, Hawaii, and Iowa have all added intermediate appellate courts. Other states have made changes in the jurisdiction of individual courts. Texas has united its Domestic Relations Court and Juvenile Court into the District Court system, and the dollar amount limits of civil jurisdiction has changed

²U.S. Bureau of the Census, Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1979 (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1979).

³U.S. Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, National Survey of Court Organization (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1973). Supplements published in 1975 and 1977.

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in many courts. Because court organizational or jurisdictional characteristics change over time, caution should be exercised in attempting to compare the data in this 1977 report with earlier data or with more current data.

Category classifications

When data for the 1975 report were being assembled, a classification problem arose because of the multitude of terms being used by the states to report their caseloads. The case categories ultimately used in the 1975 annual report were dictated by the variety and quantity of data reported by the states. NCSP compilation efforts required the establishment of both valid and uniform case categories.

Some changes were made to these categories for the 1976 annual report, primarily in criminal case categories, where two new categories have been added. Ordinance violations accommodates the addition of full coverage of limited jurisdiction courts; and felony/misdemeanor accommodates those courts that do not separate criminal cases into felony and misdemeanor. In the 1975 annual report, these cases were classified as other criminal.

Traffic cases were removed from the criminal category to become an independent category equal to civil, criminal, and juvenile. Subcategories adopted for traffic were DWI/DUI (driving while intoxicated/driving under the influence), parking, and other traffic violations.

Another change that was made for the 1976 report was the relabeling of one juvenile case subcategory. Children in need of supervision, a term used in the 1975 annual report, has been changed to status offenses, a term used increasingly throughout the country. Additional changes to the case classification structure were made for the 1977 edition of the report. The three categories of torts--auto tort, non-auto tort, and unclassified tort--are now reported under the main civil heading of tort. The subcategories were redivided into auto tort, professional tort, product liability tort, and other tort. The subcategories of marriage dissolution, support/custody, adoption, and other domestic relations were added under the main civil heading of domestic relations. The probate category was renamed estate and the subcategories of probate/wills/intestate, guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship and other estate added under it. Civil appeals were subdivided into appeal of administrative agency case and appeal of trial court case. Sentence review only cases were added as a civil major heading. Finally, the names of two main juvenile categories were changed. Delinquency was renamed criminal-type offense case and dependency and neglect became non-offense case.

Changes were made to the appellate reporting format also. The subcategories of civil, criminal, postconviction remedy, administrative agency, and juvenile were added under the main headings of appeals and requests to appeal. Original proceedings were divided into original jurisdiction, disciplinary, and advisory opinion cases. Sentence review only was added as a separate heading under other cases.

NCSP case categories used for this 1977 report 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 NCSP main headings. The NCSP main headings are categories used uniformly for all the states. For example, a state's "application for leave to appeal" was classified under the NCSP 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 that data. These appear, where appropriate, as footnotes in each court's profile and as footnotes to the summary tables.

Format used

Profiles. After case categories were established to classify available 1977 case data, a profile of the courts in each state was constructed. Each state profile for 1977 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 kinds of trials.

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

Summary Tables. Data from each state profile were transferred into summary tables designed to display for the record 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 also conveniently separates courts of last resort according to whether or not they have almost complete discretionary jurisdiction. Courts of last resort in states without intermediate appellate courts generally have little or no discretionary jurisdiction, although there are exceptions, such as Virginia and West Virginia.

For purposes of this report, a trial court was considered to be a court of general jurisdiction if it met 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 assign-

ment. All other trial courts were classified as limited or special jurisdiction courts.

Footnotes. Standard footnote headings have been adopted for use in this report and will continue to be used in the annual report series. Footnotes that contain information on the completeness and quality of the data are included on the summary tables. If more information is needed, the user should consult the individual court profiles where all footnotes are given.

Verification of data

With the cooperation of the Conference of State Court Administrators, all data 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 NCSP 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 NCSP staff through telephone or letter contact with the state personnel. Finally, the format, content, and limitations of data tables have been reviewed and approved by the OSCA NCSP Committee, which guides the National Court Statistics Project.

Limitations on use of data displayed

The four major uses of court statistical data, as identified in the NCSP publication, State Court Caseload Statistics: The State of the Art⁴, 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 longterm programs and identify evolving problems); and (4) indirect court uses (decision-making by those outside the courts concerned with policy making 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 1977 report.

Management decisions can be made at either the state or local level and require aggregation of detailed information used for operational decisions. Caseload 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 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 would be useful on a national basis for comparison and research 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 if an intermediate appellate court should be created.

In response to the recognized need for certain management data nationally, the 1977 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 operation and management decisions. The information necessary for these purposes often includes not only an aggregation of data on caseload and caseload, 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 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. The level needed to answer these questions is, however, beyond the capabilities of most state or even local court information systems. Basic information on caseload 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 and facilities needs.

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

⁴U.S. Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, State Court Caseload Statistics: The State of the Art (Washington, D. C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1978).

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. For those states reporting, some preliminary analysis can be made. For those states not supplying basic data, gaps and "not/available" entries in the profiles and blank spaces in the summary charts draw attention to the missing data. As the gaps in these kinds of data are filled, the annual report series can be expanded to include broader and more sophisticated compilations and analyses.

There are many current variations, as indicated by footnotes, in court data that must be considered before the summary tables can be used to make comparisons between courts or states. Variations that limit the comparability of the 1977 data include: court organization, subject matter jurisdiction, case definition, completeness, accuracy, and reporting periods. These variations are discussed in broad terms below.

Variations in court organization

In any comparison of court statistics among states, differences in court organization must be considered. For example, it should be kept in mind that during 1977:

--Two states (Oklahoma and Texas) had two courts of last resort, (Guam has no court of last resort) (its appeals go into the Federal system), while the remaining states had only one court of last resort.

--Twenty-seven states had intermediate appellate courts; four of these (Alabama, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee) had two intermediate appellate courts.

--The number of appellate judges per state (considering only full-time judges and not commissioners or temporary judges) varied from 0 to 63.

--The number of different kinds of trial courts in a state ranged from 1 (in states with a unified court system) to 15. There were four states (Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, South Dakota) and the District of Columbia with no limited jurisdiction trial courts.

Figure A: Civil case definition, for state courts not using the filing of a petition or complaint

State	Placed on Calendar	Note of Issue	New Claim or Ancillary Proceeding	No Consistent Definition
District of Columbia	Superior Court	All trial courts		
Minnesota				
New Hampshire				
New Jersey	Superior Court (Law Division and Chancery Division) and County Court		All trial courts	
Oklahoma			State Industrial Court	

Variations in subject matter jurisdiction

The subject matter jurisdiction of both appellate and trial courts also varies widely among the states. Some states have a dual appellate route—one for civil cases and one for criminal cases. One of the primary determinants of the discretionary jurisdiction of a court of last resort appears to be the presence or absence of an intermediate appellate court. Courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts generally have wide discretion in determining the matters they will hear. Appeals must generally be heard as a matter of right by intermediate appellate courts and by courts of last resort in states without intermediate appellate courts (Virginia and West Virginia are exceptions). Caseload comparisons both within and among states that do not take variations in jurisdiction into account will not be valid.

The same kind of wide variation exists in the kinds of cases over which trial courts have jurisdiction. For example, general jurisdiction courts in states with unified trial courts handle all cases from parking violations to felonies and from small claims to the largest civil actions. Another state may have general jurisdiction courts with 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. Similarly, some limited and special jurisdiction courts may handle only small claims cases while others may try civil cases for amounts up to \$300,000. In criminal matters, some limited jurisdiction courts accept only guilty pleas for traffic and ordinance violation cases while others may try serious misdemeanor cases or felony cases carrying a maximum sentence of 5 years. In summary, when comparing trial court statistics, the differences in jurisdiction both within and among states must be examined.

Variations in definitions

Problems relating to definitions of courts' statistical terms abound in both appellate and trial courts. Published source documents generally provide few, if any, definitions to assist in comparing statistics among states. Much of the

Figure B: Criminal case unit of count, used by trial courts, by state

State	Court	Defendants on indictment, or information, or complaint	Information on indictment, or information, or complaint	Case charges number	No consistent definition
Alabama	Circuit Court	x			
Alaska	Superior Court	x			
	All other trial courts	x			
Arizona	Superior Court	x			
	Justices of the Peace	x		x	
Arkansas	Circuit Court	x			
	All other trial courts	x			
California	Superior Court	x			
	All other trial courts	x		x	
Colorado	District Court	x			
	County Court	x		x	
Connecticut	Superior Court	x			
	Court of Common Pleas	x		x	
Delaware	Superior Court	x			
	All other trial courts	x		x	
District of Columbia	Superior Court	x		x	
Florida	All trial courts	x		x	
Guam			x		
Georgia	All trial courts	x		x	
Hawaii	Circuit Court	x			
	District Court	x			
Idaho	District Court	x		x	
	Magistrates Division	x		x	
Illinois	Circuit Court	x			
Indiana	All trial courts	x			
Iowa	District Court	x			
Kansas	All trial courts	x			
Kentucky	Circuit Court	x		x	
	All other trial courts	x		x	
Louisiana	District Court	x			
	All other trial courts	x			
Maine	All trial courts	x			
Maryland	Circuit Court	x		x	
	District Court	x			
Massachusetts	Superior Court	x			
	All other trial courts	x		x	
Michigan	All trial courts	x			
Minnesota	All trial courts	x			
Mississippi	Circuit Court	x			x
Missouri	Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas	x			
	St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction	x			
Montana	District Court	x			
Nebraska	District Court	x		x	
	County Court	x			
	Municipal Court	x		x	
Nevada	District Court	x			
New Hampshire	All trial courts	x			x
New Jersey	Superior Court (Law Division)	x			
	And County Court	x			
	All other trial courts	x		x	
New Mexico	District Court	x		x	
	Magistrate Court	x			
New York	Supreme Court and County Court	x			
	All other trial courts	x		x	
North Carolina	All trial courts	x			
North Dakota	District Court	x		x	
	All other trial courts	x		x	
Ohio	All trial courts	x			
Oklahoma	District Court	x			
Oregon	All trial courts	x			
Pennsylvania	Court of Common Pleas and Philadelphia Municipal Court	x		x	
	District Justice Court	x		x	
Puerto Rico	All trial courts	x			
Rhode Island	Superior Court	x			
	All other trial courts	x		x	
South Carolina	All trial courts	x			
South Dakota	Circuit Court	x			
Tennessee	All trial courts	x			
Texas	District Court and Criminal District Court	x		x	
	All other trial courts	x		x	
Utah	All trial courts	x			
Vermont	Superior Court	x			
	District Court	x			
Virginia	Circuit Court	x		x	
	District Court	x		x	
Washington	Superior Court	x		x	
	All other trial courts	x		x	
West Virginia	Circuit Court	x			
Wisconsin	Circuit Court and County Court	x		x	
	Municipal Justice Court	x		x	
Wyoming	District Court	x			

definition information used in preparation of this report came from ancillary sources.

Case definitions are often difficult to establish for appellate courts. For example, some states do not distinguish an appeal from motions or other procedural matters that consume minimal time. Some states report total cases processed without any indication as to what types of proceedings constitute the total. Other states include in their caseload only appeals that were decided on the merits. In addition, classification of the same kind of proceeding varies from state to state. For example, habeas corpus may be listed as a separate category, or may be classified under any of three categories--appeals, original proceedings, or motions. To minimize such classification problems in computing national caseload statistics, this report has defined an "appellate case" to include any appeal, original proceeding, request to appeal, or sentence review only case, and has placed each state's separable case data within these classifications. The use of this broad definition of "case" does not completely solve the problem of comparability. Comparison of judicial productivity among appellate courts requires that each court define cases in a similar manner. Some appellate courts include all original proceedings while others report no original proceedings; therefore, their total case figures are not comparable.

Trial courts show similar problems with case definitions. Charts A and B display the existing variation in civil case definitions and criminal case units of count, respectively.

Reference to Charts A and B shows that the problem of case definition in trial courts is more acute on the criminal side. Forty-six 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 all courts in 22 states and Guam, while the number of defendants is the count unit for all courts in 16 states and the District of Columbia.

Trial court case category definitions also vary from state to state. Domestic relations may include all family matters in some states while other states report only divorce cases as domestic relations. Also, there is variation in the types of criminal cases classified by statute as felonies or misdemeanors. Certain drug offenses may be serious felonies in one state, but only misdemeanors in another state. Because such problems exist for these and all other case categories, the case categories used in this report are those that seem most appropriate, given the data available.

Variations in reporting periods

As indicated on profile headings and in Chart C, 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 dates 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. Chart C displays the actual reporting periods for all courts not using the calendar year for the reporting period.

that should be reported. Very few states consistently report the volume of appellate court data by case category and by filings, dispositions, and pending cases.

Overall, the trial courts were more consistent in reporting 1977 data. During the verification process, all states were requested to provide caseload breakdowns for civil, criminal, traffic, and juvenile cases in their trial courts. One state was unable to provide trial court data and another provided data for one of the state's largest counties only. The remaining 48 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico provided at least civil and criminal breakdowns for total cases processed in general jurisdiction courts for 1977. Only four states and Guam reported no limited jurisdiction data. Data were reported for 121 of the 175 limited jurisdiction courts.

In order to produce the statistics contained in this report, a great deal of effort was expended by the National Court Statistics 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. Even after this extensive data-gathering effort, large gaps remain in the data collected.

Extensive effort was required to validate NCSP classification of data provided by the states and to avoid further distortion of any data received. The National Court Statistics Project staff made no attempt 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.

Variations in completeness and accuracy of data

Incomplete data and questionable accuracy of reported data have been a major concern to the staff of this project. As the appellate court summary tables show, the amount and type of data available (published and unpublished) had no common denominator, and very little consensus exists among states as to the appellate case categories

Figure C: Reporting periods for state courts, not using calendar year, 1977

State	Reporting Period				
	7/01/76- 6/30/77	8/01/76- 7/31/77	9/01/76- 8/31/77	10/01/76- 9/30/77	11/01/76- 10/31/77
Alabama	All courts				All appellate courts
California	All courts				
Colorado	All courts				
Connecticut	All courts				
Delaware	All trial courts				
Georgia	All but Court of Appeals				
Hawaii	All courts				
Kansas	All courts				
Maine	District Court and Administrative Court				
Maryland	All courts				
Massachusetts	All but Appeals Court				
Michigan	All trial courts but Recorder's Court of Detroit				
Missouri	All courts				
Montana	All trial courts				
Nebraska	Workmen's Compensation Court		Supreme Court		
New Hampshire	Probate Court	All but Probate Court			
New Jersey			All courts		
North Carolina					Supreme Court
Puerto Rico	All courts				
Rhode Island					
South Dakota	Circuit Court				Supreme Court
Utah	All but Supreme Court, Justice Court, and Juvenile Court				
Vermont	All courts				
Wisconsin	Supreme Court				

Limitations on analysis

The many variations outlined above make it imperative that information for all courts be carefully examined before comparisons are made.

Some types of analysis are not justified, given the problems of comparability. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

--Comparison of disposition rates. Justifications may have varying rules or procedures for purging cases that have been dormant.

--Comparison of volume data across all states (courts). Even at the NCSP category level, differences exist in cases included, e.g., courts may or may not include administratively handled probate matters with those that are judicially handled.

--Comparison of caseload per judge across all states (courts). The differences in definitions and subject matter jurisdiction mean that caseload per judge is not a "clean" measure of productivity.

--Comparison of volume of juvenile cases across all states (courts). The statutory age when a juvenile becomes an adult varies. This variation affects the volume of both juvenile filings and adult criminal filings.

--Comparison of caseloads in which data are missing. All footnotes on the data are essential and should be observed, especially those describing incomplete data or case definitions.

--Comparison of pending cases or proportion of pending cases to filed cases across all states (courts). The point of filing may differ greatly (notice of appeal or submission in appellate courts; petition filed or note of issue for civil cases) and this may affect the size of the pending caseload. Differences in the starting and ending points of the court year may also effect this measure.

--Comparison of the volume of small claims cases across all states (courts). The limits on the amounts involved in small claims cases varies from state to state, and, in some places, from court to court.

--Inappropriate use of national totals. Data have been aggregated in order to make rough estimates of overall national totals for this report, but this has been done without regard to definitions of case categories and units of count. National aggregations really have little meaning at this time. The national estimates contained in this report should be viewed only as gross, "ballpark" estimates, and not as representing the exact volume of cases in state courts.

Despite the list of analyses that should not be performed, the data in this report do have significant analysis potential. Although the central purpose of this report is to record the data it-

self, some comparisons and analyses can be done. A few examples are as follows:

--Comparison of time to decision in appellate courts. These comparisons can be made from Table 10 for courts at the same level that use the same event for the start of the time interval.

--Comparison of the proportion of trials for felony cases. These comparisons can be made from Table 37 for trial courts that have similar units of count and trial definitions and that report trial data for felonies or felonies and appeals.

--Comparison of the volume of tort actions. These comparisons can be made from Table 19 for 20 states reporting tort data for all courts handling tort actions in that state (that is, those that have no footnote "p") and that use the same case definition.

--Comparison of the proportion of total civil to total criminal filings. These comparisons can be made from Tables 17 and 27, but it is necessary for the courts in compared states to report complete data (no footnote "i" or "p"), and to use the same civil case definition and similar criminal case unit of count.

--Comparison within a state of the number of filings in the court of last resort with the number in the intermediate appellate court. These comparisons can be made from Table 2 for states when both courts report complete data (no footnote "i" or "p").

--Comparison of total volume of civil cases in trial courts. These comparisons can be made from Table 17 for states that use the filing of the petition or complaint as the point at which the case begins (those that have footnote "l" on the court title) and that report complete filings for all courts handling civil cases (no footnote "i" or "p").

Other comparisons for management purposes can be made with data in this report. Comparisons of the volume of cases per judge, the number of trials per judge, the time to process criminal cases, or the relative increases in case filings can be useful for specific courts. As previously discussed, careful examination must be made of the variations in court organization, jurisdiction, and definitions. Such limited comparisons can, however, prove very useful for management purposes.

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 has continued in 1977.

It is important to the longterm 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 NCSP can consider the feedback subsequently received from users of the documents, thereby further enhancing succeeding volumes. During this process, an early benefit to be derived will be the availability to future researchers of successive-year data compilations, preserving 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.

The type and depth of analysis considered by the NCSP to be meaningful, given the quality and completeness of the data, have been outlined above. More analysis can be performed on the 1977 data than on the 1975 or 1976 data. Still more extensive changes will be made to the 1978 and succeeding volumes of the annual report series to improve its analytical potential. 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. Each year the text of the report will be revised, progressively improving its readability.

In order to improve the quality of data contained in future volumes of the Annual Report series, the NCSP staff and COSCA NCSP 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 (the latter by NCSP and State Judicial Information Systems (SJIS) 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.

Because the validity and reliability of the data have not yet been established, the NCSP staff has performed only limited statistical analysis for the Annual Report, 1977. In future volumes of this series, as the quality and quantity of data improve, data contained in these reports will be used as the basis for a series of analytical monographs that investigate selected questions of interest to researchers and court administrators. Examples of topics for analysis within this context include: an examination of problems relating to time guidelines for case processing; the differences, in terms of outcome or delay, resulting from adopting various strategies for processing cases; the identification of methods to improve the allocation of resources within courts; and other topics focused toward improving the quality of justice available in our legal system.

As states gradually increase the quantity and quality of data available to the NCSP, the problems presently caused by the incomplete nature of the 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 also will predict where they are going. The purpose will be to identify existing or developing problems and suggest solutions. Research proposed by the NCSP 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 NCSP efforts constructively and to map future directions.

In this regard, particular recognition and appreciation are extended to the members of COSCA, who are the crucial element in the successful production and improvement of state court statistics. Special recognition and appreciation are also extended to the methodological review panel assembled by LEAA to review NCSP products and generate specific ideas and suggestions for improvement.

Continuation of evolutionary improvement in this statistical series rests, ultimately, upon the ability of the NCSP to maintain a productive dialogue and flow of ideas among the producer-compilers of the annual report, its data sources, and its end users. There already have been much dialogue, flow of ideas, and movement toward improved state court statistics, 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 NCSP 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. In response, an effort was launched during the 1976 Annual Report production cycle to develop these documents. They 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 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 is a companion document which provides a common terminology, definition, and usage for reporting civil, criminal, traffic, juvenile, and appellate caseload inventory 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 structure in the first edition of the dictionary covers those data elements essential for classifying court caseload inventory and manner of disposition.

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-level 1976 annual report, and will not affect state production of data for the 1977 through 1979 annual reports (because states have already completed the collection of data for these years). Even so, some effects will be noticeable in each national-level annual report, starting with this one.

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.

The State Court Organization, 1980 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 NCSP technical assistance effort also 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.

The process of building toward meaningful statistics takes time. Concurrent with expanding and refining the annual report national statistical series, the NCSP effort must encourage movement toward quality and precision in state court statistics. The necessarily longterm 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 NCSP presents the data and analysis contained in the Annual Report, 1977.

Part I: 1977 State court caseload summary statistics

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The summary tables in Part I display the 1977 caseload of appellate courts and trial courts for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico. This introduction will explain the general measures of analysis used in these tables.

Measures of analysis used on summary tables

Several devices are used in the summary tables for analyzing the caseload data. The measures selected for use in the tables vary according to the data being analyzed. A brief explanation of each measure and its use in describing the court's caseload will be given.

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 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 or if the quantity of missing data (indicated by "i" or "p" footnotes) made it inappropriate.

End pending as a 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 be processed. This percent was not computed if the number of cases filed was less than ten or if the quantity of missing data (indicated by "i" or "p" footnotes) 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 not available 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 or if the jurisdiction of the court changed significantly during the year.

Filed per unit of 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) and 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. The number under 18 was used for the juvenile tables. 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.

Disposed and end pending per unit of population. These measures are displayed in appellate court tables, with 100,000 as the unit of population. If all other factors (court jurisdiction,

discretionary jurisdiction, case definition, etc.) are similar, the disposed and end pending per 100,000 population statistics permit direct comparisons among states of the number of disposed and end pending cases.

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 will permit comparison of caseload per judge.

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

Appellate court summary statistics

In this section, tables are presented to show the caseload of appellate courts in 1977. 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. All appellate courts reported at least some caseload data.

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. Therefore, these data cannot be found in published annual reports alone. The sources of data from each court are shown in the individual court profiles in Part II and in Appendix A.

Three factors prevent 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.

These differences in appellate jurisdiction mean that the types of appellate cases will vary from state to state and that the types of issues presented will also vary in complexity. For example, criminal appeals may require less judge time than civil appeals, but the proportion of criminal appeals heard in any level of court is not the same in all states. Another example is found in the number of original jurisdiction cases. The number of and time consumed by these cases is affected by several variables, including whether or not state statutes require that collateral attacks on criminal convictions be filed originally in the trial court or in the appellate court.

Another variation in appellate court jurisdiction is in the amount of discretion in jurisdiction granted to the court. The amount of time needed to decide whether or not to hear a discretionary appeal is usually much less than the time required to hear a mandatory appeal case. The ordinary appeal of right, however, is generally less complex to decide than an appeal allowed after the exercise of discretionary jurisdiction. These variations in jurisdiction make caseload comparisons among appellate courts extremely difficult.

The second major variation in appellate court data arises in the classification of cases. The types of actions included as filings may involve time spans that vary from a few minutes to several months of judge time. Original jurisdiction cases and requests for leave to appeal generally require less judge time than appeals, while appeals of right are less complex and less time consuming than appeals allowed through discretionary jurisdiction. Many of the problems in comparability result from the various ways in which courts classify these different types 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 when 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. The latter method will exclude those cases that are withdrawn before the counting point. 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 National Court Statistics 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. Unfortunately, data on appeals were not reported by states in sufficient detail to separate all appellate caseloads into categories. In the detailed caseload tables (Tables 3 and 4) appeals have been distinguished from original proceedings, requests to appeal, and sentence review only cases, for courts of last resort and for intermediate appellate courts whenever such data were available. Even so, the significant differences in the definition and classification of cases in appellate courts have led the NCSP 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 12) 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 breakdowns, and time-to-disposition of appeals. The last two tables (Tables 11 and 12) 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, 1977.
Estimated cases per judge and per 100,000 population

Reported and estimated caseload	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
All appellate courts				
Reported cases.....	52,418	140,425	126,855	59,640
Number of states reporting complete data.....	34	46	47	34
Percent of population represented by complete data.....	48%	84%	92%	48%
Estimated national totals.....	143,300	136,100		
Courts of last resort				
Reported cases.....	16,755	52,060	48,810	18,805
Number of states reporting complete data.....	35	46	46	35
Percent of population represented by complete data.....	53%	84%	89%	53%
Percent of variance explained (R^2).....		54%	94%	
Estimated national totals.....	54,900	51,800		
Intermediate appellate courts				
Reported cases.....	35,663	88,363	78,045	40,835
Number of states reporting complete data.....	20	26	26	20
Percent of population represented by complete data.....	57%	90%	93%	57%
Percent of variance explained (R^2).....		65%	99%	
Estimated national totals.....	88,400	84,200		
Estimated cases per Judge				
All appellate courts.....	171	163		
Courts of last resort.....	161	152		
Intermediate appellate courts.....	178	170		
Estimated cases per 100,000 population				
All appellate courts.....	65	62		
Courts of last resort.....	25	24		
Intermediate appellate courts.....	49	47		

Note: The only data included in this table are those from the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Data from Puerto Rico are not included in this table. For inclusion on this table, a case is any appeal, any original proceeding, or any request to appeal. To ascertain the states that reported data in any category, refer to Table 2.

Reported cases:
The reported cases totals for all appellate courts, courts of last resort, or intermediate appellate courts include only data from states with data on all appellate courts, all courts of last resort, or all intermediate appellate courts, respectively.

Number of states reporting complete data:
The number of states whose total for that type of court was completed, that is, did not have footnotes "n" or "m" attached. All 50 states and the District of Columbia have courts of last resort. Only 27 states had intermediate appellate courts during 1977.

Percent of population represented:
State population figures used for all appellate courts and courts of last resort are from the revised 1977 Bureau of Census estimates and total 219,798,000 for the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Bureau of Census estimates for the population in the 27 states with intermediate appellate courts in 1977 totaled 180,343,000. The percent of population represented for each caseload category is based on the appropriate total population figure.

Estimated national totals:
Estimated national totals for 1977 are the cumulative totals of all reported data that were complete plus the estimated data for each state not reporting complete data. The procedure used to estimate incomplete or missing data is discussed in Appendix A of this volume.

Estimated cases per Judge:
There were 837 judges assigned to appellate courts in 1977: 340 in courts of last resort, and 497 in intermediate appellate courts. The estimated number of cases in each of the categories was divided by the number of judges serving that level of court.

Estimated cases per 100,000 population:
Estimated cases per 100,000 population were calculated by dividing the estimated national totals by the appropriate population figure, 2197.58 for all appellate courts and courts of last resort, and 1803.43 for intermediate appellate courts.

Table 2: Reported appellate court caseload for courts of last resort, intermediate appellate courts, and all appellate courts, 1977.
 Number and percent change in pending. Number of courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts. Number of judges in each appellate court. 1977 state population in thousands. Reported national total with number of states reporting and percent of population represented

State	Court of last resort						Intermediate appellate courts						All appellate courts						Number of courts	Number of judges	1977 state popu- lation						
	Beginning pending		Dis- posed		End pending		Change in pending		Beginning pending		Dis- posed		End pending		Change in pending		Beginning pending		Dis- posed		End pending						
		Filled					Num- ber	Per- cent		Filled					Num- ber	Per- cent		Filled					Inter- Last resort	Inter- medi- ate	Inter- Last resort	Inter- medi- ate	
Alabama--STATE TOTAL.....	325	815	(61) ^e	746	(61) ^e	394	69	21	795	1,161	1,268	684	-107	-13	1,120	1,970 ^d	2,014 ^d	1,082	1	2	9	8	3,783				
Court of Civil Appeals...	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	124	308	292	140	16	13	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
Court of Criminal Appeals	--	--	--	--	--	--	671	853	976	548	-123	-18	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	56	--	--	--		
Alaska.....	391	613	450	554	163	42	--	--	--	--	--	--	391	613	450	554	1	0	5	--	396	--	--	--	--		
Arizona.....	210	964	1,009	165	-45	-21	1,417	2,005	1,894	1,528	111	8	1,627	2,969	2,903	1,693	1	1	5	12	2,427	--	--	--	--		
Arkansas.....	313	694	662	345	32	10	--	--	--	--	--	--	313	694	662	345	1	0	7	--	2,207	--	--	--	--		
California.....	3,850	(231) ^e	3,554	(231) ^e	(296)	--	4,544 ⁱ	11,460	12,134	5,163 ^j	(-674)	--	4,544 ^{iP}	15,310 ⁱ	15,688 ⁱ	5,163 ^{iP}	1	1	7	56	22,350	--	--	--	--		
Colorado.....	343	735	704	374	31	9	674	1,128	918	884	210	31	1,017	1,863	1,622	1,258	1	1	7	10	2,696	--	--	--	--		
Connecticut.....	380 ⁱ	409 ⁱ	359	487 ⁱ	1071	28 ⁱ	--	--	--	--	--	--	380 ⁱ	409 ⁱ	359	487 ⁱ	1	0	6	--	3,089	--	--	--	--		
Delaware.....	286	364	316	334	48	17	--	--	--	--	--	--	286	364	316	334	1	0	3	--	595	--	--	--	--		
District of Columbia.....	1,122	1,353	1,314	1,161	39	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	1,122	1,353	1,314	1,161	1	0	9	--	682	--	--	--	--		
Florida.....	985	2,253	2,119	1,119	134	14	6,069	9,647	8,952	6,764	695	11	7,054	11,900	11,071	8,071	1	1	7	28	8,889	--	--	--	--		
Georgia.....	411	1,496	1,520	384	-27	-7	0	2,132	2,132	0	0	0	411	3,628	3,652	384	1	1	7	9	5,212	--	--	--	--		
Hawaii.....	320	316	153	483	163	51	--	--	--	--	--	--	320	316	153	483	1	0	5	--	916	--	--	--	--		
Idaho.....	399	374	304	469	70	18	--	--	--	--	--	--	399	374	304	469	1	0	5	--	883	--	--	--	--		
Illinois.....	351	1,139	(159) ^e	1,121	(159) ^e	369	18	5	4,111	4,381	4,579	3,913 ^k	-198	-5	4,462	5,520 ^k	5,700 ^k	4,282	1	1	7	34	11,406	--	--	--	--
Indiana.....	80	476	(13) ^j	406	(13) ^j	150	70	88	627	883	758	752	125	20	707	1,359 ^j	1,164 ^j	902	1	1	5	9	5,405	--	--	--	--
Iowa.....	1,078	1,231	(19) ^e	1,075	(19) ^e	848	-230	-21	69	356	330	95	26	38	1,147	1,587 ^j	1,409 ^j	943	1	1	9	5	2,914	--	--	--	--
Kansas.....	337	464	451	350	13	4	135	370	133	372	237	176	472	834	584	722	1	1	7	7	2,318	--	--	--	--		
Kentucky.....	463	(39) ^e	1,076	(39) ^e	(-613)	--	783	1,922	1,564	1,141	358	46	783 ^{jP}	2,385 ^j	2,640 ^j	1,141 ^{jP}	1	1	7	14	3,575	--	--	--	--		
Louisiana.....	2,266	(317) ^e	2,013	(317) ^e	(253)	--	854	2,407	2,352	909	55	6	854 ^{jP}	4,673 ^e	4,365 ^e	909 ^{jP}	1	1	7	29	4,016	--	--	--	--		
Maine.....	314	379	282	411	97	31	--	--	--	--	--	--	314	379	282	411	1	0	7	--	1,105	--	--	--	--		
Maryland.....	14	558	(11) ^e	556	(11) ^e	13	-1	-7	237	1,545(20) ^e	1,629(20) ^e	153	-84	-35	251	2,103 ^j	2,185 ^j	166	1	1	7	12	4,195	--	--	--	--
Massachusetts.....	1,005 ⁱ	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1,166	912	--	2,171 ⁱ	912 ⁱ	--	1	1	7	6	5,744	--	--	--	--			
Michigan.....	736	1,503	(259) ^e	1,237	(259) ^e	786	50	7	5,274	4,788	(486)	--	736 ^{jP}	6,777 ^e	6,025 ^e	786 ^{jP}	1	1	7	18	9,157	--	--	--	--		
Minnesota.....	1,001	(5) ^e	857 ⁱ	(5) ^e	(144)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1,001 ^e	857 ⁱ	--	1	0	9	--	3,980	--	--	--	--			
Mississippi.....	153	797	918	32	-121	-79	--	--	--	--	--	--	153	797	918	32	1	0	9	--	2,460	--	--	--	--		
Missouri.....	95	667	570	192	97	102	2,033	2,146	2,244	1,966	-67	-3	2,128	2,813	2,814	2,158	1	1	7	22	4,845	--	--	--	--		
Montana.....	469	463	(6)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	469	463	--	1	0	5	--	771	--	--	--	--			
Nebraska.....	470 ⁱ	607 ⁱ	609 ⁱ	468 ⁱ	-21	<-11	--	--	--	--	--	--	470 ⁱ	607 ⁱ	609 ⁱ	468 ⁱ	1	0	7	--	1,554	--	--	--	--		
Nevada.....	259	1,092	898	453	194	75	--	--	--	--	--	--	259	1,092	898	453	1	0	5	--	678	--	--	--	--		
New Hampshire.....	202	315	3																								

Table 2: Reported appellate court caseload for courts of last resort, intermediate appellate courts, and all appellate courts, 1977 (continued).

State	Court of last resort				Intermediate appellate courts				All appellate courts				Number of courts	Number of judges	1977 state popu- lation					
	Beginning pending		Filled	Dis- posed	End pending	Change in pending		Beginning pending	Filled	Dis- posed	End pending	Change in pending		Beginning pending	Filled	Dis- posed	End pending			
	Num- ber	Per- cent				Num- ber	Per- cent					Num- ber	Per- cent							
Ohio.....	1,516	(111) ^a	1,494	(111) ^a	(22)	4,591	7,992	7,929	5,977	1,386	30	4,591 ^b	9,508 ^b	9,423 ^b	5,977 ^b	1	1	7	44	10,771
Oklahoma—STATE TOTAL.....	1,646	2,002 (39) ^a	1,912 (39) ^a	1,744	98 6	163	353	387	129	-34 -21	1,609	2,359 ^b	2,299 ^b	1,873	2	1	12	6	2,866	
Supreme Court	1,310	1,109 (39) ^a	1,081 (39) ^a	1,346	36 3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	9	--	--	
Court of Criminal Appeals	336	893	831	398	62 18	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	--	--	
Oregon.....	395	865 (39) ^a	812 (39) ^a	468	73 18	730	2,348	2,054	1,024	294	40	1,125	3,233	2,866	1,492	1	1	7	10	2,439
Pennsylvania—STATE TOTAL.....	1,549 (118) ^a	(118) ^a	1,549 (118) ^a	1,549 (118) ^a	6,364	--	--	--	--	--	--	7,913 ^b	--	--	--	1	2	7	14	11,882
Superior Court.....	--	--	--	--	--	3,700	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	7	--	--
Commonwealth Court	--	--	--	--	--	2,664	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	7	--	--
Puerto Rico.....	450	1,248	1,309	389	-61 -14	--	--	--	--	--	--	450	1,248	1,309	389	1	0	7	--	3,321
Rhode Island.....	447	427	353	521	74 17	--	--	--	--	--	--	447	427	353	521	1	0	5	--	955
South Carolina.....	193	487	416	264	71 37	--	--	--	--	--	--	193	487	416	264	1	0	5	--	2,989
South Dakota.....	270 ^b	268 (2) ^a	246 (2) ^a	307 ^b	37 ^b 14 ^b	--	--	--	--	--	--	270 ^b	289 ^b	245 ^b	308 ^b	1	0	5	--	689
Tennessee—STATE TOTAL.....	879 (98) ^a	826 (98) ^a	(53)	--	--	1,472	1,555	--	--	(-83)	2,351 ^b	2,381 ^b	--	--	1	2	5	18	4,402	
Court of Appeals	--	--	--	--	--	--	758	785	--	(-27)	--	--	--	--	--	--	9	--	--	
Court of Criminal Appeals.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	714	770	--	(-56)	--	--	--	--	--	--	9	--	--	
Texas—STATE TOTAL.....	1,397	5,727 (186) ^a	5,778 (218) ^a	2,306	909 65	978	1,969	1,867	1,080	102 10	2,375	7,695 ^b	7,645 ^b	3,386	2	1	14	42	13,192	
Supreme Court	258	1,035 (89) ^a	950 (121) ^a	303	45 17	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	9	--	--	
Court of Criminal Appeals.....	1,139	4,692 (97) ^a	3,828 (97) ^a	2,003	864 76	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5	--	--	
Utah.....	--	634	659 ^b	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	634	659 ^b	--	--	1	0	5	--	1,316
Vermont.....	269	364	344	289	20 7	--	--	--	--	--	--	269	364	344	289	1	0	5	--	492
Virginia.....	591	1,932 (212) ^a	1,767 (212) ^a	748	157 27	--	--	--	--	--	--	591	1,932 ^b	1,767 ^b	748	1	0	7	--	5,206
Washington.....	335	638	562	411	76 23	1,915	1,996	1,634	2,277	362 19	2,250	2,634	2,196	2,688	1	1	9	16	3,772	
West Virginia.....	51	863 (185) ^a	820 (222) ^a	57	6 12	--	--	--	--	--	--	51	863 ^b	820 ^b	57	1	0	5	--	1,906
Wisconsin.....	639	904	801	742	103 16	--	--	--	--	--	--	639	904	801	742	1	0	7	--	4,613
Wyoming.....	153	146	177	122	-31 -20	--	--	--	--	--	--	153	146	177	122	1	0	5	--	412
Reported national totals*....	15,421	48,419	46,914	17,800	--	31,119	78,109	78,045	35,672	--	34,783	119,384	126,839	39,045	54	31	340	497	223,079	
Number states reporting*....	36	47	47	36	--	20	26	26	20	--	35	47	48	35	--	--	--	--	--	
Percent of population represented*	53%	84%	89%	53%	--	57%	90%	93%	57%	--	49%	84%	92%	49%	--	--	--	--	--	

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 not appropriate.

Numbers in parentheses, representing the number of requests to appeal that were granted, were not included in any of the calculations.

-- = Not applicable.

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 not appropriate.
Numbers in parentheses, representing the number of requests to appeal that were granted, were not included in any of the calculations.

-- = Not applicable.

CJudge Information:

Alabama--Court of Criminal Appeals--In addition to its regular judges, this court also has three supernumerary judges assigned to it.
New York--Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court--This court also had 11 Justices and 8 certified retired Justices temporarily assigned to it during 1977.
^aCases 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. These data were not included in the data when the caseloads of all appellate courts were combined for the set of columns headed "all appellate courts," or in any of the other calculations included in the table.
^bData are not complete. Explanation of which data are not included in the figure may be found on the particular court profile in the 1977 appendix volume of this report.
California--Intermediate appellate court--Pending data do not include original jurisdiction cases.
Connecticut--Court of last resort--Pending and filed data do not include requests to appeal cases.
Massachusetts--Court of last resort--The only data that were available for this court were the number of appeals filed.
Nebraska--Court of last resort--Data do not include request to appeal cases.
New Jersey--Court of last resort--Pending and filed data do not include all requests to appeal cases.
New York--Court of last resort--Filing data available for request to appeal cases were incomplete.
Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court--Filing data available for original proceedings were incomplete.
North Carolina--Court of last resort--Pending data do not include requests to appeal.
Pennsylvania--Court of last resort--The only disposition data available were the number of requests to appeal granted.
South Dakota--Court of last resort--Pending data do not include any original proceedings or requests to appeal.
Utah--Court of last resort--Cases disposed includes only cases disposed by opinion or dismissed.
Data were not available for all courts in the state.

***Reported national totals:**

The reported national totals include only data for states reporting data in the caseload category for all courts in the state. Not included in these national totals are incomplete data, indicated by an
"I" or "P" footnote for the New York court of last resort filings, the Pennsylvania Intermediate appellate courts dispositions, the Tennessee court of last resort dispositions, the Utah court of last
resort dispositions, and the California, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, and Ohio "all appellate courts" beginning pendings and end pendings.
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 27
states with intermediate appellate courts.

Percent of population represented:

State populations used for courts of last resort and "all appellate courts" are the revised 1977 Bureau of Census estimates and total 223,079,000 for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto
Rico. Population for the 27 states with intermediate appellate courts totals 180,343,000. The percent of population represented for each caseload category is based on these total population figures.

Table 3: Detailed category caseload for courts of last resort, 1977.

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	Beginning pending				Filed				Disposed				End pending						
	Appeals	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	Sentence review only	Appeals	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	Sentence review only	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.....	X	X	0	325	X(61)8	X	292	815(61)8	X	X	231(61)8	746(61)8	394	X	X	0	394		
Alaska—Supreme Court.....	350	5	20	16	391	407	17	126	63	613	289	18	103	40	450	468	4	43	554
Arizona—Supreme Court.....	126	84			210	120	844		964		177	832		1,009		69	96		165
Arkansas—Supreme Court.....	304	6	NH		313	606	88	NH		694	576	86	NH		662	334	11	NH	345
California—Supreme Court.....						27(194)8	896(37)8	2,927		3,850(231)8	91	767	2,696(231)8		3,554(231)8				
Colorado—Supreme Court.....	X	X	X		343	207	242	284	735		X	X	X		704	X	X	X	374
Connecticut—Supreme Court.....	380				380 ¹	409		409 ¹			302	57			359	487			487 ¹
Delaware—Supreme Court.....	286J	(J)	NH		286	364J	(J)	NH		364	316J	(J)	NH		316	334J	(J)	NH	334
District of Columbia—Court of Appeals.....	1,122J	0	(J)		1,122	1,327J	26	(J)	1,353		1,288J	26	(J)	1,314		1,161J	0	(J)	1,161
Florida—Supreme Court.....	X	X	X		985	291	543	1,419	2,253		223	558	1,338		2,119	X	X	X	1,119
Georgia—Supreme Court.....	270	NH	141		411	878	NH	618	1,496		894	NH	626		1,520	254	NH	130	384
Hawaii—Supreme Court.....	316	4			320	303	13		316		144	9			153	475	8		483
Idaho—Supreme Court.....	380	19			399	345	29		374		267	37			304	458	11		469
Illinois—Supreme Court.....	187	18	146		351	64(155)8	103(4)8	972	1,139(159)8		237	106(4)8	778(155)8		1,121(159)8	169	15	185	369
Indiana—Supreme Court.....	X	X	X		80	X(13)8	X	X	476(13)8		156	69	181(13)8		406(13)8	X	X	X	150
Iowa—Supreme Court.....	X	X	X	X	1,078	1,033(19)8	(J)	198	(J)	1,231(19)8	940	4	117(19)8	14	1,075(19)8	X	X	X	848
Kansas—Supreme Court.....	333	4			337	436	28		464		429	22			451	340	10		350
Kentucky—Supreme Court.....						78(39)8	57	328	463(39)8		851	41	184(39)8		1,076(39)8				
Louisiana—Supreme Court.....						603(317)8	36	1,622	2,266(317)8		781	10	1,222(317)8		2,013(317)8				
Maine—Supreme Judicial Court.....	279	0			314	326	3		50	379	236	3		43	282	369	0	42	411
Maryland—Court of Appeals.....	14	0	0		14	62(111)8	16	480	558(111)8		174	16	366(114)8		556(114)8	13	0	0	13
Massachusetts—Supreme Judicial Court.....						1,005			1,005 ¹										
Michigan—Supreme Court.....	126	(J)	610		736	0(259)8	(J)	1,503	1,503(259)8		260	(J)	977(259)8		1,237(259)8	125	(J)	661	786
Minnesota—Supreme Court.....						759(5)8	130	103	1,001(5)8		424	433	(5)8 ¹		857(5)8				
Mississippi—Supreme Court.....	151	2			153	658	139		797		780	138			918	29	3		32
Missouri—Supreme Court.....	71	X	X		95	158	X	X	667		119	136	315		570	110	X	X	192
Montana—Supreme Court.....						377	92		469		X	X			463				
Nebraska—Supreme Court.....	470J	(J)			470 ¹	607J	(J)		607 ¹		609J	(J)			609 ¹	468J	(J)		468 ¹
Nevada—Supreme Court.....	X	X	X		259	507	181	404	1,092		X	X	X		898	X	X	X	453
New Hampshire—Supreme Court.....	X	X			202	266	49		315		X	X			348	X	X		169
New Jersey—Supreme Court.....	195	42	385 ¹		622 ¹	75(150)8	62	765 ¹	902(150)8		244	70	998(150)8		1,312(150)8	176	34	183 ¹	393 ¹
New Mexico—Supreme Court.....	X	X	X		123	273(27)8	189	167	632(27)8		241	200	143(27)8		584(27)8	X	X	X	169
New York—Court of Appeals.....						502(154)8		1,464 ¹	1,966 ¹ (154)8		641		2,980(154)8		3,221(154)8				
North Carolina—Supreme Court.....	X	X			42 ¹	128(44)8	5(6)8	332	465(50)8		X	X	280(52)8		458(52)8	X	X		46 ¹
North Dakota—Supreme Court.....	8	0	0		8	166	16	4	186		159	16	4		179	15	0	0	15
Ohio—Supreme Court.....						140(111)8	155	1,221	1,516(111)8		189	162	1,143(111)8		1,494(111)8				
Oklahoma—STATE TOTAL.....	X	X	X	X	1,646	X	X	X	X	2,002(39)8	1,206	416	179(39)8		1,912(39)8	X	X	X	1,744
Supreme Court.....	X	X	X		1,310	731(39)8	197	181	1,109(39)8		783	149	149(39)8		1,081(39)8	X	X	X	1,346
Court of Criminal Appeals.....	X	X	X	X	336	X	X	X	X	893	523	267	36	11	831	X	X	X	398
Oregon—Supreme Court.....	X	X	48		395	466(39)8	108	311	885(39)8		X	X	235(39)8		812(39)8	X	X	85	468

	705(118) ^e				844				1,549(118) ^e				(118) ^e ^l				(118) ^e ^t			
Pennsylvania--Supreme Court.....	187	26	237	450	359	28	861	1,248	366	28	915	1,309	180	26	183	389				
Puerto Rico--Supreme Court.....	X	X	X	447	292	39	96	427	X	X	X	353	X	X	X	521				
Rhode Island--Supreme Court.....	191	2		193	473	14		487	400	16		416	264	0		264				
South Carolina--Supreme Court.....	270			270 ^l	257(2) ^e	15	16	288(2) ^e	222	9	15(2) ^e	246(2) ^e	307			307 ^l				
Tennessee--Supreme Court.....		NH			232(98) ^e	NH	647	879(98) ^e	314	NH	512(98) ^e	826(98) ^e		NH						
Texas--STATE TOTAL.....	1,105	53	239	1,397	3,310(167) ^e	0(19) ^e	2,417	5,727(186) ^e	2,639	16	2,123(218) ^e	4,778(218) ^e	1,946	45	315	2,306				
Supreme Court.....	30 ^j	53 ^j	175	258	14(70) ^e	0(19) ^e	1,021	1,035(89) ^e	75	16	859(121) ^e	950(121) ^e	42 ^j	45 ^j	216	303				
Court of Criminal Appeals.....	1,075		64	1,139	3,296(97) ^e		1,396	4,692(97) ^e	2,564		1,264(97) ^e	3,828(97) ^e	1,904	99		2,003				
Utah--Supreme Court.....					634			634			659 ^j			659 ^j						
Vermont--Supreme Court.....	267	2		269	354	10		364	334	10		344		287	2		289			
Virginia--Supreme Court.....	112	61	418	591	0(212) ^e	X	X	1,932(212) ^e	229	261	1,277(212) ^e	1,767(212) ^e	136	70	542	748				
Washington--Supreme Court.....	198	3	134	335	222	11	405	638	200	6	356	562	220	8	183	411				
West Virginia--Supreme Court of Appeals..	5	3	43	51	0(185) ^e	443	420	863(185) ^e	179	443	198(222) ^e	820(222) ^e	11	3	43	57				
Wisconsin--Supreme Court.....	630	9	0	639	750	98	56	904	649	96	56	801	731	11	0	742				
Wyoming--Supreme Court.....					X	X	NH	153	11	NH	146	160	17	NH	177		X	X	NH	122
Reported national totals*.....	8,333	343	2,036	51	15,421	21,696	4,745	19,073	113	48,419	19,035	5,077	20,205	108	46,914	9,936	357	2,685	81	17,800
Number of states reporting*.....	28	21	14	2	36	49	36	28	2	47	41	34	30	4	47	28	21	14	2	36
Percent of population represented*.....	44%	34%	32%		53%	95%	64%	68%	84%	84%	68%	80%	89%	44%	34%	32%		53%		

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 are not available. Number 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 not available by category.

*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.

¹Data are not complete:

Connecticut--Total cases pending and filed include appeals only.

Indiana--The number of criminal requests to appeal granted was not available and therefore the appeals filed figure and the requests to appeal disposed figure are not complete.

Massachusetts--Total case filings include appeals only.

Minnesota--The number of requests to appeal denied are not known and are not included in the disposed data.

Nebraska--Total cases data include appeals and original jurisdiction cases only.

New Jersey--Not all requests to appeal are included in the pending and filed data. Dispositions are complete.

New York--Filing data do not include all requests to appeal. Dispositions are complete as reported.

North Carolina--Pending data reported include appeals and original jurisdiction cases only.

South Dakota--Pending data are available for appeals only.

Utah--Appeals disposed and total cases disposed include only those cases disposed by opinion or dismissed.

JExplanation of data included in the category:

Colorado--Total cases filed also includes two requests for stay pending appeal that were filed during the time period.

Delaware--Appeals data reported also include original applications, advisory opinions, and certifications.

District of Columbia--Appeals data reported also include petitions for review.

Iowa--Original proceedings and sentence review only cases filed are included in the appeals filed figure.

Michigan--A few original jurisdiction cases are included with the appeal and request to appeal figures.

Nebraska--The few original jurisdiction cases that the court handles are included in with the appeals figures.

Texas--Supreme Court--Pending data for some original jurisdiction cases are included with the number of appeals pending.

*Reported national totals:

The reported national totals included only data for states reporting data in the caseload category for all cases 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 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:

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 50 states and 49 states handling original proceedings and requests to appeal, respectively.

Percent of population represented:

State populations used are the revised Bureau of Census estimates and total 223,079,000 from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The total population is 213,465,000 for the 50 states handling original proceedings and 219,865,000 for the 49 states handling requests to appeal.

Table 4: Detailed category caseload for intermediate appellate courts, 1977.
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	Beginning pending			Filed			Disposed			End pending		
	Appeals	Original proceedings	Total	Appeals	Original proceedings	Total	Appeals	Original proceedings	Total	Appeals	Original proceedings	Total
Alabama--STATE TOTAL.....	795	(1)	795	1,161	(1)	1,161	1,268	(1)	1,268	688	(1)	688
Court of Civil Appeals.....	124	124	308	292	292	440	292	292	440	548	548	548
Court of Criminal Appeals.....	671	(1)	671	853	(1)	853	976	(1)	976	1,521	7	1,528
Arizona--Court of Appeals.....	1,408	9	1,417	1,815	190	2,005	1,702	192	1,894	1,214	5163	1,214
California--Courts of Appeal.....	4,244	NH	4,544	7,323	4,137	NH	11,460	NH	12,134	5,163	NH	5,163
Colorado--Court of Appeals.....	674	NH	674	1,128	NH	1,128	918	NH	918	884	NH	884
Florida--District Courts of Appeal.....	X	X	X	6,069	8,228	684	735	9,647	8,025	531	396	8,952
Georgia--Court of Appeals.....	0	0	0	1,836	0	296	2,132	1,836	0	296	2,132	0
Illinois--Appellate Court.....	4,111	NH	4,111	4,381	NH	NH	4,381	4,579	NH	NH	3,913	NH
Indiana--Court of Appeals.....	627	627	883	883	758	758	752	752	752	752	752	752
Iowa--Court of Appeals.....	69	69	356	356	330	330	95	95	95	95	95	95
Kansas--Court of Appeals ^a	135	370	370	133	133	372	372	372	372	372	372	372
Kentucky--Court of Appeals.....	780	3	0	1,794	120	8	1,922	1,454	104	6	1,564	1,120
Louisiana--Court of Appeal.....	X	X	854	2,092	315	2,407	2,054	298	2,352	X	X	909
Maryland--Court of Special Appeals.....	337	0	237	1,363(20) ^b	182	1,545(20) ^b	1,467	162(20) ^b	1,629(20) ^b	153	0	153
Massachusetts--Appeals Court.....	1,166			1,166	912	912	912					
Michigan--Court of Appeals.....	3,673			X	X	5,274	X	X	X	4,788		
Missouri--Court of Appeals.....	2,003	X	X	2,033	1,797	348	1	2,146	1,907	X	X	1,966
New Jersey--Appellate Division of Superior Court.....	4,748	45	4,793	5,208	770	5,978	4,249	720	4,969	5,707	95	5,802
New Mexico--Court of Appeals.....	145	145	576	576	503	503	218	218	218	218	218	218
New York--STATE TOTAL.....	10,256			10,256	9,602	1120	9,714					
Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court.....				7,826	(1)	7,826	7,744	113	7,856			
Appellate Term of the Supreme Court.....				2,430		2,430	1,858		1,858			
North Carolina--Court of Appeals.....	1,078			1,078	846	846	846					
Ohio--Court of Appeals.....	4,228	263	NH	4,591	7,290	702	NH	7,992	7,183	746	NH	7,929
Oklahoma--Court of Appeals.....	163	163	353	353	387	387	387	387	387	129	129	129
Oregon--Court of Appeals.....	730		730	2,348	2,348	2,054	2,054	1,024	1,024			
Pennsylvania--STATE TOTAL.....				6,116	248P	6,364						
Superior Court.....	3,700			3,700								
Commonwealth Court.....	2,416			2,416	248	2,664						
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL.....	1,391	81		1,472	785P	X	1,255					
Court of Appeals.....	NH	633	81	714	X	X	785	NH	785	NH	770	
Texas--Courts of Civil Appeals.....	978	21	53	919	1,969	1,969	1,867	1,867	1,080	2,158	62	57
Washington--Court of Appeals.....	1,841	266	98	31,119	77,648	6,720	2,148	78,109	63,406	6,113	1,734	78,045
Reported national totals ^c	26,316	296	98	31,119	77,648	6,720	2,148	78,109	63,406	6,113	1,734	35,672
Number of states reporting ^d	19	5	5	20	27	10	7	26	24	8	7	20
Percent of population represented ^e	63%	15%	17%	57%	100%	42%	27%	90%	86%	36%	15%	57%

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 are not available.

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.

*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.

Data are not complete.

California--Total cases pending figures only include appeals pending.

New York--Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court--Total cases filed does not include all original jurisdiction cases.

Explanation of data included in the category:

Alabama--Court of Criminal Appeals--Appeals data reported also include request to appeal case figures.

Iowa--Sentence review only data are included with the figures given for appeals. Ten of these cases were disposed during the year.

The numbers of these cases pending and filed during the year could not be identified.

Kansas--The beginning pending figure given for this court represents the number of cases transferred to it from the Supreme Court when it was created during 1977.

New York--Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court--Some original jurisdiction cases are included in with appeals in the filing and disposition data reported.

Additional information:

The Kansas Court of Appeals was created on January 10, 1977 in the middle of the court reporting period. Data are reported for the six-month period from January through June for the 1977 court year.

Data were not available for all courts in the state. These incomplete data were not included in the calculated national totals.

*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 in Pennsylvania and New York were not included in these national totals.

Number of states reporting:

Reported cases for appeals and total cases are from the 27 states with intermediate appellate courts. Reported cases for original proceedings and requests to appeal are from the 25 states and 24 states, respectively, handling each case type.

Percent of population represented:

State populations used are the revised Bureau of Census estimates and total 190,343,000 for the 27 states with intermediate appellate courts. The total population is 160,241,000 for the 25 states handling original proceedings and 137,816,000 for the 24 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 courts of last resort in states with intermediate appellate courts, 1977.
State population. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed and disposed per judge. Filed, disposed, and end pending per 100,000 population

State and court title	State population in thousands	Number of judges	As percent of filed			Change in pending			Per 100,000 population		
			Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed	Number	Percent	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Alabama--Supreme Court.....	3,785	9	325	815 (61) ^f	746 (61) ^f	394	92	48	69	21	91
Arizona--Supreme Court.....	2,427	5	210	964	1,009	165	105	17	-45	-21	193
California--Supreme Court.....	22,350	7	3,850 (231) ^f	3,554 (231) ^f	3,296	92	550	508	17	16	14
Colorado--Supreme Court.....	2,696	7	343	735	704	374	96	51	31	9	105
Florida--Supreme Court.....	8,889	7	985	2,253	2,119	94	50	134	322	303	25
Georgia--Supreme Court.....	5,212	7	411	1,496	1,520	384	102	26	-27	-7	214
Illinois--Supreme Court.....	11,406	7	351	1,139 (159) ^f	1,121 (159) ^f	369	98	32	18	5	163
Indiana--Supreme Court.....	5,405	5	80	476 (131) ^f	404 (131) ^f	150	85	70	88	91	81
Iowa--Supreme Court.....	2,914	9	1,078	1,231 (19) ^f	1,075 (19) ^f	848	87	69	-230	-21	139
Kansas--Supreme Court.....	2,										

Table 6: Caseload for courts of last resort in states without intermediate appellate courts, 1977.
State population. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed and disposed per judge. Filed, disposed, and end pending per 100,000 population

State and court title	State population in thousands	Number of judges	Begin- ning pending	As percent of filed		Change in pending		Per judge		Per 100,000 population					
				Filed	Disposed	End pending	Dis- posed	Number cent	Filed	Disposed	End pending				
Alaska--Supreme Court.....	396	5	391	613	450	554	73	90	163	42	123	90	155	114	140
Arkansas--Supreme Court.....	2,207	7	313	694	662	345	95	50	32	10	99	95	32	31	16
Connecticut--Supreme Court.....	3,089	6	380 ¹	409 ¹	359	487 ¹	119 ¹	107 ¹	28 ¹	68 ¹	60	13 ¹	12	16 ¹	
Delaware--Supreme Court.....	595	3	286	364	316	334	87	92	48	17	121	105	61	53	56
District of Columbia--Court of Appeals.....	682	9	1,122	1,353	1,314	1,161	97	86	39	3	150	146	198	193	170
Hawaii--Supreme Court.....	916	5	320	316	153	483	48	153	163	51	63	31	34	17	53
Idaho--Supreme Court.....	883	5	399	374	304	469	81	125	70	18	75	61	41	33	51
Maine--Supreme Judicial Court.....	1,105	7	314	379	282	411	74	108	97	51	54	40	34	26	37
Minnesota--Supreme Court.....	3,980	9	1,001 (5) ²	857 ¹ (5) ²	918	32	115	4	-121	-79	111	95 ¹	25	22 ¹	
Mississippi--Supreme Court.....	2,460	9	153	797	918	32	115	4	-121	-79	89	102	32	37	1
Montana--Supreme Court.....	771	5	469	463	99	(9)	-21	<1 ¹	94	93	61	60	39	39 ¹	30 ¹
N.H.--Supreme Court.....	1,554	7	470 ¹	607 ¹	609 ¹	468 ¹	100 ¹	77 ¹	-21	<1 ¹	87 ¹	87 ¹	39 ¹	39 ¹	30 ¹
Nevada--Supreme Court.....	678	5	259	1,092	898	453	82	41	194	75	218	180	161	132	67
New Hampshire--Supreme Court.....	872	5	202	315	348	169	110	54	-33	-16	63	70	36	40	19
North Dakota--Supreme Court.....	649	5	8	186	179	15	96	8	7	37	36	29	28	2	
Puerto Rico--Supreme Court.....	3,205	7	450	1,248	1,309	389	105	31	-61	-14	178	187	39	41	12
Rhode Island--Supreme Court.....	955	5	447	427	353	521	83	122	74	17	85	71	45	37	55
South Carolina--Supreme Court.....	2,989	5	193	487	416	264	85	54	71	37	97	83	16	14	9
South Dakota--Supreme Court.....	689	5	270 ¹	288 (2) ²	246 (2) ²	307 ¹	85	(-42)	58	49	42	36	45 ¹		
Utah--Supreme Court.....	1,316	5	634	659 ¹	127	132 ¹	48	50 ¹							
Vermont--Supreme Court.....	492	5	269	364	344	289	95	79	20	7	73	69	74	70	59
Virginia--Supreme Court.....	5,206	7	591	1,932 (212) ²	1,767 (212) ²	748	91	39	197	27	276	252	37	34	14
West Virginia--Court of Appeals.....	1,906	5	51	863 (185) ²	820 (222) ²	57	95	7	6	12	173	164	45	43	29
Wisconsin--Supreme Court.....	4,613	7	639	904	801	742	89	82	103	16	129	114	20	17	16
Wyoming--Supreme Court.....	412	5	153	146	177	122	121	84	-31	-20	29	35	35	43	30

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 not appropriate. Numbers in parentheses, representing the number of requests to appeal that were granted, were not included in the calculations.

¹Cases 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.

²Data are not complete.

Connecticut--Pending and filing data do not include requests to appeal. Disposition data are complete.

Minnesota--Disposed figure does not include data for any requests to appeal that were denied.

Nebraska--Data reported include appeals and original jurisdiction cases only. No data for request to appeal cases are given.

South Dakota--Pending data include appeals only. No original jurisdiction or requests to appeal cases are included.

Utah--Cases disposed only includes those cases disposed by opinion or dismissed.

Table 7: Caseload for intermediate appellate courts, 1977.
State population. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending. Filed and disposed per judge. Filed, disposed, and end pending per 100,000 population

State and court title	State population in thousands	Number of judges	Begin- ning pending	As percent of filed		Change in pending		Per judge		As percent of filed		Change in pending	Per judge	Per 100,000 population	
				Filed	Disposed	End pending	Dis- posed	Number cent	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Dis- posed	End pending		
Alabama--STATE TOTAL.....	3,783	8	795	1,161	1,268	688	109	59	-107	-13	145	158	31	34	18
Court of Civil Appeals.....	—	3	124	308	292	140	95	45	16	13	103	97	8	8	4
Court of Criminal Appeals.....	—	5	671	853	976	548	114	64	-123	-18	171	195	23	26	14
Arizona--Court of Appeals.....	2,427	12	1,417	2,005	1,894	1,528	94	76	111	8	167	158	83	70	63
California--Courts of Appeal.....	22,350	56	4,544 ¹	11,460	12,134	5,163 ¹	106	(674)	205	217	51	54	23	23	23
Colorado--Court of Appeals.....	2,696	10	674	1,128	918	884	81	78	210	31	113	92	42	34	33
Florida--District Court of Appeals.....	8,889	28	6,069	9,647	8,952	6,764	93	70	695	11	345	320	109	101	76
Georgia--Court of Appeals.....	5,212	9	0	2,132	2,132	0	100	0	237	237	41	41	0	0	0
Illinois--Appellate Court.....	11,406	34	4,111	4,381	4,579	3,913	105	89	-198	-5	129	135	38	40	34
Indiana--Court of Appeals.....	5,405	9	627	883	758	752	86	85	125	20	98	94	16	14	14
Iowa--Court of Appeals.....	2,914	5	69	356	330	95	93	27	26	38	71	66	12	11	3
Kansas--Court of Appeals.....	2,318	7	135 ¹	370	133	372	36	101	237	176	53	19	46	44	32
Kentucky--Court of Appeals.....	3,775	14	783	1,922	1,564	1,141	81	59	358	46	137	112	34	44	32
Louisiana--Courts of Appeals.....	4,016	29	854	2,407	2,392	909	98	38	55	6	83	81	60	59	23
Maryland--Court of Special Appeals.....	4,195	12	237	3,345(20) ²	1,629(20) ²	153	105	10	-84	-35	129	135	37	39	4
Massachusetts--Appeals Court.....															

Table 8: Caseload for appeals and requests to appeal (civil and criminal) and total cases for courts of last resort, 1977

State and court title	Beginning pending						Filed						Disposed						End pending							
	Appeals			Requests to appeal			Appeals			Requests to appeal			Appeals			Requests to appeal			Appeals			Requests to appeal				
	Civil	Criminal	Total	Civil	Criminal	Total	Civil	Criminal	Total	Civil	Criminal	Total	Civil	Criminal	Total	Civil	Criminal	Total	Civil	Criminal	Total	Civil	Criminal	Total		
Alabama--Supreme Court.....	X	X	0	0		325	X	X	X	X	81(61) ^e		X	X	X	X	746(61) ^e		X	X	0	0	394			
Alaska--Supreme Court.....	218	132	X	X		391	251	156	X	X	613		201	88	X	X	490		268	200	X	X	554			
Arizona--Supreme Court.....	24	99				210	33	85			964		34	139			1,009		23	45			165			
Arkansas--Supreme Court.....	221	78	NH	NH		313	405	174	NH	NH	694		363	192	NH	NH	662		263	60	NH	NH	345			
California--Supreme Court.....							(133) ^e	27(61) ^e	1,571	1,356	3,850(231) ^e		69	22	1,414(157) ^e	1,282(74) ^e	3,554(231) ^e									
Colorado--Supreme Court.....	X	X	X	X		343	80	105	X	X	735		X	X	X	X	704		X	X	X	X	374			
Connecticut--Supreme Court.....	299	81				380 ^f	342	67			409 ^f		243	59	X	X	359		398	89			487 ^f			
Delaware--Supreme Court.....	186	100	NH	NH		286	251	113	NH	NH	364		207	109	NH	NH	316		230	104	NH	NH	334			
District of Columbia--Court of Appeals..	X	X	X	X		1,122	473 ^j	684 ^j	(J)	(J)	1,353		X	X	X	X	1,314		X	X	X	X	1,161			
Florida--Supreme Court.....	X	X	X	X		985	X	X	X	X	2,253		X	X	X	X	2,119		X	X	X	X	1,119			
Georgia--Supreme Court.....	191	79	X	X		411	560	318	X	X	1,496		571	323	X	X	1,520		180	74	X	X	384			
Hawaii--Supreme Court.....	196	120				320	184	119			316		97	47			153		283	192			483			
Idaho--Supreme Court.....	224	96				399	192	101			374		140	79			304		276	118			469			
Illinois--Supreme Court.....	84	69	65	81		351	18(97) ^e	6(58) ^e	490	482	1,139(159) ^e		114	91	368(97) ^e	410(58) ^e	1,121(159) ^e		85	42	90	95	369			
Indiana--Supreme Court.....	X	X	X	X		80	X(13) ^e	X(1) ^e	140	X	476(13) ^e		X	X	121(13) ^e	60(1) ^e	406(13) ^e		X	X	X	X	150			
Iowa--Supreme Court.....	X	X	X	X		1,078	585(11) ^e	438(8) ^e	190	8	1,231(119) ^e		540	564	117(11) ^e	0(8) ^e	1,075(119) ^e		X	X	X	X	848			
Kansas--Supreme Court.....	X	110				337	X	205			464		261	153			451		X	162			350			
Kentucky--Supreme Court.....							X	X	X	X	463(39) ^e		X	X	X	X	1,076(39) ^e									
Louisiana--Supreme Court.....							X	X	X	X	2,266(317) ^e		X	X	X	X	2,013(317) ^e									
Maine--Supreme Judicial Court.....	143	136				314	174	152			379		112	124			282		205	164			411			
Maryland--Court of Appeals.....	6	8	0	0		14	62(72) ^e	(39)	212	268	558(111) ^e		132	42	140(72) ^e	226(42) ^e	556(114) ^e		8	5	0	0	13			
Massachusetts--Supreme Judicial Court.....							X	X			1,005 ^f															
Michigan--Supreme Court.....	X	X	X	X		736	X	X	X	X	1,503(259) ^e		X	X	X	X	1,237(259) ^e		X	X	X	X	786			
Minnesota--Supreme Court.....							529	230	0	0	1,001(5) ^e		307 ^j	117	0	0	857(5) ^e									
Mississippi--Supreme Court.....	X	X				153	434	224			797		430 ^f	204 ^f			918		X	X			32			
Missouri--Supreme Court.....	X	X	X	X		95	X	X	X	X	667		83	36	X	X	570		X	X	X	X	192			
Montana--Supreme Court.....							275	102			469		X	X			463									
Nebraska--Supreme Court.....	244 ^j	226 ^j				470 ^j	344 ^j	263 ^j			607 ^j		303 ^j	306 ^j			609 ^j		285 ^j	183 ^j			468 ^j			
Nevada--Supreme Court.....	X	X	X	X		259	243	183	X	X	1,092		X	X	X	X	898		X	X	X	X	453			
New Hampshire--Supreme Court.....	X	X				202	X	X			315		X	X			348		X	X			169			
New Jersey--Supreme Court.....	X	X	X ^f	X ^f		622 ^f	X	X	X ^f	X ^f	902 ^f (150) ^e		84	35	X(X) ^e	X(X) ^e	1,312(150) ^e		X	X	X ^f	X ^f	393 ^f			
New Mexico--Supreme Court.....	X	X	X	X		123	251 ^f (X) ^e	22 ^f (X) ^e	X	X	632(27) ^e		X	X	X	X	584(27) ^e		X	X	X	X	169			
New York--Court of Appeals.....							(68) ^e	(86) ^e			1,966 ^f (154) ^e		496	145	552 ^f (68) ^e	1,359 ^f (66) ^e	3,221(154) ^e									
North Carolina--Supreme Court.....	X	X				42 ^f	X	X	X	X	465(52) ^e		X	X	X	X	458(55) ^e		X	X			46 ^f			
North Dakota--Supreme Court.....	8	0	0	0		8	123	43	X	X	186		121	38	X	X	179		10	5	0	0	15			

Ohio--Supreme Court.....		X	X	X	X	1,646	731(39) ^e	X	X	X	X	1,516(111) ^e	X	X	X	X	1,494(111) ^e	X	X	X	X	1,744		
Oklahoma--STATE TOTAL.....	X	NH	X	NH	1,310	731(39) ^e	NH	181	X	2,002(39) ^e	783	360	149(39) ^e	NH	1,103(39) ^e	783	149(39) ^e	NH	1,912(39) ^e	X	NH	X	NH	1,346
Supreme Court.....																								
Court of Criminal Appeals.....	NH	X	NH	X	336	NH	X	NH	X	893	NH	360	NH	25	NH	81	NH	X	NH	X	398			
Oregon--Supreme Court.....	X	X	X	X	395	X	X	76	152	885(39) ^e	X	X	X(12) ^e	X(18) ^e	812(39) ^e	X	X	X	X	X	468			
Pennsylvania--Supreme Court.....																								
Puerto Rico--Supreme Court.....	18	155	X	X	450	51	230	X	X	1,248	53	233	X	X	1,309	16	152	X	X	389				
Rhode Island--Supreme Court.....	X	X	X	X	447	207	51	X	X	427	X	X	X	X	353	X	X	X	X	521				
South Carolina--Supreme Court.....	146	41			193	278	173			487	189	192			416	235	22			264				
South Dakota--Supreme Court.....	X	X			270 ^f	X	X	X	X	288(2) ^e	X	X	X	X	246(2) ^e	X	X			307 ^f				
Tennessee--Supreme Court.....																								
Texas--STATE TOTAL.....	30	1,075	122	64	1,397	14(70) ^e	3,296(97) ^e	766	1,396	5,727(186) ^e	75	2,564	615(102) ^e	1,264(97) ^e	4,778(216) ^e	42	1,904	171	99	2,306				
Supreme Court.....	30 ^j	NH	122	NH	258	14(70) ^e	NH	766	NH	1,035(89) ^e	75	NH	615(102) ^e	NH	950(121) ^e	42 ^j	NH	171	NH	303				
Court of Criminal Appeals.....	NH	1,075	NH	64	1,139	NH	3,296(97) ^e	NH	1,396	4,692(97) ^e	NH	2,564	NH	1,264(97) ^e	NH	1,904	NH	99	2,003					
Utah--Supreme Court.....																								
Vermont--Supreme Court.....	X	X			269	280	65			364	269	53			344	X	X			289				
Virginia--Supreme Court.....	X	X	197	210	591	0(153) ^e	0(59) ^e	X	X	1,932(212) ^e	X	X	426(153) ^e	1,757(59) ^e	1,767(212) ^e	X	X	228	300	748				
Washington--Supreme Court.....	154	44	42	60	335	156	66	136	155	638	146	54	113	148	562	164	56	64	68	411				
West Virginia--Supreme Court of Appeals.....	X	X	X	X	X	51	X	X	X	863(185) ^e	X	X	X	X	820(222) ^e	X	X	X	X	57				
Wisconsin--Supreme Court.....	478	152	0	0	639	516	234	0	0	904	433	216	0	0	801	561	170	0	0	742				
Wyoming--Supreme Court.....	X	X	NH	NH	153	76	39	NH	NH	146	X	78	NH	NH	177	X	X	NH	NH	122				

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 as well as all appeals and all requests to appeal.

All available data are entered in the table. Blank spaces indicate that the data are not available.

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.

-- = Not applicable.

^eCases 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 in this table.

^fData are not complete:

Connecticut--Total cases pending and filed do not include requests to appeal.

Indiana--The number of criminal requests to appeal granted is not available.

Massachusetts--The only data provided for this court are the number of appeals filed.

Minnesota--The number of requests to appeal denied are not known and therefore are not included in the disposed data.

Mississippi--Data given for civil and criminal appeals disposed do not include cases disposed by dismissal. There were 146 appeals dismissed that could not be identified by casetype.

Nebraska--Total cases pending, filed, and disposed do not include request to appeal cases.

New Jersey--Filing and pending totals do not include all request to appeal cases.

New Mexico--Appeals filed data do not include three cases that were reinstated during the time period but could not be identified by casetype.

New York--Total cases filed do not include civil requests to appeal. Data given for requests to appeal disposed do not include 601 cases denied review that could not be identified by casetype.

North Carolina--Pending data do not include requests to appeal.

Pennsylvania--The only disposition data available were the number of requests to appeal that were granted. No other data are included in this figure.

South Dakota--Total cases pending figures do not include requests to appeal.

Utah--Total appeals and total cases disposed only includes those disposed by opinion or dismissed.

Virginia--Requests to appeal disposed do not include 58 cases that were withdrawn but could not be identified by casetype.

Explanation of data included in the category:

District of Columbia--Filings reported for civil and criminal appeals include civil and criminal requests to appeal in addition to appeals.

Minnesota--Some agency appeals are included in the number of civil appeals disposed.

Nebraska--Appeals data include a few original proceedings cases in addition to appeals.

Texas--Supreme Court--figures given for civil appeals pending also include habeas corpus and mandamus cases.

Table 9: Caseflow for appeals and requests to appeal (civil and criminal) and total cases for intermediate appellate courts, 1977

State and court title	Beginning pending			Disposed						End pending					
	Appeals		Requests to appeal	Appeals		Requests to appeal	Appeals		Requests to appeal	Appeals		Requests to appeal			
	Civil	Criminal		Civil	Criminal		Civil	Criminal		Civil	Criminal				
Alabama--STATE TOTAL.....	124	671		795	308	853	1,161	292	976	1,268	140	548	688		
Court of Civil Appeals.....	124	NH		124	308	NH	308	292	NH	292	140	NH	140		
Court of Criminal Appeals.....	NH	671		671	NH	853	893	NH	976	NH	548		948		
Arizona--Court of Appeals.....	604	655		1,417	589	1,001	2,005	594	922	1,894	599	734	1,528		
California--Courts of Appeal.....	2,555	1,989	NH	NH	4,544 ¹	3,283	4,040	NH	NH	11,460	4,304	3,690	NH	NH	5,163
Colorado--Court of Appeals.....	X	X		674	640	323	1,128	X	X	918	X	X		894	
Florida--District Court of Appeal.....	X	X	X	X	6,069	X	X	X	X	8,952	X	X	X	6,764	
Georgia--Court of Appeals.....	0	0	0	0	1,077	634	X	X	2,132	0	0	0	0	0	
Illinois--Appellate Court.....	1,983	2,128	NH	NH	4,111	1,939	2,442	NH	NH	4,381	2,091	2,488	NH	NH	3,913
Indiana--Court of Appeals.....	X	X		627	402	434	883	X	X	758	X	X		752	
Iowa--Court of Appeals.....	56	13	NH	NH	69	279	77	NH	NH	356	72	23	NH	NH	95
Kansas--Court of Appeals.....	124 ²	11 ³		135 ⁴	215	95	370	117	16	133	282	90		372	
Kentucky--Court of Appeals.....	635	145	0	0	783	1,421	363	X	X	1,922	1,174	280	X	X	1,141
Louisiana--Court of Appeals.....	X	NH	NH	854	2,092	NH	NH	2,407	2,054	NH	NH	2,352	X	NH	909
Maryland--Court of Special Appeals.....	91	146	0	0	237	708 ⁵	679 ⁶	15	167	1,565 ⁹	715	752	9 ⁸	153 ¹⁰	1,629 ⁰
Massachusetts--Appeals Court.....						975	191			1,165	X	X		912	
Michigan--Court of Appeals.....						X	X			5,274	X	X	X	4,788	
Missouri--Court of Appeals.....	1,309	694	X	X	2,033	1,190	607	X	X	2,146	2,277	630	X	X	2,244
New Jersey--Appellate Division of Superior Court.....	X	X	X	X	4,793	1,969	2,105	X	X	4,969	X	X	X	5,802	
New Mexico--Court of Appeals.....	X	X	X	X	145	196	333			503	X	X		218	
New York--STATE TOTAL.....						X	X			10,254 ¹¹	X	X		9,714	
Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.....						X	X			7,822 ¹²	X	X		7,856	
Appellate Terms of the Supreme Court.....						X	X			2,430	X	X		1,858	
North Carolina--Court of Appeals.....	2,481	1,847	NH	NH	4,591	4,539	2,751	NH	NH	7,992	3,414	2,322	NH	NH	5,977
Ohio--Court of Appeals.....	163	NH	NH	163	353	NH	NH	387	NH	NH	129				
Oklahoma--Court of Appeals.....	X	X	NH	NH	730	504	1,168	NH	NH	2,348	X	X	NH	NH	1,024
Pennsylvania--STATE TOTAL.....						X	X			6,364					
Superior Court.....						X	X			3,700					
Commonwealth Court.....						X	X			2,654					
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL.....						758	633			1,462	785	X		1,555	
Court of Appeals.....						758	NH			785	785	NH		785	
Court of Criminal Appeals.....						758	NH			714	NH	X	NH	770	
Texas--Court of Civil Appeals.....	978	NH	NH	978	1,069	NH	NH	1,867	NH	NH	1,867	1,080	NH	NH	1,080
Washington--Court of Appeals.....	1,153	688	X	X	1,915	1,057	640	X	X	1,956	938	442	X	X	1,634
										1,272	886	X	X	2,277	

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^aCases 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. There were six civil and fourteen criminal requests to appeal granted in the Maryland Court of Special Appeals.

^bData are not complete:

New York--Appellate Terms of the Supreme Court--Total cases filed do not include all original proceedings.

Kansas--This court was created on January 10, 1977, six months into the 1977 court year. Beginning pending data represent the number of cases transferred to the court from the Supreme Court.

Table 10: Time interval (days) data for courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts, 1977. 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			Beginning event to decision announced			Type of statistic
			to briefs filed	argument or submission	decision announced	to briefs filed	argument or submission	decision announced	to briefs filed	argument or submission	decision announced	
Courts of last resort												
Alaska--Supreme Court.....	civil	notice of appeal	255	325	150 ^t	467 ^t						mean
	criminal	notice of appeal	346	411	169 ^t	580 ^t						mean
	sentence appeal	notice of appeal	227	330	126	456						mean
District of Columbia--Court of Appeals.....	total cases	notice of appeal	227	330	126	456						mean
Iowa--Supreme Court.....	civil	notice of appeal	262 ^t	71 ^t	60	772						mean
	priority civil	notice of appeal	194 ^t	267	56	324						mean
	criminal	notice of appeal	285 ^t	371	48	419						mean
	total cases	notice of appeal	265 ^t	575	56	631						mean
Kansas--Supreme Court.....	civil	notice of appeal	293 ^t	531	27	558						mean
	criminal	notice of appeal	400 ^t	512	46	558 ^t						mean
	agency	notice of appeal	232 ^t	317	37	354						mean
New Mexico--Supreme Court.....	total cases	notice of appeal	139 ^t	183	57	240						mean
New Jersey--Supreme Court.....	total cases	notice of appeal or granting certification	104 ^t	283	168	449						mean
Oregon--Supreme Court.....	total cases	notice of appeal or granting certification	65 ^t		114	416						median
Washington--Supreme Court.....	total cases	notice of appeal	203 ^t		229	349						median
Hawaii--Supreme Court.....	civil--regular opinion	filing of appeal				772						mean
	criminal--memorandum opinion	filing of appeal				531						mean
	criminal--memorandum	filing of appeal				631						mean
	civil--memorandum opinion	docketing	152 ^t	27								

Table 11: Filed cases for appellate courts, 1968-1977.
Appellate courts reporting five or more years of cases filed data

State and court title	State population in thousands	Cases filed								
		1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1977
Courts of last resort										
Arizona—Supreme Court.....	2,427	505	556	679	697	686	749	890	1,023	964
California—Supreme Court.....	22,350	2,959	3,323 ¹	3,400 ¹	3,179 ¹	3,238 ¹	3,139 ¹	3,513 ¹	3,668 ¹	3,704 ¹
Colorado—Supreme Court.....	2,696	574	620	568 ¹	544	517	606	553	651	735
Delaware—Supreme Court.....	595	128 ¹	201	198	176	250	247	255	273	341
District of Columbia—Court of Appeals.....	682	452 ¹	613 ¹	796 ¹	980 ¹	1,128 ¹	1,221 ¹	1,342 ¹	1,327 ¹	345 ¹
Idaho—Supreme Court ¹	883	182 ¹	151 ¹	243 ¹	252 ¹	307 ¹	295 ¹	345 ¹		
Kansas—Supreme Court.....	2,318	843	960	1,153	1,113	1,144	1,160	1,142	1,225	833 ¹
Kentucky—Supreme Court.....	3,575	843	1,044	1,083	1,044	1,083	1,258	1,605	1,762	2,266
Louisiana—Supreme Court.....	4,016	532	601	755	861	403 ¹	403 ¹	304 ¹	250 ¹	173 ¹
Maryland—Court of Appeals ¹	4,195	459 ¹	411 ¹	437 ¹	489 ¹	403 ¹	403 ¹	348 ¹	348 ¹	445 ¹
Michigan—Supreme Court.....	9,157	450	544	504	708	658	811	957	974	1,045
Minnesota—Supreme Court.....	3,980	578	631	576	584	603	677	781	921	1,001
Mississippi—Supreme Court ¹	2,406	462 ¹	455 ¹	563 ¹	626 ¹	601 ¹	613 ¹	780 ¹	658 ¹	
Missouri—Supreme Court ¹	4,845	846 ¹	815 ¹	1,036 ¹	1,167 ¹	998 ¹	387 ¹	1,039 ¹	904 ¹	1,170 ¹
Montana—Supreme Court.....	771	189	197	236	239	269	299	409	469	
Nebraska—Supreme Court ¹	1,554	321 ¹	322 ¹	362 ¹	474 ¹	446 ¹	546 ¹	494 ¹	571 ¹	607 ¹
New Jersey—Supreme Court.....	678	268	319	396	306	375	392	434	556	1,092
New Hampshire—Supreme Court ¹	872	141	154	139	186	240	270	288	273	315
New Jersey—Supreme Court ¹	7,342	1421	139 ¹	170 ¹	193 ¹	169 ¹	173 ¹	183 ¹	221 ¹	232 ¹
New Mexico—Supreme Court.....	1,229	244	295	218	240	295	298	433	500	558
Ohio—Supreme Court ¹	10,771	1,339	1,357	1,235	1,281	1,421	1,578	1,800	1,998	2,002
Oklahoma—STATE TOTAL.....	2,666	489 ¹	1,339	1,357	1,235	1,281	1,421	1,578	1,800	1,998
Oregon—Supreme Court.....	489	695	631	802	773	719	843	814	979	893
Pennsylvania—Supreme Court.....	2,329	458 ¹	432	558	607	553	667	750	973	885
Wisconsin—Supreme Court.....	4,613	455 ¹	494 ¹	555 ¹	502 ¹	607 ¹	656 ¹	709 ¹	770 ¹	
Intermediate appellate courts										
Arizona—Court of Appeals.....	2,427	599	671	805	783	875	921	1,321	1,725	2,017
California—Courts of Appeal.....	22,350	6,121	6,530	7,721	8,327	8,194	8,806	9,418	9,936	9,312
Colorado—Court of Appeals.....	2,696	—	—	373	616	426	468	444	838	915
Illinois—Appellate Court.....	11,406	1,504	1,691	1,856	2,499	3,020	3,044	3,259	4,135	3,973
Louisiana—Court of Appeals.....	4,216	1,430	1,406	1,416	1,455	1,573	1,589	2,020	2,189	2,407
Maryland—Court of Special Appeals.....	4,195	382 ¹	500 ¹	593 ¹	729 ¹	726 ¹	880 ¹	980 ¹	1,154 ¹	1,304 ¹
Michigan—Court of Appeals.....	9,157	1,894	1,959	2,214	2,336	2,799	3,076	3,579	4,435	4,544
Missouri—Court of Appeals.....	4,845	703 ¹	573 ¹	660 ¹	758 ¹	1,097 ¹	1,616 ¹	1,405 ¹	1,552 ¹	1,797 ¹
New Jersey—Appellate Division of Superior Court.....	7,242	1,845	2,067	2,449	2,746	3,583	3,883	3,801	4,383	4,819
New Mexico—Court of Appeals.....	1,225	152	168	232	235	318	475	514	446	576
Ohio—Court of Appeals.....	10,771	—	—	3,798	4,311	4,909	5,503	6,869	7,204	7,992
Oklahoma—Court of Appeals.....	2,866	—	—	445	472	365	406	327	418	393
Pennsylvania—STATE TOTAL.....	11,882	—	—	563	577	622	766	843	1,046	1,539
Superior Court.....	—	—	—	1,347	1,402	1,398	1,249	1,256	1,526	1,932
Commonwealth Court.....	—	—	—	1,347	1,402	1,398	1,249	1,256	1,526	1,932
Tennessee—STATE TOTAL.....	4,402	611	860	863	859	1,042	1,092	1,016	1,279	1,472
Court of Appeals.....	—	400	430	488	452	498	485	649	694	758
Court of Criminal Appeals.....	—	411	430	375	407	544	598	531	630	714
Texas—Courts of Civil Appeals.....	13,192	1,133	1,228	1,328	1,397	1,332	1,502	1,764	1,824	1,969
Texas—Court of Appeals.....	3,772	—	—	937	1,243	1,244	1,541	1,819	1,777	1,996

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 data are entered in the table. Blank spaces indicate that the data are not available.

-- = Not applicable.

¹Data are not complete.

California—Supreme Court—Data do not include attorney disciplinary cases.

District of Columbia—Court of Appeals—Data given include only appeals filed.

Idaho—Supreme Court—Data given include only appeals filed.

Maryland—Court of Appeals and Court of Special Appeals—Data given include only direct and discretionary appeals filed.

Mississippi—Supreme Court—Data given include only appeals filed.

Missouri—Court of Appeals—Data given include only appeals filed.

Nebraska—Supreme Court—Data given include only appeals filed.

New Jersey—Supreme Court—Data given include only direct and discretionary appeals filed.

Tennessee—Supreme Court—Data given include only appeals filed.

Wisconsin—Supreme Court—Data given include only appeals, original actions, and disciplinary cases filed.

Explanation of data included in the category:

Missouri—Supreme Court—Data given include all cases and other proceedings filed with the court.

Ohio—Supreme Court—Data given include all cases filed with the court and requests to appeal granted. As a result the requests to appeal granted are counted twice in this tally—once when they were filed as requests to appeal, and again when they were granted and became discretionary appeals.

Rhode Island—Supreme Court—Data given include all cases and other proceedings filed with the court.

Additional Information:

Delaware—Supreme Court—The figure given for the 1977 court year covers the calendar year. All other data given for this court are based on the fiscal year.

Data were not available for all courts in the state.

*Indicates the year the intermediate appellate court began operation.

Table 12: Number and percent change in filed cases year to year for appellate courts, 1968-1977.
Appellate courts reporting five or more years of cases filed data

State and court title	State population in thousands	Number and percent change in cases filed									
1968 to 1969	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		

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Trial court summary statistics

This section contains tables that display the 1977 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 1977 Annual Report the number of states with 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. The number of courts displayed has increased greatly over 1975. 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 NCSP 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 could provide 1977 data.

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 a uniform case classification; (2) the lack of complete data reported by the courts; (3) questions relating to the validity of data collected, both published and unpublished; and (4) 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 Figures A and B). 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 National Court Statistics 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 four states, Illinois, Idaho, Iowa, and South Dakota, in the District of Columbia, and in Guam, general jurisdiction courts handle all types of cases. 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 inclusion of limited jurisdiction court data in this report does not change the fact that some general jurisdiction court systems handle all the cases. The 1977 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 this document.

The reader should note two other factors 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. When every court in the state handling the case type did not report data, the data that were reported have been footnoted as being incomplete (footnote "p") in order to provide the reader with an indicator of incomplete data when comparing caseloads. This information will help determine whether caseloads can be compared between states or courts.

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 caseload and case categories).

Table 13: Reported national caseload (civil, criminal, traffic, juvenile, and total) in general jurisdiction, limited jurisdiction, and all trial courts, 1977.
Estimated civil, criminal, juvenile, traffic, and total cases filed and disposed in all trial courts

Reported and estimated caseload	Beginning		End	
	pending	Filed	Disposed	pending
CIVIL				
All trial courts:				
Reported cases.....	3,352,712	10,835,090	8,922,331	3,702,777
Number of states reporting complete data.....	4	19	15	4
Percent of population represented by complete data.....	7%	49%	44%	7%
Percent of variance explained (R^2).....		91%	99%	
Estimated national totals.....	12,800,000	41,900,000		
General jurisdiction courts:				
Reported cases.....	2,597,264	4,710,803	4,285,754	2,774,767
Number of states reporting complete data.....	27	45	33	27
Percent of population represented by complete data.....	51%	90%	76%	51%
Limited jurisdiction courts:				
Reported cases.....	755,448	6,124,287	4,636,577	928,010
Number of states reporting complete data (45 states handle civil cases in limited jurisdiction courts).....	5	16	12	5
Percent of population represented by complete data (198,571,000 is the population in the 45 states).....	14%	48%	40%	14%
Criminal				
All trial courts:				
Reported cases.....	1,044,401	8,999,714	6,617,587	1,087,366
Number of states reporting complete data.....	7	19	17	6
Percent of adult population represented by complete data (152,138,000 is the total adult population).....	7%	51%	36%	4%
Percent of variance explained (R^2).....		94%	99%	
Estimated national totals.....	10,200,000	9,400,000		
General jurisdiction courts:				
Reported cases.....	555,103	2,141,497	1,941,384	571,454
Number of states reporting complete data.....	29	46	40	29
Percent of adult population represented by complete data.....	44%	91%	80%	44%
Limited jurisdiction courts:				
Reported cases.....	489,298	6,858,217	4,676,203	515,912
Number of states reporting complete data (46 states handle criminal cases in limited jurisdiction courts).....	4	15	12	3
Percent of adult population represented by complete data (140,683,000 is the adult population in the 46 states).....	5%	48%	31%	2%
Traffic				
All trial courts:				
Reported cases.....	854,365	48,086,011	38,950,755	904,622
Number of states reporting complete data.....	7	17	15	6
Percent of population represented by complete data.....	7%	44%	34%	4%
Percent of variance explained (R^2).....		96%	99%	
Estimated national totals.....	59,000,000	56,000,000		

General Jurisdiction courts:				
Reported cases.....	81,932	4,197,620	3,572,073	103,180
Number of states reporting complete data (15 states handle traffic cases in general jurisdiction courts).....	8	13	11	8
Percent of population represented by complete data (53,172,000 is the population in the 15 states).....	31%	90%	63%	31%
Limited Jurisdiction courts:				
Reported cases.....	772,433	43,888,391	35,378,682	801,442
Number of states reporting (46 states handle traffic cases in limited jurisdiction courts).....	4	13	11	3
Percent of population represented (203,184,000 is the population in the 46 states).....	5%	34%	27%	28%
Juvenile				
All trial courts:				
Reported cases.....	131,951	1,159,100	988,833	158,811
Number of states reporting complete data.....	16	32	26	16
Percent of juvenile population represented by complete data (64,260,000 is total juvenile population).....	38%	73%	63%	42%
Percent of variance explained (R^2).....		68%	97%	
Estimated national totals.....		1,300,000	1,300,000	
General Jurisdiction courts:				
Reported cases.....	79,677	634,897	582,986	87,842
Number of states reporting complete data (30 states handle juvenile cases in general jurisdiction courts).....	12	20	18	12
Percent of juvenile population represented by complete data (39,072,000 is the juvenile population in the 30 states).....	44%	76%	73%	44%
Limited Jurisdiction courts:				
Reported cases.....	52,274	524,203	406,247	70,969
Number of states reporting complete data (30 states handle juvenile cases in limited jurisdiction courts).....	7	16	12	7
Percent of juvenile population represented by complete data (36,609,000 is the juvenile population in the 30 states).....	31%	61%	47%	38%
Total				
All trial courts:				
Reported cases.....	5,696,471	70,107,642	56,553,496	6,370,749
Number of states reporting complete data	2	17	10	2
Percent of population represented by complete data.....	<1%	42%	29%	<1%
Estimated national totals.....		83,300,000	78,500,000	
General Jurisdiction courts:				
Reported cases.....	3,401,519	11,406,646	10,497,017	3,627,210
Number of states reporting complete data	21	40	31	21
Percent of population represented by complete data.....	31%	77%	63%	31%
Limited Jurisdiction courts:				
Reported cases.....	2,294,952	58,421,996	46,056,479	2,743,539
Number of states reporting complete data (46 states have limited jurisdiction courts).....	1	13	8	1
Percent of population represented by complete data (203,184,000 is the population in the 46 states).....	<1%	37%	25%	<1%

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Table 13: Reported national caseload (civil, criminal, traffic, juvenile, and total) in general jurisdiction, limited jurisdiction, and all trial courts, 1977 (continued).

Note: The only data included in this table are those from the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Data from Puerto Rico and Guam are not included in this table. To ascertain the states that reported data in any category, refer to Table 14 for general jurisdiction courts and Table 15 for limited jurisdiction courts.

Reported cases:

The reported cases totals for all trial courts, general jurisdiction courts, and for limited jurisdiction courts include all data reported by any court in each state, whether or not the data were complete.

Number of states reporting complete data:

The number of states whose total for the particular category was complete, that is, did not have footnotes "i" or "p" attached.

Percent of population represented by complete data:

State population figures used are the revised 1977 Bureau of the Census estimates and total 219,758,000 for the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Estimated national totals:

Estimated national totals are the cumulative totals of all reported state total data that were complete plus the estimated data for each state for whom complete figures were not available. The procedure used to estimate incomplete and missing data is discussed in Appendix A of this volume.

Percent of variance explained:

The R^2 statistic gives the percent of the variation in the reported caseload that is explained by the variation of the independent variable used in predictive equation. Each of the predictive equations had an associated R^2 that was statistically significant. In that, the p value for each of the R^2 was less than .01. A significance level of $p < .01$ indicates that a result of this magnitude will occur by chance less than one time in one hundred, i.e., that, were there no relationship between the independent and dependent variables we would find this large an R^2 value less than one out of every hundred times, due only to chance.

Table 14: Reported general jurisdiction caseload, 1977.
Civil, criminal, traffic, juvenile, and total cases, with state population and number of judges

State and court title	Beginning pending				Filed				Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total	State population in thousands	Number of judges
	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total
Alabama-Circuit Court ^{1,8}	49,016	10,568	NH	0	59,584	54,619	24,143	NH	10,764	99,526	10,672	1,002	NH	1,111	12,785	49,366	11,268	NH	1,393	62,027	3,785	112			
Alaska-Superior Court ^{1,8}	11,119	435	NH	0	11,119	11,119	1,082	NH	1,483	13,290	63,955	13,243	NH	9,655 ¹	86,853 ¹	66,669 ¹	5,845	NH	2,480 ¹	74,994 ¹	2,427	73			
Arizona-Superior Court ^{1,8}	62,611	5,857	NH	871	69,339 ¹	68,635	13,231	NH	12,404 ¹	94,270 ¹	54,447 ¹	13,737	NH	NH	68,184 ¹	56,647 ¹	8,956	NH	NH	65,603 ¹	2,207	56			
Arkansas-STATE TOTAL	53,727 ¹	8,919	NH	NH	62,646 ¹	63,586	13,774	NH	NH	77,350	20,460	13,737	NH	34,197	17,683	8,956	NH	NH	26,639	--	29				
Circuit Court ^{1,6}	16,069	8,919	NH	NH	24,988	22,074	13,774	NH	NH	35,848	33,987 ¹	NH	NH	33,987 ¹	38,964 ¹	NH	NH	NH	38,964 ¹	27					
Chancery and Probate Court ^{1,6}	37,658 ¹	NH	NH	37,658 ¹	41,512	NH	NH	41,512	NH	NH	41,512	43,676 ¹	51,178	NH	99,951	588,045	X	12,415	NH	X	92,136 ¹	22,350	542		
California-Superior Court ^{1,8}	X	10,031	NH	X	87,512 ¹	92,238 ¹	15,690	NH	107,786	713,880	X	13,880	NH	X	116,668 ¹	X	12,415	NH	X	89,046 ¹	--	99			
Colorado-STATE TOTAL	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	10,031	NH	X	87,512 ¹	92,238 ¹	2,714	NH	NH	NH	2,714	3,090	NH	NH	NH	3,090	3,089	45			
District Court, Denver Superior Court, Denver Juvenile Court, and Denver Probate Court ^{1,8}	X	10,031	NH	X	87,512 ¹	90,198 ¹	15,690	NH	16,078	121,966 ¹	25,040	4,339	NH	NH	29,579	34,103	3,876	NH	NH	37,979	3,089	45			
Water Court ^{1,8}	3,764	NH	NH	NH	NH	3,764	2,040	NH	NH	2,040	6,289	4,522	NH	NH	31,413	6,289	3,860	NH	NH	10,149	10,921	1,594			
Connecticut-Superior Court ^{1,8}	32,252	5,893	NH	NH	NH	36,145	NH	NH	NH	NH	3,611	3,660	NH	NH	7,471	3,423	1,594	NH	NH	5,017	--	11			
Delaware-STATE TOTAL	10,182	1,357	NH	NH	NH	12,139	6,428	4,097	NH	NH	10,525	2,678	NH	NH	NH	2,678	7,498	NH	NH	7,498	--	3			
Superior Court ^{1,8}	5,210	1,357	NH	NH	NH	4,567	3,824	4,097	NH	NH	7,921	158,830 ¹	29,429	120,808	6,466	315,533 ¹	16,664 ¹	4,815	6,885	926	28,990 ¹	682	44		
Court of Chancery	7,972	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	2,604	NH	NH	NH	16,032 ¹	5,204	1,104	29,207 ¹	161,944	29,040	120,526	6,289	317,799	246,394	80,621	65,313	392,328	8,889	209
*District Court-Judicial Circuit Court ^{1,9}	16,032 ¹	5,204	6,867	1,104	29,207 ¹	250,080	92,526	NH	76,271	418,877	90,681 ¹	42,214 ¹	11,075 ¹	NH	143,970 ¹	104,436 ¹	25,603 ¹	3,145 ¹	NH	133,164 ¹	5,212	90			
Florida-Circuit Court ^{1,9}	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	3,055	1,060	15,452	365	19,932	6,913	361	3,303	381	10,958	95	5			
Georgia-Superior Court ^{1,7}	90,773 ¹	21,628 ¹	3,002 ¹	NH	118,683 ¹	104,344	45,989	11,138	NH	161,471	18,091 ¹	1,530	126	7,937	24,127	2,567	95	3,414	30,203 ¹	916	23				
Guam-Superior Court ^{1,7}	5,147	696	2,978	256	8,973 ¹	4,771	725	15,877	490	21,863	17,995	1,530	126	7,937	24,019	2,567	95	3,414	30,095	--	23				
Hawaii-STATE TOTAL	21,368	2,105	113	3,276	26,862	20,850	1,992	108	8,075	31,025 ¹	21,251	2,105	113	3,276	26,745	20,763	1,992	108	8,075	30,938	48	23			
Circuit Court ^{1,8}	87	NH	NH	NH	NH	87	44	NH	NH	NH	48	NH	NH	NH	48	25	NH	NH	NH	NH	25				
Tax Appeal Court ¹	30	NH	NH	181	30	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	9,045	3,179	19	2	12,245	7,491	1,200	2	3	8,696	--	27			
*Idaho-STATE TOTAL	23,324	6,415	5,012	2,253	37,009	45,537	29,444	193,277	7,735	275,991	34,777	25,670	192,654	7,635	27,087	208,516	29,483	7,352	10,097	255,448	5,405	173			
District Court ^{1,8}	6,296	1,059	4	2	9,357	8,240	3,324	17	3	11,584	34,777	25,670	192,654	7,635	26,736	208,516	28,740	7,352	10,097	255,448	5,405	173			
Magistrates Division ¹	15,026	5,301	5,013	2,251	27,452	37,987	26,120	193,260	7,730	264,407	59,682	47,787	27,266	28,287	3,369,022	436,243 ¹	53,478 ¹	13,116	504,837 ¹	11,406	643				
*Illinois-Circuit Court ^{1,7}	397,256 ¹	54,310 ¹	12,808	464,474	635,666	519,334	2,343,770	25,686	3,524,456	106,340	50,785	92,314	14,908	344,347	208,516	28,740	7,352	10,097	255,448	5,405	173				
Indiana-STATE TOTAL	205,249	30,129	5,362	9,229	120,708	189,607	50,139	94,760	15,776	350,282	186,340	48,717	92,314	14,908	342,279	208,516	28,740	7,352	10,097	255,448	5,405	173			
Superior Court and Circuit Court ^{1,7}	205,249	29,268	5,362	9,229	120,708	189,607	48,189	94,760	15,776	348,332	121,295 ¹	194,790	266,429	6,795	589,309 ¹	53,249 ¹	54,182	21,406	128,837 ¹	2,914	92 district and 16 district assoc. judges, 14 regular full-time, 9 substitute full-time, and 191 part-time				
Lower-District Court ^{1,6}	47,866 ¹	58,609	16,796	NH	123,271 ¹	129,707	190,363	271,039	6,059	597,231	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH
Kansas-District Court ^{1,7}	19,583																								

Table 14: Reported general jurisdiction caseload, 1977 (continued).

Colorado--Denver Probate Court--All data given for this court are incomplete, representing only a nine-month reporting period, due to a data processing failure.

District of Columbia--Pending and disposed data do not include estate cases.

Georgia--Pending and disposed data do not include cases filed before July 1, 1970.

Illinois--No pending data were available for probate/wills/intestate, criminal conservation violations, or traffic cases. As a result, the corresponding categories given in the table are incomplete.

Iowa--No pending data were available for domestic relations, estate, or juvenile cases. No disposition data were available for guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship cases. Filings are complete.

Maryland--Criminal pending data do not include sentence review only cases.

Michigan--Recorder's Court of Detroit--Pending figures do not include criminal misdemeanors or ordinance violations, or traffic accident or moving cases. Dispositions were not available for criminal ordinance violations or traffic accident or moving cases. Filings are complete.

Minnesota--No Juvenile data were available for this court.

Mississippi--Chancery Court--No Juvenile data were available for this court.

Nevada--Data were only available for one court--the Second District (Washoe County). Approximately twenty-five percent of the total state population lives in this county.

New Mexico--There were no data available for Juvenile cases handled by this court.

New York--No civil data were available for the court in Seneca County. No pending data were available for criminal "indictments" outside New York City." North Dakota--Civil pending data do not include termination of parental rights cases. They are included in the grand total pending data, as well as the civil and grand total filed and disposed figures.

Ohio--No pending data were available for civil adoption, birth records, estate minor's settlement, mental health, or name change cases. Filings and dispositions are complete.

Oklahoma--No pending data were available for criminal postconviction remedy cases.

Oregon--Circuit Court--No pending or disposition data were available for marriage dissolution, mental health, or Juvenile cases.

South Dakota--No data were available for cases heard by the lawyer registrars or lay magistrate/clerks who serve this court.

Tennessee--All courts--Pending data were not available and disposition were not available by case category for courts in the ten counties serving as pilot sites for the new computerized statistical reporting system. Filings and the grand total disposed figure are complete.

Texas--Data presented in this table are based on a less than complete number of monthly statistical reports that were received. The reporting rate for these courts was ninety-eight percent.

Washington--No disposition data were available for mental health or Juvenile cases.

Wyoming--Pending and disposed data do not include cases filed before 1974. No pending or disposition data were available for Juvenile cases.

Explanation of data included in the category:

Maryland--Pending figures for criminal cases of adult offenses against juveniles are included with the Juvenile pending data, not the criminal pending data. Filings and dispositions of those cases are correctly categorized with the criminal cases.

North Carolina--Civil data on the chart include estate and special proceeding cases that are disposed by the clerks of this court.

Table 15: Reported limited jurisdiction caseload, 1977.
 Civil, criminal, traffic, juvenile, and total cases, with state population and number of judges

State and court title	Beginning pending					Filed					
	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total	
Alabama—STATE TOTAL.....	OP	OP	OP	OP	OP	100,822 ^d	92,528 ^d	17,604 ^d	13,423 ^d	386,379 ^d	
District Court ^{1,7}	0	0	0	0	0	100,822	92,528	179,604	13,423	386,377	
Probate Court.....		NH	NH					NH			
Municipal Court.....								NH			
Alaska—STATE TOTAL.....	7,984 ^b			NH	14,603 ^b	10,263	18,625	86,356	NH	115,524	
District Court ^{1,7}	7,984	X	X	NH	14,603 ^b	10,118	17,054	85,861	NH	113,033	
Magistrates Court ^{1,7}				NH		145	1,571	775	NH	2,491	
Arizona—STATE TOTAL.....				NH							
Justices of the Peace ^{1,7}				NH		34,422 ⁱ	34,695 ⁱ	153,730 ⁱ	NH	222,847 ⁱ	
City Magistrates.....				NH		34,422 ⁱ	34,695 ⁱ	153,730 ⁱ	NH	222,847 ⁱ	
Arkansas—STATE TOTAL.....				NH		20,681 ⁱ	124,582 ⁱ	382,912 ⁱ	9,884	538,059 ⁱ	
Court of Common Pleas ¹				NH		250 ⁱ	NH	NH	NH	250 ⁱ	
County Court.....				NH		1,674	NH	NH	9,884	11,598	
Municipal Court ^{1,7}											
City Court, Police Court, and Justice of the Peace Court ^{1,7}				NH		18,563 ⁱ	113,761 ⁱ	363,180 ⁱ	NH	495,594 ⁱ	
California—STATE TOTAL.....				NH		194 ⁱ	10,821 ⁱ	19,732 ⁱ	NH	30,747 ⁱ	
Justice Court ^{1,9}				NH							
Municipal Court ^{1,9}				NH							
Colorado—STATE TOTAL.....	10,180	11,743 ^b	37,422 ^b	NH	59,345 ^b	57,921	42,368 ^b	148,571 ^b	NH	248,860 ^b	
County Court ^{1,9}	10,180	11,743	37,422	NH	59,345	57,921	42,368 ^b	148,571 ^b	NH	248,860 ^b	
Municipal Court.....				NH							
Connecticut—STATE TOTAL.....	35,373 ^b	20,964	19,005	NH	5,623	80,965 ^b	190,591	86,878	262,872	13,329	
Court of Common Pleas ¹	35,335 ^b	20,964	19,005	NH	5,623	75,304 ^b	140,214	86,878	262,872	NH	
Probate Court ¹				NH			50,233	NH	NH	489,964	
Juvenile Court.....		38	NH	NH	5,623	5,661	151	NH	NH	13,329	
Delaware—STATE TOTAL.....	12,094 ^b	1,597 ^b	781 ^b	2,380	19,809 ^b	19,899 ^b	39,061 ^b	83,804 ^b	83,804 ^b	166,270 ^b	
Court of Common Pleas ¹⁰	2,166	944	NH	NH	3,110	3,412	6,325	NH	NH	9,737	
Family Court.....	X	X	256	2,380	5,325	X	X			24,513	
Municipal Court of Wilmington ¹⁰	NH	493	515	NH	968	NH	9,340	11,055	NH	20,595	
Alfordman's Court ¹⁰				NH							
Justice of the Peace Court ^{1,10}	9,928	X	X	NH	10,406	15,480	23,196	72,749	NH	111,425	
Florida—County Court ^{1,9}				NH	222,815	256,308	1,936,458	NH	NH	2,415,581	
Georgia—STATE TOTAL.....	38,114 ^b					95,619 ^b	114,939 ^b	66,816 ^b	274,845 ^b	22,660 ^b	
State Court ¹ and County Court ^{1,9}	38,114 ^b	X	X	NH	83,347 ^b	114,939 ^b	63,353 ^b	155,713 ^b	NH	334,005 ^b	
Probate Court ¹		X	X	NH	9,489 ^b		3,470	116,152	NH	119,622 ^b	
Juvenile Court.....		NH	X	X	6,278 ^b	NH	NH	2,982 ^b	22,660 ^b	25,642 ^b	
Municipal Court.....		NH		NH							
Civil Court.....			NH	NH							
Small Claim Court.....			NH	NH							
Magistrate's Court.....			NH								
Justice of the Peace Court.....			NH	NH							
Recorder's Court, Mayor's Court, Municipal Court, City Council Court, Police Court, and Criminal Court.....			NH								
Hawaii—District Court ^{1,10}	6,173	4,080	46,256	NH	56,509 ^b	11,014	36,585	618,886	NH	666,485 ^b	
Indiana—STATE TOTAL.....	31,919 ^b	21,569 ^b	43,342 ^b	2,567	99,391 ^b	87,539 ^b	90,989 ^b	216,703 ^b	6,483	401,710 ^b	
County Court ^{1,7}	17,105	6,817	15,686	23	NH	39,608	67,057	32,356	136,787	NH	236,380
Juvenile Court of Marion County ⁷	NH			1,677	1,700	NH	26	NH	5,660	5,686	
Probate Court ¹	10,444	NH	NH	890	11,334	5,180	NH	NH	823	6,003	
Municipal Court of Marion County ⁷	4,364	14,729	27,656	NH	46,749	15,302	58,423	79,916	NH	153,641	
City Court.....				NH							
Town Court.....			NH								
Justice of the Peace Court.....			NH								
Small Claim Court of Marion County.....		NH	NH	NH							
Kansas—STATE TOTAL.....	25,902 ^b				37,901 ^b	53,239 ^b				179,778 ^b	
City Court, Magistrate Court, and Common Pleas Court ^{1,7}	5,457	X	X	NH	9,734	11,279	X	X	NH	82,539	
County Court ^{1,7}	2,803	X	X	NH	10,524	2,908	X	X	NH	88,187	
Probate Court and Juvenile Court ¹	17,642 ^b	NH	NH	NH	17,642 ^b	9,052 ^b	NH	NH	NH	9,052 ^b	
Municipal Court.....	NH	NH	NH	NH							
Kentucky—County Court, Quarterly Court, Police Court, and Justice Court ^{1,9}											
Louisiana—STATE TOTAL.....						64,929	218,742	418,962	26,930	729,563	
Family Court and Juvenile Court.....						62,351 ^b	110,621 ^b	382,865 ^b	40,193 ^b	596,030 ^b	
City Court and Parish Court ¹ , and Municipal and Traffic Court of New Orleans ^{1,7}	NH	NH	NH			NH	NH	NH	26,217	26,217	
Justice of the Peace Court.....											
Mayor's Court.....											
Maine—STATE TOTAL.....						62,351 ^b	110,621 ^b	382,865 ^b	13,976 ^b	569,813 ^b	
District Court ^{1,7}						NH	NH	NH			
Probate Court.....						NH	NH	NH			
Administrative Court.....						NH	NH	NH			
Maryland—STATE TOTAL.....						39,560 ^b	X	X	5,083 ^b	186,823 ^b	
District Court ^{1,9}						39,560 ^b	X	X	5,083 ^b	186,823 ^b	
Orphans' Court.....						NH	NH	NH			

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Disposed							End pending							Population in thousands	Number of Judges		
Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total			
69,042 ^b	72,020 ^b	147,001 ^b	10,683 ^b	298,746 ^b	31,760 ^b	20,509 ^b	32,603 ^b	2,740 ^b	87,631 ^b	3,690	496						
69,042	72,020	147,001	10,683	298,746	31,760	20,508	32,603	2,740	87,631	--	89						
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	67						
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	220 recorders, 120 mayors						
8,637	2,693 ^b	78,505 ^b	NH	110,601	9,645 ^b	NH	NH	NH	14,834 ^b	408	92						
8,481	X	X	NH	108,257	9,645	X	X	NH	14,834 ^b	--	17						
156	1,392	796	NH	2,344	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	53 part-time and 22 acting registrars						
36,683 ^b			NH	227,264 ^b			NH	NH	NH	2,304	174						
36,683 ^b	X	X	NH	227,264 ^b			NH	NH	NH	--	84						
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	90						
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	2,143	317						
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	county judges serve 75 judges; 51 juvenile referees						
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	104						
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	92 mayors, 1 judge, 5 justices of the peace						
581,698	690,242	12,631,624 ^b	NH	13,903,764 ^b	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	21,900	558						
37,798	64,921	632,754	NH	735,473	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	111						
543,900	625,321	11,999,070 ^b	NH	13,168,291 ^b	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	447						
55,120	41,627 ^b	142,231 ^b	NH	238,978 ^b	12,981	12,484 ^b	43,762 ^b	NH	69,227 ^b	2,644	284						
55,120	41,627 ^b	142,231 ^b	NH	238,978 ^b	12,981	12,484	43,762	NH	69,227 ^b	--	110						
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	174						
45,019 ^b	91,044	265,236	14,508	415,807 ^b	35,717 ^b	16,798	16,551	4,411 ^b	73,510 ^b	3,107	196						
44,874 ^b	91,044	265,236	NH	401,154 ^b	35,673 ^b	16,798	16,551	NH	69,022 ^b	--	61						
145	NH	NH	NH	14,508	14,653	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	129						
18,850 ^b	16,942 ^b	24,126 ^b	NH	155,866 ^b	12,451 ^b	1,548 ^b	418 ^b	NH	14,900 ^b	582	92						
3,899	6,279	NH	NH	10,178	1,679	990	NH	NH	2,669	--	5						
NH	9,435	11,152	NH	20,587	NH	558	418	NH	976	--	11						
323	1,228	X	NH	14,525	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	3						
14,636	X	NH	NH	110,376	10,772	X	X	NH	11,255	--	20 eldersmen						
213,271	213,589	1,787,583	NH	2,214,943	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	8,481	190						
107,378 ^b	59,347 ^b	268,530 ^b	24,967 ^b	460,219 ^b	45,675 ^b	45,675 ^b	5,027	114,158 ^b	5,027	≈ 1,951 ^b							
107,378 ^b	59,353 ^b	151,195 ^b	NH	314,426 ^b	45,675 ^b	X	X	NH	99,261 ^b	--	75						
3,501	114,549	24,960 ^b	NH	118,050 ^b	27,749 ^b	NH	NH	X	10,061 ^b	--	159						
NH	NH	2,789 ^b	24,960 ^b	NH	27,749 ^b	NH	NH	X	4,171 ^b	--	36						
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	4						
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	2						
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	71						
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	4						
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	≈ 1,600						
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	--							
10,330	35,645	611,108	NH	657,083 ^b	6,857	5,020	54,034	NH	65,911 ^b	893	17	(not available)					
76,646 ^b	67,385 ^b	205,058 ^b	6,131	355,344 ^b	42,807 ^b	45,169 ^b	54,987 ^b	2,919	145,878 ^b	5,352	191						
56,468	29,100	129,810	NH	215,378	27,694	10,253	22,663	NH	60,610	--	59						
NH	41	NH	NH	5,343	5,384	NH	B	NH	1,994	2,02	--	1					
4,669	NH	NH	NH	788	5,757	10,655	NH	NH	925	11,980	--	2					
15,209	38,244	75,248	NH	128,825 ^b	4,454	34,908	32,324	NH	71,686	--	11 full-time and 4 part-time						
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	81						
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	25						
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	2						
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	8						
43,617 ^b		22,070	219,068 ^b	25,285 ^b			30,441 ^b	NH	2,331	≈ 482							
22,363	X	X	NH	85,727	4,373	X	X	NH	6,536	--	17						
4,559	X	X	NH	94,566	11,152	X	X	NH	4,145	--	probate judges serve						
16,695 ^b	NH	NH	22,070	38,765 ^b	19,760 ^b	NH	NH	NH	19,760 ^b	--	109						
NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	≈ 356						
											3,468	619					
											3,935	537 ^b					
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Table 15: Reported limited jurisdiction caseload, 1977 (continued).

State and court title	Beginning pending						Filed						
	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total			
Massachusetts—STATE TOTAL.....	15,814 ^{1P}	380,072	248,264	3,098,306 ⁵	48,620	3,775,262 ⁵							
District Court ^{1,7}	4,758 ¹		4,758 ¹	249,624	217,564	3,098,306 ⁵	37,000			3,602,494 ⁵			
Boston Municipal Court ^{1,7}		NH	NH	26,313	25,924	NH	NH	NH	NH	52,237 ¹			
Housing Court ^{1,7}		NH	NH	7,239	4,742	NH	NH	NH	NH	11,981			
Land Court ^{1,7}	11,056	NH	NH	11,056	8,022	NH	NH	NH	NH	8,022			
Probate Court ^{1,7}		NH	NH	NH	88,874	NH	NH	NH	NH	88,874			
Juvenile Court ^{1,7}		NH	NH	NH	34 ¹	NH	NH	NH	NH	11,620		11,624 ¹	
Michigan—STATE TOTAL.....	76,439 ^{1P}	95,687 ¹	333,433 ¹	505,559 ^{1P}	371,288 ^{1P}	280,403 ¹	1,556,207 ¹	30,045		2,237,943 ¹			
Common Pleas Court of Detroit ¹	18,284 ¹	NH	NH	18,284 ¹	178,441 ¹	NH	NH	NH	NH	178,441 ¹			
District Court ^{1,9}	55,401	70,458	204,903	NH	330,762	179,171	238,966	1,365,517	NH	NH	1,783,654		
Municipal Court ^{1,9}	2,754 ¹	25,229 ¹	128,530 ¹	NH	156,513 ¹	13,676 ¹	41,437 ¹	190,690 ¹	NH	NH	245,803 ¹		
Probate Court ¹		NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	30,045 ¹			
Minnesota—STATE TOTAL.....	3,841 ¹	16,834 ¹	6,331 ^{1P}	NH	153,117 ^{1P}	43,394 ^{1P}	69,259 ¹	72,137 ^{1P}			780,059 ^{1P}		
Conciliation Court ^{1,3}	2,834	NH	NH	2,834	38,050	NH	NH	NH	NH	38,050			
County Court ^{1,12}	X	12,010 ¹	X	X	138,121	X	41,562 ¹	X	X	626,834			
City Municipal Court ^{1,12}	1,007	4,824	6,331	NH	12,162	15,344	27,693	72,137	NH	NH	115,174		
Fire Court ¹		NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
Mississippi—STATE TOTAL.....		110,572 ^{1P}	316,701 ^{1P}								427,273 ^{1P}		
County Court ^{1,6}		NH	NH	16,259	3,165	NH	NH	NH	NH	19,424			
Family Court ¹		NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
Municipal Court ¹		NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
Justice Court ^{1,6}		NH	NH	94,313	313,536 ¹	NH	NH	NH	NH	407,849			
Missouri—STATE TOTAL.....	22,176 ^{1P}	NH	NH	22,176 ^{1P}	45,766 ^{1P}	55,533 ^{1P}	173,862 ^{1P}	NH	NH	275,161 ^{1P}			
St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction ¹	NH	22,176	NH	NH	22,176	NH	20,505	NH	NH	20,505			
Magistrate Court ^{1,6}		NH	NH	45,766 ¹	35,028 ¹	173,862 ¹	NH	NH	254,656 ¹				
Probate Court ¹		NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
Municipal Court ¹		NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
Montana—STATE TOTAL.....		NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
Justice Court ¹		NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
Municipal Court ¹		NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
City Court ¹		NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
Nebraska—STATE TOTAL.....	30,944 ^{1P}	18,058 ^{1P}	11,602 ^{1P}	1,088 ^{1P}	47,919 ^{1P}	45,538 ^{1P}	177,255 ^{1P}	4,860		378,114			
County Court ^{1,7}	30,944	18,059	11,602	1,088	61,692	29,963	45,538	177,255	2,868	255,624			
Municipal Court ^{1,9}		NH	NH	NH	NH	17,153	X	NH	NH	119,695			
Juvenile Court ¹		NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	1,992		1,992	
Workers' Compensation Court ¹		NH	NH	NH	NH	803	NH	NH	NH	803			
Nevada—STATE TOTAL.....		NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
Justice Court ¹		NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
Municipal Court ¹		NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
New Hampshire—STATE TOTAL.....		NH	NH	NH	NH	15,262 ^{1P}				15,262 ^{1P}			
District Court ^{1,12}		NH	NH	NH	NH	15,262	NH	NH	NH	15,262 ^{1P}			
Probate Court ⁵		NH	NH	NH	NH	15,262	NH	NH	NH	15,262 ^{1P}			
Municipal Court ^{1,12}		NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
New Jersey—STATE TOTAL.....	49,590	12,678	62,260 ^{1P}	372,51	332,976	3,496,730 ^{1P}	82,243	4,284,485 ^{1P}					
County District Court ^{1,7}	44,854	NH	NH	44,854 ¹	303,057	3,435	75,263 ¹	NH	NH	382,055 ¹			
Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court ¹	4,736	NH	NH	12,678	17,414	69,474	NH	NH	82,243	151,717			
Municipal Court ¹		NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	329,541	3,421,176 ¹	NH	NH	3,750,717 ¹		
New Mexico—STATE TOTAL.....		NH	NH	NH	NH	14,964 ^{1P}	24,270 ^{1P}	81,853	NH	NH	121,087 ^{1P}		
Magistrate Court ^{1,7}		NH	NH	NH	NH	14,964	24,270	81,853	NH	NH	121,087 ^{1P}		
Probate Court ¹		NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
Municipal Court ¹		NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
Small Claims Court of Albuquerque ¹		NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
New York—STATE TOTAL.....	67,835 ^{1P}	9,730 ^{1P}	23,473	101,038 ^{1P}	568,108 ^{1P}	677,416 ^{1P}	63,348 ^{1P}	47,440		1,356,512 ^{1P}			
Civil Court of the City of New York ¹	22,589	NH	NH	NH	22,589	144,011	NH	NH	NH	144,011			
Family Court ¹	41,514	NH	NH	9,730 ¹	NH	9,730 ¹	NH	677,416	63,348	NH	740,964		
Surrogate's Court ¹		NH	NH	NH	51,606 ¹	NH	NH	NH	NH	51,606 ¹			
Court of Claims ¹	3,732	NH	NH	NH	3,732	1,245	NH	NH	NH	1,245			
District Court and City Court ^{1,9}		NH	NH	NH	113,361 ¹	NH	NH	NH	NH	113,361 ¹			
Town and Village Court ^{1,9}		NH	NH	NH	NH	113,361 ¹	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
North Carolina—District Court ^{1,5}	64,651	40,410	72,698	177,750 ¹	244,655	361,492	721,048	23,622		1,349,817			
County Court with Increased Jurisdiction ^{1,7}		NH	NH	NH	10,711 ¹	17,695	NH	NH	NH	20,088 ¹			
Municipal Court ¹		NH	NH	NH	8,027 ¹	12,061	NH	NH	NH	NH			
County Probate Court<sup													

Table 15: Reported limited jurisdiction caseload, 1977 (continued).

State and court title	Beginning pending						Filed					
	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Juvenile	Total		
Oregon—STATE TOTAL.....	20,923 ^a	20,906 ^a	100,181 ^a	142,647 ^a	69,933 ^a	69,929 ^a	695,551 ^a	223	835,440 ^a			
District Court ^b , 11.....	10,065	15,523	61,400	NH	95,988	66,265	45,607	437,428	NH	549,300		
Justice Court ^b , 11.....	1,437 ^a	876 ^a	9,645 ^a	NH	11,958 ^a	3,491 ^a	6,087 ^a	113,369 ^a	NH	123,147 ^a		
Municipal Court ^b , 11.....	NH	4,507 ^a	29,773 ^a	NH	34,280 ^a	NH	18,235 ^a	144,255 ^a	NH	162,593 ^a		
County Court ^b , 11.....	421 ^a	NH	NH	421 ^a	177	NH	NH	223	400			
Pennsylvania—STATE TOTAL.....	9,811 ^a	4,450 ^a	NH	10,568 ^a	232,199	498,200	2,661,937	NH	3,392,342			
Philadelphia Municipal Court ^b , 8.....	9,811	4,450	NH	14,261	72,874	51,740	NH	NH	124,614			
District Justice Court ^b , 9.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	159,325	420,165	1,007,724	NH	1,587,214			
Philadelphia Traffic Court.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	1,230,642	NH	1,230,642			
Pittsburgh City Magistrates Court ^b , 9.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	25,968	423,571	NH	449,539		
Puerto Rico—STATE TOTAL.....	20,831 ^a	18,142 ^a	18,494	NH	57,467 ^a	43,104 ^a	62,057 ^a	71,075	NH	176,246 ^a		
District Court ^b , 10.....	20,831	18,142	18,494	NH	57,467	43,104	62,057	71,075	NH	176,246		
Justice of the Peace ^b , 10.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH		
Municipal Court ^b , 10.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH		
Rhode Island—STATE TOTAL.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	34,022 ^a	30,126 ^a	826 ^a	5,894	70,870 ^a			
District Court ^b , 7.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	28,488	30,118 ^a	(J)	NH	58,606			
Family Court ^b , 7.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	5,667	8	828	5,761	12,264			
Municipal Court ^b , 7.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH		
Probate Court.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
South Carolina—STATE TOTAL.....	29,013 ^a	NH	32,292 ^a	159,186 ^a	76,226 ^a	399,668 ^a	NH	650,608 ^a				
County Court and Civil and Criminal Court ^b , 6.....	14,790	NH	NH	14,790 ^a	14,586	NH	NH	14,586 ^a				
Family Court ^b , 6.....	14,223	NH	X	17,502	38,746	NH	X	X	54,272			
Magistrate Court ^b , 6.....	NH	NH	NH	105,856	76,226	399,668	NH	581,750				
Probate Court.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
Municipal Court.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
Tennessee—STATE TOTAL.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
Probate Court.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
County Court.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
Juvenile Court.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
General Sessions Court.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
Justice of the Peace Court.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
Municipal Court.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
Texas—STATE TOTAL.....	14,360 ^a	181,367 ^a	45,607 ^a	1,144 ^a	342,478 ^a	337,227 ^a	929,756 ^a	6,029,422 ^a	1,650 ^a	7,298,055 ^a		
County Court at Law, Constitutional County Court, and Probate Court ^b , 9.....	14,360 ^a	181,367 ^a	45,607 ^a	1,144 ^a	342,478 ^a	141,691 ^a	187,202 ^a	82,360 ^a	1,650 ^a	412,903 ^a		
Municipal Court ^b , 9.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	420,020 ^a	4,861,324 ^a	NH	5,301,344 ^a		
Justice of the Peace Court ^b , 9.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	195,536 ^a	322,534 ^a	1,065,730 ^a	NH	1,983,808 ^a			
Utah—STATE TOTAL.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	27,993 ^a	35,524 ^a	524,197 ^a	22,939	NH	610,653 ^a		
Juvenile Court.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	270	12,984	22,939	36,093		
City Court ^b , 7.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	26,439	26,392	431,218	NH	484,049			
Justice Court ^b , 7.....	NH	NH	1,554 ^a	NH	8,862 ^a	80,695 ^a	NH	52,511 ^a				
Vermont—STATE TOTAL.....	19,779 ^a	4,183	3,679	254	27,895 ^a	15,067	17,988	43,893	1,038	77,986		
District Court ^b , 7.....	11,710	4,183	3,679	254	19,826	10,636	17,988	43,893	1,038	73,555		
Probate Court ^b , 8,069 ^a	NH	NH	NH	NH	8,069 ^a	4,431	NH	NH	NH	4,431		
Virginia—District Court ^b , 9.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	403,145	280,238	844,365	115,745	NH	1,643,493		
Washington—STATE TOTAL.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	71,755	117,374 ^a	1,835,326 ^a	NH	2,024,495 ^a			
Municipal Court ^b , 9.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	13,379 ^a	1,275,730 ^a	NH	1,319,109 ^a			
District Court and Justice of the Peace Court ^b , 9.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	71,755	73,995	559,596	NH	705,346			
West Virginia—STATE TOTAL.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
Municipal Court ^b , 13.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
Wisconsin—Municipal Justice Court ^b , 7.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
Wyoming—STATE TOTAL.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
Justice Court.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	
Municipal Court.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	

Note: All available data are included in the table. Blank spaces indicate that the data are unavailable.

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.

-- Not applicable.

^aData are not complete.

Alaska—District Court—Pending data do not include other criminal or any traffic cases other than misdemeanor traffic cases.

Arizona—Justice of the Peace—Incomplete data were reported for courts located in ten counties.

Arkansas—Court of Common Pleas—No data were reported for courts located in two counties.

Municipal Court—No data were reported for nine court locations; only six months of data were reported for six others.

City Court, Police Court, and Justice of the Peace Court—No data were reported for forty-five court locations; incomplete data were reported for two others.

Colorado—County Court—No data were available for felony advisement preliminary hearing cases in which no complaint was lodged for the court located in Denver County.

Connecticut—Court of Common Pleas—No pending or disposition data were available for small claims cases.

Georgia—State Court—No data were available for the State Court of DeKalb County.

Probate Court—No data were available for civil cases heard by this court.

Juvenile Court—No data were available for one circuit; another circuit reported filings only.

Indiana—Municipal Court of Marion County—Grand total disposed figure includes 124 cases that could not be identified by case category.

Kansas—Probate Court and Juvenile Court—No pending or filing data were available for domestic relations, mental health, other estate, extraordinary writ, or juvenile cases. No pending or disposition data were available for estate trust account cases.

Louisiana—City Court and Parish Court—No data were available for two court locations. Data for the entire year for other court locations were estimated, based on varying amounts of data.

Maine—District Court—Data for small claims, money judgment, marriage dissolution, and juvenile cases were not reported by courts located in two counties. Only seven court locations reported support/custody cases; only two court locations reported mental health cases.

Maryland—District Court—Criminal disposed data were available for adult offenses against juveniles only.

Massachusetts—District Court—No data were available for this court. Disposition data are given in other civil. Filings are complete.

Boston Municipal Court—No data were given for traffic cases heard in this court. Disposition data were given for small claims and domestic relations cases only. Other than traffic cases, filings were complete.

Juvenile Court—No data were available for adult misdemeanor cases in the court located in Worcester.

Hickory—Probate Court—No civil filing data were available. Disposition data do not include domestic relations or juvenile non-offense cases.

Municipal Court—No data were reported for the court located in Troy.

Common Pleas Court of Detroit—No beginning pending data were available for real property rights cases.

Minnesota—County Court—Criminal pending and filing data do not include other family criminal cases.

Missouri—Probate Court—No filing or disposition data were available for twenty court locations; another fourteen reported filings only.

New Jersey—County District Court—No pending data are given for criminal and traffic cases.

Disposed	End pending		
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Table 15: Reported limited jurisdiction caseload, 1977 (continued).

^kAdditional Information:

Incompleat data were reported for all the Kentucky courts of limited jurisdiction. Missing data were estimated based on the data that were reported, and are included in the totals reported here.

Data were not available for all courts in the state.

Data include traffic cases other than parking.

Data include traffic cases (DWI/DUI, parking, other traffic violations).

1A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

2A civil case is counted when it is placed on the calendar (has reached issue).

3A civil case is counted at the note of issue.

4A case for this court is a new claim or an ancillary proceeding to an existing case.

5A civil case is not counted in the same way throughout the state.

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

7The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.

8The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the Information or Indictment.

9The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the Information, Indictment, or complaint.

10The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.

11The criminal case unit of count is the number assigned to the Information, Indictment, or complaint at arraignment.

12The criminal case unit of count is not consistent statewide.

13The criminal case unit of count is the number of warrants issued.

Table 16: General jurisdiction, limited jurisdiction, and all trial courts total caseload, 1977 (continued).

Missouri—Limited jurisdiction courts—No filing or disposition data were available for twenty locations of the Registrars Court; another fourteen reported filings only.

Nevada—General jurisdiction court—Data were available for only one court location—the Second District (Washoe County). Approximately twenty-five percent of the total state population lives there.

New Jersey—Limited jurisdiction courts—No pending data are given for criminal and traffic cases heard in the County District Court.

New Mexico—General jurisdiction court—No data were available for Juvenile cases handled by this court.

New York—General jurisdiction courts—No data were available for the Supreme Court and County Court located in Seneca County. No pending data were available for criminal "indictments" outside New York City. In either of these courts, either:

- Limited jurisdiction courts—Pending and filed data do not include criminal ordinance violation or traffic cases for the Criminal Court of the City of New York. No filing data were available for domestic relations, estate administration proceedings, or guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship or other estate cases heard in the Surrogate's Court. No civil data were reported by three locations of the District Court and City Court; ten others reported incomplete civil data. No criminal and traffic data were available for three locations of the District Court and City Court; eight others reported incomplete criminal data. Of the District Court and City Court locations reporting, data were limited to the number disposed for criminal and traffic cases.
- North Carolina—Limited jurisdiction court—Pending data do not include Juvenile cases.
- North Dakota—Limited jurisdiction courts—No filing data were given for mental health or traffic cases heard in the County Court with increased jurisdiction. Filing data for the County Probate Court do not include mental health cases. No filing data were given for traffic cases heard in the County Justice Court.
- Ohio—General jurisdiction court—Pending data do not include adoption, birth records, estate minor's settlement, mental health, or name change cases.
- Oklahoma—General jurisdiction court—No pending data were available for criminal postconviction remedy cases.
- Oregon—General jurisdiction court—No pending or disposition data were available for marriage dissolution, mental health, or Juvenile cases heard in the Circuit Court.
- Limited jurisdiction court—Pending and disposed data for the County Court do not include adoption, mental health, or Juvenile cases. Data were available for only 26 of the 44 locations of the Justice Court. Data were available for only 94 of the 170 locations of the Municipal Court.
- Rhode Island—Limited jurisdiction court—The only casetype for which disposition data were given for the Family Court was absolute divorce and bed and board (marriage dissolution).
- South Carolina—Limited jurisdiction courts—No criminal data were reported for the County Court and Civil and Criminal Court. Criminal cases handled by this court are reported as a part of the workload of the Circuit Court, found in the general jurisdiction court section of this table.
- South Dakota—General jurisdiction court—No data are available for cases heard by the lay registrars or lay magistrate/clerks who serve this court.
- Tennessee—General jurisdiction courts—No pending data are included for courts located in the ten counties that are serving as pilot sites for the new computerized statistical reporting system.
- Texas—All courts—Data reported in this table is based on a less than complete number of monthly reports received for all courts. The response rates for the various courts were: General jurisdiction courts—District Court, Criminal District Court, Domestic Relations Court and Juvenile Court—ninety-eight percent; Limited jurisdiction courts—County Court at Law, Constitutional County Court, and Probate Court—ninety-seven percent; Municipal Court—eighty-four percent; Justice of the Peace Court—seventy-seven percent.
- Utah—Limited jurisdiction courts—The only data that were available for the Justice Court covered the six-month period from January 1, 1977 to June 30, 1977 from 149 of the 179 Justices of the peace in 769 individual monthly reports. Disposition data for the Juvenile Court include only criminal-type offense cases.
- Vermont—Limited jurisdiction courts—Pending and disposed data for probate/wills/intestate and guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship cases in the Probate Court do not include cases commenced before January 1, 1970.
- Washington—General jurisdiction court—No disposition data were available for mental health or Juvenile cases.
- Limited jurisdiction court—No data were available for the Municipal Court located in eleven towns.
- West Virginia—Limited jurisdiction court—No data were received for the Magistrate Court located in three counties; incomplete data were received for courts located in thirteen others.
- Wisconsin—Limited jurisdiction court—No data were available for fifteen court locations.
- Wyoming—General jurisdiction court—Pending and disposed data do not include any Juvenile cases, or any other cases filed before 1970.

^kAdditional information:

Alabama—The only data from limited jurisdiction courts that were available were for the District Court. It began operation at the start of the court year.

^pData were not available for all courts in the state.

^tTraffic data do not include any parking cases.

^sTraffic data do include parking cases.

Table 17: General jurisdiction, limited jurisdiction, and all trial courts civil caseload, 1977.
State population. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change
in pending

State	State population in thousands	General Jurisdiction courts						Limited					
		As percent of filed			Change in pending			As percent of filed			Change in pending		
		Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed	Pending	Number	Percent	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Alabama.....	3,783	49,016	64,619	64,269	49,366	99	76	350	<1	49P	100,822P		
Alaska.....	396	11,419	11,375	10,672	12,116	94	107	697	6	7,98P	10,263		
Arizona.....	2,427	62,611 ¹	68,635	63,951 ¹	66,669 ¹					4,058 ¹	6 ¹	34,422 ¹	
Arkansas.....	2,202	53,721 ¹	63,596	54,447 ¹	56,647 ¹					2,920 ¹	5 ¹	20,681 ¹	
California.....	22,350	548,933	436,716	80	(112,217)			10,180		771,388			
Colorado.....	2,696	92,236 ¹						57,921					
Connecticut.....	3,089	32,252	26,891	25,040	34,103	93	127	1,851	6	35,373 ¹ P	190,598		
Delaware.....	505	10,782	6,428	6,289	10,921	98	170	139	1	12,034 ¹ P	18,892 ¹ P		
District of Columbia.....	682	16,032 ¹	161,944	158,830 ¹	16,664 ¹					--	--		
Florida.....	8,889	250,080	246,394			99		(3,686)		222,815 ¹			
Georgia.....	5,212	90,773 ¹	104,344	90,681 ¹	104,436 ¹	87 ¹	100 ¹	13,663 ¹	15	38,114 ¹ P	114,533 ¹ P		
Guam.....	111	5,147	4,771	3,055	6,913	61	145	1,766	34	--	--		
Hawaii.....	916	21,368	20,850	18,091	24,127	87	116	2,759	13	6,173	11,014		
Idaho.....	893	23,374	45,537	45,822	25,039	96	55	1,715	7	--	--		
Illinois.....	11,406	397,256 ¹	635,666	590,682	438,243 ¹	93		(44,984)					
Indiana.....	5,405	205,249	189,607	186,340	208,516	98	110	3,267	2	31,913 ¹	87,339 ¹ P		
Iowa.....	2,914	47,866 ¹	129,770	121,295 ¹	53,249 ¹			5,383 ¹	11 ¹	--	--		
Kansas.....	2,318	19,983	58,005	50,502	27,086	87	47	7,503	38	25,902 ¹	33,235 ¹		
Kentucky.....	3,575	65,998								64,929			
Louisiana.....	4,016	133,369								62,351 ¹ P			
Maine.....	1,105	7,403	7,568	5,254	9,720	69	128	2,317	31		39,460 ¹ D		
Maryland.....	4,195	121,714	66,026	59,682	128,051	92	194	6,337	5		371,336P		
Massachusetts.....	5,744	91,319	31,395	34,966	65,588	111	273	-5,731	-6	15,814 ¹ P	380,072		
Michigan.....	9,157	115,837	131,148	129,059	117,926	98	90	2,089	2	76,439 ¹ P	371,288 ¹ P		
Minnesota.....	3,980	8,666	18,843	18,814	8,707	100	46	34	<1	3,841 ¹ P	43,394P		
Mississippi.....	2,460	52,521								110,572P			
Missouri.....	4,845	59,935	72,132	71,571	60,496	99	84	561	<1	45,766 ¹ D			
Montana.....	771												
Nebraska.....	1,554	6,202	18,640	16,369	8,473	88	45	2,271	37	30,944 ¹ P	47,919		
Nevada.....	678	8,062 ¹											
New Hampshire.....	872	19,673	17,745	17,278	19,640	100	111	33	<1		15,263P		
New Jersey.....	7,342	56,817	68,371	62,325	62,863	91	92	6,046	11	49 ¹ ,10 ¹	372,531		
New Mexico.....	1,225	18,936	39,217	33,259	24,894	85	63	9,958	31		14,968P		
New York.....	17,852	67,524	116,031	113,792	69,266	98	60	1,742	3	67,835P	568,108P		
North Carolina.....	5,668	18,619	69,299	65,557	81,411	95	117	2,792	4	64,651	244,655		
North Dakota.....	649	7,752 ¹	9,006	7,899	4,779 ¹	88		(1,107)			10,711 ¹		
Ohio.....	10,771	150,978 ¹	249,589	245,262	153,684 ¹	98		(4,327)		89,707	335,801		
Oklahoma.....	2,866	149,008	172,406	173,420	177,994	83	103	29,986	19	8P	60 ¹		
Oregon.....	2,439	42,359 ¹	53,264	49,613 ¹	42,609 ¹			250 ¹	<1	20,923 ¹	69,935 ¹		
Pennsylvania.....	11,892	63,293	180,206	179,433	64,066	103	36	773	1	9,811P	232,199		
Puerto Rico.....	3,321	43,023	85,719	86,375	43,167	101	50	-656	-2	20,831P	43,104P		
Rhode Island.....	955		6,341							34,022P			
South Carolina.....	2,968	15,813	29,259	28,905	16,167	99	55	354	2	24,013 ¹ P	159,188P		
South Dakota.....	689									--	--		
Tennessee.....	4,402	35,650 ¹	86,347	79,203 ¹	36,042 ¹			392 ¹	1				
Texas.....	13,192	292,633 ¹	264,335 ¹	262,612	315,556 ¹	92 ¹	111 ¹	22,723 ¹	81	114,360 ¹ P	337,227 ¹		
Utah.....	1,316	18,142	27,010	22,843	22,212	85	82	3,870	21		27,993 ¹		
Vermont.....	492	7,687	6,601	7,056	7,056	100	107	-31	<1	19,279 ¹	15,067		
Virginia.....	5,206	86,296	67,105	63,743	90,238	94	133	3,942	5		403,145		
Washington.....	3,772		99,200	85,141 ¹							71,755		
West Virginia.....	1,906	34,435	34,837	32,921	36,351	51	104	1,916	6				
Wisconsin.....	4,613									257,510			
Wyoming.....	412	3,515 ¹	9,044	8,756 ¹	3,803 ¹			288 ¹	81				

Note: 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 not appropriate.

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

-- Not applicable.

Data are not complete:

Arizona-General Jurisdiction courts--Pending data do not include adoption or mental health cases for Maricopa County. No disposition data for mental health cases from Maricopa County are included, either.

Limited Jurisdiction courts--Incomplete data were reported for Justices of the Peace located in ten counties.

Arkansas-General Jurisdiction courts--Pending and disposed data do not include adoption, guardianship/cons

Table 18: Composition of civil case filings in general jurisdiction courts, 1977.
State and court. Civil case categories

State and court title	Civil cases filed													
	Lawsuit	Tort	Contract	Small claims	Real property rights	Equity	Domestic relations	Estate	Mental health	Appeal	Extraordinary writ	Other civil	Total civil	
Alabama--Circuit Court.....	X	X		NH	41,080	NH	X			1,099		64,619		
Alaska--Superior Court.....	910	1,141		NH	402	(J)	6,666	811	240	106		11,375		
Arizona--Superior Court.....	28,678 ¹	(J)	(J)	NH	31,743	7,335	879	(J)				68,635		
Arkansas--STATE TOTAL.....	22,074 ¹				6,395	26,153	7,505	1,459	(J)			63,986		
Circuit Court.....				NH		NH	NH	NH	(J)			22,074		
Chancery and Probate Court.....	NH	NH		NH	6,395	26,153	7,505	1,459	NH			41,512		
California--Superior Court.....	85,604			NH	2,249	172,211	64,910	5,451	10,232	9,859	198,417	546,933		
Colorado--STATE TOTAL.....	13,176	3,329		NH	7,088	46,079	6,413 ¹	2,470	666	3,522	9,465	92,238		
District Court, Denver Superior Court, Denver Juvenile Court, and Denver Probate Court	NH	NH	NH	NH	5,048	2,040	NH	46,079	6,413 ¹	2,470	666	3,552	90,198 ¹	
Water Court.....				NH			NH	NH	NH	NH	141	2,040		
Connecticut--Superior Court.....				NH		15,704					11,046	26,891		
Delaware--STATE TOTAL.....	1,891		(J)	NH	648 ¹	(J)	385	2,236	337	232	699	6,428		
Court of Chancery.....	NH		(J)	NH	(J)	(J)		2,236		NH	368 ¹	2,604		
Superior Court.....				NH	648	NH	385	NH	337	232	331	3,824		
*District of Columbia--Superior Court.....	1,891			NH										
Florida--Circuit Court.....	5,348			33,735	110,461		7,430	2,502	686	425	17	1,340	161,944	
Georgia--Superior Court.....	23,612	26,096		NH	19,394		78,355	40,113	12,128	681		49,701	250,080	
Guam--Superior Court.....	1,067						53,235	NH	NH			51,109	104,344	
Hawaii--STATE TOTAL.....							692	166				600	4,771	
Circuit Court.....	1,069	1,428		NH	373		12,605 ¹	2,035	(J)	43	NH	3,297	20,850	
Land Court.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	329		12,605 ¹	2,035	(J)		NH	3,297	20,763	
Tax Appeal Court.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	44	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	44		
Idaho--STATE TOTAL.....	1,608	NH	11,810				12,918	4,169		145	14,662	45,537		
District Court.....	953	NH	3				2,986	20	225	136	3,917	8,240		
Magistrates Division.....	655	NH	11,807				9,932	4,149	NH	9	10,745	37,297		
Illinois--Circuit Court.....	188,900			172,792	504	24,282	87,213	33,929	8,290	113,152		6,604	635,666	
Indiana--Superior Court and Circuit Court.....					26,338		72,530	22,697				68,042	189,607	
*Iowa--District Court.....					65,434		915	23,202				40,219	129,770	
Kansas--District Court.....	14,695	2,661	6,857	4,858	2,288		23,099	NH	NH	(J)	443	3,104	58,005	
Kentucky--Circuit Court.....							28,703	NH		220		37,075	65,998	
Louisiana--District Court.....													133,369	
Maine--Superior Court.....	2,642	1,830	1,108	NH			1,707	NH	NH	224	57		7,568	
Maryland--District Court.....	3,502	7,724	4,858	NH	2,885	9,618	34,136	441	2,407	455		66,026		
Massachusetts--Superior Court.....							NH	NH					31,395	
Michigan--STATE TOTAL.....					10,552			61,205			1,465		131,148	
Circuit Court.....					10,552			61,205			750		57,926	
Court of Claims.....					NH	NH	NH	NH	715	NH	NH	715	130,433	
Minnesota--District Court.....							NH	NH	NH	NH			18,843	
Mississippi--STATE TOTAL.....	10,510						NH	148	1,955	24,143	6,851	3,844	52,521	
Circuit Court.....	10,510						NH	148	NH	NH	NH	376	1,562	12,996
Chancery Court.....	NH	NH					NH	1,955	24,143	6,851	3,844		3,132	39,925
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas.....							NH			NH			72,132	
Montana--District Court.....							NH							
Nebraska--District Court.....														
Nevada--District Court.....	3,078 ¹						12,300	NH	NH		6,340	18,640		
New Hampshire--Superior Court.....	5,400						4,140 ¹	482 ¹	85 ¹		277 ¹	8,062 ¹		
New Jersey--Superior Court (Law Division and Chancery Division) and County Courts.....	39,143			NH	4,130	24,112	986	NH				68,371		

State and court title	Civil cases filed												
	Lawsuit	Tort	Contract	Small claims	Real property rights	Equity	Domestic relations	Estate	Mental health	Appeal	Extraordinary writ	Other civil	Total civil
New Mexico--District Court.....													39,217
New York--Supreme Court and County Court.....	36,655 ¹	9,500 ¹		NH	165 ¹		60,878 ¹	NH		5,309 ¹		3,524 ¹	116,031 ¹
North Carolina--Superior Court.....	10,401			NH			NH	31,742				27,156	69,299
North Dakota--District Court.....	2,710		773	NH			NH	548		4,295	41	NH	9,006
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas.....	21,357			NH			NH	93,968	77,793	8,019	2,310	46,142	249,589
Oklahoma--District Court.....		6,899	20,576	73,314	8,476			38,782	13,543	2,531	989	5,801	172,406
Oregon--Circuit Court.....				NH									
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas.....													
Puerto Rico--Superior Court.....	2,409	3,677	359	NH	7,451	NH	27,814	19,375	8,741			49,295	180,206
Rhode Island--Superior Court.....				NH			NH	NH	NH	235	1,784	41,990	85,719
South Carolina--Circuit Court.....				NH			NH	NH	NH	61		6,280	6,341
*South Dakota--Circuit Court.....													29,259
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL.....	11,262	21,601		NH	2,310			49,422	1,563	180	8,016	388	8,605
Circuit Court.....	10,702	1,140		NH	663			27,081	23	36	5,520	226	4,071
Law and Equity Court.....	399	192		NH	102			2,971	181	31	259	2	329
Chancery Court.....	161	3,269	NH	1,545			19,370	1,359	113	2,237	160	4,205	32,419
Texas--District Court,													

Table 19: Composition of civil case dispositions in general jurisdiction courts, 1977.
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	Extraordinary	Other civil
Alabama--Circuit Court.....	X	X		NH	X	39,078		NH	X	X		64,269
Alaska--Superior Court.....		X	X	NH	X		X	X		X	10,672	
Arizona--Superior Court.....	28,953 [‡]	(J)	(J)	NH	(J)	28,177	469 [†]	(J)			63,953 [†]	
Arkansas--STATE TOTAL.....	20,460 [†]					5,625	24,589 [†]	3,773 [†]			54,447 [†]	
Circuit Court.....	20,460 [†]					NH	NH	NH	(J)		20,460	
Chancery and Probate Court.....	NH	NH		NH		5,625	24,589 [†]	3,773 [†]	NH	NH	33,987 [†]	
California--Superior Court.....		61,934		NH	2,228	150,317	62,125	4,925	9,055	9,147	136,987	456,716
Colorado--STATE TOTAL.....				NH	2,714P		2,108					
District Court, Denver Superior Court, Denver Juvenile Court, and Denver Probate Court.....				NH	2,714	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH		
Water Court.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	2,714	NH	NH	NH	NH	129	9,102	25,040
Connecticut--Superior Court.....				NH		15,809						
Delaware--STATE TOTAL.....	1,691		(J)	NH	683P	(J)	484	2,339	265	179	648 [†]	6,289
Court of Chancery.....				NH	(J)	NH	(J)	2,339			339 [†]	2,678
Superior Court.....	1,691			NH	683	NH	484	NH	265	179	309	3,611
*District of Columbia--Superior Court.....	5,447				33,886	110,539		6,435		726	623	20
Florida--Circuit Court.....	24,627	23,561		NH	19,419		77,054	40,440	11,860	588	48,845	246,394
Georgia--Superior Court.....				NH				47,270	NH	NH	43,411	90,681
Guam--Superior Court.....	656			1,211	50		524	93			521	3,055
Hawaii--STATE TOTAL.....						10,949 [†]	1,879	(J)	48	NH	2,437	18,091
Circuit Court.....	1,207	1,327		NH	244							
Land Court.....		1,207	1,327	NH	196	10,949 [†]	1,879	(J)	NB	2,437		17,995
Tax Appeal Court.....	NH	NH	NH	NH	48	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	48	
*Idaho--STATE TOTAL.....				NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH		
District Court.....	1,521	NH	11,547			12,712	3,796			150	13,921	43,922
Magistrates Division.....	949	NH	0			4,024	24		175	140	3,733	9,045
	572	NH	11,547			8,688	3,772		NH	10	10,188	34,777
*Illinois--Circuit Court.....	167,012			175,082	789	20,602	84,041	29,887	8,211	99,406	5,652	590,682
Indiana--Superior Court and Circuit Court.....					22,385		70,662	23,146				
*Iowa--District Court.....					64,114		707	17,213 [†]				
Kansas--District Court.....	2,544	6,630			2,154		22,336	NH	NH	(J)	404	3,117
Kentucky--Circuit Court.....				NH				NH	NH			50,502
Louisiana--District Court.....				NH								
Maine--Superior Court.....	1,853	1,250	854	NH		1,072	NH	NH	167	58		5,254
Maryland--Circuit Court.....	3,391	9,133	4,315	NH	2,479	7,061	30,634	4 [†] B	1,772	486		59,689
Massachusetts--Superior Court.....				NH				NH	NH			34,966
Michigan--STATE TOTAL.....						63,555			1,253		54,149	129,059
Circuit Court.....	10,096			NH			63,555		594		54,149	128,394
Court of Claims.....	10,096			NH	NH		NH	NH	665	NH	NH	665
Minnesota--District Court.....				NH				NH	NH			18,814
Mississippi--STATE TOTAL.....				NH				NH	NH			
Circuit Court.....				NH	NH			NH	NH			
Chancery Court.....	NH	NH		NH								
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas.....				NH				NH				71,571

State and court title	Civil cases disposed												
	Law	Tort [†]	Contract	Small claims	Real property rights	Equity	Domestic relations	Estate	Mental health	Appeal	Extraordinary	Other civil	Total civil
Montana--District Court.....				NH									
Nebraska--District Court.....				NH									
Nevada--District Court.....				NH									
New Hampshire--Superior Court.....	5,886			NH									
New Jersey--Superior Court (Law Division and Chancery Division) and County Court.....	33,011			NH									
New Mexico--District Court.....													
New York--Supreme Court and County Court.....	34,331 [†]	10,181 [†]		NH	282 [†]		60,710 [†]	NH	4,656 [†]		3,623 [†]	113,792 [†]	
North Carolina--Superior Court.....	9,447			NH			29,222	NH	26,888		65,557		
North Dakota--District Court.....	2,426	672		NH	484		3,734	17	NH	117	72	7,899	
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas.....	21,465			NH			91,716	75,782	7,787	1,997	46,515	245,262	
Oklahoma--District Court.....	6,054	13,996		59,465	7,658		34,419	11,943	2,392	958	1,230	9,305	
Oregon--				NH									
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas.....							101,980	19,650	8,639		49,164	179,433	
Puerto Rico--Superior Court.....	2,621	4,290	403	NH	7,107	NH	26,896	NH	NH	257	1,552	86,375	
Rhode Island--Superior Court.....				NH				NH	NH				
South Carolina--Circuit Court.....												28,905	
*South Dakota--Circuit Court.....	9,081 [†] P	2,526 [†] P		NH	1,854 [†]		2,514				4,702	15,412	
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL.....	7,931 [†]			NH	472 [†]		35,454 [†]		690 [†] P	3,178 [†]	6,838 [†]	78,233 [†]	
Circuit Court.....	150 [†]	42 [†]		NH	43 [†]		16,546 [†]		146 [†]	1,446 [†]	2,854 [†]	42,275 [†]	
Law and Equity Court.....				NH			2,053 [†]		85 [†]	85 [†]	226 [†]	4,271	
Chancery Court.....				NH	2,484 [†]	NH	14,853 [†]		544 [†]	1,647 [†]	3,758 [†]	31,687	
Texas--District Court, Domestic Relations Court, and Juvenile Court [†]					15,672 [†]		NH	137,966 [†]		27,427 [†]	4,349 [†]	262,612 [†]	
Utah--District Court.....							NH		2,921	829	63		
Vermont--Superior Court.....	3,367						NH	2					

Table 19: Composition of civil case dispositions in general jurisdiction courts, 1977 (continued).

Data are not complete:
 Arizona--Mental health and total civil cases disposed do not include mental health data for Maricopa County.
 Arkansas--Chancery and Probate Court--Domestic relations disposed does not include adoptions. Estate disposed does not include guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship or other estate cases. Total civil disposed does not include any of these categories or mental health.
 District of Columbia--Total civil cases disposed does not include estate cases.
 Georgia--Disposition data are given for only those cases filed after July 1, 1970. Cases filed before this date have not been entered into the computerized information system so data on them are not available.
 Iowa--Estates and total civil disposed do not include guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship cases.
 Nevada--Data are available for only one district--the Second District (Washoe County). This county contains 25 percent of the total state population.
 New Jersey--Domestic relations cases disposed do not include contested adoption cases. These data are included in the total.
 New York--No civil data are reported for Seneca County.
 South Dakota--Data are not included for cases heard by the lawyer magistrates or law magistrate/clerks of this court.
 Texas--Data reported in this table are based on less than the total possible number of monthly reports. The reporting rate was ninety-eight percent.
 Tennessee--Disposition data for all courts where noted do not include ten counties chosen to be pilot sites for the implementation of a new computerized statistical information system.
 Washington--Total civil disposition figure does not include mental health cases.
 Wyoming--Disposition data do not include cases filed before 1974.

Explanation of data included in the category:
 Arizona--Data included in the law category are tort, contract, real property rights, and appeal cases.
 Arkansas--Appeal data are included in the figure given for law cases.
 Delaware--Other civil cases in the Court of Chancery include contract, real property rights, and equity.
 Hawaii--In the Circuit Court, mental health cases are included with domestic relations data.
 Kansas--Appeal data are reported by the subject matter of the case and, as a result, are included in all the other case categories.

Table 20: Tort caseload for trial courts, 1977.

State population. Courts reporting 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	Beginning pending		End pending	Disposed pending	As percent of filed	Change in pending	Filed per 100,000 population
		Filed	Disposed					
Alaska--STATE TOTAL.....	396	1,401						354
Superior Court ¹	--		910					230
District Court ¹	--		491					124
California--Superior Court.....	22,350	85,604	61,934		72	(23,670)		383
Colorado--District Court and Denver Superior Court ¹	2,696	3,329						123
Delaware--Court of Common Pleas.....	595		382					64
Florida--Circuit Court ¹	8,889	23,612	24,627		104	(-1,015)		266
Hawaii--STATE TOTAL.....	916	3,235	1,928	1,878	3,285	97	170	50
Circuit Court ¹	--	2,273	1,069	1,207	2,135	113	200	-13
District Court ¹	--	962	899	671	1,150	78	134	188
Idaho--STATE TOTAL.....	883	1,687	1,608	1,521	1,774	95	110	87
District Court ¹	--	1,246	953	949	1,250	130	131	4
Magistrate Division.....	--	441	655	572	524	87	80	83
Kansas--District Court ¹	2,318	3,121	2,661	2,544	3,238	96	122	117
Alaska--Superior Court.....	1,105	2,190	1,830	1,250	2,770	68	151	580
Maryland--Circuit Court.....	4,195		7,724	9,133			118	(1,409)
Massachusetts--District Court.....	5,777		415					7
Michigan--Circuit Court.....	9,157	21,264	10,592	10,096	21,720	96	206	456
New Jersey--STATE TOTAL.....	7,342	52,775	57,430	50,549	53,596	88	104	6,821
Superior Court (Law Division and Chancery Division) and County Court ² ..	--	46,952	39,143	33,011	53,024	84	135	6,072
County Court ¹	--	5,823	18,287	17,538	6,572	96	36	13
New York--STATE TOTAL.....	17,852	79,836 ¹	77,373 ¹		97 ¹	(2,463) ¹		447 ¹
Supreme Court and County Court ¹	--	36,655 ¹	34,331 ¹		94 ¹	(2,324) ¹		205 ¹
Civil Court of the City of New York ¹	--	43,181 ¹	43,042		100	(139)		242
North Dakota--District Court ¹	649		773	672				87
Ohio--STATE TOTAL.....	10,771	32,302 ¹	38,419	39,650	32,145 ¹	101	-157 ¹	<1 ¹
Court of Common Pleas ¹	--	23,373 ¹	21,357	21,465	23,338 ¹	101	-35 ¹	<1 ¹
County Court ¹	--	119	181	186	115	103	64	-4
Municipal Court ¹	--	8,810	16,881	16,999	8,692	101	52	-118
Oklahoma--District Court ¹	2,866	8,302	6,899	6,054	9,147	88	133	845
Puerto Rico--STATE TOTAL.....	3,321	10,229	5,571	6,279	9,621	111	170	-608
Superior Court ¹	--	8,436	3,677	4,290	7,823	117	213	-613
District Court ¹	--	1,793	1,994	1,989	1,798	100	90	5
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL.....	4,402		11,262	8,081 ¹				256
Circuit Court ¹	--		10,702	7,931 ¹				243
Law and Equity Court ¹	--		399	150 ¹				9
Chancery Court ¹	--		161					4
Texas--STATE TOTAL.....	13,192	42,653 ¹	26,524 ¹	24,581 ¹	44,596 ¹	93 ¹	168 ¹	1,943 ¹
District Court ¹	--	28,519 ¹	17,301 ¹	15,672 ¹	30,148 ¹	91 ¹	174 ¹	1,629 ¹
County Court of Law and Constitutional County Court ¹	--	14,134 ¹	9,223 ¹	8,909 ¹	14,448 ¹	97 ¹	157 ¹	314 ¹
Utah--District Court ¹	1,316		751					57
Washington--Superior Court ¹	3,772		7,321					194

Note: 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 not appropriate.

-- = Not applicable.

¹Data are not complete.

New York--Supreme Court and County Court--No data were available for Seneca County.

Ohio--Court of Common Pleas--Pending data do not include wrongful death cases.

Tennessee--All courts--Data were not available for the courts located in ten counties serving as pilot locations for the new computerized statistical information system.

Texas--All courts--Data contained in this table are based on an incomplete number of monthly reports received for this court. The reporting rates were: District Court--ninety-eight percent; County Courts--ninety-seven percent.

Data were not available for all courts in the state.

²A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

³A civil case is counted when it is placed on the calendar (has reached issue).

Table 21: Contract caseload for trial courts, 1977.
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	As percent of filed				Change in pending		Filed per 100,000 population
		Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed	Number Percent	
Alaska-STATE TOTAL.....	396	3,466	3,466	875	288			
Superior Court ¹	—	1,141	1,141	597	597			
District Court ¹	—	2,325	2,325	294	294			
Florida-Circuit Court ¹	8,689	26,096	23,461	90	(2,535)	294		
Hawaii-STATE TOTAL.....	916	5,538	9,432	8,971	5,999	64	461	8,103
Circuit Court ¹	—	1,778	1,428	1,327	1,879	93	132	1,156
District Court ¹	—	3,760	8,004	7,644	4,120	96	51	360
Kansas-District Court ¹	2,318	4,134	6,857	6,630	4,361	97	64	227
Meine-Superior Court ¹	1,105	1,604	1,105	854	1,898	77	168	284
Maryland-Circuit Court ¹	4,195	4,858	4,315	89	(543)	116	116	
New Jersey-County District Court ¹	7,342	30,990	156,161	154,675	32,476	99	21	1,486
New York-STATE TOTAL.....	17,852	—	34,644 ¹	35,915 ¹	1041	(1,260)	5	2,127
Supreme Court and County Court ¹	—	9,600 ¹	10,181 ¹	10,181 ¹	10,181 ¹	1071	(6481) ¹	531
CIVIL Court of the City of New York.....	—	25,144	25,729	25,729	102	(585)	141	
Ohio-STATE TOTAL.....	10,771	49,932	168,821	159,914	50,839	97	31	1,903
County Court.....	—	1,116	3,524	3,456	1,183	98	34	67
Municipal Court ¹	—	47,816	158,297	156,458	49,656	99	31	1,840
Oklahoma-District Court ¹	2,866	24,733	20,576	15,996	31,313	68	152	6,580
Puerto Rico-Superior Court ¹	3,321	520	359	403	476	112	133	-44
Tennessee-STATE TOTAL.....	4,402	—	4,601	2,726 ¹	—	—	105	26
Circuit Court ¹	—	1,140	—	—	—	—	4	
Law and Equity Court ¹	—	192	421	—	—	—	74	
Chancery Court ¹	—	3,269	2,484 ¹	—	—	—	—	
Texas-County Court of Law, Constitutional County Court, and Probate Court ¹	13,192	39,755 ¹	25,935 ¹	25,994 ¹	39,296 ¹	102 ¹	154 ¹	-459 ¹
Washington-Superior Court ¹	3,772	—	19,779	19,779	—	—	524	

Note: 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 not appropriate.

-- = Not applicable.

¹Data are not complete:

New York-Supreme Court and County Court-No data were available for the court located in Seneca County.

Tennessee-Law and Equity and Chancery Court-No disposition data were available for either of these courts for the ten counties that are pilot sites for the new computerized statistical reporting system.

Texas-Data contained in this table are based on less than the total possible number of monthly reports received for these courts. The reporting ratio was less than ninety-seven percent.

Data were not available for all courts in the state.

²A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

Table 22: Small claims caseload for trial courts, 1977.
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	As percent of filed				Change in pending		Filed per 100,000 population
		Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed	Number Percent	
Alabama-District Court ¹	3,783	0	64,109	36,715	27,394	57	43	27,394
Alaska-District Court ¹	396	4,393	6,101	5,322	5,193	87	85	1,541
California-STATE TOTAL.....	22,350	421,224	319,977	75	(1,07,247)	1,912		
Justice Court ¹	—	—	36,834	28,751	78	(8,083)	165	
Municipal Court ¹	—	—	390,390	291,226	75	(99,160)	1,747	
Colorado-County Court ¹	2,696	0	6,567	5,057	1,510	77	23	1,510
Connecticut-Court of Common Pleas.....	3,089	—	95,002	—	—	—	—	3,075
Dolaware-Alermen's Court ¹	595	—	—	323	—	—	64	
District of Columbia-Superior Court ¹	682	2,063	33,735	33,886	1,912	100	6	-151 -7
Guam-Superior Court ¹	111	1,912	—	1,211	2,958	54	131	1,046
Hawaii-District Court ¹	916	467	1,279	1,254	492	98	38	140
Idaho-STATE TOTAL.....	883	2,196	11,810	11,547	2,459	98	21	263
District Court ¹	—	—	0	3	0	3	3	1
Michigan-District Court ¹	—	2,196	11,807	11,547	2,456	98	21	260
Illinoile-Circuit Court ¹	11,406	39,288	172,792	175,082	39,276	101	23	-12 -6
Indiana-STATE TOTAL.....	5,405	18,467	76,131	68,493	26,105	90	34	7,638
Superior Court and Circuit Court ¹	—	6,999	26,338	22,385	10,052	85	38	3,953
County Court ¹	—	12,368	49,793	46,108	16,053	93	32	3,685
Iowa-District Court ¹	2,914	11,293	65,434	64,114	12,613	98	19	1,320
Kansas-District Court ¹	2,118	0	4,858	—	—	—	—	210
Massachusetts-District Court ¹	1,105	—	14,551 ¹	—	—	—	—	1,517
Massachusetts-STATE TOTAL.....	5,744	—	121,364	1,529 ¹	—	—	—	2,113
District Court ¹	—	—	117,720	—	—	—	—	2,049
Boston Municipal Court ¹	—	—	2,099	1,523	73	—	37	
Housing Court ¹	—	—	1,545	—	—	—	—	27
Michigan-STATE TOTAL.....	9,157	9,443 ¹ P	47,519 ¹	45,737 ¹	11,328 ¹ P	98 ¹	(1,782) ¹	519 ¹
Common Pleas Court of Detroit ¹	—	—	1,975	2,078	105	(103)	22	
District Court ¹	—	9,432	45,046	43,160	11,318	96	25	492
Municipal Court ¹	—	—	11 ¹	498 ¹	499 ¹	10 ¹	2 ¹	51 ¹
Minnesota-STATE TOTAL.....	3,980	7,715	78,818	76,861	9,672	98	12	1,957
Minneapolis-District Court ¹	—	2,834	38,090	37,262	3,622	98	10	788
County Court ¹	—	4,881	40,768	39,599	6,050	97	15	1,169
Missouri-Mediate Court ¹	4,845	—	8,783	6,249	—	71	—	2,530
Nebraska-STATE TOTAL.....	1,554	1,535 ¹	26,690 ¹	9,203 ¹	1,867 ¹	98 ¹	334 ¹	2,718 ¹
County Court ¹	—	1,553	9,537	12,193	—	96	20	334
Municipal Court ¹	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,104
New Hampshire-STATE TOTAL.....	872	—	—	20,089	—	—	—	(2,340)
District Court ¹	—	—	—	19,393	—	—	—	(2,224)
Municipal Court ¹	—	—	—	696	—	—	—	60
New Jersey-County District Court ¹	7,342	5,300	39,149	38,320	6,129	98	16	829
North Carolina-District Court ¹	5,666	15,341	160,439	153,721	96	—	—	1,281
North Dakota-STATE TOTAL.....	649	—	4,176	3,882	—	93	—	643
County Court with Increased Jurisdiction<sup								

Table 23: Real property rights caseload for trial courts, 1977.
State population. Courts reporting 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	As percent of filed						Filed disposed per 100,000 population
		Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed pending	Number Percent	
Alaska-Superior Court ¹	396	402					(21)	102
California-Superior Court ¹	22,350	2,249	2,228	99			-10	
Colorado-STATE TOTAL	2,696	3,764P	7,088	2,714P	3,090P		-674P -18P	263
District Court and Denver Probate Court ¹	--		5,048					187
Water Court ¹	--	3,764	2,040	2,714	3,090	133 151	-674 -18	76
Delaware-Superior Court ¹	595	447	648	683	412	105 64	-35 -8	109
District of Columbia-Superior Court ²	682	301	110,461	110,539	235	100 41	-66 -22	16,197
Florida-Circuit Court ¹	8,889	19,394	19,419	100			(-25)	218
Guam-Superior Court ¹	111	143	39	50	132	128 338	-11 -8	3%
Hawai I-STATE TOTAL	916	1,027	1,063	817	1,273	77 120	246 24	116
Circuit Court ¹	--	273	329	196	406	60 123	133 49	36
Tand Court ¹	--	87	44	49	83	109 189	-4 -5	5
District Court ¹	--	667	690	675	784	85 114	117 18	75
Illinois-Circuit Court ¹	11,406	1,370	4,04	789	1,075	157 213	-295 -22	4
Kansas-District Court ¹	2,318	1,134	2,288	2,154	1,268	94 55	134 12	99
Maryland-STATE TOTAL	4,195		264	2,479P				6,310
Circuit Court ¹	--		2,085	2,479		86	(406)	69
District Court ¹	--		261,828					6,241
Massachusetts-STATE TOTAL	5,744	11,046P	13,716	6,511P	12,565P		1,511P 14	23%
Housing Court ¹	--		6,624					99
Land Court ¹	--	11,056	8,022	6,511	12,567	91 157	1,511 14	140
Michigan-STATE TOTAL	9,157	5,052P	45,271P	73,671 ³	19,461 ¹			495P
Common Pleas Court of Detroit ¹	--			28,957	13,850			3163
District Court ¹	--	4,401	41,673	49,700	4,374	98 13	973 22	455
Municipal Court ¹	--	651 ¹	3,500 ¹	4,214 ¹	2371	1121 71	-414 ¹ 64 ¹	391
Minnesota-County Municipal Court ¹	3,983	63	12,773	12,781	45	102 41	-8 -1	321
Mississippi-Circuit Court ¹	2,460		148					6
Nebraska-County Court ¹	1,554	70	142	145	67	107 47	-3 -4	9
New Hampshire-STATE TOTAL	877			1,723				(198)
District Court ⁵	--			1,713				196
Municipal Court ⁵	--			10				11
New Jersey-County District Court ¹	7,242	2,741	89,460	88,215	3,686	99 4	945 34	1,218
New York-STATE TOTAL	17,852		70,427 ¹	69,991 ¹		991	(437) ¹	395 ¹
Supreme Court and County Court ¹	--		165 ¹	262 ¹		171 ¹	(-17) ¹	11
Civil Court of the City of New York ¹	--		70,262	69,798		99	(554)	394
North Dakota-District Court ¹	649		548	494		88	(64)	84
Ohio-STATE TOTAL	10,771	11,198	49,806	49,590	11,414	100 25	216 2	462
County Court ¹	--	564	2,036	1,772	828	87 41	264 47	19
Municipal Court ¹	--	10,634	47,770	47,818	10,586	100 22	-48 -1	444
Oklahoma-District Court ¹	2,866	6,161	8,018	7,241	6,938	90 87	777 13	295
Pennsylvania-Philadelphia Municipal Court ¹	11,892	1,015	15,989	15,839	1,165	99 7	-150 -15	135
Puerto Rico-STATE TOTAL	3,221	8,096	8,266	7,592	8,570	93 105	574 7	257
Superior Court ¹	--	7,754	7,451	7,107	8,098	95 102	344 4	231
District Court ¹	--	342	815	585	572	72 70	230 67	26
Tennessee-STATE TOTAL	4,402		2,310	1,864 ¹				52
Circuit Court ¹	--		663	472 ¹				15
Law and Equity Court ¹	--		102	45 ¹				2
Chancery Court ¹	--		1,645	1,239 ¹				35
Texas-Court of Law ¹	13,192	1,853 ¹	350 ¹	467 ¹	1,596 ¹	142 ¹ 514 ¹	-137 ¹ -71	31
Utah-District Court ¹	1,116		120					9
Virginia-Circuit Court ¹	5,206		1,143	1,193		105	(-58)	22
Washington-Superior Court ¹	3,772		3,819					101

Notes: 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 not appropriate.

-- = Not applicable.

¹A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

²A civil case is counted when it is placed on the calendar.

³A civil case is counted at the note of issue.

⁴A civil case is not counted in the same way throughout the state.

⁵Michigan-Municipal Court--No data were reported for the court located in Troy.

New York-Supreme Court and County Court--No data were reported for the court located in Seneca County.

Tennessee--All courts-Disposition data are not included for the ten counties serving as pilot sites for the new computerized statistical information system.

Texas--Figures reported on this table are based on an incomplete number of monthly reports received for this court. The reporting rate for this court was ninety-seven percent.

PData were not available for all courts in the state.

Table 24: Domestic relations caseload for trial courts, 1977.
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	As percent of filed						Change in pending	Filed per 100,000
		Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed pending	Number Percent		
Alabama-Circuit Court ¹	3,783	41,080	39,078	95	(2,023)	1,086			
Alaska-Superior Court ¹	396	6,666					1,683		
Arizona-Superior Court ¹	2,427	16,802 ¹ P	31,743	28,177	20,116 ¹	89	3,314 ¹ 20 ¹	1,308	
Arkansas-STATE TOTAL.....	2,207	15,851 ¹ P	27,827	24,589 ¹ P	15,937 ¹ D		86 ¹ 1 ¹	1,261	
Chancery and Probate Court ¹	--	15,851 ¹	26,153	24,589 ¹	15,937 ¹		86 ¹	1,185	
County Court ¹	--	1,674					76		
California-Superior Court ¹	22,350	172,211	150,317	87	(21,894)	771			
Colorado-District Court ¹	2,696	46,079					1,709		
Connecticut-STATE TOTAL.....	3,089	12,737 ¹	18,822	15,909 ¹	12,553 ¹		-18 ¹ D -1P	609	
Superior Court ¹	--	12,573 ¹	15,704	15,809	12,468	101	79 -10 ¹ -1	528	
Court of Common Pleas ¹	--	164	21	100	89	476	405 -79 -48	1	
Probate Court ¹	--	3,097						100	
Delaware-STATE TOTAL.....	595	1,221	3,742	484 ¹	153 ¹	126	40 -99 -39	629	
Superior Court ¹	--	252	385	484	153			65	
Family Court ¹	--	969	3,357					564	
District of Columbia-Superior Court ²	682	7,506	7,430	6,435	8,801	87	114	995 13	1,089
Florida-Circuit Court ¹	8,889	78,355	77,054	47,270 ¹	43,258 ¹	98	(1,301)		881
Georgia-Superior Court ¹	5,212	37,293 ¹	53,235	47,270 ¹	5,965 ¹ 16 ¹			121	
Gum-Superior Court ¹	111	269	692	524	437	76	63	168 62	623
Hawaii-Circuit Court ¹	916	6,375	12,605	10,949	8,031	87	64	1,656 26	1,376
Idaho-STATE TOTAL.....	883	5,770	12,918	12,712	5,976	98	46	206 4	1,463
District Court ¹	--	2,932	2,986	4,024	1,894	135	63	-1,038 -35	338
Magistrates Division ¹	--	2,838	9,932	8,688	4,082	87	41	1,244 44	125
Illinois-Circuit Court ¹	11,406	56,072	87,213	84,041	58,704	96	67	2,632 5	765
Indiana-Superior Court and Circuit Court ¹	5,405	45,086	72,530	70,662	46,954	97	65	1,868 4	1,342
Iowa-District Court ¹	2,914	915	707 ¹			77		(20D) 31	
Kansas-STATE TOTAL.....	2,318	8,452 ²	23,095 ¹	24,599	9,215 ¹	97	40	76 ¹ 90	997 ¹
District Court ¹	--	8,452	23,099	22,336	9,215			97 9	997
Probate Court ¹	--							981	
Kentucky-Circuit Court ¹	3,575		28,703						805
Maine-STATE TOTAL.....	1,105	845 ¹	8,982 ¹	1,072 ¹	1,480 ¹	835P	75P	813 ¹	
Superior Court ¹	--	845	1,707	1,072	1,480	63	87	635 75	154
District Court ¹	--		7,275 ¹						681 ¹
Maryland-Circuit Court ¹	4,195		34,136	30,634		90		(3,502)	813
Massachusetts-STATE TOTAL.....	5,744		39,713	20 ²					691
District Court ¹	--		7,433						129
Boston Municipal Court ¹	--		207	207					4
Probate Court ¹	--								558
Michigan-STATE TOTAL.....	9,157	48,457 ¹	61,299	63,559	49,913	10P		(-2,352) ¹ P	668 ¹
Circuit Court ¹	9,157	48,457	61,205	63,555	46,107	104	75	-2,350 -5	668
Probate Court ¹	--								
Minnesota-County Court ¹	3,980			12,574					5161
Mississippi-Chancery Court ¹	2,460		24,143						991
Nebraska-STATE TOTAL.....	1,554	3,154	13,698	12,415	4,347	91	32	1,193 38	876
District Court ¹	--	2,921	12,300	11,092	4,129	90	34	1,208 41	792
County Court ¹	--	233	1,308	1,323	218	101	17	-15 -6	84
Nevada-District Court ¹	678		4,140 ¹						
New Hampshire-STATE TOTAL.....	872	6,570 ¹	12,319	8,159	7,468	892 ¹	14 ¹	1,413	
Superior Court ¹	--	6,576	9,621	8,779	7,468	91	77	892 14	1,109
Probate Court ¹	--		2,648						304
New Jersey-STATE TOTAL.....	7,342	11,684 ¹	95,586	91,498 ¹	13,523 ¹			1,839 ¹ 16 ¹	1,275
Superior Court (Chancery Division) ²	--	6,948 ¹	24,112	23,791 ¹	7,220 ¹			72 ¹ 1 ¹	328
Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court ¹	--	4,736	69,474	67,707	6,503	97	9	1,767 37	946
New York-STATE TOTAL.....	17,852	47,605 ¹	317,690 ¹	327,504	40,157 ¹ P	129		-7,468 -16 ¹	1,780 ¹
Supreme Court ¹	--	6,685	60,878	60,710	6,628	100	11	-57 -1	341
Family Court ¹	--	41,120	256,812	263,412	33,529	103	13	-7,591 -18	1,439
Surrogate's Court ¹	--			3,382					(19)

Table 27: Domestic relations caseload for trial courts, 1976, (continued)

State and court title	State population in thousands	As percent of filed						Change in pending	Filed per 100,000
		Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed pending	Number Percent		
North Carolina-District Court ¹	5,668	17,831	46,996	43,138	92		(3,858)	829	
North Dakota-District Court ¹	649		4,295	3,734	87		(561)	662	
Ohio-Court of Common Pleas ¹	10,771	25,572 ¹	93,968	91,716	26,666 ¹	99	1,094 ¹	41	811
Oklahoma-District Court ¹	2,866	24,409	38,782	34,419	28,772	89	74	4,363	1,353
Oregon-State Total.....	2,439			26,010	23,759 ¹ P				1,066
Circuit Court ¹	--			25,984	23,759 ¹				1,065
County Court ¹	--						26		1
Pennsylvania-Court of Common Pleas ¹	11,882	24,453	102,793	101,980	25,268	99	25	815 3	865
Puerto Rico-STATE TOTAL.....	3,321	14,145	31,088	30,094	15,139	97	49	994 7	956
Superior Court ¹	--	13,609	27,814	26,896	14,527	97	52	918 7	838</td

Table 25: Estate caseload for trial courts, 1977.
State population. Courts reporting probate 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	As percent of filed						Change in pending		Filed per 100,000
		Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed pending	Number Percent			
Alaska-Superior Court ¹	396	811	6,356	17,506	87	239	979	6	302	205
Arizona-Superior Court ¹	2,427	16,527	7,335	14,264 ¹	1,373 ¹	14,264 ¹	450 ¹	31 ¹	340	396
Arkansas-Chancery and Probate Court ¹	2,207	13,814 ¹	7,505	3,723 ¹	14,264 ¹	1,373 ¹	450 ¹	31 ¹	340	396
California-Superior Court ¹	22,350	64,910	62,125	96	(2,785)	96	(2,785)	96	290	231
Colorado-District Court and Denver Probate Court ¹	2,696	6,413 ¹	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	231
Connecticut-Probate Court ¹	3,089	45,115	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,464
Delaware-Court of Chancery ¹	595	6,923	2,236	2,339	6,820	105	305	-103	-1	376
District of Columbia-Superior Court ²	682	2,502	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	367
Florida-Circuit Court ¹	8,889	40,113	40,440	—	101	(-327)	—	—	491	491
Guam-Superior Court ¹	111	754	166	93	827	56	498	73	10	150
Hawaii-Circuit Court ¹	916	7,026	2,035	1,879	7,182	92	293	156	2	223
Idaho-STATE TOTAL	883	3,502	4,169	3,796	3,875	91	93	373	11	472
District Court ¹	—	17	20	24	13	120	65	-4	-24	2
Magistrate's Division ¹	—	3,485	4,149	3,772	3,862	91	93	377	11	470
Illinois-Circuit Court ¹	11,405	33,929	29,887	—	88	(4,042)	—	—	298	298
Indiana-STATE TOTAL	5,405	27,167	27,171	73,006	101	270	-161	-1	500	500
Superior Court and Circuit Court ¹	—	64,054	22,697	23,146	63,605	102	290	-449	-1	420
Probate Court ¹	—	9,113	4,213	4,025	9,401	93	218	288	3	80
Iowa-District Court ¹	2,914	23,702	17,215 ¹	—	—	—	—	—	—	796
Kansas-Probate Court ¹	2,319	17,642 ¹	9,052 ¹	11,391 ¹	19,760 ¹	—	—	2,118 ¹	12	391 ¹
Kentucky-Court, Quarterly Court Police Court, and Justice Court ¹	3,575	20,547	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	575
Maryland-Circuit Court ¹	4,195	441	418	95	(23)	—	—	—	—	11
Massachusetts-Probate Court ¹	5,744	6,803	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	989
Michigan-Probate Court ¹	9,157	16,427 ¹	24,621	82,795	—	—	—	—	—	(269)
Minnesota-County Court ³	1,980	16,427 ¹	7,027 ¹	8,744	17,109 ¹	—	882 ¹	51 ¹	(202)	278
Mississippi-Chancery Court ¹	2,460	6,851	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Montana-District Court ¹	771	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nebraska-County Court ¹	1,554	21,281	10,125	9,640	21,066	93	213	685	3	664
Nevada-District Court ¹	678	12,452	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,391
New Hampshire-Probate Court ¹	872	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Jersey-Superior Court (Chancery Division) and County Court ²	7,142	—	986	—	—	—	—	—	—	13
New York-STATE TOTAL	17,852	33,70	42,671 ¹	78,234	3450	—	-340	-9	(459)	6
Family Court ¹	—	372	1,071	1,105	345	103	32	-34	-9	6
Surrogate's Court ¹	—	—	51,261	77,109	—	—	—	—	—	(432)
North Carolina-Superior Court ¹	5,669	43,630	31,742	22,222	46,150	92	145	2,520	6	560
North Dakota-STATE TOTAL	649	—	—	—	—	60	(1,421)	—	—	553
District Court ¹	—	41	17	41	—	—	(24)	—	—	6
County Court with increased jurisdiction ¹	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
County Probate Court ¹	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oklahoma-Court of Common Pleas ¹	10,731	69,239 ¹	77,793	75,782	69,944 ¹	97	1,705 ¹	21	—	722
Oklahoma-District Court ¹	2,865	16,672	13,443	11,243	18,272	87	135	1,600	10	473
Oregon-STATE TOTAL	2,439	14,924	6,667	6,370	15,221	46	228	297	2	273
Circuit Court ¹	—	14,153	6,398	6,087	14,447	95	226	294	2	262
District Court ¹	—	350	146	117	379	80	260	29	8	6
County Court ¹	—	421	140	166	355	119	282	-26	-6	6
Pennsylvania-Court of Common Pleas ¹	11,982	1,676	19,378	19,655	1,401	101	7	-275	-16	163
Tennessee-STATE TOTAL	4,402	—	1,540	692	—	45	(850)	—	—	35
Law and Equity Court ¹	—	—	181	146	—	A1	(35)	—	—	4
Chancery Court ¹	—	—	1,359	944	—	40	(815)	—	—	31
Texas-County Court of Law, Constitutional County Court, and Probate Court ¹	13,192	—	59,911	—	—	—	—	—	—	454
Utah-District Court ¹	1,316	2,281	3,484	2,921	2,844	84	82	563	25	269
Vermont-Probate Court ¹	492	7,954 ¹	3,129	2,907 ¹	8,373 ¹	—	459 ¹	6 ¹	—	636
Washington-Superior Court ¹	3,772	16,164	12,555	—	76	(3,809)	—	—	429	429
Wisconsin-County Court ¹	4,613	—	44,628	—	—	—	—	—	(667)	—
Wyoming-District Court ¹	412	—	2,246 ¹	—	—	—	—	—	(545 ¹)	—

Note: 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 not appropriate.

-- = Not applicable.

¹Data are not complete.

Arkansas-Disposition and pending data include probate/wills/Intestate cases but do not include guardianship/conservatorship/trustships or other estate cases. Filing data are complete.

Colorado-Data for post judgment actions filed in the Denver Probate Court were available for a five-month period only, due to a data processing failure.

Iowa-Disposed data do not include guardianship/conservatorship/trustships cases. Filings are complete.

Kansas-Only filing figures were given for trust accounts; only disposition figures were given for other estate cases. As a result, all data given for estate cases are incomplete, and only beginning and end pending figures are comparable.

Minnesota-Pending and filed figures include probate/wills/intestate data only. Disposition data are complete.

New York-Surrogate's Court-filing figure does not include administrative proceedings.

Nebraska-Data were available for only one court location-the Second District (Washoe County). Approximately twenty-five percent of the total state population lives in the county.

Ohio-Pending data do not include minor's settlement cases.

Tennessee-Law and Equity Court and Chancery Court-No disposition data were available for either of these courts located in the ten counties that are pilot sites for the new computerized statistical reporting system.

Texas-Data contained in this table are based on less than the total possible number of monthly reports received for these courts. The reporting rate was ninety-seven percent.

Vermont-Pending and disposed data do not include cases filed before January 1, 1970.

Wyoming-Data are not included for cases filed before 1974.

Data were not available for all courts in the state.

²A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

³A civil case is counted when it is placed on the calendar has reached issue.

⁴A civil case is counted at the date of issue.

⁵A civil case is not counted in the same way throughout the state.

Table 26: Mental health caseload for trial courts, 1977.
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	As percent of filed						Change in pending		Filed dis- posed per 100,000
Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed pending	Number Percent					

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Table 27: Civil appeals caseload for trial courts, 1977.
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	As percent of filed						Filed per 100,000 population
		Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed	Number Percent	
Alaska-Superior Court ¹	396	106					27	
California-Superior Court ¹	22,350	10,232	9,053	88	(1,179)		46	
Colorado-District Court and Denver Superior Court ¹	2,695	666					25	
Connecticut-Superior Court ¹	3,089	101	141	129	113	91	80	12 12 5
District of Columbia-Superior Court ¹	595	240	232	179	293	77	126	53 22 39
Florida-Circuit Court ¹	8,889	682	640	425	623	445	147	105 -19 -30 62
Hawaii-STATE TOTAL.....	916	282	90	95	277	106	308	-5 -2 10
Holiday-Circuit Court ¹	--	252	47	47	252	100	536	0 0 5
Tax Appeal Court ¹	--	30	43	48	25	112	58	-5 -17 5
Idaho-District Court ¹	883	157	225	175	202	78	92	50 32 25
Illinois-Circuit Court ¹	11,406	122,135	113,152	99,406	139,829	88	120	13,694 11 992
Kentucky-Circuit Court ¹	3,575	220					6	
Maine-Superior Court ¹	1,105	196	224	167	253	75	113	57 29 20
Maryland-Circuit Court ¹	4,195	2,407	1,772		94		(635)	57
Massachusetts-STATE TOTAL.....	5,744		101					2
District Court ¹	--		89					2
Boston Municipal Court ¹	--		12					<1
Michigan-STATE TOTAL.....	9,157	1,304	1,465	1,259	1,510	86	103	206 16 16
Circuit Court ¹	--	517	750	594	673	79	90	156 30 8
Court of Claims ¹	--	787	715	665	837	93	117	50 6 8
Mississippi-Circuit Court ¹	2,460		376					15
Nebraska-Hornbeam's Compensation Court ¹	1,554		803					52
New Hampshire-Superior Court ¹	872	48	2	18	32		-16 -33	<1
New York-STATE TOTAL.....	17,852	3,732 ²	6,554 ¹	5,471 ¹	4,162 ²	83	(1,083) ¹	37 ¹
Supreme Court and County Court ^{1,2}	--		5,205 ¹	4,656 ¹	881 ¹		653 ^{1,2}	36 ¹
Court of Claims ¹	--	3,732	1,245	815	4,162	65	334	450 12 7
North Dakota-District Court ¹	649		95	117	123			15
Ohio-STATE TOTAL.....	10,771	2,467	4,269	3,266	3,476	76	81	1,009 41 40
Court of Common Pleas ¹	--	1,964	2,310	1,997	2,277	86	99	313 16 21
Court of Claims ¹	--	503	1,959	1,263	1,199	64	61	696 138 18
Oklahoma-STATE TOTAL.....	2,866	58 ³	999 ³	11,985	619 ³	62 ³	30 ³ 5 ³	(418)
District Court ¹	--	581	989	958	612	97	62	31 5 35
Court of Bank Review ¹	--	8	5	6	7		-1	<1
Court of Tax Review ¹	--	0	1	1	0		0	<1
State Industrial Court ⁴	--				11,020			(385)
Oregon-Tax Court ¹	2,439	189	148	212	125	143	84	-64 -34 6
Puerto Rico-STATE TOTAL.....	3,321	247	239	264	222	110	93	-25 -10 7
Superior Court ¹	--	241 ¹	235 ¹	257 ¹	219 ¹	109 ¹	93 ¹	-25 -9 ¹ 7 ¹
District Court ¹	--	6	4	7	3		-3	<1
Rhode Island-Superior Court ¹	955		61					6
Tennessee-STATE TOTAL.....	4,402	8,016	3,178 ¹					182
Circuit Court ¹	--	5,220	1,446 ¹					125
Law and Equity Court ¹	--	259	85 ¹					6
Chancery Court ^{1,2}	--	2,237	1,647 ¹					51
Texas-District Court and Criminal District Court ¹	13,192	66,737 ¹	28,502 ¹	27,427 ¹	67,812 ¹	96 ¹	238 ¹	1,075 ¹ 2 ¹ 216 ¹
Utah-District Court ¹	1,316		117	63	54	(54)		9
Vermont-Superior Court ¹	492	472 ¹	306 ¹	381 ¹	393 ¹	125	130	-75 -16 62
Virginia-Circuit Court ¹	5,206	2,351	1,470		63		681 ¹	45
Washington-Superior Court ¹	3,772		517					14

Note: 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 not appropriate.

-- = Not applicable.

¹Data are not complete.

New York-Supreme Court and County Court--No data were reported for the court located in Seneca County.

Puerto Rico-Superior Court--Data given do not include appeals of trial court cases. These cases are included in the data by casetype. There were 223 civil appeals of trial court cases filed; no other data were available.

Tennessee--All courts-Disposition data are not available for the ten counties serving as pilot sites for the new computerized statistical information system.

Texas--Data reported are based on a less than complete number of monthly statistical reports received. The reporting rate for these courts was ninety-eight percent.

JExplanation of data included in the category:

I Idaho--Data may include some Juvenile appeals in addition to the civil appeals.

Vermont--Data also include criminal appeals, habeas corpus, and postconviction remedy cases.

Data were not available for all courts in the state.

A 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 a new claim or an ancillary proceeding to an existing claim.

4 A civil case is not counted in the same way throughout the state.

Table 28: General jurisdiction, limited jurisdiction, and all trial courts criminal caseload, 1977.
State adult population within unit of count groupings. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending

State and unit of count	Adult population in thousands	General jurisdiction courts			As percent of filed	Change in pending	Limited	
		Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed				
Informations, Indictments, or complaints								
Alaska.....	259	433 ¹	1,082	1,002	399 ¹	93	-34 ¹ -8 ¹	18,625
Arkansas.....	1,493	8,919	13,774	13,737	8,956	100	65 37 <1	124,582 ¹
Guam.....	606	725	1,060	361	146	50	-335 -48	--
Illinois.....	7,863	54,310 ¹	519,334	476,787	53,478 ¹	92	-632 -2 ¹	--
Indiana.....	3,705	30,129	50,139	50,785	29,483	101	59 -646 -2	21,569 ¹ 90,985 ¹
Iowa.....	2,042	58,609	190,363	194,790	54,182	102	28 -4,427 -9	--
Kansas.....	1,668	2,589	19,835	14,412	8,012	73	40 5,423 209	--
Maine.....	1,051	6,135	4,851	3,138	79	51	1,287 70	--
Maryland.....	2,920	12,216 ¹	43,616	41,274	14,580 ¹	95	2,364 ¹ 19 ¹	111,698
Massachusetts.....	4,157	46,414	35,254	40,850	43,355	116	123 -5,059 -7	248,264 ¹
Missouri.....	3,432	9,918	16,130	18,047	10,001	100	55 83 <1	22,176 ¹ 55,533 ¹ P
Montana.....	528							--
New Jersey.....	5,208	29,025	29,039	28,210	30,453	97	105 828 3	332,976
North Dakota.....	449	1,083	1,056	1,056	98		(27)	17,696
Oklahoma.....	1,990	34,562 ¹	59,289	53,244	40,501 ¹ </			

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Jurisdiction courts				All trial courts												
	As percent of filed	Change in pending		Beginning	Filled	Disposed	As percent of filed	Change in pending		Beginning	Filled	Disposed	As percent of filed	Change in pending		
Disposed	End pending	Disposed	End pending	Number	Percent		Disposed	End pending	Number	Percent	Disposed	End pending	Number	Percent		
2,693 ^l		244 ^l		433 ^l	19,707	3,695 ^l	399 ^l		210 ^l	30 ^l						
--	--	--	--	8,910 ^l	138,356 ^l	13,737 ^l	8,956 ^l		37 ^l							
--	--	696	725	1,060		351	146	50	-35 ^l	-48 ^l						
67,385 ^l	45,169 ^l	74P	50P	23,600 ^l	105 ^l	54,210 ^l	519,334	476,787	55,4788 ^l	92	183 ^l	140 ^l	22,924 ^l	44 ^l		
--	--	--	--	51,699	141,124 ^l	118,170 ^l	74,652 ^l	840	53P	22,924 ^l						
--	--	58,609	190,364 ^l	194,710		54,120 ^l	102	28	-4,427 ^l	-8 ^l						
--	--	2,595 ^l	19,839 ^l	14,413 ^l		6,013 ^l	75 ^l	40 ^l	5,423 ^l	209 ^l						
10 ^l		1,651 ^l	6,113 ^l	4,851 ^l		4,851 ^l	75 ^l	51P	1,287 ^l	70 ^l						
10 ^l		1,216 ^l	155,304	41,284 ^l		14,300 ^l	14,300 ^l	14,300 ^l	2,364 ^l	191 ^l						
10 ^l		16,414 ^l	283,518 ^l	40,829 ^l		43,455 ^l	43,455 ^l	43,455 ^l	-5,059 ^l	-1 ^l						
44,590 ^l	26,372 ^l	80P	4,196 ^l	19P		32,092 ^l	73,663 ^l	62,637 ^l	36,373 ^l	851P	4,275 ^l					
299,513	90	(33,463)	29,625 ^l	362,014		327,723	30,453 ^l	91	828 ^l	30 ^l						
14,368	81	(3,326)	18,779	15,424		34,562 ^l	59,289 ^l	53,244 ^l	40,501 ^l	90P	5,592 ^l	171P				
65,560	6,388 ^l	94	1,005 ^l	19P		10,102 ^l	84,103	79,679	11,162 ^l	95	1,060 ^l	10 ^l				
34,220 ^l						33,217 ^l	34,320 ^l	8,618 ^l	107,059 ^l	22,670 ^l	9,777 ^l		1,159 ^l	13P		
--	--	--	--	--	--	30,062 ^l	19,211 ^l	92,037								
18,021	4,150	100	23	-33	<-1	894 ^l	38,876 ^l	2,995 ^l	1,250 ^l	4,163	100	23	401P	47P		
33,804 ^l						4,201	18,059	18,077	4,163	100	23	-18	<-1			
						6871P	1,284 ^l	1,352 ^l	6091P	105P	47P	-78P	-11P			
72,020 ^l	20,508 ^l	78P	28 ^l	20,509 ^l		10,560 ^l	116,671 ^l	99,463 ^l	31,776 ^l	82 ^l	27P	21,209 ^l				
690,242	92	(59,951)	5,857 ^l	47,925 ^l		13,243 ^l	5,845 ^l					100	<-1P			
41,627 ^l	12,424 ^l	981P	741P	6P		21,774 ^l	607,354	741,620	92	(65,744)						
91,044	16,798	105	19	-4,166	20	24,857	91,400	95,583	20,674	105	23	-4,193	-17			
16,942 ^l	1,348 ^l	151P	11P	2,754 ^l	43,159 ^l	20,209 ^l	3,142 ^l									
--	--	--	--	5,204	29,040	29,429	4,815	101	17	-209	-7					
213,989	83	(42,310)	348,834	284,610			84									
59,147 ^l	961P	(7,4591) ^l	21,828 ^l	112,805 ^l		101,561 ^l	25,603 ^l	901P	(11,244) ^l							
35,645	5,020	97	14	940	23	6,185	38,577	37,175	7,587	96	20	1,402	23			
--	--	--	--	6,415	29,444	26,849	7,010	98	24	595	9					
				232,415												
273,495 ^l	102,593 ^l	981	371	6,908 ^l	71	114,891 ^l	405,191 ^l	322,217 ^l	117,918 ^l	3,027 ^l	31					
64,874	21,631 ^l	311	47,797 ^l	281 ^l		10,871 ^l	79,261 ^l	74,695	23,871 ^l	30	4,994 ^l	2d				
43,707 ^l	19,089 ^l	96P	44P	1,031P	16P	19,345P	52,099P	49,195P	22,245P	94P	43P	2,909P	15P			
				1,446P												
441,802	13,991 ^l	4,261 ^l	44P	19,450 ^l	108,811	477,057 ^l	28,821 ^l									
206,306 ^l	27,924 ^l	101P	10P	3,343P	11P	38,14 ^l	323,797 ^l	327,441P	34,504 ^l	101P	11P	-3,643P	-10P			
410,265 ^l	4,934 ^l			46P	11P	29,514 ^l	570,931	478,142 ^l	31,213 ^l							
677,567 ^l	186,511 ^l	73 ^l		5,144 ^l	31P	291,118 ^l	1,011,594 ^l	760,677 ^l	254,990 ^l							
261,861		93		(16,377)		13,145P	329,904	309,804	14,664P	94		(20,100)				
				131,515 ^l												
155,460	15,635 ^l	25P	-2,507P	-14P		39,076P	85,575P	180,462	35,075P	41P	-4,001P	-10P				
29,998						5,129P	6,992P	36,634	5,485P	78P						
347,039		96		(14,453)		58,841	412,786	302,026	18,449P	96						
28,2691P						10,351P	9,875P	36,781P	11,714P	119P	1,363P	13P				

Michigan-General Jurisdiction court-Pending and disposed data do not include misdemeanor or ordinance violation cases from the Recorder's Court of Detroit.

Limited Jurisdiction court-No data were available for the Municipal Court located in Troy.

Minnesota-Limited Jurisdiction court-No pending or filed data were available for other family criminal cases in the County Court.

Missouri-Limited Jurisdiction court-No data were available for twenty locations of the Magistrate Court; another fourteen locations reported filing only.

Nevada-General Jurisdiction court-Data were only available for the court located in the Second District (Washoe County). Approximately twenty-five percent of the total state population lives there.

New York-General Jurisdiction court-Pending and disposed data do not include felony/misdemeanor indictments outside New York City.

Limited Jurisdiction court-Pending and disposed data for the Criminal Court of the City of New York do not include ordinance violation cases.</

Table 29: Composition of criminal case filings in general jurisdiction courts, 1977.
State and court. Criminal case categories

State and court title	Criminal cases filed										Total crim fil
	Felony	Misdemeanor	Felony/ misdemeanor	Preliminary hearing	Ordinance violation	Appeal	Extraordinary writ	Postconviction remedy	Sentence review only	Other criminal	
Alabama--Circuit Court	17,533 ⁱ			NH	NH				NH		24,143
Alaska--Superior Court	752	32		NH	NH	130			NH		1,082
Arizona--Superior Court	10,320	2,911 ^j		NH	NH	(J)			NH		13,231
Arkansas--Circuit Court	8,041	5,733 ^j		NH	NH	(J)			NH		13,774
California--Superior Court	54,653	NH	NH	NH	NH	2,508					57,161
Colorado--District Court, Denver Superior Court, Denver Juvenile Court, and Denver Probate Court ..	10,882			NH	385			4,423	15,690		
Connecticut--Superior Court			4,464		58	NH				4,522	
Delaware--Superior Court			4,097 ^j	NH	NH	(J)			NH	4,097	
District of Columbia--Superior Court	3,417	12,872		7,786	3,098	NH			1,867	29,040	
Florida--Circuit Court	91,901	NH	NH	NH	625			NH		92,526	
Georgia--Superior Court	30,291	15,698		NH	NH	NH			NH	45,989	
Guam--Superior Court	356		369							725	
Hawaii--Circuit Court	1,656	297		NH	NH	NH				1,992	
*Idaho--STATE TOTAL	2,937	21,001		5,410	96			NH		29,444	
District Court	2,937	291		NH	NH	96			NH	3,324	
Magistrates Division		NH	20,710		5,410			NH		26,120	
*Illinois--Circuit Court	31,663	430,146		57,525		NH				519,334	
Indiana--STATE TOTAL	16,147	16,710	2,016					15,266		50,139	
Superior Court and Circuit Court ..	16,147	14,806	2,016					15,220		48,189	
Criminal Court of Marion County ..			1,904					46		1,950	
*Iowa--District Court	18,542	67,384		21,062	83,375					190,363	
Kansas--District Court	9,444	9,350		NH	NH	1,041				19,835	
Kentucky--Circuit Court			12,699 ^j	NH	NH	974	(J)		NH	13,673	
Louisiana--District Court										236,010	
Maine--Superior Court	3,094	2,523		NH	(J)		NH	NH	NH	6,138	
Maryland--Circuit Court			37,564	NH	NH	5,304		441	322	43,631	
Massachusetts--Superior Court										35,254	
Michigan--STATE TOTAL	37,787	6,783		79,668	558					124,796	
Circuit Court	25,614			NH	NH	558				26,172	
Recorder's Court of Detroit	12,173	6,783		79,668	NH	NH				98,624	
Minnesota--District Court										10,012	
Mississippi--Circuit Court	6,729			NH	NH	(J)				71 ^j	
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas				NH	NH					18,130	
Montana--District Court				NH							
Nebraska--District Court	3,804 ^j	(J)			NH	2,757 ^k				6,561	
Nevada--District Court				1,448	NH	NH				1,448	
New Hampshire--Superior Court				4,171	NH	2,821			NH	6,992	
New Jersey--Superior Court (Law Division and Chancery Division) and County Court	25,748			NH	3,063	227				29,038	
New Mexico--District Court				4,656	NH					4,656	
New York--Supreme Court and County Court				31,395	NH	NH			NH		
North Carolina--Superior Court	29,584			NH	NH	21,680			NH	51,264	
North Dakota--District Court	901	33	NH	NH	100	12				37	1,083
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas	30,835	NH	NH	NH	NH	NH		NH	NH		30,835
Oklahoma--District Court	20,819	37,456				636		378			59,289
Oregon--Circuit Court		NH	NH	NH							

State and court title	Criminal cases filed										Total crim fil
	Felony	Misdemeanor	Felony/ misdemeanor	Preliminary hearing	Ordinance violation	Appeal	Extraordinary writ	Postconviction remedy	Sentence review only	Other criminal	
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas..						63,045					73,058
Puerto Rico--Superior Court	12,209	10,400		899	NH	(J)	NH				23,508
Rhode Island--Superior Court	2,267	601									3,153
South Carolina--Circuit Court						30,829	NH				30,829
South Dakota--Circuit Court											
Tennessee--Circuit Court and Criminal Court						14,366	4,678	11,018	NH	NH	30,062
Texas--District Court and Criminal District Court						68,836 ^l	5,985 ^l		NH	NH	81,838 ^l
Utah--District Court							2,759	NH	NH	593	3,352
Vermont--Superior Court						51	1		NH	(J)	71 ^l
Virginia--Circuit Court	27,762	21,482				10,738	NH	NH	422	NH	49,666
Washington--Superior Court							3,403	NH	NH	NH	14,141
West Virginia--Circuit Court											9,875
Wisconsin--Circuit Court and and County Court									NH	NH	
Wyoming--District Court						1,284	NH	NH	NH	NH	1,284

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NH = This casetype 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.

Data are not complete:

Alabama--Felony filings only include indictments. All felony cases are included in the total criminal figure.

Nevada--Data are available for only one district--the Second District (Washoe County). This county contains 25 percent of the total state population.

South Dakota--No data are included for cases heard by the lay magistrate/clerks who serve this court.

Texas--The figures reported for this court are based on an incomplete number of monthly reports. The reporting rate was ninety-eight percent.

Vermont--Criminal appeals data could not be separated from the more numerous civil appeals data, and, as a result, are not included in the total reported here.

JExplanation of data included in the category:

Arizona--Appeal data are included in the misdemeanor figures.

Arkansas--Appeal data are included in the felony/misdemeanor figures.

Kentucky--Extraordinary writs data are included in the felony/misdemeanor figures.

Maine--Ordinance violation data are included in the other criminal figures.

Mississippi--Appeal data are included in the other criminal figures.

Nebraska--The felony category may include a few misdemeanor cases.

Puerto Rico--Appeal data are included in all the other listed categories by casetype. There were 306 criminal appeals filed. These are not listed separately to avoid double counting.

KAdditional Information:

Nebraska--Figures for criminal appeals include some civil appeals cases, also.

Table 30: Composition of criminal case dispositions in general jurisdiction courts, 1977.
State and court. Criminal case categories

State and court title	Criminal cases disposed										
	Felony	Misdemeanor	Felony/ misdemeanor	Preliminary hearing	Ordinance Violation	Appeal	Extraordinary writs	Postconviction remedy	Sentence review only	Other criminal	Total criminal
Alabama--Circuit Court				NH	NH				NH	23,443	
Alaska--Superior Court	764			NH	NH					1,002	
Arizona--Superior Court	10,268	2,975		NH	NH	(J)			NH	13,243	
Arkansas--Circuit Court	7,710	6,027 ^j		NH	NH	(J)				13,737	
California--Superior Court	49,111	NH	NH	NH	NH	2,267				51,378	
Colorado--District Court, Denver Superior Court, Denver Juvenile Court, and Denver Probate Court				NH						13,880	
Connecticut--Superior Court			4,486				53	NH		4,539	
Delaware--Superior Court			3,860 ^j	NH	NH	(J)			NH	3,860	
*District of Columbia--Superior Court	3,405	13,349		7,815	2,997					1,863	29,429
Florida--Circuit Court	80,162	NH	NH	NH	459			NH	80,621		
Georgia--Superior Court	27,665 ⁱ	14,549 ⁱ		NH	NH	NH			NH	42,214 ⁱ	
Guam--Superior Court	310		750							1,060	
Hawaii--Circuit Court	1,271	235		NH	NH	NH				24	1,530
*Idaho--STATE TOTAL	2,754	20,835		5,160	100			NH	28,849		
District Court	2,754	325		NH	NH	100			NH	3,179	
Magistrates Division		20,510		5,160				NH	25,670		
Illinois--Circuit Court	31,462	389,830		55,495	NH					476,787	
Indiana--STATE TOTAL		13,696	18,836	1,992					16,261	50,785	
Superior Court and Circuit Court		13,696	16,819	1,992					16,210	48,717	
Criminal Court of Marion County			2,017						51	2,068	
*Iowa--District Court	17,880	69,624		20,604	86,682					194,790	
Kansas--District Court	7,276	6,009		NH	NH	1,127				14,412	
Kentucky--Circuit Court				NH	NH					NH	
Louisiana--District Court				NH	NH					NH	
Maine--Superior Court	2,346	2,042		NH	(J)		NH	NH	463 ^j	4,851	
Maryland--Circuit Court			35,231	NH	NH	5,304	NH	417	332	41,284	
Massachusetts--Superior Court				NH	NH					40,850	
Michigan--STATE TOTAL	41,982	6,161				579				48,722 ⁱ	
Circuit Court	25,737			NH	NH	579				26,316	
Recorder's Court of Detroit	16,245	6,161			NH	NH				22,406 ⁱ	
Minnesota--District Court				NH	NH					9,821	
Mississippi--Circuit Court				NH	NH						
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas				NH	NH					18,047	
Montana--District Court				NH	NH						
Nebraska--District Court	3,476 ^j	(J)			NH	2,016 ^k				5,492	
Nevada--District Court				NH	NH						
New Hampshire--Superior Court				4,488			NH				

State and court title	Criminal cases disposed										
	Felony	Misdemeanor	Felony/ misdemeanor	Preliminary hearing	Ordinance Violation	Appeal	Extraordinary writs	Postconviction remedy	Sentence review only	Other criminal	Total criminal
New Jersey--Superior Court (Law Division and Chancery Division) and County Court			NH								
New Mexico--District Court			24,648								
New York--Supreme Court and County Court					4,178						
North Carolina--Superior Court											
North Dakota--District Court	28,819										
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas	865										
Oklahoma--District Court	31,135										
Oregon	18,174		34,386								
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas..											
Puerto Rico--Superior Court	14,365		9,744								
Rhode Island--Superior Court											
South Carolina--Circuit Court											
South Dakota--Circuit Court	2,398		89,639								
Tennessee--Circuit Court and Criminal Court											
Texas--District Court and Criminal District Court ^l	14,294 ⁱ		4,917 ⁱ								
Utah--District Court											
Vermont--Superior Court	35		0								
Virginia--Circuit Court	27,876		19,658								
Washington--Superior Court											
West Virginia--Circuit Court											
Wisconsin--Circuit Court and County Court											
Wyoming--District Court	1,352 ⁱ		NH								

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*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.

ⁱData are not complete:
Georgia--Disposition data include cases filed after July 1, 1970. Cases filed before that date have not been entered into the computerized information system so data on them are not available.

Michigan--Disposed data for the Recorder's Court of Detroit and for the state total do not include ordinance violations.

Nevada--Data are available for only one district--the Second District (Washoe County). This county contains 25 percent of the total state population.

South Dakota--No data are included for cases heard by the lawyer magistrates or lay magistrate/clerks who serve this court.

Tennessee--No data are included for courts in ten counties selected as pilot sites for the new computerized statistical information system.

Texas--The figures reported for this court are based on an incomplete number of monthly reports. The reporting rate was ninety-eight percent.

Vermont--Criminal appeals data could not be separated from the more numerous civil appeals data, and, as a result, are not included in the total reported here.

Wyoming--Disposition data do not include cases filed prior to 1974.

Arizona--Appeal data are included in the misdemeanor figures.

Arkansas--Appeal data are included in the misdemeanor figures.

Delaware--Appeal data are included in the felony/misdemeanor figures.

Kentucky--Extraordinary writs data are included in the felony/misdemeanor figures.

Maine--Ordinance violation data are included in the other criminal figures.

Mississippi--Appeal data are included in the other criminal figures.

Nebraska--The felony category may include a few misdemeanor cases.

Puerto Rico--Appeal data are included in all the other listed categories by casetype. There were 306 criminal appeals filed. These are not listed separately to avoid double counting.

Additional Information:
Nebraska--Figures for criminal appeals include some civil appeals, also.

Table 31: Felony caseload for general jurisdiction courts, 1977.

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, court title, and unit of count	Adult population in thousands	As percent of filed						Change in pending	Filed per 100,000
		Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed	Number		
Informations, Indictments, complaints									
Alaska—Superior Court ⁶	259	433	752	764	399	102	53	-34 -8	290
Arkansas—Circuit Court ⁶	1,493	5,454	8,041	7,710	5,785	96	72	-331 5	539
Guam—Superior Court ⁷		173	356	219	87	62	46	-27	
Illinois—Circuit Court ⁷	7,863	20,511	31,663	31,462	20,355	99	64	-156 -1	403
Iowa—District Court ⁷	2,042	11,422	18,542	17,880	12,078 ⁸	96	63 ⁹	63 ⁹	908
Kansas—District Court ⁷	1,668	1,767	9,444	7,276	3,935	77	42	2,168 ¹⁰ 12 ¹⁰	566
Maine—Superior Court ⁷	756	815	3,094	2,346	1,363	76	31	748 92	409
Mississippi—Circuit Court ⁷	1,575	6,729	2,409	2,409	2,409	76	31		427
New Jersey—Superior Court (Law Division)									
North Dakota—District Court ⁶	5,208	28,724	25,748	24,648	29,824	95	116	1,100 4	494
Oklahoma—District Court ⁷	1,990	18,275	20,819	18,174	20,920	87	100	2,645 14	1,046
Oregon—Circuit Court ⁷	1,704	4,719	14,174	14,119	4,774	100	34	55 1	832
Rhode Island—Superior Court ⁷	672		2,267						537
South Dakota—District Court ⁷	476		2,298 ¹¹						5041 ¹¹
Tennessee—Circuit Court and Orville Court ⁶	3,020	6,922	14,366	14,294	6,964	99	48	42 <1	476
Vermont—STATE TOTAL	335	944	2,670	2,580	1,034	97	39	99 10	797
Superior Court ⁷		9	21	25	69	49	16	15	
District Court ⁷	--	935	2,619	2,545	1,009	97	39	74 8	782
Wyoming—District Court ⁶	278	687 ¹¹	1,284	1,352 ¹¹	609 ¹¹			-78 ¹¹ -11 ¹¹	462
Number of defendants									
Alabama—Circuit Court ⁸	2,542		17,533 ¹²						690 ¹²
Arizona—Superior Court ⁸	1,567	4,839	10,320	10,268	7,891	99	76	52 1	659
California—Superior Court ⁸	15,632	54,653	49,111	90	(5,542)				350
Colorado—District Court ⁸	1,846	10,002							589
District Court—Common Pleas ¹³	491	1,476	3,417 ¹²	3,405	1,488	100	44	12 <1	685
Florida—Circuit Court ⁹	6,233	91,901	80,162	80,162	87	(11,739)			1,474
Georgia—Superior Court ⁹	3,435	13,405 ¹¹	10,291	27,665 ¹¹	16,031 ¹¹				2,626 ¹¹ 20 ¹¹
Hawaii—Circuit Court ⁹	613	1,622	1,656	1,271	2,007	77	121	385 24	270
Idaho—District Court ⁹	575	919	2,937	2,754	1,102	94	39	101 20	511
Michigan—STATE TOTAL	6,290	18,664	37,187	41,932	14,804	111	39	-3,669 -21	601
Circuit Court ⁹	--	12,128	25,614	25,137	12,603	100	47	-12 -1	407
Mississippi—District Court ⁹	6,536	12,173	16,185	2,399	133	23	-3,723 -37	194	
Nebraska—District Court ⁹	1,096	762	3,804	3,476	1,090	91	29	328 43	347
Ohio—Court of Common Pleas ⁸	7,497	6,880	30,835	31,135	101	21	-300 -4	411	
Texas—District Court and Criminal District Court ¹⁸	8,786	56,096 ¹¹	68,836 ¹¹	72,092 ¹¹	52,840 ¹¹	105 ¹¹	77 ¹¹	-3,256 ¹¹ -6 ¹¹	786 ¹¹
Virginia—Circuit Court ⁹	3,614	8,655	27,762	27,876	8,541	100	31	-114 -1	768
Number of charges									
Puerto Rico—Superior Court ¹⁰		12,989	12,209	14,365	10,833	118	89	-2,156 -17	
No consistent definition									
North Carolina—Superior Court ¹²	3,861	10,608	29,984	28,819	97	(765)	766		

Note: 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 not appropriate.

-- = Not applicable.

⁶Data are not complete:

Alabama—Data reported only include felony indictments; data on miscellaneous felony cases were not available.

Georgia—Pending and disposed data for this court do not include cases filed before July 1, 1970.

South Dakota—No data were available on cases heard by the lawyer registrars and lay registrars/clerks who also serve this court.

Texas—Data contained in this table are based on a less than complete number of monthly reports received for this court. The reporting rate was ninety-eight percent.

Wyoming—Pending and disposed data do not include cases filed before 1974.

Explanation of data included in the totals:

Iowa—Pending data include appeals cases in addition to the felony cases.

⁷Additional information:

Kansas—Most of the trial courts in Kansas were unified on January 10, 1977. In the middle of the 1977 court year, As a result, cases from the courts that were eliminated were added to the caseload of the District Court, resulting in the large jump in its caseload during the year.

Table 32: Misdemeanor caseload for trial courts, 1977.

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, court title, and unit of count	Adult population in thousands	As percent of filed						Change in pending	Filed per 100,000
		In beginning	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed	Number		
Informations, Indictments, complaints									
Alaska—STATE TOTAL	259		15,044		1,320 ¹²				5,808
Circuit Courts	--		32						12
District Courts	--		12,533						5,225
Municipal Courts	--		1,479		1,320		89		571
Arkansas—STATE TOTAL	1,493	3,465 ¹³	130,315 ¹³	6,027 ¹³	3,171 ¹³		89	(159) -29	8,726 ¹³
Circuit Courts	--	3,465 ¹³	130,315 ¹³	6,027 ¹³	3,171 ¹³		105 ¹³	55 ¹³	384 ¹³
Municipal Courts	--		113,761 ¹³						7,620 ¹³
City Court, Police Court, and Justice of the Peace Court ¹³	--		10,821 ¹³						725 ¹³
Guam—Superior Court ⁷		523	369	750	142	203	38	-381 -73	
Illinois—Circuit Court ⁷	7,863	33,790 ¹⁴	430,146 ¹⁴	389,830 ¹⁴	33,123 ¹⁴	91	38	-376 ¹⁴ -21	5,471 ¹⁴
Indiana—STATE TOTAL	3,705	24,504 ¹⁵	105,933 ¹⁵	79,992 ¹⁵	50,845 ¹⁵	76	48	25,941 104	2,859
Superior Court and Circuit Court ¹⁵	--	3,489	16,147	13,696	5,940	85	37	2,451 70	436
County Court ¹⁵	--	6,663	31,337	28,011	9,998	89	32	3,326 57	846
Municipal Court of Marion County ¹⁵	--	14,729	58,423	38,244	34,908	65	60	20,179 137	1,577
Juvenile Court of Marion County ¹⁵	--	23	26	41	3	158</			

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State, court title, and unit of count	Adult population in thousands	Beginning pending			As percent of filed		Change in pending	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
		Filled	Disposed	End pending	Disposed	End		
Number of defendants (continued)								
Illinois--STATE TOTAL.....	613	468P	297P	16,037	530P	79	178	62P 19P (2,616)
Circuit Court ¹⁰	--	468	297	235	530	79	178	62 13 48
District Court ¹⁰	--			15,802				(2,578)
Idaho--STATE TOTAL.....	975	4,025	21,001	20,835	4,191	99	20	166 4 3,652
District Court ¹¹	--	77	291	325	43	112	15	-34 -44 51
Municipal Court ¹²	--	3,948	20,710	20,510	4,148	99	20	200 5 3,602
Maryland--District Court ¹³	2,920		111,688	101				3,825
Michigan--Recorder's Court of Detroit ¹⁴	6,290		6,783	6,161		91		(622) 108
New York--STATE TOTAL.....	12,840		101,081P	139,955P				78P
District Court and City Court ¹⁵	--			45,671				654P
Criminal Court of the City of New York.....	--			101,081				787
Town and Village Court ¹⁶	--				94,528			(736)
Ohio--STATE TOTAL.....	7,497	27,344	252,596	255,666	24,274	101	10	-3,070 11 3,369
County Court ¹⁷	--	2,634	23,051	23,043	2,646	100	11	12 <1 307
Municipal Court ¹⁸	--	24,710	229,545	232,623	21,629	101	9	-3,081 -12 3,062
Pennsylvania--Philadelphia.....	3,693	40,293	39,754	3,858	99			165 4 473
Texas--STATE TOTAL.....	8,756	186,842P	887,348P	682,786P	192,760P			5,918P 31P 10,134P
District Court and Criminal.....	--	5,475I	5,985I	5,211I	6,249I	87I	104I	774I 14I 68I
County Court at Law and Constitutional County Court ¹⁹	--	181,367U	138,809U	182,058U	186,511U			5,144U 31U 1,585U
Municipal Court ¹⁹	--		420,020	280,217I		67I		(139,803) 4,797I
Justice of the Peace Court ¹⁹	--		322,534I	215,292I		67I		(107,422) 3,584I
Virginia--Circuit Court ²⁰	3,614	4,465	21,482	19,658	6,289	92	29	1,624 41 594
Washington--District Court and Justices of the Peace ²¹	2,614		67,264					2,573
Number of charges								
Alabama--STATE TOTAL.....	408	944P	23,648P	7,507P	990P			46P 5P 5,796P
Court of Common Pleas ²²	--	944	6,325	6,279	990	99	16	46 5 1,350
Alderman's Court ²²	--			1,228				(601)
Justice of the Peace Court ²²	--			17,323				4,246
Puerto Rico--STATE TOTAL.....								
Superior Court ²³	19,010	56,927	56,810	19,127	100	34	117	<1
District Court ²³	--	7,326J	10,400J	9,744J	8,182J	90J	75J	656J 9J
Municipal Court ²³	--	11,484	46,227	47,066	10,945	101	24	-539 -5
No constant definition								
Minnesota--County Court ²⁴	2,783	10,844	36,766	33,035	14,275	90	40	3,731 34 1,321
New Hampshire--STATE TOTAL.....	595				27,205			(4,572)
District Court ²⁴	--				25,577			(4,299)
Municipal Court ²⁴	--				1,628			(274)

¹Data are not complete.

Arizona--Justices of the Peace--Incomplete data were reported for ten court locations.

Arkansas--Municipal Court--No data were available for nine counties; six months of data were available for six others.

City Court, Police Court, and Justice of the Peace Court--No data were available for forty-five court locations; six months of data were available for two others.

Georgia--Superior Court--Pending and disposed cases include only cases that were filed after July 1, 1970 when a new computerized information system was started.

State Court--No data were available for the State Court of DeKalb County.

Illinois--Pending data do not include data from Cook County.

Iowa--Pending data do not include figures for nondelinquible state cases, and do not include "regular criminal" cases.

Maryland--District Court--Disposed data include adult offenses against Juveniles.

Massachusetts--Juvenile Court--No data were available for most juvenile cases handled by the court located in Worcester.

New York--District Court and City Court--No data were available for three court locations; incomplete data were available for ten others.

Oregon--Justice Court--No data were reported for eighteen of the forty-four court locations.

South Dakota--No data are included for the cases handled by lawyer registrars or lay magistrate/clerks in this court.

Texas--Data reported for all courts are based on incomplete response from the various court locations. The response rates for the various courts were:

District Court, Original District Court, Domestic Relations Court, and Juvenile Court--Ninety-seven percent; Constitutional County Court, County Court at Law and Probate Court--ninety-seven percent; Municipal Court--Ninety-eight percent; and Justice of the Peace Court--seventy-seven percent.

Utah--Justice Court--Data were reported for a six-month period only.

West Virginia--No data were reported for three court locations; incomplete data were reported for thirteen others.

Explanation of data included in the category:

Arizona--Superior Court--Data given for misdemeanor cases also includes criminal appeals from lower courts and other nonfelony criminal cases.

Arkansas--Circuit Court--Misdemeanor cases are generally appeals trial de novo from lower courts.

Illinois--Misdemeanor cases include ordinance violation, conservation violation, and felony preliminary hearing cases in Cook County.

Massachusetts--District Court--Data given for misdemeanor cases also includes some felony cases. A maximum 5-year sentence may be given for these felony cases.

Missouri--Misdemeanor filing data include 12,248 license cases.

Puerto Rico--Superior Court--The data given here also include appeals of misdemeanor cases filed in the court.

Rhode Island--District Court--Data given for misdemeanor cases include traffic cases that were not handled by the Administrative Adjudication Division of the Department of Transportation.

Texas--County Court at Law and Constitutional County Court--Pending and disposed data also include criminal appeal cases.

Utah--City Court--Data given for misdemeanor cases include state misdemeanors and preliminary hearings on felony cases.

Data were not available for all courts in the state.

Table 33: Combined felony and misdemeanor caseload, 1977 (continued).

Data are not complete:
 Alabama--Data are not available for miscellaneous felony cases; the number given represents felony indictments filed only.
 Alaska--Superior Court--Cases disposed do not include misdemeanors; they are felony cases only.
 Arizona--Justices of the Peace--Incomplete data were reported for ten court locations.
 Arkansas--Municipal Court--No data were available for nine counties; six months of data were available for six others.
 City Court, Police Court, and Justice of the Peace Court--No data were available for forty-five court locations; six months of data were available for two others.
 Georgia--Superior Court--Pending and disposed cases include only cases that were filed after July 1, 1970 when a new computerized information system was started.
 State Court--No data were available for the State Court of DeKalb County.
 Illinois--Pending data do not include data from Cook County.
 Maryland--District Court--Dispositions include adult offenses against juveniles only.
 Massachusetts--Juvenile Court--No data were available for misdemeanor cases handled by the court located in Worcester.
 District Court and City Court--No data were available for three court locations; incomplete data were available for ten others.
 Nevada--Data were available for the court located in the Second District (Washoe County), only. This county contains approximately twenty-five percent of the total state population.
 New York--Supreme Court and County Court--Pending data do not include felony/misdemeanor indictments outside New York City.
 Oregon--Justice Court--No data were reported for eighteen of the forty-four court locations.
 South Dakota--No data were included for cases handled by lay magistrates or lay magistrate/clerks in this court.
 Tennessee--Disposed data were not available for any of the ten counties serving as pilot sites for the new computerized information system.
 Texas--Data reported for all courts are based on incomplete responses from the various court locations. The response rates for the various courts were:
 District Court, Criminal District Court, Domestic Relations Court, and Juvenile Court--ninety-eight percent; Constitutional County Court and County Court at Law--ninety-seven percent; Municipal Court--nearly four percent; and Justice of the Peace Court--seventy-seven percent.
 Utah--District Court--Data were reported for a six-month period only.
 West Virginia--No data were reported for three court locations; incomplete data were reported for thirteen others.
 Wyoming--No data are available for pending or disposed cases that were filed prior to 1974.

Explanation of data included in the category:
 Arizona--Superior Court--Data given for misdemeanor cases also include criminal appeals from lower courts and other nonfelony criminal cases.
 Arkansas--Circuit Court--Misdemeanor cases are generally appeals trial de novo from lower courts.
 Delaware--Superior Court--The data reported here also include appeals that are tried de novo.
 Illinois--Misdemeanor cases include ordinance violation, conservation violation, and felony preliminary hearing cases in Cook County.
 Iowa--Criminal appeals handled by the court are included in the data.
 Kentucky--The data reported here may include prisoner petitions filed in addition to felony and misdemeanor cases.
 Massachusetts--District Court--Data given for misdemeanor cases also includes some felony cases.
 Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas--Data reported here include criminal appeals in addition to the felony and misdemeanor cases.
 St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction--Filing data include 12,248 license cases.
 Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas--Data are included for criminal appeals cases that are tried de novo, in addition to felony and misdemeanor cases.
 Puerto Rico--Superior Court--The data given here include criminal appeals of felony and misdemeanor cases.
 Rhode Island--District Court--Data given include traffic cases that were not handled by the Administrative Adjudication Division of the Department of Transportation.
 Texas--County Court at Law and Constitutional County Court--Pending and disposed data also include criminal appeal cases that could not be separated from the other data.
 Utah--City Court--Data given for misdemeanor cases include state misdemeanors preliminary hearing on felony cases.

Table 34: Ordinance violations caseload for trial courts, 1977.

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, court title, and unit of count	Adult population in thousands	Beginning pending			End pending	As percent of filed	Change in pending	Filed per 100,000 population
		Filed	Disposed	End				
Informations, indictments, complaints								
Illinois--Circuit Court ⁷	7,863	57,525	55,495	96	2,030	732		
Iowa--District Court ¹⁰	2,042	35,223	83,375	86,682	31,916	104	38	-3,307 -9 4,083
Nebraska--County Court ⁷	1,096	1,357	8,568	8,613	1,312	101	15	-45 -3 782
Oregon--Municipal Court ¹¹ , ¹	1,704	4,507 ¹	18,235 ¹	17,487 ¹	5,255 ¹	96 ¹	29 ¹	748 ¹ 17 ¹ 1,070 ¹
Utah--City Court ⁷	804		17,243					2,145
Wisconsin--Municipal Justice Court ^{1,7}	3,251		29,464 ¹					(906) ¹
Number of defendants								
California--STATE TOTAL.....	15,632	49,363	39,844	85	(9,519)	316		
Municipal Court ⁹		43,260	34,468	80	(8,792)	277		
Justice Court ⁹	--		6,103	5,376	88	(727)	39	
District of Columbia--Superior Court ⁹	499	282	3,098	2,997	383	97	12	101 36 621
Florida--County Court ⁹	6,233		60,655	54,521		90		6,134 973
Kentucky--Police Court ⁹	2,408		194,007					8,057
Michigan--Recorder's Court of Detroit ⁹	6,290		79,668					1,267
New York--STATE TOTAL.....	12,840	476,200 ^P	20,008 ^P					3,709 ^P
District Court and City Court ⁹ , ¹⁰	--		20,008 ^P					(156) ¹
Criminal Court of the City of New York ⁸	--		476,200					3,709
Pennsylvania--District Justice Court ⁹	8,512	214,413	183,013	85		31,400		2,519
Puerto Rico--Municipal Court ^{1,9} , ¹	2,614	43,379 ¹						1,659 ¹
Number of charges								
Hawaii--District Court ¹⁰	613	588	19,238	18,926	900	98	5	312 53 3,138
Puerto Rico--District Court ¹⁰		147	300	345	102	115	34	-45 -31
No consistent definition								
Minnesota--County Court ¹²	2,783	1,166	4,795	4,487	1,477	94	31	311 27 172

Note: 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 not appropriate.

¹Data are not complete:
 New York--District Court and City Court--No data were available for three court locations; ten others supplied incomplete data.
 Oregon--Data were reported for only 94 of the total 170 courts.
 Washington--No data were available for eleven court locations.
 Wisconsin--No data were reported for fifteen court locations.
 Data were not available for all courts in the state.

⁶The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.
⁷The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.
⁸The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
⁹The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
¹⁰The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.
¹¹The criminal case unit of count is the case number assigned to the information, indictment, or complaint at arraignment.
¹²The criminal case unit of count is not consistent statewide.

Table 35: Felony preliminary caseload for trial courts, 1977.

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, court title, and unit of count	Adult population in thousands	As percent of filed						Filed (Dis- posed) per 100,000 population
		Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed pending	Number Percent	
Informations, Indictments, complaints								
Alaska--STATE TOTAL.....	259	573P	1,637	1,373	504P	84	-69 -12P	632
District Court ⁷	--	573	1,545	1,301	504	84	-33 -12	597
Magistrates Court ⁷	--	92	72	78	78	20	-20	36
Indiana--STATE TOTAL.....	3,705	265	3,215	3,081	344	96	11 30	87
Superior Court and Circuit Court ⁷	--	111	2,016	1,992	135	99	7 22	54
County Court ⁷	--	154	1,199	1,089	264	91	22 71	32
Iowa--District Court ¹⁶	2,042	3,114	21,062	20,604	3,572	98	17 15	1,031
Missouri--St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction ⁷	3,432	4,384	3,219	73	(1,165)	128		
Nebraska--County Court ⁷	1,096	4,502	4,582	4,261	4,823	93	105 7	418
New Mexico--Magistrate Court ⁷	787	8,698						
North Dakota--STATE TOTAL.....	449	1,375	1,108	81	(267)	306		
County Court with Increased Jurisdiction ⁷	--	1,031	938	81	(195)	230		
County Justice Court ⁷	--	344	270	78	(74)	77		
Oregon--District Court ¹¹	1,704	9,092	8,769	97	(283)	531		
Rhode Island--District Court ⁷	672	6,907	8,339	121	(-1,32)	1,028		
South Carolina--Magistrate Court ⁷	1,947	15,912	16,032	101	(-120)	817		
Utah--Justice ⁷	804	148 ¹						
Number of defendants								
Arizona--Justices of the Peace ⁹	1,567	17,144 ¹	17,433 ¹	102 ¹	(289) ¹	1,094 ¹		
California--STATE TOTAL.....	15,632	102,849	88,740	86	(14,109)	658		
Justice Court ⁹	--	8,327	7,882	95	(445)	53		
Municipal Court ⁹	--	94,522	80,856	86	(13,666)	605		
Colorado--County Court ¹	1,846	0	16,121 ¹	16,121 ¹	0	100 ¹	0 ¹	87 ¹
District of Columbia--Superior Court ⁹	499	177	7,786	7,815	148	100	2	-29 -16
Idaho--Magistrate Division ¹	575	1,412	5,410	5,160	1,662	93	31 18	941
Kentucky--Quarter Court, Police Court County Court, and Justice of the Peace Court ⁹	2,408	24,735						
New York--STATE TOTAL.....	12,840	90,560P	12,969P				1,027	
Criminal Court of the City of New York ⁹	--	90,560					705	
District Court and City Court ¹	--		12,969 ¹				(101) ¹	
Ohio--STATE TOTAL.....	7,497	3,923	40,366	40,640	3,649	101	9 -274 -7	538
County Court ⁸	--	701	3,688	3,574	615	102	17 -86 -12	49
Municipal Court ⁸	--	3,222	36,678	36,866	3,034	101	8 -188 -6	489
Pennsylvania--STATE TOTAL.....	8,512	757P	118,647	99,309 ¹	1,076 ¹		319 ¹ 42 ¹	1,394
Philadelphia Municipal Court ⁸	--	757	11,447	11,128	1,076	97	9 319 42	134
District Justice Court ⁹	--	93,869	88,181	94	(5,688)			1,103
Pittsburgh City Magistrate Court ⁹	--		13,331					157
Washington--District Court ⁹	2,614	6,731						257
Number of charges								
Delaware--Justice of the Peace Court ¹⁰	408		1,175					288
Hawaii--District Court ¹⁰	613		917					(150)
Puerto Rico--TOTAL.....		6,930P	16,139 ¹	108,942	5,013P	31P	-1,917P -28P	
Superior Court ¹⁰	--	419	899	893	425	99	47 6 1	
District Court ¹⁰	--	6,511	15,240	17,163	4,588	113	30 -1,923 -30	
Justices of the Peace ¹⁰	--		66,441 ¹					24,242 ¹
Municipal Court ¹⁰	--							
No consistent definition								
New Hampshire--STATE TOTAL.....	595		2,793					(469)
District Court ¹²	--		2,704					(454)
Municipal Court ¹²	--		89					(15)

Note: All available data are included in the table and all appropriate calculations are included. Blank spaces indicate that either the data are not available or the calculations were not appropriate.

-- Not applicable.

¹Data are not complete.

Arizona--Incomplete data were reported for ten court locations. Colorado--Felony advisements (no complaints lodged) were not available for the court located in Denver County.

New York--District Court and City Court--No data were received for three court locations; incomplete data were available for ten others.

Explanation of data included in the category:

Puerto Rico--Justices of the Peace Court and Municipal Court--preliminary hearings are conducted on both felony and misdemeanor cases in these courts.

Data were not available for all courts in the state.

The criminal case unit of count is the number of Informations or Indictments.

The criminal case unit of count is the number of Informations, Indictments, or complaints.

The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the Information or Indictment.

The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the Information, Indictment, or complaint.

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

The criminal case unit of count is the case number assigned to the Information, Indictment, or complaint at arraignment.

The criminal case unit of count is not consistent statewide.

Table 36: Criminal appeals caseload for trial courts, 1977.

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, court title, and unit of count	Adult population in thousands	As percent of filed						Filed per 100,000 population
		Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed pending	Number Percent	
Informations, Indictments, complaints								
Alaska--Superior Court ¹⁵	259		130					50
Kansas--District Court ⁷	1,668	490	1,041	1,127	404	108	39 -86 -18	62
Maryland--Circuit Court ¹⁵	2,920		5,204	5,304	100	(0)		182
Massachusetts--District Court ⁷	4,157		16,676					401
Missouri--St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction ⁷	3,432		157	129	82	(28)		5
New Jersey--County Court ¹⁶	5,208	846	3,063	3,336	573	109	19 -273 -32	59
North Dakota--District Court ¹⁵	449		100	94	94			22
Oklahoma--District Court ¹⁵	1,990	832	636	416	1,052	65	165	220 26
Rhode Island--Superior Court ⁷	672		285					42
Utah--District Court ¹⁵	804		593	393	66	(200)		74
Number of defendants								
California--Superior Court ¹⁵	15,632		2,508	2,267	90	(241)		16
Colorado--District Court and Denver Superior Court ¹⁵	1,846		385					21
Connecticut--Superior Court ¹⁵	2,237	45	58	53	50	91	86 5 11	3
Florida--Circuit Court ¹⁵	6,233		625	459	73	(166)		10
Idaho--District Court ¹⁵	575	59	96	100	55	104	57	7 17
Kentucky--Circuit Court ¹⁵	2,408		974					40
Michigan--Circuit Court ¹⁵	6,290	540	558	579	519	104	93 -21 -4	9
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas ¹⁵	8,							

Table 37:

Criminal disposition types for trial courts, 1977.

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	Adult population in thousands	Total criminal dispositions Number	Plea		Total conviction		Trial conviction		Acquittal		Nolle prosequi		Dismissal	
			As percent of dis-	As percent of dis-	As percent of dis-	As percent of dis-	As percent of dis-	As percent of dis-	As percent of dis-	As percent of dis-	As percent of dis-	As percent of dis-	As percent of dis-	
Informations, Indictments, complaints														
Alaska--STATE TOTAL.....	259	764 ^P	13,138 ^P	52 ^I	13,889 ^P	50 ^I	66 ^I	751 ^P	103 ^I	13 ^I	338 ^P	3 ^I	4,311 ^P	
Superior Court ⁷	--	764 ^I	398 ^I	52 ^I							182 ^I	24 ^I		
District Court ⁷	--		12,740		13,388			648			318		4,129	
Illinois--Circuit Court ⁷	7,863	31,462 ^I	17,827 ^I	57 ^I	20,320 ^I	65 ^I	2,351 ^I	7	1,405	4			12,499 ^I	
Indiana--Ordninal Court of Marion County ⁷	3,705	2,068	838	41							447	22		
Massachusetts--Boston Municipal Court ⁷	4,157	6,969			8,277				1,129				2,536	
Missouri--St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction ⁷	3,432	16,309	9,413	58	10,327	63		914	6	40	4 ^I			
New Jersey--STATE TOTAL.....	5,208	327,723	14,018 ^P		124,444	38		1,620 ^P		1,276 ^P			7,521 ^P	
Superior Court (Law Division) and County Court ⁶	--	28,210	14,018	50	15,638	55		1,620	6	1,276	5			
County District Court ⁷	--	3,263			925	28								
Municipal Court ⁷	--	296,250			107,881	35								
South Dakota--Circuit Court ^{7,5}	476	13,273 ^I	8,142 ^I	61 ^I	8,833 ^I	67 ^I		691 ^I	5 ^I	174 ^I	1 ^I		2,206 ^I	
Utah--District Court ⁷	804	2,999	1,591	53									580	
Vermont--STATE TOTAL.....	335	18,077	12,866	71									4,849	
Superior Court ⁶	--	56	11	20									12	
District Court ⁷	--	18,021	12,855	71									4,842	
Wyoming--District Court ^{1,6}	278	1,352	582	43									376	
Number of defendants														
Alabama--Circuit Court ⁸	2,542	23,443	13,841	59									4,214	
Arizona--Superior Court ⁸	1,567	13,243	7,288	55									32	
California--STATE TOTAL.....	15,632	739,353 ^I	422,196	57	440,607	60	18,411	2	12,983	2			157,378	
Superior Court ⁸	--	49,111 ^I	35,089	71	41,644	85	6,555	13	1,540	3			5,441	
Justice Court ⁹	--	64,921	28,651	44	31,451	48	2,800	4	2,053	3			10,585	
Municipal Court ⁹	--	625,321	358,456	57	367,512	59	9,056	1	9,390	2			141,352	
Connecticut--Superior Court ⁸	2,237	4,486 ^I	3,380 ^I	75 ^I	3,472 ^I	77 ^I	92 ^I	2 ^I	60 ^I	1 ^I	812 ^I	18 ^I	142 ^I	
Delaware--Superior Court ⁸	408	3,860	2,478	64	2,741	71	263	7	86	2				
District of Columbia--Superior Court ⁹	499	29,429	5,556	19							5,439	18	1,425	
Florida--STATE TOTAL.....	6,233	294,151 ^I	126,855	43	134,967	46	8,108	3						
Circuit Court ⁹	--	80,162 ^I	20,631 ^I	26 ^I	22,785 ^I	28 ^I	2,154 ^I	3 ^I						
County Court ⁹	--	213,989	106,228	50	112,182	52	5,954	3						
Georgia--STATE TOTAL.....	3,435	101,561 ^I	67,724 ^I	67 ^I									11,525 ^P	
Superior Court ^{1,9}	--	42,214 ^I	32,147 ^I	76 ^I									11,525 ^I	
State Court ¹ and County Court ⁹	--	55,853 ^I	34,407 ^I	62 ^I										
Probate Court ⁹	--	3,501	1,170	33										
Hawaii--STATE TOTAL.....	613	37,175	620 ^P		7,950 ^P						1,970	5	7,079	
Circuit Court ⁸	--	1,530	620	41							383	25	68	
District Court ¹⁰	--	35,645			7,950	22					1,587	4	7,011	
Michigan--Recorder's Court of Detroit ⁹	6,290	22,406 ^I	12,325 ^I	55 ^I	13,904 ^I	62 ^I	1,569 ^I	7 ^I	1,102 ^I	5 ^I			6,541	
New York--STATE TOTAL.....	12,840	368,342 ^I	170,757 ^I	46 ^I	139,751 ^P		2,638 ^P		1,598 ^P				135,030	
Supreme Court and County Court ⁸	--	35,255	24,895	71	27,149	77	2,254	6	1,064	3			7,042	
Criminal Court of the City of New York ⁹	--	231,500 ^I	112,218 ^I	48 ^I	112,602 ^I	49 ^I	384 ^I	4 ^I	534 ^I	4 ^I			89,718 ^I	
District Court and City Court ^{1,9}	--	101,587 ^I	33,462 ^I	33 ^I									38,270 ^I	

Ohio--STATE TOTAL.....	7,497	327,441	147,669	45					12,896	4	47,641	16		
Court of Common Pleas ^B	--	31,135	17,502	56					5,837	12	438	1		
County Court ^B	--	26,817	10,032	37					1,602	6	4,166	15		
Municipal Court ^B	--	269,489	120,135	45					7,417	3	43,037	16		
Pennsylvania--STATE TOTAL.....	8,512	467,014	202,530	43		26,770P		18,342P	22,561P		14,272P			
Court of Common Pleas ^B	--	67,877	26,783	39					8,875	13	379	<1		
Philadelphia Municipal Court ^B	--	39,754	2,008	5					13,688	34				
District Justice Court ^B		359,383	173,739	48		26,770	7	18,342	5		13,893	4		
Texas--STATE TOTAL.....	8,756	760,677I	115,038P		119,674P		90,016	12I	13,865	2I		197,686I	26I	
District Court and Criminal														
District Court ^{I,B}	--	83,110I	41,170I	50I	44,303I	53I	3,133I	4I	951I	1I		30,412I	37I	
County Court at Law and Constitutional														
County Court ^{I,B}	--	182,058I	73,868I	41I	75,311I	41I	1,443I	<1I	1,359I	<1I		89,863I	49I	
Municipal Court ^{I,B}	--	280,217I					48,410I	17I	7,967I	3I		36,448I	13I	
Justice of the Peace Court ^{I,B}	--	215,292I					37,030I	17I	3,588I	2I		40,963I	19I	
Virginia--Circuit Court.....	3,614	47,943	19,737	41					7,917	17	1,555	3		
Number of charges														
Puerto Rico--STATE TOTAL.....		89,576	35,809	29	31,033	35	5,220	6	14,071	16	2,616P	3P		
Superior Court ¹⁰	--	25,002	10,207	41	12,341	49	2,134	9	3,066	12		8,268	33	
District Court ¹⁰	--	64,574	15,602	24	18,692	29	3,086	5	11,005	17	2,616	4	20,865	32
No consistent definition														
Minnesota--STATE TOTAL.....	2,783	69,794I	39,070I	56I							22,779I	33I		
District Court ¹²	--	9,821	6,620	67							2,382	24		
County Court ¹²	--	33,035I	19,989I	60I							6,772I	20I		
County Municipal Court ¹²	--	26,938	12,461	46							13,625	51		
New Hampshire--Superior Court ¹²	595	6,636	2,847	43					1,621	24				
North Carolina--STATE TOTAL.....	3,861	397,026	163,250	41										
Superior Court ¹²	--	49,987	25,031	50										
District Court ¹²	--	347,039	138,219	40										

Notes: 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 not appropriate.

All courts for Hawaii are displayed in the number of defendants grouping, because this is the unit of count for the general jurisdiction court in Hawaii.

-- = Not applicable.

^IData are not complete:

Alaska--Superior Court--Data are given for felony cases only.

California--Superior Court--Data are given for felony cases only.

Connecticut--Superior Court--Data are given for felony and misdemeanor 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.

State Court--No data were available for the court located in DeKalb County.

Illinois--Data are given for felony cases only.

Michigan--Data are given for felony and misdemeanor cases only.

Minnesota--County Court--Data are given for misdemeanor cases only.

New York--Criminal Court of the City of New York--Data do not include non-traffic summons ordinance violations.

District Court and City Court--No data were received from three court locations; another ten reported incomplete data.

South Dakota--Data are given for felony and misdemeanor cases only.

Texas--All Courts--Data contained in this table are based on an incomplete number of monthly reports received for all courts. The reporting rates for the various courts were: District Court and Criminal District Court--ninety-eight percent; County Court at Law and Constitutional County Court--ninety-seven percent; Municipal Court--eighty-four percent; Justice of the Peace Court--seventy-seven percent.

Explanation of data included in the category:

Illinois--Total convictions includes 142 misdemeanor convictions that were otherwise not identified.

PData were not available for all courts in the state.

Table 38: Criminal trial data for trial courts, 1977.

State adult population within unit of count groupings. Courts reporting criminal trial data. Case categories included in data are listed. Trial definitions. Jury and non-jury trials as a percent of total trials. Jury, non-jury, and total trials as a percent of criminal dispositions

State, court title, and unit of count	Adult population in thousands	Definitions										Criminal trials			Number of criminal disposi- tions	Percent of criminal disposi- tions	
		Felony	Misdemeanor	Ordinance Violation	Appeal	Preliminary Hearing	Jury	Non- Jury	Percent of total trials	Percent of non- jury trials	Total	Jury	Jury	Total			
Informations, indictments, complaints																	
Alaska:	259																
Superior Court ⁶ :	—	/	•	•	•	•	A	A	127	81	30	19	157	764	17	4	21
District Court ⁷ :	—	/	•	•	•	•	A	A	582	53	518	47	1,100				
Illinois—Circuit Court ⁷ :	7,863	/	•	•	•	•	A	A	1,275	33	2,623	67	3,898	31,462	4	8	12
Indiana:	3,705																
Superior Court and Circuit Court ⁷ :	—	/	•	•	•	•	A	A	882	22	3,128	78	3,992	30,515	3	10	13
Criminal Court of Marion County ⁷ :	—	/	•	•	•	•	A	A	198	51	188	49	386	2,068	10	9	19
County Court ⁷ :	—	/	•	•	•	•	A	A	119	3	3,795	97	3,914	28,011	<1	14	14
Juvenile Court of Marion County ⁷ :	—	/	•	•	•	•	A	A	0	0	24	100	24	41	0	59	59
Municipal Court of Marion County ⁷ :	—	/	•	•	•	•	A	A	223	4	5,387	96	5,610	38,244	<1	14	15
Iowa—District Court ⁶ :	2,042	/	•	•	•	•	C	D	1,123	8	12,361	92	13,484	174,186	<1	7	8
Kansas—District Court ⁷ :	1,668	/	•	•	•	•	C	N	612	46	727	54	1,339	14,412	4	5	9
Maine—Superior Court ⁷ :	756	/	•	•	•	•	F	F	366	65	198	35	564	4,851	7	4	12
Maryland:	2,920																
Circuit Court ⁶ :	—	/	•	•	•	•	A	E	2,076	21	7,905	79	9,981	41,284	5	19	24
District Court ⁹ :	—	/	•	•	•	•	—	E	NH	—	34,125	100	34,125	—			
Massachusetts—Boston																	
Municipal Court ⁷ :	4,157	/	•	•	•	•	—	—	NH	—	5,613	100	5,613	—			
Missouri—St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction ⁷ :	3,432	/	•	•	•	•	—	A	NH	—	954	100	954	16,309	—	6	6
New Jersey:	5,208																
Superior Court (Law Division) and County Court ⁶ :	—	/	•	•	•	•	B	E	2,551	79	678	21	3,229	24,648	10	3	13
County District Court ⁷ :	—	/	•	•	•	•	—	E	NH	—	416	100	416	3,263	—	13	13
Municipal Court ⁷ :	—	/	•	•	•	•	—	E	NH	—	3,729	100	3,729	296,250	—	1	1
Rhode Island—District Court ⁷ :	672	/	•	•	•	•	—	E	NH	—	12,404 ^a	100	12,404 ^a	34,220	—	36 ^a	36 ^a
South Dakota—Circuit Court ⁶ :	476	/	•	•	•	•	C	E	351 ^a	41 ^a	514 ^a	59 ^a	865 ^a	13,275 ^a	3 ^a	4 ^a	7 ^a
Utah—District Court ⁷ :	804	/	•	•	•	•	C	E	304	70	131	30	435	2,999	10	4	14
Vermont:	335																
Superior Court ⁶ :	—	/	•	•	•	•	B	F	3	33	6	67	9	56	5	11	16
District Court ⁷ :	—	/	•	•	•	•	L	M	127	65	67	35	194	18,021	<1	<1	1
Wyoming—District Court ⁶ :	—	/	•	•	•	•	H	H	78 ^a	25 ^a	238 ^a	75 ^a	316 ^a	1,352 ^a	6 ^a	18 ^a	23 ^a
Number of defendants																	
Alabama—Circuit Court ⁶ :	2,542	/	•	•	•	•	A	A	1,440	52	1,314	48	2,754	23,443	6	6	12
Arizona—Superior Court ⁸ :	1,567	/	•	•	•	•	B	D	770	48	834	52	1,604	13,243	6	6	12
California:	15,632																
Superior Court ⁸ :	—	/	•	•	•	•	C	E	5,179	64	2,916	36	8,095	49,111	11	6	16
Municipal Court ⁹ :	—	/	•	•	•	•	B	E	5,336	9	53,589	91	58,925	625,321	<1	9	9
Justice Court ⁹ :	—	/	•	•	•	•	B	E	880	11	7,138	89	8,018	64,921	1	11	12
Colorado—County Court ⁹ :	1,846	/	•	•	•	•	C	—	221	—	221	—	25,506	<1			
Connecticut—Superior Court ⁸ :	2,237	/	•	•	•	•	C	D	119	78	33	22	152	4,486	3	<1	3
Delaware:	408																
Superior Court ⁸ :	—	/	•	•	•	•	C	E	319	80	79	20	398	3,860	8	2	10
Court of Common Pleas ¹⁰ :	—	/	•	•	•	•	C	J	47	<1	6,232	99	6,279	6,279	<1	99	100
District of Columbia:																	
Superior Court ⁹ :	499	/	•	•	•	•	A	A	1,029	68	481	32	1,510	19,751	5	2	8
Florida:	6,233																
Circuit Court ⁹ :	—	/	•	•	•	•	C	E	2,887	63	1,666	37	4,553	80,162	4	2	6
County Court ⁹ :	—	/	•	•	•	•	C	E	1,948	13	13,400	87	15,348	213,989	<1	6	7

State, court title, and unit of count	Adult population in thousands	Definitions		Criminal trials			Percent of total trials			Percent of non- jury trials			Number of criminal dispo- sitions	Percent of criminal dispositions
Religious ordinance Appeal	Preliminary hearing	Non- Jury	Jury	Non- Jury	Jury	Total								
						Total								

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Table 38: Criminal trial data for trial courts, 1977 (continued).

¹Data are not complete:
 Georgia--Superior Court--Data are given for cases filed on or after July 1, 1970. Cases filed prior to that time are not entered in the statistical reporting system.
 State Court--No data are included for the State Court of DeKalb County.
 Nevada--Data are available for the Second District (Washoe County), only. Approximately twenty-five percent of the total state population live there.
 New York--District Court and City Court--No data were received from three court locations; incomplete data were received from 10 court locations.
 South Dakota--Data are included for felony and "high grade misdemeanors" disposed by the court, but not for "low grade misdemeanors." Also, no data are included for cases disposed by the lawyer magistrates or lay registrars who serve this court.
 Texas--Municipal Court--Data reported here are based on the monthly reports received by the Texas Judicial Council--eighty-four percent of the possible total.
 Justice of the Peace Court--Data reported here are based on the monthly reports received by the Texas Judicial Council--seventy-seven percent of the possible total.
 Wyoming--No data are included for cases filed before 1974.

²Information on trial date:
 Rhode Island--The number of non-jury trials includes the number of cases disposed after a changed plea.

⁶The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments.
⁷The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations.
⁸The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information or indictment.
⁹The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.
¹⁰The criminal case unit of count is the number assigned at the arraignment.
¹¹The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.
¹²The criminal case unit of count is not consistent statewide.

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.
 I = A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.
 Guilty pleas are counted as trials.
 J = A non-jury trial is counted if the case is not disposed of by a jury trial.
 K = A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision. Guilty pleas are counted as trials.
 N = A non-jury trial is counted if the case is contested (an attorney appears in opposition).

Table 39: General jurisdiction, limited jurisdiction, and all trial courts traffic caseload, 1977. State population. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending

State	State population in thousands	General Jurisdiction courts						Limited	
		Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed	Change in pending	Beginning pending	Filed
Alabama	3,783	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	--
Alaska	396	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	--
Arizona	2,427	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	--
Arkansas	2,207	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	--
California	22,350	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	--
Colorado	2,696	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	--
Connecticut	3,089	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	19,005	262,872
Delaware	595	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	781P	83,804P
District of Columbia	682	6,867	120,526	120,808	6,985	100	5	-281	4
Florida	8,889	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	--
Georgia	5,212	3,082 ¹	11,138	11,075 ¹	3,145 ¹	99 ¹	28 ¹	63 ¹	2 ¹
Gum	111	2,878	15,877	15,452	3,303	97	21	425	15
Hawaii	916	113	108	126	95	117	88	-18	-16
Idaho	883	5,017	193,277	192,673	5,621	100	3	604	12
Illinois	11,406	2,343,770	2,273,266	97	(70,204)	--	--	--	--
Indiana	5,405	5,362	94,760	92,314	7,352	97	8	1,990	37
Iowa	2,914	16,796	271,039	266,429	21,406	98	8	4,610	27
Kansas	2,318	83 ^k	107,870 ^k	101,655 ^k	6,298 ^k	94 ^k	6 ^k	6,215 ^k	(k)
Kentucky	3,575	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	--
Louisiana	4,016	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	--
Maine	1,105	397	1,881	1,429	849	76	45	452	114
Maryland	4,195	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	672,516
Massachusetts	5,744	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	--
Michigan	9,157	3,169 ¹	865,267	9,668 ¹	4,426 ¹	--	1,257 ¹	40 ¹	333,433 ¹
Minnesota	3,980	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	6,533P
Mississippi	2,460	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	72,137P
Missouri	4,845	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	173,862P
Montana	771	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	--
Nebraska	1,554	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	11,602P
Nevada	678	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	177,255P
New Hampshire	872	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	--
New Jersey	7,342	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	3,496,739 ⁵
New Mexico	1,225	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	81,853
New York	17,852	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	63,548P
North Carolina	5,668	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	72,698
North Dakota	649	2	4	(2)	--	--	--	--	72,048
Ohio	10,771	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	51,459P
Oklahoma	2,866	41,046	186,171	179,814	47,403	97	25	6,357	15
Oregon	2,439	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	100,818 ¹
Pennsylvania	11,882	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	2,661,937
Puerto Rico	3,321	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	18,494
Rhode Island	955	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	71,075
South Carolina	2,989	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	829P
South Dakota	699	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tennessee	4,402	1,811	1,202 ¹	--	--	--	--	45,607P	6,029,422 ¹
Texas	15,192	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	524,177 ¹
Utah	1,316	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	3,679
Vermont	492	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	43,893
Virginia	5,206	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	844,365
Washington	3,772	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	1,835,326 ¹
West Virginia	1,906	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	--
Wisconsin	4,613	321,610	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Wyoming	412	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--	--

Note: 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 not appropriate.

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

-- = Not applicable.

¹Data are not complete:

Alaska--Limited jurisdiction courts--The only pending data that were available for the District Court were for misdemeanor traffic cases.

Arizona--Limited jurisdiction courts--Incomplete data were reported for Justices of the Peace located in ten counties.

Arkansas--Limited jurisdiction courts--No data were reported for nine locations of the Municipal Court or forth-1/2 of the City Court, Police Court, and Justice of the Peace Court. Incomplete data were reported by six locations of the Municipal Court and two of the City Court, Police Court, and Justice of the Peace Court.

Georgia--General jurisdiction courts--No pending or disposed data are reported for cases filed before July 1, 1970.

Illinois--Limited jurisdiction courts--No data were available for the State Court of DeKalb County or for one circuit of the Juvenile Court. Another circuit of the Juvenile Court reported filings only.

Louisiana--Limited jurisdiction courts--No data were available for two locations of the City Court and Parish Court. Data for the entire year for other locations of these courts were estimated, based on varying amounts of data.

Michigan--Limited jurisdiction courts--No data were reported for the Municipal Court located in Troy.

Missouri--Limited jurisdiction courts--No data were available for twenty locations of the Magistrate Court; another fourteen locations reported filings only.

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Jurisdiction courts				All trial courts								
Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed		Change in pending		Beginning	Filed	As percent of filed		Change in pending		
		Disposed	End pending	Number	Percent			Disposed	End pending	Number	Percent	
147,001P 78,505 ^f	32,603P	82kP	18kP	32,603P	(k)	dkp	179,604P 86,536 153,730P	147,001P 78,505 ^f	32,603P	82kP	18kP	32,603P (k)
12,631,824 ^e	142,231P 43,763P	885	(1,642,379)S	96	29	6,340	17	37,422P	148,570P 14,274,203S	12,631,824S	885	(1,642,379)S
265,236 24,126P	16,591 418P	101	6	-2,454	-13	19,005	262,872P 781P 83,040P	265,236 24,126P 418P	16,591	101	6	-2,454 -13
--	--	--	--	--	--	6,687	120,226	120,208	6,598	100	5	-281 -4
1,787,583 268,530P	92 991P	(148,920) (6,315)P	1,956,458	1,787,583	3,082P 285,983P	1,787,583P 3,145P 991P	92 1,787,583 3,145P 991P	92 1,787,583 3,145P 991P	92 1,787,583 3,145P 991P	92 1,787,583 3,145P 991P	92 1,787,583 3,145P 991P	92 1,787,583 3,145P 991P
--	--	--	--	--	--	2,978	15,877	15,452	3,003	97	21	425 15
611,108 --	54,034 --	99	9	7,778	17	46,369	618,994P 5,017 2,343,770	611,234 193,277 2,273,266	54,129 5,621	99	9	7,760 19
205,058P	54,987P --	995	295	11,645P	27P	48,704P 16,796	311,463P 27,373P 62,339P	297,373P 62,339P 266,429	95P 20P 21,406	95P 20P 98	8	(70,504) 28P 4,610 27
							83P 418,662 382,651 397P 1,881P	107,870P 101,659P 6,298P 849P	94P 6P 6,215P (k)P	76P 45P 452P 114P		
1,535,789 ^j 529,070	353,851 ^j 6,436P	991 99P	231 29P	20,418 ^j 105P	6 ^j 29P	336,602 ^j 6,331P	5,098,306 ^j 2,421,174 ^j 72,137P	1,549,457 ^j 1,549,457 ^j 529,070 6,436P	350,277 ^j 350,277 ^j 529,070 6,436P	99P 99P	21,675 ^j 105P 6P	
163,357P							173,862P	163,357P				
174,899P	13,958P	990	8P	2,356P	20P	11,602P	177,259P	174,899P	13,958P	99P	8P	2,356P 20P
132,348 2,077,746 ^s		825		(618,993)S			3,496,739S 81,853P	3,496,739S 2,077,746 ^s		825		(618,993)S
2,768,977 ^j 696,421 100,591		97		(24,627)		72,698	721,048P 20 100,595	63,548P 696,421P 72,698	2,768,977 ^j 696,421P 100,595	97		(24,627)
1,315,572P	54,764P	100P	4P	3,305P	6P	51,450P 41,046P	1,310,878P 186,171P	1,315,572P 54,764P 47,403P	100P 4P 97P	3,305P 6,357P 25P	6P 15P	
679,012 ^j 2,659,846P 75,397	117,161 ^j 14,172	98 ^j 106	17 ^j 20	16,343 ^j -4,322	16 ^j -23	100,818 ^j 18,494	695,355 ^j 2,661,937 71,075	679,012 ^j 2,659,846P 75,397	117,161 ^j 14,172	98 ^j 106	17 ^j 20	16,343 ^j 16 ^j
1,705P							828P 399,668P	1,705P				
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4,100,992 ^j 353,642P 44,622	50,167P 2,750	60 ^j 102	1 ^j 6	(1,928,430)S -929	-23	3,679	1,811P 45,607P 524,197 ^j 43,893	1,811P 4,100,992 ^j 353,642P 44,622	1,2021P 4,100,992 ^j 50,167P 2,750	68 ^j		(1,928,430)S -929 -23
42,036 ^j 238,300 ^j		95		(42,012)			844,365 1,835,326 ^j	802,353 559,910 ^j		95		(42,012)

Oregon-Limited jurisdiction courts—Data were available for only 26 of the 44 Justice Court locations and 94 of the 170 Municipal Court locations.

Tennessee-General jurisdiction courts—No disposition data are available for the Circuit Court and Criminal Court located in the ten counties serving as pilot sites for the new computerized information system.

Texas-Limited jurisdiction courts—Data reported in this table are based on a less than complete reporting for all courts. The reporting rates for the courts were: County Court at Law, Constitutional County Court, and Probate Court—ninety-seven percent; Municipal Court—eighty-four percent; Justice of the Peace Court—seventy-seven percent.

Utah-Limited jurisdiction courts—The only data available for the Justice Court cover the six-month period from January 1, 1977 to June 30, 1977. One hundred forty-nine of the one hundred seventy-nine Justices of the peace sent in 769 monthly reports.

West Virginia-Limited jurisdiction courts—No data were available for Magistrate Courts located in three counties; courts in thirteen others had incomplete data.

Wisconsin-Limited jurisdiction courts—No data were available for fifteen court locations.

^kAdditional Information

Alabama-Limited jurisdiction courts—During 1977 the District Court was created to take the place of numerous other limited jurisdiction courts. It started the year with no cases pending. Each of the other caseload figures were influenced by its start up, also.

Kansas-General jurisdiction courts—During the 1977 court year, most of the trial courts of Kansas were unified into one general jurisdiction court. The large volume of cases pending at the end of the year compared to those pending at the beginning of the year reflects the new traffic jurisdiction this court was given as a result of the unification.

Data were not available for all courts in the state.

^aData are known to include parking cases.

Table 40: DWI/DUI caseload for trial courts, 1977.
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	As percent of filed			Change in pending			Filed per 100,000 population		
		Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed pending	Number	Percent		
Arkansas--STATE TOTAL.....	2,207	22,895 ¹					1,037 ¹			
Municipal Court ¹	--		21,094 ¹				956 ¹			
City Court, Police Court, and Justice of the Peace Court ¹	--		1,801 ¹				82 ¹			
Hawaii--STATE TOTAL.....	916	828	1,689	1,795	922	95	49	94	11	206
Circuit Court.....	--	9	12	10	11	83	92	2	1	
District Court.....	--	819	1,677	1,785	911	95	49	92	11	205
Idaho--STATE TOTAL.....	893	1,231	7,578	7,214	1,595	95	21	364	30	858
District Court.....	--	2	14	16	0	114	0	-2	NC	2
Magistrates Division of District Court	--	1,229	7,564	7,198	1,595	95	21	366	30	857
Kansas--District Court.....	2,318	38	43	64	17	149	39	-21	-55	2
Massachusetts--District Court.....	5,744		21,308							371
Ohio--STATE TOTAL.....	10,771	10,107	64,776	64,673	10,206	100	16	99	1	601
County Court.....	--	2,484	12,033	13,023	1,490	108	12	-994	-40	112
Municipal Court.....	--	7,623	52,743	51,650	8,716	98	16	1,093	14	490
Oklahoma--District Court.....	2,866	5,233	11,417	9,890	6,760	87	59	1,527	29	398
South Carolina--Magistrate Court.....	2,989		12,075							404
Tennessee--Circuit Court and Criminal Court.....	4,402		1,811	1,202 ¹						41
Texas--County Court at Law, Constitutional County Court and Probate Court ¹	13,192	45,607	82,360	77,800	50,167	94	61	4,560	10	624
Utah--Justice of the Peace Court.....	1,316		1,448 ¹							110 ¹

Note: 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 not appropriate.

-- = Not applicable.

¹Data are not complete.

Arkansas--Municipal Court--Only partial data were available for six counties; nine counties reported no data.
City Court, Police Court, and Justice of the Peace Court--Only partial data were available for two court locations; forty-five court locations did not report any data.
Tennessee--No data were available for cases disposed in ten counties that are pilot sites for a new computerized statistical information system.
Texas--Data reported in this table are based on incomplete reporting for these courts. The reporting rate for these courts was 97 percent.
Utah--Data reported in this table are based on reports for the six-month period from January 1, 1977 to June 30, 1977. No reports were received from sixteen court locations.

PData were not available for all courts in the state.

Table 41: Other traffic violations caseload for trial courts, 1977.
State population. Courts reporting other traffic violations 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	Beginning pending			End pending			As percent of filed	Change in pending	Filed dis- posed per 100,000 population
		Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed pending	Number	Percent			
Alaska--District.....	396		85,861	77,709 ¹						21,682
Arkansas--STATE TOTAL.....	2,207		360,017 ¹							16,121 ¹
Municipal Court.....	--		342,086 ¹							15,500 ¹
City Court and Police Court, and Justice of the Peace Court ¹	--		17,931 ¹							81 ¹
California--STATE TOTAL.....	22,350		5,316,016	4,876,061				92	(439,955)	23,785
Justice Court.....	--		508,870	461,013				91	(47,857)	2,277
Municipal Court.....	--		4,807,145	4,415,048				92	392,098 ¹	21,508
Connecticut--Court of Common Pleas.....	3,069	19,005	262,872	265,236	16,551		101	6	-2,454	-13
Delaware--Family Court.....	595	266								8,510
District of Columbia--Superior Court.....	682	6,867	120,526	120,808	6,585		100	5	-282	-4
Florida--County Court ¹	8,889		1,936,458	1,787,583			92		(148,875)	21,785
Georgia--Juvenile Court ¹	5,212		2,982 ¹	2,789 ¹						57 ¹
Hawai I--STATE TOTAL.....	916	44,848	181,653	177,434	49,047		98	27	4,199	9
Circuit Court.....	--	104		96	116	84	121	88	-20	19
District Court.....	--	44,744	181,537	177,318	48,963		98	27	4,219	9
Idaho--STATE TOTAL.....	883	3,786	185,699	185,459	4,026		100	2	240	6
District Court.....	--	2		3	3				0	<1
Mississippi--Division ¹	--	3,784	185,696	185,456	4,024		100	2	240	6
Indiana--STATE TOTAL.....	5,405	48,704	311,463	297,372	62,339		95	20	13,635	28
Superior Court and Circuit Court.....	--	5,362	94,760	92,314	7,352		97	8	1,990	37
County Court.....	--	15,688	136,787	129,810	22,663		95	17	6,977	45
Municipal Court of Marion County.....	--	27,659	79,916	75,248	32,324		94	40	4,668	17
Iowa--District Court.....	2,914	16,796	271,039	266,429	21,406		98	8	4,610	27
Kansas--District Court.....	2,318	45	107,827	101,591	6,281		94	6	6,236	(K)
Kentucky--County Court, Quarterly Court, Police Court, and Justice Court ¹	--									11,719
Louisiana--City Court and Parish Court, and Traffic Court of New Orleans.....	3,575		418,962							
Maine--Superior Court.....	1,105	397	1,881	1,429	849		76	45	452	114
Massachusetts--District Court.....	5,744		541,535							9,428
Michigan--Recorder's Court of Detroit.....	9,197	3,169 ¹	206,685	9,668 ¹	4,426 ¹				1,257 ¹	40 ¹
Minnesota--County Court.....	3,980	73,570 ¹	470,948 ¹	457,038	109,218 ¹				(1,483)	
Nebraska--County Court.....	1,954	11,602	177,255	174,899	13,958		99	8	2,356	20
New Hampshire--STATE TOTAL.....	872									(15,178)
District Court.....	--									(14,431)
Municipal Court.....	--									(746)
New Jersey--STATE TOTAL.....	7,342		1,012,386	944,045			93		(68,341)	13,788
County District Court.....	--		33,289	29,172			90		(3,117)	453
Municipal Court.....	--		980,097	914,673			93		(65,224)	13,349
New York--STATE TOTAL.....	17,852		63,548 ¹	2,768,977 ¹					(13,111) ¹	
District Court and City Court ¹	--			971,764 ¹					(5,443) ¹	356
Criminal Court of the City of New York.....	--		63,548							(10,067)
Town and Village Court.....	--				1,797,213					
North Dakota--STATE TOTAL.....	649		20	100,622						(15,504)
District Court.....	--	2		4						<1
County Court with Increased Jurisdiction.....	--				42,032					(6,324)
Municipal Court.....	--				41,041					(2,703)
County Justice Court.....	--				17,545					
Ohio--STATE TOTAL.....	10,771	41,352	1,254,102	1,250,899	44,558		100	4	3,206	8
County Court.....	--	4,777	156,341	156,379	4,739</td					

Table 42: Traffic disposition types for trial courts, 1977.
 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	State population in thousands	Total traffic dispositions (filings)	Plea		Violations Bureau*		Bail or bond forfeiture		Total conviction		Trial 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	Number	As percent of disposed	Number	As percent of disposed	Number	As percent of disposed	Number	As percent of disposed
Alaska-District Court.....	396	77,709 ^r	17,724 ^r	23 ^r	NH	--	9,675,571 ^s	77 ^s	1,323,551 ^s	10 ^s	141,494 ^s	1 ^s	64,369 ^s	1 ^s			1,522,525 ^s	12 ^s
California-STATE TOTAL.....	22,350	12,631,824 ^s	1,182,057 ^s	9 ^s	NH	--	9,209,541 ^s	77 ^s	1,235,000 ^s	10 ^s	132,419 ^s	1 ^s	60,948 ^s	1 ^s			1,462,134 ^s	12 ^s
Municipal Court.....	--	11,999,070 ^s	1,102,581 ^s	9 ^s	NH	--	466,030 ^s	74 ^s	88,551 ^s	14 ^s	9,075 ^s	1 ^s	3,421 ^s	1 ^s			60,391 ^s	10 ^s
Justice Court.....	--	632,754 ^s	79,476 ^s	12 ^s	NH	--	7,814	6										
District of Columbia-Superior Court.....	682	120,808	9,859	8	NH	--												
Florida-County Court.....	8,889	1,787,583	228,397	13													14,797	12
																		6,144
																		5
Georgia-STATE TOTAL.....	5,212	276,816 ^p	91,429 ^p	33 ^p	NH	--	170,955 ^p	62 ^p										6,291 ^p
Superior Court.....	--	11,075 ^p	4,269 ^p	39 ^p	NH	--	6,197 ^p	56 ^p										
State Court ^j and County Court.....	--	151,195 ^p	56,426 ^p	37 ^p	NH	--	87,121 ^p	58 ^p										
Probate Court.....	--	114,546	30,734	27	NH	--	77,637	68										
Hawaii-STATE TOTAL.....	916	611,234 ^p	40 ^p		NH	--	431,259 ^s		63,303 ^s									2,662 ^s
Circuit Court.....	--	126	4	3	NH	--												2
District Court.....	--	611,108 ^s			NH	--	431,225 ^s	71 ^s	63,303 ^s	10 ^s	1,992 ^r	2 ^r	182 ^r	11 ^r			2,660 ^s	
Kansas-District Court.....	2,318	101,495 ^r	84,255 ^r	83 ^r	NH	--	11,910 ^r	12 ^r	86,147 ^r	85 ^r								3,156 ^r
Michigan-STATE TOTAL.....	9,157	1,535,789 ^r			808,933 ^r	53 ^r												
District Court.....	--	1,346,639			708,515	53												
Municipal Court ^j	--	189,150 ^r			100,418 ^r	53 ^r												
Minnesota-STATE TOTAL.....	3,980	507,332 ^r	147,302 ^r	29 ^r	305,576 ^r	60 ^r												
County Court.....	--	435,300 ^r	106,296 ^r	24 ^r	305,576 ^r	70 ^r												
County Municipal Court.....	--	72,032	41,006	57	NH	--												
New Jersey-STATE TOTAL.....	7,342	2,877,746 ^r			2,413,448 ^r	84 ^r			353,057 ^r	12 ^r								
County District Court.....	--	56,587 ^r			49,218 ^r	87 ^r			5,765 ^r	10 ^r								
Municipal Court.....	--	2,821,159 ^r			2,364,230 ^r	93 ^r			347,292 ^r	12 ^r								
New York-District Court and City Court ⁱ	17,852	971,764 ^r	765,937 ^r	79 ^r	NH	--												187,973 ^r
North Carolina-District Court.....	5,668	696,421	151,842	22	NH	--												
North Dakota-STATE TOTAL.....	649	100,591 ^p			NH	--			97,933 ^p	97 ^p			1,158 ^p	1 ^p				1,500 ^p
County Court with Increased Jurisdiction.....	--	42,032			NH	--			41,390	98			305	1				337
County Justice Court.....	--	17,545			NH	--			17,154	98			152	1				239
Municipal Court.....	--	41,014			NH	--			39,389	96			701	2				924
Ohio-STATE TOTAL.....	10,771	1,315,572	530,976	40	588,333	45							5,443	1				37,464
County Court.....	--	169,402	74,569	44	70,701	42							1,276	1				2,677
Municipal Court.....	--	1,146,170	456,407	40	517,632	45							4,167	1				34,787
Pennsylvania-District Justice Court.....	11,882	929,515	749,048	81	NH	--			784,656	84	35,608	4	35,380	4	44,553	5		
Puerto Rico-District Court.....	3,321	75,397	50,257	67	NH	--			52,786	70	2,529	3	3,610	5				13,811
Texas-STATE TOTAL.....	13,192	4,100,992 ^s	63,866 ^r	19 ^r	771,906 ^r	19 ^r			960,642 ^r		312,597 ^s	8 ^s	56,908 ^s	11 ^s				300,301 ^s
County Court of Law, and Constitutional County Court ^j	--	77,800 ^r	63,866 ^r	82 ^r	NH	--			64,614 ^r	83 ^r	748 ^r	11 ^r	539 ^r	11 ^r				10,861 ^r
Municipal Court.....	--	3,078,255 ^s			NH	--			171,615 ^s	6 ^s	196,590 ^s	6 ^s	50,009 ^s	2 ^s				246,891 ^s
Justice of the Peace Court ^j	--	944,937 ^r			771,906 ^r	82 ^r			8,863 ^r	11 ^r	896,028 ^r	95 ^r	115,259	12	6,360	1		42,549 ^r
Utah-City Court.....	1,316	353,642 ^s	40,045 ^s	11 ^s	NH	--			299,172 ^s	85 ^s								7,776 ^s
Vermont-District Court.....	492	44,822	36,804	82	6,140	14												712
Washington-STATE TOTAL.....	3,772								496,995 ^r									2
Municipal Court.....	--								160,361 ^r									
District Court and Justices of the Peace ^k	--								336,634									

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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 these are called payment of fine dispositions.

Data are not complete:

Alaska-The figure given for total traffic dispositions and for type of dispositions includes only "other traffic."

Georgia-Superior Court-Data are given only for cases filed on or after July 1, 1970.

State Court-No data from the court in DeKalb County are available.

Kansas-Data are only given for "traffic" cases and do not include "other traffic" or DWI/DUI cases disposed by this court. These "traffic" cases were a new area of jurisdiction created in this court when the Kansas court system was reorganized in the middle of the 1977 court year.

Michigan-Municipal Court-No data were received for the court in Troy.

Minnesota-County Court-Data given do not include Juvenile traffic cases.

New York-No data were received from three court locations. Incomplete data were received from ten others.

Texas-All courts-All data are based on incomplete reporting. In the County Courts, five percent of the courts reported no data or incomplete data. Municipal Court data are based on an eighty-four percent reporting rate.

Justice of the Peace Courts submitted seventy-seven percent of all possible reports.

Washington-Municipal Court-No data were available for eleven court locations.

Additional information:

Washington-District Court and Justices of the Peace-These data include Municipal Court cases that are processed in the District Courts that contract with the municipalities for that purpose.

Data were not available for all courts in the state.

Data do not include parking cases.

Data are known to include parking cases.

Table 43: General jurisdiction, limited jurisdiction, and all trial courts juvenile caseload, 1977.
State juvenile population. Disposed and end pending as a percent of filed. Number and percent change in pending

State	Juvenile population in thousands	General jurisdiction courts						Limited					
		Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed	Change in pending	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed	Change in pending
Alabama	1,148	0	10,764	9,371	1,393	87	13	1,393	0 ^P	13,423 ^P			
Alaska	149		1,483	1,111		25							
Arizona	736	871 ^I	12,404 ^I	9,655 ^I	2,480 ^I	78 ^I		1,609 ^I	185 ^I	NH	NH		
Arkansas	649	NH	NH	NH	NH								
California	6,268	107,786	99,931		93			(7,835)		NH	NH		
Colorado	798		16,078							NH	NH		
Connecticut	870	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--		5,623	15,329			
Delaware	175	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--		2,380				
District of Columbia	183	1,104	6,289	6,466	926	103	15	-178	-16				
Florida	2,248	76,271	65,313		86			(10,958)		NH	NH		
Georgia	1,592	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--			22,660 ^I			
Guam	256	490	365	381	74	78	125	49	--				
Hawaii	280	3,276	8,075	7,937	3,414	98	42	158	4	NH	NH		
Idaho	284	2,253	7,733	7,637	2,349	99	30	96	4	--			
Illinois	3,369	12,808	25,686	28,287	13,116	110	51	308	2	--	--		
Indiana	1,648	9,229	15,776	14,908	10,097	94	64	868	9	2,567	6,483		
Iowa	861		6,059	6,795		112		(-736)		--	--		
Kansas	662	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--					
Kentucky	1,060	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--		26,930			
Louisiana	1,317	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--		40,193 ^I			
Maine	328	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--		5,083 ^I			
Maryland	1,217	4,797 ^J	23,702	24,442	4,045 ^J	101		-752 ^J	-16 ^J	3,067 ^J	2,899		
Massachusetts	1,611	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--		48,620			
Michigan	2,848	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--					
Minnesota	1,214									30,045			
Mississippi	815												
Missouri	1,391	9,031	16,734	16,364	9,401	98	56	370	4	NH	NH		
Montana	240												
Nebraska	466	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--		1,088 ^P	4,860		
Nevada	195		535 ^I										
New Hampshire	255	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--					
New Jersey	2,098	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--		12,678	82,243		
New Mexico	409												
New York	5,030	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--		23,473	47,440		
North Carolina	1,660	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--		22,622	23,308		
North Dakota	202		974	888		91		(86)		NH	NH		
Ohio	3,219	17,632	202,796	200,893	19,535	99	10	1,903	11	NH	NH		
Oklahoma	815	5,355	8,903	8,038	6,223	90	70	868	16	NH	NH		
Oregon	686		14,430								223		
Pennsylvania	3,278	4,859	35,614	34,201	6,272	96	18	1,413	29	NH	NH		
Puerto Rico	1,499		5,647	5,607	1,489	99	26	-10	-1	NH	NH		
Rhode Island	261	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--		5,894			
South Carolina	921	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--					
South Dakota	214		3,219 ^I	4,487 ^I		128 ^I		(-968 ^I)					
Tennessee	1,269	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--					
Texas	4,044	4,952 ^I	11,141 ^I	10,808 ^I	5,285 ^I	97 ^I	47 ^I	333 ^I	7 ^I	1,144 ^I	1,650 ^I		
Utah	472	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--		22,939			
Vermont	147	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--					
Virginia	1,497	NH	NH	NH	NH	--	--	--		254	1,038		
Washington	1,080		14,824								115,745		
West Virginia	545	3,510	7,218	7,522	3,306	103	45	-204	-6	NH	NH		
Wisconsin	1,407										NH	NH	
Wyoming	129										NH	NH	

Note: All available data are entered in the table and all appropriate calculations are included. Blank spaces indicate that the data are not available or the calculations were not appropriate.

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

-- = Not applicable.

^IData are not complete:
 Arizona-General Jurisdiction court--There were no juvenile non-offense or juvenile traffic data reported for the court located in Maricopa County; the court in Pima County did not report juvenile traffic data either.
 Georgia-Limited Jurisdiction courts--No data were available for one circuit of the Juvenile Court; another circuit reported filings only.
 Louisiana-Limited Jurisdiction courts--No data were available for two locations of the City Court and Parish Courts. Data for the entire year for the other court locations were estimated, based on varying amounts of data.
 Maine-Limited Jurisdiction courts--Data for the District Court were not reported for two court locations.
 Michigan-Limited Jurisdiction courts-Dispositions from the Probate Court do not include nonoffense cases.
 Nevada-General Jurisdiction court--The only data that were available are for the court located in the Second District (Washoe County). Approximately twenty-five percent of the total state population lives there.
 South Dakota-General Jurisdiction court--No data are included for cases heard by the lawyer registrars and lay registrars/clerks who also serve this court.
 Texas-All courts-Data reported for all courts in this table are based on a less than complete number of monthly reports. The reporting rate for the Texas District Court, Domestic Relations Court, and Juvenile Court (general jurisdiction) was ninety-eight percent and for the County Courts (limited jurisdiction) was ninety-seven percent.

JExplanation of data included in the category:
 Maryland-All Courts-Pending data for the Juvenile Court only includes criminal-type offense cases.
 Court, a court of limited jurisdiction, in Montgomery County, but in the Circuit Court, the court of general jurisdiction, in the rest of the state.

PData were not available for all courts in the state.

Jurisdiction courts										All trial courts						
Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed		Change in pending		Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	As percent of filed		Change in pending		Number	Percent	
		80P	20P	2,740P	0P					24,187P	20,054P	4,133P	75			
10,683P	2,740P	80P	20P	2,740P	0P	871 ^I	12,404 ^I	1,483	1,111	9,655 ^I	2,480 ^I	78 ^I	1,609 ^I	185 ^I		
NH	NH	--	--	--	--	871 ^I	12,404 ^I	1,483	1,111	9,655 ^I	2,480 ^I	78 ^I	1,609 ^I	185 ^I		

Table 44: Criminal-type offense caseload for trial courts, 1977.
State juvenile population. Courts reporting delinquency 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	As percent of filed			Change in pending (disposed) per 100,000 population	
		Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed
Alaska--Superior Court.....	149		1,275			856
California--Superior Court.....	6,268	93,171	86,845	93	6,325	1,486
Colorado--District Court and Denver Juvenile Court.....	798		6,204			777
Connecticut--Juvenile Court.....	870	5,163	12,434	13,551	4,046	109
District of Columbia--Superior Court.....	183	818	5,276	5,406	688	102
Florida--Circuit Court.....	2,248		54,897	49,338	90	(5,559)
Georgia--Juvenile Court ^a	1,592		14,851 ^b	16,207 ^b	109 ^b	(-1,356 ^b)
Guam--Superior Court.....		85	273	214	144	53
Hawaii--Circuit Court.....	280	2,121	5,157	5,242	2,036	102
Idaho--STATE TOTAL.....	284	2,000	7,263	7,145	2,118	98
District Court.....	--		1	0	2	1
Magistrates Division ^a	--	1,999	7,262	7,145	2,116	98
Maryland--STATE TOTAL.....	1,217		22,979	23,814	104	(-835)
Circuit Court.....	--		20,928	21,424	102	(-496)
District Court.....	--		2,051	2,390	117	(-339)
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL.....	1,611		43,839			2,721
District Court.....	--		33,838			2,100
Juvenile Court.....	--		10,001			621
Michigan--Probate Court.....	2,848		8,612			(302)
Minnesota--County Court.....	1,214		12,155			(1,001)
New Hampshire--STATE TOTAL.....	255		4,831			(1,895)
District Court.....	--		4,562			(1,789)
Municipal Court.....	--		269			(105)
New Jersey--Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.....	2,098	11,902	73,400	72,986	12,316	99
New York--Family Court.....	5,030	11,702	25,959	31,259	6,402	120
North Carolina--District Court.....	1,660		13,105	12,796	98	(309)
North Dakota--District Court.....	202		542	513	95	(29)
Oklahoma--District Court.....	815	2,950	4,680	4,357	3,273	70
Puerto Rico--Superior Court.....		1,449	5,647	5,607	1,489	99
Rhode Island--Family Court.....	261		4,464			40
South Carolina--Family Court.....	921		10,514			3
South Dakota--Circuit Court ^b	214		3,020 ^b	3,865 ^b	128	(-845)
Texas--STATE TOTAL.....	4,044		9,460 ^b			1,411 ^b
District Court and Juvenile Court ^b	--		8,148 ^b			162 ^b
County Court at Law, Constitutional County and Probate Court ^b	--		1,312 ^b			26 ^b
Utah--Juvenile Court.....	472		15,338	15,862	103	(-524)

Note: All available data are entered in the table and all appropriate calculations are included. Blank spaces indicate that the data are not available or the calculations were not appropriate.

-- = Not applicable.

Court 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.

^aData are not complete:

Georgia--Data are not available for some court locations.

South Dakota--No data are included for cases disposed by lawyer magistrates or lay magistrates/clerks in this court.

Texas--All data given are based on incomplete reporting by the courts. The District Court and Juvenile Court reporting rate was ninety-eight percent; the County Court reporting rate was ninety-seven percent.

^bExplanation of data included in the category:

Maryland--Data on juvenile cases from the Montgomery County District Court are included in these figures.

Table 45: Status offense caseload for trial courts, 1977.
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	As percent of filed			Change in pending		Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
		Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	Disposed	
Alaska--Superior Court.....	149		163				109
Colorado--District Court and Denver Juvenile Court.....	798		919				115
District of Columbia--Superior Court.....	183		474				259
Florida--Circuit Court ^b	2,248		3,772				168
Georgia--Juvenile Court ^b	1,592		5,435 ^b				341 ^b
Hawaii--Circuit Court.....	280		461				528
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL.....	1,611		3,478				216
District Court.....	--		2,248				140
Juvenile Court.....	--		1,230				76
Michigan--Probate Court.....	2,848		2,821				(99)
New Hampshire--STATE TOTAL.....	255		531				(208)
District Court.....	--		494				(194)
Municipal Court.....	--		37				(15)
New Jersey--Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.....	2,098		776				422
New York--Family Court.....	5,030		5,108				244
North Carolina--District Court.....	1,660		4,567				275
North Dakota--District Court.....	202		237				117
Oklahoma--District Court.....	815		1,315				195
South Dakota--Circuit Court ^b	214		499 ^b				233 ^b
Texas--STATE TOTAL.....	4,044		1,635 ^b				40 ^b
District Court and Juvenile Court.....	--		1,297 ^b				32 ^b
County Court at Law, Constitutional County Court, and Probate Court ^b	--		338 ^b				8 ^b
Utah--Juvenile Court.....	472		6,049				1,282

Note: 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 not appropriate.

-- = Not applicable.

Court 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.

^aData are not complete:

Georgia--Data are not available for one court location; another location reported filings only.

South Dakota--No data are included for cases heard by lawyer magistrates or lay magistrates/clerks in this court.

Texas--All courts--Data for all courts are based on incomplete number of monthly reports. The reporting rate was ninety-eight percent for the District Court and Juvenile Court and ninety-seven percent for the County Courts.

Table 46: Non-offense caseload for trial courts, 1977.
 State juvenile population. Courts reporting dependency and neglect 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	Beginning pending			As percent of filed		Change in pending Number	Filed (disposed) per 100,000 population
		Filed	Disposed	End pending	End	Disposed pending		
Alaska--Superior Court.....	149	45					30	
California--Superior Court.....	6,268	14,615	13,106		90	(1,509)	233	
Colorado--District Court and Denver Juvenile Court.....	798	1,990					244	
Connecticut--Juvenile Court.....	970	460	895	957	398	107	-62 -13	103
District of Columbia--Superior Court.....	183	181	539	551	168	102	-13 -7	295
Florida--Circuit Courts.....	2,248	17,602	13,186		75	(4,416)	783	
Georgia--Juvenile Court.....	1,392		1,305 ^f	2,267 ^j			82 ⁱ	
Hawaii--Circuit Court.....	260	150	191	174	167	91	87	68
Idaho--STATE TOTAL.....	284	253	470	492	231	105	49	-22 -9
District Court.....	--	1	2	2	1		0	<1
Magistrates Division.....	--	252	468	490	230	105	49	-22 -9
Massachusetts--STATE TOTAL.....	1,611		1,303				81	
District Court.....	--		914				57	
Juvenile Court.....	--		389				24	
Michigan--Probate Court.....	2,648		4,748		12,123		255	167
Minnesota--County Court.....	1,214			1,497				(123)
New Hampshire--STATE TOTAL.....	255			488				(191)
District Court.....	--			479				(188)
Municipal Court.....	--			9				(4)
New York--Family Court.....	5,030	6,663	8,835	11,570	3,755	131	43	-2,908 44
North Carolina--District Court.....	1,660		4,950	5,569		113	(-619)	298
North Dakota--District Court.....	202		159	134		84	(25)	79
Oklahoma--District Court.....	815	1,090	2,640	2,050	1,680	78	64	590 54
Rhode Island--Family Court.....	261			1,194				324
Utah--Juvenile Court.....	472		1,552					457
								329

Note: All 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 not appropriate.

-- = Not applicable.

^fdata are not complete;

ⁱGeorgia--No filings were given for one court circuit; no dispositions were given for two.

Table 47: Jury trials for civil, criminal, traffic, juvenile, and total caseload, 1977.
 State population. Courts reporting jury trial data. Civil, criminal, traffic, juvenile, and total dispositions. Jury trials as a percent of dispositions

State and court title	State population In thousands	Jury trial definition	Jury trials			Dispositions			Jury trials as percent of dispositions				
			Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Total	Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Total	Civil	Criminal	
Alabama—Circuit Court ^{1,8}	3,783	A	1,440	NH	776 ¹	64,269	23,443	NH	87,712	6	--		
Alaska—STATE TOTAL	396	A	67 ¹	709 ¹	NH	19,153	764 ¹ P						
Superior Court ^{1,6}	--	A	50 ¹	127 ¹	NH	10,672	764 ¹	NH		17 ¹	--		
District Court ^{1,7}	--	A	17	582 ¹		8,481							
Arizona—Superior Court ^{1,8}	2,427	B	567 ¹	770	NH	63,955 ¹	13,243	NH	77,198 ¹	<1	6	—	
California—STATE TOTAL	22,350	H	3,808	11,395	4,575	19,778	1,018,414	741,622	12,631,824	14,391,860	<1	2	<1
Superior Court ^{1,8}	--	C	3,135	5,179	NH	8,314	436,716	51,378	NH	488,094	<1	10	—
Justice Court ^{1,9}	--	B	49	880	876	1,805	37,798	64,921	632,754	735,473	<1	1	<1
Municipal Court ^{1,9}	--	B	666	5,336	3,701	9,703	543,900	625,321	11,999,070	13,168,291	<1	<1	<1
Colorado—County Court ^{1,9}	2,596	C	65	221 ¹	770	1,056 ¹	55,120	25,506 ¹	142,231		<1	<1	<1
Connecticut—STATE TOTAL	3,089	C	527 ¹	119 ¹ P	646 ¹	54,902 ¹					<1		
Superior Court ^{1,8}	--	C	292	119 ¹	NH	411 ¹	25,040	4,486 ¹	NH		1	3 ¹	—
Court of Common Pleas ^{1,9}	--	C	235 ¹			235 ¹	29,862 ¹				<1		
Delaware—STATE TOTAL	595	C		366	NH		10,139		NH		4	—	
Superior Court ^{1,8}	--	C		319	NH		3,860		NH		8	—	
Court of Common Pleas ^{1,10}	--	C		47	NH		6,279		NH		<1	—	
District of Columbia—Superior Court ^{1,2,9}	682	A	243 ¹	1,029 ¹	49	1,321	149,872 ¹	19,751 ¹	120,808		<1	5	<1
Florida—STATE TOTAL	8,889	C	3,026 ¹	4,835 ¹	1,197 ¹	9,058 ¹	418,737 ¹	294,151 ¹	409,547 ¹		<1	2 ¹	<1
Circuit Court ^{1,9}	--	C	2,964 ¹	2,887 ¹	NH	5,851 ¹	205,366 ¹	80,162 ¹	NH		1 ¹	4 ¹	—
County Court ^{1,6}	--	C	62	1,948	1,197 ¹	5,207 ¹	213,371	213,989	409,547 ¹		<1	<1	<1
Georgia—STATE TOTAL	5,212	A	2,955 ¹	3,559 ¹	346 ¹	5,860 ¹	198,059 ¹	98,067 ¹	162,270 ¹	458,396 ¹	1 ¹	4 ¹	<1
Superior Court ^{1,9}	--	A	2,006 ¹	2,830 ¹	701	4,906 ¹	90,681 ¹	42,214 ¹	11,075 ¹	143,970 ¹	2 ¹	7 ¹	<1
State Court ¹ and County Court ^{1,9}	--	A	949 ¹	729 ¹	276 ¹	1,954 ¹	107,378 ¹	55,053 ¹	151,195 ¹	314,426 ¹	<1	1 ¹	<1
Hawaii—Circuit Court ^{1,8}	916	C	95 ¹	239	5	339 ¹	16,116 ¹	1,530	126		<1	16	4
Illinois—Circuit Court ^{1,7}	11,406	A	1,419 ¹	1,275 ¹		2,694 ¹	167,012 ¹	31,462 ¹			<1	4 ¹	
Indiana—STATE TOTAL	5,405	A	51 ¹ P	421 ¹ P	56 ¹	3,310	262,986	118,170	297,372(21,039*)	699,691			
Superior Court and Circuit Court ^{1,7}	--	A	X	X	X	2,576	186,340	48,717	92,314(14,908*)	342,279			
Criminal Court of Marion County ¹	--	A	NH	198	NH	198	NH	2,068		--	10	--	10
County Court ^{1,7}	--	A	X	X	X	205	56,461	29,100	129,810	215,378			
Juvenile Court of Marion County ¹	--	A	NH	0	NH(4*)	4	NH	41	NH(5,343*)	5,384	--	0	--(1*)
Probate Court ¹	--	A	X	NH	NH(X*)	1	4,969	NH	NH(78*)	5,757	--	--	--(*)
Municipal Court of Marion County ^{1,7}	--	A	51	223	56	330	15,209	38,244	75,248	128,825 ¹	<1	<1	<1
Iowa—District Court ^{1,5}	2,914	C	444 ¹	1,123 ¹	209	1,776	121,295 ¹	174,186 ¹	266,429		<1	<1	<1
Kansas—STATE TOTAL	2,318		327	612 ¹	15 ¹	954 ¹	77,424	14,412 ¹	160 ¹	232,060	<1		
District Court ^{1,7}	--	B	323	612 ¹	15 ¹	950	50,502	14,412	101,655	166,369	<1		
County Court ^{1,7}	--	B	1			1 ¹	4,559			94,566	<1		
City Court, Magistrate Court, and Common Pleas Court ^{1,7}	--	B	3			3 ¹	22,363			85,737	<1		
Maine—Superior Court ^{1,7}	1,105	F	167 ¹	366	108	641 ¹	4,519 ¹	4,851	1,429		4 ¹	8	8
Maryland—Circuit Court ^{1,6}	4,195	A	985	2,076	NH	3,061	59,689	41,284	NH	100,973	2	5	--
Michigan—STATE TOTAL	9,157	C	2,365 ¹	3,885 ¹ P	2,292 ¹ P	10,418 ¹	483,390 ¹	322,217 ¹	1,545,457 ¹	2,351,064 ¹	<1		<1
Circuit Court ^{1,9}	--	C	1,201	1,899	NH	3,100	128,394	26,316	NH	154,710	<1	7	--
Recorder's Court of Detroit ⁹	--	C	NH	X	X	1,876	NH	22,406 ¹	9,660 ¹	32,074 ¹	--		
Common Pleas Court of Detroit ¹	--	C	373	NH	NH	373	165,648	NH	NH	165,648	<1	--	--
District Court ^{1,9}	--	C	781	1,845	2,185	4,811	175,189	232,099	1,346,639	1,753,927	<1	<1	<1
Municipal Court ^{1,9}	--	C	10 ¹	141 ¹	107 ¹	258 ¹	14,159 ¹	41,396 ¹	189,150 ¹	244,705 ¹	<1	<1	<1
Minnesota—STATE TOTAL	3,980	A	1,427	951 ¹	688	3,048	95,972 ¹	69,794 ¹	529,070		1 ¹	1	<1
District Court ^{3,12}	--	A	913	518	NH	1,431	18,814	9,821	NH	28,635	5	5	--
County Court ^{3,12}	--	A	199 ¹	218 ¹	493	910	69,607 ¹	33,035 ¹	457,038		<1	<1	<1
County Municipal Court ^{3,12}	--	A	297	215	195	707	15,595	26,938	72,032	114,565	2	<1	<1
Nevada—District Court ^{1,8}	678	A	68 ¹	59 ¹	NH	127 ¹							
New Hampshire—Superior Court ^{5,12}	872	H	245	363	NH	608	17,778	6,636	NH	24,414	1	5	--

New Jersey--STATE TOTAL.....	7,342	B	3,008	2,551 ¹	--	5,559	361,373	27,911 ¹	56,587	1	9	--	1	
Superior Court (Law Division and Chancery Division) and County Court ^{2,5}	--	B	2,573	2,551 ¹	NH	5,124	62,325	24,648 ¹	NH	4	10 ¹	--	6	
County District Court ^{1,7}	--	B	435	--	--	435	299,048	3,263	56,587	<1	--	--		
New Mexico--STATE TOTAL.....	1,225	B	26 ¹	457 ¹	NH	619 ¹	33,259 ¹	4,178 ¹	37,437 ¹	37,437 ¹	11	--		
District Court ^{1,9}	--	B	457	NH	457 ¹	33,259	4,178	NH	37,437					
Magistrate Court ^{b, 1,7}	--	B	26	NH	162									
New York--STATE TOTAL.....	17,852	A	2,664 ¹	NH	835 ¹	255,994 ¹	35,255	NH	292,249	1	--			
Supreme Court and County Court ^{1,1,3}	--	A	1,829 ¹	NH		113,792 ¹	35,255	NH	149,047	21	--			
Civil Court of the City of New York ¹	--	A	835	NH	NH	835	143,202	NH	143,202	<1	--	<1		
North Carolina--STATE TOTAL.....	5,668	C	954	4,332	--	5,286	298,322	397,026	696,421	1,391,765	<1	--		
Superior Court ^{1,12}	--	C	531	4,332	NH	4,863	65,357	49,987	NH	115,544	<1	9	4	
District Court ^{1,12}	--	C	423	NH	NH	423	232,765	347,039	696,421	1,276,225	<1	--		
North Dakota--District Court ^{1,6}	649	A	X	X	49 ¹	7,899	1,056	4	8,959					
Ohio--STATE TOTAL.....	10,771	C	2,010	2,933 ¹	1,161	6,104 ¹	576,916	323,667	1,315,572	<1	<1	<1		
Court of Common Pleas ^{1,8}	--	C	1,680	1,990	NH	3,670	245,262	31,135	NH	276,397	<1	6	1	
County Court ^{1,8}	--	C	4	120 ¹	222	346 ¹	19,841	23,043 ¹	169,402	<1	<1	<1		
Municipal Court ^{1,8}	--	C	326	823	939	2,088	310,550	269,489	1,146,170	1,725,209	<1	<1	<1	
Court of Claims ^{a, 1}	--	C	0	NH	NH	0	1,263	NH	NH	1,263	0	--	0	
Oklahoma--District Court ^{1,6}	2,866	A	938	X	X(24*)	2,385	143,420	53,244	179,814(6,038*)	384,516	<1	(4*)	<1	
Oregon--Circuit Court ^{1,11}	2,439	C	1,147	921	NH	2,068	49,401 ¹	14,119	NH	63,520 ¹	21	7	31	
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas ^{1,8}	11,882	A	1,839 ¹	3,127 ¹	NH		20,987 ¹	58,606 ¹	NH	11	5 ¹	--		
Puerto Rico--Superior Court ^{1,10}	3,321	A	--	560	NH	560	--	25,002	NH	25,002	--	2		
South Carolina--Magistrate Court ^{1,6}	2,989	J	374	X	X	2,746	95,320	X	X	568,690	<1	<1		
South Dakota--Circuit Court ^{1,1,6}	2,989	C	136 ¹	351 ¹	487 ¹	15,412 ¹	13,273 ¹			<1	31			
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL.....	4,402	C	1,254 ¹		1,254 ¹	46,546 ¹	19,211 ¹	1,202 ¹	77,636					
Circuit Court and Criminal Court ^{1,5}	--	C	1,233 ¹		1,233 ¹	42,275 ¹	19,211 ¹	1,202 ¹	73,367	31				
Law and Equity Court ^{1,6}	--	C	21 ¹	NH	NH	21 ¹	4,271	NH	NH	4,271	<1	--	<1	
Texas--STATE TOTAL.....	13,192	H	4,834 ¹	5,280 ¹	4,932 ¹	15,046 ¹	508,235 ¹	754,870 ¹	4,111,800 ¹	11	<1	<1	<1	
District Court and Criminal District Court ^{1,8}	--	C	2,901 ¹	2,908 ¹	NH(831*)	5,892 ¹	259,263 ¹	77,303 ¹	NH(1,8081*)	11	41	--(4*)		
County Court of Law, Constitutional														
County Court, and Probate Court ^{1,9}	--	A	1,116 ¹	1,098 ¹	874 ¹	3,088 ¹	83,871 ¹	182,058 ¹	77,800 ¹	343,729 ¹	11	<1	1 ¹	<1
Municipal Court ^{1,9}	--	A	NH	561 ¹	1,284 ¹	1,845 ¹	NH	280,217 ¹	3,078,259 ¹	3,358,472 ¹	--	<1	<1	<1
Justice of the Peace Court ^{1,9}	--	A	817 ¹	713 ¹	2,691 ¹	4,221 ¹	165,101 ¹	215,292 ¹	944,937 ¹	1,325,330 ¹	<1	<1	<1	<1
Utah--STATE TOTAL.....	1,316	C	311	4,862	226	5,399	23,126 ¹	2,999 ¹	353,642	379,767 ¹	1			
District Court ^{1,7}	--	C	246	304	NH	550	22,843	2,999	NH	25,842	1	10	--	2
City Court ^{1,7}	--	C	65	227	292 ¹		22,830	21,602	353,148	397,130				
Vermont--STATE TOTAL.....	492	A	186 ¹	130	17	331 ¹	16,498 ¹	18,077	44,822		11	<1	<1	
Superior Court ^{1,8}	--	A	161 ¹	3	NH	164 ¹	3,748 ¹	56	NH	41	5	--		
District Court ^{1,7}	--	A	25 ¹	127	17	169 ¹	14,750 ¹	18,021	44,822	<1	<1	<1		
Virginia--Circuit Court ^{1,8}	5,206	C	1,948	2,008	NH	3,956	63,743	47,943	NH	111,686	3	4	--	4
Washington--STATE TOTAL.....	3,772	C	1,151 ¹	2,153 ¹		4,800 ¹	72,786 ¹	14,664 ¹			15P			
Superior Court ^{1,5}	--	C	990 ¹	2,153	NH	3,143 ¹	72,786 ¹	14,664	NH	11	15	--	31	
Municipal and Police Court.....	--	C	NH	X	X	273	NH							
District Court and Justices of the Peace ^{1,9}	--	C	161	X	X	1,384								
Wyoming--District Court ^{1,1,6}	412	H	351 ¹	78 ¹	NH	111 ¹	8,756 ¹	1,352 ¹	NH	10,108 ¹	<1	61	--	11

Note: All available data are entered in the table and all appropriate calculations are included. Blank spaces indicate that the data are not available or the calculations were inappropriate.

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.

-- = Not applicable.

* The data displayed as traffic for the Texas District Court, Indiana Superior Court, Circuit Court, Juvenile Court of Marion County, Probate Court, and Oklahoma District Court are juvenile. These are the only courts reporting jury trial data for juvenile cases.

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Table 47: Jury trials for civil, criminal, traffic, juvenile, and total caseload, 1977 (continued).

¹Data are not complete:

Alaska-Superior Court-- Civil trial figures do not include domestic relations or probate cases. Criminal data given are for felony cases only.
Arizona-- Civil data do not include mental health cases from one court location.
Colorado-- Criminal data are given for misdemeanor cases only.
Connecticut-- Superior Court-- Criminal data are given for felony/misdemeanor cases only.
Court of Common Pleas-- Data include civil "family docket" and "non-family docket" cases only.
District of Columbia-- Civil data include law, small claims, and real property rights cases only. Criminal data include felony, misdemeanor, and ordinance violation cases only.
Florida-Circuit Court-- Civil data do not include estate or appeal cases. Criminal data include felony cases only.
County Court-- Traffic data include criminal traffic cases only.
Georgia-- Superior Court-- Cases filed prior to July 1, 1970 are not included in the table.
State Court-- No data are included for the court in DeKalb County.
Hawaii-- Civil data do not include estate cases.
Illinois-- Civil data include law cases only. Criminal data include felony cases only.
Iowa-- Civil data do not include domestic relations cases; estate cases are not included in the reported caseload data but are included in the trial data. Criminal data do not include preliminary hearing cases.
Maine-- Civil data do not include URESA cases.
Michigan-- Recorder's Court of Detroit-- Criminal caseload data do not include ordinance violations; traffic caseload data do not include parking, accident, or moving cases.
Municipal Court-- No data were reported for the court in Troy.
Minnesota-- County Court-- Criminal data include misdemeanor cases only.
Nevada-- Data are available only for the court located in the Second District (Washoe County). This county contains approximately twenty-five percent of the total state population.
New Jersey-- Superior Court-- Criminal data include felony cases only.
New Mexico-- District Court-- No data were available for the number of civil jury trials that were conducted during the court year.
New York-- Supreme Court and County Court-- No civil data were available for Seneca County.
Ohio-- County Court-- Criminal data are given for misdemeanor cases only.
Pennsylvania-- Civil data are given for the "civil" case category only which includes trespass, assumpsit, equity, and other miscellaneous cases. Criminal data are given for felony/misdemeanor cases only.
South Dakota-- Criminal data are given for felony and "high grade misdemeanor" cases only. No data are included for cases disposed by the lawyer magistrates or lay magistrates/clerks who also serve in this court.
Tennessee-- No data (except for grand total cases disposed) are given for the ten courts acting as pilot sites for the new computerized statistical information system.
Texas-- Data for all courts in the state are based on less than the complete number of monthly reports. The reporting rates were: District, Criminal District, Domestic Relations, and Juvenile Courts--98%; County Courts--97%; Municipal Court--84%; Justice of the Peace Court--77%.
District Court, Criminal District Court, Domestic Relations Court, and Juvenile Court-- In addition to the data missing as noted above, civil data do not include extraordinary writ cases; criminal data include felony and misdemeanor cases only.
County Courts-- Civil data do not include estate cases.
Vermont-- Superior Court-- Civil data include law and appeal cases only.
District Court-- Civil data include law and small claims cases only.
Washington-- Superior Court-- Civil data do not include estate or mental health cases.
Wyoming-- No data are included for cases filed prior to 1974.

JExplanation of data included in the category:

Kansas-District Court-- Criminal trial data include DWI and "other traffic" cases. Traffic trial data include "traffic" cases only.
Minnesota-County Court-- The only civil cases for which this court may conduct jury trials are law cases. There were 7,627 law cases disposed during the court year.

¹A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

²A civil case is counted when it is placed on the calendar (has reached issue).

⁵A civil case is not counted in the same way throughout the state.

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

⁷The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, jury trial definitions:

⁸The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, Indictment, or complaint.

¹⁰The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.

¹¹The criminal case unit of count is the case number assigned to the information, Indictment or complaint at arraignment.

¹²The criminal case unit of count is not consistent statewide.

A = A trial is counted if tried to judgment, verdict, or decision.

B = A jury trial is counted when the jury panel selection begins.

C = A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.

F = A jury trial is counted when it has officially begun.

H = A trial is not counted in the same way throughout the state.

J = A trial is counted if the case is concluded by trial and judgment on the verdict has been rendered and filed.

Table 48: Filed cases (total, civil, criminal, and juvenile cases) for trial courts, 1968-1977.
Trial courts reporting five or more years of cases filed data

State and court title	State population in thousands	Cases Filed								
		1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1977
Total cases										
Arizona—Superior Courts.....	2,427				64,943	75,538	86,464	90,575	84,774	94,270†
Arkansas—STATE TOTAL.....	2,207	44,811	49,582	50,957	52,110	56,607	60,768	66,617	71,792	72,970
Circuit Court.....	—	18,262	21,188	22,478	21,109	21,991	24,979	28,642	32,795	32,013
Chancery Court and Probate Court.....	—	26,394	26,251	28,233	30,760	34,368	35,541	37,608	38,633	39,716
Court of Common Pleas.....	—	155	173	246	241	248	248	367	364	241
California—STATE TOTAL.....	22,350	11,582,083	11,614,295	13,001,054	13,417,794	13,357,774	13,338,348	13,985,522	15,250,622	15,910,337
Superior Court.....	—	467,560	493,631	507,163	527,488	522,256	532,563	562,248	602,470	667,122
Justice Court.....	—	1,284,284	1,252,728	1,228,981	1,237,765	1,298,940	1,202,217	1,181,749	1,05,928	1,071,503
Municipal Court.....	—	9,830,239	10,067,936	11,264,910	11,652,341	11,536,578	11,603,568	12,241,925	13,342,224	14,171,812
Colorado—STATE TOTAL.....	2,696			106,158† P	118,292† P	221,423†	243,594†	271,608†	315,957†	335,760†
District Court and Denver Superior, Juvenile, and Probate Courts†.....	—				77,220	80,540	94,130	116,593	119,207	121,966†
Water Court†.....	—			865†	2,034†	14,063†	3,287†	1,767†	1,608†	1,640†
County Court†.....	—			105,293†	116,259†	130,140†	159,767†	175,711†	197,756†	198,550†
Delaware—STATE TOTAL.....	595	77,727†	90,035†	94,429†	99,400†	109,124†	105,866†	109,210†	135,746†	139,289†
Superior Court.....	—	5,011†	5,642†	6,198†	6,370†	8,649†	8,289†	8,546†	11,260†	8,668†
Court of Chancery†.....	—	244†	288†	350†	354†	355†	339†	452†	386†	408†
Court of Common Pleas.....	—	3,418	4,386	4,857	5,262	6,436	6,779	8,375	9,116	9,737†
Family Court.....	—	14,906	15,683	15,977	17,662	15,787	14,294	17,113	21,206	21,957
Justice of the Peace Courts.....	—	54,148	64,034	67,047	69,552	81,073	76,508	76,320	94,519	111,425
District of Columbia—Superior Court†.....	682				754,353†	260,389†	272,535†	284,616†	299,933†	289,108†
Idaho—District Court and Magistrates Division.....	883				128,730†	173,248†	231,894†	241,417†	250,210†	262,419†
Kansas—District Court.....	2,318	30,102	30,622	34,043	35,151	37,309	36,947	39,534	42,038	45,066
Maryland—STATE TOTAL.....	4,195			89,920† P	95,264† P	100,734† P	875,353†	909,845†	1,019,005†	1,125,426†
Circuit Court†.....	—			89,930†	95,264†	100,734†	95,517†	95,007†	100,958†	110,407†
District Court†.....	—						779,936†	814,838†	918,047†	1,015,019†
Michigan—Circuit Court.....	9,157	97,848	98,129	105,213	111,717	119,799	131,387†	138,805	152,420	155,350
Missouri—Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas... 4,845					97,065	94,145	100,093	110,825	109,483	106,996
New Hampshire—Superior Court.....	872	14,597	14,716	16,060	16,469	18,401	19,917	21,974	23,719	24,189
New Jersey—STATE TOTAL.....	7,342	121,620	140,367	156,346	165,452	183,841	192,455	206,627	228,277	242,915
Superior Court and County Court.....	—	64,711	66,628	70,576	76,782	84,471	87,196	84,934	94,731	95,557
Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.....	—	56,909	73,739	85,770	88,670	99,270	105,259	121,693	133,516	146,358
North Carolina—STATE TOTAL.....	5,668				1,198,174†	1,250,749†	1,350,029†	1,404,980†	1,332,321†	1,388,860†
Superior Court.....	—				48,542†	50,849†	56,693†	64,421†	63,321†	61,665†
District Court.....	—				1,149,632†	1,199,900†	1,293,336†	1,340,556†	1,270,000†	1,327,195†
Oklahoma—District Court.....	2,866			279,784	321,925	324,986	340,353	329,151	329,139	373,342
Oregon—STATE TOTAL.....	2,439	32,316† P	33,791† P	240,939†	261,028†	405,533†	429,297†	500,745†	512,971†	610,355†
Circuit Court†.....	—	32,185†	33,601†	37,725†	39,790†	41,340†	44,943†	50,987†	55,052†	56,889†
Tax Court.....	—	131	190	202	189	175	223	148	232	181
District Court.....	—			203,012	221,049	364,818	384,131	449,610	457,687	553,285
Pennsylvania—Court of Common Pleas.....	11,882				240,688	243,315	263,359	290,757	292,186	288,878
Rhode Island—STATE TOTAL.....	955				75,644	84,125	91,705	86,809	67,793	68,100
Superior Court.....	—				9,104	9,248	9,092	10,207	10,010	9,494
District Court.....	—				66,340	74,877	82,613	76,602	57,783	58,606
Tennessee—STATE TOTAL.....	4,402	70,841	78,052	84,397	81,995	81,272	88,644	101,382	109,869	112,811
Circuit Court and Criminal Court.....	—	54,397	59,660	63,528	60,571	58,009	61,567	69,958	76,058	81,335
Law and Equity Court.....	—	2,387	3,058	3,022	3,130	3,794	4,590	5,182	4,242	4,466
Chancery Court.....	—	14,057	15,334	17,847	18,294	19,459	22,487	26,242	29,569	32,419
Utah—District Court.....	1,316				20,519	22,305	23,922	**	28,672	30,362
Virginia—Circuit Court.....	5,206	69,604	73,614	79,400	83,154	85,581	88,751	98,249	104,582	106,819
Washington—STATE TOTAL.....	3,772	78,052† P	84,810† P	824,653	870,648	916,692	889,807	566,107	1,005,928	1,048,046
Superior Court.....	—	78,052	84,810	88,627	92,369	95,413	100,135	111,477	116,640	121,811
Municipal and Police Court.....	—			418,224	441,488	455,559	422,546	414,475	389,097	429,371
District Court and Justices of the Peace.....	—			317,802	336,791	365,720	367,126	440,155	496,664	533,978

Table 48: Filed cases (total, civil, criminal, and juvenile cases) for trial courts, 1968-1977 (continued).

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State and court title	State population In thousands	Cases Filed									
		1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	
CIVIL cases											
California—STATE TOTAL											
Superior Court	22,350	744,469	705,570	725,146	700,959	718,510	785,661	844,875	937,832	933,638	
Justice Court	--	88,746	88,594	95,627	104,214	110,656	120,159	137,849	156,626	167,746	
Municipal Court	--	83,011	71,963	67,041	59,016	60,049	65,152	67,340	69,134	58,031	
Colorado—STATE TOTAL	2,696	572,712	546,013	562,478	537,729	547,805	600,350	639,686	712,072	721,560	
District Court and Denver Superior and Probate Courts	--	14,980 ^d	15,743 ^d	32,185 ^d	76,689 ^d	86,704 ^d	106,115 ^d	114,318 ^d	122,568 ^d		
Water Court ^f	--		865 ^f	2,034 ^f	54,127 ^f	57,587 ^f	65,681 ^f	80,226 ^f	82,035 ^f	83,439 ^f	
County Court ^f	--		14,115	13,709	13,995	15,815	19,256	24,281	30,643	37,449	
Connecticut—STATE TOTAL	3,089	24,748 ^c	25,755 ^c	29,017 ^c	26,577 ^c	27,871 ^c	28,107 ^c	30,779 ^c	48,924 ^c	56,591 ^c	
Superior Court	--	17,288 ^c	17,565 ^c	19,390 ^c	18,221 ^c	19,822 ^c	20,279 ^c	23,170 ^c	25,003 ^c	25,793 ^c	
Court of Common Pleas ^c	--	7,460 ^c	8,190 ^c	9,618 ^c	8,356 ^c	8,049 ^c	7,826 ^c	7,609 ^c	10,790 ^c	10,482 ^c	
Delaware—STATE TOTAL	595	4,528 ^c	5,833 ^c	6,156 ^c	6,081 ^c	6,477 ^c	7,915 ^c	8,006 ^c	10,673 ^c	8,644 ^c	
Superior Court ^c	--	3,126 ^c	4,085 ^c	4,105 ^c	4,081 ^c	4,638 ^c	5,256 ^c	5,369 ^c	7,173 ^c	4,882 ^c	
Court of Chancery ^c	--	244 ^c	288 ^c	350 ^c	354 ^c	355 ^c	452 ^c	386 ^c	408 ^c	368 ^c	
Court of Common Pleas ^c	--	1,158	1,460	1,701	1,646	1,484	2,230	2,185	3,114	3,354	
District of Columbia—Superior Court	682				172,393 ^c	174,674 ^c	170,549 ^c	171,921 ^c	167,493 ^c	161,270 ^c	
Kansas—District Court ^e	2,318		25,995	28,737	29,826	31,649	31,488	33,491	35,312	37,811	
Maryland—STATE TOTAL	4,195	50,364 ^d	53,667 ^d	57,985 ^d	277,593 ^d	298,429 ^d	345,253 ^d	356,531 ^d	394,970 ^d	437,362 ^d	
Circuit Court	--	50,384 ^d	53,667 ^d	57,985 ^d	50,591 ^d	52,601 ^d	53,916 ^d	57,330 ^d	62,158 ^d	66,026 ^d	
District Court	--				227,002	245,928	291,337	299,201	332,812	371,336	
Michigan—Circuit Court ^e	9,157	82,510	82,292	87,123	91,346	100,772	111,417	117,146	127,229	126,924	
Missouri—Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas	4,845				65,954	63,259	66,591	74,314	74,474	72,132	
New Hampshire—Superior Court	872	12,074	12,133	12,741	12,868	13,736	15,064	16,829	17,398	17,758	
New Jersey—STATE TOTAL	7,342	257,444	258,643	298,757	321,547	332,097	351,516	366,923	395,061	420,668	
Superior Court and County Court	--	47,687	46,430	47,800	48,910	52,430	56,366	56,901	63,231	64,877	
County District Court	--	188,734	180,674	215,491	237,548	239,213	251,743	260,664	280,941	293,917	
Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court	--	21,023	31,539	35,466	35,089	40,454	41,407	49,358	50,889	61,874	
North Carolina—STATE TOTAL	5,668				156,988 ^c	179,838 ^c	213,889 ^c	230,347 ^c	235,584 ^c	255,056 ^c	
Superior Court ^c	--				8,249 ^c	8,490 ^c	10,065 ^c	10,919 ^c	10,774 ^c	10,401 ^c	
District Court	--				148,739	171,368	203,824	219,428	224,810	244,695	
Oklahoma—District Court ^e	2,866		97,914 ^c	115,380 ^c	120,892 ^c	130,189 ^c	142,744 ^c	156,342 ^c	166,164 ^c	168,834 ^c	
Oregon—Tax Court	2,439	131	190	202	189	175	223	148	232	181	
Rhode Island—District Court ^e	955				26,141	26,738	31,217	33,335	29,026	28,488	
Tennessee—STATE TOTAL	4,402	52,773	56,651	63,507	60,113	61,168	66,691	74,799	80,407	83,202	
Circuit Court	--	36,329	40,259	42,638	38,699	37,905	39,614	43,375	46,596	47,357	
Law and Equity Court	--	2,387	3,058	3,022	3,130	3,794	4,590	5,182	4,242	4,847	
Chancery Court	--	14,057	15,334	17,847	18,294	19,469	22,487	26,242	29,569	30,998	
Utah—District Court	1,316				18,599	20,207	21,594	**	26,029	25,533	
Criminal cases											
California—STATE TOTAL	22,350	636,968	687,937	748,351	748,161	746,660	742,193	774,966	775,479	804,056	
Superior Court	--	55,067	68,159	71,422	76,386	65,487	61,605	54,635	55,635	54,906	
Justice Court	--	90,115	89,573	91,899	90,694	94,058	97,518	98,080	97,344	83,863	
Municipal Court	--	493,786	530,205	585,030	581,081	587,115	583,070	589,394	621,987	636,710	
Colorado—STATE TOTAL	2,696			91,178 ^d	102,549 ^d	126,502	153,627	167,590	188,044	182,241	
District Court and Denver Superior Court	--			10,357	9,675	11,135	14,569	14,334	15,690		
County Court ^f	--		91,178 ^d	102,549 ^d	116,145 ^d	143,952 ^d	156,455 ^d	173,475 ^d	167,907 ^d	174,663 ^d	

Delaware--STATE TOTAL.....	593	11,694	11,875	11,702	12,785	15,513	15,634	15,606	18,133	18,302	19,962
Superior Court.....	—	1,885	1,557	2,093	2,489	4,011	3,042	3,177	4,087	3,786	4,097
Court of Common Pleas.....	—	2,260	2,926	3,156	3,616	3,776	4,116	4,294	5,261	5,762	6,325
Municipal Court of Wilmington.....	—	7,449	7,392	6,453	6,680	7,726	8,476	8,639	9,785	8,754	9,240
District of Columbia--Superior Court ^j	682						26,822 ^j	29,570U	31,143 ^j	29,604U	27,580U
Kansas--District Court.....	2,318		4,627	5,306	5,325	5,650	5,489	5,013	6,726	7,255	10,819
Maryland--STATE TOTAL.....	4,195		23,260P	24,974P	22,308P	133,459	129,902	142,275	167,402	186,737	199,370
Circuit Court.....	—		23,260	24,974	22,308	20,546	21,081	24,603	29,606	33,744	43,171
District Court.....	—					112,923d	108,821d	117,972d	137,796d	152,993d	156,199d
Michigan--Circuit Court.....	9,157	15,338	15,837	18,090	20,371	19,027	19,970	21,459	26,191	26,426	26,172
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas.....	4,845					15,376	14,449	16,341	17,760	18,080	18,130
New Hampshire--Superior Court.....	872	2,523	2,583	3,319	3,601	4,655	4,853	5,145	6,321	6,431	6,992
New Jersey--Superior Court and County Court.....	7,342	17,024	20,198	22,776	27,072	32,141	28,830	28,033	31,500	31,680	29,039
North Carolina--STATE TOTAL.....	5,669					1,041,186 ⁱ	1,070,891 ⁱ	1,156,140 ⁱ	1,174,533 ⁱ	1,097,733 ⁱ	1,133,804 ⁱ
Superior Court.....	—					40,293	42,399	46,428	52,505	51,264	
District Court.....	—					1,000,893 ⁱ	1,028,532 ⁱ	1,089,512 ⁱ	1,121,028 ⁱ	1,045,190 ⁱ	1,082,340 ⁱ
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas.....	10,771					24,155	25,121	28,782	31,554	30,527	30,815
Oklahoma--District Court ⁱ	2,866			177,870 ⁱ	206,536 ⁱ	204,094 ⁱ	210,164 ⁱ	186,403 ⁱ	172,791 ⁱ	207,178 ⁱ	233,821 ⁱ
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas.....	11,882					67,230	62,078	67,047	78,141	76,302	73,058
Rhode Island--District Court.....	955					40,399	49,139	51,396	43,267	28,757	30,118
Tennessee--Circuit Court and Criminal Court.....	4,402	18,368	19,401	20,890	21,882	20,104	21,953	26,583	29,462	29,609	30,062
Utah--District Court.....	1,316				1,920	2,098	2,328	**	2,643	3,068	3,352

Note: All available data are included in the table. Blank spaces indicate that data are not available.

-- = Not applicable.

^aCourt Jurisdiction:

Kansas--District Court--Trial courts in Kansas were unified during the 1977 court year. Cases previously filed in all trial courts except the Municipal Court are now filed in the District Court.

^bCase definition or unit of count:

Maryland--District Court--The criminal unit of count used in this table is the number of charges. Elsewhere in this volume it is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.

^cData are not complete:

Arizona--Data given for the 1977 court year do not include Juvenile dependency data for one county or Juvenile traffic data for two counties.

Arkansas--Court of Common Pleas--Figures given for the 1977 court year do not include data for two counties.

Colorado--District Court and Denver Superior, Juvenile, and Probate Courts--Figures given for 1977 do not include three months of estate postjudgment cases due to a data processing error. Neither are any data available for adoption or paternity and support cases for 1977.

Water Court--Figures given do not include postjudgment actions.

County Court--Criminal figures given do not include data from the court located in Denver.

Connecticut--Superior Court--No data are included for the Appellate Session.

Court of Common Pleas--Civil data given are for cases on the "Family docket" and "Non-family docket" only.

Delaware--Superior Court--Data given do not include civil involuntary commitment cases.

Court of Chancery--Data given only include other civil cases.

District of Columbia--Figures given do not include reinstated cases.

Idaho--Data given do not include appeals.

Maryland--Circuit Court--Figures given do not include sentence review cases.

North Carolina--Superior Court--Figures given do not include civil estate or special proceedings cases that are handled by the clerks of this court.

District Court--Figures given for total cases do not include any Juvenile data.

Oklahoma--District Court--Figures given do not include criminal postconviction remedy cases.

Oregon--Circuit Court--Figures given for total cases do not include adoption, estate, mental health, or Juvenile data.

District Court--Figures given for total cases do not include domestic relations, estate, or mental health cases.

^dExplanation of data included in the category:

Colorado--District Court and Denver Superior Court--Adoption and paternity and support cases are included with the juvenile rather than with the civil cases, where they are classified in other tables in this report.

District of Columbia--Criminal figures include a few traffic cases.

North Carolina--District Court--Both criminal and traffic cases are included in the figures reported as criminal in this table.

Oklahoma--District Court--Data reported as civil include civil and Juvenile cases.

^eData were not available for all courts in the state.

Table 49: Number and percent change in filed cases (total, civil, criminal, and juvenile cases) year to year for trial courts, 1968-1977.
Trial courts reporting five or more years of cases filed data

State and court title	State population In thousands	Number and percent change in cases filed							
		1968 to 1969	1969 to 1970	1970 to 1971	1971 to 1972	1972 to 1973	1973 to 1974	1974 to 1975	1975 to 1976
Total cases									
Arizona-Superior Court.....	2,427	4,771 (-115)	1,375 (-35)	1,153 (-25)	4,497 (-95)	4,161 (-75)	10,926 (-145)	4,111 (-55)	-5,801 (-65)
Arkansas-STATE TOTAL.....	2,207	—	—	—	—	—	5,849 (-105)	5,175 (-85)	1,178 (-25)
Circuit Court.....	—	2,896 (-165)	1,320 (-65)	-1,369 (-65)	882 (-45)	2,988 (-145)	3,663 (-155)	4,153 (-145)	218 (-15)
Chancery Court and Probate Court.....	—	1,057 (-75)	18 (-15)	2,527 (-95)	3,608 (-125)	1,173 (-35)	2,067 (-65)	1,025 (-35)	1,083 (-55)
Court of Common Pleas.....	—	18 (-125)	73 (-425)	-5 (-25)	7 (-35)	0 (-65)	119 (-485)	-3 (-15)	-123 (-345)
California-STATE TOTAL.....	22,350	232,212 (-25)	1,186,859 (-105)	416,740 (-35)	-60,020 (-15)	-19,426 (-15)	647,174 (-55)	1,265,101 (-95)	659,815 (-45)
Superior Court.....	—	26,071 (-65)	13,532 (-35)	20,325 (-45)	10,307 (-25)	29,685 (-65)	40,222 (-75)	64,652 (-115)	46,758 (-75)
Justice Court.....	—	-31,556 (-25)	-23,747 (-25)	8,784 (-15)	61,175 (-55)	-96,723 (-75)	-20,468 (-25)	124,179 (-115)	-234,425 (-105)
Municipal Court.....	—	237,697 (-25)	1,196,974 (-125)	387,631 (-35)	-119,963 (-15)	66,990 (-15)	637,997 (-65)	1,100,699 (-95)	829,588 (-65)
Colorado-STATE TOTAL.....	2,696	—	—	12,134P (-115)	—	22,171 (-105)	28,014 (-125)	44,349 (-165)	3,440 (-15)
District Court and Denver Superior, Juvenile, and Probate Courts.....	—	—	—	—	—	3,320 (-45)	13,590 (-175)	22,463 (-245)	2,614 (-25)
Water Court.....	—	—	—	—	—	-10,716 (-775)	-1,520 (-465)	-159 (-95)	32 (-25)
County Court ¹	—	—	10,965 (-105)	13,882 (-125)	29,627 (-235)	15,944 (-105)	22,045 (-135)	794 (-15)	13,562 (-75)
Delaware-STATE TOTAL.....	582	12,308 (-165)	4,394 (-55)	4,971 (-55)	9,724 (-105)	-3,258 (-35)	3,344 (-35)	26,356 (-245)	3,543 (-35)
Superior Court ¹	—	631 (-135)	556 (-105)	372 (-65)	2,079 (-325)	-360 (-45)	257 (-35)	2,714 (-325)	-2,592 (-235)
Court of Chancery ¹	—	44 (-185)	62 (-225)	4 (-15)	1 (-15)	-16 (-55)	113 (-355)	-66 (-155)	22 (-65)
Court of Common Pleas.....	—	968 (-285)	471 (-115)	405 (-85)	-2 (-15)	1,176 (-225)	343 (-55)	1,596 (-245)	741 (-95)
Famly Court.....	—	779 (-55)	292 (-25)	1,685 (-115)	-3,875 (-225)	507 (-45)	2,819 (-205)	4,093 (-245)	751 (-45)
Justice of the Peace Court.....	—	5,886 (-185)	3,013 (-55)	2,305 (-45)	11,321 (-175)	-4,565 (-65)	-188 (-15)	18,199 (-245)	4,621 (-55)
District of Columbia-Superior Court.....	682	—	—	—	—	6,036 (-25)	12,146 (-55)	12,088 (-45)	6,317 (-25)
Idaho-District Court and Magistrate Division.....	883	—	—	—	—	46,518 (-365)	56,646 (-325)	9,523 (-45)	8,793 (-45)
Kansas-District Court.....	2,318	520 (-25)	3,421 (-115)	1,108 (-35)	2,158 (-65)	-362 (-15)	2,587 (-75)	2,504 (-65)	3,021 (-75)
Maryland-STATE TOTAL.....	4,195	—	5,334P (-65)	5,470P (-65)	—	34,492 (-45)	109,160 (-125)	106,421 (-105)	162,327 (-145)
Circuit Court ¹	—	—	5,334 (-65)	5,470 (-65)	-5,317 (-55)	-410 (-15)	5,951 (-65)	9,449 (-95)	10,791 (-105)
District Court ¹⁶	—	—	—	—	—	34,902 (-45)	103,209 (-135)	96,972 (-115)	151,533 (-155)
Michigan-Circuit Court.....	9,157	281 (-15)	7,084 (-75)	6,504 (-65)	8,082 (-75)	11,588 (-105)	7,418 (-65)	14,615 (-115)	-70 (-15)
Hissouri-Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas... 4,845	—	—	—	—	—	-2,920 (-35)	5,948 (-65)	10,732 (-115)	-1,342 (-15)
New Hampshire-Superior Court.....	672	119 (-15)	1,344 (-95)	409 (-35)	1,932 (-125)	1,516 (-85)	2,057 (-105)	1,745 (-85)	470 (-25)
New Jersey-STATE TOTAL.....	7,342	18,747 (-155)	15,979 (-115)	9,106 (-65)	18,389 (-115)	8,614 (-55)	14,172 (-75)	21,659 (-105)	14,638 (-65)
Superior Court and County Court.....	—	1,917 (-35)	3,948 (-65)	6,206 (-95)	7,789 (-105)	2,625 (-35)	-2,262 (-35)	9,799 (-125)	1,826 (-25)
Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.....	—	16,830 (-305)	12,031 (-165)	2,900 (-35)	10,600 (-125)	5,989 (-65)	16,434 (-165)	11,853 (-105)	5,359 (-45)
North Carolina-STATE TOTAL.....	5,668	—	—	—	—	52,575 (-45)	99,280 (-85)	54,951 (-45)	-71,659 (-55)
Superior Court.....	—	—	—	—	—	2,307 (-55)	5,844 (-115)	7,731 (-145)	-1,103 (-25)
District Court ¹	—	—	—	—	—	50,268 (-45)	93,436 (-85)	47,220 (-45)	-70,556 (-55)
Oklahoma-District Court ¹	2,866	—	46,141 (-175)	3,061 (-15)	15,367 (-55)	-11,202 (-35)	44,203 (-135)	29,313 (-85)	23,739 (-65)
Oregon-STATE TOTAL.....	2,439	1,475P (-55)	—	20,089 (-85)	145,505 (-565)	22,764 (-65)	71,448 (-175)	12,228 (-25)	97,384 (-195)
Circuit Court ¹	—	1,416 (-45)	4,124 (-125)	2,665 (-55)	1,750 (-45)	3,403 (-85)	6,044 (-135)	4,065 (-85)	1,837 (-35)
Tax Court.....	—	59 (-455)	12 (-65)	-13 (-65)	-14 (-75)	48 (-275)	-75 (-345)	84 (-575)	-51 (-225)
District Court ¹	—	—	—	18,037 (-95)	143,769 (-655)	19,313 (-55)	65,479 (-175)	8,077 (-25)	95,598 (-215)
Pennsylvania-Court of Common Pleas.....	11,882	—	—	—	—	2,627 (-15)	20,044 (-85)	27,398 (-105)	1,429 (-15)
Rhode Island-STATE TOTAL.....	955	—	—	—	—	8,481 (-115)	7,580 (-95)	-4,896 (-55)	-19,01 (-225)
Superior Court.....	—	—	—	—	—	144 (-25)	-156 (-25)	1,115 (-125)	-197 (-25)
District Court ¹	—	—	—	—	—	8,337 (-135)	7,736 (-105)	-6,011 (-75)	-18,819 (-255)
Tennessee-STATE TOTAL.....	4,402	7,211 (-105)	6,345 (-85)	-2,402 (-35)	-723 (-15)	7,372 (-95)	12,738 (-145)	8,487 (-85)	2,942 (-35)
Circuit Court and Criminal Court.....	—	5,263 (-105)	3,868 (-65)	-2,957 (-55)	-2,562 (-45)	3,558 (-65)	8,391 (-145)	6,100 (-95)	908 (-15)
Law and Equity Court.....	—	671 (-285)	-36 (-15)	108 (-45)	664 (-215)	796 (-255)	592 (-135)	-946 (-185)	605 (-145)
Chancery Court.....	—	1,277 (-95)	2,513 (-165)	447 (-25)	1,175 (-65)	1,617 (-75)	3,755 (-175)	3,327 (-135)	1,429 (-55)
Utah-District Court.....	1,316	—	—	—	—	—	—	-71 (-15)	1,761 (-65)
Virginia-Circuit Court.....	5,206	4,010 (-65)	5,766 (-85)	3,754 (-55)	2,427 (-35)	3,170 (-45)	9,498 (-115)	6,333 (-65)	2,237 (-25)
Washington-STATE TOTAL.....	3,772	6,759P (-95)	45,995 (-65)	46,044 (-55)	26,885 (-35)	76,300 (-95)	-39,821 (-45)	42,118 (-45)	89,078 (-85)
Superior Court.....	—	6,758 (-95)	3,817 (-45)	3,742 (-45)	3,044 (-35)	4,722 (-55)	11,342 (-115)	5,163 (-55)	5,171 (-45)
Municipal and Police Court.....	—	—	—	23,26 (-65)	14,071 (-35)	33,013 (-75)	-8,071 (-25)	-15,378 (-45)	30,274 (-85)
District Court and Justices of the Peace.....	—	—	—	18,989 (-65)	26,929 (-95)	1,405 (-195)	73,029 (-205)	50,036 (-115)	6,673 (-15)

CIVIL cases													
California--STATE TOTAL.....	22,350	-37,899 (-55)	18,576 (-35)	-24,187 (-35)	17,551 (-25)	67,151 (-95)	59,214 (-85)	92,997 (115)	-4,194 (-15)	5,386 (-15)			
Superior Court.....	--	-152 (-15)	7,033 (-85)	8,587 (-95)	6,442 (-65)	9,503 (-95)	17,690 (-195)	18,777 (-145)	11,120 (-75)	90 (-15)			
Justice Court.....	--	-11,048 (-15)	-4,922 (-75)	-8,025 (-125)	1,033 (-25)	5,103 (-85)	2,188 (-35)	1,794 (-35)	-11,103 (-165)	-8,203 (-145)			
Municipal Court.....	--	-26,699 (-55)	16,465 (-35)	-24,749 (-45)	10,076 (-25)	52,545 (-105)	39,336 (-75)	72,386 (115)	-4,211 (-15)	13,699 (-25)			
Colorado--STATE TOTAL.....	2,696		763P (-55)			5,496 (-75)	10,015 (-135)	19,411 (-225)	8,203 (-85)	8,250 (-75)			
District Court, and Denver Superior and Probate Courts.....	--					3,460 (-65)	8,094 (-145)	14,545 (225)	1,809 (-25)	1,404 (-25)			
Water Court.....	--			1,169 (135)	12,029 (595)	-10,776 (-775)	-1,520 (-655)	-159 (-95)	32 (-25)	42 (-35)			
County Court.....	--			-406 (-35)	266 (-25)	1,820 (-135)	3,441 (-225)	5,025 (265)	6,362 (265)	6,806 (225)			
Connecticut--STATE TOTAL.....	3,089	1,007 (-45)	3,262 (-135)	-2,440 (-85)	1,294 (-55)	236 (-15)	2,672 (-105)	18,125 (595)	7,687 (-165)	641 (-15)			
Superior Court.....	--	277 (-25)	1,834 (-105)	-1,178 (-65)	1,601 (-95)	457 (-25)	2,891 (-145)	1,833 (-85)	790 (-35)	957 (-45)			
Court of Common Pleas.....	--	730 (-105)	1,428 (-175)	-1,262 (-135)	-307 (-45)	-221 (-35)	-219 (-35)	16,292 (215)	6,897 (-295)	-516 (-15)			
Delaware--STATE TOTAL.....	595	1,205 (-295)	323 (-65)	-75 (-15)	396 (-75)	1,138 (-225)	91 (-15)	2,667 (335)	-2,029 (-195)	-1,577 (-165)			
Superior Court.....	--	959 (-15)	20 (-15)	-24 (-15)	557 (-145)	618 (-135)	113 (-25)	1,804 (345)	-2,291 (-325)	-1,395 (-295)			
Court of Chancery.....	--	44 (-185)	62 (-225)	4 (-15)	1 (-15)	-16 (-55)	113 (-335)	-66 (-155)	22 (-65)	-40 (-105)			
Court of Common Pleas.....	--	302 (-265)	241 (-175)	-55 (-35)	-162 (-105)	836 (-565)	-135 (-65)	929 (435)	240 (-85)	58 (-25)			
District of Columbia--Superior Court.....	682					-544 (-15)	-4,662 (-35)	1,850 (-15)	-5,173 (-35)	-5,923 (-45)			
Kansas--District Court.....	2,318		2,742 (-115)	1,089 (-45)	1,823 (-65)	-161 (-15)	2,003 (-65)	1,821 (-55)	2,499 (-75)	(a)			
Maryland--STATE TOTAL.....	4,195		3,283P (-75)	4,318P (-85)	20,836 (-85)	46,824 (-165)	11,278 (-35)	38,439 (-115)	42,392 (-115)				
Circuit Court.....	--		3,283 (-75)	4,318 (-85)	-7,394 (-135)	2,010 (-45)	1,315 (-25)	3,414 (-65)	4,822 (-85)	3,868 (-65)			
District Court.....	--				18,026 (-85)	45,509 (-185)	7,664 (-35)	35,851 (-115)	38,524 (-125)				
Michigan--Circuit Court.....	9,157	-218 (-15)	4,831 (-65)	4,223 (-55)	9,426 (-105)	10,645 (-115)	5,729 (-55)	10,083 (-95)	-308 (-15)	3,509 (-35)			
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas.....	4,845					-2,659 (-45)	3,335 (-55)	7,723 (-125)	160 (-15)	-2,342 (-35)			
New Hampshire--Superior Court.....	872	59 (-15)	608 (-55)	127 (-15)	868 (-75)	1,328 (-105)	1,765 (-125)	569 (-35)	360 (-25)	-13 (-15)			
New Jersey--STATE TOTAL.....	7,342	1,199 (-15)	40,114 (-165)	22,790 (-85)	10,590 (-35)	19,419 (-65)	15,407 (-45)	28,138 (-85)	25,607 (-65)	20,234 (-55)			
Superior Court and County Court.....	--	-1,257 (-35)	1,370 (-35)	1,110 (-25)	3,520 (-75)	5,936 (-115)	-1,465 (-35)	6,330 (-115)	1,644 (-35)	3,494 (-55)			
County District Court.....	--	-8,060 (-45)	34,817 (-195)	22,057 (-105)	1,665 (-155)	12,530 (-55)	8,921 (-45)	20,277 (-85)	12,976 (-55)	9,590 (-35)			
Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.....	--	10,514 (-505)	3,927 (-125)	-377 (-15)	3,365 (-155)	953 (-25)	7,951 (-195)	1,531 (-35)	10,988 (-225)	7,600 (-125)			
North Carolina--STATE TOTAL.....	5,668					22,870 (-155)	34,031 (-195)	16,458 (-85)	5,237 (-25)	19,472 (-85)			
Superior Court.....	--					241 (-35)	1,575 (-195)	854 (-85)	-145 (-15)	-373 (-35)			
District Court.....	--					22,629 (-155)	32,456 (-195)	15,604 (-85)	5,382 (-25)	19,845 (-95)			
Oklahoma--District Court.....	2,866		17,475 (-185)	5,903 (-55)	9,297 (-85)	12,555 (-105)	13,598 (-105)	9,822 (-65)	2,670 (-25)	12,478 (-75)			
Oregon--Tax Court.....	2,439	59 (-455)	12 (-65)	-13 (-65)	-14 (-75)	48 (-275)	-75 (-345)	84 (-575)	-51 (-225)	-33 (-185)			
Rhode Island--District Court.....	955						597 (-25)	4,479 (-175)	2,118 (-75)	-4,308 (-135)	-538 (-25)		
Tennessee--STATE TOTAL.....	4,402	5,878 (-115)	4,856 (-85)	-3,394 (-55)	1,055 (-25)	5,523 (-95)	8,109 (-125)	5,608 (-85)	2,795 (-35)	3,145 (-45)			
Circuit Court.....	--	3,930 (-115)	2,379 (-65)	-3,949 (-95)	-784 (-25)	1,709 (-55)	5,761 (-95)	3,221 (-75)	761 (-25)	2,105 (-45)			
Law and Equity Court.....	--	671 (-285)	-36 (-15)	108 (-45)	664 (-215)	796 (-215)	592 (-135)	-940 (-185)	605 (-145)	-381 (-85)			
Chancery Court.....	--	1,277 (-95)	2,513 (-165)	447 (-35)	1,175 (-65)	3,018 (-165)	3,755 (-175)	3,327 (-135)	1,429 (-35)	1,421 (-55)			
Utah--District Court.....	1,316					1,608 (-95)	1,387 (-75)		-496 (-25)	1,477 (-65)			
Orphans cases													
California--STATE TOTAL.....	22,350	48,969 (-85)	60,414 (-95)	-190 (-15)	-1,501 (-15)	4,467 (-15)	-84 (-15)	32,857 (-45)	513 (-15)	29,377 (-45)			
Superior Court.....	--	13,092 (-245)	3,263 (-55)	4,964 (-75)	-10,899 (-145)	-5,882 (-65)	-6,970 (-15)	1,009 (-25)	-729 (-15)	-255 (-15)			
Justice Court.....	--	-542 (-15)	2,326 (-35)	-1,205 (-15)	3,364 (-45)	3,460 (-45)	562 (-15)	-736 (-15)	-13,481 (-145)	-11,890 (-145)			
Municipal Court.....	--	36,419 (-75)	54,825 (-105)	-5,949 (-15)	6,034 (-15)	-6,045 (-15)	6,324 (-15)	32,593 (-65)	14,723 (-25)	41,920 (-75)			
Colorado--STATE TOTAL.....	2,696		11,371P (-125)			27,125 (-215)	15,963 (-95)	20,454 (-125)	-5,803 (-35)	8,112 (-45)			
District Court and Denver Superior Court.....	--					-682 (-75)	1,460 (-155)	5,434 (-315)	-235 (-25)	1,356 (-95)			
County Court.....	--			11,371 (-125)	13,396 (-135)	27,807 (-245)	12,503 (-95)	17,020 (-115)	-5,568 (-35)	6,756 (-45)			
Delaware--STATE TOTAL.....	595	281 (-25)	-173 (-15)	1,083 (-95)	2,728 (-215)	121 (-15)	-28 (-15)	2,927 (-65)	169 (-15)	1,660 (-95)			
Superior Court.....	--	-328 (-175)	536 (-345)	396 (-195)	1,522 (-615)	-969 (-245)	135 (-45)	910 (-295)	-301 (-75)	311 (-85)			
Court of Common Pleas.....	--	666 (-295)	230 (-85)	460 (-155)	160 (-45)	340 (-95)	478 (-125)	667 (-155)	501 (-105)	563 (-105)			
Municipal Court WILMINGTON.....	--	-57 (-15)	-939 (-135)	227 (-45)	1,046 (-165)	750 (-105)	-641 (-85)	950 (-125)	-31 (-15)	766 (-95)			
District of Columbia--Superior Court.....	682						2,748 (-105)	1,373 (-35)	-1,539 (-55)	2,024 (-75)			
Kansas--District Court.....	2,318	679 (-155)	19 (-15)	335 (-65)	-201 (-45)	584 (-115)	683 (-115)	529 (-85)	(a)				
Maryland--STATE TOTAL.....	4,195	1,694P (-75)	-2,669 (-115)	-1,762 (-85)	535 (-35)	3,322 (-175)	5,003 (205)	4,138 (-145)	9,427 (285)				
District Court.....	--	1,694 (-75)	-2,666 (-115)		-4,102 (-45)	9,151 (-85)	19,824 (-175)	15,197 (-115)	3,206 (-				

Table 49: Number and percent change in filed cases (total, civil, criminal, and juvenile cases) year to year for trial courts, 1968-1977 (continued).

State and court title	State population in thousands	Number and percent change in cases filed								
		1968 to 1969	1969 to 1970	1970 to 1971	1971 to 1972	1972 to 1973	1973 to 1974	1974 to 1975	1975 to 1976	1976 to 1977
Criminal cases										
Michigan--Circuit Court.....	9,157	499 (- 3%)	2,253 (+ 14%)	2,281 (+ 1%)	-1,344 (- 7%)	943 (- 5%)	1,689 (+ 8%)	4,532 (+ 21%)	239 (- 1%)	-254 (- 1%)
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas...	4,845	—	—	—	—	-877 (- 6%)	1,892 (+ 13%)	1,419 (- 9%)	320 (- 2%)	50 (- 1%)
New Hampshire--Superior Court.....	872	60 (- 2%)	736 (+ 28%)	282 (- 85%)	1,064 (+ 30%)	188 (- 45%)	292 (- 6%)	1,176 (+ 25%)	110 (- 2%)	561 (+ 9%)
New Jersey--Superior Court and County Court.....	7,342	3,174 (+ 15%)	2,570 (+ 13%)	5,096 (+ 22%)	4,269 (+ 15%)	-3,311 (- 10%)	-297 (- 3%)	3,467 (+ 12%)	180 (- 1%)	-2,642 (- 8%)
North Carolina--STATE TOTAL.....	5,668	—	—	—	—	29,703 (- 3%)	65,249 (+ 6%)	38,395 (+ 3%)	-76,796 (- 7%)	36,057 (+ 3%)
Superior Court.....	—	—	—	—	—	2,065 (- 5%)	4,269 (+ 10%)	6,877 (+ 15%)	-958 (- 2%)	-1,203 (- 2%)
District Court.....	—	—	—	—	—	27,639 (- 3%)	60,980 (+ 6%)	31,516 (- 35%)	-75,838 (- 7%)	37,350 (+ 4%)
Ohio--Court of Common Pleas.....	10,771	—	—	—	—	966 (- 4%)	3,651 (+ 15%)	2,772 (- 10%)	-1,027 (- 3%)	308 (+ 1%)
Oklahoma--District Court.....	2,866	—	28,666 (+ 16%)	-2,442 (- 1%)	6,070 (- 3%)	23,757 (- 11%)	-13,610 (- 20%)	34,301 (+ 20%)	26,643 (+ 13%)	11,261 (+ 5%)
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas.....	11,882	—	—	—	—	-5,152 (- 4%)	4,869 (+ 8%)	11,094 (+ 17%)	-1,839 (- 2%)	-3,244 (- 4%)
Rhode Island--District Court.....	955	—	—	—	—	7,740 (+ 19%)	3,297 (+ 9%)	-8,129 (- 16%)	-14,510 (- 34%)	1,361 (+ 5%)
Tennessee--Circuit Court and Criminal Court.....	4,402	1,333 (- 7%)	1,489 (+ 6%)	992 (- 5%)	-1,778 (- 8%)	1,849 (+ 9%)	4,630 (+ 21%)	2,079 (+ 11%)	147 (- 1%)	453 (+ 2%)
Utah--District Court.....	1,316	—	—	—	—	178 (- 9%)	230 (+ 11%)	—	425 (+ 16%)	284 (+ 9%)
Juvenile Cases										
Colorado--District Court and Denver Juvenile Court.....	2,696	—	—	—	—	542 (- 4%)	4,036 (+ 30%)	4,484 (+ 11%)	1,040 (- 5%)	-6,760 (- 30%)
District of Columbia--Superior Court.....	682	—	—	—	—	182 (- 2%)	-75 (- 1%)	-16 (- 1%)	-165 (- 5%)	-1,102 (- 15%)
Maryland--STATE TOTAL.....	4,195	—	449 (- 3%)	3,581 (- 20%)	3,582 (- 1%)	-2,622 (- 10%)	1,656 (- 7%)	803 (- 3%)	3,043 (+ 12%)	-1,772 (- 6%)
Circuit Court.....	—	—	357 (- 2%)	3,818 (+ 23%)	3,839 (+ 1%)	-2,955 (- 12%)	1,114 (- 5%)	1,032 (- 2%)	1,825 (+ 8%)	-1,594 (- 6%)
District Court.....	—	—	92 (- 6%)	-237 (- 14%)	-257 (- 17%)	328 (- 27%)	542 (- 35%)	-229 (- 11%)	1,218 (+ 66%)	-178 (- 6%)
Missouri--Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas...	4,845	—	—	—	—	652 (- 4%)	724 (- 4%)	1,590 (- 9%)	-7,622 (- 10%)	-195 (- 1%)
New Hampshire--District Court and Municipal Court...	872	495 (+ 23%)	60 (- 2%)	171 (- 6%)	-29 (- 1%)	697 (+ 4%)	—	—	—	—
New Jersey--Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.....	7,342	6,314 (+ 18%)	8,104 (+ 15%)	3,277 (- 7%)	5,235 (+ 10%)	5,036 (- 2%)	8,483 (+ 13%)	10,322 (+ 14%)	1,827 (- 2%)	-2,241 (- 3%)
Pennsylvania--Court of Common Pleas.....	11,882	—	—	—	—	2,324 (- 9%)	8,026 (+ 20%)	4,762 (+ 14%)	-2,798 (- 7%)	-1,470 (- 6%)

Note: All available data are included in the table and all appropriate calculations are included. Blank spaces indicate that either the data are not available or the calculations were not appropriate.

-- = Not applicable.

*Court Jurisdiction:

Kansas--District Court--Trial courts in Kansas were unified during the 1977 court year. Cases previously filed in all trial courts except the Municipal Court are now filed in the District Court.

Case definition or unit of count:

Maryland--District Court--The criminal unit of count used in this table is the number of charges. Elsewhere in this report it is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.

Data are not complete:

Arizona--Data given for the 1977 court year do not include Juvenile dependency data for one county or Juvenile traffic data for two counties.

Arkansas--Court of Common Pleas--Figures given for the 1977 court year do not include data for two counties.

Colorado--District Court and Denver Superior, Juvenile, and Probate Courts--Figures given for 1977 do not include three months of estate postjudgment cases due to a data processing error. Neither are any data available for adoption or paternity and support cases for 1977.

Water Court--Figures given do not include postjudgment actions.

County Court--Criminal figures given do not include data from the court located in Denver.

Connecticut--Superior Court--No data are included for the Appellate Session.

Court of Common Pleas--Civil data given are for cases on the "Family docket" and "Non-family docket" only.

Delaware--Superior Court--Data given do not include civil or involuntary commitment cases.

Court of Chancery--Data given only include other civil cases.

District of Columbia--Figures given do not include reinstated cases.

Idaho--Data given do not include appeals.

Maryland--Circuit Court--Figures given do not include sentence review cases.

North Carolina--Superior Court--Figures given do not include civil estate or special proceedings cases that are handled by the clerks of this court.

District Court--Figures given for total cases do not include any Juvenile data.

Oklahoma--District Court--Figures given do not include criminal postconviction remedy cases.

Oregon--Circuit Court--Figures given for total cases do not include adoption, estate, mental health, or Juvenile data.

District Court--Figures given for total cases do not include domestic relations, estate, or mental health cases.

Explanation of data included in the category:

Colorado--County Court--Adoption and paternity and support cases are included with the Juvenile rather than with the civil caseload, where they are classified in other tables in this report.

District of Columbia--Criminal figures include a few traffic cases.

North Carolina--Both criminal and traffic cases are included in the figures reported as criminal in this table.

Oklahoma--District Court--Data reported as civil include civil and juvenile cases.

Data were not available for all courts in the state.

**Part II:
State court
statistical profiles**

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STATE COURT SYSTEM, 1977

Part II: State court statistical profiles

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.

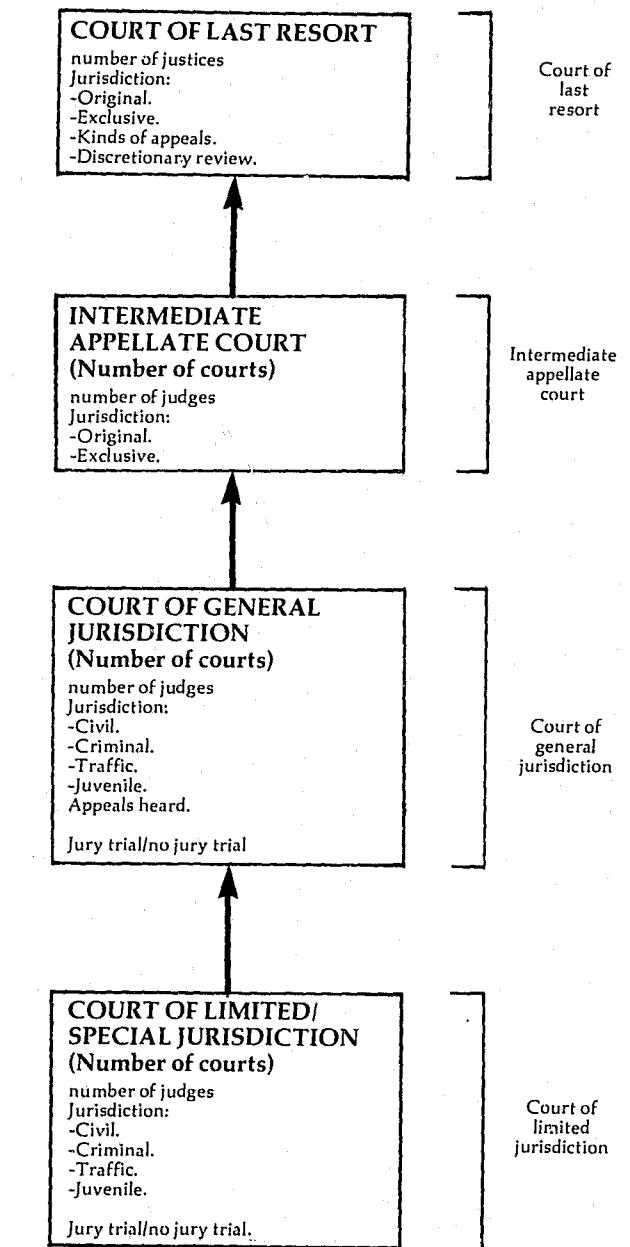
Following the blank prototypes are the state statistical profiles, which contain the actual court caseload statistics. State profiles are arranged in alphabetical order by state name with the organization chart for the state court system presented first, followed by the statistical profiles for the court(s) 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

caseflow 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. NCSP 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.



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		Disposition of cases														
		Dismissed/ Opinion	Memorandum decision	Order	settled	Transferred	Other	Appeals	Civil	Criminal	Post convic- tion	Juve- nile	Sentence review only			
Appeals:								Opinion:	Affirmed							
Civil								Modified								
Criminal								Reversed								
Postconviction								Reversed and remanded								
Agency								Remanded								
Juvenile								Memorandum decision:	Affirmed							
Total								Modified								
Original proceedings:								Reversed								
Original jurisdiction								Reversed and remanded								
Disciplinary matter								Remanded								
Advisory opinion								Order:	Affirmed							
Total								Modified								
Requests to appeal:								Reversed								
Civil								Reversed and remanded								
Criminal								Remanded								
Postconviction								Time interval ^a (months/days)								
Agency								Notice of appeal to ready for hearing	Ready for hearing to under advisement (submitted or oral argument com- pleted)	Under advisement (submitted or oral argument com- pleted) to decision	Notice of appeal to decision					
Juvenile								Number of cases	Mean	Median	Number of cases	Mean	Median	Number of cases	Mean	Median
Total																
Original proceedings:																
Original jurisdiction																
Disciplinary matter																
Advisory opinion																
Total																
Sentence review only																
Total cases																

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Appeals:
 Civil

Criminal

Postconviction

Agency

Juvenile

Total

Original proceedings:

 Original jurisdiction

 Disciplinary matter

 Advisory opinion

Total

Sentence review only

Time interval^a (months/days)

Notice of appeal
to ready for
hearing

Ready for hearing
to under advisement
(submitted or
oral argument com-
pleted)

Under advisement
(submitted or
oral argument com-
pleted) to decision

Notice of appeal
to decision

Number
of cases

Mean

Median

Number
of cases

Mean

Median

Number
of cases

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	Disposition of other cases					
	Opinion	Memorandum decision	Order	Granted	Denied	Granted
Original proceedings:						
Original jurisdiction						
Disciplinary matter						
Advisory opinion						
Total						
Requests to appeal:						
Civil						
Criminal						
Postconviction						
Agency						
Juvenile						
Total						
Total other cases						

Original proceedings:
 Original jurisdiction

Disciplinary matter

Advisory opinion

Total

Total other cases

Original proceedings:
 Original jurisdiction

Disciplinary matter

Advisory opinion

Total

Total other cases

Original proceedings:
 Original jurisdiction

Disciplinary matter

Advisory opinion

Total

Total other cases

Original proceedings:
 Original jurisdiction

Disciplinary matter

Advisory opinion

Total

Total other cases

Original proceedings:
 Original jurisdiction

Disciplinary matter

Advisory opinion

Total

Total other cases

Original proceedings:
 Original jurisdiction

Disciplinary matter

Advisory opinion

Total

Total other cases

Original proceedings:
 Original jurisdiction

Disciplinary matter

Advisory opinion

Total

Total other cases

Original proceedings:
 Original jurisdiction

Disciplinary matter

Advisory opinion

Total

Total other cases

Original proceedings:
 Original jurisdiction

Disciplinary matter

Advisory opinion

Total

Total other cases

Original proceedings:
 Original jurisdiction

Disciplinary matter

Advisory opinion

Total

Total other cases

Original proceedings:
 Original jurisdiction

Disciplinary matter

Advisory opinion

Total

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:				
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:				
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				

	Jury	Trial ^d	Total	Time interval (days)	Age at disposition:	Number of Cases	Mean	Median
Civil:								
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:								
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)

<u>Civil dispositions</u>									
	<u>Uncontested/Default</u>	<u>Dismissed/ withdrawn/ settled</u>	<u>Transferred</u>	<u>Arbitration</u>					
Civil:									
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/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									

Age of pending cases (days)						
0-30 days	31-60 days	61-90 days	91-180 days	181-360 days	361-720 days	Over 720 days

Civil:								
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:								
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								

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

aCourt jurisdiction.

bParticular court or reporting system information.

cJudge information.

dCase definition or unit of count:

Criminal case unit of count.

Jury trial definition.

Non-jury trial definition.

fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year.

gChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.

hFigure was computed.

iData are not complete.

jExplanation of data included in the category.

kAdditional information.

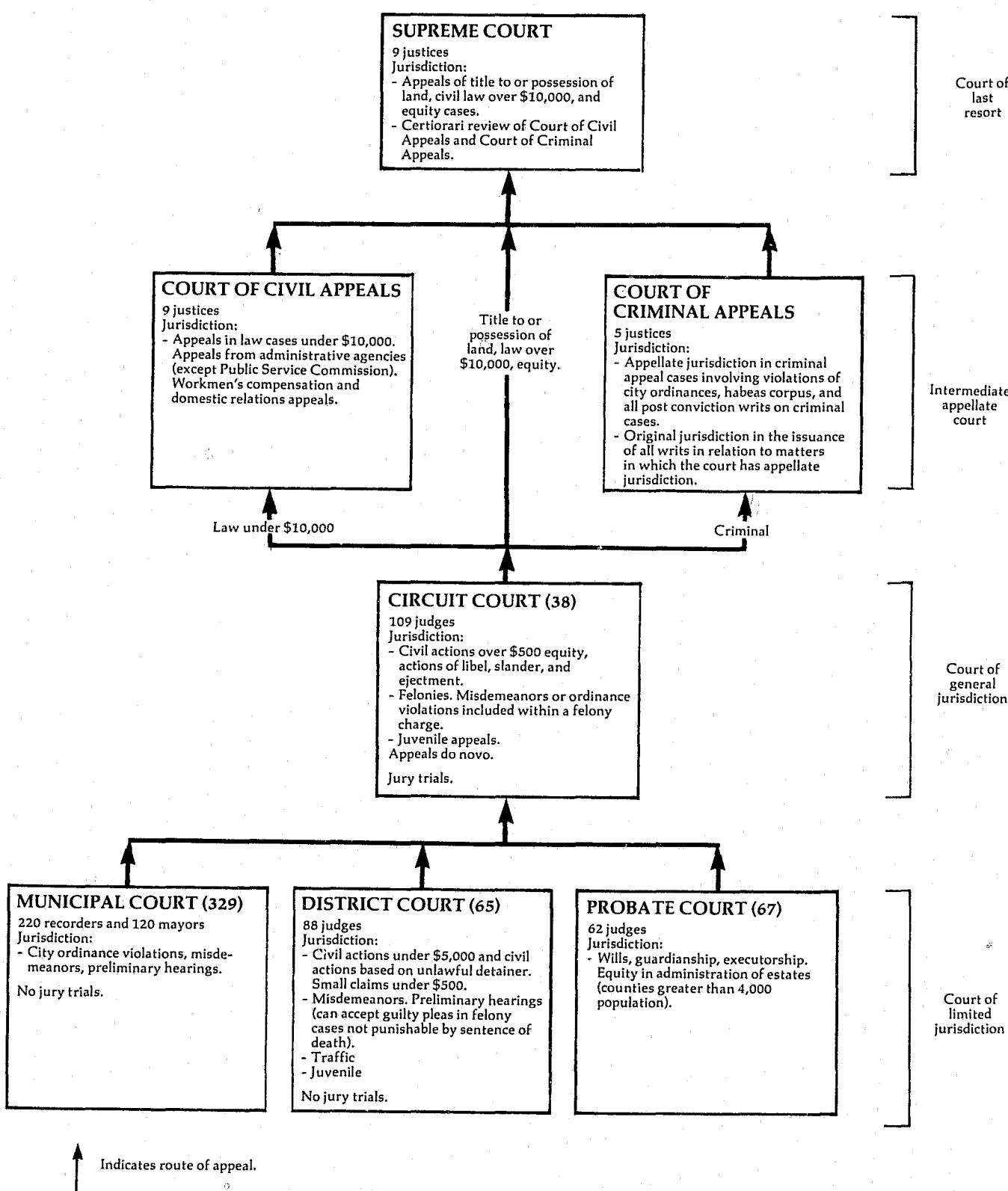
lSpecial source or revision in the data.

mInformation on disposition type or trial data.

nInformation on time interval or age of pending cases data.

Source:

ALABAMA COURT SYSTEM, 1977



ALABAMA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
9 justices
October 5, 1976 to September 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals	X 15	X (61) ^e	X 49	X 27 ^k
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Petitions for writ of mandamus/prohibition	X	X	X	X
Miscellaneous matters	0	51	51	0
Total	X	X	X	X
Advisory opinion:				
Request for advisory opinion	0	9	9	0
Total	X	X	X	X
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions for writ of certiorari	0	292	231 (61) ^e	0
Total other cases	X	X	X	X
Total cases	325	815 (61) ^e	746 (61) ^e	394 ^k
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing request:				
Application for rehearing	N/A	N/A	86	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	N/A	86	N/A
Manner of disposition				
Written opinion:				
Appeals	324			
Certified questions	5			
Extraordinary writs	10			
Petitions for writ of certiorari granted	49			
Petitions for writ of certiorari denied	12			
Advisory opinion	9			
Rehearing request	2			
Total	411			
Appeals dismissed by court	15			
Appeals dismissed on motion of parties	54			
Transferred to Court of Appeals	12			
Court action without opinion on extraordinary writ	37			
Petition for writ of certiorari denied without opinion	219			

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

^eCases 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.

^jExplanation of data included in the category:

Miscellaneous matters include prisoner petitions and requests to take the bar exam.

^kAdditional information:

The 27 petitions for writ of certiorari granted listed as pending at the end of the court year were all awaiting oral argument in October 1977.

All cases submitted to the court are decided within the term year. The cases pending on 9/30/77 were either not ready for submission to the court or were scheduled for oral argument on the October 1977 docket.

^lSpecial source or revision in data:

Manner of disposition information was provided by the clerk of court during the data verification process.

Source: The Administrative Director of the Courts, *Alabama Judicial System* (Montgomery, Alabama) and unpublished data from the clerk of court. Statistics are in 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 5, 1976 to September 29, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:	124	308	292	140
Cases	124	308	292	140
Total appeals				
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases				
Total cases	124	308	292	140
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	N/A	N/A	52	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	N/A	52	N/A

Manner of disposition

<u>Disposition of appeals^b</u>	
Opinion:	
Affirmed	122
Reversed	32
Affirmed in part/reversed in part	18
Dismissed or petition for extraordinary relief granted or denied	7

Time interval (average weeks)

From filing notice of appeal to completing the record ..	9
From completing the record to appellant's brief	4
From appellant's brief to appellee's brief	4
From appellee's brief to oral arguments	7
From oral argument to written opinion released	3
From notice of appeal to written opinion	25

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

^aCourt jurisdiction:
Court has jurisdiction in civil appeal cases only.

^bFigure was computed:
Data for the disposition of appeals was calculated from percentage figures given in the unpublished data supplied by the clerk of court.

Source: The Administrative Director of Courts, Alabama Judicial System (Montgomery, Alabama), and unpublished data supplied by the clerk of court. Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ALABAMA COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS^a
Intermediate appellate court
5^c Judges
October 5, 1976 to September 29, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	
Cases:					
Appeals:					
Criminal:					
Cases	671 ^j	853	976	548 ^j	
Total appeals ^j	671 ^j	853	976	548 ^j	
Other cases:					
Original proceedings					
Requests to appeal:					
Notice of appeal	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	
Total other cases					
Total cases ⁱ	671	853	976	548	
<u>Manner of disposition^j</u>				<u>Disposition of cases</u>	
Opinion	432			Affirmed	603
Without opinion	344			Reversed and remanded	52
Decided en banc	200			Remanded with directions	12
				Reversed and rendered	5
				Dismissed	17
				Petition denied	87
				Cases decided en banc (original proceedings)	200

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.

^aCourt jurisdiction:
Court has jurisdiction in criminal appeal cases only.

^cJudge information:
There are in addition three supernumerary judges assigned to this court.

ⁱData are not complete:

Total cases do not include petitions disposed of in the clerk's office at the direction of the court.

^jExplanation of data included in the category:

Total appeals include notice of appeal cases as well as appeals.

Notice of appeal cases are reported as appeals.
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 court, and those in which appeals have not been perfected (all necessary documents filed).

^lSpecial source or revision in data:
The manner of disposition data were provided by the clerk of court.

Source: The Administrative Director of Courts, Alabama Judicial System (Montgomery, Alabama), and unpublished data provided by the clerk of court. Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ALABAMA CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
38 circuits, 112 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Original civil	X	X	X	X
Tort:				
Auto tort:				
Motor vehicle	X	X	X	X
Equity	X	X	X	X
Domestic relations	X	41,080	39,078	X
Appeal	X	X	X	X
Total civil	49,016 ^a	64,619	64,269	49,366 ^b
Criminal:				
Felony:				
Indictments	X	17,533	X	X
Miscellaneous	X	X	X	X
Total	X	X	X	X
Appeal	X	X	X	X
Total criminal	10,568 ^a	24,143	23,443	11,268 ^b
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	0	10,764	9,371	1,393 ^b
Grand total	59,584 ^a	99,526	97,083	62,027 ^b
Trial				
Criminal dispositions				
Jury	Non-jury	Total		
Criminal	1,440	1,314	2,754	
			No's/dismissals	6,915
			Guilty pleas	13,841

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

^aCase 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.

^bFigure was computed:

End pending figure was computed from filing, disposition, and beginning pending data.

¹Special source or revision in data:

Beginning pending figures were provided by the administrative office of the court.

Source: The Administrative Director of Courts, Alabama Judicial System (Montgomery, Alabama), and unpublished data provided by the administrative office of the courts. Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ALABAMA DISTRICT COURT^a
Court of limited jurisdiction
81 courts, 89 judges
January 17, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Small claims	0	64,109	36,715	27,394
Other civil:				
Civil	0	36,713	32,327	4,386
Total civil	0	100,822	69,042	31,780
Criminal:				
Total criminal	0	92,528	72,020	20,508
Traffic:				
Total traffic	0	179,604	147,001	32,603
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	0	13,423	10,683	2,740
Grand total	0	386,377	298,746	87,631

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

^aCourt jurisdiction:

This court was established by the judicial article for court unification to replace the many different inferior courts.

^dCase 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.

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

Source: The Administrative Director of Courts, Alabama Judicial System (Montgomery, Alabama). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

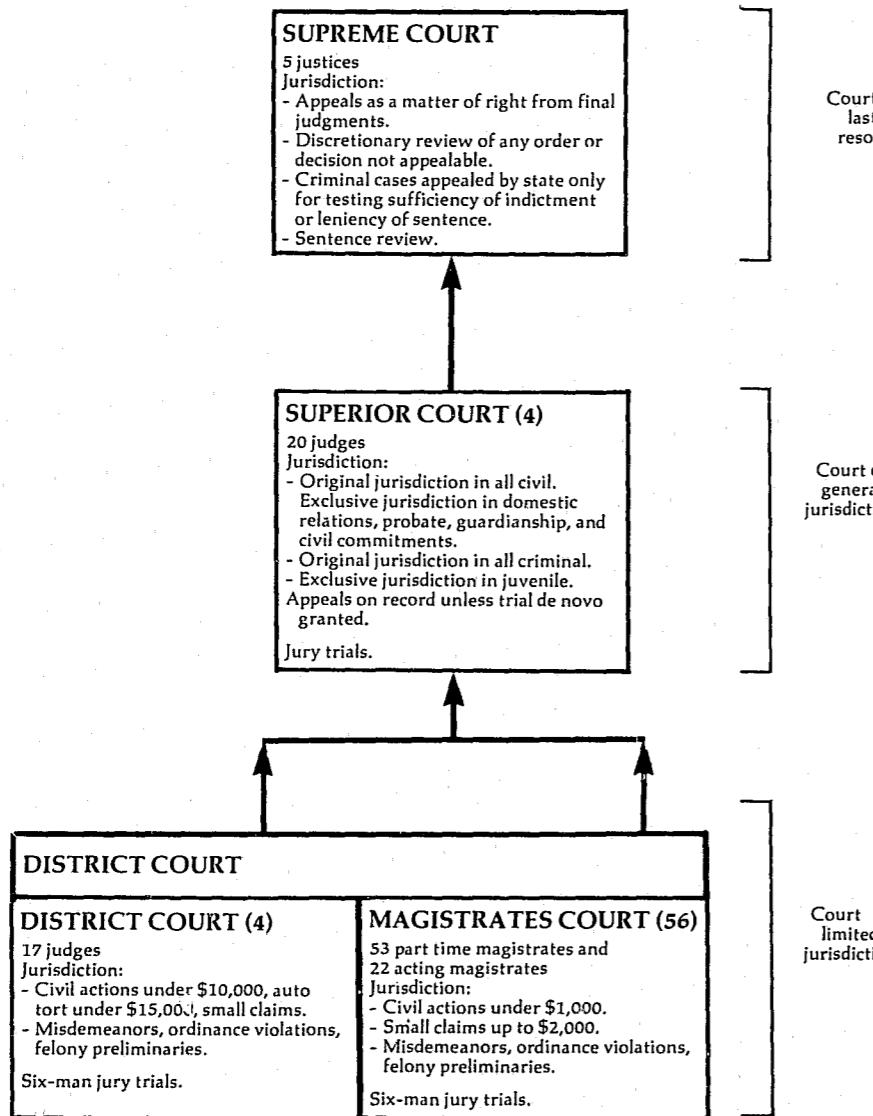
ALABAMA PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
67 courts, 67 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Probate Court in 1977.

ALABAMA MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
329 courts; ≈220 recorders, ≈120 mayors
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court in 1977.

ALASKA COURT SYSTEM, 1977



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

ALASKA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending		
Cases:						
Appeals:						
Civil 218		251	201	268		
Criminal 132		156	88	200		
Total appeals 350		407	289	468		
Other cases:						
Original proceedings:						
Original jurisdiction:						
Original applications 5		17	18	4		
Requests to appeal:						
Petitions for review 20		126	103	43		
Sentence review only:						
Sentence appeal 16		63	40	39		
Total other cases 41		206	161	86		
Total cases 391		613	450	554		
Other proceedings:						
Rehearing requests --		--	35	--		
Other matters:						
Motion practice --		--	1,239	--		
Total other proceedings --		--	1,274	--		
Manner of disposition^m						
Appeals	Civil	Criminal	Original proceedings	Requests to appeal	Sentence review only	Total cases
Opinion and mandate 120	54	3	16	21	217	
Summary disposition by order 5	1	4	7	0	17	
Dismissed by court or parties 76	33	11	13	19	152	

	Disposition of appeals	Requests to review	Sentence review only	Total
	Civil	Criminal	Appeal	
Affirmed	48	38	15	101
Reversed and remanded	23	13	5	41
Affirmed in part/reversed in part	18	0	1	19
Reversed	8	3	0	11
Remanded	4	0	0	4
Too lenient	--	--	1	1
Review denied	--	--	67	67

Status of pending cases (12/31/77)

	Records	Briefs	Hearing	Decision	Mandate	Stayed
Appeals:						
Civil 84	54	22	94	4	10	
Criminal 47	62	14	70	1	6	
Original proceedings 0	0	1	3	0	0	
Requests to appeal 0	12	1	26	2	2	
Sentence review only 6	9	0	19	1	4	

	Time interval ⁿ (days)		Civil appeal		Criminal appeal
		Mean	Median	Mean	Median
Notice of appeal to mandate		485	N/A	593	578
Notice of appeal to opinion publication		467 ^h	N/A	580 ^h	N/A
Notice of appeal to certification of record		120	103	153	142
Certification of record to completion of briefing		135	N/A	193	173
Completion of briefing to hearing or submission		70	N/A	65	49
Hearing or submission to opinion publication		150 ^h	N/A	169	165
Circulating draft opinion to publication date		85	N/A	N/A	N/A
Publication date to mandate		65	N/A	N/A	N/A
		18	N/A	13 ^h	N/A

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Alaska Supreme Court (continued)

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
 N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
 -- = Not applicable.

^hFigure 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.

^jExplanation of data included in the category:
 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.

^mInformation on disposition type on trial data:
 The manner of disposition data is a case count. The 214 opinions and mandates include some opinions filed in 1976 on which mandates were not issued until 1977. There were 189 actual opinions filed in 1977.

ⁿTime interval or age of pending data:
 The analysis of time periods for disposition of appeals was done for 101 civil appeals, 54 criminal appeals, and 21 sentence review only cases.

Source Cases: Administrative Director of the Courts, Alaska Court System, 1977 Annual Report (Anchorage, Alaska: 1978); and memo from clerk to justices of Supreme Court entitled "Supreme Court Activity 1977." Statistics are from the annual report and clerk's memo except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the clerk of the court.

ALASKA SUPERIOR COURT
 Court of general jurisdiction
 4 districts, 20^c judges

January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End Pending
Civil:				
Tort:				
Civil damage	X	910	X	X
Contract:				
Debts, contracts, and notes	X	1,141	X	X
Real property rights:				
Housing, real estate	X	402	X	X
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	X	2,920	X	X
Dissolution of marriage	X	1,635	X	X
Total	X	4,555	X	X
Support/custody:				
Other	X	1,483	X	X
Adoption	X	628	X	X
Total	X	6,666	X	X
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Estates	X	534	X	X
Probate waiver	X	102	X	X
Total	X	636	X	X
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship	X	19	X	X
Protective	X	126	X	X
Total	X	145	X	X
Other estate	X	30	X	X
Total	X	811	X	X
Mental health:				
Sanity	X	240	X	X
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Administrative review	X	106	X	X
Other civil:				
Other civil	X	1,099	X	X
Total civil	11,419 ^f	11,375	10,672	12,116 ^g
Criminal:				
Felony	433 ^f	752	764	399 ^h
Misdemeanor	N/A	32	X	N/A
Appeal:				
From District Court	N/A	40	X	N/A
To Supreme Court	N/A	90	X	N/A
Total	N/A	130	X	N/A
Other criminal:				
Probation revocation	N/A	134	X	N/A
Other	N/A	34	X	N/A
Total	N/A	168	X	N/A
Total criminal	433 ^f	1,082	1,002	399 ^h

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Alaska Superior Court (continued)

Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquency	N/A	1,275 ^h	X	N/A
Status offense:				
Child in need of supervision	N/A	163 ^h	X	N/A
Non-offense:				
Dependency	N/A	45 ^h	X	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	1,483	1,111	N/A
Grand total	11,852 ^f	13,940	12,785	12,515 ⁱ

	Trial			Civil dispositions ^m			Criminal (felony) dispositions		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total	Default	Withdrawn	436	Before	Jury	Non-jury
Civil ^m	50	381	431	1,411			Guilty (convicted)	86	17
Criminal (felony)	127	30	157	270			Guilty plea	7	4
Total	177	411	588	873			Acquittal	16	4
							Mistrial with dismissal	18	5
							Dismissed	0	0
							Change of venue	0	4
							Complaint withdrawn	0	5

	Time interval (days)			Age at disposition ⁿ : Average Median			Age of pending cases ⁿ 12/31/77 (days)		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total	Domestic relations	Probate	Other civil	Felony	Average	Median
				Domestic relations	273	81	448	337	
				Probate	405	117	838	605	
				Other civil	528	230	492	391	
				Felony	115	84	238	183	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
 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.

^cJudge information:
 There were 21.02 full-time equivalent judges serving in the Superior Court during the 1977 court year.

^dCase 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.

^eBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

^fChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures are as reported in the annual report.

^gFigure was computed:

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.

ⁱData are not complete:

Criminal total pending figures include only felony cases.

Grand total pending figures include only civil and felony cases.

^jExplanation of data included in the category:

The state annual report indicates that a majority of the "other" cases are reciprocal support cases.

^mCategories for 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.

ⁿTime interval or age of pending 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.

^oSource: Administrative Director of the Courts, Alaska Court System, 1977 Annual Report (Anchorage, Alaska: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ALASKA DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
4 districts, 17^c judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil^d:				
Tort:				
Civil damage	X	491	X	X
Contract:				
Debt, contract, and notes	X	2,325	X	X
Small claims	4,393 ^f	6,101	5,322	5,193 ^e
Other civil:				
Other	X	1,201	X	X
Total civil	7,984 ^f	10,118	8,481	9,645 ^e
Criminal^d:				
Misdemeanor	X	13,533	X	X
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony	573 ^f	1,545	1,301	504 ^e
Other criminal	N/A	1,976	X	N/A
Total criminal	X ⁱ	17,054	X	X ⁱ
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Misdemeanor traffic	X	7,908	X	X
Other criminal--traffic on formal complaint	N/A	203	X	N/A
Other traffic	N/A	77,750	77,709	N/A
Total	N/A	85,861	X	N/A
Total traffic	X ⁱ	85,861	X	X ⁱ
Grand total	14,603 ^f	113,033	108,25 ⁱ	14,834 ^e

<u>Trial^d</u>			<u>Criminal dispositions</u>						
	Jury	Non-jury	Total	Misdemeanor ^a					
Civil:				Before	Jury	Non-jury	Preliminary	hearing	Total
Small claims	--	566	566						
All other civil ..	17	213	230	GUILTY (convicted)	--	312	336	--	648
Total	17	779	796	GUILTY plea	12,647	7	86	--	12,740
Criminal:									
Misdemeanor ^m	582	518	1,100	Acquittal	--	239	79	--	318
Traffic ^m	--	883	883	Mistrial with dismissal ..	--	24	17	--	41
Grand total	599	2,180	2,779	Change of venue	317	0	0	--	317
<u>Civil dispositions</u> ^m									
Default	1,149			Complaint withdrawn ..	1,152	0	0	94	1,246
Withdrawn	1,099			Dismissed	3,667	0	0	421	4,088
Judgment	348			Reduced to misdemeanor ...	--	--	--	176	176
Dismissal	333			Superseded by indictment ..	--	--	--	428	428
<u>Traffic dispositions</u> ^m									
Time interval (days)									
Age of pending cases 12/31/77 (days)									
Age at disposition: Average Median									
Small claims									
All other civil									
Misdemeanor ^m									
Preliminary hearing ..									
Traffic ^m									

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
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.

^cJudge information:
There were 30.93 full-time equivalent judges hearing cases in the District Court during the 1977 court year.
^dCase 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.
^eBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.
^fChange 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.
^gData are not complete:
Grand total pending figures include all data except other criminal, other criminal--traffic informal complaint, and other traffic cases.
^hCategories for disposition type or trial data:
Civil disposition type data do not include dispositions of small claims cases.
Misdemeanor disposition data include misdemeanor traffic cases.
Traffic trial and disposition data only include other traffic cases.
ⁱTime interval or age of pending 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.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Alaska Court System, 1977 Annual Report (Anchorage, Alaska: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ALASKA MAGISTRATES COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
56 courts, 53 part-time and 22 acting magistrates
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

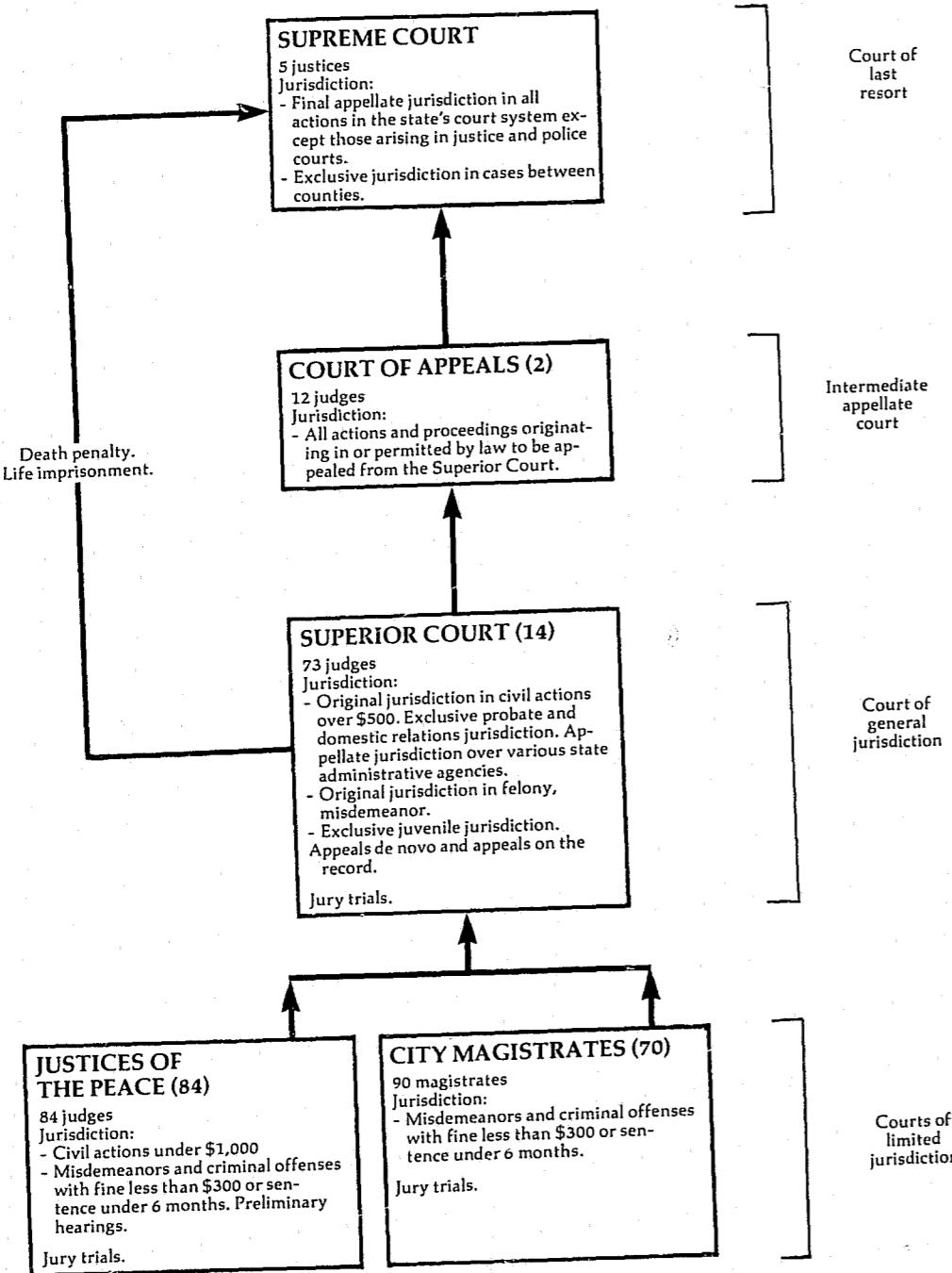
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Total civil	N/A	145	156	N/A
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	1,479	1,320	N/A
Preliminary hearing: Felony	N/A	92	72	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	1,571	1,392	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	775	796	N/A
Grand total	N/A	2,491	2,344	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^dCase 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, 1977 Annual Report (Anchorage, Alaska: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ARIZONA COURT SYSTEM, 1977



Court of last resort

Intermediate appellate court

Court of general jurisdiction

Courts of limited jurisdiction

Indicates route of appeal.

ARIZONA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending			
Cases:							
Appeals:							
Civil	24	33	34	23			
Criminal	99 ^f	85	139	45			
Delayed appeals	3	2	4	1			
Total appeals]	128 ^f	120	177	69			
Other cases:							
Original proceedings:							
Original jurisdiction:							
Habeas corpus	2	42	38	6			
Special actions]	20	149	149	20			
Bar matters	6	33	35	4			
Petitions for review	56 ^f	620	610	66			
Total	84	844	832	96			
Requests to appeal							
Total other cases	84	844	832	96			
Total cases	210	964	1,009	165			
Other proceedings:							
Other matters:							
Miscellaneous	1	41	38	4			
Total other proceedings	1	41	38	4			
Manner of Disposition							
	Civil	Criminal	Delayed	Total	Original jurisdiction	Other matters	Total
Written opinion	31	93	1	125	66	1	192
Memorandum decision	1	42	3	46	4	0	50
Terminated without written opinion	2	4	0	6	762	37	805

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.

^fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year.

Data are as given in the annual report.

jExplanation of data included in the category:

Appeals (civil, criminal, and delayed) include cases transferred in from the Arizona Court of Appeals.

Special actions include mandamus, prohibition, and quo warranto cases.

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.

Source: Arizona Supreme Court, The Arizona Courts, 1977 Annual Judicial Report (Phoenix, Arizona: 1978). 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, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed ^j	Disposed ^j	End pending		
Cases:						
Appeals:						
Civil	604 ^f	589	594	599		
Criminal	655	1,001	922	734		
Delayed appeals	0	0	0	0		
Appeal of administrative agency case:						
Industrial Commission	148 ^f	217	181	184		
Juvenile	1	8	5	4		
Total appeals ^j	1,408 ^f	1,815	1,702	1,521		
Other cases:						
Original proceedings:						
Original jurisdiction:						
Habeas corpus ^j	2	1	3	0		
Special actions ^j	7 ^f	182	182	7		
Petitions for review--post conviction	0	7	7	0		
Total	9 ^f	190	192	7		
Requests to appeal						
Total other cases	9 ^f	190	192	7		
Total cases	1,417	2,005	1,894	1,528		
Manner of disposition						
Appeals						
	Civil	Criminal	Delayed	Agency	Original jurisdiction	Total
Written opinion	208	143	0	38	3	392
Memorandum	166	503	0	92	2	763
Terminated without opinion	189	219	0	51	0	459
Transferred out	31	57	0	0	0	88

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.

^fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year.

^jFigures are as given in the annual report.

Explanation of data included in the category:

Appeals filed (civil and criminal) are net figures after appeals transferred in are added.

Appeals disposed (civil and criminal) include appeals transferred out and appeals disposed by the court.

Habeas corpus appeals are counted as civil appeals by Division 2 of the Court of Appeals.

Special actions include mandamus, prohibition, and quo warranto cases.

Source: Arizona Supreme Court, The Arizona Courts, 1977 Annual Judicial Report (Phoenix, Arizona: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ARIZONA SUPERIOR COURTⁱ
Court of general jurisdiction
14 counties, 73 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Civil ^j	27,986 ^{fhi}	28,678	28,953	27,711
Domestic relations:				
Support/custody:				
Reciprocal support	6,193 ^{fhi}	6,421	5,204	7,410
Adoption	1,610 ^{fhi}	1,751	1,576	1,538 ⁱ
Other domestic relations:				
Domestic relations	8,999 ^{fhi}	23,571	21,397	11,173
Total	16,802 ^{fhi}	31,743	28,177	20,116 ⁱ
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Probate	16,527 ^{fhi}	7,335	6,356	17,506
Mental health	1,296 ^{fhi}	879	469 ⁱ	1,336 ⁱ
Appeal	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Total civil	62,611 ^{fhi}	68,635	63,955 ⁱ	66,669 ⁱ
Criminal:				
Felony	4,839 ^{fhi}	10,320	10,268	4,891
Misdemeanor	1,018 ^{fhi}	2,911	2,975	954
Appeal	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Total criminal	5,857 ^f	13,231	13,243	5,845
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	871 ^{fhi}	12,404 ⁱ	9,655 ⁱ	2,480 ⁱ
Grand total	69,339 ^{fhi}	94,270 ^L	86,853 ⁱ	74,994 ⁱ

Civil dispositions

	Domestic relations							Estate
	Law	Support/ custody	Adoption	Other	Total	Probate/ wills/intestate	Mental health	Total
Default judgments	5,885	0	0	12,597	12,597	0	0	18,482
Dismissals	5,442	56	0	3,075	3,131	0	0	8,573
Transfer	487	0	17	146	163	0	0	650
Final order	13,992	5,148	1,559	1,739	8,446	6,356	469	29,263

Trial

	Jury	Non-jury	Total					
	Felony	Misdemeanor	Total	Felony	Misdemeanor	Total		
Civil:								
Law	565	2,582	3,147	Plea	6,822	466	7,288	
Domestic relations:				Dismissed	2,384	1,830	4,214	
Support/custody	0	0	0	Transfer	117	20	137	
Adoption	0	0	0					
Other	2	3,838	3,840					
Total	2	3,798	3,840					
Estate:								
Probate/wills/intestate	0	0	0					
Mental health	0	0	0					
Total	567	6,420	6,987					
Criminal:								
Felony	753	192	945					
Misdemeanor	17	642	659					
Total	770	834	1,604					
Grand total	1,337	7,254	8,591					

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Arizona Superior Court (continued)

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

dCase 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.

fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

gChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

This is a result of adjustments made in the calculations to account for missing data.

hFigure was computed:

Beginning pending figures were computed from filed, disposed, and end pending data.

iData are not complete:

Adoption and domestic relations pending figures do not include adoption data for Maricopa County.

Mental health disposition and pending figures do not include data for Maricopa County.

Total civil and grand total pending figures do not include adoption data from Maricopa County. Total civil and grand total disposition and pending figures do not include mental health data from Maricopa County.

Juvenile data do not include juvenile dependency and traffic statistics from Maricopa County or traffic statistics from Pima County.

jExplanation 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.

Civil appeals are reported in the law category.

Misdemeanor cases include lower court appeals and nonfelony criminal cases.

Criminal appeals are reported in the misdemeanor category.

Juvenile traffic data are included with juvenile data on this court.

Source: Arizona Supreme Court, The Arizona Courts, 1977 Annual Judicial Report (Phoenix, Arizona: 1978). Statistics are from the reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ARIZONA JUSTICES OF THE PEACE
Court of limited jurisdiction
84 courts, 84 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil^d:				
Total civil	N/A	34,422 ¹	36,683 ¹	N/A
Criminal^d:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	17,551 ¹	X	N/A
Preliminary hearing	N/A	17,144 ¹	17,433 ¹	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	34,695 ¹	X	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	153,730 ¹	X	N/A
Grand total	N/A	222,847¹	227,264¹	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

dCase 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.

iData are not complete:

There were incomplete data for Maricopa, Pinal, Yuma, Navajo, Apache, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Mohave, and Yavapai Counties.

Source: Arizona Supreme Court, The Arizona Courts, 1977 Annual Judicial Report (Phoenix, Arizona: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ARIZONA CITY MAGISTRATES
Court of limited jurisdiction
79 courts, 90 magistrates
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data available for cases filed in the City Magistrate Court for 1977. Data collection for these courts began in 1978.

ARKANSAS COURT SYSTEM, 1977

SUPREME COURT

7 justices
Jurisdiction:
- Appellate jurisdiction over cases from Circuit, Chancery and Probate Courts.

Court of last resort

CIRCUIT COURT (19)

29 judges
Jurisdiction
- Civil cases over \$100.
- Original jurisdiction in criminal.
- Juvenile.
Hears appeal de novo.
Jury trials.

CHANCERY AND PROBATE COURT (18)

27 judges
Jurisdiction:
- Courts of equity (land disputes, domestic relations, etc.) Hears probate matters and adoptions.
No jury trial.

Courts of general jurisdiction

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS (13)

county judges serve
Jurisdiction varies:
- Contracts and other civil matters under \$1,000 not involving title to property.
Jury trials.

COUNTY COURT (75)

75 judges
51 juvenile referees
Jurisdiction:
- Original jurisdiction in county taxes, county expenditures, and claims against county. Bastardy proceedings.
- Juvenile.
No jury trial.

Courts of limited jurisdiction

MUNICIPAL COURT (104)

104 judges
Jurisdiction:
- Contract under \$300. Property recovery under \$300. Property damage under \$100.
- Felony preliminaries. Misdemeanors.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT (5)

5 justices of the peace
Jurisdiction:
- Contract under \$300. Property recovery under \$300. Property damage under \$100.
- Felony preliminaries. Misdemeanors.
Six-man jury trials.

POLICE COURT (1)

1 judge
Jurisdiction:
- Civil cases under \$300.
- Misdemeanors and city ordinance violations.
No jury trials.

CITY COURT (92)

92 mayors
Jurisdiction:
- Civil cases under \$300.
- Misdemeanors and city ordinance violations.
No jury trials.

Indicates route of appeal.

ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 Justices
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Law	137	236	222	151
Equity	76	155	128	103
Probate	8	14	13	9
Total	221	405	363	263
Criminal:				
Capital	6	9	10	5
Other felony	64	152	167	49
Misdemeanor	8	13	15	6
Total	78	174	192	60
Postconviction remedy:				
Postconviction	5	27	21	11
Total appeals	304	606	576	334
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Civil:				
Habeas corpus	0	0	0	0
Mandamus	1	1	2	0
Prohibition	2	12	9	5
Certiorari	0	8	8	0
Other petitions	0	12	12	0
Total	3	33	31	5
Criminal:				
Habeas corpus	0	5	5	0
Mandamus	2	16	15	3
Prohibition	1	6	6	1
Postconviction	0	10	10	0
Certiorari	0	15	15	0
Other petitions	3	3	4	2
Total	6	55	55	6
Total	9	88	86	11
Total other cases	9	88	86	11
Total cases	313	694	662	345
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	0	104	104	0
Other matters:				
Motions (excluding extension of time)	5	288	268	25
Motions for extension of time	N/A	1,144	1,138	N/A
Total	51	1,432	1,406	251
Total other proceedings	51	1,536	1,510	251
Disposition of cases				
Manner of disposition				
Written opinion (majority)	488 ^a			
Per curiam	28			
Appeals:				
Affirmed:				
Affirmed	182	127	15	324
Affirmed as modified or on condition	9	7	1	17
Total	191	134	16	341
Reversed:				
Criminal and post-conviction	17	2	0	19
Civil remedy	17	1	0	18
Reversed	12	4	0	16
Reversed with directions	0	0	0	0
Total	46	7	0	53
Reversed and remanded	44	37	2	83
Remanded	5	2	1	8
Dismissed:				
Dismissed with opinion	4	1	0	5
Dismissed without opinion	73	11	2	86
Total	77	12	2	91
Original jurisdiction:				
Petitions granted	18	19	3	40
Petitions denied	13	26	7	46

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^aData are not complete.

Total other matters and total other proceedings pending figures do not include pending figures for motions for extension of time.
^bInformation on disposition type or trial data:

There were 37 dissenting, 14 concurring, and 3 dissenting in part and concurring in part opinions filed in addition to the 488 majority opinions filed.

^cInformation on time interval or age of pending cases data:

The time interval data are based on a survey of 275 civil appeals and 166 criminal and postconviction remedy appeals decided by the Supreme Court during 1977.

Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, Thirteenth Annual Report, 1977 Judicial Statistics (Little Rock, Arkansas). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

Arkansas Chancery and Probate Court (continued)

ARKANSAS CIRCUIT COURT Court of general jurisdiction 19 circuits, 29 judges January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977				
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Lawd:				
Civil	16,069 ^f	22,074 ^j	20,460 ^j	17,683 ^j
Appeal	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Total civil	16,069 ^f	22,074	20,460	17,683
Criminal ^d :				
Felony:				
Capital	74 ^f	101	115	60
Felony	5,380 ^f	7,940	7,595	5,725
Total	5,454 ^f	8,041	7,710	5,785
Misdemeanor ^j	3,465 ^f	5,733 ^j	6,027 ^j	3,171 ^j
Appeal	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Total criminal ^j	8,919 ^f	13,774	13,737	8,956
Grand total	24,988 ^f	35,848	34,197	26,639

Age of pending cases

	Less than 1 year	1 to 2 years	Over 2 years
Civil	11,029	3,976	2,678
Criminal:			
Felony:			
Capital	45	8	7
Felony	3,823	997	895
Total	3,878	1,005	902
Misdemeanor	2,462	352	357
Total criminal	6,340	1,357	1,259

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

^dCase 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.

^fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

^jExplanation of data included in the category:
Law includes appeals (trial de novo) that could not be separated from the total.

Misdemeanor cases are generally appeals (trial de novo) from lower courts.

Criminal data include a nominal number of juvenile cases and juvenile appeals.

Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, Thirteenth Annual Report, 1977 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
18 chancery circuits, 27 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Equity	7,993 ^f	6,395	5,625	8,763
Domestic relations:				
Support/custody:				
Reciprocals IN	2,035 ^f	1,761	1,533	2,263
Reciprocals OUT	of	670	0	670
Total	2,035 ^f	2,431	2,203	2,263
Adoption	N/A	1,478	N/A	N/A
Other domestic relations:				
Domestic relations	13,816 ^f	22,244	22,386	13,674
Total	15,851 ^f	26,153	24,589 ⁱ	15,937 ⁱ
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Decedents' estates	13,814 ^f	4,223	3,773	14,264
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship	N/A	1,870	N/A	N/A
Other estate:				
Miscellaneous probate	N/A	1,412	N/A	N/A
Total	13,814 ^f	7,505	3,773 ⁱ	14,264 ⁱ
Mental health:				
Alcoholic and mental	N/A	1,459	N/A	N/A
Total civil	37,658 ^f	41,512	33,987 ⁱ	38,964 ⁱ
Grand total	37,658 ^f	41,512	33,987 ⁱ	38,964 ⁱ

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Age of pending cases^l

	Less than 1 year	1 to 2 years	Over 2 years
Civil:			
Equity	3,186	1,429	4,148
Support/custody:			
Reciprocals IN	1,030	665	568
Reciprocals OUT	0	0	0
Total	1,030	665	568
Other domestic relations	7,973	3,225	2,476
Total civil	12,189	5,319	7,192

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A - This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^dCase definition or unit of count:

A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

Beginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

^gChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

ⁱData 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.

Total civil and grand total pending and disposed do not include adoptions, guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship, other estate, and mental health.

^lSpecial source or revision in data:

Corrected age of pending data were supplied by the clerk of the court during data verification and are based upon an audit of civil cases pending for Pulaski County conducted after the 1977 annual report was published.

Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, Thirteenth Annual Report, 1977 Judicial Statistics (Little Rock, Arkansas), and corrections by the clerk of court during verification. Statistics are from the annual report and the clerk's corrections except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ARKANSAS COURT OF COMMON PLEASⁱ
Court of limited jurisdiction
13 courts, county judges serve
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Total civil	N/A	250 ⁱ	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	250 ⁱ	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A - This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^dCase definition or unit of count:

A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

ⁱData are not complete:

No reports for inclusion in the 1977 annual report were received from Chicot and Lee Counties.

Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, Thirteenth Annual Report, 1977 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, 51 juvenile referees
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Domestic relations:				
Bastardy	N/A	1,674	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	1,674		

ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
104 courts, 104 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Total civil	N/A	18,563 ¹	N/A	N/A
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal	N/A	113,761 ¹	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	113,761 ¹	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Driving while intoxicated	N/A	21,094 ¹	N/A	N/A
Other traffic violation:				
Moving traffic	N/A	233,103 ¹	N/A	N/A
Other traffic	N/A	108,983 ¹	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	342,086 ¹	N/A	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	363,180 ¹	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	495,504¹	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^dCase 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.

¹Data are not complete:
There were no reports filed for Benton, Carroll, Chicot, Cleveland, Dallas, Fulton, Logan, Lonoke, and Phillips Counties. Only 6-month totals were available and are included for Desha, Drew, Greene, Inyang, Sharp, and Yell Counties.

Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, Thirteenth Annual Report, 1977 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 COURT¹

Court of limited jurisdiction
92 city courts, 1 police court, 5 justice of the peace courts; 92 mayors, 1 judge, 5 justices of the peace
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Total civil	N/A	194 ¹	N/A	N/A
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal	N/A	10,821 ¹	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	10,821 ¹	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Driving while intoxicated	N/A	1,801 ¹	N/A	N/A
Other traffic violation:				
Moving traffic	N/A	12,231 ¹	N/A	N/A
Other traffic	N/A	5,700 ¹	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	17,731 ¹	N/A	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	19,732 ¹	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	30,747¹	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

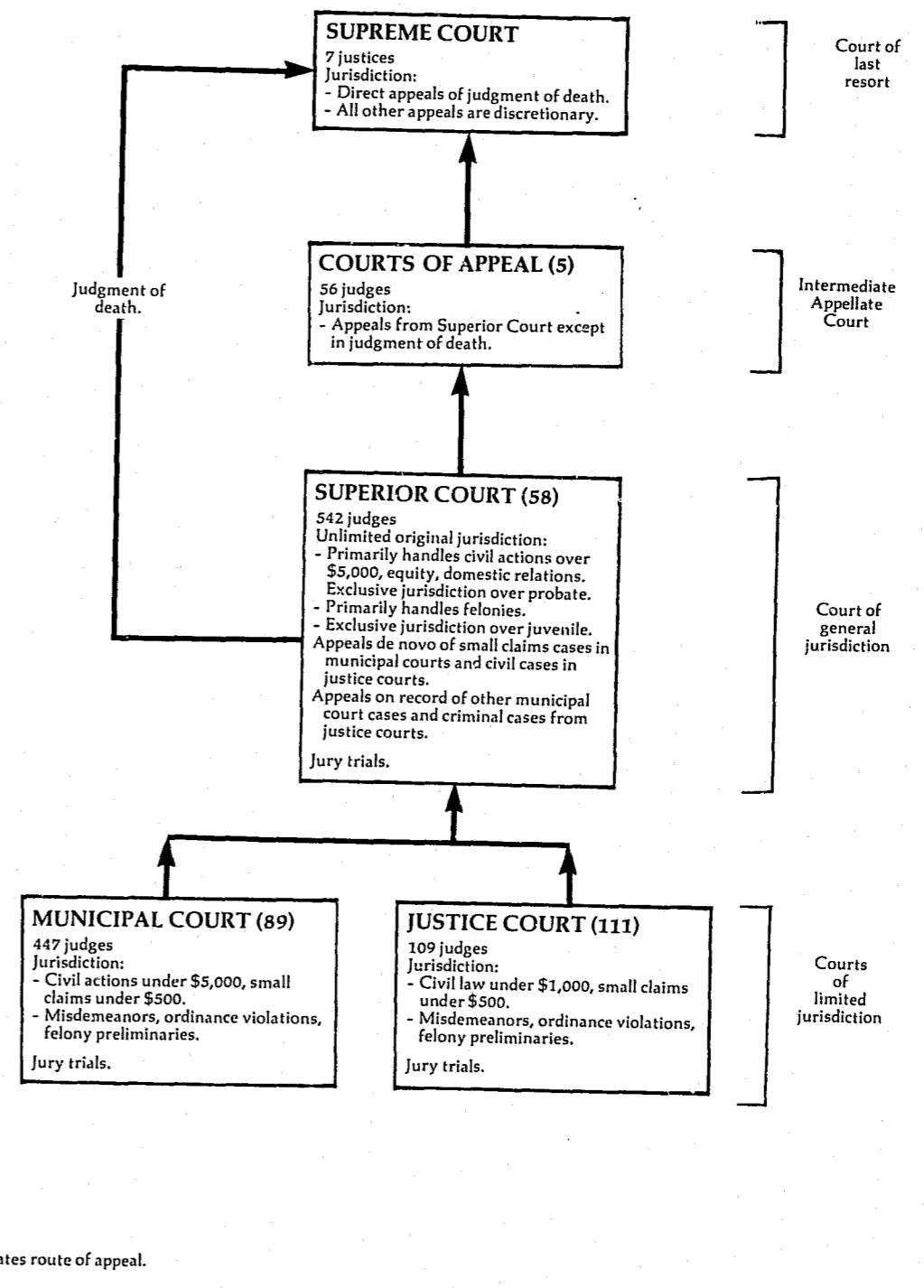
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^dCase 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.

¹Data are not complete:
There were no reports for the cities of Alma, Ashdown, Austin, Barling, Beebe, Belleville, Biscoe, Calico Rock, Carlisle, Carthage, Cave City, Cotter, Decatur, Delight, DeValls Bluff, East Camden, Eudora, Farmington, Foreman, Fouke, Gentry, Glenwood, Gould, Grady, Gravette, Holly Grove, Humoke, Imboden, Leachville, Luxora, Mansfield, McRea, Mountainburg, Norfork, Norman, Palestine, Quitman, Rosston, Strong, Sulphur Springs, Swift, Thornton, Turrell, White Hall, and Wilson. Only 6-month data were available for the cities of Buckner and White River.

Source: Executive Secretary, Judicial Department, Thirteenth Annual Report, 1977 Judicial Statistics (Little Rock, Arkansas). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

CALIFORNIA COURT SYSTEM, 1977



CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending		
Cases:						
Appeals:						
Civil	N/A	(133) ^e	69	N/A		
Criminal:						
Direct appeals ^j	N/A	27	X	N/A		
Other criminal	N/A	(61) ^e	X	N/A		
Total criminal	N/A	27 (61) ^e	22	N/A		
Total appeals	N/A	27 (194) ^e	91	N/A		
Other cases:						
Original proceedings:						
Original jurisdiction:						
Civil	N/A	235 (24) ^e	149	N/A		
Criminal	N/A	476 (13) ^e	460	N/A		
Total	N/A	711 (37) ^e	609	N/A		
Disciplinary matters:						
Attorney disciplinary proceedings ^j	N/A	104	104	N/A		
Advisory opinions:						
Executive clemency applications	N/A	81	54	N/A		
Total	N/A	896 (37) ^e	767	N/A		
Requests to appeal:						
Civil:						
Civil appeals	N/A	1,230	1,097 (133) ^e	N/A		
Civil original proceedings	N/A	341	317 (24) ^e	N/A		
Total	N/A	1,571	1,414 (157) ^e	N/A		
Criminal:						
Criminal appeals	N/A	1,033	972 (61) ^e	N/A		
Criminal original proceedings (habeas corpus)	N/A	323	310 (13) ^e	N/A		
Total	N/A	1,356	1,282 (74) ^e	N/A		
Total	N/A	2,927	2,696 (231) ^e	N/A		
Total other cases	N/A	3,823 (37) ^e	3,463 (231) ^e	N/A		
Total cases	N/A	3,850 (231) ^e	3,554 (231) ^e	N/A		
Other proceedings:						
Rehearing requests:						
Civil	N/A	N/A	45	N/A		
Criminal	N/A	N/A	24	N/A		
Total	N/A	N/A	69	N/A		
Other matters:						
Transfer and retransfer	N/A	N/A	258	N/A		
Orders/writs to show cause	N/A	N/A	59	N/A		
Motions decided	N/A	N/A	113	N/A		
Miscellaneous	N/A	N/A	1,885	N/A		
Total	N/A	N/A	2,315	N/A		
Total other proceedings	N/A	N/A	2,384	N/A		
Manner of disposition						
	Appeals	Criminal	Original proceedings	Other	Total	Disposition of appeals (criminal) ^m
Written opinion	66	19	59	1	145	Affirmed 4 Affirmed with modifications 9 Reversed, no retrial 2 Reversed for expected retrial 5

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSF.

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.

^eCases 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.

^jExplanation 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 10 of the 104 disciplinary matters and petitions to set aside or stay suspension were filed in 8 of the cases.

Requests to appeal are petitions for hearing cases previously decided by the Courts of Appeal.

^mCategories for disposition type or trial data:

Disposition of appeals data include only criminal appeals terminated by written opinion.

Source: Judicial Council of California, 1978 Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the California Courts (San Francisco, California: 1978), and unpublished data supplied by the administrative office of the courts. Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions were made by the courts administrative office during data verification.

CALIFORNIA COURTS OF APPEAL
Intermediate appellate court
5 districts, 56^c judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	2,555	3,283	4,3041	2,5978
Criminal	1,989	4,040	3,6901	2,5668
Total appeals	4,544	7,323	7,994	5,1638
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Civil	N/A	3,211	3,1971	N/A
Criminal	N/A	926	9431	N/A
Total	N/A	4,137	4,140	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	4,137	4,140	N/A
Total cases	4,544	11,460	12,134	5,1631
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	N/A	N/A	1,377	N/A
Other matters:				
Motions to dismiss on clerk's certificate	N/A	479	N/A	N/A
Motions	N/A	N/A	929	N/A
Orders (miscellaneous)	N/A	N/A	7,783	N/A
Total	N/A	4791	8,7121	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	4791	10,0891	N/A
Manner of disposition				
Appeals	Civil	Original	Disposition of appeals (criminal)^m	
Written opinion	2,656	2,970	377	6,003
Affirmed			2,375	
Affirmed with modifications			314	
Reversed, no retrial			13	
Reversed for expected retrial			210	
Status of pending cases, 6/30/77				
Appeals not ready for calendar.....	Civil	Criminal		
Appeals argued, calendared, or ready for calendar..	1,578 ⁿ	1,717 ⁿ		
	1,019	849		

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

Judge information:

There were 55.9 full-time equivalent judges in the Courts of Appeal during fiscal year 1976-1977.

Exchange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures are as reported in the annual report.

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.

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.

Special source or revision in the data:
Breakdowns into civil and criminal categories for appeals and original proceedings disposed were supplied by the administrative office of the courts during data verification.

Categories for disposition type or trial data:

Disposition of appeals data include only criminal appeals terminated by written opinion.

There were 4,113 authored majority opinions and 1,792 "by the court" majority opinions that disposed the 6,003 cases.

Source: Judicial Council of California, 1978 Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the California Courts (San Francisco, California: 1978). 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 courts during the process of data verification.

CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
58 courts, 542 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil^d:				
Tort:				
Auto tort			N/A	57,193
Other tort			N/A	28,411
Total			N/A	85,604
Real property rights:				
Eminent domain (parcels)			N/A	2,249
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Family law			N/A	172,211
Estate:				
Probate and guardianship			N/A	64,910
Mental health			N/A	5,451
Appeal:				
Appeal of trial court case:				
Appeals from lower courts			N/A	10,232 ^l
Extraordinary writ:				
Habeas corpus			N/A	9,859
Other civil:				
Other complaints			N/A	82,232
Other petitions			N/A	116,185
Total			N/A	198,417
Total civil			N/A	548,933
Criminal ^d :				
Felony:				
Criminal			N/A	54,653 ^l
Appeal			N/A	2,508
Total criminal			N/A	57,161
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquency			N/A	93,171
Non-offense:				
Dependency			N/A	14,615
Total juvenile			N/A	107,786
Grand total			N/A	713,880
				588,045 ^l
				N/A

	Trial^d	Criminal dispositions^m
Civil ^d :	Jury Non-Jury Total	Felony
Auto tort	1,177 1,336 2,513	Acquitted or dismissed 861
Other tort	1,026 1,033 2,059	Convicted 4,318
Real property rights	112 388 500	Non-jury trial:
Domestic relations	19 142,017 142,036	Acquitted or dismissed 679
Estate	85 58,761 58,846	Convicted 2,237
Mental health	42 4,642 4,684	Guilty plea 35,089
Appeal ^m	0 8,027 8,027	Transferred 486
Other civil	674 42,916 43,590	Dismissed 5,441
Total	3,135 259,120 262,255	
Criminal:		
Felony	5,179 2,916 8,095	
Appeal ^m	0 0 0	
Total	5,179 2,916 8,095	
Grand total/1	8,314 262,036 270,350	

	Civil dispositions^m
Auto tort	991 730 10 2,787 47 2,434 6,999
Other tort	37,253 17,350 1,011 5,416 2,557 52,470 116,057
Real property rights	141 138 12 1 63 1,067 1,422
Domestic relations	
Estate	
Other civil	
Total	577 182 695 77 612 37,426 39,569

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California Superior Court (continued)

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

dCase 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.

jExplanation of data included in the category:

Famil law includes annulment, divorce, and separate maintenance cases.

lSpecial source or revision in the data:

Filing and disposition figures were revised by the administrative office of the courts during verification.

Civil and criminal type of disposition information was supplied by the court administrative office during data verification.

mCategories for disposition type or trial data:

Civil trials include mental health hearings; they do not include habeas corpus hearings.

Civil disposition types do not include data for habeas corpus or appeal hearings.

There were 3,310 juries sworn for the 3,135 civil cases disposed by jury trial, and 5,556 juries sworn for the 5,179 criminal defendants disposed by jury trial.

Civil appeals and criminal appeals trial data are for appeals disposed by trial de novo; appeals disposed after hearing are not included.

Source: Judicial Council of California, 1978 Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the California Courts (San Francisco, California: 1978), and unpublished data provided by the administrative office of the courts. Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions were made during the data verification process by the administrative office of the courts.

CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL COURT Court of limited jurisdiction 89 courts, 447 judges July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977				
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Small claims	N/A	390,390	291,226	N/A
Other civil	N/A	331,170	252,674	N/A
Total civil	N/A	721,560	543,900	N/A
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor:				
Group A misdemeanor	N/A	331,388	309,316	N/A
Group B misdemeanor	N/A	209,060	200,681	N/A
Total	N/A	540,448	509,997	N/A
Ordinance violation:				
Non-traffic infractions	N/A	43,260	34,468	N/A
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony	N/A	94,522	80,856k	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	678,230	625,321	N/A
Traffic:				
Parking:				
Illegal parking	N/A	8,763,280	7,584,022	N/A
Other traffic violation:				
Group C misdemeanor	N/A	251,026	203,652	N/A
Group D misdemeanor	N/A	199,438	332,230	N/A
Traffic infractions	N/A	4,356,682	3,879,166	N/A
Total	N/A	4,807,146	4,415,048	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	13,570,426	11,999,070	N/A
Grand total	N/A	14,970,216	13,168,291	N/A

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California Municipal Court (continued)

Trial

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Small claims	0	220,664	220,664
Other civil	666	71,310	71,976
Total	666	291,974	292,640
Criminal:			
Misdemeanor	5,195	9,112	14,307
Ordinance violation	5	349	354
Preliminary hearing	136	44,128	44,264
Total	5,336	53,589	58,925
Traffic:			
Parking	2	62,886	62,886
Other traffic violation	3,699	150,088	153,787
Total	3,701	212,974	216,675
Grand total	9,703	558,537	568,240

Civil dispositions

	Small claims	Other civil	Total
Dismissed for lack of prosecution	10,135	5,600	15,735
Other dismissals or transfers	60,427	55,843	116,270
Summary judgments	0	3,587	3,587
All other judgments	0	115,668	115,668

Traffic dispositions

Criminal dispositions

	Parking	Other traffic violation	Total	Jury trial:	Misdemeanor	Ordinance violation	Preliminary hearing	Total
Jury trial:				Acquitted or dismissed	2,182	1	51	2,234
Convicted	0	953	953	Convicted	3,013	4	85	3,102
Non-jury trial:				Acquitted or dismissed	2,746	2,748		
Convicted	2	2,746	2,748	Convicted	4,033	107	3,016	7,156
Non-jury trial:				Convicted or bound over ..	4,983	225	746	5,954
Acquitted or dismissed	6,951	43,044	49,995	Juvenile order	129,671	17	0	113
Convicted	55,898	73,773	129,671	Bound over	33,308	--	--	40,366
Non-jury trial:				Pleas of guilty	1,102,581	9,389	19,368	10,636
Acquitted or dismissed	37	33,271	33,308	Bail forfeitures	9,209,541	50,774	13,595	358,456
Convicted	114,293	988,288	1,102,581	Bail forfeitures	50,774	13,595	0	64,369
Non-jury trial:				Dismissals	1,462,134	11,096	16,399	141,352
Acquitted or dismissed	6,584,488	2,625,053	9,209,541	Dismissals	113,857	34	825	2,219
Convicted	822,200	639,934	1,462,134	Transferred	1,360	8,139		

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

-- = Not applicable.

dCase 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.

jExplanation 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.

kAdditional information:

Of the 80,856 felony preliminary hearing dispositions, 14,817 felony charges were reduced to misdemeanors.

lSpecial source or revision in the data:

Disposition figure is as revised by the administrative office of the courts during data verification.

Trial and disposition data were supplied by the administrative office of the court during data verification.

Source: Judicial Council of California, 1978 Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the California Courts (San Francisco, California: 1978), and unpublished data provided by the administrative office of the courts. Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions were made by the administrative office of the courts during data verification.

CALIFORNIA JUSTICE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
111 courts, 111 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Small claims	N/A	36,834	28,751	N/A
Other civil	N/A	12,994	9,047	N/A
Total civil	N/A	49,828	37,798	N/A
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor:				
Group A misdemeanor	N/A	29,884	26,383	N/A
Group B misdemeanor	N/A	27,659	25,280	N/A
Total	N/A	57,543	51,663	N/A
Ordinance violation:				
Non-traffic infractions	N/A	6,103	5,376	N/A
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony	N/A	8,327	7,882k	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	71,973	64,921	N/A

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California Justice Court (continued)

Traffic:			
Parking:			
Illegal parking	N/A	194,907	171,741
Other traffic violation:			N/A
Group C misdemeanor	N/A	25,085	21,852
Group D misdemeanor	N/A	36,012	38,378
Traffic infractions	N/A	447,773	400,783
Total	N/A	508,870	461,013
Total traffic	N/A	703,777	632,754
Grand total	N/A	825,578	735,473

Trial^{d1}			
Civil:	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Small claims	0	20,568	20,568
Other civil	49	1,585	1,634
Total	49	22,153	22,202
Criminal:			
Misdemeanor	806	3,037	3,843
Ordinance violation	0	163	163
Preliminary hearing	74	3,938	4,012
Total	880	7,138	8,018
Traffic:			
Parking	0	372	372
Other traffic violation	876	21,593	22,469
Total	876	21,965	22,841
Grand total	1,805	51,256	53,061

Criminal dispositions¹

Traffic dispositions¹			Criminal dispositions¹					
	Parking	Other traffic violation	Total	Jury trial:	Misdemeanor	Ordinance violation	Preliminary hearing	Total
Jury trial:				Convicted	558	0	54	612
Convicted	0	687	687	Acquitted or dismissed..	248	0	20	268
Acquitted or dismissed	0	189	189	Non-jury trial:				
Non-jury trial:				Convicted or bound over.	1,875	103	210	2,188
Convicted	249	8,139	8,388	Acquitted or dismissed..	1,070	58	657	1,785
Acquitted or dismissed	96	3,136	3,232	Juvenile order	92	2	0	94
Juvenile order	27	10,318	10,345	Bound over			3,071	3,071
Guilty plea	3,183	76,293	79,476	Guilty plea	25,172	1,118	2,361	28,651
Transferred	48	3,968	4,016	Transferred	849	64	168	1,081
Bail forfeiture	148,956	317,074	466,030	Bail forfeiture	13,390	3,196	0	16,586
Dismissals	19,182	41,209	60,391	Dismissals	8,409	835	1,341	10,585

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

-- = Not applicable.

^dCase 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 jury selection begins.

A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.

^jExplanation 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.

^kAdditional information:

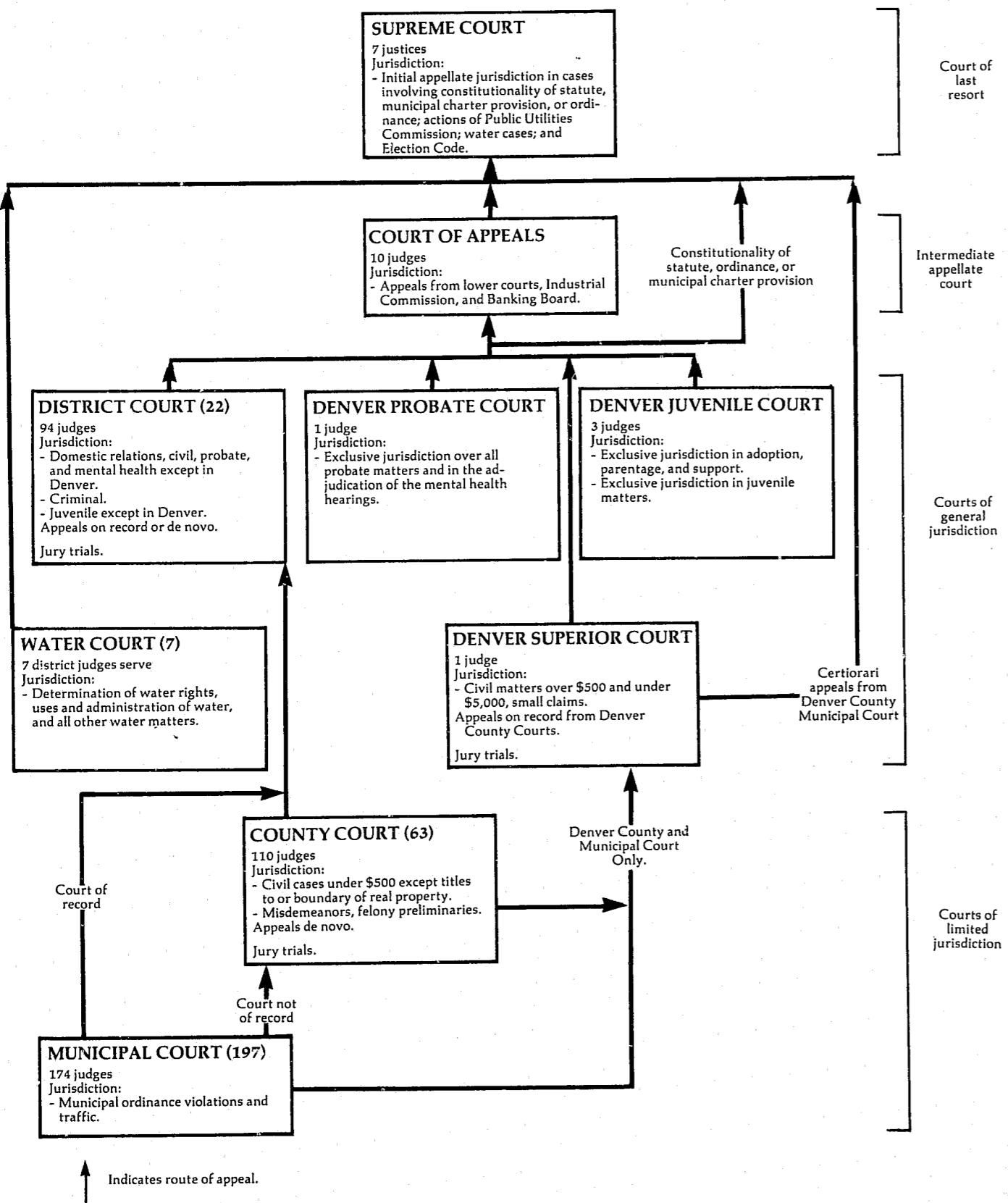
Of the 7,882 felony preliminary hearing cases disposed, 1,913 felony charges were reduced to misdemeanors.

^lSpecial source or revision in data:

Breakdowns for trial and disposition figures were supplied by the administrative office of the courts during data verification.

Source: Judicial Council of California, 1978 Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the California Courts (San Francisco, California: 1978), and unpublished data provided. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

COLORADO COURT SYSTEM, 1977



COLORADO SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil ^j	X	80	X	X
Criminal	X	84	X	X
Criminal	X	21	X	X
Interlocutory	X	105	X	X
Total	X	19	X	X
Postconviction remedy:				
Habeas corpus	X	1	X	X
Other appeals:				
Statutory review	X	2	X	X
Reopened cases	X	3	X	X
Total	X	207	X	X
Total appeals	X	207	X	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Original proceedings	X	238	X	X
Interrogatories	X	1	X	X
Rule 21.1	0	2	X	X
Bail reduction	X	0	X	X
Total	X	241	X	X
Disciplinary matters:				
Disciplinary proceedings	X	1	X	X
Total	X	242	X	X
Requests to appeal:				
Petition in certiorari	X	284	X	X
Total other cases	X	526	X	X
Total cases	343	735k	704	374

Manner of disposition

	Status of pending cases
Written opinion	285
Without opinion	411
Transferred to Court of Appeals	8

Cases not yet at issue	79
Cases at issue:	
Cases at issue awaiting oral argument	32
Cases orally argued awaiting opinion	47
Reopened cases	4
Cases submitted without oral argument	43
Decision announced awaiting action on rehearing	20
Decisions announced awaiting formal closing	33
Held in abeyance	2
Total at issue	181
Certiorari cases at various pending stages	114

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

^jExplanation of data included in the category:

Civil appeals includes water cases, P.U.C. decision, and constitutional questions.

^kAdditional information:

Total cases filed also includes two requests for stay pending appeal filed during the time period.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, *Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary 1976-77* (Denver, Colorado: 1977). 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, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed ^d	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil ^j	X	640 ^j	X	X
Criminal	X	323 ^j	X	X
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Industrial commission	X	165	X	X
Total appeals	674	1,128	918	884
Other cases:				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases				
Total cases	674	1,128	918	884

Status of pending cases 6/30/77

	Appeals			
	Civil	Criminal	Agency	Total
Cases not yet at issue	X	X	X	627
Cases at issue:				
At issue awaiting oral argument	71	32	17	120
Orally argued awaiting opinion	70	36	7	113
Submitted without oral argument	X	X	X	24
Total at issue	X	X	X	257

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

^jExplanation of data included in the category:

Appeals filed include three reopened civil appeals and one reopened criminal appeal.

Civil appeals includes appeals from the district court and the Banking Board.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary 1976-77 (Denver, Colorado: 1977).

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
Court of general jurisdiction
22 districts, 99^c judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil ^d :				
Law:				
Money demands	X	13,176	X	X
Tort:				
Auto tort:				
Personal injury--motor vehicle ^j	X	1,398	X	X
Other tort:				
Personal injury--other	X	1,056	X	X
Property damage	X	760	X	X
Wrongful death	X	115	X	X
Total	X	1,931	X	X
Total	X	3,329	X	X
Real property rights:				
Real and personal property	X	5,048	X	X
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Dissolution of marriage	X	22,640	X	X
Legal separation	X	400	X	X
Invalidity of marriage	X	165	X	X
Total	X	23,205	X	X
Support/custody:				
Paternity and support	X	4,858	X	X
Child custody	X	205	X	X
Reciprocal nonsupport interstate	X	5,879	X	X
Reciprocal support intrastate	X	790	X	X
Total	X	11,732	X	X
Adoption	X	1,901	X	X
Other domestic relations:				
Miscellaneous	X	327	X	X
Postjudgment actions filed	X	8,914	X	X
Total	X	9,241	X	X
Total	X	46,079	X	X

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Colorado District Court, Denver Superior Court, Denver Juvenile Court, and Denver Probate Court (continued)

Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Intestates	X	1,236	X	X
Testates	X	3,033	X	X
Small estates	X	268	X	X
Total	X	4,537	X	X
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianships:				
Conservatorships	X	360	X	X
Total	X	584	X	X
Other estates:				
Miscellaneous	X	381	X	X
Postjudgment actions filed	X	551 ⁱ	X	X
Total	X	932	X	X
Total	X	6,413 ⁱ	X	X
Mental health:				
Short-term treatment	X	691	X	X
Developmentally disabled admissions	X	43	X	X
Petition for evaluation	X	842	X	X
Long-term treatment	X	43	X	X
Involuntary commitment of alcoholic	X	264	X	X
Postjudgment actions filed	X	539	X	X
Other	X	48	X	X
Total	X	807	2,470	2,108
Appeal:				1,169
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Administrative review and local governments	X	577	X	X
Municipal Court and County Court appeals	X	89	X	X
Total	X	666	X	X
Extraordinary writ:				
Miscellaneous	X	3,552	X	X
Other civil:				
Postjudgment actions filed	X	9,465	X	X
Total civil	X	90,198 ⁱ	X	X
Criminal:				
Felony:				
Criminal ^j	X	10,882	X	X
Appeal:				
Municipal Court and County Court appeals	X	385	X	X
Other criminal:				
Non-offense ^j	X	394	X	X
Postjudgment actions filed	X	4,029	X	X
Total	X	4,423	X	X
Total criminal	X	10,031	15,690	13,880
Juvenile:				12,415
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquency	X	5,204	X	X
Status offenses:				
Child in need of support	X	919	X	X
Nor-offense:				
Dependency and neglect petitions	X	1,950	X	X
Other juvenile:				
Relinquishments	X	355	X	X
Miscellaneous	X	590	X	X
Postjudgment actions filed	X	6,060	6,342	X
Total	X	7,005	X	X
Total juvenile	X	16,078	X	X
Grand total	X	83,748 ⁱ	121,966 ⁱ	116,668 ⁱ
Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.				89,046 ⁱ
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.				
cJudge information:				
Five of these 99 judges serve in the Denver Superior, Juvenile, and Probate Courts.				
dCase 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.				
eData are not complete:				
Denver Probate Court estate postjudgment data represent only nine months of data due to data processing failure.				
fExplanation of data included in the category:				
Personal injury--motor vehicle includes related property damage.				
Miscellaneous under extraordinary writ includes habeas corpus and other remedial writs, injunctions, etc.				
Criminal includes felonies as well as cases filed as felonies but reduced to misdemeanors.				
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 1976-77 (Denver, Colorado: 1977).				
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, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Real property rights:				
Water adjudications	X	1,679	X	X
Diligence findings	X	328	X	X
Review petitions	X	2	X	X
Others	X	31	X	X
Total	3,764	2,040	2,714	3,090
Total civil	3,764	2,040	2,714	3,090
Grand total	3,764	2,040	2,714	3,090

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

^aCourt jurisdiction:

Data for this court are included with the general jurisdiction courts since District Court judges serve.

^dCase definition or unit of count:

A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

^jExplanation of data included in the category:

Filed includes original actions filed and postjudgment actions filed.

"Other" includes cases involving springs, waste waters, etc.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary 1976-77 (Denver, Colorado: 1977). 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, 1976 to June 30, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for fiscal year 1976-77.

COLORADO COUNTY COURT
 Court of limited jurisdiction
 63 counties, 110 judges
 July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Small claims ^a	0	6,567	5,057	1,510
Other civil:				
Civil	10,180	51,354	50,063	11,471
Total civil	10,180	57,921	55,120	12,981
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor	11,743	26,247	25,506	12,484
Preliminary hearing ⁱ	0	16,121 ⁱ	16,121 ⁱ	0
Total criminal	11,743	42,368 ⁱ	41,627 ⁱ	12,484
Traffic:				
Total traffic	37,422	148,571	142,231	43,762
Grand total	59,345	248,860 ⁱ	238,978 ⁱ	69,227

Jury trial^d

Criminal dispositions

	Civil	Criminal	Preliminary hearing
Civil	65		
Criminal:			
Misdemeanor	221		Dismissed
Traffic	770		2,469
Total	1,056		Resolution to misdemeanor
			810
			Hindover to District Court
			4,743

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

^aCourt jurisdiction:

The small claims division of the County Court became effective in October 1976.

^dCase 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.

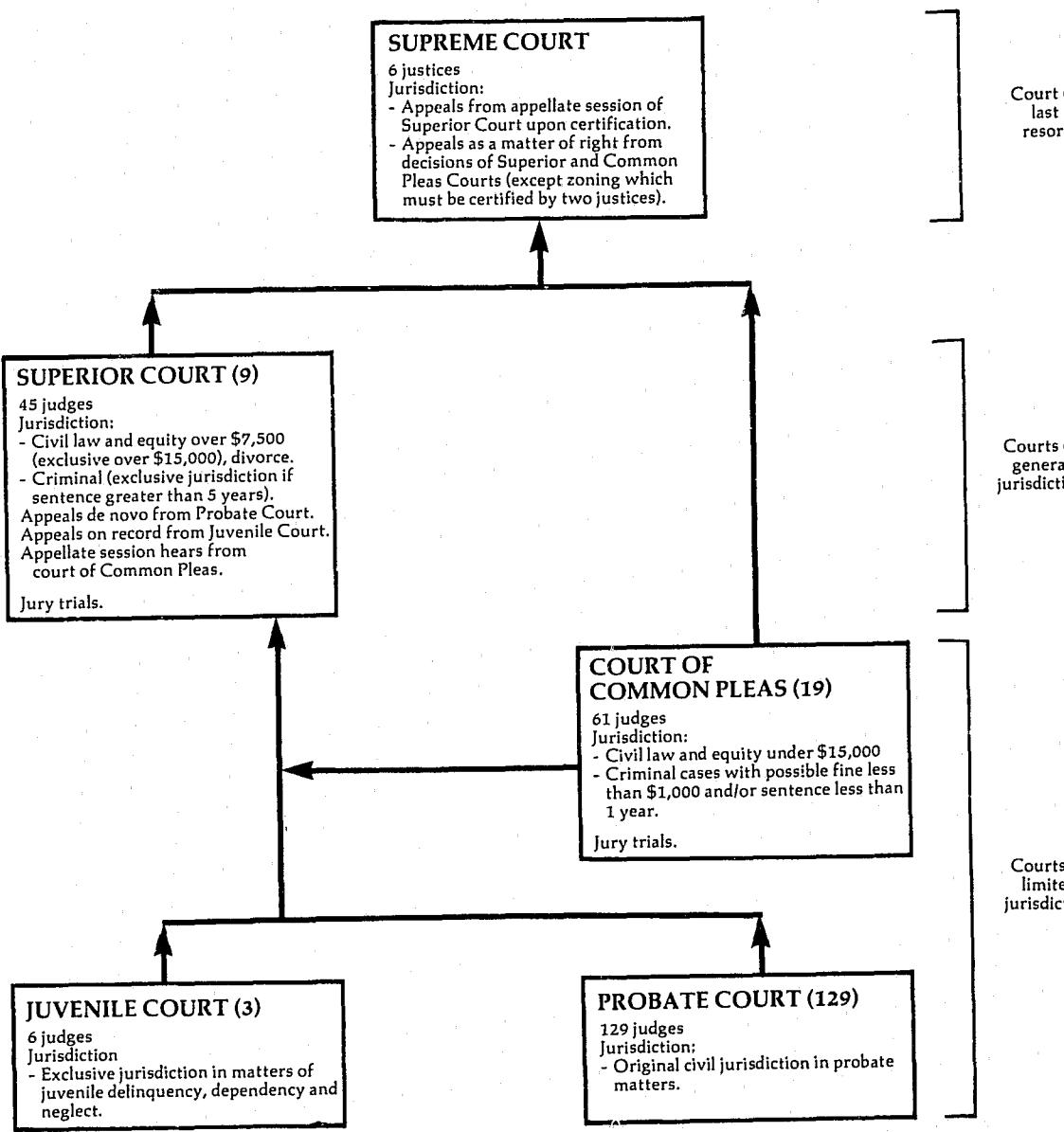
A jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.

ⁱData are not complete:

Felony advisements (no complaints lodged) data were not available for Denver County. Data for other preliminary hearing cases from Denver County were available and are included in the chart.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary 1976-77 (Denver, Colorado: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

CONNECTICUT COURT SYSTEM, 1977



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
6 justices
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	299	342	243	398
Criminal	81	67	59	89
Total appeals	380	409	302	487
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions for certification				
Total other cases	N/A	N/A	57	N/A
Total cases	380 ⁱ	409 ⁱ	359	487 ⁱ
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Motions	N/A	N/A	309	N/A
Reservations	N/A	N/A	1	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	310	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	N/A	310	N/A
Manner of disposition				
Appeals				
By opinion	Civil 129	Criminal 47	Total 176	
Disposition of appeals^m				
Affirmed (no error)				102
Reversed (error, no further proceedings)				20
Reversed and remanded (error, further proceedings)				40
Reservations				1

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
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.

ⁱData are not complete:
Total cases pending and filed do not include data for petitions for certification.
^mInformation or disposition type or trial data:
Disposition information is given for appeals decided by opinion between October 1976 and October 1977. All other data on this chart were drawn from the normal fiscal year July to June time period.

Source: Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department, Biennial Report of the Connecticut Judicial Department 1976-78 (Hartford, Connecticut: 1979). Statistics are from the biennial report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
9 courts, 45 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil^b:				
Domestic relations:				
Family docket	12,573 ^f	15,704	15,809	12,468
Appeal:				
Appeal of trial court case:				
Appellate session	101 ^f	141	129 ^k	113
Other civil:				
Non-family docket	19,578	11,046	9,102	21,522
Total civil	32,252 ^{f,k}	26,891	25,040	34,103 ^k
Criminal^d:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal categories ^j	3,848	4,461	4,486	3,826 ^l
Appeal:				
Appellate session	45 ^f	58	53	50
Total criminal	3,893 ^f	4,522	4,539	3,876
Grand total	36,145 ^f	31,413	29,579	37,979

<u>Trial^d</u>			<u>Criminal dispositions</u>		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total		Felony/misdemeanor
Civil	292	630	922	Jury trial:	
Criminal (felony/misdemeanor)	119	33	152	Conviction	83
Total	411	663	1,074	Acquittal	36
				Non-jury trial:	
				Conviction	9
				Acquittal	24
				Guilty, nolo plea	3,380
				Dismissed, quashed	142
				Nolled, withdrawn, transferred ..	812

Time interval (average months)

Civil:
Return day to disposition 16.4
Date claimed for trial list to jury trial 35.7
Date claimed for trial list to non-jury trial 14.9

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

bParticular court or reporting system information:

The 1976 reporting year for civil cases ended on August 31, 1976. Consequently, there is a two-month overlap for the civil category between the data reported on the 1976 annual report and the 1977 annual report.

dCase 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.

Beginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year.

This difference is because of the change in the reporting period as indicated above.

jExplanation of data included in the category:

Criminal categories are felony and misdemeanor cases.

kAdditional information:

During the court year, the Appellate Session of Superior Court also heard 81 motions.

fSpecial source or revision in data:

Filed and end pending figures for criminal category cases were supplied by the Office of the Chief Court Administrator during data verification.

Source: Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department, Biennial Report of the Connecticut Judicial Department 1976-78 (Hartford, Connecticut: 1979). Statistics are from the biennial report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions were made by the office of the chief court administrator during data verification.

CONNECTICUT COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
Court of limited jurisdiction
19 courts, 61 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil^b:				
Small claims	N/A	95,002	N/A	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Family docket	164 ^f	21	100	85
Other civil:				
Nonfamily docket	30,712 ^f	30,461	29,762	31,411
Civil-geographical areas	4,459 ^f	14,730	15,012	4,177
Total	35,171 ^f	45,191	44,774	35,588
Total civil	35,335 ^{f,i}	140,214	44,874 ⁱ	35,673 ⁱ
Criminal^d:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal	20,964 ^f	86,878	91,044	16,798
Total criminal	20,964 ^f	86,878	91,044	16,798
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Motor vehicle	19,005 ^f	262,872	265,236	16,551 ^g
Total traffic	19,005 ^f	262,872	265,236	16,551 ^g
Grand total	75,304 ^{f,i}	489,964	401,154 ⁱ	69,022 ⁱ

	<u>Trial^d</u>	<u>Civil^m</u>	<u>Time interval (average months)</u>
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil ⁿ	235	1,663	1,898

Civilⁿ:
Return day to disposition 12.6
Date claimed for trial list to jury trial 18.2
Date claimed for trial list to non-jury trial 18.7

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

bParticular court or reporting system information:

The 1976 reporting year for civil cases ended on August 31, 1976. Consequently, there is a two-month overlap for the civil category between the data reported in the 1976 annual report and the 1977 annual report.

dCase 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.

A non-jury trial for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year.

The difference in civil pending data is because of the change in the reporting period as indicated above.

fChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

iData are not complete:

Total civil and grand total pending and disposed figures do not include small claims cases. Small claims data are included only in the filing figures.

mCategories for disposition type or trial data:

Civil trial data are given only for family docket and nonfamily docket cases.

nTime interval or age of pending data:

Time interval data are given only for family docket and nonfamily docket cases.

Source: Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department, Biennial Report of the Connecticut Judicial Department 1976-78 (Hartford, Connecticut: 1979). Statistics are from the biennial report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

CONNECTICUT PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
129 courts, 129 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Domestic relations:				
Adoption:				
Adoptions and terminations	N/A	2,255	N/A	N/A
Other domestic relations:				
Marriages (permission and waiver)	N/A	842	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	3,097	N/A	N/A
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Decedent's estate	N/A	33,078	N/A	N/A
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardians	N/A	1,970	N/A	N/A
Conservators	N/A	4,084	N/A	N/A
Trustees	N/A	6,083	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	12,137	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	45,215	N/A	N/A
Mental health:				
Commitments	N/A	1,921	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	50,233	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	50,233 ^k	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A - This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

dCase definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
kAdditional information:
In addition the court handled 8,515 passport applications.

Source: Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department, Biennial Report of the Connecticut Judicial Department 1976-78 (Hartford, Connecticut: 1979). Statistics are from the biennial report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

CONNECTICUT JUVENILE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
3 courts, 6 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Domestic relations:				
Other domestic relations:				
Termination of parental rights	38	151	145	44
Total civil	38	151	145	44
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquency	5,163 ^l	12,434	13,551	4,046 ^l
Non-offense:				
Neglect	344	654	714	284
Revocation of commitments	116	241	243	114
Total	460	895	957	398
Total juvenile	5,623	13,329	14,508	4,444
Grand total	5,661	13,480	14,653	4,488

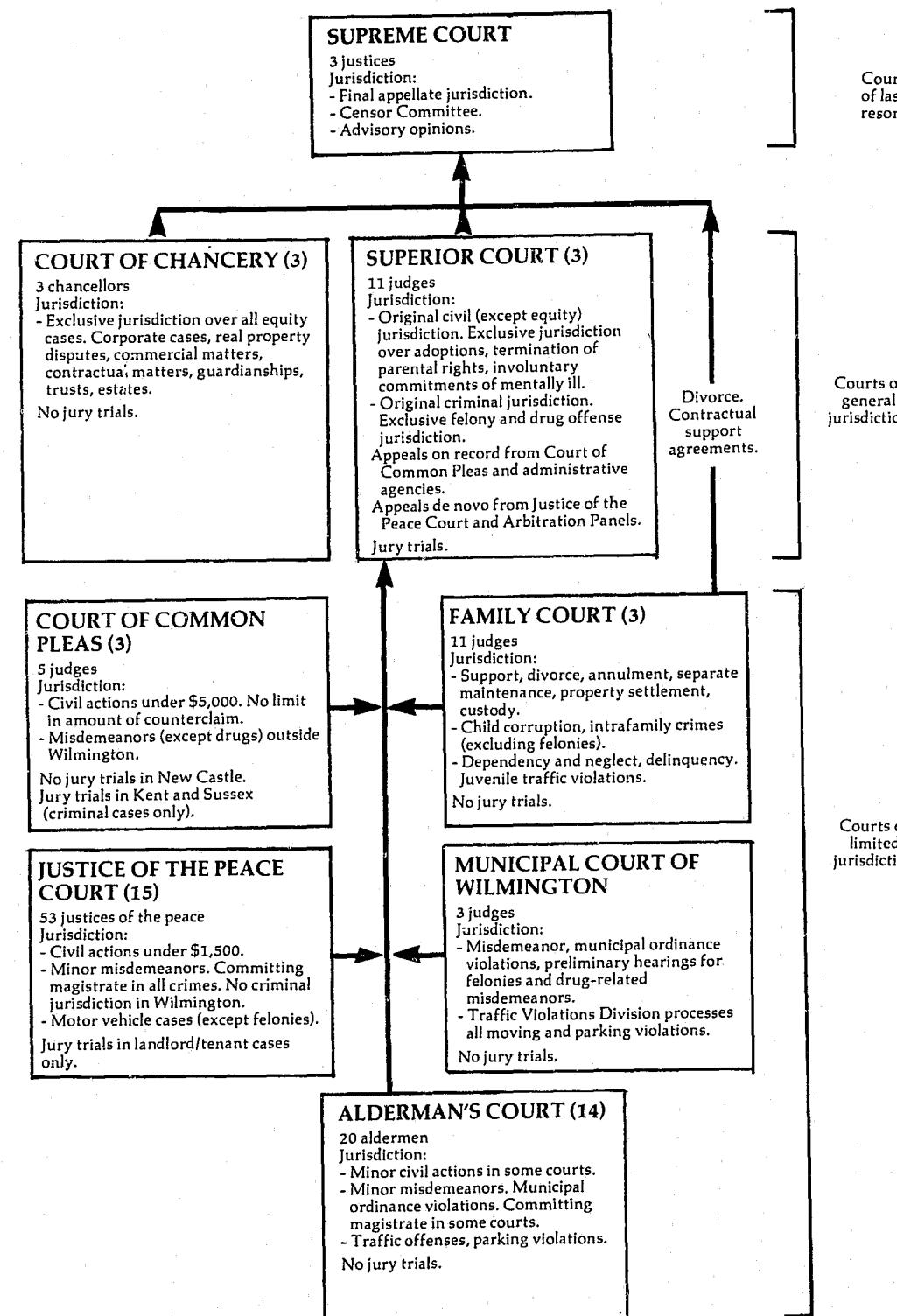
Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

dCase definition:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
lSpecial source or revision in the data:

Delinquency pending figures were supplied by the administrative office of the court during data verification.

Source: Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department, Biennial Report of the Connecticut Judicial Department 1976-78 (Hartford, Connecticut: 1979). Statistics are from the biennial report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional data were supplied by the administrative office of the court during data verification.

DELAWARE COURT SYSTEM, 1977



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

DELAWARE SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
3 justices
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	186	251	207	230
Criminal	100	113	109	104
Total appeals	286	364	316	334
Other cases:				
Original proceedings	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Total other cases	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Total cases	286	364	316	334

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

Explanation of data included in the category:
Civil appeals include original applications, advisory opinions, and certifications.

Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1977, 1978 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1977, 1978). Data are reported quarterly; calendar year 1977 was computed from quarterly information.

DELAWARE COURT OF CHANCERY*
Court of general jurisdiction
3 counties, 3 chancellors
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Estates	2,935	1,700	1,883	2,752
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardians for minors	1,065	139	128	1,076
Guardians for infirm	597	127	84	640
Trusts	1,872	161	127	1,906
Trustees for mentally ill	160	11	9	162
Total	3,694	438	348	3,784
Other estate:				
Other matters	294	98	108	284
Total	6,923	2,336	2,339	6,820
Other civil:				
Civil cases:	649	368	339	678
Total civil	7,572	2,604	2,678	7,498
Grand total	7,572	2,604	2,678	7,498

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

Case definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

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.

Additional information:
This profile does not include referrals to the Public Guardian by the Court of Chancery. In the fiscal year 1976-77 there were 28 beginning pending, 80 filed, 64 disposed, and 44 end pending cases for the Public Guardian. The 80 filed cases were 15 guardianships and 65 investigations.

Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1977 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1977). 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, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Complaints	2,147 ^l	1,891	1,691	2,347 ^l
Real property rights:				
Mechanic's liens and mortgages	447 ^l	648	683	412
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce ^a	92 ^{f1}	0	89	3
Other domestic relations:				
Terminations and adoptions	160	385	395	150 ^l
Total	252 ^{f1}	385	484	153 ^l
Mental health:				
Involuntary commitments	20	337	265	92
Appeal				
Other civil:				
Miscellaneous	104 ^l	331	309	126 ^l
Total civil	3,210 ^{f1}	3,824	3,611	3,423 ^l
Criminal:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal	1,357	4,097	3,860	1,594 ^k
Appeal	(J)	(J)	(J)	
Total criminal	1,357	4,097	3,860 ^k	1,594
Grand total	4,567 ^{f1}	7,921	7,471	5,017 ^l

Criminal dispositions^k

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Criminal	319	79	398
<u>Time interval (days)</u>			
	Mean	Median ⁿ	
Criminal:			
Arrest to disposition.....	101.10	91.00	
Indictment to disposition ^m	77.80	61.50	
Length of trial	1.76	N/A	
Non-jury trial:			
	Guilty	217	
	Guilty plea	36	
	Not guilty	59	
	Dismissal/nolle prosequi	15	
Guilty trial:			
	Guilty	46	
	Guilty plea	4	
	Not guilty	27	
	Dismissed/nolle prosequi	5	
Plea			
	Plea	2,415	
	Dismissal	42	
	Nolle prosequi	856	
	Appeal dismissed, record remanded	72	
	Remand	25	
	No final disposition ^m	40	
	Appeal withdrawn	1	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

^aCourt jurisdiction:

The Family court assumed jurisdiction over divorces in November 1975.

^bCase 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 informations, appeals, or transfers filed on the same day would be 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.

fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:

Pending data were adjusted by the Delaware court administrative office to reflect the results of an audit performed in Kent County in 1979.

jExplanation of data included in the category:

Involuntary commitment proceedings are held only in New Castle County.

Criminal cases include appeals that are tried de novo.

kAdditional information:

The number of pending criminal defendants displayed includes those which are triable and not triable. There were 668 triable defendants pending at the end of the 1977 fiscal year.

In addition to the criminal case dispositions listed there were also 754 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 366 defendants whose cases were disposed of by jury trial, and 83 whose cases were disposed of by non-jury trial.

^lSpecial source or revision in the data:

The pending figures were supplied by the state court administrative office during the process of data verification. These figures were obtained as a result of an audit done in Kent County. Prior to that audit, a breakdown of pending cases by case type was not available for Kent County.

^mInformation on disposition type or trial data:

"No final disposition" cases are hung juries, mistrials, and remands.

ⁿAge of pending or time interval 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, 1977 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1977). 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 courts during data verification.

DELAWARE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
Court of limited jurisdiction
3 courts, 5 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Tort:				
Auto tort		X	382	X
Other civil		X	3,030	X
Total civil	2,166	3,412	3,899	1,679
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal		944	6,325	6,279
Total criminal	944	6,325	6,279	990
Grand total	3,110	9,737	10,178	2,669
<u>Trial</u>				
	Jury ^a	Non-jury	Total	
Criminal	47	6,232	6,279	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

^aCourt 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.

dCase 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.

Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1977 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1977). 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, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal:				
Other criminal:				
Criminal		453	9,540	9,435
Total criminal	453	9,540	9,435	558
Traffic:				
Total traffic ^j	515	11,055	11,152	418
Grand total	968	20,595	20,587	976

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

dCase definition or unit of count:

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

jExplanation of data included in the category:

Criminal cases include misdemeanors, ordinance violations, and preliminary hearings.

Traffic cases include traffic violations and parking.

Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1977 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

Delaware Justice of the Peace Court (continued)

DELAWARE FAMILY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
3 courts, 11 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce and annulments	969	3,357	N/A	N/A
X	X	N/A	N/A	
Other civil	X	X	N/A	N/A
Total civil	X	X	N/A	N/A
Criminal:				
Other criminal:				
Adult criminal	X	X	N/A	N/A
X	X	N/A	N/A	
Total criminal	X	X	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Traffic--juvenile	266	X	N/A	N/A
X	X	N/A	N/A	
Total traffic	266	X	N/A	N/A
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	2,380	X	N/A	N/A
Grand total	5,325	24,513	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

dCase 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 was changed. Formerly, each complaint was counted as a separate petition; now multiple complaints arising from a single incident are counted as a single petition.

kAdditional information:
Kent and Sussex County figures are estimates, except for divorces and annulments, because the new method of counting petitions was initiated in December, 1976 in those two counties. In New Castle County the new counting method was in effect for the entire fiscal year.

In December, 1976 end and pending figures were not compiled because of the change in the method of counting petitions.

Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1977 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

DELAWARE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
15 courts, 53 justices of the peace
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Total civil	9,928 ^{f1}	15,480 ^l	14,636	10,772 ^l
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor:				
Title 11 criminal	X	17,323 ^k	X	X
Preliminary hearing	X	1,175	X	X
Other criminal:				
Title 7 fish/game	X	1,785	X	X
Other	X	2,913	X	X
Total	X	4,698	X	X
Total criminal	X	23,196	X	X
Traffic:				
Total traffic	X	72,749	X	X
Grand total	10,406 ^{f1}	111,425 ^l	110,576	11,255 ^l

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Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

dCase 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.

fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:

The difference is due to adjustments made in the data as the result of an audit conducted in 1978.

kAdditional information:

Preliminary hearings were held in 3,795 of the misdemeanor cases.

lSpecial source or revision in the data:

Civil and grand total pending and filed figures were corrected as the result of an audit of cases conducted in 1978.

Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1977 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and corrections were made by the administrative office of the courts during the process of data verification.

DELAWARE ALDERMAN'S COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
14^k courts, 20 aldermen
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Small claims:				
Other			N/A	N/A
Total civil			N/A	323
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal			N/A	N/A
Total criminal			N/A	1,228
Traffic:				
Total traffic			N/A	12,974
Grand total			N/A	14,525

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

dCase definition or unit of count:

A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

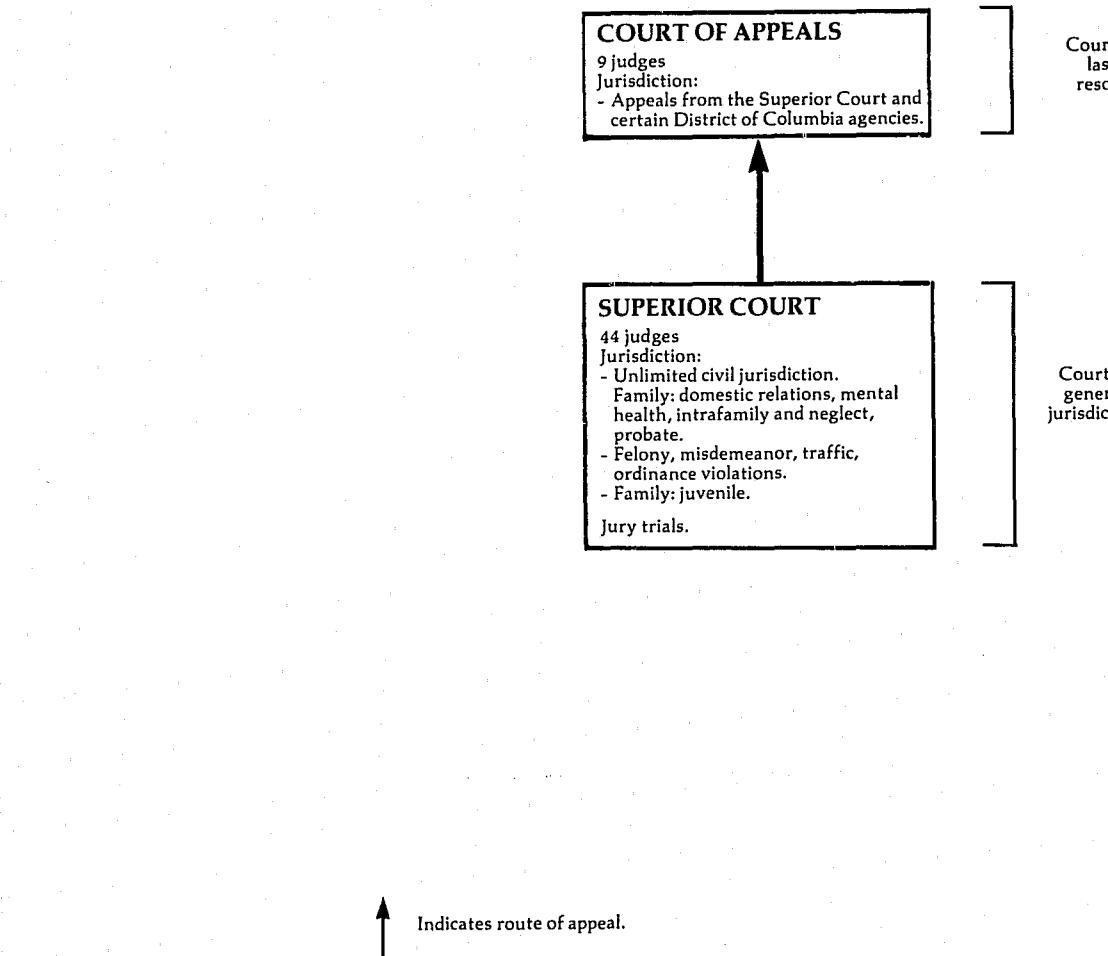
The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.

kAdditional information:

In addition to the 14 active courts, there were 3 courts which were not active during fiscal year 1976-77 but which have been active in the recent past.

Source: Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1977 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Wilmington, Delaware: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT SYSTEM, 1977



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS
Court of last resort
9 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	X	473	X	X
Criminal	X	684	X	X
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Agency	X	170	X	X
Total appeals ^j	1,122 ^{fh}	1,327	1,288	1,161 ^l
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Disciplinary	0	26	26	0
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions for review	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Total other cases	0	26	26	0
Total cases	1,122 ^{fh}	1,353	1,314	1,161 ^l
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Procedural motions	0	6,551	6,551	0
Substantive motions	0	1,609	1,609	0
Total	0	8,160	8,160	0
Total other proceedings	0	8,160	8,160	0
Manner of disposition		Time interval (average days)		
Opinion	279	Notice of appeal to filing of record	103	
Judgment	474	Filing of record until briefing is completed	124	
By order	535	Completed briefing to argument or submission	103	
		Argument or submission to decision	126	
		Notice of appeal to decision.....	456	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

^fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year.

^hFigure is as computed from data given in the annual report and by the administrative office of the court.

^lFigure was computed:

The beginning pending figure was computed using filed, disposed, and end pending data.

^jExplanation of data included in the category:

Appeals include appeals and petitions for review.

^lSpecial source or revision in the data:

The end pending figure was supplied by the administrative office of the court during data verification.

Source: Joint Committee on Judicial Administration in the District of Columbia and Executive Officer, 1977 Annual Report (Washington, D.C.). 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.

District of Columbia Superior Court (continued)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SUPERIOR COURT ^a Court of general jurisdiction 1 court, 44 judges January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977				
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil^b:				
Law:				
Civil jury	3,930	3,528	3,621	3,837
Civil non-jury	1,129	1,820	1,826	1,123
Total	5,059	5,348	5,447	4,960
Small claims	2,063	33,735	33,880 ^c	1,912
Real property rights:				
Landlord and tenant.....	301 ^f	110,461	110,539	2358
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	4,831	4,334	3,554	5,611
Support/custody:				
Support	676	405	494	587
Reciprocal support	879	1,062	830	1,111
Total	1,555	1,467	1,324	1,698
Adoption	210	404	391	223
Other domestic relations:				
Paternity	395	410	445	360
Intrafamily ^j	515 ^f	815	721	609
Total	910	1,225	1,166	969
Total	7,506 ^f	7,430	6,435	8,501
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestates:				
Decedents' estates	N/A	2,352	N/A	N/A
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Minors' estates	N/A	150	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	2,502	N/A	N/A
Mental health:				
Judicial petitions	104	686	726	698
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency cases:				
Civil tax	118	62	46	134 ^k
Criminal tax	522	363 ^k	577	3118 ^k
Total	640	425	623	4458
Extraordinary writ:				
Habeas corpus	26	17	20	23
Other civil:				
Auditor-master division	333	1,340	1,154	519
Total civil	16,032 ^f	161,944	158,830 ^l	16,6648 ^l
Criminal^d:				
Felony:				
Felony	1,476	3,417	3,405	1,488
Misdemeanor	3,221	12,872	13,349	2,744
Ordinance violation:				
Major triable District of Columbia cases	34	120	93	61
Other District of Columbia cases	248	2,978	2,904	322
Total	282	3,098	2,997	383
Preliminary hearing	177	7,786	7,815	148
Other criminal:				
Special operations ^j	48	1,867	1,863	52
Total criminal	5,204	29,040	29,429	4,815
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Major triable traffic	1,454	6,019	5,710	1,763
Other traffic	5,413	114,507	115,098	4,822
Total	6,867	120,526	120,808	6,585
Total traffic	6,867	120,526	120,808	6,585
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquency	818	5,276	5,406	688
Status offense:				
Person in need of supervision	105 ^l	474	509	70 ^h
Non-offense:				
Neglect	181	539	551	168 ^g
Total juvenile	1,104	6,289	6,466	926 ^g
Grand total	29,207 ^f	317,799	315,533 ^l	28,9908 ^l
Traffic dispositions				
Other traffic violation:				
Guilty plea	9,859			
Dismissed by court	6,144			
Nolle prosequi	14,797			
No paper	1,120			
Transfer rule 105	8			
Absconded	2,879			
Security forfeit	7,814			
Other ^m	76,735			
Time interval (average months)				
Time trial could be had after case was placed on calendar:				
Civil jury	12			
Civil non-jury	6			

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	Trial ^d			Civil dispositions ^m			Real property rights
	Jury	Non-jury	Total	Law	Small claims		
Civil^b:							
Law:							
Law	241	238	479	1,961	0	44,074	
Small claims	--	874	874	942	995	0	
Real property rights	2	54	56	213	0	0	
Total	243	1,166	1,409				
Criminal:							
Felony:							
Felony	593	42	635	984	0	0	
Misdemeanor	433	380	813	138	0	0	
Ordinance violation	3	59	62	210	0	0	
Total	1,029	481	1,510				
Traffic:							
Other traffic violation	49	1,403	1,452	2,035	11,213	0	
Grand total	1,321	3,050	4,371				
Criminal dispositions							
Felony:							
Guilty plea	2,016	3,353	187	5,439	0	104	
Dismissed by court	33	769	175	265	0	64	
Dismissed prior to adjudication or hearing	300	--	--	436	0	0	
Nolle prosequi	30	4,039	574	5,439	0	0	
No paper	--	2,469	1,352	6,353	0	0	
Transfer Rule 105	--	420	3	423	0	0	
Abandoned	272	1,258	61	1,717	0	0	
Mental observation	--	92	11	196	0	0	
Security forfeit	--	--	559	559	0	0	
Certified U.S. Magistrate	--	--	104	104	0	0	
Indictment filed	--	--	64	64	0	0	
Extradition waived	--	--	--	619	0	0	
Extradition granted	--	--	--	37	0	0	
Extradition denied	--	--	--	1	0	0	
Special proceedings granted	--	--	--	781	0	0	
Special proceedings denied	--	--	--	132	0	0	
Held for grand jury	--	--	--	3,305	0	0	
Waived to grand jury	--	--	--	686	0	0	
No probable cause	--	--	--	111	0	0	
Other	119	136	13	411	0	0	

Boldface heading indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

-- = Not applicable.

cCourt 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.

dCase 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.

fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year.

The difference is due to adjustments made by the administrative office of the court.

gChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.

Figures are as reported in the annual report.

hFigure was computed:

End pending figure was computed from beginning pending, filed, and disposed data.

iData are not complete:

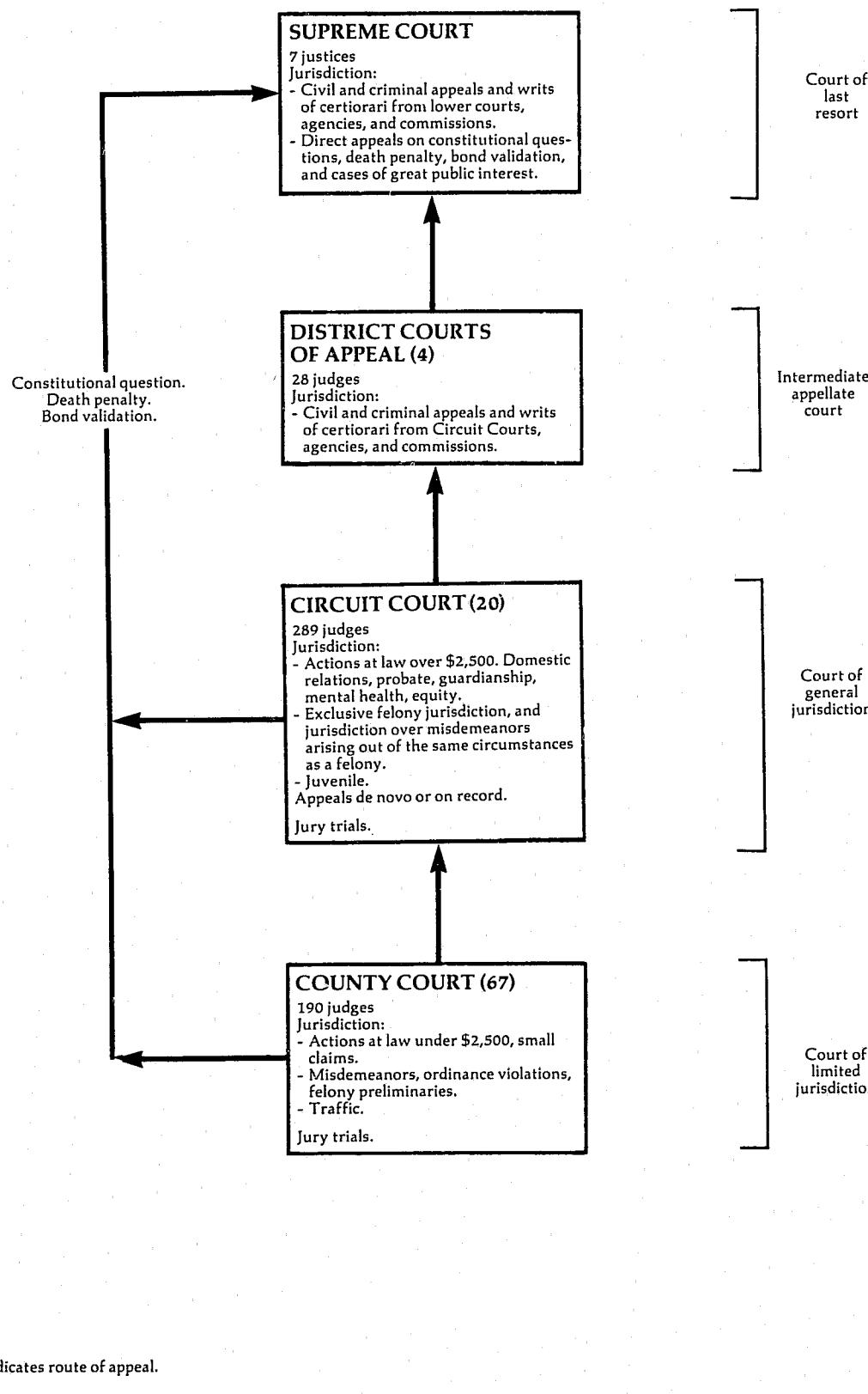
Total civil and grand total pending and disposed figures do not include estate cases. Estate cases are included in the filing figures.

jExplanation of data included in the category:

Intrafamily includes 476 "return to files" cases.

Special operations include 934 fugitive from justice complaints, writs of habeas corpus, extradition of out of state witnesses, adversary hearings, and show cause of contempt proceedings.

FLORIDA COURT SYSTEM, 1977



FLORIDA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals	X	291	223	X
Total appeals				
	X	291	223	X
Other cases:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Habeas corpus	X	245	270	X
Mandamus	X	55	62	X
Prohibition	X	20	17	X
Board of bar examiners	X	76	67	X
Other	X	20	23	X
Total	X	416	439	X
Disciplinary:				
Florida Bar	X	117	105	X
Advisory opinion:				
Certified questions	X	10	14	X
Total	X	543	558	X
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions for writs of certiorari from:				
District Courts of Appeal	X	1,196	1,143	X
Circuit Court	X	12	15	X
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Industrial Relations Commission	X	178	158	X
Public Service Commission	X	33	22	X
Total	X	211	180	X
Other	X	0	0	X
Total	X	1,419	1,338	X
Total other cases	X	1,962	1,896	X
Total cases	485fh	2,253	2,119	1,119

	Manner of disposition	Status of pending cases	
Opinion:			
Written opinion	199	Number of cases:	
Per curiam	145	Not perfected	255
Total	344	Ready for argument	55
Disposition by order	1,775	Under consideration	809
		Total	1,119

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year.

hFigure was computed.

Beginning pending figure was computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

Source: Office of State Courts Administrator, *Florida Judicial System Statistical Report 1977* (Tallahassee, Florida). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

FLORIDA DISTRICT COURTS OF APPEAL
Intermediate appellate court
4 districts, 28 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals	X	8,228	8,025	X
Total appeals	X	8,228	8,025	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Other original writs	X	609	509	X
Advisory opinion:				
Other	X	75	22	X
Total	X	684	531	X
Requests to appeal:				
Certiorari	X	735	396	X
Total other cases	X	1,419	927	X
Total cases	6,069 ^f	9,647	8,952	6,764
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests:				
Petitions for rehearing	384 ^l	1,762	1,695	451 ^h
Total other proceedings	384 ^l	1,762	1,695	451 ^h
Manner of disposition				
Opinion:				
Written opinion	1,520			
Per curiam	1,444			
Total	2,964			
Voluntary dismissal (appeals)	1,383			
Per curiam without opinion	2,735			
Other	1,870			
Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP. 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 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year: ^g Figure is as computed. ^h Figure was computed. ^j Explanation of data included in the category: "Other" category includes reinstated appeals and certified questions. ^l Special source or revision in data: Beginning pending figure was taken from the 1976 annual report.				
Source: Office of State Courts Administrator, Florida Judicial System Statistical Report 1976, 1977 (Tallahassee, Florida). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.				

FLORIDA CIRCUIT COURTS^b
Court of general jurisdiction
20 circuits, 289 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil^d:				
Tort:				
Professional tort:				
Medical malpractice	N/A	883	985	N/A
Other tort:				
Negligence	N/A	22,729	23,642	N/A
Total	N/A	23,612	24,627	N/A
Contract:				
Contracts and indebtedness	N/A	26,096	23,561	N/A
Real property rights:				
Eminent domain	N/A	1,716	1,862	N/A
Real property/mortgage foreclosure	N/A	17,678	17,557	N/A
Total	N/A	19,394	19,419	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Dissolution and annulment	N/A	78,355	77,054	N/A
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestates:				
Probate	N/A	35,244	35,677	N/A
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship	N/A	4,731	3,347	N/A
Trusts	N/A	138	1,416	N/A
Total	N/A	4,869	4,763	N/A
Total	N/A	40,113	40,440	N/A
Mental health	N/A	12,128	11,860	N/A
Appeal	N/A	681	588	N/A
Other civil	N/A	49,701	48,845	N/A
Total civil	N/A	250,080	246,394	N/A
Criminal:				
Felony:				
Capital punishment crimes	N/A	701	480	N/A
Crimes against persons	N/A	20,314	17,402	N/A
Crimes against property	N/A	29,022	25,066	N/A
Drugs	N/A	17,885	15,941	N/A
Other felonies	N/A	23,979	21,273	N/A
Total	N/A	91,901	80,162	N/A
Appeal	N/A	625	459	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	92,526	80,621	N/A
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquency	N/A	54,897	49,338	N/A
Status offense:				
Ungovernable	N/A	3,772	2,789	N/A
Non-offense:				
Dependency	N/A	17,602	13,186	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	75,271	65,313	N/A
Grand total	N/A	418,877	392,328	N/A

	Criminal (felony) dispositions ^m
Jury	
Civil ⁿ	2,964
Criminal ⁿ (felony)	2,887
Total	5,851
Non-Jury	
Civil	136,470
Criminal (felony)	1,666
Total	138,136
Total	139,434
Jury trial:	
Conviction	1,592
Acquitted or dismissed ..	938
Convicted after plea	198
Dismissed	28,933
Adjudication withheld ..	159
Transferred to another court	6,934
Conviction	562
Acquitted or dismissed ..	592
Convicted after plea	234
Adjudication withheld ..	278
Before trial:	
Convicted after plea	20,199
Adjudication withheld ..	14,215
Dismissed	28,933
Transferred to another court	6,934
Other	5,328
Civil dispositions	
Dismissed before hearing	51,072

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP. N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
^b Particular court or reporting system information: The data collection process for Florida was changed on February 1, 1977. The data collected for January were not used in the annual report. The January revised figures were calculated by the Office of the State Courts Administrator based upon the February to December data.
^c 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).
^d Categories for 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 1977 (Tallahassee, Florida). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

FLORIDA COUNTY COURT^b
Court of limited jurisdiction
67 counties, 190 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Summary procedure ^j	N/A	176,405	171,546	N/A
Other civil cases ^j	N/A	46,410	41,825	N/A
Total	N/A	<u>222,815</u>	<u>213,371</u>	N/A
Total civil	N/A	222,815	213,371	N/A
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	195,653	159,468	N/A
Ordinance violation:				
Municipal ordinance	N/A	45,252	36,955	N/A
County ordinance	N/A	15,403	17,566	N/A
Total.....	N/A	<u>60,655</u>	<u>54,521</u>	N/A
Total criminal.....	N/A	256,308	213,989	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Civil infractions.....	N/A	1,504,199	1,378,036	N/A
Criminal cases.....	N/A	432,259	409,547	N/A
Total.....	N/A	<u>1,936,458</u>	<u>1,787,583</u>	N/A
Total traffic.....	N/A	1,936,458	1,787,583	N/A
Grand total.....	N/A	2,415,581	2,214,943	N/A

Trial

Civil dispositions

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Dismissed before hearing ...			
Civil	62	132,856	132,918
Criminal	1,948	13,400	15,348
Traffic ^c	1,197	51,703	52,900
Total	3,207	197,959	201,166

Criminal dispositions

	Jury trial:	Before trial:
Civil infractions:		
After hearing	519	Convicted after plea 103,167
Other than hearing	899	Acquittal or dismissed .. 19,025
Total	1,418	Convicted after plea 383
Criminal cases:		
Bond estreature	147	Adjudication withheld ... 50,499
Conviction	5,435	Dismissed
Plea	3,833	Transferred to another court .. 2,077
Other	2,678	Other 23,872
	Adjudication withheld ... 1,454	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

bParticular court or reporting system information:

The data collection process for Florida was changed on February 1, 1977. The data collected for January were not used in the annual report. The January revised figures were calculated by the Office of the State Courts Administrator based upon the February to December data.

dCase definition of 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).

jExplanation of data included in the category:

Summary procedure cases are those involving \$0 to \$1,500 in damages.

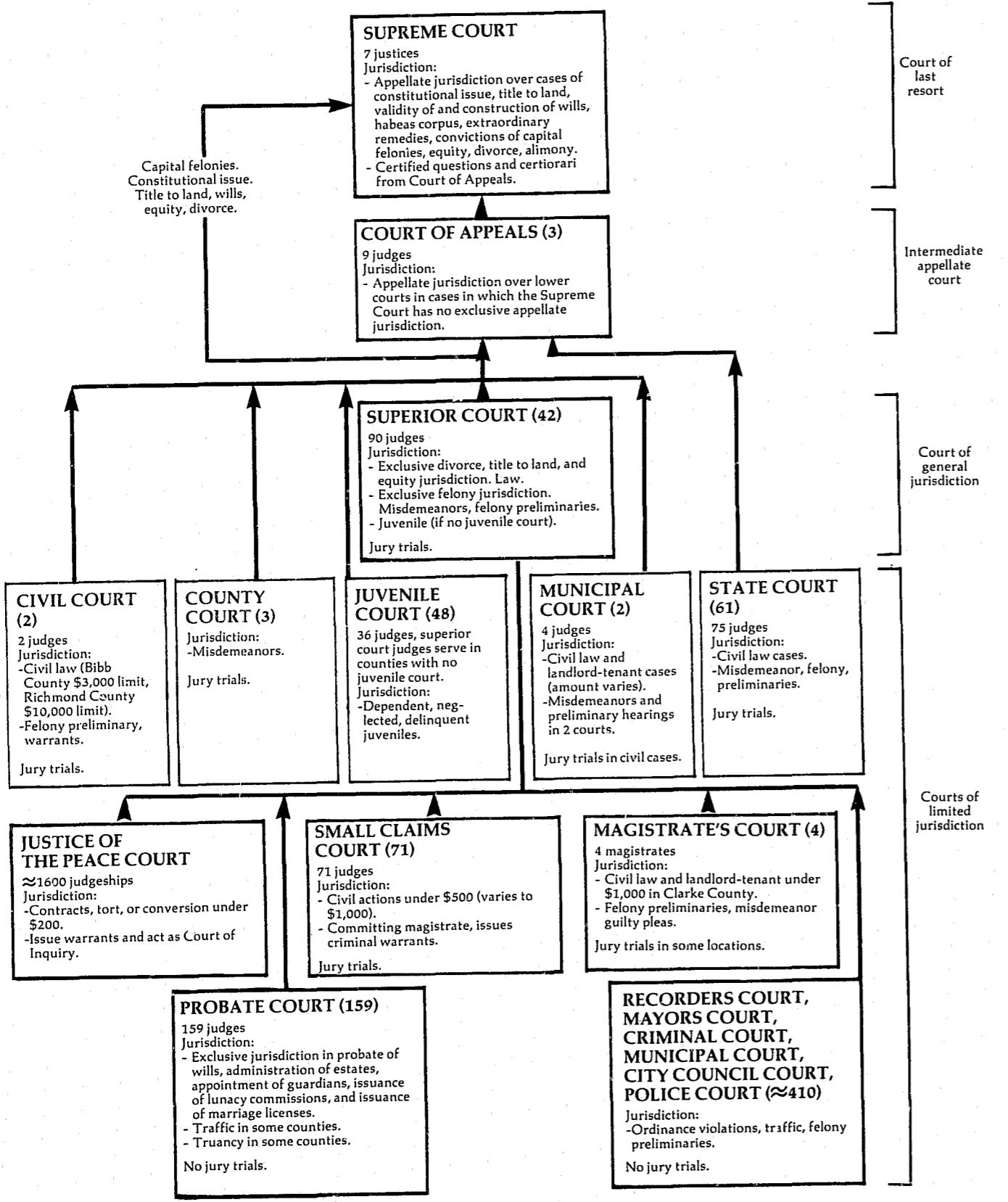
Other civil cases are those involving \$1,500 to \$2,500 as well as nonmonetary civil cases.

mInformation 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 1977 (Tallahassee, Florida). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

GEORGIA COURT SYSTEM, 1977



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

GEORGIA SUPREME COURT^b
Court of last resort
7 justices
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	191	560	571	180
Criminal	79	318	323	74
Total appeals	270	878	894	254
Other cases:				
Requests to appeal:				
Applications for certiorari	90	366	348	108
Applications (habeas corpus)	42	159	182	19
Applications for interlocutory appeal	9	93	96	38
Total	141	618	626	1308
Total other cases	141	618	626	1308
Total cases				
Total cases	411	1,496	1,520	3848
Manner of disposition				
Written opinion	734			
Orders	303			
Transfer	74			
Withdrawal	51			
Dismissed	18			

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

^bParticular court or reporting system information:

The Georgia Supreme Court has changed from calendar year to fiscal year as their court year for statistical reporting purposes. As a result, data reported for this court includes a six-month overlap with data for this court contained in the 1976 edition of this report.

Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures are as given in the unpublished data.

Source: Unpublished data supplied by the clerk of the Supreme Court.

GEORGIA COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
3 divisions, 9 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	0	1,077	1,077	0
Criminal	0	634	634	0
Appeal of administrative agency case	0	125	125	0
Total appeals	0	1,836	1,836	0
Other cases:				
Original proceedings	0	0	0	0
Requests to appeal:				
Application in interlocutory matter	0	296	296	0
Total other cases	0	296	296	0
Total cases				
Total cases	0	2,132	2,132	0
Disposition of appeals				
Affirmed	1,028			
Reversed	394			
Remanded	20			
Reversed and remanded	27			
Affirmed in part/reversed in part	60			
Dismissed, withdrawn, or stricken from docket	234			
Transfer to Supreme Court	73			

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

Source: Unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Court of Appeals. Statistics are from the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

GEORGIA SUPERIOR COURT¹
 Court of general jurisdiction
 42 circuits, 90 judges
 July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending ²	Filed	Disposed ³	End pending ⁴
Civil:				
Domestic relations	37,293 ^b	53,235	47,270	43,258
Other civil:				
Civil general	38,087 ^b	32,931	28,570	42,448
Independent motions	15,393 ^b	18,178	14,841	18,730
Total	53,480 ^b	51,109	43,411	51,178
Total civil	90,773 ^b	104,344	90,681	104,436
Criminal:				
Felony	13,405 ^b	30,291	27,665	16,031
Misdemeanor	8,423 ^b	15,698	14,549	9,572
Total criminal	21,828 ^b	45,989	42,214	25,603
Traffic:				
Total traffic	3,082 ^b	11,138	11,075	3,145
Grand total	115,683 ^b	161,471	143,970	133,184

Trial^{lm}

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Domestic relations	321	30,139	30,460
Other civil	1,685	7,603	9,288
Total	2,006	37,742	39,748
Criminal (counts):			
Felony	2,638	358	2,996
Misdemeanor	192	164	356
Total	2,830	522	3,352
Traffic (counts).....	70	23	93
Grand total	4,906	38,287	43,193

Criminal dispositions^{lm}

	Felony	Misdemeanor	Total
Pleas	24,242	7,905	32,147
Bond	—	2,472	2,472
Dismissal	6,756	4,769	11,525
Dead docket ^m	X	X	1

Civil dispositions^{lm}

	Before trial	Dismissal or judgment	Settlement
Domestic relations	7,721	9,089	
Other civil	17,213	16,910	
Total	24,934	25,999	

Traffic dispositions^{lm}

Pleas	4,269
Bond	6,197
Dismissal/nolle prosequi	1,083
Dead docket ^m	82

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

— = Not applicable.

cJudge information:

Superior Court judges handle juvenile cases in those counties without Juvenile Courts. These cases are included on the Juvenile Court statistical profile.

dCase 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 accusation.

A jury trial is counted if tried to verdict.

A non-jury trial is counted if tried to decision.

Figure was computed:

Beginning pending figure was computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

4Data are not complete:

Beginning pending figure represents only cases filed between July 1, 1970, and June 30, 1976 that were not disposed prior to July 1, 1976.

Disposed and end pending figures represent only cases filed between July 1, 1970, and June 30, 1977 that were either disposed during or still pending at the end of 1977.

1Special source or revision in data:

All trial and disposition information was supplied by the state court administrative office during the process of data verification.

mInformation 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 other civil, criminal, and traffic cases as a result of the use of differing counting methods in some circuits. Figures for trials and types of dispositions are given by the number of counts involved.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, *Fourth Annual Report* (Atlanta, Georgia: February, 1978), and unpublished data provided by the administrative office of the courts. Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

GEORGIA STATE COURT¹ AND COUNTY COURT
 Court of limited jurisdiction
 61 courts, 75 judges; 3 courts
 July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Civil general	25,93 ^b	67,225	63,769	29,391 ^l
Independent motion ^b	12,179 ^b	47,714	43,609	16,284 ^l
Total civil	38,114 ^b	114,939	107,378	45,675 ^l
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor	X	63,353	55,850	X
Total criminal	X	63,353	55,853	X
Traffic:				
Total traffic	X	155,713	151,195	X
Grand total	80,347 ^b	334,005	314,426	99,926 ^l

Trial^{lm}

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	949	4,199	5,148
Criminal	729	2,108	2,837
Traffic	276	4,432	4,708
Total	1,954	10,739	12,693

Criminal dispositions^{lm}

Plea	34,407
Bond	6,106
Dismissal/nolle prosequi	13,286
Dead docket ^m	2,089

Traffic dispositions^{lm}

Plea	56,426
Bond	87,121
Dismissal/nolle prosequi	13,235
Dead docket ^m	1,177

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

bParticular court or reporting system information:

Independent motion cases were first counted in fiscal year 1977.

dCase 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 accusation.

A jury trial is counted if tried to verdict.

A non-jury trial is counted if tried to decision.

Figure was computed:

Beginning pending figures were computed from filed, disposed, and end pending data given in the annual report.

iData are not complete:

Figures do not include the State Court of DeKalb County.

lSpecial source or revision in data:

All end pending, trial, and type of disposition information was supplied by the state court administrative office during the process of data verification.

mInformation 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 trials and types of dispositions are given by the number of counts involved.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, *Fourth Annual Report* (Atlanta, Georgia: February, 1978); and unpublished data provided by the administrative office of the courts. Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

Georgia Juvenile Court (continued)

GEORGIA PROBATE COURT¹
Court of limited jurisdiction
159 counties, 159 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	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:				
Misdemeanor	X	3,470	3,501	X
Total criminal	X	3,470	3,501	X
Traffic:				
Total traffic	X	116,152	114,549	X
Grand total	8,489 ^{hi}	119,622 ⁱ	118,050 ⁱ	10,061 ⁱ

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

^dCase definition or unit of count:

The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the indictment or accusation.

A non-jury trial is counted if tried to decision.

^hFigure was computed:

Beginning pending figure was calculated from filed, disposed, and end pending data.

ⁱData are not complete:

Grand total 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.

^lSpecial source or revision in data:

Corrections were made to all caseload inventory data for this court during the process of data verification.

Trial and disposition type data were supplied by the state court administrative office during data verification.

^mInformation 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 criminal and traffic cases as a result of the use of different counting methods. Figures for trials and types of dispositions are given by the number of counts involved.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, *Fourth Annual Report* (Atlanta, Georgia: February, 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional data and corrections were supplied by the administrative office of the court during data verification.

Trial^{dm}

Jury	Non-Jury	Total
Criminal	27	27
Traffic	496	496
Total	523	523

Criminal dispositions^{lm}

Plea	1,170	30,734
Bond	2,052	77,637
Dismissal/nolle prosequi	266	6,291
Dead docket	1	3

Traffic dispositions^{lm}

Plea	30,734
Bond	77,637
Dismissal	6,291
Dead docket	3

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

^dCase definition or unit of count:

The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the indictment or accusation.

A non-jury trial is counted if tried to decision.

^hFigure was computed:

Beginning pending figure was calculated from filed, disposed, and end pending data.

ⁱData are not complete:

Grand total 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.

^lSpecial source or revision in data:

Corrections were made to all caseload inventory data for this court during the process of data verification.

Trial and disposition type data were supplied by the state court administrative office during data verification.

^mInformation 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 criminal and traffic cases as a result of the use of different counting methods. Figures for trials and types of dispositions are given by the number of counts involved.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, *Fourth Annual Report* (Atlanta, Georgia: February, 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional data and corrections were supplied by the administrative office of the court during data verification.

GEORGIA JUVENILE COURT¹
Court of limited jurisdiction
48 courts, 36^c judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation	X	2,982 ⁱ	2,789 ⁱ	X
Juvenile traffic	X	2,982 ⁱ	2,789 ⁱ	X
Total traffic				
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquent	X	14,851 ⁱ	16,207 ⁱ	X
Status offense:				
Unruly	X	5,435 ⁱ	5,608 ⁱ	X
Non-offense:				
Deprived	X	1,305 ⁱ	2,267 ⁱ	X
Other juvenile:				
Special proceedings	X	1,069 ⁱ	878 ⁱ	X
Total juvenile		22,660 ⁱ	24,960 ⁱ	X
Grand total	6,278 ^{hi}	25,642 ⁱ	27,749 ⁱ	4,171 ^{ll}

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Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

^cJudge information:

There were 7 full-time and 29 part-time Juvenile Court judges, 6 State Court judges, 37 Superior Court judges, and 19 appointed referees serving as Juvenile Court judges and handling cases.

Superior Court judges handle juvenile cases in those counties without a separate Juvenile Court. Those cases are included in these Juvenile Court figures.

^hFigure was computed:

Beginning pending figure was computed from filed, disposed, and end pending data.

ⁱData are not complete:

Data were not available for Stone Mountain Circuit. Waycross Circuit reported filings only.

^jExplanation of data included in the category:

Filed figures are the number of children against which formal petitions were filed in Superior, State, or Juvenile Courts.

Disposed figures are the number of counts disposed in formal petition hearings conducted by Superior, State, or Juvenile Court judges.

^lSpecial source or revision in data:

The total end pending figure was supplied by the state court administrative office during data verification.

Source: The Administrative Office of the Courts, *Fourth Annual Report* (Atlanta, Georgia: February, 1978). 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.

GEORGIA MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
2 courts, 4 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for fiscal year 1977.

GEORGIA CIVIL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
2 courts, 2 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Civil Court for fiscal year 1977.

GEORGIA SMALL CLAIMS COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
71 courts, 71 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Small Claims Court for fiscal year 1977.

GEORGIA MAGISTRATE'S COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
4 courts, 4 magistrates
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Magistrate's Court for fiscal year 1977.

GEORGIA JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
≈1600 judgeships
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Justice of the Peace Court for fiscal year 1977.

GEORGIA RECORDER'S COURT, MAYOR'S COURT, MUNICIPAL COURT,
CITY COUNCIL COURT, POLICE COURT, AND CRIMINAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
≈410 courts

July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

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 1977.

GUAM COURT SYSTEM, 1977

Appeals to the United States
District Court for the Territory
of Guam (9th Circuit)

SUPERIOR COURT

5 judges

Jurisdiction:

- Original jurisdiction in all civil cases arising under the laws of Guam except for causes arising under the constitution, treaties, laws of the United States, and any other matter involving the Territorial Income Tax Law.
- Original jurisdiction in all criminal cases arising under the laws of Guam except for causes arising under the constitution, treaties, laws of the United States, and any other matter involving the Territorial Income Tax Law.
- Original jurisdiction in traffic matters. Appellate jurisdiction over traffic cases with a fine greater than \$25 or a jail sentence. Traffic Violations Bureau processes all traffic citations, illegal parking, and moving violations.
- Original jurisdiction in all juvenile matters. Jury trials.

Court of
general
jurisdiction

Indicates route of appeal.

GUAM SUPERIOR COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
1 court, 5 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Civil	1,793	1,067	656	2,204
Small claims	1,912	2,257	1,211	2,958
Real property rights:				
Land registration	143	39	50	132
Domestic relations:				
Domestics	269	692	524	437
Estate	754	166	93	827
Other civil:				
Special proceedings.....	276	600	521	355
Total civil	5,147	4,771	3,055	6,913
Criminal:				
Felony	173	356	310	219
Misdemeanor	523	369	750	142
Total criminal	696	725	1,060	361
Traffic:				
Total traffic	2,878	15,877	15,452	3,303
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Juvenile delinquency	85	273	214	144
Other juvenile:				
Juvenile special proceedings	171	217	151	237
Total juvenile	256	490	365	381
Grand total	8,977	21,863	19,932	10,958

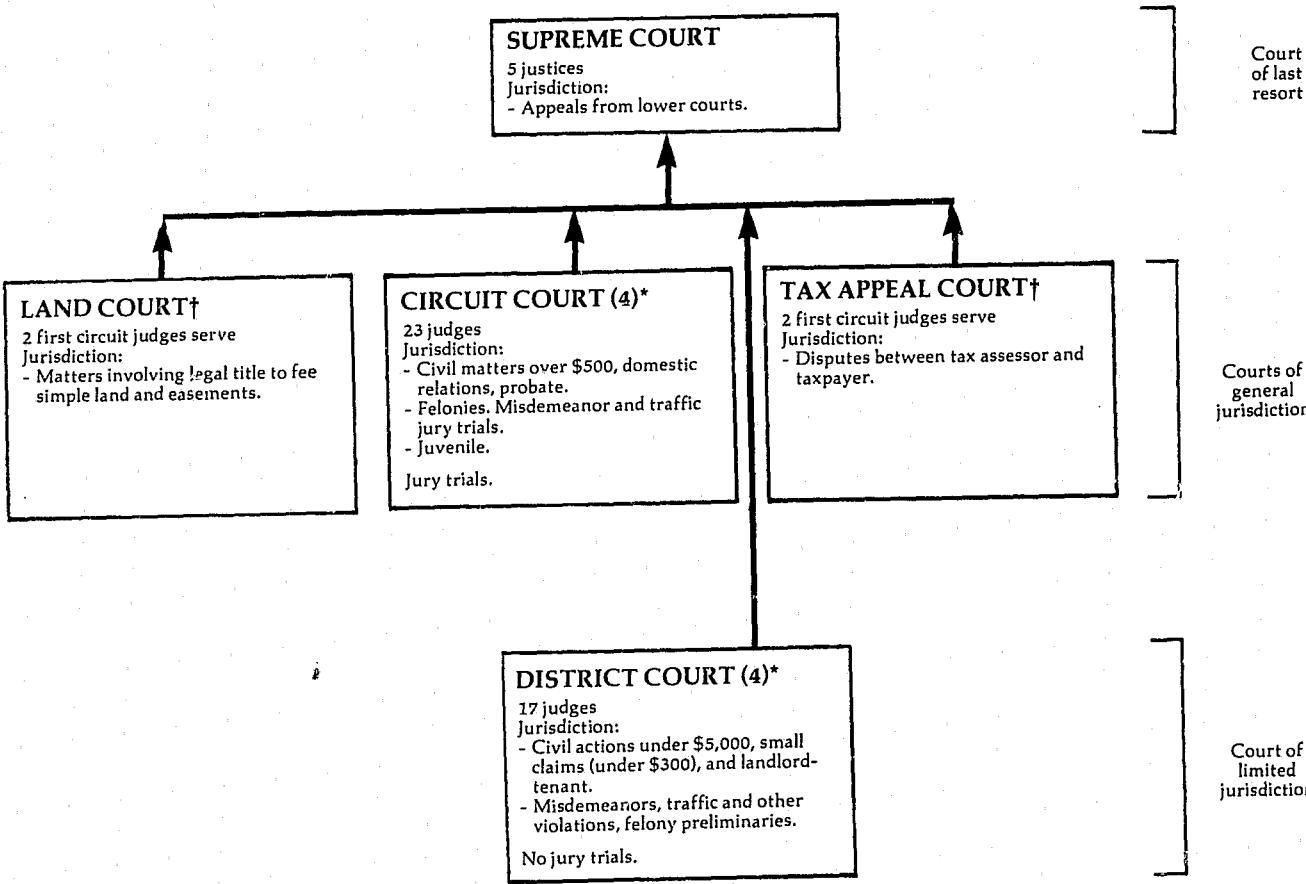
Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

dCase 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.

Source: Superior Court of Guam, 1979 Judicial Plan (Agana, Guam). Statistics are from the Judicial Plan except that totals have been computed where necessary.

HAWAII COURT SYSTEM, 1977



↑ 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. Circuit Courts hear all jury trials. For purposes of this report, the Circuit courts are considered courts of general jurisdiction since they handle felony cases.

HAWAII SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	
Cases:					
Appeals:					
Civil	196	184	97	283	
Criminal:					
Criminal	111	114	41	184	
Traffic	9	5	6	8	
Total	120	119	47	192	
Total appeals	315	303	144	475	
Other cases¹:					
Original proceedings:					
Original jurisdiction:					
Habeas corpus	1 ¹	5 ¹	2 ¹	4 ¹	
Prohibition	2 ¹	4 ¹	4 ¹	2 ¹	
Mandamus	0 ¹	1 ¹	0 ¹	1 ¹	
Other	1	3	3	1	
Total.....	4	13	9	8	
Requests to appeal	4	13	9	8	
Total other cases	320	316	153	483	
Other proceedings:					
Rehearing requests	2	13	13	2	
Other matters:					
Notions	26	421	397	50	
Total other proceedings	28	434	410	52	
Manner of disposition					
Appeals:					
Motion to dismiss and withdrawals					
Written opinion ^m granted	55	1	39	97	
Opinion discontinued			2		
Other					
Total.....	107	2	59	563	
Disposition of cases					
Appeals					
Affirmed (including reversed in part and modified and affirmed)	54				
Reversals (including remands).....	22				
Other (including dismissal of appeal and denial of petition in original proceeding)	11				
Time interval (average months)					
Appeal filed to regular opinion filed					
Civil	25.3	Criminal	20.7	Other	29.3
Appeal filed to memorandum opinion filed	17.4		12.4		0.0

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

¹Special source or revision in data:

Data were supplied by the office of the clerk of the Supreme Court.

^mCategories for disposition type or trial data:

Written opinions include both full and per curiam opinions. There were 118 opinions written on 107 cases.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, State of Hawaii: Annual Report 1976-1977 (Honolulu, Hawaii: 1978), and unpublished data provided by the clerk of court. Source of case data is included in the annual report. Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional data have been supplied during verification by the clerk of court.

HAWAII CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
4 circuits, 23rd judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Tort:				
Auto tort:				
Personal injury or property damage or both, motor vehicle ..	1,376	655	763	1,268
Other tort:				
Personal injury or property damage or both, non-motor vehicle	897	414	444	867
Total	2,273	1,069	1,207	2,135
Contract	1,778	1,428	1,327	1,879
Real property rights:				
Condemnation	133	131	44	220
Land	9	0	0	9
Mechanics' and materialmen's lien	131	198	152	177
Total	273	329	196	406
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	2,592	5,548	5,193	2,947
Annulment	22	22	31	13
Separation and separate maintenance	92	143	115	120
Total	2,706	5,713	5,339	3,080
Support/custody:				
Uniform reciprocal enforcement	383	1,338	1,060	661
Adoption:				
Adoption proceedings	409	721	694	436
Other domestic relations:				
Paternity/parental proceedings	298	764	436	625
Miscellaneous proceedings—Family Court ^d	534 ^j	1,197 ^j	1,009 ^j	722 ^j
Adults' referrals	284	784	700	368
Supplemental proceedings—Family Court	1,761	2,088	1,711	2,138
Total	2,877	4,833	3,856	3,854
Total	6,375	12,605	10,949	8,031
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Regular probate	2,312	922	816	2,418
Small estate over \$700	439	502	479	462
Small estate under \$700	253	296	290	259
Total	3,004	3,720	3,585	3,139
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship proceedings	4,022	315	294	4,043
Total	7,026	2,035	1,879	7,182
Mental health	(J)	(J)	(J)	(J)
Other civil:				
Naturalization	183	723	690	216
Other civil action	1,980	1,458	1,068	2,370
Other special proceedings	421	309	99	631
Supplemental proceedings ^j	825	681	494	1,012
District Court transfers	117	126	86	157
Total	3,526	3,297	2,437	4,386
Total civil	21,251	20,763	17,995	24,019
Criminal ^b :				
Felony ^c	1,622	1,656	1,271	2,007
Misdemeanor	468	297	235	530
Other criminal:				
Criminal actions in Family Court	15	39	24	30
Total criminal	2,105	1,992	1,530	2,567
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Driving under the influence	9	12	10	11
Other traffic violation:				
Traffic offenses	34	21	16	39
Juvenile traffic	70	75	100	45
Total	104	96	116	84
Total traffic	113	108	126	95

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Hawaii Circuit Court (continued)				
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:	Status offense:	Non-offense:	Other juvenile:	
Law violation	461	150	95	2,121
Needing protective supervision	1,478	191	282	5,157
Needing services	1,421	174	239	5,242
Other	518	167	555	2,036
Supplemental proceedings	1,249	1,100	861	1,421
Total juvenile	3,276	3,098	7,937	3,414
Grand total	26,745	30,938	27,588	30,095
Trial	Criminal dispositions			
Civil:	Jury	Non-jury	Total	
Tort:	Felony	Misdemeanor	Other criminal	Total
Auto tort	29	10	39	620
Other tort	27	21	48	68
Total	56	31	87	383
Contract	6	45	51	
Real property rights	1	4	5	
Domestic relations	8	10	18	
Other civil	24	75	99	
Total civil	95	165	260	
Criminal:	Traffic dispositions			
Felony and misdemeanor	DWI/DUI	Other traffic violation	Total	
Felicity and misdemeanor	239	97	336	
Other criminal	0	1	1	
Total criminal	239	98	337	
Traffic:	DWI/DUI	Contested hearing (juvenile)	Uncontested hearing (juvenile)	Total
DWI/DUI	3	0	3	7
Other traffic violation	2	1	3	1
Total traffic	5	1	6	44
Grand total	339	264	603	44
Civil dispositions				
	Auto tort	Other tort	Contract	Real property rights
	Domestic relations	Estate	Other civil	Total
Contested hearing	0	0	12	1,475
Uncontested hearing	5	1	46	806
Dismissal	544	296	530	7,747
No service	16	11	34	21
No answer	45	19	396	691
No statement of readiness	11	13	56	2,118
No trial held	76	32	44	561
Counseling service	--	--	--	662
				665

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

-- = Not applicable.

cJudge information:

There are a total of 23 (16 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.

dCase 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.

eExplanation 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.

fSpecial 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 1976-1977 (Honolulu, Hawaii: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additional data were supplied by the state court administrative office during data verification.

HAWAII LAND COURT^a
Court of general jurisdiction
2 first circuit judges serve
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Real property rights:				
Contested land registration cases	87	44	48	83
Total civil	87	44	48	83
Grand total	87	44	48	83

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

cCourt 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.

dCase definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

kAdditional information:
In addition to the 44 contested land registrations filed, there were 2,467 ex parte petitions filed.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, State of Hawaii: Annual Report 1976-1977 (Honolulu, Hawaii: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

HAWAII TAX APPEAL COURT^b
Court of general jurisdiction
2 first circuit judges serve
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case	30	43	48	25
Total civil	30	43	48	25
Grand total	30	43	48	25

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

cCourt jurisdiction:
Data for the Tax Appeal Court are included with the general jurisdiction courts because circuit judges serve.

dCase definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, State of Hawaii: Annual Report 1976-1977 (Honolulu, Hawaii: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

HAWAII DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
4 districts, 17^c judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Tort	962	859	671	1,150
Contract:				
Assumpsit	3,760	8,004	7,644	4,120
Small claims	467	1,279	1,254	492
Real property rights:				
Summary possession	667	690	573	784
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Nonpayment of taxes	252	47	47	252
Other civil	65	135	141	59
Total civil	6,173	11,014	10,330	6,857

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor	X	X	X	X
Ordinance violation:				
Other violations	588	19,238	18,926	900
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony	X	X	X	X
Total criminal	4,080	36,585	35,645	5,020

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Driving under the influence	819	1,877	1,785	911
Parking	693	435,472	432,005	4,160
Other traffic violation:				
Moving arrest and citation	29,422	132,532	131,912	30,042
Non-moving	15,322	49,005	45,406	18,921
Total	44,744	181,537	177,318	48,963
Total traffic	46,256	618,886	611,108	54,034

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Grand total				
	56,509	666,485	657,083	65,911

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil dispositions				
Non-jury trial^d				
Civil:				
Tort	70	325	245	31
Contract	134	1,809	5,678	1
Small claims	331	579	342	2
Real property rights	36	216	293	28
Other civil	9	Agency case	11	0
Total civil	580	Other civil	84	0
		Total	3,024	6,641
				84

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal dispositions				
Misdemeanor and ordinance violation:				
Nolle prosequi	1,063	524	1,587	
Total conviction	6,995	955	7,850	
Discharge/dismissal	4,995	1,765	6,760	
Stricken	924	589	1,513	
Bail forfeiture	1,523	14,893	16,416	
Commitment to Circuit Court, jury trial demanded	302	200	502	
Preliminary hearing:				
Stricken or discharged	--	--	251	
Committed to grand jury	--	--	462	
Committed to circuit court	--	--	204	
DWI/DUI				
Parking				
Other traffic violation				
Total				

Boldface headings indicate the classification used by the NCSP.

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

-- = Not applicable.

cJudge information:
The five 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.

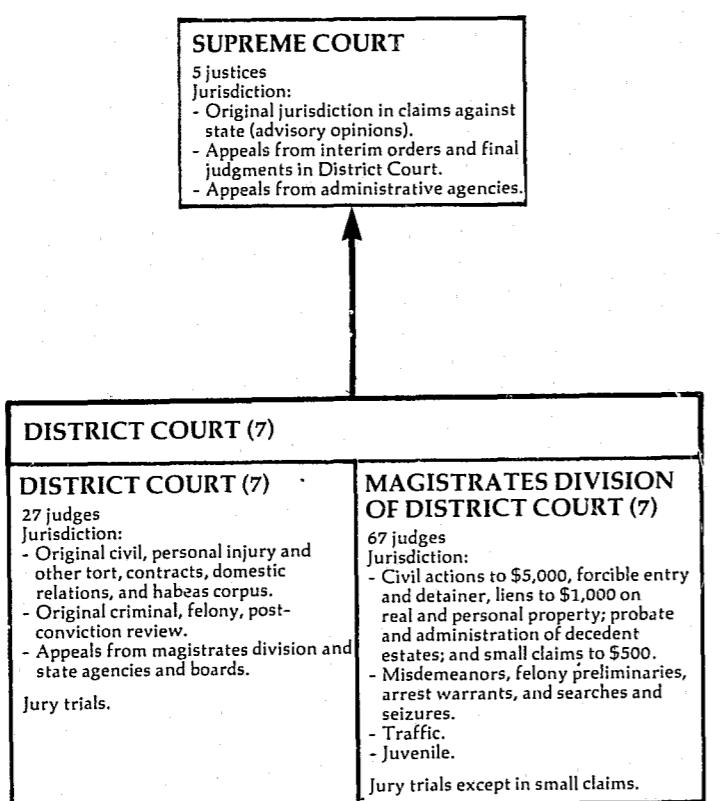
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

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 1976-1977 (Honolulu, Hawaii: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

IDAHO COURT SYSTEM, 1977



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

IDAHO SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Auto negligence	6	2	3	5
Other negligence	4	2	3	3
Tax appeals	10	1	2	9
Domestic relations	16	12	13	15
Environment/zoning	3	0	2	1
Other	185 ^f	175	117	243
Total	224 ^f	192	140	276
Criminal:				
Judgments	82 ^f	80	61	101
Other	14	21	18	17
Total	96 ^f	101	79	118
Postconviction remedy:				
Postconviction relief	7 ^f	3	5	5
Habeas corpus appeals	8	3	6	5
Total	15 ^f	6	11	10
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Workmen's compensation	35	27	30	32
Public utility commission	9	8	4	13
Total	44	35	34	45
Juvenile:				
YRA and CPAJ	1	5	1	5
Other appeals:				
Interlocutory appeals	0	6	2	4
Total appeals	380 ^f	345	267	458
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Habeas corpus	0 ^f	7	5	2
Mandamus	4	10	10	4
Prohibition	3 ^f	3	5	1
Other	8	8	15	1
Total	15	28	35	8
Disciplinary matter:				
Disciplinary	4	1	2	3
Total	19	29	37	11
Requests to appeal	19	29	37	11
Total other cases				
Total cases	399 ^f	374	304	469
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	31 ^h	40	33	38 ⁱ
Other matters:				
Extension of time	266 ^h	486	480	272 ^l
Motion to dismiss	114 ^h	148	137	125 ^l
Other	269 ^h	429	392	306 ^l
Total	649 ^h	1,063	1,009	703 ^l
Total other proceedings	680	1,103	1,042	741
Manner of disposition				
Appeals				
	Civil	Criminal and postconviction remedy	Administrative agency	Original jurisdiction
Cases disposed with opinion	90	50	25	165
Number of majority opinions	78	23	17	118
Per curiam opinions	12	27	8	47
Cases disposed without opinion	53	40	9	102
	Total		Total	Total

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
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.

^fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year.
^gCorrections were made based on an inventory of cases.
^hFigure was computed.
ⁱBeginning pending figure was calculated from filing, disposition, and end pending data.
^jExplanation of data included in the category.
^kFiled figures include cases added and cases transferred.
^lYRA 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.

¹Special source or revision in the data:
End pending data for other proceedings were supplied by the clerk of the court during data verification.
Information on disposition type or trial data:
In addition to the 122 majority and 47 per curiam opinions, there were 27 dissenting and 21 special concurring opinions.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, The Idaho Courts 1977 Annual Report and The Idaho Courts 1977 Annual Report Appendix (Boise, Idaho). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been calculated where necessary, and additional data were supplied by the clerk of the court during data verification.

Idaho District Court (continued)

IDAHO DISTRICT COURT Court of general jurisdiction 7 districts, 27 judges January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977					
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	
Civil:					
Tort:					
Personal injury/property damage	1,246fh 0fh	953 3	949 0	1,250 3	
Small claims					
Domestic relations:					
Support/custody:					
Support proceedings	65fh 2fh	498 1	708 1	444 2	
Adoption					
Other domestic relations:					
Domestic relations	2,276fh 2,932fh	2,487 2,986	3,315 4,024	1,448 1,894	
Total					
Estate:					
Probate/wills/intestate:					
Informal estate	9fh 4fh 13fh	10 6 16	12 8 20	7 2 9	
Formal estate					
Total					
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:					
Guardianship of minors	3fh 1h 4fh 17fh	2 2 4 20	3 1 4 24	2 2 13	
Guardianship of incapacitated					
Total					
Appeal:					
Appeal of trial court case:					
Civil appeal	133fh 24fh 157fh	192 33 225	148 27 175	177 30 207	
Special proceeding appeal					
Total					
Extraordinary writ:					
Habeas corpus	62fh	136	140	58	
Other civil:					
Other complaints and petitions	3,852fh 30fh 3,882fh	3,835 82 3,917	3,662 71 3,733	4,025 41 4,066	
Total					
Total civil	8,296fh	8,240	9,045	7,491	

<u>Trial^d</u>		<u>Criminal^d</u>		Time interval (average days)
Civil:		Criminal:		
Tort	211	Felony	1,859	
Small claims	0	Misdemeanor	228	
Domestic relations:		Appeal	42	
Support/custody	192	Total criminal	2,129	
Adoption	1	Traffic:		
Other domestic relations	2,048	DWI/DUI	8	
Total	2,241	Other traffic violation	1	
Estate:		Total traffic	9	
Probate/wills/intestate	14	Juvenile:		
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship		Criminal-type offense	0	
Total	16	Non-offense	1	
Appeal:		Total juvenile	1	
Appeal of trial court case	81			
Extraordinary writ	33			
Other civil	1,258			
Total civil	3,840			
		Grand total	5,979	

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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.

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Corrections were made to end pending figures for the 1977 court year based on an inventory of cases. This caused the beginning pending figures for the 1977 court year, computed from filed, disposed, and end pending figures, to be different from end pending figures reported for 1976.

hFigures were computed:

Beginning pending figures were computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

jExplanation of data included in the category:

Special proceeding appeals may include some juvenile appeals.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, The Idaho Courts 1977 Annual Report (Boise, Idaho). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

IDAHO MAGISTRATES DIVISION OF DISTRICT COURTS
Court of general jurisdiction
7 districts, 67 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Tort:				
Personal injury/property damage	441fh 2,196fh	655 11,807	572 11,547	524 2,456
Small claims				
Domestic relations:				
Support/custody:				
Support proceedings	940fh 237fh	2,412 1,105	1,956 1,079	1,396 263
Adoption				
Other domestic relations:				
Domestic relations	1,661fh 2,838fh	6,415 9,932	5,653 8,688	2,423 4,082
Total				
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Informal estate	1,888fh 1,216fh	2,664 1,073	2,276 1,181	2,276 1,108
Formal estate				
Total	3,104fh	3,737	3,457	3,384
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship of minors	187fh 194fh	224 188	154 161	257 221
Guardianship of incapacitated				
Total	381fh 3,485fh	412 4,149	315 4,149	478 3,772
Total	3,485fh	4,149	3,772	3,862
Extraordinary writ:				
Habeas corpus	6fh	9	10	5
Other civil:				
Other complaints and petitions	5,802fh 260fh	10,062 683	9,504 684	6,360 259
All other special hearings				
Total	6,062fh	10,745	10,188	6,619
Total civil	15,028fh	37,297	34,777	17,548

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Idaho Magistrates Division of District Court (continued)

Criminal:				
Misdemeanor:				
Misdemeanor--drug	198fh	1,148	1,142	204
Other misdemeanor	3,750fh	19,562	19,368	3,944
Total	3,948fh	20,710	20,510	4,148
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony--drug	86	619	633	72
Felony--driving while intoxicated	38fh	280	269	49
Felony--all other	1,288fh	4,511	4,258	1,541
Total	1,412fh	5,410	5,160	1,662
Total criminal	5,360fh	26,120	25,670	5,810
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Misdemeanor--driving while intoxicated	1,228fh	7,561	7,196	1,593
Juvenile--driving while intoxicated	1	3	2	2
Total	1,229	7,564	7,198	1,595
Other traffic violations:				
Traffic--other than driving while intoxicated	3,784fh	185,696	185,456	4,024
Total traffic	5,013fh	193,260	192,654	5,619
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Youth Rehabilitation Act--drug	81fh	238	259	60
Youth Rehabilitation Act--other	1,918fh	7,024	6,886	2,056
Total	1,999fh	7,262	7,145	2,116
Non-offense:				
Child Protection Act	252fh	468	490	230
Total juvenile	2,251fh	7,730	7,635	2,346
Grand total	27,652fh	264,407	260,736	31,323

Trial

Civil:	Criminal:		
Tort	79	Misdemeanor	14,057
Small claims	7,100	Preliminary hearing	1,952
Domestic relations:		Total criminal	16,009
Support/custody	720		
Adoption	984	Traffic:	
Other domestic relations	4,778	DWB/DUI	5,864
Total	6,482	Other traffic violation	4,832
		Total traffic	10,696
Estate:		Juvenile:	
Probate/wills/intestate	1,828	Criminal-type offense	3,611
Guardianship/conservatorship	309	Non-offense	309
Trusteeship	238	Total juvenile	3,920
Total	2,066		
Extraordinary writ	6		
Other civil	1,833		
Total civil	17,566		
Grand total	48,191		

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

aCourt 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 I of this report.

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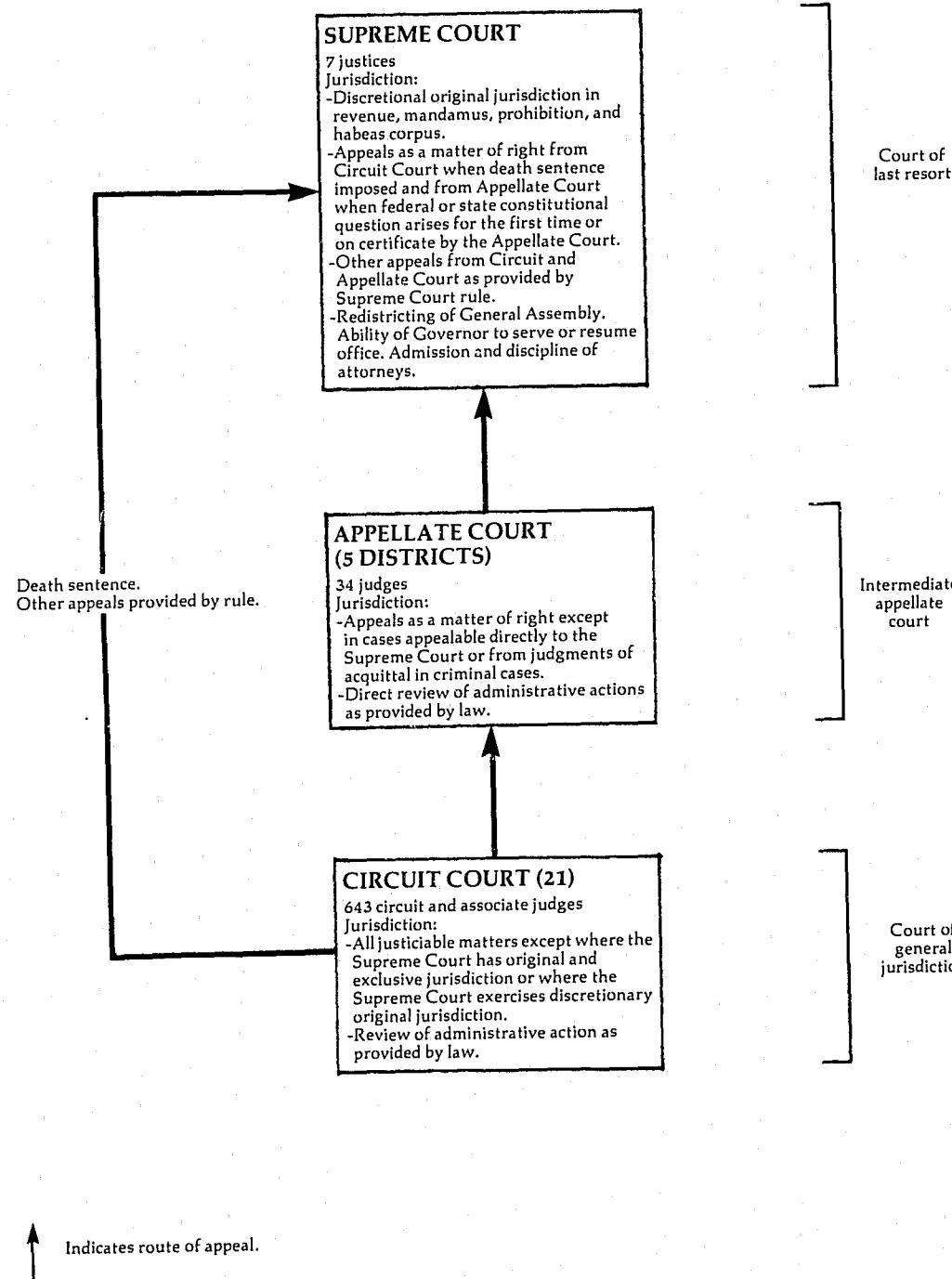
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hFigures were computed:

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Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, The Idaho Courts 1977 Annual Report (Boise, Idaho). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ILLINOIS COURT SYSTEM, 1977



ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Application for leave to appeal allowed	50	(81)e	74	57
Action for motion in public interest case [Rule 302(b)] allowed	22	(16)e	26	12
Statute held invalid [Rules 302(a)(1), 603]	10	12	11	11
Certificate of importance	2	6	3	5
Total	84	18 (97)e	114	85
Criminal:				
Application for leave to appeal allowed	54	(57)e	71	40
Action for motion in public interest case [Rule 302(b)] allowed	3	(1)e	4	0
Statute held invalid [Rules 302(a)(1), 603]	11	6	15	2
Certificate of importance [Rule 316]	0	0	0	0
Death penalty [Rule 603]	1	0	1	0
Total	69	6 (58)e	91	42
Appeal of administrative agency cases:				
Industrial Commission ^a [Rules 302(a)(2)]	34	40	32	42
Total appeals	187	64 (155)e	237	169
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Civil:				
Original action motions (including Rule 381 motions)	2	34	30 (2)e	4
Original action motions allowed	7	(2)e	8	1
Miscellaneous	0	10	10	0
Total civil	9	44 (2)e	48 (2)e	5
Criminal:				
Original action motions (including Rule 381 motions)	2	26	25 (2)e	1
Original action motions allowed	1	(2)e	3	0
Miscellaneous	0	19	19	0
Total criminal	3	45 (2)e	47 (2)e	1
Disciplinary matter:				
Attorney disciplinary	6	14	11	9
Total	18	103 (4)e	106 (4)e	15
Requests to appeal:				
Civil:				
Petition of leave to appeal	65	443	338 (81)e	89
Petition for public interest [Rule 302(b)] motion	0	47	30 (16)e	1
Total civil	65	490	368 (97)e	90
Criminal:				
Petition for leave to appeal	81	475	404 (57)e	95
Petition for public interest [Rule 302(b)] motion	0	7	6 (1)e	0
Total criminal	81	482	410 (58)e	95
Total other cases	146	972	778 (155)e	185
	164	1,075 (4)e	884 (159)e	200
Total cases	351	1,139 (159)e	1,121 (159)e	369
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests:				
Petition for rehearing	N/A	N/A	68	N/A
Other matters:				
Other motions	N/A	N/A	1,627	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	N/A	1,695	N/A
Manner of disposition				
Full opinion	219			
Supervisory orders	8			

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^aCases 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, 1977 Annual Report of the Supreme Court of Illinois (Chicago, Illinois: March, 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ILLINOIS APPELLATE COURT
Intermediate appellate court
5 districts, 34 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending				
Cases:								
Appeals:								
Civil	1,983	1,939	2,091	1,8328				
Criminal	2,128	2,442	2,488	2,0818				
Total appeals	4,111	4,381	4,579	3,913				
Total cases	4,111	4,381	4,579	3,913				
Disposition of appeals								
		Civil		Criminal				
	By opinion	By order	Without opinion or order	Total	By opinion	By order	Without opinion or order	Total
Affirmed	640	162	--	802	607	841	--	1,448
Modified	10	4	--	14	18	17	--	35
Reversed	373	61	--	434	279	107	--	386
Affirmed in part	125	10	--	135	106	83	--	189
Reversed and remanded	0	0	0	0	0	1	--	1
Remanded with direction for further proceeding	--	--	4	4	--	9	9	
Dismissed	33	18	596	647	11	23	286	320
Transferred	--	--	15	15	--	6	6	
Leave to appeal denied	--	--	32	32	--	4	4	
Motion for leave to file late notice of appeal denied	--	--	10	10	--	26	26	
Summary reduction or modification of sentence	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	
Bail order entered	--	--	--	--	--	33	33	
Confession of error	--	--	--	--	--	25	25	
Other dispositions	--	--	1	1	--	2	2	
Total	1,181	255	658	2,094	1,021	1,071	393	2,485
Manner of disposition								
		Civil	Criminal	Total				
Majority opinion ..	X	X	2,033 ^m					
Per curiam	X	X	6					
Rule 23 order	255	1,071	1,326					
Without opinion or order	658	393	1,051					
Time interval (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	470	714	566	233	94	12		
Criminal	370	1,000	747	248	113	10		
Date briefs filed to date of disposition:								
Civil	1,139	686	182	19	2	0		
Criminal	1,657	559	122	5	1	0		

Boldface ^meadings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

-- Not applicable.

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

^sChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.

Figures are as reported in the annual report, and indicates an adjustment in classification of 1 case from the criminal to the civil category.

Information on disposition type or trial data:

There were 43 specially concurring, 144 dissenting, and 31 supplemental opinions filed in the court.

Source: Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, 1977 Annual Report of the Supreme Court of Illinois (Chicago, Illinois: March, 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
21 circuits, 643 circuit and associate judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Law \$15,000 and under	69,385	153,583	138,933 ^k	83,0788
Law over \$15,000	66,958	35,317	28,079 ^k	74,0908
Total	136,343	188,900	167,012	157,1688
Small claims	39,288	172,792	175,082	39,2768
Real property rights:				
Eminent domain	1,370	504	789	1,0758
Equity:				
Chancery	34,337	24,282	20,602	37,8908
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	37,204	67,025	66,064	38,0498
Other domestic relations:				
Family	18,868	20,188	17,977	20,6558
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Probate	56,072	87,213	84,041	58,7048
Mental health	N/A	33,929	29,887	N/A
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Tax	121,674	113,005	99,276	135,3638
Municipal corporations	461	147	130	4668
Total	122,135	113,152	99,406	135,8298
Other civil:				
Miscellaneous remedies	6,238	6,604	5,652	6,9998
Total civil	397,2561	635,666	590,682	438,24381
Criminal:				
Felony	20,511	31,663	31,462	20,3558
Misdemeanor:				
Misdemeanors:				
Conservation violations	33,7991	422,954	382,860	33,1238i
Total	33,7991	430,146	389,830	33,1238i
Ordinance violation	N/A	57,525	55,495	N/A
Total criminal	54,3101	519,334	476,787	53,47881
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	2,343,770	2,273,266	N/A
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	12,808	25,686	28,287	13,1168
Grand total	464,3741	3,524,456	3,369,022	504,83781
Trial:				
	Jury	Non-jury	Total	
Civil:				
Law:				
Law \$1,000 to \$15,000....	380	N/A	3801	
Law over \$15,000	1,039	N/A	1,0391	
Total	1,419	N/A	1,4191	
Criminal (felony) ^m	1,2751	2,6231	3,898	
Grand total	2,694	2,6231	5,3171	
Criminal dispositions^m				
				Felony
Jury trial:				
Conviction				903
Acquittal				372
Non-jury trial:				
Conviction				1,448
Acquittal				1,033
Plea of guilty				17,827
Reduced to misdemeanor				2,923
Convicted of misdemeanor				142
Discharged at preliminary hearing				742
Dismissal				12,499
Found unfit to stand trial				119
Time interval (average months)				
Date of filing to date of verdict:				
Law --jury				31.7

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Illinois Circuit Court (continued)

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

dCase 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. Each defendant is counted for criminal trials and criminal dispositions.

A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.

eChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures were adjusted by reason of a physical inventory.

fData are not complete:

Civil total pendings do not include pending cases for estate.

Misdemeanors pending do not include data for Cook County.

Misdemeanor total pendings do not include data for conservation violations and misdemeanors pending in Cook County.

Criminal total pendings do not include pending cases for conservation violations, ordinance violation, and misdemeanors in Cook County.

Grand total pendings do not include pending cases for estate, conservation violations, ordinance violation, misdemeanors in Cook County, and traffic.

Grand total non-jury trial data only include criminal felony trials.

Grand total trial data do not include civil non-jury trial data.

jExplanation of data in the category:

Filed includes cases that have been transferred in and transferred out of the court's jurisdiction. Cases 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 violation, conservation violations and preliminary hearings in felony cases in the Circuit Court of Cook County.

kAdditional information:

Of the 33,158 law--jury cases, 1,419 were terminated by jury verdict.

lSpecial source or revision in the data:

The breakdown of criminal felony trials into jury and non-jury categories was provided by the administrative office of the court during data verification.

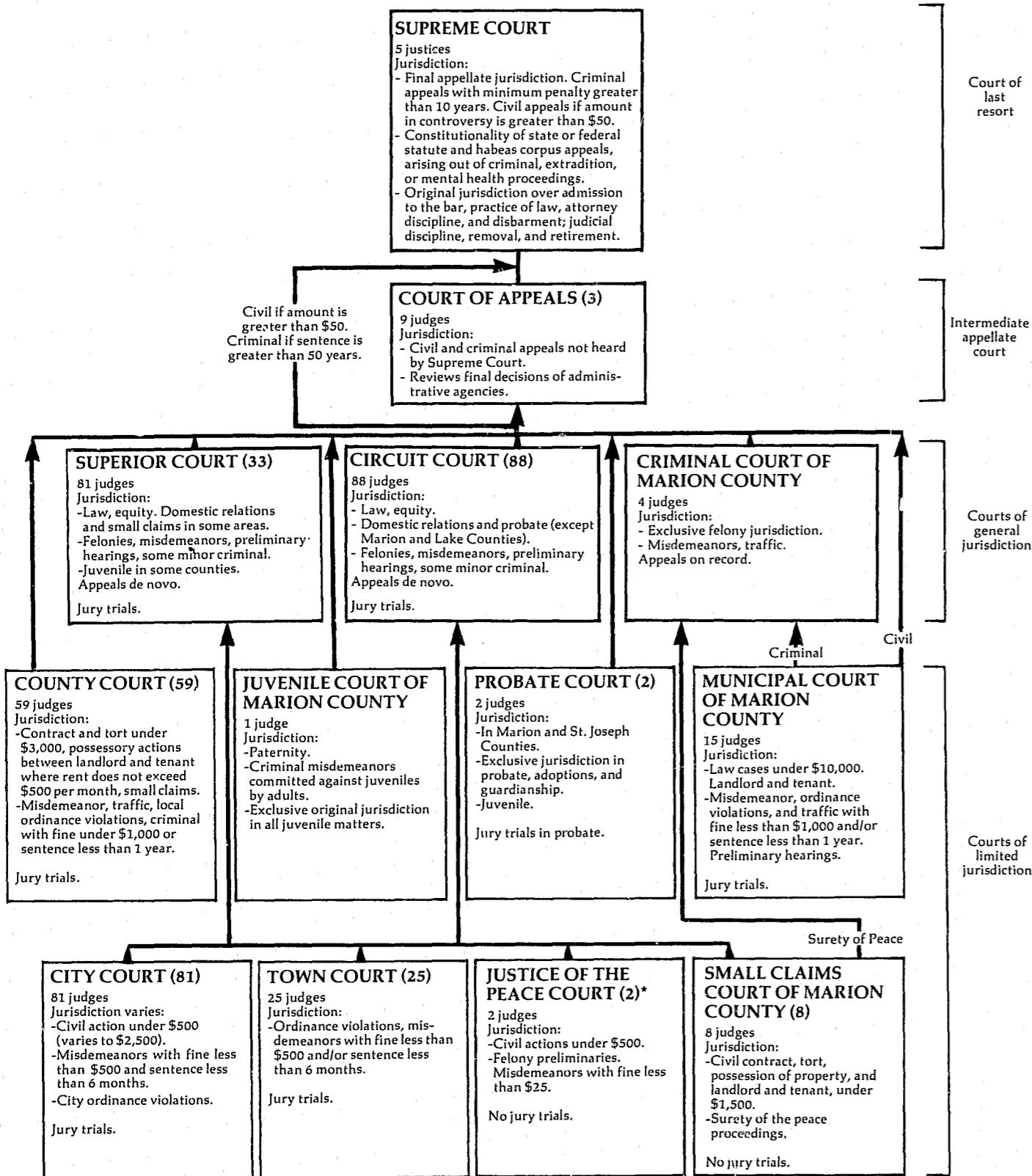
mCategories for disposition type or trial data:

Criminal trials and criminal dispositions are for felony cases only.

Source: Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, 1977 Annual Report of the Supreme Court of Illinois (Chicago, Illinois: March, 1978).

Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

INDIANA COURT SYSTEM, 1977



INDIANA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Direct appeals	X	X	138	X
Civil after petitions to transfer granted	X	(13)e	12	X
Criminal after petitions to transfer granted	X	(N/A)e	6	X
Total appeals	X	X (13)e ⁱ	156	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original actions	X	X	9	X
Writs	0	54	54	0
Total	X	X	63	X
Disciplinary matter:				
Disciplinary cases	X	X	6	X
Total	X	X	69	X
Requests to appeal:				
Civil petitions to transfer	0	140	121 (13)e	0
Criminal petitions to transfer	X	X	60 (N/A)e	X
Total	X	X	181 (13)e ⁱ	X
Total other cases	X	X	250 (13)e ⁱ	X
Total cases	801	476(13)eⁱ	406 (13)eⁱ	150
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Petitions for extension of time	N/A	N/A	525	N/A
Special judge matters	N/A	N/A	672	N/A
Hearing officers in disciplinary matters	N/A	N/A	17	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	N/A	1,214	N/A
Manner of disposition				
Appeals Original jurisdiction Disciplinary Total				
Majority opinion	156	9	0	165 ^m
Per curiam	0	0	6	6

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
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.

^eCases 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.

ⁱFigure was computed:
Filing figure was computed from disposition and pending data.

^mData 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.

^lSpecial source or revision in data:
The beginning pending total cases figure was obtained from the 1976 annual report where it was given as the end pending figure for the 1976 court year.

ⁿInformation or disposition type or trial data:
There were 15 concurring opinions and 29 dissenting opinions in addition to the 165 majority opinions filed.

Source: Division of State Court Administration, 1977 Indiana Judicial Report (Indianapolis, Indiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

Indicates route of appeal.

*Abolished June 30, 1977.

INDIANA COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
3 districts, 9 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed ^j	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	X	402	X	X
Criminal	X	434	X	X
Other appeals:				
Expedited cases	X	47	X	X
Total appeals	627 ^f	883	758	752
Other cases:				
Requests to appeal	—	—	—	—
Total other cases	—	—	—	—
Total cases.....	627 ^f	883	758	752
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Motions to dismiss/affirm	43	171	179	35
Motions, petitions for time, and miscellaneous orders handed down	—	2,928	2,928	—
Total	43	3,099	3,107	35
Total other proceedings	43	3,099	3,107	35

Manner of disposition

	Age of pending cases (months)
Opinion (majority)	73 ⁷⁰
Order	21
Less than 3 months	194
Between 3 and 6 months	169
Between 6 and 9 months	124
Over 9 months	265

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

^fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year.

Figures are as given in the annual report.

JExplanation 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.

^mInformation on disposition type or trial data:

 There were a total of 92 concurring and dissenting opinions filed in addition to the 737 majority opinions.

Source: Division of State Court Administration, 1977 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
Court of general jurisdiction
33 counties, 81 judges; 88 circuits, 88 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil ^d :				
Small claims (County Court function) ^k	6,099 ^h	26,338	22,385	10,052
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Dissolution	34,237 ^h	46,382	47,492	33,127
Redocketed dissolutions	10,849 ^h	26,148	23,170	13,827
Total	45,086 ^h	72,530	70,662	46,954
Estate:				
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship	30,554 ^h	3,938	6,622	27,870
Other estate:				
Probate/adoption	33,500 ^h	18,759	16,524	35,735
Total	64,054 ^h	22,697	23,146	63,605
Other civil:				
Civil	71,539 ^h	42,062	50,510	63,091
Redocketed civil	15,220 ^h	14,722	10,732	19,210
Plenary proceedings ^k	799 ^h	244	240	802
Redocketed civil (County Court function) ^k	2,453 ^h	11,014	8,665	4,802
Total	90,010 ^h	68,042	70,147	87,905
Total civil	205,249 ^h	189,607	186,340	208,516

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	Indiana Superior Court and Circuit Court (continued)				
Criminal^d:					
Misdemeanor:					
Criminal (County Court function) ^k	3,475 ^h	14 ^h	15,588	13,138	5,925
Redocketed criminal (County Court function) ^k	3,489 ^h	559	16,147	558	15,696
Total	3,489 ^h	559	16,147	13,138	5,925
Felony/misdemeanor:					
Criminal	16,552 ^h	1,107 ^h	13,159	15,176	14,535
Redocketed criminal	17,659 ^h	1,647	1,643	1,111	15,646
Total	17,659 ^h	1,647	14,806	16,819	14,535
Preliminary hearing:					
Other (County Court function) ^{jk}	111 ^h	2,016	1,992	135	135
Other criminal:					
Other ^j	8,009 ^h	15,220	16,210	7,019	7,019
Total criminal	29,268 ^h	48,189	48,717	28,740	
Traffic:					
Other traffic violation:					
Nonfelony traffic	0	1,360	494	4108	
Nonfelony traffic (County Court function) ^k	5,362 ^h	93,400	91,820	6,942	
Total	5,362 ^h	94,760	92,314	7,3528	
Total traffic	5,362 ^h	94,760	92,314	7,3528	
Juvenile:					
Total juvenile	9,229 ^h	15,776	14,908	10,097	
Grand total	249,108 ^h	348,332 ^k	342,279	254,7058	

	Type of disposition				
	Trial ^d				
	Superior and Circuit Court				
	Criminal	Civil plenary	Other ^m	Total	
Jury	846	874	749	2,469	
Non-jury	1,355	11,284	87,975	100,614	
Total	2,201	12,158	88,724	103,083	
County Court function					
	Criminal	Civil plenary	Other ^m	Total	County Court function
Jury	18	62	27	107	
Non-jury	1,773	4,996	5,598	12,367	
Total	1,791	5,058	5,625	12,474	
Grand total	3,992	17,216	94,349	115,557	
Bureau	9				60,721
Failure to appear ...	—				1,943
					60,721

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
— = Not applicable.
^dCase 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.
^eBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:
 Figures are as calculated from data given in the annual report.
^fChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
 Figures are as reported in the annual report.
^gFigure was computed:
 Beginning pending figures were calculated from filing, disposition, and end pending data.
^hExplanation 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.
ⁱAdditional 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 also include 4,618 cases "venued in".
^jCategories for disposition type or trial data:
 "Other" trials include data for trials in small claims, domestic relations, estate, traffic, juvenile, preliminary hearing, and other criminal.
Source: Division of State Court Administration, 1977 Indiana Judicial Report (Indianapolis, Indiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

CRIMINAL COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA Court of general jurisdiction 1 court, 4 judges January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977				
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal	794fh	1,854	1,973	675
Redocketed criminal	62fh	50	44	68
Total	856fh	1,904	2,017	743
Other criminal	5h	46	51	0
Total criminal	861fh	1,950k	2,068	743
Grand total	861fh	1,950k	2,068	743

<u>Criminal dispositions</u>				
	Jury	Non-jury	Total	
Criminal	198	188	386	
Guilty plea	838			
Dismissed	447			
Transferred	169			
Closed	72			
Venued out	117			
Settled	10			

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

dCase definition or unit of count:

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

A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.

fBeginning figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:

Figures are as calculated from data contained in the annual report.

hFigure was computed:

Beginning pending figure was calculated from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

kAdditional information:

Sixty-five of the cases filed were "venued in".

Source: Division of State Court Administrator, 1977 Indiana Judicial Report (Indianapolis, Indiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

Indiana County Court (continued)

	<u>Trial^d</u>	<u>Type of disposition</u>		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total	Plea
Civil	32	11,758	11,790	58,268
Criminal	119	3,795	3,914	23,879
Other ^m	54	10,184	10,238	18,059
Grand total	205	25,737	25,942	Traffic Violations Bureau 73,109
				Settled 9,498
				Failed to appear 4,767
				Transferred out 741
				Venued out 545

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

dCase 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.

fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:

Figures are as given calculated from data contained in the annual report.

hFigure was computed:

Beginning pending figure was computed from filings, dispositions, and end pending data.

jExplanation 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 cases were probable cause cases.

mInformation on disposition type or trial data:

"Other" trials include data for trials in small claims, traffic, and preliminary hearing cases.

Source: Division of State Court Administration, 1977 Indiana Judicial Report (Indianapolis, Indiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

INDIANA COUNTY COURT Court of limited jurisdiction 59 courts, 59 judges January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977				
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Small claims	12,368h	49,793	46,108	16,053
Other civil:				
Plenary proceedings	1,153h	3,306	2,498	1,961
Redocketed civil	3,584h	13,958	7,862	9,680
Total	4,737h	17,264	10,360	11,641
Total civil	17,105h	67,057	56,468	27,694
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal	6,616h	30,975	27,738	9,853
Redocketed criminal	47h	362	273	136
Total	6,663h	31,337	28,011	9,989
Preliminary hearing:				
Other	154h	1,199	1,089	264
Total criminal	6,817h	32,536	29,100	10,253
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Nonfelony traffic	15,686h	136,787	129,810	22,663
Total traffic	15,686h	136,787	129,810	22,663
Grand total	39,608h	236,380	215,378	60,610

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MUNICIPAL COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 11 full-time and 4 part-time judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Civil	3,796fh			8,618
Redocketed civil	568fh			6,591
Venued in	--			--
Total	4,364fh			15,302
Total civil	4,364fh			15,302
				15,209
				4,454

Criminal:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal	14,729fh			58,423
Total criminal	14,729fh			58,423
				38,244k
				34,908
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Nonfelony traffic	27,656fh			79,916
Total traffic	27,656fh			79,916
				75,248k
				32,324
Grand total	46,749fh			153,641
				128,825k
				71,6868

	<u>Trial^d</u>	<u>Type of disposition</u>		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total	Plea
Civil	51	787	838	69,282
Criminal	223	5,387	5,610	28,271
Other	56	7,326	7,382	4,858
Grand total	330	13,500	13,830	Traffic Violations Bureau 9,639
				Settled 509
				Transferred out 42
				Venued out 65

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

-- = Not applicable.

dCase 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.

fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:

Figures are given as calculated from data contained in the annual report.

gChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures are as reported in the annual report.

hFigure was computed:

Beginning pending figure was computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

kAdditional information:

Grand total disposed figure also includes 124 cases which were disposed that could not be identified by specific case category.

Source: Division of State Court Administration, 1977 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
2 courts, 2 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Civil 501fh	327	452	376	
Guardianship 0	16	3	13	
Redocketed civil 501fh	343	455	389	
Total 501fh				
Estate:				
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship 4,838	858	588	5,108	
Other estate:				
Probate/adoption 4,275	3,455	3,437	4,293	
9,113	4,313	4,025	9,401	
Total 830	524	489	865	
Other civil 10,444	5,180	4,969	10,655	
Total civil 11,334fh	6,003k	5,757	11,580	
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile 89gh	823	788	925	
Grand total 11,334fh	6,003k	5,757	11,580	

Trial^d

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil and juvenile	1	4,212	4,213
Dismissed 484			
Settled 173			
Closed 881			
Venued out 6			

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

^dCase definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

^fA trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.
^eBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year.

^gFigures are as calculated from filings, dispositions, and end pending data given in the annual report.

^hFigure was computed:
Beginning pending figure was computed from the filing, disposition, and end pending data.

^kAdditional information:
Four of the filed cases were "venued in".

Source: Division of State Court Administration, 1977 Indiana Judicial Report (Indianapolis, Indiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

JUVENILE COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 1 judge
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal ^a :				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal 23h				
Total criminal 23h				
Juvenile:				
Other juvenile:				
Juvenile 1,541h				
Other 136h				
Total 1,677h				
Total juvenile 1,677h				
Grand total 1,700h				
	Trial ^b	Criminal and juvenile dispositions		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total	
Criminal 0		24	24	Guilty plea 449
Juvenile 4		4,116	4,120	Dismissed 68
Grand total 4		4,140	4,144	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

^dCase definition or unit of count:
The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints.

A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.

^hFigure was computed:

Beginning pending figures were computed from filings, dispositions, and end pending data.

^jExplanation of data included in the category:

Criminal cases are misdemeanors committed against juveniles by adults.

Other cases are informal juvenile hearings.

Source: Division of State Court Administration, 1977 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
≈81 courts, 81 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data for cases handled in the City Court for 1977.

INDIANA TOWN COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
≈25 courts, 25 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data for cases handled in the Town Court for 1977.

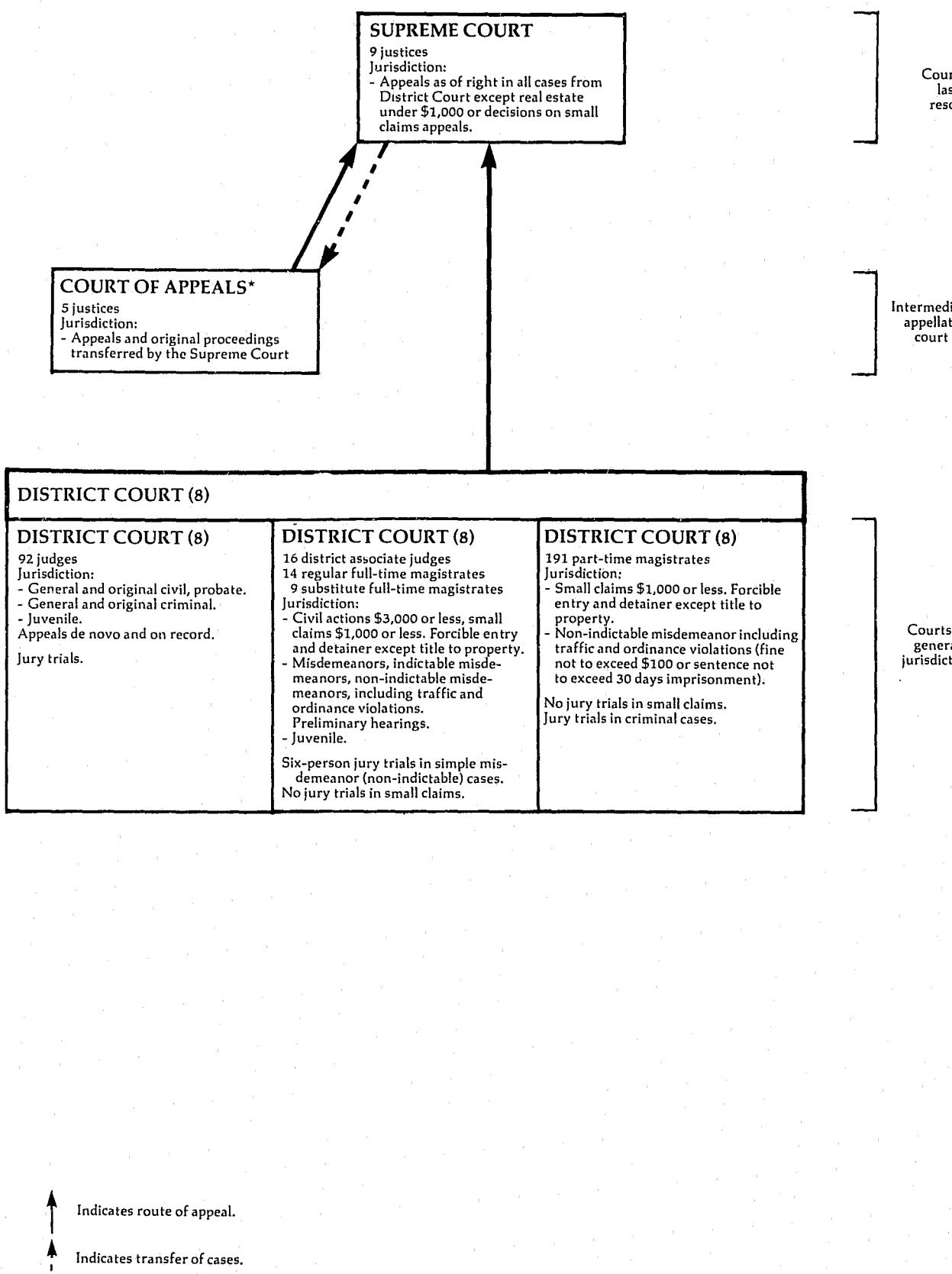
INDIANA JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
2 courts, 2 judges
January 1, 1977 to June 30, 1977

There were no data for cases handled in the Justice of the Peace Court for 1977. The final remaining Justice of the Peace Courts, located in Lake County, were abolished on June 30, 1977.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA
Court of limited jurisdiction
8 courts, 8 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data for cases handled in the Small Claims Court for 1977.

IOWA COURT SYSTEM, 1977



IOWA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
9 justices
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Contracts	X	X	43	X
Contested child custody	X	X	11	X
Domestic relations not involving child custody	X	X	27	X
Property	X	X	25	X
Taxation	X	X	14	X
Tort	X	X	54	X
Trust, estates, wills	X	X	11	X
Other	X	X	31	X
Direct appeals from final judgments in civil cases	X	585	--	X
Writ of certiorari granted	X	(4)e	--	X
Interlocutory appeal granted	X	(7)e	--	X
Disposition by order or other mode prior to formal submission to the court	X			X
Total	--	585 (11)e	324k	--
Criminal:				
Guilty plea only	X	X	14	X
Guilty plea and sentencing only	X	X	4	X
Other	X	X	86	X
Direct appeals from final judgments in criminal cases	X	438j	--	X
Writ of certiorari granted	X	(8)e	--	X
Disposition by order or other mode prior to formal submission to the court	X			X
Total	--	438 (8)e	260k	--
Postconviction remedy:				
Postconviction relief	X	10	9	X
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Administrative law	X			X
Total appeals	X	(1)	27	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Disciplinary:				
Lawyer disciplinary proceedings	X	(1)	4	X
Request to appeal:				
Civil:				
Petition for writ of certiorari	X	X	44 (4)e	X
Petition for permission to appeal interlocutory ruling	X	X	57 (7)e	X
Petition for discretionary review	X	X	16	X
Total	X	190	117 (11)e	X
Criminal:				
Petition for writ of certiorari	X	8	0 (8)e	X
Total	X	198	117 (19)e	X
Sentencing review only:				
Sentencing only	X	X	14	X
Total other cases	X	(1)	135 (19)e	X
Total cases	1,078	1,231 (19)e	1,075 (19)e	848
Other matters:				
Rehearing requests:				
Application for further review	0	80	80	0
Motions and orders	0	2,432	2,432	0
Total	0	2,512	2,512	0
Manner of disposition				
Disposition of cases				
Signed opinion.....	213	74	287	
Per curiam	40	42	82	
Signed or per curiam opinion:				
Affirmed	140	91	231	--
Reversed	83	20	103	--
Reversed Court of Appeals	1	2	3	--
Combination or modification	20	1	21	--
Dismissed	5	2	7	0
Lawyer license suspended	--	--	--	4
Without opinion:				
Affirmed	0	0	0	--
Transferred to Court of Appeals ..	274	82	356	0
Consolidations	10	7	17	--
Dismissal or withdrawal prior to submission	305	251	556	0
Other	9	2	11	0

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*Court of Appeals began hearing oral arguments and deciding cases in January, 1977.

Iowa Supreme Court (continued)

Time interval (average days)

	Civil ⁿ	Priority civil ⁿ	Criminal ⁿ	All
Notice of appeal to readiness	261.8	194.2	285.3	264.7
Readiness to submission	450.7	73.1	85.8	310.3
Submission to filing of decision	60.0	56.5	47.5	55.8
Notice of appeal to decision	772.5	323.8	418.6	630.8

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

-- = Not applicable

^eCases 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.

^gChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

^jExplanation of data included in the category:

Civil appeals filed figures include direct civil appeals and disciplinary cases.

Criminal appeals filed figures include both direct criminal appeals and sentence review only cases.

^kAdditional 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.

^mInformation 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 remedy, 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 37^l majority opinions, there were also 35 dissents and 24 concurrences filed.

ⁿInformation on time interval or age of pending data:

Priority civil includes postconviction remedy and contested child custody cases.

Source: Clerk of the Supreme Court, Iowa Supreme Court Statistical Report For the Year 1977, Iowa Judiciary (Des Moines, Iowa); and Court Administrator of the Judicial Department, 1977 Annual Statistical Report (Des Moines, Iowa: 1978). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions and revisions have been made during verification by the clerk of the Supreme Court.

IOWA COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
5 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Contracts	X	X	39	X
Contested child custody	X	X	23	X
Domestic relations not involving child custody	X	X	58	X
Property	X	X	40	X
Taxation	X	X	4	X
Tort	X	X	52	X
Trust, estates, wills	X	X	13	X
Other	X	X	6	X
Disposition by order	X	1	1	X
Total	56	279	236	725
Criminal:				
Guilty plea only	X	X	5	X
Guilty plea and sentencing only	X	X	2	X
Other	X	X	63	X
Total	13	77	70	235
Postconviction remedy:				
Postconviction relief	(j)	(j)	7	(j)
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Administrative law	(j)	(j)	15	(j)
Total appeals	69	356	328	958
Other cases:				
Sentence review only:				
Sentencing only	(j)	(j)	2	(j)
Total other cases	(j)	(j)	2	(j)
Total cases	69	356	330	95

Manner of disposition

Civil	Criminal ^m	Total
Signed opinion	122	35
Per curiam	131	37

Civil	Criminal ^m	Total
Signed and per curiam opinion:		
Affirmed	151	56
Reversed	63	15
Combination or modification	39	1
Without opinion:		
Affirmed	0	0
Other	4	0

Time interval (average days)

	Civil	Priority civil ⁿ	Criminal	All
Notice of appeal to readiness	275.1	204.8	323.2	277.9
Readiness to transfer	381.7	52.4	45.7	275.5
Transfer to submission	52.8	47.4	54.9	52.8
Submission to filing of decision	47.9	36.2	39.3	44.5
Notice of appeal to decision	757.5	340.8	463.1	650.7

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

^gChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Data are as given in the annual report.

^jExplanation of data included in the category:

Civil appeals filed and pending include appeal of administrative agency case and postconviction remedy cases.

Criminal appeals filed and pending include sentence review only cases.

^mInformation on disposition type or trial data:

The civil category for manner of disposition and disposition of cases data includes civil appeals, postconviction remedy, 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.

Priority civil includes postconviction remedy and contested child custody cases.

Source: Clerk of the Supreme Court, Iowa Court of Appeals Statistical Report for the Year 1977 (Amended) (Des Moines, Iowa); and Court Administrator of the Judicial Department, 1977 Annual Statistical Report (Des Moines, Iowa: 1978). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

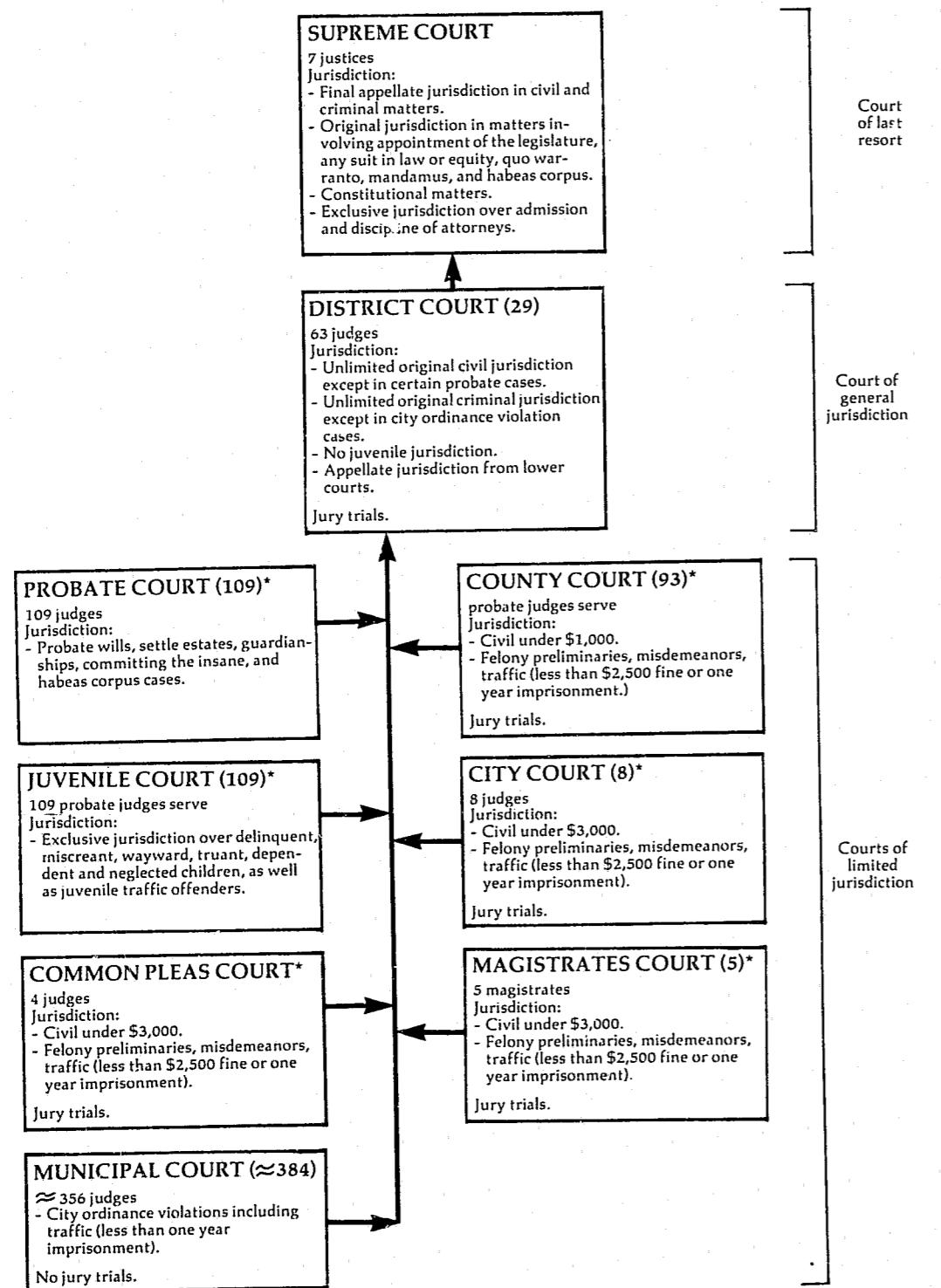
Iowa District Court (continued)

IOWA DISTRICT COURT Court of general jurisdiction 8 districts ^c January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977				
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Small claims:				
Small claims (associate judges and regular magistrates assigned)	802 ^f	10,354	10,375	781
Small claims (substitute and part-time magistrates assigned)	533 ^{fh}	11,339	11,124	748
Small claims (docket maintained by the clerk)	9,958 ^f	43,741	42,615	11,084
Totalj	11,293	65,434	64,114	12,613
Domestic relations:				
Other domestic relations:				
Termination of parental rights	N/A	915	707 ^k	N/A
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Estates opened ^k	N/A	18,655	17,213	N/A
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianships and conservatorships opened ^k	N/A	3,847	N/A	N/A
Trusteeships opened ^k	N/A	700	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	4,547	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	23,202	17,213 ⁱ	N/A
Total				
Other civil:				
Regular civil (district judges)	X	39,677	38,682	X
Regular civil (associate judges, substitute and regular magistrates)	X	542	579	X
Total	36,573 ^f	40,219	39,261	40,636
Total civil	47,866 ^{fi}	129,770	121,295 ⁱ	53,249 ^{ei}
Criminal:				
Felony:				
Regular criminal (district judges)jk	11,422 ^{fj}	18,542 ^j	17,880 ^j	12,078 ^j
Misdemeanor:				
Regular criminal (associate judges and regular full-time and substitute judicial magistrates)jk	(j)	10,936	10,942	(j)
Nonindictable statek	8,850	56,448	58,682	6,616
Total	X	67,384	69,624	X
Ordinance violation:				
Nonindictable ordinancek	35,223	83,375	86,682	31,916
Preliminary hearing:				
Preliminary examination (associate judges and regular magistrates)	1,584 ^f	8,902	8,805	1,681
Preliminary examination (substitute and part-time magistrates)	1,530 ^{fh}	12,160	11,799	1,891
Total	3,114 ^{fh}	21,062	20,604	3,572
Appeal	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Total criminalk	58,609	190,363	194,790	54,182
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Nonindictable statek	8,720 ^h	150,109	147,993	10,836
Nonindictable ordinancek	8,076 ^h	120,930	118,436	10,570
Total	16,796 ^h	271,039	266,429	21,406
Total traffic	16,796 ^h	271,039	266,429	21,406
Juvenile:				
Other juvenile:				
Juvenile (district judges)	N/A	2,974	2,355 ^k	N/A
Juvenile (associate judges and regular magistrates)	N/A	3,085	4,440 ^k	N/A
Total	N/A	5,059	6,795 ^k	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	6,059	6,795 ^k	N/A
Grand total	123,271 ⁱ	597,231	589,309 ⁱ	128,837 ^{ei}

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Trial ^d			Age of pending cases (12/31/77)						
	Jury	Non-jury	Total	Over 1 year	Under 1 year				
Civil:									
Small claims	--	11,827	11,827						
Estate	6	481	494						
Other civil	438	4,029	4,467						
Total	444	16,344	16,788						
Criminal:									
Felony	828	1,146	1,974						
Misdemeanor	245	5,403	5,648						
Ordinance violation ..	50	5,812	5,862						
Total	1,123	12,361	13,484						
Traffic:									
Other traffic violation	209	14,266	14,475						
Grand total	1,776	42,971	44,747						
Time interval									
Under 1 year		1 to 3 years		Over 3 years					
Age at disposition:									
Probate/wills/intestate		8,090		7,057					
Data include cases handled by 92 district and 16 district associate judges; and 14 regular full-time, 9 substitute full-time, and 191 part-time magistrates.									
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.									
Beginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:									
The disparity between these figures is due to inventory corrections.									
Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:									
Figures are as given in the annual report.									
Figure was computed:									
Beginning pending figure was computed from filed, disposed, and end pending data.									
Data are not complete:									
Estate, total civil, and grand total disposed figures do not include guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship cases.									
Total civil pending does not include estate and domestic relations data.									
Grand total pending does not include estate, domestic relations, or juvenile data.									
Explanation of data included in the category:									
Regular criminal cases handled by the district judges include felonies and appeals.									
Regular criminal cases handled by associate judges and regular full-time and substitute judicial magistrates are misdemeanor cases.									
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.									
Additional information:									
Estate, guardianship and conservatorship, trusteeship, and regular criminal (felony) cases are handled by district judges only.									
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 data, there were 235 search warrants handled by district associate and regular full-time magistrates, and 570 search warrants and 36 miscellaneous actions handled by substitute full-time and part-time magistrates.									
Juvenile and other domestic relations cases disposed represent the number of cases closed by formal hearing.									
Source: Court Administrator of the Judicial Department, 1977 Annual Statistical Report, Iowa Judiciary (Des Moines, Iowa: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.									

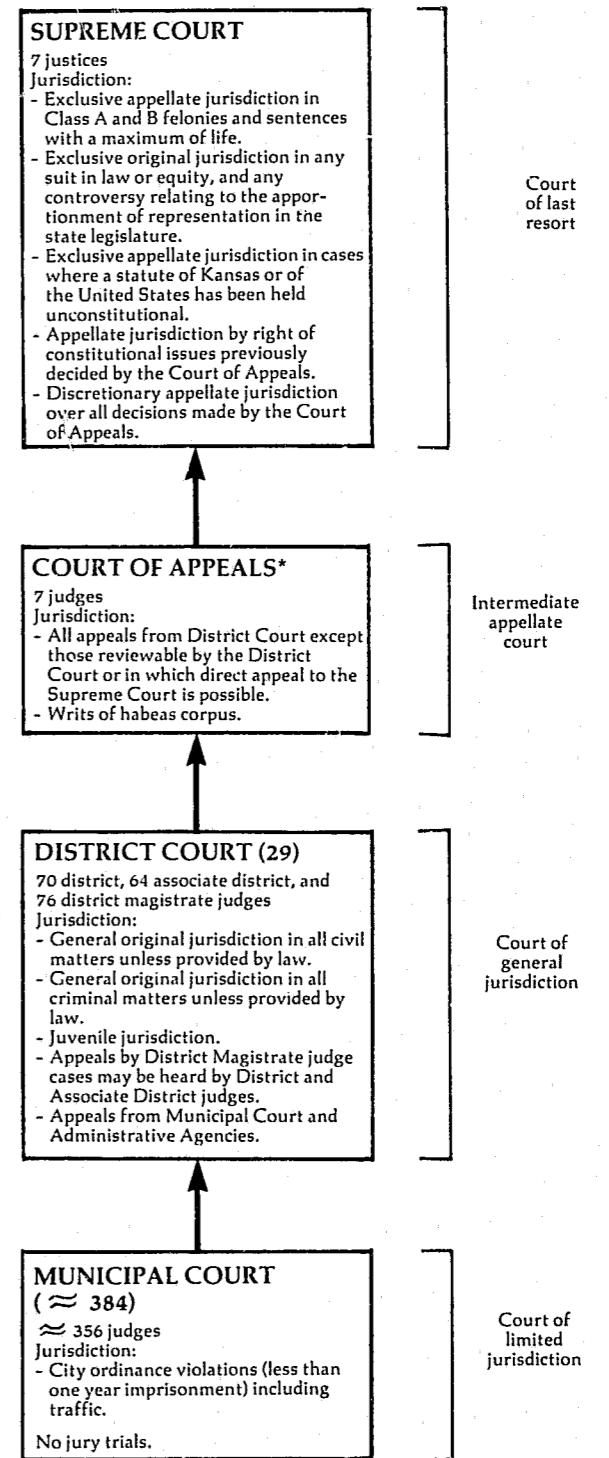
KANSAS COURT SYSTEM, 1977
(July 1, 1976 to January 9, 1977)



↑ Indicates route of appeal.
*These courts were abolished January 10, 1977 as a result of the unification of the court system. Their functions were taken over by the District Court

KANSAS COURT SYSTEM, 1977

(January 10, 1977 to June 30, 1977)



Indicates route of appeal.
•Established January 10, 1977.

KANSAS SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 Justices
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
K.S.A. 60-1507j	X	X	17	X
Other civil	X	X	120	X
Transferred to Court of Appeals	X	X	124	X
Total	X	X	261	X
Criminal:				
Direct criminal	X	X	142	X
Transferred to Court of Appeals	X	X	11	X
Total	110	205	153	162
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Workmen's compensation	X	X	15	X
Total appeals	333	436	429	340
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Habeas corpus	X	X	8	X
Mandamus	X	X	8	X
Application for disability retirement	X	X	1	X
Total	X	X	17	X
Disciplinary	X	X	5	X
Total	4	28	22	10
Requests to appeal	4	28	22	10
Total other cases	4	28	22	10
Total cases	337	464	451	350
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Application for intermediate relief (Rules 5, 15, 16, and 17)	0	28	28	0
Total other proceedings	0	28	28	0

Disposition of cases									
	Appeals			Original proceedings					
	Civil	Criminal	Agency	Total	Original jurisdiction	Disciplinary	Total	Total	
Affirmed	74	112	12	198	--	--	--	198	
Reversed	28	17	1	46	--	--	--	46	
Affirmed in part,									
revised in part	6	5	0	11	--	--	--	11	
Remanded to District									
Appeals terminated by opinion ... 256	Court	--	--	--	1	1	2	2	
Remanded to Board of Bar Examiners	--	--	--	--	1	1	1	1	
Dismissed	29	8	2	39	6	2	8	37	
Granted	--	--	--	--	3	--	3	3	
Denied	--	--	--	--	7	--	7	7	
Public censure	--	--	--	--	1	--	1	1	
Transferred	124	11	0	135	0	0	0	135	

Time intervals (average months)

	Appeals		
	Civil	Criminal	Agency
Notice of appeal to docketing (filing of record on appeal) ...	5.5	8.6	4.4
Docketing (filing of record on appeal) to readiness	4.1	4.5	3.2
Readiness to decision	8.7	5.2	4.0
Docketing (filing of record on appeal) to submission	11.9	8.2	6.0
Docketing (filing of record on appeal) to decision	12.8	9.7	7.2
Notice of appeal to decision	18.3	18.3	11.6

Status of pending cases (6/30/77)

Age of pending cases (months)					
Appeals			Cases pending:		
Civil and agency	Criminal	Total	6 months or less	112	205
Not ready for submission:			7 to 12 months	54	93
No briefs filed	27	68	13 months or more	6	9
Appellant only ready	43	44	Total	153	154
Total	70	112	Average age	5.5 months	4.6 months
Ready for submission	83	42	Total	5.0 months	
Submitted	25	8			

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-- = Not applicable.

jExplanation of data included in the category:
K.S.A. 60-1507 is a procedure in lieu of habeas corpus for prisoners which permits collateral attack on sentencing, etc.

Source: Judicial Council, Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin 1977, 51st Annual Report (Topeka, Kansas: December 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

KANSAS COURT OF APPEALS^a
Intermediate Appellate Court
7 judges
January 10, 1977 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	1241	275	117	282
Criminal	113	95	16	90
Total appeals	1353	370	133	372
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases				
Total cases	1353	370	133	372

	Manner of disposition			Disposition of appeals		
	Appeals terminated by opinion 983			Civil	Criminal	Total
Affirmed	72	6	78			
Reversed	14	3	17			
Transferred to Supreme Court from docketing						
Dismissed	2	0	2			
Affirmed in part, reversed in part	26	7	33			
Submitted	3	0	3			

	Age of pending cases (6/30/77)			Status of pending cases (6/30/77)			
	Civil	Criminal	Total	Civil	Criminal	Total	
Cases pending:							
6 months or less	232	86	318	Not ready for submission:			
7 to 12 months	3	0	3	No briefs filed	152	59	211
13 months or more	2	0	2	Appellant only ready	42	20	62
Total	237	86	323	Total	194	79	273
Average age (months)	2.7	2.5	2.6	Ready for submission	43	7	50
				Submitted	45	4	49

Time interval (average months)

	Civil	Criminal	Total
Number of appeals			
Notice of appeal to decision	87	9	96
Notice of appeal to docketing	19.2	19.5	19.2
Docketing to decision	6.2	7.6	6.3
Docketing to readiness	13.0	11.9	12.9
Readiness to decision	3.8	5.5	4.0
Docketing to submission	9.2	6.4	8.9
Notice of appeal to transfer from Supreme Court	11.8	11.2	11.7
Readiness to transfer from Supreme Court	X	X	15.8
Transfer to decision	X	X	5.5
			3.4

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#Court Jurisdiction:
The Court of Appeals was created as the intermediate appellate court of Kansas on January 10, 1977.

KANSAS DISTRICT COURT Court of general jurisdiction 29 districts: 70c district, 64c associate district, and 76c district magistrate judges July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977				
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:	0	14,695	X	X
Chapter 61bj				
Tort:				
Auto tort:				
Auto negligence	1,428	1,151	1,147	1,432
Other tort	1,693f	1,510	1,397	1,806
Total	3,121f	2,661	2,544	3,238
Contract	4,134f	6,857	6,630	4,361
Small claims ^b	0	4,858	X	X
Real property rights:				
Foreclosure	531f	1,085	1,006	610
Real property	603f	1,203	1,148	658
Total	1,134f	2,288	2,154	1,268
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	7,159f	18,600	18,315	7,444
Separate maintenance	261f	415	453	223
Annulment	85f	398	394	89
Total	7,505f	19,413	19,162	7,756
Support/custody:				
Reciprocal IN	576f	1,515	1,318	187
Reciprocal OUT	112f	1,352	1,277	960
Total	688f	2,867	2,595	949
Other domestic relations	259f	819	579	9,215
Total	8,452f	23,099	21,336	(j)
Appeal	(j)			27
Extraordinary writ:				
K.S.A. 60-1507	18f	60	51	275
Injunction, quo warranto, mandamus	245f	383	353	302
Total	263f	443	404	
Other civil:				
Other regular civil	2,479f	3,104	3,117	2,466
Total civil	19,583f	58,005	50,502	27,086
Criminal:				
Felony	1,767	9,444	7,276	3,935
Misdemeanor ^b	332	9,350	6,009	3,673
Appeal	490f	1,041	1,127	404
Total criminal	2,589f	19,835	14,412	8,012
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Driving while intoxicated ^b	38f	43	64	17
Other traffic violation	45f	69	96	18
Other traffic ^b	0	107,758	101,495	6,263
Traffic ^b	45f	107,827	101,591	6,281
Total	83f	107,870	101,655	6,298
Total traffic	22,255f	185,710	166,569	41,396
Grand total				
Contested trial				
	Jury	Non-jury	Total	
Civil	323	10,289	10,612	
Criminal	612	727	1,339	
Traffic ^b	15	2,159	2,174	
Total	950	13,175	14,125	
Time interval (months)				
Contested civil				
Contested criminal				
Age of cases at disposition:				
Under 6 months	5,464	1,169		
6 to 12 months	1,801	138		
Over 12 months	1,721	32		

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	Age of pending cases (6/30/77)		
	12 months or less	12 to 24 months	Over 24 months
Civil:			
Tort:			
Auto tort	832	427	173
Other tort	1,084	521	201
Total	1,916	948	374
Contract	3,069	921	371
Law and small claims	6,236	0	0
Real property rights	934	221	113
Domestic relations:			
Marriage dissolution	7,186	489	81
Support/custody	830	110	20
Other domestic relations	450	38	11
Total	8,466	637	112
Extraordinary writ	213	52	37
Other civil	1,580	632	254
Total	22,414	3,411	1,261
Criminal:			
Felony	3,707	179	54
Misdemeanor	3,575	78	20
Appeal	345	41	18
Total	7,627	298	92
Traffic:			
DWI/DUI	10	7	0
Other traffic violation	6,273	7	1
Total	6,283	14	1
Grand total	36,324	3,723	1,354

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

bParticular court or reporting system information:

The trial courts of Kansas were unified as of January 10, 1977. The reporting structure changed on this date to incorporate the new types of cases being handled by the District Court. Chapter 61, small claims, and traffic cases were previously handled by limited jurisdiction courts. The volume of cases in this chart reflects activity for these case types from January 10, 1977 to June 30, 1977. The DWI/DUI and other traffic cases were reported separately for July 1, 1976 to January 9, 1977; after unification these cases were classified as misdemeanors. Estate, juvenile, mental health, and some domestic relations cases were also handled after January 10, 1977, however these cases could not be separated from those handled prior to unification and are displayed on the Probate Court and Juvenile Court chart.

cJudge information:

Numbers of judges for the District Court are given for the end of the 1977 court year, after unification.

dCase 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).

Beginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

eExplanation of data included in the category:

Civil appeals are listed in categories according to the nature of the suit.

Chapter 61 cases are limited action cases which include the categories of auto tort, professional tort, product liability tort, other tort, contract, small claims, real estate and personal property (real property rights), tax appeals and workman's compensation (appeal of administrative agency cases), and K.S.A. 60-1507 and habeas corpus (extraordinary writ).

K.S.A. 60-1507 is a procedure in lieu of habeas corpus for prisoners which permits collateral attack on sentencing, etc.

fCategories for disposition type or trial data:

Dismissed criminal dispositions include dismissals, other uncontested matters, and appeals from lower courts.

Criminal dispositions and trials include dispositions of DWI/DUI and other traffic cases.

Traffic dispositions and trials do not include DWI/DUI and other traffic dispositions.

Sources: Judicial Council, Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin 1977, 51st Annual Report (Topeka, Kansas: 1977), and Office of Judicial Administrator, Statistical Report on the District Courts 1977 (Topeka, Kansas: 1977). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

KANSAS COUNTY COURT^b
Court of limited jurisdiction
93 counties, probate judges serve
July 1, 1976 to January 9, 1977^b

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil ^d :				
Law:				
Civil	2,803 ¹	2,908 ^h	4,559	1,152
Total civil	2,803 ¹	2,908 ^h	4,559	1,152
Criminal ^d :				
Total criminal	X	X	X	X
Traffic:				
Total traffic	X	X	X	X
Grand total	10,524 ¹	88,187 ^h	94,566	4,145
<u>Criminal and traffic dispositions</u>				
<u>Trial^d</u>				
<u>Civil dispositions</u>				
Civil	Jury 1	Non-jury 511	Total 512	Pleas of guilty 82,577
Criminal and traffic	X	X	1,904	Dismissed 1,763
Total	X	X	2,416	Not contested 2,284
				Trial convicted 1,721
				Trial acquitted 183
				Dismissed 4,637
				Bound over to District Court.... 889

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

bParticular court or reporting system information:

As a result of the unification of the trial courts, this court was abolished in January 1977. Data are for a 6-month period from the beginning of the court year through January 9, 1977.

cCase 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 impaneled.

A non-jury trial is counted if the case is contested (an attorney appears in opposition).

dFigure was computed:

Filed figure was computed from pending and disposed data.

eSpecial source or revision in data:

Beginning pending figures were obtained from the Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin, 1976.

Sources: Judicial Council, Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin 1976, 50th Annual Report; 1977, 51st Annual Report (Topeka, Kansas: 1976, 1977). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

KANSAS PROBATE COURT AND JUVENILE COURT^b
Court of limited jurisdiction
109 courts, 109 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	
Civil ^d :					
Domestic relations:					
Adoption:					
Adoption proceedings	N/A	N/A	2,263	N/A	
Estate:					
Probate/wills/intestate:					
Estates of decedents	9,064 ^f	6,330	5,053	10,341	
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:					
Guardianships and conservatorships	8,578 ^f	1,880	1,039	9,419	
Trust accounts during year	N/A	842	N/A	N/A	
Total	8,578 ^{f1}	2,722	1,039 ¹	9,419 ¹	
Other estate:					
Determination of descent	N/A	N/A	2,706	N/A	
Miscellaneous	N/A	N/A	850	N/A	
Foreign transcripts	N/A	N/A	1,743	N/A	
Total	N/A	N/A	5,299	N/A	
Total	17,642 ^{f1}	9,052 ¹	11,391 ¹	19,760 ^{1g}	
Mental health:					
Care and treatment proceedings	N/A	N/A	2,583	N/A	
Extraordinary writ:					
Habeas corpus hearings	N/A	N/A	11	N/A	
Orders in absence of District Court Judge	N/A	N/A	447	N/A	
Total	N/A	N/A	438	N/A	
Total civil	17,642 ^{f1}	9,052 ¹	16,695 ¹	19,760 ¹	
Juvenile:					
Total juvenile	N/A	N/A	22,070	N/A	
Grand total	17,642 ^{f1}	9,052 ¹	38,765 ¹	19,760 ¹	
<u>Age of pending cases (6/30/77)</u>					
<u>Time interval (months)</u>					
Probate/wills/intestate	Less than 1 year 6,283	Over 1 year 4,058	Probate/wills/intestate	Closed within 15 months 3,541	Over 15 months 1,512

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

bParticular court or reporting system information:

As a result of the unification of the trial courts, this court was abolished in January 1977. After unification, the Probate Court and Juvenile Court were incorporated into the District Court. Data reported are for a 12-month fiscal year. In future years, these cases will be listed on the District Court profile chart.

cCase definition or unit of count:

A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year.

Data are as given in the annual report.

gChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.

Figures are as given in the annual report.

hData are not complete:

Total guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship pending and disposed figures include only guardianships and conservatorships.

Total estate pending and filed figures do not include other estate cases. Total estate disposed does not include trusts.

Total civil and grand total pending and filed cases include only guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship and probate/wills/intestate cases.

Grand total disposed does not include trusts.

Source: Judicial Council, Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin 1977, 51st Annual Report (Topeka, Kansas: December 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

KANSAS CITY COURT, MAGISTRATE COURT, AND COMMON PLEAS COURT^b
 Court of limited jurisdiction
 14 courts, 17 judges
 July 1, 1976 to January 9, 1977^b

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil^d:				
Law:				
Civil	5,457 ¹	21,279 ^h	22,363	4,373
Total civil	5,457 ¹	21,279 ^h	22,363	4,373
Criminal^d:				
Total criminal	X	X	X	X
Traffic:				
Total traffic	X	X	X	X
Grand total	9,734 ¹	82,539 ^h	85,737	6,536

Trial^d

Jury	Non-jury	Total	Civil dispositions	Criminal and traffic dispositions
			Dismissed	Pleas of guilty
Civil	3	2,437	2,440	6,624
Criminal and traffic .	X	X	2,345	Not contested ... 13,299
Total	X	X	4,785	233 Dismissed 7,938 Bound over to District Court 2,427

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

^bParticular court or reporting system information:

As a result of the unification of the trial courts, these courts were abolished in January 1977. Data for 12 of the locations are for a 6-month period from the beginning of the court year through January 9, 1977. Data for the remaining two courts (Topeka and Wichita) cover the time period January 1, 1976 through January 9, 1977.

^cCase 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 impaneled.

A non-jury trial is counted if the case is contested (an attorney appears in opposition).

^hFigure was computed:

¹Filed figure was computed from pending and disposed data.

¹Special source or revision in data:

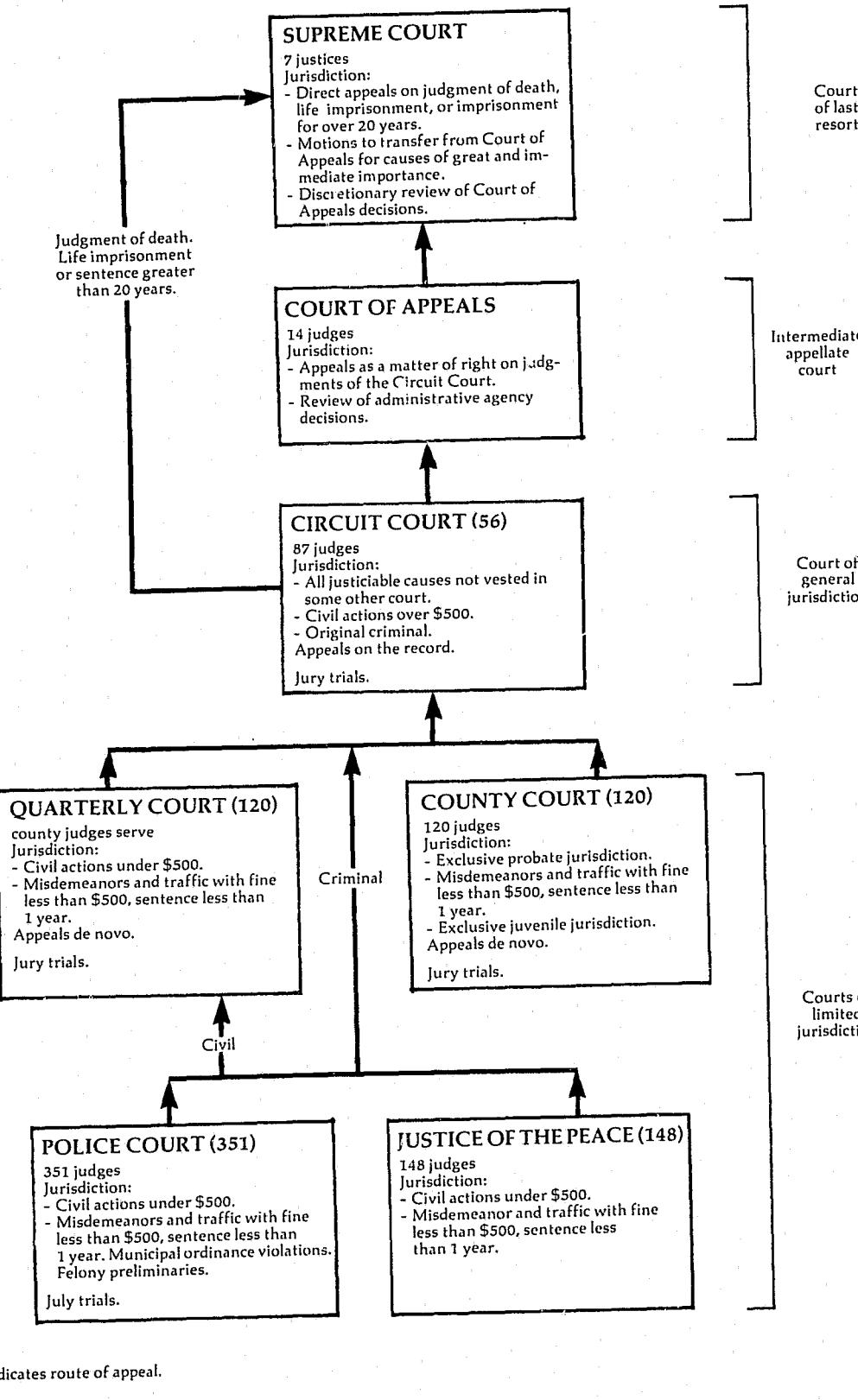
Beginning pending figures were obtained from the Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin, 1976.

Sources: Judicial Council, Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin 1976, 50th Annual Report; 1977, 51st Annual Report (Topeka, Kansas: 1976, 1977). 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, 1976 to January 9, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for fiscal year 1977.

KENTUCKY COURT SYSTEM, 1977



KENTUCKY SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Total appeals	N/A	781 (39)e	851	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original actions	N/A	91	281	N/A
Actions for injunctive relief	N/A	48	131	N/A
Total	N/A	57	41	N/A
Requests to appeal:				
Motion for transfer	N/A	24	20 (5) ^b	N/A
Motion for discretionary review	N/A	304	164 (34) ^e	N/A
Total	N/A	328	184 (39) ^e	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	385	225 (39)e	N/A
Total cases				
N/A	463 (39)e	1,076 (39)e	N/A ^k	
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests:				
Petitions for rehearing	N/A	148	155	N/A
Other matters:				
Motions other than Rule 65.09 matters	N/A	946	1,051	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	1,094	1,206	N/A ^k
Manner of disposition				
Appeals and Original proceedings				
Opinion	Civil	Criminal	Total	Requests to appeal
Order	X	X	73	0
Transfer to Court of Appeals..	X	X	389	430
			Total	
			223	296
			0	389

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

^aCases 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.

^bExplanation of data included in the category:

 Total cases disposed include 389 cases transferred to the Court of Appeals.

^cAdditional information:

 At the end of the 1977 court year there were a total of 281 cases and other proceedings pending.

^dSpecial source or revision in data:

 These figures were supplied by the clerk of the court during data verification.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report, 1977 (Frankfort, Kentucky). 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.

KENTUCKY COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
14 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	635	1,431	1,174	892
Criminal	145	363	280	228
Total appeals	780	1,794	1,454	1,120
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Original actions	3	103	88	18
Actions for injunctive relief ^a	0	17	16	1
Total	3	120	104	19
Requests to appeal:				
Discretionary review	0	8	6	2
Total other cases	3	128	110	21
Total cases	783 ^b	1,922	1,564	1,141

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests:				
Petitions for rehearing:				
Civil	0	225	158	96
Criminal	29	61	44	17
Total	29	286	202	113
Total other proceedings	29	286	202	113
Manner of disposition				
Opinion	1,266			
Order	298			

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
^aCourt jurisdiction:
The court obtained jurisdiction for "actions for injunctive relief" on February 1, 1977 from the Supreme Court.
^bBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:
Figures are as provided in unpublished data.
Source: Unpublished data supplied by the administrative office of the courts. Statistics are from the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

KENTUCKY CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
56 districts, 87 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Domestic relations	N/A	28,703	N/A	N/A
Appeal	N/A	2201	N/A	N/A
Other civil	N/A	37,075	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	65,998	N/A	N/A
Criminal:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal	N/A	12,699 ^c	N/A	N/A
Appeal	N/A	9741	N/A	N/A
Extraordinary writ:				
Prisoner petitions	N/A	(J)	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	13,673	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	79,671	N/A	N/A

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Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

dCase 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 in general the number of defendants on the information or indictment. Counts were made for both the number of informations or indictments and the number of defendants. Due to a lack of a common indictment procedure across the state, the number of defendants was used for cross jurisdictional comparison.

jExplanation of data included in the category:

Prisoner petitions filed may or may not be included in the 12,699 total criminal cases filed.

kAdditional information:

Data displayed in the profile contain some estimates for counties not reporting.

lSpecial source or revision in data:

The breakdown of total appeals into civil and criminal appeals was supplied by the administrative office of the court during data verification.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report, 1977 (Frankfort, Kentucky). 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.

KENTUCKY COUNTY COURT^b, QUARTERLY COURT^b, POLICE COURT^b, AND JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT^b

Court of limited jurisdiction
120 county courts, 120 judges; 120 quarterly courts, county judges serve;
351 police courts, 351 judges; 148 justice courts, 148 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Civil				
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Probate				
Total civil	N/A			64,929
Criminal:				
Ordinance violation:				
Criminal/city ordinance				
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony preliminary				
Total criminal	N/A			248,742
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Serious traffic				
Other traffic				
Total traffic	N/A			418,962
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A			26,930
Grand total	N/A			729,563

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

bParticular court or reporting system information:

Complete data were received from 50 of the 129 County Courts and Quarterly Courts (41.7%), 173 of the 351 Police Courts (49.3%), and 62 of the 148 Justice of the Peace Courts (41.9%), for a total overall of 462 of the possible courts reporting. Incomplete reports were received from 23 County Courts and Quarterly Courts, 77 Police Courts, and 32 Justice of the Peace Courts. Incomplete data were used to estimate the total case volume for those courts reporting partial data. Where data were not complete, totals were estimated. The figures given above represent data for all courts for the entire year.

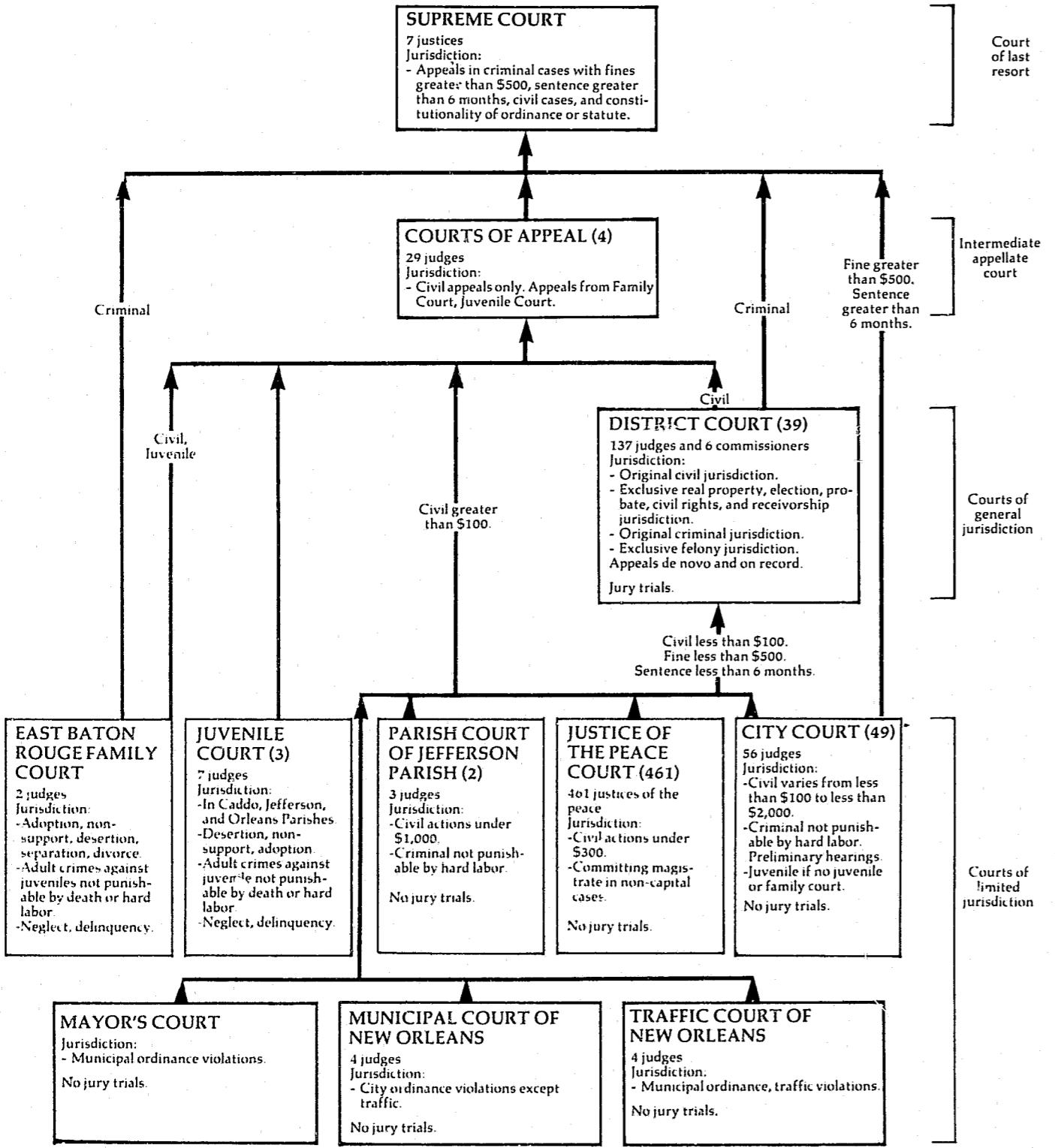
dCase definition or unit of count:

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 petition.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report, 1977 (Frankfort, Kentucky). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

LOUISIANA COURT SYSTEM, 1977



Indicates route of appeal.

LOUISIANA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending		
Cases:						
Appeals:						
Appeals ^j	N/A	608	490	N/A		
Writs granted	N/A	(317) ^e	291	N/A		
Total appeals	N/A	608 (317) ^e	781			
Other cases:						
Original proceedings:						
Original jurisdiction:						
Other matters	N/A	5	5	N/A		
Disciplinary:						
Original jurisdiction petitions ^j	N/A	31	5	N/A		
Total	N/A	36	10	N/A		
Requests to appeal:						
Writs	N/A	1,622	1,222 (317) ^e			
Total other cases	N/A	1,658	1,232 (317) ^e	N/A		
Total cases	N/A	2,266 (317) ^e	2,013 (317) ^e	N/A		
Other proceedings:						
Rehearing requests	N/A	169	181	N/A		
Total other proceedings	N/A	169	181	N/A		
Manner of disposition						
	Appeals	Disciplinary	Requests to appeal	Original jurisdiction	Total cases	Rehearing requests
Written opinion.....	398	5	—	5	408	(K)
Per curiam without opinion ...	200	0	—	0	200	0
Dismissed	15	0	15	0	30	0
Granted	—	—	317	—	317	11
Denied	—	—	1,155	—	1,155	170
Not considered	—	—	52	—	52	—

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

^eCases not included in the total to avoid double counting.

Writs granted are not counted as disposed until the resulting appeal is disposed and a filing is not counted for the resulting appeal.

^jExplanation 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.

^kAdditional information:

There were 12 opinions written on rehearing requests disposed.

Source: Judicial Administrator, *Judicial Council Annual Report with 1977 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 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals: Civil	X	<u>2,092</u>	<u>2,054</u>	X
Total appeals	X	<u>2,092</u>	<u>2,054</u>	X
Other cases: Original proceedings: Original jurisdiction: Writs	X	315	298 ^b	X
Requests to appeal	X	<u>315</u>	<u>298^b</u>	X
Total other cases	X	<u>315</u>	<u>298^b</u>	X
Total cases	854 ^f	2,407	2,352	909
Other proceedings: Rehearing requests	N/A	N/A	<u>931</u>	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	N/A	931	N/A
Manner of disposition				
Disposition of cases				
Judgments rendered	1,871	Original jurisdiction	To be argued	693
Cases dismissed	183		Argued but not decided	216
Granted		Granted		89
Refused		Refused		209

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

^aCourt jurisdiction:

The court hears civil appeals only.

^fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year.

Figure is as calculated from data given in the annual report.

^bFigure was computed:

The writs disposed figure was computed by adding writs refused and writs granted.

Beginning pending figure was computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

Source: Judicial Administrator, Judicial Council Annual Report with 1977 Statistics and Related Data (New Orleans, Louisiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and corrections were made by the state court administrative office during data verification.

LOUISIANA DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
39 districts, 137 judges and 6 commissioners
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Total civil	N/A	133,369	N/A	N/A
Criminal:				
Total criminal	N/A	236,010	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	369,379	N/A	N/A
Time interval (percent of total dispositions)				
	1 to 3 months	4 to 6 months	7 to 12 months	More than one year
Filing to disposition:				
Civil	77.0%	10.0%	3.5%	9.5%
Felony	53.0%	19.0%	9.0%	19.0%

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

dCase 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 1977 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, 2 judges; 3 courts, 7 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	26,217	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	26,217	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^bParticular 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 1977 Statistics and Related Data (New Orleans, Louisiana). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

LOUISIANA CITY COURT^d AND PARISH COURT^d, AND MUNICIPAL COURT AND TRAFFIC COURT OF NEW ORLEANS
 Court of limited jurisdiction
 49 courts, 56 judges; 2 courts, 3 judges; 1 court, 4 judges; 1 court, 4 judges
 January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil^d:				
Law:				
Civil	N/A	<u>62,351ⁱ</u>	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	<u>62,351ⁱ</u>	N/A	N/A
Criminal^d:				
Total criminal	N/A	<u>110,621ⁱ</u>	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation	N/A	<u>382,865ⁱ</u>	N/A	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	<u>382,865ⁱ</u>	N/A	N/A
Juvenile^j:				
Total juvenile	N/A	<u>13,976ⁱ</u>	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	<u>569,813ⁱ</u>	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^dCase 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.

ⁱData are not complete:

Data were not available for Houma and Plaquemines. Filings for the following courts are estimates based on nine months data: Jefferson Second Parish Court, Slidell, and Winnfield. Marksview and Pineville reports were estimated based on eight months data.

^jExplanation of data included in the category:

Juvenile traffic filings are included in the juvenile total filings.

Source: Judicial Administrator, Judicial Council Annual Report with 1977 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.

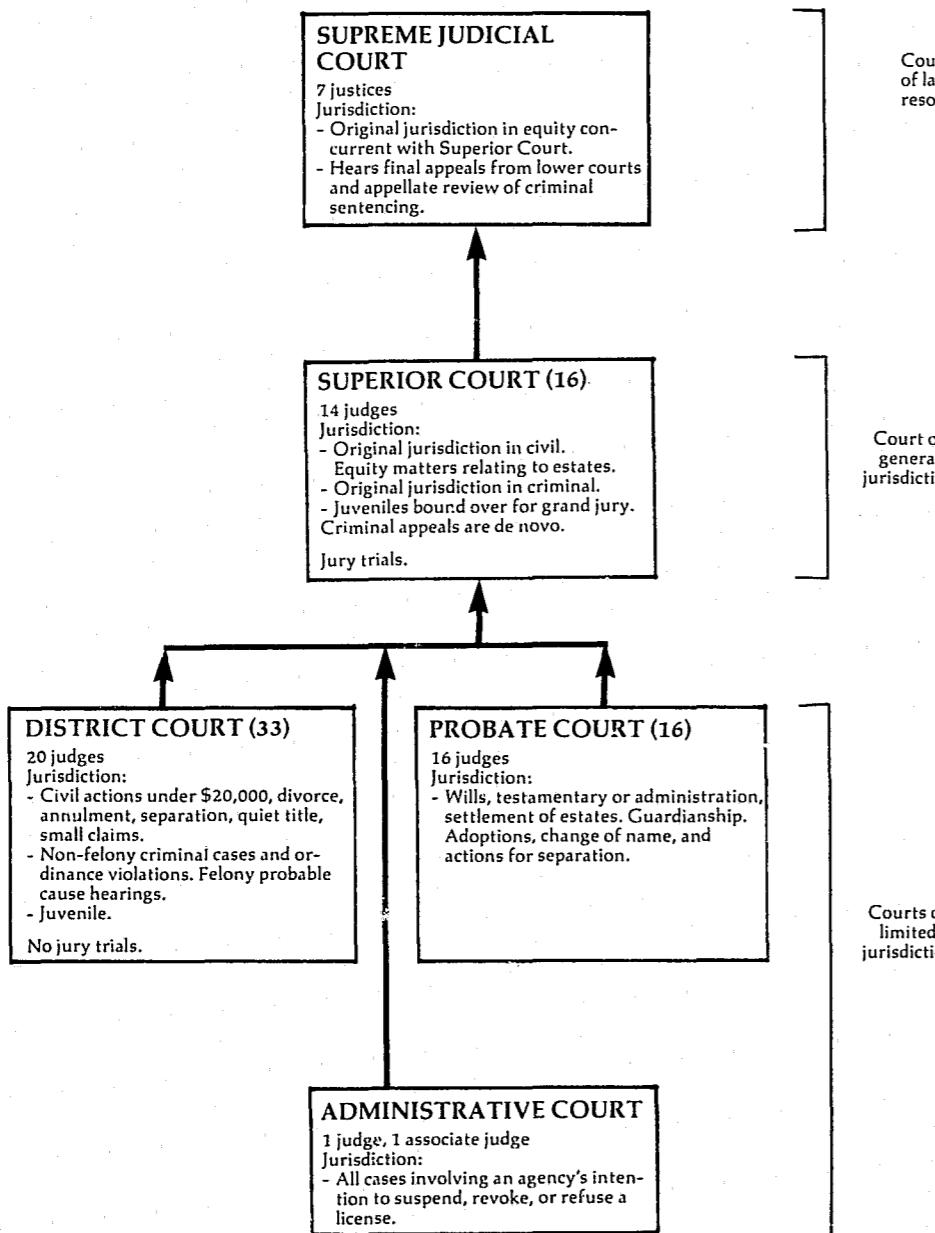
LOUISIANA JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT
 Court of limited jurisdiction
 461 courts, 461 justices of the peace
 January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Justice of the Peace Court for 1977.

LOUISIANA MAYOR'S COURT
 Court of limited jurisdiction
 January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Mayor's Court for 1977.

MAINE COURT SYSTEM, 1977



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

MAINE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
New appeals	X	168	X	X
Reports	X	6	X	X
Total	143	174	112	205
Criminal:				
New appeals	X	145	X	X
Interlocutory appeals	X	7	X	X
Total	136	152	124	164
Total appeals	279	320	236	369
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Advisory opinions:				
Solemn occasion opinions		0	3	3
Sentence review only:				
Appeals in the appellate division		35	50	43
Total other cases		35	53	42
Total cases	314	379	282	411
Manner of disposition				
	Civil	Criminal	Total	
Written opinion	90	73	163	
Per curiam and memorandum opinions	4	14	18	
Solemn occasion opinions ..	3	0	3	
	Civil	Criminal	Total	
Sustained (reversed)	34	9	43	
Denied (affirmed)	45	63	108	
Remanded	5	1	6	
Dismissed before argument ..	22	50	72	
Dismissed	6	1	7	
Status of pending cases (appeals) (12/31/77)				
Not yet at issue	132			
At issue awaiting oral argument ..	64			
Orally argued awaiting opinion ..	173			
Disposition of sentence review cases				
Sentence unchanged			42	
Sentence reduced			1	
Sentence Increased			0	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
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 1977* (Auburn, Maine: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and corrections were made during the process of data verification by the clerk of court.

MAINE SUPERIOR COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
16 counties, 14 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Other civil	2,510	2,642	1,853	3,3028
Tort:				
Damages	927	874	584	1,217
Personal injury	1,263	956	666	1,553
Total	2,190	1,830	1,250	2,770
Contract	1,604	1,108	854	1,858
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	226	536	337	425
Support/custody:				
URESA.....	619	1,171	735	1,055
Total	845	1,707	1,072	1,480
Total				
Appeal:				
Appeal of trial court case:				
Infraction appeal	10	24	20	14
Other appeal	186	200	147	239
Total	196	224	167	253
Extraordinary writ:				
Habeas corpus	58	57	58	57
Total civil	7,403 ^f	7,568	5,254	9,7208
Criminal:				
Felony:				
Classes A, B, and C	815	3,094	2,346	1,563
Misdemeanor:				
Classes D and E	722	2,523	2,042	1,203
Ordinance violation	(J)	(J)	(J)	372 ^j
Other criminal ⁱ	314 ^j	521 ^j	463 ^j	
Total criminal	1,851 ^f	6,138	4,851	3,138
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Title 29	397	1,881	1,429	849
Total traffic	397	1,881	1,429	849
Grand total	9,651 ^f	15,587	11,534	13,7078

Time interval data (average days)			
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Civil ^m	167	226	393
Pretrial memo to pretrial conference			126
Pretrial conference to jury trial			201
Pretrial conference to jury-waived trial			176 ⁿ
Pretrial conference to other disposition			226
Criminal (felony):			
Felony	230	79	309
Misdemeanor	114	105	219
Arraignment to jury trial			106
Arraignment to jury-waived trial			93
Arraignment to disposition			85
Other criminal	22	14	36
Total	366	198	564
Traffic	108	56	164
Grand total	641	480	1,121

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

^dCase 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 by the state when it has officially begun.

^eBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year.

Figures are as given in the annual report.

^fChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.

Figures are as given in the annual report.

^gExplanation of data included in the category:

Other criminal incorporates cases which fall outside Title 17A and Title 12. It includes inland fisheries violations, wildlife violations,

and municipal ordinance violations cases.

^hInformation on disposition type on trial data:

Civil trial data do not include URESA cases.

ⁱInformation on time interval or age of pending data:

Pretrial conference to jury-waived trial time interval figure does not include Aroostock and York counties.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report 1977 (Auburn, Maine: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MAINE DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
33 courts, 20 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Civil	N/A	11,803	N/A	N/A
Money judgments	N/A	5,452 ⁱ	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	17,255 ⁱ	N/A	N/A
Small claims	N/A	14,551 ⁱ	N/A	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	N/A	7,190 ⁱ	N/A	N/A
Support/custody:				
Reciprocal	N/A	85 ⁱ	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	7,275 ⁱ	N/A	N/A
Mental health	N/A	479 ⁱ	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	39,560 ⁱ	N/A	N/A
Criminal:				
Total criminal	N/A	X	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	X	N/A	N/A
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	5,083 ⁱ	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	186,823 ^{il}	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

^dCase 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.

ⁱData are not complete:

Data for money judgments, small claims, divorce, and juvenile were not reported by Fort Kent and VanBuren Counties. Only Bath, Belfast, Caribou, Machias, Madawaska, Rockland, and Wiscasset reported reciprocal cases.

Only Augusta and Bangor reported mental health data.

^lSpecial source or revision in the data:

The grand total cases filed figure was corrected by the administrative office of the courts during the data verification process.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report 1977 (Auburn, Maine: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and corrections were made during the process of data verification.

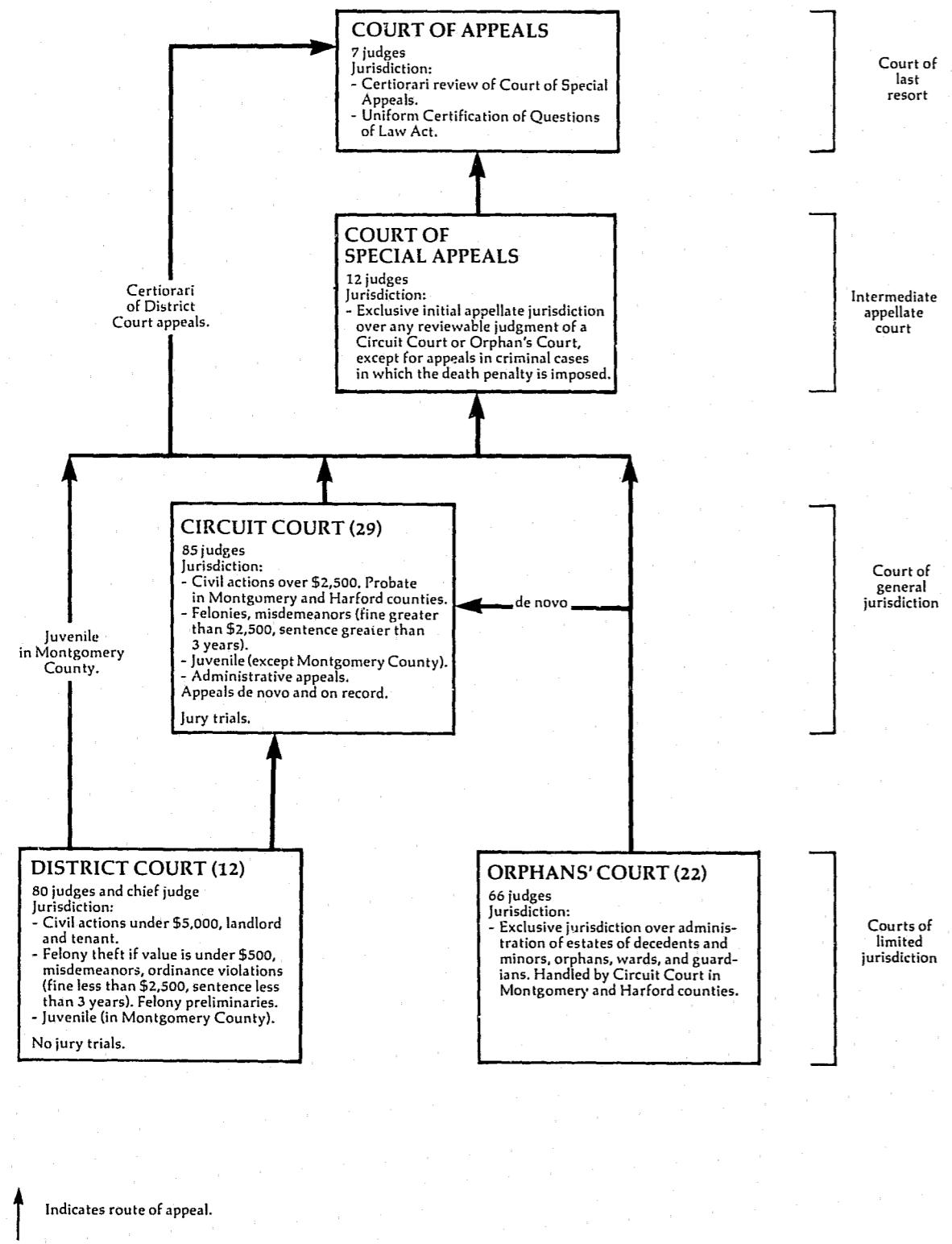
MAINE PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
16 courts, 16 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Probate Court for 1977.

MAINE ADMINISTRATIVE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 judge, 1 associate judge
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled by the Administrative Court for 1977.

MARYLAND COURT SYSTEM, 1977



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MARYLAND COURT OF APPEALS
Court of last resort
7 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	6	62 ^h (72) ^e	132	8
Criminal	8	(39) ^{eh}	42	5
Total appeals	14	62 ^h (111) ^e	174	13
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Disciplinary	0	16	16	0
Requests to appeal:				
Applications for certiorari:				
Civil	0	212	140 (72) ^e	0
Criminal	0	268	226 (42) ^e	0
Total	0	480	366 (114) ^e	0
Total other cases	0	496	382 (114) ^e	0
Total cases	14	558 (111)^e	556^k(114)^e	13

Manner of disposition^m

Reported opinions 137
Unreported opinions 14

Disposition of applications for certiorari

	Civil	Criminal	Total
Law	Equity	Total	
Affirmed	35	23	58
Modified and affirmed	0	2	2
Reversed	31	12	43
Affirmed in part, reversed in part	4	2	6
Remanded without affirmance or reversal ..	3	1	4
Dismissed, opinion filed	3	2	5
Dismissed without opinion	1	1	2
Dismissed prior to argument or submission ..	4	2	6
Transferred to Court of Special Appeals ..	4	2	6
	0	0	0
Total	17	75	92

Time interval (average months)

Original filing to disposition in Circuit Court	15.4
Disposition in Circuit Court to docketing	7.2
Docketing to argument	2.6
Argument to decision	1.6

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

^eCases 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.

^hFigure was computed:

Civil and criminal appeal filings and dispositions were computed from available data.

^kAdditional information:

The Court of Appeals also reviewed 22 bar exam matters and 87 bar admittance matters.

^mInformation on disposition type or trial date:

Fifteen opinions were per curiam. Sixteen dissenting opinions, three concurring opinions, and two opinions dissenting in part and concurring in part were also filed.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report 1976-1977 (Annapolis, Maryland). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MARYLAND COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
12 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Law	X	X (X)e	408	43
Equity	X	X (X)e	307	41
Total	91	702 (6)e	715	84
Criminal	146	661 (14)e	752	69
Total appeals	237	1,363 (20)e	1,467	153
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal:				
Application for leave to appeal: Postconviction remedy:				
Postconviction	0	167 ^h	153 (14)e	0
Defective delinquent	0	15 ^h	9 (6)e	0
Total	0	182 ^h	162 (20)e	0
Total other cases	0	182 ^h	162 (20)e	0
Total cases	237	1,545b(20)e	1,629 (20)e	153
Manner of disposition^a				
Reported opinions	302			
Unreported opinions, all per curiam	687			
Disposition of appeals				
	Civil	Criminal	Total	
Law	Equity	Total		
Affirmed	135	102	237	498
Modified and affirmed	0	6	6	0
Reversed	48	33	81	67
Affirmed in part, reversed in part	13	16	29	32
Remanded without affirmance or reversal	5	5	10	0
Dismissed, opinion filed	13	14	27	8
Dismissed prior to argument or submission	130	89	219	144
Transferred to Court of Appeals	64	42	106	3
	Time interval (average months)			
Original filings to dispositions in court below	11.3			
Disposition in Circuit Court to docketing	2.6			
Docketing to argument	4.6			
Argument to decision	1.1			
	Time interval (average months)			
Granted	14	6	20	
Denied	150	9	159	
Withdrawn	1	0	1	
Remanded	2	0	2	
Total	167	15	182	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

^aCases 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.

^bFigure was computed:

Filings were computed from disposed and pending figures.

^cInformation on disposition type or trial data:

Seven dissenting opinions and three concurring opinions were also filed.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report 1976-1977 (Annapolis, Maryland). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MARYLAND CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
29 courts, 85 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Confessed judgments	X	1,636	1,640	X
Other law	X	1,803	1,671	X
Defective delinquent	X	63	80	X
Total	X	3,502	3,391	X
Tort:				
Auto tort	X	5,486	6,836	X
Motor tort	X			
Other tort:				
Other tort	X	2,018	2,029	X
Consent cases	X	220	268	X
Total	X	2,238	2,297	X
Total	X	7,724	9,133	X
Contract	X	4,858	4,315	X
Real property rights:				
Condemnation	X	426	644	X
Foreclosure	X	2,459	1,835	X
Total	X	2,885	2,479	X

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Maryland Circuit Court (continued)

Equity:				
Other equity	X	9,618	7,061	X
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce, nullity, maintenance	X	25,923	23,632	X
Adoption	X	1,754	1,657	X
Other domestic relations:				
Paternity	X	6,459	5,345	X
Total	X	34,136	30,634	X
Estate:				
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Petition for guardianship	X	441	418	X
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case	X	1,543	1,078	X
Appeal of trial court case	X	864	694	X
Total	X	2,407	1,772	X
Extraordinary writ:				
Habeas corpus	X	455	486	X
Total civil	121,714	66,026	59,689	128,051
Criminal^d:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Desertion and nonsupport	X	2,284	2,189	X
Other criminal	X	35,142	32,897	X
Adult offenses against juveniles	(J)	123	135	(J)
Total	X	37,549	35,221	X
Appeal:				
Motor vehicle	X	3,400	3,446	X
Criminal	X	1,904	1,858	X
Total	X	5,304	5,304	X
Postconviction remedy:				
Postconviction	X	441	417	X
Sentences review only:				
Applications for review of criminal sentences	N/A	322	332	N/A
Total criminal	12,216 ⁱ J	43,616	41,274	14,580 ^g J
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquency	X	20,928 ^k	21,424	X
Other juvenile:				
Child in need of assistance/child in need of supervision	X	2,774 ^k	3,018	X
Total juvenile	7,864J	23,702	24,442	4,045 ^J
Grand total	138,727 ⁱ J	133,344	125,405	146,676 ^g J

Trial^d

	Jury	Non-jury	Total			
Civil:						
Law ^m	985	1,554	2,539			
Equity ^m ...	0	14,408	14,408			
Total	985	15,962	16,947			
Criminal	2,076	7,905	9,981			
Grand total ..	3,061	23,867	26,928			
Civil:						
Law ⁿ	502	508				
Equity ⁿ	195	227				
Total	241	320				
Criminal	113	127				
Juvenile	N/A	63				

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

^dCase 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.

Figures are as given in the annual report.

^eFigure was computed:

Time interval data were computed by weighting the individual court's average by the number of trials per court.

^fData are not complete:

Criminal and grand total pending do not include sentence review only cases.

^gExplanation of data included in the category:

Pending figures for adult offenses against juveniles are included in the total pending for juvenile cases.

^hAdditional information:

Juvenile and grand total data do not include juvenile cases from the Montgomery County District Court. These cases are reported on the District Court profile.

ⁱInformation 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.

^jInformation on time interval or age of pending data:

MARYLAND DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
12 districts, 80 judges and chief judge
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Contract and tort cases	N/A	99,130	N/A	N/A
Real property rights:				
Landlord and tenant	N/A	261,808	N/A	N/A
Other civil	N/A	10,398	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	371,336	N/A	N/A
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal	N/A	111,673	N/A	N/A
Adult offenses against juveniles	(J)	15	10	(J)
Total	N/A	111,688	10 ¹	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	111,688	10 ¹	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	672,516	N/A	N/A
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquency	X	2,051	2,390	X
Other juvenile	X	848	939	X
Total juvenile	3,067 ¹	2,899	3,329	2,642 ¹
Grand total	3,067 ¹	1,158,439 ^k	3,339 ¹	2,647 ¹
Non-jury trial				
Civil	34,125			
Traffic	213,481			
Total	247,606			

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^dCase 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.

^kAdditional information:

Juvenile cases in Montgomery County are heard in the District Court and are included on this profile. Elsewhere in the state juvenile cases are heard in the Circuit Court. Data for those juvenile cases (outside Montgomery County) are included in the Circuit Court profile.

ⁱData are not complete:

Criminal disposed data include misdemeanor adult offenses against juveniles only. Grand total pending and disposed data include criminal adult offenses against juveniles and juvenile cases only.

^jExplanation of data included in the category:

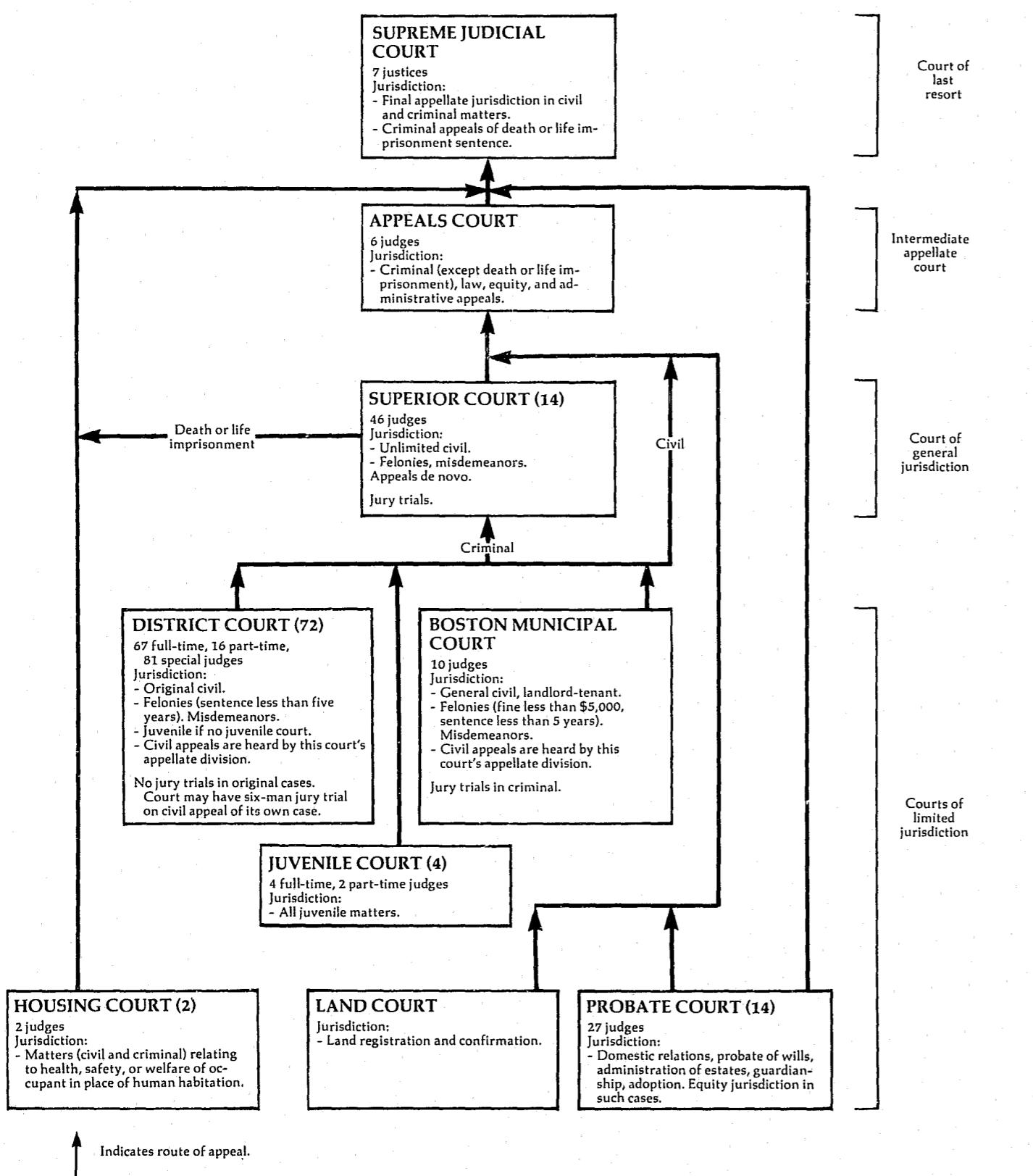
Juvenile pending data also include criminal adult offenses juveniles.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Annual Report 1976-77 (Annapolis, Maryland). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

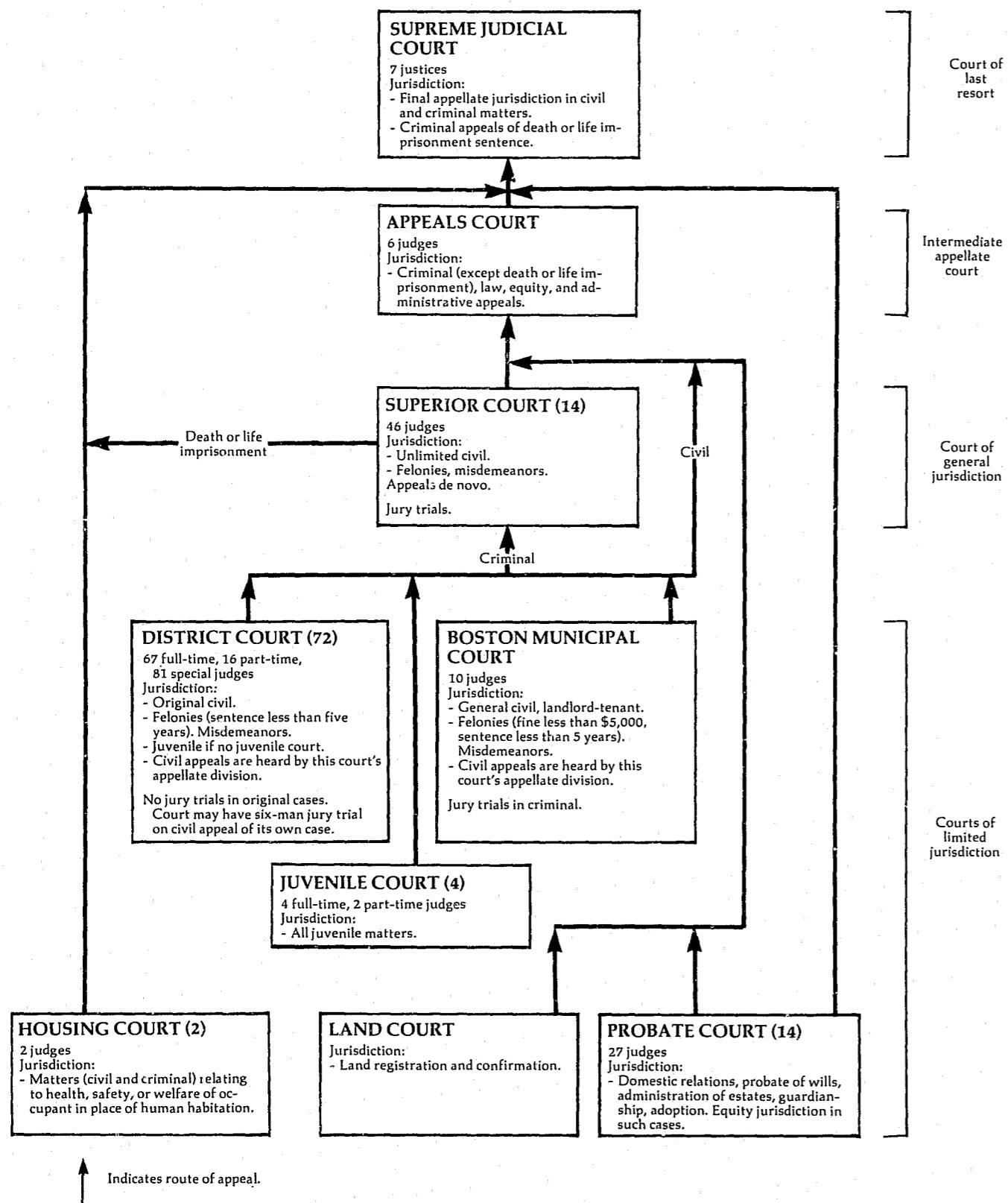
MARYLAND ORPHAN'S COURT
Court of Limited Jurisdiction
22 counties, 66 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Orphan's Court for fiscal year 1977.

MASSACHUSETTS COURT SYSTEM, 1977



MASSACHUSETTS COURT SYSTEM, 1977



MASSACHUSETTS SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Full court appeals	N/A	304	N/A	N/A
Single justice appeals ^a	N/A	701	N/A	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	1,005	N/A	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Requests to appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total cases	N/A	1,005 ⁱ	N/A	N/A
Manner of disposition				
Full court appeals:				<u>Disposition of full court appeals</u>
Written opinion	253			
Rescript opinion	20			
Dismissed			3	
Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP. N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.				
^a Court jurisdiction: Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court justices sit (on a rotational basis) in "single justice sessions." An unknown number of these cases are referred to the full court for final disposition and may be counted twice.				
ⁱ Data are not complete: Total cases filed figure only includes appeals filed. No information was available on the volume of original proceedings or requests to appeal cases for the time period.				
Source: Unpublished data supplied by the Office of the Chief Administrative Justice. Figures are from the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.				

MASSACHUSETTS APPEALS COURT
Intermediate appellate court
6 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977^b

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	N/A	975	X	N/A
Criminal	N/A	191	X	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	1,166	912	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases				
Total cases	N/A	1,166	912	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Temporary order/interlocutory before single justice	N/A	2,635	2,635	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	2,635	2,635	N/A
Manner of disposition				
Full opinion	284			
<u>Disposition of appeals</u>				
Summarily affirmed without hearing			91	
Dismissals/appeals withdrawn/remands			312	
Transferred to the Supreme Judicial Court			225	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
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 casetype are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

^bParticular court or reporting system information:
The two previous years in this national series of state court caseload statistics reported fiscal year data for this court.

Source: Clerk and Administrator of the Appeals Court, Annual Report (unpublished). Statistics are from this unpublished report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MASSACHUSETTS SUPERIOR COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
14 courts, 46 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed ^c	End pending
Civil^d:				
Other civil:				
Jury cases	48,154	X	X	41,706
Non-jury cases	43,165	X	X	43,882
Total	91,319	31,3951	34,9661	85,588
Total civil	91,319	31,3951	34,9661	85,588
Criminal^d:				
Total criminal	46,414	35,2541	40,8501	43,3558
Grand total	137,733	66,649	75,816	128,9438

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

^dCase 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.

^eChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures are as given in the annual report and additional data supplied.

^fSpecial source or revision in the data:

Filing and disposition figures were provided by the administrative office of the courts during data verification.

Source: Chief Administrative Justice, Annual Report--The Office of the Chief Administrative Justice of the Trial Court, 1978 (Boston, Massachusetts: 1978). 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.

MASSACHUSETTS DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
72 courts: 67 full-time, 16 part-time,
and 81 special judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil^d:				
Law:				
Civil complaints	N/A	63,917	N/A	N/A
Summary process	N/A	18,984	N/A	N/A
Supplementary process	N/A	35,400	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	118,301	N/A	N/A
Tort:				
Other tort:				
Petitions for compensation of victims of violent crimes	N/A	415	N/A	N/A
Small claims	N/A	117,720	N/A	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Support/custody:				
Neglect of family, nonsupport	N/A	3,608	N/A	N/A
Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act	N/A	3,825	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	7,433	N/A	N/A
Mental health:				
Commitments of mentally ill	N/A	2,003	N/A	N/A
Appeal:				
Appeal of trial court case:				
Appellate Division	N/A	89	N/A	N/A
Other civil:				
Remand or transfer cases	4,758 ^h	3,663	3,909 ⁱ	4,512
Total civil	4,758 ⁱ	249,624	3,909 ⁱ	4,512
Criminal^d:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal complaints (except motor vehicle) ^j	N/A	200,888	N/A	N/A
Appeal:				
Criminal appeals	N/A	16,676	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	217,564	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Operating under influence of intoxicating liquor	N/A	20,988	N/A	N/A
Operating under influence of drugs	N/A	320	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	21,308	N/A	N/A
Parking:				
Criminal parking	N/A	666,689	N/A	N/A
Parking tickets returned	N/A	1,868,774	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	2,535,463	N/A	N/A
Other traffic violation:				
Operating so as to endanger	N/A	13,081	N/A	N/A
All other motor vehicle complaints	N/A	528,454	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	541,535	N/A	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	3,098,306	N/A	N/A
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Juvenile drug complaints	N/A	1,552	N/A	N/A
All other juvenile complaints	N/A	32,286	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	33,838	N/A	N/A
Status offense:				
Child in need of supervision petitions	N/A	2,248	N/A	N/A
Non-offense:				
Neglected children	N/A	914	N/A	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	37,000	N/A	N/A
Grand total	4,758 ⁱ	3,602,494	3,909 ⁱ	4,512

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^dCase 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.

^eFigure was computed:

Beginning pending figure was computed from filing, disposed, and end pending data.

^fData are not complete:

Total civil and grand total disposed and pending figures include only other civil cases.

^gExplanation of data included in the category:

Criminal complaints include some felony cases. A maximum 5-year sentence may be given in these felony cases.

Source: Chief Administrative Justice, Annual Report--The Office of the Chief Administrative Justice of the Trial Court, 1978 (Boston, Massachusetts: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

BOSTON MUNICIPAL COURT, MASSACHUSETTS
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 10 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Civil business	N/A	23,315 ^k	N/A	N/A
Transferred from Superior Court	N/A	680 ^l	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	23,995	N/A	N/A
Small claims:				
Contract	N/A	1,925 ^l	1,411 ^l	N/A
Tort	N/A	1,741 ^l	1,121 ^l	N/A
Total	N/A	2,099 ^l	1,523 ^l	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Support/custody:				
Reciprocal support	N/A	207 ^l	207 ^l	N/A
Appeal:				
Appellate Division	N/A	12	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	26,313	1,730 ^l	N/A
Criminal^d:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal business	N/A	25,924 ^l	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	25,924 ^l	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	52,237 ^l	1,730 ^l	N/A

Criminal dispositions

Trial	Civil dispositions			Misdemeanor:	
	Jury	Non-jury	Total		
Civil:				Law:	
Law:				Civil business:	
Civil business	X	X	2,350	Pledged guilty	6,969
Criminal	-	5,613	5,613	Acquitted	1,129
Total	X	X	7,963	Actions removed to Superior Court	522
				Placed on file, dismissed	2,536
				Bound over to Grand Jury	640
				Total convicted	8,277

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
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.

^dCase 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.
ⁱData are not complete:
No data were available for traffic cases in this court during the time period.
Total civil and grand total cases disposed only include small claims and reciprocal support cases.
^kAdditional information:
There were 522 of the civil business cases removed to Superior Court; the net number of cases filed was 22,793.
Of the 207 Uniform Reciprocal Support Act petitions, 181 were forwarded in error and redirected to other courts. Five of the 207 petitions were from Boston residents, the remaining 202 were from out of state.
^lSpecial source or revision in the data:
This figure was supplied by the court administrative office during the data verification process.
Source: Chief Administrative Justice, Annual Report--The Office of the Chief Administrative Justice of the Trial Court, 1978 (Boston, Massachusetts: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary and additions and corrections were made by the administrative office of the courts during the data verification process.

MASSACHUSETTS HOUSING COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
2 courts^b, 2 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Small claims	N/A		1,545	N/A
Real property rights:				
Civil	N/A		1,495	N/A
Summary process	N/A		4,199	N/A
Total	N/A		5,694	N/A
Total civil	N/A		7,239	N/A
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal	N/A		4,742	N/A
Total criminal	N/A		4,742	N/A
Grand total	N/A		11,981	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^bParticular court or reporting system information:
The two courts are in Boston and Hampden County.

^cCase 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, 1978 (Boston, Massachusetts: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MASSACHUSETTS JUVENILE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
4 courts^b, 4 full-time and 2 part-time judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor:				
Adult	N/A		34 ⁱ	N/A
Total criminal	N/A		34 ⁱ	N/A
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Juvenile criminal	N/A		57	N/A
Delinquent	N/A		9,828	N/A
Appellate-delinquency	N/A		116	N/A
Total	N/A		10,001	N/A
Status offenses:				
Child in need of supervision	N/A		1,229	N/A
Appellate-child in need of supervision	N/A		1	N/A
Total	N/A		1,230	N/A
Non-offense:				
Children in need of care and protection	N/A		361	N/A
Appellate-care and protection	N/A		28	N/A
Total	N/A		389	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A		11,620	N/A
Grand total	N/A		11,654 ^{ik}	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^bParticular court or reporting system information:
The four courts are located in Bristol, Boston, Springfield, and Worcester. The appellate division is located in Boston.

^cCase definition or unit of count:

The criminal and juvenile case unit of count is the number of complaints.

ⁱData are not complete:

No data were available for adult misdemeanor cases in Worcester.

^kAdditional information:

In the course of conducting the business of the court, 48,455 judicial determinations were made.

Source: Chief Administrative Justice, Annual Report--The Office of the Chief Administrative Justice of the Trial Court, 1978 (Boston, Massachusetts: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MASSACHUSETTS PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
14 courts, 27 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	N/A	24,418	N/A	N/A
Desertions and living apart	N/A	65	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	24,483	N/A	N/A
Support/custody:				
Separate support and maintenance	N/A	4,404	N/A	N/A
Custody of minors	N/A	268	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	4,672	N/A	N/A
Adoption	N/A	2,918	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	32,073	N/A	N/A
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestates:				
Wills	N/A	14,349	N/A	N/A
Administrations	N/A	10,745	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	25,094	N/A	N/A
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianships (minor and mentally ill)	N/A	2,653	N/A	N/A
Trusteeships	N/A	1,073	N/A	N/A
Accounts and distributions	N/A	23,120	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	26,846	N/A	N/A
Other estate:				
Partitions	N/A	302	N/A	N/A
Real estate sales	N/A	3,302	N/A	N/A
Equitable relief	N/A	1,257	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	4,861	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	56,801	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	88,874	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	88,874	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

dCase 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, 1978 (Boston, Massachusetts: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Real property rights:				
Land registration and land confirmation	1,862	338	659	1,541
Subsequent petitions of land registration	109	1,633	1,670	72
Tax liens	3,056	1,307	1,025	3,338
Equity and miscellaneous	6,029	4,744	3,157	7,616
Total	11,056	8,022	6,511	12,567
Total civil	11,056	8,022	6,511	12,567
Grand total	11,056	8,022	6,511	12,567

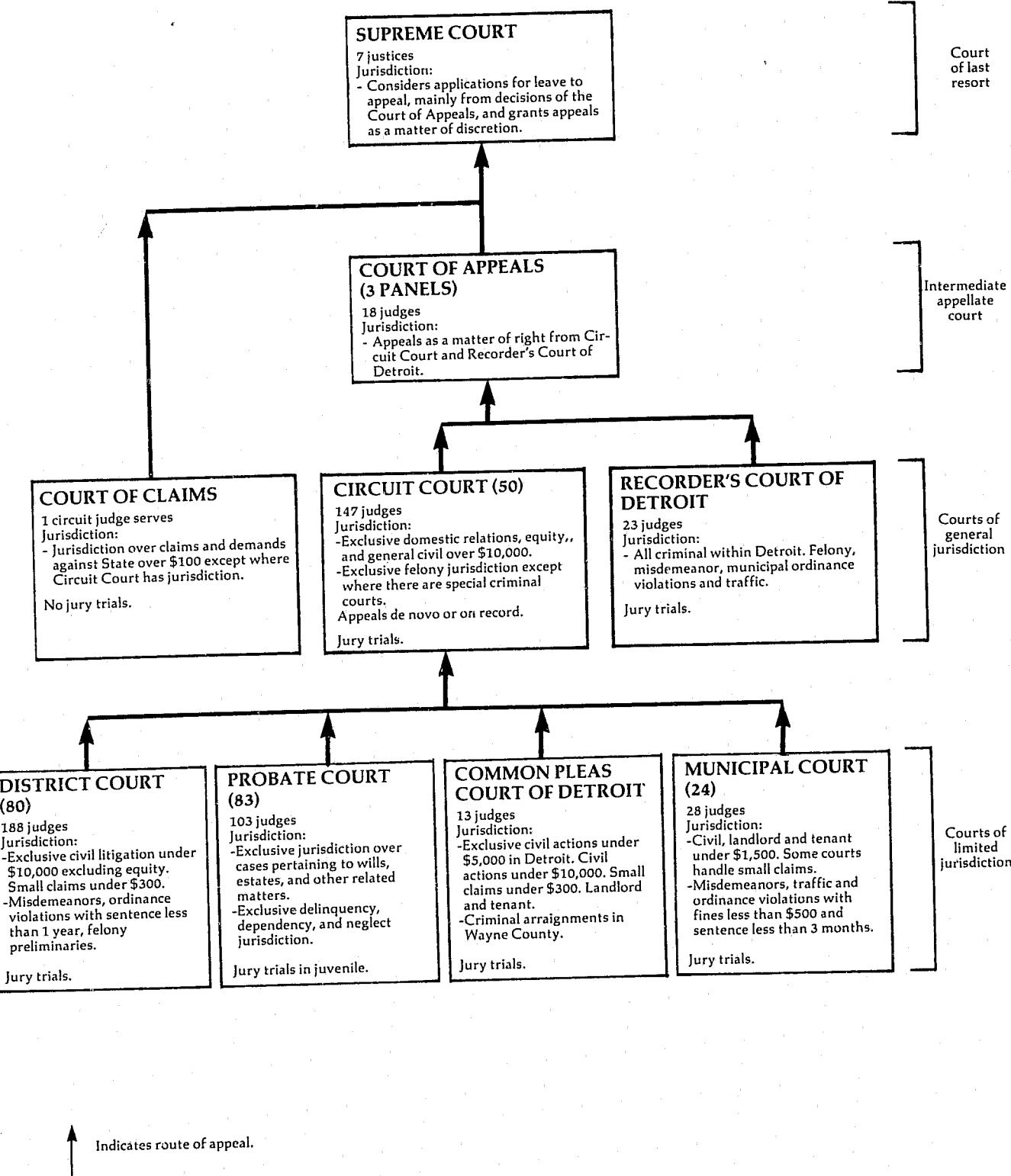
Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

dCase definition or unit of count:

A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

Source: Chief Administrative Justice, Annual Report--The Office of the Chief Administrative Justice of the Trial Court, 1978 (Boston, Massachusetts). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and corrections were made during the data verification process.

MICHIGAN COURT SYSTEM, 1977



MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals ^j	126	(259) ^e	260	125
Total appeals ^j	126	(259) ^e	260	125
Other cases:				
Original proceedings	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)
Requests to appeal:				
Applications ^j	610 ^f	1,503	977 (259) ^e	661 ^b
Total other cases	610 ^f	1,503	977 (259) ^e	661 ^b
Total cases	736 ^f	1,503 (259) ^e	1,237 (259) ^e	786 ^b
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Manner of disposition				
Written opinion	91 ^m			
Final order without opinion	47			
Remanded without opinion	106			
Granted by the court:				
No briefs filed	23			
Appellant's brief appendix filed	12			
Appellee's brief filed	4			
Noticed for submission	0			
Assigned--no draft opinion served	46			
Assigned--draft opinion served	40			
Total	125			661
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Disposition of cases				
Appeals				Requests to appeal
Dismissed on stipulation	6			0
Dismissed on motion	3			0
Dismissed for lack of progress	1			0
Denied	--			955
Withdrawn on stipulation	--			22
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Status of pending cases (6/30/77)				
Appeals				Requests to appeal
Filed but not assigned	--			334
Assigned to commissioners, awaiting reports	--			20
Reported on by commissioners, awaiting court decision	--			307
Granted by the court:				
No briefs filed	23			
Appellant's brief appendix filed	12			
Appellee's brief filed	4			
Noticed for submission	0			
Assigned--no draft opinion served	46			
Assigned--draft opinion served	40			
Total	125			661

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
--- = Not applicable.

^eCases not included in the total to avoid double counting:

^fRequests 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.

^gBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:

^hFigures are as given in the unpublished data.

ⁱChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

^jFigure was computed:

The number of requests to appeal granted was calculated from pending and filed data. This same figure was used as the number of appeals filed, where it also reconciles with the pending and disposed figures given by the clerk of the court.

^mExplanation of data included in the category:

There is approximately one case per month that is handled as an original proceeding, according to the clerk of court. They are included in with the figures for appeals and requests to appeal.

The majority of cases in the applications category consist of applications for review of Court of Appeals' decisions, requests for advisory opinions, claims of appeal from State Bar Grievance Board decisions, petitions for supervisory control in cases where the right of application for leave to appeal is not provided, and requests for discretionary consideration of Court of Appeals decisions from indigent incarcerated criminal defendants who do not have appointed council. Also included are applications for rehearings.

ⁿInformation on disposition type or trial data:

The 91 opinions closed 97 cases.

Source: Unpublished data supplied by the clerk of court. Statistics are from the data supplied by the clerk of court except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MICHIGAN COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
3 panels, 18 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Claim of appeal	N/A	3,673	X	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	3,673	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	1,601	X	N/A
Total cases	N/A	5,274	4,788	N/A

Manner of disposition

	Disposition of cases ^m
Written opinion	2,185jk
Affirmed by order	584
Appealed to Supreme Court prior to decision (transfer)	1,732
Dismissed by order	430
Dismissed by stipulation	430
Order	1,810
Leave denied	992
Peremptory order	234

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

^mCategories for disposition type or trial data:

The number of written opinions includes per curiam and memorandum opinions.

In addition to the 2,185 majority opinions written, there were also 45 concurring and 121 dissenting opinions written.

The 2,185 opinions disposed of 2,343 cases.

Source: State Court Administrator, Annual Report 1977-78 (Lansing, Michigan: 1978). Report contains calendar year data for Court of Appeals. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions have been made during verification by the state court administrative office.

MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
50 circuits, 147 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil ^d :				
Tort:				
Auto tort:				
Auto negligence	21,264f	10,552	10,096	21,720
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	48,457f	61,205	63,555	46,107
Appeal:				
Appeal of trial court case:				
Appeal from District Court	517f	750	594	673
Other civil:				
Other general civil	44,812f	57,926	56,149	49,589
Total civil	115,050f	130,433	128,394	117,089
Criminal ^d :				
Felony:				
Criminalj	12,128f	25,614	25,737	12,005
Appeal:				
Appeal from District Court	540f	558	579	519
Total criminal	12,668f	26,172	26,316	12,524
Grand total	127,718f	156,605	154,710	129,613

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Michigan Circuit Court (continued)

Trial ^d	Time interval (average months)			Age of pending cases (6/30/77)
	Jury	Non-jury	Total	
Civil:				Cases pending more than two years:
Auto tort	516	114	630	Civil
Marriage dissolution	--	2,520	2,520	Auto tort
Other civil	684	1,603	2,287	Marriage dissolution
Appeal	1	18	19	Appeal
Total	1,201	4,255	5,456	Other civil
Criminal:				Total
Felony	1,883	532	2,415	17,313
Appeal	16	17	33	Criminal:
Total	1,899	549	2,448	Felony
Grand total	3,100	4,804	7,904	Appeal
				Total
				Grand total

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

NH = This classification is not handled in this court.

-- = Not applicable.

^dCase 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.

Beginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

^jExplanation of data included in the category:

Criminal includes some high misdemeanors that are punishable by more than 1 year in prison.

Source: State Court Administrator, Annual Report 1976-77 (Lansing, Michigan: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MICHIGAN COURT OF CLAIMS^a
Court of general jurisdiction
1 circuit judge serves
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil ^d :				
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Cases	386	337k	249	474
Appealsj	401	378	416	363
Total	787	715	665	837
Total civil	787	715	665	837
Grand total	787	715	665	837

Civil dispositions

Cases:	Settled	6
Consent judgment	102	
Dismissed on motion	58	
Dismissed on stipulation	40	
Judgement for plaintiff	12	
Judgement for defendant	11	
Discontinued	16	
Dismissed by court	1	
Cancelled--duplicate	2	
Appeals:		
Allowed	12	
Denied	279	
Withdrawn	8	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

^aCourt 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.

^dCase definition or unit of count:

A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

Appeals are appeals under the Vietnam Era Bonus Section Act.

^kAdditional information:

Cases filed includes 10 cases remanded from appellate courts.

Source: State Court Administrator, Annual Report 1976-77 (Lansing, Michigan: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and corrections were made by the office of the state court administrator during data verification.

RECORDER'S COURT OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN
Court of general jurisdiction
1 court, 23 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal:				
Felony:				
Felony Division	6,417	12,145	16,202	2,6958
Felony and high misdemeanor—Traffic and Ordinance Division ^a	119	28	43	104
Total	6,536	12,173	16,245	2,7998
Misdemeanor:				
Misdemeanor Division	N/A	6,783	6,161	N/A
Ordinance violation:				
Arrest ^b	N/A	11,171	N/A	N/A
Pedestrian ^c	N/A	3,945	N/A	N/A
Miscellaneous ^d	N/A	27,772	N/A	N/A
City inspector cases ^e	N/A	36,780	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	79,668	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	6,536 ^f	98,624	22,406 ^g	2,799 ^h
Traffic:				
Parking ^a	N/A	658,582	N/A	N/A
Other traffic violation:				
State misdemeanor cases ^a	3,169	10,925	9,668	4,426
Accident ^a	N/A	6,624	N/A	N/A
Moving ^a	N/A	189,136	N/A	N/A
Total	3,169 ⁱ	206,685	9,668 ^j	4,426 ^k
Total traffic	3,169 ⁱ	865,267	9,668 ^j	4,426 ^k
Grand Total	9,705 ^f	963,891	32,074 ^l	7,225 ^l
Criminal dispositions				
	Jury	Non-jury	Total	
	Felony	Misdemeanor	Traffic and	
	Division	Division	Ordinance	
Felony Division	1,750	720	2,470	
Misdemeanor Division	40	2,756	2,796	
Traffic and Ordinance Division	86	N/A	N/A	
Grand total	1,876	N/A	N/A	
Disposition time (average days)				
Felony Division	62.0			
Trial				
	Jury	Non-jury	Total	
	Felony	Misdemeanor	Traffic and	
	Division	Division	Ordinance	
Felony Division	1,750	720	2,470	
Misdemeanor Division	40	2,756	2,796	
Traffic and Ordinance Division	86	N/A	N/A	
Grand total	1,876	N/A	N/A	
Disposition time (average days)				
Felony Division	62.0			
Court jurisdiction:				
The Traffic and Ordinance Division handles all cases arising under the Michigan Motor Vehicle Law and all other state laws relating to traffic. The case categories handled are felony and high misdemeanors, state misdemeanor cases, arrest, pedestrian, miscellaneous, city inspector cases, parking, accident, and moving. The other two divisions are the Felony Division, handling felonies, and the Misdemeanor Division, handling misdemeanors.				
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.				
Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.				
Figures are as given in the annual report.				
Figure was computed:				
The number convicted at non-jury trial for the Misdemeanor Division equals the total number of dispositions minus all guilty pleas, acquittals, and dismissals.				
Data are not complete:				
Pending data for total criminal do not include Misdemeanor Division and ordinance violation cases.				
Disposed data for total criminal do not include ordinance violation cases.				
Pending and disposed data for traffic do not include parking, accident, or moving cases.				
Pending data for grand total do not include misdemeanor, ordinance violations, parking, accident, and moving cases.				
Disposed data for grand total do not include ordinance violations, parking, accident, and moving cases.				
Explanation of data included in the category:				
Felony includes a few high misdemeanors as well as felonies.				
Source: Recorder's Court of the City of Detroit, Michigan, 1977 Annual Report (Detroit, Michigan). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.				

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^aCourt jurisdiction:
The Traffic and Ordinance Division handles all cases arising under the Michigan Motor Vehicle Law and all other state laws relating to traffic. The case categories handled are felony and high misdemeanors, state misdemeanor cases, arrest, pedestrian, miscellaneous, city inspector cases, parking, accident, and moving. The other two divisions are the Felony Division, handling felonies, and the Misdemeanor Division, handling misdemeanors.

^bCase 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.

^cChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions.

Figures are as given in the annual report.

^dFigure was computed:

The number convicted at non-jury trial for the Misdemeanor Division equals the total number of dispositions minus all guilty pleas, acquittals, and dismissals.

^eData are not complete:

Pending data for total criminal do not include Misdemeanor Division and ordinance violation cases.

Disposed data for total criminal do not include ordinance violation cases.

Pending and disposed data for traffic do not include parking, accident, or moving cases.

Pending data for grand total do not include misdemeanor, ordinance violations, parking, accident, and moving cases.

Disposed data for grand total do not include ordinance violations, parking, accident, and moving cases.

^fExplanation of data included in the category:

Felony includes a few high misdemeanors as well as felonies.

^gSource: Recorder's Court of the City of Detroit, Michigan, 1977 Annual Report (Detroit, Michigan). 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, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Regular:				
Principal		X	54,052	56,904
Garnishment		X	79,607	77,709
Total		X	133,659	134,613
Small claims:				
Principal		X	1,539	1,639
Garnishment		X	436	439
Total		X	1,975	2,078
Real property rights:				
Rent cases	(J)	32,832 ^j	23,736	X
Write ordered	(J)	8,875 ^j	X	X
Land contract	(J)	1,054 ^j	752	X
Jury cases	(J)	463	X	X
Total	(J)	42,807 ^j	28,957	13,850
Total civil		18,284 ^{fi}	178,441 ^j	165,648
Grand total		18,284 ^{fi}	178,441 ^j	165,648
Trial				
	Jury	Non-jury	Total	
	Civil:			
	Civil Division ^a	316	10,066	10,382
	Landlord-tenant Division ^a	57	6,070	6,127
	Total	373	16,136	16,509
Civil dispositions				
Default cases and judgments:				
	Civil Division ^a	316	10,066	10,382
	Landlord-tenant Division ^a	57	6,070	6,127
	Total	373	16,136	16,509

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

^aCourt jurisdiction:

Law and small claims cases are handled by the Civil Division.
Real property rights cases are handled by the Landlord-tenant Division.

^bCase 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 first witness is sworn.

^cBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

^dExplanation of data included in the category:

Real property rights cases filed include beginning pending cases.
Beginning pending figures do not include figures for real property rights cases. Beginning pending figures for real property rights are included with filed figures.

^eData are not complete:

Beginning pending figures do not include figures for real property rights cases. Beginning pending figures for real property rights are included with filed figures.

^fSource: State Court Administrator, Annual Report 1976-77 (Lansing, Michigan: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
80 courts, 188 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civild:				
Law:				
Civil	41,568 ^f	92,452	91,329	42,691
Small claims	9,432 ^f	45,046	43,160	11,318
Real property rights:				
Landlord summary	4,401 ^f	41,673	40,700	5,374
Total civil	55,401 ^f	179,171	175,189	59,383
Criminald:				
Other criminal:				
Non-trafficf	70,458 ^f	238,966	232,099	77,325
Total criminal	70,458 ^f	238,966	232,099	77,325
Traffic:				
Total traffic	204,903 ^f	1,365,517	1,346,639	223,781
Grand total	330,762 ^f	1,783,654	1,753,927	360,489

Dispositions				
Trial			Criminal	Traffic
Jury	Non-jury	Trial		
Civil:				
Law	721	8,509	9,230	22,779 224,171
Small claims	0	11,144	11,144	18,894 708,515
Real property rights	60	11,451	11,511	FAC cases ^d
Total	781	31,104	31,885	Arraignments:
Criminal	1,845	21,800	23,645	Examination waived
Traffic	2,185	56,361	58,546	Examination conducted
Grand total	4,811	109,265	114,076	No progress
				Disposed without trial
				143,045 275,399

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

dCase 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.

A non-jury trial is counted when the first witness is sworn.

fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year.

Figures are as given in the annual report.

jExplanation of data included in the category:

Non-traffic cases include misdemeanor, ordinance violation, and preliminary hearings cases.

mInformation on disposition type or trial data:

FAC cases are those in which the defendant fails to appear in court after having been sent a notice to appear.

FAC cases are those in which the defendant fails to appear in court after having been sent a notice to appear.

Source: State Court Administrator, Annual Report 1976-77 (Lansing, Michigan: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals

have been computed where necessary.

MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL COURTⁱ
Court of limited jurisdiction
24 courts, 28 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civild:				
Law:				
Civil	2,092 ^f		9,578	9,646
Small claims	11		498	499
Real property rights:				
Landlord summary	651 ^f		3,600	4,014
Total civil	2,754 ^f		13,676	14,159
Criminald:				
Other criminal:				
Non-trafficf	25,229 ^f		41,437	41,396
Total criminal	25,229 ^f		41,437	41,396
Traffic:				
Total traffic	128,530 ^f		190,690	189,150
Grand total	156,513 ^f		245,803	244,705
Grand total	157,611			

Dispositions					
	Trial	Dispositions		Criminal	Traffic
Civil:	Jury	Non-jury	Total	Criminal	Traffic
Law	8	1,274	1,282	Traffic bureau	20,461 100,418
Small claims	0	24	24	Magistrate	1,150 4,055
Real property rights	2	733	735	Without trial	11,465 23,712
Total	10	2,031	2,041	FAC cases ^d	0 6,357
Criminal	141	4,865	5,006	Arraignment:	
Traffic	107	12,848	12,955	Examination waived	1,009 70
Grand total	258	19,744	20,002	Examination conducted	1,327 16
				No progress	978 41,567

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

dCase 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.

fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year.

Figures are as given in the annual report.

jExplanation of data included in the category:

Non-traffic cases include misdemeanors and ordinance violations.

mInformation on disposition type or trial data:

FAC cases are those in which the defendant fails to appear in court after having been sent a notice to appear.

Source: State Court Administrator, Annual Report 1976-77 (Lansing, Michigan: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals

have been computed where necessary.

MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
83 courts, 103 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Domestic relations:				
Adoption	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,806
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Testate	N/A	N/A	9,000	17,349
Administrations intestate	N/A	N/A	9,746	19,991
Total	N/A	N/A	18,746	37,340
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardians	N/A	N/A	5,283	37,936
Trustees	N/A	N/A	592	7,519
Total	N/A	N/A	5,875	45,455
Total	N/A	N/A	24,621	82,795
Total civil	N/A	N/A	24,621 ⁱ	86,601
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquency	N/A	20,937 ^j	8,612	14,611 ^j
Status offense	N/A	(j)	2,821	(j)
Non-offense:				
Permanent neglect	N/A	X	N/A	2,099
Temporary neglect	N/A	X	N/A	8,292
Other neglect	N/A	X	N/A	1,732
Total	N/A	4,748	N/A	12,123
Other juvenile	N/A	4,360	N/A	3,205
Total juvenile	N/A	30,045	11,433 ⁱ	29,939
Grand total	N/A	30,045 ⁱ	36,054 ⁱ	116,540

Time interval (average months)

Time necessary to process:	
Probate/wills/intestate:	
Testate	19.9
Administrations intestate	22.5
Guardianship/conservatorship/ trusteeship:	
Guardians	47.8
Trustees	75.2

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

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

^dCase definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

ⁱData are not complete:

Total civil disposed figure does not include adoption cases.

Total juvenile disposed figure does not include non-offense or other juvenile cases.

Grand total filed figure does not include any civil data; it contains only juvenile case filings.

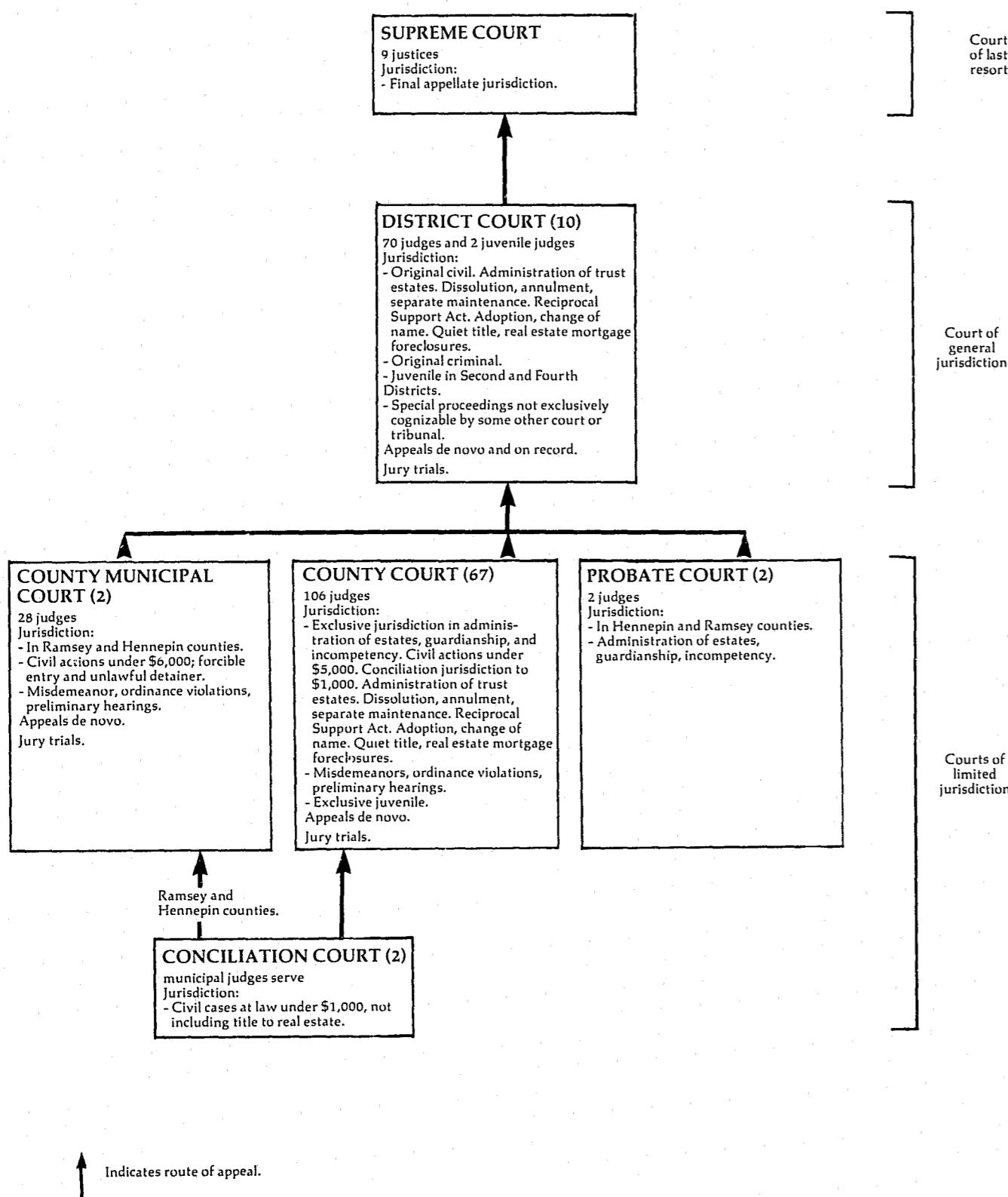
Grand total disposed figure does not include adoption, non-offense, or other juvenile cases.

^jExplanation of data included in the category:

Status offenses could not be separated from criminal-type offense data for filings and end pending. They were available separately only for dispositions. Criminal-type offense data include status offenses in filing and end pending data.

Source: State Court Administrator, Annual Report 1976-77 (Lansing, Michigan: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MINNESOTA COURT SYSTEM, 1977



MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
9 justices
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	N/A	529	307 ^j	N/A
Criminal	N/A	230	117	N/A
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Workmen's compensation	N/A	0 (4) ^e	(4)	N/A
Tax court	N/A	0 (1) ^e	(1)	N/A
Department employment service	N/A	0 (0) ^e	(0)	N/A
Total	N/A	0 (5) ^e	(5)	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	759 (5) ^e	424	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Mandamus	N/A	38	(3)	N/A
Prohibition	N/A	70	(3)	N/A
Miscellaneous	N/A	31	433 ^j	N/A
Total	N/A	139	433	N/A
Requests to appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Certiorari-workers compensation	N/A	71	N/A (4) ^e	N/A
Certiorari-tax court	N/A	16	N/A (1) ^e	N/A
Certiorari-economic security	N/A	16	N/A (0) ^e	N/A
Total	N/A	103	N/A (5) ^e	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	242	433(5) ^e	N/A
Total cases	N/A	1,001 (5) ^e	857(5) ^e	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests:				
Petition for further review	0	64	64	0
Total other proceedings	0	64	64	0
Manner of disposition				
Written opinion	424			
Time interval (months)				
Number of cases	Civil	Criminal	Total	
Processing time	227	118	345	
	14.9	16.3	15.4	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
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.

^eData 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; neither is the filing of the resulting appeal counted. These granted requests are the numbers that appear in parentheses.

^jData are not complete:
Total other cases and total cases disposed do not include requests to appeal denied.

JExplanation of data included in the category:
Disposition figures for appeal of administrative agency cases are included in the civil appeals disposed figure.
Disposition figures for writs of mandamus, writs of prohibition, and disciplinary cases are included in the civil appeals disposed figure if the case was disposed by opinion. If the case was disposed by order, the figures are included in the special matters disposed figure.

Source: Unpublished data supplied by the Office of the State Court Administrator. Statistics are from the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MINNESOTA COUNTY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
67 districts, 106 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Court	3,231	7,723	7,033 ^b	3,921
Jury	554	816	594 ^b	776
Total	3,785	8,539	7,627	4,697
Small claims:				
Conciliation Court	4,881 ^f	40,768	39,599	6,050
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce, annulment, separate maintenance	X	X	7,442	X
Support/custody	X	X	3,433	X
Other reciprocal enforcement of support	X	X	1,699	X
Other domestic relations:				
Other family civil	X	X	12,574	X
Total	X	X		
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Decedent estate	16,427	7,007	6,125	17,309
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship	X	X	1,522	X
Trust estate	X	X	59	X
Total	X	X	1,581	X
Other estate:				
Other probate	X	X	338	X
Total	X	X	8,044	X
Mental health:				
Commitments	X	X	973	X
Incompetency	X	X	790	X
Total	X	X	1,763	X
Total civil	X	X	69,607	X
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor:				
Other criminal	10,844	36,766	33,035	14,575
Ordinance violation:				
Justice of the peace	1,166	4,796	4,487	1,472 ^g
Other criminal:				
Other family criminal	X	X	414	X
Total criminal	12,010 ^f	41,562 ^f	37,936	16,052 ^{g1}
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Traffic	14,588 ^f	137,768	129,724	22,632
Traffic Violation Bureau	58,982	333,180	305,576	86,586
Juvenile traffic	X	X	21,738	X
Total	X	X	457,038	X
Total traffic	X	X	457,038	X
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquency	X	X	12,155	X
Non-offense:				
Dependency and neglect	X	X	1,497	X
Other juvenile:				
Other	X	X	750	X
Total juvenile	X	X	14,402	X
Grand total	138,121	626,834	578,983	185,921 ^g

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Minnesota County Court (continued)

	Trial ^d	Civil dispositions			Settled	Default	Other
		Jury	Non-Jury	Total			
Civil:							
Law	199	2,636	2,835		613	--	4,179
Small claims	--	17,681	17,681		7,212	--	14,712
Domestic relations ^e :							
Marriage dissolution ..	--	1,044	1,044				
Support/custody	--	1,566	1,566				
Other domestic relations	--	250	250				
Total	--	2,860	2,860				
Mental health ^f :							
Commitments	--	471	471				
Total civil	199	23,648	23,847				
Criminal (misdemeanor)	218	2,166	2,384				
Traffic	493	5,997	6,490				
Grand total	910	28,480	29,390				
Traffic dispositions^g							
Guilty pleas					106,296		
Guilty plea					19,989		
Dismissed, settled, stricken, or default					16,938		
At preliminary hearing					3,834		
Dismissed, settled, stricken, or default					6,772		
Justice of the Peace and Traffic Violations Bureau					305,576		
Violations Bureau					133,088		
Criminal (misdemeanor) dispositions							
Guilty plea							
Dismissed, settled, stricken, or default							
At preliminary hearing							
Dismissed, settled, stricken, or default							
Justice of the Peace and Traffic Violations Bureau							
Violations Bureau							
Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.							
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.							
-- = Not applicable.							
dCase 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.							
The criminal case unit of count is not consistent statewide. The reporting instructions ask that the criminal unit of count be the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.							
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.							
fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:							
Figures are as given in the unpublished data.							
gChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:							
Figures are as reported in the unpublished data.							
hFigure was computed:							
Civil court and jury cases disposed were computed from pending figures and filings reported in the unpublished data.							
iData are not complete:							
Figures for total criminal pending and filed do not include data for "other family criminal" cases.							
mInformation on disposition type or trial data:							
The number of contested domestic relations and commitment cases are displayed as non-jury trials.							
Mental health trials and disposition type data include only contested commitment cases.							
Traffic dispositions by type do not include juvenile 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, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Probate Court for 1977.

MISSISSIPPI CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
20 circuit districts, 30 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil^d:				
Law:				
Dollar declaration	N/A	10,510	N/A	N/A
Real property rights:				
Eminent domain	N/A	148	N/A	N/A
Appeal	N/A	376	N/A	N/A
Other civil	N/A	1,562	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	12,596	N/A	N/A
Criminal^d:				
Felony:				
Indictments	N/A	6,729	N/A	N/A
Other criminal	N/A	713	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	7,442	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	20,038	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court but the data are unavailable.

^dCase 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.

^jExplanation of data included in the category:
Other criminal includes criminal appeals and other unclassified criminal cases.

Source: Data was supplied by the Mississippi Judicial Council during data verification.

MISSISSIPPI CHANCERY COURT^a
Court of general jurisdiction
20 chancery districts, 36 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil^b:				
Equity:				
General equity	N/A	1,955	N/A	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Support/custody:				
URESA	N/A	1,712	N/A	N/A
Other domestic relations:				
Domestic	N/A	19,266	N/A	N/A
Minor's matters ⁱ	N/A	3,165	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	22,431	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	24,143	N/A	N/A
Estate:				
Other estate:				
Probate and guardianship/conservatorship	N/A	6,851	N/A	N/A
Mental health:				
Commitments ^j	N/A	3,844	N/A	N/A
Other civil	N/A	3,132	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	39,925	N/A	N/A
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	39,925 ^k	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^aCourt jurisdiction:
The Chancery Court handles juvenile cases in 66 of the state's 82 counties. No juvenile data were available.

^dCase definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

ⁱData are not complete:

The grand total filed figure does not include juvenile data.

^jExplanation of data included in the category:
Domestic cases are divorce, support, separate maintenance, and other marital matters.
Minor's matters are adoption, removal of disability, and other matters relating the handling of minors other than by parents or guardians.

Commitments are cases for commitment because of lunacy, alcohol, or drugs.

Source: Data was supplied by the Mississippi Judicial Council during data verification.

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
16 courts, 20 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil^d:				
Total civil	N/A	16,259	N/A	N/A
Criminal^d:				
Total criminal	N/A	3,165	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	19,424	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court but the data are unavailable.

^dCase 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.

Source: Data was supplied by the Mississippi Judicial Council during data verification.

MISSISSIPPI JUSTICE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
410 courts
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil^d:				
Total civil	N/A	94,313	N/A	N/A
Criminal^d:				
Total criminal	N/A	313,536	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	407,849	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court but the data are unavailable.

^dCase 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.

Source: Data was supplied by the Mississippi Judicial Council during data verification.

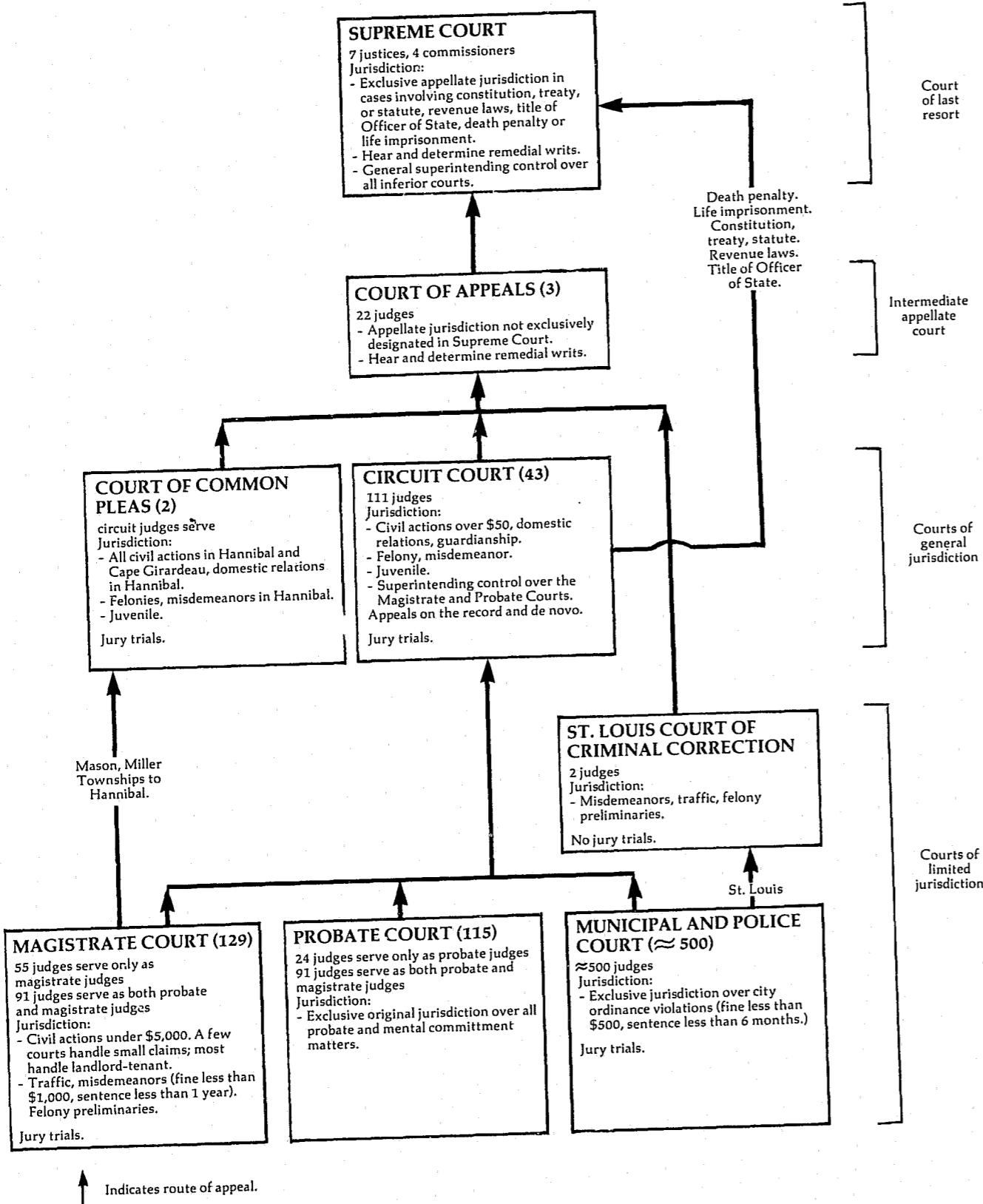
MISSISSIPPI FAMILY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Family Court for 1977.

MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
~50 courts
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for 1977.

MISSOURI COURT SYSTEM, 1977



MISSOURI SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices, 4 commissioners
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	X	X	83	X
Criminal	X	X	36	X
Total appeals	71	158	119	110
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Habeas corpus	X	X	56	X
Mandamus	X	X	24	X
Prohibition	X	X	35	X
Quo warranto	X	X	1	X
Retirement	X	X	0	X
Other writs	X	X	10	X
Total	X	X	126	X
Disciplinary matter:				
Disbarment	X	X	5	X
Reinstatement	X	X	10	X
Total	X	X	156	X
Requests to appeal	X	X	315	X
Application to transfer	X	X	315	X
Total other cases	24h	509	451	82h
Total cases	95	667	570	192
Other proceedings:				
Motions for rehearing	5	33	31k	7
Other matters:				
Motion activity	12	377k	359	30
Total other proceedings	17	410	390	37
Manner of disposition				
	Civil	Criminal	Total	
Written opinion	50	27	77	
Dismissal	21	3	24	
Transfer without opinion	3	4	7	
By order	9	2	11	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
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.

^hFigure was computed:
Total original proceedings pending was computed by subtracting total appeals pending from total cases pending.

^kAdditional information:
Two rehearing requests were sustained; 29 were denied.
The 377 motions filed do not include motions for permission to file writs, which were included in this figure in previous years.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Judicial Department of Missouri Annual Statistical Report 1977 (Jefferson City, Missouri). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MISMOUR COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
3 districts, 22 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	1,309	1,190	1,277	1,244 ^b
Criminal	694	607	630	675 ^b
Total appeals	2,003	1,797	1,907	1,919 ^b
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus	X	91	X	X
Mandamus	X	87	X	X
Prohibition	X	169	X	X
Quo warranto	X	1	X	X
Total	X	348	X	X
Requests to appeal:				
Certiorari	X	1	X	X
Total other cases	30	349	337	478
Total cases	2,033	2,146	2,244	1,966 ^b

Manner of disposition

	Appeals		Writs	Total
	Civil	Criminal		
Written opinion	575	489	1,064	31 1,095
Dismissal	566	116	682	-- 682
Consolidation	114	8	122	-- 122
Transfer without opinion	22	17	39	-- 39
Order	--	--	-- 48	48
Denied	--	--	258	258

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

-- = Not applicable.

^bChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

This is due to the refinement of record keeping procedures in the St. Louis district.

This is from the Missouri Annual Statistical Report 1977 (Jefferson City, Missouri).

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Missouri Annual Statistical Report 1977 (Jefferson City, Missouri).

Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MISMOUR CIRCUIT COURT AND COURT OF COMMON PLEAS^b
Court of general jurisdiction
43 circuits, 111^c judges; 2 courts, circuit judges serve
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Total civil	59,935 ^f	72,132	71,571	60,496
Criminal ^d :				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal	9,918 ^f	18,130	18,047	10,001
Total criminal	9,918 ^f	18,130	18,047	10,001
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	9,031 ^f	16,734	16,364	9,401
Grand total	78,884 ^f	106,996	105,982	79,898

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

^bparticular court or reporting system information:

Because of a change in reporting systems, the data cannot be broken down into sub-categories. Lack of continuity causes the data to be reported in two different forms that are not compatible.

^cJudge information:

Circuit judges serve in the Court of Common Pleas.

^dCase 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.

^eBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

^fExplanation of data included in the category:

Civil cases include tort, contract, eminent domain, real estate, domestic relations, appeals, extraordinary writs, and other civil cases.

Criminal cases include felony, misdemeanor, and criminal appeal cases.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Missouri Annual Statistical Report 1977 (Jefferson City, Missouri). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

ST. LOUIS COURT OF CRIMINAL CORRECTION, MISSOURI
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 2 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal^d:				
Misdemeanor ^j	X	15,887 ^j	12,922	X
Preliminary hearing	X	4,384	3,219	
Appeal:				
City appeals	X	157	129	X
Extraordinary writ:				
Writs of habeas corpus	X	4	4	X
Other criminal:				
Search warrant applications	X	9	7	X
Fugitive warrants	X	55	28	X
Restoration of driving privileges	X	9	0	X
Total	X	73	35	X
Total criminal	22,176	20,505	16,309	26,372
Grand total	22,176	20,505	16,309	26,372

Criminal dispositions

Misdemeanor:			
Non-jury trial:			
Conviction	914		
Acquittal	40		
Guilty pleas	9,413		
Nolle prosequi, abated, bond forfeited, or dismissed	2,555		
Preliminary hearing:			
Defendants held for trial	1,649		
Defendants released	498		
Nolle prosequi, abated, or transferred	1,072		

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

-- = Not applicable.

dCase definition or unit of count: The criminal case unit of count is the number of informations, indictments, or complaints. A filing may involve multiple defendants.

A non-jury trial is counted if tried to completion.

jExplanation of data included in the category:

Misdemeanor includes 12,248 license cases.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Judicial Department of Missouri Annual Statistical Report 1977 (Jefferson City, Missouri).

Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

MISSOURI MAGISTRATE COURTⁱ
Court of limited jurisdiction
129 courts; 55 judges serve only as magistrates,
91 judges serve as both probate and magistrate judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civilⁱ:				
Law ⁱ	N/A	36,983 ⁱ	30,424 ⁱ	N/A
Small claims	N/A	8,783	6,249	N/A
Total civilⁱ	N/A	45,766 ⁱ	36,673 ⁱ	N/A
Criminal:				
Total criminalⁱ	N/A	35,028 ⁱ	28,281 ⁱ	N/A
Traffic:				
Total trafficⁱ	N/A	173,862 ⁱ	163,357 ⁱ	N/A
Grand totalⁱ	N/A	254,656 ⁱ	228,311 ⁱ	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

dCase 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.

iData are not complete:

There were no data for law, criminal, or traffic cases given for the courts in the following counties: Bates, Buchanan (Division I), Callaway, Clay (Western Division), Carter, DeKalb, Gentry, Hickory, Jefferson (Divisions 1 and 2), Knox, Morgan, Newton, Pulaski, Reynolds, Ripley, Saline, Schuyler, St. Charles, St. Louis (Division 8), and Stoddard. No disposition data for law, criminal, or traffic cases were given for the courts in the following counties: Adair, Audrain, Chariton, Greene, Jackson (Divisions 4, 5, 6, and 7), Lewis, Lincoln, Madison, Marion, Mississippi, Perry, Ralls, Scotland, and St. Louis (Divisions 6 and 7). Complete small claims filings and dispositions were given for all courts.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, Judicial Department of Missouri Annual Statistical Report 1977 (Jefferson City, Missouri). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

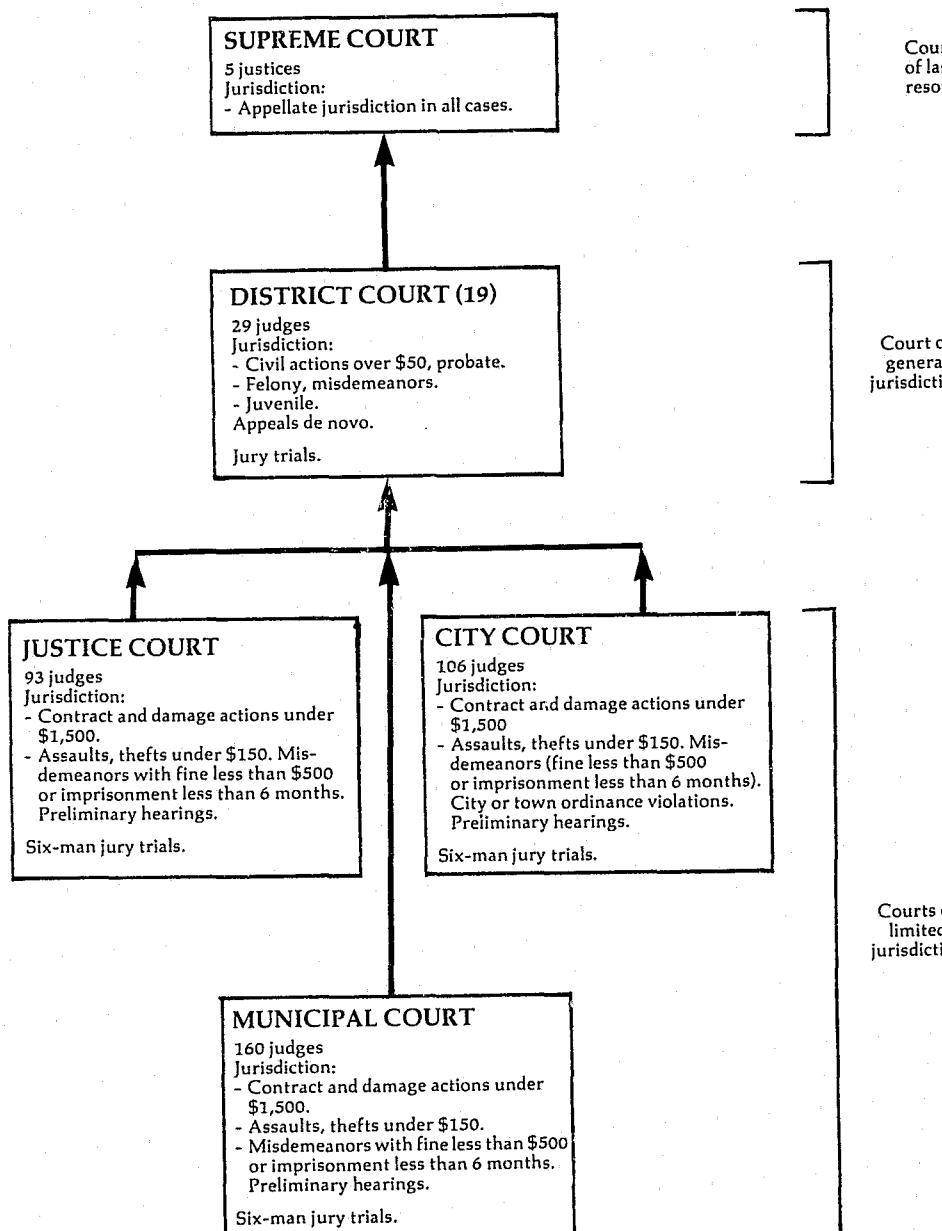
MISSOURI PROBATE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
115 courts; 24 judges serve only as probate judges,
91 judges serve as both probate and magistrate judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Probate Court for fiscal year 1977.

MISSOURI MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
≈500 courts, ≈500 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for fiscal year 1977.

MONTANA COURT SYSTEM, 1977



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

MONTANA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	N/A	275	X	N/A
Criminal	N/A	102	X	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	377	X	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings	N/A	92	X	N/A
Requests to appeal	N/A	92	X	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	469	463	N/A
Total cases	N/A	469	463	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
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 = Data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

Source: Montana Supreme Court, 1978 Annual Report (Helena, Montana: 1979). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals were computed where necessary.

MONTANA DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
19 districts, 29 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled by the District Court for fiscal year 1977.

MONTANA JUSTICE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
93 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Justice Court for fiscal year 1977.

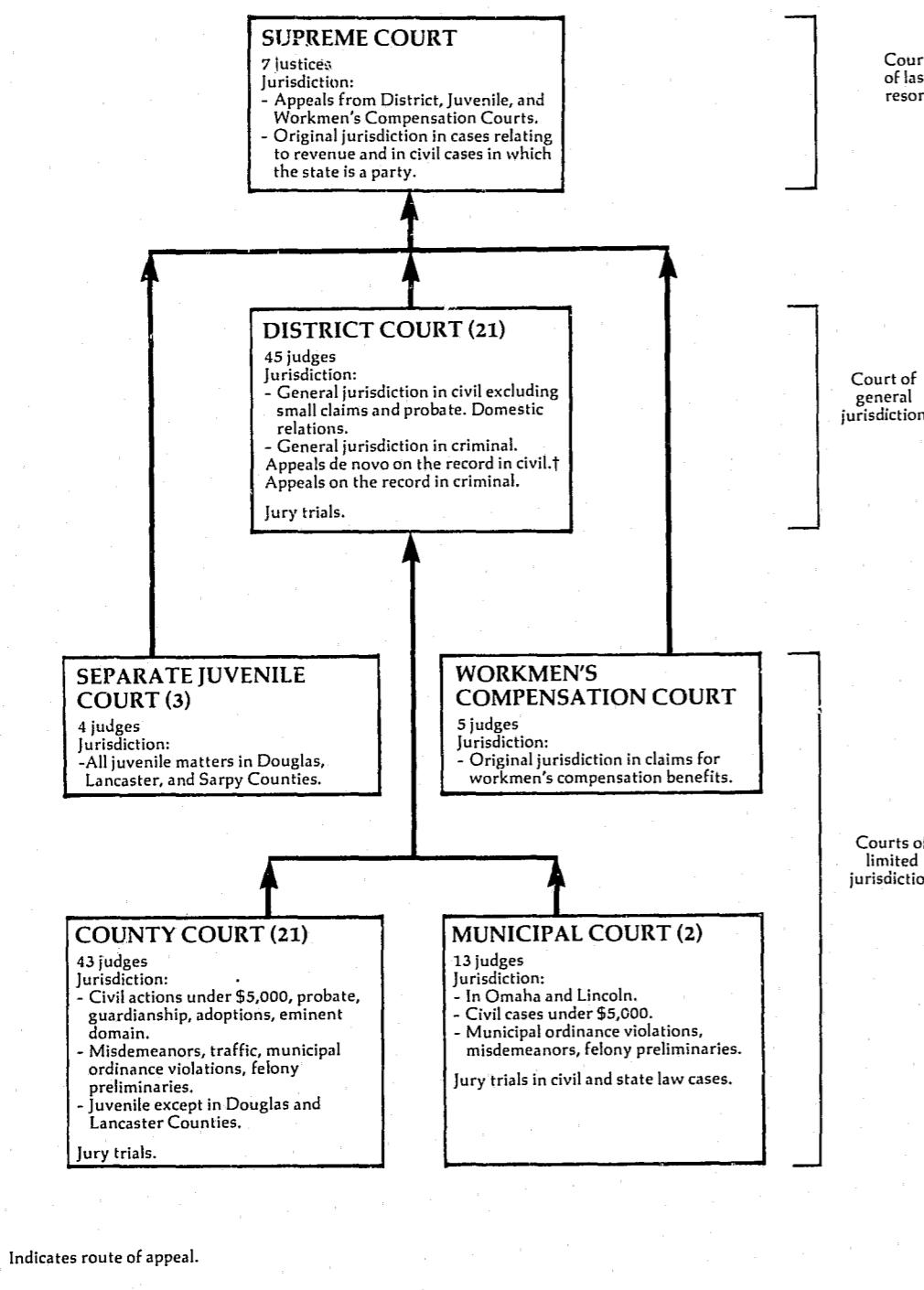
MONTANA CITY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
106 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the City Court for fiscal year 1977.

MONTANA MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
160 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for fiscal year 1977.

NEBRASKA COURT SYSTEM, 1977



NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
September 1, 1976 to August 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	2441	3441	3031	2851
Criminal	2261	2631	3061	1831
Total appeals	470	607	609	468
Other cases:				
Original proceedings	(J)	(J)	(J)	(J)
Requests to appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total cases	470	607	609	468

Manner of disposition
Written opinion 406

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^aData 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.

^bExplanation 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.

^cSpecial source or revision in data:

The breakdown of appeals data into civil and criminal categories were supplied by the Supreme Court clerk in an unpublished source.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, The Courts of Nebraska 1977 (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, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed ^d	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Domestic relations	2,921 ^e	12,300	11,092	4,129 ^h
Appeal	(J)	(J)	(J)	(J)
Other civil	3,281 ^f	6,340	5,277	4,344 ^h
Total civil	6,202 ^g	18,640	16,369	8,473 ^h
Criminal:				
Felony:				
Criminal	762 ^l	3,804	3,476	1,090 ^h
Appeal	525 ^j	2,757 ^j	2,016 ^j	1,266 ^h
Total criminal	1,287 ^l	6,561	5,492	2,356 ^h
Grand total	7,489 ^l	25,201	21,861	10,829 ^h

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

^dCase 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.

^eFigures were computed:

End pending figures were computed from beginning pending, filed, and disposed figures.

^fExplanation 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. A statement in the annual report indicates that more than half were criminal appeals.

Criminal cases may include a few misdemeanor cases.

^gSpecial source or revision in data:

Beginning pending data were provided by the office of the state court administrator.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, The Courts of Nebraska 1977 (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 COUNTY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
21 districts, 43 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Civil	7,827 ^l	8,651	7,481	8,997 ^h
Small claims	1,533 ^l	9,537	9,203	1,867 ^h
Real property rights:				
Eminent domain	70 ^l	142	145	67 ^h
Domestic relations:				
Adoption	233 ^l	1,308	1,323	218 ^h
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Probate and inheritance tax	11,586 ^l	8,610	8,150	12,046 ^h
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship and conservatorship	9,695 ^l	1,715	1,490	9,920 ^h
Total	21,281 ^l	10,325	9,640	21,966 ^h
Total civil	30,941	29,963	27,792	33,113^h
Total criminal	18,058^l	45,538	43,707	19,889^h
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Statute traffic	8,765 ^l	142,079	140,515	10,329 ^h
Ordinance traffic	2,837 ^l	35,176	34,384	3,629 ^h
Total	11,602 ^l	177,255	174,899	13,958 ^h
Total traffic	11,602^l	177,255	174,899	13,958^h
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	1,088 ^l	2,868	2,883	1,073 ^h
Grand total	61,692^l	255,624	249,281	68,035^h

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

^dCase 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 charges are tried separately.

^lFigure was computed:

End pending figures were computed from beginning pending, filed, and disposed figures.

¹Special source or revision in data:

Beginning pending figures were provided by the office of the state court administrator.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, The Courts of Nebraska 1977 (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.

NEBRASKA SEPARATE JUVENILE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
3^b courts, 4 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	1,992	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	1,992	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^bParticular court or reporting system information:
There are three separate juvenile courts in Nebraska, located in Douglas County, Lancaster County, and Sarpy County. The Juvenile Court in Sarpy County began operations in February, 1977.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, The Courts of Nebraska 1977 (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, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Civil/small claims	N/A	17,153	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	17,153	N/A	N/A
Criminal:				
Total criminal	N/A	X	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	X	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	119,695	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

^aCourt Jurisdiction:

Municipal Courts have exclusive jurisdiction in cases involving violations of local ordinances.

^bParticular court or reporting system information:

The two courts are located in Omaha and Lincoln.

^cCase 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 1977 (Lincoln, Nebraska). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEBRASKA WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 5 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed ^k	End pending
Civil:				
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Disputed claims	N/A	803	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	803	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	803	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^dCase definition or unit of count:

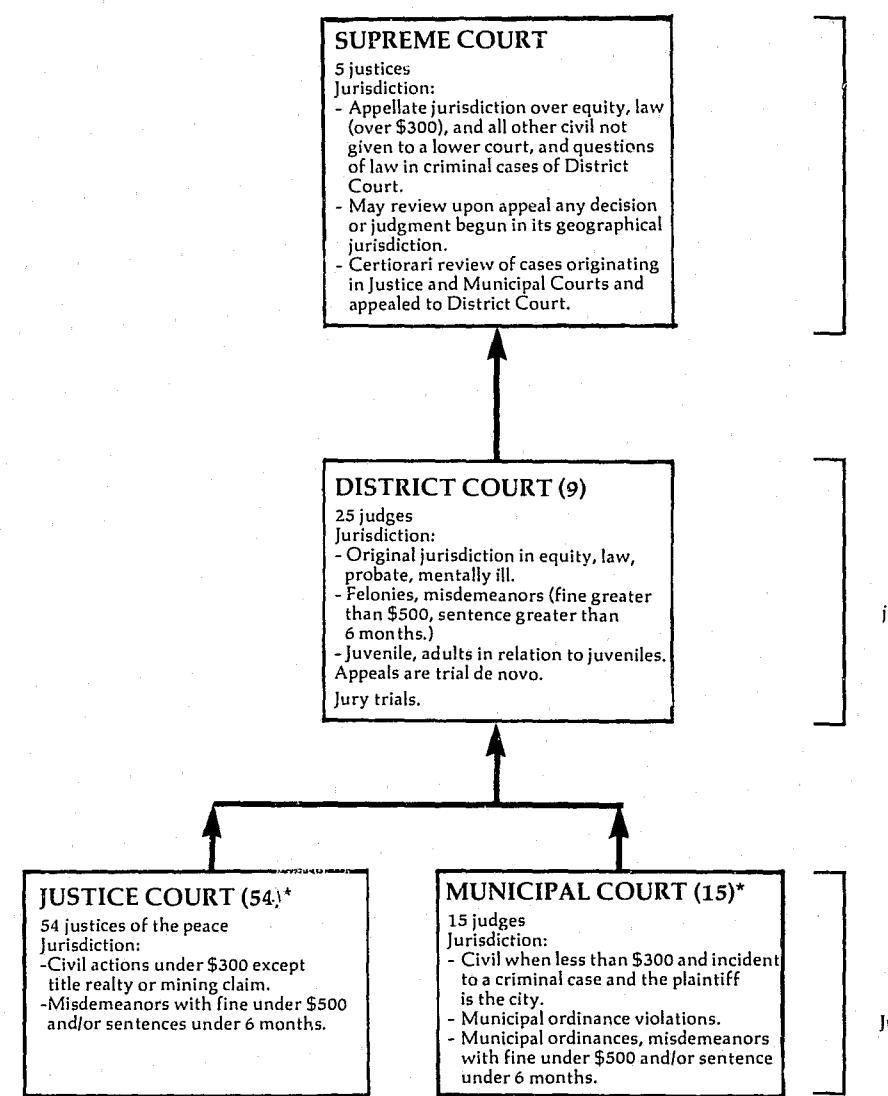
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

^kAdditional information:

There were 876 original and settlement hearings, 136 rehearings held and settled, and 12 cases appealed to the Supreme Court. The number of cases disposed is unknown.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, The Courts of Nebraska 1977 (Lincoln, Nebraska). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEVADA COURT SYSTEM, 1977



↑ 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, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	
Cases:					
Appeals:					
Civil	X	243	X	X	
Criminal	X	183	X	X	
Postconviction remedy:					
Postconviction	X	67	X	X	
Reinstated	X	14	X	X	
Total appeals	X	507	X	X	
Other cases:					
Original proceedings:					
Original jurisdiction:					
Habeas corpus	X	19	X	X	
Mandamus	X	60	X	X	
Prohibition	X	38	X	X	
Quo warranto	X	0	X	X	
Exceptions	X	8	X	X	
Motions	X	35	X	X	
Total	X	160	X	X	
Disciplinary:					
Bar	X	21	X	X	
Total	X	181	X	X	
Requests to appeal:					
Certiorari	X	5	X	X	
Criminal:					
Pretrial habeas	X	399	X	X	
Total	X	404	X	X	
Total other cases					
Total cases	259	1,092	898	453	
Other proceedings:					
Rehearing requests	12 ^f	103	114	1	
Total other proceedings	12 ^f	103	114	1	
Manner of disposition					
Disposition of appeals					
Written opinion	222 ^k	Affirmed	135	Set or assigned	73
Consolidated	5	Reversed	67	Under submission	347
Dismissed by order	671	Affirmed in part	7	Other	33
Status of pending cases					
Time interval (days)					
From formal submission to disposition					
Civil	Criminal	Total			
34.6	22.0	26.4			
Number of cases	315	581	896		

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

^fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year.

Data is as reported by the court administrative office.

^kAdditional information:

Written opinion includes both signed and per curiam opinions.

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, and additions were made by the administrative office of the court during data verification.

NEVADA DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
9 districts, 25^c judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil^d:				
Law:				
Civil actions	N/A	3,078	N/A	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce actions	N/A	3,294	N/A	N/A
Support/custody:				
Reciprocal	N/A	677	N/A	N/A
Adoption	N/A	169	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	4,140	N/A	N/A
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Probate	N/A	378	N/A	N/A
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship	N/A	104	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	482	N/A	N/A
Mental health:				
Inebriate matters	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
Insanity matters	N/A	85	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	85	N/A	N/A
Other civil:				
Miscellaneous matters	N/A	277	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	8,062	N/A	N/A
Criminal^d:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal actions	N/A	1,448	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	1,448	N/A	N/A
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	535	N/A	N/A
Grand totalⁱ	N/A	10,045	N/A	N/A
Trial^d				
	Jury	Non-jury	Total	
Civil:				
Law	68	817	885	
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution	--	148	148	
Total	68	965	1,033	
Criminal:				
Felony/misdemeanor	59	665	724	
Grand total	127	1,630	1,757	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

-- = Not applicable.

cJudge information:
The Second District has 7 judges. Data were available only for only this district. There are a total of 25 judges in the 9 districts statewide.

dCase 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.

iData are not complete:

Data were available for only one district: the Second District (Washoe County). This county contains 25 percent 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.

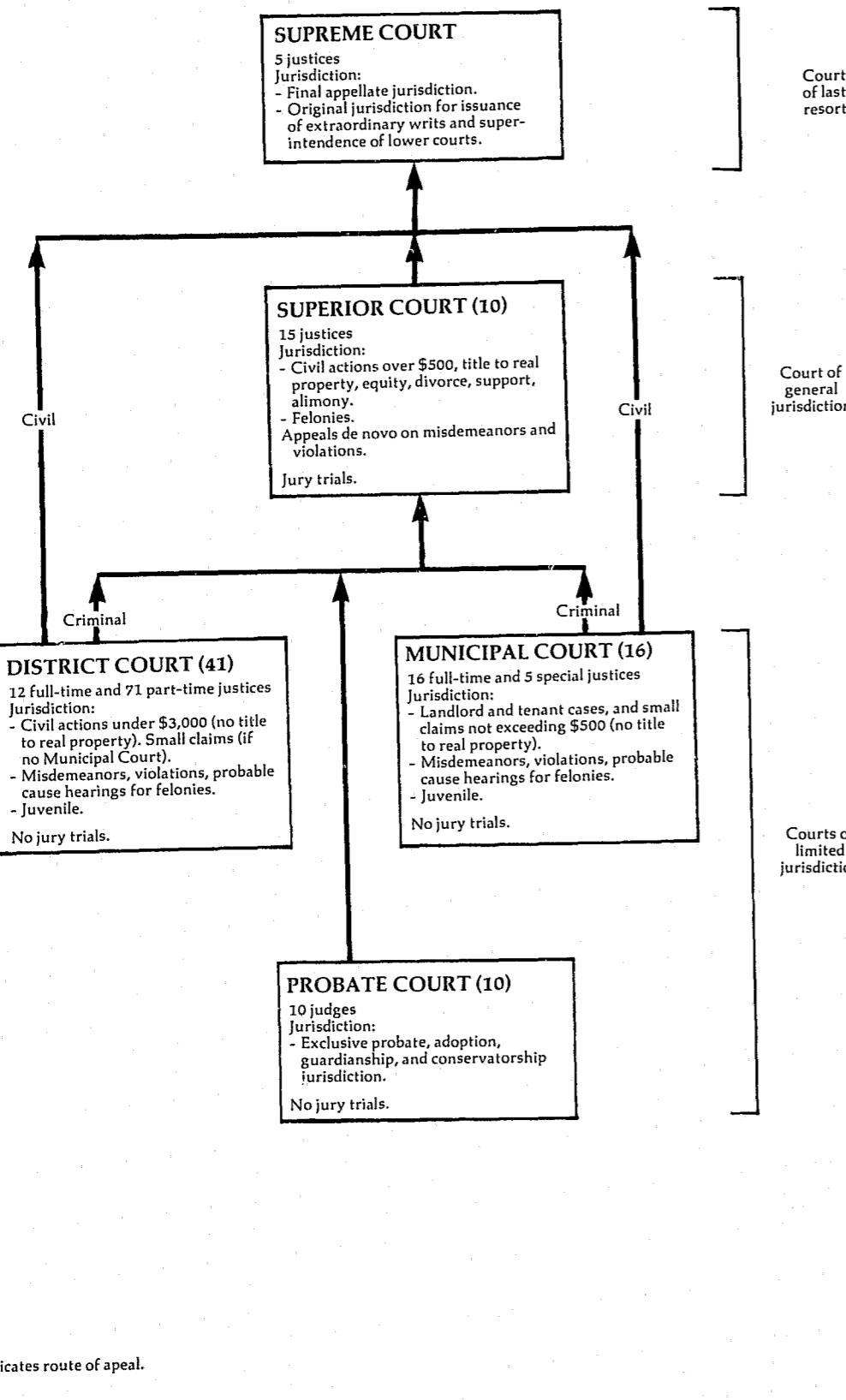
NEVADA JUSTICE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
54 courts, 54 justices of the peace
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Justice Court for 1977.

NEVADA MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
15 courts, 15 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for 1977.

NEW HAMPSHIRE COURT SYSTEM, 1977



NEW HAMPSHIRE SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
August 1, 1976 to July 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil and criminal	X	240	X	X
Appeal of administrative agency case	X	26	X	X
Total appeals	X	266	X	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Original cases filed	X	33	X	X
Certification of questions	X	2	X	X
Total	X	35	X	X
Advisory opinions	X	14	X	X
Total	X	49	X	X
Requests to appeal	X	49	X	X
Total other cases	X	49	X	X
Total cases	202	315	348	169

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
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.

Source: Chairman, Judicial Council, *Seventeenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire* covering periods August 1, 1976-July 31, 1977, and August 1, 1977-July 31, 1978 (Concord, New Hampshire: 1978). 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
August 1, 1976 to July 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Actions at law	9,995 ^f	5,400	5,886 ^h	9,509
Equity:				
All other equitable actions and petitions	3,054	2,672	3,095 ^h	2,631
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Marital cases	4,640 ^f	5,824	5,282 ^h	5,182
Marital cases brought forward for further orders	1,936 ^f	3,847	3,497 ^h	2,286
Total	6,576 ^f	9,671	8,779	7,468
Appeal:				
Appeal of trial court case:				
Probate appeals	48	2	18 ^h	32
Total civil	19,675 ^f	17,745	17,778	19,640
Criminal:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Indictments	2,849 ^f	2,833	3,204 ^h	2,478
Informations	42 ^f	475	491 ^h	26
Complaints	394 ^f	863	793 ^h	464
Total	3,285 ^f	4,171	4,488 ^h	2,968
Appeal	1,844	2,821	2,148 ^h	2,517
Total criminal	5,129 ^f	6,992	6,636	5,485
Grand total	24,802 ^f	24,737	24,414	25,125

Trial ^d			Criminal dispositions		
Jury	Non-jury	Total			
Civil:					
Law	241	780	1,021	Guilty plea or nolo contendere	2,847
Equity	X	X	X	Noelle pross	1,621
Domestic relations ..	--	376	376	Otherwise disposed	1,618
Appeal	X	X	X		
Total	245	4,102	4,347		
Criminal	363	187	550		
Grand total	608	4,289	4,897		

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

-- = Not applicable.

^dCase 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.

^fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year.

Figures are as reported in the biennial report.

^hFigures were calculated:
Dispositions were calculated by category from available filing and pending data.

Source: Chairman, Judicial Council, *Seventeenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire* covering periods August 1, 1976-July 31, 1977, and August 1, 1977-July 31, 1978 (Concord, New Hampshire: 1978). Statistics are from the biennial report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
41 courts: 12 full-time, 71 part-time and special judges
August 1, 1976 to July 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Small claims	N/A	N/A	19,393	N/A
Real property rights:				
Landlord and tenant	N/A	N/A	1,713	N/A
Extraordinary writ:	N/A	N/A	4,652	N/A
Civil writs	N/A	N/A	25,758	N/A
Total civil	N/A	N/A	25,758	N/A
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	N/A	25,577	N/A
Preliminary hearing:				
Class A felonies	N/A	N/A	547	N/A
Class B felonies	N/A	N/A	2,157	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	2,704	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	N/A	28,281	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Violations	N/A	N/A	125,840	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	N/A	125,840	N/A
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquent children	N/A	N/A	4,562 ^k	N/A
Status offense:				
Persons in need of supervision	N/A	N/A	494	N/A
Non-offense:				
Neglected children	N/A	N/A	479	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	N/A	5,535 ^k	N/A
Grand total	N/A	N/A	185,414	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^dCase 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.

^kAdditional information:
Juvenile delinquency cases disposed include 45 cases transferred to the Superior Court.

Source: Chairman, Judicial Council, Seventeenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire covering periods August 1, 1976-July 31, 1977, and August 1, 1977-July 31, 1978 (Concord, New Hampshire: 1978). 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, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Domestic relations:				
Adoption	N/A		787	N/A
Other domestic relations:				
Marriage waivers granted	N/A		1,764	N/A
Relinquishment and termination of parental rights	N/A		97	N/A
Total	N/A		1,861	N/A
Total	N/A		2,648	N/A
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Wills allowed	N/A		2,610	N/A
Will authenticity	N/A		227	N/A
Administrations allowed	N/A		1,435	N/A
Voluntary Administrations	N/A		531	N/A
Inheritance tax	N/A		43	N/A
Total	N/A		4,846	N/A
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardians appointed	N/A		357	N/A
Conservators appointed	N/A		166	N/A
Trustees appointed	N/A		201	N/A
Successor guardian	N/A		12	N/A
Accounts allowed	N/A		6,277	N/A
Total	N/A		7,013	N/A
Other estate:				
Death certificate	N/A		97	N/A
Inquisitions	N/A		176	N/A
Total	N/A		273	N/A
Mental health:				
Involuntary commitments	N/A		4	N/A
Other civil:				
Change of name	N/A		478	N/A
Total civil	N/A		15,262	N/A
Grand total	N/A		15,262	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^dCase definition or unit of count:

A civil case is not counted in the same way throughout the state.

Sources: Chairman, Judicial Council, Seventeenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire covering periods August 1, 1976-July 31, 1977, and August 1, 1977-July 31, 1978 (Concord, New Hampshire: 1978) and Chief Justice, Supreme Court and Chairman, Judicial Planning Committee, 1978 New Hampshire Court System (Concord, New Hampshire: 1978). Statistics are from these two reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE MUNICIPAL COURT
 Court of limited jurisdiction
 16 courts, 16 full-time and 5 special justices
 August 1, 1976 to July 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Small claims	N/A	N/A	696	N/A
Real property rights: Landlord and tenant	N/A	N/A	10	N/A
Total civil	N/A	N/A	706	N/A
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	N/A	1,628	N/A
Preliminary hearing: Class A felonies	N/A	N/A	28	N/A
Class B felonies	N/A	N/A	61	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	89	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	N/A	1,717	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation: Violations	N/A	N/A	6,508	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	N/A	6,508	N/A
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense: Delinquent children	N/A	N/A	269	N/A
Status offense: Persons in need of supervision	N/A	N/A	37	N/A
Non-offense: Neglected children	N/A	N/A	9	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	N/A	315	N/A
Grand total	N/A	N/A	9,246	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

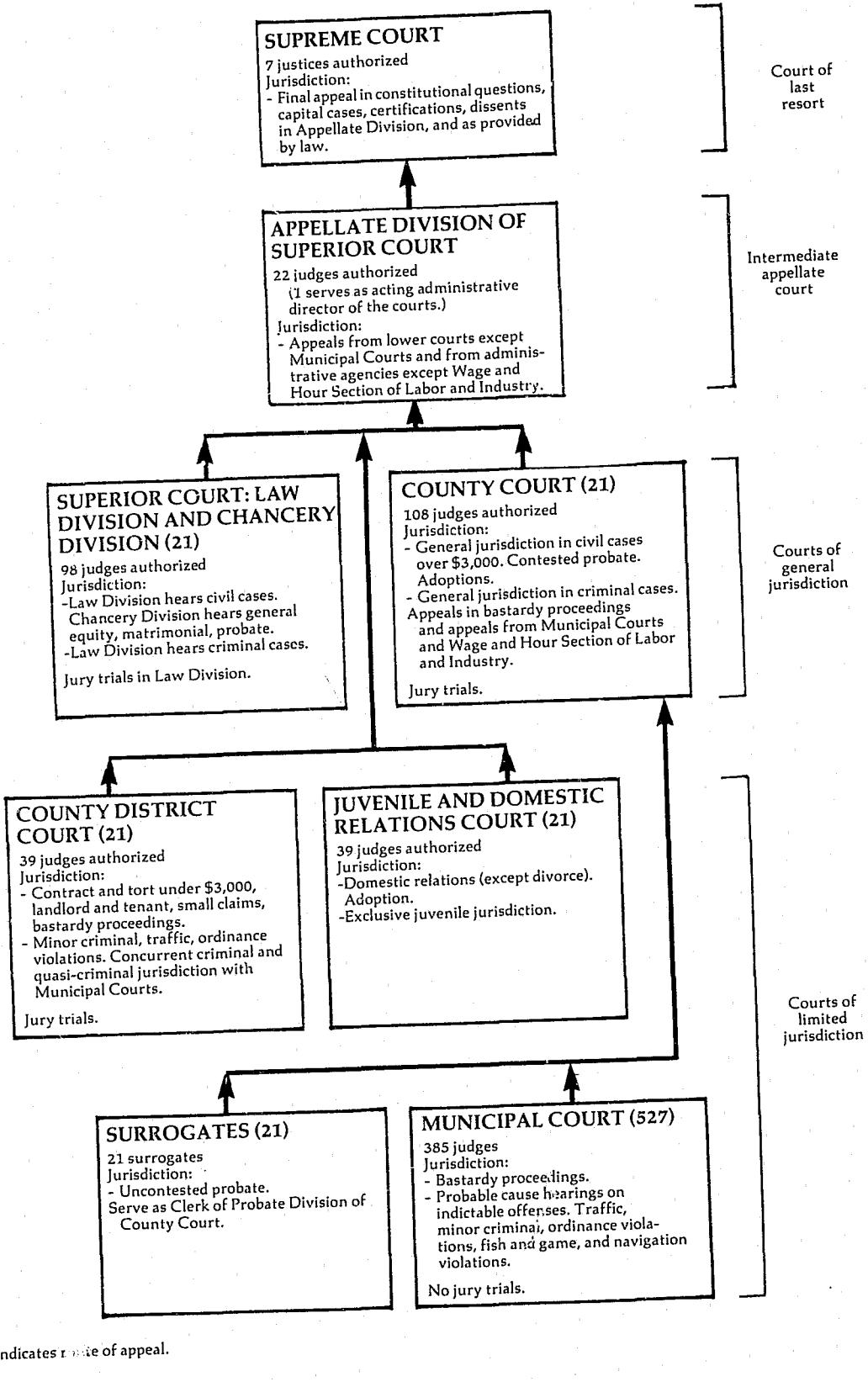
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^dCase 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 August 1, 1976-July 31, 1977, and August 1, 1977-July 31, 1978 (Concord, New Hampshire: 1978). Statistics are from the biennial report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW JERSEY COURT SYSTEM, 1977



NEW JERSEY SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
September 1, 1976 to August 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Civil categories	X	X (X) ^e	84	X
Criminal	X	X (X) ^e	35	X
Appeals of administrative agency case:				
State agencies or authorities	X	X (X) ^e	32	X
Cases consolidated or disposed before argument	X	X (X) ^e	93	X
Total appeals	195	75 (150) ^e	244	176
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Disciplinary	42	62	70	34
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions for certification	385	765	841 (126) ^e	183
Motion for direct certification	(J)	(J)	41 (11) ^e	(J)
Motions for leave to appeal	(J)	(J)	116 (13) ^e	(J)
Total	385 ⁱ	765 ⁱ	998 (150) ^e	183 ⁱ
Total other cases	427 ⁱ	827 ⁱ	1,068 (150) ^e	217 ⁱ
Total cases.....	622 ⁱ	902 ⁱ (150) ^e	1,312 (150) ^e	393 ⁱ
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	X	X	31	X
Other matters:				
Notions and other petitions	X	X	981	X
Total other proceedings	102 ^j	1,210 ^j	1,012	119 ^j
Manner of disposition^m				
		Are of pending cases (8/31/77)		Disposition of appeals
Written opinion	100 ^m	Under 2 months 31	Affirmed 64	
Per curiam	53	2 to 5 months 31	Reversed 36	
		5 to 8 months 35	Remanded 19	
Status of pending cases (8/31/77)				
8 to 12 months 45	Reversed and remanded 27			
12 to 14 months 2	Affirmed and reversed in part 3			
14 to 17 months 24	Remanded 2			
17 to 20 months 6	Dismissed 0			
Over 20 months 2	Dismissed before argument 53			
Argued but not decided 32	Remanded before argument 17			
	Consolidated with certification .. 8			
	Decided without argument 15			
Time intervals (months/days)				
			Mean	Median
Judgment below to notice of appeal or granting of certification	3/23	3/14		
Notice of appeal or granting of certification to perfection	3/12	2/4		
Perfection to argument	5/27	5/28		
Argument to decision	5/15	3/23		
Notice of appeal or granting of certification to decision	14/22	13/19		
Perfection to decision	11/20	10/26		

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavoidable.

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

ⁱData are not complete:
Pending and filing frequencies for total requests to appeal, total other cases and total cases do not include motions for direct certification or motions for leave to appeal.

^jExplanation of data included in the category:
Filing and pending figures reported for total other proceedings include motions for direct certification and motions for leave to appeal.

Disposition data for these two categories were available separately and are listed on the appropriate lines under the request to appeal heading above.

^mInformation on disposition type or trial data:
The 100 written opinions and 53 per curiam opinions disposed of 151 appeals and 24 disciplinary matters.

There were also 18 concurring, 51 dissenting, and 12 concurring in part, dissenting in part opinions written.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, *Annual Report 1976-77* (Trenton, New Jersey: 1978). 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, 1976 to August 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	X	1,969 ^h	X	X
Criminal	X	2,105	X	X
Appeal of administrative agency cases:				
State agencies	X	1,134	X	X
Total appeals	4,748	5,208 ^k	4,249 ^k	5,707
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal:				
Leave to appeal	45	770	720	95
Total other cases	45	770	720	95
Total cases ^k	4,793	5,978	4,969	5,802
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	2	129	113	18
Other matters:				
Motions and petitions ^j	132 ^f	3,155	2,853	434
Total other proceedings	134	3,284	2,966	452

Manner of disposition

	<u>Disposition of appeals</u>		
Published opinions	336 ^m	Affirmed	2,024
Per curiam	2,555	Reversed	586
Dismissed (opinion)	110	Remanded	9
Transfers ^m	12	Certifications	12
Dismissal/withdrawal	1,346	Modified	272
		Dismissed	1,346

Time interval (months/days)

	Mean	Median	Age of pending cases (8/31/77)	Status of pending cases (8/31/77)
Judgment below to notice of appeal	1/9	1/10	Under 2 months	972
Date of appeal to perfected	7/27	6/21	2 to 5 months	1,301
Perfecting to argued or submitted	3/27	3/6	5 to 8 months	1,118
Argued or submitted to decided	0/23	0/16	8 to 12 months	938
Date of appeal to decided	12/15	11/24	12 to 14 months	444
			14 to 17 months	452
			17 to 20 months	214
			Over 20 months	368

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

Judge information:

There are 22 judges authorized in this court, but 1 judge served as the acting administrative director of the courts.

^fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year.

Figures are as given in the annual report.

^hFigure 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.

^kAdditional information:

Total appeals filed and disposed include 12 certifications by the Supreme Court before calendaring by the Appellate Division.

^mInformation on disposition type or trial data:

There were also 10 concurring and 28 dissenting opinions filed.

Transfers are cases transferred to the Supreme Court by certification.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Annual Report 1976-77 (Trenton, New Jersey: 1978). Source of case data is available. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW JERSEY SUPERIOR COURT (LAW DIVISION
and CHANCERY DIVISION) and COUNTY COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
21 counties: 98 superior judges, 108 county judges authorized
September 1, 1976 to August 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	Defendants	End pending
Civil:					
Tort:					
Auto tort	20,828 ^f	17,274	14,886	--	23,216
Other tort:					
Other-Law Division	26,124 ^f	21,869	18,125	--	29,868
Total	46,952 ^f	39,143	33,011	--	53,024
Equity		2,684 ^f	4,130	4,328	2,486
Domestic relations:					
Marriage dissolution:					
Matrimonial	6,948 ^f	22,170	22,098	--	7,020
Adoption:					
Adoption (contested)	X	69	X	--	X
Adoption (uncontested)	0	1,873	1,942	--	0
Total	X	24,112	23,971 ⁱ	--	7,020 ^d
Estate (County Court):					
Probate/wills/intestate:					
Wills and administration	X	175	X	--	X
Accounting	X	228	X	--	X
Total	X	403	X	--	X
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:					
Appointment of guardians for incompetents	0	362	362	--	0
Other estate:					
Other probate matters	X	221	X	--	X
Total	X	986	X	--	X
Total civil	56,817 ^f	68,371	62,325	--	62,863
Criminal:					
Felony:					
Indictments and accusations	28,724 ^f	25,748	24,648	30,655	29,824
Appeal (County Court)	846 ^f	3,363	3,336	N/A	573
Extraordinary writ:					
Postconviction relief	55 ^f	227	226	N/A	56
Total criminal	29,625 ^f	29,038	28,210	N/A	30,453
Grand total	86,442 ^f	97,409	90,535	N/A	93,316
Trial					
Civil:					
Jury	Jury	Non-jury	Total		
Tort:					
Auto tort	1,226	71	1,297		
Other tort	1,346	1,208	2,554		
Total	2,572	1,27 ⁿ	3,851		
Equity	1	1,012	1,013		
Domestic relations:					
Marriage dissolution	--	8,431	8,431		
Adoption	--	X	X		
Total	--	X	X		
Estate					
Total	2,573	11,375	13,948		
Criminal:					
Felony	2,551	678	3,229		
Grand total	5,124	12,053	17,177		
Criminal dispositions					
Felony:					
Jury trial:					
Conviction	1,429	1,751			
Acquittal	850	1,114			
Guilty or non vult plea ..	185	225			
Dismissal	64	85			
Conditional discharge	23	25			
Non-jury trial:					
Conviction	191	209			
Acquittal	426	494			
Guilty or non vult plea ..	21	23			
Dismissal	40	50			
Conditional discharge	0	0			
Total trial:					
Conviction	1,620	1,960			
Acquittal	1,276	1,608			
Guilty or non vult plea ..	206	248			
Dismissal	104	135			
Conditional discharge	23	25			
Guilty or non vult plea without trial	13,812	16,818			
Dismissal without trial	7,417	9,625			
Conditional discharge without trial	190	236			
Petition summarily disposed	70	N/A			
No relief granted	142	N/A			
Some relief granted	14	N/A			
In court	Contested	Uncontested	Settled	Dismissed	Settled, dismissed, or discontinued
Tort:					
Auto tort	N/A	N/A	X	X	13,231
Other tort	N/A	N/A	X	X	14,819
Total	N/A	N/A	1,738	1,162	28,050
Equity	N/A	N/A			1,110
Domestic relations:					
Marriage dissolution ..	8,431	13,330	22	315	337
					0

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New Jersey Superior Court (Law Division) and County Court (continued)

Time interval^a (month/days)

Tort:	Jury			Non-jury			All trial cases		
	Number	Mean	Median	Number	Mean	Median	Number	Mean	Median
Auto tort:									
Complaint to trial.....	165	25/5	24/17	6	19/15	21/0	171	24/29	24/7
Other tort:									
Complaint to trial.....	184	25/5	24/18	124	19/20	19/1	308	22/29	22/18
Total:									
Complaint to answer.....	349	2/15	1/18	130	1/25	1/5	479	2/9	1/14
Answer to pretrial.....	349	12/20	11/15	130	7/8	5/18	479	9/24	9/28
Pretrial to trial.....	349	12/23	11/13	130	8/6	4/17	479	10/10	8/1
Complaint to trial.....	349	25/5	24/17	130	19/20	19/6	479	23/20	23/7
Defendants who retracted a plea of not guilty									
Defendants for whom trials commenced									
Indictment or accusation to trial or commencement									
Indictment or accusation to first plea	Number	Mean	Median	Not guilty plea	Number	Mean	Indictment or accusation to first plea	Not guilty plea to retraction	Indictment or accusation to retraction
Criminal:									
Murder.....	28	2/3	0/21	6/29	4/11	9/13	5/19	5	0/26
Other.....	470	1/18	0/21	8/9	6/6	9/27	7/25	1,437	1/26
Total.....	498	1/19	0/21	8/6	5/28	9/25	7/24	1,442	0/24
Age of pending cases ^b (months)									
Auto tort									
Under 6 months.....	4,595	6,588	1,228	1,843	167	10,949			
6+ to 12 months.....	6,851	8,091	767	2,805	59	5,509			
12+ to 18 months.....	5,551	7,091	285	1,481	47	3,543			
18+ to 24 months.....	3,383	4,390	114	595	(n)	2,137			
24+ to 36 months.....	2,306	2,857	57	241	(n)	3,147			
Over 36 months.....	217	302	35	55	(n)	4,41			

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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.

^cCase 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.

^dBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 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.

^eData are not complete:

Total pending figures for domestic relations include only matrimonial cases. They do not include pending contested adoption cases.

Total disposed for domestic relations includes matrimonial and uncontested adoption, but not contested adoption cases.

^fExplanation 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 233 of these cases pending at the beginning of the court year, 653 disposed, and 273 pending at the end of the court year.

^gCategories for disposition type or trial data:

Civil trials do not include uncontested matrimonial cases.

^hTime interval or age of pending data:

Time interval data are for cases in which trials commenced in the Law Division of the Superior Court and County Court during March 1977.

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, 549 inactive other tort and 313 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 1976-77 (Trenton, New Jersey: 1978). 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, 1976 to August 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed ^j	Disposed	End pending	
Civil:					
Tort:					
Auto tort.....	4,305	14,099	13,429	4,975	
Other tort.....	1,518	4,188	4,109	1,597	
Total.....	5,823	18,287	17,538	6,572	
Contract.....	30,990 ^f	156,161	154,675	32,476	
Small claims.....	5,300 ^f	39,149	38,320	6,129	
Real property rights.....		2,741	89,460	88,515	
Tenancy.....				3,686	
Total civil.....	44,854 ^f	303,057	299,048	48,863	
Criminal:					
Other criminal:					
Criminal.....	N/A	3,435	3,263	N/A	
Total criminal.....	N/A	3,435	3,263	N/A	
Traffic:					
Parking:					
Parking cases.....	N/A	42,274	27,415	N/A	
Other traffic violation:					
Moving traffic cases.....	N/A	33,289	29,172	N/A	
Total traffic.....	N/A	75,563	56,587	N/A	
Grand total.....	44,854 ^{f1}	382,055	358,898	48,863 ¹	
Trial^k					
Criminal dispositions					
Civil:	Jury	Non-jury	Total	Other criminal	
Tort:					
Auto tort.....	182	864	1,046	Convictions and guilty pleas in open court... 925	
Other tort.....	85	359	444	Violations Bureau 27	
Total.....	267	1,223	1,490	Dismissed after conditional discharge or pretrial intervention..... 58	
Contract.....	148	5,173	5,321	Other dismissals and acquittals..... 312	
Small claims.....	7	13,815	13,822	Referred to other court..... 6	
Real property rights.....	13	31,217	31,230	Referred to county prosecutor..... 1,519	
Total.....	435	51,428	51,863		
Criminal:					
Other criminal.....	--	416	416		
Traffic.....	--	0	0		
Grand total.....	435	51,844	52,279		
Civil dispositions					
Civil:	Tort	Small claims	Real property rights	Total	
Judgments by default.....	4,819	1,256	6,075	6,395 9,819 120,849	
Settled, dismissed, or discontinued, by dismissal of inactive cases.....	1,937	328	2,265	20,178 2,669 28 25,140	
Before trial date.....	3,100	989	4,089	18,432 4,058 3,964 30,543	
On trial date.....	2,109	993	3,102	10,402 10,332 43,176 67,012	
Placed on inactive list or transferred	418	99	517	1,782 1,044 298 3,641	
Traffic dispositions					
Other traffic violation					
Convictions and guilty pleas in open court	615	5,150	5,765		
Violations Bureau	26,386	22,832	49,218		
Dismissals and acquittals	414	1,190	1,604		
Age of pending cases (months)					
Civil:	Under 6 months	6+ to 12 months	12+ to 18 months	18+ to 24 months	Over 24 months
Tort:					
Auto tort.....	3,588	990	240	100	57
Other tort.....	1,136	324	76	42	19
Total.....	4,724	1,314	316	142	76
Contract.....	27,156	4,009	1,071	127	113
Small claims.....	5,278	636	144	71	0
Real property rights.....	3,680	6	0	0	0
Total.....	40,838	5,965	1,531	340	189

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New Jersey County District Court (continued)

	Time interval 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	20	13/ 8	9/ 0	54	8/ 5	6/ 3	74	9/16	7/ 0	
Other tort	10	10/23	11/ 0	41	5/17	5/14	51	6/17	5/22	
Total	30	12/13	N/A	95	7/ 1	N/A	125	8/10	N/A	
Contract	14	10/15	11/23	319	7/24	6/29	333	7/27	7/ 2	
Total	44	11/25	11/ 2	414	7/18	6/15	458	8/ 1	6/28	
Complaint to answer:										
Civil ^m	44	1/21	1/ 4	414	1/19	0/26	458	1/19	0/26	

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

-- = Not applicable.

dCase 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.

fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

iData are not complete:

Grand total pending figures do not include criminal or traffic cases.

jExplanation 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.

nTime interval or age of pending data:

Time interval data are for all civil cases in which trials commenced during March 1977, excluding small claims and real property rights.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Annual Report 1976-77 (Trenton, New Jersey: 1978) and Proceedings in the Municipal Courts, September 1, 1976-August 31, 1977 (Trenton, New Jersey: 1978). 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, 39 judges authorized
September 1, 1976 to August 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Domestic relations:				
Domestic relations and reciprocal support	4,736 ^f	69,474	67,707	6,503
Total civil	4,736 ^f	69,474	67,707	6,503
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Juvenile delinquent complaints	11,902 ^f	73,400	72,986	12,316
Status offense:				
Juvenile in need of supervision (JINS)	776 ^f	8,843	8,689	930
Total juvenile	12,678 ^f	82,243	81,675	13,246
Grand total	17,414 ^f	151,717	149,382	19,749

Age of pending cases (months)

	Civil		Juvenile	
	Domestic relations	Criminal-type offense	Status offense	
Under 1 month	3,020	4,084	327	
1 to 3 months	2,176	5,767	401	
Over 3 months	1,307	2,465	202	
3+ to 6 months	(n)	1,864	160	
Over 6 months	(n)	601	42	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

dCase definition or unit of count:

A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 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.

nInformation on time interval and age of pending 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 1976-77 (Trenton, New Jersey: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW JERSEY MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
527 courts, 385 judges
September 1, 1976 to August 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal^d:				
Other criminal:				
Criminal	N/A	329,541	296,250	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	329,541	296,250	N/A
Traffic:				
Parking:				
Parking cases	N/A	2,441,079	1,906,286	N/A
Other traffic violation:				
Moving traffic cases	N/A	980,097	914,873	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	3,421,176	2,821,159	N/A
Grand total	N/A	3,750,717	3,117,409	N/A
Non-jury trial				
Criminal dispositions				
Criminal (other criminal)	3,729			
Traffic	0			
Grand total	3,729			
Other criminal				
Convictions and guilty pleas in open court..	107,881			
Violations Bureau	20,592			
Dismissal after conditional discharge and pretrial intervention	8,595			
Other dismissals and acquittals	81,838			
Referred to other court	4,288			
Referred to county prosecutor	69,327			
Traffic dispositions				
Parking				
Convictions and guilty pleas in open court..	80,223	267,069	347,292	
Violations Bureau	1,775,284	58,946	2,364,230	
Dismissals and acquittals	50,755	58,333	109,088	
Referred to other court	24	525	549	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

dCase 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.

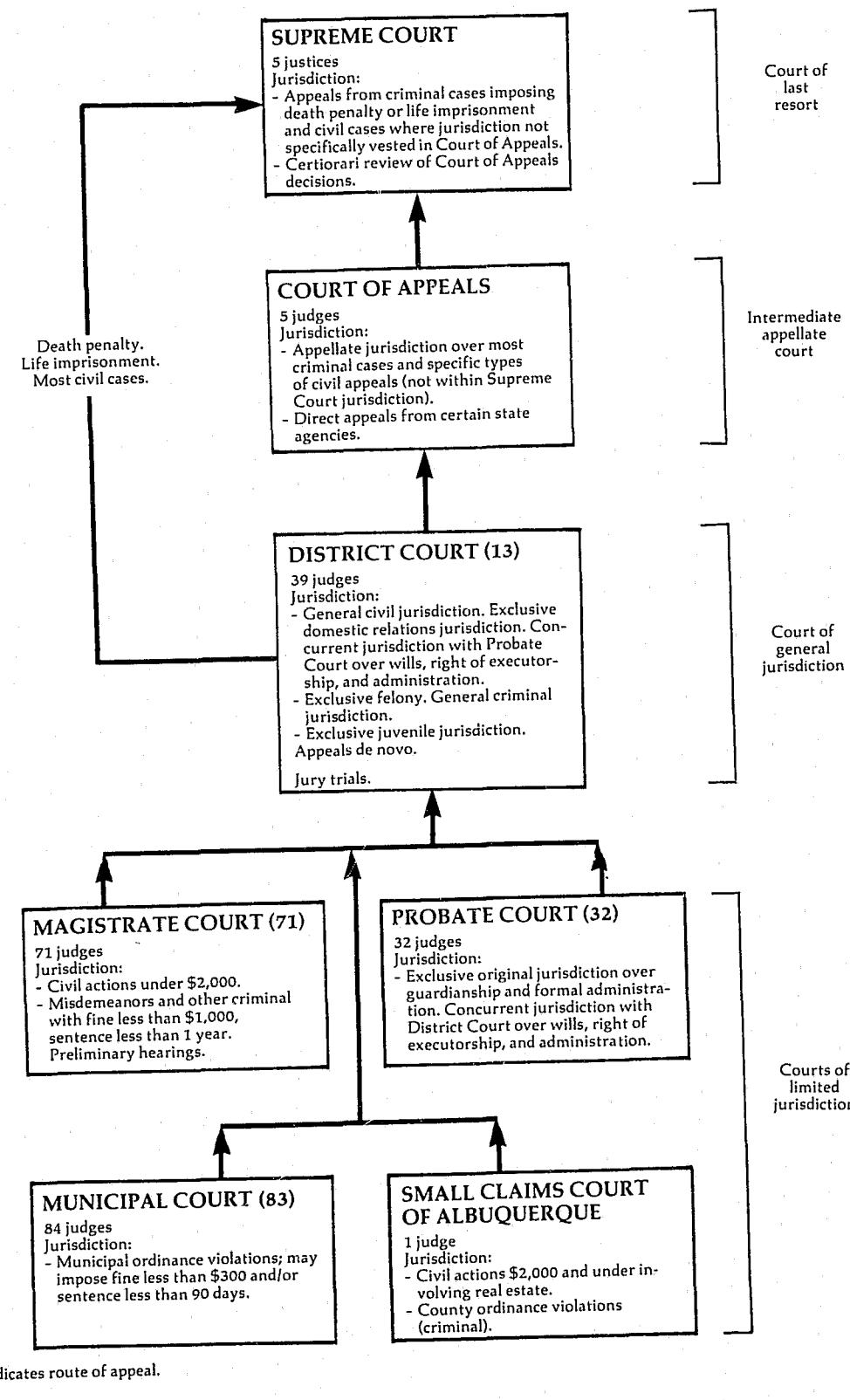
jExplanation of data included in the category:
Criminal case complaints include indictable offenses referred to county prosecutors for indictment as well as minor criminal, disorderly persons, ordinance, fish and game, navigation, etc.

Source: Proceedings in the Municipal Courts, September 1, 1976-August 31, 1977 (Trenton, New Jersey: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW JERSEY SURROGATES
21 counties, 21 surrogates
September 1, 1976 to August 31, 1977

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, 1977



NEW MEXICO SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	
Cases:					
Appeals:					
Civil	X	251 (X) ^e	X	X	
Criminal	X	22 (X) ^e	X	X	
Reinstated cases	X	3	X	X	
Total appeals	X	273 (27) ^e	241	X	
Other cases:					
Original proceedings:					
Original jurisdiction:					
Habeas corpus	X	104 ^j	104	X	
Mandamus	X	18	21	X	
Prohibition	X	51	48	X	
Removal from corporation commission	X	1	0	X	
Superintending control	X	6	1	X	
Other	X	5	18	X	
Total	X	185	192	X	
Disciplinary matter	X	4	8	X	
Total	X	189	200	X	
Requests to appeal:					
Certiorari	X	167	143 (27) ^e	X	
Total other cases.....	X	356	343 (27) ^e	X	
Total cases	123	632 (27) ^e	584 (27) ^e	1698	
Other proceedings:					
Other matters:					
Rule 37 motions ^j	0	510	510	0	
Rule 34 motions ^j	0	48	48	0	
Rule 44 motions ^j	0	7	7	0	
Rule 41 motions ^j	0	2	2	0	
Total	0	567	567	0	
Total other proceedings	0	567	567	0	
Manner of disposition		Disposition of appeals^m		Time interval (average days)	
Written opinion	180 ⁿ	Affirmed	108	From notice of appeal to transcription ⁿ	76
Per curiam	1	Reversed	50	From transcription to issue	63
Dismissed without opinion	47	Affirmed in part, reversed in part	11	From issue to submission	44
Transfer	13	Remanded	5	From submission to opinion/decision	58
		Dismissed with opinion	1	From issue to opinion/decision	78
		Decision vacated with opinion	1	From transcript to mandate	155
Status of pending cases (12/31/77)					
Not at issue	106				
At issue—not set for oral argument..	15				
At issue—set for oral argument	23				
Previously submitted	25				
Disposition of other cases					
	Original proceedings				
	Original jurisdiction	Disciplinary	Total	Requests to appeal	
Granted	4	--	4	27	
Denied	59	--	59	131	
Quashed	11	--	11	11	
Made permanent	16	--	16	--	
Dismissed	7	--	7	--	
Motion for leave to file petition late—denied ..	0	--	0	1	
Case reinstated—writ made permanent	3	--	3	--	
Case reinstated on mandate—peremptory writ	2	--	2	--	
Closed by orders	89	--	89	--	
Supervision of attorneys	--	2	2	--	
Disciplinary	--	5	5	--	
Petition for removal from office—denied	--	1	1	--	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

-- = Not applicable.

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 appeal. These granted requests to appeal are the figures appearing in parentheses.

Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

The imbalance is the result of the reinstatement of three cases during the year.

Explanation of data included in the category:

Habeas corpus filed includes 6 original habeas corpus cases and 88 cases from habeas corpus dockets.

Rule 37 motions are prosecutors' motions for extension of time in District Court.

Rule 34 motions and Rule 44 motions are motions for extension of time in Children's Court.

Rule 41 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure for Magistrate Courts is a motion for extension of time.

Information on disposition type or trial data:

The disposition of appeals types are the results of opinions.

Of the 180 written opinions, 7 opinions disposed of 17 cases. Four opinions withdrew a prior opinion.

No data are presented 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, 1977 (Santa Fe, New Mexico: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW MEXICO COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
5 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	X	196	X	X
Criminal and juvenile	X	333	X	X
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Administrative appeals	X	39	X	X
Other appeals:				
Reinstated cases	X	8	X	X
Total appeals	145	576	503	218
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases.....				
Total cases	145	576	503	218
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	0	55	55	0
Other matters:				
Motions	0	607	607	0
Total other proceedings	0	662	662	0

Manner of disposition	Disposition of appeals					
	Civil and administrative		Criminal and juvenile		Interlocutory appeals	
	Civil	Administrative	Juvenile	Total	Interloc	Appeals
Formal opinion	150	Affirmed	52	193	245	--
Memorandum decision	217	Reversed	40	55	95	--
Transfer	19	Dismissed	3	9	12	--
By order	116	Affirmed in part, reversed in part	5	9	14	--
Certification to Supreme Court ...	1	Quashed	1	0	1	--
		Granted	--	--	22	
		Denied	--	--	38	

	Time interval (average days) ^a											
	Civil				Administrative agency				Criminal and juvenile			
	Tort	Interlo-	Admis-	Workmen's	Summary	Other	Total	Grand				
	Appeals	Rule	Administrative	Compensation	Calendar	Calendar	Total	Total				
Number of cases	48	16	1	3	68	11	26	37	57	163	220	325
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 ...	87.94	23.13	27.00	108.67	72.71	24.73	92.38	72.27	--	--	--	--
Transcript filed to brief in chief filed	33.81	24.25	46.00	30.33	31.59	28.27	28.96	28.75	--	--	--	--
Brief in chief filed to answer brief filed	33.06	12.19	29.00	33.33	28.10	37.55	26.80	30.00	--	22.78	--	--
Total	154.81	59.57	102.00	172.33	132.40	90.55	148.14	131.02	--	110.55	--	--
Answer brief filed to decision ..	82.75	43.00	77.00	110.00	74.51	81.63	65.58	70.35	--	47.86	--	--
Total	237.56	102.57	179.00	282.33	206.91	172.18	213.72	201.37	41.32	158.41	128.08	152.92
Decision to mandate	41.93	32.75	37.00	26.67	39.02	37.10	26.37	29.56	28.32	26.59	27.04	29.83

Status of pending cases (12/31/77)		
Not at issue	130	
At issue	70	
Previously submitted	18	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
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.

^aInformation 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). There were 153 cases decided that were not included in the time interval data.

Source: Judicial Department of the State of New Mexico, Annual Report, 1977 (Santa Fe, New Mexico: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions have been made during verification by the office of the state court administrator.

NEW MEXICO DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
13 districts, 39 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Total civil	18,936 ^f	39,217	33,259	24,894
Criminal:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal	2,329	4,656	4,178	2,807
Total criminal	2,329	4,656	4,178	2,807
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grand total	21,265 ^{f1}	43,873 ⁱ	37,437 ⁱ	27,701 ⁱ

Jury trial
Criminal 457

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
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.
f A jury trial is counted when the jury is impaneled.
f Beginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:
Figures are as given in the annual report.
Data are not complete:
Grand total pending, filed, and disposed figures, do not include any juvenile data.
Source: Judicial Department of the State of New Mexico, Annual Report, 1977 (Santa Fe, New Mexico: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW MEXICO MAGISTRATE COURT¹
 Court of limited jurisdiction
 71 courts, 71 judges
 January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Civil	N/A	14,964	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	14,964	N/A	N/A
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor:				
Non-traffic	N/A	15,572	N/A	N/A
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony	N/A	8,698	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	24,270	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	81,853	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	121,087	N/A	N/A
<u>Jury trial</u>		<u>Criminal dispositions</u>		
Civil	26	Preliminary hearings held		
Criminal and traffic	136	1,629		
Total	162			

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSF.
 N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^dCase 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 jury trial is counted when the jury is impaneled.

¹Special source or revision in the data:
 Caseload statistics for the New Mexico Magistrate Court were not published in the 1977 edition of the New Mexico annual report. Instead, activities of this court were reported in the form of weighted caseload data. Raw caseload figures for this court for the 1977 court year were included in the 1978 edition of the New Mexico annual report, and were thus used as the source for this chart.

Source: Judicial Department of the State of New Mexico, Annual Report, 1978 (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, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Probate Court for 1977.

NEW MEXICO MUNICIPAL COURT
 Court of limited jurisdiction
 83 courts, 84 judges
 January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for 1977.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT OF ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO
 Court of limited jurisdiction
 1 court, 1 judge
 January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Small Claims Court for 1977.

NEW YORK APPELLATE DIVISIONS OF THE SUPREME COURT
Intermediate appellate court
4 divisions, 24 judges^c
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Total appeals	N/A	7,826 ^j	7,744 ^j	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction	N/A	(J)	(J)	N/A
Disciplinary matters:				
Attorney disciplinary proceedings	N/A	(J)	112	N/A
Total	N/A	(J)	112 ^j	N/A
Requests to appeal	N/A	(J)	112 ^j	N/A
Total other cases.....	N/A	7,826 ⁱ	7,856	N/A
Total cases	N/A	15,275	15,275	--
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Motions decided	--	--	--	--
Total other proceedings	--	--	--	--
Manner of disposition	Disposition of appeals			
Full opinion	449	Affirmances	4,924	
Per curiam	18	Reversal not including new trials	1,136	
Memorandum	4,933	Modifications	796	
		Dismissals	340	
		New trials	184	
		Other	364	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
 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.

cJudge information:

In addition to the 24 permanently assigned justices, 11 justices and 8 certified retired justices were temporarily assigned to this court during 1977.

iData are not complete.

Total cases filed do not include all original proceedings.

jExplanation of data included in the category:

An unknown number of original proceedings are included in total filings and dispositions of appeals.

Source: The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, 23rd Annual Report 1978 (New York, New York: 1978). 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 judges serve^c
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Total appeals	N/A	2,430	1,858	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings	--	--	--	--
Requests to appeal	--	--	--	--
Total other cases	--	--	--	--
Total cases	N/A	2,430	1,858	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Motions heard or submitted	--	--	3,267	--
Total other proceedings	--	--	3,267	--
Manner of disposition	Disposition of appeals			
Opinions filed	0	Application rejected:		
Per curiam	1,299	Discontinued	63	
Memoranda written, not filed	74	Dismissed on calendar call (civil)	326	
		Dismissed on calendar call (criminal)	91	
		Remitted	2	
		Total rejected	482	
Decisions rendered:				
Affirmed	658			
Reversed	459			
Modified	202			
Dismissed, discontinued, withdrawn, remanded ..	57			
Total decisions rendered	1,376			

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.

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

cJudge information:

During 1977, there were three appellate terms sitting with three judges in each term; hence the total of nine judges for 1977.

Source: The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, 23rd Annual Report 1978 (New York, New York: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW YORK SUPREME COURT AND COUNTY COURT¹
 Court of general jurisdiction
 11 districts, 257 judges; 57 counties, 100 judges
 January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed ³	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Tort:				
Auto tort	X	21,736	21,911	X
Professional tort:				
Medical malpractice	X	1,681	1,205	X
Other	X	13,238	11,215	X
Total	X	36,655	34,331	X
Contract:				
Real property rights:				
Housing part actions	X	9,500	10,181	X
Housing part (summary proceeding)	X			
Total	X			
Real property rights:				
Condemnation	X	165	282	X
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Matrimonial	6,685 ^f	60,878	60,710	6,6288
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Tax certiorari	X	5,309	4,656	X
Other civil:				
All others	X	3,524	3,632	X
Total civil	67,524 ^f	116,031	113,792	69,2668

	Beginning pending	Filed ³	Disposed	End pending
Criminal:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Indictments--New York City	9,720 ^j	16,286	17,706	8,909 ⁱ
Indictments--outside New York City	N/A	15,109	17,549	N/A
Total	9,720 ^j	31,395	35,255	8,909 ⁱ
Total criminal ^k	9,720 ^j	31,395	35,255	8,909 ⁱ
Grand total	77,244 ⁱ	147,426	149,047	78,175 ⁱ

	Jury	Non-jury	Total					
Civil	1,829	59,301	61,130					
Criminal:				Before trial	During trial	After trial	Total	
New York City	X	X	1,918	31,999	3,255	812	36,066	
Outside New York City	X	X	1,285	Dismissed	703	152	412	1,679
Total	X	X	3,203	Marked off calendar	7,492	--	--	7,492
Total	X	X	64,333	Default or consent judgment	561	47	20	628
				Transferred, consolidated, or referred to referee or arbitration	6,642	--	--	6,642
				Other	456	64	47	567
				Decision of court	--	--	59,301	59,301
				Verdict of jury	--	--	1,829	1,829

Criminal (felony/misdemeanor) dispositions^m

New York	Outside		
City	New York City	Total	
Time interval (average months)			
Projected time from filing of note of issue to disposition:			
Nonmatrimonial cases:			
Supreme Court			
County Court			
Matrimonial cases:			
Supreme Court			
County Court			
Total			
Pleas of guilty			
Trial conviction			
Acquittal			
Dismissed			
Disagreements			
Mistrials			
Youths adjudicated as youthful offenders			
1,108	2,921	4,029	

Age of pending cases (12/31/77)

Pending over 12 months

Criminal

1,144

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

^dCase 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 verdict or decision.

^eBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

^fChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

This difference is because of adjustments made by the court.

^gData are not complete:

Data for civil cases were not reported for Seneca County.

Total criminal pending and grand total pending figures do not include felony/misdemeanor indictments outside New York City.

^hExplanation 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.

Pending data for New York City criminal cases include only felony cases.

Source: The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, 23rd Annual Report 1978 (New York, New York: 1978). 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, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Tort:				
Contract:				
Commercial	X	43,181	43,042	X
Real property rights:				
Housing part actions	X	25,144	25,729	X
Housing part (summary proceeding)	311	1,548	1,323	536
Total	X	68,714	68,385	X
Other civil:				
Nonhousing part actions (summary proceeding)	X	70,262	69,708	X
Other civil:				
Nonhousing part actions (summary proceeding)	X	5,424	4,723	X
Total civil	22,589	144,011	143,202	23,839 ^g
Grand total ^k	22,589	144,011	143,202	23,839 ^g

	Jury	Non-jury	Total					
Civil:				Tort and contract				
Tort and contract	804	1,628	2,532	Real property rights and other civil				
Real property rights and other civil	31	6,758	6,789	Settled, discontinued, or dismissed before trial	47,711	46,451	94,162	
Total	835	8,586	9,421	Settled or discontinued during trial	1,394	2,521	3,915	
				Dismissed during trial	93	279	372	
				Marked off calendar	8,050	231	8,281	
				Default judgment (inquest)	7,186	76	7,262	
				Inquest by court	--	1,744	1,744	
				Consent judgment	58	--	58	
				Referred to referee	2	2	2	
				Disagreement or mistrial	119	28	147	
				Arbitration	1,528	--	1,528	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

-- = Not applicable.

^dCase 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.

^eChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 98 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor	X	101,081	X	X
Ordinance violation:				
Violations	X	34,545	X	X
Non-traffic summonsj	N/A	441,655	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	476,200	N/A	N/A
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony	X	90,560	X	X
Other criminal	X	9,575	X	X
Total criminal	9,730fhi	677,416	231,500 ⁱ	13,991 ⁱ
Traffic:				
Other traffic violations:				
Traffic summons	N/A	63,548	N/A	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	63,548	N/A	N/A
Grand total	9,730fhi	740,964	231,500ⁱ	13,991ⁱ

Criminal dispositions

Trial	
Criminal ^m	827
Pleas of guilty	112,218
Trial conviction	384
Acquittal	534
Referrals to grand jury	17,146
Dismissals	89,718
Other	11,500

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
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.

dCase definition or unit of count:
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the indictment or complaint.

A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.

fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

hFigure was computed:

Beginning pending figure was computed from filed, disposed, and end pending figures.

iData are not complete:
Total criminal pending and disposition figures do not include non-traffic summons cases.

Grand total pending and disposed figures do not include criminal non-traffic summons cases or traffic cases.

jExplanation 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.

mInformation on type of disposition or trial data:
Data for criminal trial and disposition charts include only misdemeanor and ordinance violation cases.

Source: The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, 23rd Annual Report 1978 (New York, New York: 1978). 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^c judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case	3,732	1,245	815	4,162
Total civil	3,732	1,245	815	4,162
Grand total^k	3,732	1,245	815	4,162

Civil dispositions

Awards	215
Dismissed	600

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

cJudge information:

In addition to the 17 Court of Claims judges, 33 judges were appointed pursuant to Chapter 603, Laws of 1973, Emergency Dangerous Drug Control Program.

dCase definition or unit of count:

A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

kAdditional information:

The court also decided 1,129 motions during the time period.

Source: The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, 23rd Annual Report 1978 (New York, New York: 1978). 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 36 county judges serve
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Domestic relations:				
Adoption	N/A	N/A	3,382	N/A
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Probate of wills.....	N/A	40,633	39,617	N/A
Administration proceedings	N/A	N/A	21,051	N/A
Accounting proceedings	N/A	10,973	7,336	N/A
Total	N/A	51,606 ^l	68,004	N/A
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship proceedings	N/A	N/A	5,714	N/A
Other estate:				
Other proceedings	N/A	N/A	3,471	N/A
Total	N/A	51,606 ^l	77,189	N/A
Total civil	N/A	51,606 ^l	80,571	N/A
Grand total	N/A	51,606^l	80,571	N/A

Trial

Civil:	
Probate/wills/intestate:	
Probate of wills	75
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship/ ...	39
Other estate	2,151
Total	2,265

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

dCase definition or unit of count:

A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

iData are not complete:

Total civil filed and grand total filed include only probate of wills and accounting proceedings. Dispositions contain data for all categories.

Source: The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, 23rd Annual Report 1978 (New York, New York: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW YORK FAMILY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
58 courts; 104 judges and 35 county judges serve
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending ^g
Civil:				
Domestic relations:				
Support/custody:				
Custody of minors	911fh	9,326	8,656	1,581
Support (non-ADC and ADC)	14,711fh	44,649	53,312	6,048
Uniform support of dependent's law	3,180fh	24,548	24,997	2,711
Total	18,782fh	78,523	86,965	10,340
Adoption	611fh	4,128	3,748	991
Other domestic relations:				
Supreme Court referral	212fh	1,668	1,577	303
Foster care review	1,070fh	5,413	5,418	1,065
Approval of foster care placement	484fh	7,597	6,829	1,252
Physically handicapped	9fh	3,853	3,226	2658
Family offense	2,906fh	24,952	26,074	1,784
Paternity (non-ADC and ADC)	5,131fh	29,163	28,462	5,832
Other proceedings	80fh	3,523	3,326	277
Supplementary	11,844fh	97,363	97,187	11,420
Other inflow ^k	--	629	--	
Total	21,727fh	174,161	172,699	22,1988
Total	41,120fh	256,812	263,412	33,5298
Estate:				
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship	379fh	1,071	1,105	345
Mental health:				
Mental defective	15fh	2	17	0
Total civil	41,514fh	257,885	264,534	33,8748
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Juvenile delinquency	11,702fh	25,959	31,259	6,402
Status offense:				
Person in need of supervision	5,108fh	12,265	15,197	2,1768
Non-offense:				
Permanent neglect	580fh	885	857	608
Child protective--neglect	6,083fh	6,745	10,140	2,688
Child protective--abuse	0fh	1,205	573	4598
Total	6,663fh	8,835	11,570	3,7558
Other juvenile:				
Consent to marry	0fh	381	320	108
Total juvenile	23,473fh	47,440	58,346	12,3438
Grand total	64,987fh	305,325	322,880	46,2178

	Civil dispositions	Withdrawn or dismissed
Domestic relations:		
Support/custody	31,360	
Adoption	112	
Other domestic relations	43,964	
Total	75,436	
Estate:		
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship	167	
Mental health	6	
Total	75,609	

	Time interval (days) ^k								
	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	84	19	16	15	75	69	25	4	0
Girls	139	33	24	24	112	62	38	7	4
Initial fact-finding hearing to dispositional hearing:									
Boys	69	5	6	12	96	62	43	10	4
Girls	99	17	12	19	108	94	72	16	6

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Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

dCase definition or unit of count:

A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year.

gChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

hFigure was computed:

Beginning pending figure was computed from filing, disposed, and end pending data.

jExplanation of data included in the category:

The end pending figures include only petitions actively pending at the end of the period.

kAdditional information:

"Other inflow" category represents unclassified filings from seven counties using an experimental reporting system.

There were cases involving 72 boys and 111 girls in which no initial fact-finding hearing was held.

Source: The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, *23rd Annual Report 1978* (New York, New York: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW YORK DISTRICT COURT AND CITY COURTⁱ

Court of limited jurisdiction
2 counties: 2 courts, 49 judges; 61 cities: 79 courts, 151 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Civil	N/A	113,361 ⁱ	111,922 ⁱ	N/A
Total civil	N/A	113,361 ⁱ	111,922 ⁱ	N/A
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	N/A	45,467 ⁱ	N/A
Ordinance violation	N/A	N/A	20,008 ⁱ	N/A
Preliminary hearing:				
Felonies	N/A	N/A	12,969 ⁱ	N/A
Other criminal:				
Quasi-criminal offenses	N/A	N/A	23,143 ⁱ	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	N/A	101,587 ⁱ	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
All motor vehicle offenses	N/A	N/A	971,764 ⁱ	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	N/A	971,764 ⁱ	N/A
Grand total	N/A	113,361 ⁱ	1,185,273 ⁱ	N/A

	Trial ⁱ	Criminal dispositions ⁱ
Criminal:		
Misdemeanor	793	
Ordinance violation ...	434	
Total	1,227	Plea 19,367 Misdemeanor violation 14,095 Preliminary hearing -- Total 33,462
Traffic	17,854	Dismissal. 25,307 5,479 7,484 38,270 Dismissal 187,973
Total	19,081	Waiver ... -- 2,617 2,868 Hearing .. -- -- 2,868

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

-- = Not applicable.

dCase 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.

eData are not complete:

No criminal or traffic data were received from New Rochelle, Olean, and Saratoga Springs. Incomplete criminal and traffic data were received from Auburn, Corning, Cortland, Elmira, Glen Falls, Hudson, Salamanca, Schenectady, Watertown, and Yonkers.

No civil data were received from Olean, Oneida, and Saratoga Springs. Incomplete civil data were received from Auburn, Corning, Cortland, Elmira, Glen Falls, Salamanca, Watertown, and Yonkers.

Grand total filed figures include only civil cases. Disposed figures include civil, criminal, and traffic cases.

Source: The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference, *23rd Annual Report 1978* (New York, New York: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NEW YORK TOWN AND VILLAGE COURT
 Court of limited jurisdiction
 2,231 courts, 2,230 justices of the peace
 January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Private litigants and penalty actions	N/A	N/A	61,192	N/A
Total civil	N/A	N/A	61,192	N/A
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor:				
Penal law and indictable offenses	N/A	N/A	94,528	N/A
Other criminal	N/A	N/A	14,187	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	N/A	108,715	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Vehicle and traffic	N/A	N/A	755,272	N/A
Town and village ordinances and vehicle and traffic law Title VII	N/A	N/A	1,041,941	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	1,797,213	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	N/A	1,797,213	N/A
Grand total	N/A	N/A	1,967,120	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

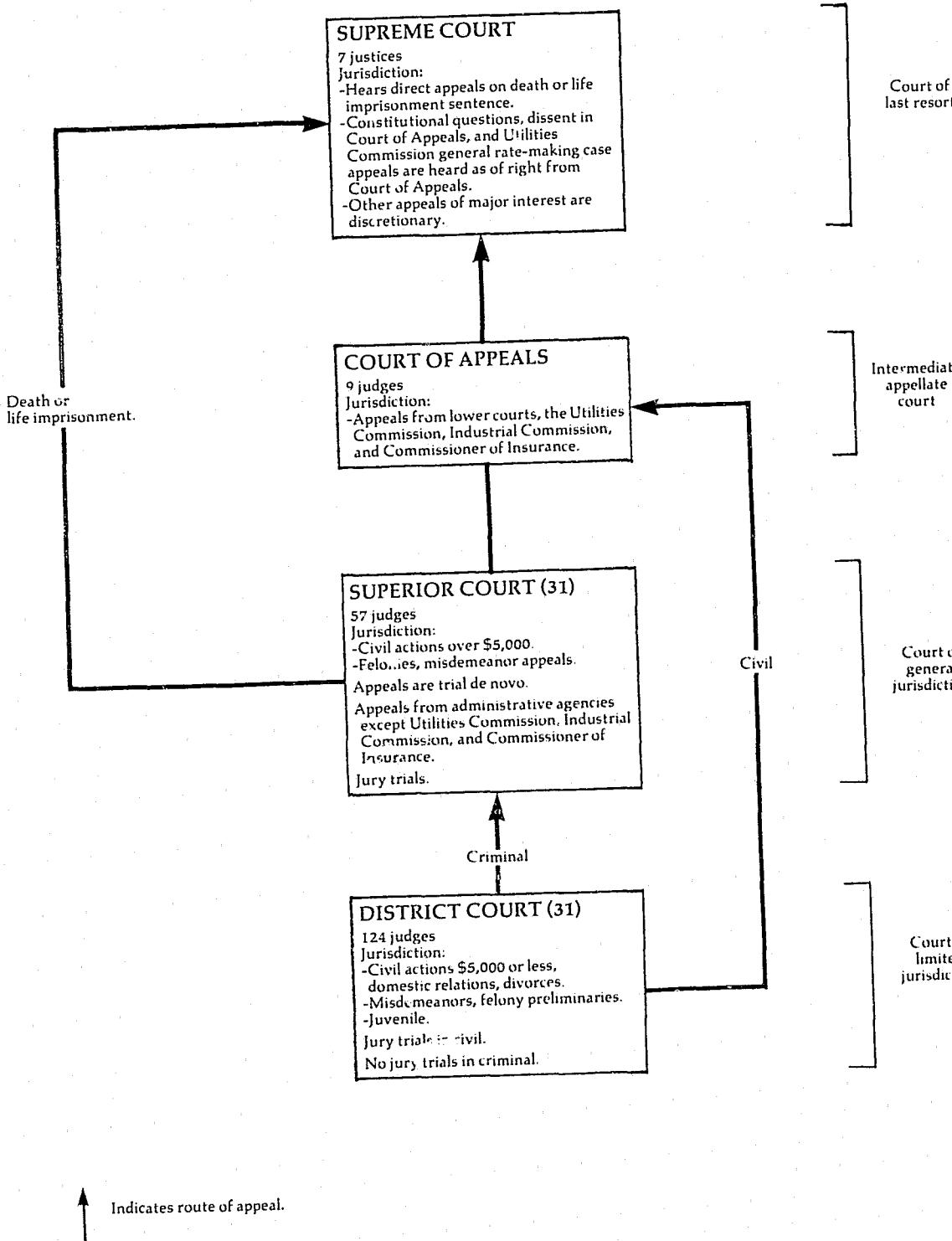
dCase definition or unit of count:

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.

Source: Unpublished data supplied during the verification process by the state court administrative office.

NORTH CAROLINA COURT SYSTEM, 1977



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
February 4, 1977 to February 2, 1978

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Dissent in Court of Appeals	X	X	X	X
Substantial constitutional question	X	X	X	X
Petition for discretionary review of decision of Court of Appeals, allowed	X	(X)e	X	X
Petition for discretionary review prior to determination by Court of Appeals, allowed	X	(1)e	X	X
Petition for writ of certiorari, allowed	X	(1)e	X	X
Total	X	X (X)e	X	X
Criminal:				
Life sentence	X	66	X	X
Death sentence	X	29	X	X
Dissent in Court of Appeals	X	X	X	X
Substantial constitutional question	X	X	X	X
Petition for discretionary review of decision of Court of Appeals, allowed	X	(X)e	X	X
Petition of writ of certiorari, allowed	X	(3)e	X	X
Total	X	X (X)e	X	X
Total appeals	X	128 (44)e	X	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Disciplinary:				
Board of law examiners	X	1	X	X
Judicial standards commission	X	4	X	X
Total	X	5	X	X
Advisory opinion:				
On mandate from U.S. Supreme Court	X	(6)e	X	X
Total	X	5 (6)e	X	X
Requests to appeal:				
Civil:				
Discretionary review to review Court of Appeals	N/A	X	X (X)e	N/A
Discretionary review prior to decision by Court of Appeals	N/A	X	X (X)e	N/A
Petition for writ of certiorari	N/A	X	X (X)e	N/A
Total	N/A	X	X (X)e	N/A
Criminal:				
Discretionary review to review Court of Appeals	N/A	X	X (X)e	N/A
Discretionary review prior to decision by Court of Appeals	N/A	X	X (X)e	N/A
Petition for writ of certiorari	N/A	X	X (X)e	N/A
Total	N/A	X	X (X)e	N/A
Other:				
On mandate from U.S. Supreme Court	N/A	X	(3)e	N/A
Total	N/A	332	280 (52)e	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	337 (6)e	X (52)e	N/A
Total cases	421	465 (50)e	458 (52)e	462 ¹
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Other motions and petitions acted on--petitions docket	N/A	N/A	168	N/A
Other motions and petitions acted on--appeals docket	N/A	N/A	141	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	N/A	309	N/A
Manner of disposition				
Disposition of appeals				
Opinions rendered	161			
Cases dismissed or withdrawn	17			
		Civil	Criminal	Total
Affirmed	18	54	72	
Modified or reversed	40	38	78	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

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.

Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Pending data does not balance since they are incomplete. Figures are as given in the unpublished data.

Data are not complete:

Pending data for total cases do not include requests to appeal.

Source: Clerk of the Supreme Court, Supreme Court Caseload Statistics, Spring Term 1977; Fall Term 1977 (Raleigh, North Carolina) (unpublished). Statistics are from the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NORTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
9 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End Pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil and appeal of administrative agency case	N/A	X	301	N/A
N/A		X	484	N/A
Criminal	N/A	X	61	N/A
Unspecified	N/A		846	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	1,078		
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases				
Total cases	N/A	1,078	846	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Motions and petitions	0	1,169	1,169	0
Total other proceedings	0	1,169	1,169	0
Manner of disposition				
	Appeals			
	Civil and agency	Criminal	Total	
Written opinion	301	484	785	
Withdrawal, dismissal, or transfer	X	X	59	
Consolidated	X	X	2	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

JExplanation of data included in the category:

Civil appeals disposed figure includes appeals from the Insurance Commissioner, the Industrial Commission, and the Utilities Commission, as well as civil appeals.

Information on disposition type or trial data:

The 785 opinions disposed of 787 cases.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, North Carolina Courts, 1977 (Raleigh, North Carolina: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report and unpublished data provided by the clerk of the court except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
31 districts, 57 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	
Civil:					
Law:					
Civil	14,652	10,401	9,447	14,660 ¹	
Estate ^b	43,630	31,742	29,222	46,150	
Other civil:					
Special proceedings ^{d,j}	20,337	27,156	26,888	20,601	
Total civil	78,619	69,299	65,557	81,411 ¹	
Criminal:					
Felony	10,608	29,584	28,819	X	
Appeal:					
Misdemeanor trial de novo	7,823	21,680	21,168	X	
Total criminal	18,431	51,264	49,987	18,448 ¹	
Grand total	97,050	120,563	115,544	99,859 ¹	
Trial					
	Jury	Nbn-jury	Total		
Civil	531	3,343	3,874		
Criminal:					
Felony	2,484	N/A	N/A		
Appeal	1,848	N/A	N/A		
Total	4,332	N/A	N/A		
Grand total	4,863	N/A	N/A		
Age of pending cases					
	Civil	Felony	Appeal		
Under 30 days	749	2,298	1,431		
30 to 60 days	(n)	1,688	1,431		
61 to 90 days	(n)	1,435	1,023		
91 to 180 days	1,972	3,123	2,454		
181 days to 1 year	3,342	2,015	1,709		
1+ to 2 years	4,192	2,145	1,582		
Over 2 years	3,825	577	303		
Time from filing to disposition					
	Civil	Felony	Appeal	Total	
Under 30 days	576	5,554	4,372	10,502	
30 to 60 days	(n)	6,531	4,750	(n)	
61 to 90 days	(n)	4,238	3,016	(n)	
91 to 180 days	1,344	10,769	7,766	19,879	
181 days to 1 year	1,082	6,292	4,720	12,094	
1+ to 2 years	1,873	3,708	2,903	8,486	
Over 2 years	2,617	1,750	1,014	5,381	
	Over 2 years	1,953	746	393	3,092

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

^aCourt jurisdiction:

 State and special proceedings cases were disposed by the clerks of the Superior Court.

^bCase 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.

 Exchange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

 End pending figures are as revised by the administrative office of the courts during data verification.

^cExplanation 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.

^dSpecial source or revision in data:

 End pending figures were revised by the administrative office of the courts during data verification.

^eInformation time interval or age of pending data:

 Civil data for 30 to 60 days and 61 to 90 days are included in the total figure listed as 30 to 90 days.

^fNumber of cases disposed in:

 Under 30 days

 30 to 60 days

 61 to 90 days

 91 to 180 days

 181 days to 1 year

 1+ to 2 years

 Over 2 years

^gCivil

^hFelony

ⁱAppeal

^jTotal

^kNumber of cases disposed in:

 Under 30 days

 30 to 60 days

 61 to 90 days

 91 to 180 days

 181 days to 1 year

 1+ to 2 years

 Over 2 years

^lCivil

^mFelony

ⁿAppeal

^oTotal

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COURT
Court of Limited Jurisdiction
31 districts, 124 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

North Carolina District Court (continued)

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
General civil	31,479	37,220	35,906	X
Small claims	15,341	160,439	153,721	X
Domestic relations	17,831	46,996	43,138	X
Total civil	64,651	244,655	232,765	72,3581
Criminal:				
Other criminal:				
Nonmotor vehicle	40,410	361,492	347,039	X
Total criminal	40,410	361,492	347,039	X
Traffic:				
Total traffic	72,698	721,048	696,421	X
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Capital	N/A	25	X	N/A
Other felony	N/A	3,789	X	N/A
Misdemeanor	N/A	6,726	X	N/A
Probation violation	N/A	2,565	X	N/A
Total	N/A	13,105	12,796	N/A
Status offense:				
Truancy	N/A	1,372	X	N/A
Other undisciplined	N/A	3,195	X	N/A
Total	N/A	4,567	4,943	N/A
Non-offense:				
Dependent	N/A	2,375	2,389	N/A
Neglected	N/A	2,575	3,180	N/A
Total	N/A	4,950	5,569	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	22,622	23,308	N/A
Grand total	177,7591	1,349,817	1,299,533	228,72981

<u>Trial</u>					<u>Criminal dispositions</u>				
Civil:	Jury	Non-jury	By magistrate	Total	Plea	138,219		
Law	346	11,401	--	11,747	Plea	138,219			
Small claims	20	962	145,337	146,319	Preliminary hearing	19,602			
Domestic relations	57	37,275	--	37,332	Waiver	36,024			
Total	423	49,638	145,337	195,398	Other	117,203			
<u>Time from filing to disposition</u>									
Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Total		Plea	151,842			
Number of cases disposed in:					Preliminary hearing	1,597			
Under 30 days	134,878	230,364	466,473	831,715	Waiver	414,721			
30 to 60 days	44,000	65,053	141,480	250,533	Other	92,649			
61 to 90 days	12,251	21,412	34,347	68,010	<u>Traffic dispositions</u>				
91 to 180 days	15,819	19,149	35,834	70,802	Plea	151,842			
181 days to 1 year	9,565	5,682	9,989	25,236	Preliminary hearing	1,597			
1 to 2 years	7,164	1,964	4,199	13,327	Waiver	414,721			
2 to 3 years	3,746	1,368	2,083	7,199	Other	92,649			
3 to 4 years	2,600	920	1,393	4,913	<u>Juvenile dispositions</u>				
4 to 5 years	893	351	286	1,530	Criminal-type offense	9,284	3,512	12,796	
More than 5 years	1,849	776	335	2,960	Status offense	3,441	1,502	4,943 <th></th>	
				Non-offense:					
				Dependent	1,783	606	2,389		
				Neglected	2,405	775	3,180		
				Total	4,188	1,381	5,569		
				Total	16,913	6,395	23,308		

<u>Age of pending cases (days)</u>						
<u>Small claims</u>						
	Civil pending before magistrate	Civil appealed from magistrate	Domestic relations	Other		
Law	2,353	6,835	124	235	1,841	16,342
30 to 60 days	2,404	2,315	152	267	2,157	9,138
61 to 90 days	2,127	1,527	114	266	1,352	4,644
91 to 180 days	4,431	2,866	218	676	2,826	8,545
181 days to 1 year	6,560	2,883	506	893	3,485	8,604
1 to 2 years	7,946	1,703	564	587	3,338	4,725
Over 2 years	6,992	1,987	265	1	3,765	2,865
						4,448

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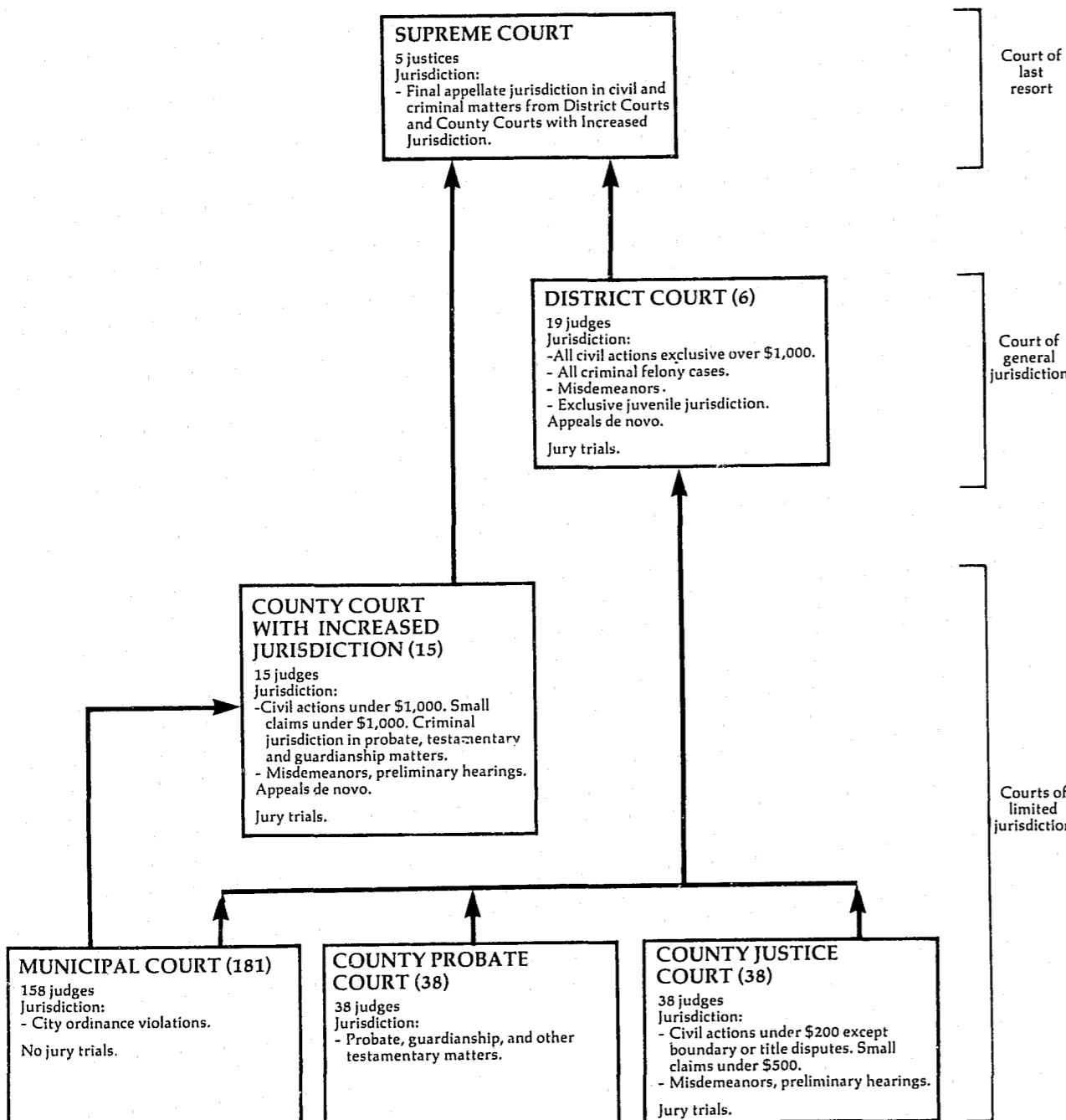
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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

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.

e Change in pending figures does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
The end pending data are as revised by the administrative office of the courts during data verification.
f Data are not complete:
Grand total pending figures do not include juvenile cases. Grand total filed and disposed include all categories.
g Special source or revision in the data:
End pending data were revised by the administrative office of the courts during data verification.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, North Carolina Courts, 1977 (Raleigh, North Carolina: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and revisions were made by the administrative office of the courts during the process of data verification.

NORTH DAKOTA COURT SYSTEM, 1977



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

NORTH DAKOTA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	8	123	121	10
Criminal	0	43	38	5
Total appeals	8	166	159	15
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Habeas corpus, mandamus, prohibition	0	10	10	0
Disciplinary matter:				
Attorney disciplinary	0	4	4	0
Advisory opinion:				
Certified questions	0	2	2	0
Total	0	16	16	0
Requests to appeal:				
Certiorari	0	4	4	0
Total other cases	0	20	20	0
Total cases	8	186	179	15
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	7	25	24	8
Total other proceedings	7	25	24	8
Manner of disposition^a				
		Disposition of appeals		
Written opinion	143 ^b			
Per curiam	0			
By order	36			
Affirmed	57	17	74	
Reversed	23	6	29	
Modified	2	1	3	
Dismissed	23	11	34	
Affirmed in part, reversed in part, modified in part ..	8	1	9	
Age of pending cases^c				
		Appeals		
Submitted cases:		Civil Criminal Total		
Under 6 months	10	5	15	
6+ to 12 months	0	0	0	
12+ to 18 months	0	0	0	
Over 18 months	0	0	0	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

^dCase 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.

^eInformation 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 143 majority opinions, there were 10 special concurring and 24 dissenting opinions.

Source: North Dakota Judicial Council, Annual Report, 1977 (Bismarck, North Dakota). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
6 districts, 19 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Collection action	X	2,710	2,426	X
Tort:				
Other tort:				
Damages	X	773	672	X
Real property rights:				
Real estate matter	X	548	484	X
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	X	2,600	2,393	X
Support/custody:				
Reciprocal support	X	1,019	685	X
Adoption	X	501	485	X
Other domestic relations:				
Termination of parental rights	X	175	171	X
Total	X	4,295	3,734	X
Estate:				
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Trusts	X	41	17	X
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Appeal administrative hearing	X	52	71	X
Appeal of trial court case:				
Appeal other	X	43	46	X
Total	X	95	117	X
Extraordinary writ:				
Special remedy	X	129	72	X
Other civil	X	415 ^k	377 ^k	X
Total civil	3,752 ⁱ	9,006	7,899	4,779 ^{g,i}
Criminal^d:				
Felony:				
Felony A	X	19	18	X
Felony B	X	148	167	X
Felony C	X	734	680	X
Total	X	901	865	X
Misdemeanor:				
Misdemeanor A	X	18	25	X
Misdemeanor B	X	15	14	X
Total	X	33	39	X
Appeal	X	100	94	X
Extraordinary writ:				
Special remedy	X	12	13	X
Other criminal	X	37	45	X
Total criminal	X	1,083	1,056	X
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Infractions	X	2	4	X
Total traffic	X	2	4	X
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquency	X	542	513	X
Status offense:				
Unruly	X	237	210	X
Non-offense:				
Deprived child	X	159	134	X
Other juvenile:				
Other juvenile	X	28	26	X
Special proceedings	X	8	5	X
Total	X	36	31	X
Total juvenile	X	974	888	X
Grand total	4,173 ^f	11,065	9,847	5,391
Trial				
		Criminal and traffic dispositions		
			Age of pending cases	
				Cases
Criminal and traffic ..	Jury 49	Non-jury 221	Total 270	
		Jury trial:		
		Conviction	35	1,117
		Acquittal	14	166
		Non-jury trial:		
		Conviction	219	123
		Acquittal	2	382
		Guilty plea	382	200
		Dismissal	200	4
		Post Conviction Remedy	4	4
		Change of venue	4	

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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.

^dCase 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, indictment, or complaint.

The juvenile case unit of count is the number of proceedings.

A jury trial is counted if tried to verdict.

A non-jury trial is counted when contested.

^eBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:

Figure is as given in the annual report.

^fChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

^gData are not complete:

Total civil pending figures do not include termination of parental rights cases. These cases are included in the grand total data.

^hAdditional information:

Included under other civil are 33 foreign judgment cases filed and 28 disposed.

Source: North Dakota Judicial Council, Annual Report, 1977 (Bismarck, North Dakota). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NORTH DAKOTA COUNTY COURT WITH INCREASED JURISDICTION
Court of limited jurisdiction
15 counties, 15 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Civil				
Small claims:				
Small claims				
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Probate				
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship/conservatorship				
Total				
Mental health:				
Mental health hearings held				
Emergency commitment				
Total				
Total civil				
Criminal^d:				
Misdemeanor:				
Misdemeanor				
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony				
Total				
Total criminal				
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Noncriminal traffic				
Total traffic				
Grand total				
	N/A	20,088 ⁱ	59,077	N/A
		Traffic dispositions		
			Other traffic violation	
			Convictions	41,390
			Acquittals	305
			Dismissals	337

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A - This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^dCase 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.

^eData are not complete:

Total civil filed figures do not include mental health cases.

Grand total filed does not include mental health or traffic cases.

Source: North Dakota Judicial Council, Annual Report, 1977 (Bismarck, North Dakota). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

NORTH DAKOTA MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
181 municipalities, 158 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Criminal traffic	N/A	N/A	3,484	N/A
Noncriminal traffic	N/A	N/A	37,530	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	41,014	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	N/A	41,014	N/A
Grand total	N/A	N/A	41,014	N/A
Traffic dispositions				
Other traffic violation				
Non-jury trial:				
Convictions	3,328	36,061	39,389	
Acquittals	66	635	701	
Dismissals	90	834	924	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

Source: North Dakota Judicial Council, Annual Report, 1977 (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
38 counties, 38 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Probate	N/A	1,498	991	N/A
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship/conservatorship	N/A	220	125	N/A
Total	N/A	1,718	1,116	N/A
Mental health:				
Mental health hearings	N/A	N/A	73	N/A
Emergency commitments	N/A	N/A	68	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	141	N/A
Total civil	N/A	1,718 ^t	1,257	N/A
Grand total	N/A	1,718 ^t	1,257	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^dCase definition or unit of count:

A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

ⁱData are not complete:

Total civil and grand total filed figures do not include mental health cases. Mental health cases are included in the disposed figures.

Source: North Dakota Judicial Council, Annual Report, 1977 (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
38 counties, 38 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Civil				
Small claims				
Total	N/A	N/A	60	N/A
Total civil	N/A	N/A	906	788
Total criminal	N/A	N/A	966	843
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor:				
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony				
Total	N/A	N/A	344	270
Total criminal	N/A	N/A	5,635	4,992
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Noncriminal traffic				
Total	N/A	N/A	17,545	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	N/A	17,545	N/A
Grand total	N/A	N/A	6,601 ⁱ	23,380

	Traffic dispositions	Other traffic violation
Convictions		17,154
Acquittals		152
Dismissals		239

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^dCase definition or unit of count:
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

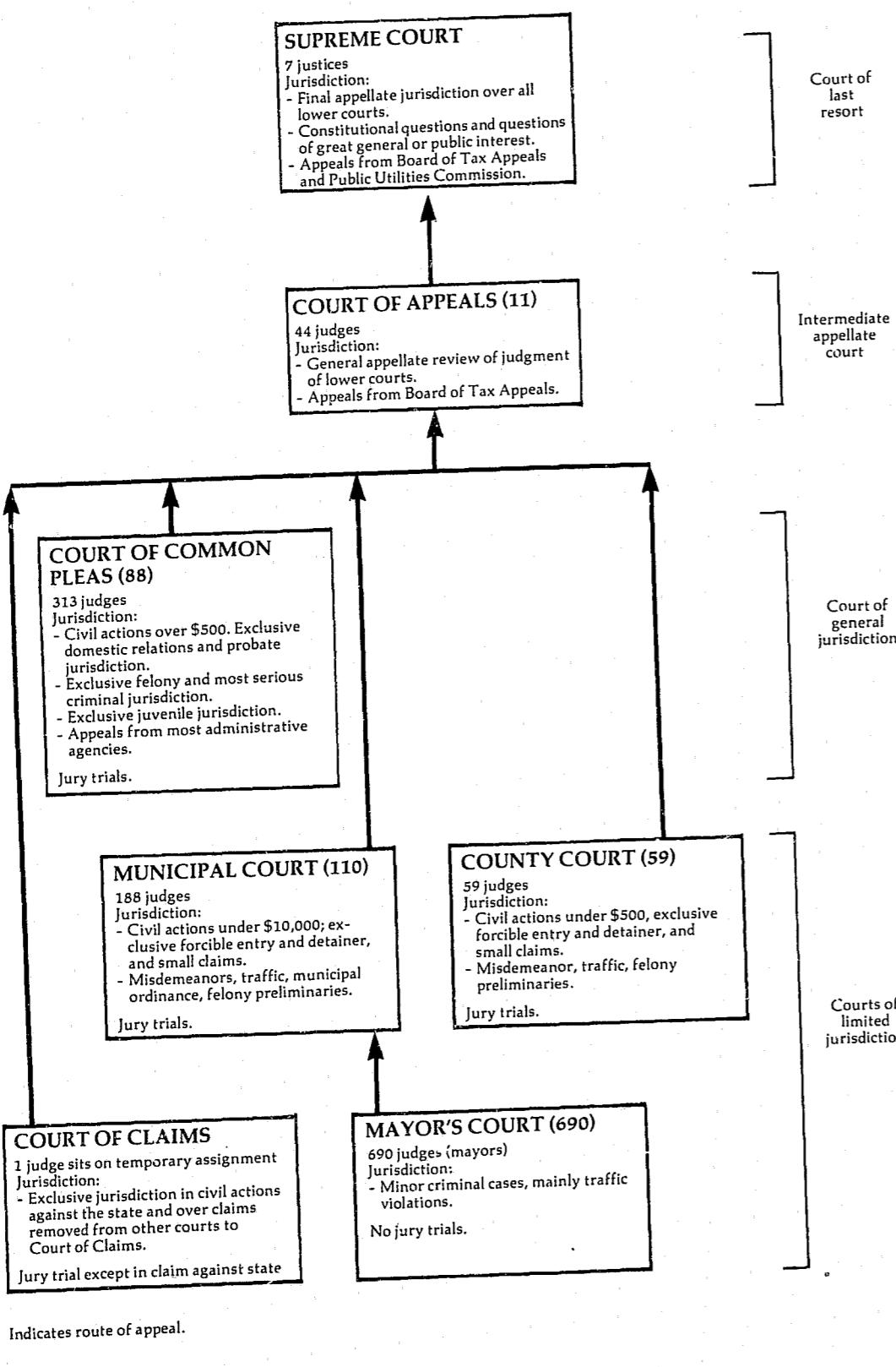
ⁱData are not complete:
Grand total filing figure does not include traffic cases. Traffic cases are included in the disposed figure.

Source: North Dakota Judicial Council, Annual Report, 1977 (Bismarck, North Dakota). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

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OHIO COURT SYSTEM, 1977



Indicates route of appeal.

OHIO SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Pursuant to allowance	N/A	(111)e	59	N/A
Originating in Court of Appeals	N/A	59	65	N/A
Conflict	N/A	16	6	N/A
Capital punishment	N/A	19	9	N/A
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Tax	N/A	19	25	N/A
P.U.C.O.	N/A	27	25	N/A
Total	N/A	46	50	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	140 (111)e	189	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Habeas corpus	N/A	37	30	N/A
Other original actions	N/A	102	100	N/A
Power siting committee	N/A	0	1	N/A
Total	N/A	139	131	N/A
Disciplinary				
Total	N/A	16	31	N/A
Total				
Requests to appeal:				
Motion for leave to appeal	N/A	520	487 (39)e	N/A
Motion to certify	N/A	701	656 (72)e	N/A
Total	N/A	1,221	1,143 (111)e	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	1,376	1,303 (111)e	N/A
Total cases	N/A	1,516 (111)e	1,494 (111)e	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^eCases 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 1977 (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, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	2,481	4,539	4,407	3,4148
Criminal	1,847	2,751	2,776	2,3228
Total appeals	4,328	7,290	7,183	5,7368
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Miscellaneous	263	702	746	2418
Total other cases	263	702	746	2418
Total cases	4,591	7,992	7,929	5,9778

Manner of disposition			
Criminal appeals	Civil appeals	Miscellaneous	Total
Full opinion	1,294	2,045	299
Per curiam	753	765	181
Dismissal	729	1,597	266
			3,638
			1,699
			2,592

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

^eChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

^dExplanation 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 1977 (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, 313 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Tort:				
Personal injury	23,373 ^f	20,800	20,815	23,358
Wrongful death	N/A	557	650	N/A
Total	23,373 ^{f1}	21,357	21,465	23,338 ⁱ
Domestic relations:				
Adoption	N/A	6,595	5,443	N/A
Other domestic relations:				
Domestic relations	25,572 ^f	84,095	83,001	26,666
Birth records	N/A	3,278	3,272	N/A
Total	25,572 ⁱ	87,373	86,273	26,666 ⁱ
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Decedents' estates	43,816 ^f	62,282	61,865	44,338
Probate civil actions	3,136	6,275	5,758	3,632
Minor's settlement	N/A	1,534	1,474	N/A
Total	46,954 ⁱ	70,091	69,097	47,965 ⁱ
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship and testamentary trusts	21,285 ^f	7,702	6,685	21,979 ⁱ
Total	68,239 ^{f1}	77,793	75,782	69,944 ⁱ
Mental health:				
Mental illness and retardation	N/A	8,019	7,787	N/A
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Workmen's compensation	1,374 ^f	1,546	1,180	1,740
Appropriations	590 ^f	764	817	537
Total	1,964 ^f	2,310	1,997	2,277
Other civil:				
Name change	N/A	3,124	3,106	N/A
All other civil	31,830 ^f	43,018	43,409	31,439
Total	31,830 ⁱ	46,142	46,515	31,439 ⁱ
Total civil	150,978 ^{f1}	249,589	245,262	153,684 ⁱ
Criminal ^d :				
Felony:				
Criminal	6,880 ^f	30,835	31,135	6,580
Total criminal	6,880 ^f	30,835	31,135	6,580
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	17,632	202,796	200,893	19,535
Grand total	175,490 ^{f1}	483,220	477,290	179,799 ⁱ

OHIO COUNTY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
59 courts, 59 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed ^j	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Tort:				
Personal injury and property damage	119 ^f	181	186	115 ^b
Contract	1,116 ^f	3,524	3,456	1,183 ^b
Small claims	1,546 ^f	12,922	12,587	1,879 ^b
Real property rights:				
Forcible entry and detainer	564 ^f	2,036	1,772	828
Other civil	905 ^f	1,849	1,840	914
Total civil	4,250 ^f	20,512	19,841	4,919 ^b
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor	2,634 ^f	23,051	23,043	2,646 ^b
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony	701 ^f	3,688	3,774	615
Total criminal	3,335 ^f	26,739	26,817	3,2618
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated	2,484 ^f	12,033	13,023	1,490 ^b
Other traffic violation:				
Traffic	4,777 ^f	156,341	156,379	4,739
Total traffic	7,261 ^f	168,374	169,402	6,229 ^b
Grand total	14,846 ^f	215,625	216,060	14,409 ^b

Trial

	Civil ^m	Jury	Non-Jury	Total
Tort:				
Contract	1	33	34	
Real property rights	2	129	131	
Other civil	0	133	133	
Total	1	183	184	
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor	4	478	482	
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI	120	1,679	1,799	
Other traffic violation	190	1,166	1,356	
Total	32	2,243	2,275	
Grand total	222	3,409	3,631	
	346	5,566	5,912	

Civil dispositions^m

	Civil dispositions	Civil dispositions	Civil dispositions	Civil dispositions
Civil ^m	Jury	Non-jury	Total	
Personal injury	991	1,800	2,791	
Domestic relations	--	9,753	9,753	
Dismissal without prejudice	2,317	21,352	291	7,640
Dismissal with prejudice	9,634	--	676	10,263
Default	809	--	102	10,076
Transfer	1,350	--	154	2,187
Uncontested	--	51,896	--	--
Pretrial	3,914	--	352	3,457
Total	1,680	21,072	22,752	
Criminal:				
Felony	1,990	2,390	4,380	
Juvenile	--	12,596	12,596	
Grand total	3,670	36,058	39,728	

Age of pending cases

	Over 6 months	Over 12 months	Over 24 months
Guilty plea	17,502	N/A	2,202
Dismissed with prejudice	438	N/A	458
By unavailability	1,675	227	N/A
Transfer	1,298	Other civil	N/A
Nolle pros	3,837	Criminal	9,377
Pretrial	2,005		N/A

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

-- = Not applicable.

^dCase 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.

^eBeginning pending figures for the 1977 court year do not equal the end pending figures for the 1976 court year:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

^fChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

^gData are not complete:

Pending data were not reported for all civil categories. Only those reported are included in the total.

^hCategories for disposition type or trial data:

Civil trial and disposition data include personal injury, domestic relations, appeal of administrative agency case, and all other civil cases only.

Source: Office of the Administrative Director, Ohio Courts Summary 1977 (Columbus, Ohio). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

Ohio County Court (continued)

	Over 1 month	Over 6 months	Over 12 months	Over 24 months
Civil:				
Tort	N/A	N/A	154 (n)	111 (n)
Contracts	N/A	100	(n)	(n)
Small claims	N/A	2	(n)	
Real property rights	N/A	23	(n)	
Other civil	N/A			
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	186	(n)	(n)
Preliminary hearing	123	(n)	(n)	(n)
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI	N/A	204	(n)	(n)
Other traffic violation	N/A	184	(n)	(n)

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

-- = Not applicable.

dCase 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.

fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

gChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

jExplanation of data included in the category:

Filed figures include both reactivated cases and original filings.

mCategories for disposition type or trial date:

Civil trials do not include 8,873 hearings by judge in small claims cases.

nTime interval or age of pending data:

Contracts, real property rights, 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 1977 (Columbus, Ohio). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

Ohio Municipal Court (continued)

	Trial ^d	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil: ^m				
Tort	130	1,340	1,470	
Contract	125	4,461	4,586	
Real property rights	23	864	887	
Other civil	48	1,029	1,077	
Total	326	7,694	8,020	
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor	823	14,453	15,276	
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI	756	3,549	4,305	
Other traffic violation	183	15,467	15,650	
Total	939	19,016	19,955	
Grand total	2,088	41,163	43,251	

Civil dispositions

	Tort	Contract	Small claims	Real property rights	Other civil	Total
Pretrial	1,024	3,566	321	468	5,379	
Dismissal for want of prosecution	1,229	9,791	4,403	6,503	22,570	
Other dismissals	5,292	30,794	18,398	12,031	4,441	70,956
Transfer	292	651	835	111	109	1,998
Default hearing by judge	5,580	82,634	17,234	13,964	9,161	128,573
Default hearing by referee	2,112	24,436	31,551	14,001	954	73,054

Criminal dispositions

	Misdemeanor	Preliminary hearing	Total	DWI/DUI	Total
Guilty, no contest plea	120,135	--	120,135	37,351	419,056
Pretrial	8,869	--	8,869	2,171	3,363
Dismissal for want of prosecution	5,835	1,582	7,417	540	3,627
Other dismissals	33,408	9,629	43,037	2,244	32,543
Transfer	905	--	905	353	531
Violations Bureau	13,918	--	13,918	517,632	517,632
Preliminary hearing-bound over	--	12,368	12,368	4,686	102,118
Waiver of preliminary hearing, bound over	--	10,044	10,044		
Unavailability of accused	34,277	3,243	37,520		

Traffic dispositions

	Other traffic violation	Total
Guilty, no contest plea	37,351	456,407
Pretrial	2,171	5,534
Dismissal for want of prosecution	540	4,167
Other dismissals	2,244	34,787
Transfer	353	884
Violations Bureau	517,632	517,632
Unavailability of accused	4,686	102,118

Age of pending cases

	Over 1 month	Over 6 months	Over 12 months	Over 24 months
Civil:				
Tort	N/A	N/A	N/A	308
Contract, forcible entry and detainer, and other civil	N/A	N/A	3,156 (n)	(n)
Small claims	N/A	1,627 (n)	(n)	(n)
Real property rights	N/A	N/A	396 (n)	(n)
Other civil	N/A	N/A	460 (n)	(n)
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	473 (n)	(n)	(n)
Preliminary hearing	367	(n)	(n)	(n)
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI	N/A	105 (n)	(n)	(n)
Other traffic violations	N/A	842 (n)	(n)	(n)

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

-- = Not applicable.

dCase 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.

fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

gChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

jExplanation of data included in the category:

Filed figures include both reactivated cases and original filings.

mCategories for disposition type or trial date:

Civil trials do not include 17,234 hearings by judge in small claims cases.

nTime interval or age of pending data:

Contracts, real property rights, 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 1977 (Columbus, Ohio). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

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OHIO COURT OF CLAIMS^a
 Court of limited jurisdiction
 1 court, 1 judge sits on temporary assignment
 January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Administrative	220	413 ^k	289	344
Judicial	278	317 ^k	298	297
Victims of crimes ^b	5	1,229	676 ^h	558
Total	503	1,959	1,263	1,199
Total civil	503	1,959	1,263	1,199
Grand total	503	1,959	1,263	1,199

Trial^d

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	0	54	54

Civil dispositions

Settlement	122
Administrative determination	225
Dismissal	186
Claims awarded (victim of crime)	369
Claims denied (victim of crime)	351

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

aCourt 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 \$10.00 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.

bJurisdiction over victims of crime cases was given to the court as of December 28, 1976.

cCase 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.

dFigure was computed:
 Victims of crime cases disposed figure was calculated from filings and pending data.

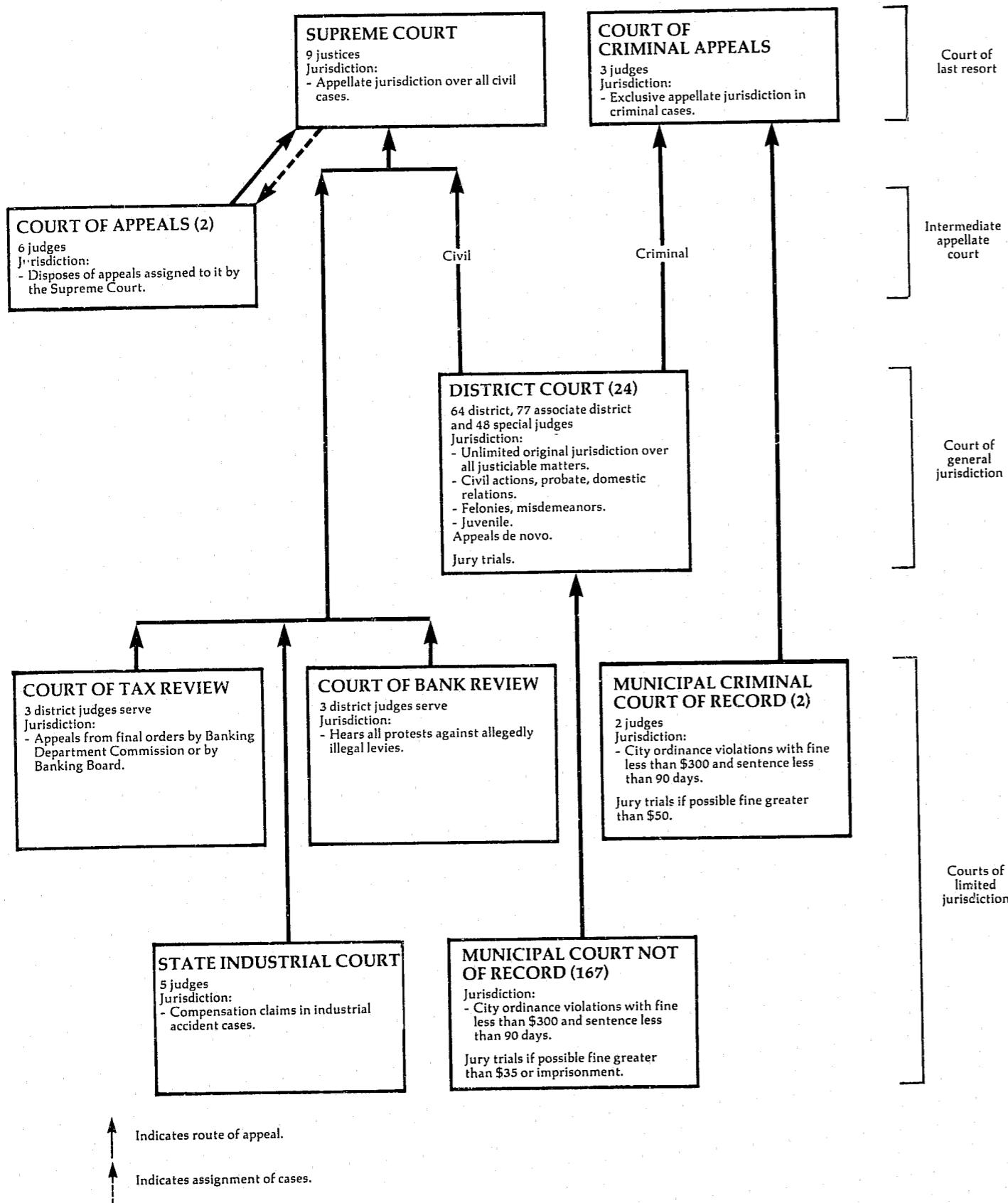
kAddition information:
 Filings include reinstated cases.

Source: Office of the Administrative Director, Ohio Courts Summary 1977 (Columbus, Ohio). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OHIO MAYORS' COURT
 Court of limited jurisdiction
 690 courts, 690 judges
 January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Mayors' Court for 1977.

OKLAHOMA COURT SYSTEM, 1977



OKLAHOMA SUPREME COURT^a
Court of last resort
9 justices
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil X	731 (39)e	783		X
Total appeals X	731 (39)e	783		X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings X	197	149		X
Requests to appeal:				
Civil:				
Certiorari X	181	149 (39)e		X
Total other casesj X	378	298 (39)e		X
Total casesj	1,310	1,109 (39)e	1,081 (39)e	1,3468
Disposition of requests for certiorari				
Writ granted 39				
Writ denied 146				
Status of pending cases (12/31/77)				
Cases at issue but not assigned 91				

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

aCourt jurisdiction:

The Supreme Court is the court of last resort for civil cases.

eCases 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.

SChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

jExplanation of data included in the category:
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.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary 1977 (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OKLAHOMA COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS^a
Court of last resort
3 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Criminal	X	X	360	X
Postconviction remedy:				
Postconviction	X	X	130	X
Juvenile	X	X	33	X
Total appeals	X	X	523	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Habeas corpus	X	X	89	X
Mandamus	X	X	121	X
Prohibition	X	X	42	X
Total	X	X	252	X
Advisory opinion:				
Reserved question of law	X	X	15	X
Total	X	X	267	X
Requests to appeal:				
Criminal:				
Certiorari	X	X	25	X
Postconviction remedy:				
Postconviction	X	X	5	X
Total	X	X	30	X
Sentence review only:				
Review of suspended sentence	X	X	11	X
Total other cases	X	X	308	X
Total cases	336	893	831	398
Disposition of cases				
	Opinion	Order	Total	
Affirmed	281	7	288	
Affirming denial	1	104	105	
Modified and affirmed	49	1	50	
Reversed	45	12	57	
Dismissed	4	161	165	
Granted	11	58	69	
Denied	3	94	97	
Total.....	394	437	831	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

^aCourt jurisdiction:

The Court of Criminal Appeals has exclusive appellate jurisdiction in criminal cases. It is the court of last resort for criminal cases.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary 1977 (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, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil ^a	163 ^b	353	387	129 ^b
Total appeals	163 ^b	353	387	129 ^b
Total cases	163 ^b	353	387	129 ^b

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

^aCourt 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.

^bFigure was computed:
Beginning pending figure was computed on the assumption that there were no pending cases in the Court of Appeals prior to 1971, when the court officially originated.
End pending figure was computed from filings, dispositions, and beginning pending figures.

Source: Administrative Director of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary 1977 (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
24 districts; 64 district, 77 associate, and 48 special judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Tort:				
Auto tort	5,118 ^f		4,162	3,805
Other tort	3,184 ^f		2,737	3,672
Total	8,302 ^f		6,899	6,054
Contract	24,733 ^f		20,576	13,996
Small claims:				
Possession of personal property	1,416 ^f		2,063	2,072
Possession of real property	1,722 ^f		5,960	5,430
Small claims	55,301 ^f		65,291	51,963
Total	58,439 ^f		73,314	59,465
Real property rights:				
Lien or mortgage foreclosure	3,148 ^f		3,052	2,764
Real property	3,013 ^f		4,966	3,436
Approval of conveyance of Indian lands	17		458	417
Total	6,178 ^f		8,476	7,658
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	18,662 ^f		31,885	29,155
Separate maintenance	674 ^f		532	834
Annulment	203 ^f		345	214
Total	19,539 ^f		32,762	29,861
Support/custody:				
Reciprocal support--incoming	2,630 ^f		2,305	1,226
Reciprocal support--outgoing	1,114 ^f		918	742
Total	3,744		3,223	1,968
Adoption				
Other domestic relations:				
Paternity proceedings	198 ^f		40	38
Total	24,409 ^f		38,782	34,419
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Administration of estates and probate proper	12,719 ^f		8,770	7,651
Determination of death of joint or life tenant	481 ^f		3,031	2,924
Other probate	110 ^f		98	143
Total	13,310 ^f		11,899	10,718
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship and conservatorship	3,362 ^f		1,644	1,225
Total	16,672 ^f		13,543	11,943
Mental health				
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Appeals from administrative tribunals	581 ^f		989	958
Extraordinary writ:				
Injunction, quo warranto, mandamus, habeas corpus	1,411 ^f		1,495	1,230
Other civil				
Total	7,330 ^f		5,801	5,305
Total civil				
				172,406
				143,420
				177,994
Criminal:				
Pelony:				
Crime against person	3,174 ^f		4,088	3,920
Crime against property	9,622 ^f		9,118	8,513
Other felony	5,479 ^f		7,613	5,741
Total	18,275 ^f		20,819	18,174
Hisdemeanor:				
Other misdemeanors	15,455 ^f		37,456	34,386 ^l
Appeal:				
Appeals from city-funded courts	832 ^f		636	416
Postconviction remedy:				
Felony postconviction appeals	N/A		378	268
Total criminal ¹				N/A
				34,562 ^f
				59,289
				53,244
				40,501 ^l
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Driving while intoxicated	5,233 ^f		11,417	9,890
Other traffic violation:				
Traffic	35,813 ^f		174,754	169,924
Total traffic				41,046 ^f
				186,171
				179,814
				47,403
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Juvenile delinquency	2,950 ^f		4,680	4,357
Status offense:				
Child in need of supervision	1,315 ^f		1,586	1,631
Non-offense:				
Dependency and neglect	1,090 ^f		2,640	2,050
Total juvenile				5,355 ^f
				8,906
				8,038
				6,223
Grand total ¹				229,971 ^f
				426,772
				384,516
				272,121 ^l

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Oklahoma District Court (continued)

Trial or contested			
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil ^a	938	22,279	23,217
Criminal and traffic:			
Felony	840	738	1,578
Misdemeanor, appeal, and traffic	583	13,796	14,379
Total	1,423	14,534	15,957
Juvenile	24	2,604	2,628
Grand total	2,385	39,417	41,802

Age of pending cases (12/31/77)

	0-12 months	12-24 months	Over 24 months
Civil	75,948	30,378	71,668
Criminal and traffic:			
Felony	8,877	4,476	7,567
Misdemeanor, appeal, and traffic	35,973	12,977	18,032
Total	44,850	17,453	25,599
Juvenile	1,907	529	1,301
Grand total	122,705	48,360	98,568

Civil dispositions ^b			
	Domestic relations	Total	
On demurrer, abatement, or motion to dismiss ^c	--	5,412	
On pretrial ^d	--	1,677	
Without contest	2,476	83,386	
Dismissal by court or by parties ^e	6,689	6,689	
By decree or approved settlement	18,733	18,733	
By Order or settlement ^f	761	761	

Criminal and traffic dispositions

	Misdemeanor, appeal, and traffic	Total
Felony	8,705	170,608
Dismissal by state	6,478	13,562
On demurrer, motion to quash, or dismissal by court	2,784	11,942
Total	179,313	20,040

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

-- = Not applicable.

^aCourt 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.

^bBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

^cData are not complete:

Total criminal and grand total pending figures do not include pending figures for postconviction remedy cases. This category is included in the filing and disposition totals.

^dSpecial source or revision in the data:

Total other misdemeanors disposed figure was corrected by the state court administrative office during the process of data verification.

^eCategories for disposition type or trial data:

Disposition type and trial data are not displayed for civil category breakdowns because complete data were not available from the Oklahoma and Tulsa County reports.

On demurrer, abatement, or motion to dismiss, on pretrial, and jury trials are dispositions for tort, real property rights, contract, appeal of administrative agency case, extraordinary writs, and other civil cases only.

Dismissal, decree or approved settlement, and by order or settlement are dispositions for domestic relations cases only.

^fSource: Administrative Director of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary 1977 (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and corrections were made by the office of the administrative director of the courts during the data verification process.

OKLAHOMA COURT OF BANK REVIEW
Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 3 district judges serve
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil ^a :				
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case	8	5	6	7
Total civil	8	5	6	7
Grand total	8	5	6	7

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

^aCase 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 1977 (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, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case	0	1	1	0
Total civil	0	1	1	0
Grand total	0	1	1	0

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

^aCase 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 1977 (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OKLAHOMA STATE INDUSTRIAL COURT^k
Court of limited jurisdiction^j
1 court, 5 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil ^a :				
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case	N/A	N/A	11,020	N/A
Total civil	N/A	N/A	11,020	N/A
Grand total	N/A	N/A	11,020	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^aCourt jurisdiction:
The special jurisdiction is limited to injuries to an employee arising out of his employment.

^bCase definition or unit of count:

A case for this court is a new claim or an ancillary proceeding to an existing claim.

^cAdditional information:

After July 1, 1978, the name for this court will be the Worker's Compensation Court.

^dSource: Administrative Director of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary 1977 (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

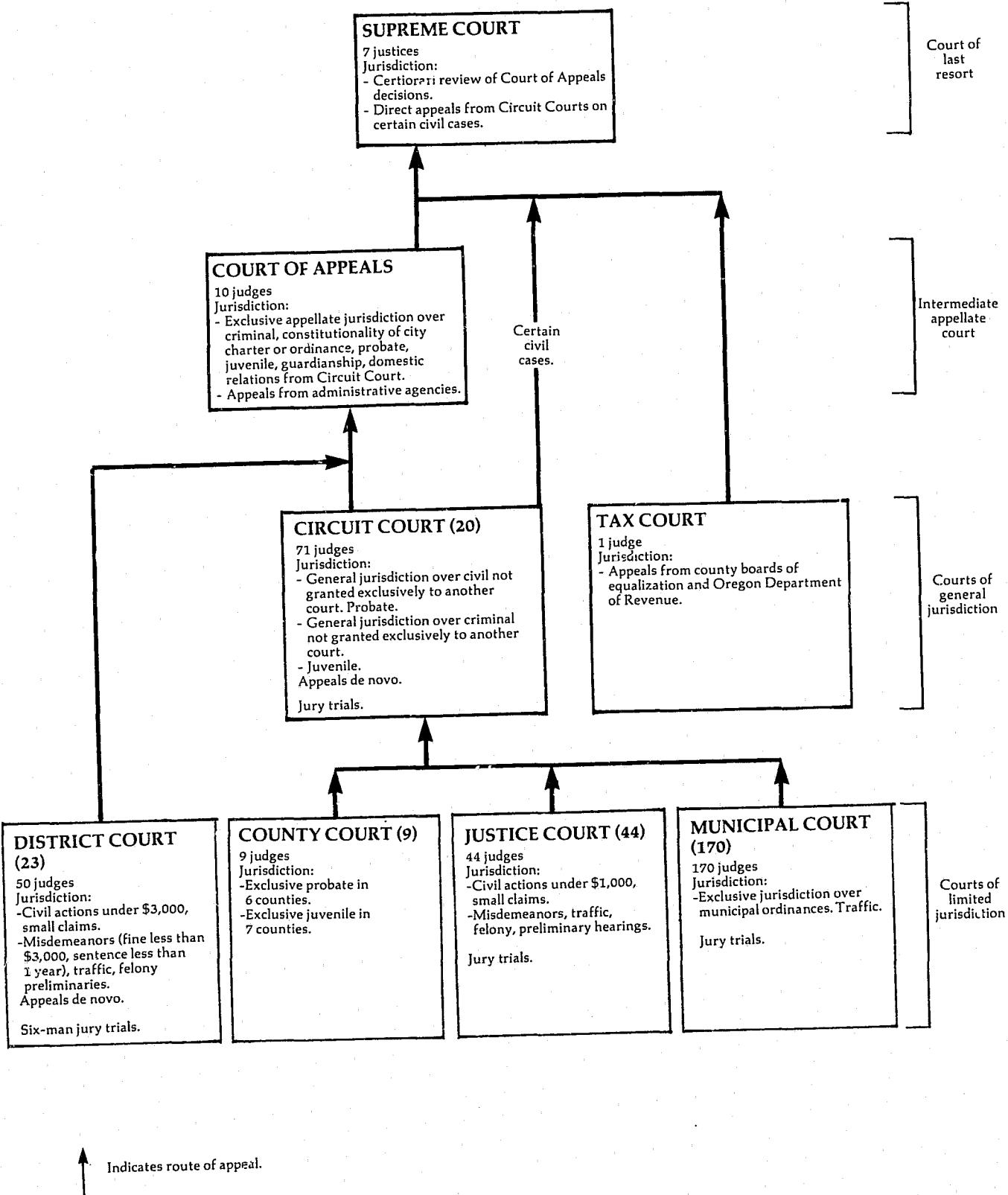
OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL CRIMINAL COURT OF RECORD
Court of limited jurisdiction
2 courts, 2 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data for cases handled in the Municipal Criminal Court of Record for 1977.

OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL COURT NOT OF RECORD
Court of limited jurisdiction
167 courts
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court Not of Record for 1977.

OREGON COURT SYSTEM, 1977



OREGON SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices^c
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Appeals from Circuit Court	X	445	X	X
Court of Appeals review allowed	X	(39) ^e	X	X
Tax Court appeals	X	21	X	X
Total appeals	X	466 (39) ^e	X	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Original proceedings	X	54	X	X
Bar proceedings	X	54	X	X
Total	X	108	X	X
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions for review:				
Civil	X	76	X (12) ^e	X
Criminal	X	152	X (18) ^e	X
Juvenile	X	9	X (0) ^e	X
Postconviction remedy:				
Postconviction and habeas corpus	X	11	X (0) ^e	X
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Administrative agency review	X	35	X (6) ^e	X
Workers' compensation	X	23	X (3) ^e	X
Corrections disciplinary and parole board review	X	5	X (0) ^e	X
Total	X	63	X (9) ^e	X
Total	X	48	311	235 (39) ^e
Total other cases	X	419	X	85
Total cases	395	885 (39) ^e	812 (39) ^e	468

Manner of disposition

Written opinion	322
Dismissed or otherwise disposed without opinion	255

Disposition of appeals

Affirmed	166
Reversed	113
Modified	29
Dismissed with opinion	6
Miscellaneous ^m	8

Time interval (average days)

Notice of appeal to date case at issue	203
Date case at issue to final decision	125
Notice of appeal to final decision	328

Status of pending cases (12/31/77)

Not at issue	268
At issue	41
Under advisement	74

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

Judge information:

There were 8.22 full-time equivalent justices for 1977.

^cCases 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.

^mCategories for disposition type or trial data:

Miscellaneous appeal dispositions include cases of mandamus, other original proceedings, and bar proceedings.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, 24th Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1977 (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^c
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	y 504	x	x	x
Criminal	x 1,168			
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Workmen's compensation	x 145	x	x	x
Administrative agency review	x 189	x	x	x
Corrections disciplinary review	x 269	x	x	x
Parole board review	x 21	x	x	x
Total	x 624	x	x	x
Postconviction remedy:				
Postconvictions and habeas corpus	x 52	x	x	x
Total appeals	x 730	2,348	2,054	1,024
Total cases.....	730	2,348	2,054	1,024

Manner of disposition

	Affirmed	1,205
Decision by opinion ^m	744	
Bench decisions	620	
Memorandum decision	56	
Dismissed/transferred	540	
Consolidation	94	
Reversed	232	
Modified	60	
Dismissed on merits	14	
Miscellaneous	3	

Time interval (average days)

	Civil	Criminal	Total	Status of pending cases (12/31/77)
Notice of appeal to date case at issue	x	x	124	Not at issue
Date case at issue to final decision	x	x	53	At issue
Notice of appeal to final decision	182	169	177	Under advisement

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

^cJudge information:
There were 7.34 full time equivalent judges for 1977.

^mInformation on disposition type or trial data:

Decisions by opinion include per curiam as well as signed opinions.

Beginning with the 1977 data, this analysis includes cases closed by consolidation.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, 24th Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1977 (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, 71 judges^c
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil ^d :				
Law	x	x	x	x
Equity	x	x	x	x
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Dissolution	x	24,139	23,759	x
Adoption	N/A	1,845	N/A	N/A
Total	x	25,984	23,759 ⁱ	x
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Decedents' estates	6,440 ^l	4,648	4,591 ^h	6,497
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship and conservatorship	7,713	1,733	1,496	7,950
Total	14,153	6,381	6,087	14,447
Mental health:				
Mental competency	N/A	3,404	N/A	N/A
Total civil ^f	42,170 ^l	53,116	49,401 ^l	42,484 ^l

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal ^d :				
Felony:				
Criminal	4,719 ^{f,h}	14,174	14,119	4,774
Total criminal	4,719 ^{f,h}	14,174	14,119	4,774

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Juvenile ^d :				
Total juvenile	N/A	14,430	N/A	N/A

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Grand total	46,889 ^{f,i}	81,720	63,520 ⁱ	47,258 ⁱ

Trial^d

	Jury	Non-jury	Total	Age of cases tried (filing to trial):
Civil ^m	1,147	3,373	4,520	Civil from date of filing:
Criminal (felony)	921	629	1,550	Marriage dissolution 214
Total	2,068	4,002	6,070	All civil 359

Age of cases tried (filing to trial):
Civil from date of filing:
 Marriage dissolution 214
All civil 359
Criminal (felony) from date of arraignment 88

	Civil ^m	Probate/wills/intestate	Criminal (felony)
Under 6 months	15,742	N/A	3,638
6+ to 12 months	6,848	N/A	498
12+ to 24 months ...	4,395	N/A	460
Over 24 months	1,062	N/A	188
Over 36 months	(n)	519	(n)

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
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.

^cJudge information:
There were 70.3 full-time equivalent judges for 1977.
^dCase 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.

^eBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:
^fFigure was computed:
 Disposed figure for decedents' estates was computed from filing and pending data.

^gBeginning pending figure for criminal and total criminal was computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.
^hData are not complete:

ⁱDomestic relations dispositions 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.

^jSpecial source or revision in the data:
Beginning pending figure for probate/wills/intestate cases was taken from Oregon's 1976 annual report.

^kInformation on disposition type or trial data:
Civil trials only include trials for law, equity, and marriage dissolution cases.

^lInformation on time interval or age of pending data:
Civil age of pending data only include law and equity cases.
The number of civil and criminal cases pending over 36 months are included in the over 25 months category and were not available separately.

^mSource: Office of the State Court Administrator, 23rd, 24th Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1976, 1977 (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, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Regular Division	86	91	92	85
Small Claims Division	103	57	120	40
Total	189	148	212	125
Total civil	189	148	212	125
Grand total	189	148	212	125

Time interval (median months)			
Civil dispositions			
Regular Division	Small Claims Division	Total	Age of cases terminated:
On the merits	68	93	161
Dismissed or settled	24	27	51
Total	92	120	212

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

^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, 24th Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1977 (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, 50 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Civil	9,314 ^f	27,000	25,801	10,513
Small claims	9,401 ^f	39,119	38,557	9,963
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Decedents' estates	128	103	88 ^g	143
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship/conservatorship	222	43	29	236
Guardianship/conservatorship	350	146	117	379
Total	19,065 ^f	66,265	64,475	20,855
Total civil				
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor	X	36,555	33,474	X
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony	X	9,052	8,769	X
Total criminal	15,523 ^h	45,607	42,243	18,887
Traffic:				
Total traffic	61,400 ^h	437,428	428,437	70,391
Grand total	95,988 ^f	549,300	535,155	110,133

Age of pending cases			
	Small claims	Probate/wills/intestate	Criminal and traffic
Under 6 months	6,743	7,436	N/A
6 to 12 months	2,512	1,786	12,814
Over 12 months	1,258	741	10,286
Over 36 months	(n)	(n)	(n)

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Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
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.

^dCase 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.

^fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

^hFigure was computed:

Decedents' estates disposition figure was computed from filings and pending data.

Beginning pending figures were computed from filings, dispositions, and end pending data.

Information on time interval or age of pending data:
The number of law, small claims, and 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, 24th Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1977 (Salem, Oregon). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OREGON COUNTY COURTS
Court of limited jurisdiction
9 counties, 9 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Domestic relations:				
Adoption				
N/A				
26				
N/A				
N/A				
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Decedents' estates				
249 ⁱ				
110				
139 ^h				
220				
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship and conservatorship				
172 ^f				
30				
27				
175				
Total				
421				
140				
166				
395				
Mental health:				
Mental competency				
N/A				
11				
N/A				
N/A				
Total civil ⁱ				
421 ^{fi}				
177				
166 ^h				
395 ⁱ				
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile				
N/A				
223				
N/A				
N/A				
Grand total ⁱ				
421 ^{fi}				
400				
166 ^h				
395 ⁱ				

Age of pending cases

Over 36 months

Decedents' estates

67

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^aCourt jurisdiction:

Four counties handle both civil and juvenile cases, two handle only civil, and three handle only juvenile cases in the County Court.

^dCase definition or unit of count:

A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

^fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

^hFigure was computed:

Decedents' estates disposed figure was computed from filing and pending figures.

ⁱData 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.

^lSpecial source or revision in data:

Beginning pending figure for decedents' estates was obtained from Oregon's 1976 annual report.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, 23rd, 24th Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1976, 1977 (Salem, Oregon). Statistics are from the annual reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OREGON JUSTICE COURT¹
Court of limited jurisdiction
44 courts, 44 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil^d:				
Law:				
Civil	420 ^{hi}	800 ⁱ	821 ⁱ	498 ⁱ
Small claims	1,017 ^{hi}	2,592 ⁱ	2,439 ⁱ	1,170 ⁱ
Total civil	1,437 ^{hi}	3,491 ⁱ	3,260 ⁱ	1,668 ⁱ
Criminal^d:				
Misdemeanor:				
Offenses	876 ^{hi}	6,087 ⁱ	5,830 ⁱ	1,133 ⁱ
Total criminal	876 ^{hi}	6,087 ⁱ	5,830 ⁱ	1,133 ⁱ
Traffic:				
Total traffic	9,645 ^{hi}	113,569 ⁱ	109,337 ⁱ	13,877 ⁱ
Grand totalⁱ	11,958^{hi}	123,147ⁱ	118,427ⁱ	16,678ⁱ

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

^dCase 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.

^hFigures were computed:

Beginning pending figures were computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

ⁱData are not complete:

Only 26 Justice courts, out of a total of 44 courts, reported data for 1977.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, 24th Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1977 (Salem, Oregon). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

OREGON MUNICIPAL COURT¹
Court of limited jurisdiction
170 courts¹, 170 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal^d:				
Ordinance violations:				
Other cases	4,507 ^{hi}	18,235 ⁱ	17,487 ⁱ	5,255 ⁱ
Total criminal	4,507 ^{hi}	18,235 ⁱ	17,487 ⁱ	5,255 ⁱ
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Major traffic offenses	5,139 ^{hi}	11,457 ⁱ	11,202 ⁱ	5,389 ⁱ
Minor traffic offenses	24,634 ^{hi}	132,906 ⁱ	130,036 ⁱ	27,504 ⁱ
Total	29,773 ^{hi}	144,358 ⁱ	141,238 ⁱ	32,893 ⁱ
Total traffic	29,773 ^{hi}	144,358 ⁱ	141,238 ⁱ	32,893 ⁱ
Grand totalⁱ	34,280^{hi}	162,593ⁱ	158,725ⁱ	38,148ⁱ

Trial^d

Criminal	3,776
Traffic:	
Major traffic offenses	4,216
Minor traffic offenses	17,439
Total	21,655
Total	25,431

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

^dCase 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.

^hFigure was computed:

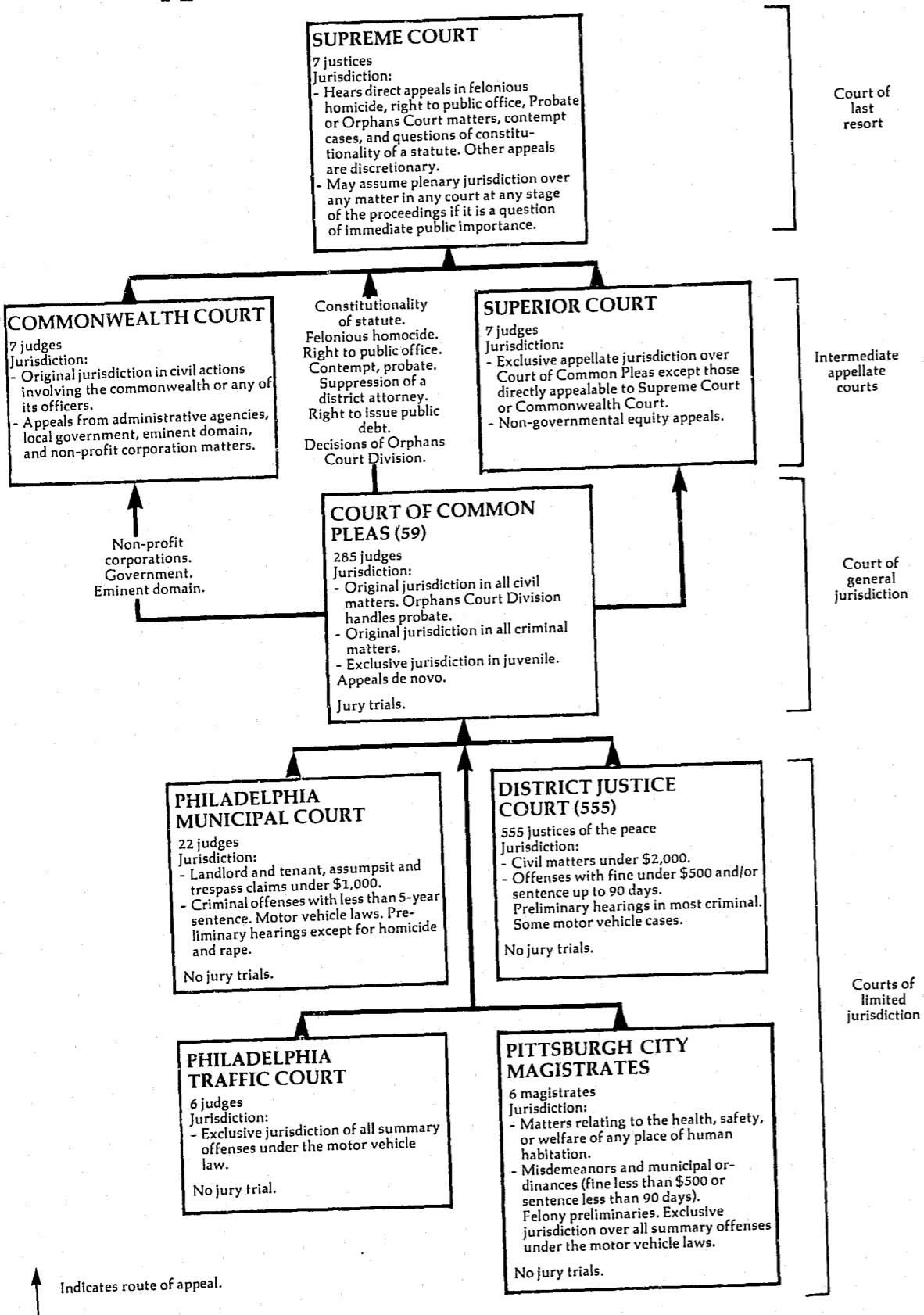
Beginning pending figures were computed from filing, disposition, and end pending data.

ⁱData are not complete:

Only 94 Municipal Courts, out of a total of 170 courts, reported data for 1977.

Source: Office of the State Court Administrator, 24th Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1977 (Salem, Oregon). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

PENNSYLVANIA COURT SYSTEM. 1977



PENNSYLVANIA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals	N/A	705(118) ^e	N/A	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	705(118) ^e	N/A	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions for allocatur	N/A	844	N/A(118) ^e	N/A
Total other cases.....	N/A	844	N/A(118) ^e	N/A
Total cases.....	N/A	1,549(118) ^e	N/A(118) ^e	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Miscellaneous petitions	N/A	1,090	N/A	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	1,090	N/A	N/A
Manner of disposition				
Written opinions filed	473			
Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP. 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.				
Source: Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, 1977 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, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals	N/A	3,700	N/A	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	3,700	N/A	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases.....				
Total cases.....	N/A	3,700	N/A	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Miscellaneous petitions	N/A	5,682	N/A	N/A
Total other proceedings	N/A	5,682	N/A	N/A
<u>Manner of disposition</u>				
Written opinions filed	1,550			

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
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.

Source: Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, 1977 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
7 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Appeal of trial court case:				
Appeals from Court of Common Pleas	N/A	671	N/A	N/A
Transfers from other courts	N/A	39	N/A	N/A
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Direct administrative appeals	N/A	1,706	N/A	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	2,416	N/A	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction	N/A	248	N/A	N/A
Requests to appeal	N/A	248	N/A	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	2,664	N/A	N/A

Manner of disposition

Written opinions handed down 691 | | | |

Withdrawn, discontinued 50 | | | |

Remanded, transferred, or dismissed 14 | | | |

Dismissed for lack of prosecution..... 30 | | | |

Stricken from list 14 | | | |

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
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.

^aCourt jurisdiction:
The Commonwealth Court only handles cases involving officials or offices of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Source: Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, 1977 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
39 courts, 285 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	16,091	39,953	40,183	15,861
Support/custody:				
Custody	662	4,915	4,619	958
Adoption	846	7,072	7,054	864
Other domestic relations:				
Domestic relations	6,854	50,855 ¹	50,124	7,585
Total	24,453	102,795	101,980	25,268
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Orphans' court audits	1,676	19,375	19,650	1,401
Mental health	228	8,741	8,639	330
Other civil:				
Civil	20,754 ¹	21,307	20,987	21,074
Arbitration	16,182	27,988	28,177	15,993
Total	36,936	49,295	49,164	37,067
Total civil	63,293	180,206	179,433	64,066
Criminal:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal	23,038	63,045	58,606	23,5118
Appeal:				
Miscellaneous	1,487	9,167	8,528	2,126
Postconviction remedy:				
Postconviction appeals	539	846	743	642
Total criminal	25,064	73,056	67,877	26,2798
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	4,859	35,614	34,201	6,272
Grand total	93,216 ¹	288,878	281,511	96,6178

Trial ^d	Civil dispositions ^e	Criminal (felony/misdemeanor) dispositions
	Jury Non-jury Total	Settlement
Civil ^m	1,839 3,336 5,173	Hearing-settled..... 2,735
Criminal (felony/		Stricken 703
misdemeanor)	3,127 6,143 9,270	ARD (rehabilitation program) ... 10,553
Total	4,966 9,479 14,445	Rule 1100 441
		Disposition in lieu of trial (rehabilitation program) 161
		Grand jury dismissals 379
		Other 2,146

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

^dCase 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 if tried to verdict.

A non-jury trial is counted if tried to completion (decision).

^eChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

^fExplanation 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.

^gSpecial source or revision in data:

The number of domestic relations cases filed and the civil beginning pending figures were correctly entered in this profile with the help of the administrative office of the Pennsylvania courts.

^hCategories for disposition type or trial data:

Civil trial and civil disposition data include only civil cases in the other civil category.

Source: Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, 1977 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, 555 justices of the peace
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil ^d :				
Law:				
Civil complaints	N/A	159,325	154,077	N/A
Total civil	N/A	159,325	154,077	N/A
Criminal ^d :				
Ordinance Violation:				
Non-traffic citations	N/A	214,413	183,013	N/A
Preliminary hearing:				
Misdemeanor/felony complaints	N/A	93,869	88,181	N/A
Other criminal:				
Summary complaints	N/A	111,883	88,189	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	420,165	359,383	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	1,007,724	929,515	N/A
Grand total	N/A	1,587,214	1,442,975	N/A

Non-jury trial^d

Civil	36,059
Criminal	45,112
Traffic	70,988
Total	152,159

Criminal dispositions

	Ordinance violation	Preliminary hearing	Other criminal	Total
Non-jury trial:				
Trial conviction	15,983	--	10,787	26,770
Acquitted	11,663	--	6,679	18,342
Total	126,308	2,224	45,207	173,739
Guilty plea	1,582	--	334	1,916
Substantive defective	14,819	14,556	12,188	41,563
Withdrawal of prosecution	7,701	--	5,085	12,786
Unable to locate	1,843	3,987	6,376	12,206
Settled at or before trial	--	31,178	--	31,178
Bound to court at preliminary hearing	--	13,893	--	13,893
Dismissal at preliminary hearing	--	17,563	--	17,563
Waiver of preliminary hearing	--	2,147	--	2,147
Declared fugitive	--	2,633	1,533	7,280
Other	3,114	--	--	--

Civil dispositions

Settled at or before trial	31,907
Judgment by default	69,166
Withdrawal of complaint	3,447
Dismissed without prejudice	6,287
Closed--no service	5,855
Other	1,356

Traffic dispositions

Non-jury trial:	
Acquitted	35,380
Trial conviction	35,608
Guilty plea	749,048
Substantive defect	11,092
Withdrawal of prosecution	44,553
Unable to locate	43,340
Other	10,494

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

-- = Not applicable.

^dCase 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, 1977 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, 22 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil ^d :				
Small claims	5,439	31,744	31,923	5,260
Real property rights:				
Landlord and tenant	1,015	15,989	15,839	1,165
Other civil:				
Code enforcement	3,357	25,141	23,908	4,590
Total civil	9,811	72,874	71,670	11,015
Criminal ^d :				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal	3,693	31,246	30,707	3,858
Private complaints	0	9,047	9,047	0
Total	3,693	40,293	39,754	3,858
Preliminary hearing	757	11,447	11,128	1,076
Total criminal	4,450	51,740	50,882	4,9348
Grand total	14,261	124,614	122,552	15,9498
<u>Non-jury trials^d</u>				
<u>Criminal dispositions^m</u>				
Non-jury trials				
Guilty pleas	2,008			
Nolle prossed	13,688			
ARD (rehabilitation program)	10,812			

PITTSBURGH CITY MAGISTRATES COURT, PENNSYLVANIA

Court of limited jurisdiction
1 court, 6 magistrates
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal ^d :				
Preliminary hearing:				
Misdemeanor/felony complaints	N/A	13,331	N/A	N/A
Other criminal:				
Summary complaints	N/A	12,637	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	25,968	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	423,571	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	449,539	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^dCase definition or unit of count:
The criminal case unit of count is the number of defendants on the information, indictment, or complaint.

Source: Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, 1977 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, 6 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Traffic^d:				
Total traffic	N/A	1,230,642	1,730,333	N/A
Grand total	N/A	1,230,642	1,730,333	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

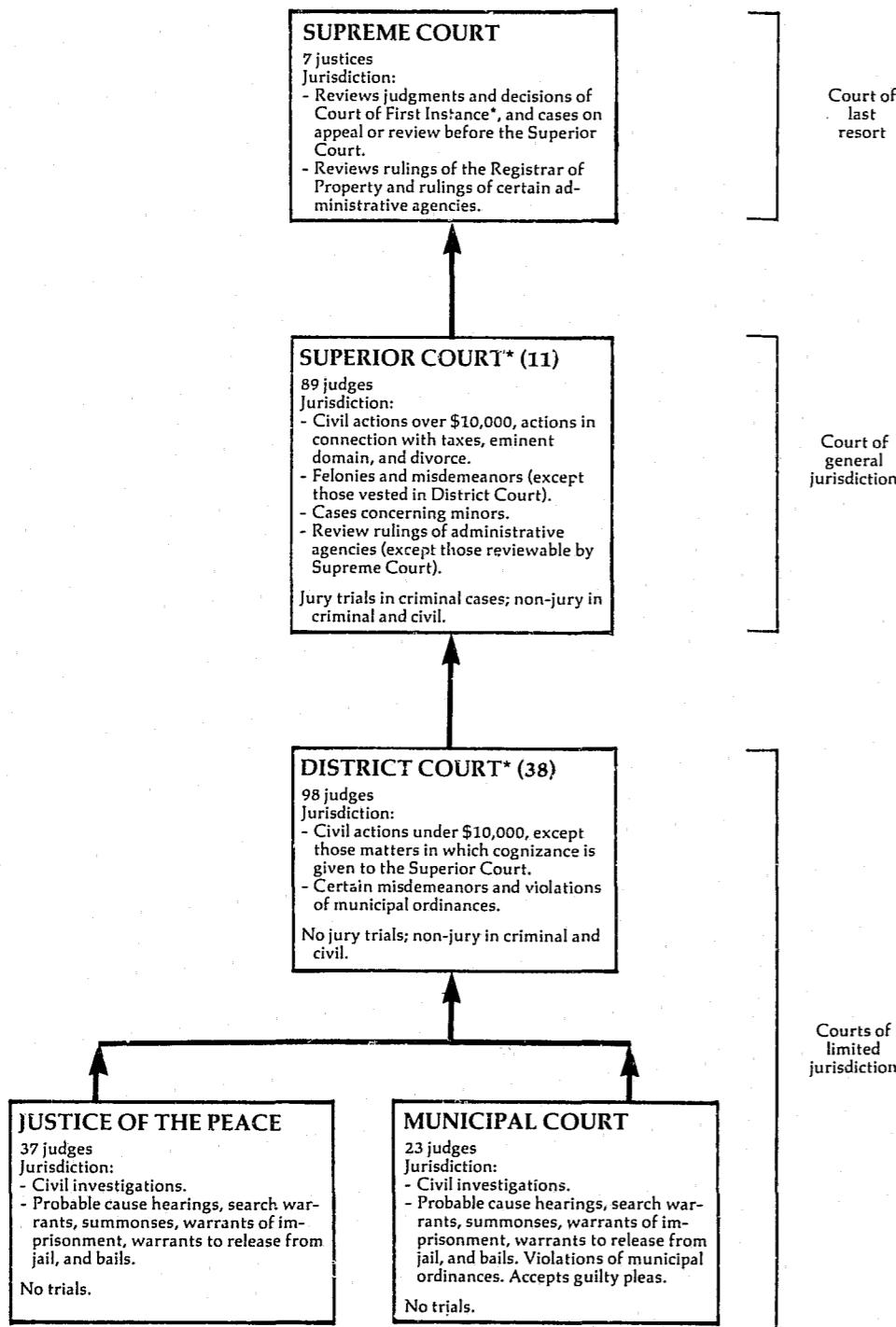
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^dCase 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, 1977 Annual Report (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

PUERTO RICO COURT SYSTEM, 1977



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
7 justices
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	18 ^f	51	53	16
Criminal	155	230	233	152
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Industrial Commission	6 ^f	43	47	2
Governmental	2	8	8	2
Labor Relations Board	5	16	14	7
Board of Electors	1	11	11	1
Total	14 ^f	78	80	12
Total appeals	187	359	366	180
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Habeas corpus	2	9	11	0
Mandamus	1	11	11	1
Quo warranto	4	0	0	4
Writ of prohibition	0	2	2	0
Dissolution of corporation	5	0	0	5
Total	12	22	24	10
Disciplinary matter:				
Professional conduct (against lawyer)	14	3	3	14
Bringing of charge (against judge)	0	2	0	2
Total	14	5	3	16
Advisory opinion cases:				
Certifications				
Total	0	1	1	0
Requests to appeal:				
Certiorari	26	28	28	26
Civil reviews	72 ^f	415	424	63
Total	165 ^f	446	491	120
Total other cases	237	861	915	183
Total cases	450	1,248	1,309	389

Manner of disposition

	Appeals				Original Proceedings				Requests to appeal				Cases in process	
	Civil	Criminal	Agency	Total	Opinion	Disciplinary	Advisory	Total	Certiorari	Civil review	Total	Submitted	Submitted	To be resolved
Opinion	6	11	10	27	0	1	48	76	--	--	4	11		
Per curiam	2	18	2	22	3	0	15	40	17	23	27	125		
Total									78	71	3	9		
Original proceedings:											34	145		
Original jurisdiction											0	10		
Disciplinary matter											0	17		
Advisory opinion											0	0		
Total											0	27		
Requests to appeal											23	160		
Total cases											57	332		

Disposition of cases

	Appeals				Original proceedings				Requests to appeal			
	Civil	Criminal	Agency	Total	Opinion	Disciplinary	Advisory	Total	Certiorari	Civil review	Total	
Affirmed	15	136	16	167	--	--	--	--	17	23	207	
Reversed	3	24	21	48	--	--	--	--	78	71	197	
Modified	0	9	2	11	--	--	--	--	19	54	84	
Dismissed	29	44	2	75	2	0	0	0	3	8	88	
Writ denied	0	0	33	33	20	--	--	--	293	319	665	
Other	6	20	6	32	2	3	1	1	14	16	66	
Total	53	233	80	366	24	3	1	1	424	491	1,309	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

^fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year.

Data are as given in the annual report.

Explanation of data included in the category:

Filed figures include new filings and restored cases.

^mDisposition type or trial data:

In addition to the 76 signed and 40 per curiam opinions, there were 25 dissenting and 13 concurring opinions.

Source: Office of Court Administration, Annual Report 1976-1977 (Hato Rey, Puerto Rico: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

PUERTO RICO SUPERIOR COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
11 districts, 89 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Debt collections	2,846 ^f	2,269	2,472	2,643
294 ^f	140	149	285	
Wages	3,140 ^f	2,409	2,621	2,928
Total	8,436 ^f	3,677	4,290	7,823
Tort				
Contract	23	8	15	16
Contract executions	1	4	2	3
Contract ratification	128 ^f	202	182	148
Note cancellation	167 ^f	46	92	121
Specific performance to contract	61 ^f	49	49	61
Contract cancellations	140 ^f	50	63	127
Action of nullification	0	0	0	0
Affidavits revision	520 ^f	359	403	476
Total				
Real property rights:				
Property	4,273 ^f	6,326	5,383	5,216
Transfer of farm title	3	5	2	6
Claim of rights	309 ^f	598	497	410
Expropriation	3,169 ^f	522	1,225	2,466
Total	7,754 ^f	7,451	7,107	8,098
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	9,239 ^f	20,944	20,670	9,513
Other domestic relations	4,370 ^f	6,870	6,226	5,014
Total	13,609 ^f	27,814	26,896	14,527
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Taxes	224 ^f	230	251	203
Dissolution of corporation or firm	17 ^f	5	6	16
Total	241 ^f	235	257	219
Appeal of trial court case:				
Appeals	(J)	(J)	(J)	(J)
Total	241 ^f	235	257	219
Extraordinary writ				
Other civil:				
Other special proceedings	3,453 ^f	8,645	8,909	3,189
License to bear arms	3,480 ^f	32,012	32,987	2,505
Disability	24 ^f	17	33	8
Other actions	2,075 ^f	1,316	1,320	2,075
Total	9,036 ^f	41,990	43,249	7,777
Total civil	43,823 ^f	85,719	86,375	43,167
Total criminal				
Criminal:				
Felony	12,980 ^f	12,209	14,365	10,833
Misdemeanor	7,526 ^f	10,400	9,744	8,182
Preliminary hearing	419	899	893	425
Appeal	(J)	(J)	(J)	(J)
Total criminal	20,934 ^f	23,508	25,002	19,440
Total criminal				
Juvenile ^d :				
Criminal-type offense:				
Charges	1,449 ^f	5,647	5,607	1,489
Total juvenile	1,449 ^f	5,647	5,607	1,489
Grand total	66,206	114,874	116,984	64,096

Trial^d

	Civil dispositions		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil:			
Law	--	372	372
Tort	--	619	619
Contract	--	80	80
Real property rights	--	842	842
Domestic relations:			
Marriage dissolution ..	--	19	6,393
Other domestic			
relations	--	459	2,018
Total	--	478	8,411
Appeal:			
Appeal of administrative agency case	--	80	80
Appeal of trial court case	--	(m)	(m)
Total	--	80 ^m	80 ^m
Extraordinary writs	--	380	380
Other civil	--	945	945
Total	--	6,569	6,969
Criminal:			
Felony	502	2,400	2,902
Misdemeanor	58	2,240	2,298
Total	560	4,640	5,200
Grand total	560	11,609	12,169

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	Criminal dispositions			
	Felony	Misdemeanor	Preliminary hearing	Total
Jury trial:				
Convicted	276	26	--	302
Acquitted	226	32	--	258
Non-jury trial:				
Convicted	1,017	815	--	1,832
Acquitted	1,383	1,425	--	2,808
Guilty plea	6,241	3,966	--	10,207
Total conviction	7,534	4,807	--	12,341
Dismissed	5,107	3,161	--	8,268
Transferred	113	131	--	244
Probable cause found	--	--	302	302
No probable cause found	--	--	361	361
Other	2	188	230	420

Age of cases at disposition:

	Time interval (months)							
	less than 3 months	3-6 months	6-9 months	9-12 months	12-18 months	18-24 months	24 months and over	
Civil	50,747	1,067	322	147	91	61	56	
Criminal	345	528	700	642	462	477	455	163
Juvenile	331	1,539	1,086	325	221	73	64	72

Age of pending cases							
6 months and under	to 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	3-4 years	4-5 years	5-6 years	6-7 years and over
Civil	18,776	7,553	6,904	3,407	2,464	1,473	957
Criminal	6,652	2,712	2,558	2,214	1,643	1,032	798

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

-- = Not applicable.

dCase 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.

fThe beginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

jExplanation 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. The number of appeals filed in each category was given, but the number of dispositions and pendings could not be separated. There were 223 civil appeals and 306 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.

mCategories 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 according to the case type for civil trial and civil disposition data.

Source: Office of Court Administration, Annual Report 1976-1977 (Hato Rey, Puerto Rico: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

PUERTO RICO DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
38 courts, 98 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

Puerto Rico District Court (continued)

	Beginning pending	Filed ^d	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Debt collections	15,756 ^f	31,704	33,011	14,449
Wages	570 ^f	901	862	609
Total	16,326 ^f	32,605	33,873	15,058
Tort	1,793 ^f	1,994	1,989	1,798
Real property rights:				
Property	342 ^f	815	585	572
Domestic relations:				
Family relations	536 ^f	3,274	3,198	612
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Taxes	6 ^f	4	7	3
Other civil:				
Special proceedings	1,077 ^f	3,148	3,072	1,153
Other	751 ^f	1,264	1,309	706
Total	1,828 ^f	4,412	4,381	1,859
Total civil	20,831 ^f	43,104	44,033	19,902
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor:				
Criminal categories	11,484 ^f	46,527	47,066	10,945
Ordinance violation:				
Infractions of municipal ordinances except traffic	147 ^f	300	345	102
Preliminary hearing	6,511 ^f	15,240	17,163	4,588
Total criminal	18,142 ^f	62,067	64,574	15,635
Traffic:				
Total traffic	18,494 ^f	71,075	75,397	14,172
Grand total	57,467 ^f	176,246	184,004	49,709

	Trial ^d			Civil dispositions				
	Jury	Non-jury	Total	Settled	Dismissed	Transferred	Uncontested	Other
Civil: ^m								
Law	--	2,563	2,563	Law	1,221	18,932	666	3,331 7,160
Tort	--	352	352	Tort	469	911	105	78 74
Real property rights	--	65	65	Real property rights ..	27	306	45	76 66
Domestic relations	--	59	59	Domestic relations	10	182	39	2,629 279
Appeal:				Appeal of administrative agency case ...	0	3	0	1 1
Appeal of administrative agency case	--	2	2	Other civil	140	1,495	141	1,540 366
Other civil	--	699	699	Total	1,867	21,829	996	7,655 7,946
Total	--	3,740	3,740					
Criminal:								
Misdemeanor	--	10,861	10,861					
Ordinance violation	--	41	41					
Total	--	10,920	10,920					
Traffic	--	6,139	6,139					
Grand total	--	20,799	20,799					
Criminal dispositions								
	Traffic dispositions			Misdemeanor	Ordinance violation	Preliminary hearing	Total	
Non-jury trial:				Convicted	3,079	7	--	3,086
Convicted				Acquitted	7,782	34	--	7,816
Acquitted				Guilty plea	15,405	201	--	15,602
Guilty plea				Total conviction	18,484	208	--	18,692
Total conviction				Dismissed	19,852	101	912	20,865
Dismissed				Transferred	948	2	--	950
Transferred				Transferred to Superior Court on misdemeanor	--	--	269	269
				Nolle prosequi	--	--	2,616	2,616
				Vistas celebradas	--	--	12,031	12,031
				Other	--	--	1,335	1,335

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Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
-- = Not applicable.

^dCase 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.

^fThe beginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year.

Figures are as given in the annual report.

^jExplanation of data included in the category:

Filed figures include original filings, transfers, and reopened cases.

^mCategories 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 1976-1977 (Hato Rey, Puerto Rico: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and corrections were made by the administrative office of the court during data verification.

PUERTO RICO JUSTICES OF THE PEACE
Court of limited jurisdiction
37 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Total civil	N/A	N/A	6,634	N/A
Criminal:				
Preliminary hearing: Probable cause	N/A	N/A	66,644J	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	N/A	66,644	N/A
Grand total	N/A	N/A	73,278	N/A

Criminal dispositions

No probable cause 21,649
 Referred to Superior Court 6,890
 Referred to District Court 38,105

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
 N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

dCase 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.

jExplanation of data included in the category:
 Probable cause dispositions are determinations for both felony and misdemeanor cases.

Source: Office of Court Administration, Annual Report 1976-1977 (Hato Rey, Puerto Rico: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

PUERTO RICO MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
23 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Total civil	N/A	N/A	3,512	N/A
Criminal:				
Preliminary hearing: Probable cause	N/A	N/A	24,242J	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	N/A	24,242	N/A
Grand total	N/A	N/A	27,754	N/A

Criminal dispositions

No probable cause 9,020
 Referred to Superior Court 1,311
 Referred to District Court 13,911

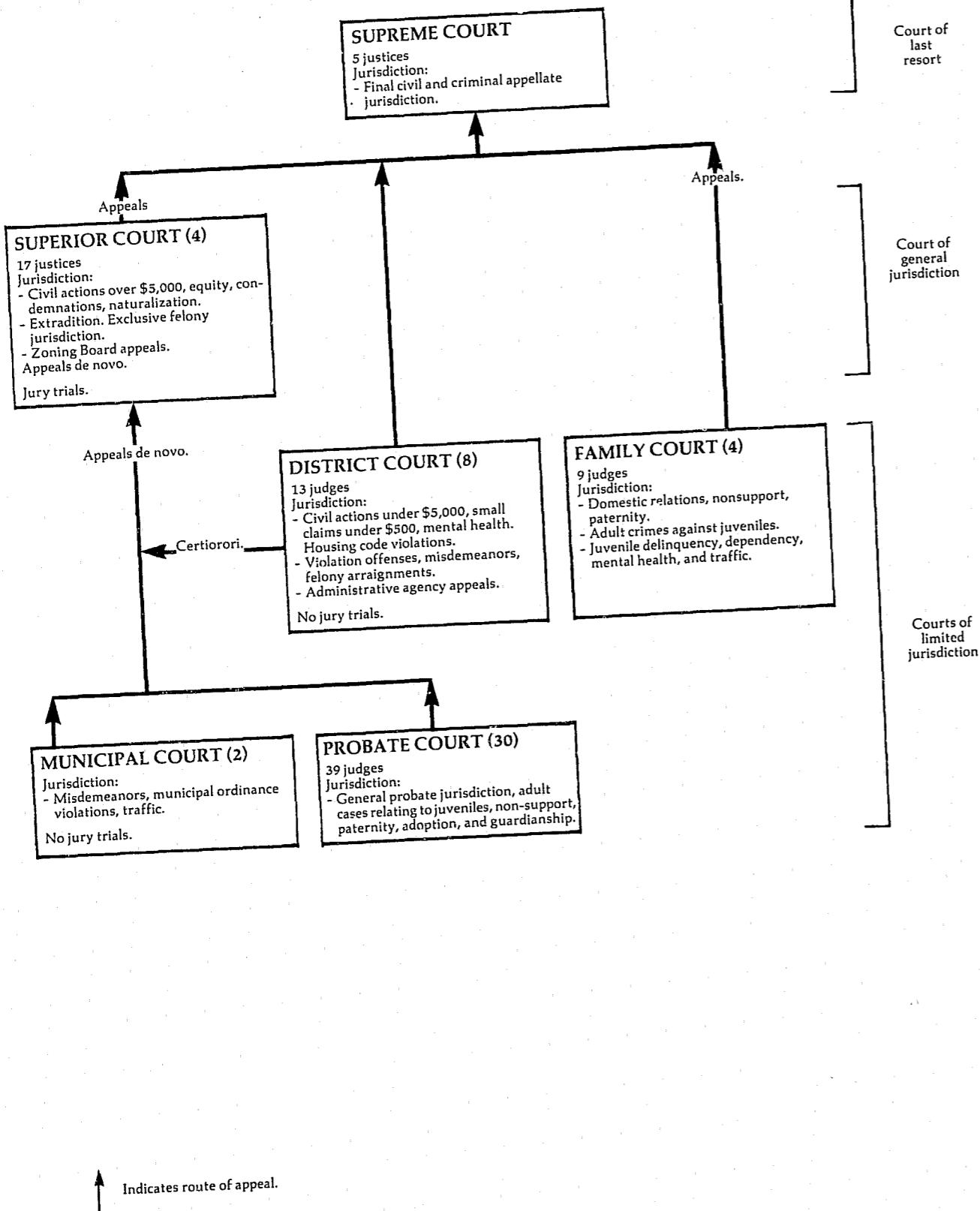
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dCase definition or unit of count:
 A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.
 The criminal case unit of count is the number of charges.

jExplanation of data included in the category:
 Probable cause dispositions are determinations for both felony and misdemeanor cases.

Source: Office of Court Administration, Annual Report 1976-1977 (Hato Rey, Puerto Rico: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

RHODE ISLAND COURT SYSTEM, 1977



RHODE ISLAND SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
October 1, 1976 to September 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Civil X	175		X	X
Family Court X	32		X	X
Total X	207		X	X
Criminal X	51		X	X
Appeal of administrative agency case: Workmen's compensation X	34		X	X
Total appeals X	292		X	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Habeas corpus X	24		X	X
Miscellaneous petitions X	12		X	X
Total X	36		X	X
Disciplinary:				
Bar disciplinary X	2		X	X
Advisory opinion X	1		X	X
Total X	39		X	X
Requests to appeal:				
Certiorari X	96		X	X
Total other cases X	135		X	X
Total cases X	447	427	353	521
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Arbitrator appointments 0		10	10	0
Petitions on bar exams 0	1	1	1	0
Total 0	11	11	11	0
Total other proceedings 0	11	11	11	0
Manner of disposition				
Written opinion 182 ^m				
Dismissed/withdrawn 90				
Order of court 10				
Consolidated 13				

^mBoldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
X = The date for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

Information on disposition type or trial data:
These 182 opinions were written on 195 cases; 13 cases were consolidated before the opinions were written.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary, 1977 (Providence, Rhode Island) and National Center for State Courts, The Appellate Process in the Rhode Island Supreme Court (North Andover, Massachusetts, 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions have been made during verification by the office of the court administrator.

RHODE ISLAND SUPERIOR COURT Court of general jurisdiction 4 counties, 17 justices January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977				
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Appeals:				
Appeal of trial court case:				
Probate appeals	N/A	61	N/A	N/A
Other civil:				
Civil	N/A	5,511	N/A	N/A
N/A	769	N/A	N/A	
Miscellaneous petitions	N/A	6,280	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	6,341	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	6,341	N/A	N/A
Criminal:				
Felony:				
Indictments	N/A	2,267	N/A	N/A
N/A	601 ^b	N/A	N/A	
Misdemeanor	N/A	285 ^c	N/A	N/A
Appeal	N/A	3,153	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	9,494	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	9,494	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court but the data are unavailable.

^dCase 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.

^eFigure was computed:
Misdemeanor filing figure was obtained by subtracting the number of appeals of District Court cases from the total number of cases transferred to the Superior Court from the District Court. These misdemeanor cases are transferred to the Superior Court for jury trial.

^fSpecial source or revision in data:
Criminal appeal filing figure was obtained from District Court data.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary, 1977 (Providence, Rhode Island). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

RHODE ISLAND FAMILY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
4 counties, 9 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Absolute divorce	N/A	4,825	X	N/A
Support/custody:				
Bed and board	N/A	271	X	N/A
Non-support of minor children	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	271	N/A	N/A
Adoption	N/A	418	N/A	N/A
Other domestic relations:				
Bastardy	N/A	5	N/A	N/A
Termination of parental rights	N/A	133	N/A	N/A
Alleged paternity	N/A	1	N/A	N/A
Other	N/A	13	N/A	N/A
Other dispositions of absolute divorce and bed and board	--	261	--	--
Total	N/A	152	261 ^d	N/A
Total	N/A	5,666	3,498 ^e	N/A
Other civil:				
Change of name	N/A	1	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A	5,667	3,498 ^e	N/A
Criminal:				
Other criminal:				
Neglect of children	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
Neglect to send children to school	N/A	1	N/A	N/A
Contributing to delinquency of a minor	N/A	7	N/A	N/A
Battered children (by father)	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	8	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	8	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Juvenile motor vehicle	N/A	828	N/A	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	828	N/A	N/A
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Wayward/delinquent	N/A	4,464	N/A	N/A
Non-offense:				
Dependency and neglect	N/A	180	N/A	N/A
Diverted to Youth Diversionary Unit	N/A	940	N/A	N/A
Battered/abused children	N/A	74	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	1,194	N/A	N/A
Other juvenile:				
Child marriages	N/A	59	N/A	N/A
Other	N/A	44	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	103	N/A	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	5,761	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	12,264	3,498 ^e	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

^dCase 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.

^eData are not complete:

Total domestic relations, total civil, and grand total disposed figures do not include all the reported case categories. Dispositions were reported for the categories of absolute divorce and bed and board only.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary, 1977 (Providence, Rhode Island). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
8 divisions, 13 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	<u>Beginning pending</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>End pending</u>
Civil:				
Law:				
Regular civil	N/A	22,430	16,970 ^d	N/A
Small claims	N/A	6,058	4,275 ^d	N/A
Total civil	N/A	28,488	21,245	N/A
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor ^j	N/A	23,211 ^j	25,881 ^j	N/A
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony	N/A	6,907	8,339	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	30,118	34,220	N/A
Traffic: ^j				
Total traffic ^j	N/A	(J)	(J)	N/A
Grand total	N/A	58,606	55,465	N/A
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Non-jury trial				
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Civil dispositions				
Civil (Law)				
Law				
Small claims				
Total				
Criminal				
Hearing judgments				
Defaults and stipulations ...				
Total				
13,971				
3,728				
17,699				

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSLP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court but the data are unavailable.

-- = Not applicable.

^dCase 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.

^jExplanation of data included in the category:

Civil law disposition figure was assumed to be the sum of trials and judgments after default.

Small claims disposed were assumed to be the sum of small claims hearings, defaults, and settlements.

Traffic cases not handled by the Administrative Adjudication Division of the Department of Transportation are included with the misdemeanor data.

^mInformation on disposition type on trial date:

The number of criminal trials includes cases disposed after a changed plea.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts, Report on the Judiciary, 1977 (Providence, Rhode Island). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

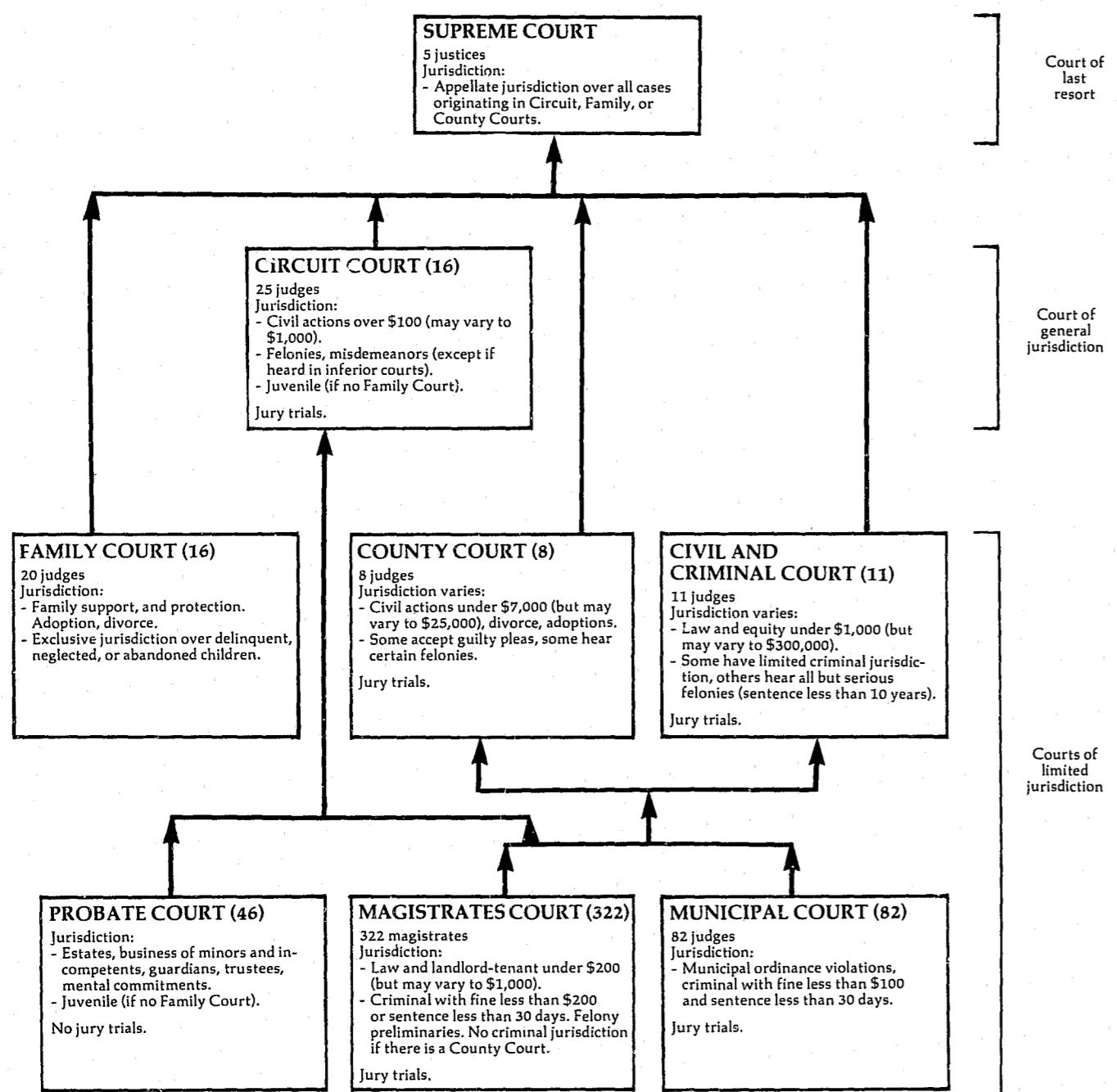
RHODE ISLAND MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
2 courts
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for 1977. 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, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Probate Court for 1977. 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, 1977



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	146	278	189	235
Criminal	41	173	192	22
Postconviction remedy:				
Postconviction	4	22	19	7
Total appeals	191	473	400	264
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Original proceedings	0	3	3	0
Habeas corpus	0	0	0	0
Total	0	3	3	0
Disciplinary matter	2	11	13	0
Total	2	14	16	0
Requests to appeal	2	14	16	0
Total other cases	2	14	16	0
Total cases	193	487	416	264
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	0	42	42	0
Total other proceedings	0	42	42	0
Manner of disposition				
Written opinion	186	Affirmed	256	
Per curiam	55	Reversed	23	
Memorandum	147	Reversed and remanded	48	
Dismissal/withdrawal	28	Affirmed and remanded	3	
		Remanded	4	
		Other	82	
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 NCSP.
Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case category may or may not be handled by the court.

Explanation of data included in the category:
Civil appeals include regular and Rule 29 appeals.
Criminal appeals include regular and "no merit" appeals.

Source: Unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Supreme Court. Statistics are from the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

SOUTH CAROLINA CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
16 circuits, 25 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	
Civil:					
Total civil	15,813 ^f	29,259	28,905	16,167	
Criminal:					
Felony/misdemeanor:					
Criminal	8,618 ^f	30,829	29,670 ¹	9,777 ¹	
Total criminal	8,618 ^f	30,829	29,670 ¹	9,777 ¹	
Grand total	24,431 ^f	60,088	58,575	25,944	
Trial:					
	<u>Civil dispositions</u>		<u>Criminal dispositions</u>		
Civil	890	Settlement 1,728 Voluntary dismissal 6,983 Involuntary dismissal/nonsuit 1,318 Default 5,150 Transfer to other court 2,614 Final order 6,708 Other disposition 3,514	Transfer to other court 470 ¹		

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

dCase 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.

eA trial is counted if the case is concluded by trial, and judgment on the verdict has been rendered and filed.
fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:
Figures are as given in the unpublished data.

gExplanation 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 the Civil and Criminal Court.

hSpecial source or revision in data:
Corrected criminal disposition and end pending figures were supplied by the court administration office during the data verification process.

Source: Unpublished data provided by the South Carolina Court Administration Office and South Carolina office of the Attorney General.
Statistics are from unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary, and corrections were made by the court administration office during the process of data verification.

SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY COURT AND CIVIL AND CRIMINAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
8 courts, 8 judges; 11 courts, 11 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending	
Civil:					
Total civil	14,790 ^f	14,586	20,711	8,665	
Criminal:					
Total criminal	(k)	(k)	(k)	(k)	
Grand total	14,790 ^f	14,586 ⁱ	20,711 ¹	8,665 ⁱ	
Trial:					
	<u>Civil dispositions</u>		<u>Criminal dispositions</u>		
Civil	515	Settlement 1,067 Voluntary dismissal 2,453 Involuntary dismissal/nonsuit 1,094 Default 4,971 Transfer to other court 4,472 Final order 3,129 Other disposition 3,010			

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

dCase 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.

eA trial is counted if the case is concluded by trial, and judgment on the verdict has been rendered and filed.
fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:
Figures are as given in the unpublished data.

gData are not complete:
Grand total figures do not include criminal data.
These data are included in the criminal section of the Circuit Court data chart.

Source: Unpublished data provided by the South Carolina Court Administration Office. Statistics are from the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

SOUTH CAROLINA FAMILY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
16 courts, 20 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce X		X	11,084	X
Legal separation X		X	877	X
Annulment X		X	231	X
Total X		X	12,192	X
Support/custody:				
Custody X		X	2,586	X
Support X		X	7,210	X
Visitation X		X	775	X
Total X		X	10,571	X
Adoption X		X	1,199	X
Other domestic relations:				
All other categories X		X	11,590	X
Total 14,223 ^f		38,746	35,552	17,417
Total civil	14,223 ^f	38,746	35,552	17,417
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation:				
Juvenile--traffic law violation X		X	1,705	X
Total traffic	X	X	1,705	X
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquency X		X	2,983	X
Felony X		X	3,552	X
Misdemeanor X		X	3,547	X
Drug law X		X	432	X
Total X		X	10,514	X
Other juvenile:				
Mental commitment of minor X		X	39	X
Habeas corpus X		X	6	X
Other X		X	3,737	X
Total X		X	3,782	X
Total juvenile	X	X	14,296	X
Grand total	17,502 ^f	54,272	51,553	20,221

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

dCase definition or unit of count:

A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

eBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:
Figures are as given in the unpublished data.

Source: Unpublished data provided by the South Carolina Court Administration Office. Statistics are from the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

SOUTH CAROLINA MAGISTRATE COURT
 Court of limited jurisdiction
 322 courts, 322 magistrates
 January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil^d:				
Law:				
Civil	N/A	105,856	95,320	N/A
Total civil	N/A	105,856	95,320	N/A
Criminal^d:				
Misdemeanor:				
Non-traffic	N/A	60,314	X	N/A
Preliminary hearing	N/A	15,912	16,032	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	76,226	X	N/A
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Driving under the influence	N/A	12,075	X	N/A
Other traffic violation:				
Other	N/A	387,593	X	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	399,668	X	N/A
Grand total	N/A	581,750	568,690	N/A

Trials

	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil	374	94,946	95,320
Criminal and traffic	2,372	454,966	457,338
Total	2,746	549,912	552,658

Criminal dispositions (preliminary hearing)		
Bound over	11,823	
Discharged	4,209	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

^dCase 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 jury trial is counted if the case is concluded by jury, and judgment on the verdict has been rendered and filed. All cases not concluded by jury trial are considered non-jury trials.

Source: Unpublished data provided by the South Carolina Court Administration Office. Statistics are from the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

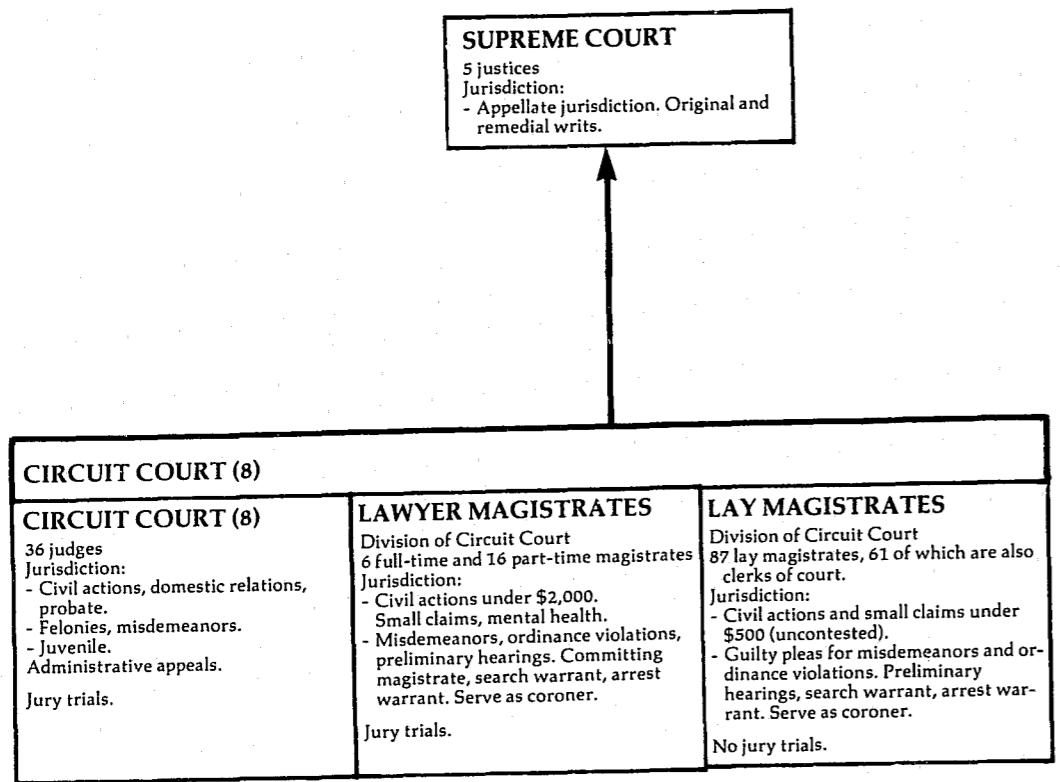
SOUTH CAROLINA PROBATE COURT
 Court of limited jurisdiction
 46 courts
 January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Probate Court for 1977.

SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL COURT
 Court of limited jurisdiction
 82 courts, 82 judges
 January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for 1977.

SOUTH DAKOTA COURT SYSTEM, 1977



Indicates route of appeal.

Court of
last
resort

Court of
general
jurisdiction

SOUTH DAKOTA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Total appeals				
270 ^l	257 ^{k(2)e}	222		307 ^h
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus	N/A	X	3	N/A
Mandamus	N/A	X	0	N/A
Prohibition	N/A	X	2	N/A
Bail	N/A	X	0	N/A
Wrts	N/A	X	0	N/A
Certificate of probable cause	N/A	2	2	N/A
Execution stay	N/A	X	0	N/A
Total	N/A	X	7	N/A
Disciplinary:				
Attorney suspension/disbarment	N/A	X	1	N/A
Certiorari	N/A	X	1	N/A
Total	N/A	X	2	N/A
Total	N/A	15	9	N/A
Requests to appeal:				
Petition for allowance of appeal	N/A	16	15 (2) ^e	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	31	24 (2) ^e	N/A
Total cases				
270 ^l	288 (2) ^e	246 (2) ^e		307 ^l
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	3 ^l	22	23	2 ^h
Total other proceedings	3 ^l	22	23	2 ^h
Manner of disposition				
Opinion 99 ^m				
Remanded 0				
Orders dismissing appeals 92 ^m				

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

^lCases not included in the total to avoid double counting:

Petitions for allowance of appeal 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.

^mFigure was computed:

End pending figures were computed from filing, disposition, and beginning pending data.

ⁿData are not complete:

Pending figures for total cases include only appeals pending data.

^oAdditional information:

Appeals filed figure includes 10 reinstated appeals.

¹Special source or revision in the data:

Beginning pending figures were taken from the 1976 court profile, where they are given as end pending figures for the 1976 court year.

²Categories for disposition type or trial data:

There were 130 cases disposed by 99 opinions.

There were 92 cases disposed by 90 dismissals.

Source: Clerk, Supreme Court, monthly "Business of the Court" statistical reports (unpublished). Calendar year totals were computed from monthly reports. Statistics are from the monthly reports except that totals have been computed where necessary.

SOUTH DAKOTA CIRCUIT COURT¹
 Court of general jurisdiction
 8 circuits, 36 judges^c
 July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil^d:				
Small claims	N/A	N/A	8,196	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	N/A	N/A	2,514	N/A
Other civil	N/A	N/A	4,702	N/A
Total civil	N/A	N/A	15,412	N/A
Criminal^d:				
Felony	N/A	N/A	2,398	N/A
Misdemeanor:				
High grade misdemeanors	N/A	N/A	10,875	N/A
Low grade misdemeanors	N/A	N/A	78,764	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	89,639	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	N/A	92,037	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Juvenile^k:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquency	N/A	3,020	3,865	N/A
Status offense:				
Child in need of supervision	N/A	499	622	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	3,519	4,487	N/A
Grand total	N/A	3,519 ⁱ	111,936 ^j	N/A
Trial^d				
	Jury	Non-jury ^m	Total	
Criminal dispositions				
	Felony	High grade misdemeanors	Total	
Civil:				
Small claims	--	1,521	1,521	
Domestic relations	--	259	259	
Other civil	136	569	705	
Total	136	2,349	2,485	
Criminal^d:				
Felony	167	47	214	
High grade misdemeanors	184	467	651	
Total	351	514	865	
Grand total	487	2,863	3,350	
Jury trial:				
Convicted	116	121	237	
Acquitted	51	63	114	
Non-jury trial:				
Convicted	41	413	454	
Acquitted	6	54	60	
Guilty plea	894	7,248	8,142	
Dismissed	574	1,632	2,206	
Pre Hearing	716	1,344	2,060	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
 N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^cJudge information:
 This court is also served by 6 full-time and 16 part time Lawyer Magistrates, 26 Lay Magistrates, and 61 Clerk/Magistrates.

^dCase 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.

ⁱData are not complete:

Circuit Court figures do not include data for the 10.2 full-time equivalent Lay Magistrates or 13 Lawyer Magistrates of the Circuit Court.
 Grand total filed figure includes juvenile filings only.

Grand total disposition figures do not include any traffic data.

^kAdditional information:

The juvenile caseload is handled by the court services department. There were 46.5 full-time equivalent court service officers during 1977.

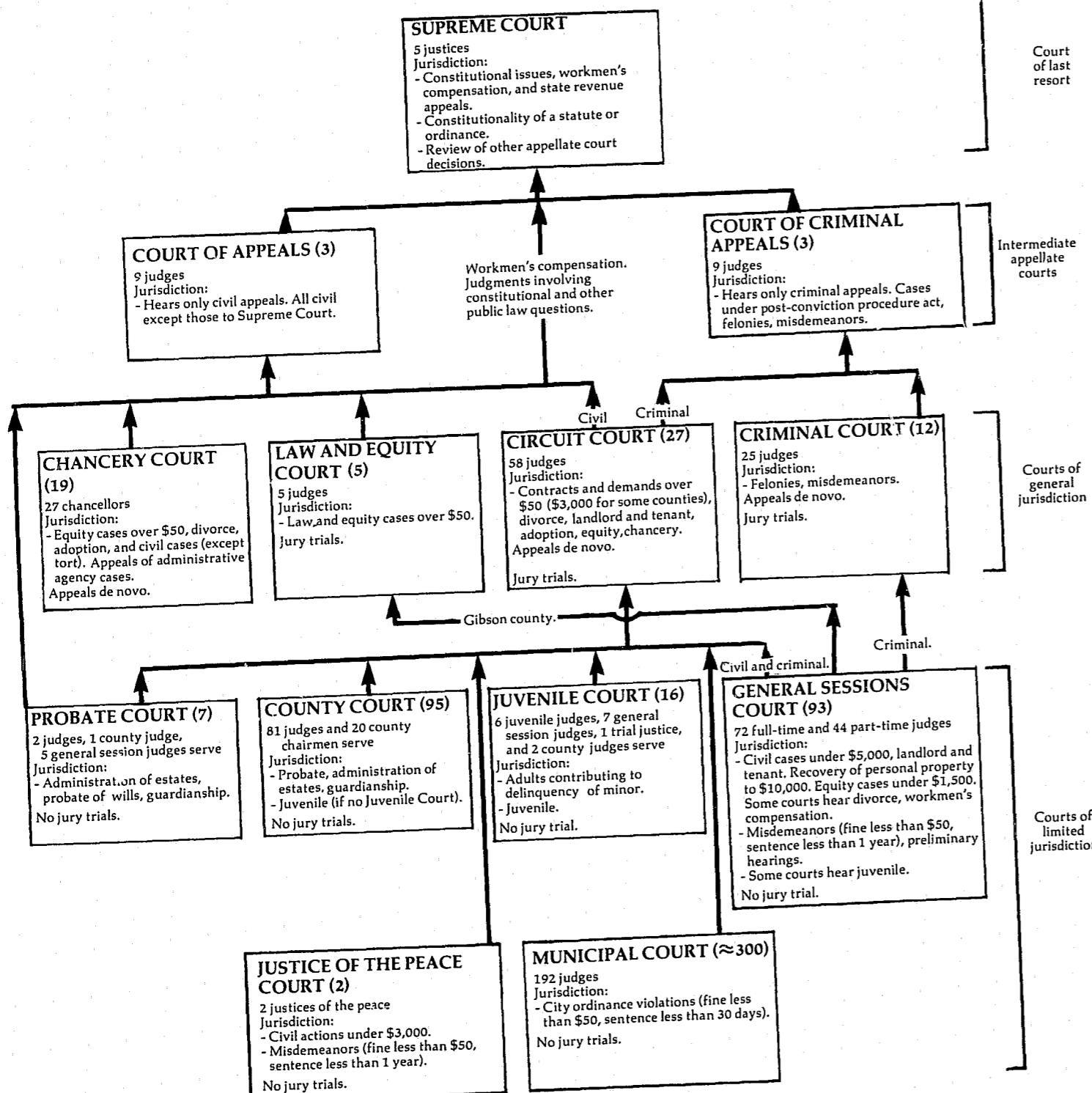
^mCategories for disposition type or trial data:

Civil non-jury trial data include contested small claims and domestic relations cases.

Criminal trial and disposition data include only felony and high grade misdemeanor cases.

Source: Court Administrator's Office, Benchmark: A Biannual Report of the South Dakota Unified Judicial System, FY 76-77 (Pierre, South Dakota: 1978). Statistics are from the biannual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TENNESSEE COURT SYSTEM, 1977



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

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TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Court of origin:				
Circuit	N/A	97 (X)e	X	N/A
Law and equity	N/A	3 (X)e	X	N/A
Chancery	N/A	105 (X)e	X	N/A
Probate	N/A	2 (X)e	X	N/A
Total	N/A	207 (X)e	X	N/A
Criminal	N/A	25 (X)e	X	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	232 (98)e	314	N/A
Other cases:				
Requests to appeal:				
Certiorari				
Total other cases				
Total cases	N/A	879 (98)e	826 (98)e	N/A
Manner of disposition				
Opinion	244 ^m			
Per curiam	3			
Disposition of cases				
Appeals	17	1		
Dismissals	15	--		
Remanded without opinion	35	1		
Transferred	0	1		
Withdrawn				

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

^mCases 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.

Information on disposition type or trial data:

Opinions include concurring and dissenting opinions.

Source: Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1977 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, 9 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil				
Total appeals				
Other cases:				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases				
Total cases	N/A	758	785	N/A
Manner of disposition				
Opinion	706 ^m			
Per curiam	8			
Disposition of appeals				
Dismissed		59		
Transferred		7		

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

Court jurisdiction:

This court has civil jurisdiction only.

Information on disposition type or trial data:

Opinions include concurring and dissenting opinions.

Source: Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1977 Annual Report (Nashville, Tennessee). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TENNESSEE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS				
Intermediate appellate court				
3 divisions, 9 judges				
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977				
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Criminal	N/A	633	X	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	633	X	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Habeas corpus	N/A	81	X	N/A
Requests to appeal	N/A	81	X	N/A
Total other cases	N/A	714	770	N/A
<u>Manner of disposition</u>				
				<u>Disposition of cases</u>
Opinion	703 ^m		Dismissals	17
Per curiam	3		Transferred	2

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

^aCourt jurisdiction:

This court has criminal jurisdiction only.

^bInformation on disposition type or trial data:

Opinions include concurring and dissenting opinions.

Source: Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1977 Annual Report (Nashville, Tennessee). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TENNESSEE CIRCUIT COURT AND CRIMINAL COURT ^l				
Court of general jurisdiction				
27 circuits, 58 judges ^c ; 12 circuits, 25 judges				
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977				
	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Tort:				
Auto tort	X	4,180	3,907	X
Other tort:				
Damages/torts ^b	N/A	3,472	X	N/A
Other	X	3,050	4,024	X
Total	X	6,522	4,024 ⁱ	X
Total	X	10,702	7,931 ⁱ	X
Contract:				
Contracts/debts ^b	N/A	1,140	X	N/A
Real property rights:				
Condemnations	X	480	472	X
Real estate matter ^b	N/A	183	X	N/A
Total	X	663	472 ⁱ	X
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	X	19,587	11,987 ^j	X
Petitions ^b	X	5,545	4,022 ⁱ	X
Total	V	25,132	16,009 ⁱ	X
Support/custody:				
Reciprocal support	N/A	1,169	X	N/A
Adoption ^b	X	697	537 ⁱ	X
Other ^b	N/A	83	X	N/A
Total	X	27,081	16,546 ⁱ	X
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Probate ^b	N/A	23	X	N/A
Mental health ^b	N/A	36	X	N/A

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Tennessee Circuit Court and Criminal Court (continued)				
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Appeal from administrative hearing ^b	N/A	24	X	N/A
Tax matter ^b	N/A	1	X	N/A
Workmen's compensation ^b	X	2,823	1,446 ⁱ	X
Total	X	2,848	1,446 ⁱ	X
Appeal of trial court case:				
Appeal from lower court ^b	N/A	2,672	X	N/A
Total	X	5,520	1,446 ⁱ	X
Extraordinary writ:				
Special remedy ^b	N/A	226	X	N/A
Other civil:				
Miscellaneous	X	3,542	2,854	X
Contempt ^b	N/A	414	X	N/A
Other ^b	N/A	115	X	N/A
Total	X	4,071	2,854 ⁱ	X
Total civil	17,670 ^{fh1}	49,462	42,275 ⁱ	18,328 ⁱ
Criminal^d:				
Felony	6,922	14,366	14,294	6,964
Misdemeanor	X	4,678	4,917	X
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Against persons	N/A	1,446	X	N/A
Against property	N/A	6,278	X	N/A
Against public welfare	N/A	3,294	X	N/A
Total	N/A	11,018	X	N/A
Total criminal	X	30,062	19,211 ⁱ	X
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
DWI	X	1,811	1,202 ⁱ	X
Total traffic	X	1,811	1,202 ⁱ	X
Grand total	27,311 ^{fh1}	81,335	73,367	27,954 ⁱ

<u>Jury trial^{di}</u>	Civil	1,233	<u>Criminal dispositionⁱ</u>	<u>Civil dispositionⁱ</u>
			Convicted after trial	221 Judgment after trial
			Acquitted	221 1,775
			Guilty plea	117 491
			Dismissed	2,937 2,234
			No true bill	428 6,271
			Remanded-general sessions	278 5,461
			Special remedy relief	67 Adoption decree
			Transfer to another court	103 Termination in probate
			Unapprehended defendant	19 Ruling on petition
			Other	25 Summary judgment
				Other Transfer to another court
				Special remedy relief
				Cite for contempt
				Other

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

^bParticular court or reporting system information:

Ten counties (Bedford, Gibson, Hamilton, Houston, McMinn, McNairy, Putnam, Sequatchie, Shelby, and Sullivan) were selected as pilot sites for the Tennessee Judicial Information System Program. The categories used to classify these cases were somewhat different from the classification system used for the rest of the state. Dispositions for these counties were not available by case type, and no pending data were available. Type of disposition data were available for the ten experimental sites.

^cJudge information:

The circuit judges also hear chancery cases in the 11 counties with no Chancery Court.

^dCase 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.

^eBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year.

Figures include data from locations using the old recordkeeping system only. Data from 10 counties are not included in this figure.

^fFigure was computed:

Beginning pending figure was computed from filed, disposed, and end pending data.

^gData are not complete:

Pending and disposition figures are incomplete as a result of the introduction of the Tennessee Judicial Information System in 10 experimental locations. No pending data were available for these locations. Disposition data were available by type of disposition, but not by case category. Footnotes in these columns reflect the missing data. Grand total filing and disposition figures are complete.

Civil dispositions include data from the 10 experimental Tennessee Judicial Information System pilot sites only.

Criminal dispositions do not include data from Shelby County, or any of the counties not participating in the pilot program for the Tennessee Judicial Information System.

^hExplanation of ⁱ a included in the category:

Crimes against public welfare include bribery, disorderly conduct, drugs, gambling, obscenity, obstructing justice, perjury, prostitution, weapons, and other offenses.

Source: Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1977 Annual Report (Nashville, Tennessee). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TENNESSEE LAW AND EQUITY COURT¹
 Court of general jurisdiction
 5 courts, 5 judges
 January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Tort:				
Auto tort	X	117	88	X
Other tort: Damages/torts ^b	N/A	217	X	N/A
X Other	X	65	62	X
Total	X ^d	282	62 ⁱ	X ^d
Total	X	399	1501	X ^d
Contract:				
Contracts/debts ^b	X ^d	192	42 ⁱ	X ^d
Real property rights:				
Partitions	X	16	18	X
Land	X	9	4	X
Condemnations	X	15	21	X
Real estate matters ^b	N/A	62	X	N/A
Total	X ^d	102	43 ⁱ	X ^d
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution: Divorce ^b	X ^d	2,023	1,241 ⁱ	X ^d
Petitions ^b	X ^d	779	692 ⁱ	X ^d
Total	X ^d	2,802	1,933 ⁱ	X ^d
Support/custody:				
Reciprocal support	N/A	1	X	N/A
Adoptions	X	161	120 ⁱ	X
Other	N/A	7	X	N/A
Total	X ^d	2,971	2,053 ⁱ	X ^d
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate: Probate	N/A	5	X	N/A
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship: Trust ^b	N/A	23	X	N/A
Other estate: Conservatorship and probate	X	153	146	X
Total	X ^d	181	146 ⁱ	X ^d
Mental health	N/A	31	X	N/A
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency cases: Workmen's compensation ^b	X ^d	194	85 ⁱ	X ^d
Appeal from administrative hearing ^b	N/A	2	X	N/A
Tax matter ^b	N/A	7	X	N/A
Total	X ^d	203	85 ⁱ	X ^d
Appeal of trial court cases: Appeal from lower court ^b	N/A	56	X	N/A
Total	X ^d	259	85 ⁱ	X ^d
Extraordinary writ:				
Special remedy ^b	N/A	2	X	N/A
Other civil:				
Miscellaneous	X	253	226	X
Contempt ^b	N/A	58	X	N/A
Other ^b	N/A	18	X	N/A
Total	X ^d	329	226 ⁱ	X ^d
Total civil	2,514 ^{fhi}	4,466	4,271	2,721 ⁱ
Grand total	2,514 ^{fhi}	4,466	4,271	2,721 ⁱ

Jury trials^d

Civil 21

Civil dispositionsⁱ

Judgment after trial	116
Default judgment	35
Settled	136
Dismissed	310
Divorce decree	595
Adoption decree	28
Termination of probate	40
Ruling on petition	74
Summary judgment	5
Transfer to another court	1
Special remedy relief	5
Cite for contempt	33
Other	43

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Tennessee Law and Equity Court (continued)

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
 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.

bParticular court or reporting system information:

Two counties with Law and Equity Courts (Gibson and Sullivan) were selected as pilot sites for the Tennessee Judicial Information System. The categories used to classify these cases were somewhat different from the classification system used for the rest of the state. Dispositions for these two counties were not available by case type, and no pending data were available. Type of disposition data were available for the two experimental counties.

dCase 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.

fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:

Figure is as calculated from data given in the annual report.

hFigure was computed:

Beginning pending figure was computed from filed, disposed, and end pending data.

iData are not complete:

Pending and disposition figures are incomplete as a result of the introduction of the Tennessee Judicial Information System into two counties with Law and Equity Courts. No pending data were available for these experimental sites. Disposition data were available by type of disposition, but not by case type. Footnotes in the data columns reflect those categories with missing data. Total civil and grand total filing and disposition figure are complete.

Civil disposition data include only the two experimental Tennessee Judicial Information System pilot sites.

Trial data do not include figures from the two experimental sites.

Source: Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1977 Annual Report (Nashville, Tennessee). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TENNESSEE CHANCERY COURT¹
Court of general jurisdiction
19 chancery divisions, 27 chancellors^c
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Tort:				
Damages/torts ^b	N/A	161	X	N/A
Contract:				
Contract	X	2,384	2,484	X
Contracts/debts ^b	N/A	885	X	N/A
Total	X ⁱ	3,269	2,484 ⁱ	X
Real property rights:				
Land cases	X	792	896	X
Partitions	X	398	443	X
Real estate matters ^b	N/A	355	X	N/A
Total	X ⁱ	1,545	1,339 ⁱ	X ⁱ
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce ^b	X ⁱ	14,877	11,209 ⁱ	X ⁱ
Petitions	X ⁱ	3,069	2,780 ⁱ	X ⁱ
Total	X ⁱ	17,946	13,989 ⁱ	X ⁱ
Support/custody:				
Reciprocal support ^b	N/A	4	X	N/A
Adoption ^b	X ⁱ	1,392	866 ⁱ	X ⁱ
Other domestic relations:				
Other	N/A	28	X	N/A
Total	X ⁱ	19,370	14,855 ⁱ	X ⁱ
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:	N/A	768	X	N/A
Probate ^b				
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:	N/A	26	X	N/A
Trusts ^b				
Other estate:				
Conservatorship and probate	X	565	544	X
Total	X ⁱ	1,359	544 ⁱ	X ⁱ
Mental health ^b	N/A	113	X	N/A
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Workmen's compensation ^b	X ⁱ	2,189	1,647 ⁱ	X ⁱ
Appeal from administrative hearing ^b	N/A	14	X	N/A
Tax matter ^b	N/A	28	X	N/A
Total	X ⁱ	2,231	1,647 ⁱ	X ⁱ
Appeal of trial court case:				
Appeal from lower court ^b	N/A	6	X	N/A
Total	N/A	2,237	1,647 ⁱ	N/A
Extraordinary writ:				
Special remedy	N/A	160	X	N/A
Other civil:				
Miscellaneous	X	3,844	3,758	X
Contempt ^b	N/A	82	X	N/A
Other ^b	N/A	279	X	N/A
Total	X ⁱ	4,205	3,758 ⁱ	X ⁱ
Total civil	15,466 ^{fhi}	32,419	31,687	14,993 ⁱ
Grand total	15,466 ^{fhi}	32,419	31,687	14,993 ⁱ

Civil dispositionsⁱ

Judgment after trial	582
Default judgment	114
Settled	398
Dismissed	2,075
Divorce decree	2,114
Adoption decree	422
Termination of probate	686
Ruling on petition	253
Summary judgment	33
Transfer to another court	27
Special remedy relief	50
Cite for contempt	72
Other	234

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

^bParticular court or reporting system information:

Nine counties with Chancery Courts (Bedford, Hamilton, Houston, McMinn, McNairy, Putnam, Sequatchie, Shelby, and Sullivan) were selected as pilot sites for the Tennessee Judicial Information System. The categories used to classify these cases were somewhat different from the classification system used for the rest of the state. Dispositions for these counties were not available by case type, and no pending data were available. Type of disposition data were available for the nine experimental counties.

^cJudge information:

Circuit judges hear chancery cases in 11 counties with no Chancery Court.

^dCase definition or unit of count:

A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

^eBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year.

Figures are as computed from data given in the annual report.

^fFigure was computed:

Beginning pending figure was computed from filed, disposed, and end pending data.

^gData are not complete:

Pending and disposition figures are incomplete as a result of the introduction of the Tennessee Judicial Information system into nine counties with Chancery Courts. No pending data were available for these experimental locations. Disposition data were available by type of disposition, but not by case type. Footnotes in the data columns reflect those categories with missing data. Total civil and grand total filing and disposition figures are complete.

Civil disposition data include only the nine experimental Tennessee Judicial Information System pilot locations only.

Source: Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1977 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 also serve
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Probate Court for 1977.

TENNESSEE COUNTY COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
95 counties: 81 judges, and 20 county chairmen serve
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the County Court for 1977.

TENNESSEE JUVENILE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
16 courts: 6 juvenile judges, 7 general sessions judges, 1 trial justice, and 2 county judges serve
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Juvenile Court for 1977.

TENNESSEE GENERAL SESSIONS COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
93 courts: 72 full-time and 44 part-time judges serve
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the General Sessions Court for 1977.

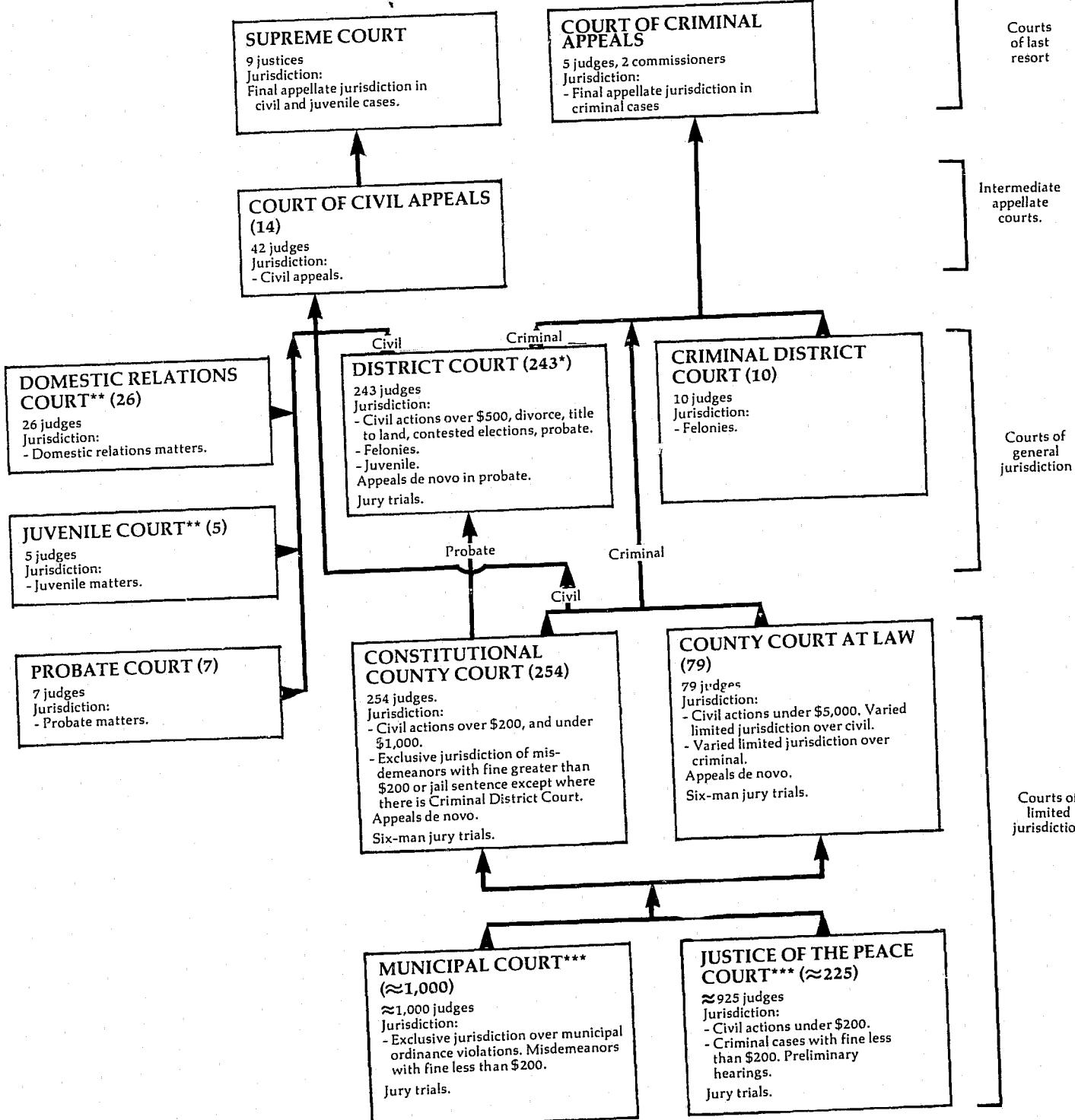
TENNESSEE MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
≈300 courts, 192 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for 1977.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
2 courts, 2 justices of the peace
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled by the Justice of the Peace Court for 1977.

TEXAS COURT SYSTEM, 1977



Indicates route of appeal.

*Twenty-three of the District Courts were created on April 1, 1977.

**The Domestic Relations Courts and Juvenile Courts were converted to District Court on September 1, 1977.

***Some Municipal and Justice of the Peace Courts may appeal to the District Court.

TEXAS SUPREME COURT^a
Court of last resort
9 justices
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	303	14 (70) ^e	75	423
Total appeals	303	14 (70) ^e	75	423
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Habeas corpus	(3)	0 (3) ^e	2	(3)
Mandamus (civil)	(3)	0 (16) ^e	14	(3)
Mandamus (criminal)	0	0	0	0
Prohibition	0	0	0	0
Total	531	0 (19) ^e	16	451
Requests to appeal:				
Notions for leave to file petitions for writ of:				
Mandamus (civil)	4	88	74 (16) ^e	2
Mandamus (criminal)	49	153	159 (0) ^e	43
Habeas corpus	0	11	8 (3) ^e	0
Prohibition	0	3	3 (0) ^e	0
Total	53	255	244 (19) ^e	45
Applications for writs of error	122	766	615 (102) ^e	171
Total	175	1,021	859 (121) ^e	216
Total other cases	2281	1,021 (19) ^e	875 (121) ^e	261 ^d
Total cases	258	1,035 (89)^e	950 (121)^e	3038
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests ^j	14	341	318	37
Other matters:				
Miscellaneous motions	--	73	73	--
Total other proceedings	14	414	391	37
Manner of disposition				
Written opinion	75 ^m			
Per curiam	9			
Status of pending cases (12/31/77)				
Set for submission	15			
Under submission	27			
Disposition of cases				
Civil appeals				
Affirmed Court of Civil Appeals	22			
Affirmed judgment of trial court	3			
Reversed judgment of trial court	1			
Reversed Court of Civil Appeals, affirmed trial court	23			
Reversed and remanded to trial court	13			
Reversed and remanded to Court of Civil Appeals	2			
Reversed and rendered	5			
Dismissed as moot	4			
Writs granted	--			
Relator discharged (withdrawn by petitioner)	14			
Original jurisdiction				

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
-- = Not applicable.

^aCourt jurisdiction:

The Supreme Court is the court of last resort for civil cases only.

^bCases 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.

^cChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Data are as given in the annual reports.

^dData are not complete:

Pending figures for total original jurisdictions and total other cases do not include habeas corpus or civil mandamus. They are included in the appeals pending figures.

^eExplanation 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.

Pending figures for habeas corpus and civil mandamus cases listed under original jurisdiction are included in the civil appeals data.

^fSpecial source or revision in the data:

The end pending civil appeals figure was taken from the 50th Annual Report 1978 where it is listed as the beginning pending figure for that year.

^gInformation on disposition type or trial data:

The court also filed 23 dissenting opinions and 4 concurring opinions.

^hSource: Texas Judicial Council, 49th Annual Report 1977 (Austin, Texas: May, 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TEXAS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS
Court of last resort
5 judges, 2 commissioners
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Criminal:				
Criminal	X	3,183	X	X
Reinstated criminal	X	113	X	X
Applications for writ of habeas corpus, etc., granted	X	(97) ^e	X	X
Total appeals	1,075	3,296 (97) ^e	2,564	1,904
Other cases:				
Requests to appeal:				
Habeas corpus and mandamus	64 ^f	1,396	1,264 (97) ^e	99 ^h
Total other cases	64 ^f	1,396	1,264 (97) ^e	99 ^h
Total cases	1,139 ^f	4,692 (97) ^e	3,828 (97) ^e	2,003
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	0	426	426	0
Total other proceedings	0	426	426	0

Manner of disposition			Disposition of appeals	
Criminal appeals	Other cases	Other proceedings	Criminal	Requests to appeal
Signed opinion	491 ^m	--	--	491
Per curiam	2,102	--	39	2,141
With written order	6	X	X	36
Status of pending appeals (12/31/77)				
Under submission on rehearing	7			
Under original submission	97			
Unsubmitted cases	1,669			
Pending decision on rehearing	129			
Appeal to U.S. Supreme Court	2			
Affirmed		1,825		--
Reformed and affirmed		60		--
Dismissed		162	19	
Reversed and remanded		142	--	
Reversed		2	--	
Remanded		5	--	
Abated		99	--	
Reversed and dismissed		129	--	
Reversed and bail granted		10	--	
Granted		86	97	
Denied		31	1,163	
No action		--	71	
Hearing ordered		--	11	

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case 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.

^aCourt jurisdiction:

The Court of Criminal Appeals is the court of last resort for criminal cases only. It has no original jurisdiction.

^bCases 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. Eighty-four of these granted applications were disposed of with written opinion.

^cBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

^dFigure was computed:

End pending figure was computed from filing, disposition, and beginning pending data. There were 35 of the 99 habeas corpus petitions under consideration at year end.

^eInformation on disposition type or trial data:

The court also filed 101 dissenting opinions, 34 concurring opinions, and 11 opinions dissenting in part, concurring in part.

Source: Texas Judicial Council, 49th Annual Report 1977 (Austin, Texas: May, 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TEXAS COURTS OF CIVIL APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
14 divisions, 42 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil		978	1,969	1,867 ^k
Total appeals		978	1,969	1,867 ^k
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases				
Total cases	978	1,969	1,867 ^k	1,080
Manner of disposition				
<u>Written opinion</u>		1,616 ^m		<u>Civil</u>
Per curiam		83		Filing to disposition
Affirmed		863		6
Reversed and rendered		138		Age of pending cases
Reversed and remanded		305		Under 6 months
Modified and affirmed or modified		51		6+ to 12 months
Partially affirmed		71		Over 12 months
Dismissed with opinion		125		877
Dismissed without opinion		166		194
				9

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

Blank space = Not enough information is known. The case may or may not be handled by the court.

^aCourt jurisdiction:

The Courts of Civil Appeals have civil jurisdiction only.

^bAdditional information:
During 1977, 31 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.

^cInformation on disposition type or trial data:

The 1,616 majority opinions included 1,491 in cases on the merits, 25.5 refusing rehearing, 31.5 refusing rehearing, and 68 dismissing appeals. In addition, the court filed 47 dissenting, 24 concurring, and 1 dissenting in part, concurring in part opinions.

Source: Texas Judicial Council, 49th Annual Report 1977 (Austin, Texas: May, 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TEXAS DISTRICT COURT, CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT,
DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT^b, and JUVENILE COURT^{b1}

Court of general jurisdiction
243^b courts, 243 judges; 10 courts, 10 judges; 28^b courts, 28 judges; 5^b courts, 5 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

Texas District Court, Criminal District Court, Domestic Relations Court, and Juvenile Court (continued)

	Beginning pending	Filed ^j	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Tort:				
Auto tort:				
Personal injury	28,519 ^f	17,301	15,672	30,148
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	75,743 ^f	123,519	117,539	81,723
Annulment	856 ^f	1,617	1,531	942
Total	76,599	125,136	119,070	82,665
Other domestic relations:				
Nonadversary	9,845 ^f	21,212	18,896	12,161
Total	86,444 ^f	146,348	137,966	94,826
Appeal:				
Appeal of administrative agency case:				
Workmen's compensation	7,696 ^f	7,938	6,629	9,005
Tax	59,041 ^f	20,564	20,798	58,807
Total	66,737 ^f	28,502	27,427	67,812
Extraordinary writ:				
Habeas corpus	1,122 ^f	4,331	4,349	1,104
Other civil	110,011 ^f	88,853	77,198	121,666
Total civil	292,833 ^f	285,335	262,612	315,556
Criminal:				
Felony:				
Criminal categories	56,096 ^f	68,836	72,092	52,840
Misdemeanor	5,475	5,985	5,211	6,249
Postconviction remedy:				
Postconviction habeas corpus	632 ^f	1,444	1,554	522
Other criminal:				
Contempt, extradition	631 ^f	936	911	656
Bond forfeitures	6,917	4,637	3,342	8,212
Total	7,548 ^f	5,573	4,253	8,868
Total criminal	69,751 ^f	81,838	83,110	68,479
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquency	X	8,148	X	X
Status offense:				
Child in need of supervision	X	1,297	X	X
Other juvenile	X	1,696	X	X
Total juvenile	4,952 ^f	11,141	10,808	5,285
Grand total	367,536 ^f	378,314	356,530	389,320

	Trial ^d			Civil dispositions						Criminal relations		
	Jury	Non-jury	Directed verdict ^m	Domestic relations			Criminal relations			Felony	Misdemeanor	Total
Civil:				Auto tort	Marriage dissolution	Other	Agency appeal	Other civil	Total			
Auto tort	726	1,245	28	1,999								
Domestic relations:												
Marriage dissolution ...	101	92,043	89	92,233	Default judgment	449	--	61	4,808	9,145	14,463	
Other	51	13,856	29	13,936	Agreed judgment	4,876	--	2,094	4,378	10,026	21,374	
Total	152	105,899	118	106,169	Complete summary							
Appeal	557	2,570	56	3,183	Dismissed for want of	104	--	100	178	1,628	2,010	
Other civil	1,466	20,142	215	21,823	judgment	2,312	17,332	993	3,349	12,533	36,519	
Total	2,901	129,856	417	133,174	dismissal	4,483	8,074	1,102	10,385	15,337	39,381	
Removed to federal court					Removed to federal court	22	11	6	1	222	262	
Felony	2,884	1,026	29	3,939	Transferred-plea/ privilege							
Misdemeanor	24	120	1	145	Other	225	92	161	93	1,434	2,005	
Total	2,908	1,146	30	4,084	Total	1,202	1,330	443	1,050	5,050	9,075	
Juvenile	83	6,372	21	6,476								
Grand total	5,892	137,374	468	143,734								

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Criminal dispositions			
	Felony	Misdemeanor	Total
Jury trial:			
Conviction	2,489	10	2,499
Acquittal	395	14	409
Directed verdict ^m :			
Acquittal	29	1	30
Non-jury trial:			
Conviction	634	0	634
Acquittal	392	120	512
Guilty plea	39,321	1,849	41,170
Transfer	446	1,191	1,637
Dismissal, insufficient evidence	5,210	1,140	6,350
Other dismissals	23,176	886	24,062

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.
-- = Not applicable.

^bParticular court or reporting system information:

Twenty-three of the district courts were created on April 1, 1977. The domestic relations courts and juvenile courts were converted to District Courts on September 1, 1977.

^cCase 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.

^dBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year: Figures are as given in the annual report.

^eData are not complete: The data were compiled from 3,002 out of a possible 3,048 monthly county reports from the court.

^fExplanation 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.

^gInformation on disposition type or trial data: Directed verdict cases are counted as jury trials on the tables in Part II of this report.

Total convictions include felony convictions and lesser offense convictions.

Source: Texas Judicial Council, 49th Annual Report 1977 (Austin, Texas: May, 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TEXAS COUNTY COURT AT LAW, CONSTITUTIONAL COUNTY COURT, AND PROBATE COURT¹
 Court of limited jurisdiction
 79 courts, 79 judges; 254 courts, 254 judges; 7 courts, 7 judges
 January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Other civil ^j	58,638 ^f	46,692	48,501	56,829
Tort:				
Auto tort:				
Auto damage	14,134 ^f	9,223	8,909	14,448
Contract:				
Suit on debt	39,755 ^f	25,535	25,994	39,296
Real property rights:				
Condemnation	1,833 ^f	330	467	1,696
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Probate	N/A	59,911	N/A	N/A
Total civil	114,360 ^{f,i}	141,691	83,871 ⁱ	112,269 ^{g,i}
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor:				
Worthless checks	69,746 ^f	34,380	41,572	62,629 ^g
Marijuana	12,601 ^f	25,457	24,145	13,913
Other criminal	99,026 ^f	78,972	116,341	109,969 ^g
Total	181,367 ^{f,j}	138,809	182,058 ^j	186,518 ^{g,j}
Appeal	(j)	46,393	(j)	(j)
Total criminal	181,367 ^f	187,202	182,058	186,511
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI:				
Driving while intoxicated	45,607 ^f	82,360	77,800	50,167
Total traffic	45,607 ^f	82,360	77,800	50,167
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Delinquency	X	1,312	X	X
Status offense:				
Child in need of supervision	X	338	X	X
Total juvenile	1,144 ^f	1,650	1,369	1,425
Grand total	342,478 ^{f,i}	412,903	345,098 ⁱ	350,372 ^{g,i}

Trial^d

	Civil dispositions			Real property		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total	Law	Tort	Contract
Civil:						
Law	836	1,491	2,327	Default or agreed judgments	23,506	320
Tort:				Dismissed	21,336	3,308
Auto tort	165	430	595	14,503	301	41,618
Contract	103	1,144	1,247	Other	1,332	4,686
Real property rights	12	13	25		9,742	124
Total	1,116	3,078	4,194			35,888
Criminal:						
Misdemeanor	1,098	1,704	2,802	Jury trial:		
Traffic:				Conviction	650	482
DWI/DUI	874	413	1,287	Acquittal	448	392
Grand total	3,088	5,195	8,283	Non-jury trial:		
				Conviction	793	266
				Acquittal	911	147
				Pleas of guilty/nolo contendere	73,868	63,866
				Dismissed	89,863	10,861
				Other	15,525	1,786

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

^dCase 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.

^eBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:

The number of cases pending is adjusted by computer to reflect transfers and other year-end input.

^fChange 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 nor criminal appeals figures balance.

^gData are not complete:

In the calendar year 1977, clerks in 242 counties reported data for all 12 months, 6 others reported fewer than 12 months' activities, and 6 submitted no reports at all. On a statewide basis 2,954 monthly court reports were received out of a possible 3,048 for the 12-month period.

Total civil and grand total disposition and pending figures do not include estate cases. Filings are for all categories.

^hExplanation 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, 49th Annual Report 1977 (Austin, Texas: May 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TEXAS MUNICIPAL COURT¹
 Court of limited jurisdiction
 ≈1,000^b courts, ≈1,000 judges
 January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor:				
Non-traffic	N/A	420,020 ⁱ	280,217 ⁱ	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	420,020 ^{i,k}	280,217 ^{i,k}	N/A
Traffic:				
Parking	N/A	2,549,391 ⁱ	1,322,945 ⁱ	N/A
Other traffic violation	N/A	2,331,933 ⁱ	1,755,310 ⁱ	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	4,881,324 ⁱ	3,078,255 ⁱ	N/A
Grand total	N/A	5,301,344 ⁱ	3,358,472 ⁱ	N/A

	Trial ^d	Criminal dispositions	Traffic dispositions ^m
Criminal (misdemeanor)	Jury Non-jury Total	Jury trial: Conviction 561 55,816 56,377	Jury trial: Conviction 329
Traffic (other traffic violation)	1,284 245,315 246,599	Acquittal 232	Conviction 802
Total	1,845 301,131 302,976	Non-jury trial: Conviction 48,081	Acquittal 462
		Acquittal 7,735	Non-jury trial: Conviction 195,788
		Dismissed 36,448	Acquittal 49,527
		Bond forfeitures 63,730	Dismissed 246,891
		Payments of fine 123,662	Bond forfeitures 171,615
			Payments of fine 1,090,205

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
 N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^bParticular court or reporting system information:

Monthly reports were requested only from the 214 cities with a 1970 population of over 5,000.

^cCase 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.

^dData are not complete:

Data reported here represent 2,168 Municipal Court monthly reports out of a possible 2,568. Data includes only courts in cities with a 1970 population of 5,000 or greater.

^eAdditional information:

There were 3,738 felony complaints accepted and 43 examining trials conducted.

^fInformation on disposition type or trial data:

Trial and disposition data for traffic cases include only other traffic violations cases.

Source: Texas Judicial Council, 49th Annual Report 1977 (Austin, Texas: May, 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

TEXAS JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT¹
 Court of limited jurisdiction
 925 courts, 925 judges
 January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Civil suits	N/A	195,536 ¹	165,101 ¹	N/A
Total civil	N/A	195,536 ¹	165,101 ¹	N/A
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor:				
Non-traffic	N/A	322,534 ¹	215,292 ¹	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	322,534 ¹	215,292 ¹	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	1,065,738 ¹	944,937 ¹	N/A
Grand total	N/A	1,583,808 ¹	1,325,330 ¹	N/A

<u>Trial</u>			<u>Criminal dispositions</u>	<u>Traffic dispositions</u>
Civil (law)	Jury 817	Non-jury 44,751	Total 45,568	Jury trial:
Criminal (misdemeanor)	713	39,905	40,618	Conviction 483
Traffic	2,691	118,928	121,619	Acquittal 230
Total	4,221	203,584	207,085	Non-jury trial:
				Conviction 2,104
				Acquittal 587
<u>Civil dispositions</u>				Jury trial:
Settlement	Law 58,338			Conviction 113,155
Dismissed	61,195			Acquittal 5,773
				Dismissed 42,549
				Bond forfeitures 8,863
				Payments of fine 771,906

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^aCase 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.

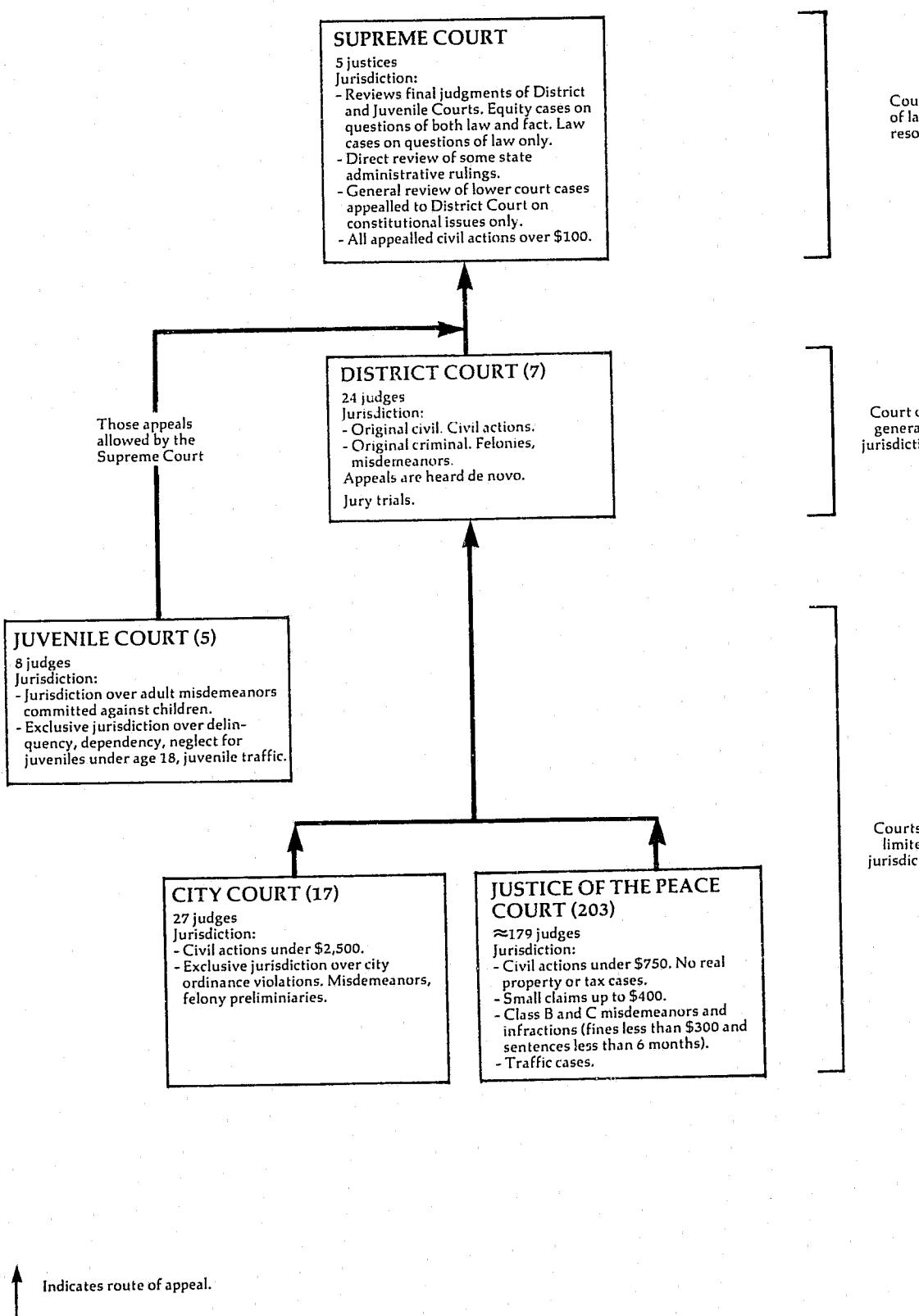
A trial is counted if tried to verdict or decision.

ⁱData are not complete:

Data reported here represent 8,521 Justice of the Peace Court monthly reports out of a possible 11,100.

Source: Texas Judicial Council, 49th Annual Report 1977 (Austin, Texas: May, 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

UTAH COURT SYSTEM, 1977



UTAH SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	N/A	362	X	N/A
Criminal	N/A	129	X	N/A
Other appeals:				
Miscellaneous	N/A	143	X	N/A
Total appeals	N/A	634	659 ¹	N/A
Other cases:				
Original proceedings				
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases				
Total cases				
	N/A	634	659 ¹	N/A
Other proceedings:				
Other matters:				
Law and motions	--	319	319	--
Total other proceedings	--	319	319	--
Manner of disposition				
Opinion	350			
Dismissal.....	309			

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
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.

¹Data are not complete:

^jTotal appeals and total cases disposed include only those cases disposed by opinion or dismissed.

^mExplanation of data included in the category:

Miscellaneous cases include appeals from interlocutory orders, juvenile matters, and writs of review.

Source: Utah Judicial Council, Annual Report, Utah Courts July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978 (Salt Lake City, Utah: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

UTAH DISTRICT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
7 districts, 24 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil ^d :				
Tort:				
Personal injury	X	751	X	X
Real property rights:				
Eminent domain	X	120	X	X
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	X	9,230	X	X
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Probate	2,281 ^f	3,484	2,921	2,844
Mental health	X	802	829	X
Appeal	X	117	63	X
Extraordinary writ:				
Writs ^j	X	203	X	X
Other civil:				
Complaints ^j	X	12,303	X	X
Total civil	18,342 ^f	27,010	22,843	22,212 ^g
Criminal ^d :				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal categories	X	2,759	2,606	X
Appeal	X	593	393	X
Total criminal	894 ^f	3,352	2,999	1,250 ^g
Grand total	19,236 ^f	30,362	25,842	23,462 ^g

Trial ^d			Civil dispositions			Criminal dispositions		
Jury	Non-jury	Total	Clerk judgment	Plea of guilty	Total	Clerk judgment	Summary judgment	Total
Civil	246	1,804	2,050	894	1,591			
Criminal ..	304	131	435	823	580			
Total	550	1,935	2,485	8,743				
			Dismissed	6,520				

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
X = The data for this case type are known to be included in the total but were not available by category.

^dCase 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.

A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an opening statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.

^fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year.

Data are as given in the annual report.

^gChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

^hData were computed.

Beginning pending figures for the 6th District Court were computed using filed, disposed, and end pending data for that court available in the annual report.

ⁱExplanation 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.

^jSource: Utah Judicial Council, Annual Report, Utah Courts July 1, 1976-June 30, 1977 (Salt Lake City, Utah: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

UTAH CITY COURTH
Court of limited jurisdiction
17 courts, 27 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil ^d :				
Small claims	N/A	7,546	X	N/A
Other civil:				
Complaints	N/A	18,811	X	N/A
New trials	N/A	82	X	N/A
Total	N/A	18,868	X	N/A
Total civil	N/A	26,439	22,380	N/A
Criminal ^d :				
Misdemeanor:				
State	N/A	9,103	X	N/A
Ordinance violation:				
City	N/A	17,243	X	N/A
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony preliminary	N/A	(J)	X	N/A
Other criminals:				
New trials	N/A	46	X	N/A
Total	N/A	26,392	21,602	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	431,218	353,146	N/A
Traffic ^d :				
Parking	N/A	313,992	X	N/A
Other traffic violation:				
Moving	N/A	90,561	X	N/A
Nonmoving	N/A	26,834	X	N/A
Total	N/A	117,395	X	N/A
Grand total	N/A	484,049	397,130	N/A

Trial ^d	Civil dispositions	Traffic dispositions
Civil	65	2,376
Criminal	N/A	N/A
Traffic	227	5,925
Total	292 ^f	8,301
	Total	8,593 ⁱ
	Dismissed	5,586
	Defaults	8,442
	Summary judgments	735
	Clerk judgment	5,176
	Gilty pleas	40,045
	Bail forfeiture	299,172
	Dismissed	7,779

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

bParticular court or reporting system information:

The City Court was repealed effective July 1, 1978 and replaced by the Circuit Court.

cCase 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.

dData are not complete:

Total trial figures do not include criminal trial data.

eExplanation of data included in the category:

State case filings include felony preliminary hearings and state misdemeanors.

fSource: Utah Judicial Council, Annual Report, Utah Courts July 1, 1976-June 30, 1977 (Salt Lake City, Utah: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions were made by the office of the state court administrator during verification.

UTAH JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT
 Courts of limited jurisdiction
 203 courts, 179 justices of the peace
 January 1, 1977 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Small claims	N/A	1,296 ⁱ	N/A	N/A
Other civil	<u>N/A</u>	<u>258ⁱ</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Total civil	N/A	1,554 ⁱ	N/A	N/A
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	8,714 ⁱ	N/A	N/A
Preliminary hearing	<u>N/A</u>	<u>148ⁱ</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Total criminal	N/A	8,862 ⁱ	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
DWI/DUI	N/A	1,448 ⁱ	N/A	N/A
Parking	<u>N/A</u>	<u>6,486ⁱ</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Other traffic violations:				
License violations	N/A	4,965 ⁱ	N/A	N/A
Speeding	<u>N/A</u>	<u>40,824ⁱ</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Other moving	N/A	9,479 ⁱ	N/A	N/A
Other non-moving	N/A	16,893 ⁱ	N/A	N/A
Total	<u>N/A</u>	<u>72,161ⁱ</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Total traffic	N/A	80,095 ⁱ	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	90,511ⁱ	N/A	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^dCase 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.

ⁱData are not complete:

Data represent a six-month period from January 1, 1977 to June 30, 1977. There were 769 individual monthly statistical reports submitted by 149 Justices of the Peace reflecting the workload of their courts. No data were submitted by justices in Brian Head, Enterprise, Henefer, Hildale, Huntsville, Ivins, Laverkin, Park City, Parowan, Perry, Riverdale, Snowville, St. George, Tooele County, or by two justices in Washington County.

Source: Utah Judicial Council, Annual Report, Utah Courts July 1976-June 1977 (Salt Lake City, Utah: 1977). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions were made by the office of the state court administrator during the process of data verification.

UTAH JUVENILE COURT
 Court of limited jurisdiction
 5 districts, 8 judges
 January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed ^j	Disposed ^j	End pending
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor:				
Adult referrals	N/A	270	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	270	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violations:				
Traffic--juvenile	N/A	12,884	N/A	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	12,884	N/A	N/A
Juvenile:				
Criminal-type offense:				
Criminal	N/A	15,338	15,862	N/A
Status offense	<u>N/A</u>	<u>6,049</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Non-offense:				
Dependency, neglect, abuse	N/A	1,552	N/A	N/A
Total juvenile	N/A	22,939	15,862 ⁱ	N/A
Grand total	N/A	36,093	15,862ⁱ	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^dCase definition or unit of count:

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

ⁱData are not complete:

Total juvenile and grand total disposed figures include only criminal-type offense cases. Filings are given for all categories.

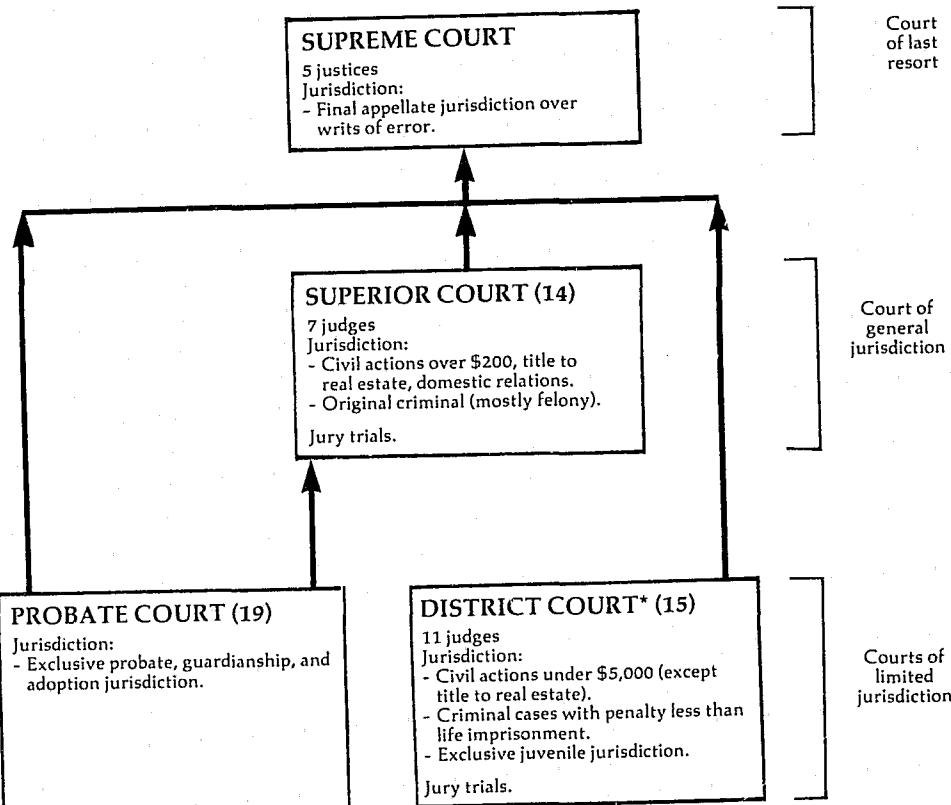
^jExplanation of data included in the category:

 Filed figures are the number of referrals.

 Disposed figures include intake action dispositions and judicial action dispositions of the referrals.

Source: Administrative Office of Juvenile Court, Juvenile Court for the State of Utah, Annual Report, 1977 (Salt Lake City, Utah). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

VERMONT COURT SYSTEM, 1977



↑ 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, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending ^b	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
Civil	X	276	262	X
Small claims	X	0	4	X
URESA	X	0	1	X
Habeas corpus	X	4	2	X
Total	X	280	269	X
Criminal:				
Criminal	X	57	45	X
Traffic	X	0	3	X
Bail	X	8	5	X
Total	X	65	53	X
Postconviction remedy	X	4	5	X
Juvenile	X	5	7	X
Total appeals	267	354	334	287
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Habeas corpus	X	1	1	X
Extraordinary relief	X	7	7	X
Other	X	1	0	X
Total	X	9	8	X
Disciplinary matter	X	1	2	X
Total	2	10	10	2
Requests to appeal				
Total other cases	2	10	10	2
Total cases	269	364	344	289
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests:				
Motions requesting reargument				
Motions requesting reargument	2	18	18	2
Total other proceedings	2	18	18	2
Manner of disposition				
	Appeals	Original Proceedings	Total	
Written opinion by justice.....	120 ^a	0	120 ^a	
Per curiam	23	2	25	
Without written opinion	75	6	81	
Stipulation of parties	116	2	118	
Disposition of appeals				
Written and per curiam opinions:				
Affirmed				68
Affirmed with instructions				1
Affirmed with modifications				3
Reversed				10
Affirmed in part, reversed in part				7
Dismissed				3
Reversed and remanded				36
Reversed and remanded with instructions				3
Dismissed and cause remanded				1
Remanded with instructions				1
Affirmed and remanded				1
Vacated and judgment made by court				4
Certified questions answered				4
Vacated and remanded with instructions				1
Age of pending cases				
	Appeals	Original proceedings		
Under 6 months	153	1		
6 to 12 months	77	1		
12 to 18 months	41	0		
18 to 24 months	12	0		
24 to 30 months	2	0		
30 to 36 months	1	0		
Over 36 months	1	0		

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

^bParticular court or reporting system information:

Vermont has changed the reporting period for Supreme Court data from the calendar year to the fiscal year. As a result, the beginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year.

^aInformation on disposition type or trial data:

Three concurring and two dissenting opinions were also written.

Source: Office of the Court Administrator, *Judicial Statistics for Year Ending June 30, 1977* (Montpelier, Vermont). Sources of case data are available. Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions and corrections have been made during verification by the office of the court administrator.

VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT^b
Court of general jurisdiction
14 counties, 7 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending ^b	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil ^d :				
Law:				
Civil	4,116	3,520	3,367	4,269
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Matrimonial	2,487	2,753	2,855	2,385
Appeal:				
Miscellaneous	472	306	381	397
Extraordinary writ:				
Habeas corpus	12	22	29	5
Total civil	7,087	6,601	6,632	7,056
Criminal ^d :				
Felony	9	51	35	25
Misdemeanor	0	1	0	1
Appeals	(J)	(J)	(J)	(J)
Postconviction remedy	9	19	21	7
Total criminal	18	71	56	33
Grand total	7,105	6,672	6,688	7,089

Trial ^d			Civil dispositions			
Jury	Non-jury	Total	Law	Domestic relations	Appeal	Total
Civil ^m :						
Law	481	--	5	486		
Consent judgment	321	--	46	367		
Summary judgment	5	--	--	5		
Dismissed before trial	1,897	426	185	2,508		
Dismissed after trial	116	--	6	122		
Transferred	1	--	--	1		
Granted	--	2,151	--	2,151		
Discontinued and other	--	278	--	278		
Criminal						
Plea	11					
Dismissed	7					
Nolle prossse	6					

Age of pending cases

	Law	Domestic relations	Appeal	Felony	Misdemeanor
Under 3 months	(n)	(n)	(n)	5	1
3+ to 6 months	(n)	(n)	(n)	8	0
6+ to 12 months	(n)	(n)	(n)	9	0
Under 12 months	2,240	1,861	207	3	0
12+ to 24 months	1,472	460	113	0	0
24+ to 36 months	440	60	53	0	0
Over 36 months	117	4	24	0	0

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

-- = Not applicable.

^bParticular court or reporting system information:
Vermont has changed the reporting period of the Superior Court from the calendar year to the fiscal year. As a result the beginning pending figures for the 1977 court year do not equal the end pending figures for the 1976 court year.

^cCase 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 drawing of the jury begins.

A non-jury trial is counted when the trial begins.

^dExplanation of data included in the category:

Matrimonial cases include divorce and annulment cases.

Miscellaneous cases include both civil and criminal appeals as well as some habeas corpus and postconviction remedy cases.

^mCategories for disposition type or trial data:

Civil trials include data only for law and appeal cases.

ⁿTime interval or age of pending 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, 1977 (Montpelier, Vermont). 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 DISTRICT COURT^b
Court of limited jurisdiction
15 circuits, 11 judges
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending ^b	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil ^d :				
Law:				
Civil	4,070	3,112	4,401	2,781
Small claims	5,907	6,454	10,349	2,012
Domestic relations:				
Support/custody:				
Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act	1,699	611	543	1,767
Mental health:				
Mentally ill commitments	34	459	422	71
Total civil	11,710	10,636	15,715	6,631
Criminal ^d :				
Felony	935	2,619	2,545	1,009
Misdemeanor	3,248	15,369	15,476	3,141
Appeals	19	21	7	
Total criminal	4,183	17,988	18,021	4,150
Traffic:				
Total traffic	3,679	43,893	44,822	2,750
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	254	1,038	1,094	198
Grand total	19,826	73,555	79,652	13,729

Civil dispositions^m

Civil ^m :	Jury	Trial ^d	Total	Laws:
Lav	8	199	207	Voluntary dismissal
Small claims	17	618	635	Default judgment
Total	25	817	842	Dismissed by judge
Criminal	127	67	194	Transferred
Traffic	17	396	413	Small claims:
Total	169	1,280	1,449	Settled/discontinued/ dismissed/summary judgment

Criminal dispositions

Civil(law)	Felony	Misdemeanor	Traffic
Under 3 months	(n)	449	1,568
3+ to 6 months	(n)	225	532
Under 6 months	(n)	674	2,100
6+ to 12 months	(n)	205	661
Under 12 months	1,602	879	2,701
12+ to 24 months	668	80	2,484
24+ to 36 months	293	35	207
Over 36 months	218	15	112

Traffic dispositions

Plea	36,804
Nolle prossse	753
Dismissed	712
Transferred to Juvenile Court	130
Dismissed by attorney for the state	3,804

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

^aCourt jurisdiction:

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.

^bParticular court or reporting system information:

Vermont has changed the reporting period of the District Court from the calendar year to the fiscal year. As a result, the beginning pending figures for the 1977 court year do not equal the end pending figures for the 1976 court year.

^cCase 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.

A non-jury trial is counted if tried to decision.

^dCategories for disposition type or trial data:

Civil trials and civil dispositions only include data for law and small claims cases.

^eTime 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.

Source: Office of the Court Administrator, Judicial Statistics for Year Ending June 30, 1977 (Montpelier, Vermont). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

VERMONT PROBATE COURT^b
Court of limited jurisdiction
19 circuits
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

	Beginning pending ^b	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil^c:				
Domestic relations:				
Adoptions	124	494	504	114
Other domestic relations:				
Pre-marriage matters	0	635	635	0
Total	124	1,129	1,139	114
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Decedent estates and testamentary trusts	4,615 ⁱ	1,961	2,065 ⁱ	4,626 ⁱ
Guardianship/conservatorship/trusteeship:				
Guardianship	3,215 ⁱ	717	406 ⁱ	3,628 ⁱ
Other estate:				
Gifts to minors	2	9	11	0
Cemeteries	0	0	0	0
Vital records	102	442	425	119
Total	104	451	436	119
Total	7,934 ⁱ	3,129	2,907 ⁱ	8,373 ⁱ
Mental health:				
Alcohol and drug commitments	0	6	5	1
Other civil:				
Change of name	11	167	167	11
Total civil	8,069 ⁱ	4,431	4,218 ⁱ	8,499 ⁱ
Grand total	8,069ⁱ	4,431	4,218ⁱ	8,499ⁱ

Number of contested hearings held

Domestic relations:	
Adoptions	35
Estate:	
Decedent estates and testamentary trusts	80 ⁱ
Guardianships	27 ⁱ
Mental health	3
Total	145 ⁱ

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

^bParticular court or reporting system information:

Vermont has changed the reporting period of the Probate Court from the calendar year to the fiscal year. As a result, the beginning pending figures for the 1977 court year do not equal the end pending figures for the 1976 court year.

^cCase definition or unit of count:

A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

^dChange in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:

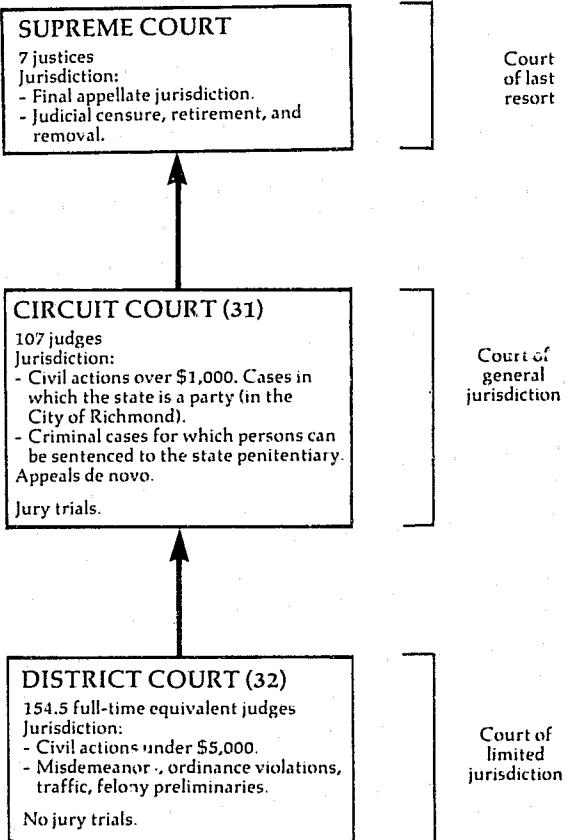
This difference is because pending figures do not include cases commenced prior to January 1, 1970 for these categories. All cases are counted in the dispositions column. Figures are as reported in the annual report.

ⁱData are not complete:

Figures for pending cases, dispositions, and for the number of contested hearings held in decedent estates and testamentary trusts 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, 1977 (Montpelier, Vermont). Statistics are from the year ending report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

VIRGINIA COURT SYSTEM, 1977



VIRGINIA SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
January 10, 1977 to January 7, 1978

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Petitions to appeal granted:				
Civil	X	(153)e	X	X
Criminal	X	(59)e	X	X
Postconviction remedy:				
Habeas corpus	X	(0)e	X	X
Total appeals	112	(212)e	229	1368
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Original jurisdiction:				
Habeas corpus	X	X	213	X
Mandamus	X	X	42	X
Prohibition	X	X	6	X
Total	611	X	261	70
Petitions to appeal:				
Withdrawn	--	X	58	--
Civil	1971	X	426 (153)e	228
Criminal	2101	X	757 (59)e	300
Postconviction remedy:				
Habeas corpus	111	X	36 (0)e	16
Total	4181	X	1,277 (212)e	542
Total other cases	4791	1,932	1,538 (212)e	6128
Total cases	591	1,932 (212)e	1,767 (212)e	748e
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	N/A	75	71	N/A
Other matters:				
Orders to show cause or respond	--	--	264	--
Total other proceedings	N/A	75	335	N/A
Manner of disposition				
Appeals				
Written opinion	164	Affirmed	75	Requests to appeal
By order	65	Reversed, remanded, etc.	89	Original jurisdiction
Withdrawn	58	Denied	1,219	236
		Withdrawn	58	--

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
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.
eCases 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.
Change in pending does not equal the difference between filings and dispositions:
Figures are as reported in the annual report.
¹Special source or revision in data:
Beginning pending figures for other cases were taken from the 1976 annual report, where they are listed as end pending figures for 1976.
Source: Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court, State of the Judiciary Report 1976 and State of the Judiciary Report 1977 (Richmond, Virginia: 1977 and 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

↑ Indicates route of appeal.

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VIRGINIA CIRCUIT COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
31 circuits, 107 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Other law	X	21,990	20,749	X
Real property rights:				
Condemnation	X	1,140	1,198	X
Equity:				
Other chancery	X	11,097	10,578	X
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Divorce	X	31,107	29,748	X
Appeal	X	2,351	1,470	X
Total civil	86,296fh	67,685	63,743	90,238
Criminal:				
Felony	8,655fh	27,762	27,876	8,541
Misdemeanor	4,465fh	21,482	19,658	6,289
Extraordinary writ:				
Habeas corpus	25fh	422	409	38
Total criminal	13,145fh	49,666	47,943	14,868
Grand total	99,441fh	117,351	111,686	105,106

Trial^d

Civil dispositions

Civil	Jury	Non-jury	Total	Real property	Marriage	Appeal	Total			
	Law	rights	Equity	dissolution						
Law	1,451	3,632	5,083	Settled/dismissal	12,439	377	3,033	2,311	660	18,820
Real property rights	281	483	764	Default judgment	1,155	1	26	53	27	1,262
Equity	34	3,944	3,978	Case purged	1,390	23	1,481	3,066	137	6,097
Domestic relations:										
Marriage dissolution ...	23	23,742	23,765							
Appeal	159	450	609							
Total	1,948	32,251	34,199							
Criminal dispositions										
	Felony	Misde-	Extraordinary			Total				
Felony	1,283	6,425	7,708	Withdrawal prior to trial	--	1,592	6	1,598		
Misdemeanor	725	5,414	6,139	Dismissed without trial	507	876	172	1,555		
Extraordinary writ	0	140	140	Nolle Prosequi	5,187	2,730	--	7,917		
Total	2,008	11,979	13,987	Gilty plea prior to trial	12,230	7,507	--	19,737		
Grand total	3,956	44,230	48,186	Other	1,668	814	91	2,573		

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

-- = Not applicable.

^dCase 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 jury trial is counted when the jury is sworn.

A non-jury trial is counted at the point when an openning statement or the introduction of any evidence occurs.

Beginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:

Figures are as given in the annual report.

^eFigure was computed:

Beginning pending figure was calculated from filings, dispositions, and end pending figures.

Source: Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court, State of the Judiciary Report 1977 (Richmond, Virginia: 1978). Statistics are from the report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

VIRGINIA DISTRICT COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
32 districts, 154.56 full-time equivalent judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Domestic relations	N/A	46,693	41,166	N/A
Other civil:				
Civil	N/A	356,452	339,224	N/A
Total civil	N/A	403,145	380,390	N/A
Criminal:				
Other criminal:				
Criminal	N/A	280,238	261,861	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	280,238	261,861	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	844,365	802,353	N/A
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	115,745	94,048	N/A
Grand total	N/A	1,643,493	1,538,652	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^cJudge information:

The court is also served by magistrates. There are 410 positions authorized, 241 of which serve full-time. During the 1977 court year, they issued 287,405 arrest warrants, 208,572 bonds, 36,428 summonses, 2,287 search warrants, 166,226 committals and releases, and 153,466 civil warrants. Starting July 1, 1977, they were authorized to dispose of minor traffic infractions by prepayment, and handled 9,112 of these cases in the remaining six months of the court year.

^dCase definition or unit of count:

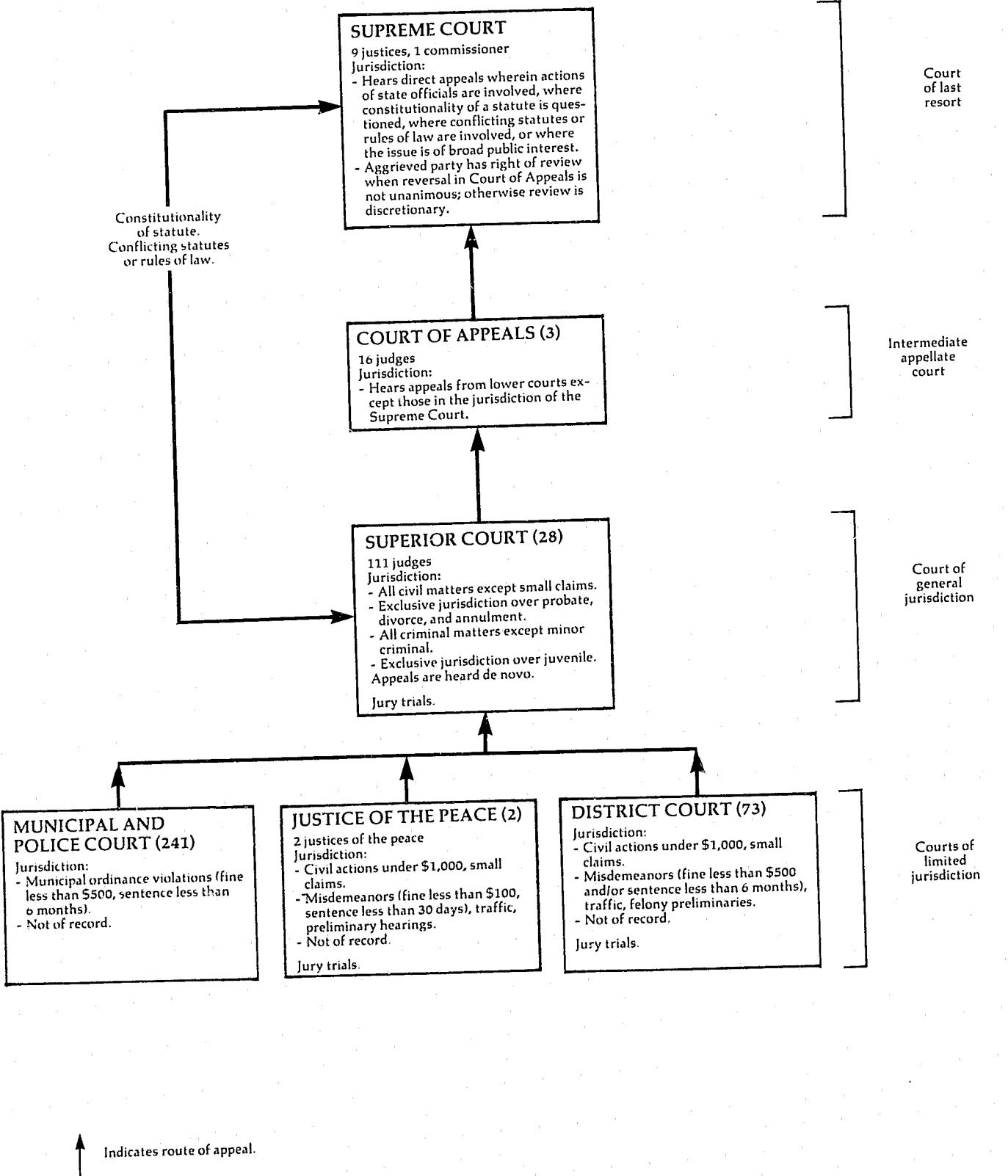
A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

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

^eFigure was computed:

Source: Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court, State of the Judiciary Report 1977 (Richmond, Virginia: 1978). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

WASHINGTON COURT SYSTEM, 1977



WASHINGTON SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
9 justices^c
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	154	156	146	164
Criminal	44	66	54	56
Total appeals	198	222		
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Disciplinary matter	3	11	6	8
Total	3	11	6	8
Requests to appeal:				
Petitions for review:				
Civil	42	136	113	64
Criminal	60	155	148	68
Total	102	291	261	132
Motions, writs, etc. ^j	32 ^f	114	95	51
Total	134 ^f	405	356	183
Total other cases	137 ^f	416	362	191
Total cases	335	638	562	411

	<u>Manner of disposition</u>					<u>Time interval^b (median months)</u>	<u>Median</u>
	Opinion	Appeals	Disciplinary	review	Petitions for	Filing of notice of appeal to date perfected (ready for setting)	6.5
		113	1	23	Motions/wills	Date perfected to date argued	4.0
	Order:				Total	Date argued to filing of opinion	7.5
	Denied	13	0	236	158	Filing of notice of appeal to date opinion filed	18.0
	Dismissed	51	5	2	31		
	Transferred	23	0	0	280		
					2		
					25		

<u>Status of pending cases (12/31/77)</u>				
Not ready				83
Ready for setting				25
Set for hearing				196
Opinion/order in process				96
Opinion/order filed				11

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

cJudge information:

In addition, one commissioner serves the Supreme Court.

fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:

Figures were revised by the clerk of the Supreme Court.

jExplanation of data included in the category:

Motions, writs, etc. includes cases of personal restraint and discretionary review.

bInformation on time interval or age of pending data:

This data includes only those appeals which were filed directly in the Supreme Court. The appeals which were filed originally in the Court of Appeals and were later certified or transferred to the Supreme Court required an average of five months more in processing.

Source: Office of the Administrator for the Courts, 21st Annual Report 1977 (Olympia, Washington). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

WASHINGTON COURT OF APPEALS
Intermediate appellate court
3 divisions, 16 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending			
Cases:							
Appeals:							
Civil	1,153	1,057	938 ^h	1,272			
Criminal	688	640	442 ^h	886			
Total appeals	1,841	1,697	1,380	2,158			
Other cases:							
Original proceedings:							
Personal restraint petitions ^j	21	143	102 ^h	62			
Requests to appeal:							
Motions for discretionary review	53	156	152 ^h	57			
Total other cases	74	299	254	119			
Total cases	1,915	1,996	1,634	2,277			
Manner of disposition							
			Time interval (median months)				
			Div. I	Div. II	Div. III		
Appeals	Other cases	Total					
Published opinion	270	17	287				
Unpublished opinion	387	20	407	Filing of notice of appeal to date perfected	5.0	7.4	6.0
Order:				Date perfected to date argued	7.0	8.0	7.0
Denied	--	152	152	Date argued to filing of opinion	4.0	2.0	2.0
Dismissed	615	53	668	Filing of notice of appeal to date opinion filed ..	16.0	17.4	15.0
Transferred	108	12	120				
Status of pending case (12/31/77)							
Not ready for setting		1,000					
Ready for setting		446					
Set for hearing		372					
Opinion/order in process		145					
Opinion/final order filed		314					

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

-- = Not applicable.

^hFigure was computed.

Disposed figures were computed from pending and filed data.

^jExplanation of data included in the category:

Personal restraint petitions include habeas corpus, writs and motions, and CrR 7.7 cases.

Source: Office of the Administrator for the Courts, 21st Annual Report 1977 (Olympia, Washington). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

WASHINGTON SUPERIOR COURT
Court of general jurisdiction
28 courts, 110 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Tort:				
Auto tort	N/A		3,857	X
Other tort	N/A		3,464	X
Total	N/A		7,321	X
Contract	N/A		19,779	X
Real property rights:				
Property rights	N/A		3,663	X
Condemnations	N/A		156	N/A
Total	N/A		3,819	X
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Dissolutions	N/A		32,995	X
Other domestic relations	N/A		6,979	X
Total	N/A		39,974	X
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Probate	N/A		16,164	12,355
Mental health	N/A		2,810	N/A
Appeal:				
Appeal of trial court case:				
Lower court app'ls	N/A		517	X
Extraordinary writ:				
Writs and injunctions	N/A		1,216	X
Other civil	N/A		7,400	X
Total civil	N/A		99,000	85,141 ⁱ
Criminal:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Crime against person	N/A		2,451	X
Crime against property ^j	N/A		3,827	X
Liquor/narcotics	N/A		1,722	N/A
Other criminal	N/A		2,738	X
Total	N/A		10,738	X
Appeal:				
Lower appeals	N/A		3,403	X
Total criminal	N/A		14,141	14,664
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A		14,824	N/A
Grand total	N/A		127,965	99,805 ⁱ

	Trial ^d		
	Jury	Non-jury	Total
Civil ^m	950	6,967	7,957
Criminal	2,153	610	2,763
Total.....	3,143	7,577	10,720

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

^dCase 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.

ⁱData are not complete:

Total civil disposition figure does not include mental health cases.

Grand total disposition figure does not include mental health or juvenile cases.

^jExplanation of data included in the category:

Crime against person category includes homicide, assault, sex offenses, and robbery.

Crime against property category includes burglary, larceny, and forgery.

^mInformation on disposition type or trial data:

Civil trials data do not include estate or mental health cases.

Source: Office of the Administrator for the Courts, 21st Annual Report 1977 (Olympia, Washington). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT COURT AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE
 Court of limited jurisdiction
 73 district courts, 2 justices of the peace
 January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Law:				
Civil	N/A N/A	50,681 21,074	N/A N/A	N/A N/A
Small claims	N/A	71,755	N/A	N/A
Total civil	N/A			
Criminal:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	67,264	N/A	N/A
Preliminary hearing:				
Felony preliminary	N/A	6,731	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	73,995	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
Total traffic	N/A	559,596	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	705,346	N/A	N/A

Trial^d

	Jury	Non-jury	Total	Criminal dispositions ^m
Civil	161	4,797	4,958	
Criminal, District Court workload	253	8,501	8,754	Bail forfeitures
Traffic, District Court workload	690	39,086	39,776	14,938
Criminal and traffic, Municipal Court workload.....	280	18,719	18,999	Traffic dispositions ^m
Grand total	1,384	71,103	72,487	Bail forfeitures
				336,634

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N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

dCase 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.

kAdditional information:
 District Courts and Justices of the Peace data include Municipal Court cases that are processed by District Courts, which contract with municipalities for this purpose.

lSpecial source or revision in data:
 Data for trial information for criminal and traffic cases handled in the Municipal Court were supplied by the Office of the Administrator for the Courts during the data verification process.

mExplanation 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, 21st Annual Report 1977 (Olympia, Washington). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and additions were made by the Office of the Administrator for the Courts during data verification.

WASHINGTON MUNICIPAL COURT
 Court of limited jurisdiction
 241 courts
 January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminal:				
Ordinance violation:				
Criminal	N/A	43,379 ⁱ	N/A	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	43,379	N/A	N/A
Traffic:				
Parking:				
Parking citations	N/A	1,015,296 ⁱ	N/A	N/A
Other traffic violation:				
Traffic	N/A	260,434 ⁱ	N/A	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	1,275,730 ⁱ	N/A	N/A
Grand total	N/A	1,319,109 ⁱ	N/A	N/A

Trial^d

	Jury	Non-jury	Total	Criminal dispositions
Criminal	X	X	X	
Traffic	X	X	X	Bail forfeitures
Total	273	31,294	31,567	10,389 ⁱ

Traffic dispositions

Bail forfeitures

160,361ⁱ

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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.

dCase 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.

iData are not complete:

No data were available for the towns of Anacortes, Elma, George, Ocean Shores, Omak, Riverside, Rockford, Skykomish, Soap Lake, West Richland, and Zillah.

kAdditional information:

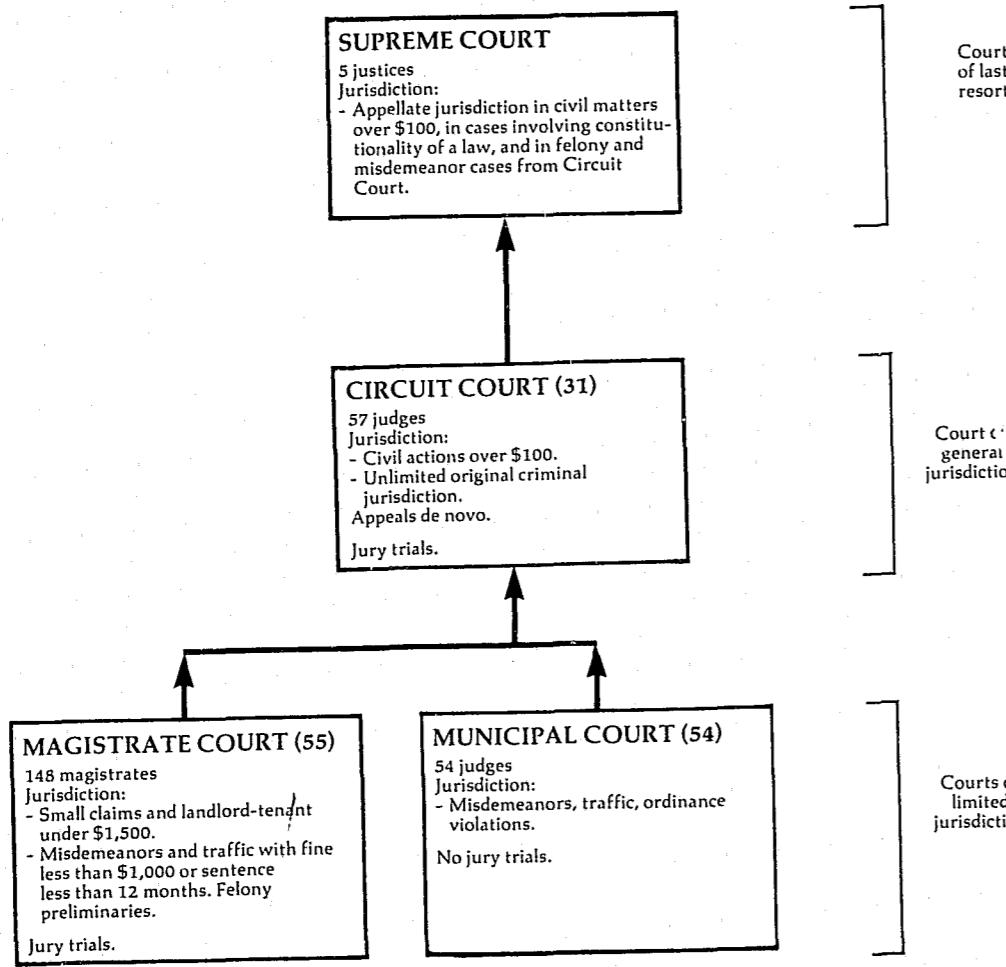
Municipal and Police Court figures do not include those Municipal Court cases (municipal ordinance violations/traffic violations) that are processed by District Courts, which contract with municipalities for this purpose.

lSpecial source or revision in data:

Disposition figures for criminal and traffic cases were supplied by the Office of the Administrator for the Courts during the data verification process.

Source: Office of the Administrator for the Courts, 21st Annual Report 1977 (Olympia, Washington). Statistics are from the annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary, and corrections were made by the Office of the Administrator for the Courts during data verification.

WEST VIRGINIA COURT SYSTEM, 1977



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

WEST VIRGINIA SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals: Total appeals	5h	0 (185)e	179	11
Other cases^k:				
Original proceedings: Advisory opinion: Certified question	X	2	2	X
Original jurisdiction	X	441	441	X
Total	3f	443	443	3h
Requests to appeal	43	420	198 (222)e	43h
Total other cases	46f	803	641 (222)e	46
Total cases	51	863 (185)e	820 (222)e	57
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests	0	13	13	0
Total other proceedings	0	13	13	0
Manner of disposition (matured cases)				
Written and per curiam opinion	139			
Dismissal/withdrawal	8			
Undecided	46			
Granted	177	1		
Denied	259	1		
Disposition of original proceedings				
Original jurisdiction	139	8	1	1
Advisory opinion	1			

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
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.

^eCases 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.

^fBeginning pending figure for the 1977 court year does not equal the end pending figure for the 1976 court year:

Data are as given in the unpublished report.

^hFigure was computed:

Pending figures were computed from disposed, filed and the other pending figures.

^kAdditional 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, 57 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil^d:				
Domestic relations: Adoption	187h	1,295	1,230	252
Other civil: Civil	34,248h	33,542	31,691	36,099
Total civil	34,435h	34,837	32,921	36,351
Criminal^d:				
Total criminal	10,351h	9,875	8,512	11,714
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	3,510h	7,318	7,522	3,306
Grand total	48,296h	52,030	48,955	51,371

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

^dCase 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.

^hFigure was computed:
Beginning pending figures were calculated from filed, disposed, and end pending 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 COURTS
Court of limited jurisdiction
55 courts, 148 magistrates
July 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil^d:				
Total civil	N/A	N/A	13,360 ⁱ	N/A
Criminal^d:				
Misdemeanor	N/A	N/A	25,126 ⁱ	N/A
Preliminary hearing: Felony	N/A	N/A	3,143 ⁱ	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	N/A	28,269 ⁱ	N/A
Traffic:				
Other traffic violation: Traffic and D.N.R.	N/A	N/A	42,036 ⁱ	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	N/A	42,036 ⁱ	N/A
Grand total	N/A	N/A	83,665 ⁱ	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

^aCourt Jurisdiction:

The court was established January 1, 1977, replacing the Justice Courts throughout the state.

^bCase 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 warrants issued.

^cData are not complete:

There were no reports received from Lewis, Logan, and Taylor counties; one monthly report was received from Webster and Wood counties; two monthly reports were received from Berkeley and Ritchie counties; three monthly reports from Tucker and Wyoming counties; four monthly reports from Kanawha and Raleigh counties; and five monthly reports from Mingo, Pendleton, Putnam, Randolph, and Wirt counties.

^dExplanation of data included in the category:

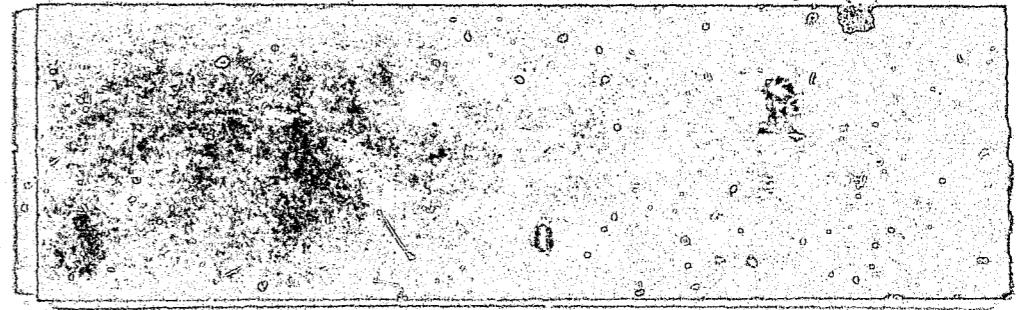
"D.N.R." are cases, primarily traffic violations, occurring in state parks under the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources.

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.

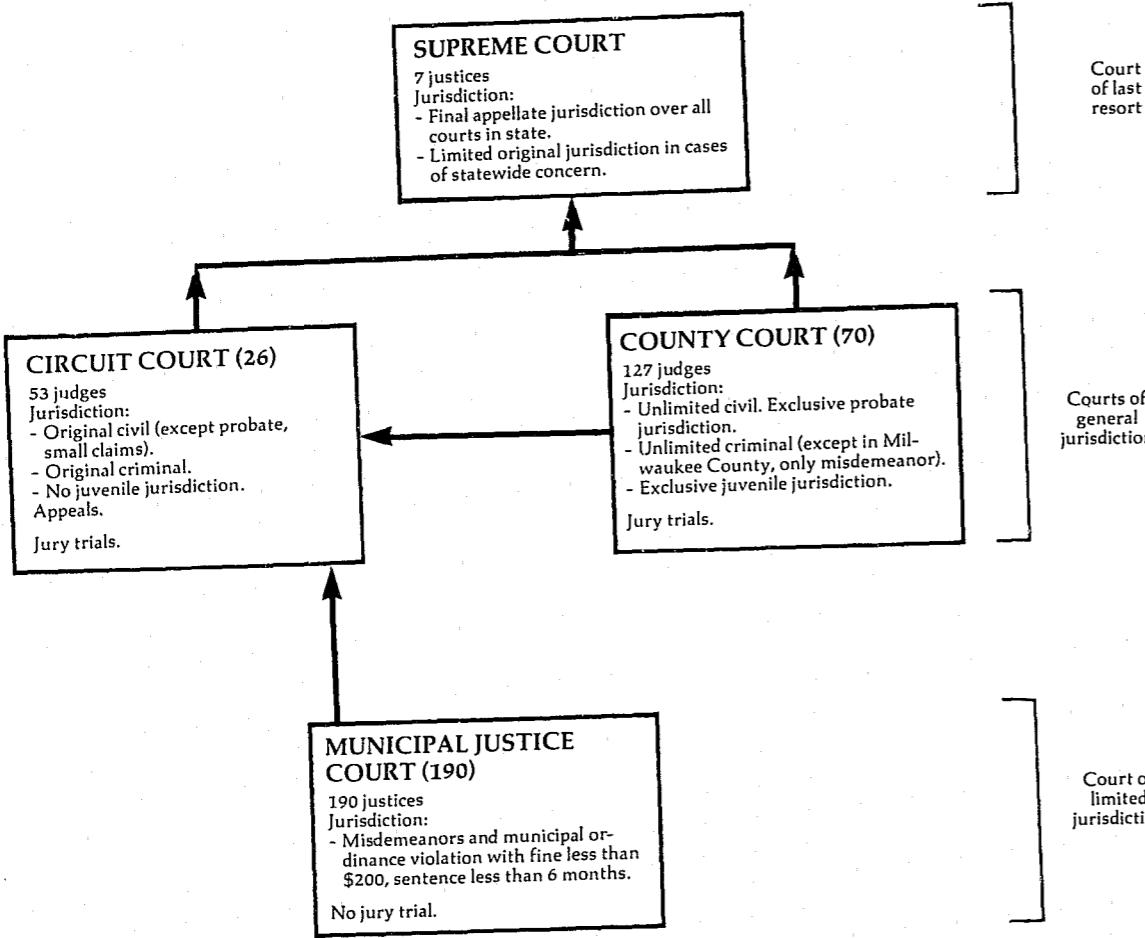
WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL COURT
Court of limited jurisdiction
54 courts, 54 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for 1977.

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WISCONSIN COURT SYSTEM, 1977



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
7 justices
July 1, 1976 to July 1, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil	478	5163	433	561
Criminal ^k	152	234	216	170
Total appeals	630	750	649	731
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:				
Habeas corpus	0	6	6	0
Mandamus	0	14	14	0
Prohibition	0	29	29	0
Certiorari	0	2	2	0
Stay	0	21	21	0
Miscellaneous	0	6	6	0
Original actions	3	4	4	3
Total	3	82	82	3
Disciplinary				
Total	6	16	14	8
Requests to appeal:				
Postconviction remedy:				
Habeas corpus	0	20	20	0
Mandamus	0	16	16	0
Prohibition	0	4	4	0
Certiorari	0	4	4	0
Miscellaneous	0	12	12	0
Total	0	56	56	0
Total other cases				
Total cases	639	904	801	742
Other proceedings:				
Rehearing requests:				
Motion for rehearing	--	32	32	--
Motion for reconsideration	--	7	7	--
Total	--	39	39	--
Other matters:				
Notions:				
Notions	--	295	295	--
Foreign bar admissions	--	28	28	--
Petition to appoint counsel on denial of postconviction motion	--	12	12	--
Total	--	335	335	--
Total other proceedings				
Total other proceedings	--	374	374	--
Manner of disposition				
Disposition of appeals				
Total	284 ^m	Civil	Criminal	Total
Published written opinion	158	151	309	
Published per curiam	59	30	89	
Unpublished per curiam	127	192	211	
Terminated without opinion	13	6	19	
Affirmed/reversed	13	4	17	
Affirmed/dismissed	3	1	4	
Affirmed/modifed	6	6	12	
Vacated	2	3	5	
Disposition of other cases				
Granted	Original jurisdiction ...	28	53	1
Denied	Requests to appeal	0	56	0
Dismissed				

Time interval (median months)

	Civil opinions	Criminal opinions	Total opinions
Docketed date to filing date of appellant's brief	2.33	1.30	1.46
Filing date of appellant's brief to filing date of respondent's brief	1.13	1.53	1.40
Filing date of respondent's brief to date of submission	14.06	6.53	10.93
Date of submission to date of decision	1.13	.93	1.13
Date of decision to date of remittitur	2.06	.96	1.66
Total time—docketing date to date of remittitur	21.50	12.66	19.10

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

-- = Not applicable.

jExplanation of data included in the category:

Civil appeals filed includes one reinstated case.

kAdditional information:

Pursuant to a new procedure adopted at the beginning of the 1976-77 term, "no merit" cases are now docketed as regular criminal cases by the clerk of court.

mInformation on disposition type or trial data:

In addition to the 284 majority published written opinions, there were 22 dissenting opinions and 10 concurring opinions published.

Source: Administrator of the Courts, *Judicial Statistics 1977* (Madison, Wisconsin: 1977) (unpublished). Statistics are from the unpublished annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary. Revisions and corrections were made by the administrative office of the court during data verification.

WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT AND COUNTY COURT^b
Court of general jurisdiction
26 courts, 53 judges; 70 courts, 127 judges
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil^c:				
Small claims	N/A	N/A	127,045	N/A
Domestic relations:				
Marriage dissolution:				
Actions affecting marriage	N/A	N/A	19,234	N/A
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Estate	N/A	N/A	84,628	N/A
Other civil:				
Civil:				
Circuit	N/A	N/A	23,151	N/A
County	N/A	N/A	43,452	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	66,603	N/A
Total civil	N/A	N/A	257,510	N/A
Criminal^d:				
Felony/misdemeanor:				
Criminal	N/A	N/A	73,664	N/A
Other criminal:				
Forfeiture actions	N/A	N/A	62,913	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	N/A	136,577	N/A
Traffic^e:				
Total traffic	N/A	N/A	321,610	N/A
Juvenile^f:				
Total juvenile	N/A	N/A	17,512	N/A
Grand total	N/A	N/A	733,209	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

bParticular court or reporting system information:

The change in the 1977 statistical reporting format is due to a change in statewide data collection from an aggregate to a case-by-case tracking system. The conversion resulted in some incongruities, producing some distortion in the 1977 judicial statistics. The statistics reported above were taken from reports prepared by the clerks of court. No filing figures are available.

dCase definition or unit of count:

A civil case is counted with the filing of a petition or complaint.

The criminal and traffic case unit of count is the number of informations or indictments where the suit tax is collected. This, therefore does not include dismissals, not guilty judgments, or cases where the defendant was adjudged indigent and unable to pay.

A juvenile disposition is counted with the disposition of a formal petition.

jExplanation of data included in the category:

Estate cases include estate, guardianship, trusts, other probate, mental health, adoption, and public assistance cases. These cases are all handled in the County Court.

Domestic relations cases do not include adoption or public assistance cases.

Other civil cases include money judgements, torts, appeals, support actions and other civil cases filed.

Source: Administrator of the Courts, *Judicial Statistics 1977* (Madison, Wisconsin: 1977)(unpublished). Statistics are from the unpublished annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

WISCONSIN MUNICIPAL JUSTICE COURT^g
Court of limited jurisdiction
190 courts, 190 justices^h
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Criminalⁱ:				
Ordinance violation:				
Other ordinance violations	N/A	N/A	29,464 ^j	N/A
Other criminal:				
Other cases	N/A	N/A	4,340 ^k	N/A
Total criminal	N/A	N/A	33,804 ^l	N/A
Traffic:				
Parking	N/A	N/A	108,488 ⁱ	N/A
Other traffic violation:				
Traffic	N/A	N/A	129,812 ^f	N/A
Total traffic	N/A	N/A	238,300 ⁱ	N/A
Grand total	N/A	N/A	272,104 ⁱ	N/A

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.
N/A = This case type is handled by the court, but the data are unavailable.

cJudge information:

190 municipal justices reported statistics for 1977, an increase of 54 over the total of 136 who reported data for 1976. The municipal justice an spends average of 2 1/2 hours on the bench and another 3 hours on related court work each week.

dCase definition or unit of court:

The criminal case unit of count is the number of complaints.

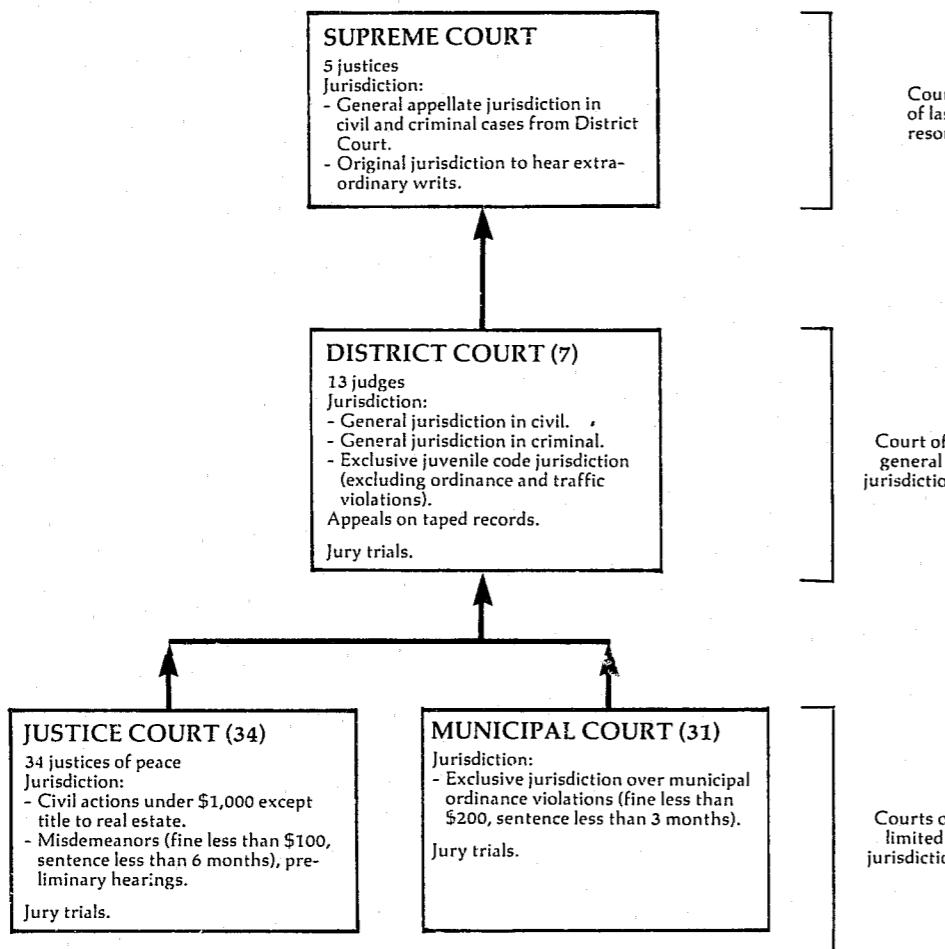
Data are not complete:
No data were reported for the cities of Abbotsford, Cumberland, Middleton, and Peshtigo, the towns of Blue Mounds, Dunn, Florence, Oregon, Palmyra, and Silver Cliff, and the villages of Avoca, Belleville, Monticello, New Auburn, and Valders.

kAdditional information:

In addition to criminal cases disposed, there were also 25,629 warrants issued.

Source: Administrator of the Courts, *Judicial Statistics 1977* (Madison, Wisconsin: 1977)(unpublished). Statistics are from the unpublished annual report except that totals have been computed where necessary.

WYOMING COURT SYSTEM, 1977



↑ Indicates route of appeal.

WYOMING SUPREME COURT
Court of last resort
5 justices
January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Cases:				
Appeals:				
Civil:				
School districts	X	3	X	X
County government	X	2	X	X
Municipalities	X	11	X	X
Probate	X	5	X	X
Parental rights	X	1	X	X
Divorce	X	9	X	X
Reserve questions	X	0	X	X
Other civil	X	48	X	X
Total	X	79	X	X
Criminal	X	39	78	X
Appeals of administrative agency case:				
State agency	X	12	X	X
Workmen's compensation	X	4	X	X
Total	X	16	X	X
Juvenile	X	1	X	X
Total appeals	X	135	160	X
Other cases:				
Original proceedings:	X	11	17	X
Total other cases	X	11	17	X
Total cases	153	146	177	122

	Manner of disposition ^m					Time interval (average months)	Status of pending cases (12/31/77)
	Number written	Civil, agency, and juvenile	Criminal	Original proceedings	Total		
Opinion ..	102	45	69	0	114	Docketing to maturity	Not matured 52
Order	63	37	9	17	63	Maturity to argument	Matured 0
						Argument to opinion	Set 6
							Under advisement 44

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

^mInformation on disposition type or trial data:
The manner of disposition chart contains information both on the number of opinions and orders written and the number of cases that were disposed by the opinions and orders, broken down by case type.
The 102 opinions disposed 114 cases; the 63 orders disposed 63 cases.

Source: Unpublished data supplied by the clerk of the Supreme Court. Statistics are from the unpublished data except that totals have been computed where necessary.

WYOMING DISTRICT COURT¹
 Court of general jurisdiction
 7 districts, 13 judges
 January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

	Beginning pending	Filed	Disposed	End pending
Civil:				
Estate:				
Probate/wills/intestate:				
Probate	X	X	2,246 ¹	X
Other civil	X	X	<u>6,510¹</u>	X
Total civil	3,515 ¹	9,044	8,756 ¹	3,803 ¹
Criminal:				
Felony:				
Criminal	687 ¹	1,284	1,352 ¹	609 ¹
Total criminal	687 ¹	1,284	1,352 ¹	609 ¹
Juvenile:				
Total juvenile	N/A	829	N/A	N/A
Grand total	4,202 ¹	11,157	10,108 ¹	4,412 ¹

Trial^d

Civil dispositionsⁱ

Criminal dispositionsⁱ

Jury Non-jury Total Default 3,165 Guilty plea 582
 Civil 33 2,339 2,372 Dismissal 3,168 Dismissal 376

Criminal 78 238 316
 Total 111 2,577 2,688

Boldface headings indicate the classifications used by the NCSP.

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

^dCase 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.

The trial definition is not consistent statewide.

ⁱData are not complete:

Pending and disposed cases do not include cases filed before 1974.

Grand total pending and disposition data do not include juvenile cases.

Source: Office of the Court Coordinator for the Supreme Court of Wyoming, 1977 District Court Statistics (unpublished). Statistics are from this unpublished source except that totals have been computed where necessary.

WYOMING JUSTICE COURT
 Court of limited jurisdiction
 34 courts, 34 justices of the peace
 January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Justice Court for 1977.

WYOMING MUNICIPAL COURT
 Court of limited jurisdiction
 31 courts
 January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

There were no data available for cases handled in the Municipal Court for 1977.

Appendices

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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 1977. The procedure followed is similar to the one that was used to estimate the national totals for the 1976 edition of the Annual Report. The same or reduced number of independent variables in each regression equation were used to predict 1977 filings and dispositions as were identified by the extended study conducted for the 1976 Annual Report. The coefficients of each regression equation were estimated, using all complete state-level caseload data. Puerto Rico and Guam were not included in the estimation procedure or in the 1977 estimated national totals that were subsequently developed since no figures were available for the independent variables for them.

The criterion used to identify which variables best predicted the caseload figures was the coefficient of variation (R^2) which tells the percent of the variation the variable being predicted is explained by variation in the independent variables. The coefficient of variation can have any value between 0% and 100%. The combination of independent variables and variable transformations that produced the highest R^2 for each data element being predicted was chosen as the predictive equation for that data element. The variables and transformations that were found to produce the best predictions of caseload in 1976 still produced highest R^2 values when applied to 1977 data. The equations that were developed to estimate the 1977 national totals are discussed below.

Appellate Courts

Courts of last resort:

$$\text{Filings} = 347 + .00017 \times \text{total state population} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Dispositions} = 56 + .94 \times \text{court of last resort filings} \quad (2)$$

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 46 of the 51 possible and dispositions were given for 44. Only one state was unable to supply complete data for either filings or dispositions. For those states with no filing data, the estimate of the filing figure from equation (1) was used as the independent variable in equation (2).

Whether or not complete data were available for the state, estimates of its filings and dispositions were calculated using these equations so that the reader can make an evaluation of the quality of the estimation equations. The estimates

for each state are given in Table A. These numbers should be compared to the actual filings and dispositions for each state that are given in the second and third columns of Table 2 in Part I of this report.

The R^2 value of 54% for equation (1) was lower than would be acceptable if our primary goal was to estimate each missing data point. The introduction of two additional independent variables into the equation in the extensive analysis done for the 1976 Annual Report, produced an R^2 value in 1976 of 81%. However, for our purposes we were satisfied with the much simpler univariable equation for predicting the missing values. Our goal is to accurately predict the sum of fifty-one numbers. Forty-six of them are already available, so even moderately good estimates for the other five will produce a very accurate estimate of the actual total. For this goal, an R^2 of 54% is adequate.

Intermediate Appellate Courts

$$\text{Filings} = -225 + .00052 \times \text{total state population} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Dispositions} = -121 + .995 \times \text{intermediate appellate court filings} \quad (4)$$

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 method used to estimate the filing and disposition volume for courts of last resort was used here, also. Of the 27 states with intermediate appellate courts in 1977, only one did not report complete filings data and a different one did not report disposition data. The number of dispositions from the Court of Appeals, the new intermediate appellate court in Kansas, was not included in the estimation of equation (2) since that court was created during the year and was in session for only the final six months. An estimate of the number of cases this court would have disposed, had the court been in session the full year, was made, based on the number of cases filed in the court, and is found in Table A.

Again, the R^2 value for equation (3) is relatively low, 65%. But we need only predict one number, that of the filings in the New York intermediate appellate courts, and we already know that there were at least 10,368. Adding further variables to the equation for the sake of more precisely identifying one number was considered unnecessary. The state-by-state estimates for filing and dispositions in intermediate appellate courts, based on equations (3) and (4), are given

Table A: Estimates of filings and dispositions in courts of last resort and intermediate appellate courts in 1977 by state.

State	Court(s) of last resort		Intermediate appellate courts	
	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed
Alabama.....	988	821	1,731 ^a	1,036 ^a
Alaska.....	415	631	--	--
Arizona.....	759	960	1,030	1,877
Arkansas.....	721	707	--	--
California.....	4,133	3,669	11,326	11,295
Colorado.....	804	746	1,169	1,003
Connecticut.....	871	873	--	--
Delaware.....	448	397	--	--
District of Columbia.....	463	1,325	--	--
Florida.....	1,853	2,170	4,369	9,489
Georgia.....	1,230	1,460	2,469	2,003
Hawaii.....	508	352	--	--
Idaho.....	497	407	--	--
Illinois.....	2,279	1,125	5,670	4,244
Indiana.....	1,263	502	2,569	759
Iowa.....	841	1,211	1,281	234
Kansas.....	740	491	973	248
Kentucky.....	953	490	1,623	1,794
Louisiana.....	1,028	2,182	1,851	2,277
Maine.....	535	411	--	--
Maryland.....	1,058	579	1,943	1,419
Massachusetts.....	1,320	1,295	2,744	1,041
Michigan.....	1,898	1,466	4,508	4,370
Minnesota.....	1,022	995	--	--
Mississippi.....	764	804	--	--
Missouri.....	1,168	682	2,279	2,017
Montana.....	478	496	--	--
Nebraska.....	611	629	--	--
Nevada.....	462	1,081	--	--
New Hampshire.....	495	351	--	--
New Jersey.....	1,591	1,549	2,865	5,835
New Mexico.....	555	649	408	453
New York.....	3,371	3,219	9,001 ^a	8,846 ^a
North Carolina.....	1,307	492	2,705	953
North Dakota.....	457	230	--	--
Ohio.....	2,172	1,479	5,342	7,841
Oklahoma.....	833 ^a	1,935 ^a	1,256	231
Oregon.....	761	886	1,036	2,218
Pennsylvania.....	2,360	1,509	5,916 ^a	6,219 ^a
Rhode Island.....	509	457	--	--
South Carolina.....	854	513	--	--
South Dakota.....	464	326	--	--
Tennessee.....	1,093	881	2,050 ^a	1,346 ^a
Texas.....	2,582 ^a	5,430 ^a	6,593	1,841
Utah.....	5,570	651	--	--
Vermont.....	5,431	397	--	--
Virginia.....	1,229	1,869	--	--
Washington.....	978	655	1,699	1,868
West Virginia.....	670	866	--	--
Wisconsin.....	1,129	904	--	--
Wyoming.....	417	193	--	--

-- = Not applicable.

^aData for the two courts of last resort in Oklahoma and in Texas and for the two intermediate appellate courts in Alabama, New York, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee were added together before they were analyzed.

in Table A. They may be compared to the actual data given in columns 8 and 9 of Table 2 in Part I of this report.

Trial Courts

Data for trial courts were estimated by case category: civil, criminal, traffic, and juvenile. Far fewer states reported complete data for general and for limited jurisdiction courts than for appellate courts. As a result, the estimates of the national totals of cases filed and disposed in trial courts are not as accurate as those given for appellate courts.

Civil:

$$\text{Filings} = 22,865 + .07 \times \text{total state population}$$

(5) metropolitan statistical areas (SMSA pop)

$$\text{Dispositions} = 311 + .96 \times \text{trial court civil filings}$$

Equation (5) is based on data from 19 states, while equation (10) is based on data from only 10. Data from California were excluded from equation (6) when a graph of the data demonstrated that the relationship between filings and dispositions in California was very different from the relationship that existed in other states. Since the filing and disposition volume in California is much greater than it is in other states, it would have had an undue influence on the estimates had it been included in equation (6). Including California would artificially increase the R^2 value but would also increase the error in the estimate of the number of filings in all of the other states. Therefore, California was excluded from the development of equation (6) and Table B does not contain an estimate of civil dispositions in California.

The estimates of the volume of civil filings and dispositions in trial courts in all states but California are given in Table B. These figures may be compared to columns 19 and 20 in Table 17 in Part I of this volume.

Criminal:

$$\text{Filings} = 31,194 + .039 \times \text{total state population}$$

(7)

$$\text{Dispositions} = 4,010 + .91 \times \text{trial court criminal filings}$$

Equation (7) was based on data from 20 states, while equation (8) was based on data from 14 states. Data from California were not included in equation (8) since, as was the case with the estimates of civil dispositions, there is a different relationship between criminal filings and dispositions in California, probably due to the large volume of cases, than exists in the other states. Had California been included, the R^2 value, used to indicate how well the variation of the indepen-

dent variable (in this case, total state population) explains variation in the variable to be predicted, would have been higher, but the estimate of the number of criminal cases disposed in each state including California would have been less accurate than the estimates calculated excluding the California data.

The estimates of criminal filings and dispositions for all states except California are given in Table B and may be compared to columns 19 and 20 in Table 28 in Part I of this volume.

Traffic:

$$\text{Filings} = 4,024 + .25 \times \text{state population living within standard metropolitan statistical areas (SMSA pop)}$$

$$\text{Dispositions} = 21,718 + .92 \times \text{trial court traffic filings}$$

The procedure used to estimate the number of traffic cases filed and disposed during 1977 was a modification of that used for 1976. 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, parking cases were subtracted from the traffic caseload where possible before the regression equation was estimated. The states reporting complete traffic data from which parking cases could be eliminated were California, Hawaii, and New Jersey. Equation (9) was estimated with complete traffic filing data (minus parking cases) from 17 states, while equation (10) was estimated with complete dispositions minus parking cases from 12. The estimates given for traffic cases in Table B are for all traffic cases except parking. When the estimates of the number of traffic cases filed and disposed during 1977 were calculated, all known parking data were added back into the total, whether they were complete or not. Since parking cases were included with the rest of the traffic volume through the entire estimation procedure in 1976, the estimates of the number of traffic cases filed and disposed in 1976 may be somewhat inflated. The numbers estimated for 1977 are about ten percent lower than those calculated for 1976. Since the data estimated and given in Table B do not include all traffic cases, they are not directly comparable to any of the tables contained in Part I of this report.

Juvenile:

$$\text{Filings} = -7,951 + 621 \times \text{SMSA pop} / 1,000$$

$$\text{Dispositions} = 2,942 + .93 \times \text{trial court juvenile filings}$$

Complete juvenile data were reported by more states than were data for any other category of

Table B: Estimates of filings and dispositions of civil, criminal, traffic, and juvenile cases in trial courts in 1977 by state.

State	Civil		Criminal		Traffic ^a		Juvenile	
	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed
Alabama.....	201,309	193,509	179,303	167,635	582,951	557,950	21,715	23,031
Alaska.....	93,645	21,077	46,690	21,994	50,175	101,410	425	4,314
Arizona.....	139,598	134,284	126,164	119,142	446,017	431,990	17,970	19,567
Arkansas.....	118,248	113,795	117,555	111,286	213,736	218,325	9,904	12,086
California.....	1,330,850	(b)	905,761	(b)	5,146,161	4,911,693	80,462	102,657
Colorado.....	157,647	151,606	136,690	128,748	540,603	518,996	20,609	17,816
Connecticut.....	170,040	209,033	152,068	87,418	700,106	263,523	24,578	15,273
Delaware.....	65,558	163,500	54,477	53,723	104,949	118,256	4,435	7,045
District of Columbia..	120,828	155,730	57,881	30,511	177,727	132,585	8,299	8,760
Florida.....	360,323	454,153	379,025	322,342	1,847,565	1,721,214	44,987	73,502
Georgia.....	237,217	227,970	235,142	218,591	730,283	693,474	25,276	26,326
Hawaii.....	115,917	30,891	67,038	36,476	186,095	190,531	8,685	10,413
Idaho.....	69,933	44,013	65,746	30,879	40,793	199,505	0	10,096
Illinois.....	609,497	610,366	477,517	477,934	2,321,003	2,177,652	51,397	26,705
Indiana.....	242,073	232,631	242,694	225,483	923,512	871,217	29,436	23,534
Iowa.....	180,621	124,852	145,220	177,728	277,892	271,035	12,453	8,547
Kansas.....	132,311	127,291	121,899	115,250	275,864	275,473	12,377	14,392
Kentucky.....	200,191	125,963	171,086	216,103	400,372	407,103	16,595	27,856
Louisiana.....	248,381	238,685	188,342	175,884	633,668	604,602	22,987	24,208
Maine.....	78,154	75,316	74,433	71,934	67,165	83,500	1,846	4,650
Maryland.....	267,347	256,887	195,347	145,734	893,843	843,926	28,828	27,551
Massachusetts.....	350,073	395,200	255,960	237,589	1,266,101	1,186,350	35,850	47,922
Michigan.....	549,070	527,259	389,512	359,464	1,898,029	1,767,634	45,707	30,737
Minnesota.....	285,739	274,538	186,933	174,598	655,476	624,662	23,518	24,690
Mississippi.....	142,449	137,021	127,455	120,320	165,048	173,539	7,694	10,060
Missouri.....	192,564	185,117	220,781	205,486	780,238	739,425	26,400	18,423
Montana.....	68,811	66,349	61,364	60,008	51,443	69,038	539	3,441
Nebraska.....	91,557	64,188	92,003	87,968	179,756	187,068	8,393	7,438
Nevada.....	57,933	55,910	57,724	56,686	135,379	146,247	6,180	8,659
New Hampshire.....	60,698	58,563	65,316	63,615	93,141	107,394	3,016	5,732
New Jersey.....	397,939	423,449	318,490	334,370	1,718,491	953,888	43,101	79,027
New Mexico.....	95,922	92,368	79,129	76,220	105,964	101,610	4,497	7,102
New York.....	1,289,183	1,237,553	252,986	650,844	4,025,835	3,724,911	70,240	46,830
North Carolina.....	295,840	301,617	56,590	380,675	636,204	684,979	23,049	23,870
North Dakota.....	66,031	63,681	452,669	12,147	41,554	59,942	0	3,843
Ohio.....	463,811	562,116	143,342	417,098	2,169,107	2,016,987	49,419	190,553
Oklahoma.....	158,102	152,043	126,633	134,818	401,387	390,937	16,626	11,181
Oregon.....	153,661	147,781	496,143	80,759	366,392	358,746	15,519	16,498
Pennsylvania.....	638,400	396,100	156,607	525,020	2,412,039	2,470,320	52,552	35,889
Rhode Island.....	78,148	75,310	68,564	66,579	223,372	227,188	10,309	8,395
South Carolina.....	170,349	163,797	148,155	139,210	356,249	349,416	15,188	16,993
South Dakota.....	57,598	55,588	58,155	57,080	52,711	70,205	652	3,545
Tennessee.....	198,449	190,764	203,447	189,668	689,709	656,152	24,334	25,454
Texas.....	528,421	507,442	547,404	503,550	2,582,446	3,926,598	54,656	53,506
Utah.....	95,425	91,891	82,690	79,470	257,605	258,678	11,683	24,164
Vermont.....	54,574	21,106	50,446	20,490	4,024	62,093	0	3,902
Virginia.....	264,902	452,171	234,908	305,068	853,270	798,413	27,979	110,021
Washington.....	253,039	164,186	176,838	165,385	667,394	635,625	23,805	16,656
West Virginia.....	130,135	125,203	105,777	100,538	173,924	181,703	8,120	9,712
Wisconsin.....	304,063	292,123	211,703	197,202	746,512	708,402	25,645	26,667
Wyoming.....	50,552	48,826	47,316	47,189	4,024	25,419	0	2,942

^aTraffic and total cases estimates do not include parking cases.

^bNo estimate is given for California civil or criminal cases disposed since this figure was not included in the predictive equation. The actual number of civil and criminal dispositions in California was used for the compilation of the national estimates of the number of civil cases and criminal cases disposed during 1977.

trial court cases. Filing estimates were based on data from 32 states; disposition estimates were based on data from 24. However, the R² value 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. Equation (11) produced negative estimates of the numbers of the case filings for four states, due to the large negative intercept term and the small number of people who live in SMSAs in those states. When calculating the estimate of the total number of juvenile cases filed, complete data were available for three of the states, and zero was used as the estimate of the number of filings in the fourth.

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. The best estimate of the individual figure for each of the twelve categories of data was identified for each state. Complete data were used where they were available. Where complete data were not available, the estimate of the actual figure that was generated by the appropriate estimation equation was used. Actual figures or estimates for all 50 states and the District of Columbia were added together to produce the estimates of the national totals. For traffic filings and dispositions, parking cases that had been removed from analysis at earlier stages of the estimation procedure as discussed above were added into the total of other traffic

cases to produce the estimates of filings and dispositions for all traffic cases. 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 B in Part I of this volume.

All the reported estimates of the national total caseload figures given in Tables 1 and 13 are actually the midpoints of ranges of numbers, each of which contain the actual number it is meant to estimate. As such, the estimates are reported as round numbers in Tables 1 and 13 and should be considered as "ballpark" estimates of the actual data. They may be compared to the midpoints of the ranges that were reported as estimates of the total caseload in trial and appellate courts in the 1976 Annual Report. Appellate and trial court juvenile cases appear to have increased between 1976 and 1977. Trial court civil cases have remained constant. Criminal and traffic cases have decreased. As has been discussed, the drop in the volume of traffic cases may be more attributable to the method of its estimation than to an actual drop in the traffic caseload in trial courts. The overall total filing and disposition figures for trial courts also fell between 1976 and 1977, primarily due to the decrease in the traffic caseload. Future editions of this report will continue to study the continuing trend in appellate and trial court volume.

Appendix B: Sources of 1977 state court caseload statistics

STATE	COURTS OF LAST RESORT	INTERMEDIATE APPELLATE COURTS	GENERAL JURISDICTION COURTS	LIMITED JURISDICTION COURTS
Alabama	Alabama Judicial System (The Administrative Director of the Courts) and unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Supreme Court	Alabama Judicial System (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	Alabama Judicial System (The Administrative Director of the Courts) and unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Administrative Office of Courts	Alabama Judicial System (The Administrative Director of the Courts)
Alaska	Alaska Court System, 1977 Annual Report (Administrative Director of the Courts) and memo from clerk to Justices of Supreme Court entitled "Supreme Court Activity 1977"	-----	Alaska Court System, 1977 Annual Report (Administrative Director of the Courts) and memo from clerk to Justices of Supreme Court entitled "Supreme Court Activity 1977"	Alaska Court System, 1977 Annual Report (Administrative Director of the Courts)
Arizona	The Arizona Courts, 1977 Judicial Report (Arizona Supreme Court)	The Arizona Courts, 1977 Judicial Report (Arizona Supreme Court)	The Arizona Courts, 1977 Judicial Report (Arizona Supreme Court)	The Arizona Courts, 1977 Judicial Report (Arizona Supreme Court)
Arkansas	Thirteenth Annual Report, 1977 Judicial Statistics (Executive Secretary, Judicial Department)	-----	Thirteenth Annual Report, 1977 Judicial Statistics (Executive Secretary, Judicial Department)	Thirteenth Annual Report, 1977 Judicial Statistics (Executive Secretary, Judicial Department)
California	1978 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	1978 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	1978 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	1978 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 1976-77 (Office of the State Court Administrator)	Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary, 1976-77 (Office of the State Court Administrator)	Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary, 1976-77 (Office of the State Court Administrator)	Annual Statistical Report of the Colorado Judiciary, 1976-77 (Office of the State Court Administrator)
Connecticut	Biennial Report of the Connecticut Judicial Department 1976-1978 (Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department)	-----	Biennial Report of the Connecticut Judicial Department 1976-78 (Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department) and unpublished data provided by the Office of the Chief Court Administrator	Biennial Report of the Connecticut Judicial Department 1976-78 (Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Department) and unpublished data provided by the Office of the Chief Court Administrator
Delaware	1977 and 1978 Annual Reports of the Delaware Judiciary (Director, Administrative Office of the Courts)	-----	1977 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Director, Administrative Office of the Courts) and unpublished data supplied by the Administrative Office of the Courts	1977 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary (Director, Administrative Office of the Courts)
District of Columbia	1977 Annual Report (Joint Committee on Judicial Administration in the District of Columbia and Executive Officer)	-----	1977 Annual Report (Joint Committee on Judicial Administration in the District of Columbia and Executive Officer)	-----
Florida	Florida Judicial System Statistical Report 1977 (Office of State Courts Administrator)	Florida Judicial System Statistical Report 1977 (Office of State Courts Administrator)	Florida Judicial System Statistical Report 1977 (Office of State Courts Administrator)	Florida Judicial System Statistical Report 1977 (Office of State Courts Administrator)
Georgia	Unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Supreme Court	Unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Court of Appeals	Fourth Annual Report (Administrative Office of the Courts) and unpublished data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts	Fourth Annual Report (Administrative Office of the Courts) and unpublished data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts
Guam	-----	-----	1979 Judicial Plan (Superior Court of Guam)	-----

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--- Indicates that the state has no court at this level.

STATE	COURTS OF LAST RESORT	INTERMEDIATE APPELLATE COURTS	GENERAL JURISDICTION COURTS	LIMITED JURISDICTION COURTS
Hawaii	State of Hawaii: Annual Report 1976-77 (Administrative Director of the Courts) and unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Supreme Court	-----	-----	State of Hawaii: Annual Report 1976-77 (Administrative Director of the Courts) and unpublished data provided by the Office of the Administrative Director
Idaho	The Idaho Courts 1977 Annual Report and Appendix (Administrative Office of the Courts)	-----	-----	Idaho Courts 1977 Annual Report (Administrative Office of the Courts)
Illinois	1977 Annual Report of the Supreme Court of Illinois (Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts)	1977 Annual Report of the Supreme Court of Illinois (Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts)	1977 Annual Report of the Supreme Court of Illinois (Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts)	1977 Annual Report of the Supreme Court of Illinois (Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts)
Indiana	1977 Indiana Judicial Report (Division of State Court Administration)	1977 Indiana Judicial Report (Division of State Court Administration)	1977 Indiana Judicial Report (Division of State Court Administration)	1977 Indiana Judicial Report (Division of State Court Administration)
Iowa	Iowa Supreme Court Statistical Report for the Year 1977, Iowa Judiciary (Clerk of the Supreme Court) and 1977 Annual Statistical Report (Court Administrator of the Judicial Department)	Iowa Court of Appeals Statistical Report for the Year 1977 (Amended) (Clerk of the Supreme Court) and 1977 Annual Statistical Report (Administrator of the Judicial Department)	Iowa Court of Appeals Statistical Report for the Year 1977 (Amended) (Clerk of the Supreme Court) and 1977 Annual Statistical Report (Administrator of the Judicial Department)	1977 Annual Statistical Report, Iowa Judiciary (Court Administrator of the Judicial Department)
Kansas	Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin 1977, 51st Annual Report (Judicial Council)	Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin 1977, 51st Annual Report (Judicial Council)	Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin 1977, 51st Annual Report (Judicial Council)	Kansas Judicial Council Bulletin 1976, 50th Annual Report and 1977, 51st Annual Report (Judicial Council)
Kentucky	Annual Report, 1977 (Administrative Office of the Courts) and unpublished data supplied by the clerk of the Supreme Court	Unpublished data supplied by Administrative Office of the Courts	Unpublished data supplied by Administrative Office of the Courts	Annual Report, 1977 (Administrative Office of the Courts)
Louisiana	Judicial Council Annual Report with 1977 Statistics and Related Data (Judicial Administrator) and unpublished data supplied by the Office of the Judicial Administrator	-----	-----	Judicial Council Annual Report with 1977 Statistics and Related Data (Judicial Administrator) and unpublished data supplied by the Office of the Judicial Administrator
Maine	Annual Report 1977 (Administrative Office of the Courts)	-----	-----	Annual Report 1977 (Administrative Office of the Courts)
Maryland	Annual Report 1976-77 (Administrative Office of the Courts)	Annual Report 1976-77 (Administrative Office of the Courts)	Annual Report 1976-77 (Administrative Office of the Courts)	Annual Report 1976-77 (Administrative Office of the Courts)
Massachusetts	Unpublished data supplied by the Office of the Chief Administrative Justice	Annual Report (unpublished) (Clerk and Administrator of the Appeals Court)	Annual Report (unpublished) (Clerk and Administrator of the Appeals Court)	Annual Report--The Office of the Chief Administrative Justice of the Trial Court, 1978 (Chief Administrative Justice)
Michigan	Unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Supreme Court	Annual Report 1977-78 (State Court Administrator)	Annual Report 1976-77 (State Court Administrator) and 1977 Annual Report (Recorder's Court of the City of Detroit, Michigan)	Annual Report 1976-77 (State Court Administrator)
Minnesota	Unpublished data supplied by the Office of the State Court Administrator	-----	-----	Unpublished data supplied by the Office of the State Court Administrator
Mississippi	11th and 12th Annual Statistical Reports 1976, 1977 (Executive Assistant, Supreme Court)	-----	-----	Unpublished data provided by the Mississippi Judicial Council

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Missouri	Judicial Department of Missouri Annual Statistical Report 1977 (Office of the State Court Administrator)	Judicial Department of Missouri Annual Statistical Report 1977 (Office of the State Court Administrator)	Judicial Department of Missouri Annual Statistical Report 1977 (Office of the State Court Administrator)	Judicial Department of Missouri Annual Statistical Report 1977 (Office of the State Court Administrator)
Montana	1978 Annual Report (Montana Supreme Court)		Not available	Not available
Nebraska	The Courts of Nebraska 1977 (Office of the State Court Administrator) and unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Supreme Court		The Courts of Nebraska 1977 (Office of the State Court Administrator) and unpublished data provided by the Office of the State Court Administrator	The Courts of Nebraska 1977 (Office of the State Court Administrator) and unpublished data provided by the Office of the State Court Administrator
Nevada	Unpublished data provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts		Unpublished data from the one district	Not available
New Hampshire	Seventeenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire (Chairman, Judicial Council)		Seventeenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire (Chairman, Judicial Council)	Seventeenth Biennial Report of the Judicial Council of the State of New Hampshire (Chairman, Judicial Council) and 1978 New Hampshire Court System (Chief Justice, Supreme Court and Chairman, Judicial Planning Council)
New Jersey	Annual Report 1976-77 (Administrative Director of the Courts)	Annual Report 1976-77 (Administrative Director of the Courts)	Annual Report 1976-77 and Proceedings in the Municipal Courts, Sept. 1, 1976 to Aug. 31, 1977 (Administrative Director of the Courts)	Annual Report 1976-77 and Proceedings in the Municipal Courts, Sept. 1, 1976 to Aug. 31, 1977 (Administrative Director of the Courts)
New Mexico	Annual Report 1977 (Judicial Department of the State of New Mexico)	Annual Report 1977 (Judicial Department of the State of New Mexico)	Annual Report 1977 (Judicial Department of the State of New Mexico)	Annual Report, 1978 (Judicial Department of the State of Mexico)
New York	23rd Annual Report 1978 (The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference) and unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Court of Appeals	23rd Annual Report 1978 (The Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference)	23rd Annual Report 1978 (Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference)	23rd Annual Report 1978 (Administrative Board of the Judicial Conference) and unpublished data provided by the Office of the Chief Administrative Judge
North Carolina	Supreme Court Caseload Statistics, Spring Term 1977; Fall Term 1977 (unpublished) (Clerk of Supreme Court)	North Carolina Courts 1977 (Administrative Office of the Courts) and unpublished data from clerk of Court of Appeals	North Carolina Courts 1977 (Administrative Office of the Courts)	North Carolina Courts 1977 and 1978 (Administrative Office of the Courts)
North Dakota	Annual Report, 1977 (North Dakota Judicial Council)		Annual Report, 1977 (North Dakota Judicial Council)	Annual Report, 1977 (North Dakota Judicial Council)
Ohio	Ohio Courts Summary 1977 (Office of the Administrative Director)	Ohio Courts Summary 1977 (Office of the Administrative Director)	Ohio Courts Summary 1977 (Office of the Administrative Director)	Ohio Courts Summary 1977 (Office of the Administrative Director)
Oklahoma	Report on the Judiciary 1977 (Administrative Director of the Courts)	Report on the Judiciary 1977 (Administrative Director of the Courts)	Report on the Judiciary 1977 (Administrative Director of the Courts)	Report on the Judiciary 1977 (Administrative Director of the Courts)
Oregon	24th Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1977 (Office of the State Court Administrator)	24th Annual Report Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1977 (Office of the State Court Administrator)	23rd and 24th Annual Reports Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1976 and 1977 (Office of the State Court Administrator)	23rd and 24th Annual Reports Relating to Judicial Administration in the Courts of Oregon, 1976 and 1977 (Office of the State Court Administrator)

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Pennsylvania	1977 Annual Report (Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts)	1977 Annual Report (Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts)	1977 Annual Report (Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts)	1977 Annual Report (Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts)
Puerto Rico	Annual Report 1976-77 (Office of Court Administration)			Annual Report 1976-77 (Office of Court Administration)
Rhode Island	Report on the Judiciary, 1977 (Administrative Office of the Courts) and The Appellate Process in the Rhode Island Supreme Court (National Center for State Courts)			Report on the Judiciary, 1977 (Administrative Office of the Courts)
South Carolina	Unpublished data provided by the clerk of the Supreme Court			Unpublished data provided by the South Carolina Court Administration Office and South Carolina Office of the Attorney General
South Dakota	"Business of the Court" (unpublished) from clerk of Supreme Court			Benchmark: A Biannual Report of the South Dakota Unified Judicial System, FY76-77 (Court Administrator's Office)
Tennessee	1977 Annual Report (Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee)	1977 Annual Report (Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee)	1977 Annual Report (Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Tennessee)	Not available
Texas	49th Annual Report 1977 (Texas Judicial Council)	49th Annual Report 1977 (Texas Judicial Council)	49th Annual Report 1977 (Texas Judicial Council)	49th Annual Report 1977 (Texas Judicial Council)
Utah	Annual Report, Utah Courts July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1978 (Utah Judicial Council)			Annual Report, Utah Courts July 1, 1976-June 30, 1977 (Utah Judicial Council) and Juvenile Court for the State of Utah, Annual Report, 1977 (Administrative Office of Juvenile Court)
Vermont	Judicial Statistics for Year Ending June 30, 1977 (Office of the Court Administrator)			Judicial Statistics for Year Ending June 30, 1977 (Office of the Court Administrator)
Virginia	State of the Judiciary Report 1976 and 1977 (Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court)	State of the Judiciary Report 1977 (Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court)	State of the Judiciary Report 1977 (Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court)	State of the Judiciary Report 1977 (Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court)
Washington	21st Annual Report 1977 (Office of the Administrator for the Courts)	21st Annual Report 1977 (Office of the Administrator for the Courts)	21st Annual Report 1977 (Office of the Administrator for the Courts)	21st Annual Report 1977 (Office of the Administrator for the Courts) and unpublished data provided by the 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
Wisconsin	Judicial Statistics 1977 (unpublished) (Administrator of the Courts)			Judicial Statistics 1977 (unpublished) (Administrator of the Courts)
Wyoming	Unpublished data from the clerk of the Supreme Court			1977 District Court Statistics (unpublished) (Office of the Court Coordinator for the Supreme Court of Wyoming)

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